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## Napster, Penn State strike download deal

BY ELIZABETH ECKMAN  
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On November 6, Penn State and Napster made a revolutionary agreement to provide a legal way for students to download music for free. Napster will offer their premium service to Penn State students at no cost. The agreement allows students to download tethered music from Napster's 500,000 music library, listen to over 40 radio stations, and access other premium features for no cost. To download music permanently in order to burn CDs or transfer music to a portable device, students pay 99 cents per song.

The new program will be offered beginning January 12, 2004, the first day of Penn State's spring semester, and will primarily be offered to students living in residence halls in about a dozen of Penn State campuses. The Penn State-Napster agreement is the first of its kind and many universities are researching similar programs to offer to their students. The hope is that these types of mergers will aid in reducing illegal file sharing.

In a press release, Congressman Lamar Smith said, "A legal online music marketplace, one that compensates artists and offers listeners high-quality music, is what we all want to see flourish."

According to his press release, Congressman Howard Berman said, "I hope other universities wrestling with ways to unclog their bandwidth will adopt the model pioneered by Penn State. By providing their students with low-cost access to legal music, on the one hand, and taking action to stop piratical activity on the other, universities can return their bandwidth to the educational reasons for which it was created."

Many Penn State students are skeptical about the new agreement.

Student Terry Rose, at Penn State's College Park said, "The consensus here of the majority of students is that it won't work. It's useless because we have to pay for it. Napster controls the type of music that will be available. It's not freedom because we're paying for a limited service. We're still going to use Kazaa."

WHERE'S WALDO?



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**Gala time!** The dining hall was filled beyond capacity Friday evening as hundreds of students danced the night away at the Mock Convention Presidential Gala. This was a major fundraiser for the Mock Convention, at \$30 a ticket. By most all accounts, the event was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they danced to swing tunes. Now students may look forward to the main event: the 2004 Mock Democratic Convention to be held January 30 and 31. Organizers are hard at work to make sure that the speakers and event are as much of a success as Friday's festivities. See page 7 for more memories of Mock Con.

## Academic community re-examines plagiarism policies

BY CALEY ANDERSON  
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Plagiarism, as understood by most of the English-speaking world, is the theft of other people's ideas, words, and thoughts in writing, speech, or otherwise.

This concept is important to the entire academic community, and especially so at Washington and Lee, for plagiarism is considered an Honor Violation by the current Executive Committee. Indeed, from reading those ominous posts the EC makes around campus on occasion, most Honor Violations these days are plagiarism-related.

But many professors and academic types have different definitions of plagiarism. Some feel that a student can be guilty of plagiarism unintentionally, through failure to cite sources. Some think that it can only happen when a student consciously takes an idea from another. As we currently look at the issue, failure to cite properly constitutes plagiarism.

It's an important issue to many colleges. The top three Liberal Arts colleges (according to the latest edition of U.S. News and World Report's college rankings), Amherst, Swarthmore, and

Williams, have all seen sharp increases in plagiarism, but nationwide academic policy is so confused on this issue that each college has a different policy.

At Washington and Lee, of course, plagiarism of any kind is viewed as an Honor Violation to be punished only by the Single Sanction-expulsion. Even failure to cite can be viewed as plagiarism, as the EC makes it abundantly clear (even going so far as to publish an easy plagiarism reference available to students)

Students handle the entire process from start to finish, and professors have no power to punish the students (other than through the grade of the assignment in question).

Amherst, on the other hand, assigns power for punishing plagiarizers to its Dean of Student Conduct. Punishment is effectively left to the discretion of this University Official, and plagiarism can get you anything from a warning to expulsion, though Amherst's penalty guidelines say that

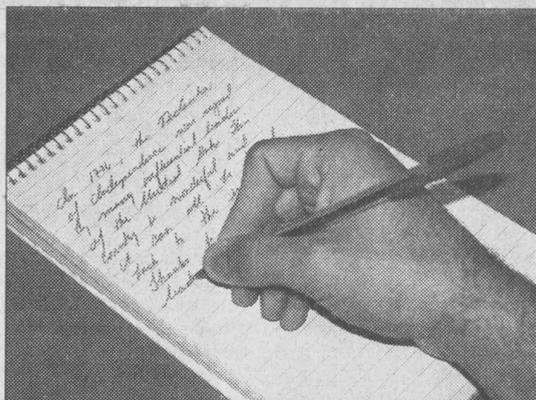
blatant plagiarism will usually get a student a warning first, depending on the case, and a suspension after that.

Other schools have similar policies. Most schools give their students at least one second chance, often citing a "lack of knowledge of proper citation methods," according to a study on the subject conducted by the University of Indiana.

The schools that expel students on the first offense tend to be schools with fewer students and smaller campuses, and especially schools with strong honor systems or codes, such as W&L or our neighbor, VMI.

Many worry that first offense expulsions may be unfair to students who are not aware of proper citation methods, and thus may be intending to credit the original holders of an idea, but fail to do so unintentionally.

So far, the issue has not come up in the Executive Committee this year, as all plagiarism expulsions have effectively been placed upon students who intentionally stole ideas. The policy becomes more closely examined with every case nationwide, and Washington and Lee may soon have to examine, and perhaps revise, its own plagiarism policy.



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**Do your own work!** Professors around the country believe that a student can be guilty of plagiarism unintentionally, through failure to cite sources.

## EC revising Constitution, law students voice complaints

BY ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Tonight there is to be an Executive Committee open forum at the law school, similar to that which was held for undergrads in the Commons last week. Revisions to the EC Constitution were discussed in last week's open forum, which was attended only by members of the campus media.

EC President Helen Hughes attributes the poor attendance to, "communication going on behind the scenes," and the fact that, "a lot of the concerns were coming from law students."

Justin Arnold, the EC's second-year law representative agrees that the law students have expressed concerns, "Many students have expressed concerns to me about the succession of officers either via e-mail or personally," he said, "I think the succession of officers issue has made law students more curious about the Executive Committee... I expect that law students who attend the forum will express con-

cern about the fact that the entire student body did not have a say in who ascended to the roles of Vice President and Secretary."

The advantage of the current succession of officers is that it is efficient and guaranteed that the officer will be a member of the EC. Currently, the EC is looking at several options. One would involve a school-wide election to fill the officer spot while another would have the election be held within the EC and then have another election to fill the spot of the representative who moved up to officership.

Revisions of the EC Constitution are taking place because, "it was recently discovered that it's outdated," said Hughes. The Constitution mentions the Publications Board, for example, which is now the Media Board. 1996 was the last time revisions were made; the Constitution says nothing about how often it must be revised.

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## Law student spearheads effort to bring Vagina Monologues to Washington and Lee

Proceeds from the play will be given to the local women's shelter, Project Horizon

BY COURTNEY BERRY  
STAFF WRITER

As the men of the mustache society prepare to shave it all off, the Washington and Lee community will continue to raise awareness of violence against women and girls by preparing for *The Vagina Monologues*, which will be performed on campus in February.

Last Wednesday an organizational meeting was held in the Commons to start preparing for the 2004 primarily student-run production of *The Vagina Monologues*. The theme for this year's production, to be held in mid-February, is the Vagina Warriors.

Real-life testimonials from women around the world will be read by Washington and Lee students in the Elrod Commons Theater. Experiences of hundreds of women from 40 countries comprise the script.

*The Vagina Monologues*, a play originally written by Eve Ensler, is part of a global movement to end violence directed at women and girls. This global movement comes in the form of V-Day, an international organization with the singular goal of ending violence against women and girls.

Two years ago the Washington and Lee community produced a benefit performance of *The Vagina Monologues* and raised proceeds benefiting Project Horizon, Lexington's battered women's shelter.

This year, the goal is to raise \$6,000. A percentage of the profits will be given to the national V-Day campaign to benefit the Missing Women of Juarez charity and the rest will stay in

the general area of Lexington. The charity has yet to be decided. In 2003, thousands of V-Day benefit events executed worldwide generated \$4 million in proceeds.

Jillian DiLaura, a Washington and Lee Law student, is spearheading this year's production and encourages anyone who is interested to get involved with the local production.

She insists that a greater range of people are needed than only those who possess a flair for the dramatic. People who do not wish to act onstage can assist with publicity, ticket sales, costumes and anything else needed behind-the-scenes. DiLaura also said that you need not be a female to help the cause.

V-Day materialized in 1998 in response to crippling statistics of women being violated and sought to become a force against that violence. Over the years, V-Day has grown exponentially and has become somewhat of a phenomenon, enabling the organization to provide funding to hundreds of programs around the world that strive to protect women.

As Washington and Lee performs *The Vagina Monologues* February 11 and 12, the same stories will be resounding from a Masai village in Kenya and a Lakota reservation in South Dakota.

The Vagina Warriors will relate experiences of war rapes, female genital mutilation, and cigarette burns in female skin.

Ensler says that the Vagina Warriors are through with being victims. She says that they realized no one is coming to rescue them so they have to rescue themselves.

*The Vagina Monologues* is one action they are taking to reach their goal.

# Teacher spoke about experiences with poverty, homeless

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
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Katie Murphy, a high school teacher at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., spoke Monday night in the Science Center about her experiences with poverty, hunger and homelessness. Murphy volunteers and works with students at the high school.

She was joined in speaking by one of her current students, Tian Younger, who spoke of per-

sonal experiences. Murphy was invited to speak by Marinda Harrell '04 of the Shepherd Program, whom she taught along with Monea Hendricks '04, Zakiyah Bradford '04, and Kisha Barnes '04.

Murphy first discussed her Social Justice class, which educates and involves high school juniors with the homeless. The first semester is dedicated entirely to discussing poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

Murphy then read excerpts from the first assignment she

gives her class: to answer various questions on social and political views. Murphy has found that perceptions of homelessness are very different after students have spent a year in her class.

"Not one student has ever said homelessness is an injustice at the beginning of the year," Murphy stated.

Her convictions of homelessness as a social injustice were evident from the beginning of her speech.

Murphy then showed a slide show consisting of statistics of homelessness and pictures of

homeless people.

Using various statistics, she described the rising rate of homeless children, domestic

violence resulting in homelessness, and other misconceptions of the average homeless person.

