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Two fraternities cleared, two others still under investigation

BY PATRICIA BALLANTYNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Two pledgeship investigations are complete, ending in cleared charges. But two more are pending.

According to IFC advisor Matt Jacobs, the abundance of investigations comes from an increase in complaints. "Last year I think I got three phone calls concerning pledgeship and hazing," said Jacobs. "This year on a given day I have four to six."

Dean Dawn Watkins said that a vague, anonymous tip would not produce an investigation. In fact, she would respond to anonymous emails by promising confidentiality, asking for specifics and stating that nothing can be done until the unsubstantiated claim is clarified.

No one outside people should be able to bring an end to a fraternity's pledgeship by a devious, general suggestion.

Specific phone calls and visits to Jacobs and the Deans offices, however, cannot be ignored. "If something lands on our desk, there's a responsibility to act," said Watkins. "We're not seeking anything."

IFC President Brian Castleberry also said that "security is doing its typical surveillance. It's not like they're driving around looking at off campus houses at night."

No one can point to a direct reason for the considerable number of complaints.

"Maybe the freshmen are closer to their parents, so they're more aware of what's going on," said Castleberry. "Maybe complaints are being turned in because people think there's a higher prob-



Cleared. Fiji (pictured) and Chi Psi have been cleared of any pledgeship violations regarding sleep deprivation. Their pledgeships may resume.

ability they will be acted on than in years past." Castleberry admits that these complaints do not reveal an increase in pledgeship activities from past years. "A lot of houses have trimmed back," he said.

The Fiji and Chi Psi complaints proved unsupported, so their pledgeships have resumed.

Three unrelated complaints regarding sleep deprivation in the Fiji pledge class reached the University, according to Fiji active Brian

Higgins. "People reported our pledges getting tired, and no complaint came from a parent," said Higgins, who added, "sleep deprivation can be a tricky thing."

Higgins understands the reasons for investigation. "They had to do it," he said. He also credited University Security with doing a good, straightforward job, but he wished the University would have spoken with him before

deciding to investigate. "They don't update you on the progress," said Higgins. "They might try to have more understanding on how hard the process is on the people responsible."

Fiji's investigation lasted longer because of February break, which created additional problems with their nationals because of a March 1 deadline for alcohol forms.

Chi Psi active Brooks Batcheller wanted to comment, but he had to respect national rules of confidentiality.

Security must talk to all of the pledges and the house leadership during an investigation.

Therefore, details and the number of investigations have led to longer suspensions of pledgeship.

According to Jacobs, Mock Convention also took time away from investigations.

"We're moving pretty fast," said Watkins. "When there's a fast turnaround case on the investigation, it's because of the house's cooperation."

A suspension does not represent a fraternity's guilt. "It's just a safety issue," said Jacobs.

"Being under investigation is not a conviction of anything," said Watkins. "It is as much in the best interest of the house as it is in the interest of any freshmen."

"Our number one concern is safety, but our number two priority is keeping the Greek system from being in jeopardy."

Admissions organizes Open Houses for minorities in attempt to increase interest in Washington and Lee

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's Admissions office hosted an open house this weekend. The open house allowed a number of prospective interested minority students to come visit W&L, meet with professors and get a feel for campus life.

Admissions holds a series of Open Houses each year for under-represented populations.

This year, Washington and Lee hosted three open houses. Erin Hutchinson, the Coordinator of Minority Relations, and Jonathan Webster, the Associate Dean of Admissions, defined under-represented populations as American, ethnic and racial minorities. Religious minorities can also fall under this category.

Open Houses are not exclusive to minority groups, said Webster, because they have many parallels to events such as the Honor Scholarship weekend.

The Open Houses are important to minority recruitment because it gets them "here on campus, to find out what W&L is all about," and shows that, "everyone is welcoming, open and talkative," said Hutchinson.

"W&L sells itself," said Webster.

According to Hutchinson, the students who attend Open Houses are interested in learning about what General Lee did after the Civil War. He was "instrumental in reaching beyond the South to enroll," she said, "they go home feeling less apprehensive."

Open Houses help Admissions address diversity issues. "We want to discuss diversity," said Webster.

According to Hutchinson, all of the students who attend the Open Houses know very well why they're coming to campus. "We tell them we're going to address diversity," she said, "and make sure they have experiences here that address those issues...and we ask them for their concerns about diversity at Washington and Lee."

This weekend's Open House included a brunch with Professors of Departments the students expressed interest in, a session in which Nabors representatives discussed service at Washington and Lee, a campus tour, a session in which IFC and Panhel representatives discussed Greek life, concerts, and a diversity panel.

Today, the students will attend classes of their choosing.

Hutchinson said the diversity panels are a forum for prospective students to talk with current Washington and Lee students, "they can voice their opinions and see if preconceived ideas are on target," she said.

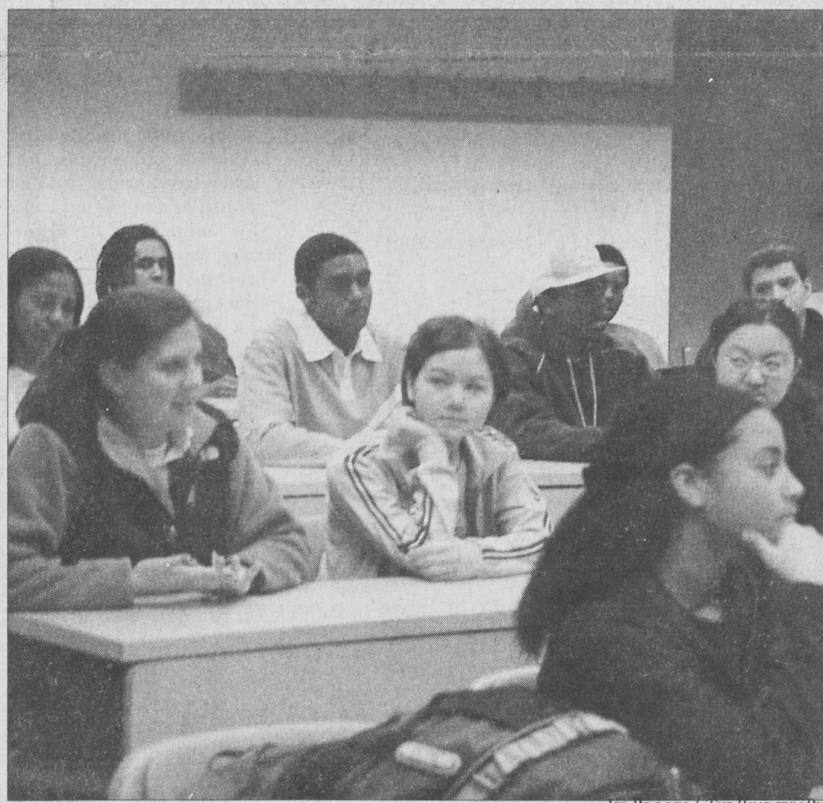
The purpose of Open Houses is, "not to pull the wool over anyone's eyes about W&L," Hutchinson said.

The Minority Student Association and Club Asia helped to organize social events for the Open House weekend.

When actually making Admissions decisions, race may be one of many factors.

Race helps in "choosing among equals," said Webster, "and the average admitted minority candidate has credentials that are right on."

