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## Executive Committee vice president arrested, resigns

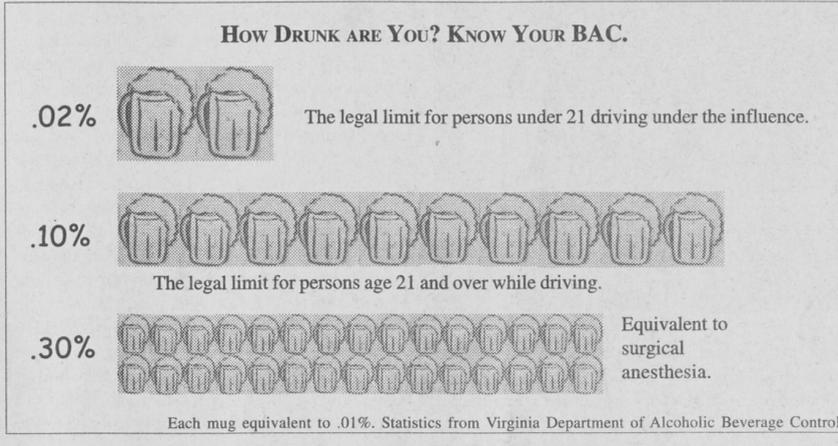
JEB BROOKS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Kevin White has resigned his post as Executive Committee Vice President. White was arrested on Saturday, October 4 at 10:45p.m. for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Helen Hughes, President of the Executive Committee, said that, "the EC supports his resignation and wishes the best for Kevin."

As of *The Ring-tum Phi's* press time plans for replacing White had not been ironed out. Hughes plans to make the campus aware of the EC's procedures as soon as possible.

According to police reports, central dispatch received a report of an accident at the intersection of Nelson and Main in downtown Lexington on Saturday night. Officer Jonathan G. Shenk arrived on the scene where he discovered that White's Chevrolet Blazer struck another vehicle. The officer deduced that White had not waited for the other car to proceed through the intersection before he commenced his left turn. White was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way



to the other vehicle.

Shenk began filing a routine report. While talking with White, the officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol as well as his bloodshot and watery eyes. This gave probable cause for an arrest.

White was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, driving under the influence and refusing a breathalyzer test. He is scheduled to appear in court on October 21 at 9:00a.m.

According to Officer Sutton of the Lexington

Police Department, judges have a great deal of leeway with a case such as this one. White faces the possibility of losing his driver license for up to 12 months and being fined. The judge also has the opportunity to sentence White to up to 12 months in jail. Because this punishment is more severe, it is also more rare, according to Sutton.

The University's policies may also affect White. The Student Judicial Committee hears all cases of drunk driving. The suggested penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol is suspension. According to the 2003-2004 Student Handbook, "drunkenness, when it results in behavior that endangers self or others" can result in a first strike.

The book also states that a first strike results in, "mandatory education and counseling, plus moderate sanction. Parents notified upon charge and disposition."

White is a member of the Law class of 2004. His undergraduate degree is from Randolph-Macon College, where he graduated in 1999. He was elected to the Executive Committee last year.

## ΣΦΕ's complaint against ΑΔΦ to be heard Tuesday



VS.



ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's local fraternity drama will be taken to the national level this week.

On Tuesday, the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) will hear Sigma Phi Epsilon National's complaint against Alpha Delta Phi National with regard to the colonization on Washington and Lee's campus. AD Phi has initiated members who had been initiated into SigEp.

A problem arises because SigEp does not believe it released the brothers of its Washington and Lee chapter when it revoked their charter. AD Phi believes that the men are no longer brothers of SigEp and were therefore eligible for initiation into AD Phi.

"The complaint is that Alpha Delta Phi violated the Comity Agreement," said Dean of Students Dawn Watkins, "If AD Phi is found in violation, the penalties associated with that will be at the National level."

The NIC vice president called Watkins on Friday morning to inform her about the hearing Tuesday.

If AD Phi is found to be in violation of the Comity Agreement, it may appeal the decision at the NIC's next board meeting in April, however, in the interim, any penalties would remain in effect.

The Comity agreement states that, "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 previously resigned or disassociated colony or active chapter of another member fra-

ternity, 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."

According to Watkins, the Comity Agreement is something the NIC takes very seriously, "Jon Williamson [President of the NIC] told me that the Comity Agreement is 'one of the most sacred aspects of the Constitution,'" she said.

Watkins also believes that it is somewhat ironic that the issue arises because of the Comity Agreement, because normally smaller fraternities are protected by the agreement, whereas in this case, the larger fraternity is SigEp and it is using the agreement to act against the much smaller AD Phi.

SigEp has 264 chapters nationally, while AD Phi has 26 chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

The University will be informed of the NIC's decision before noon on Wednesday.

The NIC is composed of 66 fraternal organizations, with a total of 5500 chapters in the United States and Canada. It is led by a Board of Directors, all volunteers, and headquartered in Indianapolis. Its mission is to, "advocate the needs of its member fraternities through enrichment of the fraternity experience; advancement and growth of the fraternity community; and enhancement of the educational mission of the host institutions."

The NIC is also committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership," according to its Mission Statement.

Efforts to get in touch with SigEp's Executive Director were unsuccessful.

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DAWN WATKINS  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

## Homecoming 2003



**Crowned Queen!** Carolyn Duffy, Pi Kappa Phi's nominee for Homecoming Queen was crowned. "It was such a shock to hear my name called as the Homecoming Queen. It was a day I'll never forget, the perfect college memory. I'm so proud that both students and faculty chose me to represent the University, and it has been humbling to receive congratulations from so many different people," said Duffy. See page 7 for more on Homecoming.

## Phi Eta Sigma, national honor fraternity, works for recognition

This year, Washington and Lee's campus will see a publicity campaign for freshmen by this fraternity

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Phi Eta Sigma might not be the most recognized name on campus, but it claims over 130 W&L students as members.

This national honor society for college freshmen, was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, making it the oldest freshman honorary society in America. It has over 700,000 members nationally spread amongst over 300 chapters.

W&L's chapter was

founded in 1937, making it the oldest Phi Eta Sigma chapter in Virginia; the next oldest is the one at William and Mary, founded in 1965. This year, Phi Eta Sigma is determined to make sure its name is better recognized at W&L.

The officers are junior Alex Schaerrer, president; senior Cullen Carter, vice president; junior Robyn Konkel, secretary; and junior Kim Sanford, treasurer.

They most recently met on Sept. 23 with Deans George Bent and David Leonard to plan out their activities for the year and brainstorm

how to make their presence more widely known on campus.

Said Schaerrer, "Our goal is to make Phi Eta Sigma a driving force on campus. We want to help serve as a bridge between learning and leadership."

Some of the key methods which they identified to increase their name-recognition include t-shirts, a page in the yearbook, and sponsoring more community service events.

They are also working towards increasing their "group solidarity," as Bent put it, by doing things like planning activities for their members which balance fun with the intellectual caliber of its members.

According to Schaerrer, membership in Phi Eta Sigma

requires a class standing in the top 20 percent at the close of winter term.

Membership is not automatically conferred upon freshmen meeting this requirement; they must apply and be selected by the society.

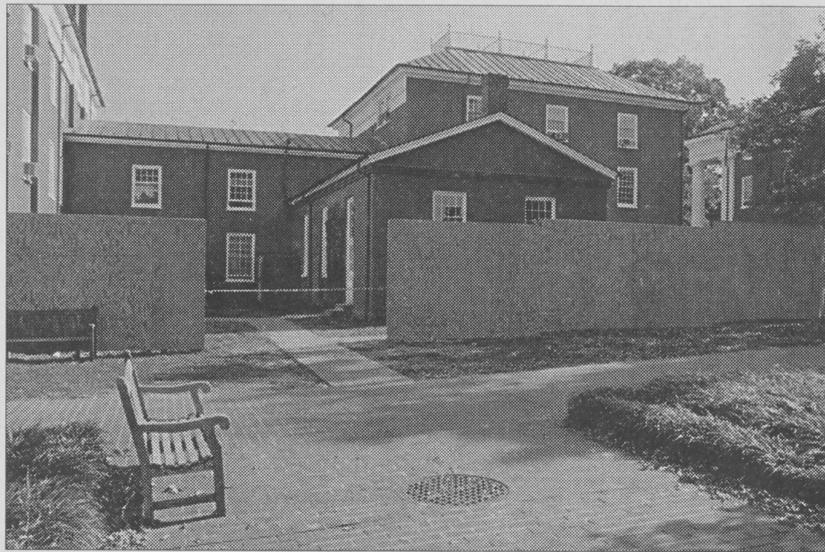
Benefits of the society include recognition from employers

To help increase awareness of Phi Eta Sigma among the freshman class, the group plans on having an ice cream social followed by a movie in the Commons at a point in the not too distant future.

Plans are also in the works to find out if faculty can be inducted as honorary members of Phi Eta Sigma. For more information on Phi Eta Sigma, contact President Alex Schaerrer.



# Plans for Payne Hall renovation become a reality



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**Construction.** To help facilitate the renovation being done on Payne Hall, there has been a fence constructed around the building so as to block any construction sounds and hide any messes made. The fence has been painted red in order to preserve the uniformity of the Colonnade. The Payne Hall Construction is just the first in a series of renovations on the Colonnade.

