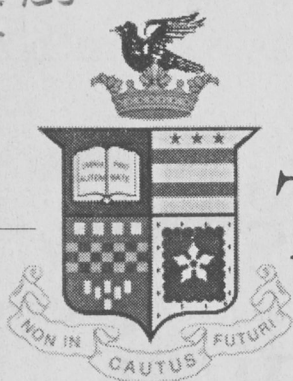


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SAB now called GAB, plans more than bands

GAB looking for student involvement

By CHRIS LAUDERMAN
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The General Activities Board, formerly known as the Student Activities Board, has undergone an expansion plan to better serve the students of Washington and Lee.

"We will be working with SAO and Contact and act more as an umbrella organization than before," said Vice President of Publicity, Dan Fassio. Upcoming events include the annual Homecoming Concert at the Pavilion with the Drive By Truckers, a gospel concert in December, and a possible band for Christmas Weekend.

Other events on campus include Wednesday night comedy acts in the Marketplace, Common Grounds Friday nights in the Living Room focusing on W&L acts, and Nooners where unusual events will occur Fridays at noon outside the Commons. At one planned event, the GAB will show Ben Stiller's film *Dodgeball*, followed by a dodgeball tournament in which teams must wear uniforms and register under silly names. At another event, the GAB will invite students to bring an item to the Commons to throw from the roof into a pool in order to see what floats and what doesn't.

Lauren Peters, President of GAB, said the student body's disapproval of the SAB provoked the changes. The new director of the Commons, Margo McClinton, approached the old SAB about expanding the organization beyond bands alone. Student Activities Director Todd Tate and Assistant Director Kristen Powell also greatly influenced the restructuring of GAB.

An online survey and a suggestion box will give students their first opportunity to contribute their opinions on bands and other events. "We wanted to make it campus-wide so everyone has a say," said Allan Galis, GAB's Vice President of Administration.

After general student discontent in recent years, GAB feels the pressure to put on a big event—but a *feasible* event. Many students complained that the SAB did not bring in bands like the Rolling Stones or Bob Dylan. According to Peters, the Rolling Stones would take up 3 years of GAB's budget. Nevertheless, Fassio said that the GAB would try their hardest to please the student body.

According to Fassio, the best way to impact the GAB is to join. GAB is looking for a diverse board, stressing the importance that everyone can help from Computer Science majors designing web-pages to Accounting majors doing treasury work. Interested parties can interview next week on September 27 and 28. GAB can be contacted at GAB@wlu.edu or by talking to Lauren Peters, Allan Galis, or Dan Fassio.



ROYAL BLOOD. In her high school photo, Ndi looks like an average girl. Little did they know...
PHOTO COURTESY KAH NDI

princess DIARIES

Deck goes here to discuss feature story on princess

By KATHERINE GREENE
STAFF WRITER

There is a girl at this school who goes through classes, activities, and parties like we all do. There's one small difference, though: she's a princess.

It may sound like the plot of *The Princess Diaries*, but it is a reality for Kah Ndi, '07. A native of Massachusetts, Ndi is actually the heiress to a tribe of 1000-plus Cameroonians in Central Africa.

Ndi is somewhat less than thrilled about the perks of royalty. "One kid at a party did bow to me," she said, rolling her eyes. "It's not that serious."

"I think it's funny that people care," said the good-natured sophomore, "because people back home [in Massachusetts] don't."

Bianca Goodman '08, met Ndi in her hometown of Lowell, Mass., and was shocked to learn of her friend's royal status. "I would never have known," Goodman said.

This may be due in part to Ndi's easy-going nature, and her blithe attitude towards her heritage. "I'm not very into it [the culture]," she said. "I like my life here."

Ndi, frequently involved in Commons activities, has little interest in ever returning to Cameroon, though her parents fully intend to return to their home when her ten-year-old brother leaves for college. "There's not much to go back to," she said. "I mean, I could go

there and be comfortable, but chances are I won't."

She said, "My parents don't understand why I'm so apathetic about it, but they just want me to be happy."

Ndi doesn't assume any royal mannerisms. She said that her uncle, also involved in the tribal leadership, won't even sit in a chair that has been touched by another person, unless they too are royalty.

Apparently the Ndi family has a different attitude. "We're just simple folk," said Ndi. "I put my pants on one leg at a time, just like anybody else. I don't have any bodyguards, no Jaguar...I wash dishes just like everybody."

"Personally," she said, "I don't feel it has any bearing on my life."

She admits that others from Cameroon treat her with more respect "than they would a normal person my age," but says that she's "really not that well-versed in the history of Cameroon."