According to Webster, the Admissions Office is following through on goals set by the Board. The Board set in place a 5-year plan to increase the representation of American, racial and ethnic groups to a number that approximates the mean of rural, national arts colleges. The Admissions Office, however, does not set quotas or have hard numbers. Webster said the mean that Washington and Lee Admis-



COME! Admissions invited minority students to campus this weekend to learn more about what we have to offer. Part of this weekend's activities included a diversity panel at which current students addressed many concerns of the prospectives.

sions is aiming for is about 10%. Admissions is halfway through this first five-year span.

The second phase of the Board's plan will take place during a second 5-year time period. During this phase,

Admissions will aim to increase the number of students who represent socioeconomic or social disadvantage.

Four seniors honored for contributions to student activities

BY CATHERINE SWAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

During the month of February, the Celebrating Student Success Initiative honored four students for their contributions to University life. Winners in three categories were chosen by a joint student-staff committee. The committee seeks to recognize student leaders whose valuable contributions are not always visible to the University community.

Seth Martin, a senior Biology major, was recognized for his contributions to Religious Life. Martin is president of Hillel, an organization that seeks to contribute to and increase awareness of Jewish life on campus. In part because of the efforts of Hillel and Martin, W&L saw a 300% increase in Jewish enrollment in the past year.

"The most rewarding part of my work with Hillel is seeing Jewish enrollment increase at W&L and seeing good turnouts for Hillel events. I think the increases in attendance over the last two years at our Hillel events, such as First Friday at Five Shabbat services, speaks to the growing vibrancy of Jewish life on this campus," said Martin. In addition to his duties with Hillel, Martin is also a member of the

Men's Tennis Team, President of Beta Theta Pi, a volunteer for Natural Bridge Juvenile Learning Center, and a member of the Student Athlete Mentor's Council.

Paul Sibley, a senior Biology major, was recognized for his leadership in Greek Life. Sibley is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, and has served as social chair and philanthropy chair for two years, and is currently acting vice president. Sibley's duties as philanthropy chair have allowed him to organize two Parent's Weekend "Pancake Breakfasts" with Kappa Alpha Theta, with proceeds benefiting Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"It makes the process of being involved in the community much easier when you have a whole fraternity organizing it, rather than trying to volunteer your time to a certain charity by yourself," said Sibley.

Apart from his philanthropic efforts with Phi Psi, Sibley was recognized for his work with former Phi Psi President Jay Harder and current Phi Psi President Haynes King to extend eating memberships at their house to members of AD Phi. They are currently working with the Business Office to allow all AD Phi members to eat all their meals at the Phi Psi house. This is the culmination of a friendship between Phi Psi and AD Phi brothers and will help ADPhi's

become involved as social members of Phi Psi.

Through the efforts of Sibley and others, AD Phi members are now participating in Phi Psi social events and attending chapter meetings. Next year they will be able to participate in rush and half of the house next year will be filled with AD Phi members.

In addition to his efforts with Phi Psi, Sibley is also a member of the Men's Baseball Team, has served as a Big Brother, and volunteers one or two nights a week as an EMT.

In the category of Programming and Social Activities, Monea Hendricks and Jessica Taylor were recognized for their work with the cheerleading squad. The squad is entirely student run; therefore Hendricks and Taylor are responsible for coaching as well as administrative work. Since their freshman year on the squad, Hendricks and Taylor have seen its size double.

"In the past year, numbers have increased but unity, sacrifice, dedication, and commitment have also improved, especially during basketball season," said Hendricks.

Hendricks is also an officer in the Minority Students Association and is a former director of Joyful Noise Choir. Taylor was also the Maryland State chair in the Mock Convention.

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Vagina Monologue organizers thank students

Thank you, W&L! Because of the great turnout at the Vagina Monologues and campus-wide support, Women's Law Student Organization was able to raise over \$4000 for Safehome Systems (the family shelter in Covington) and the V-DAY Charity-Women of Juarez. Also, we collected 10 baskets of home items for Project Horizon. Because of you, hundreds of women will be rescued from violence.

Nationally acclaimed comedy troupe visits

The Guerilla Girls, a nationally acclaimed feminist comedy troupe, will give a Women's History Month performance on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elrod Commons theater.

The performance is open to the public without charge and is sponsored by Washington and Lee's Politics and Art departments, the Women's Studies program and the undergraduate organization Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders.

Guerilla Girls is a group of anonymous women who perform under the names of dead female artists and appear in public wearing Gorilla masks to use humor as a way of provoking discussion. Their work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Vogue* and *The Nation*.

University of Florida professor gives history lecture regarding John Wilkes Booth and Honor

Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Professor of History at the University of Florida and author of *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South* will speak on John Wilkes Booth and Honor. His lecture will be March 3, 2004 7:30 p.m. in the Science Center A. 214.

Religious lecture

Anne Marbury Wyatt-Brown, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Linguistics at the University of Florida will be giving a religion lecture on Religion, Age, and Identity after the Holocaust: A Case Study on March 3, 2004 at 4:30 in Newcomb Hall 9. Dr. Brown is the author of *Barbara Pym: A Critical Biography*. Her current work in progress is: "Writing New Lives: Aging, Trauma, and Creativity in Holocaust Narratives."

Run for the Law raises money for law fellowships

BY ELIZABETH ECKMAN
STAFF WRITER

The third annual Run for the Law 5K walk and 10K run will be held on Saturday, March 20. The run is sponsored by PILSA, the Public Interest Law Students Association.

PILSA is a non-profit group for law students interested in working in the public interest sector. The proceeds from the run help provide summer fellowships for students working in public service.

"Many of these jobs, such as working in Legal Aid, public defense, environmental groups, and special organizations are unpaid, so we provide students with fellowships," said Brooke Corby, the president of PILSA.

The cost of the run is \$20 per participant and runners or walkers receive a t-shirt. Run for the Law participants are usually stu-

dents from the University, but PILSA is encouraging residents of Rockbridge County to participate as well.

They hope to have more than 100 people participate.

Corby said that last year, the group was able to give several fellowships to students. While the Run is PILSA's main fundraiser, the group also partners with Domino's for a fundraiser, does a magazine sale, and sells Law School apparel.

The Run begins at the Rockbridge Country Public Library, finishes at the Ruins, and covers the Chessie Trail and the Maury River Bridge.

The first place female and first place male will receive a pair of running shoes from Graden's.

In addition, participants will be entered in a raffle for items donated from Lexington businesses, such as gift certificates.

Interested students can register by contacting Brooke Corby at corbyb@wlu.edu by picking up a registration form.

Hidden Hero: law student Chris Vrettos

Vrettos active in Fencing Club, Black Lung Practice Clinic, Pro Bone-O, W&L radio

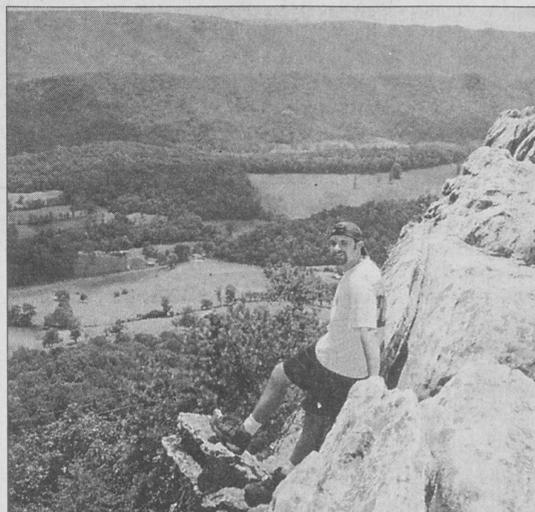
BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee Law students regularly make important contributions to University life—some are even involved in undergraduate activities.