Payne Hall is receiving the first of many updates to the Colonnade. The old Dean of Students office is being converted into a new meeting room. The room will be entitled the Mason New Room in honor of Mason New, an alumnus of Washington and Lee. A gift was given in his honor to fund the room. The gift covers all of the cost which comes to a total of \$500,000.

"The money was given by a foundation in honor of [New] so the President could have a formal reception area for important guests," stated Joe Grasso, Vice President for Administration. Various groups can also use the Mason New Room for high visibility speakers and meetings.

The former Dean of Students offices are now going to be one room. "The Mason New Room is unique in that we have an architect from Charlottesville who is a Washington and Lee alumnus," commented Grasso. The plan is for the Mason New Room to have a historical interior design. The Mason New Room will pay tribute to the university's rich past and presence in Rockbridge County.

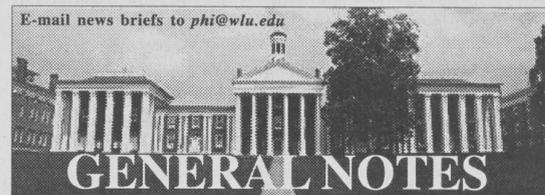
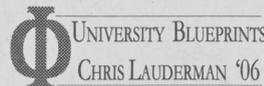
The wall treatment and furniture of the Mason New Room will be from period style of 100 to 150 years ago. "This will not be a stuffy restored room,

but a room that has a historic presence that functions in a modern way," said Grasso. Possible art work may include portraits of various United States presidents or portraits of very important people to Washington and Lee.

A construction fence has been placed around the building. This function of the fence is to reduce the noise and visual construction. The project began September 1 with internal demolition and removal of asbestos from the building. The construction is expected to be completed in the middle of January 2004.

The offices left vacant by the Dean of Freshmen and her staff, in Payne Hall, are at the moment being used by the English Department as faculty offices. In other changes to Payne Hall, an electronic classroom was added over the summer.

This is just the first phase in a lengthy, enormously expensive project to renovate the Colonnade. The improvements will take place over the next decade. The administration hopes to set a precedent with the Mason New Room for the rest of the Colonnade. The style being historical, taking in all of our heritage as a university, and make the buildings function in an advanced technological manner.



## Need Technical Training?

If your classes require that you make oral presentations and if you wish to do them professionally, or if you have been given assignments requiring you to develop WWW sites with class related material, you might consider getting some free training in three very important areas.

The Tucker Multimedia Center (TMC) is continuing its training program for students on web and presentation software use and will again be offering evening training sessions on 1) Power Point presentation software, 2) Adobe Photoshop and scanning techniques, and 3) Front Page web page development basics. Topic dates and times are listed below. It's quick and it's easy and free, so mark your calendar. Yes, enrollment is limited, so register early.

### Web Page Development using Front Page

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

7:30 pm

TMC, Tucker Hall 408

### Power Point Presentation Software

Thursday, October 23, 2003

7:30 pm

TMC, Tucker Hall 408

### Adobe Photoshop and Scanning

Thursday, October 30, 2003

7:30 pm

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Go to the Tucker Multimedia Center web page at <http://tmc.wlu.edu> to sign up for student training. Look for the "services" link in the main menu. Sign up via the email link and remember to indicate which session(s) you wish to attend.

## Washington Term applications due next Tuesday

Want to spend Spring Term in our Nation's Capital? The deadline for the Washington Term Program Internship applications is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., October 21, 2003. You may obtain your application online or outside Professor Connelly's office, Room 304, in the Williams School.

For more information about the Internship Program, please attend the Information Session tonight, Monday, October 13, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in room 221 of the Williams School.

## Need Financial Aid for study abroad programs?

If you plan to participate in the Spring Term Abroad Program and will need financial assistance, come by the Financial Aid Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You must verify with the Financial Aid Office that you have the required forms on file. Written notification of financial aid awards will be sent prior to Thanksgiving break if files are complete by November 6.

## Media CEO to Speak

J. Stewart Bryan III, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia-based Media General Inc., will be speaking Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. His talk, sponsored by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, is entitled "The Evolution of News Delivery in the 20th and 21st Centuries."

In his 35 years as a news executive, Bryan has built quite an empire. Media General is a Southeastern communications company with 25 daily newspapers, 26 network-affiliated television stations and interactive media holdings, including the Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Tampa Tribune and WFLA, which is the top television station in Florida. It also holds partial ownership of The Denver Post. 100 other periodicals are also held by Media General.

Bryan was named as the vice president of The Tribune Co. in Tampa, then went on to serve as its executive vice president, and then became President and Publisher of The Richmond Times-Dispatch and The Richmond News-Leader in 1978. Those papers merged in 1992.

Bryan graduated from the University of Virginia and currently serves on several media boards, including the Newspaper Association of America, the Foundation for American Communities and the Virginia Historical Society.

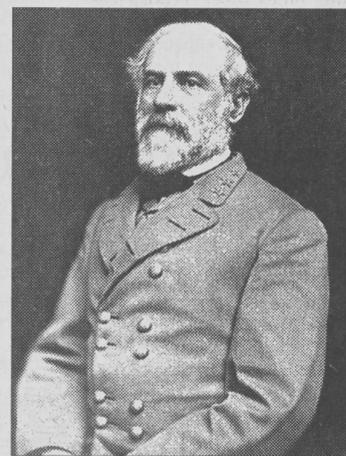


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Monday, October 13 is Christopher Columbus Day, a Federal holiday in the United States.

### Important Facts About Christopher Columbus:

- In 1492, he left Spain for his first voyage. He landed in San Salvador at Cap-Haitien and returned home to Palos, Spain, in 1493.
- In 1493, he left Spain for his second voyage. He landed on Marie-Galante, then went again in Cap-Haitien, St. Ann's Bay, and returned to Cadiz, Spain, in 1496.
- In 1498, he left Spain for his third voyage. He landed in Santo Domingo, and returned home again to Cadiz, Spain in 1500.
- In 1502, he left Spain for his fourth and final voyage. He landed on the Bay Islands off of Central America, Portobelo, and then returned home to Sanlucar, Spain, for the final time.
- He later died in 1506.



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Yesterday was the 133rd Anniversary of Lee's death. What follows is Lee's definition of a gentleman:

The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a true gentleman.

The power which the strong have over the weak, the employer over the employed, the educated over the unlettered, the experienced over the confiding, even the clever over the silly—the forbearing or inoffensive use of all this power or authority, or a total abstinence from it when the case admits it, will show the gentleman in a plain light

The gentleman does not needlessly and unnecessarily remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him. He cannot only forgive, he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which impart sufficient strength to let the past be the past. A true man of honor feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others.

# Faculty calendar vote over, decision left to Board of Trustees

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee's faculty voted October 8-10 and October 10-12 on the three calendar proposals. The options were for retaining the current 12-12-6 calendar, moving to a 13-13-4 calendar or a 14-14 system. Vote one narrowed the options to two, while the second

vote determined which option the faculty preferred.

After the first vote, the 13-13-4 "compromise" calendar was eliminated. The second round of voting, which began on October 10 and ended Sunday night will determine whether the faculty chooses the 12-12-6 or 14-14 calendar.

Votes are being tallied by the University Registrar today and will be reported to University Officials and the Washington and Lee community shortly thereafter. The ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Trustees, which will discuss the issue in late October.

The Board of Trustees

will be meeting October 23 through the 25, at which point they will discuss the calendar decision, taking into account the opinion of the faculty.

The Board is responsible for determining Washington and Lee's budget and will have to look at the cost implications of any calendar changes.

# Chi Psi's Late Night shut down due to flooding



PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL LEE

**Flooding!** There was flooding in Chi Psi's house, The Lodge, this Homecoming weekend. The brothers had to evacuate their Late Night DJ party because the flooding made it a safety hazard.

BY ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Chi Psi's notorious Late Night party was shut down by the brothers this Homecoming Saturday due to flooding.

"It was a safety issue, we didn't want anyone slipping," said Chi Psi President Brooks Batcheller.

The flooding was in the basement of Chi Psi's house, where a DJ party was taking place as part of the fraternity's Homecoming festivities.

The party was already winding down when one of the toilets upstairs flooded, causing pipes to leak. Between 3 and 3:30 a.m. it became clear that there would be a safety issue, so the basement was evacuated. The water had to be shut off.

Sophomore brothers had to clean up the flooding mess and a plumber will have to be called to fix the pipes.

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# O THE RING-TUM PHI PINIONS

## THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

### Plan sober ride

Kevin White resigned from the Executive Committee. The Ring-tum Phi lauds his decision. His choice to step down from the EC was appropriate in light of his recent arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. His experience should open the eyes of Washington and Lee students to the risks of drunk driving and the need to plan for a safe ride home.

We believe that there is never an excuse to get behind the wheel of a car while drunk. When you drink and drive you do not just put your own life on the line, but also the lives of everyone on the street. Last year, 17,000 people died as a result of drunken drivers. Anyone who has the competency to be a Washington and Lee student also has the intelligence to plan for a safe ride home. Every student has got to plan a way back. Counting on staying "pretty sober" is not a reasonable excuse.

Washington and Lee University offers a sober ride system that has its flaws, but its use is far better than risking lives. Now is not the time for complaining. Recent events should inspire students to make Traveller better. It should encourage us all to see the need to work on the program.

