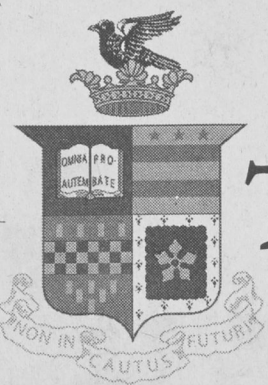


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## HIPPIES ON OUR CAMPUS?!



**CULTURE FOR THE MASSES.** Hair opened to rave reviews last Friday evening. With a cast of 21, primarily students, and a slew of behind-the-scenes help, Hair dazzled the audience with hippie costumes, outstanding singing, well-choreographed dancing and a groovy set. Rumor has it that the show is not sold out. see page 5 for more photos and a *Phi* review.



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## Board approves campus changes

When students return to campus next fall, they will find that some changes have been made. These alterations affect every part of our campus life from academics, to athletics, to parking. The Board of Trustees approved all of these projects.

Art and music will continue to dominate the major changes to campus. "When students arrive, there will be a big hole in the ground by Lenfest," said Joe Grasso, Vice President for Administration. The school will begin excavating for the new art and music building beginning June 1.

The Mason New Room, in the old Dean of Students office in Payne Hall, will be completed this summer. It will be a reception and meeting area. The entire project was funded by a donor.

Five new "smart" classrooms will be added to the College. One classroom, Robinson 7, is completely funded by a donor as well.

A study was recently completed by an architecture firm in Charlottesville on Dupont Hall and the Co-op. The study was a cost benefit analysis of the two build-

ings to see if the school should retain them or build new buildings on their sites. The Board heard the results of this study and will not make a decision until the fall meeting at the earliest.

Wilson University Blueprints Field will receive renovations over the summer. The drainage system of the field will be replaced and the track will be resurfaced. Lower Alumni Field, a practice field, will also receive revisions. Both of these projects were funded by private donors.

Davis Dorm will be receiving new paint, an up-to-date fire system with sprinklers, new furniture, and bathroom renovations. Grasso said he would like to have student input on color choices for the dorms. The Student Health Center in the basement of Gilliam Dorm will be overhauled for the first time in 50 years.

In June, the school will be getting the results of a parking study. Students have seen a loss of parking because of the new art and music building. When we come back in the fall, we could see new parking regulations as well as new parking lots.

## C-school majors go hi-tech with Internet class

BY KAELE HARMON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

For sophomores majoring in the C-School, life just got a little bit more technical.

As of next fall (fall 2004), they will be required to take Washington and Lee's very first completely online course.

It is an information technology course and will be labeled Interdepartmental 201-Information Technology Literacy (IT Literacy). The course is designed to ensure that all C-School graduates can effectively use Windows, Excel, Word, Power Point, and the various factions of the W&L network, including GroupWise and web browsing.

Professor Ballenger of the Management department said that Williams school began planning for this course in the winter of 2002. In November of 2002, the C-School faculty approved the plan to de-

velop the course and the designing process began during the winter term of 2003. According to Professor Ballenger, the development process took place throughout the majority of last summer and involved extensive help from several of the Williams School majors.

The course was then test piloted in last term with students from Professor William King's Accounting 202 class. According to Professor Ballenger, the pilot-test provided those working on the project with "significant insight into how students used the course and problems they were having with it."

As a result of the testing, several changes will be made to the course throughout the summer to make sure that everything is in place for the fall. The C-School also invested in a new high-end server to help run the class.

In the fall, students enrolled in Economics 101/102, Accounting 201/202, Man-

agement/Economics 201/203 and Politics 201 will be invited to take the course. It will be a pass/fail course, and an exception to the normal rules, so that students enrolled in the class can take on other class pass/fail as well.

In order to pass the class, students will have to take an exam for each of the five areas of study and receive a 70 or higher on each. Students will then receive credit for the class at the end of the term.

Current sophomores will be invited to take the course in the upcoming fall term, and must complete the course during that time. After that point, it will be expected that all rising juniors have successfully finished the course as C-School faculty will be using the skills learned in their classes.

For right now, this is the only totally online course available at W&L, but if it is successful, there may be several to come in its wake.

## Class of 2008 shows best numbers ever, 50/50 gender split

BY KAELE HARMON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In the past several years, Washington and Lee has seen a growing trend in the incoming class. Every year, the freshmen class is academically stronger and more diverse than the class before it. This year, that pattern continues.

Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator of Minority Recruitment, Erin Hutchinson said that this year W&L saw the largest applicant pool ever, with more than 3600 students applying. Of that number, about 458 are expected to return to represent the class of 2008.

Most of the students who will be coming in the fall have already confirmed, and the admissions department is excited about what they will bring to the campus.

According to Hutchinson, the numbers for those who have already confirmed are pretty impressive. The gender split is about

50/50 and more than 40 states and 12 countries are represented. There are around 60 students of color, with Asian Americans being the most largely represented group of minorities.

Academically speaking, at this point, the class of 2008 can boast of having 28 valedictorians or salutatorians, and 273 members of the National Honor Society. The average SAT scores for admitted students is 701 verbal and 698 math.

This group will also have something to bring to the athletics department. About 169 of them were varsity captains and several sports teams on campus are already looking to see what this group will bring to the table.

Volleyball coach, Bryan Snyder, has been doing his part in bringing several women to the campus who he feels will make a strong contribution to his team, as well as the campus as a whole. The average SAT for his recruits is 1300, and 2 of the women have

been recognized as All American players. He said that he believes that these women will "absolutely" add to the competitive edge of his team, and be well-rounded members of the W&L community.

The men's basketball team is also looking to have members of the incoming class add to the strength of the campus as a whole and the team in general. The average SAT for his recruits is 1360, and several of them lead their high school teams to championship competitions.

Overall, the class of 2008 is expected to bring a lot to campus. Over 360 have served in leadership positions in major organizations or in some other extracurricular activity.

Hutchinson did point out that over the summer the composition of the class could change in a variety of ways, but she said that she is confident that this class is continuing the trend of strengths.

## Seniors look forward to bright futures

Career Services offers a plethora of helpful hints and resources for the job search

BY CATHERINE SWAN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

As graduation looms, seniors can be found celebrating job offers, preparing for graduate school, or continuing the job search process.

It is still too early to have data involving senior's future plans, but Beverly Lorig, Director of Career Services, indicated that the job market looks brighter than recent years.

"This year the increase in hiring nationally is 12.5%," said Lorig.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the top jobs for 2003-04 graduates, in terms of number of offers reported, were management trainee, private accountant, and sales.

Lorig emphasized the importance of starting the job search early and using the resources career services has to offer.

She said that often seniors shift their focus to relaxation during spring term, and this often keeps them from recognizing the importance of the job search at a critical time.

She encouraged seniors to set up a time to meet with Career Services before they graduate.

Career Services staff can help with practice interview, alumni connections, and marketing the W&L experience.

Alumni resources at W&L are an extremely important part of the job search, therefore giving W&L students an extra edge in the job search process.

"Most students will find jobs through networking or referrals," said Lorig.

About 21 to 27 percent of seniors usually plan to pursue graduate studies in the fall. At W&L these numbers tend to remain fairly consistent, despite changes in the job market.

"I'm going to law school next year at the University of Arkansas. After that I plan on going into criminal prosecution," said senior Barrett Nixon.

Lorig also emphasized that seniors should inform Career Services once they have accepted a job offer. "We love to celebrate their success."

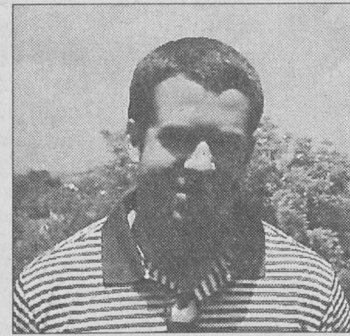
## Rhodes, Conner win Phi Awards

Mock Convention is the largest student undertaking at Washington and Lee. It has huge budget, encompasses dozens of events over three terms and two academic years and involves all but few students.

