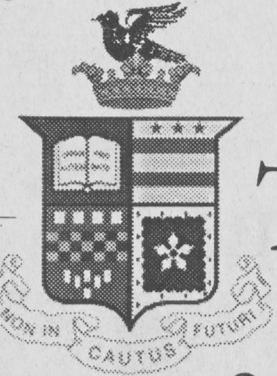


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Rector: fate of Spring Term may be decided in February

Even though, 'Both calendars can work successfully' the decision will be a purely financial because that is the Board's 'major obligation' to the school.

By KYLE WASS AND KATHERINE SHELL
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The Board of Trustees may decide the fate of Spring Term as early as February. At this weekend's board meeting, Spring Term was among the topics discussed.

After seven years on the Board of Trustees at Washington and Lee, newly elected and newly sworn-in rector Philip W. Norwood of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been heavily involved in the oversight of many of the University's major decisions, specifically construction and renovation projects, as Chairman of the Capital Projects Committee.

Now, Norwood will help guide the board through the decision-making process of the calendar controversy. This weekend, the Board of Trustees discussed the two calendar proposals at their October 24 and 25 meeting.

While there was no plan to come to a resolution between the 12-12-6 and 14-14 calendars at the Board of Trustees meeting this past weekend, there was a two-hour private meeting held on Saturday morning to primarily the financial implications of each calendar, although Norwood assures that one of the main goals of all the Board's actions is continue "defining our [Washington and Lee's] place in American education." The delay in the faculty vote by two and a half weeks also delays the decision of the Board, though Norwood acknowledges that there is "no reason to continue to prolong the decision."

The faculty vote results of October 13 showing an 80-79 favor of the current calendar model and the Executive Committee's full support of the 12-12-6 calendar may influence the Board's final decision on the calendar. Norwood said that he was not expecting the recent faculty vote regarding the different calendars to be so close, and in light of the results, the decision will be a hard one for the board to make, especially since the board is fairly evenly split between members who attended school at W&L under the 12-12-6 calendar, and members who attended school here under the 14-14 calendar. Re-

garding this split, Norwood says that we know "both calendars can work successfully."

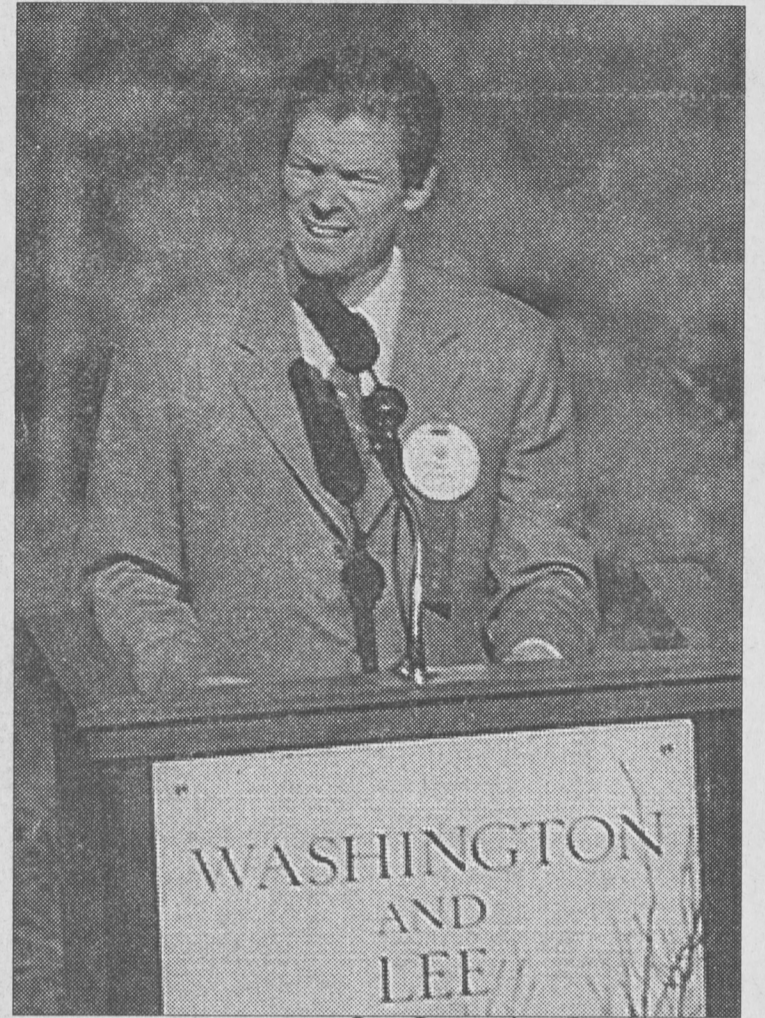
The two reports on the calendar proposals were presented to the faculty on October 13, both of which "were intended to inform the community about the implications of the various calendars, rather than advocate for a particular model," according to Interim Dean of the College Jeanine Stewart. The 12-12-6 proposal reviewed possibilities for improving the current calendar, while the 14-14 proposal discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the 14-14 calendar. The proposals had to take into consideration the financial burdens of both calendars, the unique characteristics of Spring Term, and the abilities of each calendar to suit student needs.

Since the board does not "approach [the calendar issue] with the same emotional attachment" that the students do, the main factor in the Board's decision between calendars will be the financial burden of either choice, since finance is their "major obligation" to the school, according to Norwood. Provost Williams said "the administration is presently preparing the best financial projections we can make at the present time."

Furthermore, Norwood said that the Board has "a commitment to reducing the teaching load," in order to compete with our peer colleges and universities. Thus, the number of courses each professor is required to teach will play a large role in the decision. Norwood argues that, while the Board of Trustees makes the decision, the fate of the calendar is really "in the hands of the faculty."

If a new calendar model is implemented, any changes will probably take at least three years to be enacted and, "most likely, no currently enrolled student will see any calendar changes," Dean Stewart said. Changes could be expected to take place by the senior year of the class of 2008, next year's incoming class.

The Board of Trustees will meet again in February 2004 and, with "sufficient data," they will be able to be more prepared to decide on the fate of the calendar, said Norwood. Norwood noted that the Board is "committed to resolving [this issue] early."



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Dedication. Rector Philip W. Norwood delivers his speech at Friday's dedication of the Elrod Commons. Norwood will be helping to guide the Trustees through the decision-making process regarding the Spring Term.

SAB works to bring entertainment options

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In addition to the typical fraternity band party, there is a different type of student organization that works to bring musical acts and entertainment to campus. The Student Activities Board, or SAB, is an organization focused solely on bringing entertainment to the W&L community throughout the course of the year.

Numerous factors are involved in choosing and getting entertainment to campus. To begin the process, members of the board usually meet to brainstorm possible acts.

While the SAB acknowledges that student opinion is valued, and that surveys and ballots have been used in the past to gauge opinion, final selections are usually left to the board. The board strives to achieve diversity in acts while also taking into consideration the audience of the event.

In terms of bands, the SAB has sponsored two musical acts this year, Leftover Salmon, and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe. Although Leftover Salmon has been a hit in the past, attendance was down in comparison to previous years.

The Board attributed the low attendance to a late venue change due to weather. The Board considered Karl Denson's Tiny Universe during homecoming weekend successful, with an estimated 550 people in attendance, and over 600 tickets sold.

"I think they do a good job of bringing recognized names to campus; however, I think that there could be a wider variety of bands they bring, and that jam bands are a little over done," said Jared Harrison.

Some current members of the board feel that although they bring in good acts, more needs to be done to promote the diversity of entertainment.

"Everyone on the board is passionate about music. However, a problem is that many of us are enormous fans of the 'jam genre.'" This does not necessarily represent the tastes of the W&L student body, so I hope to diversify some of the musical acts we bring to campus," said SAB member Allan Galis.

Besides working to diversify the musical acts they book, the board has other plans for working to increase student attendance and interest in events. The SAB is working to publicize at more schools in

Virginia, and has also teamed up with WLUR to help improve publicity. They are also planning to allow more time for ticket sales, and are looking into options to sell alcohol at events.

"Non-mainstream bands tend to be not well received by the students. However, I wish people would just come out to see what the music is about before they decide they don't like it. We bring in really talented artists, while they many not be a familiar name to all, you are guaranteed a good time," said SAB publicity chair Lauren Peters.

A problem is that many of us are enormous fans of the 'jam genre'

ALLAN GALIS
SAB MEMBER

Once a list of possible acts has been made, the SAB then turns to their booking agents for information on pricing and availability. Factors that must be taken into account include when, where, and even if the act is touring, and how much it costs to bring in the act.

"Often students suggest that the SAB bring in bands that cost nearly our entire budget or twice as much — bands that are simply not possible. We've even had requests for musicians that aren't even alive," said SAB Co-President Caroline Parker.

The SAB received \$60,000 from the Executive Committee during budget hearings in October, thus making them the most highly funded undergraduate organization. Aside from revenue generated from ticket sales, funding for the SAB comes solely from the EC.

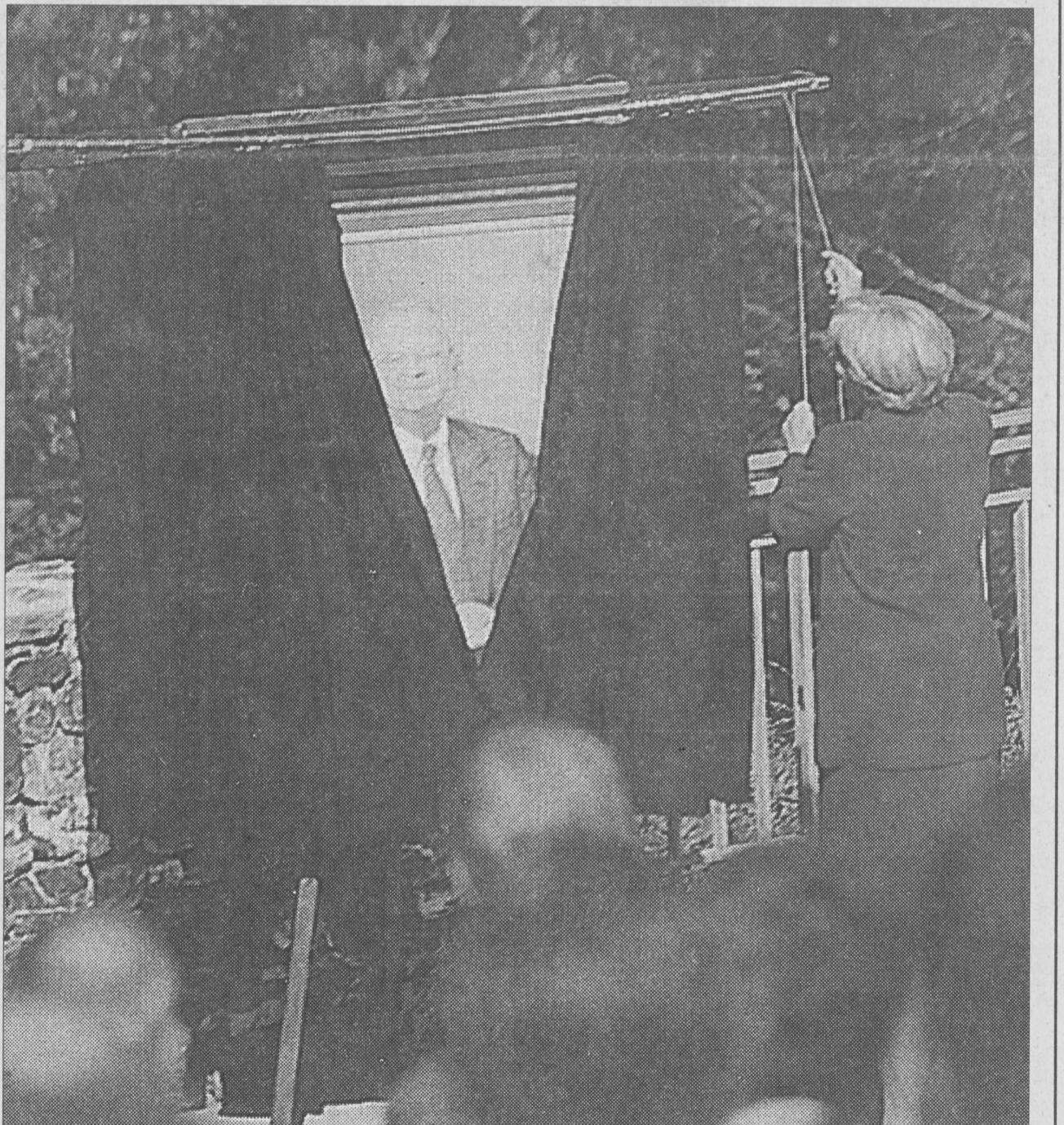
The price to book an act can vary greatly from event to event. For example, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe cost approximately \$18,000, excluding production costs. The SAB contributed over \$30,000 to help bring George Clinton to FD last spring. That marked the first time that the SAB collaborated with the FD committee to bring in entertainment for the ball.

