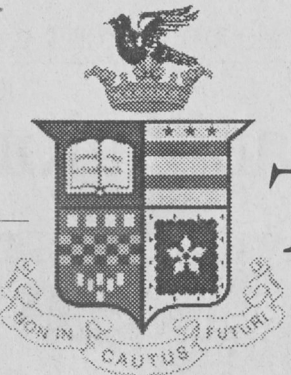


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## Faculty Courseloads must drop to compete nationally

BY CATHERINE SWAN  
STAFF WRITER

When looking at rankings for the top liberal arts schools in the nation, Washington and Lee University consistently stands out as an institution that provides excellent students an excellent education. One ranking, however, that is not always seen as positive is that of the faculty teaching load.

Among the *U.S. News and World Report* Top 25 Liberal Arts Colleges, the average number of classes a faculty member is expected to teach is 4.88. W&L's current teaching load is 6.5. This lower average reflects a shift in education over the past several years to a greater integration of scholarship and research into the teaching process.

With this shift comes the concern that W&L will no longer be able to attract top notch professors while still maintaining a teaching load that is not comparable with that of similar institutions. The high teaching load is said to affect the ability of faculty in some fields to continue advancing their scholarly pursuits while still having enough time to adequately teach their courses. Each calendar proposal seeks ways to reduce the faculty teaching load in order to promote scholarship and attract the most talented faculty.

"This is a place where scholarship and teaching are intertwined.

the best liberal arts colleges use the intersection of teaching and scholarship to engage students in the process of generating new knowledge," said Dean of the College Jeanine Stewart.

Some believe that the high teaching load currently hinders or will hinder the university's ability to attract the best scholars and teachers. Although some departments have encountered problems in hiring, others have not found the high teaching load to be an issue.

"There are some candidates that have seen the course load and shied away. We have not had that be a problem in our ability to hire qualified candidates - yet," said English Professor Suzanne Keen.

The Economics Department, however, has a different story. They recently lost five job candidates that were drawn away due to the teaching load. Dean Stewart also stated that it had also been a factor in several faculty members' decisions to leave the university, although she acknowledges that the high teaching load was not the only reason they left.

All three calendar proposals outline ways the teaching load can be reduced. Currently the administration is looking to lower the teaching load to six courses. Whether further steps will be taken in the future to bring that number even closer to the average is still being discussed. The debate lies in which calendar will provide the most efficient and least costly way to lower

the faculty teaching load while maximizing the faculty's ability to research and advance as scholars. Although the 12-12-6 calendar proposal states that "a 12-12-6 system is easily accommodated to a 5-course teaching load," Dean Stewart feels that the 14-14 calendar would be more economical to staff than a three-term calendar would be.

In terms of faculty research, proponents of the 12-12-6 calendar state that the current model is the most conducive to scholarly pursuits. The 14-14 calendar would require faculty to spend more hours teaching in the classroom. There is also a concern that the elimination of the unique courses offered during spring term, and the therefore greater emphasis on basic semester courses, would lead to decreased intellectual stimulation among the faculty.

Supporters of the 14-14 calendar argue that this model would allow the university to attract the most promising scholars. It is also believed that this calendar will prove more favorable to research by adding two weeks to the summer and thus allowing more time for research.

No matter what calendar is eventually decided on, what remains true is that W&L will continue to strive to attract the most talented and promising faculty to the university. "The calendar does not drive what we do here; it's the vessel," said Stewart.

### BURNED



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During a party at Kappa Sigma's country house, The Barn, there was a car bash that ended in fire. "The flames were at least 25 feet high," said Kappa Sig junior Andy Clayton. The county sheriff saw the flames from a distance and called the fire department. "Nobody got hurt or anything," said Clayton.

## Unrecognized AΔΦ inserting itself into fall rush

BY ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Freshmen guys may have noticed an insert to their IFC rushbook or fliers inviting them to parties in recent weeks. The unrecognized Washington and Lee chapter of Alpha Delta Phi has been fighting hard to be included in fall rush this year. The rushbook insert and party fliers are examples of ADPhi having to, "work extra hard to compete," said Colby.

"We want to make fall rush an equal playing field as it was meant to be," said ADPhi President Chris Colby in an email to on-campus fraternity Presidents.

Colby notes both the advantages and disadvantages of an unrecognized fraternity. An unrecognized fraternity would not be able to use school property to hold meetings, nor could it participate in school functions, such as Intramurals, as a sanctioned organization. As for rush procedures, neither would an unrecognized ADPhi have to obey IFC rush rules. Colby used the example of ADPhi being

allowed to extend bids to freshmen as early as October if it goes unrecognized, however, "we don't want to do that," said Colby.

"We have no ill will towards any other fraternity, so we're asking for all the other fraternities not to have ill will towards us," said Colby, "we would much rather be recognized by the school and obey the IFC rules because they do make rush fair."

The initiation took place after the brothers, "were informed that we are released [from SPE] with NIC approval," said Colby. The former brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon were officially initiated as brothers of Alpha Delta Phi on Friday night.

The administration has taken steps to inform the parents of the new ADPhi brothers about the steps that must be taken before the fraternity is officially recognized by the University. In an email, dated October 1, to the parents of the brothers, Brian Castleberry, IFC Chair, Matt Jacobs IFC Advisor, Teresa Glassman, Director of Students Activities and Greek Life, and Dawn Watkins, Dean of students, discussed the issue of ADPhi dues, as well as outlined the steps that must be taken for ADPhi to become an official fratern-

nity on campus.

The steps to recognition are as follows: the IFC is awaiting approval by the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) for ADPhi to begin the colonization process at Washington and Lee. After approval comes from the NIC, the IFC can choose to hear a petition from the ADPhi members. If 75% of the IFC were to vote in favor of ADPhi, the vote would move to the Students Affairs Committee (SAC), where a majority vote would be required for final approval for colonization.

The email also cites the NIC Constitution and By-Laws, section 3, "No member fraternity shall accept a petition for membership, grant colony, or other affiliated status, or grant a charter to any group substantially representing an existing or disassociated colony or active chapter of another member fraternity, until the fraternity with which such group was previously connected has officially given written notice to the Conference that all rights have been waived by them, or until five years have elapsed from the date of resignation or disassociation."

## 100 students turn out for Fall Service Day

BY ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Saturday saw about 95 Washington and Lee students turn out for a day of giving back to the Lexington community. Noble Stafford and Jill Waity organized the Fall Service Day, held this year for the first time.

Kristen Crawford helped to organize the service sites.

The day of service officially started at noon, although a few of the project such as the service at the SPCA started earlier in the day.

"Over 110 people signed up, and most people showed up," said Stafford.

The day involved service work at several different sites. Several local organizations benefited from direct service. Students worked in the SPCA, spent time with the residents of the Mayflower Retirement Center, and worked at landscaping at Waddell Elementary.

Other students cleaned the old Lime Kiln offices on Randolph St., because the local Habitat for Humanity is moving into that office next week. Some volunteers painted a house in the Natural Bridge area and gleaned apples early Saturday

morning.

The last service site was Arc Acres, where students did farming-type activities, such as painting fences.

"We trying to make it an annual event. Jill created it and we both want to see it again next year and see its success in the future," said Stafford.

The Nabors Service Day in the Spring usually draws more volunteers, but it has also been in existence much longer.

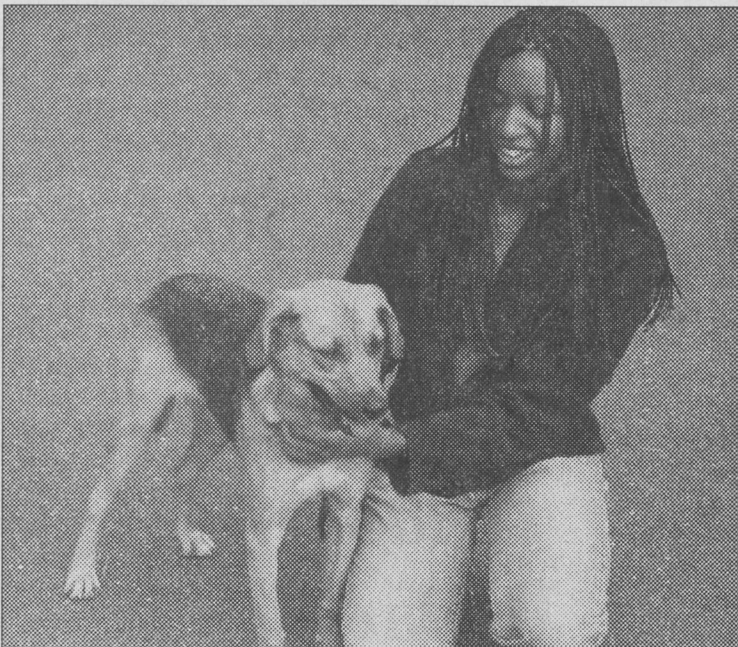
"Jill and I were surprised by the great response of the campus," said Stafford.

Students who participated will be receiving T-shirts.



CHRISTINE GRAY/RING-TUM PHI

Dianne Winter also volunteered at the SPCA Saturday.



CHRISTINE GRAY/RING-TUM PHI

Khady Mbaye volunteered at the SPCA for Fall Service Day

## Media figure spoke friday

BY ELIZABETH ECKMAN  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, October 3, at 5:30, journalist and media figure Steve Brill was the keynote speaker at the kickoff to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Institute on Ethics in Journalism.

While introducing Mr. Brill, head of the Institute and professor Edward Wasserman, said that the institute was founded in order to make sure that "what professors were teaching in the classrooms would continue into the newsroom" and help practicing journalists.

By having professional journalists and heads in the journalism field speak to journalism majors, it "exposes students to the best minds in the field."

Brill, the chosen speaker at this year's kickoff, is the founder of Court TV, is currently a Newsweek columnist and is a renowned journalist in the areas of business and law.

His address was entitled,

"Holding the Media Accountable in the Age of Osama, Kobe, and Arnold." Brill said that newspapers need to operate by "their own sense of right and wrong, not by what the laws let you do."

Brill spoke about the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedies and the media coverage, who, he said, did "a really good job." He maintained that the media need to be "disciplined" in its coverage, and focus more on the important issues of safety, rather than placing blame.

Using the example of the Patriot Act, Brill described journalists who had never read the act before, but had either condemned it as unworkable or overly praised its effectiveness.

"The Patriot Act is not nearly as bad, new, or effective as the media portrays it to be." Brill also provided suggestions for the government to get involved in mass media, "We can easily place obligations on such media because the government provides such benefits already," he said.

