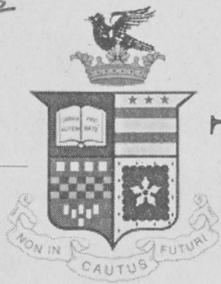


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Congratulations to Phi Beta Kappa inductees Vanessa Adams, Adam Allogramento, Jennifer Backe, Anna Bagwell, Jessica Bennett, Amy Blakeway, Aniesa Bosch, Carolyn Duffy, Lauren Egbert, Jeremy, Rory Gray, Miri Lim, Erin Lutkewitte, Seth Martin, Matthew McDermott, Ian McIlroy, Chad Meredith, Matthew Nelson, Eric Ritter, Virginia Snider, Maria Syska, Marty Tompkins, Jamie Toso, and Daniel Vos, Patricia Ballantyne, Wesley Bell, Richard Busby, Steve Chambers, Rachel Chisolm, Peter Djalaliev, Benjamin Hicks, Marriott Horton, Leila Kia, Erik Kiewiet de Jonge, Robyn Konkel, George Lozowski, Kelley Magill, Jeremiah McWilliams, Rebecca Merritt, Marisa Meyer, Alexandra Schaeffer, Tina Shen, Susan Somers, Carlos Spaht, Vicky Stanham, Tom Trentman, and Matt Yohe. Mark C. Taylor of Williams College spoke.

Allegations of hazing halt four 'new member education periods'

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Hazing allegations have plagued the Washington and Lee fraternity system this year.

Currently, four houses face Interfraternity Council hearings in light of such allegations, according to Dean of Students Dawn Watkins.

"It's been a tough winter for the fraternity system in terms of pledgeship," said IFC Advisor Matt Jacobs.

According to Jacobs, more minor complaints such as professors' concerns over a student's academic performance do not necessarily warrant an IFC investigation. Any allegations that meet the criteria of hazing as defined in the student handbook do warrant inquiries.

"If I get a call from a parent, faculty member or a concerned student and we don't investigate, we are doing a disservice to the freshman and the house because, if the allegations are not true, then we have an opportunity to clear the house," said Dean Watkins.

The University's first concern is to protect the safety of its students, with the second major area of concern being to protect the Greek system. When an allegation is made against a fraternity, that house's new member education program is suspended for the duration of an investigation or pending an IFC hearing.

"Most of these cases have resulted from a flood of complaints," said IFC President Brian Castleberry, "stories come from several different areas and they corroborate each other."

"This is the kind of stuff that gets houses shut down and we don't want to see that happen," said Watkins, who said she attributes the increase of allegations to a snowball effect.

New member education programs are not suspended unless a fraternity is facing an IFC hearing, though not all allegations require investigations. "If information is lucid and clear, it can go straight to a hearing," said Castleberry.

If information is not clear and an investigation is required, "Dean Leonard and the security office are an investigative team," Brian Castleberry said.

In an effort to clarify inaccurate campuswide speculation, *The Ring-tum Phi* contacted members of all fourteen fraternities and asked whether or not their new membership education period had been suspended by the University. Suspension in no way indicates guilt.

Members of the following fraternities said that their new member education programs have been suspended by the University: Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta.

Members of the following fraternities said their new member education programs are ongoing: Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi.

According to Phi Delta Theta President Brian Becker, the leadership of his fraternity ended their new member education program due to the low midterm grades of their pledges. "It was an internal decision not based on University action," Becker said, "we decided to end it."

One fraternity chose not to comment citing concerns about the content of this article.

An investigation into allegations made against Chi Psi cleared that fraternity of any wrongdoing.

Not all new member education violations involve hazing allegations. Underground pledges, for example, are also pledgeship violations, said Castleberry.

The IFC hopes to hear pending cases as soon as possible.

In addition to the four fraternities currently facing University investigations or hearings, two other Washington and Lee chapters have been found to not be in compliance with Nationals' rules. According to Jacobs, Phi Delta Theta has a national alcohol-free housing policy and the issue recently "came to a head."

Jacobs said that University officials have been trying to work with this chapter of Phi Delta Theta to be in compliance with its national policy. Jacobs emphasized that this action was unrelated to any hazing situation.

Sigma Nu is not being investigated by the University, "we haven't been accused by the University," said President Mike Gaico, "there is simply a matter between us and nationals that we have discussed."

Bourbon sales high at local ABC store

BY KAEAL HARMON
STAFF WRITER

You can't be a Washington and Lee student without making at least one trip to the local Alcohol Beverage Control store.

Located on Nelson Street, the local ABC store is a common last stop before the weekend parties begin. But what are the party goers buying? Store manager Buddy Johnson said that he could not tell us what sells the most among W&L students because "Sometimes it's hard to tell who's a student and who's not."

However, 2003 records show that the top brand sold in the store is Jim Beam Straight-Bourbon Whiskey and that Jim Beam is the second most popular brand sold in the state following Jack Daniel 7 black-Tennessee Whiskey. Records also show that the Lexington store ranks third in sales in the Staunton/Waynesboro area.

So whether it's W&L students or not, somebody in Lexington is drinking a lot of whiskey.

2003 Jim Beam sales



The graphic above represents the monthly sales of bottles of Jim Beam whiskey at the Lexington ABC store.

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Committee investigates need for university chaplain, boosts to religious life

BY KATHERINE SHELL
STAFF WRITER

In the spring of 2003, a group appointed by Provost Laurent Boetsch began a study to explore the possibilities of additional religious life resources for Washington and Lee's campus. Students were asked to participate in a survey "to see if students had religious needs and if they are being met," said Meredith McNabb, '04 Law.

The survey is part of ongoing research by the faculty and staff to determine whether additional resources are necessary to aid all of Washington and Lee, including the Law School, faculty and undergraduate students.

After investigating various other similar colleges, the group has discovered numerous ways to accommodate any religious needs felt by the W&L community. The group appointed by Provost Thomas Williams

has researched schools both our size and nature. Possible additions include a non-denominational chaplain, religious counseling and methods to better "coordinate local resources with students," McNabb said.

The group in no way wishes to see a specific religious affiliation for W&L but instead wants to better understand what religious needs are not being met by the University. A specific focus on minority faiths will be coordinated to make sure that all religious denominations are accommodated.

Once data from the survey has been collected, focus groups will be formed to learn more information about the student opinion of religious life at Washington and Lee. This spring, random groups of students will be asked to join these focus groups.

The group was formed after the Lilly Foundation donated money in 2002 to initiate "meaningful life work."

A committee was formed to explore various aspects of religious life at W&L. "The money will be used to facilitate the discussion of religious life resources among students, faculty and staff, mostly the funding of experienced statisticians, focus group leaders and, should the survey and focus groups warrant such, a professional consultant on models for managing religious life resources in higher education," said Professor Alexandra Brown, chair of the committee.

Any possible changes at W&L could be seen as early as next year.

Committee members are fully aware of the possible consequences of furthering religious resources at W&L.

Andy Mendala, undergraduate representative of the committee, said, "Personally, I am ambivalent to the whole thing. I really think either W&L will compromise its secular position as a school or the chaplain will be a figurehead." Committee members are prepared to investigate all effects before any changes will take place.

Newly elected student officers speak out about their plans

BY CALEY ANDERSON
OPINIONS EDITOR

Campus wide elections for Executive Committee and Student Judicial Council officer elections are over, and after some spirited campaigns, the 2004-05 EC President, Vice President, and Secretary, as well as the SJC Chair and Secretary, have been elected.

Victory in the race for EC President came after a week of close runoffs. Current member Marie Trimble defeated Thomas Worthy in the final runoff by six votes. Three rounds of voting for the office were required. The field was narrowed from five, then three and finally two candidates.

In both the first and second runoff, Trimble and Worthy were separated by only five votes.

Trimble attributes her victory to hard work and prior experience, though she by no means underestimated Worthy. "I'm very appreciative of the fact that Thomas and I had a clean, fair election. I really respect Thomas, and I know that he'll continue to contribute to the W&L community in very positive way."

Trimble said of her policy plans for next year, "I'm looking forward to improving our policy concerning the recognition of student organizations. I'd like to see the EC become more involved with campus activities and organizations, and I think improving the recognition process is a great first step. As far as the Honor System is concerned, I'd like to continue the high standards that W&L demands."

The position of Executive Committee Vice President was much

sought after, as well. The race was won by current junior class representative, Cristin Nunez.

Nunez made a few comments following her victory. "I think I won the election because over the past three years I've earned the trust and respect of my peers. I work hard at what I do, and people know that. I ran a clean and honest campaign, and my year of experience on the EC has taught me that talking with people and more importantly, listening to their concerns, is the best way to secure an election," she said.

She also released a platform that detailed plans to revise the budget system. Among her proposed reforms is a system requiring reports from campus organizations receiving money.

The race for EC Secretary was between undergraduate Jared Harrison and current member Justin Arnold, a law student. Arnold secured victory, and has big plans for his tenure next year.

Declaring "The entire Washington and Lee community owns a share of the victory," he went on to say "I am excited about the things that we can accomplish next year. I would like to see the Committee involve the Student Body in EC business more, establish EC by-laws, be more deliberative on student government policy, more vocal on student life issues and more visible at campus events. I would also like to see the Committee improve upon the Honor Orientation program and the budget hearing process, as well as to coordinate a celebration of the 100th anniversary of students assuming the duty of administering the Honor System through the Executive Committee of

the Student Body."

He also complimented his opponent on running a "strong and respectable" campaign and hoped that Harrison would continue to contribute to the Washington and Lee community.

The race for Student Judicial Council Chariman. It was between two current members of the SJC. Juniors Cameron Lord and Maggie Hope both fought for votes. Hope ran on a platform of reform with an understanding of the role of the SJC.