Don't get us wrong, we enjoy embibing just as much as the next Washington and Lee General. It's fun and exciting, wild and fun, cool and tough and quite simply, a blast. Drinking and college life have gone hand-in-hand as long as there have been students looking for something to do. However, the term "drinking" must be preceded by "responsible." Be careful and plan a sober ride.

We support Mr. White's decision to uphold the integrity of the Executive Committee by resigning. The committee is more than the people who serve it. It represents the most cherished and hallowed traditions of our University. Thank you Mr. White. You did the right thing.

## Quote of the Week

"Welcome to the party."

~The Reverend Al Sharpton, in response to Wesley Clark's implication that Democrats shouldn't attack other Democrats in a tough 2004 Presidential election.

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# Apples Oranges:

## No change needed

By IMRAN NAEEMULLAH, '05

According to the many signs floating around campus lately, Washington and Lee is a hotbed of anti-homosexual discrimination. My favorite, "W&L is number 2" is at once ambiguous and intriguing. Placing it in context of the other signs (including "homophobia is a curable disease" and "come out, come out wherever you are") leads me to believe it refers to W&L's number two ranking in this year's Princeton Review for "alternative lifestyles not an alternative." That's a pretty heady reputation, and according to the message implied by the posters, it is a well-deserved ranking and that needs to be changed. But is this ranking truly deserved (and I will argue no), and if it's not, then do we really need to change much?

We can all agree that W&L students are prone to inflated perceptions, whether about how much we drink, how much we study, how Southern the culture here is, how male-dominated this campus is, and so on. Perhaps, then, we can also agree that the stereotype of W&L as ultra-conservative, intolerant of "deviant" lifestyles, and generally "un-21<sup>st</sup> century" is also a distorted one that must be corrected. The favorite refrain of liberal activists on campus is usually that they love this school but they have serious issues with things like our lack of "diversity," our "homophobia," and our tendency to be judgmental. In other words, they say, this school is wonderful except that it is so conservative and if only we could fix a few things, then it would be perfect. But is W&L so conservative? What exactly do you mean by "conservative" anyway?

If we are politically conservative because we tend to vote for (or at least profess support for) Republicans, then so be it. If we are conservative because we love our school's traditions, then that's great. But to proclaim us socially conservative is bizarre. A true social conservative would frown upon our drinking, our sexual activities, our drug-taking, our occasionally foul language, and the like. We are not exactly social liberals, particularly when it comes to expressing what we believe as opposed to what we actually do, but we are more moderate than anything else. And following this train of thought, I would not call this school "homophobic" as a rule.

First off, let's define "homophobia." The American Heritage dictionary says it is "fear of or contempt for lesbians and gay men." I don't think that people here have a "fear" of homosexuals; some might dislike the act of homosexuality, some might mock it because they perceive it as funny, but this is not fear. Very few people, in my judgment, are scared of homosexuals. "Contempt" is also largely inapplicable. There are no doubt some people at this school who do not want homosexuals to join their fraternities or sororities, or would rather not have a homosexual roommate, but "contempt" implies scathing hatred, an adjective I would certainly not ascribe to any W&L student's emotions. Even on the Spring Term issue, where students' passions have flared up as they haven't since coeducation, the debate has been impressively civil.

This word, "civil," brings us to the heart of the matter. W&L prides itself on its civil and genteel atmosphere. This must extend to all members of campus. Therefore, racism is unacceptable, as are sexism, ethnocentrism, "fraternity-ism," and any other negativism you'd like to include. Civil behavior, which gentlemen and gentlewomen must embody, requires that we shun these negative traits. The posters around campus imply a need to take action; they are a call to repeal this school's alleged anti-homosexual atmosphere. But I think they overestimate this school's "conservatism" and in doing so, inflate perceptions and distort reality. If we reaffirm our commitment to civil behavior, then this whole debate need not be lengthy. And if homosexuals on campus wish to test the civility of this campus, I would encourage them to do so. They should "come out" as and when they desire. They should feel free to take members of the same sex to date functions. I predict that they will be pleasantly surprised by the lack of negative reactions from the W&L community as a whole. And at the end of the day, let us not be slaves to the Princeton Review rankings. After all, they're based largely on inflated perceptions and are scientifically inaccurate. At the end of the day, Washington and Lee, while not perfect, is a helluva lot more tolerant than any so-called "liberal" school where people tolerate your views as long as they're to the left-of-center.

### Rebuttal from Anderson

Mr. Naeemullah's argument is the same as mine, but I should point out that the poster said "Is W&L REALLY #2?" I think that the posters were meant to say that W&L really wasn't, but that we should correct that appearance, so his statement that the posters meant that "it is a well-deserved ranking and that needs to be changed" is erroneous. He says that "any...negativism...is unacceptable," and he also says that there are "people at this school who do not want homosexuals to join their fraternities or sororities," and so on. The fact is that this IS negativism. And while Imran makes the point that a homosexual who brings a same-sex date to a party or some such will not encounter open hostility, I still maintain the fact that the person would definitely not enjoy the same esteem in the eyes of their fellow students as a heterosexual who did the same. It's just a fact of life here at W&L. I certainly don't think that W&L is blatantly homophobic (the distinction between "fear" and "dislike" is hardly relevant in this case), I just think that it tends to be somewhat exclusionary of certain types of people, homosexuals included.

So while I agree that the posters exaggerate the problem to a significant degree, and while I agree that the Princeton Review probably has us up a little too high on their list, I think we should make every effort to change that. We may not be as intolerant as the anonymous signs or the wonderful folks at the Princeton Review may make us out to be, but in the 21st Century, appearance is reality. Our best recourse is to make damn sure that people know that we ARE accepting.

## W&L tolerance

### Room for Improvement

By CALEY ANDERSON, '06

Washington and Lee University has many strengths, but diversity and tolerance of alternative lifestyles are not among them. According to the Princeton Review, our three highest special category rankings are "Students Most Nostalgic for Ronald Reagan (#1)," "Major Frat/Srat Scene (#2)," and "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative (#2)." Clearly, we're no UC Berkeley (argue amongst yourselves whether that's a good thing or not). In recent days, someone has been posting about W&L's campus anti-homophobia posters, which say things to the effect of "It happens to the best of families," "One in ten is," or, my personal least favorite "Homophobia is a curable disease."

Now, don't get me wrong, I agree that these posters are out of line. First of all, they were posted anonymously. Anonymous postings of statements charged with political significance never sit well with me. If you feel so strongly about your opinion, why not have the courage to come right out and say it to the student body? Secondly, these posters come on a little too strong, the "Homophobia is a curable disease" poster in evidence.

But, nevertheless, the posters raise a valid point- W&L is not notable for being a highly tolerant school, of homosexuals, minorities, or anyone else who's not middle/upper class, southern white, and quite generally in the mainstream here. This is not to say that there aren't individual students who aren't accepting of differences, I know there are many.

The whole problem here is that the campus' general feeling is that it's not going to be dragged into the 21st Century without a fight. "It's a school for rich white southerners," said one alumni who commented on the Princeton Review's site, "Only a little less than 20 years ago, it was only a school for rich white southern boys."

The problem, as I assert, is not that W&L refuses to take in homosexuals, ethnic minorities, etc. (as there are many of these fine folks at our great school), it's that the primary student body generally don't accept these people as "fitting in" to the W&L scene.

As one Texan student on the Princeton Review commented: "Those who fit in agree that never before have we met friendlier people. Those who don't fit in either transfer out or endure a long four years." This is not the great University that I know Washington and Lee is.

I'm generally opposed to the whole process that's referred to as "Swarthmorefication," (i.e., standardizing our calendar, adapting Swarthmore/Amherst type curriculum and teaching policies, etc.), but I do think that those 11 schools above us in U.S. News' rankings have something we don't, and that's willingness to include anyone as a complete, non-excluded member of the student body, and as a member of the "in-crowd." Here, in my opinion, we still apply exclusionary tactics based on things other than whether or not the person's a cool guy/girl, which should be the only real criteria.

Again, does W&L have a serious problem that needs immediate attention? No.

Are the posters right? No.

Is the Princeton Review accurate in their ranking? No.

Should we make some attempt to convince these people that we're a much more tolerant place than they make us out to be? Yes.

Otherwise, we run a definite risk of alienating outstanding potential students, faculty, and staff.

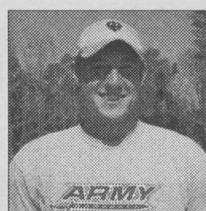
So, even though the problem is an overexaggerated one, it's still there lurking between W&L's white columns. Perhaps the most telling of all these posters is the one that says "Is W&L REALLY #2?" I think that we're not really #2 and that Princeton has got it wrong, but I also think we should start going out of our way to prove it.

### Rebuttal from Naeemullah

Caley Anderson writes, "The whole problem here is that the campus' general feeling is that it's not going to be dragged into the 21<sup>st</sup> century without a fight," implying that W&L's current "backwards" state of affairs is terribly 20<sup>th</sup> century. But what exactly is 21<sup>st</sup> century, and why must the progression of time correlate to some liberal notion of change? W&L is far from being homophobic central. Our tradition of civility ultimately transcends whatever negative incidents take place; in other words, while W&L is hardly perfect, it is overwhelmingly a supportive, tolerant institution.