Freshmen: See page 4 for a Voters' Guide for the elections on Tuesday, October 7, 2003

# Executive Committee Allocates Money to Student Organizations

BY PATRICIA BALLANTYNE

STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, the Executive Committee finalized its allocation of funds to Washington and Lee student organizations. While students may primarily associate the EC with the honor code, distributing funds directly impacts every student organization on campus.

The EC received applications from 52 student organizations for funding. This number excludes Traveller, who received \$42,000 before the allocation procedures. Overall Helen Hughes, the president of the EC, admits "the method definitely went pretty smoothly."

Wednesday night half of the organizations presented proposals, each lasting ten minutes. The EC interviewed every club immediately following their proposals, asking detailed explanations for budget requests. The committee knew the amount each organization had received in previous years, along with other possible supplements. The same procedure followed Thursday night.

Friday morning, every student could see the results of the EC's effort by looking at campus notices. 17 organizations collected at least \$2,000, while numerous others received much smaller amounts, and still others obtaining no funding. The Student Bar Association and the Student Activities Board obtained the highest amounts of \$63,500 and \$60,000 respectively.

The Student Bar Association is a necessary feature of the Law School's activities.

The co-President of the Student Activities Board, Caroline Parker, expressed satisfaction with the money the SAB received. "We asked for \$70,000 this year (which is how much we received last year) and we got \$60,000. That's about how much we expected, considering the amount of organizations applying for money

and this year's Mock Con." The SAB wants to use their money to hold events with higher attendance than those in the past.

As the SAB recognized, Mock Convention obtained a sizeable portion of the funds in this year's allocations process. Hughes admitted that "Mock Con was going to get a chunk of the money." Indeed, Mock Convention occurs only once in every four years, and the EC sees a need to keep adequately funding it, which might result in some organizations getting less money in a Mock Con year.

"The EC provides roughly 20 percent of the overall Mock Con budget," according to the treasurer of Mock Convention, William Litton. "We were very happy that the EC decided to continue their support this fall with a very generous donation."

Nine organizations received funding for the first time. Some of these, like the WLUR, previously acquired funding from different sources. For instance, the WLUR no longer acquires their funds from the Journalism Department, so the EC now funds them. Other organizations are newly formed groups, such as *inGeneral*, a new student-run news and feature magazine that will be published bi-monthly beginning this winter.

The founder of *inGeneral*, Mina Azodi, considered the EC reasonable in its allocation and helpful to new organizations. "The EC has been incredibly supportive in helping *inGeneral* throughout the recognition and budget process, and we really appreciate that. During my meetings with them they seemed genuinely supportive and excited about our project." When asked about the process of budget allocation for new organizations, Azodi added, "As long as you're well-prepared and really believe in your project, it's likely that the EC will be more than willing to support you."



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Money. Did the EC give you any?

Not all organizations received money. Eight organizations fall into this category. These include Alpha Phi Omega, FLC, Kathekon, KEWL, Media Board (formerly Publications Board), Order of Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, and Ring-tum Phi.

Hughes attributed specific reasons for the lack of funding for these organizations. Alpha Phi Omega and Kathekon had not asked in the past. The EC believed that other sources should fund some of these organizations. "Perhaps IFC and Panhel should fund the Greek Honor Society, Order of Omega, and perhaps the Dean of Freshman should fund the Freshmen Leadership Council."

"One well debated issue was KEWL," according to Hughes. The EC has funded KEWL (Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders) in the past, but members of KEWL must have taken a women's study's class. "We thought this a bit restrictive. Not everyone has time to take women's studies classes."

The final decision on funding may satisfy some organizations and anger others, but the EC did analyze every request before deciding on funding for the Fall. The EC will grant Winter supplements to organizations who demonstrate a need for money.

## New faculty members bring youth, accomplishment

New faculty replaces retired professors and those professors currently on sabbatical

BY CATHERINE SWAN

STAFF WRITER

This year the freshmen are not the only new faces on campus; over 40 new faculty members have begun teaching at Washington and Lee.

It is important to note that The University did not actually increase the number of faculty on campus.

The majority of new faculty are visiting members in one year positions, but several new permanent faculty were also hired to replace faculty that had just retired.

In an attempt to bring the most qualified and capable professors to campus, deans and department heads must maintain high standards for applicants.

"When I interview anyone that has a role in dealing with students I look for their ability to develop reports quickly, and openness. I look for information that would clue me in about their ability to deal with students," said Dean of the College Jeanine Stewart.

The English Department is one area of the college that has been very active hiring new faculty in the past several years, due to the retirement of professors. The department received anywhere between 150-300 applications for any position.

"We have been very fortunate in hiring. We have a young department filled with accomplished teachers," said English Professor Suzanne Keen.

Keen emphasized that appropriate fit in terms of field, past performance as a student and scholar, and teaching experience as important factors in evaluating candidates.

The Sociology Department takes a very student-oriented approach to hiring. Majors and prospective majors are given the opportunity to have lunch with prospective candidates, without any faculty present, giving them the opportunity

to ask questions and gather information about the candidates.

Each candidate is also given the opportunity to talk about their research and present a classroom lecture. "Students perceptions are taken very seriously," said Novack.

Novack also stressed that the kind of teacher his department would be not only a quality instructor, but also a teacher that showed signs of professional growth.

There are also many reasons why prospective faculty consider applying for a job at W&L.

"I chose to apply for this job for several reasons: it has an excellent academic reputation, emphasizes teaching, and is close to D.C. where most of my research is focused. I am also a native of the Blue Ridge area, so the opportunity to be close to home was attractive," said Politics Professor Celia Carroll.

Biology Professor Selina Normally accepted a visiting position at W&L after first gaining experience at the University of Virginia.

"I was interested in trying out the small college scene. Everyone had been fantastically friendly and helpful," said Normally.

All departments feel that they have had great success in hiring qualified faculty, and this year is no exception.

"We are very successful in retaining new hires. By and large, our faculty are well supported here, they are happy here. These are people who express genuine enthusiasm for the community and the people they have encountered," said Stewart.



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New Faculty. Professor Braunschneider of the English department, new to the faculty last year.

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### GENERAL NOTES

#### Historical Society Curator to Discuss R. E. Lee's Life

Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel and Museum is hosting a Lee Memorial Lecture on Monday, Oct. 13, featuring Dr. William S. Rasmussen addressing "No Other Course Without Dishonor": The Life of Robert E. Lee. The speech is at 12:05 p.m. in the Lee Chapel. Admission is free.

#### Princeton Professor to Deliver Phi Beta Kappa Lecture

Princeton University professor Leonard Barkan will deliver the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar lecture at Washington and Lee on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Leyburn Library's Northern Auditorium. The lecture, "Shakespeare, Food and Me: On Daring to Write a Memoir," is the first of a series of events as part of the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars program.

#### FEC Official to Speak on Campaign Finance Reform

Bradley Smith, vice chairman of the Federal Election Commission, will speak on campaign finance reform on Monday, Oct. 6, in classroom A at Washington and Lee University's School of Law. Smith's 7 p.m. speech will focus on the constitutionality of the McConnell cases as they relate to campaign finance reform.

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## Traveller whinnies

The members of the Traveller Steering Committee would like to clear up some confusion. There has been a lot of confusion among the student body over what Traveller offers. Also there has been some conflict between students and drivers. We would like to set the record straight.

Traveller's service for this year has changed slightly from last year's service. We have eliminated the van service on Sunday and Tuesday nights. We cut those nights because nobody was using them. The cutback was not due to a lack of funds. The Traveller Steering Committee works diligently to accurately serve student needs. The cutback was in response to a lack of need, not a lack of money.

A more important issue is the conflict between drivers and students. The van drivers have been getting undue criticism. Our insurance policy states that the van can only hold eleven people, including the driver. So when the driver says only ten people can ride in the van, it is not because he's a jerk, it is not because he's on a power trip, and it is not because he doesn't like you. It is because overloading the van is unsafe. The driver is looking out for your well-being as well as ensuring obedience to our insurance policy. If the van has more than 11 people in it, the driver would be solely liable for all passengers, should anything happen. Students who insist upon overloading the van are putting the driver in an unfair position. They are putting themselves and the system in danger. So if you're the twelfth person, just be patient and wait for the next van, or get a sober ride from whoever is hosting the party.

As we mentioned earlier, the Traveller Steering Committee constantly working to best serve student needs. We realize that the current van system is imperfect. We are researching ways to transport more people in larger and safer vehicles. But it is important to remember that Traveller currently offers a more comprehensive safe ride service than any school in the nation. So for now, remember to be nice to the drivers. After all, they're doing all they can to get you home safely.

Signed,  
GASD (Generals Advocating Safe Driving), Traveller Steering Committee

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Student safety = party priority

Washington and Lee parties are incredible, we all love them. They are lacking one thing, though: safety. One need only look at the recent Kappa Sigma debacle to see the dangers of drunken debauchery. While some believe that such an outcome is the target for which all fraternities should shoot, we consider students' lives to be paramount. We should ask student organizations to carefully consider all of their activities. Events and parties can often pose a danger to the participants, and we believe that in many cases, the danger is too much to tolerate.

The destruction of a car near a fire is not wise, as any individual with a modicum of knowledge about the interaction of fire with the human body could tell you. Unfortunately, this rather fun annual event was banned from campus after a very serious injury was sustained by a freshman last year. Instead of realizing the danger of the event, and perhaps altering the format or ditching the event altogether, its planners decided to take it to the country. It is great that many people had fun at the event, however more people could have been injured, or dare we say it, killed?

Even fraternity basements have risks, no matter what fraternity it is that's involved. A lot of our parties early on this year have been packed tighter than a sardine can. Imagine a catastrophic fire like the one in Rhode Island last year, and you can see the potential hazard of a frat basement full of students with very few, narrow exits. Fellow Washington and Lee students, all that we ask is that you pay attention to your surroundings and be aware of the dangers that you face and accept when having fun. Don't get us wrong, we love our fun as much as anyone else on campus. In fact, several of us look back on the car burning at The Barn as the highlight of our weekend. Generals, do have fun, but be safe and keep your eyes open. Try to stay away from doing anything that we wouldn't do, which admittedly isn't much.

Quote of the Week

"You can't win the war on terrorism if you make your own Justice Department into terrorists."

-General Wesley Clark (Democratic candidate for President, on the U.S.A. Patriot Act)

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Video games are art, not trash



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TOO VIOLENT? The protagonist of huge video game hit Grand Theft Auto: Vice City explores the finer points of using a flame thrower

Whenever the question is asked "why are today's children so violent," a list of usual suspects comes up. Among the list of contributors to the "culture of violence," are video games. Parents, media outlets, and politicians are always blaming, among these other things, the presence of violence of video games for the problems in the minds of America's youths. Not only that, they call them drugs, electronic narcotics that dull the mind and alter the mental state of those who play them.