The basis for the EC's support of the SAB stems from the fact that they contribute to many different campus activities. The SAB not only sponsors their own events, they also help fund other clubs and organizations that are looking to host entertainment events.

The SAB's influence on campus activities is not simply limited to musical acts. Just this year, the SAB sponsored The Second City comedy troupe, as well as hypnotist Tom DeLuca.

The Executive Board of the SAB is appointed by the EC.

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Dedicated. "We are not just dedicating a building, but are re-dedicating the mission of this institution," said President Burrish at the Dedication of the Elrod Commons last Friday. Dr. Mimi Elrod unveiled the portrait of the late President Elrod during the ceremony.

Provost Boetsch takes position in Europe

PATRICIA BALLANTYNE
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Laurent Boetsch, former provost and acting president of W&L, is now the chief academic officer at the European College of Liberal Arts (ECLA), and therefore will extend his leave from Washington and Lee for another year.

Beginning July 1, 2004, Boetsch will assume the duties of the dean of academic affairs for ECLA. "This is an opportunity that I really wish to pursue, and I am grateful to the University for giving me the time to do it," said Boetsch in an email interview, after stating "My heart is never far from W&L."

"I visited there in August and was especially impressed with the quality of instruction, its international nature and its use of interdisciplinary teaching in focusing on the liberal arts," said Boetsch.

Currently, Boetsch is in Europe on sabbatical, primarily in Italy and Spain. He will interact with ECLA while abroad, be-

ginning his new role on a part-time basis while on his current sabbatical.

When asked to distinguish some difference between ECLA and American liberal arts, Boetsch mentioned its overwhelmingly international aspect. This four-year-old institution has an incredibly diverse student body. With only 80 students and 10 full time faculty, the school still represents over 20 different nations.

Boetsch named the youthful qualities of the school as another attraction. "I think it has a future and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to that future in any possible way," he said.

The intense focus on liberal arts reveals another fascinating aspect of ECLA. No pre-professional sequences exist, and its courses are taught in English. Its mission is "to help students develop a broad base of cultural knowledge within a highly interactive and multicultural learning community."

New renovations now planned for freshmen dorms

While much of the campus has been getting a face-lift lately, there are only minor renovations planned for the dorms.

"Dean Watkins has done a good job with replacement of old furniture," stated Joe Grasso, Vice President for Administration. He went on to say that they want to continue to eventually replace the furniture in all of the residence halls.

One major visual difference upperclassmen may have noticed is the interior paint scheme of Gilliam Dorm. Each floor is a different color with large numbers painted beside each door. Grasso and Watkins picked out the paint colors personally and plan on continuing the paint theme with the other residence halls on campus.

Gilliam Dorm also received bathroom improvements and fire safety improvements, including

sprinkler system improvements, over the summer. Baker and Davis both will be receiving the same improvements as Gilliam over the next two summers. The administration believes Graham-Lees to be in good shape and not in need of a current renovation.

After Baker and Davis get the fire safety improvements, Woods Creek Apartments will be next on the list. The Apartments will be receiving the same improvements as the dorms. Gaines, the newest of the residence halls, is 12 years old and is not expected to receive any changes.

The International House and Fraternity Houses were completely renovated during the Greek Renaissance of the late 1980s and early 1990s. The Sorority Houses, built in 2000, and the Casa Hispanica and Outing Club House

are not scheduled for renovations other than routine maintenance.

"The summer camps make it hard to do renovations," commented Grasso. "They should definitely be remodeled, they're dirty. Graham-Lees can still have character without being dirty. At the same time, the rooms are unique," said Beth Iten.

The administration acknowledges that a major renovation will be needed. The preliminary planning stages on major renovations or even a new dorm are still at some unknown point in the future.

When forming the Capital Budget for 2004-05, the administration will be evaluating all facilities. The Administration would appreciate any comments students have on the subject of residence halls. Contact Vice President of Administration, Joe Grasso, at jgrasso@wlu.edu.



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Refurbished. Gilliam Dorm is the first of the freshmen dorms to have received any type of renovation. Gilliam's bathrooms were improved and fire safety precautions were taken over the summer. Gilliam is also the first of the dorms to be repainted.

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Textbooks cheaper overseas, students begin buying online

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Textbooks cost significantly more in America than abroad. Every semester, American college students pay a hefty sum for their books that greatly exceeds the amount students in other countries pay. This large discrepancy may exist because textbook publishers charge higher prices for their books in America than in Europe and Asia.

Because of this dilemma, some college students now order textbooks from overseas through the internet. Others have established companies or services to provide cheaper textbooks to more students. Two students at Williams College, for example, started BookCentral.com to sell cheaper textbooks from abroad to students.

Even Amazon.com offers cheaper textbooks through its British website. *Mass Communication Law: Cases and Comment* by Donald M. Gillmor, et al, costs \$113.95 as a new book on Amazon.com, while it costs only £45, about \$76, on Amazon.co.uk. This textbook focuses on United States Supreme Court cases, so European students can pay less to learn about American legal tradi-

tion than American students must pay.

Another more universal textbook, *Molecular Biology of the Cell* by Bruce Alberts, reveals the same price difference, costing \$110 on Amazon.com but only £44.95 (about \$76) on Amazon.co.uk.

Textbooks may be even cheaper in Asian countries such as Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia, according to a recent *New York Times* article, which also quoted a student explaining that only a small phrase indicating "international edition" distinguishes books bought overseas from those purchased in America.

The October 21 *New York Times* article, "Students find \$100 Textbooks Cost \$50, Purchased Overseas," highlights the vast cost differences in textbooks, while also exposing a growing tension between college bookstores and textbook publishers.

Allan Adler, the lawyer for three of the key textbook publishers, defended their pricing procedures. The *Times* article described Adler as saying "that foreign textbook prices are pegged to the per capita income and economic conditions of the destination countries."

Publishing companies have attempted to

place the blame of high prices on college bookstores. Patricia Schroeder, the president and chief executive officer of the Association of American Publishers, wrote a letter to the editor in *The New York Times* in which she attacked college bookstore policies.

Her letter accused college stores of marking up textbooks above the suggested 25-30 percent amount for retail sale.

Meanwhile, the National Association for College Stores (NACS) continues to criticize practices of publishers. The NACS has sent letters to principal publishing companies requesting that they stop unfair pricing. Laura Nakoneczny, the spokeswoman for the association, said in *The New York Times* article, "It represents price-gouging of the American public generally and college students in particular."

The Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of College Stores, Brian Cartier, denies the Association of American Publishers' accusations. In fact, he wrote another letter to the editor in the *Times*, stating that "the issue of overseas textbooks is not about college bookstores." Cartier wrote that college book stores only mark up textbooks an average of 22 percent.

"Regardless of where students buy textbooks in the U.S., even when purchased directly from publishers online, the prices are higher than those found overseas," said Cartier in his letter to the editor.

Earlier this year, in March, the National As-

sociation of College Stores drafted a resolution resolved for "publishers to take immediate action to stop this practice."

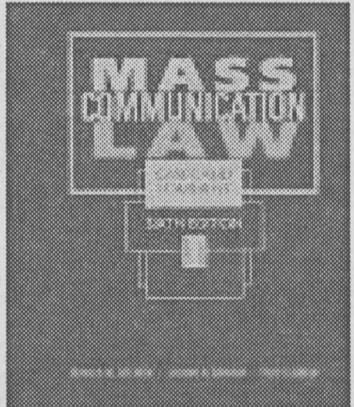
In response to such high prices, some college bookstores, such as the University Bookstore at Purdue University and the University of Minnesota Bookstores, now purchase their books from abroad. Others, however, find return policies and shipping too complicated to shift to this method of business.

Washington and Lee is a member of the National Association of College Bookstores, and the Manager of the University Bookstore, Helena Roller, is quite angry with publishers' tactics.

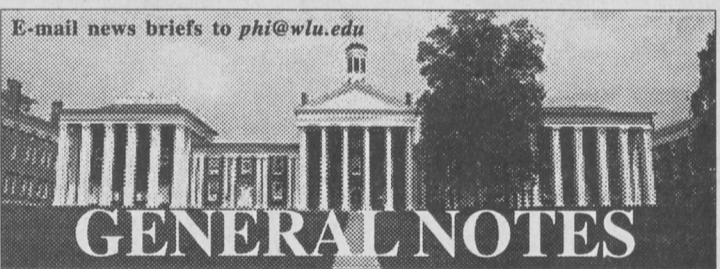
"I wonder why publishing companies are jeopardizing relationships with bookstores who keep them in business," she said. "They're biting the hand that feeds them."

When asked whether she might consider purchasing books abroad, she said that the difficulties of return policies and shipping would make this impossible. The University Bookstore already orders from England for some textbooks, but according to Roller, "we have a terrible time when we order from England."

W&L's University Bookstore raises the wholesale price the 25 percent that publishing companies suggest and does not add shipping into the cost. The average W&L student still pays in the \$400 range for books every semester, according to Roller.



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Literary Reading to be held October 30

Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review and W&L's Department of English will be co-sponsoring a literary reading on October 30 to benefit the Rockbridge Area Relief Association Food Pantry.

Washington and Lee student writers will be conducting the reading, which is to take place at 7 p.m. in the theater of the Commons. This event is similar to the national "Writers Harvest Readings" held by Share Our Strength, a national organization for fighting hunger.

There is no charge for the reading, but monetary donations for the food pantry will be accepted at the door or may be sent to Writers Harvest, in care of Shenandoah at Washington and Lee's Mattingly House, 2 Lee Ave.

UVA Press publishes new book of Virginia poetry

The University of Virginia Press recently released *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets of Virginia*, edited by Sarah Kennedy of Mary Baldwin College and R.T. Smith, editor of Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review. *Common Wealth* contains work by 53 poets either native to or currently residing in Virginia. The poets whose work was included have all published at least one book of poetry.

Pulitzer Prize-winner Rita Dove, Henry Taylor and Charles Wright are all renowned poets who have work published in *Common Wealth*. Washington and Lee University Professors Emeriti Dabney Stuart and Heather Ross Miller, alumna Lyrae Van Chief-Stefanon and former W&L English department members Claudia Emerson and Cathryn Hankla are all featured.

Smith conceived the project in the late 1990s after having been part of a similar enterprise in Alabama. "It was a huge success, and I knew that Virginia has far more nationally recognized poets working today than Alabama does."

In other literary news...

Poet Natasha Trethewey, who is praised by former U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove, will be presenting a reading as a guest of the Glasgow Endowment on Tuesday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Elrod University Commons. Trethewey is the author of *Domestic Work*, a collection about the life of African Americans in the South, and *Bellog's Ophelia*, about the loves of a mixed race prostitute in New Orleans, and is an associate professor at Emory University.