Noah Rhodes, who served as the convention's general chairman, gave up a second major in English to orchestrate a cast of thousands into W&L's greatest academic event, greatest party and greatest public relations success.

Rhodes took his job with Mock Con in Spring 2002 and will join Wachovia investment banking in Charlotte this summer.

For his leadership of Mock Convention, Noah Rhodes is our choice for the 2004 Ring-tum Phi Award.



RHODES

Already lauded in our pages as one of the "must-have" Professors, Marc Conner of the English Department is our choice for the faculty's 2004 Ring-tum Phi Award.

Student's regularly gush about the interesting discussions held in Conner's classes. Talk to any former student and it is clear that Conner cares about his students and is passionate about the subject matter he teaches.

Phi staff writer Courtney Perry praised Conner's, "extensive knowledge of subject and enthusiasm for material." As a former student of Conner's, Perry also said that, "he is very fair and genuinely interested in his students."

We're also honoring Conner for his contributions to maintaining the Spring Term Calendar.



CONNER



THE RING-TUM PHI  
STAFF EDITORIAL

The Early-Fielding Memorial Building is being neglected. One could argue, "Phi staff, the Business Office was moved into the building," but we would reply, "Who actually wants to go to the Business Office?"

Don't get us wrong, we are very happy with the Elrod Commons that replaced Early-Fielding, but the school also lost some special rooms that are not being used on a regular basis.

**GHQ:** The General's Headquarters, while not the best food, had a great atmosphere. Students had a restaurant where servers actually waited on them. Java at the GHQ, held every Monday night, allowed students to have coffee in a coffee house atmosphere with local bands.

**Fairfax Lounge:** The Fairfax Lounge used to be like the Women's Resource Room or the Outing Club Room. Organizations used to use the room for meetings, but the only reason anyone on the Phi staff has entered that room this year is to get a flu shot.

**Evans Hall:** Evans is one of the most beautiful buildings on our campus. Freshman used to eat their meals everyday in a building built to hold Fancy Dress with chandeliers and columns. Evans now is used for the occasional wedding reception. Evans did however have a shining moment this year when it held the Mock Convention Presidential Gala.

We have some suggestions. First, the GHQ should become a restaurant again. Even if W&L does not want to run it, they could lease it to a restaurant owner. Second, professors and presidents of organizations should start holding meetings in Fairfax again. Lastly, the school should bring more formal events to Evans. Almost everyone at W&L holds our traditions sacred. Early-Fielding is one tradition that faded away and no one noticed.

Pro-war or anti-war, stand against the draft



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**MANPOWER SHORTAGE?** This barracks lies empty. A lot of people say they support the troops, but how many (including our young women) are willing to be troops?

It is indisputable that there are a few words in the English language that people will do anything to avoid. "Draft" may very well be one of them. It is wholly painless to speak the words that communicate the notion that it is each person's duty to serve his or her country faithfully, even if this means they have to drop everything to fight, but actually carrying this out is clearly a completely different story.

Currently, there is pending legislation, twin bills S 89 and HR 163, in the House of Representatives and the Senate, each having the goal of providing "for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes." The two bills state that "it is the obligation of every U.S. citizen, and every other person residing in the United States...to

perform a two-year period of national service, unless exempted."

The bills also aim to amend "the Military Selective Service Act to authorize the military registration of females" in addition to males between the ages of 18 and 26. In addition, the legislation would not exempt college students from the draft. If these bills are passed, it would be a historic change, as both men and women would be equally liable for military service, not to mention the potential draftees.

Regardless of how you feel about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is a universally dreadful thought that one day, you or your loved ones might be selected to leave the shelter of home to join the armed forces in foreign terrain. With continuing conflict in Iraq notwithstanding, President Bush's declaration of the end of the war last year and other countries pulling their troops

out, the need for more troops is quite evident. It is certainly unlikely that other countries will volunteer their armed forces, so a draft may be more likely than we think. The Pentagon has already begun a public campaign to fill over ten thousand draft board positions and over eleven thousand appeals board positions in the nation.

The only citizens who would qualify for exemptions from the draft would be those who are physically disabled or conscientious objectors, who are defined as being "opposed to serving in the armed forces and/or bearing arms on the grounds of moral or religious principles." If one is politically opposed to the war, he or she would not be considered a conscientious objector. This means that even if you never supported the war in Iraq, you could be forced to fight. The issue of the draft is one that touches us all as the youth of America, and we must be more active in following the progress of these two bills because if we do not, we might one day come to regret it.

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Quote of the Week

"The matches may light upon impact."

~Roanoke Channel 10 News, advising of a recall put into effect last night.

Ups and Downs

Opinions Editor Caley Anderson gives you his take on what rose, what fell, and what stayed about the same this year at W&L.

- Spring Term Debate-** ↑ Board elects to keep it, and with future students taking one Spring Term out of four off, everyone will be happy.
- EC-** ↔ A good start at responding to student demands for accountability, but there are still a lot of hard questions that need up front answering.
- Honor System** ↔ Lots of changes coming, most likely, but odds are that it won't get gutted and turned into a rulebook like UVA's.
- Frats-** ↓ Next year - "SAE receives one year suspension for discriminating by geographic birthplace."
- IFC-** ↓ Mysterious quiet over Rush date controversy and related resignation of VP. That didn't look good, guys.
- Class of 2007-** ↑ Ate at Commons instead of D-Hall, went through "new member education" instead of hazing.
- Parking-** ↓ New Art+Music building is good, but takes away yet another parking lot. Next year, Gaines Hall residents to be issued bicycles.
- Townies-** ↑ Is it just me, or do they seem downright friendly recently?
- LexPo-** ↑ See above.
- VMI's-** ↔ They seem less friendly, but hey, what did you expect?
- Dining Services-** ↑ Big improvements in Marketplace. Next year maybe some better pizza?
- Wal-Mart** ↔ Remains only place where you can buy everything you'll need at W&L while cows graze across the street, but still lacking someone who works there who is under 60.
- FD-** ↑ Rebounds from somewhat mediocre 2002-03 with fun-packed Wonkafest.
- MockCon** ↔ Solid event marred by travesty of a parade. Also- is it just me, or should James Carville have been a secondary speaker rather than the main event?
- Calyx-** ↑ No more flaming Tridents; nor misspelled words in W&L's name on cover.
- S.A.B.-** ↔ Moves away from Jam Bands, but Karl Denson's Tiny Universe? Wait for next year.
- S.A.O.-** ↑ Surprising success of new organization shows that there are things to do on this campus that do not require a BAC higher than .10.
- Administration** ↔ Good job on Spring Term, construction projects, and solid year from new cast of Deans, but a few students still fear Swarthmorification and still lack confidence in some Admins.
- Trident** ↔ Center of debate over student government, but will they have the cash to keep it up next year? Plus, back page woes- no mo' Denbow, and Yak is taking his genius abroad. We hardly knew ye, Mr. Bausch.
- Traveller** ↑ Like Adrian Beltre, the breakthrough year everyone's been looking for. Great job, Traveller people.
- Faculty** ↑ For every professor here who's simply average, there are five who are excellent.
- Newcomb Hall** ↓ No qualms with the departments that call Newcomb their home, but good lord, what IS that smell?
- Weather** ↓ Less snow this year, but also maybe a week's worth of warm, sunny days during the whole school year. My Californian heart aches.
- Commons** ↑ Students (including me) now realizing it was worth the money. But hey, doesn't the old co-op look awfully lonely these days?
- Alumni** ↑ Take greater role in on-campus events, and during 2004 Alumni Weekend, prove as never before that they are still W&Lers at heart.
- Diversity Initiatives** ↑ Lots of new orgs, as well as progress by GSA and MSA. Only downside- wasn't trying to practically behead inadvertent Nazi Armband guy going a little too far?
- W&L Sports** ↔ Another "so close" year. We're looking forward to 2005, especially women's V-ball and men's lax.
- Life outside W&L** ↓ Blood, devastation, death, war, and horror.

