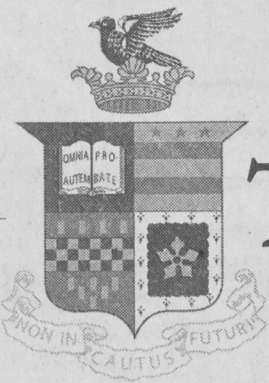


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## Fire grabs attention of community



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**AFTERMATH.** (Above) Trucks were in place this past week to help clear the debris from the blaze that took student residence located above Il Palazzo restaurant at 20 North Main Street. (Left) The fire spared little, and according to *The News-Gazette*, total personal belongings lost amounted to around \$10,000.

BY ERIN JULUS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Washington and Lee juniors Michelle Chastain and Caroline Francht were left homeless when their North Main Street apartment went up in flames in the early morning of April 14. Soon, an outpouring of love and support came from the Washington and Lee community.

Security officer Thomas "Baner" Bane asked President Burish if he could begin a collection for the girls.

Bane visited each of the fraternities last Thursday asking for donations of whatever the brothers could spare. Pam Burish made the rounds of the sororities asking for donations.

"I tried to tell them that these are people who sit across from them in class...we're family at Washington and Lee and these girls are part of the family," said Bane.

A complete tally is not yet available because some individuals still plan to donate, said Bane. "To date, we have \$1,173 and some change," said Burish, "I thought it was wonderful, the outpour of support."

The Business Office will take the final donation and divide it equally between the girls.

Bane started this fund-raising to, "show how much love we have for those girls," said Bane.

According to *The News-Gazette*, the source of the fire was accidental and probably was caused by a faulty set of decorative electric lights. Neither of the tenants were in the apartment when the malfunction occurred, although they suffered from smoke inhalation. Over 49 firefighters from Lexington, Buena Vista, and Kerrs Creek doused the flames in about four hours. No adjacent buildings were damaged, and Il Palazzo is open for business.

## Buffalo Creek lives on this spring

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A Washington and Lee tradition that many students remember fondly has survived another year.

The Buffalo Creek Music Festival may be able to continue this year after all, even though in February the festival did not appear to have any future. Fundraising has continued since March to save Buffalo Creek, after the Intrafraternity

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MARK ALLEN

Counsel announced that fraternities could no longer be responsible for the gathering because of liability reasons.

Caroline Parker, Inge Hill, and Wright Sigmund created Buffalo Creek Productions to raise money from the student population.

The festival is set for May 21 and May 22, the last weekend of school this semester. Supporters want the festival to continue in the same fashion as it has in the past. Buffalo Creek Music Festival will again be held at Zollman's Pavilion, and will include many of the same things from past years of Buffalo Creek.

Inge Hill remains hopeful about the ability of Buffalo Creek Productions to raise the required money. "We feel optimistic

about the festival but still need the continued help of the students to make this happen," Hill states, and also says for the student body to "look for fundraising events in the upcoming weeks."

The main source of the money that has already been raised is the Save Buffalo Creek website. Here, students can donate money online quickly and easily, and money is guaranteed to be refunded if the festival cannot go on as planned. Though their goal for the fundraiser is \$15,000 only \$2,000 has

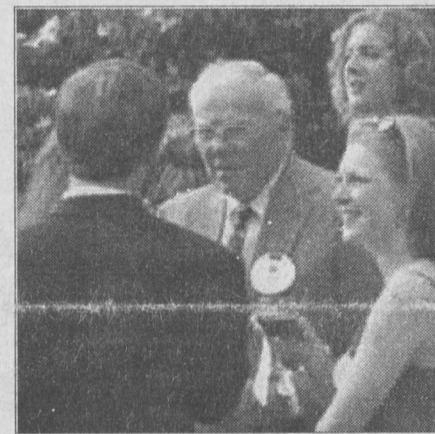
been collected.

"Buffalo Creek is the most fun party I've been to," said Mark Allen, '05, "it's how I picture W&L."

Anyone who has enjoyed the festival during their years at W&L can consider donating money. Every amount helps, and donations can be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card. For more information, contact Inge Hill hillm@wlu.edu, Caroline Parker parkerc@wlu.edu, Wright Sigmund sigmundd@wlu.edu, or Tim Litzenburg litzenburgt@wlu.edu.

Also, visit <http://www.geocities.com/buffalocreekmusicfestival/buffalocreek> for information about the festival and donations.

## Alumni weekend packed with events, parties, speakers



FILE PHOTO

**ONCE A GENERAL, ALWAYS A GENERAL.** Be it a fifty-year reunion or five, alums old and young will gather this week for festivities.

BY CATHERINE SWAN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On April 29 through May 2, W&L alumni will return to their alma mater for Reunion Weekend 2004. This year's Reunion Weekend honors the undergraduate and law classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, and '99.

Over 1600 participants are expected to be on campus for Reunion Weekend activities, including alumni, guests, faculty, students, and staff.

The weekend features events for alumni of all ages and interests. Thursday night's opening assembly features keynote speaker Paul M. Maslansky. Maslansky, a 1954 W&L graduate, is best known for his accomplishments as a film producer.

He has produced numerous films during his lifetime, but achieved his greatest success with his film franchise *Police*

*Academy*. Maslansky's speech is entitled "Thank You Dean Gilliam."

On Friday, various academic departments will be holding Open Houses, and there will also be several Reunion Seminars during the day. "There is a social side to reunion, but we've tried to build on the academic and non-social things," said Tom Lovell, Associate Director of Alumni Programs.

Friday night there will be a Barbeque Bash at Zollman's Pavilion, with entertainment by Heinsohn & Day and Liquid Pleasure. Various recreation activities are available to alumni throughout the weekend. A hike up House Mountain, a Road and River Relay, wildflower hike, and a rock climbing wall are just some of the recreational options available.

The official dedication of the fitness center will take place Saturday morning, and the Washburn Tennis Courts will be dedicated Saturday afternoon.

President Burish will address alumni Saturday morning during the Generals Assembly. Saturday afternoon features a musical program for children by Roger Day '85.

The last event of the weekend is Saturday night's Alumni Celebration on the front lawn. Alumni talent, including Will Thomas '92 and the folk-rock band, Trip, will provide entertainment for the evening as Reunion Weekend participants party the night away.

Seniors and third year law students are invited to participate in Saturday night's celebration. "We'd like to get the W&L students participating as much as we can," said Lovell.

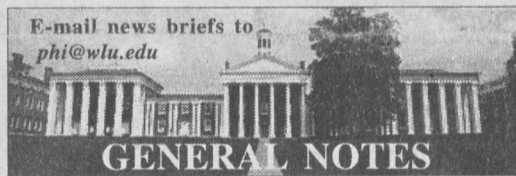
Participants can track the full schedule of events at <http://alumni.wlu.edu>.

THESE HANDS WERE MADE FOR CLIMBING



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**CONRAD ANKER.** Contact brought the famed American rock climber and writer, who has scaled everything from Everest to peaks in the Antarctic, to the Commons Theater last Thursday.



## University Center reverts to its former name to avoid confusion

The University Center at Washington and Lee University, located at the corner of Washington and Lee streets, is reverting to its original name of Early-Fielding Memorial Building to avoid confusion with the new John W. Elrod University Commons, officials said.

At the outset of Spring Term, W&L's Business Office moved from Washington Hall to join the offices of the University Registrar, Institutional Research, student Executive Committee and W&L Counseling in Early-Fielding.

The building, constructed at a cost of \$750,000, was named after the two women in recognition of their involvement in W&L life. Dedicated in 1969, the structure has seen numerous renovations in the past 35 years.

The change also is expected to renew interest in the generosity of Annie Fielding Early, of Roanoke, and her daughter, Annie Early Fairfax, of Roanoke and Washington, D.C. Mrs. Early left her estate to Washington and Lee University in the late 1920s, subject to a life income for her daughter, who died in 1964.

## GAP unrolls its campaign

Tolerance program aims to broaden student horizons

STEVE LAMB  
STAFF WRITER

This past week Washington and Lee students signed up to participate in GAP, the Generals' Awareness Program, which includes a month-long schedule of events to promote tolerance.