After Murphy spoke, Tian Younger began to tell of her personal experiences with homelessness and how Murphy's class has educated her.

"Homelessness affects diverse groups of people, working families, people like you and me," said Younger. Murphy requires all of her students to volunteer in soup kitchens and read

aloud some of their responses to their experiences.

All of the students had entirely different opinions than those of the beginning of the year: guilt, shame, compassion, and understanding were among those most evident by the end of the year.

Murphy ended her speech with a few possible solutions to homelessness.

"The biggest thing in changing society is changing yourself. Educate yourself, educate others," Murphy encouraged.

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## W&L's DuPont Gallery Displays Exhibit by Mary Page Evans

An exhibit by landscape artist Mary Page Evans, "Painting from Nature," is now on display in Washington and Lee University's duPont Gallery.

The exhibit is on display until mid-December. It is free and open to the public.

Page, a Virginia native, is a graduate of Hollins University and the Art Student League of Corcoran Art School. A veteran of more than 25 solo exhibitions in various places on the East Coast, her works are included in 22 selected public collections and have been included in many selected group exhibitions around the world.

Art history plays an important role in her work, with Page having studied Cezanne and Hans Hoffman to advance her style of letting "color determine the structure and create the space."

## W&L student Miriam Rodgers is off to compete for a Rhodes Scholarship

Senior Miriam Rodgers is heading down to the Rhodes Scholarship state competition in South Carolina Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19.

Approximately 600 students nationwide will be competing for a Rhodes. If Rodgers advances, she will go to the District III competition in Washington, D.C. Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22. Over that weekend, four students will win the elite post-graduate prize and receive full tuition and living stipends at Oxford University.

Rodgers is a philosophy-economics major who attended Oxford University last year without the aid of an American exchange program and received straight A's. She also won the top writing prize in philosophy. Her father, Paul Rodgers, graduated from Washington and Lee law.

Miriam Rodgers wants to study law as well, although she plans to spend her time as an ethicist and Professor countering the popular notions of "Pragmatic Philosophy."

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity," she said.

Washington and Lee Professor James Mahon wrote Rodgers a recommendation. "In her essays, she also argued with a determination and a precision that one does not normally find in undergraduate essays, and this from a freshman...It is fair to say that she raised the level of class discussion to new heights."

## Traveller Committee Announces Trial Period of changes in its driving routine

Traveller will change its driving routine between Thanksgiving break and Christmas break.

The Traveller Committee will launch the two week trial period as an attempt to make the current system more effective.

Any student can call the Traveller number at 458-8900 seven nights a week from 10pm until 2am and a car will be dispatched to the student's location.

Vans traveling on the set route will still run on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

The Traveller committee hopes this period will show better use of its resources.

The committee's primary goal is to best serve students' needs. Please contact any of its members with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

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### Summary of Executive Committee Honor Activity for the 2003/2004 Academic Year

Investigations: 4

Withdrawals in the face of a Closed Hearing: 0

Closed Hearings: 2

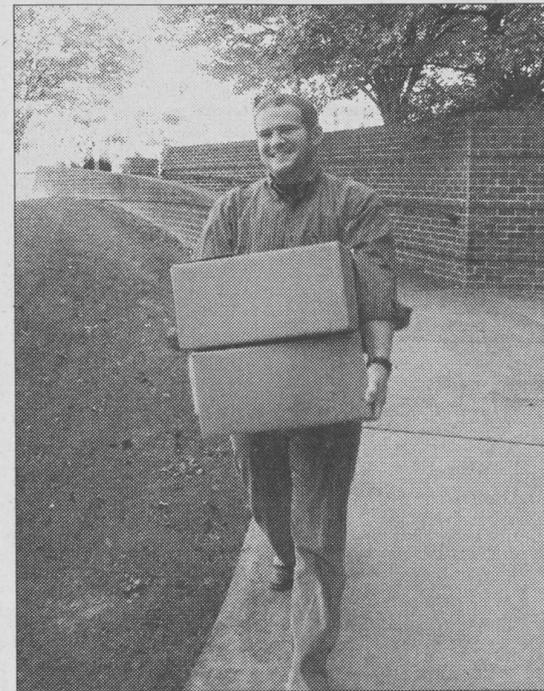
Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 0

Not Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 2

Student Body Hearings: 0

# Campaign promotes literacy among Rockbridge County children

ANNIE ROCHFORT  
LITERACY CAMPAIGN PUBLICIST



Helping hand. Patrick Hastings is a student working with the Campaign.

The students of Washington and Lee University are proud to announce the kickoff of the fourth annual Literacy Campaign, sponsored by Nabors Service League. The campaign runs from January 19 to March 12, and its purpose is to promote literacy and social justice in Rockbridge County.

The campaign began because of survey results indicating that 17 percent of adults in Rockbridge County have reading skills at the lowest literacy level.

The hope is that this program will excite children about reading and encourage students to take literacy seriously. Ideally, the campaign will raise the literacy rate in Rockbridge County in the future. The Literacy Campaign consists of several programs aimed toward involving children in reading. A book drive to collect children's books, in order to distribute a new book to every kindergartener in the Rockbridge Area, will run throughout the campaign.

Through the Adopt-A-Classroom program W&L students will visit kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms once a week during the seven weeks of the campaign. Each week students will present a new literary activity, such as poetry writing, Dr. Seuss, and, Shakespeare for kids. The Best Seller will offer Saturdays at the Library, also run by W&L students. This will involve story time, crafts, and lunch for children.

The Washington and Lee students participating in the campaign hope that the W&L community will become as involved as possible. Volunteer Recruitment will take place from December 1 to the 5 outside the Commons. If you are interested in helping, please stop by! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kyle Meehan, [meehane@wlu.edu](mailto:meehane@wlu.edu) or Steve Martinenza, [martinenzas@wlu.edu](mailto:martinenzas@wlu.edu).

# Hidden Heroes: Tina Su works to introduce freshmen to college

Su actively involved in campus service programs such as Project Outreach, Nabors Service League

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Tina Su, a junior Chemistry major, contributes in many ways to the Washington and Lee community. Her friends describe her as a great listener and an excellent friend. "She is encouraging, supportive, structured, straightforward, focused, and most importantly, a great cook," stated Paige Thomas, a close friend of Su.

She is actively involved in Project Outreach. Su went on the Roanoke trip her freshman year, was a group leader her sophomore year, and co-coordinated the trip this year. "I think that it is important to share with freshmen the values gained from Project Outreach. The majority of freshmen are not exposed to poverty in their everyday lives," said Su. She went on to add that it is a great way to segue freshmen into college life instead of thrusting them into the Washington and Lee environment. Her friends feel that she is very passionate and devoted to Project Outreach. Su will be coordinating the trip again next year.

As a sophomore, she served as the Nabors Service League contact for environment and animals. Freshman year she volunteered at the Rockbridge County animal shelter. Su got involved with the animal shelter because of her passion for animals, espe-

cially cats. She has two, Oliver and Ginger, at home in Maryland. Last year she organized a successful clean up of Goshen and the surrounding area.

One of the most cherished aspects of Washington and Lee for Su is the honor system. The trust and accountability inherent in the Honor System parallels Su's own code of conduct. Her honesty provides an example of what all Washington and Lee students should strive to achieve.

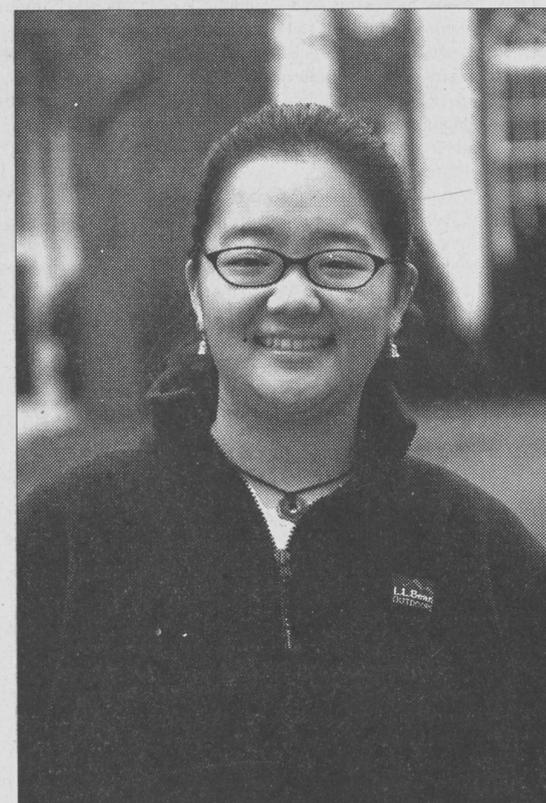
"The Honor System can go outside academics into all facets of your life," said Su. One of the characteristics that Tina's friends admire most is her honesty.

"She is a champion and hero of the Honor System," said Thomas.

Su is serving in her third year as a member of the Student Recruitment Committee. She gives weekly tours for the University. She is also a three year member of the Big Buddy mentoring program. She has been a big buddy to the same girl all three years. They meet weekly to work on homework or to play games such as checkers.

"I feel like I can make a difference once I leave Washington and Lee," stated Su on her future career. While she is undecided on her profession, she is leaning toward research.

She describes herself as honest, dependable, and efficient in all she does.



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Hidden Hero. Smiling Tina Su is a behind-the-scenes hero.

Tina Su is truly a hidden hero. She is the type of leader that does not want to be in the spotlight. Her organization and structural skills make her a natural leader and crucial player behind the scenes at Washington and Lee.

## EC from page 1

Major issues that the EC is considering include reworking the succession of officers and writing into the Constitution a minimum allocation for Mock Convention every year.

"While the number of law students who have approached me has not been overwhelming, it has been enough to reiterate that something needs to be changed," said Frederick Heiser, the third-year law representative.

The forum at the law school is expected to be better-attended than last weeks. "Many law students may have already expressed

their concerns to their EC representatives and are confident that their views have already been brought up through them. Concerns could be anything from succession of officers to the number of EC meetings held in the law school," said Heiser.

Arnold said that law students try to be active in campus government because, "is important to many law students because they participated in student government in college. To others, student government is important because it impacts our lives as law students in ways such as funding of the Student Bar Association," he said.

# THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Commons needs more artwork

The John W. Elrod University Commons has become a jungle. It seems that every time students darken its halls there is another tree growing in the building. Most importantly, there is no consistency. Around one corner there may be a bush, around another a tree, why not have only bushes or only trees?

The Commons higher-ups should invest in art instead of plants. While trees are wonderful, good for the environment and produce oxygen for the students, art encourages thought.

By not placing art, Washington and Lee University is missing an important element of education. Sure, the painting of the late President Elrod is beautiful, but there is more wall space than just above the fireplace.

The many superb art shows currently held in the Tucker Media Center, Williams School of Commerce and DuPont Hall could attract many more viewers if presented in the Commons.

The arts community of Lexington and Rockbridge County is vibrant. We should celebrate the incredible talent to be offered by our region. Why can't Washington and Lee more actively support all that the area has to offer?

And, if the County's artist community is not enough, why not borrow paintings from University Collections? There are hundreds of valuable paintings from years past gathering dust in storage facilities across campus.

Leaders, we implore you to take advantage of what we have to offer. The arts will be easily overlooked until you put them on our walls. Please give us something to look at.

Oh, and while your at it, could you put up some clocks in the building. Thanks in advance, and let us know if we can help hang them up.

## Straight student 'comes out' in Miami

On Wednesday, November 5, I flew to Miami and saw the ocean for the first time. Ok, so I really wasn't going for the white sandy beaches or the smell of fresh ocean air, though, I will admit that we paid homage to dear Mother Nature. Rather, the three undergraduate co-chairs of the Gay-Straight Alliance (Steve Martinenza, Rian Lewis, and myself) were going to one of the largest gay activist conferences in the nation. The "Creating Change" Conference is sponsored annually by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, NGLTF, and its location changes from year to year. This year it happened to be in sunny Miami Beach, so Rian, Steve, and I packed our suitcases with swimming suits, sunscreen, and flip-flops and headed down south for four days. We hoped to learn how to better our leadership abilities and to leave with fresh ideas and inspirations for the GSA. While I could tell you about all the strategies and techniques I learned to create change and open a dialogue, this is by far not the most important lesson I learned while in Miami. Indeed, I learned a very valuable lesson, one that I wasn't expecting, and one that will definitely stick with me for a very long time.

To attend the Creating Change Conference one does not have to be GLBTQTSI—that is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, two spirited, or intersexed. In fact, when you buy tickets online they ask your sexuality and "heterosexual" is an option. So, I clicked the box next to heterosexual, and headed down to Miami. I felt like I knew what I was getting into—I expected that Rian and I would be among the few straight people there. I thought I was prepared. I wasn't.

In society, you are basically straight till proven gay—no one really bothers to think, "maybe this person is gay" when they are introduced to someone. Gay people are forced to "come out" and tell us that they are gay. So what, right? What difference does it make? In Miami, I learned first hand what a difference it makes.

At the Creating Change Conference, American society reversed itself. On the first day, the co-chairs attended the Youth Institute—a gathering of young gay activists from across the nation. It became painfully obvious that, here, you were gay till proven straight. People made all encompassing statements, such as "We are all members of the gay community," or "As queer youth..." Every time it was said, it grated on me. I knew, consciously, that they weren't doing it on purpose and that they didn't mean anything bad by it, yet it still bothered me. As the day progressed, I slowly became a little braver. As another comment went by I slowly raised my hand. Before the moderators noticed me though, I quickly pulled my hand down. My stomach was in knots and I was nervous beyond belief. "What will these people think?" is all I kept saying to myself. The fear of a negative reaction was pushing me farther into my straight closet. By day's end I had finally worked up the nerve to "come out."

As we discussed the good and the bad parts of the conference, I shyly and nervously raised my hand. I was so nervous that I was shaking, stuttering, and completely flushed. My stomach was doing flip-flops and my hands were clammy. But I succeeded and I "came out." After I finished speaking, a series of comments were lashed out towards me. Most of them started with "I'm offended by..." or "You wouldn't understand..." or "It's a cultural thing..." It became obvious that several of these people did not appreciate my presence. As the verbal assault continued, I became so flustered that I couldn't even

construct a plausible defense for myself. I just kept repeating, "But that isn't what I meant," over and over. After the Institute ended, I stood waiting for the elevator with Steve. I was so upset and flustered that I attached myself to his side, hoping that I could just blend in and that no one would talk to me. I wanted to run back into my straight closet and slam the door tightly behind me.

After the Youth Institute, the conference continued. Reactions persisted to my heterosexuality—some good and some bad. In coming out in one of my later sessions, a gentleman looked at me and said, "Ah, honey, that's ok! We need you too!" My heart was put at ease. In contrast, during a workshop Rian attended, a woman got up and left their small group after Rian's "coming out." Through the good, the bad, and the ugly, I learned a lot as the weekend progressed. Never had I been forced to defend my sexuality. Never had I been subjugated to a negative reaction simply for being straight.

I always took for granted the fact that I didn't have to put myself out there; people would "know" I was straight. I had never felt the annoying grate of a broad statement that pretended to include me, yet that I knew didn't.

While in Miami, we befriended three students from the University of Northern Colorado. As I began explaining my feelings, one of them, Mike, looked at me, smiled and said, "Kelly Jo, welcome to the first nineteen years of my life." That's when it dawned on me: though, I will never know what it's really like to be gay in American society, I do, however, know what its like to be straight in a gay society. Moreover, I know what its like to be rejected and defined simply by your sexuality. It's not fun. At all. I was a nervous wreck for most of the conference—the sheer emotion of having to "come out," to being forced to constantly think about my sexuality and worry about what to say, was draining. I censored my comments based on the idea, "Will they figure out I'm straight if I say this? Will they hate me because of it?"

By the end of the conference I was ready to get back to straight society and not have to worry anymore. But you know what? It's a lot harder for gay people to leave straight society than it was for me to leave gay society. Society at large is subconsciously heterosexist. How many times have we asked a guy if he has a girlfriend? Does he have a wife? Do we ever think to ask if he has a partner? How many times do we say, "Gonna hook up with a hot chick tonight?" to our male friends or vice versa with our female friends? I can say from experience that, if untrue, these comments grate on the emotions to the point of being raw. They also reinforce a belief that a different sexuality is wrong. At the Creating Change conference, I put myself in my straight closet because I was scared of a negative reaction. After four days, I could retreat and not worry anymore.

Gay people can't flee straight society very easily, so shouldn't we make straight society a little more hospitable? Next time you're about to ask your best friend if he or she is going to be hooking up, think about the implications of your statements. Talk about homosexuality in a positive light—trust me, it was much easier to come out if I thought the person was going to be ok with the fact that I was straight. Take hateful and derogatory words out of your vocabulary; they only tear people down.

Society reversed is not an experience most people can ever have—I never expected it, but I'll never forget it. While I might not know what its like to be gay, I now have a better understanding of what it *might* be like. I didn't enjoy being defined by my sexuality or always having to defend my sexuality. It was definitely an emotional drain but not something I will forget anytime soon.

CHANGE YOUR MIND  
KELLY JO LARSEN '05

## Universal human rights ignored by U.S.



IRONY? Eleanor Roosevelt holds a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but does the U.S. really comply with these rights?

As much as I love America, I sometimes wonder what we're doing at times because it makes no sense. We have refused to ratify the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights (DHR) yet we speak vehemently on protecting human rights and even crusade on behalf of human rights. Why are we so set against penning our name to the most important document on human rights, a document we inspired?

One reason is that we believe that our Constitution and Bill of Rights sufficiently provide for the well-being of our people. So, if the two are equal in provisions, then there should be no problem in signing. We would just be affirming what we already believe, right? And herein lies the problem. We do not believe in the provisions of the DHR because we don't believe in human rights as a country. The Bill of Rights guarantees Americans political rights, not human rights. The two are different. Political rights protect citizens from encroachment by the government, such as the right to be free from governmental invasion of privacy, governmental abridgment of free speech, and so forth. Human rights, however, guarantee citizens a standard of human dignity. Let me illustrate these rights with some excerpts from the DHR.

Section 1 of Article 23 guarantees the right to work: *Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.* Section 1 of Article 25 guarantees people a standard of living: *Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.* In essence, hu-

man rights are basic economic and social rights. Looking at just these two guarantees of the DHR, it is no wonder that America refused to sign the declaration.

It seems that we don't really believe in providing social welfare to citizens. We don't believe in equal results, only equal opportunity. I used to be a believer of equal opportunity until I began to see that there is not a standard of equal opportunity in America because it means that we must all start at the same line. But it's common knowledge that we all start at different points in the social and economic race. The problem here is that we think that it is a choice between one or the other, and I am asserting that it is not a choice because you cannot have equal opportunity without equal results of some capacity. Everyone must have the same basic starting points to in order to actually have the same opportunities. That means that everyone should be able to have a job if they want one, everyone should have a house, food, healthcare—all the rights enumerated in the DHR in Articles 23-26. It is only after people have their basic human rights that they can utilize their political rights.

Our forefathers who drafted the Constitution didn't have to consider basic human rights as a necessity in the Bill of Rights because they already possessed these necessities. It never occurred to them that people deserved to be fed, because they had long tables full of food at mealtimes. It never occurred to them that people should have homes because they lived in mansions. It never occurred to them that people should have clothes to wear because they had tailors who made their entire wardrobes. It just never occurred to them, and now we are in the same place. It is not occurring to us either.

Most of you who are reading this article do

not have to concern yourselves with acquiring enough food to eat, a warm shelter to ward off the elements, or enough clothes to appear presentable. Your basic necessities are provided for and then some. But that is not the case for everyone living in this country. There are people who struggle to be fed, clothed, and housed, and no one should have to struggle to acquire those needs. It is an injustice for them and a shame for us. How can we as Americans claim that we are passionate about human rights when we deny millions of people every year those rights? There are millions of homeless people and millions of hungry mouths. When we pass a homeless man or woman on the street, do we ever fume with anger at the injustice of his or her condition? I doubt it. If we don't ignore them and cast the situation off as one of those things that happen, we are fuming with annoyance and disgust. I am guilty of the same state of mind and now I am forced to reconsider after an eye-opening lecture last Monday on homelessness. Homelessness isn't a deserved condition because of laziness or poor luck. It is an injustice that should not happen in our country. We should be the last country to have homelessness. It is a mockery of our high financial standing in the world that we have homelessness.