Hope, who won the election, attributes her victory to getting the message out that she brings a past knowledge of the SJC that would help her in the office of chair. She conceded that the election was a worrisome one for her, as she knew Lord would run a strong race.

Speaking to the major issue of the election, she says, "a big issue for the SJC right now is the punishment for DUIs and the discrepancy between what the Board of Trustees wants and what the SJC has been handing out. I think that issue will be resolved this year and that the SJC will create a more consistent precedence in these cases. I think it's going to be a productive year and I look forward to leading the SJC into it."

Running on a similar platform of balanced change and consistency was Jeb Brooks, '05, who ran unopposed for the office of SJC Secretary. Brooks is also the current editor in chief of *The Ring-tum Phi*.

Elections for class representatives to the Executive Committee and Student Judicial Council will be held on Monday, March 15.

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Run for the Law scheduled for March 20

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. The run is usually mostly students from the University, but PILSA is encouraging residents of Rockbridge County to participate as well. "We 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 and 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 or picking up a registration form.

Asian art discussion set for Tuesday during lunch

Tuesday, March 9 at noon, James Godfrey, past Maddux Cowden Curator of Asian Art at the San Antonio Museum of Art, will meet with students for a discussion and question/answer period about careers in the arts. Bring your lunch and join him in the Elrod Commons 216, the Women's Resource room.

Christian Historian speaks Thursday

Washington and Lee University will present a lecture by Christian historian Mark Burrows, "Boundary of the Imagination: Rainer Maria Rilke and the Poetic Quest for the Unknowable God," on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 345 of the Elrod University Commons.

Burrows is a professor of the history of Christianity at Andover Newton Theological School in Boston, Mass., and regularly teaches courses on Dante's Divine Comedy as well as seminars in medieval mysticism and Reformation theology. An historian of the medieval and early modern church, he specializes in the spiritual life and mystical traditions of Christianity.

Burrows is the author of *Jean Gerson and De Consolatione Theologiae*, and is currently working on a monograph devoted to Bernard of Clairvaux's reading of the Song of Songs, "The Triumph of Desire."

Professor releases book released March 1

Writer Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* has long been required reading in English literature and American history courses, but a new book examining the country's social, cultural, political, economic and racial contradictions and how they impacted Ellison's work may also soon find its way on college reading lists.

The book, slated for release March 1 to coincide with the 90th anniversary of Ellison's birth, is edited by Lucas Morel, an Ellison expert and associate professor of politics at Washington and Lee University.

Ralph Ellison and the *Raft of Hope: A Political Companion to Invisible Man* was conceived by Morel to help students today better understand the state of racial relations and social mores in the United States in the 1950s when Ellison was a struggling New York writer probing racial attitudes in a still often segregated society.

The book, contributed to and edited by Morel, is a collection of new essays that examine how Ellison's controversial and landmark 1952 novel addressed the social, cultural, political, economic and racial contradictions of America at that time.

Ellison believed it was the contradiction between America's "noble ideals and the actualities of our conduct" that inspired the most profound literature - "the American novel at its best."

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Hidden Hero Patrick Hastings brings service to Greek life

Hastings started the Owings initiative, plans to teach

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN AND
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ASSISTANT ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR AND NEWS EDITOR

Patrick Hastings, a junior English major from Atlanta, Ga., chairs the Awareness Committee of the Nabor's Service League. He has incorporated community service into pledgship. Hastings worked with Kate Talbert, campus outreach co-chair on this project. Together, they met with the Interfraternity Council and philanthropy chairs to set them up with community agencies that are their adopted philanthropy.

Hastings commented on how it is sometimes tough to get projects together and he is very pleased with involvement. It is his hope that this project spreads to a year-long commitment to an agency, service-based rush events and mixers.

For the past year, Hastings has served as Secretary for All Campus Events (ACE) board. He describes that role as difficult because of the many discussions about how ACE can better serve the campus community. He addressed the need for awareness of diversity of educational events. He would like to see highly visible bi-weekly calendars produced that bring information about what is going on around campus.

Hastings serves on the steering committee for the Cystic Fibrosis Charity Ball. It is his goal "to organize an attractive event." This year's theme will be completely different from last year's black-tie ball. Burr Datz's blue grass band will play at the cowboy-themed barn dance.

In the fall, Hastings participated in the Moustache Society. He said that the society was really inspired by the support of the University community.

Last summer, Hastings worked in Shakespeare & Company bookstore in Paris. He was working on a Global Stewardship Grant with Professor Connor on the literary history of the bookstore. Earnest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, and James Joyce were some of the writers that spent lots of time at Shakespeare & Company.



Hero. Patrick Hastings has worked to make community service a vital part of Washington and Lee by incorporating it into pledgship.

This summer, Hastings will work in Atlanta with the Reach for Excellence teaching program for identifying talent among Mississippi's public school students. He worked there for two summers in the past.

Hastings has always wanted to teach. After graduation, he would like to teach English at a boarding school in the Northeast and coach soccer.

Bakery opening soon, aims for 'Blue Sky'

BY KAELA HARMON
STAFF WRITER

Lexington residents will soon have a new place to go for many of their baked good needs.

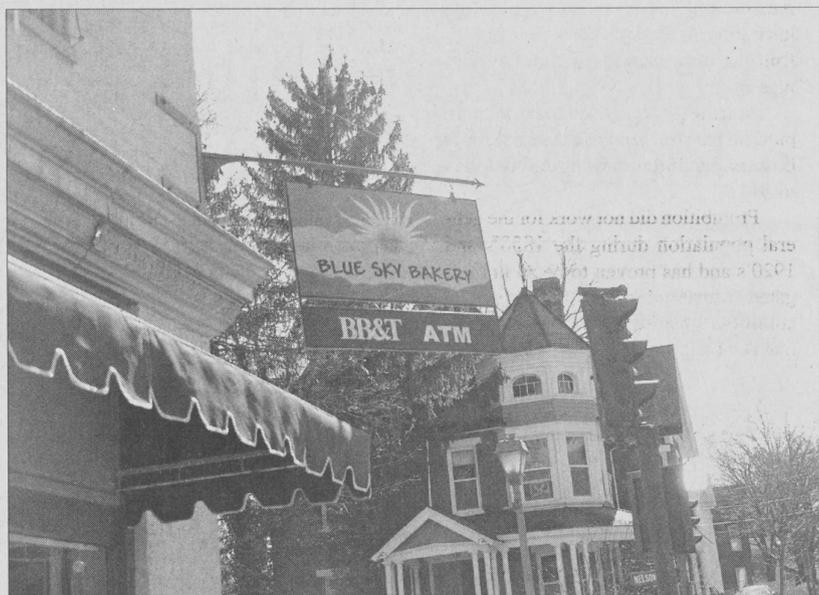
Located on the corner of Nelson and Lee Streets, the owners of Blue Sky Bakery will be opening their doors within the next few weeks.

Blue Sky is a family business, owned and operated by Brenda and Mike Gregg and Mike's mother. The Greggs moved to Lexington in October with the goal of opening a restaurant or bakery.

According to Brenda Gregg, they were looking for a small town and they especially love college towns. When they got here and saw that Caroline's was closing, they realized that there was a niche for a bakery and went forward with that idea.

Originally they had planned to be open by now but the construction took much longer than expected. Now they are working on operating their industrial size oven and perfecting their recipes.

Brenda Gregg said that hopefully they will start with a soft opening within the



CODY GABBAARD / THE RING-TUM PHI

Yum, yum. The Blue Sky Bakery will open in a few weeks, so students should look for the sign to come down. Owners plan to have an extensive lunch and dessert menu.

next two weeks. The soft opening will be without any sort of big celebration or announcement.

The idea is that people just walk by and see that they're open and then later they'll have the grand opening, and later they hope to have a ribbon cutting grand opening.

For now "when the sign comes down" will be the best

indication that they are open for business.

When they do open, their feature item will be fresh homemade bread but they will also have a wide range of pastries and sandwiches.

They will have homemade soups daily for their lunch menu and they will also be making a variety of dessert squares including pecan

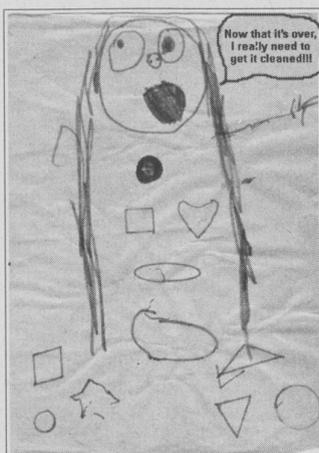
bars, key lime bars and cheesecake squares.

In addition to homemade baked goods, Brenda Gregg is happy to boast of the comfortable, home-like atmosphere that Blue Sky provides.

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Return the drinking age to 18

Fancy Drunk, as it so affectionately termed by many of the faculty, provides a particularly potent yearly reminder of the wrong-headedness of the national minimum drinking age of 21.

The chief aim of the 1984 law that threatened states with the loss of federal highway funds if they refused to raise their minimum drinking age from 18 to 21 was to reduce drunken driving deaths and injuries. Although the number of drunken driving incidents has dropped dramatically among this age group (as it has among all age groups), many scholars point out that the decline began in 1980, long before the national minimum drinking age was raised. Moreover, many other factors, such as airbags, increased seat belt use, lower speed limits, and safer automobiles, are believed to have had a greater impact than a higher drinking age.

As is all too often the case, though, the government's well-intentioned plan has turned out to have done more harm than good. Raising the drinking age has directly led to a terrible increase in irresponsible and harmful drinking among youth. More students report vomiting after drinking, missing class, lower grades and fighting while drinking than ever did before the drinking age was raised.

Today, rather than having the opportunity to learn and practice healthy and measured alcohol consumption in safe, mentored environments, young people have their first tastes of the "forbidden fruit" in unsupervised, unsafe environments.