Most importantly, why must we submit to the rankings of the Princeton Review? Anderson certainly bases the majority of his argument based on the highly selective comments the Princeton Review uses. The Princeton Review is a blatantly liberal-biased publication, and it has no problem with portraying W&L as a hotbed of reactionary politics. While we should be very proud of our high rankings in things like quality of professors, etc., we must take these, like the negative rankings, with a heavy dose of skepticism. Simply because we've been ranked as #2 in the "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category does not mean we should run about changing the way we are. We should be proud of Washington and Lee for what it is. Certainly, we should constantly strive to make ourselves better, but not at the expense of what we already have. We must reaffirm our motto, "Not unmindful of the future," and keep in mind that while progress is important, it must not come at the expense of what we already have that is positive.

## TALKBACK: The most amazing thing you saw at Homecoming?



"Football team won the game"  
-Justin Cole '07



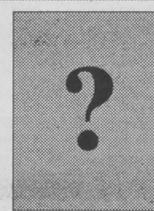
"I'd come up with something better, but I've been drunk since Wed."  
-B. Love '05



"The 75-year alums"  
-Brooke Sanden '06



"Erin Johnson"  
-Adrienne Fleurke '05



"Drunken interaction between a prof and a student at the wine-tasting"  
-Anonymous Senior

# Skateboarding is not a crime

What does freedom mean nowadays? What with the Patriot act negating the bill of rights, and the homeland security act eliminating any sense of personal privacy, it is hard to say really what freedom means. I must admit that we do enjoy many freedoms in the country, however, it has come to my immediate attention that here in the great state of Virginia, certain physical acts are considered illegal. No, I am not referring to the utter ludicrous laws that incriminate those whose sexual preferences differ from the norm. I am referring to the law that criminalizes the act of stepping onto a board supported by four wheels, and pushing off the ground as to achieve a forward motion.

As I have been so rudely informed, this form of transportation is outlawed in every way, shape, and form. The act, termed "Skateboarding" is to be persecuted at every given opportunity. "What is the crime?" One may ask, "that these peaceful board riding recreationists have committed?" The answer one gets is always the same. The local government does not want someone riding a skateboard to be hit by a car. Literally, this is what it all boils down too.

Thanks Mr. Overlords! If you did not tell me what I can and cannot do with my own free will, why, I would probably be drinking Clorox Bleach with Color-Safe Alternative right now!

Granted, Skateboarding has acquired a bad reputation from those uncouth souls who decide to destroy our national landmarks, such as Lee Chapel for example, with their grind and flip tricks. However, I refer not to the persecution against trick boards, which I support as well, but rather to the little known variation of the Skateboard known as the Longboard. The Longboard is a delightful vehicle, simple in design, consisting of an elongated Skateboard with out the telltale upward curves at either end, meaning it cannot be jumped off of the ground. It was created entirely for those who enjoy cruising down the open road with the wind in their hair and the asphalt flying under their feet.

Now, the question is again, what sort of felonious affront are these transportation enthusiasts inflicting upon the masses of this great state of Virginia?

I reiterate, to persecute those who ride Longboards, which physically cannot be jumped, grinded or damaging to the surrounding environment, is simple oppression. We are peaceful people. We only desire to ride from point A, to point B with a minimal amount of exhaust, monetary expenditures, and friction. How we infringe upon the rights of others is beyond me. Last time I checked, rules were created so that we do not encroach upon the rights of others. This is not even a victimless crime. This is not a crime at all. Longboarding does not release toxic chemicals into the air, nor does it even have the capacity to injure those around it. If one rides a Longboard, one assumes that there is a risk involved, as with every other physical activity known to humankind. All of this leads to another question. If this sort of simple, environmentally conscious form of transportation is outside of the law, then why are not bikes considered

contraband? How are they, in almost any way, different from skateboards? In fact, they have a greater propensity to destroy the surrounding environment, as many naturalists have been complaining as of late, about the increasing amount of damage mountain biking has been inflicting upon nature. Now I do not propose that bikes should be persecuted like skateboards. In fact I am a cycling enthusiast myself. However, I use bicycling as an example to illustrate the pure idiocy of these laws.

What is next to be considered illegal in this oppression against physical activity? Rollerblades? Roller-skates?

Too late. The same law that limits Skateboarding and Longboarding also restricts the rest of our skating family. If one were to continue with the deranged logic that made these forms of recreation illegal, then one could easily assume all vehicular transport will be outlawed in the near future. In fact, it would not be beyond reasoning that the government will soon be issuing specialized safety cocoons to each and every citizen to

this great state of Virginia, so that no harm may come to anyone anymore. Everyone will live safely inside their cocoons, drinking and eating through a straw, never having to concern our dictators, excuse me, authorities with our well being. Besides, we the unwashed masses are of too low an intelligence to think clearly for ourselves, am I not correct?

The worst cut comes from those who should be fighting for our freedom. This bastion of intellectual thought and supposed freedom of physical expression, Washington and Lee, has deemed all activities involving the word "Skate" an illegal activity as well, banning it in all forms. There is no argument with them on this matter. They seem hell bent, like the great state of Virginia, on protecting us from ourselves. Granted, they have insurance liability concerns to worry about because they are a private institution, but then why have football? Or Lacrosse, or any of the many sports offered here? Students could get hurt, and that is a liability. In fact, we as students, just existing, are a liability. It feels like the University is trying to tell us something.

This reporter has almost resigned himself to the hopelessness of these sad states of affairs. While on the university level one may have a chance, no matter how slim, of changing the incredibly oppressive conservative view of things. But to change a state law is something that this reporter has neither the time nor the energy to accomplish. Not everything is negative though. I have been informed a Skatepark, near the local middle school has been built and is helping to ease some of the pressure that us Skateboarders have to endure. However, this does nothing to help those of us who want to enjoy the many benefits of Longboarding. Nor is any hero poised on the horizon, ready to ride into the fray and save us.

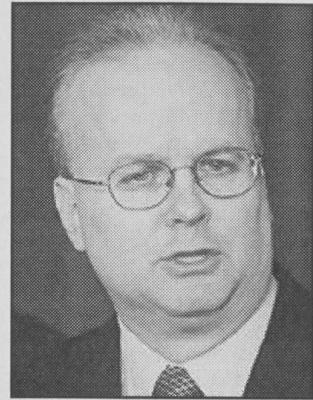
It's a dark road ahead, my friends. A dark road indeed.

Φ A STUDENT STATEMENT  
IAN DICKINSON '06

# Coward of the Week

An irregular feature of the Ring-tum Phi

Karl Rove



As a Justice Department inquiry continues its work, it looks more and more as though Mr. Rove was the individual behind the leak of a CIA operative's identity and location in the field. It occurred, many believe, because Joe Wilson, the husband of the named CIA agent, openly criticized the White House for its inclusion of Iraqi uranium ties to Africa when Mr. Wilson had said that he had personally disproved such claims. The White House's retaliation, it's starting to seem, was to compromise his wife's security in the field, a federal crime that carries a sentence of 10 years in prison. We'll soon see if Mr. Rove can in fact own up to putting a brave CIA agent's life at serious risk just to take a jab back at a political opponent. Don't bet on it, though. When outraged legal experts called for an independent investigator to look into the matter, Mr. Rove whined until the President agreed to allow the Justice Department (a part of the executive branch, along with Mr. Rove's position) to do the investigation instead, which may produce a biased result.

The lesson learned, future leaders of America? If you don't like what someone says about you, expose critical information about their spouse in the hopes that enemy foreign governments will kill him/her and leave your would-be critic bereaved and depressed. It works for Karl Rove and it can work for you too!

# Diversity is strength at W&L

Recently, I engaged in a very interesting conversation with a Freshman, whose name shall remain anonymous, and we talked about W&L and her transition. And we touched on a very sensitive and prevalent issue that plagues W&L students: diversity. That topic always comes up at W&L. There's no way of getting around it. Once you arrive at W&L, you are inundated with diversity education and encouraged to be accepting and compassionate towards people of different backgrounds. I am a dorm counselor. I went through orientation with my residents so I know.

I came to several conclusions about the situation about the issue. As good as the theory appears on paper, diversity education has created some unforeseen externalities that we need to address and analyze. The diversity discussion has put people from the majority and the minority sides on their highest guard. Members of the majority are afraid to say certain things or behave in certain ways because they fear these words and actions might offend a member of the minority group. However, I have to say that their fears are not completely unfounded. Here I have seen minorities, including myself, peak in sensitivity levels to "ignorant" comments. Immediately, the member of the majority walks away for the rest of their lives with their tails tucked between their legs, forever forbidden to express anything to a person of the minority group for fear it might offend someone.

And herein lies the problem. Neither side has tried to discuss the "offensive" material. The minority member doesn't ask why but merely becomes angry while the majority member doesn't offer an explanation or becomes immediately defensive. There is a denial on both sides. As a result, both sides come away from the interaction angry and with a new negative stereotype of the other side.

Living is learning and learning is living. You live by learning from your mistakes and the more lessons you learn, the more you live as person. The biggest component of our lives is our interaction and relationships with people. And the same rules that we would abide by in our friendships should also be present in our day-to-day interactions with people. So I am listing some guidelines to have to better interactions with people here and everywhere.

Assume a little but never assume that your assumption is truth. It is mere speculation.

Lower your sensitivity antennas. If someone's expressive manner offends you, let them they did and find out if they were aware that this offended you.

Try to give people the benefit of the doubt. Understand that we are all from different places with different pasts that mold us into the people we are not with the views that we have.

And lastly, be open-minded. Life is a beautiful thing, and what makes human life so extraordinary is the ability for it to be enriched. The world is at an arm's reach. So open your arms, rather than crossing them.