This is a serious issue, and I urge you to consider it seriously. Nothing will change if we don't start being serious. We are the lucky people who have the political power to effect change and represent those who cannot yet utilize their political rights. It is our obligation as active citizens of this nation. But most importantly, it is our obligation as human beings in this world.

To view the DHR in its entirety, please go to <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>.

## Quote of the Week

"We're not pulling out until the job is done, period."

~President George W. Bush

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## Saddam is not point of operations in Iraq

President Bush announced last Friday that we, the United States of America, would continue our military presence in Iraq until Saddam Hussein is in U.S. custody, or killed. This is entirely the wrong attitude to take toward Iraq, and I, for one, feel a bit let down by the President. What this effectively means is that President Bush thinks that once Saddam has been taken down, we don't need to be there anymore.

This comes after a week where President Bush has been backing off from Iraq and trying to speed up the passage of power to the Iraqi people. The Iraqi people are not yet ready, their Governing Council reported to U.S. authorities that they are hopelessly deadlocked on the creation of a new Iraqi Constitution. The essential problem is the conflict between the Shi'ite majority and the elite Sunni minority from which Saddam Hussein came.

If we find Saddam Hussein tomorrow, and the U.S. leaves, Iraq will not be any better than when we began our invasion. They will descend, likely, into civil war again, and most likely another military "president" will be put into office. Then, thousands will have died for nothing.

Don't get me wrong, Saddam Hussein is a criminal, and should be found. But that is not the reason that the United States invaded Iraq, at least, that's not the reason that we were given. We were told that the purpose of the invasion was to find and destroy weapons of mass destruction (none of which have been found) and to transform Iraq into a viable democracy with working infrastructure, services, and a basic appreciation of human rights. So far, thousands of Iraqis and hundreds of U.K.-U.S. coalition forces have perished towards that end.

Simply removing Saddam Hussein and his family will not suffice to turn Iraq into the country that President Bush wanted it to be. Throwing \$87.5 billion of taxpayer

money into a country and then leaving it to a divided, chaotic country where more people have died since the end of the "war" than during it is neither wise fiscal nor foreign policy. Staying when public opinion is behind you and leaving when it starts to turn against you is simply

evil politics, the kind that's been so reviled by Americans in recent year. If President Bush leaves, it will show that he is more concerned with continuing to live in the White House rather than with the well-being of the American or Iraqi people.

Withdrawing now simply because popular support for the occupation is dropping would be wrong. It would be an abandonment of the Iraqi people, and it would be a hypocritical letdown of the ideals for which President Bush professed to be invading Iraq. We must continue to stay in Iraq now that we are there. We must continue our search for the purported weapons of mass destruction, and we must stay in the country until it has been rebuilt, as our government has promised us.

Even though President Bush has said that we will not be in Iraq "for years and years," that may be what is necessary. And if it is, the President would do better to rethink that pledge. We're in now, and we shouldn't leave until we've accomplished our mission.

When will that mission be accomplished? When insurgents are no longer killing dozens per week. When the Iraqi people have more reverence for a stable and fair government rather than their own regional and religious factionalism. When their economy has been given a fair head start. When, in effect, we are no longer needed. But for right now, and for most of the foreseeable future, because of our invasion, we will be needed.

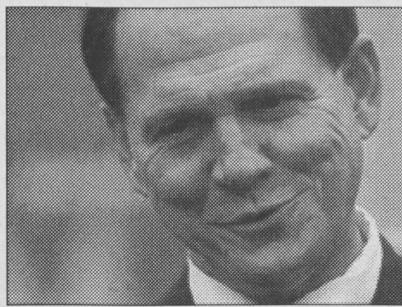
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CALEY ANDERSON '06

## Coward of the Week

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### Ex-Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore

By OPINIONS EDITOR CALEY ANDERSON



Chief Justice Roy Moore was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the State of Alabama for one reason and one reason alone- to act as a fair and impartial judge of the law of the State and the Federal Government. Over the past few months, he has made it absolutely clear that he doesn't care at all about this duty. Instead, he has chosen to use the position to which he was appointed as a political and religious campaign. For those not familiar with the story, here's a brief overview-

The Ten Commandments have long been a focal point of the church-state separation debate in America. But usually, the issue is whether posting the Christian religious laws in public schools (funded by the government) is a violation of the separation of church and state mandated by the Constitution (as interpreted by the Supreme Court). The answer to that question has already been resolved, of course; the Ten Commandments as rules for student conduct, our government says, do not belong in public schools, as they are a point of favoritism towards Judeo-Christian religion. But what Mr. Moore wanted to do went far beyond any standard of common sense or American rights and law. In the Alabama Supreme Court, Moore ordered a huge monument to the Ten Commandments placed in the central lobby. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." A testament to Judeo-Christian religion in a very important government building shows pretty clearly that the government favors one religion over another. We've gone over this a thousand times, but if we put up the Ten Commandments, let's also put up the Eight Pillars of Islam, or the Eightfold Path of Buddhism. It's only fair under American law.

Roy Moore has had this problem before. When he was in Circuit Court, he had another Ten Commandments monument in his courtroom. He became known as the "Ten Commandments" judge, and his appointment to the Supreme Court was largely a political move. When he tried to place his monument in the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court,

a Federal court ordered it removed, and rightly so, as it was a blatant violation of the separation of church and state. He refused, showing that he, the primary judicial official in the State of Alabama, had no respect for the law. So, an ethics committee kicked him off the bench, and he is currently under review by the Alabama Bar Association, so he may possibly lose the right to practice law.

Yet, despite all of this, he doesn't care. He didn't do this because of his great belief in the Ten Commandments and American law, if that were true, he would keep his enthusiasm for his religion in his own life instead of forcing it on all the citizens of Alabama as a whole. But polls show that 77% of Alabama citizens support Moore in his decision. Thus, this whole fiasco was clearly a political move. "I will be making an announcement next week which could alter the course of this country," Moore declared last Thursday. He obviously intends to run for public office. And he will very likely win, simply because most Alabamians can't tell the difference between "the Ten Commandments are a good set of rules for personal life" and "the Ten Commandments should be United States Government Public Policy."

Moore is a coward because he is a traitor to the ideals of the Constitution. He refuses to face the main issue, namely, that his placement of the monument is a direct violation of the Constitution. Instead, he merely insists that it's his right to "acknowledge god," though he's doing far more than acknowledging, and is instead forcing a particular interpretation of god onto the American people as a whole. He is a traitor to basic American ideals, as he's using the spin from this horrible activity to create public support (erroneous public support, but public support nonetheless). Just because a lot of people support an issue does not make it Constitutional. It's individuals like this who are responsible for the degradation of America into a apathetic voter wasteland, and it's individuals like this that cause the rest of the world to laugh at us. He may well soon be in office, and if he makes it, it will be yet another dark day for American democracy.

## Democrats block judicial nominees for political reasons

Last Wednesday the Senate Republicans called a 30 hour anti-filibuster session to argue against Democrats blocking several of President Bush's judicial nominees. The Republicans' purpose in scheduling the session was to rally Americans against the Democrats, who blocked the President's nominees for ideological reasons. The truth of the matter is that the Democrats are desperate to hold power. Let's examine the opposition to Mississippi judge Charles Pickering. The Democrats accuse Pickering of supporting segregation as a young man and pushing anti-abortion and anti-voting rights as a state lawmaker. They continue to filibuster his confirmation even when their arguments have been shown to have no merit.

Charles Pickering testified against the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi in 1967, advocated voting rights for African-Americans in the 1960's, and led integration efforts in the 1970's and 1980's. His record demonstrates that the allegations against him are entirely false. Another example of Democratic mistreatment is evident in the case of Miguel Estrada. Estrada sought to become the first Hispanic citizen on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Estrada, a former clerk to Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and an

assistant solicitor general during the Clinton administration, is a partner in a Washington law firm. His credentials are so impressive that he was widely talked about as a sure Supreme Court nominee. Yet, Democrats persisted in filibustering his confirmation vote. Estrada waited so long to be confirmed that he eventually withdrew his name from consideration. In a shameless display of bravado, Senator Edward Kennedy called Estrada's withdrawal "a victory for the Constitution." A third example of Democratic exploitation is the case of Janice Rogers Brown. Brown, a California Supreme Court Justice, is currently seeking a confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

However, her appointment seems unlikely to occur because Democrats continue to filibuster her confirmation vote. The comic value of this matter lies in the fact that some of Brown's opposition is from the NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus - a liberal group comprised of African-American congressmen. These groups pride themselves on the advancement of African-Americans in society, yet they oppose an African-American judicial nominee, Brown, simply because she is conservative. It's just a tad bit ironic that these groups continue to oppose Brown considering she is the daughter of an African-American sharecropper and a great nominee to support their cause.

The behavior of the Democrats in the matter of Bush's judicial nominees is disgraceful, and their true purpose is grossly evident. As the American populace continues to become more moderately conservative as a whole, liberal Democrats constantly feel threatened that their ideals will not be supported. They are losing power to enact legislation and, consequently, seeking another method to push their agendas. Their solution is to have judges legislate from the bench. A judge's tenure lasts for life, and the more liberal judges, the more outlets of support for liberal ideals.

While the majority of American citizens criticize the outcome of judicial rulings on issues such as the display of the Ten Commandments, prayer in school, and the word "God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, these issues continue to be ruled upon favorably for the Democrats. Why is this the case? The answer is simple. In every instance, liberal judges creatively interpreted the Constitution. Had conservative judges presided over these cases, the rulings would have been different. This example sheds light on the underhanded tactics the liberal Democrats are using to push their agendas. Instead of mustering support for their radical ideals and passing legislation, they resort to filibustering the confirmation vote of any judicial nominee who doesn't have an extremist interpretation of the Constitution. This tactic is simply unacceptable.