The program is the result of collaboration among individual students as well as organizations such as Hillel, Pride, GSA, and the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs.

The stated goal of the program is to not only recognize diversity on campus, but also to celebrate the eclectic mix of cultures here at Washington and Lee.

Included in the list of events are salsa lessons, a Japanese Tea Ceremony, and an Origami Peace Crane-Making lesson. GAP will also sponsor a lecture by

law student Ahmed Younis on hate, violence, and ignorance, as well as a vigil on May 8 in honor of victims of hate around the world.

The various events will be spaced out across the next month to provide students with the best possible chance of fitting GAP into their schedules.

Program organizer Marcas Banks said, "I think it is a great way to help encourage the diversity of thought by exposing the student body to other cultures."

The activities will be competing with the usual Spring Term distractions, where many students have their afternoons booked. However, organizers remain hopeful that the variety of events and timeslots will work in their favor.

Yet only time will tell if student interest will keep the program going for next year.

## Fulbright awarded to senior geology major

FROM PRESS REPORTS

Senior Neth Walker has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Iceland for a year. The Geology major will take classes and study the impact of climate change with Iceland's National Energy Authority.

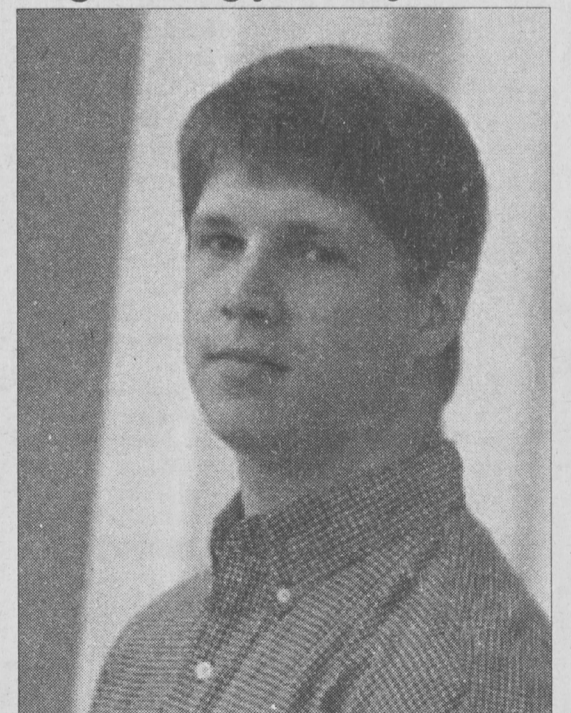
Walker hopes to investigate the links between scientific research and its application to industry and policy. He plans to focus on current environmental issues in hopes of solving natural resource problems.

He will join a research team in Iceland this summer, where he will use ice core drilling to construct past climate variations, atmospheric conditions and volcanic activity. Findings from this project will be used to create an objective basis for decisions on climate change and energy issues in the Nordic region.

Walker has participated in two geology programs in Iceland, and spent part of last summer doing field research in Spain with assistant Geology Professor Chris Connors.

A terrific track record at W&L contributed to Walker's strong candidacy for the Fulbright.

He is in charge of the Peer Tutoring Program, is assistant head dorm counselor, a University Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega.



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**SCHOLAR.** Walker ('04) will be studying in Iceland.



THE RING-TUM PHI  
STAFF EDITORIAL

So that we can learn about where we are, ask our alumni

Talking with the alums isn't something that we all do best here in our hectic Spring Term. It seems that short of being cornered at a cocktail party, the average undergrad politely ignores the white-and-blue-tagged men and women who will descend on campus this weekend.

In doing so, we're passing up a once-a-year opportunity to get first-hand accounts of the ascent or decline, depending on how you see it, of student life. For those of us who are here every day, these changes are all too often imperceptible. Yet to someone who hasn't set foot on the Colonnade in over 20 years, any slight deviation from the past can be jarring. And chances are, those people will want to talk about it.

As witnesses to the unveiling of the Commons this year, we're loathe to deem it anything short of the most consequential building project the school has undertaken in decades. Or did other classes see what we take for granted, Leyburn and the non-Greek dining hall, in the same way?

And for the cynics: Don't forget that this communication is a two-way street. Ninety-nine percent of all information that alumni receive about the school is filtered through the Alumni Office or some other official conduit. Student appeals to former classes regarding the fate of Spring Term are examples of the exception, not the rule. But they also sharply demonstrated the effectiveness and usefulness of such contact.

In case you have a bone to pick with the administration or harbor fears about losing the traditions that you feel make W&L unique, don't feel burdened by entertaining alumni. Instead, look at this weekend as an opportunity to influence directly one of the University's most important constituents, the donors.

Or you just might find that the more things change, the more they stay the same. There's only one sure way to find out: speak.

Quote of the Week

"I search on Yahoo. I'm looking for an agent. One actor got to be governor, so maybe a former governor could go into acting."

-Ex California Governor Gray Davis, appearing on a Yahoo! commercial.

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Student honor system backlash gets personal

As nearly all non-cave dwelling W&L students are aware, questions and debates over the school's Honor System have intensified greatly in recent weeks. A controversial dismissal has prompted many to question the applicability of the System, as well as what, in fact, we consider to be dishonorable at the University in this day and age.

This is such a hot issue these days that just before Spring Break, the Ring-tum Phi and the Trident published a joint edition (which, for the record, I had no hand in creating) that was heavily critical of the Honor System's current application, as well as the actions of our Executive Committee.

This is all well and good. Debate over our Honor System and our elected officials keeps this school healthy, and certainly talking about our Honor System can only make it better. That said, the goal of this article is to look at the various accusations and critiques offered, and determine their worth.

**CHARGE:** "The Honor System punishes good-natured students of high character who make small mistakes or tell little white lies."

Close, but no cigar. The question at stake here is whether or not simply telling a lie, regardless of scale or intent, constitutes an Honor Violation. I don't think the simple telling of a falsehood gets you booted out of the school, nor do I think that the Executive Committee believes that.

The key issue here is intent. If someone invites me to something I really don't want to go to, and I beg off because of a "prior engagement" that may or may not exist, my intent is to spare their feelings.

This is not dishonorable, in fact, this is simple etiquette. Let's say, on the other hand, that I, in a fit of laziness, fail to put together the Opinions pages for the Phi, and then tell my editor in chief that a computer glitch ate it all. My intent there is simply to cover my misdeeds, and that, in fact, is dishonorable. This is the criteria I would use in reporting an Honor Violation, and I certainly think it's the criteria that the EC uses. Intent is the crux.

**CHARGE:** "Elections happen too quickly and give no time for debate,

which unfairly affects some candidates. The elections turn out to be popularity contests."

This is true. Candidates get just one week in which to collect 50 signatures, and only after that can they put up signs. No public evaluation of the candidates ever takes place, and voting typically goes along social organization lines. Freshmen, in a state of bewilderment, choose with near randomness.

Thus, I support the creation of a longer candidacy time, as well as organized electioneering events, like debates.

That would give the campus a better chance at evaluating the people they have before them. But let's be honest. Will this keep the elections from being popularity contests? No. Most elections just are that way. Debates? No one would go to them. We should still have them, but it would be an exercise in futility nonetheless.

**CHARGE:** "The EC members are hypocrites who like feeling good about themselves for kicking kids out of the school."

Blatantly false. The majority of what I object to in this litany of criti-

cism are the horrible things that many people are saying about the EC members. Elected by popularity contests or not, they are good people who are talented at what they do, as anyone who works closely with them knows.

As an Honor Advocate, I can tell you that they treat the Honor System with deadly seriousness, and that they take every opportunity to reinforce the rights of the accused. They are certainly not a Star Chamber. If you disagree, look at the number of not-guilty verdicts they've handed down compared to guilty verdicts. I can guarantee you that a lot of those not-guiltys were in cases that more than likely had a lot of evidence pointing to guilt, but where the EC found it insufficient. They are not perfect (the late notification of that aborted open hearing a case in point), but they all do their damndest to make sure that student affairs, especially the Honor System, are run properly.