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Phi Quick Poll

DO YOU THINK THAT W&L, OVER THE LAST YEAR, HAS BECOME A BETTER PLACE, A WORSE PLACE, OR HAS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME?

Better-  
15%

Worse-  
21%

Same-  
65%

48 students polled, 25 men, 23 women. Poll has 95% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error

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# THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

## Congress needs more Republicans like Warner

John Warner has been publicly upbraided by Republicans in Congress for continuing to call people to testify in the prisoner abuse scandal. He has a rather distinguished record. Mr. Warner is a longtime Virginia Senator, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, a veteran of two wars, and a Washington and Lee graduate. He is a Republican. Republican Representatives have claimed that the Armed Services Committee's hearings distract from our efforts in Iraq and *undermine those in combat*. They have implied that conducting these hearings is unpatriotic. Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma had the audacity to claim that he was "outraged by the outrage." He was amazed that people would be so concerned about the treatment of criminals and those endangering our troops. Senator Inhofe is evidently unaware that most of the prisoners at Abu Ghraib are not guilty of any crimes.

Congressional Republicans have tried to bully and intimidate the Senate Armed Services Committee because they don't want attention brought to the prison scandal. They are using the most insidious tactic, which is to claim that a full investigation into *misconduct* undermines our *legitimate* actions. Their aim is transparently obvious - to protect the Bush Administration and to minimize the public outcry over the abuse scandal. Their best solution is to make the prob-

lem go away as quickly as possible. A full, transparent investigation - precisely what the Senate Armed Services Committee is doing - is exactly what they don't want.

These sort of people in Congress are nothing more than pathetic party hacks. I was quite right when I said at Mock Convention that the problem with Congress is that there aren't more W&L Republicans in Congress. Senator Warner is not a party hack, and it's evident that his W&L education makes him special. He recognizes that there are bigger concerns here than the embarrassment of the Bush Administration. It is imperative that our country conducts full and transparent investigations. We cannot claim to carry the torch of free society when we abuse and then cover up, or pretend like Senator Inhofe that it simply doesn't matter. These Republican hacks don't recognize that that is what truly undermines our effort in Iraq.

*-The Geneva Convention, with respect to the treatment of prisoners taken in Iraq*

General Lee, of course, once said that the true mark of an honorable gentleman is the "forebearing use of power." You've seen the pictures. The treatment in Abu Ghraib is precisely the opposite. In fact, the Geneva Convention essentially tried to codify the forebearing use

of power; the way enemy combatants ought to be treated in light of their undeniable status as persons, just like ourselves. Our actions at Abu Ghraib were inhuman. President Bush signed a secret executive order designed specifically to skirt the rules of war. I leave it to you to decide how this accords with General Lee's definition of honor.

I said, "our actions." Indeed they are. We, as a nation and a people, are in Iraq. The *idea* of the United States is being put to the test. Do we want secret executive orders, maltreatment, and then hush-hush operations? Is this the patriotic, virtuous republic that we believe in?

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert huffed and puffed at John McCain recently. McCain has argued against another round of tax cuts because he wants to promote the idea of shared, universal sacrifice in the cause of just war and liberation. Hastert roared at the Vietnam veteran, "Senator McCain ought to go to Bethesda (hospital) and see that there is sacrifice in this country. That's not the point, Hastert. McCain wants some sacrifice to be borne by all Americans, not just the people in our military. The idea of the virtuous democratic republic *demands* that all citizens make sacrifices in just causes.

There are two types of politicians. There are the John Warners and John McCains, and there are the other guys. The party hacks. The guys who will prom-



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**REAL SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS.** Senator Warner knows what's really at stake in Iraq, and refuses to bow down to party dogma for the sake of sacrificing principle.

ise a free lunch. They'll cut taxes and pretend to improve education and scare you and then start wars, knowing they can't pay for it all. And so they'll run deficits. Some of them are Republicans, some of them are Democrats. But I fervently hope that none of us want to be Dennis Hastert or Inhofe or, indeed, George Bush. We are students of Washington and Lee. We don't make promises we know we can't keep, because that's *lying*. We don't abuse people who are at our mercy. We are all students of General Lee.

## Roll with the punches- change inevitable at University

A few weeks ago in the Health Center, a nurse was at a loss how to explain to a freshman how to get to the Counseling Center. Words like "old d-hall," "GHQ," and "University Center" were failing to make a connection. I finally came up with "above the Registrar's Office" and he understood. This conversation got me to thinking about how much has changed at Washington and Lee in the 2 short years that I've been here. I look back on my freshman year sad about some of the things this year's class and future freshmen classes will miss and glad about the things they don't have to experience.

One thing that has changed is names. The "d-hall" is now the "Marketplace," the "Co-op" is now the "Cafe/Emporium" (although I saw a new sign today that said something like "Cafe '77"). I don't know if the old names have been carried on by the freshmen, but I'm sure it's only a matter of time before the new names permanently stick. I have even caught myself calling d-hall the Marketplace before. The University Center has been renamed to avoid confusion with the new Commons. It's now called the Early-Fielding Building, or something like that. How bizarre.

Another important thing that has changed is the food. Remember the GHQ? Of course you do! (Unless you're a freshman - the

General's Headquarters was a breakfast and lunch place where you could take a break from d-hall food while still using your meal plan) They had the best chicken finger and fries deal on campus and it was delicious! The Co-op was another place we could use our meal plans on (we used to get 3 meals a week at either the GHQ or Co-op. Now we've lost the GHQ and the new Co-Op makes you skip dinner if you want to use your meal plan! What a rip-off!). I miss how we used to be able to just grab a hamburger, pizza, or fries and pay. Now we have to get in line and wait for them to cook it. I also miss the little order forms where we could customize our sandwiches. Without it being written down properly, there's more room for error. The "Marketplace" - I could go on and on. I miss the days of having American food every day and then having a special international night once a month. Now, it's the complete opposite! The new d-hall is great for lunch - the grilled sandwich station is a huge plus - but dinners are horrible if you don't like the international display. We can't eat pizza and fried food every night!

Ok, I think I've dwelled enough on the bad changes, now let's talk about the good changes. The new Commons is fabulous! As a friend said during orientation, "We're like a real university now!" Last year there was never really a good place to hang out on campus. Now we have meetings, events, studying, and socializing all in one central location. I love the free movies put on by the Commons and the Film

Society (last year the Film Society was off-campus and it took me half the year to figure out where the movies were being shown). The bookstore is a major improvement - last year it was so tiny and limited, this year I can get my textbooks without having to squeeze through crowds and there is a much larger selection of books and apparel to choose from. The computer kiosks throughout the building for checking e-mail were a great idea, too.

Another noticeable improvement this year was a lack of explosions and construction waking students up early every morning - although, that may return with the building of the new Arts School. The G-L, Doremus, Commons quad is a nice upgrade from that eye sore of cranes, trucks, dirt, fences, and construction workers. All the work on that area turned out beautifully.

I'm interested to see what other changes the future will bring to this school. If I had my wish, we would tear down that ugly library. Whose design was that?! It's as if someone was thinking, "This campus is too beautiful, we have to add the ugliest building anyone has ever seen to even things out." The library is so gross and out of place here. After I make my first million, I'll have to start setting aside a fund to build a more befitting library for our campus.

Anyway, change is inevitable. It can be good, it can be bad, but you just have to try to roll with the punches.