Chris Vrettos, who majored in Political Science at Duke during his undergraduate years, was attracted to W&L Law because it's a top 20 law school and he liked the small class sizes.

Once here, Chris became involved with many differing activities. He's been a member of the fencing team since last fall and handles all the equipment for the team.

For class credit, Chris works with the Black Lung practice clinic run by Washington and Lee Law Professors Mary Natkin and James Phemister. Black Lung Practice clinic stu-



View from the top. Vrettos works hard to contribute to the W&L community.

dents assist West Virginia coal miners with applications for federal benefits.

On his most recent case, Chris helped the victim discover evidence for records, took the

victim on a narrative history of his experience and wrote a closing argument for the case.

Students can work with the mining victims because federal regulations state that the victims don't have to be represented by actual lawyers. Fourteen students participate in the Black Lung Practice Clinic.

Chris also has a radio show, "Stairway to Heavy" late Wednesday night on which he plays classic rock, hard rock and metal music. His radio show is purely, "for his own amusement," because law school gets very busy Chris said.

He is also involved with Pro Bone-o, a Law School group that works with the local animal shelter by posting the animals' pictures on the SPCA website.

While in law school, Chris is taking a broad variety of classes so he will be prepared for the bar and intends to practice any kind of law, wherever he can find a job.

March 1, 2004

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

Investigations: 9

Withdrawals while being investigated: 1

Withdrawals in face of a Closed Hearing: 0

Closed Hearings: 5

Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 1

Not Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 4

Student Body Hearings: 0

Announcement of Owings Fellowship for juniors

FROM PRESS RELEASE

A fellowship in his memory has been created by friends of S. Cullum Owings, Jr., a member of the Class of 2003 who died tragically in his senior year.

The first Cullum Owings '03 Fellow will be appointed for the remainder of the current Academic Year. The student selected will receive a credit of \$1250 to be applied toward his/her next tuition payment to the University.

In exchange, the Fellow will be expected to make two or three visits to alumni chapters or to secondary schools, to discuss the state of the University from a student's point of view, with particular regard to the Honor System. It is expected that the student chosen for the remainder of the current year will have the fellowship renewed next year, with a stipend of \$2500 for the full year.

Criteria for selection of Owings Fellows are, first of all, that the applicants should themselves possess outstanding personal integrity.

They should be good scholars, but the fellowship is not limited to students with exceptional grade-point averages. They

should be articulate, with some grace and poise in demeanor, while at the same time being sensitive to the values and opinions of others.

They should be students who show promise of developing into community leaders of high standards.

Applicants may submit their applications to Professor Emeritus John M. Gunn, Department of Economics, through Campus Mail. The application should include

- a copy of the student's transcript
- a resume of activities and special talents
- an essay of about 250 words with the title: "How my personal values and experience qualify me to represent Washington and Lee as a Cullum Owings Fellow," a statement of willingness to make the off-campus visits, as described above, and names of two or more members of the faculty from whom the selection committee may seek recommendations.

Applications are due by Friday, March 19. The selection process will include interviews with those applicants judged most worthy on the basis of their written applications.

Questions may be addressed to Professor Gunn at gunnj@wlu.edu.

Deliberate Driving. Sean Barry talks about the impact on his life, his wife Amber, and countless others because of a decision to drive after drinking in 1998...

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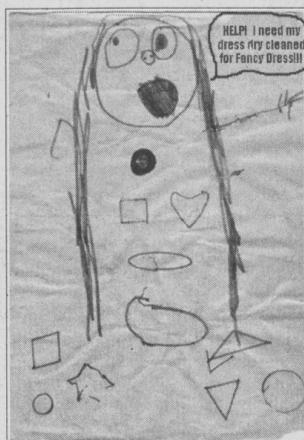
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Higher, more aggressive tobacco taxes cut youth smoking

Every day as I walk around campus, I am alarmed by the number of college-age smokers and deeply concerned for their health and well-being. During their four years at Washington and Lee University these young people learn and grow significantly - brilliant young minds on the verge of propelling themselves into the world and making significant contributions to our society. It breaks my heart to see them working their minds daily in class while simultaneously cutting years off their lives by smoking.

Governor Warner and state legislators are right in proposing a tobacco tax increase. With the state's current tax at just 2.5 cents per pack, Virginia ranks dead last in the nation. Over the past three years, more than two-thirds of states have increased their tobacco tax for a national average of 72 cents per pack. Last year alone, 16 states and the District of Columbia increased cigarette taxes.

These taxes have uniformly led to fewer smokers, especially among youth, and fewer premature deaths. Yet Virginia has failed to face this since 1966, when the 2.5-cent tax was enacted. By increasing the tax to 75 cents we would have 17.3 percent fewer young smokers and prevent 72,000 children from ever starting. This would result in 23,000 fewer pre-

mature smoking-related deaths, while inspiring 55,000 adult smokers to quit, according to information compiled by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Increasing the tax also would significantly curb soaring health care costs. Current health costs and lost productivity attributable to smoking are more than 200 times higher than the total amount raised by the current tax. Our state could save as much as \$35 million in health care costs over a five-year period through this tax change. Given tough economic times, this critical 75-cent investment in Virginia no longer can be ignored.

TOBACCO companies would have you believe that higher cigarette prices simply prompt kids to smoke cheaper cigarettes. The truth is this: For every 10-percent increase in the price of cigarettes, youth smoking is reduced by 7 percent and overall cigarette consumption is cut by 3 percent to 5 percent.

Big Tobacco also claims the payments Virginia receives from the 1998 tobacco settlement agreement, 10 percent of which funds youth tobacco prevention in the Commonwealth, will significantly decline. This is an exaggeration. Reductions in settlement payments are tied to nationwide sales volume. When a state's cigarette tax increases, it sub-

stantially reduces smoking within its borders - but its effect on nationwide sales is much weaker. Besides, does Big Tobacco really believe Virginia would rather see more of its youth smoke and die than face a small reduction in settlement funds?

The tobacco industry contends a tax increase would hurt tobacco farmers and lead to tobacco industry layoffs. The reality is that smoking in the state is responsible for only a tiny fraction of the overall demand for the burley and flue-cured cigarette tobacco grown in Virginia. That demand would decline by only about one-tenth of 1 percent if the state increases the cigarette tax by 75 cents a pack, making the tobacco industry's stated concern for farmers and workers disingenuous, at best.

Another myth is that declining sales will lead to a drop in projected revenue because people won't buy cigarettes. In fact, in every one of the more than 30 states that increased cigarette taxes in 2002 and early 2003, tax revenues actually rose while smoking and cigarette sales declined.

BIG TOBACCO also argues that cigarette taxes hurt mainly low-income smokers. Instead, the evidence shows that low-income Americans not only have the highest smoking levels - but also are four times as likely to quit

because of higher prices. This frees up more income for those who need it most, while reducing their pain and suffering from tobacco-related illnesses.