I encourage anyone with their own opinions to write in, as always. Such a critical issue demands student involvement.

Φ MODERATE'S MUSINGS  
CALEY ANDERSON '06

Φ OUT IN LEFT FIELD  
GABE CHAPMAN '06

'Do Not Call' registry saves consumers' time

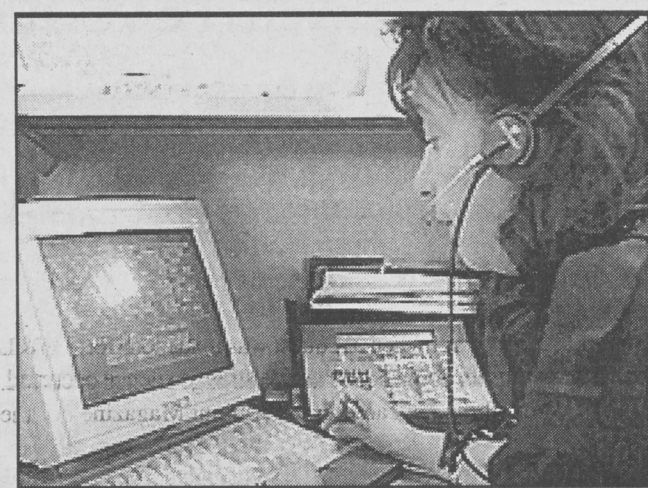


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**HANGUP.** Perhaps millions will avoid her wrath in the future.

Pleasant is not exactly the word I would use to describe being awakened early one morning by the irritating sound of the phone ringing. Thinking that it could possibly be something important, I reluctantly got up from bed to receive the call.

To my immense displeasure, I heard a familiar voice asking me if I was interested in applying for a credit card. Considering the fact that I had already declined the telemarketer's offer the first time she called, I found it impertinent of her to once again disrupt my schedule. Getting frustrated now, I repeated that I was not interested, hung up the phone, but could not fall back asleep.

Φ A FRESH PERSPECTIVE  
BIBEKA SHRESTHA '07

It is most unfortunate that situations like this are not at all unusual in an age where products and services are constantly being shoved in front of our faces. Many of us have experienced the vexation of dealing with persistent telemarketers who call at inopportune times or who just will not take no for an answer.

When I talked it over with some peers, I learned that they too had been unduly pestered by the same telemarketing company who had called me. As they attempt to reassure us: "you can always have more than one credit card" or "we're not signing you up for anything, we just want to send you information" and ask us personal questions (a telemarketer once asked for my mother's maiden name), they refuse to hear one simple word: no!

The purpose of this article, however, is not to just complain about the annoyance of receiving these calls but to inform its readers of certain actions they may take to limit them. As you may know, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) operates a National Do Not Call Registry that shows promise of reducing the number of telemarketing calls consumers receive.

Registering is free and straightforward. You can call the toll-free number, 1-888-382-1222, or register online at www.donotcall.gov. Telemarketers must search the registry for new numbers every three months, and if they disregard the registry, they could be fined up to \$11,000 for each call.

A poll conducted by Harris Interactive in January found that more than half of all adults say they have signed up and 92 percent of them say they receive fewer calls, proving the measure to be successful thus far. The registry does not, however, protect against all solicitation calls. Exemptions include charities, religious organizations, survey researchers, and calls regarding political campaigns.

Most of us would be grateful for any reduction in the number of unwanted calls. Think about it. Do you know more people who benefit from telemarketing calls, or more who find it personally invasive and irritating?

Must we be subject to calls in our own homes promoting another product or service we most likely don't want or need? There are plenty of other advertising avenues that companies can take to increase their profits without disrespecting the right to privacy in the home.

Presidential rivals' websites: showdown on environment

Go to [www.georgebush.com](http://www.georgebush.com). This is the Bush-Cheney reelection campaign's official reelection website. The "Top Story" with a large picture serving as the link dominates the center-left of the page. Just to the right of that, on the same level of the top story, is a large link "John Kerry: The Raw Deal" which brings you to the "Kerry Media Center" replete with attack ads in three different formats, a "Kerrytracker" which shows where Senator Kerry has been in the past five days, and "Debunker Busters" which evidently clear the air after John Kerry misinforms us.

Let me just congratulate the webmaster on his alliteration, and uncanny ability to make anything a reminder of war. Statements that are supposed to establish facts suddenly become "debunker busters," gigantic bombs of truth that penetrate the thick walls of obfuscation and misnomer erected by John Kerry.

Now you'll have to forgive me, but after just about four years I figured the reason why we'd reelect someone is because what they have done good things. In effect, I should vote for this guy again because of his merit, and I can judge his merit without respect to his opponent.

It's not hard to find people on this campus who think George Bush is a great, excellent president, and his website begs the question: why is it spending so much time talking about John Kerry, if there are so many great things to say about George Bush?

It would be nice as well if some of the things about John Kerry were less misleading. For instance, the "Kerry Gas Tax Calculator" refers to a proposal made by Senator Kerry during George I's presidency to address the growing deficit concerns of that time. But my particular favorite is the **DeBunker Buster:**

**KERRY'S CLAIM:** "Instead of protecting public health, George Bush rolled back and undermined the Clean Air Act."

**THE TRUTH:** President Bush did not roll back the Clean Air Act. President Bush proposed reforming a burdensome, outdated regulation called New Source Review to enable businesses to upgrade their facilities with the newest, most efficient pollution control technologies.

This is a bunch of nonsense. It sounds more like a public statement made by the likes of the Politburo than anything else. The Clean Air Act was passed well over thirty years ago. It was agreed that one of the principle ways to do this would be to install pollution control equipment on power plants. Democrats recognized that forcing companies to retrofit power plants all at once would be prohibitively expensive, and so they created New Source Review.

NSR said that when the time would come for a power plant to undergo a major overhaul (intervals of easily more than a decade), the company would have to install

the "smokestack scrubbers." Power companies responded in the predictable manner: most cost efficient. They extended the interval before the next overhaul as long as possible through piecemeal repairs, while the executives griped throughout the '80s and '90s that exactly what constituted "overhaul"

was poorly defined and "burdensome." CEO's complained that the EPA might foist the scrubbers on them if they so much as changed a lightbulb. Of course, if Bush has his way, they'll never have to. Ever.

To somehow shore up his record on enforcement, his website points out that 150,000 pounds of PCBs are being cleaned up in the Hudson River. Well, I appreciate the shout-out Bush, because I grew up on that most beautiful of rivers in the great state of New York.

Moreover, I know for a fact that I can thank the Attorney General of my great state, Eliot Spitzer, for the successful suit against GE which has led to that cleanup effort. Eliot Spitzer is a Democrat. I can further add that you had nothing to do with the successful prosecution of that case, and nor did your mockery of the Environmental Protection Agency. I would then ask that you stop lying on your website for taking credit for something you had nothing to do with.

The day that I happened to visit Bush's website was Earth Day, and the "Top Story," if you could discern it against the background of Kerry attacks, was a speech Bush was giving in Maine to announce his victories on the environmental protection front. His website boasts of bold new initiatives in environmental protection.

And so I pose a challenge to anyone willing to take it: if you care to, present a compelling case that George Bush has any interest in the environment whatsoever, an interest that is demonstrated by his efforts over the past three years to increase, promote, or at the very least sustain some level of environmental protection. The vast majority of information that I have read on the matter makes it clear that Bush has done none of these things, and that the environment is very near, or at the bottom of his long list of priorities.

Now go to John Kerry's website, [www.johnkerry.com](http://www.johnkerry.com). You will find that the website is overwhelmingly dominated by information about John Kerry. There are only two references to George Bush, and you have to scroll down to the very bottom of the website before they're even visible.

If you just glance at the two websites side-by-side, the differences are striking. Bush's relies heavily on the graphics, sensational headlines, huge fonts, and negative references. John Kerry's is visually reserved, more wordy, and almost exclusively centered on conveying information about the candidate you presumably went there to learn about. I leave it to you to decide which you prefer.

Write for the Phi Opinions section!