## Letter to the Editor

### SAC talks about Beta

Dear Editor,

The Beta situation is a most unfortunate one. There are no winners in it - neither the pledges, the upperclass students, the House Corporation, the national organization, nor the University. It has been a long road to this point. Before the on-set of the academic year, the University attempted to work with Greek Life programs to examine their pledgeship programs and offer programs consistent with University and national fraternity/sorority expectations.

In March of 2004, the Office of the Dean of Students filed a report with the Inter-Fraternity Council regarding direct allegations of hazing

within Beta Theta Pi fraternity. This report detailed several serious incidents as reported directly to that office including repeated forced consumptions of concoctions intended to cause nausea, exposure to the elements, and the forced consumption of alcohol. The all-student Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) Judicial Board heard the case the following evening. Beta Theta Pi offered no defense. The IFC offered a recommendation of suspension of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and that recommendation was upheld by the University Board of Appeals. Following University procedure, such a recommendation went before the Student Affairs Committee (SAC).

The SAC found reasonable

evidence to support the numerous violations of the University's policy on hazing, and wholeheartedly adopted IFC's recommendations as also affirmed by the University Board of Appeals before it was heard by the Student Affairs Committee. The Student Affairs Committee *did not* believe the evidence offered to refute the claims of forced alcohol consumption. The Student Affairs Committee concurs with all other findings of the Inter-Fraternity Council with respect to allegations of hazing.

The SAC would also like to address some questions that have arisen throughout this process. One concern is that other fraternities haze in ways as bad as or worse than

Beta, and they have not been punished so severely, so Beta should not be either. The IFC and SAC reviewed every other report of hazing at W&L this winter. Contrary to what some think, and even what some have written in the student newspaper reports, there are no reported hazing incidents as egregious as those admitted by members of Beta. If anyone knows the details of other incidents, the IFC and SAC asks that those be reported, for these incidents too should be pursued in accord with the published guidelines of the University.

The argument that "others are doing it too, so we should not be punished for doing it" is not one that SAC or the University generally finds

persuasive. The unfair application of justice would be a concern, but as noted above, those who have investigated all the reported incidents of hazing do not believe that the penalties handed out have been uneven.

Some believe the penalty is too severe. Again, based on what the IFC and SAC reviewed, this is not the case. The information suggests that the penalty levied on Beta is consistent not only with what the University has imposed in the past, but also with what other national organizations have imposed on W&L houses who have hazed pledges.

Washington and Lee University desires to have a healthy and

vibrant Greek community, and the SAC believes we have the potential to have the best Greek community in the nation. However, hazing of any sort is contradictory to the values of the University and to the expectations and guidelines of national fraternal organizations - not to mention an unhealthy environment for our students. The University takes seriously its commitment to work with its Greek organizations to provide pledgeship programs that build on the strengths of those in fraternities and sororities rather than the "tearing down" that can occur during hazing.

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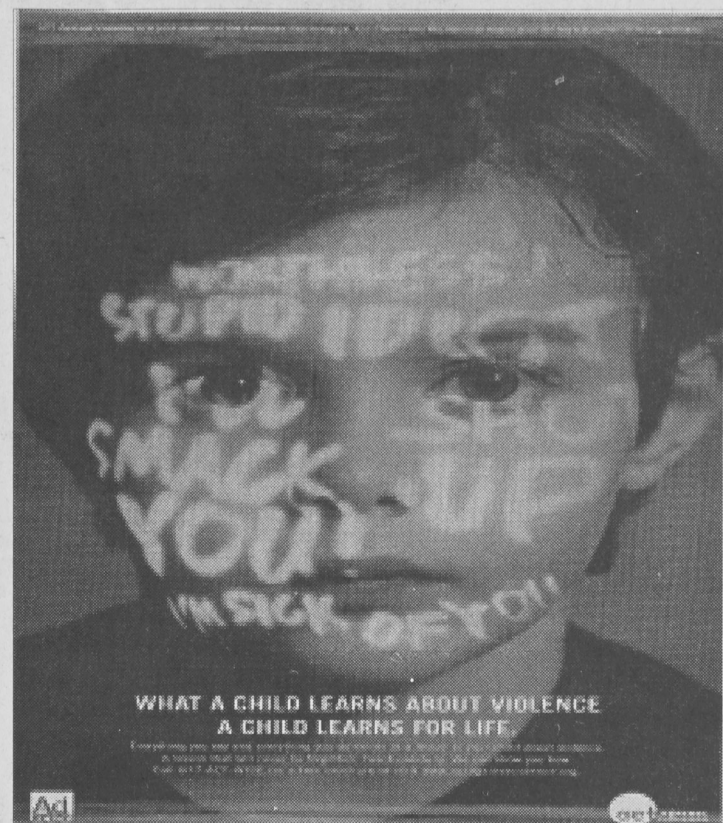
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# Even in NCAA defeat seniors, Generals, shine

By CAMERON GARNER  
STAFF WRITER

As they have their entire careers at W&L, the seniors proved their worth as their careers came to a close in Salisbury, MD. After a March 13th loss at F&M left the bewildered Generals squad 2-3, the team regrouped and used an 11-win rampage – including the utter domination of the ODAC conference – ending with the ODAC championship and a #7 rank entering the NCAA tournament. This rampage, while most certainly a team effort, was orchestrated by the talented and experienced senior class.

One of the most frequently coined phrases in sports is that defense wins championships, and in lacrosse the goalie is the heart, the quarterback, of the defense; therefore it is fitting that my praise of the senior class begin with co-captain and ODAC player of the year, Ansel Sanders. With a team that lost a combined 179 points of offense with the graduation of names like Pope Hackney, Matt Dugan, Bernie Norton and Tom Burke, the Generals needed a solid goalie to slow opponents' offense as they established an offense of their own. Sanders responded with 161 saves and a .599 goals against average that year. As Salisbury ended the Generals' season, Sanders notched 18 incredible saves to go along with the 457 others in his career. Ansel truly saved the best for last: his 18-save performance was the best of his career.

Moving out from the goal, co-captain and pre-season honorable mention all-American defenseman Lawson Grumbine has been a staple of the Generals' defense for the past three seasons, earning a number of All-ODAC awards. Grumbine was the leader of a defense that over the past three seasons allowed an average of 5.8 goals a game. Saying that Grumbine ended his career with 99 groundballs doesn't completely reflect his role on the team; saying that this season Grumbine was called upon every single game to mark the opponents' best attackman goes a bit farther in showing his importance to the team.

One story that has gone largely unheralded this season has been that of longstick defenseman Kenny Rasamny. Asked to fill the large void left by the departure of Matt Connors, Rasamny would have a trial-by-fire this season, and came out as one of the best at his position in all of D-III. Like Grumbine, Rasamny was asked to go up against the opponents' best. He developed into one of the best longpole middies in the nation this season, recording a whopping 77 groundballs.

Known around campus for his dashing good looks, kind temperament, and dreamy smile, co-cap-

tain Jimmy "hunka" Zunka played alongside Rasamny in the defensive midfield this season. Like Rasamny, Jimmy was called upon to mark the best midfielders every game. Like Brad Pitt in Troy, this "gorgeous" man crushed and destroyed everyone in his path, establishing himself as a premier defensive midfielder.

Co-captain Dustin Martin was dominant this season. Finishing his career with 116 points on 90 goals and 26 assists, Dustin was a key to the offense's success this season. Frequently called upon – by yours truly – to simply "do-it-yourself Dustin," he responded to the tune of 34 goals – a hat-trick against Salisbury – and 9 assists this season, despite often drawing the longpole middle.