Most important, Virginians support this tax. Virginia voters favor a 75-cents-a-pack increase by more than 2-1 (71 percent to 28 percent), a new poll shows. This support is evident among virtually every political and demographic group, including large majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents; men and women; young and old. The survey confirms raising the tobacco tax is not a partisan issue - but an issue of common sense among voters from every education and income level and every region in Virginia.

As we near the 400th anniversary of Virginia's founding, let's not just celebrate our history but ensure our future by passing this crucial legislation for the safety of our youth and for healthier Virginians in the centuries to come.

Dr. Thomas Burish, in addition to his duties as President of the University, is the President-Elect of the American Cancer Society. This article reprinted from the Richmond Times-Dispatch with his permission.

Mind-boggling: Flag of the Confederacy represents archaic ideas long dead

Every time I pass a freshman dorm on this campus, I usually see at least ONE Confederate flag draped in a window. And every time, I have to scratch my head as to why some W&L freshmen, along with many other southerners, continue to cling to his antiquated symbol.

Now, understand one thing. I am a psychotic, frothing-at-the-mouth Civil War buff. The only way that I, a San Diegan, even heard about Washington and Lee was because of my near-encyclopedic knowledge of the Civil War. Not only can I tell you the name of Jeff Daniels' character in Gods and Generals (Joshua Chamberlain), I can tell you the name of the regiment (20th Maine), the name of the original commanding officer (Col. A. Ames), and what happened to Chamberlain after his famous stand at the Battle of Little Round Top (he was injured severely and promoted to General by Grant, who thought it would be a posthumous promotion, and later he suffered a crippling injury at Petersburg, but survived to receive the Confederate surrender).

Yet, despite this, and despite having my Georgian relatives try to explain it to me several times, I fail in my understanding of why the Confederate flag is considered some sort of "heritage" symbol. Even leaving aside racism, which has been the big issue in recent years, I just don't see why. I look at the Rebel flag and I see a symbol that stands for defeated ideas - sovereignty of the states, anti-federalism, and, of course, slavery. The idea that somehow we need the flag of the erroneous cause to

honor the brave soldiers and leaders of the Confederacy is silly.

Here's a poser for you - Would General Lee approve of the myriad Confederate flags that hang over his recumbent statue? Most people would naturally say "yes." After all, he was a Confederate general, right? Yet I would say not. After the war, Lee recognized that the Confederacy and the ideas it represented were not to be. He applied for a Federal pardon and called for unity. Though he likely would have taken the same course if he had the chance to do it all over again, man

of honor as he was, he knew that further advocacy of the defeated point of view would serve only to hurt the nation. He did not participate further in southern politics, instead choosing to serve a quiet academic life as the greatest president of our University. I personally admire him more for his work here at the University than for his work on the battlefields of the Civil War. I think that now, in the 21st Century, such symbols have no place. The Confederate States of America are no longer sovereign as far as I know.

Thus, what it really comes down to in the end is this - the dead ideas enshrined in this flag outweigh whatever value it has as a "pride" symbol. Under this flag, slaves were whipped and beaten, the Constitution of the United States was torn to shreds, and those defending that Constitution were killed. What prompts me to call attention to this issue is not a dislike or disrespect of that region that was represented by the Stars and Bars, but rather my great love of the ideas

represented in the Stars and Stripes. Which brings me to my next complaint.

What boggles me even more is when someone flies the American flag alongside the Rebel flag. The United States' most bloody war in its history was against the Confederacy. I do not question that Robert E. Lee was a great man, but the fact is undeniable that he engineered the deaths of hundreds of thousands of courageous soldiers fighting in the name of the Constitution and of America. The flag of the United States and the flag of the Confederacy are no more compatible than the political views of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis.

Southern pride, perhaps, might be a more acceptable justification for flying the Rebel flag. But then, why must we use the Confederate flag? Show your pride in being from the south by putting up your South Carolina flags, your Georgia flags, what have you. Certainly I don't need to advise the proud citizens of Texas here at W&L of this fact, the rest of us should follow their lead (though I doubt I'll be flying the bear flag any time soon).

I recognize that, not being from the South myself, I may not understand some aspects of this odd practice. I invite all of you who disagree to write in to explain your point of view. This article is simply my own explanation of why I object to this practice, given what I know about the situation, and I am particularly eager on this occasion to gain an understanding of why images like the photo adjacent to this article continue in their relevance. This is the 21st Century. Flying cars and floating cities are still a long way



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MEANINGLESS. The flag flies in South Carolina off, but I had hoped, at least, that the flag of the Confederacy would have ceased to be a meaningful symbol. I would imagine that few W&L students would seriously defend the rebels' politics, why would they choose to fly their flag? Perhaps one of you can enlighten me, but for the moment, I simply do not understand why this near-150 years dead nation continues to command respect.

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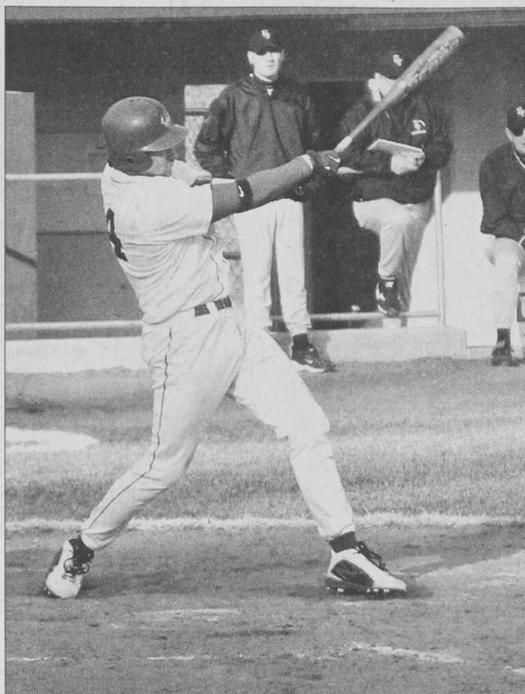
Baseball wins home opener, 10-4

By JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITORS

The W&L baseball team opened the season 3-2 in their February break in Atlanta, beating Oglethorpe twice, splitting with Villa Julie and dropping a tight 4-3 decision to Emory. They returned to Lexington and won their home opener on Wednesday against Southern Virginia, who entered the game 2-3.

The Generals took a 3-0 lead in the second inning and led 3-1, when they broke the game open in the fourth on senior first baseman Bryan Mulhern hit a bases loaded double that scored three runs and gave the Generals a 6-1 lead. W&L would score three more runs in the fifth and another insurance run in the eighth en route to a 10-4 win. For the game, Mulhern went 3 for 4 with four RBIs. Sophomore second baseman Scott Gosselink also went 3 for 4 with two runs scored and senior shortstop Austin Allain was 2 for 3 with two runs and an RBI. The Generals were also helped by four errors made by SVU fielders that translated into three unearned runs. Senior pitcher Mike Wert was stellar on the mound, allowing one run and striking out six over six innings to improve his record to 2-0 on the year. Mulhern added two innings of scoreless relief to close the game.

The Generals faced Mt. Aloysius in a double-header on Sunday and have one more non-conference game against Mary Washington on Wednesday before starting their ODAC season next Saturday vs Emory and Henry.



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SWIMMING. The baseball team starts their home season strong with a 10-4 win over Southern Virginia, 10-4.