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# A life lived in the service of others is a life well-lived

Many of us often wonder what the purpose of life is. We ask ourselves on a frequent basis what classes should we take or what line of work we should do, often making decisions that will make our lives and the lives of those we love better, usually in the form of economic well-being. It is part of the Western culture to make our decisions based on how it benefits us. We major in an academic area hoping that will somehow enable us to accumulate some sort of economic and social success—I doubt that many of us are enduring the rigors of W&L academia simply for the heck of it without expecting some great personal reward in return.

But recently, a tragic inspiration reminded me that life's success is not determined by the size of one's bank account or the prestige of one's many honors. Last Thursday, a young man by the name of Pat Tillman was killed in combat in Afghanistan. Aside from the courage that is possessed by every soldier in war, Tillman's actions that led him to enlist demonstrate his courage as a human being. He was a former NFL player who turned down a \$3 million contract in order to serve his country and help out his fellow men by fighting in Afghanistan.

Unlike many of the soldiers who go to Afghanistan, Tillman was

fortunate enough to have a choice and was not required to fight, but he saw himself drawn by what *Sports Illustrated* termed as a higher calling: his responsibility to humanity.

In our society it is easy to forget that life is about who you are as a person in relation to other people. It isn't about wealth, good grades, or prestigious honors, though our standards seem to indicate that these are the things to which we should aspire.

With all the conveniences available at the palm of our hands, it would be reasonably easy for a human being to live his entire adult life without ever forming any relationship with anyone because if he or she is economically successful, he can care for himself. The conveniences and amenities of American society quickly make us forget each other because it is so easy to get caught up in ourselves and in our lives.

Pat Tillman had a successful life with a great career and nice bank account, and he could have easily enjoyed his life without ever concerning himself about the troubles of the world, but he did not. And we also must not forget each other in the midst of remem-

bering ourselves. It is good to strive for success, but economic success without humanitarian success is not success.

If you die at the age of 95 with three PhD's, a nice Jaguar, and a 5-bedroom house in the suburb along with a beach house in Malibu but you have not touched the life of at least one human being on this earth, you will be a failure. If you screw up and get a bad grade or lose a job, as much as it frustrates you and as bad as you may feel, other people will not remember you by it. But if you screw up and offend someone deeply, though you may never feel bad, other people will remember you by it.

There's an age-old philosophy that encourages people to do one good deed a day. Not all of us can go to war and lay down our lives for our fellow men and women, but all of us can make a difference to someone, whether it is one person or 1,000 people. To do this, we must be more aware of those around us use intuition and to determine whom we can positively affect. It is as simple as saying "hi" to someone who never receives any salutations or just simply smiling at someone who has little joy. These are things that will make you memorable.

## Φ TRAIN OF THOUGHT TRAN KIM '05

## Letters to the Editor

### Parent asks for respect for President

Dear Editor,

I'm not certain if you publish "letters to the editor," but if so, here goes. I picked up an issue of your paper (3/15) on a visit to W&L with my 17 year-old son. In that edition, there was an article by Tran Kim ('05) on President Bush and his immigration policy. What I personally found offensive was not the tone nor the message of the article, but rather the complete lack of manners on Ms. Kim's part. Whatever one thinks of the man, he is the President of the United States and should be written about as such, rather than "Bush this" and "Bush that." Respect isn't time consuming.

Sincerely,  
Peter Maich

### Alumnus applauds Courtney Perry

Dear Editor,

This is a fan letter for your "The Last Word" column of March 22, dealing with dating "a-holery" and the jerks who practise it.

I was up from Atlanta just afterwards for an alumni seminar. As an old *Ring-tum Phi* reporter and beyond I perused the paper. Your piece to promote peace between the sexes stood out to me.

The dynamics of common courtesy is a subject well-taken in any era. The "a-holery" you decry so well is a phenomena starting in the time of cavemen wooing women with club in hand. I would like to believe even back then that gentlemen didn't need that macho security symbol to attain the exchange of the ultimate courtesies with their sweethearts. Gentlemen are gentle men, the obvious contraction of the root words.

I imagine some did use their clubs. They were the jerks of their age, much as the guys currently on campus who engage their mouths to gang up on a brother and his date before they engage their minds.

Fast-forward from the caves to my era at W&L, graduating in 1956, when coats and ties and a really serious speaking tradition were the norm. But still the same old, same old gender issues from time immemorial-- the jealous verbal bullies browbeat the decent brothers who take pleasure in the right way to court a lady, with conversation, humor, mutual interests, and sharing good moments. All before the earth moves.

My only departure (I think it was only once) from the dating norm was a different form of "a-holery" but, nevertheless, "a-holery."

After a long Spring Saturday afternoon of my sophomore year playing a lot of midfield in a losing cause, I got very drunk on my beautiful sweetheart.

She told me later that the night, the only gentlemanly thing I did was to roll off her lap just before I threw up, all over the front well of a senior brother's convertible, borrowed after much begging and pleading. For my transgression I spent six weeks cleaning the car. With a toothbrush. She married someone else.

Back up to your era and it's still the same old, same old. And at that age, there is, unfortunately, a perverse status and celebrity among louts, loudmouths, and boors in the competition to be the biggest lout, loudmouth, and boor.

Fortunately, as you put so simply and so well, decent people will find decent people. Not fawning or obsequious people, neither rude nor bullying people, the majority in the middle-- caring, sharing, de-

cent people. Onward, brave Courtney, and *Ring-tum Phi* editors.

Sincerely,  
Keith Rogers, '56

### Taking issue with Safe Place secrecy

Dear Editor,

Colleges used to keep their friends informed. A University was a place for exchange of news and ideas. But those days have passed. Now the new, Liberal ideology conflicts with the old ways, and the truth is kept secret.

Consider Washington and Lee University. In 1999 the W&L Administration approved a non-discrimination clause for homosexuality. Soon afterwards a program called Safe Place, to promote acceptance of homosexuality, was brought to campus. Washington Hall quickly granted its approval by appointing a faculty advisor, allowing the University's facilities for organization, and permitting W&L's name on Safe Place's logo, now seen on many faculty and administrators' office doors. The Dean of Students also attended meetings of the Gay-Straight Alliance, the organization that brought Safe Place to W&L, and the Visiting Lecturers Fund paid for homosexual speakers on campus.

Yet when a request was made to inform W&L alumni about Safe Place, a strange silence occurred. Nothing appeared in the Alumni Magazine nor the monthly email Bulletins, the normal channels of information to alumni. Despite repeated requests, this silence endures, and today the vast majority of alumni know nothing about Safe Place. Why? ...

Because the new, Liberal agenda might offend some W&L alumni. The Administration fears their reaction, and perhaps their reduced support for the recent capital fundraising drive.

What is a University if it does not allow free exchange of news and opinion? And how can an institution that professes an Honor Code continue

to censor campus news? Recent W&L Presidents have successfully kept Safe Place out of alumni publications, but in 2002 hope returned when President Tom Burish was appointed. Here was a Psychologist who said he valued "free and open discussion", and who seemed to know the dangers of hiding the truth. President Burish was soon informed of the lack of news about Safe Place, and he gave his word that by the end of academic year 2003 alumni would be informed.

But once again, the news did not go out. Instead, a page was built into W&L's website, accessed after reaching the homepage, clicking Campus Life, and then Safe Place. In other words, it was buried. Only those alumni who use the internet and somehow hear about Safe Place, and then search, can learn about it. Thus the current Administration continues to hide Safe Place from alumni. It remains secret, except to students and recent graduates.

The Liberal agenda has no right or wrong; it professes moral relativism. Today, despite W&L's Presbyterian founders, regardless of George Washington's and Robert E. Lee's devout faith, we are told that W&L was not established on religious principles, and it will not be thus administered.

The Administration is now on a rudderless course which has led it into a muddy bog. Yet a dirty face is not as bad as a lost soul, and Washington Hall can still wash away our dishonor by describing Safe Place to all the W&L community.

Secrecy should not be part of W&L; it is dishonest. Students wrote in the recent combined edition of the *Ring-tum Phi* and *Trident* "Only if we are allowed to express our views in the open marketplace of ideas can Washington and Lee evolve. If we are censored, silenced or ignored, we become what we dread most: dishonored." The W&L Administration should take a course in Honesty from the students. They should tell the alumni about Safe Place.