Φ TRAIN OF THOUGHT  
TRAN KIM '05



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# Football comes home, wins in overtime

BY CAMERON GARNER  
SPORTS WRITER

Despite going into halftime with a 20-7 deficit, the Generals fought back and came away with their second win of the season against a huge Catholic team.

The game looked a bit out of hand as Catholic went up 27-7 in the third quarter, but sophomore quarterback Greg Tweardy led the Generals down the field and hooked up with Taylor "Cam, you look terrible" Callahan.

Cardinal quarterback Pat Truxillo was very angry, because every time he threw it to one of his teammates, one of the Generals ended up catching it instead.

Generals like senior strong safety Lee "Mr. Walker" Walker and freshman cornerback Rob Rain, who returned the interception to the Catholic 6-yard line, where his good buddy and sophomore running back Michael Lackett ran the ball into the end zone putting the Generals up 28-27.

The Cardinals, angry because the Generals had scored so many points in a row, tried to come out and score again, but the General's defense, led by Andrew "foot" Bahl's sack, forced the Cardinals to go four-and-out on their own 11-yard line.

From the Cardinal 11-yard line, freshman kicker Ben Long wanted to get in on the action, so the Gen-

erals put him in to kick the 28-yard field goal, and it was good.

From there, the Generals defense held thanks to strong team defense and the attentive line work by Warren "wait, why are you putting me in there?" Hunter. The Cardinals couldn't do anything else, and watched the clock run out.

I think that a victory of such magnitude requires an editorial comment or two. The General's play on Saturday is reminiscent of another such colossal come from behind victory.

The Colts over Bucs last Monday night? No, I'm talking about the Giants over the Cowboys, but by Giants, I mean the little Giants. No doubt many of you remember this good versus evil struggle that featured an underdog squad playing a much larger Cowboys team.

This movie obviously inspired the Generals team to win, teaching them that even though the opponents may be bigger and your best player isn't playing because he's cheerleading to try to get the hot, stud quarterback (wait, is this queer eye?), if you dig deep, fight hard, and possibly have a nerd to draw up plays with his computer, you can overcome any obstacle.



VICTORY. Sophomore running back Michael Lackett scored the winning touchdown in overtime on Saturday. STEVEN MARINOS/The Ring-tum Phi

# Generals' winning streak ended this week

BY JOHN HYLAND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team lost its first game of the season Saturday to conference rival Roanoke. The Generals had started the season on an eight game unbeaten streak, coming within two games of the record breaking 2001 squad which started its season on a ten game unbeaten streak.

Before Saturday's loss, the Generals were able to extend their streak on Wednesday when they faced off against ODAC foe Lynchburg on the road.

The Hornets entered the game with a record of 4-7, 1-3 ODAC. Despite their poor record, they contested the Generals very tightly.

Washington and Lee sophomore goalkeeper Michael Stanton made six big saves in the first half to preserve a scoreless tie entering halftime. The Generals finally broke the tie late in the second half at 79:12 when junior defender Peter Miller found sophomore midfielder Keith Sullivan for a header.

Washington and Lee held on to the win despite being out shot 12-9. The Generals defense improved in the second half, however, as junior goalkeeper Chris Carlson only had to

make one save.

Roanoke came to Lexington with a record of 8-2-1, 4-1 ODAC record and was the pre-season favorite to repeat as conference champs this year.

The Maroons opened the scoring just 13 minutes into the game but freshman midfielder Rhett McCraw evened the score for the Generals 15 minutes later.

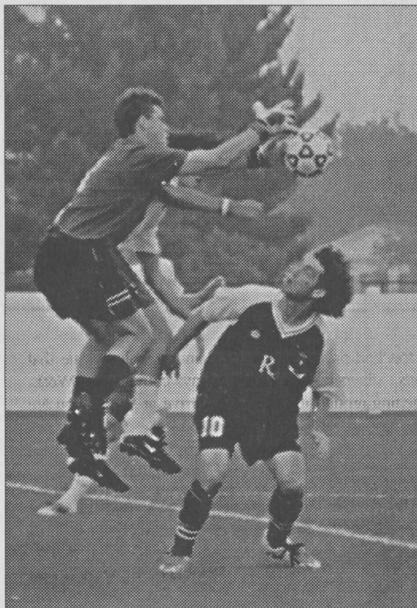
At the end of the first half, however, Roanoke forward Elliott Stallings intercepted a failed Washington and Lee clear and buried shot to break the tie and give the Maroons a 2-1 advantage.

It was all the scoring that Roanoke would need. Despite a hotly contested game that saw four player ejections, the second half stayed scoreless.

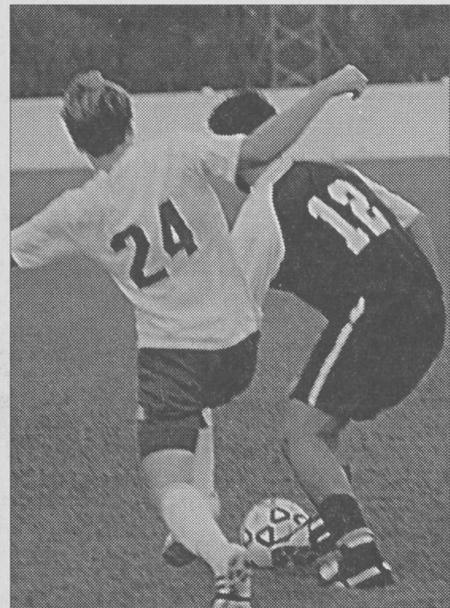
In the loss, Stanton and Carlson combined to make three saves, but the Generals were out shot 13-9.

The loss drops Washington and Lee's record to 6-1-2 overall and 2-1-2 in the ODAC. The victory puts the Maroons in first place in the ODAC.

The Generals hope to get back to their winning ways on Tuesday in a non-conference match-up against cross-town-rival VMI.



SAVE. A Washington and Lee goalkeeper keeps a Roanoke player from scoring in this week's game. CORBIN BLACKFORD/The Ring-tum Phi



SNEAKY. Sophomore midfielder Keith Sullivan fights an opponent for the ball in this week's game against Roanoke. CORBIN BLACKFORD/The Ring-tum Phi

# A sweet victory kept the Generals women's soccer undefeated

BY SARAH BLOOM  
SPORTS WRITER

A victory over Sweet Briar (10-0) was especially sugar-coated for the Washington and Lee women's soccer team. The team not only protected its undefeated season, but was able to celebrate Coach Neil Cunningham's 100th career victory.

"It was a well-deserved victory for coach," said freshman Sarah Helms. "Coach doesn't even keep track of that kind of stuff so it was such a cool surprise."

The Generals played a stellar game, not allowing Sweet Briar any opportunity to score. Meanwhile, Washington and Lee kept the host team on its toes, with 32 attempts and 10 goals.

Freshman Anne Wiltshire again led the team with two goals and an assist.

Other goal earners included: Junior Maggie Hope (2), sophomore Conner Esworthy, S. Helms, junior Kelly Zagol, freshman Rebecca Cohn, freshman

Maggie Megear, and junior Ginny Helms.

Senior Fontain Marcoux, freshman Cara Burton, Cohn, Esworthy, and S. Helms also added an assist.

"Our team works well together and everyone is always enthusiastic about playing," said Wiltshire of her team. "In practices, everyone is always pushing each other and I think that our intensity in games reflects how hard we work in practices."

The team, ranked 14th nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, has high aspirations for the season and is well on its way to attaining them. The team posted the highest ranking for women's soccer in Washington and Lee history earlier in the season at 13th place.

The team also holds the second place position in the NCAA South Region. Another highlight includes being only one win away from tying the record number of consecutive wins. This record was established by Washington and Lee's 1997 team.

The Generals will return to ODAC play will continue on Wednesday, October 16, against Virginia Wesleyan.



RUNNING FOR THE WIN. Freshmen Rebecca Cohn dribbles the ball downfield at Saturday afternoon's game against Sweet Briar. Cohn scored a goal Saturday. CORBIN BLACKFORD/The Ring-tum Phi

## SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 14	Wednesday, October 15	Thursday, October 16	Friday, October 17	Saturday, October 18	Sunday, October 19
M Soccer vs. VMI--4:00 F. Hockey vs. EMU--7:00	W Soccer vs. VA Wesleyan--4:00 VB vs. VA Wesleyan--6:30	VB at C. Newport--5:30 W Tennis at Rolex Nationals	W Tennis at Rolex Nationals	FB at Hampden-Sydney--1:00 W Soccer at EMU--1:00 F. Hockey vs. Catholic--2:00 M Soccer at VA Wesleyan--2:00 VB at Marymount Tourn. C. Country at DeSales Inv.--10:30 W Tennis at Rolex Nationals	F. Hockey vs. Sewanee--1:00 W Tennis at Rolex Nationals

# Volleyball wins SCAD Invitational

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee volleyball team improved its record to 19-2 overall and 7-0 in the ODAC this week. The Generals defeated Bridgewater 3-1 on Wednesday.

Washington and Lee was also successful in the Savannah Art and Design Invitational this weekend. The team won the tournament with victories over Roanoke, Peace College, Guilford, Southern Virginia, and Savannah Art and Design (SCAD).

Against Bridgewater, the Generals won after sets of 30-26, 20-30, 31-29, 30-26. Junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing led the way with 15 kills and 18 digs. Sophomore Taylor Gibson totaled ten kills and four blocks.