Womens' basketball falls in tournament quarterfinals

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

SALEM, Va. — The eighth-seeded Washington and Lee women's basketball team used a 14-2 run late in the second half to pull within 62-61 of top-seeded Eastern Mennonite, but came up short as the Generals fell, 64-61, to the Royals in the opening round of the ODAC tournament on Thursday afternoon.

With 8:50 remaining, EMU (22-3) held a 60-41 lead over W&L (9-17), but saw that lead slowly evaporate over the next 7:06.

Sophomore guard Louisa Feve (Bethesda, Md./Winston Churchill) started the Generals' comeback bid with a pair of foul shots at 8:34, while junior forward Emily Barker (Clifton, Va./Mount Vernon) drained a three-pointer at 7:59 to cut the Royals' lead to 60-52.

Eastern Mennonite ended its scoreless streak when sophomore forward Regina Sours scored a layup at 6:59, but freshman guard Sarah Otey (Williamsburg, Va./Hampton-Roads) answered for the Generals with a triple at 6:34 to pull W&L back to within 62-55.

W&L continued its scoring drive as freshman forward Jessica Hunsinger

(Mayer, Ariz./The Orme School) scored back-to-back layups at 4:38 and 3:20, and senior forward Sara Michaels (Norfolk, Va./Norfolk Academy) added a bucket at 1:44 to set the score at 62-61.

The Generals would get no closer, however, as the go-ahead triple attempt from Barker fell short with five seconds remaining and EMU gained the ball and a trip to the foul line with 1.3 seconds on the clock. Sophomore guard Carrie Grandstaff sank a pair of foul shots to set the final score at 64-61.

Michaels led the Generals with a game-high 27 points and added 10 rebounds, while Hunsinger scored 11 points, blocked four shots and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds. Otey and Barker both scored eight points on the afternoon.

Sophomore guard Laura Ludholtz led EMU with 21 points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore forward Stephanie Mathews and Grandstaff contributed 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Generals conclude their season with an overall record of 9-17. Eastern Mennonite, which advances to face fourth-seeded Guilford in the ODAC semifinals, improved to 22-3.

Womens' swim team takes first

By ANN STEWART BANKER
 STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's swim team took first place at the ODAC/Atlantic States Championship held at Radford University over Feb Break. The win marked the team's 11th consecutive claim to the ODAC title, a conference consisting of five colleges. The women's team just barely edged out its main rival, Randolph Macon, for the ODAC win, outscoring them by only 37 points with a total of 557.

"Randolph Macon has been a big rival for the past two years," said senior co-captain Erin Dougherty. The lady Generals lost to them in the regular dual season meet. According to Dougherty, Head Coach Kiki Jacobs had predicted her team to win ODACs by a mere seven points.

The events were spread out over three days. Day one, senior co-captain Mandi Kimble started the meet off on a good note by placing second in the 500 Free with a career-best of 5:32.54. Freshman Sarah Bloom was not far behind, coming in third in the same event with a time of 5:38.21. Freshman Abbie Sauter placed third in the 200 I.M. and also helped the 200 Free Relay team to finish third, along with teammates Bloom, Suzie LaFleur and

Kristine Holda. The Generals 400 Medley Relay team placed second, helping to put them in the lead at the end of the first day by only three points.

Day Two, Kimble placed second in the 400 I.M. and sophomore Kristine Holda placed second in the 200 Free. Both the 200 Medley Relay and the 800 Free Relay clenched second place finishes. Sophomore Keturah Akida ended the day with a second place showing in the 100 Back, allowing the Generals to maintain their tight lead over Randolph Macon.

Day Three was full of successes for the Generals. Kimble won the 1650 Free (mile) with a time of 19:05.85. Holda placed second in the 100 Free with a time of 54.86. Akida once again displayed her talent in backstroke by placing third in the 200 Back while Sauter placed third in the 200 Breast. The day ended with the Generals placing second in the 400 Free Relay, securing them into the first place position.

Upon concluding the meet, Kiki Jacobs was named Coach of the Year for the Atlantic States competition. The W&L women finished the overall season with a 7-4 record and a 3-1 mark in the ODAC division. The season has ended, and the swimmers can now relax (except for that off-season training) until next year when they are expected to be back in action despite losing three valuable seniors.

Ritter's change of plans works out well

By KIM GUNST
 STAFF WRITER

Eric Ritter did not plan on swimming in college, but he thought he would give it a shot after coaching a swim team in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama the summer before coming to W&L. And it's a good thing he did.

The senior captain, who was recently named Division III National Swimmer of the Week by CollegeSwimming.com, now holds two school records and is one of only two Generals whose name appears on W&L's pool record board. But being a successful swimmer wasn't anything new for Ritter.

"I started swimming when I was three, basically because both my older sisters swam," he said. "I didn't really have much of a choice in the decision. Swimming was just something that I could do well. There was no specific moment when I knew this was something I wanted to pursue; it just kind of happened."

Ritter is a three-time Academic All-American swimmer who has been able to excel in academics as well as swimming—an accomplishment he is most proud of, he says.

His record-breaking success began when he broke the 100 back record as a freshman and continued as he broke the 200 back record the following year. Both records had stood since the late 1980's.

Just recently, Ritter beat the 100 back pool record from the 1982 NCAA championships hosted by W&L. "I thought I could break the

school records in both events, but I didn't expect to do it so quickly," he said. "I never thought I would break the pool record, but again, I surprised myself."

Ritter says the team's closeness and enthusiasm have really contributed to his personal achievements as well as to the team's strong performances this season. The team's win over Gettysburg is a victory Ritter likes to recall.

"We went into that meet thinking that it would be close and that we had to step up to the challenge," he said. "And we did just that and more. The meet ended up being very lopsided - not because they swam poorly, but because we simply swam faster than we had before."

The men's team finished strong this season when they won the Bluegrass Mountain Championships on February 14. Ritter helped his teammates receive top honors in the 400 Medley Relay (3:30.66) and place second in the 200 Free Relay (1:26.90). Individually, he placed third in the 50 free (21.63), claimed the title in the 100 backstroke (52.20), and won top honors in the 200 back with a pool record (1:36.12).

"If I have been able to help someone else swim faster than they expected, then I have contributed to the team more than breaking records or going to nationals," he said.

Ritter may be wrapping up his four years as a W&L athlete, but he has bright plans for his future. He will be attending University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical School next year. He hopes to be able to swim every once and a while.



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 ERIC RITTER

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 2	Wednesday, March 3	Thursday, March 4	Friday, March 5	Saturday, March 6	Sunday, March 7
• M Lax vs. Lycoming-- 3:30	• M Tennis at Hampden- Sydney--3:00 • W Tennis at Hollins-- 3:30 • W Tennis at Lynchburg--3:30 • W Lax vs. Greensboro-- 4:00	• Open	• Baseball vs. Mary Washington--3:00	• Baseball vs. Emory & Henry (DH)--12:00 • M Lax at Gettysburg-- 1:00 • W Lax at VA Wesleyan-- 3:00	• Open

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Lacrosse teams stumble in beginning of the season

Women look past 11-2 loss to St. Mary's

Men fall short against #4 Washington

BY SARAH BLOOM
STAFF WRITER

"We're faster and stronger than we were last year and we are ready for a tough schedule," said senior Sara Jurkowsky of the upcoming lacrosse season.