A better policy would be to increase punishments for unsafe drinking and law-breaking while returning the drinking age to 18.

Prohibition did not work for the general population during the 1850's and 1920's and has proven to be an unmitigated disaster since 1987. It's time to admit our mistake and return the minimal drinking age to 18.

Kerry: evolving candidate, not wishy washy



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THE NEXT PRESIDENT? Seen here working in the Senate, John Kerry may be the best choice for the nation in the 2004 election, despite the efforts of Bush's campaign.

Ed Gillespie and Karl Rove have a plan for this election. John Kerry flip-flops on issues, John Kerry is unprincipled, and the like. He was historically against capital punishment, but then came out in favor of it for convicted terrorists. He voted for No Child Left Behind but criticizes Mr. Bush for that too. He authorized the use of force in Iraq but criticizes the way the President has handled it. Mr. Bush, on the other hand, is a steady, principled, unwavering leader, the type of man most needed in uncertain times like these.

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GABE CHAPMAN '06

That's one way to look at it. Here's another: John Kerry is an astute man who grasps the difficulties and complexity of any given issue, and is willing to incorporate new information into his ideas; therewith, his ideas can change. He is an intellectual.

The capital punishment issue came up long before this presidential election; in a reelection bid in 1996 he said he was not for capital punishment for terrorists. Why? Because Kerry was worried that if the United States had a standing policy of capital punishment, other nations would be discouraged from extraditing terrorism suspects to the United States. He feels that since September 11th, nations are more ready to extradite suspects, and therefore the death penalty is not the deterrent it once was. His main concern in both cases was ensuring the greatest probability that other nations would cooperate in investigations.

John Kerry voted for No Child Left Behind after George Bush promised billions in education funding in his State of the Union Address, and promoted such wording in the bill as it worked its way through Congress. John Kerry's only mistake in this matter was trusting George Bush's word. When the chips fell and it came time to actually appropriate funds in his budget, George Bush cut 6 billion dollars from his own education bill. Shame on John Kerry for trusting George Bush!

Now Iraq. Essentially, Congress told the President: we trust you to neutralize what you have characterized as an immediate and grave danger to the United States. The President made the same case to Congress that he made to the American people. Now we know how exactly all this came about: every shaky intelligence report was exaggerated to the greatest possible degree, the White House set up a special office in the Pentagon, whose sole

purpose was to assemble information that would advance their case, without regard to the strength of the information. Intelligence officers who came to them with information contradicting their assertions were told that their information wasn't strong enough and they needed to come back with more.

Don't tell me, "Well, who cares? The world is better off without Saddam Hussein." What we should care about is the fact that this Administration made a conscious effort to manipulate information to make a sensationalist case for war. Just because we and our representatives bought it, doesn't mean that they were wrong. It means that they put too much faith and credit in an ends-justifies-the-means administration. Men like John Kerry won't make that mistake again.

George Bush's "with us or against us" worldview is too simplistic for the world of today. Paul O'Neill's book, *The Price of Loyalty*, makes two things clear: from the first day, this Administration had two intentions: (1) to cut taxes, and (2) to invade Iraq. All of the intervening events: September 11th, the recession, were just convenient excuses to push an agenda that they intended from the first. Consider this: our economy has been out of recession for several quarters, but Bush continues to deficit-spend tremendously. These tax cuts were not a salve meant to pull us out of recession; if they were, he would have brought the deficit under control as we pulled out of recession.

To say that George Bush's policies are innovative would be to say that they adapt to

changing conditions. If that's so, why hasn't he changed the undertaxing and overspending that is causing our deficit? The deficit is really just a "future tax": a tax on people like you and me. We're going to be paying back the I.O.U.'s Bush has taken out, long after he's retired comfortably.

I don't like watching George Bush talk. It makes me realize that he doesn't understand the nuances of a situation. Like when he tells us that the economic growth (in terms of GDP) the nation is experiencing will invariably lead to new jobs. There is a new dynamic in our economy, one that George Bush does not understand. We have the simultaneous outsourcing of jobs overseas, and the hiring of temporary workers who can be fired and hired to match demand exactly from month to month. Executives are concerned right now with pushing up stock prices, and to do this they are widening profit margins by squeezing maximum productivity out of their existing labor forces. The Bureau of Economic Analysis has found that the profit share of corporate income as increased at the expense of labor's share. This shouldn't be surprising, considering who can afford millions of shares of stock.

George doesn't understand our new economy and doesn't understand America's place in the world. I want somebody who has doubted the rectitude of America's political and cultural domination. I want somebody to produce an Attorney General who will nail Kenneth Lay's ass to the wall. I want somebody to have the courage to tell Americans that we can't sustain your level of consumption. You can't drive gargantuan SUVs forever. Not even for much longer. I want someone to say that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is worth more to the world than \$1.75 gasoline for your Hummer H2. John Kerry will do all these things, and we'll be stronger for it.

Quote of the Week

"I think Arnold's off to a great start."

Ex-California Governor Gray Davis

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Martha guilty, but bigger fish remain for federal government

This past week, a federal jury found Martha Stewart guilty of conspiracy, two separate counts of making false statements, and obstruction of justice. This decision marks the highest-profile individual that has been convicted in the recent government crackdown on corrupted business practices. Martha Stewart, who's been the target of focused media coverage over the past few months as a result of her trial, has certainly been served justice, but I find it dismaying that the Federal government has been unable to secure the convictions of the bigger criminals in the world of white collar corruption.

What about the former Tyco executives, who still stand accused of Grand Larceny? What about MCI Worldcom? Or Merrill Lynch? Or what about the one that started it all- Enron? Kenneth Lay, ex-CEO of Enron, walks around even today as a free man. The fact is, ladies and gentlemen, that the majority of these 21st century robber barons remain unpunished. Martha Stewart, who is guilty, of course, was nevertheless more than likely targeted by the government because of her celebrity status (Stewart, who will likely serve prison time, still faces a civil suit from the Securities and Exchange Commission for a charge of insider trading). Yet, one instance of insider trading, as well as the lies that came with it, are hardly the greatest evil that has been wrought in corporate America in recent history.

The Department of Justice needs to ramp up the efforts against these financial miscreants. All Martha Stewart's crime did was give her an unfair advantage over other investors, whereas I think most people believe that Kenneth Lay directly stole millions of dollars from the people in the business world who trusted him most. Taking a tip

from a buddy in the company is one thing, creating a deliberate scheme to rob your investors of (a LOT of) their hard-earned cash that results in an economic disaster, unemployment without compensation for your employees, and general financial chaos is another.

In politics, appearance is reality, and the fact that Kenneth Lay, especially, has not been even charged with anything makes the Bush administration look very bad, especially in an election year. I don't actually think that Lay has earned himself propriety with his generous donations to the Bush campaigns, but it's critical that the President not allow that to be the appearance, especially when Lay, as well as most of his senior executives, are more than likely extremely guilty.

I'm sure we all remember Enron- jobs lost, faith in corporate America was tanked, women who worked for Enron felt forced to pose for Playboy since all they had as job insurance was now-worthless Enron stock. The scary thing is that this story has been repeated (albeit with less scandal similar to the Playboy incident) several times over again, with, as mentioned before, Tyco, MCI Worldcom Merrill Lynch, and so forth.

To be sure, Martha's crimes are not to be scoffed at. Besides the obvious consequences, Martha Stewart Living, while not directly involved in the Imclone scandal that has now ensnared its Chief Creative Officer, will likely see its own value plunge, since Stewart's image of domestic perfection is so closely linked to her company.

Yet we should not forget that there are still criminals out there, some who have gone unprosecuted, and some who are still out there, as yet successful at hiding their thievery from the law.

Φ MODERATE'S MUSINGS
CALEY ANDERSON '06

Forget Punxsutawney Phil, hold your leaders accountable

Imminent changes should force students to realize that fate of University rests in student government elections

Campus was sated with "political" campaigning this week. Brightly-colored posters and catchy slogans littered every doorway and bulletin board around campus. Candidates were all smiles. Promises were made. Yet was this election any more serious than the stereotypical student council popularity contests held at most schools?

After one election and two run-offs, one of the "highest voter turnouts in the history of Washington and Lee" elected Executive Committee and Student Judicial Council officers last week. Individual class representatives will be chosen next Monday. I'm sure these students too will wear their suits and bowties around campus, tack up countless posters around our fair grounds, and work every connection that they have in order to be elected.

I ask the students of Washington and Lee—the candidates, voters and those already elected—to step back for a minute to think before they move into this second stage of the election. What is it that this campus really wants? What is it that this campus really needs? Who are the leaders that can provide these wants and needs?

In a recent editorial by one of our neighbor school's newspaper columnists, their student council election was compared to Groundhog Day. Preston Lloyd wrote in University of Virginia's *The Cavalier Daily*, "To many students, Student Council elections are like Groundhog Day, where the entire nation focuses the media spotlight—even if ever so briefly—on a rodent in a small Pennsylvania town in

order to symbolically predict the length of the season. Likewise, at the University, students are reminded that not only does [student government] exist, but that the leadership and agenda of that organization is so important that it demands the attention of students for a week or more."

W&L's student government elections are nearly identical to the University of Virginia scenario described above. Voters are one of three types: those who wander past the voting booth between classes and choose the candidates with the most name recognition, those whose roommate or fraternity brother is running and therefore are obligated to show up at the polling place, and those who are genuinely interested in the future of campus and believe that the student leadership will greatly affect that future, with the least amount of voters belonging to this last group. I wonder, however, why this is the case.