Also contributing were freshman outside hitter Ashley Hurt with nine kills and nine digs and sophomores Laura Byrne and Christine Gladysz with nine kills and eleven digs, and 51 assists and 19 digs, respectively.

On Friday and Saturday, the team competed in the SCAD Invitational, winning all five games. The Generals defeated Roanoke 30-24, 30-24, 30-24 and Peace 30-7, 30-21, 30-20 on Friday.

Against Roanoke, Wolfing notched 16 kills and 17 digs. Sophomore middle blocker Susan Gaillard had 12 kills and two blocks. Gibson totaled eight kills and five blocks, while Gladysz contributed 48 assists and 12 digs.

In the match against Peace, freshman middle blocker Ashley Hurt led with eleven kills and seven digs. Junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain helped the team with ten kills and nine digs. Gladysz totaled 15 assists and five digs.

On Saturday, Washington and Lee defeated Guilford 30-13, 30-21, 30-17. Hurt led the way with eleven kills. Gaillard had ten kills and four blocks. Wolfing and Gladysz totaled

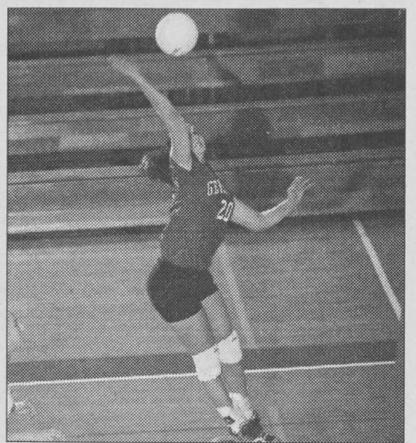
nine kills and ten digs, and 41 assists, respectively.

The Generals came out on top against Southern Virginia with a 30-23, 30-20, 30-20 victory. Hurt led the team with 14 kills and 14 digs. Gaillard notched 15 kills, while Wolfing had ten kills and 17 digs. Gladysz and junior Jennifer Lux made 42 assists and 13 digs, respectively.

The team met up with SCAD for the final match of the day, defeating the opponent 30-23, 30-19, 30-21. Wolfing led Generals with 12 kills and 15 digs. Gaillard totaled 13 kills and five blocks. Hurt added eleven kills and 12 digs. Gladysz also contributed with 41 assists, ten digs, and four blocks.

Wolfing, Gladysz, and Hurt were honored by being named to the all-tournament team.

Washington and Lee will compete against Virginia Wesleyan at home this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for a conference match-up.



Courtesy Sports Information

**KILL.** Junior Emily Wolfing led the Generals this week. She totaled 62 kills and 77 digs overall.

## Riding team places 4 out of 5 at ODAC Championships

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend, the Equestrian team placed six out of nine teams at Radford. The Generals finished only one point behind Bridgewater and UVA, who were tied for fourth.

All three of Washington and Lee's riders placed in the top three in their classes. Katie Goodrich '06 placed second and Jean-Rose Clawwater '07 placed third.

Caitlin Lane '06 won both her Open Flat and Open Fences classes, which won her the show's Highest Point rider Award.

On Friday, the Equestrian team traveled to the ODAC Championships, where two riders, Katie Goodrich '06 and Caitlin Lane '06, rode in both Open Flat and Open Fence classes.

Katie Goodrich placed second in

Open Fences. Caitlin Lane won both the show's Highest Point Rider Award and Open Fences and Open Flats and won



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**HORSE.** Rider Caitlin Lane converses with Washington and Lee coach Carolyn Williams. Lane won both the Open Fence and Open Flat classes at ODAC's.

## Women's tennis comes out strong in Fall Festival

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team hosted Mary Washington, Washington College, Liberty, and Bridgewater in the Washington and Lee Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

The Generals sent eight singles players and eight doubles pairs into the final round on Sunday.

The team produced four singles champions in addition to two teams of doubles champions on Sunday.

In the number two singles spot, senior Liz Law defeated freshman Amanda Haines 6-3, 6-3.

Junior Kristin Crawford had a 6-4, 6-0 victory over senior Emily Taylor in the number five slot.

Sophomore Ingrid Easton won her match in the number four spot over Katie Zelenak of Mary Washington 6-4, 6-3.

Sophomore Stephanie Hannon also had a victory in the number six spot with a 6-2, 6-3 win over freshman Abigail Olson.

In doubles action, freshman Natalie Day and junior Susan McCracken had a 8-2 victory in the number two spot over Easton and junior Meredith Bailey.

Sophomores Laura Neller and Lauren Peters defeated Crawford and Hannon 8-4 in the number three spot.

The Generals travel to Corpus Christi, Texas next Thursday to compete in the ITA National Tournament. The tournament is scheduled to last all day for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

## Generals drop two at home against Bridgewater and Juanita

BY JOHN HYLAND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee field hockey team had a rough homecoming weekend, dropping two games on its home turf.

The Generals faced off against Bridgewater on Friday night in an ODAC contest. Despite dominating the action for most of the first half, they were unable to score. The Eagles did convert, however, on their lone offensive opportunity of the first half and took a 1-0 lead into halftime.

The Generals continued to control the action in the second half but struggled to find

the net. For the game, they out shot the Eagles 12-5 and held a 15-3 advantage on penalty corners.

Bridgewater again capitalized on one of its few scoring opportunities midway through the second half to take a 2-0 lead.

The Generals did not get on the scoreboard until there was just under 10 minutes left in the game when junior midfielder Kitt Murphy found sophomore midfielder Jane Beall to cut the lead to 2-1.

Bridgewater was able to preserve its lead for the win and improve its record to 5-4 overall, and 2-4 in the ODAC.

In the loss, Washington and

Lee sophomore goaltender Elise Gelinis made two saves.

The Generals turned around to face Juanita on Saturday afternoon in a non-conference game.

The Generals were unable to get off a shot in the first half. They kept the Eagles off the scoreboard too, however, and the teams entered halftime in a scoreless tie.

Juanita finally opened the scoring twelve minutes into the second half, but the Generals evened the score shortly thereafter when sophomore link S.B. Northern found senior forward Kelly Taffe to even the score at 1-

Washington and Lee con-

trolled the second half, with an advantage in shots, 8-3, and on penalty corners, 7-4. But the Generals were unable to get another tally on the scoreboard and the teams entered overtime in a 1-1 tie.

The teams battled through two overtime periods. Generals' sophomore goaltender Courtney Harrison made four of her six saves in the overtime periods. Gelinis made two saves in the first half.

After battling for 100 minutes, the Generals finally succumbed in penalty strokes, as they were outscored 3-1. The 2-1 victory improved Juanita's record to 9-5.

The two losses dropped

Washington and Lee's record to 4-6 overall, and 3-2 in the ODAC. The Generals return

to their ODAC schedule when they host Eastern Mennonite on Tuesday night.



LAURA PONTIER/The Ring-tum Phi

**GREAT D.** The Field Hockey team made a great showing this week.

## Cross country runs fast

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Virginia State Division II-III meet this Saturday. The meet was held at Eastern Mennonite.

The men finished third of eight teams in an 8k race. Junior Steve Chambers led the way for the Generals with a time of 27:58. He finished fourth overall. Senior Andy Schorr finished fifth overall with a time of 28:15. Senior Rusty Meyer placed eighth

overall at 28:35.

The women competed in a 6k race and finished third of nine teams. Sophomore Betsy Frayer led the women with a third place overall time of 25:27. Freshmen Tippins Stone and Jenny Ratzel finished with a tenth place time of 26:01 and an eleventh place time of 26:08, respectively.

Both the men's and women's teams travel to Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday to compete in the DeSales Invitational.

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**Golf Etiquette tip of the week:**  
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# Homecoming bands receive mixed reviews

By KATHERINE SHELL  
STAFF WRITER

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe with opening act The Ordinary Way kicked off homecoming this weekend at the Pavilion Friday night. Both bands received mixed reviews.

The Ordinary Way debuted in 1999 with their first album, *Rising*. Based in Northern Virginia, they have been traveling all over the country since then, gaining new fans every place they visit. Friday night was the first time they have opened for Karl Denson's Tiny Universe. KDTU

toured this summer with the Allman Brothers and will begin their fall tour in a couple of weeks in Colorado. Information about the band can be found in their website: [www.karldenson.com](http://www.karldenson.com).

The show started at 9 but didn't pick up until 10:30 or 11:00. While there was a dance party just in front of the stage, there was also a crowd of people standing in the back, just talking, and not paying attention to the band. The Ordinary Way, an interesting mixture of jazz, reggae, and blues, played slightly longer, slightly harder-to-dance-to songs than Karl Denson's Tiny Uni-

verse, but they set the stage well for the atmosphere of the concert. KDTU played excellent background music, and a fairly large crowd of people stayed up until the end of the show. As people were leaving to go to parties and other activities, other people were showing up to enjoy the end of the show.

Overall, KDTU had a great atmosphere and was enjoyed by many of the students. Other students felt the need for a more lively, interactive band, but everyone enjoyed having KDTU and The Ordinary Way travel to Lexington to kick off Homecoming Weekend!



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ABOVE, under one of the big tents located at the Law School field, alumni, young and old alike, enjoyed the scrumptious buffet line provided by dining services.

FAR LEFT, students like Josh Cornthwaite and Mandi Kimble ate various food types ranging from hors d'oeuvres to crispy cookies while chatting with fellow students and graduates.