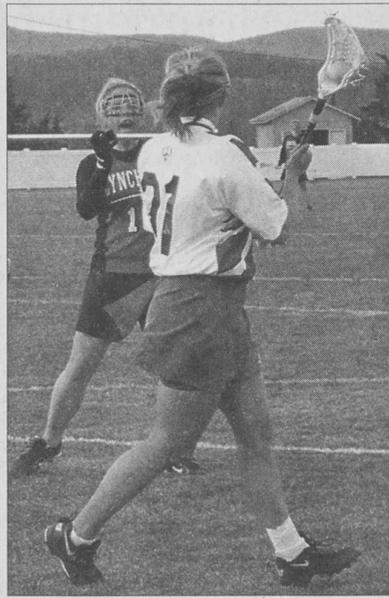
The team returned early from Washington Holiday to train at Skylark and prepare for competition. "This year's team is really working hard on improving the intensity of our play," said head coach Jan Hathorn. "One of our goals is to be conference champions...another goal is to be a united team that is known for its spirit, work ethic, and sportsmanship."

Fast and strong proved to be key forces against Lynchburg on Wednesday. With a home field advantage, the Generals took an early lead and held on tight for a victory: 21-2 score. Senior Kelly Taffe and freshmen Kelly Evans and Mallory Lobisser each claimed three goals for the Generals, leading the team in scoring.

"I was a little nervous for my first game, but once I got in there the adrenaline took over," said Lobisser of the game against Lynchburg. "The upperclassmen set the pace from the start and we had a lot to live up to."

Other goal-earners included junior Kristen Brown, freshman Lane Earnest, senior Joanna Perini and freshman Laura Hornbuckle.

The team then traveled to Saint Mary's City, Maryland to take on tenth ranked St. Mary's. The ninth ranked Generals were unable to gain a lead over St. Mary's. The Seahawks claimed a final victory over Washington and Lee with a final score of 11-2. Kelly Evans scored the only two goals by the Generals.



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LOOKING AHEAD. Freshman attacker Avery Lovejoy faces a Lynchburg defender.

As for upcoming games, the Generals have grand ambition. "Our game plan is to make sure we are working at our highest level in every game and to take one game at a time," said Hathorn, "to keep perspective by not looking too far ahead. We want to finish strong!"

The team next hosts Greensboro on Wednesday at 4:00PM.



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SEARCHING. Junior attacker Gavin Molinelli looks to pass against Washington College.

BY CAMERON GARNER
STAFF WRITER

The Generals faced their first test on Saturday, in the form of the Washington College Shoremen. The tenth-ranked Generals came in with a head of steam, trading goals with the Shoremen, and fighting to a 4-4 tie at the half. Solid defense from senior captain Lawson Grumbine, juniors Eric

Koch and Bill Fox, and freshman Peter Goodwin kept the Shoremen at bay and allowed the offense to generate some good shots. Dustin Martin's extra-man goal with 43 seconds remaining capped a solid first half in which the Generals at times looked as though they were on the verge of turning the corner and controlling the rest of the game.

The second half would prove frustrating for the Generals, however, as the defense began to tire from overwork, and the offense spun its wheels against a good defense and a 27-year old goalie (move on with your life). With 12:11 left in the third quarter, W&L took its first lead of the game as junior attacker Gavin Molinelli scored the second of his two goals off a feed from senior midfielder Mark McLewee.

After over 6 minutes of scoreless lacrosse, the Shoremen ripped off a 4-goal spurt and never looked back. Goals from sophomore attackman Sam Lane and Chris Dodge, senior midfielder Stephen Berger, and junior attackman Jon Spivey left the Generals in a 8-5 hole. The fourth quarter began just as the third, with the Generals coming out and scoring first, as McLewee was just better than the man guarding him. He drove from behind, split his man and rifled a shot that super-senior Richard Yost, in all his experience (he graduated St. Paul's high school in Baltimore in 1993), could do nothing to stop.

Unfortunately, the Generals couldn't maintain the offensive presence they exhibited in the first half, and couldn't contain (yeah, that's right) the WAC offense, allowing them to score 3 more goals in the fourth. All-in-all a hard fought game that will give the Generals much to think about as they look down the road at Gettysburg. The Generals host Lycoming at 3:30 on Tuesday.

Nationally ranked tennis teams open ODAC schedules on high note

BY JOHN HYLAND
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The nationally ranked men's and women's tennis teams began their ODAC season in nearly perfect fashion this weekend. The eighth ranked men struggled over their February break trip to California against some top ranked competition. They split their squad this weekend so that one

team competed in a couple of non conference match-ups in St. Paul, Minnesota while the rest of the team stayed in Lexington to begin their ODAC schedule. The Minnesota squad lost to third ranked Gustavus Adolphus 7-0 on Friday to drop their record to 1-4. That squad roared back yesterday to defeat fifteenth ranked Bates handily, 6-1, dropping only

first singles and first doubles. Graham Nix, Austin Kim and K.C. Schaefer each won their singles and doubles matches. Meanwhile, the Lexington squad did not lose a match in three meetings with ODAC opponents, defeating Virginia Wesleyan, Bridgewater and Emory and Henry to improve the team's overall record to 5-4, 3-0 ODAC.

Charles Anderson and Seth Martin each won all four of their matches as the Generals appear well on their way to repeat as ODAC champs. They resume their ODAC schedule on Wednesday at Hampden-Sydney.

The women also appeared well on their way to repeating as ODAC champs. Last year's na-

tional runners-up and current second ranked team in the nation opened the season by defeating Emory and Henry and Virginia Wesleyan very handily, dropping only one match. The Generals used twelve different players in the two meets and each player won at least one match. They resume their ODAC schedule on Wednesday at Hollins.

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Heinz scholar knows ketchup, Washington and Lee diversity

Did you know that ketchup can actually taste different? It's very true, according to one of W&L's first Heinz Scholars, sophomore Ted Archer. This past summer he sampled 30 different types while interning at the Heinz headquarters in downtown Pittsburgh. Some types of ketchup can be too salty, others have too much vinegar. "Heinz ketchup really is the best tasting," Ted asserts, though he might be slightly partial. As a Heinz scholar, Ted, a sophomore public policy major, receives a full tuition scholarship from the Heinz Corporation and will intern with the company each summer. "It benefits them [Heinz] as much as us," Ted explains. Not only do the Heinz Scholars receive a quality education at W&L, the company has the chance to hand pick and groom leaders who will eventually graduate and have loyalty to the company, perhaps even work for Heinz sometime in the future.

The second son of Haitian immigrants, his parents left Haiti and moved to France before coming to the USA in the mid seventies. They settled in Brooklyn but moved to Newark, New Jersey, when Ted was five. Ted describes the moved as from "really urban" to just urban, and

they've been in Newark ever since. Ted attended St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island. Ted can thank his senior roommate for introducing him to W&L. The roommate had been a summer scholar and returned to St. George's in the fall as a huge W&L fan. Ted was filling out the common application and decided to send it to W&L on a whim. By a twist of fate, Ted got in and the roommate did not (however, he did get into Sewanee and is happy there). St. George's was

a lot like W&L, according to Ted. "It only has about 330 kids and only 20 black people," Ted explains. Coming to W&L wasn't a culture shock for him then. "I was used to it. It not terribly representative of the real world but its close enough," Ted says.