But as usual, America's media outlets and politicians have found a scapegoat rather than an answer. The facts of the matter indicate that video games are really not an inciter of violence, and science has proven that the only alteration to the mental state of those playing video games is the same relaxing effect that reading a book has. By blaming, among other things, video games, we are only making the problem worse by wasting our efforts on a useless cause.

The typical argument from the concerned parent/firebrand politician, etc. is this: "The portrayal of large amounts of violence in video games is inherently dangerous because of the example and incentive of violent behavior it provides to its young, impressionable players." Firstly, video games are no more "inherently dangerous" than movies. And secondly, like movies, video games have ratings designating what audience they are meant for. And like movies, young kids cannot purchase video games for mature audiences. Thus, when little kids DO get their hands on a violent game, it's the parents' own fault for purchasing it in the first place.

A fair objection that may be offered at this point is that many video game retailers do not do enough to enforce the laws on the books by preventing underage kids from getting mature games. This point, which is a major one made by Senator and Presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) has truth in it, and I do agree that not enough is being done at the moment to stop kids from buying games they shouldn't.

But this is besides the point. The point that I object to is the one made by the uninformed, that video games inherently make people violent and "rot their brains" so to speak, because of their immersive and addictive nature, and due to the violence presented in them.

Video games are not trash. Ironically, people who offer the "video games are addictive" point are often people who spend hours each day watching television. Video games are no more addictive than TV or movies. They cannot "rot your brain." Science shows us that, if anything, video games improve reflexes and strengthen neuron synapses, the same effect that playing chess or solving logic puzzles have on the brain. So says a recent study from the University of Rochester in New York. Video games can even be educational in some cases (the World War II Medal of Honor series, for instance, has remarkable historical accuracy).

But beyond that, video games are art. They are art in the same way that film is art. The only differences are that video games are on a somewhat smaller screen and allow interaction from the viewer/user, whereas movies are on a large screen and allow no interaction.

Are video games violent? Sure. But so are movies. Sometimes violence is a means to an artistic end. The problem is with parents not protecting their children from certain games. Sure, an 8-year old shouldn't play Grand Theft Auto: Vice City (an excellent game), but neither should an 8-year old view Saving Private Ryan (an excellent movie). People who play video games know that they contain drama, comedy, and tell stories in a unique interactive way that makes the viewer/user feel a part of it all while having fun playing the game. The superior and subtle design and immense enjoyability of some games is, in my opinion, art of the highest kind.

Video games aren't the problem. They're violent, but not the problem. Neither are movies or TV. The problem are the parents who fail to supervise their children and take responsibility for what they are exposed to. Video games are a form of artistic expression and entertainment that are to be valued, not dismissed as "trash media."

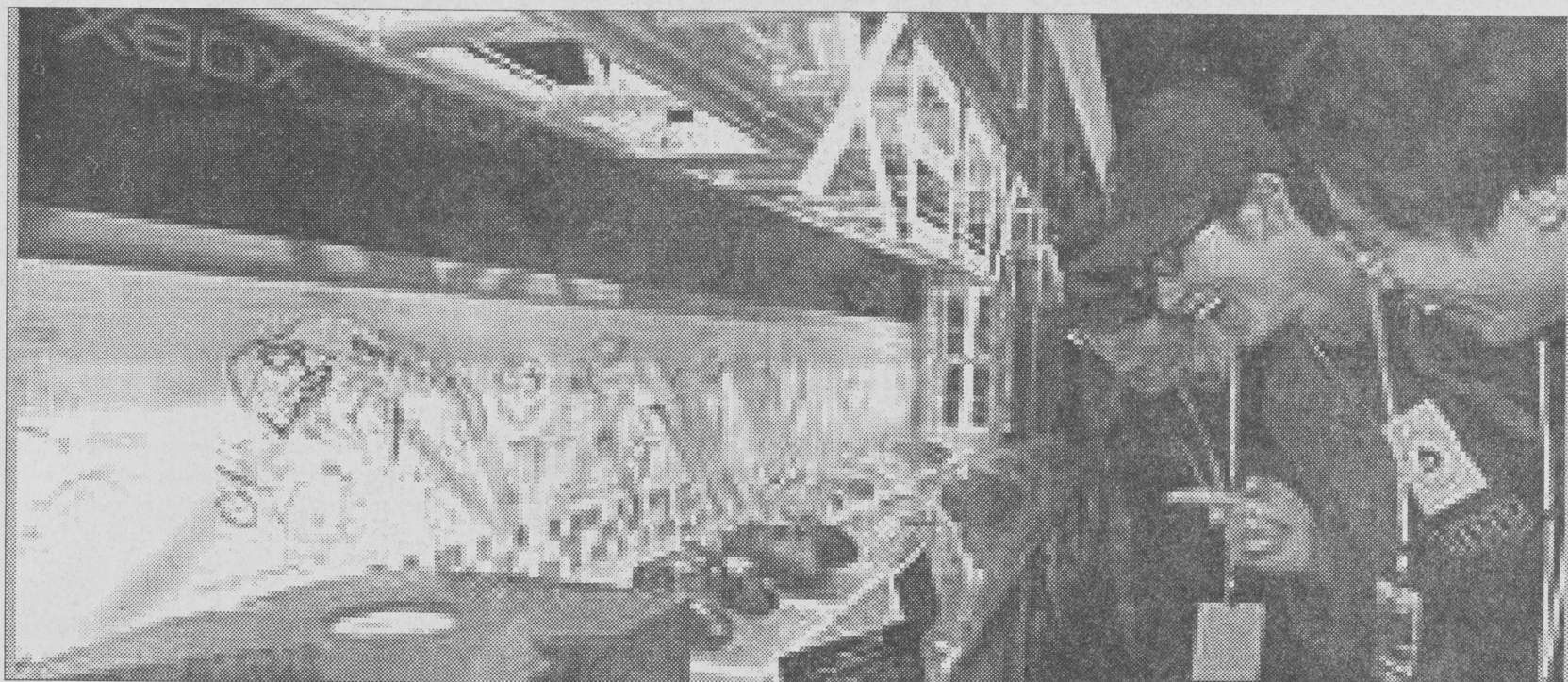


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IMPROVING PARENTAL CONTROL. The X-Box lets parents program in games that should be blocked from their children. The X-Box will then refuse to play that game.

TALKBACK: What faculty member would be homecoming queen?



"Alex Brown"  
-Professor Ted DeLaney



"Dave"  
-Amanda Hughes '06



"Mrs. Cox."  
Can I get some extra chem credit?"  
-Amy Bacastow '06



"Dean Watkins"  
-Catherine Camilletti '06



"Professor West-Settle"  
-Jennay Scott '06

# Take a break- U.S. citizens too pressured to succeed

Where are the happiest people located? Well, according to a survey conducted by the World Values Survey, Nigeria contained the happiest people on earth amongst a list of 65 countries. Next in line of happiness levels are Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador and Puerto Rico. The United States ranked 16<sup>th</sup> on the list.

Isn't it ironic that the world's wealthiest nation is not the happiest yet one of the world's underdeveloped countries is the happiest? When I heard this statistic on CNN, I wasn't terribly surprised but I was curious as to why this is the case. We've always heard the saying money can't buy happiness, and this survey clearly indicates that there is some truth to that statement. I've also heard that America is infamous for having one of the highest, if not the highest, statistics for depression. Why is it this so? Do Americans have lower levels of serotonin? We have it all in America so what is up?

I have a theory. According to this survey, Americans place importance on personal success, self-expression, pride, and a high

sense of self-esteem as indicators while the Japanese strive to meet family expectations, fulfill social responsibilities, and be self-disciplined, cooperative, and friendly. The actions necessary to achieve happiness in America require much time and leaves little personal time and even less time for building relationships. American society ingrains the idea that to be successful and happy, one must have big paychecks, nice houses, fancy cars, and designer clothes. That's why we are at Washington and Lee University living from day to day on less than 6 hours of sleep. Success in America demands a total commitment of time, energy, and health all at the expense of our personal happiness.

This summer, I got a chance to teach high school students at Yale and some of them were international students. One of my favorites was a student from Japan, and during one of our conversations, we touched upon the subject of American life. Our way of life makes no sense to her because we have no time to ourselves. We have no time to

rest our minds. We have no time to enjoy each other and ourselves. We have no time to just sit and breathe. Simply put, we just have no time. Our time is spent studying, working, and running from place to place. In her country, they take time from their day to rest, see friends and family, and to just chill. And IMing and cell phones do not constitute catching up with friends. Actually meeting them in person to discuss things other than academics and just have idle chatter and giggle and laugh is spending quality time.

We are so wrapped up in becoming successful that we forget that it's people who matter. It doesn't matter how many pairs of shoes we have or how many diplomas we may have on our wall. At the end of the day, they will not be able to put their arms around me and give me some needed TLC. When we reach our old age, our accumulations of material goods will not give us peace. It's the people around us loving us who will give us peace.

I am a usually optimistic person with a fairly upbeat personality, but there are days that I am

definitely blue and I can't figure out why because nothing bad happened to me. No bad grades on a test, no parking tickets or towings, nothing. But I just feel blue. Now looking back at those times, I realize that I was down because I hadn't seen my friends all day and I hadn't been able to have a long conversation with my father. Instead, I had been running from one place to the next attending meetings or doing school-work.

The advice I often give to friends when they are upset about something that has occurred is to just go with the flow. But now I'm reconsidering. Maybe the problem is that we are too often times going with the flow instead of against it. The natural flow in our society is to do, do, do; climb, climb, climb; and work, work, work. Perhaps it is time for us to reconsider our path in life and perhaps go against the grain and flow. It may take us to the top of the economic ladder, but leave us at the bottom of the emotional ladder. Just some food for thought.

## Φ TRAIN OF THOUGHT TRAN KIM '05

# Blame ESPN, not Limbaugh

Rush Limbaugh resigned from his post on ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown this past week as a result of controversy stemming from a comment he made about Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb. On last Sunday's show, Rush said, "Sorry to say this, I don't think (McNabb) has been that good from the get-go; I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well, black coaches and quarterbacks doing well. There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team." While some people may consider this comment ignorant or simply incorrect, Rush did not deserve to be forced into resignation.