EC Election to fill empty senior representative position on Tuesday

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STAFF WRITER

The Executive Committee will hold an election on October 28th to select a new representative for the class of 2004.

As a result of last week's resignation of EC Vice President Kevin White, then-EC secretary Anne Johansen stepped up to the vice president position. The secretary slot was filled by senior representative Cullen Carter. The election's winner will be Carter's replacement and serve alongside senior John Schaufele.

EC President Helen Hughes said

she does not think the newly elected representative will have a difficult time fitting into the Committee at this later date, as the first-year law and freshman representatives also take their positions after the beginning of the school year.

Not everyone thinks the method is a good one. "It does seem a little strange," said freshman Marcus Byrd. "If the Vice Presidency is an elected position, then they should have an election for that spot and keep all the other people where they are."

Michael Lee, an Honor Advocate familiar with the EC, said,

"The replacement process as it stands is fundamentally unfair - it's not right for an at-large officer to be automatically replaced by a senior. I believe the EC knows this, which is why they're reviewing their Constitution to deal with it."

The Student Body Constitution dictates how the Executive Committee handles the resignation of members. The 1995-1996 document, the most recent version available through public record, states that in the case of "vacancies in Student Body offices and all positions of honor... elective offices will be filled by election".

The Constitution is maintained and kept by student body officers. It has traditionally been printed in the Student Handbook, but does not appear in recent editions.

According to Voting Regulations Board chair Joseph Hamil, Tuesday's election will take place at a voting booth outside of the University Commons from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Hamil, who chaired the VRB last year as well, does not know of any emergency elections such as this in recent years.

The new representative will be installed and begin his/her duties within a week of election.

President Bush wants alum for judicial spot

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

President Bush has nominated a Washington and Lee alum, Walter Dekalb Kelley, to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Senate must now approve the recommendation, which is a process that could take several months.

The nomination was announced on October 14 on the White House website.

Kelley graduated cum laude in 1977 and then went on to earn his J.D. from Washington and Lee law in 1981. He currently works as a partner in Troutman Sanders LLP in Norfolk, Virginia.

If his nomination is approved, Kelley will be replacing Judge Henry C. Morgan Jr., who was also a W&L alumnus of both the undergraduate and law schools.

Virginia Senators John W. Warner and George F. Allen, submitted suggestions of nominees to the President.

James L. Chapman IV, a 1982 W&L Law alumnus, was also a name submitted to the President for possible nomination.

Senator Warner graduated from Washington and Lee in 1949 and has previously worked to secure federal funding for the Shepherd Poverty Program. His father was also a graduate of the University.

Board allocates \$40,000 to Traveller at meeting

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

This weekend, the Board of Trustees allocated \$40,000 to Traveller. Combined with the \$40,000 Traveller receives from the Executive Committee and the \$5000 it receives from the Dean of Students office Traveller now has a budget of \$85,000 this year.

The money from the Board, "puts us back at \$85,000, which is roughly what we had last year," said Bailey Edwards, Chairman of the Traveller Committee.

Because of the reduced budget this year, Traveller had to reduce some educational programs and was not able to experiment with new procedures.

Traveller also cut van service on Sunday and Tuesday night because it wasn't being used.

With the increase from the Board, Traveller plans on bringing speakers to campus and providing students with other educational programs, "we're in the process of putting together activities," said Edwards, "and we might go back up to Sunday and Tuesday service."

The \$40,000 from the Board has, "given us a little room to try new things to be better and more efficient," said Edwards.

Traveller plans to unveil some new approaches to the system at the end of fall term, which may become permanent changes

THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

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THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

Board of Trustees must communicate with the rest of us

Washington and Lee is a business. Like a business, our Board of Trustees is instrumental to the operation of The University. Without their guidance, our organization would fail. There is one aspect of a successful plan that is lacking, however: Communication.

The *Ring-tum Phi* is communication driven. After all, it is what we do.

We understand that some of what the Board does must remain confidential, but that doesn't mean that everything they do has to be a secret.

Perhaps the Board of Trustees could implement a plan in which its mission is more readily provided to its various constituencies.

Why not write a letter to the faculty, staff, students and alumni after each meeting and explain what was decided during their assembly. We would all benefit by knowing some of what is discussed during their get-togethers.

Communication is a two-way street. More contact with students would benefit the Board, as well. Currently, representatives of the Executive Committee, Student Judicial Committee and Student Faculty Hearing Board make presentations at each gathering of the trustees. This year, Traveller was also included.

The Board of Trustees should invite a few students to dine with them at some point during their time in Lexington. "Regular" students might provide valuable insight into the Washington and Lee Experience that board members might not otherwise get.

We thank the Board of Trustees for its hard work and dedication to The University. There is no question that members have as much love for Washington and Lee as any student, but why not do a better job of communicating with the rest of us?

Baseball: dying sport with few cures



ROOT, ROOT ROOT? An extremely sparse crowd huddles in Montreal's Olympic Stadium to watch the Expos thrash the Reds 13-2.

I love baseball. I've played it whenever I've had the opportunity since before I can remember. I've watched it from behind the plate as an umpire for years upon years. And as is appropriate for any baseball aficionado, I've been a die-hard devotee of my home town team from birth. In my case, the home town team is the San Diego Padres (if you ever see me around campus, you'll rarely see me without my Padres cap to hide my perennial bad haircut). The Padres, with a payroll of \$40 million, have not been doing well in recent days. Since their establishment in 1969, they've been to the World Series twice, in 1984 when they lost to the Tigers, and in 1998 when they were swept by the Yankees.

Increasingly, more and more teams are sharing my home team's experience of being beaten to a bloody pulp by the Yankees. While the scrappy Marlins pulled off an unlikely victory this year, the Yankees win with almost predictable regularity. Doubtless, the rich mastermind behind the New York Yankees, George Steinbrenner, will respond to his team's failure to win a World Series in an unprecedented three whole years (bemused sarcasm, there) by spending even more money on a team that already has the largest payroll in baseball to ensure the continued dominance of the Yankees. This, in a nutshell, is what is wrong with baseball today.

The numbers show that America's national pastime is on the decline. Football is by far more popular. Around 39 million were tuned in to the Game 6 finale of the Marlins-Yankees World Series at any given time. More than twice that tuned in to the Buccaneers-Raiders Super Bowl back in January.

Why? Why is baseball going downhill? Why is the MLB thinking of contracting teams that have consistently performed well? Why are the strong Montreal Expos dying for lack of fan support? Why do the Yankees win again and again? Why are there strikes despite the fact that both players and owners purport to love the game above money? And why, above all, do more and more fans leave the game each year, tuning in, often, to other sports?

Let's consider, for a moment, the NFL, which, as I've said, is staggeringly more popular than baseball at the moment. The NFL has several significant differences from the MLB, but the most important are these two.

First, the National Football League has a policy called "Revenue Sharing." Under this policy, a majority percentage of the revenue gained by teams from stadium advertising, paraphernalia sales, etc., must be spread evenly among all 32 teams. The concept here is to prevent any one team from having a terribly larger budget than others. While owners, obviously, can take or give more money from or to their teams, any investment will return a balanced amount of money, as the excess goes to the other teams. This prevents Steinbrenner-esque situations where more money brings more success, which

brings more money, which brings more success, etc. In this way, parity is established. All the teams have an equal financial shot at the Super Bowl, and the fact is that you can't buy a championship in football like you can in baseball. The only time anyone ever brought up the concept of revenue sharing in baseball, the large franchises (Yankees, Red Sox, Braves) raised such a stir that the issue was timidly withdrawn.

Second, the NFL has a salary cap, another measure to prevent gravitation of all the talent to where the money is. You simply CAN'T spend too much money, even if you want to. This, again, prevents one team from taking a stranglehold on the entire sport, as well as stop. You will, of course, recall that the last time they even discussed salary caps in baseball, they had a strike that stopped the World Series from happening. And then all the players and owners complain about how the fans are deserting them.

These two cons for baseball, combined with the fact that the Commissioner is an owner of one of the teams, the fact that football bans 14 performance-enhancing drugs that are freely allowed in baseball, the fact that a lack of parity means that the same teams win over and over again, the fact that they're trying to replace live umpires with robotic scanners, these all combine to strike baseball out in the eyes of

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its fans.

The future of baseball if it goes as it is will be one where fewer and fewer fans show up to the ballpark. Large franchise teams will dominate the market, and small ones like the Padres will suffer in losing seasons forever. Even smaller ones, like the Twins and Expos, will be banished from baseball altogether. And eventually, except for New Yorkers, people will stop caring about baseball altogether.

Whenever someone tries to make baseball a fairer sport financially, either the players or the owners make an uproar, saying that the change will "unbalance" the sport. This is a code term for "the change will cost me money." Honestly, these people makes millions. Is a difference between \$105 million and \$50 million really going to matter all that much? If everyone so greedy that they can't make that sacrifice for the good of the sport, then they're just lying when they say you care about the game and its fans.

My hope is that someone, either a Commissioner of Baseball, a high-profile player, or perhaps a powerful owner, makes the salvation of baseball their personal crusade. If a huge star, say a Derek Jeter or an A-Rod, stood up and announced that they would take a salary cut to save the game, and that everyone else should do likewise, support for the idea would build. If they don't, well.... Sacrifice flies and bunts are fine, but you'll be doing so in front of fewer and fewer people unless you sacrifice your superfluous salaries.

Quote of the Week

"...bigotry may easily be exploited by enemies of the United States and contribute to an erosion of support within the Arab world, and...increased risk for members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Muslim nations"

~Washington & Lee Alum Senator John Warner (R-VA) on Lieutenant General John Boykin's anti-Islamic remarks.

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W&L students should respect, be civil

We may be college students, but we should show a little respect for each other every now and then. Don't you think?

In recent weeks we have seen overzealous athletic fans cause penalties on the field, obnoxious Traveller passengers and disrespectful exchanges between University Security and students. I am, no doubt, guilty of some of the complaints I am presenting here, however someone has to step up to the plate and make the University community aware of some of its most egregious pitfalls.

Washington and Lee's famous "only rule" of always being a gentleman is something most all of us hold just short of sacred.

Perhaps we should do a better job of remembering its meaning, though. I am certainly not calling for complete order at the expense of college pranks and fun. Such a plan would almost certainly fail. Instead, my goal is common decency and simple respect for one-another. Is that such a difficult thing to hope for?

There are three areas on which I believe we must work. They are athletics, Traveller and Security relations

Energized fans are absolutely essential to a successful athletic event. I don't think I'm putting words in anyone's mouth, though, when I chastise fans who are so excited that they nearly cost a penalty. Running onto the field during game play is inappropriate, unfair and stupid. We are all Washington and Lee students and surely are capable of appropriate behavior in public. Attendees at games are not just members of our group. Parents, faculty, staff and students from our own institution as well as our competitor's attend. We ought to put our best foot forward for them.

Traveller drivers are doing a service for the W&L community. Every student should, before he graduates, get behind the wheel of a Traveller car. Come on y'all, drive for the program. If we all took that charge, maybe there would be a reduction in the tendency to have a short fuse with drivers. Next time you call for a ride from Traveller, remember that everyone in the van or car is a fellow Washington and Lee student.

Students who mock or jeer University Security Officers disrespect the most vital authorities on campus. They are willing to put their lives at risk to ensure that we have the best and safest experience possible while in Lexington.

Why make fun of someone so willing to help us? Perhaps the personal relationships officers form with students make them seem more like equals than superiors, at times.

These men and women may be our friends, but we have also got to realize that when they ask us to do something, we must do it. When it comes to safety, they are in charge.

Our "one rule" means a lot. Maybe we have lost sight of its importance in our day-to-day lives. Remember that everyone you encounter at Washington and Lee is a member of the same community. That is truly special. We all share a love for this utopia. Let's work to make sure it remains worthy of the admiration that alumni, parents, faculty, staff and students have for it. Show a little respect.