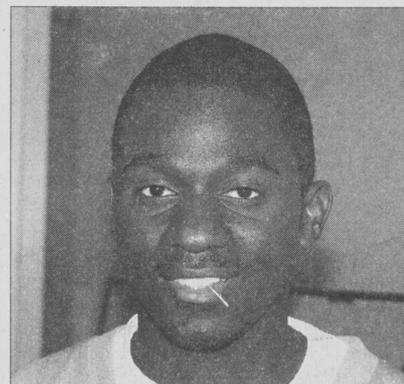
So far Ted has enjoyed his time here. "I haven't run into really any problems," Ted explains, but "there are a lot of things that concern me." Like most people, Ted has his pet-peeves about Lexington. He argues that there is no place for a black man to get his hair cut in Lexington. "That's more of a psychological thing than a problem. For black men, when you go to the barbershop it's like you're a new man when you come out." He and his fellow

gentlemen living at the Chavis House have solved that problem for themselves—they bought the equipment and now cut each other's hair.

"W&L people for the most part are some of the nicest people you could meet anywhere," Ted says, but there's room for improvement. One of the biggest problems for W&L, as Ted sees it, is a "lack of diversity of thought" not a lack of diversity. "Some of the stuff people can get away with here," Ted says, is shocking.

When he first arrived at W&L, he found the amount of Confederate flags disturbing. "I don't like it but I'm more indifferent to it now. It could even be someone I'm friends with, but it's the way they've been taught to think. For them it really is a sense of pride and history and that out weighs the way other people on campus feel. Hopefully in time it won't," Ted says. "It's not like people don't know it offends others, they just don't care. Its years and years of learned behavior and it's gonna take years and years to unlearn that behavior."

To his fellow students issues the following challenge: "I would challenge all students on the W&L campus to, instead of accepting



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stereotypes and making assumptions, to actually go out and seek the truth and real answers instead of accepting what everyone else thinks. If you think something is wrong, do something about it. Also, keep in mind that minorities are very diverse. If you feel like you've had a bad experience with one person don't take that to mean that's how everyone is. The same goes for minority students about majority students. Don't feed into the stereotypes."

W&L seniors, alumni to wed

BY MEGAN MORGAN
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

As Washington and Lee seniors prepare for their rapidly approaching graduation, they have begun to make plans for their lives post-W&L. These plans are for both their careers and relationships, and the result is not only a plethora of job interviews but also several recent engagement announcements.

Recently, two seniors have announced their engagements. Amy Elizabeth Blevins, daughter of Roger and Julie Blevins of Greenville, South Carolina and Dustin Graham Albright, son of Daniel and Sandra Albright of Roanoke, Virginia joyfully, and in thanksgiving to God, announce their engagement. The wedding will be held in August in Lexington, Virginia at Lee Chapel on

the campus of Washington and Lee University. Following a honeymoon in Wales, the bride, graduating in June from Washington and Lee, will join the groom, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he is pursuing graduate studies in Civil Engineering.

Kim Bulka '04 recently announced her engagement to Ryan Lepine, a W&L graduate '02. The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. on August 14, 2004 in R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. Kim is a biology major and Ryan graduated with an accounting degree. Ryan currently works for Resnick, Fedder and Silverman in Bethesda, Maryland. After the wedding, Kim will move to their townhouse in Maryland which is in the process of being built and teach the elementary level at a Montessori school.



Lepine '02 and Bulka '04



Albright '03 and Blevins '04

Fancy Dress changes for better

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Many changes mark the 97th Annual Fancy Dress Ball which will be held Saturday in the Warner Center. *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* will be the theme of Fancy Dress this year. It will begin at 9 p.m. and go until 1 a.m. Co-chairs of this year's ball are Beth Creasey and Abby Harding.

Planning for FD started in September with weekly meetings and the selection of the committee members. The theme was decided in October. Every night this week, the FD committee members will be at the pavilion building the decorations.

The first change made was to hold Fancy Dress on Saturday instead of Friday at the suggestion of the Executive Committee. The reason the day was changed was to accommodate

more of the university community. In the past athletes have had to miss the ball. Also, the excitement of the weekend will build up to FD.

The Voltage Brothers, a band appearing in several movies including *Shag*, will play in the big gym. They play several different genres of music. The second noticeable change is that the small gym will have a professional DJ instead of a band. The DJ will fit in with the theme of the small gym. "We really wanted to try something different," said Creasey. It is a way to keep the price of Fancy Dress low. Last year tickets were \$120. This year a package is \$90.

While Creasey and Harding would not reveal what the gyms would look like, they did say that they tried to capture the richness of the movie set *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Safety is a top priority of the FD

committee. The use of Traveller is encouraged plus many student drivers have been hired.

The invitations for this year's event have caused controversy. The invitations were in the form of a golden ticket. The words were taken directly from the movie. Some students made the assumption that their invitation was a free ticket. However, that is not the case. The co-chairs said that the invitation wording was a "silly mistake." They acknowledge that it was confusing, especially for freshmen. To get into Fancy Dress you must buy real tickets.

Tickets will be on sale in the Commons Living Room through Friday. Tickets are \$30 a piece and packages are \$90. Packages include two tickets, t-shirts, shot glasses, posters, and four cups. Memorabilia and tickets can be purchased independent of each other. "It's going to be worth it. Everyone will have a great time guaranteed," said Harding.

Gerbil found by door of Commons

BY MEGAN MORGAN
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Many students may have noticed a string of odd announcements that have been appearing recently in the Campus Notices. Among the strangest of these was a notice attempting to locate the owner of a lost gerbil. For those of you that may have been puzzled by this announcement, here is the story behind the notice.

Freshman Brittany Bansak was walking to the Commons last week, when she noticed a rodent crouched against the wall. While she was not sure what type of rodent it was, whether it was a mouse or gerbil, she was sure it was a pet because it didn't run away.

Brittany describes herself as being "like a five year old boy", and therefore she didn't hesitate to pick up the rodent and take it back to her room where she stored it in a storage bin and fed it mixed nuts.

Brittany and her friend Emily Edwards then placed a message on the Campus Notices in search of the owner of this gerbil. The two received several responses ranging from people interested in adopting the gerbil to people stating that gerbils were evil. While the owner has not decisively been located, the two believe that the animal belongs to a Phi Delt off-campus house, which recently had a litter of baby gerbils. Brittany has decided to keep the gerbil, which is black with white paws and has half its tail missing, but she has not named it yet.



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Wintergreen Resort offers nice, close break from Lexington

BY ALLISON PERRY AND
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While most of the school attended Mardi Gras for Feb. break, we decided to check out someplace a little more exciting: Wintergreen Resort. Not as exciting as Mardi Gras, you say? Well, you are right, but we had a good time nonetheless.

Wintergreen is about an hour and a half drive up 64E. If you are looking for a quick skiing get-away for a night or even just the day, Wintergreen is probably your best bet. Snowshoe Mountain is actually probably the best resort in the Virginia/West Virginia area, but the drive of about 3 hours or so makes it difficult to go for just the day and get in a decent amount of skiing.

We chose to stay Wednesday and Thursday night and ski on Thursday and Friday. If you can manage to skip a few classes, going during the week is the way to go. The mid-week deals are pretty good, and the slopes are a lot less crowded. For a fairly low price, we could stay two nights in a pretty nice room and ski for two days and nights. We are not sure what exactly it was, but we would describe the room as a studio/loft sort of thing. The fact that we could walk out of the room right onto the slope and put our skis on there was an added bonus.