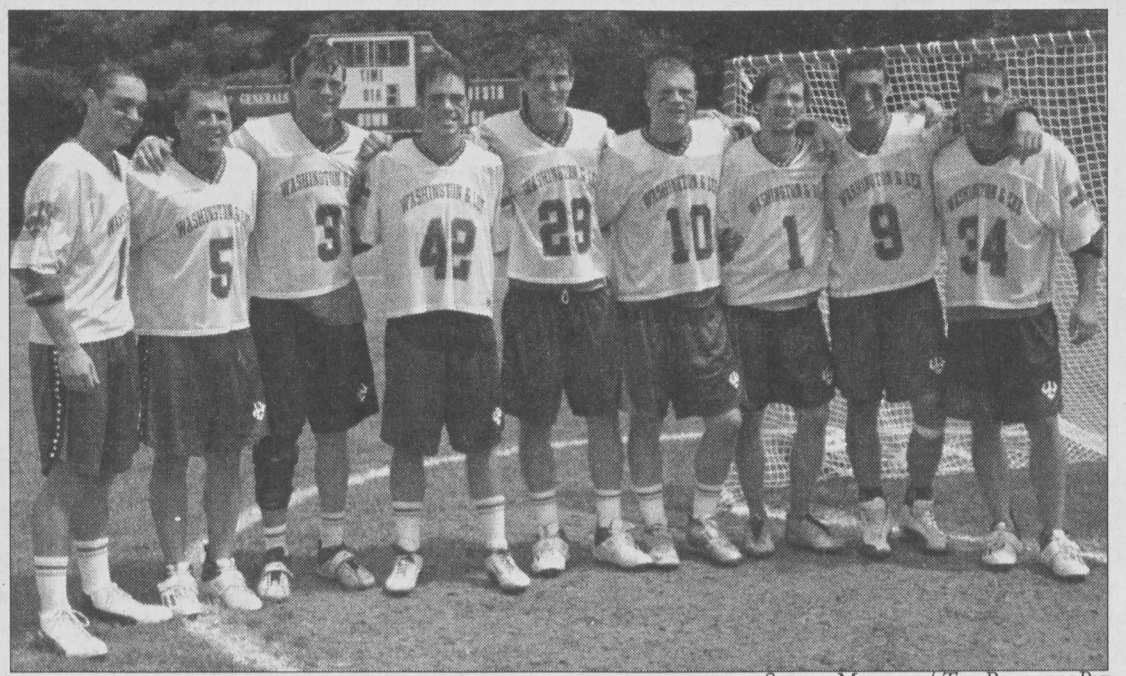
Running with Dustin on the first line midfield was Mark McLewee. An incredibly athletic midfielder and great dodger, Mark finishes his career with 58 points. He has been an impact in the midfield over the entirety of his W&L career. He has played in every single game over his four years at W&L and has started 31 out of a possible 32 games since the end of his sophomore season.

Rounding out the first midfield is Roland "chicks dude" Williams. Using his superior intellect, Rich would out-think the opposition: he would score with his off-speed change-up shot, lulling goalies into a false sense of security, then uncork his laser to blow opponents away. Williams ends his career having notched 18 points including ten goals this season.

Moving from midfield to attack is often a difficult transition. When Mike McNamara was essentially moved to attack this season, he experienced little difficulty. He was third on the team in goals with 21 and fourth in points with 33. McNamara ends his career with 66 points including 41 goals, despite an injury-hampered junior season.

One of the most notable scorers over the past four years has been attackman Matt Fink. Players in whom such a potent mixture of dashing good looks and raw talent exist are few and far between, but Fink makes it look easy. This season, Fink tallied 44 points on 33 goals and 11 assists, despite drawing opponents' best defensemen. He has amassed an incredible 142 points with 107 goals. His ranks in the top ten all-time in goals over his career.

Having been written off by innumerable fans – not yours truly obviously – after losing 3 out of the first 5 games, senior leadership crushed any notion of a losing season with an undefeated ODAC season sandwiched in a 12-game win streak that ended, as so many teams' hopes have this season, in Salisbury, MD. To be sure, W&L had a great run this season, and the seniors led the way.



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THANKS, SENIORS. Senior laxers led the team to an ODAC Championship and a run in the NCAA's.

## Dean, Taffe highlight awards

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

LEXINGTON, Va. — Seniors Peter Dean (Vienna, Va./James Madison) and Kelly Taffe (Charlottesville, Va./Albemarle) headed the list of honorees at the annual Washington and Lee University Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 18 at W&L's Lee Chapel. Dean was named the Pres Brown Outstanding Senior Male Athlete, while Taffe was the female recipient of the award.

Dean was a four-year letterwinner for both the football and baseball teams, serving as a baseball captain during his senior season. In football, Dean was a three-year starter at quarterback, finishing his career as the school's sixth all-time leading passer with 3,469 yards and 19 touchdowns. In baseball, Dean was a three-time First Team All-ODAC selection and the ODAC Pitcher and Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year as a senior. He set a new ODAC record for career victories in going 29-7 overall, and set new school records for career ERA (2.20), strikeouts (232), appearances (54) and innings pitched (290.2). A two-time all-region honoree, he garnered Second Team Verizon Academic All-America honors following the 2003 season.

Taffe was a four-year letterwinner and two-year captain for both the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams. A three-time All-ODAC selection in field hockey, Taffe set nearly every school scoring record, including goals and points in a game, season and career. He career totals stand at 34 goals and 72 points. In lacrosse, Taffe was also a three-time All-ODAC pick, including a first team selection her final two seasons. She set new school records for career goals (179) and points (234) in leading the Generals to three ODAC Championships and three NCAA Tournament berths during her four seasons. Taffe was named the W&L Outstanding Freshman Female Athlete in 2001.

In other major awards handed out at the ceremony, senior women's soccer and basketball

player Heather Coleman (Blackwood, N.J./Triton Regional) received the William McHenry Scholar-Athlete Award. Coleman carries a 4.077 grade-point average while majoring in economics and politics. She scored 100 career points as a point guard in basketball and ranks eighth and ninth all-time in W&L Soccer annals for career goals (19) and points (44). She earned CoSIDA Third Team Academic All-America honors last fall.

Senior Ansel Sanders (White Stone, Va./Woodberry Forest) was named the recipient of the Wink Glasgow Spirit & Sportsmanship Award. A goalie for the men's lacrosse team, Sanders is a four-year letterwinner and two-year captain. A three-time All-ODAC selection, 2004 ODAC Player of the Year and 2003 Honorable Mention All-American, he ranks fifth all-time at W&L with 457 career saves.

Swimmer Michael Ginder (Jacksonville, Fla./Episcopal) was named the Outstanding Freshman Male and Athlete of the Year, while women's tennis player Kristen McClung (Charleston, W.Va./Charleston Catholic) was named the Outstanding Freshman Female Athlete of the Year. Ginder earned Bluegrass Mountain Conference Swimmer of the Year laurels and All-America honors after setting school records in the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relay.

McClung earned First Team All-ODAC honors and is ranked 10th in the Atlantic South Region in singles. She finished the season with an 18-5 record at second singles and a 15-7 mark at second doubles.

Roger Crocket, Professor of German, was honored with the R.E. "Chub" Yeakel Memorial Service Award for his support of Washington and Lee athletics over the years. Senior Jacob Trotter received the Lefty Newell Memorial Award for his contributions to the W&L sports information department and WLUR, while junior women's tennis player Lindsay Hagerman received the Richard Miller Physical Education Scholarship.

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# THE RING-TUM PHI ARTS & LIFE

## Dirty underwear, low grades mark freshman year

As I was packing my bags to get ready to go home, I thought about all the things that I didn't do in my first year at W and L. When I first stepped on campus in September, I had a list of things that I wanted to do in college. I did some of the things on my list, but a few will have to wait until next year.

The first thing I had planned to do was to be Valedictorian, or at least have some ridiculously high GPA. Well, let's just say that didn't quite work out how I had expected. And while we are on the subject, to the person that wrote the article on grade inflation in the Trident... What the \*&%# are you talking about?!? I know I ain't the sharpest spoon in the drawer (or whatever the saying is), but I got grades I didn't even know existed.