Sincerely,  
David Keeling '73

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## Women's lax seizes ODAC title

By SARAH BLOOM  
STAFF WRITER

"Basically, the game was an excellent opportunity for us to come together as a team before the weekend," said freshman Kelly Evans of Wednesday's game against Bridgewater.

The Generals defeated Bridgewater 20-1, claiming 10 consecutive goals.

"The game was a great opportunity for many different people to score and to work on the weaknesses in their game. Many attackers played defense and vice versa," said Evans.

Despite this mixed up field of players, the Generals accomplished what they needed to accomplish in order to proceed to the semi-finals competition on Saturday.

The highlight of the game came when senior Kelly Taffe left the field. Taffe rewrote the record books for the Generals Wednesday, as she claimed the highest position for all-time leader in points earned in a career.

"This was very exciting of course," said Taffe. "but I think the real glory was in winning the game."

Other goal earners included senior Lee Wheeler and Evans with 3 goals and 1 assist. Freshman Avery Lovejoy lead the team with 2 goals and 4 assists.

Saturday came and the Generals again had to prepare to defend their number one seed. This time the team was stacked up against 4th-seeded Randolph-Macon. This team posed the greatest threat as the Generals lost Randolph-Macon in season play.

Again, the Generals left the field victorious with a score of 14-3. Karina Schiess said of the success in the past two games: "We soared above

Bridgewater's level of play, which kept us flying high for Saturday's win.

Indeed, the Generals did fly high, ending the half with a 9-0 lead. Taffe again rewrote the record books as the General's all-time point leader. Taffe scored five goals and one assist to put her at 231 points.

Also contributing to the win were sophomore Kate Lester with two goals and one assist and senior Lee Wheeler with two goals. Freshman Maggie Megeer and sophomore Amanda Strickler each scored one goal and one assist for the Generals.

Senior Joanna Perini also did her share at the net to protect the Generals on the scoreboard with 7 saves.

With this win, the Generals advanced to the ODAC championship game against second seeded Virginia Wesleyan on Sunday. Parents and fans filled the stands to support the girls in this final game of the season.

Just prior to the game, Taffe said, "I think the performance of the team this year has been incredible. Everyone has worked very hard and sacrificed a lot to be where we are. Hopefully today will prove it."

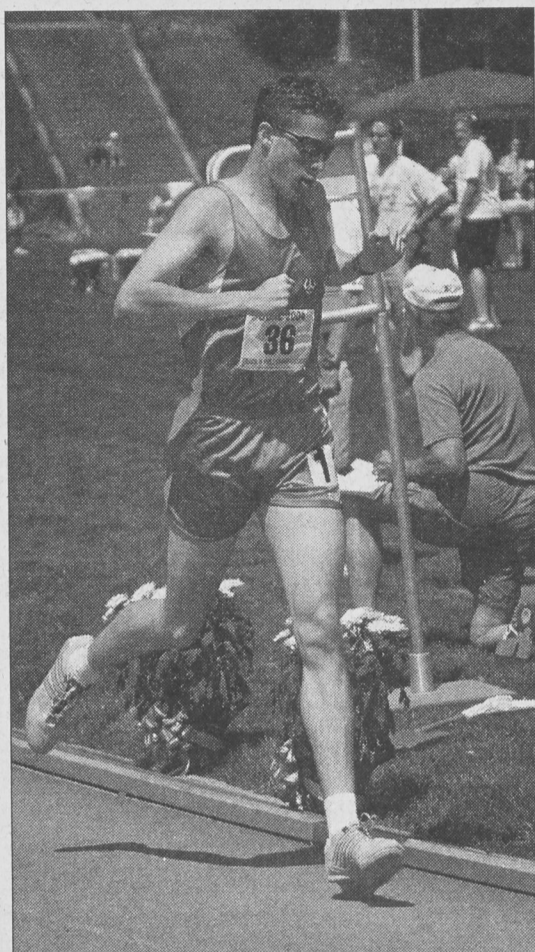
The Generals did not disappoint. The girls walked away victorious with a final score of 11-9.

Goal earners included Strickler with 4 goals, freshman Mallory Lobisser with 3 goals, and Wheeler with 1 goal. Lester and junior Maggie Speasmaker each scored one assist.

Taffe again broke her own record with her 3 goals.

Emotions of the game could be summed up at the concluding buzzer. The stands erupted in cheers for the Generals and the women exchanged excited hugs and shouts of victory.

## W&L hosts ODAC championship track meet



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GOING THE DISTANCE. Nathan Johnson runs in the 5000 meter run. Johnson was crowned the mens' Co-Athlete of the meet at Wilson Field.

### W&L SPORTS RELEASE

LEXINGTON, Va. — The Washington and Lee men's and women's track teams both finished fourth out of five teams as the Generals hosted the 2004 ODAC Championships on Saturday.

Lynchburg won both the men's (185.5 points) and women's (149) competition. Trailing the Hornets on the men's side were Bridgewater (178), Roanoke (64), W&L (48.5) and Eastern Mennonite (47). On the women's side, Eastern Mennonite finished second (119), followed by Roanoke (109), W&L (93) and Bridgewater (53).

W&L junior Nathan Johnson (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) was crowned the men's Co-Athlete of the Meet along with Steward White of Bridgewater, while Bridgewater's Shane Stevens was named the men's Coach of the Year. Ashley Palmer of Lynchburg was named the women's Athlete of the Meet, while Lynchburg's Jack Toms and Eastern Mennonite's Paul Johnson split for Coach of the Year honors.

The Generals' performance was highlighted by seven All-ODAC performers, two individual titles and two school records. Johnson earned his Co-Athlete of the Meet title and All-ODAC honors after winning both the 1500 meter run

(4:02.97) and the 5000 meter run (15:59.88).

For the W&L women's squad, junior Meredith Walker (Travelers Rest, S.C./Christ Church Episcopal) was a three-time All-ODAC performer, taking second in the 100 meter dash (13.21) and anchoring both the second-place 4x100 Relay and the 4x400 Relay, Freshman Sara Behmerwohld (San Juan Capistrano, Calif./Dana Hills), junior Ann Tompkins (McLean, Va./Potomac School) and junior Kim Gunst (Richmond, Va./Douglas Freeman) joined Walker as All-ODAC runners in the 4x100, clocking a school-record time of 51.68. Behmerwohld, Gunst and freshman Huntley Rodes (Nashville, Tenn./Harpeth Hall) also earned All-ODAC laurels in the 4x400 Relay with a time of 4:14.82.

Behmerwohld earned All-ODAC honors in the 400 meter hurdles after taking second with a school-record time of 68.40, while junior Emily Barker (Clifton, Va./Mount Vernon) rounded out the W&L women's All-ODAC athletes with a second-place throw of 32.38 meters in the javelin.

Junior Steve Chambers (Christiana, Pa./Octorara Area) took third place in the 5000 meter run with a time of 16:08.95, while junior Chris Walker (Franklin, Mass./Paul VI) placed third in the shot with a 13.38 meter hurl.

Senior Brian Kruczek (Cohasset, Mass./Cohasset) rounded out the men's highest placemen with third place finish in the 100 meter dash (11.31).

## Men's lacrosse notches one-and-a-half wins in a week

By CAMERON GARNER  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday the Generals travelled to Guilford for its annual beatdown. It seemed like everyone on the team scored — except junior midfielder Adam Chesbrough. "You know, I think I'm giving up on offense; I mean, Chow-Chow scored," was all the stunned Chesbrough could muster in reply.

Good thing he's really good at face-offs: he and fellow junior midfielder Mike Barracco won 24 out of the 27 faceoffs in the game. Such dominance in possession allowed the Generals to hang 20 goals on Guilford. Senior attackman Matt Fink scored 5 goals, Senior midfielder Dustin Martin scored 3, and then a ton of other people scored goals.

Last night the Generals hosted Hampton-Sydney for the regular season ODAC crown. Scoring came in spurts for the Generals as the first quarter got underway, goals from Martin, Freshman James "CIA" Ryan, and Junior Gavin Molinelli put the Generals ahead 3 before the Tigers could answer with a goal of their own. The Generals took a 4-2 lead into halftime.