LEFT, the band The Ordinary Way played music in hopes of inspiring dancers, unfortunately few took the cue.



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## Charlottesville offers dining delights

I think that at some point we all start to feel as if the walls of Lexington are closing in on us and we just want to escape this town, even for an evening, if only to convince ourselves that there is life beyond this campus.

To make things even worse, the restaurant culture stagnates fairly quickly around here, and the thought of more pizza, more subs, more Chinese or Mexican food seems almost unbearable. Well, perfect! It sounds like a road trip is in order. A great meal, a change of pace, a drive full of breathtaking mountain views and fall foliage...that's more than enough reason to venture out of town—how about Charlottesville?

Recently, a national poll named Charlottesville the most energetic city in America. And I think they have the restaurants to match that title. Exotic and exciting, romantic and refined, lively and colorful—The Mellow Mushroom, Northern Exposure, and the Ivy Inn come to

mind as both local favorites and guaranteed great meals. But last weekend I happened upon an eatery I hadn't noticed before, and it has now become my latest favorite.

Located on a corner of "the Corner," the appropriately named hot spot right across from the UVA campus on University Ave, **Michael's Bistro and Taphouse** boasts a public-like atmosphere full of youthful energy, a unique and finely tuned beer and wine list, and a surprisingly sophisticated menu of both the exotic and the familiar.

After climbing a steep narrow staircase, patrons suddenly find themselves in a spacious, sprawling second-story space where diners sit comfortably in multi-tiered sections of dark wooden booths. The lucky dozen who have managed to snag the balcony tables overlooking the busy street below have the privilege of enjoying the cool night air along with their cold beer.

When the server brings you the menu, I am positive you'll have as difficult a decision on your hands as I did. I wanted to order everything on the menu, and to make it even more impossible to decide they also offer daily specials. I settled on the Thai Chicken Curry with dried apricots.

Okay wait—I know that sounds a little scary for those of you who only eat as ethnic as Hunan's. But somehow Michael's throws in a bit of East Asian inspiration and French flair without detracting from the whole tavern/pub/beer theme. It just works, and after eating here even the biggest skeptics will have to admit that exotic flavorings like saffron and soy sauce and coconut milk can perk up the finest flank steak and add texture to the most tantalizing trout. My chicken, served in a bowl over basmati rice with generous slices of homemade flatbread to soak up the rich, fruity, fragrant sauce, was out of this world, no other way to describe it.

The menu is diverse, and the dishes combine complex flavors to create artistic and el-

egant dishes like chicken and duck potpie served with a thick, hearty stew and topped with browned mashed potatoes. Equally tempting was the Icelandic Arctic Char (that's fish) wrapped in a potato crepe and served with crispy prosciutto and asparagus. How amazing does that sound? I would be willing to bet you won't find food like that in Lexington—and certainly not for \$10, which is the average price for entrees. An exceptional deal to say the least.

One more reason to try Michael's: you can order a beer sampler and try four small glasses of the most interesting-sounding beers on the menu. With at least twelve beers on tap, over 40 bottles, and a selection that focuses on American microbreweries like Rogue and Pyramid, you have a wide variety to choose from.

I am convinced that a great meal is worth the trip—Michael's Bistro and Taphouse was definitely worth mine.

## W&L offers variety of films

By MEGAN MORGAN  
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Like movies but tired of going to the small Lexington theatre or driving to Roanoke to see one? Students have another option at their disposal. This October, several films will be presented by various organizations on the Washington and Lee campus.

The John W. Elrod's Commons Theatre will host several films this month. These include "Seabiscuit" and "2 Fast 2 Furious." "Seabiscuit, which stars Tobey Maguire and Jeff Bridges, tells the story of a racehorse considered an underdog by most, that rises to prominence during the Great Depression. The film will be shown at 9:30 on October 14th.

2 Fast 2 Furious is the story of a former cop, played by Paul Walker, who along with an ex-con friend helps to transport money for a Miami crime lord while secretly working for an undercover agent to bring the crime lord down. This film will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on October 17th and 18th. Both this film and Seabiscuit are being sponsored by the university.

The Washington and Lee Film Society will also be presenting several films in the Commons Theatre. These include "Bend It Like Beckham" and "The Devil's Backbone." "Bend It Like Beckham tells the story of Jess Bahmra, a young Indian girl growing up in England who is a talented soccer player but is unable to play because of her

family's traditional values. The film will show at 7:30 on October 24th and 25th.

"The Devils Backbone, showing at 7:30 on October 31st and November 1st, is a supernatural drama about a remote Spanish orphanage at the end of the Civil War that is haunted by the ghost of a child.

Several films will also be shown at the Williams School of Commerce. On October 23rd, "Russian Ark" will appear as part of the Fall 2003 Russian Film Series. The film, which is in Russian with English subtitles, is told through the eyes of an unseen Russian director who meets the 19th century Marquis de Custine while touring the Hermitage Museum. As the two of them stroll through the rooms of the museums, rooms which used to be the home to generations of Romanovs, they meet up with historical figures from Peter the Great to Nicolas II. The film will be shown at 7 in Room 221 of the C-School.

The Fall 2003 Politics Filmfest will also present a film in Room 221 of the C-School. At 7 on October 24th, the film "Burn" will be shown. The film, directed by Gillo Pontecorvo, examines colonialism and revolution on Portugese controlled Caribbean island during the 18th century. Marlon Brando starts as an Englishman on a secret mission to incite a slave revolt, seize the sugar cane trade for England and reenslave the revolters.

All of these films are open to the W&L community and are free of charge.

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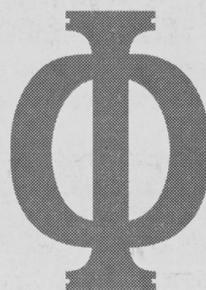
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Editorial Note: In last week's Ring-tum Phi, we ran a section called "Homecoming Nominees announced." Three people's pictures were excluded. Melanie Barr, Joanna Perini and Armita Wofford were not included because the Phi's source for headshots is *The Calyx* and the three women were not in the yearbook. We are sincerely sorry for any confusion that may have resulted.



## How, when and where to get it

The award-winning Absolut Fratlord's guide to freshman romance

College features the whole spectrum of relationships. You can sometimes find a pure, romantic relationship – the kind when the happy couple sticks together for years and antes up for the long haul. Of course, not all college relationships are so perfect. On the dark side, you have those “weekend-only” relationships, lust-motivated and practically convenient. In between, relationships take so many forms and labels that you can never really be sure what's going on between two college people. Are they hooking up? Are they dating? Are they whipped? Who knows, but here is the Frat Lord advice on college relationships:



ABSOLUT FRATLORD  
TIM SMITH '04

First things first – High school relationships belong in high school. There is no easier way to ruin your freshman year than to cling to the past as long as you possibly can. The story is so common it's almost cliché – high school boyfriend/girlfriend end up in different places, desperately committing to keep it going. They talk on the phone. They chat on the internet. They send emails. For the first few breaks, they bustle home as quickly as possible, spend every waking minute with each other, and then return to school at the last possible moment, dejected that they have to suffer through more intolerable separation.

Where is the fun in that? There are so many reasons why folks desperately cling to high school relationships. Sometimes, people like to just stick to what they're used to. Sometimes, people just feel insecure without a significant other. But when you have four (or more) years of college ahead of you, the LAST thing you should do is cling to high school relationships, especially if they're more trouble than what they're worth.

Don't get me wrong – long-distance relationships have their benefits. If you can stand only seeing your “other” every 6 weeks or so, long-distance allows you the freedom to live

your life without someone checking up on you every move. But the minute you start sacrificing fun in the here-and-now for someone X hours away, long-distance relationships lose their point.

College is not the time to limit your options. College is a time to have fun. And when it comes to relationships, college is a time to be practical.

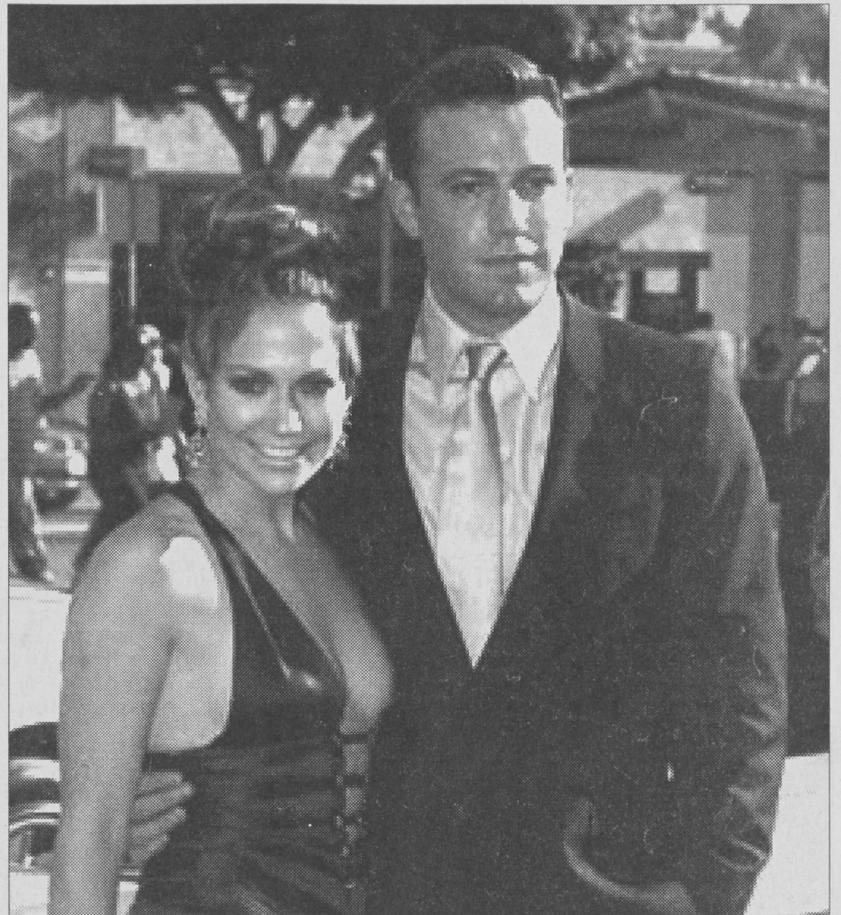
Think about it. You can try as hard as you want to make a long-distance relationship work. And maybe, for a year or two, you succeed. But eventually, something could go wrong, causing the relationship to come to an end. You feel the hurt, the emotional drain from losing something you've worked so hard to keep. And then you realize, worst of all, that you let two or more years of your college social life slip down the drain.