W&L has gone through some recognizable changes in the past four years that I have been a student here. A strict alcohol and drug policy now stands in place of football game "tailgates." Limited beer can be "swiped home" in the new Commons—center of University life—where free alcohol and drinking games in the fraternity houses once flowed like water. The fate of Spring Term has come into question not once, but twice. Two fraternities have been suspended. One has been reinstated. Countless other changes have also dramatically affected campus during the past few years.

Students cannot think that the student leaders of this campus do not play an important role in these campus-altering decisions and events. Student leadership played a role in every single one of the events listed above. Most recently, current Executive Committee President Helen Hughes worked tirelessly alongside faculty, administration and board members to determine the fate of the student-beloved Spring Term. Other student leaders have worked just as hard as she to see that the changes affecting W&L are not only good for the board and administration but also for the lifeblood of the University—the students.

In saying all this, I challenge the students of Washington and Lee to think before they vote next week. Class representatives to the student government bodies on campus are the people who will represent you to the administration and faculty when more huge campus-changing events plague Lexington. Just because someone has name-recognition doesn't mean that they will make the best decisions when it comes to the future of your institution.

These comments are not to say that the recently elected EC and SJC officers are off the hook,

however. They all ran on detailed platforms, whether the voters took the time to learn of these or not. Hold these students accountable. If they promised you funding to political and religious organizations in the future, make sure that these organizations receive funding during the next budget allocation.

If they promised you that they would make DUI convictions consistent with University and board policy, make sure they deliver. If they promised that the EC members will be more active in campus activities during the next year, make sure that they attend these meetings and participate in activities. And if they don't, complain. Ultimately, they are held accountable to you. Write letters to the editors of the campus newspapers. Email or call these officers individually. They will listen to you. You chose them.

While student government elections are often a hot lunch-table conversation for a week or so, who will really be talking about what Marie Trimble plans to do as EC president or Justin Arnold as EC secretary in a month? Why is this the case? Students, you should care what these people are doing. They are the future of your school. They are your representatives.

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Preston Lloyd

THE CAVALIER DAILY

Letters to the Editor

Kirwan's article is itself more offensive than "Monologues"

Dear Editor,

I would like to know the rationale for reprinting Brett Kirwan's two-year-old editorial on a previous production of "The Vagina Monologues."

It was, after all, inflamed and inaccurate the first time. It would not be particularly difficult to construct an intelligent critique of Eve Ensler's play—any student in English or Women's Studies could give Mr. Kirwan helpful advice. While I'm not a fan of the work, though, I deeply admire the students who staged it. As the editorial acknowledges, the original production raised money for Project Horizon; the recent version raised impressive sums for multiple charities. Furthermore, through the "Monologues," undergraduates and law students collaborated to provoke conversation about sexuality and violence—I'm grateful for their commitment. They deserve better than this creaky old complaint.

I can suggest a fresh topic, if Mr. Kirwan has the energy. His opinion piece quaintly protests "vulgar exhibitionism" and the "middle-school locker room" mentality he found in the play. What does he think of campus notice titles such as "TITTIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!", "TITTIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" so conveniently quoted on the same page as his reprinted column?

Sincerely,

Lesley Wheeler, Associate Professor of English

Dear Editor,

Two years ago Mr. Kirwan's editorial piece, "Monologues" are vulgar concoction with political purpose," angered me because of its blatant and frequent disregard for the facts of the play. Many people discouraged me from responding because, they argued, everybody knows Mr. Kirwan writes from an extremely conservative viewpoint and intentionally incites angry responses. This made sense and fearful of being labeled a "femi-nazi," I kept my mouth shut but did not forget the piece. Today I was shocked and appalled to see this article appear once again in the *Ring-tum Phi*.

Admittedly, Mr. Kirwan has a right to his opinion but the abundant factual errors indicate irresponsible journalism and beg the reader to question if the author even saw the play when it was performed here two years ago. For example, in the first monologue "Hair" the speaker is not "driven mad by [her husband's] request" to shave her pubic hair as Mr. Kirwan attests. Her choice to shave her pubic hair was a compromise in her relationship. She realizes that she does not like it and stops the practice. The couple pursues marriage counseling because of a desire to work through their problems. This does not suggest a lack of sanity. Later, in an attack on another one of the monologues "The Flood", Mr. Kirwan states, "Of course, her male companion was to blame for her years of

pain" when in actuality the woman's fear of her own body's unpredictability was at fault. He even states that The Vagina Monologues condones lesbian rape, a statement that is utterly false. The play works throughout to raise awareness of all sorts of violence against women, from battery to rape. Although the woman's first sexual experience is at a young age in "The Little Coochie Snoocher that Could," there is no indication that it was undesired. In addition to these errors, Mr. Kirwan ignores the monologues that affirm men's roles in women's lives, such as "Because He Liked to Look at it," and misrepresents the play as "male-bashing."

The play does not bash men. It praises women. There is a difference. Mr. Kirwan criticizes the play for degrading Valentine's Day, "the only holiday dedicated to true romance between a man and a woman," since the production occurs near that day and raises awareness about violence against women by calling it V-day. Sexual assault, however, is not just an issue women face. Men have mothers, sisters, daughters, lovers, and female friends. It is a fact that one out of every four women is assaulted during her lifetime. One hopes that both men and women can care about this issue even when celebrating Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Backe, '04

Hit and run incident provides opportunity for reflection

Dear Editor,

I'm not a sentimental person and I don't make a point of marking painful anniversaries, but it seems like every March there is something to remind me. A couple of years ago it was a late March snow, which reminded me of the snow that fell on the day of Ashley's funeral in March of 1989. This year, it is the leprechaun trap my oldest son is building for a first-grade class project. A day or two after Ashley was killed, we who lived on her floor in Gilliam dormitory awoke to little green leprechaun footprints running every which way in a sweet attempt by a fellow freshman to bring a smile amidst all the horror.

This March it has been 15 years since freshman Ashley Scarborough was struck down and killed in a hit-and-run accident as she walked alone on Washington Street in the wee hours of a Wednesday party night. The driver turned out to be a fellow W&L student, Blake Comer, who kept this incredible atrocity secret for many months before being caught.

Ashley was a wonderful girl. You would have liked her. You would have noticed her for her red hair, quick wit, and inclusive, accepting approach to those around her. Guys, you would probably have had a crush on her; she was all Southern sweetness with a spark and inner strength that would have made you look twice. Ladies, you would have admired her style and might have wanted to be her friend. She would have responded to you warmly and sincerely, with no hint of arrogance.

There are dozens of us scattered across the coun-

try (and even world) who remember this and so much more about Ashley. She had four extremely close friends who she was making plans to live with the following year, and countless other friends (like me) who could tell you story after story of how she made those around her smile. She had a great boyfriend who was a pre-med student and top swimmer/water polo player. She was a lot like you, and she died at 19 years old, leaving a life full of promises not kept.

Her death affected dozens of lives greatly and the whole community to some extent. But, of course, none were affected as much as her family. Now, 15 years later and a parent myself, I feel physically ill at the thought of the phone call our Dean of Freshmen had to make to her parents that horrible morning. Ashley was the second daughter they lost in a two-year period. The second phone call with the words death, daughter, car, and alcohol, the second funeral, the second time they had to find the strength to go on living. Can you imagine dealing with that kind of pain?

Why am I telling you all this? I'm not your parent or your friend, but I care about the choices you make. I was blessed to have walked where you walked and gone on to a wonderful full life juggling marriage, parenting, writing/editing, and volunteer work in school and at church. It is the kind of life you wouldn't know to aspire to at the age of 18, but you feel incredibly grateful and blessed to have at the age of 33. My friend Ashley didn't get to pursue that life, and that makes me incredibly sad and angry, even now. Will you think of her before you make choices that could have consequences that echo across the years and ripple through all the people around you in life-changing, heart-wrenching ways? Will you think of Blake Comer, who got behind the wheel of a car after drinking and then made a cowardly decision that I'm sure haunts him every day of his life? Will you think of Ashley's parents and her brother, John? Will you think of Ashley's boyfriend, who got the news while at the national swimming championships? Will you think of your friends and the unbelievable effect tragedy has on a young person who becomes an adult from that day forward? Will you think about all the possible consequences of drinking irresponsibly and decide now that you will not get behind the wheel of a car or put yourself in any other perilous situation that could end in tragedy?

I can tell you, the future is pretty wonderful. You don't want to miss it...

Sincerely,

Marcy (Brown) Rand

'92

Student elections need more content, time for campaigning

Dear Editor,

Recently, students voted in elections for student government officers. While I am sure that we have selected a group of honest, qualified people to fill our most important governmental positions, I

have some serious problems with the election process in general. W&L students are forced to make decisions about who will represent them with virtually no information about the candidates—at least, virtually none that counts. The campus is covered with signs, cards, and stickers that make ambiguous promises about candidates' "honor" or "integrity", but in a community that is built around those two concepts, shouldn't we assume that all of the candidates can offer those qualities? They're the ONLY promises out there. If most or all of the candidates for a given office simply pledge to represent us as best they can, uphold honor, or "insert vague platitude here", then what are we, the voters, to use to distinguish the differences between them? Many students vote for those candidates whom they have had classes with or with whom they have shaken hands eighteen times outside the d-hall if they don't feel that they really know any of the candidates. I realize that we have a small school and that we are closely knit, but students can't be expected to know everyone on the ballot.

However, the complete lack of content in our elections is not really the fault of the candidates. In fact, one candidate, Phil Walotsky, made great efforts to articulate things that he wanted to get accomplished. In general, though, our campaign system doesn't provide a forum for candidates to express their views. There are no debates, no speeches, and no profiles or platforms (even small ones) that are consistently presented in the papers. One of the reasons that candidates don't present details about their positions is because they don't really have open access to a medium that is suitable for such communication. Signs have to be concise enough to be absorbed with a cursory glance, e-mails are deleted (they are pretty annoying) as frequently as they are read, and it's awkward enough for candidates to introduce themselves in the commons, let alone talk about school policy.