As for the slopes themselves, they were alright but lacked variety. Beginner and Intermediate skiers may get bored easily after completing the three or four slopes in each category.

The Highland side of the mountain offered a little more selection for expert skiers. But we could see that true experts (not being true experts ourselves) might want something more. We found ourselves spending more time on the ski lift than the slopes.

Another complaint about the Highland side is the discrepancy between the markings on the trail and those on the map. The map shows that Lower Cliffhanger is a double black diamond slope, whereas the trail itself is marked as just a black diamond. If skiers are not careful, they may find themselves in a pickle if they choose the wrong trail. Just ask Kristine.

So if you go to Wintergreen to try some skiing, take our advice on our favorite trails. Looking to try a black diamond that is not as difficult as some? Try Devil's Elbow. Sticking to the intermediate trails? Stay away from Tequila. (Well that advice always works. We personally have not had good experiences with any form of Tequila.) Tequila was quite narrow and icy and also ran right into an expert slope. Funny how Tequila always throws us into situations we regret.

It is also worth the trip to go up on a Tuesday or Thursday night because the UVA ski team prac-

tices then. Not only are they entertaining to watch, they are quite attractive. But not as attractive as the topless dirty old man that we watched go down the expert slopes many times. We'll give him credit; he's really experienced (in skiing we mean...we don't know about other areas.) But was it really warm enough to be skiing without a shirt on? Do the rest of Wintergreen's patrons a favor and put your shirt back on! If we wanted to see topless dirty old men, we would have gone to...well we don't know where we would have gone.

On the subject of good-looking skiers (and not so good-looking), let's talk about the cute ski lift attendants. There were definitely two that caught our eye. But the situation poses a little bit of a problem. How does one throw game at the ski lift attendant when you only have a few seconds to get on the lift and then you're gone? The first time you get on the lift, you can always say, "Hi, how are you doing today?" But what happens next time? The few seconds you have only allow for a "Hi, Hello" exchange, and you've already used that! And heaven forbid should you miss the chair and bust it on the ice in front of the attendant. Then he has to stop the lift and help you up while everyone looks and laughs. However, maybe this would allow for a lengthier conversation between the two.

Don't worry. If you are not a skier, Wintergreen still offers other activities such as snowboarding, tubing, golfing, and, of course, the spa. Sadly, we did not have time to try any of these.

And if you do try any of these activities, you'll probably be hungry and looking for somewhere to eat. But you won't have much of a selection. There are about six places to eat at the resort, but it's difficult to know when they are open. Some of the restaurants are only open for certain seasons or for holidays. Whatever you do, don't go to the Edge restaurant unless you are looking for an extremely bad turkey sandwich and watery Diet Coke. On that note, the Edge is probably the only place there that sells Diet Coke. That is one huge strike against Wintergreen for us. But the Edge does have a wide selection of hot alcoholic drinks such as Hot Apple Toddy's. Yum.

Also stay away from Checkerberry cabin. While it is convenient being right next to the entrance to the expert slopes, only go there if you like all things German. We have nothing against German food, this was just bad German food. The beef goulash was not so much tempting.

All in all, we liked Wintergreen for a close and convenient skiing get-away and give it three out of five tridents. We must take away a few tridents for the lack of night life and poor selection in restaurants. However, the topless dirty old man did make the trip interesting and warrants at least one trident.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF FANCY DRESS



On the left, students gather around the refreshment stand to chat at the 1950 Coca Cola themed Fancy Dress. On the top right, students gather in a circle to watch the festivities at the 1936 Washington and Lee Fancy Dress. The woman in the photo on the right is President Ford's daughter. All photos are courtesy of Washington and Lee's Special Collections.

QUICK HITS

- Φ How can a pledgeship that never really started, end?
- Φ Can we now agree to tear down Leyburn Library? The only thing that maintained the awesomeness of it— the powdered soap— was recently changed to liquid.
- Φ "Piss in a cup and I'll drink it." -Travis Smith
- Φ I wish Sigma Alpha Omicron would stop using Campus Notices for their Rush.
- Φ Michael Razvan Gaico is Scattergories King!
- Φ The best euphemism for pledgeship heard this week: "administrative duties."
- Φ The fireman's axe may be heroic, but can it compare to the plumber's plunger?

- Φ Queer Eye interior design tip for the Commons: Though George has a very lovely sword, he may be better suited for the top of a building rather than the inside.
- Φ Fact: The only reason our holier-than-thou president "supported" the 12-12-6 schedule was that Traveller haunted him every night until he gave in. He won't be closing those doors again in a hurry.
- Φ I'm willing to pay good money to anyone willing to act as a sniper and take out all those girls who insist on wearing backless two-inch heels arounds school in the ice and snow. You look ridiculous! If you want to parade around like that, ask your Daddy to buy you a country club.
- Φ Seduction tip of the day: Perch atop a coffee table sans clothes.
- Φ Whoever pooped in my drawer: Please come clean it up ASAP!
- Φ Best Famous Lovers costume: JH as herself and her date as an 80s band member. Take that Kappa Sig.
- Φ Is Lalli really well-endowed? Can anyone actually confirm that?
- Φ Scott Pittman has a hot body, but I think I'd have a better chance with him if he ever drank alcohol.

- Φ It's sad when your shoe collection has more character than you do.
- Φ I would rather get pink eye than go to sketchy "late night."
- Φ "Crazy" sounds like a nickname for an 80-year-old man with missing front teeth.
- Φ Did you vote today in the student government election?
- Φ Is your birthday on the Leap Day? If so, you're in good company. Other Leap Day babies include Pope Paul III, Dinah Shore and Ja Rule, who celebrated his seventh or 28th birthday yesterday.
- Φ What in the Hayulll are those spider posters littering our fair campus?
- Φ More on the arachnid propoganda: Kudos to the posters' posters for using Latin. Double Kudos to whomever corrected the Latin grammar.
- Φ Jock Wols is devilishly handsome.
- Φ Thank you, Jan Kaufman, for your great campus notices. I was so excited to learn that last week was both National Eating Disorders Awareness Week and Children of Alcoholics Week. It was almost too much excitement to handle all at once.
- Φ Web Registration hurts my index finger.

- Φ Three cheers for the baseball team. Way to win the home opener!
- Φ San Francisco was just the first step. I say it's time for GLBTQTSIPQ marriage.
- Φ Attention Texan males: I'm normally opposed to importing dates, but I'd make an exception for one of the Bush twins. Plus, they're a lot hotter than Gerald Ford's daughter.
- Φ W&L's JFK: Is Tom Burish the University's first ever Catholic president?
- Φ The Co-op should stop forgetting orders.
- Φ Quick Poll: Would W&L women rather have a Tiffany or Harry Winston engagement ring?
- Φ Phi phashion tip: Plain front pants, unless part of a tuxedo or jeans, should be illegal.
- Φ Save the date: Jeb Brooks' 21st birthday party. Friday, March 26 at the LCA house featuring Monticello Road.
- Φ Finally, Spring is on the way.
- Φ Ten RCHS seniors agree. Brett Kirwan is a "nerd."
- Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to phi@wlu.edu.