After all, we all stand together "in the shadows of white columns."

RING-TUM PHI SENIOR VOTER'S GUIDE

Editors' Note: The candidates were asked about their views on the role of Executive Committee Representatives as role-models for the student body.

Eden Parks

The E.C. upholds the most valued aspect of the university, the honor system. It is essential that representatives understand the values of the honor system and act honestly and morally in order to set the proper standards for the W&L community. I understand the responsibilities of E.C. representatives and am confident in my abilities to undertake this duty.

Willie Thompson

A member of the Executive Committee cannot help but serve as a role-model for the student body. There is no "must" about it. Subsequently, what becomes important lies in type of role-model that he or she espouses. The example that E.C. members set must reflect the ideals of our founders

Matt Lafkas

The representatives are the only symbols of this system that are present everyday; hence they must act with the utmost personal responsibility. Representatives are more than an honor judges; they will be your personal definition of what this student body if capable of in and out of the classroom.

Average American's way of life leads to poverty

\$18,556 a year. If a family of four earns that much or less, it is considered poor. Over 34 million people don't make that much in a given year, according to the latest report from the US Census Bureau. And today, I learned another shocking fact: America has the biggest poverty problems out of all the industrial economy countries in the world.

After being shocked, I was discouraged. How can the wealthiest nation have the most problems in poverty? And furthermore, what can I do and what can all of us do to change this statistic? I have a few thoughts I'd like to share.

First, poverty is in the eye of the beholder. For this point, let's just use European countries as the example of the industrial countries I will discuss. I do not claim to know a great deal about the economic and social situations in Europe, but from what I do know, I am aware that they have a very strong public assistance program in which government allocates a lot of subsidies for most citizens,

not just the underprivileged. Everyone pays heavy taxes in this socialist system in return for large social programs (such as free health care and subsidized college education) and basically everyone is taken care of, so there is very little poverty as a result. Because people are closer to equality, more or less, there are fewer economic distinctions between one person and another. It is the opposite in America. We live in a capitalist society in which public assistance is given to those who need it. Those who don't need it have learned to climb the economic ladder to reach an income bracket where they can more than care for their own needs. Therefore there are visible economic differences amongst Americans. When there is such a disparity in the well-beings of individuals, the effects are more

noticeable. We can compare the conditions of one person with those of another person's because they are so drastically different. When everyone is basically on the same level, then the differences are minimal and barely noticeable, as is the case in European countries.

This difference in turn creates two different realities for us in America and they in Europe. We have a lot of work to do to rectify the disparity while Europe can just take it easy for a bit. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to grow up with all the privileges that American society has to offer must play a proactive role in correcting the dismal situation for the people who have not had the same advantages. This is obviously hard for us to do considering the present statistics.

We need to remember that everything we do and don't do impacts people in our society, especially those at the bottom economic tiers. When we object to raising taxes, our pocketbooks get fuller but the mouths of the poor get hungrier. Our tax dollars go to fund welfare programs and education programs that help fill voids in these

people's lives, and what we lose in raising taxes is in no comparison to what they lose when we lower taxes. They seldom benefit from tax cuts because they do not pay that much in taxes with such low incomes. How much in taxes can a family of four pay when they make less than \$19,000, less than the cost of most of the cars at W&L? Currently, one program is already suffering from changing economic policies. Head Start, the federal pre-school program for underprivileged children, is experiencing some financial reductions. Some, like the Uplift Program in Greensboro, NC, have lost huge grants and face closure.

Though I illustrated my previous point by discussing taxes, I don't think that the solution here is to pay attention to taxes and rally against tax cuts. The solution is to change our way of life entirely. America

cannot change unless we, the people who make up America, change. That means we need to increase our awareness of the issue. The more we know about the issue, the more we will be effective in implementing change. That requires knowing the people we are helping. That means eternal community service in some capacity. A lot of us are involved in community service at W&L and probably prior to W&L as well, but many of us will stop once we leave this community. For some unknown reason, the drive to donate our time to help out diminishes once people leave college in many cases. People are catapulted into the capitalism and are consumed by the drive to succeed and prosper. And we forget about the people who need our help. This trend must end. The more we forget, the more people suffer.

We need to determine how it is we can help the underprivileged in everything that we do. If your passion is law, offer some pro-bono services to deserving persons who can't afford your good services. Or educate an impoverished community about the law through a church because they are often unaware of their rights in this society. If you are a future doctor, donate some of your services at a free clinic to help people with serious medical problems who otherwise would not be able to afford your care. If you are soon to be investment banker, donate your time in financial advice and help aspiring business owners with few resources with a loan. Regardless of what career you may choose to pursue, you will undoubtedly possess some talents that can be used to help someone in need. If each of us help at least one person attain a better way of life, then 1,770 lives will be improved. But this number just applies to students presently in the undergraduate level here. What about the law school students, the friends that we influence, and the people we'll meet after undergrad? Just imagine the possibilities.

Freshman gives perspective and advice

Don't care what a freshman has to say about W&L? Well, you should! Because freshmen are the future of this school, (and more importantly), I happen to be an especially cool freshman. It's hard to know where to begin. In the very beginning, college felt like some kind of surreal and prolonged summer camp. In the back of my mind, it was hard to remember that I was never "going home" again. In fact, the very idea of home is kind of up in the air. This beautiful campus will be my home for the next four years, and then it is up to me to find a new one.

All through childhood I had longed for independence; the freedom to make my own choices and live my own life. The reality, however, would affect me in ways I didn't expect. I cannot speak for my peers, (at least those not being completely honest with themselves), but it was a little hard to get used to. The idea of no longer having my old group of friends, a support group in the time when one could conceivably need them the most, was hard to handle. I even slightly resented the fact that I had to start from scratch and meet people.

The first few weeks of school was an endless game of "What's your name," "Where are you from," and "What dorm are you in?" Once classes started, the routine set in and everything became more natural. I'm still, however, getting used to the reading load and the fact that you can have only three or four grades in a class. But now, Lexington feels like my home.

Now and then, I'm still struck by the beauty of the campus when walking through the colonnade and am amazed that I really go here. And I am still often surprised to look into the distance and see mountains, like when walking out of what has to be the most scenic Wal-Mart I've ever seen. Texas doesn't even have hills! And where did the Mexican food go? I can already appreciate that W&L is a beautiful, unique, and nurturing place. But that is not to say that I don't have any advice for my fellow classmates or any

areas where there could be improvement. For starters, the Princeton Review's rankings weren't always (at least in my mind) things to be proud of.

I am infinitely proud of the quality of our teachers and our academic growth (one of the nation's top national liberal arts colleges), but we are also #2 for "alternative lifestyles not an alternative," #5 "homogenous student population," #3 "lots of beer," and #1 "most nostalgic for Reagan."

I may be in the minority here, but these are not things that I would brag to my friends or relatives about. Most of my classmates back home had never heard of my school, but those who did remembered it as "that one with all the beer." This was not exactly what I wanted to hear after working my butt off through high school to get into the academically-best school I could. And whether you are proud of any one statistic or not, I think we can all admit that some of them will naturally have the result of turning some very interesting and talented students away. A little more diversity would only make W&L a more rich and exciting place. And Lexington could always use a little extra excitement!

My only suggestion is that we make a conscious effort to be open-minded and tolerant. Lexington and this area have a lot to offer us and I would encourage everyone to make use of it. Join a club! It's a great way to meet people and you can really make a difference. If classes are stressful and monotonous, take a p.e. class. It's a really nice way to mix things up and most of them only last for six weeks. Check out what historic Lexington has to offer. Spend a day walking around and make a point of hitting all the hot-spots.

Go out on the lawn with a friend and take a roll of pictures. And talk to all of the adults you can: from the book store to the town to the



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HOME, SWEET HOME. BDG is home to many of the class of '07

marketplace; I have already met such warm and fascinating people. Finally, and most importantly, don't forget that it's okay to sleep. It is not necessary to play music or talk loudly with friends till three in the morning on a Tuesday! I can tell there's no studying going on in there! And if you don't feel up to going to a party, or if you have a lot of work to do, skipping one night will not destroy your social life. We freshman have four years of parties to go to. Spread it out a little or you are likely to fail out, have a nervous breakdown, collapse out of exhaustion, or else have it lose all its enjoyment.

Abortion: yes or no? Partial-birth abortions barbarous

This past Tuesday, the United States Senate voted on a 64-34 margin to ban partial birth abortions. Only three weeks ago, the House of Representatives passed the same measure by a 281-142 margin. I feel this decision is long overdue. Abortion is a disgusting practice that is often abused in the United States as a form of birth control.

While certain situations obviously justify abortion as a viable option (rape, incest, danger to the mother's health), these operations are often performed in the early stages of conception, before a physical being with discernable human features forms in the mother's womb. If you aren't aware of the grotesque procedure doctors utilize to perform partial birth abortions, let me enlighten you. These

"doctors" use a "dilation and extraction" method to perform partial birth abortions. Keep in mind, partial birth abortions occur in the fifth month of pregnancy or later, after the baby has developed many features of a human being. In this type

of abortion, the doctor partially removes the fetus from the uterus and pokes a hole in its skull. Sounds nice, huh? Wait until you hear why they poke a hole in the fetus's skull. The purpose of this hole is to provide a passageway for the fetus's brain to be sucked out of its head. Still holding your food? Wait, there's more. After the brain is sucked out, the fetus's head collapses into a shape reminiscent of a deflated basketball. When the fetus's head is reduced to mush, the doctor

can then remove the rest of the fetus from the woman's body. Is this a procedure that any human being deserves to endure, let alone an innocent fetus? This method of abortion should have been outlawed a long, long time ago. Even those of you who support abortion have to admit that this procedure is utterly disgusting at the very least. In fact, it is inhumane. The practice of sucking out a human being's brains should be reserved for individuals like Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, not an innocent fetus well on its way to becoming a part of this world.

Under the umbrella of this argument lies a greater concern for those of us who morally object to abortion. It concerns another form of abortion called "dilation and evacuation." In this method of abortion, which is performed in the sec-

ond trimester of pregnancy, a doctor essentially dismembers a fetus inside the uterus and removes it piece by piece from the mother's body. While it is obvious that "dilation and evacuation" procedures are less visibly disturbing than "dilation and extraction" procedures (where the fetus's head is outside the uterus during the process), this factor is morally insignificant. My concern is that a human being, who has no say in the matter, is being killed before it even has a chance to enter this world. What right do we have as morally responsible human beings to destroy the life of an innocent fetus simply because it is a convenient alternative to having a child?

I'm not blind to the variables that encourage women to have an abortion. In some situations, women simply do not have the money or resources to properly care for a child.

I recognize this problem, but also offer a suggestion as to how abortion can be avoided. Why not give the baby up for adoption? While I'm fully aware that delivering a baby is a very emotionally draining experience and that strong bonds form between the mother and the baby as a result of this experience, if the woman cared enough for her child and wanted it to be a part of this world, she would strongly consider adoption a practical alternative. Another argument I hear is that birth control fails at times and "accidents happen." This is such a poor excuse for an abortion that it makes me sick to listen to it. After many years of sex-ed classes and parental conversations on the matter, I would hope that as responsible adults, we recognize that if it is simply impossible for us to care for a child, and the prospect of failed birth control is too risky,

we shouldn't be having sex in the first place. A troubling notion, I know. But think of the consequences. We're students at one of the most elite universities in the country. We have the potential for a very successful and prosperous life ahead of us. Our parents can't wait for us to make a ton of money so we can buy them that beach house they always wanted. And then your girlfriend gets pregnant. It's a tough situation to swallow. So you tell your girlfriend to have an abortion, and she goes through with it. Twenty years later you're a father of two with a great job, wonderful wife, and a perfect life. Will you be able to simply forget that as a result of your college revelries a human life was destroyed? Consider the options people, abortion is not the answer.