There are a few things that could be done to improve this process. First of all, there should be an organized debate and/or speeches given a week or so before the elections. I know, I know... I have heard the argument before that people will not attend. So? Even if only a few people would attend such events, the *Phi* and the *Trident* could do articles that at least sum up some of what was said. In addition, some sort of public event would go a long way to making sure that EC candidates can handle their obligations in meetings well. Both papers should at least run an article with small statements from each candidate. *Anything* is better than nothing.

The above reforms aren't much to ask. These policies are even present in many high school elections. But unlike high school leaders, members of the EC, SJC, etc. have substantial power. They administer our honor system, distribute substantial sums of money, make policy changes, and represent us to the administration. We must employ a process that helps voters to make more informed decisions and reflects the importance of our student government.

Sincerely,

Sam Wilmoth, '07



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Baseball wins first two ODAC games in doubleheader

BY JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The W&L baseball team recovered from a tough loss on Friday afternoon to Mary Washington by starting their ODAC season on the right track, winning two decisive games against Emory and Henry on Saturday in a doubleheader. The team's record stands at 8-3, 2-0 ODAC.

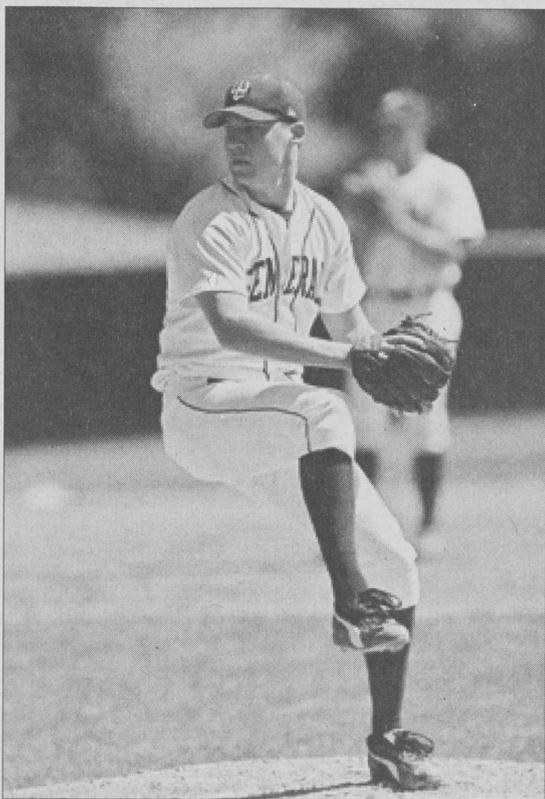
In Friday's game, Mary Washington, the 23rd ranked team in the country, came out showing why they are nationally ranked and hold a 9-1 record. The Eagles jumped out to a 6-0 lead after five innings while their starting pitcher, a flame throwing lefty, seemed unhittable through the first four innings, not allowing a hit. The Eagles held a 7-1 advantage in the sixth when the Generals got back in the game with freshman rightfielder Richard Garland's two run homer. W&L manufactured two more runs in the seventh to cut the lead to 7-5. In the eighth, the Generals had runners at second and third with two outs, but the inning ended when sophomore second baseman Scott Gosselink hit a long fly ball to right field and the Generals fell 7-5.

The comeback was made possible by freshman leftfielder Johnson Branlow who replaced starter Mike Wert and pitched four solid innings of relief, only allowing one run. Wert suffered his first loss of the season and his record fell to 2-1. Sophomore centerfielder Dave MacKenzie and freshman designated hitter David Miller each added a pair of hits for the Generals.

In the first game on Saturday, the Generals sent their ace, Peter Dean, to the hill. With a win, Dean would become the Generals all-time leader in career wins. The record was never really in doubt. Dean pitched brilliantly, going the full seven innings, not allowing a run on five hits and striking out six, to earn his fourth win of the season. His offense gave

him plenty of support, scoring a run in each of the first five innings en route to a 7-0 win. Gosselink went 3 for 3 with two runs scored and junior Zach Bausch, the designated hitter for the game, went 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Garland, MacKenzie and sophomore first baseman Taylor McConnell all contributed a pair of hits.

In the nightcap, the Generals, once again did not give the Wasps much of a chance. Senior leftfielder Bryan Mulhern and Bausch hit back to back homers in the first as part of a five run inning. It was more than enough run support that senior righthander Dan Kagey would need. Nevertheless, the Generals scored another run in the second and eight more in the fourth to blow open the game. The final was 16-3, with W&L amassing 21 hits. Many Generals contributed to the offensive onslaught. After his homer, Bausch hit three doubles, including two in the fourth alone and finished the game 4 for 4 with three runs scored and three RBIs. Mulhern finished 2 for 5 with two runs scored and five RBIs. Garland went 3 for 4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. MacKenzie, Gosselink, McConnell and freshman third baseman, Clayton Edwatrds, all contributed multi-hit games. Kagey improved his record to 2-0 on the year after pitching seven shutout in-



ALL TIME LEADER. Senior Peter Dean became W&L's all time win leader with his 24th career win in a game against Emory & Henry.

Dean becomes W&L all time win leader with 24th win

BY KIM GUNST
 STAFF WRITER

Every time Peter Dean takes the mound, he expects to win. However, the optimistic baseball captain isn't just winning games—he's also breaking records. Dean saw his 24th career win in Saturday's doubleheader against Emory & Henry, becoming the General's all-time win leader.

"I was fortunate to win six games my freshman year," Dean said. "At that time, I remember looking at the record and thinking that I was on pace to break it, but never in my wildest dreams did I believe that I could."

Even though Dean knew he could break the record after tying it last Sunday, he says it hasn't affected his approach. The team's combination of strong pitchers and good hitters are what Dean believes take the pressure off of him.

"The win record is not just my record," Dean said. "It is directly correlated with how well the team has played. The pitcher can't win any games if the batters don't score any runs."

Despite what Dean calls "lucky timing," he also owes his success on the baseball field to a decision he made his junior year of high school. Although Dean started playing Little League when he was just nine, he chose to instead play tennis once he reached high school.

After the offensive coordinator for his football team persuaded him to play baseball, Dean decided it was time for a change. He played baseball for the next two years.

Dean actually came to W&L to play football, but once again decided to give baseball a shot. He worked hard to improve his freshman year—a time, he says, that he first realized he might be able to win a few games for the Generals.

Four years later, Dean is a three-time letter winner and team captain who has been named a Division III "Player to Watch" by Collegiate Baseball News. And just last season, he earned Academic All-American honors.

But Dean's most memorable baseball moment was defeating Virginia Wesleyan last year, making the team the conference leader. He says the entire conference tournament was an experience he'll never forget.

"We played well as a team," Dean recalled. "Every game was exciting. We were close to winning it all."

With no weak spots in the field or in the lineup, Dean foresees an even better season than last. He says he is confident that every member of the team can play well, rather than just having a select core group of stronger players.

Dean is looking forward to his last baseball season at W&L, but says it doesn't necessarily have to be the end. Even though he has already been accepted to medical school at the University of Virginia, he says he is going to leave his options open.

"If somebody gives me the opportunity to play baseball at the next level, that is an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Dean said. "I can always go to medical school. I try not to think of next year. I am just concerned with helping the team win this year."

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 PETER DEAN

A-Rod will stay at third

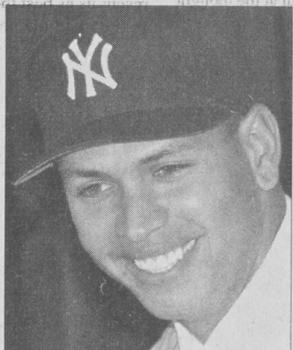
BY JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Now that Spring Training is underway, the talk in baseball continues to be the Yankees acquisition of Alex Rodriguez, arguably the best player in baseball and his unprecedented move from shortstop to third base.

There are a number of reasons why barring unforeseen circumstances, A-Rod will be the Yankees third baseman for years to come. First of all, he agreed to come to the Yankees with the explicit understanding that he would play third base and Derek Jeter would play shortstop. A-Rod has gone out of his way to make the change a non-issue, having repeatedly reiterated in interviews that this is Jeter's team, he is the team's shortstop and should remain at shortstop and has made it clear that if their roles were reversed and Jeter was coming to Texas, he would expect to stay at his position. A-Rod is right, Jeter has been the centerpiece of the Yankees for almost a decade, which has included four championships and six American League Pennants. There is no reason for that to change.

More importantly than that, A-Rod's physical skills make him much more conducive to playing third base than Jeter. The main criticism of Jeter's defense over the years has been his poor reaction to the ball coming off the bat. This is a weakness that would be exploited even more at third base where he would have to play even closer to the batter. A-Rod's reaction is much

better than Jeter's. That skill combined with his overall good glove and strong throwing arm (he won a gold glove last year) should make it an easy transition for him. The same transition was fairly easy for Cal



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Ripken, Jr., A-Rod's boyhood idol and a player with similar physical skills and body type. A-Rod might be the best shortstop in baseball, but Jeter is very solid, having won four championships at the position. A-Rod seems determined to become the game's best third baseman, just as he was able to do at shortstop.

It would be unprecedented for a player to switch positions in his prime and become the game's best at both positions, which I think is a motivating factor for A-Rod to succeed. The Yankees will be putting out their best defense with A-Rod at third and Jeter at short. Given A-Rod's skills and professionalism, I do not foresee this to be a problem and as a lifelong Yankees fan, I am very excited about the upcoming year.

A-Rod will be studying abroad

BY RYAN GRITTER
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Alex Rodriguez is essentially studying abroad. He has moved from his comfortable home at shortstop to immerse himself in the foreign culture that is third base. However, just like a student, he will return to his home. Third base is not the new permanent position of this future Hall of Famer. There are simply way too many events that could cause him to move back, and surely at least one will take place.