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# Democrats have a slim shot in 2004

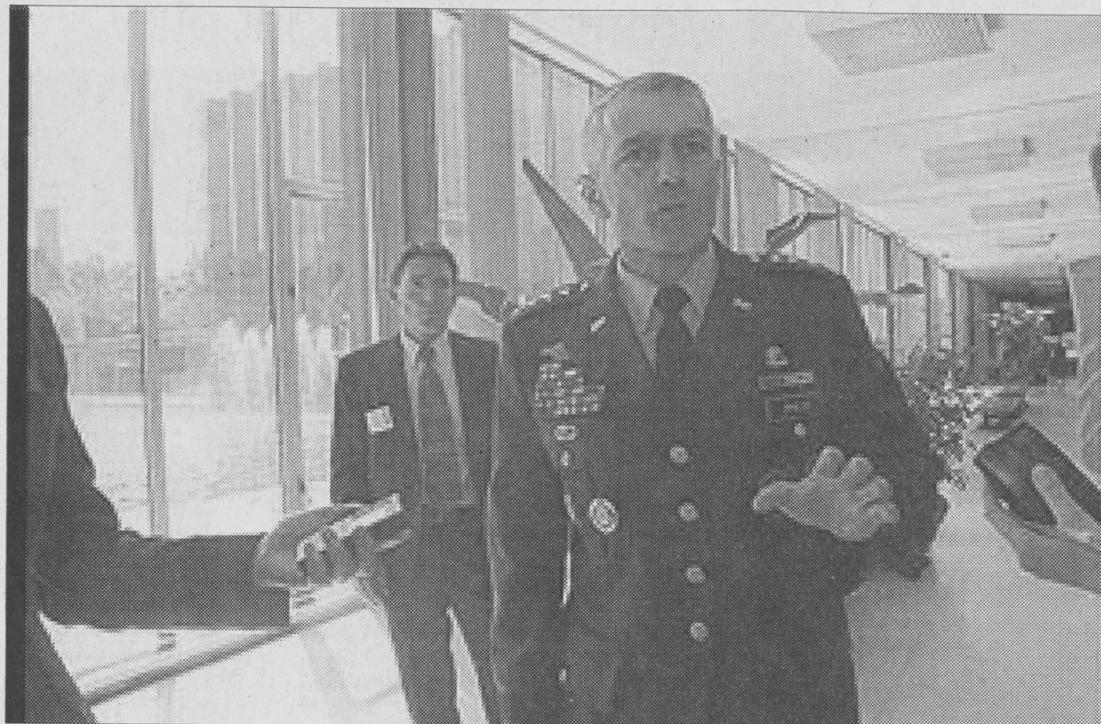


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**GONE AND FORGOTTEN?** Current Democratic front runner Wesley Clark may see his campaign fizzle out in the near future.

The Democrats are hurting. The most recent gubernatorial elections did not favor their party, as Republicans picked up numerous seats, even in long-time Democratic strongholds like Mississippi. Republicans also recently won gubernatorial posts in ultra-liberal Massachusetts and left-of-center Maryland, while liberal New York City is currently in its second generation of Republican mayors. Every single statewide office in Texas is now held by a Republican, marking the end of what used to be a Democratic Texas. And in California, that bastion of left-wing politics, Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected last month by a comfortable margin in a stunning election that ousted a sitting Democratic governor through an almost unprecedented recall vote.

President Bush is also currently looking quite strong. Despite criticisms of his record on the economy and his success in prosecuting the war on terror, polls are consistently showing that President Bush stands a good to very good chance of being elected. Furthermore, Republicans are expected to increase their majority in the House, and retain their majority in the Senate, possibly picking up a few additional seats. Do the Democrats stand a chance of beating President Bush?

Despite what some Bush supporters might say, the answer is yes. President Bush's approval ratings are down from a year ago, although recent trends show them improving. Most analysts agree that how voters perceive their economic status to be in November of 2004 will strongly influence which way they vote. Third quarter economic data showed very strong growth, and interest rates continue to remain at historic lows. If this trend continues, then Bush's chances continue to improve. The biggest problem for the Democrats, then, is which of their presidential candidates would stand the best chance of beating a relatively strong Bush. Who will the Democrats select?

With the exception of Howard Dean, none of the current Democratic frontrunners show serious opposition to Bush's policies. Gephardt, Lieberman, and Kerry all voted to support the war in Iraq, and they are all relatively moderate Democrats, particularly Lieberman. Why would anyone, particularly a right-of-center political independent, choose one of

these candidates over the incumbent Bush? Clark, a supposed frontrunner, has been bogged down by an increasingly disorganized campaign and mixed stances on key issues, including the war on Iraq. It's only a matter of time before Clark exits the race as a has-been. Edwards' campaign, once characterized as that of a young Southern star in the mold of Bill Clinton, has been faltering. He lacks significant support outside of the Southeast, and his shady fundraising tactics may yet blow up on him. As for Sharpton, Kucinich, and Braun, they're all trailing at the bottom of the polls despite being the most liberal and anti-Bush of all the candidates. The worst part is that they are hardly bad politicians; Sharpton, for all his shortcomings, is an excellent politician, and Kucinich and Braun have both held national office before.

All of this points to a very difficult position for the Democrats. Their most left-wing candidates are barely registering in the polls, and their most centrist candidates lack any real reason to elect them over President Bush.

Their ideal candidate, therefore, lies somewhere in between. It looks like Howard Dean may yet be their best bet. Even Dean, though, faces considerable challenges, not the least of which is his blunt personality. He is prone to saying rather stupid things which he later has to retract or further explain. The recent Confederate flag debacle is an excellent example of this; although appealing to rural voters who put Confederate flag bumper stickers on their pickup trucks is hardly morally wrong, nor is it poor strategy, Dean's opponents seized this as an opportunity to paint him as a bigot (which he almost certainly is not). In the eyes of moderate to liberal suburban voters in the North, who will constitute a sizeable percentage of the electorate, these sorts of accusations do not bode well for him.

What will Dean say or do next? And what will those moderate to liberal suburban voters think of Dean's consistent NRA endorsements? Those are hardly bad things, but they're not what liberal Democrats want, either. Voters may yet decide that Dean is not as liberal as he claims to be. This leaves the Democrats fresh out of a candidate who fits in between nutty radicalism and boring centrism. It appears as though the Democrats' only lifeboat will be a certain junior senator from New York; until and if such senator decides to run, however, it looks like the Democrats are facing a bleak situation in 2004.

# Westerner discovers southern society quirks

I am exactly 2,423 miles from my home in Boise, Idaho (yes, that's where potatoes come from, and no, it's not next to Illinois). It is a place where we wear jeans and a t-shirt to Boise State football games, played on our famous blue turf. It's a place where no one cares which fraternity you are in, much less which one your grandfather was in when he went to college in 1933. And most of all, it's a place where dressing up like old confeder-



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Idaho, most of our girls couldn't even differentiate the offense from the defense.

And, boy, do southerners have manners. The first time I heard my roommate, from Alabama, talk to his parents on the phone, I thought he was in trouble. All he said was, "Yes, ma'am." No, sir. Yes, ma'am." I have now learned that is part of the normal speech pattern. If he

called a woman ma'am in Idaho, he might get slapped. In the west ma'am is equivalent to old woman.

For the past month, people have been complaining about the extreme cold. Many W&L students act like they are freezing in 55 degree weather. One of my favorite activities is to walk around campus and guess where people are from by how many layers they are wearing. If someone is wearing two sweatshirts and a ski coat in 55 degree weather, I know that they are from Alabama. While the weather is not always cold in Idaho (we often get 100 degree plus temperatures in the summer), 55 degrees is definitely not worthy of breaking out the North Face jacket.

I love the south. It's the only place where seeing a Confederate flag hanging in a dorm room is not only acceptable, but is probable. It's a place where Bear Bryant is god, and the Yankees (both the baseball team and the northerners) are devils. It's a place where nobody has heard of Keystone beer, but Southern Comfort is as abundant as water. It's a place where you can go to Waffle House at three in the morning to get a triple order of chunked hash browns, and learn the hard way that they only take cash (we don't have Waffle Houses in the west).

Washington and Lee is where a kid from Idaho, who seemingly has nothing in common with anyone from the south, can be able to fit in. While I don't (and do not plan to) hang a Confederate flag in my room, I have found that my southern friends and their ways are rubbing off on me. I wear ties to football games, hate the Yankees, and have begun to say y'all (something for which my friends back in Idaho will undoubtedly make fun of me). W&L has showed me the southern side of life, and opened my eyes to a completely different culture which will be part of me for the rest of my life.

My mom is from the South, so when I decided that W&L was the place for me, she took it upon herself to prepare me for southern life. She explained why southerners don't call the Civil War the Civil War; instead it's called the War Between the States. She forced me to eat grits, and she explained what sweet tea is. Despite all of her hard work, she could not prepare me for the extreme culture shock I was about to encounter when I arrived on campus.

It all started at the first home football game. There was a "tailgate," but there weren't any tailgates. I don't know about the rest of the nation, but in Idaho a tailgate implies people barbequing on an actual tailgate. Besides the football players, I was the only guy who wasn't wearing a tie to the game. And even more oddly, the girls were all wearing pearls, high heels, and dresses. They were dressed more formally than my high school prom date. In Idaho, we wear jeans and a t-shirt to the games, and that goes for the girls too!