ESPN hired Rush Limbaugh to be a commentator on Sunday NFL Countdown for one reason: to create controversy. He has little knowledge about football, but certainly has a knack for making debatable commentary. In the pure-numbers universe of cable television, ratings are everything. ESPN sought to improve its ratings by bringing in a figure who could pluck the emotional strings of its viewers. In accordance with his purpose for being on the show, Rush did just that. He made a jaw-dropping comment on live television that created immediate controversy. How can a man be faulted for doing his job?

I, for one, do not agree with Rush. I don't think the media was looking for an African-American darling to shower with praise simply because of his skin color. Two years ago, Donovan McNabb

finished second in MVP voting for the entire league. He led the Philadelphia Eagles to two straight NFC Championships with a very suspect supporting cast, and has been to three straight Pro Bowls. Every offer of praise McNabb has received is well deserved. However, I don't think Rush should be out of a job because his football commentary is unjustified. All blame in this matter should fall on the laps of the big wigs at ESPN. These executives had to know what they were getting into when they hired Rush Limbaugh. This man has built his career on controversy. On his syndicated radio show, Rush tackles divisive topics with unrestrained fervor. Simply put, this is how the man makes his living. If ESPN wanted to spike ratings, it should have taken a different approach. Turning Sunday NFL Countdown into CNN's

Crossfire was not a wise business decision. Political and social commentary has no place on ESPN. It is a network dedicated solely to sports, and should remain that way for its enthusiastic viewing audience.

While Rush Limbaugh's comment was obviously discordant, his intention was justified. He followed ESPN's instructions and analyzed an issue from his contentious perspective. Rush's resignation followed a day's worth of harsh criticism from around the country. Selflessly, he left ESPN "to protect network employees from the uproar" of his criticism. Rush should not be condemned for stating his opinion. I blame ESPN for making a poor business decision in the matter. Unfortunately, some people will not recognize that Rush simply did his job and was punished for it.

## Φ SLICE ON LIFE NICK MANNINO '07

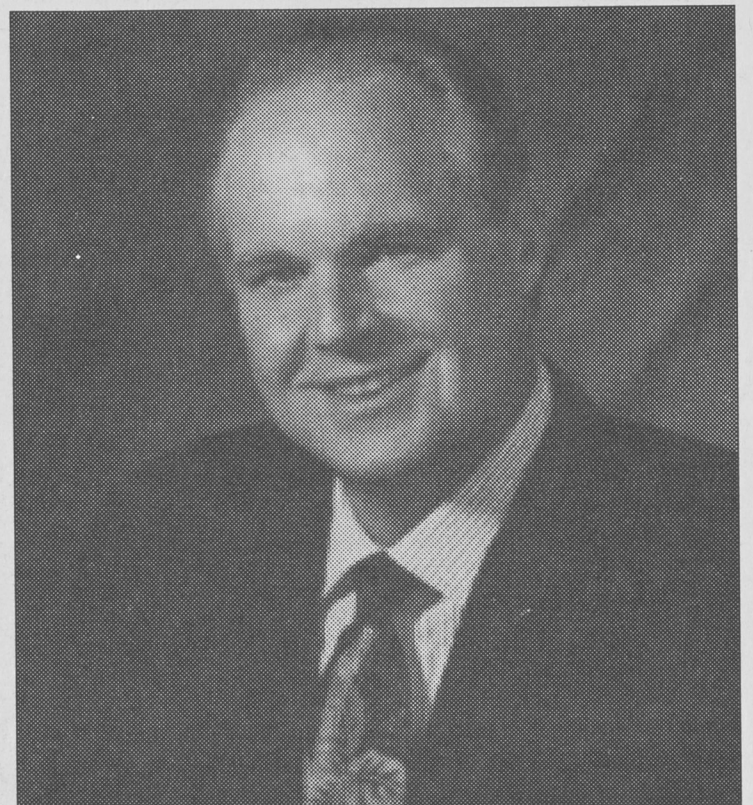


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RUSH IS RIGHT AND WRONG. Rush Limbaugh was definitely wrong about MVP Pro Bowler Donovan McNabb, but it was a poor decision to hire a man who makes political commentary to do sports, and the blame needs to go to ESPN. Rush does politics, and ESPN shouldn't be surprised to hear controversial commentary from a controversial man.

## Editorial Note

In the September 15 issue of the *Ring-tum Phi*, I wrote the following: "Let's also not forget the inclusion of the new non-student offices, including that of the Dean of Freshmen,

Dean of Students, as well as their respective support staffs, (who all also previously had adequate office space on-campus)..." This makes the unfortunate implication that the Dean of Students and Dean of Freshman, their staffs, and the other

hardworking staff members who have offices in the new commons do not interact with students and don't have important business related to students. It was not at all my intention to imply that Dean Watkins, Dean Leonard, or any of the other staff mem-

bers who have offices in the commons do their jobs poorly; in fact, I strongly support these administrators and staff members as being some of the best, brightest, and hard-working people on campus. My intention was merely to say that, while plac-

ing the new Deans' offices in the Commons was a good idea, it was not an absolute necessity that mandated the construction of the Commons, nor were any of the other reasons I mentioned. Nevertheless, I would like to apologize to all the parties I

may have offended with this poorly-thought-out statement. I take responsibility for the misplaced words, and I am sorry for the entire problem.

-Opinions Editor  
Caley Anderson

# RING-TUM PHI FRESHMAN VOTER'S GUIDE

Washington and Lee's Class of 2007 will be holding its first election on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 with runoffs (if necessary) the following Thursday and Monday. The Class will vote for its representative to the Executive Committee, its representative to the Student Judicial Council, and the Freshman Class President.

The students elected to these Respective Offices are being entrusted to continue Washington and Lee's legacy of student governance. As such, the Class of 2007

should thoroughly examine each of the candidates to determine which one is most qualified to execute the powers and the duties of the respective office. The Voting Regulations Board urges all freshmen to participate in this time honored practice.

Sincerely,  
Voting Regulations Board

**Editor's Note.** The candidates were asked to make 50 word statements about their positions on the following issues:

### Candidates for EC

Address issues such as budget allocations, the University's ban on music sharing and general student happiness.

### Candidates for SJC

Cover how you plan to deal with students with alcohol and drug infractions as well as your opinions on appropriate sentencing and the 3-strike system.

### Candidates for FLC President

Discuss your plans for class unity. Include any ideas you have for specific class activities.

### EC Representative

**David Colman:** I believe that file sharing should not be dealt with by the EC, but rather by the school's administration. Budgets must be allocated to the groups that best employ and benefit W&L's students. Student happiness should be one of the first things taken into account in any decision, yet student safety must always come first.

**Joshua Florence:** When it comes to music sharing, I do not disapprove of it, however, since the administration has disallowed it, I would have to en-

force their decision. As for student happiness, I think we attend a great, but if there is ever anything that I could do to make someone's experience better, then please do not hesitate to ask.

**Davin Hunt:** My positions are an increased budget allocation percentage for Traveller, no ban on student file sharing, and no more ban on fraternity activities while the school is hosting events.

**Diane Kuhn:** I am running for the EC because the Honor System here is unbelievable. I agree with the ban on file-sharing, because it is simply complying with a national policy. If elected, I will be open to everyone's thoughts on school policies and changes--every freshman will have a say.

**Lane Morgan:** I have the utmost confidence that the Executive Committee did their best to remain economical in determining the budget this school year. While I am unhappy with the music-sharing ban, I respect the decision made to protect W&L in this controversial issue. It would truly be an honor to serve the Class of 2007 on the Executive Committee.

**Rob Rain:** If I am elected to the executive committee I will do my best to insure that our honor system is upheld and enforced so that we can continue to enjoy our current honor privileges. I will also try to help allocate fair and appropriate funds for each organization on campus

### SJC Representative

**Andrew Gulotta:** I mimic Chris Rock in delivering the wonderful message of "No sex in the Champagne Room." I firmly believe in the three-strike system, and I am willing to administer it. Whether you vote for me or not, do yourself a favor: have a good time, but be safe and mindful of yourself and others.

**Khaki Howe:** The SJC is set up to uphold the tradition of one's responsibility at WLU. The penalties of the SJC are appropriate. Although at times they seem too severe, they are here to protect the safety of students. The beauty of the three strike system is that it allows you to make a mistake and be able to redeem yourself without getting kicked out of school.

**Virginia Sadler:** Like most incoming freshmen, I came to Washington and Lee University believing that these would be the best years of my life. During these next four years and beyond I will be given so much by the Washington and Lee community (faculty, staff, and alumni) that I feel it is both an honor and a privilege to give back what I can. As the SJC representative I hope to honestly and fairly represent the wishes of the student body when dealing with drug and alcohol issues.

### Freshmen Class President

**Maria Blackwell:** The Class of 2007 has a bright future ahead of it. As your class president, I will work with the FLC to plan great events that will bring us closer together, so that we can have an unforgettable freshman year.

**Tye Haerberle:** If I were to state numerous promises I had for the year ahead, they would not represent the wishes of the student body. Instead they would represent my own personal desires. Therefore, the only promise I make is students' voices will be the biggest factor when planning events for the next year.

**Moses Tucker Laffitte, IV:** Quick issues: Spring Term... Love it. Strike Policy... Hate it. I believe the Greek System to be one of the most positive aspects of social life at W&L, and believe the University's crackdown is undercutting one of our best features. I also encourage intramural/club team sports.

**Rhett McCraw:** I, Rhett McCraw, as your class president plan on creating a fun and exciting atmosphere all year. My goal is to bring the class together through fun and exciting events. Some specific points of mine are to, increase freshman voice in student government, hold concerts and other parties, and perhaps even a class trip at spring break or in the summer (cruise, Cancun, etc.).

# Women's Soccer improves record to 8-0-1

BY SARAH BLOOM  
STAFF WRITER

A focused attitude has proved a winning tool for the Washington and Lee Women's Soccer team.

The girls can now claim a winning record (8-0-1) after their respective victories to: Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Greensboro college.

The Generals were victorious against Mary Baldwin with a sweeping (7-0) score. Freshman Anne Wiltshire scored and added an assist to her record. Other goal-earners included sophomore Kerry Giblin, freshman Sarah Helms, junior Liz Clarke.

Junior Maggie Hope made two assists. Senior Heather Coleman and freshman Cara Burton each claimed one.

Freshman Emily Binns further protected the Generals perfect game by blocking the only shot by Mary Baldwin.

"We go in to every game with the same attitude," said freshman Sarah Helms of the win. "We get focused for every game and play our best against every team. This is what helps us perform so well."

The team then took on RMWC where Wiltshire again left her mark, scoring the game winning goal for the Generals (2-1) off of an assist from freshman Rebecca Cohn. Giblin took rights to the only other goal by W&L off of a cross from sophomore Heather Rogers.