While no one can deny that the addition of A-Rod to an already impressive lineup gives the Yankees an enormous boost come playoff time, high expectations can lead to a great deal of pressure. The Yankees have been without a World Series win for three years now, and fans, not to mention the ever looming Darth Vader...sorry, I mean George Steinbrenner, have grown impatient. When the first losing skid comes along, tensions in the clubhouse and in the front office will be almost unbearable. With the enormous egos in that clubhouse, Gary Sheffield in particular, wholesome relations cannot be ensured. We have all heard about A-Rod's rocky friendship with Derek Jeter, and while that will receive much of the media attention, there are plenty of large ego's that could potentially clash with the superstar. At some point, management as well as the players must choose a leader.

The leadership role on the Yankees has been Jeter's since 1996 and has spawned 4 World Series Championships, as well as numerous commercials. If Steinbrenner is forced to decide who his leader is going to be, he will find it incredibly difficult to choose anyone but Jeter, who has become the face of the Yankees. The role certainly will not be filled by Giambi, who is aging and injury prone, or Sheffield, who is a clubhouse cancer. A-Rod has never been in a lead-

ership role for a winning team (the 1996 Mariners were led by Ken Griffey Jr.), and has not shown leadership qualities. A leader must be able to call teammates out and inspire them a la Ray Lewis. A-Rod is not that type of leader, he is quiet and eager to please all; he doesn't seem to be the type to light a fire under a fellow player's <ahem>. If the Yankees don't win the World Series, it will be very tempting to GM Brian Cashman to deal the MVP infielder.

The final reason that A-Rod will not stay at third is simply because he is a gold glove shortstop. He has accepted this move willingly only because he thinks he can win a World Series. As soon as something goes wrong, whether or not he publicly announces it, he will be longing to be a shortstop. He may get the opportunity, as Jeter has shown a propensity for getting injured while A-Rod held one of the longest consecutive games played streaks in the steroid era.

The many ways that A-Rod could find himself back at the shortstop position all could be thwarted by a certain combination of events. All that would have to happen is that Jeter and A-Rod would have to stay healthy, the team would have to have almost no clashing of egos in the clubhouse, a fantastic season ending in a World Series win, and a successful season for Derek Jeter at shortstop. Unfortunately, the odds of all of these things falling into place just aren't realistic. They could both feasibly stay healthy, they could both have fine seasons, Sheffield could shut up, but the World Series win on top of that might cause the apocalypse...and they no longer have the pitching to do so. Here's a little word of advice for GM Brian Cashman, move Jeter to second, A-Rod back to short, and go strong after Eric Chavez of the A's for third. An infield like that would give any manager a tingly feeling as he made out the lineup card each night.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 9	Wednesday, March 10	Thursday, March 11	Friday, March 12	Saturday, March 13	Sunday, March 14
• Open	• W Tennis vs. Bridgewater, at Roanoke--4:00 • Baseball vs. Piedmont--3:00 • W Lax vs. Sweet Briar--4:00	• Open	• W Tennis vs. Washington College, at Eastern Mennonite--3:30	• Baseball vs. Randolph-Macon (DH)--1:00 • M Lax at Franklin & Marshall--1:00 • W Lax at Franklin & Marshall--11:00 • Track hosts W&L Invitational--9:30 • M Tennis vs. Denison--2:00 • W Tennis vs. Salisbury--2:00	• W Tennis vs. Denison--1:00



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CIRCLING THE GOAL. A General circles the Greensboro goal looking for an open teammate. The team would go on to easily defeat Greensboro 18-6.

Womens' lacrosse claims two wins

BY SARAH BLOOM
STAFF WRITER

The Generals started out strong and never looked back as they defeated Greensboro 18-6 on Wednesday night. The women got off to an early lead with four straight goals. Greensboro followed suite, however, with three consecutive goals.

With 16:31 remaining on the clock, senior Kelly Taffe scored back-to-back goals, securing the General's lead over the Pride. Taffe lead the Generals in scoring along with teammate, freshman Kelly Evans. Each claimed four goals.

"I love being able to play with people that understand the game," said Evans of her game. "As thrilling as it is to score goals though, the wins and losses are a complete team ef-

fort." Senior Joanna Perini protected the net for the Generals with eight saves.

The Generals then traveled to Virginia Wesleyan to compete in the team's second ODAC competition of the season. The Generals returned victorious with a score of 12-8.

Though the Generals had only a narrow lead at half-time, they came back strong and secured the win in the second half. Senior Lee Wheeler headed the effort with four goals and an assist while teammate sophomore Kate Lester followed closely behind with four goals of her own.

Perini again saved the net eight times for the Generals.

The team will travel next to Franklin and Marshall to compete on Saturday.

Up and down week for mens' lacrosse

BY CAMERON GARNER
STAFF WRITER

The Generals entered this past week looking to rebound from a loss to #4 Washington College on Saturday. They hosted Lycoming (who is Lycoming anyway?) on Tuesday afternoon, and despite a lackluster effort, they managed to pull out a win. W&L got four goals, including the game winner in triple overtime, from Senior Midfielder Dustin Martin and two goals from junior attackman/male model Body, en route to a 8-7 overtime victory. With this minor boost of confidence, the Generals prepared for #10 Gettysburg, a team that has had trouble beating the Generals the past few years.

Despite the fact that Senior midfielder Mike "no it's not broken, I mean, it hurts, but I play

through pain" McNamara scored half the Generals' goals, they were unable to convert on numerous chances, hitting an absurd number of pipes, and lost their second of the season to a solid Gettysburg team. The Bullets (is that really politically correct? I mean we had to change to the Wizards and they're allowed to stay the Bullets?) held W&L to two goals thanks to a stingy defense whose "long poles were the only good players on their team," according to junior midfielder Adam Librett Chesbrough. The Generals goals, however, were almost worth the loss.

Senior attack/midfielder Roland "self-nominated funniest man in attendance Saturday night" Williams scored on a laser from "about midfield," to cut the deficit to 2-1 with 7:14 remaining before halftime. The Bullets tallied a third goal with 3:37 in the first half, inspiring

McNamara to take the team on his shoulders and snipe a G-O. With little over two minutes to go before halftime, the Boosh caught a pass from freshman Matt "hey Stanek" Arcati and one-timed a perfect shot upper ralph on the whimpering and helpless freshman 'burg Goalie Pat Vaughan (no, really, it's spelled that way). This reporter didn't actually get to talk to Vaughan, but most Generals on the field remember hearing him

say, "I need a clean pair of shorts, coach." Then some other stuff happened; the Bullets managed to score more goals than the Generals did at the end of regulation, so they won, if you can call that winning.

When asked about the game, Body stated "I don't know, practice is not going to be fun tomorrow." The Generals return to action on Saturday when they travel to ninth-ranked F&M. Gametime is 1:00pm.

Mens' tennis defeats Hampden-Sydney College 7-0

BY ALLISON PERRY
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The Washington and Lee men's tennis team brought home a win Wednesday after defeating Hampden-Sydney, 7-0, on the road. The men improved their record to 7-4, 4-0 in the ODAC. Hampden-Sydney is now 1-1, 0-1 in the ODAC.

Junior Paul McClure led the men with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Patrick Gee in the No. 1 singles match. McClure is ranked 21st nationally.

Sophomore David Shay defeated Justin Paciocco 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot. In the No. 3 singles match, senior Graham Nix shut down Russ Brown, 6-0, 6-0.

Senior K.C. Schaefer also won his match against Stephen Johnson at No. 4, 6-0, 6-1. In the No. 5 spot, sophomore Jordan Eichenberger shut down John Cronly 6-0, 6-0. Senior Austin Kim rounded out the singles play with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Part Willings in the No. 6 match.

In doubles play, McClure and Eichenberger teamed up to defeat Gee and Johnson 8-5 at No. 1. Kim and Nix won their match with an 8-1 victory over Paciocco and Brown at No. 2. Schaefer and Shay shut down

their opponents, Cronly and Willings, 8-0 in the No. 3 spot.

Washington and Lee is currently ranked 8th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) Division III national rankings. The men's team was also picked first in the 2004 ODAC Preseason Spring poll. The poll is decided by a vote taken of the league's coaches.

Captain Austin Kim says the team is trying to include matches against bigger teams earlier in the season. Some of the teams the Generals are gearing up for are Salisbury, Mary Washington, Swarthmore, and Washington College. Kim says the team is working on several things in preparation for these matches, particularly its doubles play.

"Especially with the doubles point, it is only one point, but sometimes it can decide the match," Kim said. "We have been working on our doubles play, because that's actually a weakness for us." The Generals host Denison on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. for a non-conference match-up. This will be the first match of the season for Denison. For the 2003 season, Denison finished with an overall record of 8-9. Salisbury has also been added to the schedule for Saturday.

W&L table tennis falls to UVA, JMU

BY JANE BEALL
STAFF WRITER

On February 7, 2004, the Club Table Tennis team traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia for its first intercollegiate match. The brave pioneering members of the Club, sporting khakis with either duck boots or boat shoes, showed up late to Slaughter Gymnasium and were met with intense play, already in progress. Virginia Tech's squad, the perennial favorite, were outfitted in dry-fit jerseys with their names (which were mostly of Asian origin) and numbers blazoned across the back. The Generals, however, were not intimidated.

The Generals first faced UVA's Cavaliers, which featured Martin and Cathy, two Junior Olympic table tennis competitors, and a coach that was the national champion not twice, but thrice, in the seventies (I kid you not, I kid you not). W&L scouts reported that the UVA team holds their prac-

tices on their Friday nights. These practices are followed by team bonding sessions that go late into the night, during which they trade Pokemon cards and play with their Pogs. The Generals, who boast the likes of a freshman named Barrett Something, and a junior stud named Chris Something in the one and two slots, respectively, put forth a valiant group effort, but ultimately fell in both singles and doubles match play.