And what, may I ask, is with the girls down here? They not only know the rules of football but they follow it religiously. Whenever I want to know who won the Alabama, Auburn, or Ole Miss game, I just go find a southern girl. They can tell me not only what the score was, but additionally, they can tell me how the defensive coordinator screwed up by switching to a prevent defense with two minutes remaining, rather than staying in the cover three like he should have. It's awesome! In



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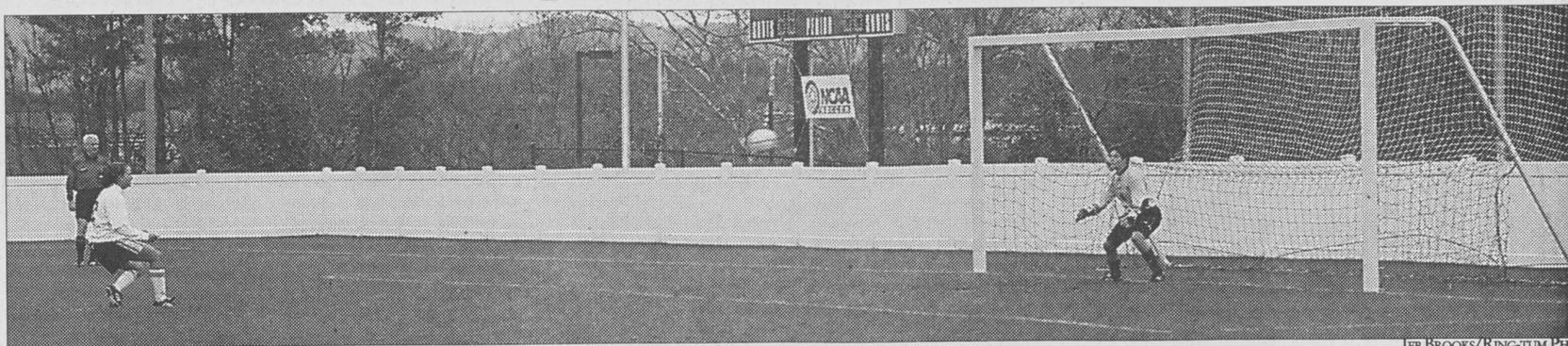
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## Generals fall in championship after strong tournament play



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GOOOAAAAAIIII!!! Anne Wiltshire scores the winning penalty kick against Greensboro after the teams played 110 scoreless minutes in Saturday's NCAA Regional Semifinal.

**JOHN HYLAND**  
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Yesterday, the W&L women's soccer team lost in the second round of the NCAA tournament for the second straight year, falling to ODAC rival Virginia Wesleyan. The Generals entered the tournament ranked sixth in the nation and concludes its season with a 15-2-3 overall record.

By virtue of their ODAC crown, the Generals earned the first seed in the South Regional of the tournament, also meaning that the region's games would be played in Lexington. In a rematch of the first round of the 2002 tournament, W&L played Greensboro College. The Generals won last season's match-up with a 2-0 decision but this year's game would prove to be a little more difficult. The teams played to a scoreless tie during regulation, despite W&L getting off 10 sec-

ond half shots and the Pride 8 of their own. For the game, the Generals held a 17-11 advantage in shots. The two overtimes produced little offense and after 110 minutes of soccer, neither team could produce a score. Part of the reason for the lack of offense was the stellar play of both team's goalkeepers. Greensboro goalie Kerri Wells and W&L junior Emily Barker made 6 saves apiece. The Generals finally prevailed in penalty kicks. Both teams converted on their first attempts but the Pride missed their next two opportunities with the second heading wide right. The Generals were able to connect on their fourth straight shot to preserve the victory.

The win set up a regional championship match-up between the two ODAC foes. Virginia Wesleyan won the teams' regular season match-

up, 1-0, handing the Generals their only regular season loss. W&L, however, came back to win their second straight ODAC crown with a 2-1 victory over the

Marlins last Saturday in the conference tournament finals. In the regional semifinals in Lexington on Saturday, Virginia Wesleyan snapped Hardin-Simmon's 15-

game winning streak with a 2-1 decision.

In the finals, on a cold and rainy afternoon, the Generals offense remained cold. They were only able to muster two shots on goal in the first half, neither of which got on goal. For the game, the Marlins defense only allowed 5 shots but did not force goalkeeper Laura Wiederwax to make a defense. The Generals defense was steady as well, allowing thirteen shots, none of which beat Barker, who made 5 saves. The two squads played scoreless through regulation and one overtime period but with 3:30 left in the second overtime period, Marlin forward Meg Bronstein connected on a shot from the corner of the 18-yard box, to give Virginia Wesleyan (entering the tournament ranked seventh in the nation) a birth in the NCAA quarterfinals, where they will play DePauw this Saturday.

The loss snapped the Gen-

erals eight game unbeaten streak. Nevertheless, the regional final marked the deepest a W&L squad had reached in school history. The future continues to look bright. Last week, the ODAC released its all conference players. Several General underclassmen received recognition. Junior defender Kelly Zagol and sophomore midfielder Kerry Giblin earned first team honors. Freshman forward Anne Wiltshire, the team's leading scorer and freshman midfielder Rebecca Cohn made the second team while sophomore defender Heather Rogers was named honorable mention. The team loses only three seniors, including co-captains Meghan Hayde and Fontaine Marcoux, both of whom were named first team all-ODAC performers and received acknowledgment for the third straight year. Marcoux ends her career as the school's all-time leading scorer.



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SPRIT! Womens' Soccer fans came out in force to cheer on the team during NCAA Regional play at Championship Soccer Field.

## Football team ends season with 27-14 win over Greensboro

**BY ALLISON PERRY**  
 CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

The Washington and Lee football team ended its season at home Saturday with a 27-14 win over Greensboro. The Generals dominated the second quarter, scoring all of their 27 points then. Washington and Lee improved its record to 3-7, while Greensboro also changed its record to 3-7.

Greensboro got on the board first when junior Mantron Davis intercepted a pass from senior Peter Dean, starting a touchdown drive. Freshman Ted Hoyle rushed one yard for the score. Kicker Erik Naglee made the extra point.

Washington and Lee's Ted Maffit would then intercept a Greensboro pass only 50 seconds into the second quarter. The interception started a touchdown run that ended with a 55-yard pass from Dean to sophomore Clark Kensinger. Freshman

kicker Ben Long's attempt was good, changing the score to 7-7.

After a failed Greensboro drive, the Generals took the ball once again to return it for another touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Greg Tweardy rushed for one yard to score. Long made the kick, putting the score at 14-7.

The Generals then recovered the ball on the next play after the on-side kick. Dean completed a 34-yard pass to junior John Barnwell. Freshman Richard Garland then rushed twice to get the touchdown. Long's extra-point attempt was good, and the score was set at 21-7.

On the next possession of the ball, the Generals scored their final touchdown. With only 00:16 left in the half, Tweardy found senior Jonathan Brimer for a 28-yard touchdown pass. Long did not make the extra-point, but the Generals went

into the second half leading 27-7.

Early in the third quarter, a Washington and Lee fumble led to a scoring drive for Greensboro. Sophomore quarterback Justin Roberson completed a pass to senior wide receiver Ricky Moore for the touchdown. Naglee made the extra-point to increase the score to 27-14. But the touchdown was not enough to get past the Generals. Neither team scored for the rest of the game.

The Generals lead Greensboro in rushing as well as passing. Washington and Lee rushed for 147 yards, while Greensboro only rushed for 62 yards. The Generals also passed for 225 yards compared to Greensboro's 112 yards.

Garland was the top rusher for Washington and Lee, running for 103 yards. Dean led the team in passing with 129 yards, completing 9 of 14 passes.

Hoyle ran for 35 yards for Greensboro, Roberson passed for 59 yards, completing 10 of 23 passes.

On defense, senior Ben Krasnoff led the Generals with nine tackles and one sack. Junior Lloyd Wilson had six tackles.

Seniors Ian Mosher and Richard Tattersall led the Greensboro defense with 12 tackles each. Senior Courtney Gunter had eight tackles and one sack.

Saturday's win ended the season on a positive note, along with the placement of three Generals on the CoSIDA College Division Academic All-District Football team. First team honors went to junior linebacker Wes Kimmel, senior defensive lineman Jess Lipsey, and senior defensive back Lee Walker.

Washington and Lee ended its season 1-5 in the ODAC and 3-7 overall.

## Cross Country teams compete in NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships at Emory

**W&L SPORTS RELEASE**

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams were in action on Saturday at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships hosted by Emory. The Generals men's squad finished 10th out of 20 teams, while the W&L women came in eighth out of 20 teams.

On the men's side, senior Andy Schorr (Kingwood, Texas/Kingwood) led all Generals with an 11th-place overall finish and a time of 26:53.84. With his finish, he earns all-region accolades for the third time in his collegiate career.

Junior Steven Chambers (Christiana, Pa./Octorara Area) and senior Rusty Meyer (Dallas, Texas/Jesuit Prep) were the second and third W&L runners to cross the tape, respectively. Chambers finished 30th overall with a time of 27:49.66, while Meyer recorded a 47th-place time of 28:29.31.

For the women, sophomore Mary Christopher (Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons) led all Generals with a 41st-place run of 25:33.35. Sophomore Betsy Frayer (Grand Rapids, Mich./East Grand Rapids) finished in 45th-place (25:40.44), while freshman Julie Harris (Richmond, Va./Saint Catherines) finished 56th overall (26:04.64).

## Volleyball falls in second round of NCAA tournament

**KIM GUNST**  
 STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee volleyball team fell to Emory University in the second round of the 2003 NCAA Division III Tournament at Trinity University.

The Generals started strong as they won their opener against Averett, 25-30, 30-18, 30-17, 30-21, this past Thursday evening. Junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing led the team with an impressive match-high 19 kills and 13 digs, while sophomore setter Christine Gladysz totaled a career-high 65 assists and 12 digs.

"We beat Averett for the third time this year, and it was great to make it to the second round of the NCAA tournament," Captain and ODAC Tournament MVP Emily Wolfing said.

Despite their strongest efforts, the team watched their season come to a close Friday evening when they lost to Emory, 30-27, 30-25, 30-27. Wolfing led the way again—this time with 11 kills and 10 digs.

Sophomore middle blocker Susan Gaillard tallied 10 kills and junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain recorded eight kills and five digs.

The Generals struggled for a victory, but held late leads in all three matches. "Our loss to Emory came as a huge disappointment," Wolfing commented while looking back on the team's loss. "They played great defense, and we fought hard. It just wasn't our night, and we came up a little short in the end."

The General's loss against Emory ended their season with a 35-4 overall record, but the team seems even more optimistic about next year's season.

"Since we have no seniors on the team, we all need to work hard this summer and come back next year determined to make it past the second round, which the team has lost the past 3 years," Gladysz said in hopes to do even better next year. "Despite the rough ending to the season, our regular season could not have been better."