Hampden-Sydney came out firing after the half and the teams traded big hits for much of the third. Scoring evened out a bit as the

Generals got scores from Senior Mike Attacknamara, Junior Jack Murray and one from Junior defenseman Eric Koch off a great individual effort. However, the Tigers posted 2 goals of their own. Their hopes were dashed, however, by a fourth quarter dominated by W&L possession. One final goal from the Body sealed the deal, as the Tigers, despite adding 2 goals to their tally, were unable to hold on to the ball: they threw it at me, an innocent onlooker, twice.

Senior Ansel Sanders posted 5 stops on 11 shots, including an astounding point-blank save that would have put the Tigers within one goal late in the third. Sophomore Perrin Monroe played inspired lacrosse yesterday, with his freshly-trimmed flowing locks and defined glute muscles giving him the "power" to win every groundball in the midfield.

Junior Bill Fox had two forced turnovers on Tiger clears that allowed the Generals to maintain possession in third and fourth quarters. Senior Matt Fink had two assists, while Molinelli had one goal and two assists, despite being guarded by a very good-looking defenseman, Courtie Peters. All-in-all, no one could beat the Generals (and their fans) yesterday, especially not the Tigers.

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## Tennis hosts tournament

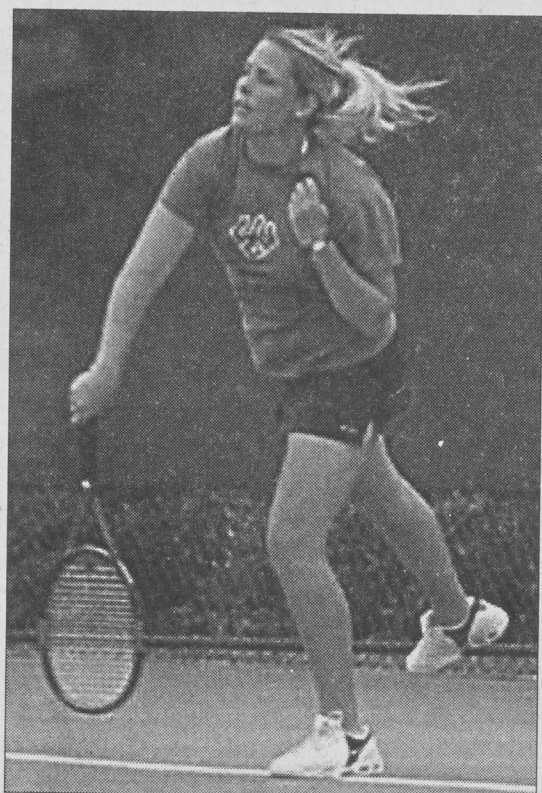
JANE BEALL  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee University's women's tennis program played host to the ODAC tournament this weekend. The tournament, which was flighted and scored on total points, lasted three days. Last year, the Generals swept all nine divisions and are expected to repeat this season.

For the first round of tournament competition every General received a bye, automatically advancing to the quarterfinals. All six singles competitors and all three doubles teams for the Generals were ranked first going into this round, and combined to post nine wins. Freshman Kristen McClung, playing in the second slot, and Senior Liz Law, blanked their respective opponents from Sweet Briar and Emory and Henry.

The Generals handled the semifinal round just as easily. The Generals swept the singles competitions 6-0 and advanced all of their players to the final round, played on Sunday. Freshman Katie Kingsbury gave up a sole game in her match against Virginia Wesleyan College's Bethany Kent, and former athlete of the week Ginny Wortham shut out her opponent 6-0, 6-0.

The finals round of singles and the semi-finals and finals rounds of doubles play were held Sunday, and were scheduled to finish after this article went to print. If Washington and Lee performs up to expectations, they'll take their four-



CHRISTINE GRAY / THE RING-TUM PHI

**THE WINNERS.** The women's tennis team continued its winning ways during the ODAC tournament.

teenth first-place ODAC tournament finish. Since 1991, the Generals have won the tournament every year except in 2002, when they fell to Hollins. The Generals, who are currently ranked second in the South, expect to host at least the first round of the Regional tournament, scheduled for May first. Junior Lindsay Hagerman and freshman Ginny Wortham both have high chances of advancing to the individuals national tournament.

## Baseball entering slide with two losses to Hampden-Sydney

BY JOHN HYLAND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The W&L baseball team concluded their regular season Saturday by losing both games of a doubleheader to Hampden-Sydney. W&L has now lost six of their last eight games but hope to get back on track to their early season form when the ODAC tournament starts on Thursday.

The Generals defeated Roanoke on the road Wednesday night. W&L sent righthander Bryan Mulhern to the mound. The senior battled with the Roanoke starter, freshman stud Jonathan Willis, through five innings as neither team could muster a run. The Generals broke the scoreless tie in the sixth when sophomore second baseman Scott Gosselink doubled home senior shortstop Austin Allain.

Junior catcher Zach Bausch followed with a single to rightfield that scored Allain. The Maroons got a run back in the seventh to cut the lead to 2-1.

Mulhern was relieved by the team ace, senior lefty Peter Dean in the eighth to try to preserve the save. Nevertheless, Mulhern had pitched brilliantly, allowing only one run over seven innings and striking out four. Dean was able to record a fairly routine six outs to earn his second save of the season as the Generals earned a 3-1 victory. Mulhern evened his season record at 2-2.

In game one in Farmville, Hampden-Sydney jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning off of Dean but he was able to battle back and allow the Generals to tie the score at 2 with two manufactured runs on the fifth. The game remained in a deadlock until the Tigers' Tommy Burk hit the game winning single in the bottom of the eleventh off of Mulhern, who had replaced Dean in the tenth.

The nightcap provided a lot more offense than the first game but just as difficult a loss for the Generals. W&L jumped

out to a 5-0 lead in the second, highlighted by Allain's two run single. The Tigers came back to score eight runs in the next four innings to take an 8-7 lead. The Generals responded as Mulhern belted his second solo homer of the day in the seventh and took the lead in the eighth on Gosselink's two run single.

Once again, the Generals' lead did not last for long as the Tigers scored twice in the eighth and the winning unearned run in the ninth to emerge 11-10. Freshman Clayton Edwards suffered his second loss of the season for W&L. In addition to Mulhern's exploits at the plate, Allain and freshman designated hitter each had three hits and Gosselink finished 2 for 5 with three RBIs. The Generals return to action in the first round of the ODAC tournament on Thursday in Lynchburg. Their opponent is yet to be determined. The team finished the regular season with a record of 17-14, 11-7 ODAC.

## Eli Manning's pre-draft antics soil family name, may incite backlash

BY RYAN GRITTER  
STAFF WRITER

It's about time a Manning came along and did something to upset fans and media, and more importantly, me. To this point the biggest controversy created by a Manning was when Peyton hinted at possibly feeling a little bit cheated by not winning the Heisman.

Just when we thought this family was perfect, the Chargers announce that they were told not to take Eli Manning because he would rather sit out the year than sign with them. The question is, should this taint the good Manning family name, or will the media and fans give them one freebie?

Call me old fashioned, but I will never think of the Manning family the same. Eli isn't the Latoya of Manning's who is bringing shame to his family.

Rather, Archie Manning, Peyton and Eli's father, visited San Diego and was the one who delivered the devastating news to the Chargers. For the whole family to back this decision and support his threat that he would sit out the season rather than sign with the Chargers (give me a break, only bluffing) seems strange, especially with Archie being an old-timer who would seem to support tradition. What makes this claim even scarier is the leverage that he holds and the trend this might set for future seasons.

Eli Manning is the consensus pick for top quarterback in this year's draft and as a result, sitting out a year will not end his career. He is talented enough to do what Drew Henson did and start a bidding war once he achieves free agent status. If he is successful in this, how many other top ten picks would hold out to be taken by a quality team? After J.D. Drew refused to sign with the

Phillies and chose to sit out a year, the next few years saw several more players doing the same thing. This defeats the purpose of the draft. Crappy teams get better because they get early picks, and the good teams must trade up for their talent.