Next, the brave Generals took on the purple and gold Dukes from James Madison University. The really, really, ridiculously good looking pair of brothers (fraternal and biological), Walker and Matt Nickles, fought hard against JMU's best. Though they both recorded losses, mostly due to the shaggy hair that blocked their vision, they looked extremely handsome in their matching polo shirts. Some kid named Marshall, who apparently doesn't even go to W&L and is in fact, currently enrolled

as a freshman at Clemson University, tagged along and sparred in several matches — all of which he lost. The doubles battle showcased the skills of veterans Tyler Van Leeuwen and Jane Beall. The duet dazzled the crowd with their smiles and good sportsmanship, though unfortunately not with their talent. Ultimately, the pair lost both of their matches, but they managed to wrangle an impressive total of five points from their worthy adversaries.

With growling stomachs signaling the nearness of lunchtime, and a bleak outlook for the upcoming matches, the Generals gracefully bowed out of the tournament, forfeiting the remaining

rallies against the clubs Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Fork Union Military Academy, and Piedmont Community College. In celebration of their hard fought matches,

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W&L TABLE TENNIS

the team went to Charlottesville's famous greasy spoon on the Corner, The White Spot, where they rewarded themselves with artery-clogging Gusburgers.

Though the Club was essentially devastated by their opponent, it was agreed that the Generals were the winners as far as fashion was concerned, and were unanimously voted the tournaments the Best Dressed. Walker Nickles, in possibly the proudest moment of the Club's short history, was chosen as the tournament's Miss Congeniality.

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Washington and Lee lesbian lives 'out' life in Lexington

A minority of one: that's how Peggy Altman feels at times. Peggy, a junior geology major from Belle Glade, Fla., is currently the only out lesbian on campus.

It hasn't been hard to be the only lesbian, Peggy says, "except for the lack of options," she adds with a smile. Dating, obviously, can be hard when your possible dates include you and only you.

"There's never really been a lesbian population. With guys there's six or seven out men" but Peggy embodies the entire population herself. She's learned to compensate by visiting Roanoke and Lynchburg. "You just kinda meet your random people," she explains.

However, she thinks like she's not really the lone lesbian at W&L. "I don't think I'm the only one. I think I'm the only one that acknowledges it and is out," she asserts. She often jokes about starting a lesbian recruiting service. During the Gay-Straight Alliance's National Coming Out Day celebrations she even designed a sign to hang up that simply

stated, "Lesbians Wanted," followed by her phone number. She never quite worked up the nerve to hang it.

According to Peggy, it might be easier to be a lesbian on campus than a gay man because most people don't react as harshly to lesbians. Nonetheless, she can't explain why more women don't come out. "I don't know what it is, honestly,"

Peggy says. "To be out and comfortable I think it's easier to be female and gay but I think that the acknowledgement is harder."

Peggy believes the Greek system could have an effect on keeping lesbians in the closet. Peggy deactivated from a sorority last year. "It's a lot of money to spend on something that I wasn't really involved in," she explains. There were never any incidents in the sorority that affected Peggy, and her membership did not keep her from coming out. "I wasn't really involved in the sorority to a point where it would affect me. There really wasn't a chance for anything," Peggy said. However, the Greek system could be

holding a lot of lesbians in the closet. "There's a lot of pressure to be the ideal woman and a lot of pressure to be a certain way. Everybody, whether it's one big group or a minority, wants to fit in. It's human nature to want to be accepted by a group," she explained. Then again, "no one knows how a srat would react because there aren't any [out lesbian sorority members]."

Peggy came out to her teammates on the basketball team freshman year and she told her parents that summer. She took the fall of her sophomore year off to complete National Outdoor Leadership School training and when she came back to campus she didn't keep her sexuality a secret. "I came back and people knew and I didn't hide it. I never hid it but it's not like I shouted it from the rooftops either," Peggy remembers. She also had a girlfriend at the time and wasn't afraid to walk across the campus hand-in-hand with her.

When she does come out, most people simply say, "Oh, ok," and move on. "Guys ask me for sex advice, and mostly the girls just don't say anything," Peggy says. Peggy might be among the

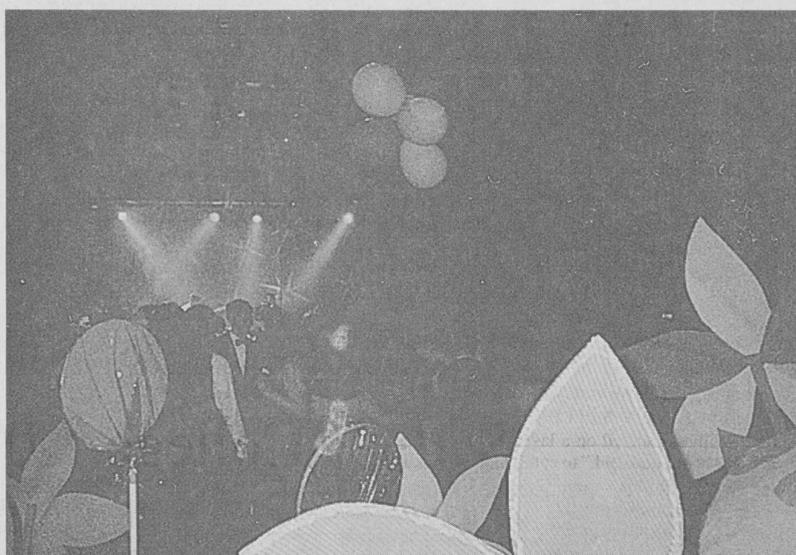
few girls on campus that a guy could ask about sex and not appear to be hitting on her or just being really inappropriate. "I think the majority is ok with it. They might not agree with homosexuality but are just like, 'to each his own.' The outspoken, though, are really outspoken," Peggy explained. No one has ever said anything directly to her and she learns of most of the opposition through the newspapers.

Peggy came to W&L after applying early decision and knew very little about the school, even less how the student body reacted to gays and lesbians. "Senior year I was still trying to play it straight and it really wasn't on my mind. I knew [W&L] had mountains and it was a good education," Peggy recalled. She has enjoyed her time here and explains, "My problems with W&L are not because I'm a lesbian." She issues advice to her fellow students to simply be themselves. "To anybody—be it gay, straight, blue, black, anything—be comfortable in that, and you'll be surprised how many people will be accepting. Give them the benefit of the doubt."



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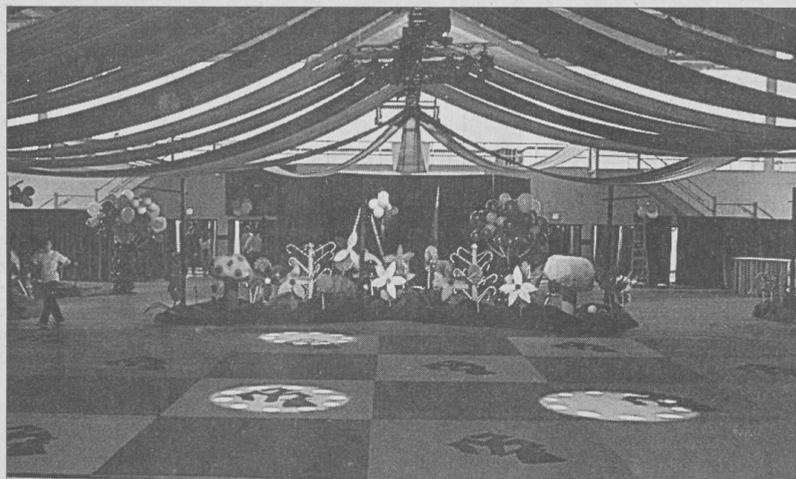
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Dancing the night away. On the top left, party-goers danced the night away to the sounds of the band Voltage Brothers, who performed a wide variety of music for attendees. On the top right and bottom, decorations including flowers, mushrooms and lollipop trees covered the Warner Center reflecting the theme of the dance, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. In addition, the smaller gym, which was set up for a DJ, was decorated to resemble the bubble room from the movie and had a screen playing scenes from the movie.

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Two W&L couples announce engagements

BY MEGAN MORGAN
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

As graduation approaches, students have begun to make summer, career and relationship plans. As part of this, several students have recently announced their engagements. This week, two couples have released announcements.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Downes of Granville, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Elizabeth Downes to Mr. Andrew Christopher Fotinos, son of Reverend and Mrs. Dennis Fotinos of Kingwood, Tex.

Miss Downes is a 2002 graduate of Washington and Lee University, and is the Project Coordinator for the Environmental Studies Program at Washington and Lee. Mr. Fotinos will graduate in June from Washington and Lee with a degree in politics and environ-

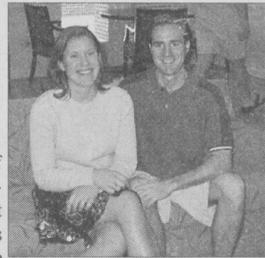
mental studies. The couple plan to move to Charlottesville, Va. after their wedding where Miss Downes hopes to pursue a master's degree in elementary education.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 7, 2004 at R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. George Small announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Justine Small to Mr. Cameron Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith of Brentwood, Tenn.

Miss Small is a member of the class of 2005 and Mr. Smith is a member of the class of 2004. The couple met orientation week of her freshman year, and began dating shortly thereafter.

Miss Small and Mr. Smith plan to wed in Brentwood on July 2, 2005. Mr. Smith plans to attend law school after graduation, and so their future plans hinge on his law school choice.