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

KEEP IT UP. Junior Emily Wolfing hits the ball in the Generals' NCAA tournament play at Trinity University.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 18	Wednesday, November 19	Thursday, November 20	Friday, November 21	Saturday, November 22	Sunday, November 23
• W Swimming vs. Hollins--7:00	• Open	• Open	• M Basketball at F&M Tourn.--8:00 • W Basketball at Peace--8:00	• M Basketball at F&M Tourn.--TBA • W Basketball at Howard Payne--3:00 • Swimming at Dickinson--1:00	• W Swim at Bryn Mawr Tri.--1:00

# W&L student sings backup for Lyle Lovett in Richmond



Photo Courtesy of www.lylelovett.net

BY CATHERINE SWAN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While most people limit their musical performance to singing along with the radio, junior Tran Kim recently got the unique opportunity of singing backup for Lyle Lovett at a live concert in Richmond this past Wednesday night.

Lyle Lovett is primarily known as an alternative country singer, but he has done songs that cover a wide range of genres, including jazz, folk, and gospel. He is currently on a seven week United States tour following the release of his latest album, *My Baby Don't Tolerate*. In each city he performs, Lovett uses a gospel choir from the area to sing backup during his gospel

selections. Kim was selected to be a member of the group during his concert in her hometown of Richmond.

The opportunity arose when Sheela Belle, editor of the Richmond-based *The Gospel Times*, sent out a mass email two weeks prior to the performance seeking applications from singers to form a choir for Lovett's Richmond concert. Kim sent in an application, even though she was unsure how she got on the email list and did not even know the details of what she was applying for. In fact, she had never even listened to Lovett's music prior to this experience.

Not long thereafter, Kim found out that she had been chosen to sing in the gospel choir during

Lovett's Richmond performance. She received a CD in the mail of five gospel tracks to rehearse, three of which would be performed the night of the concert. She did not even have the opportunity to rehearse with the group she was singing with until just hours before the concert.

A total of nine singers were chosen to sing backup. They became a choir just for that night, and called themselves 'Gospel 911.' Out of the nine chosen, Kim was somewhat the odd one out in the group. She was significantly younger than all the other singers, and was also the only non-African American in the group.

"The people I sang with were very nice and welcoming and took me

under their wing," said Kim.

After the last minute rehearsal, Gospel 911 took the stage to sing for a full house in the 2,000 seat Carpenter Center. They sang backup for three songs, one of which, 'I'm Going to Wait,' was just released on Lovett's new CD.

"It was my first gig in a big venue. There were people in the articles singing and clapping and getting into the music. It was really neat and I just had a great time," said Kim.

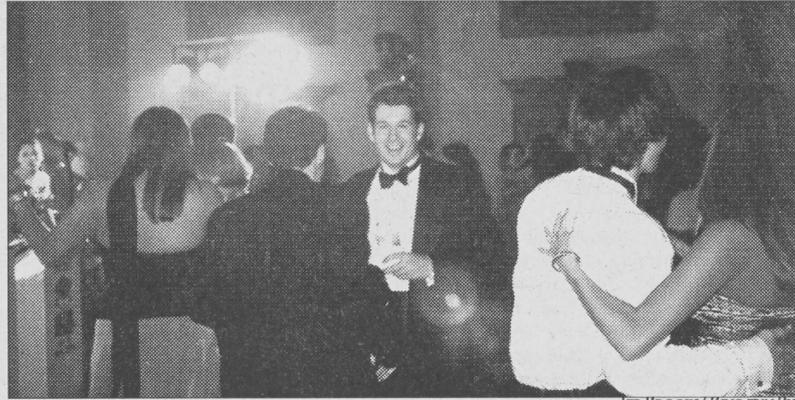
At W&L Kim sings with the Joyful Noise gospel choir and General Admission mixed a capella group. She plans to continue her involvement with music after college, but is not sure how actively she will pursue it.

## WHAT FUN



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**MOCK CONVENTION.** The Gala last weekend was a big success by most accounts. Big Ray and The Kool Kats (left) entertained about 1,000 guests at the black tie affair on Friday night. Noah Rhodes (right), the general chair of Mock Convention, also enjoyed the sounds of the swing



JEB BROOKS/RING-TUM PHI

band. Students danced the night away in Evans Dining Hall, which was decorated in patriotic colors for the event. This was the first chance that many students had to enter the Evans Dining Hall this year since it is no longer used.

# Antiquing in Lexington stores an exciting way to spend a weekend

BY ERIN JULIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

It's no small secret that Lexington businesses do well over Washington and Lee's Parents Weekend. Many of the Lexington antique businesses most especially attract W&L parents.

"At this point, I do prey off W&L parents," said Henry Simpson of Lexington Antiques.

Simpson opened his shop in September of 1975, so he has been around long enough to see many Parents Weekends. "The downtown looks like a cocktail party during W&L Parents Weekends," he said, "VMI parents never spend—they have them scheduled totally... VMI doesn't let them loose."

Simpson located in Lexington because his wife is an art history professor at Washington and Lee, "I'm stuck here... and I'm so glad about it," he said.

Fran Tinelli, of Francesca's Antiques, retired early to move to Lexington to open her business. "I saw Lexington in Southern Living about 10 years ago," she said, and opened her antique shop in April of 2001.

"I have customers from all over the US... locals and people from around Virginia are about equal to the number of out of state customers and I have customers from about every state," said Tinelli.

Tinelli called Lexington a "destination town," and said that people come from several states just to spend a weekend in Lex.

She also said that W&L parents come to her shop all year, and that Parents Weekend is, "no better than any other weekend. I have very good business—I would not want to depend on that one weekend," she said.

Tinelli, who specializes in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century furniture and "antique accessories" said she travels to auctions, "all over," for her merchandise. She also goes through catalogue auctions and estate auctions looking for possible merchandise.

Tinelli holds degrees in restaurant management, personnel, finance and an MBA, and advises the students of the college town she serves to "learn all you can, then pull together all you

know when you retire... you can have a great retirement with all you've learned through working."

Sally Gaines is the owner of All That Glitters, an antique and estate jewelry business she opened six years ago.

Gaines cites local people, W&L parents and VMI parents as her main customer base.

"My business is most profitable at Parents Weekend and at Christmas," she said. Gaines also sells to students, although usually, "they spot something and then bring their parents in," said Gaines, who acquires her merchandise from people who bring in things to sell and from different dealers and antique shows in the area.

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# A startling fact about frat guys, too exclusive for their own good

Excited over yet another WVU primetime up-set special over Pitt (hopefully I'll get no fuming responses over the origins of Pitt's mascot this week), I hobbled over to Fiji this past Saturday night to enjoy their band party. I happened to spot a friend on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and to avoid clogging the already bustling hallway, we ducked a few feet into laundry room, which was already open. A few seconds later, some malcontented sophomore Phi Gam, thinking perhaps I was trying to pilfer some of his dirty clothes, told me I had to get out of the laundry room. Granted, having a conversation with a friend in a fraternity laundry room seems a little unorthodox, but this guy wanted to fight me over it. Baffled, I left the Fiji house a few minutes later.

Last year, I went to Pi Phi's fabled packing peanut party. After talking with a few friends, I trudged into the stage room through the 3 feet tall sea of foam to get a beer from the bar. Afterwards, I walked back to talk with my friends, at which point a very annoyed Pi Phi pledge approached me and asked "You're just going to get a beer?!!!" as if I had committed a crime against God and nature. I wasn't sure how to react - I wasn't even sure if he was serious, and I almost laughed in his face. Instead, I enjoyed the Natty Light which had caused so much drama, and left Pi Phi humored yet confused.

There are a few trends of our Greek system that are just plain stupid and unreasonable. The

most predictable one goes something like this...

A young man pledges to a fraternity and from that point on, he considers that fraternity to be part of his identity. As a result, he invariably begins to drift away from friends, hallmates, and acquaintances who pledged elsewhere, since he spends the majority of his time with his pledge brothers. This falling-out almost always leaves a bitter taste and some hurt feelings (though most frat boys would be unwilling to admit it). To complete the transition, as a sophomore, the fella will most likely live in the fraternity house, and will spend his energy rushing new freshmen in direct competition with all his former friends who are in other houses rushing the same guys.

Fraternity sophomores are the worst. Subconsciously about the well-being of their own house and their own rush, they try desperately to sell the best image possible. In the grand fraternity game, they try to pull as many people as possible to their house, and would prefer that the other fraternities not exist. Fraternity sophomores would rather sit in their own houses then go party elsewhere, and when they do go out, it's often with the intention of bringing people back to their own parties. Certainly, this strategy doesn't exactly work miracles for intra-fraternity relations.

Here's another fabulous trend - fraternity upperclassmen try desperately to rush a certain freshman. They pull out all the stops. They take him to

dinner. They call him to do individual stuff constantly. They spend all sorts of time and energy on this one guy. And then come tear night, the guy ends up at another fraternity. Not surprising, the fraternity guys feel slighted and pissed and insulted. They grow to despise that freshman for going the other way. Then they grow to despise that other fraternity as well, out of hurt feelings.

There's nothing wrong with fraternity pride. Fraternity rivalries are not horrible things, and can be quite healthy. But how do we let these ideas drive us to the lame high school phenomena of social clique-ing and oversensitive feelings?? This is college, not high school, right?? The trap is easy to fall into. It perpetuates itself. After joining a fraternity, you've got plenty of friends, you've got your own parties, and your own social circle. All you need is already provided - why branch out and keep an open mind??

To make it even more ridiculous, some fraternity brothers feel the need to ostracize other members of their house for branching out. It's taboo to keep close friends in other fraternities, to go to parties other than your own fraternity events, or to even invite other frat boys to your own events. Do I even need to explain how excessive this is??

Finally, as a senior, I'm able to appreciate hanging out with all different sorts of W&L folks, and I've been having more fun than in any previous year. Through intramurals, I've met people I would normally not come across in a typical day.

In pick-up basketball, I play with a whole slew of freshman and non-Lambdas. And out of my entire West Virginia Mock Con Delegation, there is only one guy in my fraternity, so it's been another great opportunity to get to know and befriend different people across campus. At the occasional Saturday morning gin bucket, I may be nothing more than the token Lambda, but at least I'm fraternizing with people that I don't see every day.