Certainly the sweetest victory was at Greensboro. The host team, celebrating Parent's Weekend, had the home-field advantage.

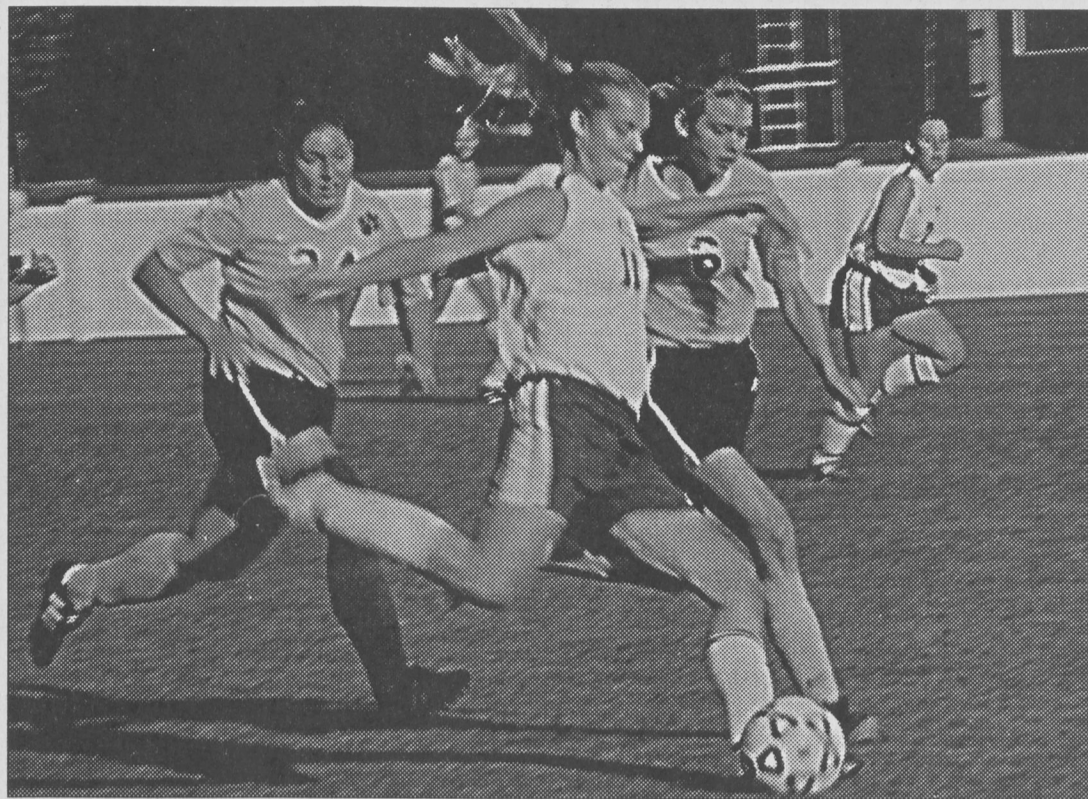
The girls walked into the game pumped after last year's close dual. They left victorious (2-0). Wiltshire again led the team with her second game-winning goal of the season.

Captain and Senior Fontaine Marcoux proceeded to secure the victory for the Generals with her score off of a header with an assist by freshman Blair Haws.

Junior Emily Barker protected the W&L net with a save on a shot by Greensboro.

"It's an exciting season," said Helms of the team's success. "We have a really young team, but through their leadership, the upperclassmen have done a great job of showing us how to achieve success."

The team looks forward to further victories and a shot at playoffs in the near future.



POWER. SENIOR FORWARD FONTAINE MARCOUX PREPARES TO KILL A SHOT IN LAST WEEK'S HOME GAME.

## Football loses tight one, 15-9



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

STOP. Senior linebacker Ben Krasnoff had nine tackles and one sack Saturday.

BY CAMERON GARNER  
SPORTS WRITER

W&L traveled to Randolph-Macon on Saturday to play the 0-4 Yellow Jackets.

Unfortunately, the General's road problems continued as they dropped a close one 15-9. Freshman Ben Long was 3-for-3 in windy conditions including a career high 42-yard field goal.

Senior captain Ben Krasnoff led an amazing defensive effort that included two huge defensive stops, one leading to a missed field goal at the end of the first overtime.

After the Yellow Jackets scored a touchdown in the second overtime, they lined up and missed the point after, giving the Generals a chance to come away with a double-overtime win.

The Generals drove down the field, finally coming to a 4<sup>th</sup> and goal on the 12 yard line, but Peter Dean's pass to junior Taylor Callaham was well-defended and the Generals couldn't come up with fade pass to win the game.

Dean was 11-for-26 with 124 yards, and the two headed rushing attack of freshman Richard Garland and sophomore Michael Lackett combined for 119 yards.

The defense was strong as usual, lead by Krasnoff, with nine tackles and one sack.

The Generals get back to action at home against Catholic at 1:30 this Saturday.

## 'Hoos come to Lexington, Men's lacrosse looks sharp in preseason

BY CAMERON GARNER  
SPORTS WRITER

Tuesday night, UVA's D-I national championship team rolled into town having been in fall ball for over two months, ready to play a green W&L team with just eight practices under their belts.

Although the Cavs started their first team the entire first quarter and much of the second, W&L looked sharp and limited them to two goals in the first quarter.

Mostly in scouting mode, the Generals moved the ball well, working out the kinks of a new year and seeing how the freshmen would react to the highest level of competition.

Even as W&L controlled the ball for minutes on end, the notoriously stingy Wahoo defense didn't allow a goal until the third quarter when senior Dustin Martin beat his midfielder running left and bounced a shot past honorable mention All-American senior goalie Tillman Johnson.

Adam Chesbrough would later say about the General's play: "we played really well, but in all honesty, its hard to play poorly when you have Jack "body" Murray on your team, I mean, he's sublime."

To this, Body retorted, "well, I'm just one man, but Adam Chesbrough, wow, he's an amazing athlete."

Bill Fox got in on the action as well, saying "Jack and Adam? Did they get in the game? I couldn't tell cause I was too busy dominating...booyah."

The highlight of the game came late in the fourth quarter as W&L junior goalie Pat "GPrep" Casey absolutely demolished

the ego and the body of UVA's sophomore standout midfielder Kyle Dixon.

Pat would later say, "I mean, it's not that unusual, I crush people on and off the field."

Washington and Lee got great performances out of their defensemen as they went up against some of the toughest competition they'll face all year.

Senior Lawson Grumbine, and juniors Eric Koch and Bill Fox did extremely well against the nation's all-around best attack unit of Christmas, Ward, and Yevoli.

Grumbine did an exceptional job handcuffing All-American Johnny Christmas and allowing him only a few shots all game.

Junior Ben Morris, sophomore Andrew Edelman, and freshman Charley McCombs looked sharp as well.

The midfield, experienced and deep, looked solid as they played a largely flawless game, creating turnovers and controlling the offense. The attack, missing leading goal scorer senior Matt Fink and two-year starter Gavin Molinelli, played well against a big, physical UVA defense.

If Ansel Sanders played half as well for half the time, then he would be playing twice as well as half the people thought... wait, what? Ansel was dominant as usual; he controlled the game for minutes at a time before graciously stepping aside and allowing other people a chance to get some time.

Martin had two goals and senior Rich Williams added another for the Generals.

Washington and Lee's next action is this Saturday in the annual Alumni game at 9:00 am (whoa, 9:00 am exists on Saturdays?) on the turf, be there or be...sleeping.

## Riding team opens season at Radford

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee Riding Team opened their year on Sunday, October 5, 2003 at the Radford Invitational.

This year's captains are Sarah Murray '06 and Sarah Michaels '04. The team has fifteen members: twelve will be competing on the flat and three over the fence. The over the fence riders will be riding on the flat as well.

Competing at Radford as over the fence riders will be Capt. Sarah Michaels '04, Hayley Skinner '06, and Caitlin Lane '06.

"We're really looking forward to Radford because this is going

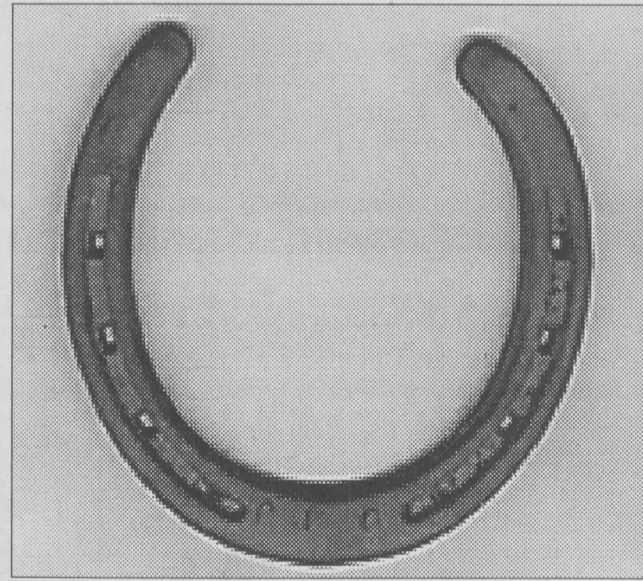
to be a big year for us," Capt. Sarah Murray said.

Three new riders have been added this year: Brynne Archer '07, Brittany Bansak '07, and Jean-Rose Clarwater '07.

Bansak and Clarwater will both be riding in this week's competition as flat riders.

Results of the invitational were not available at press time.

"Our three new members are excellent additions to an experienced team; we've got talented riders in every division and I think we'll be a strong presence in the shows this year. Last season was our best to date, and we're hoping to make our fifth year even better," Murray says.



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GOOD LUCK. The riding team hopes to do better than last year. Last year proved to be the best season in history for the Generals.

## SCHEDULE

Monday, October 6	Tuesday, October 7	Wednesday, October 8	Friday, October 9	Saturday, October 10	Sunday, October 11
Golf at Greensboro--TBA M tennis at ITA--TBA	Golf at Greensboro--TBA	M Soccer at Lynchburg-- 4:00 W Soccer at Randolph- Macon--4:00 Volleyball at Bridgewater--6:30	Volleyball at SCAD tournament--TBA Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater--7:00 Riding at ODAC's -- TBA	W Tennis hosts W&L Clas- sic--TBA Volleyball at SCAD tourna- ment--TBA M Soccer vs. Rke.--11:00 Football vs. Catholic--1:30 W Soccer vs. S. Briar--3:00 Field Hockey vs. Juniata-- 4:00 Cross Country at State Meet-- TBA	W Tennis hosts W&L Classic--TBA

# Men's soccer remains undefeated, 5-0-2 overall

# Other Sports

FROM STAFF REPORTS

## Volleyball wins three this week, now 13-2 overall

The Washington and Lee volleyball team defeated Guilford, 3-0 on Tuesday in matches of 30-18, 30-19, 30-13.