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Women's soccer poised for the postseason action

Team ranked 18th in national poll going into ODAC Tournament with 12-1-2 record

JOHN HYLAND

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The W&L women's soccer team ended its regular season yesterday with a record of 12-1-2 (9-1-1 ODAC). The Generals are currently ranked 18th in the country nationally and will enter the ODAC tournament with the second seed behind Virginia Wesleyan.

The Generals traveled to Greensboro, N.C., on Wednesday for a conference game against Guilford. W&L got on the scoreboard when freshman forward Anne Wiltshire found senior forward Fontaine Marceaux for a score 15 minutes into the game. The

Generals extended their lead to 2-0 when junior defender Kelley Zagol buried an unassisted goal with just 35 seconds remaining in the first half. It was all the scoring the Generals would need. The Quakers cut the lead in half to 2-1 early in the second half. They held a narrow 10-8 shot advantage for the game but could not get another score past W&L goalkeeper Emily Barker. The junior made four of her five saves in the second half. Guilford currently stands in a tie for fourth place in the ODAC with a record of 7-4 (11-8 overall).

W&L was on the road again on Wednesday

when they headed to Roanoke to face the Maroons in another conference match-up. The Generals wasted no time taking advantage of Roanoke as senior midfielder Heather Coleman converted on a Wiltshire pass just over 5 minutes into the game. However, the Maroons came back to even the score just 4 minutes later and took the lead at the 39:18 mark of the first half. The game entered halftime with the same 2-1 score. The Generals evened the score at 2 midway through the second half when Wiltshire connected on junior midfielder Maggie Hope's pass. The tally extended Wiltshire's team

scoring lead with 30 points on 12 goals and 6 assists. Both teams' defenses played tough for the remainder of the game as nobody could get on the scoreboard for the rest of the second half and overtime and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. For the Generals, Barker made 4 saves in goal. The Maroons closed out their regular season with a record of 7-8-3 (4-4-3 ODAC)

The Generals will return to action this Saturday for the first round of the ODAC tournament. The site and opponent of the match is yet to be determined.

Mens' soccer reeling after fifth straight loss

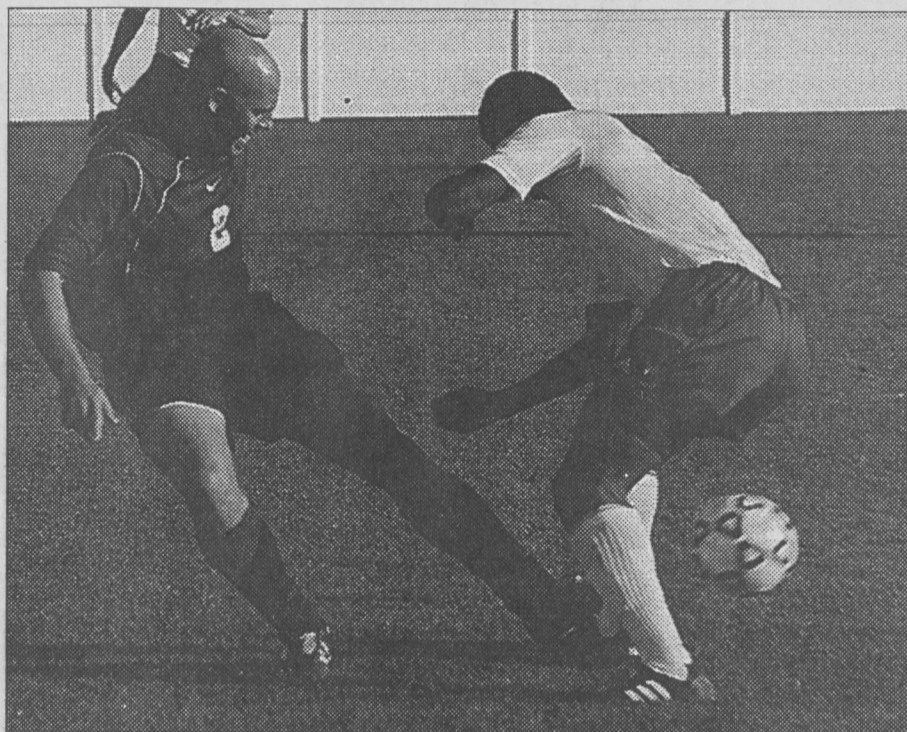
JOHN HYLAND

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the season with a 6-0-2 start, one of the best in school history, the W&L men's soccer team has now lost five in a row, including two this past week to drop their record to 6-5-2. They have fallen to sixth place in the ten team ODAC conference.

The Generals hosted Guilford on Wednesday. The Quakers entered the game behind W&L in the ODAC standings but got off to a quick start when they scored less than 7 minutes into the game. Guilford took their lead into halftime even though W&L out shot the Quakers 7-3 in the first half and missed a direct penalty kick. The Generals continued to control the game in the second half but were unable to tally a score. Their frustration was very apparent as Generals players were hit with two yellow cards and one red card. The Quakers, however, were able to convert on their few opportunities. Junior midfielder Ampofo Darko tallied two late second half goals for the Quakers to preserve the 3-0 victory. All told, the Quakers scored on 3 of their 9 shots while W&L was unable to place any of their 22 shots in the back of the net. Quakers goaltender Zane Campbell was very effective in thwarting the W&L attack, notching 9 saves. The Generals junior keeper, Chris Carlson, made 3 saves in the loss.

W&L traveled to Bridgewater on Saturday for a conference match-up with the second place Eagles, who entered the game with an 11-4 record (5-2 ODAC). The Generals opened the scoring midway through the first half, when junior midfielder Brian Pirkle scored his team leading eighth goal of the season off an assist from senior midfielder Jacob Stoehr. W&L extended their lead early in the second half when sophomore midfielder Derrick Lott found Stoehr who beat Eagles goalkeeper Jon Boller for his third goal of the season. The Generals maintained their lead more than halfway through the sec-



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WHERE DID IT GO? Mens' soccer's slide in the ODAC standings continues.

ond half. However, Bridgewater cut the lead in half at the 73 minute mark and evened the score at 2 with 6 minutes left in the game on a goal by John Williamson. The Eagles forward continued his heroics in overtime when he beat Carlson with 1:20 left in the first overtime to give Bridgewater a comeback 3-2 victory. Carlson and sophomore Michael Stanton split time in goal for the Generals, each recording 2 saves.

The bitter loss could not come at a worse time for the Generals, who close out their regular season against Emory and Henry on Wednesday. W&L will probably need a victory to qualify for the ODAC tournament which starts this weekend.

Cam and Hyland's Top Ten list: Top Ten Mike Tyson Quotes

- 10: "I just want to conquer people and their souls"
- 9: "My main objective is to be professional but to kill him (Lennox Lewis)"
- 8: "I'm from the ghetto. I don't know how to act. One day I'm in a dope house robbing somebody. The next thing I know, 'You're the heavyweight champion of the world.'"
- 7: "I'm the biggest fighter in the history of the sport. If you don't believe it, just check the cash register."
- 6: "On June 8, flesh will not be enough. I will take Lennox's title, his soul & smear his pompous brains all over the ring when I hit him."
- 5: "[He] called me a 'rapist' and a 'recluse.' I'm not a recluse."
- 4: "Lennox Lewis, I'm coming for you man. My style is impetuous. My defense is impregnable, and I'm just ferocious. I want your heart. I want to eat his children. Praise be to Allah!"
- 3: "You're sweet. I'm going to make sure you kiss me good with those big lips. I'm gonna make you my girlfriend."
- 2: "I paid a worker at New York's zoo to re-open it just for me and Robin. When we got to the gorilla cage there was 1 big silverback gorilla there just bullying all the other gorillas. They were so powerful but their eyes were like an innocent infant. I offered the attendant \$10,000 to open the cage and let me smash that silverback's snoutbox! He declined."
- 1: "I try to catch him right on the tip of the nose, because I try to push the bone into the brain."

New downtown Lex studio offers largely unknown type of exercise

ALLISON PERRY

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A new studio has opened up in Lexington that offers a unique kind of exercise—one that many do not know a lot about. Gloria Rangel opened up her Pilates studio this fall on North Main Street.

Rangel prefers to adhere strictly to Joseph Pilates' work, the man who created the Pilates program. She argues that following Pilates' instruction is far different from any Pilates tapes done by Winsor Pilates or Denise Austin.

"I have mixed emotions about the spin-offs of Joseph Pilates' work," Rangel said. "But at least it brings about awareness of the methodology."

Rangel offers both private sessions and mat classes. The private sessions are \$60 for one hour, and she says she can teach about seven sessions in one day.

The mat classes are \$20 per class and are by appointment only in order to guarantee a spot. Rangel likes to only teach ten people per mat class so that each student can receive more attention.

A few area college students have called to inquire about the classes, but Rangel says she currently only has local Lexington citizens as clients.

Many people confuse Pilates with yoga. But Rangel sees Pilates as defining and more fluid than yoga.

"When you think of yoga, you think of positions," Rangel said. "In Pilates, we address every single, solitary bone and every single, solitary

muscle... in the way I have been trained."

Rangel obtained her certification from the Physical Mind Institute. In 1961, she began her studies in New York under Igor Yousevich and then Kelly Kane. Rangel also graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She originally wanted to become a ballerina before discovering Pilates.

Before moving to Lexington in 2001, Rangel worked as the director of the Williams Island Spa in Florida and helped put together the Diplomat Spa, also in Florida.

Rangel said that she and her husband moved to Virginia along with their six children because she thought they would receive a good education here. Their children range in age from 10-18.

Rangel's studio is currently the only Pilates studio in Lexington. The main room of the studio houses several pieces of equipment including the Barrel, the Clinical Reformer, the Cadillac, and the Wunda chair. Each of these pieces was created based on Joseph Pilates work.

Pilates was originally from Germany, but he left to avoid being part of the army. He came to New York in 1926 and opened his first studio. His work was first welcomed by the ballet world. But Rangel said it was not until recently that his process was recognized in Germany.

Pilates had a background in the medicine field, and much of his program grew out of rehabilitation. Regular practice of a Pilates program will develop core stabilization.

Rangel said that the process is about using deep, small muscles and working the entire length

of the muscle. Then through mobilizing the joints, executions of movements become effortless without strain to the spine.

"No pain, no gain is not our mantra," Rangel said. "It's all from the inside out. It's all internal."

She believes that Pilates can be summed up in three P's: precision, position, and power.

Rangel says she loves her work and constantly continues her education in the Pilates field. In ad-

dition to teaching at her studio, she also will be offering a class through Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

Rangel stressed again that Pilates is all about working with the right group of muscles through intense movement.

"It's neurological," Rangel said. "We're about removing bad memory chips."