Not everyone is so inclusive. Students on sport teams or in ensembles or in clubs interact with different people everyday. There are innumerable opportunities for anyone to get out and meet different people in this small school.

But the worst of the worst is that lame frat boy who wants nothing to do with anyone else outside of his own bubble. I can't think of a bigger waste than to go through four years in Lexington believing that other people aren't worth your time because they aren't in "fraternity X."

Take my advice - don't be that guy. The best people on this campus are the ones who can transcend the isolationism of the Greek system, who identify themselves as a W&L student first and a fraternity brother second. Naturally, everyone will come across people they don't like. But give everybody a chance - get to know people before you try to bring them down. In doing so, maybe you can help erase the boundaries and pretentiousness that so often gives the Greek system a bad name.

Φ ABSOLUT FRATLORD  
 TIM SMITH '04

## Take a break, have some fun

BY JEB BROOKS  
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

"I'm too busy." Surely that is one of the most widely heard statements today. We are all too busy. Too busy for what? No one has more than 24 hours in a day; some just use what they have been given more wisely than others. There is no need to complain about how little time you have and how many things you have to do, all of us are busy and all of us have too little time. Why not take some of that time and spend it in a unique way. Sometimes you need to break the monotony. Doing something completely and totally random is not only fun, it is a great way to create some truly lasting college memories. Some of my favorite times at Washington and Lee have come from doing something out-of-the-ordinary.

Next time you want to say that your life flies by and that you have no time for anything, stop yourself. Take a moment to take a break. We are in Lexington, Virginia, the heart of the Shenandoah. Why not

take advantage of all that surrounds us? There are countless ways to pass time in the area, and only two of them are studying and partying.

Try something new, something different. Go to Lake Robertson and hike around it. Trek over to Natural Bridge and gawk at the wax figures. Head up to the Greenbrier for a cup of afternoon tea. Drive on to Charlottesville for some ice cream. Watch a movie in Roanoke, go to the Safari Park, explore the caverns up north. Do something. Step outside the box.

There are literally millions of things you can do around the area. If you need some advice, just go to the Lexington Visitors' Center on Washington Street.

I am as guilty as anyone of making excuses, but we've got to remember that our Washington and Lee experience is more than just classroom time. Leave town for a day or a weekend and you'll have some fun.

Hey, if you need someone to join you, let me know. I'll be glad to come along. As long as it isn't a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

## Student sit-ins shut down meeting

*It hasn't happened yet, but this is how Kirwan is calling it.*

LEXINGTON- Today, the February meeting of the Board of Trustees was essentially shut down by a group of Washington and Lee students. The students, who numbered nearly one thousand, organized a sit-in to protest the Board's imminent decision to change the school's undergraduate calendar from three to two terms, eliminating the cherished and unique Spring Term.

"Near unanimous student opinion had previously been ignored by the Trustees," said sit-in organizer Ansel Sanders, "In response, we have prevented the Board from meeting until they commit to saving Spring Term." As he spoke, the mass of sign-waving students who occupied Northern Auditorium and most of the main floor of Leyburn Library cheered. Music played and the spirit of the students was high because they felt that their opinions were finally being listened to.

"This is preposterous," blubbered University Rector Phil Norwood, "Washington and Lee students are not supposed to act like this. I mean, we knew they had strong feelings about Spring Term, but we had trusted President Burish to deal with the students." Norwood, who was just elected to the position of Rector at the Board's last meeting in October, attempted to lead the Board to a secret meeting location in the

Science Center, but the students followed a late arriving Board member and discovered the plot to carry on "business as usual" despite the student protests.

Student organizers reported that they had been planning the sit-in since the faculty vote on Spring Term. The closeness of the vote, only 90-79, signaled to the students that the Board was going to be free to ignore the opinions of both the faculty and the students and make a decision based on "financial considerations."

Lawson Grumbine, another member of student 12-12-6 committee, explained the students' thinking. "After President Burish leaned on faculty to vote in favor of the 14-14 calendar, we saw what the plan from the Board was. Although the Board was unable to orchestrate a victory for two terms, the faculty vote was close enough that they can claim Spring Term doesn't have significant faculty support.

"We determined that a decision to end Spring Term was inevitable unless we took drastic action," Grumbine added. "So, we let students know that the sit-in was 'put up or shut up' time to save Spring Term. Needless to say the result has been overwhelming."

Nor was the protest limited to typically active students. Generals from every major, Greek organization, varsity sport and dorm participated. Organizers

made hundreds of signs for the event. Students enthusiastically waved signs saying, "Save Spring Term, Sell the Commons," "Spring Term is the bottom line," and "Two terms = no contributions!" and dozens of other catchy phrases.

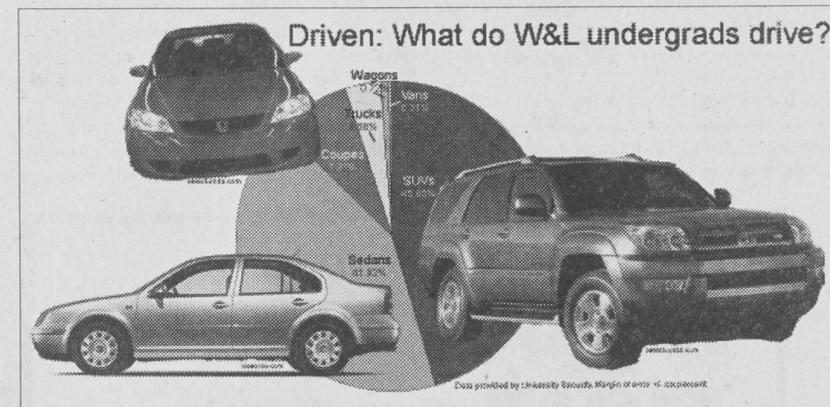
Classes virtually ground to a halt due to lack of attendance. Some professors even canceled their classes so students could attend the sit-in. "Spring Term is essential to the continued strength of the Music Department," said Professor Terry Vosbein, "Without Spring Term, we would hardly have any music majors. I wanted to let my students do everything they could to save Spring Term."

Even professors who support a change to a two semester calendar were impressed by the students' activism. "I certainly won't hold anything against my students who missed class today," said accounting Professor Elizabeth Oliver, "I'm really surprised that W&L students would make such a fuss over the calendar and then follow through with this level of protest."

Whether the students' efforts will prevent the Board from changing the calendar remains uncertain. Neither Norwood nor any other Board member has indicated that the Trustees will bend to the students' wishes.

Should the outcome be a change to 14-14, the Board can expect more of the same, though. "Until Spring Term is preserved, we'll keep up these sit-ins. If the Board has to meet in California to avoid us, so be it," challenged Sanders.

Φ RIGHT OF THE AISLE  
 BRETT KIRWAN '04



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## QUICK HITS

- Φ The John W. Elrod Commons is turning into the John W. Elrod Forest. How about more artwork and fewer plants?
- Φ Darla Elaine Dixon, she of the French book and hoodie Campus Notices, has a distinctive and alluring prose style. If one can love a Campus Notice writer, then, Darla, I think I love you.
- Φ Or: Darla Dixon's recent Campus Notices were so abrasive and grating that 3M has decided to discontinue their steel wool products and use her manifestos instead.
- Φ How about kudos to Beta and KD for their efforts in the Toga Party last Saturday. It rocked!
- Φ Will it ever stop raining?

- Φ That's right ladies... the man who used the HV pick up line on Helen "The Face that Launched a Thousand Ships" Hughes is Jason "The Goof" Fitzsimmons. Get him while he's still single. (By the way, the mono will go away soon.)
- Φ Fiji had a mechanical bull on Saturday. Did they really have to steal the idea from Chi Psi?
- Φ The Mock Con Gala was a lot of fun. Hey, FD Committee, did you hear that? Try Big Ray, not George Clinton, and maybe we'll enjoy ourselves this year.
- Φ More on the Gala: Props to the Ohio Delegation for having their delegates adorned with buck-eye stickers; though they resembled marijuana leaves a little too much for my taste.
- Φ And one more: There shouldn't have been any charge for soda and water. At minimum, underage students shouldn't have had to deal with the tickets.
- Φ Yet another: After the success of the Gala, Mock Con should be able to bring The Boss for the Convention.
- Φ Finally: The Gala gave us an opportunity to lament the loss of Evans as the main Dining Hall. It has so much more atmosphere than the Commons.

- Φ Students who haven't met Reed Evans are really depriving themselves of an experience in witty bitterness.
- Φ There's a prowler around the sorority houses. Any bets on which fraternity sends pledges to imitate him come Winter Term?
- Φ After all the fun freshmen have had with Helen Hughes, any bets on Anne Johansen reconsidering her run for EC President next year?
- Φ Saturday was the 226th anniversary of the Second Continental Congress ratifying the Articles of Confederation.
- Φ Geographers are amazed at the recent discovery of Lake Gaines 381.
- Φ Wow! Who thought the Bengals would be the first ones to knock off the Chiefs?
- Φ I love Wal-mart. It has all of America's bounty in one place.
- Φ What happened to the tailgate?! I doubt the fraternities would have canceled their event come November.
- Φ Would the Calyx please bring back indexing? It was very helpful.

- Φ Thanks to the University of Kentucky for sending its Snu chapter to W&L this weekend. It was great to meet you guys.
- Φ Attention persons in need of rides: Rather than making Campus Notices intolerably long, use W&L's Ride Share webpage, available at <http://nsa.wlu.edu/cgi-bin/ride/rideboard.pl>.
- Φ How great is Colonnade Connections? I'm seemingly using it several times a week.
- Φ Hey, Dean Futrell: I hear that you are a terrific bowler.
- Φ Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Wintson Watts Burks, III '81.
- Φ I think it would be a good idea if all the fraternity guys parked on the bottom floors of the garage and didn't use the elevator to kill two birds with one stone. No parking problem and no more beer guts.
- Φ Thanks to Paul Seifert, Lord of the Phi, for keeping us in the black all these years.
- Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to [phi@wlu.edu](mailto:phi@wlu.edu). Stories of familial embarrassment and the negative effects of tryptophan from the holiday are encouraged.