The Generals also defeated Roanoke 3-1 and Methodist 3-0 on Sunday at Roanoke College. Washington and Lee crushed Roanoke in a 30-13, 28-30, 30-23, 30-26 win. The Generals also squashed Methodist in a 30-14, 30-17, 30-15 win.

The volleyball team is now 13-2 overall and 6-0 in the ODAC. The Generals travel next to Bridgewater on Wednesday for a game at 6:30 p.m.

## Cross country competes in Dickinson Invitational

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Dickinson Invitational on Saturday. The men competed in a 4K race, and the women competed in both the 4K and 6K races.

Junior Steve Chambers led the men with a tenth place time of 13:10.13 in the 4K race.

Senior Andy Schorr came in second for the Generals with a 16th overall finish and a 13:18.55 time.

In the women's 4K race, freshman Tippens Stone placed 31st overall with a time of 16:27.87. In the 6K race, sophomore Betsy Frayer finished 55th place with a time of 25:39.

The men and women compete next Saturday at the Virginia State Meet.

## Men's tennis falls to Radford on the road Tuesday

The men's tennis team lost to Radford Tuesday 6-1.

Senior Graham Nix had the sole singles win for the Generals. He defeated Andre Cavaco 7-6, 6-0 in the number three singles spot.

In doubles action, Nix and senior Austin Kim brought home the only doubles win with a 8-1 victory over Tyler Eddins and Dominic Soeur.

The Generals also competed in the ITA Southeast Regional Tournament at Swarthmore on Saturday and Sunday. The final day of competition is scheduled for today. Results were not available at press time.

BY JOHN HYLAND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The mark of a good team is its ability to get the job done without playing its best. The Washington and Lee men's soccer team proved that they are a good team in earning a hard fought 0-0 tie last Wednesday at Randolph-Macon (5-2-1, 0-1-1 ODAC) in an ODAC contest.

Coming off the heels of a 3-1 victory over ODAC juggernaut Hampden-Sydney last Saturday, the Generals' scoreless tie may not have been as pretty, but it was every bit as satisfying.

This sentiment was reiterated by junior goalkeeper Chris "DJ I got this" Carlson who commented after the game, "We definitely did not play our best today but we are very happy to get a tie."

Washington and Lee was outplayed the entire game, surrendering a season high 15 shots. The Generals offense, which has been stellar the entire year, scoring at least two goals on every game was shutout and held to a season low 3 shots.

The Yellow Jackets defense kept the Generals offensive superstar, junior forward Brian Pirkle, without a shot the entire game.

The difference for the Generals were their goalkeepers, who kept the potent Yellow Jacket offense in check.

Sophomore Michael Stanton played the first half, making 3 saves. But it was Carlson who stepped up his game when the rest of the team did not. The California native made 6 saves, including 3 key stops in overtime to preserve the tie and keep W&L unbeaten in the ODAC on the season, with a mark of 1-0-2.

The Generals got back on track Saturday night in a non-conference game against the Savannah College of Art and Design. Unlike their previous outing, the Generals wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard.

Senior midfielder Jacob Stoehr found junior defender Peter Miller for a goal just 11 minutes into the game. Washington and Lee extended its lead to 2-0 on a score off of a penalty kick by sophomore midfielder Derrick Lott.

SCAD cut the lead in half on a score early in the second half but the Generals were able to preserve the victory, despite being out shot 17-16.

Stanton and Carlson once again split time in goal and made 3 saves apiece. The Generals remain undefeated on the season with a record of 5-0-2.

Washington and Lee travels to Lynchburg on Wednesday before returning home to face conference leader Roanoke on Saturday.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

TURN AROUND. Junior Peter Miller dribbles around the competition.

# Field hockey overcomes two tough losses this week

BY JOHN HYLAND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee field hockey team came up short last week against two quality opponents, Virginia Wesleyan and Mary Washington. The experience seemed to have helped them, however, as they came back to demolish Randolph-Macon's Woman's College on Saturday.

The team traveled to play Virginia Wesleyan in a rare Sunday afternoon match-up. The Marlins entered the game with an undefeated 7-0 record, including a first place standing in the ODAC with a 3-0 record.

The Generals battled the Marlins tightly throughout the first half. The game entered halftime in a scoreless tie.

It was not until midway through the second half that Virginia Wesleyan broke the ice in beating Generals sophomore goaltender Courtney Harrison

to take a 1-0 lead.

The Marlins scored again minutes later to break open the game. Generals senior forward Kelly Taffe scored on a penalty corner with no time left to make the final 2-1.

The final score did not indicate the tempo of the game, however, as the Marlins out shot the Generals 25-7 and had the advantage in penalty corners, 11-7.

Credit goes to Generals goalies, Harrison and sophomore Elise Gelinias for keeping their squad in the game for as long as they did. They combined to make 11 saves.

The Generals would not get a break on Wednesday when they would travel to Mary Washington to face the ninth ranked team in the country.

From early on in the game, the Eagles demonstrated their position on the national stage, opening a 2-0 lead just ten minutes into the game. Mary Washington would extend their lead to 3-0 by half-

time and added another score in the second half to make the final tally 4-0.

The Generals played the Eagles much more tightly in the second half, after being out shot 8-2 in the first half. They out shot MWC 7-4 in the second half but failed to get on the scoreboard.

After two tough road losses against quality opponents, the Generals took their frustration out on Randolph-Macon Woman's College at home on Saturday in an ODAC match-up.

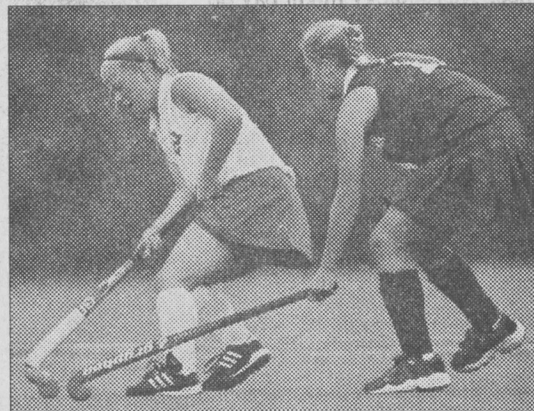
Sophomore forward Elizabeth Putney opened the scoring for the Generals on an unassisted goal ten minutes into the game. The Generals took the 1-0 lead into halftime but broke the game open in the second half.

Five different Generals got on the scoreboard in the second half, turning a narrow halftime margin into a blowout. Erin Rathbone, Jane Beall, Taffe, Katherine Garrett and Amaya Moure provided tallies.

The Generals out shot RMWC 30-1 as goalies

Harrison and Gelinias did not have to make a save.

The victory evened the Generals record at 5-5 on the season and improved their ODAC record to 3-1. Washington and Lee will be in action again this Friday night when they host Bridgewater.



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MONEY. Beall keeps the ball away from her opponent.

### Golf Etiquette Tip of the Week:

Replace your divots in the fairway.

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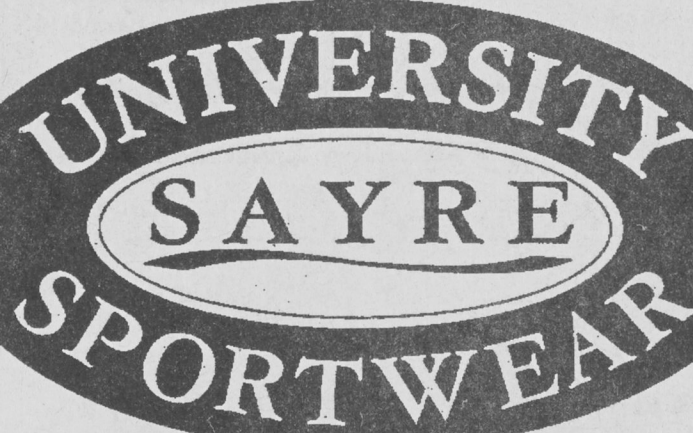


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## Plenty offered at Homecoming

By MEGAN MORGAN  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

This weekend is Homecoming, and in addition to the fraternity parties, the university host several events for students and alumni. Below is a list of what is coming up.

### Friday, October 10th:

The university will be hosting several seminars including "W&L Swings: Arts are Alive!" with guests and "The Opposite Sex, Mating, Musk and Mixed Messages". Both seminars will be from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

The university will offer a front and back campus tours from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Those that are interested should meet at the Alumni House.

There will be an Alumni Luncheon for all students, faculty and alumni in the Lee House Front Lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Doremus Gymnasium.

The law school is sponsoring The John Randolph Tucker Lecture with at 12:10 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.

The Outing Club will sponsor a hike of House Mountain from 1 to 5 p.m. All interested hikers should meet in the Lenfest Center Parking Lot.

There will be a seminar on "Global Warming: Status and Consequences" with guest David J. Harbor, Associate Professor of Geology, Elizabeth P. Knapp, Assistant Professor of Geology and Edgar W. Spencer, Professor Emeritus from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The W&L Film society will show "The Hours" in the Elrod Commons Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The Student Activities Board will host the band Karl Denson's Tiny Universe at the W&L Pavilion starting at 9. Tickets are needed to enter.