The draft pick is supposed to make the team good, which has been best modeled by the Dallas Cowboys of the early '90s. This is where his decision makes even less sense! Does Eli Manning feel that he can't turn the Chargers around? Most rookie quarterbacks would kill for a running back like LaDarian Tomlinson in their first year, and the combination of the two of them could be a great historical duo to rival...oh I dunno, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James!

Let's remember the backlash J.D. Drew received as a result of his refusal to sign with the Phillies. Upon his return to Philadelphia batteries

where thrown at him...batteries! Frankly, I support this sort of activity, the booing anyways...okay, not the violence, but I would wholeheartedly support a barrage of boos from the Charger fans should he ever play on the road in San Diego. I do realize that John Elway did this same thing and still became one of the most popular athletes in the U.S., but I feel like the only way for Eli to follow his footsteps is to have a similar, hall of fame career with no off-field problems. He is certainly capable of this, but I still don't think that makes it right.

There's no point to having the first overall pick if you can't select whomever you wish. I have lost a tremendous amount of respect for Archie Manning and no longer consider myself a fan of Eli because, as freshman Alex Orr put it so eloquently, "He's (expletive deleted) with the system!"

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 27	Wednesday, April 28	Thursday, April 29	Friday, April 30	Saturday, May 1	Sunday, May 2
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# Spring Term last respite before real world

As vague as the term "real world" can be, it's pretty safe to say that whatever it is, it's not W&L. Nothing emphasizes this fact more than Spring Term. Spring Term is an experience that no other college students in the country get to have. Sure, there are some colleges out there, like Bates College in Maine, that have a similar six week "short term" at the end of the year.

But I assure you that in Lewiston, Maine there is no Goshen, there is no front lawn in front of Lee Chapel on which to play Frisbee, and there is no Buffalo Creek festival when students light huge bonfires while listening to various sorts of music all night long.

From lawn parties, to outdoor sports, to only having class two days a week, Spring Term maximizes everything great about W&L, while minimizing the not so great. Being a graduating senior, I know all too well that the workplace will not consist of outdoor keg parties or trips to horse races.

For those of us who will graduate and continue to live off our parents for the rest of our lives, never having to earn a single dollar or do one hour of real work, well, Spring Term may never have to end. But for the rest of us who will someday have to earn our own living and be independent, Spring Term, unfortunately, is a fleeting part of college life that, once gone, can never be revisited.

With this in mind, we mustn't take Spring Term for granted, and take care to enjoy it as much as possible while we have it. My favorite author once wrote "think only of the past as its remembrance gives you pleasure," and this present Spring will soon be the past, so go out and make the best of it, while giving yourself something to look back on with a smile in your later years.

Having said this much there are a few things every W&L student can do to make his or her spring term experience even better:

**Lighten up.** One of the worst things about Spring Term is the cattiness. One could spend so much time dwelling on that guy's short shorts, or that girl's figure in a bathing suit, or that idiot with his collar up, or that girl's outfit, etc. etc. Frankly, I think most of the trends here make people look ridiculous anyway (floppy hair, Lily dresses—are you five?—eight-inch pearls that people wear to the gym, designer bags that people carry while

wearing athletic shorts, etc.). Stop taking yourself so seriously! Does it really matter? So much time and energy is wasted on such trivial matters when, instead, you could be doing something a lot more positive and actually enjoying yourself. For example . . .

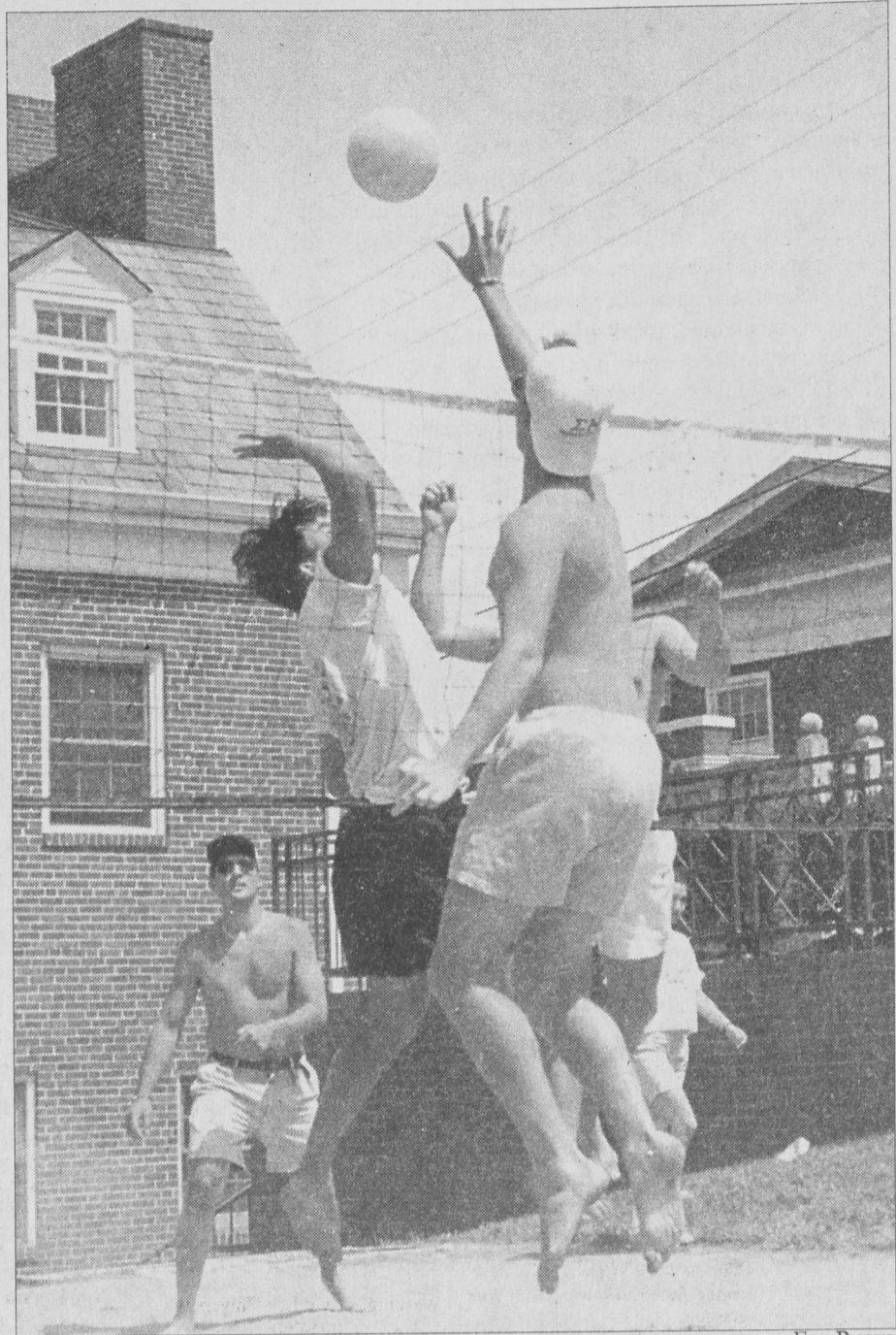
**Go out and meet or talk to people.** I realize my apparent hypocrisy in saying this since half of you who do know me are probably thanking your lucky stars that you don't have to talk to me on a regular basis (as opposed to most people who are sitting there asking "who is this chick anyway, is she really a nude model, and how do we hire her for a party?"). But think about it. The seniors that are graduating may never even see some of the underclassmen, or even some other members of the senior class again. As for

the underclassmen, the seniors that are graduating may be able to help you network once you get out into the real world, so it wouldn't hurt for you to get to know them for that reason, on top of the sheer enjoyment of their company.

**Do some pleasure reading.** Let's face it. We're all academic types, otherwise we wouldn't be here. Fall and Winter Terms just don't allow for the same kind of leisure time that Spring Term does, so why not take advantage of that free time to do something pleasurable that can further your education as well (that is why we're here, right)? I recommend anything Jane Austen. Her artistic use of language is amazing, while her stories are light and pleasing and always have a happy ending—just the thing for a leisurely spring afternoon.