LAURA PONTIER / RING-TUM PHI

STRETCHING OUT. Gloria Rangel opened up Lexington's first Pilates exercise studio this fall.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 28	Wednesday, October 29	Thursday, October 30	Friday, October 31	Saturday, November 1	Sunday, November 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VB vs. Lynchburg--6:30 • F. Hockey vs. R-Macon--7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Soccer vs. E&H--3:00 • W Swim vs. RMWC--6:00 	OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VB at Maryville Tourn.--TBA • Riding at RMWC Inv.--TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FB vs. Bridgewater--1:00 • W Soccer at ODAC's--TBA • F. Hockey at ODAC's--TBA • M Swim vs. VMI--10:00 • VB at Maryville Inv.--TBA • C. Country at ODAC's--TBA • W Swim at Sewanee--11:00 • Wrestling at VMI Inv.--10:00 	OPEN

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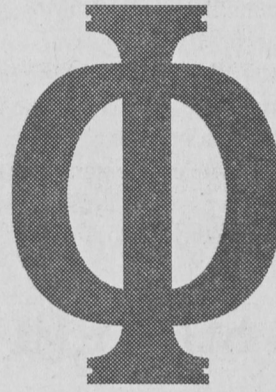
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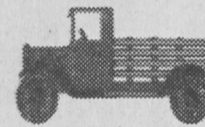
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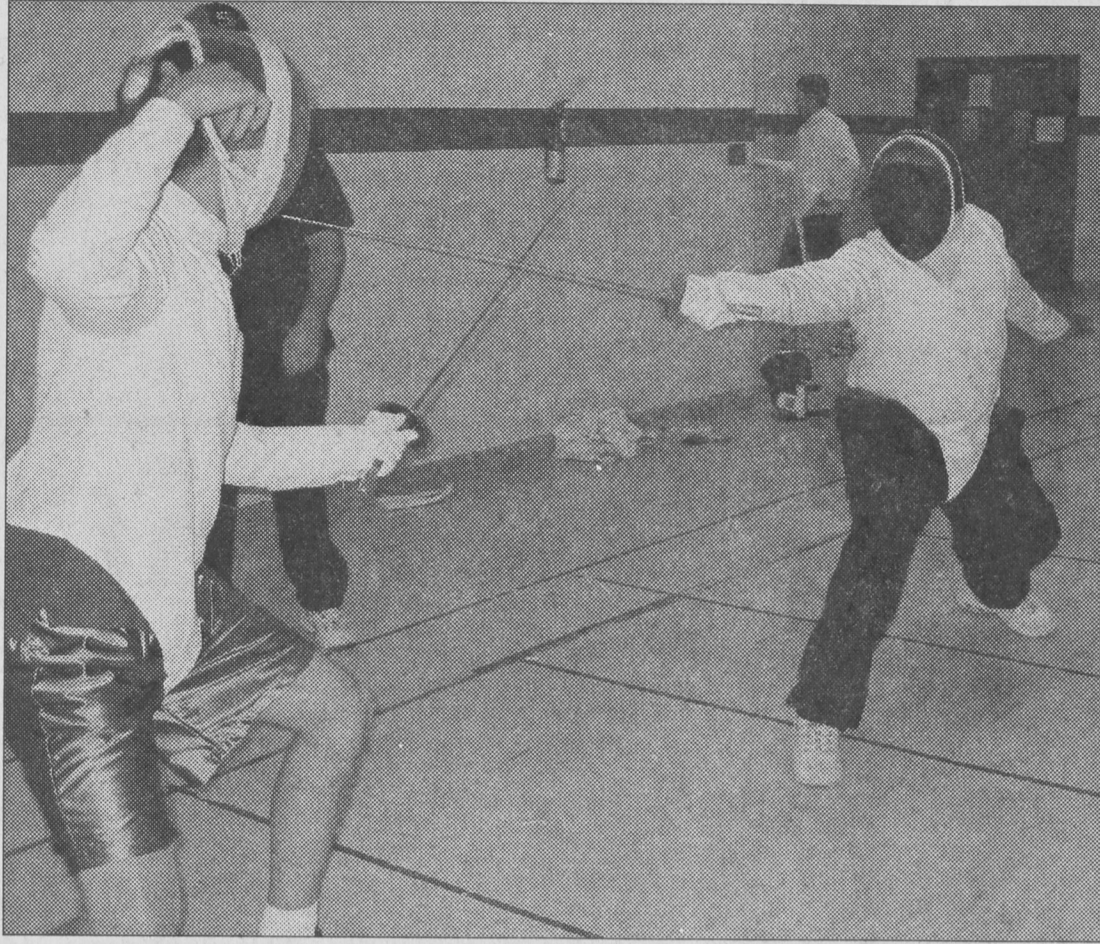
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Fencing club numbers soar as students discover sport



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LUNGE. Matt Miller parries a lunge from Marcurius Byrd at last Friday's Fencing Club practice.

SARAH BLOOM
STAFF WRITER

Club Fencing has taken center stage in club sports. Over 40 freshmen signed up at the Activities Fair for this ancient sport and participation has been exceptional. The addition of the freshmen has bumped the roster up to approximately 80 members.

"I'm so glad that I signed up to fence," said Liane Carlson, a freshman, of her newfound activity, "I've never really done it before but I am excited to keep it up."

So what exactly is fencing? Fighters can compete in three different weapons: Foil, epee, and sabre. Foil is typically the weapon of choice at W&L.

"It [foil] is just the most basic weapon to use," explained freshman Kari Chachula, a freshman, of the team's preferred weapon. "The sport of fencing is fast and athletic, with a great deal of mental strategy."

The goal of fencing is to score a set number of points on an opponent during the course of a fencing "bout" which is the term used to describe a fencing match or game. Points are scored by hitting the opponent with the foil within the target area. This area ranges from the shoulder to the groin.

Club Fencing has a rich history here at W&L.

History suggests that fencing has had its place on campus since the beginning of the 19th century. In the 1980s, Coach Dr. James Worth truly brought the fencing club together and nearly achieved NCAA recognition in intercollegiate athletics. After his leave, the sport continued, but in a rather disjointed format. In 2002, the club was refounded by a freshman and now has several dozen active members and looks to host a fencing competition on home turf later this year.

Students practice Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7-9 and Saturday from 2-4. Attendance is required at least once weekly to maintain standing on the team roster. The team competes with all willing schools within the area. Currently, competi-

tions are set up with VMI, George Washington University, and Hollins.

The major goal of the team is to attain enough funds to buy electrical equipment to host a home competition. All levels of fencers compete on the team including several students that have never even had prior exposure to the sport.

"We all have different goals," said Chachula. "I'm always looking to improve my strategy and blade/footwork to become a better fencer."

Students interested in joining the fencing club team should contact Caley Anderson at AndersonC@wlu.edu.

Field hockey blanks Hollins, 6-0

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

Senior forward Kelly Taffe (Charlottesville, Va./Albemarle) scored three goals as the Washington and Lee field hockey team defeated Hollins, 6-0, in ODAC action on Saturday afternoon.

Taffe's performance marks a Generals' (7-7, 5-2) program-record for goals in a game. Freshman forward Amy Brown (Potomac, Md./Holton-Arms) scored a pair of goals for W&L while sophomore midfielder Jane Beall (Richmond, Va./James River) rounded out the scoring with the last goal on the day.

Washington and Lee took a 2-0 lead into half-

time thanks to Brown's goals. Junior forward Kristen Brown (Baltimore, Md./Catonsville) and sophomore defender Katharine Lester (Wilmington, Del./Friends School) each recorded an assist in the first half.

Sophomores Elise Gelinis (Rosemont, Pa./Agnes Irwin) and Courtney Harrison (Richmond, Va./Collegiate) split time in the Generals' goal. Gelinis started while Harrison took over duties in the second half. Neither keeper needed to make a save as W&L held Hollins (0-11, 0-7) to no shots in the game.

Caroline Adams made 19 saves for Hollins.

Turnovers hamper offense, send Generals home with a loss

BY CAMERON GARNER
STAFF WRITER

The Generals fell behind 14-0 midway through the second quarter, and couldn't climb back against ODAC foe Guilford (2-5, 1-2). The two teams finished the game closely matched in total yards and first downs. The Generals passed for almost twice as many yards, but couldn't overcome their five turnovers. Senior Quarterback Peter Dean scored the lone touchdown on a 1-yard scamper, and was 17-of-35 for 201 yards, but was picked off twice.

The Generals fumbled four times, losing three, killing momentum and allowing the Quakers to score

34 points, 14 of them directly on defensive touchdowns. Taylor Callahan caught 4 balls for 51 yards, John Barnwell and Patrick Neuman each caught 3 balls for 43 yards, and Clark Kensinger caught 2 balls for 37 yards. Michael Lackett rushed 21 times for 80 yards and Richard Garland rushed 6 times for 13 yards. The Generals defense, which forced two turnovers of their own, was led by sophomore tackle, Liam Murray, who made 11 tackles.

The loss dropped W&L's record to 2-5 (1-3 ODAC) on the season. The Generals return to action against nationally ranked Bridgewater this Saturday in a conference match-up at 1:00 pm at Wilson field.

Volleyball downs Macon, S. Virginia

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

Junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing (Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll) surpassed the 1,000 mark in career digs as the Washington and Lee volleyball team improved to 26-3 overall, 10-0 in the ODAC with a pair of wins on Saturday.

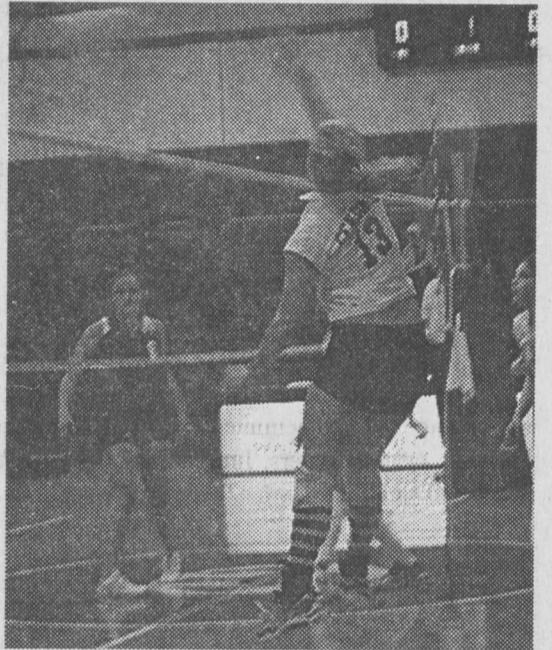
The Generals started the day with a 3-1 win over Randolph-Macon (21-4, 8-1), defeating the Yellow Jackets, 30-18, 30-21, 26-30, 30-28. Washington and Lee then wrapped up the day with a 3-0 victory over Southern Virginia (17-15), downing the Knights 30-20, 30-26, 30-19.

In the match against Randolph-Macon, Wolfing and fellow junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier Prep) led the way with 20 kills each. Wolfing added 20 digs, while Chastain added 14 digs. Sophomore middle blocker Susan Gaillard (Charleston, S.C./Porter-Gaud) had 17 kills and sophomore setter Christine Gladysz (Palm Harbor, Fla./Berkeley Prep) finished the match with 58 assists and 11 digs.

In the match against Southern Virginia, Wolfing surpassed the 1,000 career digs mark with 11 digs, while recording nine kills. Gaillard added 10 kills, while Chastain and sophomore right side Laura Byrne (Springfield, Pa./Merion Mercy Academy) each had seven kills. Gladysz recorded 40 assists and junior libero Jennifer Lux (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox) added 13 digs.

Radolph-Macon defeated Southern Virginia 3-2 with game scores of 30-25, 27-30, 30-26, 23-30 and 15-12.

Washington and Lee returns to action on Tuesday, when the Generals host Lynchburg. Match time is 6:30 p.m.



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SPIKED. Junior Michelle Chastain spikes the ball.

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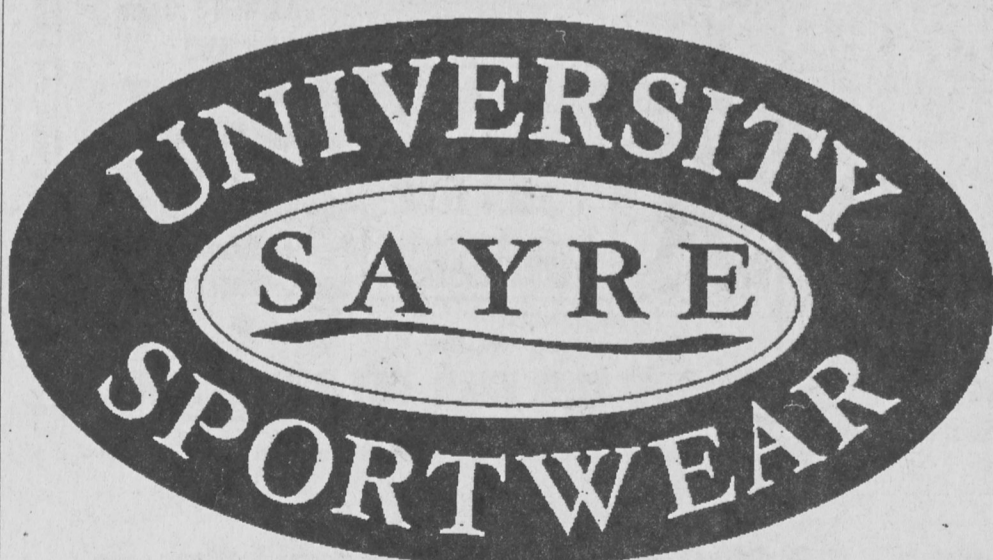
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Moustache Society raises money for Project Horizon

The program makes men hairy and helps fight domestic violence. Professors and Administrators are sponsored by students and others to grow facial hair.