### Saturday, October 11:

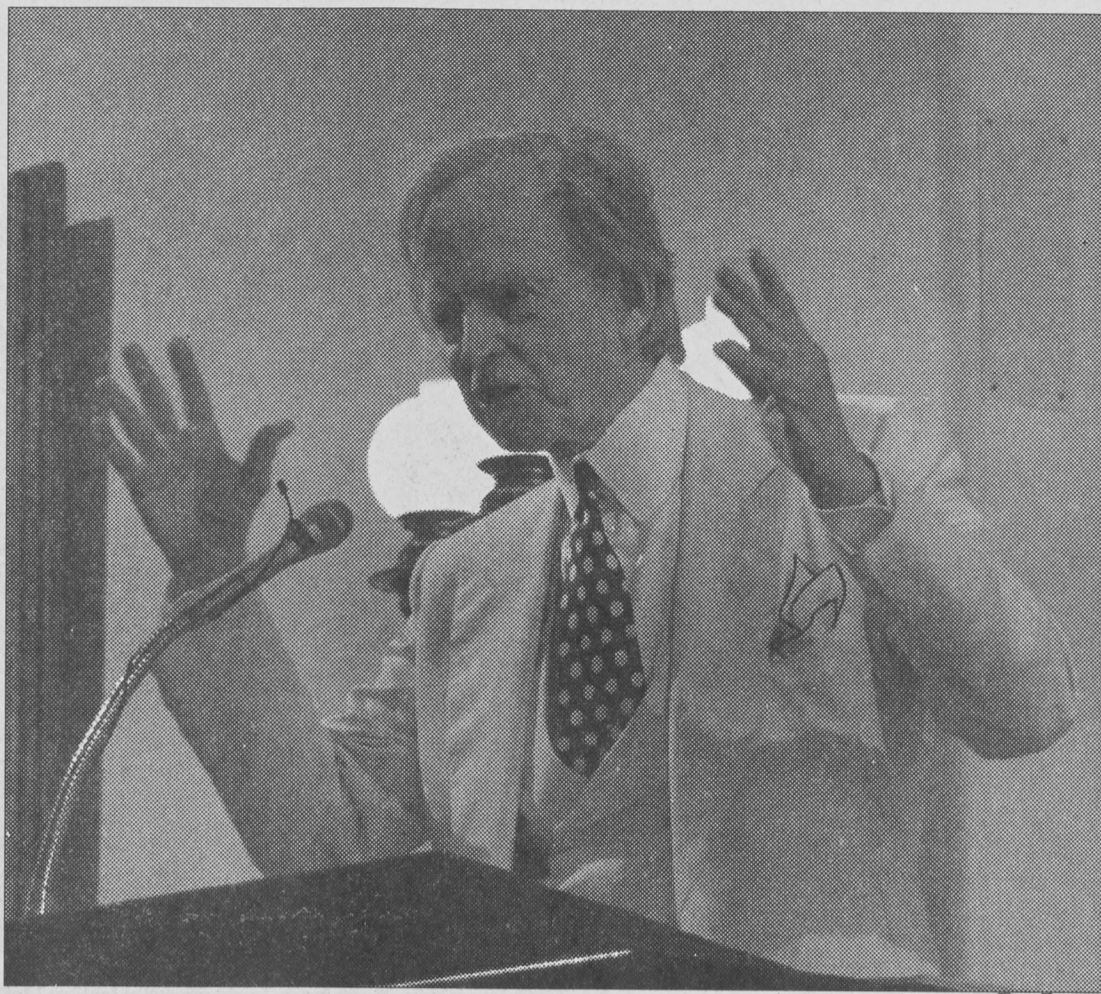
There will be a continental breakfast at Lee Chapel Plaza from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sol Wachtler, a 1951 graduate of W&L will sign his latest novel "Blood Brothers" in front of the Commons Bookstore from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Homecoming Tailgate with band Loose Change will be held at the Law School Field from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be tours of the John W. Elrod University Commons from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting in the JWE Commons Lobby.

A service of remembrance for recently deceased members of the W&L community will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Lee Chapel.



Speak! Washington and Lee alum, Tom Wolfe, spoke at last year's Homecoming.

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## How to get a date for Homecoming

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Let's face it. To be "successful" with women, while at W&L, requires more than a clean button-down shirt or massive quantities of alcohol. The old "get 'em wasted" scheme might get you a few blurry experiences with some pock-marked blimps, but it is hardly going to earn you that desired "stud" label.

To really rack up the notches on your belt you have to be utterly unscrupulous. Forget that you are dealing with people. Your air is to maximize pleasure while minimizing the subtle effects of the warped female mentality.

Too many guys make the mistake of chasing the whole fields at once. This strategy might pay off in the short term, but even future homemakers of America can figure out that they are being two-timed. A much better approach, one that has consistently scored high marks on the long term pleasure scale, is lying.

Now lots of people lie to get what they want, but they go about it haphazardly. I'm advocating a calculated scheme of organized deception.

First, you supply your target with enough sentiment so that it becomes easy for her to rationalize her future downfall. Then, you set out endearing yourself with her friends. Impress them with your loyalty and sincerity.

After a carefully orchestrated break-up, in which the "callous vamp" throws you to the wayside, these friends supply you with a new base from which to work. They'll be glad to connive against their ex-friend in their attempts to avoid becoming secretaries with a good background in art history.

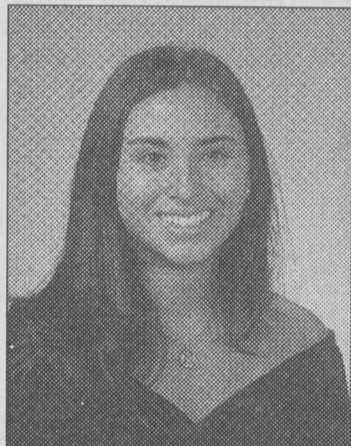
Now is that difficult?

## Nominees for Homecoming Queen Announced

This year, students have been asked to cast a vote for Homecoming Queen. The student vote, which counts for 40% of the winner's score, will be combined with interviews.

"As someone who cares a lot about W&L, I was honored just to be asked to be part of a tradition like Homecoming," said Senior nominee Joanna Perini.

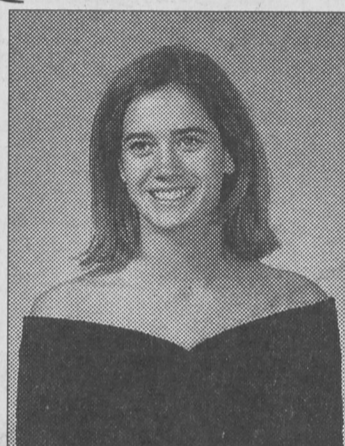
The winner will be announced at Saturday's football game.



Maitena Moure



Carolyn Duffy



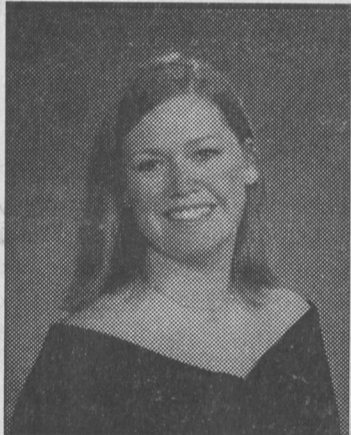
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Amanda Basham



Kari Lassen



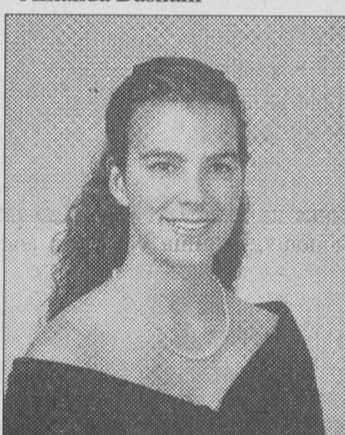
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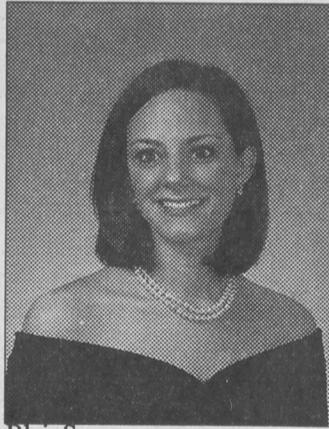
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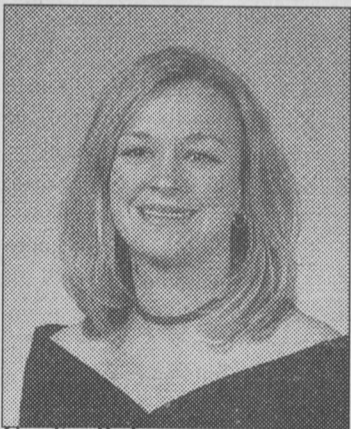
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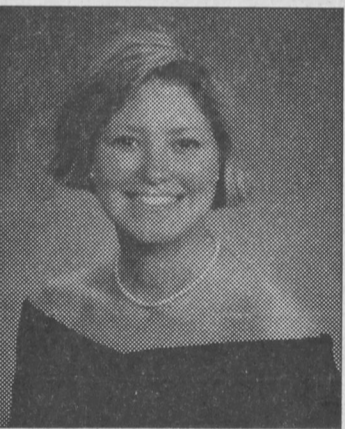
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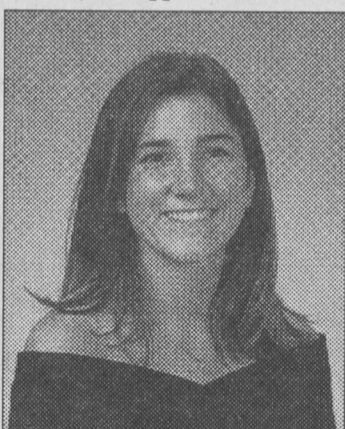
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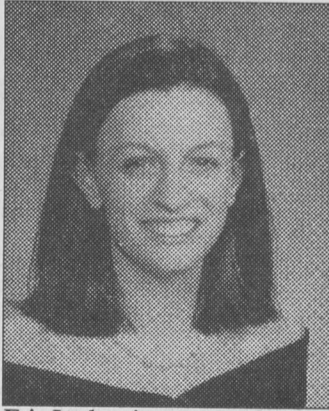
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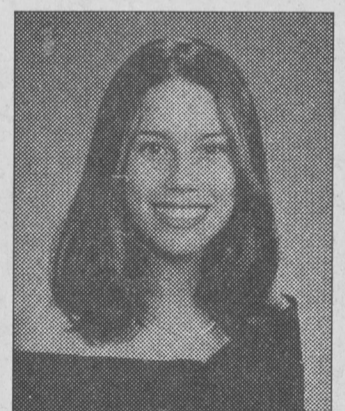
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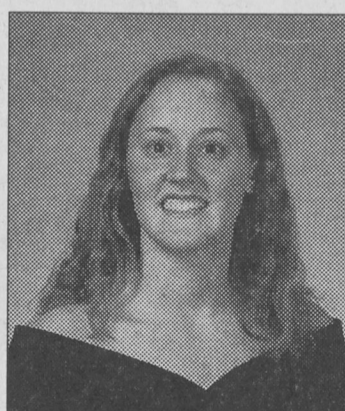
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## Where have all the fraternities gone?

BY MEGAN MORGAN  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

The recent removal of Sigma Phi Epsilon from the Washington and Lee campus has drawn significant attention from the entire student body. While this removal offers an important lesson about maintaining good relations with one national headquarters, it also highlights the somewhat transitory nature of the W&L fraternity scene.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is not the first fraternity to be forced off campus, and it will probably not be the last. A host of fraternities have come and gone leaving behind an empty house and urban legends of the events surrounding their dismissal. But why did these fraternities leave? What chain of events caused their removal. There are too many stories to talk about in one column, so instead I will focus on one fraternity, the Delta Tau Deltas.

The Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Washington and Lee was founded on June 24, 1896. The fraternity thrived on campus for many years, attracting brothers mostly from the New England area. By the 1970, the fraternity was a major presence on campus. The President of Washington and Lee, Robert Huntley, was a Delt alum. The Inter-Fraternity Council President was also a Delta. And twenty to thirty percent of the All American athletes from W&L were Deltas.

However during the 1980s, the fraternities fortunes began to change and relations began to sour between Delta Tau Delta and



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Ghost of fraternities past. Members of Delta Tau Delta and their dates pose for a picture before a formal in 1992. This was their last year on the W&L campus.

the university. According to Burr Datz, a former Delt, the fraternity was responsible for "repeated violations of national and university understandings of what constitutes a fraternity." These included, among other things, two public honor trials involving Deltas. While both students were acquitted, it left the fraternity's image tarnished.

The most major incident involved a rush violation over the summer. At that time, fraternities formal rush occurred during the fall.

In order to scout for new brothers, alumni would throw parties for entering freshmen. However, no alcohol could be served at these parties. During one of these parties thrown by Delt alumni, a freshman was served alcohol. After leaving the party, he was involved in a car accident which left him in a coma. As a result, the fraternity was suspended for one year.

The final straw occurred in 1992 shortly after the end of the one-year suspension. The

university was preparing to renovate the fraternity houses and the Deltas found the blueprints for these proposed changes and decided to tear down the walls in the areas scheduled for change. The Deltas found that "the university community were not pleased with the 'premature' renovations a few members of our chapter chose to undertake." The Deltas were soon forced off campus and their house became the current International House.

## Urban mob takes over Lexington

BY FASHIONISTA'S FURY  
STAFF WRITER

It has been brought to my attention that some resemblance of an urban mob is walking the streets of Lexington. Last week I spotted a nice young lady clad tout-en-noir (that's all in black for you Spanish majors). Now there is nothing wrong with this combination; black is classy. But, the pieces she had chosen and paired together made me fear that the Sharks and the Jets were going to duke it out with KA and SAE for the biggest rivalry on campus. The important thing here is that there really is nothing wrong with each item in this ensemble but clearly this fine young woman could use a few hints.

1. Leave your mini-skirt to the late-night frat life, no one needs to see that much thigh on the hill.

2. That black button-up shirt is probably best saved for Aunt Edna's funeral, and pretty please don't tuck it in.

3. Strappy stilettos on the hill? You've got to be kidding me! Perhaps this item is what most appalled me. There is a reason W&L girls wear flip-flops to FD, and it has nothing to do with comfort (if that were the case we would have stopped starching polo collars years ago). Safety is always our biggest concern. Wearing flip-flops prevents tripping on the uneven bricks of the colonnade, and I can't even imagine what the trek back to Woods Creek from Leyburn would be like in 4-inch spikes.

But back to the appearance of this Urban Mob... if they have in fact descended upon our campus perhaps they can help protect us from another villain threatening Lexington: out of season Lilly Pulitzer.

True, Lilly is good, Lilly is wonderful, and some may even consider her a goddess. Everyone knows that these pastel frocks, with their animal prints and hidden Lilly signatures are the epitome of fashion genius on campus. It has even been scientifically proven that the number of Lilly pieces a freshman girl owns directly corresponds to the sorority she will receive a bid from. But, my lady friends, it is now fall and we must put away these pastel novelties until Spring Term, (this includes all tote bags and other Summer flair).

Yet you freshmen must wonder, "how can I get the almighty sorority queens to know that I own seventy-two pieces of signature Lilly?" The answer is simple: talk about it; all the time, no matter where you are: in line for the keg, on your way to class, and especially at all Meet the Greeks and sorority affiliated functions, particularly during rush week itself. (At this point you may even find it necessary to revive your summer Lilly and wear it during rush week just to be sure the sorority women are extra impressed.) Talking about Lilly is almost as cool as wearing a sundress in October. Remember: sometimes our actions can be tackier than our wardrobe.

You may be Southern, and we're all well aware of W&L's reputation as a Southern school, but ladies it's cold outside! Go ahead and wear your flip-flops, I won't call you out for that, but trade in that strappy pastel number for a super-sweet North Face fleece, and talk about that a lot too, especially how much it cost, and NEVER admit that you bought it on sale. A really good way to make sure everyone on campus knows that you too own the W&L essential North Face fleece is to place a Campus Notice stating: "I, Drunk Freshman, left my black North Face fleece at Fratty McFratrat's house on Friday night. It has all of my Bobbi Brown make-up, my swipe card, car keys to my new BMW SUV and cell phone in the pockets. This jacket has a lot of sentimental value, please return." Talking about your expensive clothes can only assure your proper spot amongst the ranks of the W&L sorority women; but wearing Summer Lilly in the fall could make you the next victim of the Fashionista.

## The Down and Dirty of Informal Rushing

Meatheads. Social Climbers. Loserballs. Elitists. Texans. Which one are you? Well it doesn't matter, freshman boys and girls, what you think you are. Whatever you think is wrong. You don't get your TRUE W&L identity (ahem, stereotype) until that grand occasion of Tear Night. You've got so much to look forward to, but be careful - Don't get ahead of yourselves. You've still got 3 more months before you choose your stereotype.

I hope you all caught the Raging Intellectuals piece this past week. Sanford Stone, a brilliant and charismatic member of Mock Con Team West Virginia, mentioned that "dirty" phrase - the bane of every self-conscious frat boy and sorority girl.

Dirty rush is inescapable. Some of us like to think that we are above it - that we are too good to possibly say something horrible about our Greek neighbors. But that's ridiculous, given the way life is at W&L. Perhaps a little orientation with the real W&L calendar is in order:

Fall Term: Woo the freshmen. Try to entice as many freshmen as possible, especially at the expense of your Greek rivals.

Winter Term: Celebrate a good Rush or lick your wounds from a bad Rush. And then there's that pledgship thing too, whatever that's all about.

Spring Term: Get ready and pumped up to do it all over again.

Simple and true, this is the way of things at W&L for the Greeks. But while we all fight to impress you freshmen, we are also fighting against the stereotypes. By the end of the term, you'll know them all.

I'm a Lambda Chi. This whole frat lord thing is a sick joke - I'm a socially awkward loser who likes to spend all my time in the library. I don't know how to party, but I play a mean game of Scrabble. Oh, and I'm just horrible at athletics and am the main reason my house is horrible in intramurals.

The Chi Psi brothers are all sketchy vampires. The KA's won't talk to you unless you're from south of the Mason-Dixon. The Fiji's can talk football all day but spit no game with girls. The

Kappas won't be interested in you unless your car costs more than your tuition. The SAE's won't be interested in you unless the Kappas are interested in you. The list goes on and on....

For all the good things about informal Rush - the free parties, the free brews, the millions of people who all want to shake your hand - there is an ugly side we just can't seem to shake. Because we all want to "win" or because we're all just secretly insecure, frat boy and sorority girls will always dirty rush. And so, the stereotypes will always be around. Welcome to W&L.

It is up to you, wonderfully intelligent freshmen, to see through the ruse. It is up to you to get off your collective asses and visit each and every house, and form your own opinions. If you're dumb enough to believe what a fraternity brother or what an independent or even what a school newspaper says about each and every house on campus, then I guarantee you'll be kicking yourself come Tear Night. There's a place for everybody on this campus, you just have to see it for yourself. You've got three more months - after that, everything changes. Make the best of it. Take Sanford's advice: "filter through the crap and find out about the Greeks yourself." You'll be happy you did.

## QUICK HITS

☐ Ashley Hans, formerly Website Girl, has matriculated as a sophomore at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

☐ The key to starting a successful W&L relationship is poor communication.

☐ W&L does have variety—just look at all the different types of jam bands that come to campus.

☐ If the Burishes have any consideration for the University's history, they would let the Lee cats stay in Traveller's barn.

☐ Cheers to the ILL staff in Leyburn for making interlibrary loans available via e-mail.

☐ Only 9% of the population of Hawaii is ethnically Hawaiian.

☐ Graham-Lees second floor commons side would like Helen Hughes to come visit.

☐ Sleep is for the weak.

☐ Graham-Lees second floor Commons side would also like triply toilet paper.

☐ Instead of more Jason Smeed in the yearbook next year, there should be more Hooters Girls (see page 99).

☐ People who bitch and moan about flipped-up collars should find a better cause to champion.

☐ 100+ student classes? The Swathmoricification of W&L has begun!

☐ Skateboarding (and MOUNTAIN BOARDING) is illegal on campus.

☐ I think Robinson Hall must have died. It certainly smells like it did.

☐ If you haven't yet, call Columbia to have your gas turned on.

☐ Geology tip: When identifying an unknown rock, always taste test first to make sure it's not Halite.

☐ When the temperature outside is below 40 degrees, wearing sandals may not be the best idea.

☐ Coach Franke says, "Stop lollygagging!"

☐ If you are sitting in front of me in class, please wear underwear. I don't want to see your crack.

☐ On that note, *semper ubi, sub ubi*.

☐ Freshmen should avoid drinking the booze of those kind enough to give them sober rides.

☐ Kudos to the Ohio delegation for throwing the first party of Mock Con 2004.

☐ Who the hell thought it would be a good idea to play live music at the piano in the Commons Room on Sunday nights? One can hardly think, let alone conduct a meeting.

☐ The lights in the Commons bathrooms take so long to turn on, one's business is usually completed in the dark.

☐ Can you believe that Chi Omega, Kappa Delta (amazing but true!) and Kappa Kappa Gamma were all involved in Rush violations this weekend?

☐ Props to Kappa Sigma for exploding a car.

☐ Is Jeb Brooks the most handsome man on campus?

☐ Students need to learn the difference between the "Reply to All" and "Reply to Sender" options in Groupwise. This means you, SRC members.

☐ Put some damn art in Commons Room already.

☐ Go to the Blood Drive Wednesday in Doremus. It really doesn't hurt.

☐ Can Men's Soccer be stopped? They won again!

☐ Student voting for Homecoming Queen is a racket and just plain dumb. Can you say popularity contest?

☐ Way to go Ansel Sanders! You kept the lacrosse team in the game against UVa.

☐ BTW: Washington and Lee is still the University of Virginia.

☐ Fashionista says: Earth tones look great in this cool weather.

☐ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to phi@wlu.edu.