These are just some of the activities that can help to make everyone's Spring Term just a little bit better and help everyone have a little more fun. And of course, always remember to be safe. With the nicer weather and added free time of course comes added drinking.

Be considerate and respectful to those who choose to remain sober, especially if they're kind enough to drive your sorry drunken ass around Lexington, or worse yet, take care of your sorry drunken ass when you're going to the infirmary or hospital. Such excessive behavior is not enjoyable for anyone in said situation and of course will not make for any pleasant memories for the future (if any memories at all). To end on a lighter note, you'll have to excuse me for cutting this article a little short—there's a Powder Puff game I have to get to. Oh, and one last thing . . . don't be an a-hole.



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FUN IN THE SUN. These shirtless wonders had their fun during a past Spring Term. Are you?

## Fratlord counts down the best locations on campus



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NUMBER EIGHT. The Chi Psi Library made Tim's list of W&L's top stops. Read on to learn where else to go.

As the real estate cliché goes, "Location is everything." Well, it just so happens that W&L, a fantastic location in itself, has plenty of lovely, unique, or just plain quirky locations that make our school even more of a delight.

Here's my Top Eight Locations on campus. Some are obvious. Some are a little more interesting. And of course, some are slightly self-serving. Please enjoy the list and try to experience all these spots in the five weeks we've got left.

**8) Chi Psi's Library** — As far as fraternity houses go, the Lodge is the big-daddy of 'em all. All potential frat boys who see the Lodge for the first time dream of living in one of those massive rooms in an even more humongous house. This house boasts an impressive lawn, spacious basement, and vaulting main hall, but by far, its most delightful feature is its library. Featuring two imposing portraits of our namesake generals, this room seems to come straight from

a congressional building or some magnificent manor. This library is proof that there is some class to our fratness at W&L.

**7) Howe Hall Bio Museum** — Being from a good West Virginian home, my living room naturally has its share of dead animals; we have three deer, a boar, a fox, and a raccoon, to be exact. That's why the Howe Hall fourth floor "Dead Animal Room" feels like home to me. It features all sorts of taxidermed creatures from throughout the world,

organized in a cozy way that makes studying so easy. Take it from me, as one who studies as little as possible, that this is the perfect spot for late-night reading or end-of-term cramming. As long as you don't mind the dead coyote staring at you.

**6) The University Center Men's Bathroom** — This pick might seem a little odd, but to those who have been there, it makes perfect sense. This bathroom (the one just to the right of where the GHQ used to be) is just massive. It's huge. It's bigger than most fraternity house dining rooms, and is reminiscent of those impressive bathrooms you encounter at pro sports stadiums. And what's great is that, despite the double-digit urinals and numerous stalls, this bathroom is used *maybe* once a month. Whenever I find myself in the University Center, I always visit to pay my respects.

**5) Cap'n Dick Smith Field** — To those of you who haven't seen a W&L baseball home game, you've missed out. Dick Smith field is perfect, hidden peacefully in the woods in the remote lands of the W&L universe. It looks even better compared with its neighbor, the Pavilion, which

wins the prize as biggest and worst eyesore on campus.

**4) Newcomb 7** — By far, the greatest classroom on campus. With tons of windows and loads of sunlight, this location helps the studious and the distracted alike, especially in the

days of the old Co-op, when bored students could gaze out all windows and follow the general bustle of the W&L day. And at night, it makes an excellent study room — just pull open the windows and wait for friends to come distract you. You won't be disappointed.

**3) Gilliam Dungeon** — The quirkiest hall on campus, both by its location and the people usually living in it. First off, it has no dorm counselor, leading to various unregulated illegalities. Then, there's the old dorm counselor room given to a student. As far as I know, it's the only dorm room on campus where a guy can get his own individual bathroom. Of course, there's the pleasure of watching feet pass by your window on the path to Gaines on slow boring nights. Fi-

nally, the hall holds only seven people, which just feels right.

**2) The Liberty Hall Ruins** — At W&L, we are inundated by tradition from many sources, and the Ruins might be the nicest historical spot. On a fantastic spring day,

the Ruins are a great place to study, relax, or catch an afternoon nap. While it's a bit of a walk from the heart of campus, a trip to the Ruins on a great day cannot be outmatched.

**1) The Lambda Chi Moonroof** — Yes, it's a debatable No. 1 choice. But the moonroof holds a special place in my heart. For each morning of my sophomore year, it was undeniably refreshing to wake up, stumble out of bed and go out onto the moonroof to start the day. The view is awesome. It's probably the highest point someone can stand (legally) in Lexington. And right now, with a hammock, some lawn furniture, and a baby pool, the moonroof has been the place I spend my Spring Term afternoons. A great place to relax, or to just take in the scenery, the moonroof is probably my favorite location.

## quick hits

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Φ Everybody congratulate Dave "Chow Chow" Olchowski for scoring a goal in the recent lacrosse game as a defenseman.

Φ Am I the only one with a crush on the Orbit girl?

Φ Does it bother anyone else that our bathrooms are stocked with "recycled toilet paper"?

Φ Note to Self: During finals week, you can go to every single printer on campus and still not find one that works.

Φ For all of you Hillary Duff fans: If you can't do the math, get out of the equation.

Φ How fast would lighting go if it didn't have to zig-zag?

Φ You're only young once, but you can be immature forever.

Φ To the male aspiring to be Jessica Simpson: it's called Leyburn Library, not American Idol. FYI, the walls are thin.

Φ If the EC doesn't keep records why do they have a secretary?

Φ Is it not bad enough that the characterless Commons is forced upon us with ridiculous acts such as mandating fraternities to sponsor events in the building? Can they not give us free Cokes on exam week?

Φ What's up with the two C-school dudes that got in a fistfight over the US job growth rate in the past month? Was it 308,000 or 125,000? My sources tell me who cares, Beatus dominates Everett!

Φ Here at W&L, calling someone a "functional alcoholic" is considered to be among the highest of compliments.

Φ I was upset at the lack of a follow up article by either back page columnist regarding the IM basketball season. It seems the monkey was no monkey at all.

Φ Cadavers, please remember to take your chalk with you after you are done decorating the campus. Someone could easily pick it up and fingerprint it.

Φ Whoever said that The Phi should be investigated for sleep deprivation was way off. The Phi puts me right to sleep every time.

Φ With all this EC bashing going on, I almost forgot which frats I was supposed to hate. Almost.

Φ Whoever left a dent in a 540 BMW in the freshmen parking lot: either leave a note and pay for it, or call me so you can get stomped.

Φ Is saying a polyurethane coat is leather and worth \$250 considered an HV?

Φ Callie leaned too far back in her chair in the library and took a huge spill...she thinks no one saw, but I saw the whole thing and it was hilarious!

Φ Lessons learned from lacking sunscreen: You can wear a \$500 Lilly sundress and still be a redneck at the end of the day.

Φ Three cheers for the weather at Foxfield.

Φ I saw horses at Foxfield! Four years and my dream finally came true.

Φ Can the Men's Lacrosse team be stopped? Nine wins in a row!

Φ Today in 1964, Zanzibar joined Tanganyika to form Tanzania. Isn't that exciting?

Φ Buy war bonds.

Φ Why is the McDonald's in town so slow?

Φ I always greet Alumni Weekend with mixed feelings. Sure, it's great to meet the Class of 1954, but who wants to see that annoying alumnus who graduated last year that has been coming back every other weekend, again?

Φ Celebrate Virginia's history: Today in 1607, the colonists who would later found Jamestown first made landfall at Cape Henry.

Φ At least those people who are running the Generals' Awareness Program had sense enough to change the name from "Anti-Ignorance Campaign."

Φ More: The people who wrote the "Awareness" pamphlets that are littering campus should have done some spell-checking before printing up 2,000 copies.

Φ We couldn't afford Spring Term, but we can afford a flat TV in the Co-op? Who do they think is set to sit down to watch TV there, especially if it's set to the History Channel?

Φ Go, Pat, go! Beat Arlen!

Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits and tales of Spring Term debauchery to phi@wlu.edu.