While Valedictorian is out of reach, I can still get an A in a class, but for now, that will have

to wait until next year along with many other things.

The next thing I haven't done this year is a little gross...laundry. To say that I haven't done laundry all year would be a slight exaggeration, but it would still not be that far off from the truth. When I run out of underwear I go to Wal-Mart and buy new ones. When I run out of money, I turn my old underwear inside out. I roll the sleeves of my long sleeve shirts up when I run out of t-shirts, and wear jeans when it is 80 degrees out. I work with what I have, and what I don't have is the motivation to do laundry, or even buy detergent.

When spring term came around, I had planned to go to Foxfields, but my wallet had other ideas. See my wallet has a mind of its own, so when I tried to take 25 bucks out of it to pay for my ticket, it informed me that it was empty and fun would be

temporarily out of service. So, while everyone else in the Dubya community was wearing seer-sucker and looking fratty, I was sitting in my room all weekend alone.

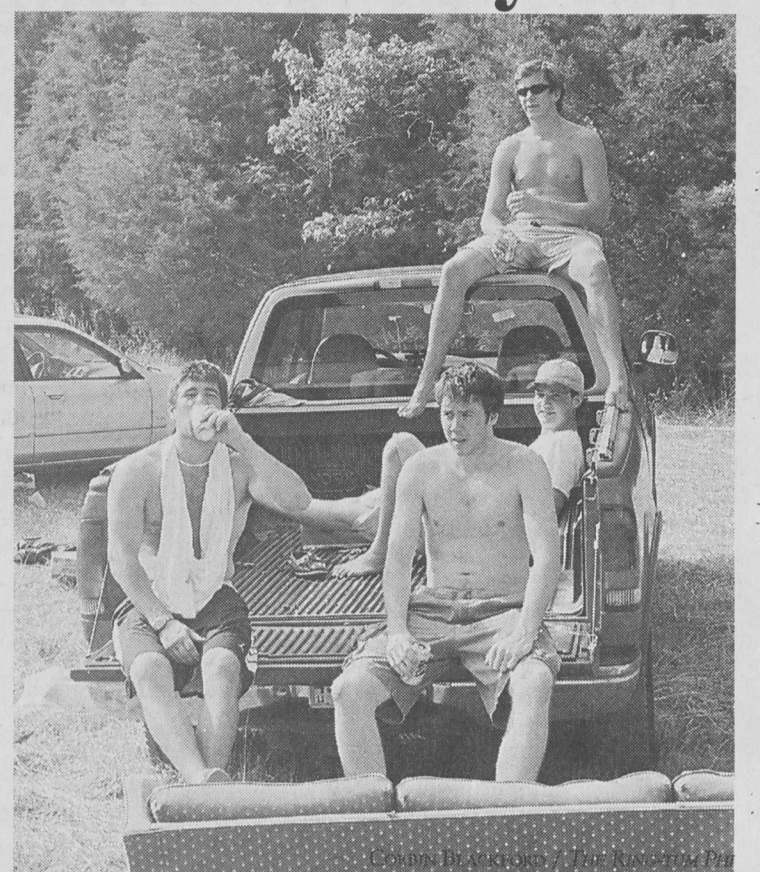
At least twice a week, I will get an email asking if I want to go bridge jumping. It just so happens that every time I get this email I have "important" things to do. Last time my hair was really dirty and I had to wash it. The time before that, I had to watch an episode of Saved by the Bell. It's not that I'm afraid or anything. I mean jumping off a bridge into a river seems like a perfectly safe endeavor, especially for a man that barely passed the swim test. But one day I will grow the proverbial guts and do it, however, this will not happen this year.

I also did not make it out to Goshen this spring. I can hear people yelling and screaming at me, "You didn't go to Goshen?!? What are you, some antireligious, apathetic, nerd?" This is the one thing I really wanted to

do spring term. All my friends go and have a great time, while I always have some big project that I put off until the last minute. I'm gonna try to get out there before the year is over, but it's not looking good. So as one person told me, "If you don't go to Goshen by the end of this year, you should go and live in a hole with Osama, because you don't deserve to be here."

As I was cleaning out my closet, I found my fishing poles that I had planned to use all the time. Well once again, my line has yet to get wet, and it's a good thing for the fish, because this Idaho angler would have caught my limit and then some, because real fishermen ignore pesky laws and regulations.

Even though I have missed out on doing all these things that make Lexington and the surrounding area great, I have gotten to do so many other things. Buffalo Creek, Outer Banks, and even learning sometimes. It just goes to show that there is no possible way to fit all the joys of



BEING FRATTY. Phi Psis enjoy the outdoors at Buffalo Creek last weekend. Dubyanell into one year. Something tells me that even after four years, I still will not have done everything I wanted to do. Sounds like a good reason to stay for a fifth year huh?

## Students strip on Lenfest stage and address social questions in song

BY JORDAN ANDERSON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

*Hair* contains a scene of full frontal nudity. It seems that the scene was added solely to make it that much more controversial, but its there, and the W&L production delivered what it had promised. There were W&L students, bearing it all on stage. Nudity aside, the nature of the performance itself still has a lot of things to say.

To recreate the turbulent sixties using Washington and Lee students wasn't nearly as hard as it sounds. The costumes were good typical hippie garb - vests, embroidered jeans, etc. Despite most likely being conservative and polo loving by nature, the actors themselves performed well in character. This was apparent on Friday afternoon, when several of the students went around campus singing protest and peace-loving songs,

a sight that Washington and Lee probably has not seen for a long time.

The live band playing the music in the background also added to the mood of the play as they pumped out songs straight from the era, fully dressed in 60s attire. Many of the songs contain insightful or deep lyrics that delve into issues as complex as the nature of man. The light hearted theme and happier songs are intertwined and the carefree attitude of the hippies remains throughout, despite a clearly darker, more realistic undertone. Thus what the audience gets is an enjoyable play with some real meaning behind it.

*Hair* was first released in 1968, and it came with an enormous amount of controversy. Given its content and the context of the time, it is no surprise. Not to mention the actual musical doesn't really have any actual direction. The musical has no plot. The entire first half hour of

the second act is a drug trip. A love story somewhat exists, and its fun to watch the strange dynamic of all the hippies interacting and living with one another. However, the undeniable theme that gives this play its momentum is war.

It is not coincidence that *Hair* started seeing a revival a year or two ago. *Hair's* performance on the W&L campus isn't about protesting the war. I am willing to say that *Hair's* performance in the 60s wasn't about protest-

ing the war. The thing about the hippies in *Hair* is that they feel that they are exercising their American right to do nothing, and enjoy their American freedom. Though most of us disagree with the philosophy of doing nothing and instead go for the more contemporary American dream, *Hair* gives an interesting view into the alternative that reflects a core American ideal. The debate at its core, which has so much pertinence today, is the dichotomy of engaging in your freedom of disliking war and disagreeing with government or going to fight for your freedom to have those dislikes. The question remains today, just like it did 35 years ago.



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## Past editors imagine perfect *Phi*

BY KATIE HOWELL, CATHERINE GUY, BRETT T. KIRWAN  
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Back when we ran the *Phi*, things were different. And by different, we mean better. None of this journalistic objectivity garbage, no, the *Phi* was a shill for the University and a mouthpiece for the Bush Administration. Since we'll be loyal subscribers next year (as all alumni should be), some suggestions for future editions based on our experiences:

**Quick Hits:** Now here's something we wish we had thought of sooner - all the fun of insults and sarcasm with none of the accountability. In the future, all the Quick Hits should be about Brett, or Jeb, or Brett and Jeb. Kudos to editors who remember to use "kudos" a lot. Don't forget those lame ones about who discovered what when or whose birthday it is.