Helen Downes & Andrew Fotinos

Absolute Fratlord salutes women of Washington and Lee

This past week was amazing. But why is that? I had a twelve-page midterm to take care of, in addition to another paper and a test. Furthermore, I had to supervise IM Basketball all week long, since last year I made that fateful decision to sell my soul to the intramural program. I didn't get a lot of sleep. I lost some money in poker. I ran out of clean socks and never got around to do laundry. I ripped a hole in my favorite pair of corduroys. My truck almost ran out of gas. Truthfully, given all these things that drove me crazy, the week probably seemed sorta crappy, right?

But I stand by my comment - It was an amazing week! Any guesses why?

As the weather gets warmer, we all get to see the most beautiful thing about W&L, and it's not the red brick buildings or the blossoming flowers. It's the girls.

W&L girls are unbelievable. I firmly believe that every male student at W&L is spoiled by our proximity to some of the most wonderfully attractive ladies in the world. As with all things, W&L tends to put its own

unique twist on the typical college experience, and with W&L ladies, it's no different. Maybe it has to do with the Southern debaucherous heritage or with the Greek system or whatever, but I really do think that there's something about W&L girls, the way they dress, the way they behave, or just who they are that places them worlds apart from the typical American college females.

Seriously - which frat guy, in going down to help freshmen move in during the first day of orientation week, hasn't sighed and marveled at the ridiculous girls who are entering the school? Freshman Face-Books are transformed into the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issues, with all W&L guys debating over which new ladies compete for the "Hottest Girl to Stroll the Colonnade" Award. During the first few weeks of fall term, upperclassmen frat guys are generally more concerned with "rushing" freshmen girls than the guys, knowing full well that frosh guys will follow the girls just about anywhere.

Now with the weather getting warmer,

it's like stumbling into a department store catalog. One of my pledges has an internet poll on the best thing about spring, and, sure enough, at the top of the list is the obvious answer: Girls in Mini-Skirts. I wonder if any observant students have noticed the big goofy smile on my face as I walk down Stemmons Plaza, passing girl after wonderful girl, thanking my lucky stars that I've had the opportunity to spend four glorious years in this paradise.

I'm sure there are some critics. I've heard a few myself - all those naysayers who have convinced themselves that W&L girls are spoiled elitists Southern daughters who've been bred to understand how immaculate they are. Typically though, these critics are bashing sororities, not the girls in them. I've had my own negative comments towards characteristics of the sororities at this school (towards fraternities too for that matter). But I think you'd be hard-pressed to find a student who, after meeting these supposedly "elitist" girls individually, would not be impressed by the charm, the kindness and the genuine nature that the majority of W&L girls have.

I expect a few reactions to this article. One generally held perception, or at least it's one that I've heard before, is that I write certain things in my articles so that I can "score" with the W&L ladies. My response, with all I've written above, is this - CAN YOU BLAME ME? Before I get ahead of myself, I am currently in a relationship, but really, what's so ridiculous about that idea?

Also, this is not intended to be some "gender role" article. I'm not arguing that girls at this school are so attractive because they maintain some accepted social position or some garbage like that. If you'd like to debate my views about gender roles in the American society, feel free, but I'm not trying to make a political statement in this case. I'm simply stating that W&L girls, in general, have no equal among the college world.

In a pretty crappy week, warm weather and W&L girls brightened my days - I think most W&L fellas will agree that, with Spring Term fast approaching, they look forward to the sundresses and the tans and the girls that make this school an even more amazing place than it already is.

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ALL CALL FOR EQUALITY.



CODY GRAVES/ The Ring-tum Phi

Guerilla Girls. On March 2 a comedy troupe called The Guerilla Girls performed in the W&L Elrod Commons Theater. The troupe, who has been performing since 1985, consists of anonymous feminists that take the names of dead women artists, appear in guerilla masks in public and use humor to highlight and start discussions on sexism and racism in art, film, politics and culture as a whole.

Is Passion anti-semitic?

Jesus of Nazareth hangs from the cross near the end of Mel's Gibson's "The Passion of The Christ," when a Jewish thief, hanging from his own cross to Jesus' right insults him. "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

This rebuke is part of a pattern in The Passion.

The release of "The Passion," Mel Gibson's explicit depiction of the final 12 hours of the life of Jesus is laden with controversy. Jewish religious groups have protested the film, saying that the movie will inflame anti-semitism by its portrayal of Jews playing a large role in the crucifixion. Hollywood critics have accused Gibson of employing unnecessary violence to incite hate and anti-semitism. Journalists have repeatedly knocked on the door of Gibson's father, Hutton, seeking one more outlandish quote about the Holocaust from the 85-year-old man.

But having seen "The Passion" personally, I was disturbed and relieved to find these accusations of the film were fraudulent. The pattern in the film is not anti-semitic; it is a pattern of duality. Are there evil Jews in the film? Yes. Are there also Jewish heroes? Absolutely.

After the criminal hanging from Jesus' right slights the Christ, another Jewish thief crucified on Jesus' left replies, "We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

The problem with Gibson's critics is that they fail to recognize the film's Jewish heroes and heroines and focus on the negative portrayal of the Pharisees, the Jewish hierarchy which coerces Judas to deliver

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Jesus to them and later persuades Pontius Pilate to crucify him.

However, like the man hanging from Jesus' left, the film has plenty of Jewish heroes. Do not forget that the primary protagonist of the plot, Jesus, is Jewish. His mother, the Virgin Mary, not only is a Jewish character, but is played by a Romanian Jew. John, the disciple who follows Jesus all the way to Golgotha and watches after Mary, is Jewish. Simon of Cyrene, the laborer who carries Jesus' cross for him when he is too weak to carry it himself and who fends off the mob from attacking the beleaguered man, is Jewish. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' followers—saved by the phrase "he who is without sin, cast the first stone"—loyally stands beneath Jesus while he slowly dies on the cross. Nicodemus, the Pharisee who ardently defends Jesus during the trial in front of the Sanhedrin, is Jewish. The "woman," who brings Jesus a cup of water and a shawl after he collapses while carrying the cross, is a Jew. Even Judas, who often in Christian lore is portrayed as an evil man, is portrayed sympathetically vulnerable instead of wicked.

Like the two men crucified next to Jesus, there are bad guys who are Jews, and good guys who are Jews in "The Passion." A lot like real life, isn't it?

QUICK HITS

Φ Which possesses more hotness? Colton Ward's rat tail or Travis Smith's VMI basketball sweater vest?

Φ Hell Week: Since no one has pledgedship anymore, can we haze the administration?

Φ Since they go unrecognized too often, I want to recognize and make all aware of the Minority Student Dream Team, Kisha Barnes, Zakiyah Bradford and Kaela Harmon.

Φ Look at the panoramic picture on the third level of the library. Are the two men on the far left and the far right not one and the same? Weird.

Φ Will my paper ever finish itself?

Φ Do the professors ever tire of teaching? Because I'm getting tired of going to class.

Φ Has anyone else noticed how cute the Italian-looking pizza guy in the Marketplace is?

Φ Quick Poll: Harry Winston vs. Tiffany engagement ring: No-Brainer, Harry Winston, OF COURSE! For those who don't understand, if Tiffany equals Mercedes-Benz then Harry Winston equals Rolls Royce. It's as simple as that.

Φ Damn Brittany and her masochistic ways for cutting the tail of our gerbil.

Φ Shout out to the SAO for sponsoring the first video game tournament.

Φ More on that: Has everyone heard about the Halo Team Tournament on March 12?

Φ Still more: Way to go SAO! Official recognition by the EC as a student organization.

Φ Kisha would like to announce her plans to be engaged to Jeb later in the month.

Φ I understand that Martha was found guilty on all four counts, but can we please stop the "How to Brighten Up Your Prison Cell" jokes already?

Φ Today in transportation: Both the CSS Virginia and the Goodyear blimp were first launched today, in 1862 and 1972, respectively.

Φ In Canada, yesterday was Alanis Morissette Day.

Φ Erin Julius did not go Fancy Dress. If you see her, try to cheer her up, especially if you're a Keydet.

Φ First on FD: The decorations were great and the Voltage Brothers were awesome!

Φ Another: Professors I'd love to see at FD that didn't come— Futch, Coach Stickley, Pleva, DeLaney, McRae.

Φ More: It was really terrible that the bars ran out of soda and cups as early as 11:00.

Φ Still more: I enjoyed the slow dances. There aren't enough slow dances at W&L. You can't ever slow dance in a frat basement, so FD is really the only opportunity.

Φ Yet one more: Did anyone else notice a lot more kissing and blatant, out-in-the-open chugging from flasks than in years past?

Φ Still yet one more: Where was the chocolate river?

Φ Finally: I'm sick and tired of hearing coeds complain about importing. They can do it as well, but that would be admitting defeat.

Φ Is anybody else hungry right now?

Φ Here's to a happy and safe un-Hell Week with lots of un-hazing.

Φ Stunningly, my pre-FD plans at the Mirage didn't have any takers. Same went for the after-party at Domino's.

Φ Thank heavens the Guerilla Girls have come and gone and those miserable posters are no longer a blight on our fair campus.

Φ Congratulations to the St. Edward Eagles on winning their ninth state ice hockey championship!

Φ What is up with that girl playing the theme from Forrest Gump in the Commons 24/7 on the piano?

Φ Whoever is blaring that annoying Eiffel 65 "Blue" song from Graham-Lees needs to stop.

Φ Beer goggles or Wonkavision?

Φ "Raging Intellectuals"— little more than malicious, hateful, childish whining. Garbage like that shouldn't be printed.

Φ I'm happy the Co-op is now carrying Diet Coke with lime.

Φ Do your part to keep our campus beautiful: Don't walk on the grass.

Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits and laments about the lack of fun Hell Week pranks to phi@wlu.edu.