So here is the frat lord recommendation for relationships during your W&L tenure – HOOK UP!

College relationships work backwards. Hook up first. Hook up again. Hook up a third time – Call it a relationship. This is how things go. It's not necessarily a horrible thing, it just takes some getting used to.

Some people can't bring themselves to consider the hook-up. Some purists think that relationships are only worthwhile if they provide long-term meaningful benefit. Their intentions are good, but their expectations are misplaced. Hook-ups are part of the college experience.

Even if you don't choose to hook-up (you don't *have* to), just remember this important guideline – Don't put yourself into any relationship situation that limits your opportunity for fun. Go on some dates. If you get that feeling that things just aren't what you're looking for, DON'T PROLONG. Get the hell outta dodge. Why stay in a situation that's not going to pan out? Why waste the time?



BENNIFFER'S BEST. America's couple is the epitome of love for which every W&L couple should strive.

College only lasts four years. Here, nearing the end of my tenure, this fact is becoming more clear every day. You could spend that time living miserably, trying to prolong relationships that are doomed to failure. Or you could spend that time having fun.

I'm sure there are thousands of counter-arguments against my realism. But, like I said,

college only lasts so long. Over the next few years, you'll have tons of important things to worry about, decisions to make that will permanently shape your futures. Take my advice – enjoy this time while it lasts. Otherwise, you may find yourself in four years looking over your shoulder, wondering where the time went.

## What to wear...what to wear, so many choices and so little time

This week the Fashionista is back and fuming about common faux-pas at Washington and Lee University

The seasons are changing and it is time to update our wardrobes. Here are a few tips for picking out the perfect outfit sure to score you the best date possible for the Mock Con Gala (since he might not have taken you to homecoming):

When buying clothes try them on, and if you do shop on-line and after receiving the item find that it's too big or too small, send it back. Most on-line stores offer free shipping on returns, and will exchange items for free.



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FASHIONISTA'S FURY

If it doesn't fit, don't buy it; end of story. Size really does matter, but it doesn't matter what size. The point is to look good in your clothes, not to squeeze your size 10 legs into size 2 pants. You're going to look better in something that fits comfortably than something that is too tight.

On that note please make sure your shirts cover your midriff. There is nothing more disgusting than rolls sticking out where top should meet bottom.

With regards to designers: WHO CARES? I can recognize a good designer as well as the next and appreciate quality items, but trust me we can all see the little LV's on your Louis bag, and we don't need to hear you gossip about it as if it were some freshman girl you want to early bid. I don't care if the pope himself hand-stitched your

Italian leather pumps. *If they're ugly, don't buy them.* Seriously! There is nothing more unattractive than listening to someone blab about their \$600 designer skirt, (emphasis on the price tag). It just makes me think that they really do lack fashion sense, because while God may have made the skirt it is still ugly, and definitely not worth \$6, let alone \$600.

So now that you have secured a wardrobe in the appropriate size and price range the final, and perhaps most important step is to *always* consult a full-length mirror before leaving your house. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Some recent cases of those who “forgot” to look in the mirror before walking out the door:

Me - every day. Seriously, I look like crap on all occasions, so I figure why not let that world know!

The girl in the white stilettos. These are two heinously offensive topics.

1) No more white shoes  
2) for advice on stilettos please consult last week's column.

XAK (but I'm sure he doesn't care) and if he does would someone *please* buy him some socks.

The blazer over the cowl neck sweater - Really, why did you do that; because while I'm sure you think it was cute, the combination made it

look like you got your fashion sense from Bozo the clown.

The way too tight white shirt, pink skirt, and lace-up around the ankle shoes: a) spandex is a privilege not a right, don't think that just because they make it in your size you can wear it. (it's like those size 87 bikini's does anyone want to see that on spring break? No!) b) again NO MORE WHITE SHOES, and what's with this lace at the ankle thing? Are we all trying to practice tying toe shoes to audition for the New York City Ballet Co.?

While the previously mentioned pink skirt is passable, though barely, the puffy, ruffled, wrap-around number has to go; don't wear it again.

And while we're on pink, get rid of the pink shoes too. Really, are we six?

Since pink has been such a dominant factor so far I feel it necessary to mention that only movie characters can have a “signature color” and even that sounds ridiculous to me. Put some spice in your wardrobe by mixing up the colors and try to venture out of the pastel family every now and again.

So far we've hit on clothes and shoes, but thinking back to my freshman days makes me remember how much importance a good face book picture has on your life at W&L. To secure a snapshot of superior caliber entails a perfectly groomed coif so listen up.

You *must* wash your mane at least every 36 hours, that is virtually EVERY day. If you're concerned about damage from drying and styling just let it air dry while you're sleeping and deal with the damage in the morning.

For those of us with curly hair who long for a sleeker look, *please* make sure you straighten your whole head (including the back). To achieve the best look I would recommend first drying using a blow-dryer and a round, preferably boars hair, brush, before a quick once-over with a straightening iron if necessary.

As a final point if you choose to enhance your natural hair color by highlighting remember that these subtle accents are done to do just that – highlight your natural color – not to take you from ebony to blonde, and some of us must realize that we can't be blondes. For expert advice on the best way to enhance the natural beauty of your own hair consult your hairdresser. Additionally before putting any color in your hair remember that dye jobs are high-maintenance. Roots must be kept up; seriously, you don't want to look like a zebra.

These are just a few thoughts on what ought not be done and how to make the most of what you're given. Take my advice and just take a careful look at yourself before leaving and you'll probably be OK; otherwise you'll hear about it next week.

## QUICK HITS

Phi The Women's Swim Team would like the Men's Swim Team to stop urinating in the pool.

Phi Stop making fun of Lilly Pulitzer. She has excellent Fall and Winter collections in addition to her now out-of-season Spring, Summer and resort wear.

Phi The light in the old Sig-Ep House should really be turned off.

Phi I'm glad the infirmary takes such great care of its patients and listens to me when I tell them that I have a serious problem. They really do a great job!

Phi Forget Prof. So-and-so: Dick Grefe is the hardest grader at this school.

Phi Freshmen should not vomit in the urinals.

Phi Jeb Brooks is quite possibly the most eligible bachelor on campus.

Phi Don't do drugs kids, because if you do, in the words of Coach Joe Lyles, “You lose!”

Phi I think that if you swallow gasoline, you're generally okay, unless you burp, which many people think is rude.

Phi What was with that opinions piece on video games last week? Can you say super-nerd?

Phi University Cleaners is the absolute best!

Phi I demand shuffleboard courts somewhere on campus, possibly in the Commons.

Phi Tom Burish for provost!

Phi Fraternity houses would also like some tri-ply toilet paper.

Phi RACAS is coming: <http://stufs.wlu.edu/~mendralaa/racas/newpage.html>.

Phi Health tip: Lack of water is the number one trigger of daytime fatigue.

Phi What freshmen would be dumb enough to accept a bid in October from Sigma Phi Oops-we're-gone or whatever their name is now?

Phi Father Alan Lipscomb, pastor of St. Patrick's, has the best red-headed afro this side of the Atlantic!

Phi Graham-Lees 2nd floor Commons side would like Helen Hughes personally to bring tri-ply toilet paper to the hall.

Phi Hooking up in freshmen dorms loses its luster once you're a junior.

Phi The Lexington post office is unreliable, however, campus mail services can be trusted.

Phi Tuesdays are underrated.

Phi Mini-skateboards, as seen in Wal-mart, are fun for about ten minutes.

Phi Breadsticks are the best tasting and most economical snack on the new Co-op's menu.

Phi The Emporium will never be able to live down the name Co-op nor “The Marketplace” the name “D-Hall.”

Phi How many meanings are behind the title “Five Star General?”

Phi If dogs are “man's best friend,” then are cats “man's mortal enemy?”

Phi Why are there so many cats lurking around campus?

Phi Shout out to Le Chat!

Phi What ever happened to Bob Villa?

Phi Sen. Robert Byrd (D- W. Va.) is the only former Klansman in Congress.

Phi Three cheers to Dean Watkins for letting two sad and stranded students shower in the Lee-Jackson House on Wednesday.

Phi Turtles are great reptiles.

Phi E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to [phi@wlu.edu](mailto:phi@wlu.edu).