**Hidden Heroes:** Student involvement and leadership rarely receive the recognition they deserve because W&L is such a large and diverse campus. Hidden Heroes has made an effort to right this wrong but has left some student leaders neglected and unsung. Hopefully, we will read about Helen Hughes, Brian Castleberry, Thomas Worthy and Marie Trimble next year because at W&L, "hidden" and "unsung" really mean "in the limelight" and "shouted from the rooftops."

**Staff Editorial:** Isn't the administration great? Don't you love puppies, apple pie and your mom? Real newspapers stake out clear positions on controversial issues and are unafraid to speak truth to power. Under our direction, however, the *Phi* never shied away from reminding students to pick up

litter or compliment the Trustees' wives on their beautiful spring outfits.

**Opinions Page:** What happened to hard-hitting, must-read commentary on sweatshops? The *Phi* has gone soft. Next year, we want more love letters to President Bush and less "diversity." Who needs writers from the left when you can print articles blaming the common cold and hangnails on the Women's Studies program?

**Tim Smith:** We must admit, we never guessed that rambling articles about frat cups and short skirts could be so popular. He even earned a first-place Virginia Press Association award! Whatever will they do next year without the Absolut Fratlord?

**News:** Whoever said "No news is good news" was an idiot. No news means late Sunday nights and boring stories about dull Contact speakers like that Polish guy. We couldn't wait for "Something of Value" to happen so we could publish a three-part series. Oooh, Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, happens every year, but both get front-page billing at the *Phi*.

**Office Politics:** Matt McDermott may have been the face of the *Phi*, but we were the brains. JEB! you'll always be our "Dancing Queen." And furthermore, there's been altogether too much job security this year. We expect that editors, writers and photographers will resume leaving the *Phi* like rats leaving a sinking ship just to keep things interesting.

We commend the staff for all their hard work this past year. No doubt our minds will drift back to the *Phi* office on future Sunday nights.

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## Couple announces engagement

By CHRIS LAUDERMAN  
MANAGING EDITOR

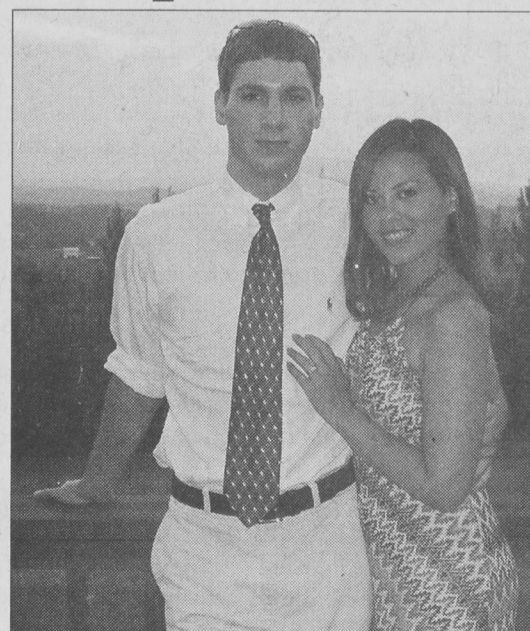


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Ms. Sharon I-Ming of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Miss Katharine Jeng-ni Wang to Mr. Lawrence McKenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. McKenny of Warrenton, Virginia.

Wang is a member of the class of 2005 and McKenny is a member of the class of 2004. McKenny and Wang started dating last September.

The couple plan to stay in Virginia after their wedding. McKenny plans on starting his own business while Wang will attend graduate school.

The wedding is set for June 11, 2005 in Lee Chapel.



# THE RING-TUM PHI THE LAST WORD

## Frat lord bids adieu to those who made W&L special

I've racked my brain for hours trying to find a suitable topic for my last article. Even though I haven't been writing as long as some more celebrated campus columnists, I still feel an immense responsibility to compose the greatest article ever. While I most likely will not succeed in that goal, I'll do my best.

It seems like with each progressive year at W&L, I've gotten more and more involved with this school and this community. And so, graduation scares me. It's not that I'm scared of moving — I recognize now that in order to reach my goal of being the greatest college professor ever, I'll invariably have to take the next step. But I hesitate, because graduation seems like such an unfulfilling climax. It's tough to imagine doing more and more every year, meeting more people, getting involved in more campus activities and so forth, and then have it all end suddenly in the June heat. That frightens me. I've poured a lot of my heart and soul into this place, and in one instant a few days from now, I'll walk into a different world. A new one.

If I could choose, this new world would still be in Lexington. I'd love to continue pouring that heart and soul into W&L by working for the school. I'd love to continue my life in this community that has fit me so well. I've got a lot left to give. And since I'm staring at umpteen years of grad school before I reach my eventual goal, I'm in no rush.

But when life takes me on a path away from Lexington, I won't be disappointed. This experience has given me so many amazing memories that Lexington will never feel that far away. And so, I feel a need to give recognition to the most amazing thing about W&L — it's people. And so, as my final act as the Absolute Frat Lord, I'll do my best to pay tribute to those people who've made these past four years special.

Ian McIlroy, it's been almost 15 years since we met in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. You've been my best friend since then, and I know you will continue to be in the future. Bryan Early, we've come full circle, and I trust and respect you more than any man I've ever known. Michael McClintock Denbow, thanks for giving me my newspaper moniker and my online

ODAC identity. That freshman trip in the poop truck was one of a kind.

To the brothers of Lambda Chi, thanks for tolerating me throughout the years. Kilanski, thanks for being my apprentice. Squares, thanks for the musical exploits. Tom, thanks for the enthusiasm which has kept my love for the greatest sport on earth to thrive.

To Professor Porter, thanks for the advice and support, for being a teacher and a friend. To Hutch and Kadlubowski, thanks for making feel like a part of the team. To Jeremy Franklin, thanks for letting me take my love for sports to a new level.

To Trotter, Caramore, Neuman, Todd, and Kerry, thanks for the countless games of basketball, and giving me something constructive to do in the afternoons. To Pops, Seth, Marshall, Kowal, and even Creigh Creigh for the greatest intramural run that Lambda has ever seen.

To Liz King, thanks for a delightfully unique friendship, and the most random and memorable Feb break ever. To Sessions, thanks for humoring me for all these years. Griesemer, thanks for reminding me why Wind Ensemble was not just an excuse to play in the Jazz Ensemble. Falzareno, thanks for the Chi-O formal shirt.

To all the fraternity guys of W&L, thanks for not driving me completely insane over intramurals. Blair and Nancy, thanks for the occasional company in that drab office. To Callie, Katie, and "The Body" Jack Murray, thanks for the exhilarating 9AM discussions. Now that was a fun time.

To my WV delegation, thanks for picking up my slack — politics never was my thing, and you all deserve the credit for covering my complete and utter lack of knowledge. To Chris Tully, thanks for the opportunity to make music and get attention, two things I'll always love. It's too bad SmokeStax ever had to end.

To Sheep, Marshall, and Harrison, thanks for that OBX trip. Easily the best time of my senior year — furthermore, Big Dune Long Jump is the greatest picture ever.

To the Ring-tum Phi, thanks for the opportunity to write. It's been a heck of a run, and thanks for not cutting me loose the billion times you were tempted to. I write this knowing full well my article is currently several hours overdue. The truth is, I could go on forever, thanking all the people at W&L for the memories I'll hold

after graduation. I wanted so badly to resist a final "shout-outs" article, because it's tremendously sappy and corny, and I'll invariably leave out hundreds of people who deserve just as much tribute. But in the end, I predictably caved in.

And so, all I can do is give my final recommendation, the final nugget of wisdom that the Absolute Frat Lord will bequeath to the W&L community. College, whether it's this one or any other, is not about going to class. It's not about grades or independence of freedom from authority or any of those things. It's not about fraternities and sororities or drinking or parties.

College is amazing because of the people. It's a community, just like any other, but better than any other. There are so many things to love about W&L, but more than any of them, I love the people. And in my final line in my final article, I'm glad to have the opportunity to show my appreciation to everyone who has made these four years memorable. Thank you.