BY JENN BACKE
STAFF WRITER

Is there a razor shortage at Wal-Mart? Did Gillette suddenly go bankrupt? No, certainly not, but why then are so many Washington and Lee men sporting facial hair, moustaches to be exact? The rise of facial hair on campus stems from the advent of the Moustache Society, a group of men on campus committed to changing perceptions of male indifference to the issue of sexual assault.

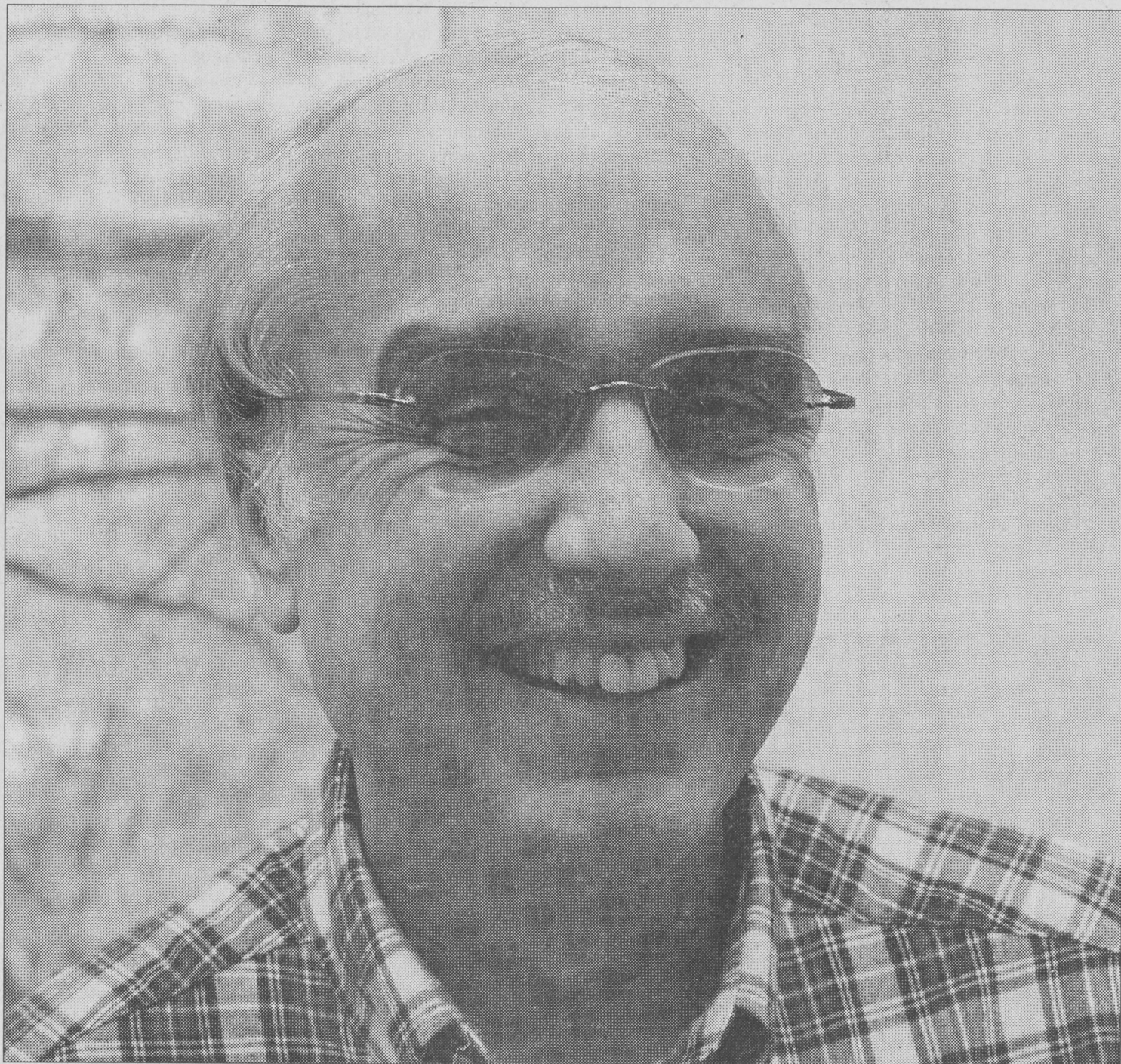
These men are growing moustaches and asking for monetary pledges for their weekly efforts, money they will then donate to Project Horizon, a local agency that provides shelter and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Senior Warren Baker summarizes, "The Society is changing the face of W&L or at least making efforts to show W&L men condemn domestic, dating, and sexual violence through supporting Project Horizon." The Moustache Society began their attempts after Reading Days and will continue growing moustaches for a four week period ending on Wednesday, November 19.

The Moustache Society arose out of multiple conversations about sexual assault at W&L beginning back last spring when poet and alumna Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon gave a Women's Studies colloquium that raised the issue and inspired an intense discussion. Lesley Wheeler, English professor and chair of the Women's Studies Program, and Jan Kaufman, University Health Educator, followed up this fall by creating a task force comprised of people from different sectors in the university.

One goal of the group was to tackle the common misconception that sexual assault only affects women and that Washington and Lee men are apathetic to the problem. Prof. Wheeler explains her concern: "I've worried a lot about the disjunction between the negative things I hear about male students and my own experiences with them as a teacher and adviser, which have been wonderful. I've been here over nine years, and every term I have at least one student who is struggling to cope with a recent sexual assault—sometimes I only find out when it escalates into a crisis that affects her academic work. I've wondered how the smart, thoughtful, creative students I work with daily could allow this climate of frightened silence to exist."

To break this culture of silence, Prof. Theresa Braunschneider proposed the idea of the Moustache Society, a group enacted at Kalamazoo College during her undergraduate study there. Washington and Lee men were contacted and the society was born. Besides having a successful predecessor, Caleb Dulis, a senior and Moustache Society member, adds "It gets people's attention, and it indicates that those of us in the group care enough about this issue to pay the small social cost of looking ridiculous for four weeks."

Since its inspiration many men have joined the Society and members include but are not limited to Warren Baker, Caleb Dulis, Patrick Hastings, Ansel Sanders, Jimmy Zunka, Andy Mendrala, Brandon Waddell, Daniel Vos, Harlan Beckley, Scott Dittman, John Blackburn,



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Facial Hair. Professor Harlan Beckley sports his freshly grown mustache. Tom Shepherd, benefactor of the Shepherd Poverty Program, is among the supporters of Beckley's hair-growth.

Tom Kane, and Ben Losi. There are also joint efforts at the Law school. Caleb Dulis says he joined the Society because, "It was the gentlemanly thing to do." More men are encouraged to join the Society by contacting a member, Lesley Wheeler or Jan Kaufman. Prizes will be awarded to the man or

organization raising the most money and some men are already anticipating close to \$500 in donations. Through November 19, find Society members outside the Commons or contact a member directly to make a donation in support of Project Horizon and ending silence about sexual assault.

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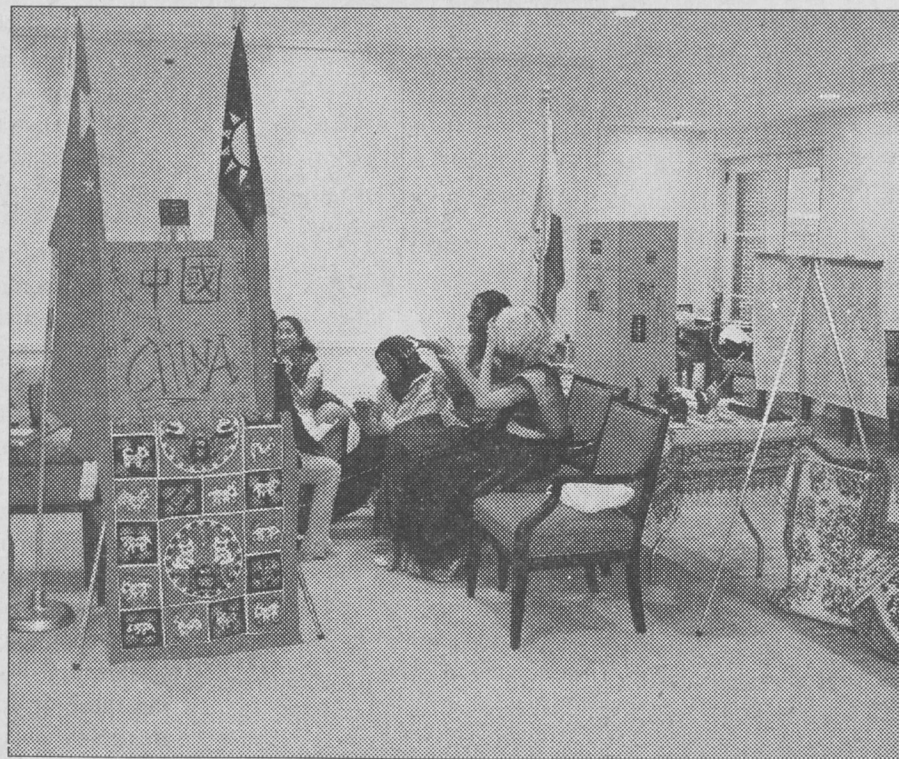


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ASIAN CULTURE



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Fun times. Club Asia hosted the Asian Culture Fair at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday in the John W. Elrod University Commons. The event's organizers say there was a lot of interest from the students who came. Elements of Asian culture were represented. Martial arts, video games and art were found in booths throughout the University's Living Room.

Schedule of Parent's Weekend events

Thursday, October 30th:

- Reading in the Commons Theatre by writer Harvest Benefit at 7:00 p.m.
- Gallery Talk by Artist Marcus Alan Vincent at 7:00 p.m. in the Williams School
- 'Jeepers Creepers 2' will be shown in the Commons Theatre at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 31st:

- Parents' Weekend Choral Concert all day in Lee Chapel
- Annual Leyburn Library Booksale begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until November 4th at 8:30 a.m.
- The Film Society presents "The Devil's Backbone" in the Elrod Commons Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
- Flounoy PLAYwright Festival at 9:00 p.m. in the Johnson Theater at the Lenfest Center

Saturday, November 1st:

- Applied Music Recital in the duPont Auditorium at 10 a.m.
- Booksigning with author Richard McCaslin from 10 a.m. to 12 in the Elrod Commons Bookstore
- Parents Weekend Tailgate at the Law School Field with band 10 Spot from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The W&L Football team plays Bridgewater at 1:00 p.m. on the Wilson Field
- The Flounoy Playwright Festival in the Johnson Theater in the Lenfest Center at 2:00 p.m.
- The Film Society presents "The Devil's Backbone" at 7:30 in the Elrod Commons Theatre
- University Wind Ensemble Concert in the Keller Theatre in the Lenfest Center at 8:00 p.m.
- Flurney Playwright Festival at 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson Theatre in the Lenfest Center

THE LAST WORD

A glimpse into diversity at Washington and Lee University

By KELLY JO LARSEN
STAFF WRITER

Diversity at Washington and Lee. It's become a hot topic of debate in the last few years since the Board took an official "Commitment to Diversity." Though I don't think anyone would argue that we rival the diversity of UC Berkeley, by any means, I believe we have more diversity between these old white columns than most people realize. In this column, each week I will sit down with a student who is in a minority at W&L and share with you a little about their lives—who they are and what makes them unique.