ULTIMATE. The Absolut Fratlord plays his favorite sport with Farhan Mustafa, a fraternity brother of years past. PHOTO COURTESY TOM HUNT

## Greek participation enriches the W&L experience

I have noticed that, in recent years, our campus has seemed to move toward an anti-Greek attitude. Also, this being my last article, I thought it might be pleasant to end on a more positive note, as opposed to some of my previous ramblings. Therefore, in combining these two pre-fac-ing notions I have made the decision to reminisce about

the one aspect of my college career that has changed my life in ways no other experience could. I would like to dedicate this article to the fabulous, the wonderful, the darling sisters of Pi Beta Phi.

Now, don't hurt yourself as you roll your eyes unnaturally far back into your head, dear readers. I don't typically consider myself to be a sentimental person, but I feel my situation regarding the Greek system is a bit unique, and, as this an *opinion* column, I am determined to offer my opinion despite the stigmas and stereotypes, and you can choose to read of it what you will.

I arrived on this campus roughly three and a half years ago with an immature, uneducated,

vulgar, and somewhat awkward persona in addition a head full of stubborn, northern anti-sorority notions. Freshman year went by quickly, and believing myself to have been unhappy, I left just after winter term. I attended Boston University fall term of my sopho-

more year and, as the saying goes, you never truly

realize what you have until it's gone. Being the comfort-zone oriented person that I am, I guess I just didn't realize that what I thought was unhappiness, was only change. I came back to W&L Winter Term knowing I wanted to be a Pi Phi and be with all the friends I had known the previous year. I accepted a bid the Sunday before rush week, and, thankfully, never had to go through formal recruitment.

I would never have gone anywhere else, despite all the known stereotypes. At 5'6" and 121 pounds on a good day, I don't exactly think 'Pi Beta Fat' applies to me, and if being a member of the 'nice, smart girl sorority' on campus is a bad thing, then Lord

knows I have no desire to be cool (the criteria for being 'cool' on this campus has never suited my tastes). For only having known them a year, those girls were some of the best friends I'd ever had in my life, and I was proud to be able to call them sisters.

Since my pledgeship I have put my heart and soul into that organization and am happy to say that I have gotten more than that in return. As Chapter Treasurer for a year, and assistant treasurer before that I've seen the good the bad and the ugly as far as sorority life goes.

Practically speaking, I learned a lot about budgets, bank reconciliations, revenues and expenses. As an accounting major these are skills that will stay with me and help me in my business endeavors for the rest of my life. Personally speaking, I acquired more social skills and fond memories that will stay with me, in all aspects, for the rest of my life.

For me, it wasn't the formals, or the crush parties, or the mixers at UVA. It was the drunken snackfests at the sorority house at 3 a.m. after everyone had gotten back from the frat parties. It

was the informal gatherings in the TV room every Sunday night to watch Sex and the City. It was truth or dare on the front porch, DDR until 2 a.m., and Krystal Kitchen \$5 buffets on the weekends. I've never been one for bulls&%, and I can honestly say that, I may not know all 90 girls as well as I know the few closest to me, I may not always agree with the decisions that are made, and there may be times when I want to go on a homicidal rampage...but there is not a single girl whom I could not sit down next to at lunch.

On the other hand, I would be the very last person to deny the fact that there are bad times. Late night exec meetings until 1 a.m., T-shirt design drama that gets so exaggerated you'd think the world was about to end, the impossibility of pleasing everyone all the time, the rumors, the gossip, and the storytelling.

If you look around there is no such thing as a stereotypical Pi Phi. Sure, we do have the nice girls, and the smart girls, but we've got some bad ones too (and somehow they all end up in my family). We've got some drinkers, some smokers, some dancers, some



SISTAHOOD! Hopefully, your Greek life is just as nice as Perry's at Pi Phi. PHOTO COURTESY WWW.WLU.EDU

singers; we've got girls in all majors, from all parts of the globe, from all economic backgrounds, of all shapes and sizes. However, there is one thing that, in my opinion, we all have in common: we all want to be here. When the dust settles after rush every year there is a home for everyone, whether it be a house with letters on the front or not.

I would like to send a special thanks to the Pi Beta Phi class of 2004, for having given me a home for the past four years. Thank you also to all the 2003 exec members who stood beside me through all the blood sweat and tears; and finally, thank you to the best sorority family ever, the Fallen Angels — it wouldn't be home with out you.

THIS ISSUE IS THE LAST RING-TUM PHI FOR THE 2003/2004 SCHOOL YEAR. OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL COME OUT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2004.

## quick hits

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Φ I wish I were as cool as Pete Jones.

Φ I'm really jealous of the girl who got to take Kenny Kraft to the Pi Phi semi.

Φ On for love or money: Love is great, but it does not buy me new handbags.

Φ Smile! You could be on hidden camera.

Φ Now that the school year is coming to a close, there are a few innocent freshman girls who would like to send a message to one very inconsiderate freshman guy: PEE IN YOUR OWN BED FROM NOW ON!

Φ Not Buffalo Creek but... I lost my Nalgene. Mock Con weekend. At Windfall. In the back of some guy's unlocked car. I don't know whose car it was, but my "special friend" and I sure do thank you!

Φ Don't let Matt Watson tell you otherwise: He is awful at Beirut, and he will lose the World Series.

Φ Jake Shelton — I hope you're enjoying that International Male catalog.

Φ I would like to apologize for us Northerners. We confused all "y'all's" Confederate flags as Southern.

Φ If this school is so northern, then why isn't Ulysses S. Grant buried on campus?

Φ Saying this school is northern is like saying EC trials are fair.

Φ Have a question? Ask Sam Kello, the resident expert on *everything*.

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Φ Best W&L email addresses: hooka, leech, lover, guys, thickman, lambs and ballot. (There are probably more, but these are the best ones I have so far).

Φ If Robert E. Lee had an email address it would be *leer@wlu.edu*. Kind of creepy for him, kind of dorky for me because I actually took thirty seconds out of my life to figure out what Robert E. Lee's email address would be.

Φ Why was there a girl wearing a tube top in the gym last week? This is W&L, people. Pearls are okay in the gym — tube tops are not!

Φ What does Tom White do when the weather gets nice?

Φ Would you rather have a unicorn horn or a monkey tail?

Φ Best website ever: What Would Uncle Jesse Do? [www.wwujd.com](http://www.wwujd.com)

Φ Do you have to do a lot of athletic training to become a good social climber?

Φ Be sure to participate in the Senior Pledge Project if you haven't yet.

Φ Best of luck to Horst Kohler and Chen Shui-bian, the recently elected presidents of Germany and Taiwan, ROC, respectively.

Φ Birthday kudos to IRM, KBC, Tommy Chong, Bob Dylan, Igor Sikorsky and Heavy D.

Φ Chris Lauderman is the only reason I go to Lambda Chi.

Φ One line Quick Hits are the hardest to write.

Φ Old House. Tonight, 9 p.m. Be there.

Φ Doesn't it annoy you that only the good die young and nice guys finish last but cheaters never prosper?

Φ Will it ever stop raining?

Φ Buffalo Creek seemed somewhat low key this year. The fireworks were nice, but the lack of drunks mudding with frat brothers clinging to the luggage rack was a bit of a downer.

Φ Plan ahead and swipe something home for Father's Day. Dad will appreciate the irony.

Φ Three cheers for the Student Athlete Mentors. You carry on your important work unnoticed and unthanked.

Φ Arrgg! The Indians won five in a row only to be swept by the Devil Rays!?! Could the baseball gods be any more cruel?

Φ This is the last Quick Hit Brett Kirwan will ever write. How sad.

Φ Don't e-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to [phi@wlu.edu](mailto:phi@wlu.edu) because this is the last issue of the year.