Senior Seth Martin is a pre-med Biology major from Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Beyond his role as president of Beta and as a member of the men's tennis team, Seth serves as president of Hillel, the Jewish students' organization on campus.

Hillel is a national organization with over 500 chapters and centers world wide. The official Hillel website (www.hillel.org) says the group seeks to "maximize the number of Jews doing

Jewish with other Jews." The Washington and Lee Hillel seeks to meet this mission by providing not only religious, but social and cultural support for Jewish students.

Worship can be difficult for Jewish students on campus; the nearest synagogue is either in Staunton or Roanoke. Since few college students can be truly expected to make the weekly roadtrips that this would require, Hillel serves as a supplemental religious outlet. The group holds a Shabbat service every month called "First Friday's at Five." Though a rabbi has come to campus in the past, currently two students from the University of Virginia come to lead the service. One of the students brings his guitar with him, allowing him to lead the songs that occur throughout the service.

Since Washington and Lee does not cancel classes for Jewish holidays, Hillel also serves as a way to recognize these celebrations. Most recently, Hillel built a sukkah to celebrate Sukkot, the Jewish harvest celebration. The Judaism follows a separate Jewish calendar, and Hillel also celebrates the

"High Holy Days" of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Repentance.

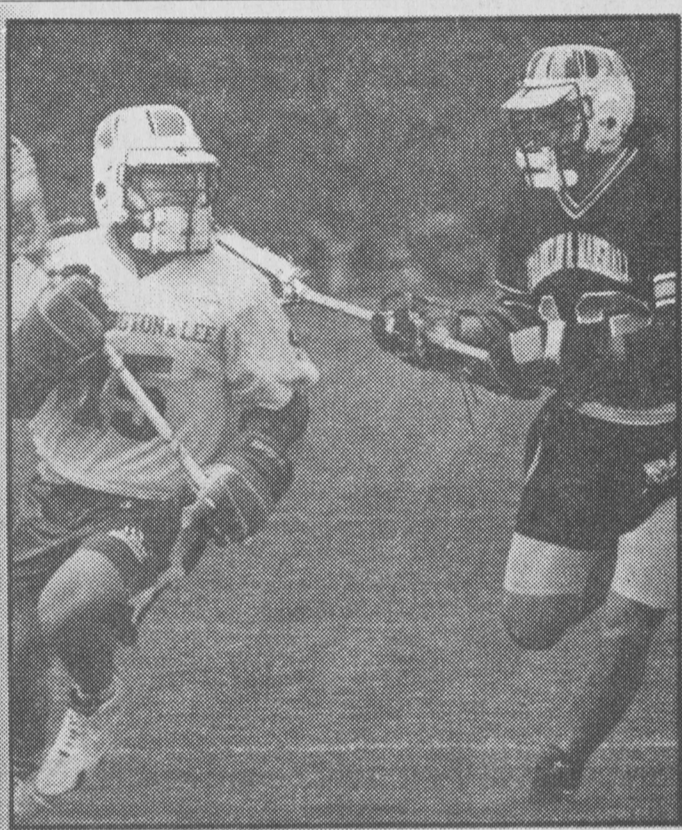
Seth points out that Judaism is as much a culture as it is a religion. Hillel serves many social functions beyond its religious role. Every month Hillel hosts "Very Interesting Professors," where the students meet for an informal dinner at the Sheridan Livery with a Jewish professor for discussion and relaxation. The students also take one trip each year. During Seth's freshman year, Hillel went to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Two years ago they went skiing at Snow Shoe, and last year they went to the Homestead. These trips allow for Jewish students to get to know each other better, reflect, and most importantly, relax.

Seth is quick not to take credit for the recent success of Hillel; he attributes the work of Joan Robbins, Director of Hillel, with "getting things up and running [because of her] things have taken off in terms of events and the number of students involved."

Recently Hillel has begun actively recruiting Jewish prospects to campus. Last year they

operated a phoneathon to check in with and answer any questions for prospective Jewish students. Washington and Lee has a long Jewish tradition; at one point there were two Jewish fraternities on campus but the number of Jewish students had dramatically fallen in recent years. Hillel's hard work paid off: there are only six Jewish students in the Class of 2006, but seventeen in the Class of 2007.

While he celebrates the growing number of Jewish students on campus, Seth stresses the need for communication between minority and mainstream students as the real solution to diversity at Washington and Lee. "You can get as many Jewish or minority students as possible but the interaction is key, that in and of itself will increase the numbers [of minorities] and the diversity [of campus]. That's part of the reason all of our events are open to the student body," Seth said. Seth and the members of Hillel invite all of the Washington and Lee community to their events—for more information on any of their activities email hillel@wlu.edu.



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And we will roll those Wahoos on the sod!
Yes by God! RAH! RAH! RAH!

False Cape, VA proves truly wonderful

By HAYNES KING
TRAVEL EDITOR

I knew I had chosen the perfect place for the Reading Days break when I watched the fire-red sun rise above the ocean while two dolphins jumped out of the glistening water. Although it is about a five hour drive to the coast, I suggest, if you have the time, that you visit False Cape State Park.

On the east coast, False Cape State Park remains one of the few completely untouched and undeveloped coastal areas. The park is landlocked on the North by Back Bay Wildlife Refuge; therefore, to reach the state park, one can hike or bike on the seven mile gravel road through the refuge. If you are up for the walk or ride, it will be well worth your time. Along the way, I saw wild horses, an osprey, a beaver, and a raccoon.

Once arriving at the park, a short mile takes you to the beach side camp sites. A grouping of four sites sits behind the first row of dunes; however, each camp site has a corresponding area on the actual strand to sleep. I stayed two nights in the park; the first night I slept on the

beach while the second night I stayed at the site. The area does have men's and women's pit toilets and potable water close.

On the other side of the park, approximately also a mile walk from the start of False Cape is a completely different camping environment. This area sits on the back of the island on the bay. There is much more shade at this area, but it would be tough to stay barefoot through the trip. I, on the other hand, did not wear shoes from the time I arrived at the camp site until the time that I departed. Each site has a picnic table and post to hang food. With a camping stove, it can be extremely difficult to cook in sand, but if done correctly, one can have a delicious meal. On my menu, we cooked pasta and quesadillas.

To access the park, you have to park in Sandbridge, VA and walk down the road to the entrance to Back Bay Wildlife Refuge Directions are available upon request.

All in all, 5 out of 5 tridents for False Cape

Tapered leg pants vs. collars up

Let me begin by saying that under no circumstance is it ever ok to wear boots with fur on the top; EVER, just don't do it.

With that said, on with the show:

Miriam Webster defines taper as becoming smaller or thinner toward one end; I define taper as the worst thing to happen to pants ever (well, except maybe for stirrups). Pants with tapered legs should be reserved for women over the age of 40 with three or more children.

For those of you who aren't quite sure just what a tapered leg is you should listen up because you're probably the one wearing these atrocities. Tapered legs get slimmer the entire length of the pant to the ankle in a V-like fashion and are flattering to

no figure. These pants are a trademark of all dorks and some who aspire to be cooler than dorks. If you have any hopes of getting anywhere in this world, get rid of these pants.

Their keyhole sized foot holes only serve to make your feet look like flippers. Darkwing Duck you are not, so throw these tight ankle treasures to the trash in exchange for jeans with at least a straight leg, if not a pair with a bit of flare at the end.

Basically if you are a college student and wear tapered pants then you dress like crap and are a loser. STOP NOW and go shopping.

On the other end of the spectrum are the holier than thous who wear their collar up. I'm not going to lie to you, I'm a fan of the collar up. But here is my take on

this simple touch and when it is ok to flip it up.

Never ever wear your collar up on the hill. This look gives you an elitist attitude that just isn't appropriate for class. Additionally: Freshmen Girls-collars down. Wait until winter term, then and only after receiving a sorority bid can you even begin to think about wearing your collar up. And even then it is only appropriate on weekends or when out for the evening.

Collars up are a status symbol and if you have no status, lowly freshmen girls, stop trying to pretend you do.

Basically neither your tapered jeans nor your collar up can make you cool, we all know it's the price tag on your SUV that determines that. But as far as I'm concerned the following list of recent fashion faux pas

just go to further some individuals ability to be sucked in further and further by the great black hole of suck that is their fashion sense

Please remove the following from your things to wear to class wardrobe:

- Extremely short pink pleated skirts. If your thighs are touching below your hemline it's WAY too short.
- Stilettos - Really, please stop.
- Big busted girls in really tight shirts, just gross y'all
- Red suede pumps. As the "Etiquette Grrls" put it ever so cleverly, "red shoes are for children and whores," enough said.

Just look before you leap and remember to check that mirror before heading to class, because I'm watching, I'm *always* watching.

QUICK HITS

Φ Congratulations to Afghanistan for sending their first contestant to the Miss Earth pageant in 30 years.

Φ If you're still wearing a nametag at 35-years-old, you've picked the wrong profession.

Φ If by eligible, you mean toolish...

Φ I mean it, the light in the old SPE house should really be turned off.

Φ More on the old SPE house: The fire alarm went off this week. Did one of the squatters start a fire to keep warm?

Φ Graham-Lees first floor Commons side is jealous of Graham-Lees second floor Commons side.

Φ If you're going use headphones with the volume so loud that the entire room can hear your music, why bother with headphones at all?

Φ Pat and Pierce: Big Four or Bust!

Φ Our resident fashionista should reveal her name so we could all follow her good example. Until we see proof of her style savvy, why should she have the last word on what looks hot?

Φ Who is Jeb Brooks?

Φ Best rivalry: *The Weekly World News* versus *The Trident*

Φ Please, no more puking in the Kappa Sig house.

Φ Freshmen should not vomit in urinals, but should definitely continue to vomit all over the halls of off-campus Kappa houses.

Φ Jeb Brooks has not submitted the Quick Hits referring to Jeb Brooks.

Φ Why was the location of Pretty in Pink, a Kappa, KD, Theta party, behind a Chi-O house?

Φ So, it turns out the Board punted on the calendar decision. Schedule your sit-in for February 5, 6 and 7.

Φ Pretty in Pink had so much potential, but of course there were only two kegs for the entire school. All I'm asking for is a damn srat party that has enough beer, a fun band and nobody bitching about cleaning up the mess. The fraternities do it every weekend.

Φ Cultivate school pride: Learn the words to the Washington and Lee Swing. See above.

Φ The mechanical bull at Chi Psi was awesome. Who knew W&L had so many talented riders?

Φ Watch out with the lights out: There has been a spate of under-the-covers bitings around campus.

Φ Word is there are a lot of twins in the freshman class. How many? Don't know, but no doubt its an even number.

Φ Eden Parks is the only person running in the Senior EC Representative special election who was also a Homecoming nominee.

Φ Keep your parents in line this Friday night. Jeb Brooks will be on a ride-along with the Lexington Police.

Φ Ring-tum Phi, stickeri bum!

Φ Even though the Marlins won, this year's World Series was a total and complete disappointment. Damn the Cubs and the Red Sox!

Φ Granted the srat house driving / parking situation is terrible, but some of the Kappas and KDs headed to 8 and 10 Frank Parsons Way drive way too fast.

Φ Is there anything colored manila besides manila folders?

Φ Yesterday was Priest Appreciation Sunday. What did you do for your priest?

Φ The portrait of John W. Elrod now hanging in the Commons Room of the John W. Elrod University Commons, reportedly cost \$50,000.

Φ Who is your favorite security officer? I like Rex.

Φ Why doesn't anybody dance the minuet anymore?

Φ Kudos to Caroline Crawford and Caroline McKinney for making the College Republicans' Oktoberfest a great time. And thanks to Hobes for hosting.

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