There is one other Cameroonian custom the American-born princess does not have to endure. Friend Megan Murphy, '07 said, "She doesn't have to go by the arranged marriage thing, so she's available."

If you can find her, that is. The relatively humble sophomore who calls herself "an open book" blends right into the mix of students, just like anyone else.

They say all little girls are princesses. For Kah Ndi, that is true.

New clubs offer more of a variety

Generalee, Theatre Outreach give students many activities

By KATHRYN KRALL
STAFF WRITER

The performing arts received exciting new additions as two new student organizations were approved by the Executive Committee at their first meeting.

Generalee is a woodwind quintet composed of students clarinet, oboe, bassoon, French horn, and flute performers. "We all love to play and thought we would sound great together, so we decided to start a group," said Eka Akpakip '07, president of the ensemble.

Their repertoire includes music ranging from classical pieces, including a Mozart minuet, to contemporary arrangements, like the Pink Panther and the Entertainer.

Since it is their first year together, Generalee will not hold their first performance until after Reading Days in October.

A unique aspect of this group is that it will continue to perform throughout the Spring Term. Akpakip explained, "Most music ensembles only run through the Fall and Winter terms, so many musicians and audiences have nothing to do during Spring term, and I think our group will remedy this."

Generalee plans to limit the group to only five members until next year, when they hope to expand through auditions.

The second student organization is Theatre Outreach, a program created to provide enjoyable non-alcoholic entertainment. It enables students to socialize in a cultured environment that most frat parties lack.

"The group creates t-shirt events and date/single functions such as receptions and dinners and even special performances for participants surrounding existing events on the Theatre Season and Lenfest Center," said president Ligia Abreu '06. "There was a real need for activities beyond the fraternity basement."

Despite the talent and enthusiasm of the theatre department, many students have no idea it exists.

Theatre Outreach serves a dual purpose by both making available a fun and lively social event and providing "the sometimes missing element of an excited and interested student audience," according to Abreu.

The idea of Theatre Outreach was conceived by graduated marketing major Jeff Meriggi. For a marketing class, he began a project to benefit non-drinking and independent students. His project was so successful that it continues as Theatre Outreach with Tom Anderson serving as the faculty advisor.

Students wishing to attend the events should look for flyers posted on campus.

Students, faculty hammer out handbook changes

Incidents revolving around pledgship, such as Beta Theta Pi investigation, inspired requests for clarification

By PATRICIA BALLANTYNE
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Changes to the Washington and Lee 2004-2005 Student Handbook are in progress.

Specific incidents last year, such as Beta Theta Pi's suspension for hazing, prompted students and faculty to request clarification of the school's judicial procedures and policies. So the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) asked a subcommittee to begin drafting changes to the student handbook.

According to General Council Leanne Shank, members of Beta did not

know whether they should appeal to the University Board of Appeals (UBA) after their Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) ruling, or whether they had to face SAC. Proposed changes to the Student Handbook would clarify this.

"We are not removing any procedures. We are not removing fair process by any means," said Shank. "We are providing clarity."

Further ambiguities appeared in the distinction between hazing cases facing the IFC and Panhellenic or those facing the Student Faculty Hearing Board (SFHB).

"If you look at who hears a hazing

case—in one place it says SFHB and in another place it says IFC, but it doesn't necessarily say which body hears what and when," said Dean Watkins.

"So, it was left open to interpretation and the interpretation was: if it's an alleged hazing case having to do with at Greek organization, the case would be heard by IFC or Panhellenic, and if it's an alleged hazing case having to do with an individual, it would go SFHB," Watkins said.

The proposed handbook may also say that students are expected to cooperate in hazing investigations.

"It does not say that if you don't

cooperate, you may be pulled in front of the EC," said Shank. "But if you have first hand knowledge of threatening activities in the form of hazing, the expectation is that you cooperate."

Speculation and confusion has led many students to believe that proposed policies might make remaining silent of hazing violations an honor violation. But there is "no way the honor system can make people talk," said Executive Committee (EC) President Marie Trimble.

The Student Handbook is reviewed every year, typically over the summer. But the 2003-2004 Handbook is currently affective because potential changes to

this year's Student Handbook have taken longer than normal to complete.

The subcommittee has given a draft student handbook to the President's office, but when the copy returns to SAC, each of the six student judicial body will meet to endorse or raise concerns over changes to their processes.

Finally, the faculty must vote on the handbook adjustments. Even then, nothing is final.

"We're in a process, which is why there's not much to say because we don't want folks to think there's something going on that there's not," said Dean Watkins.

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Freshman's Oprah debut airs

O.C. starlet revamps Elli Walker's style, the freshmen comes to class with new look

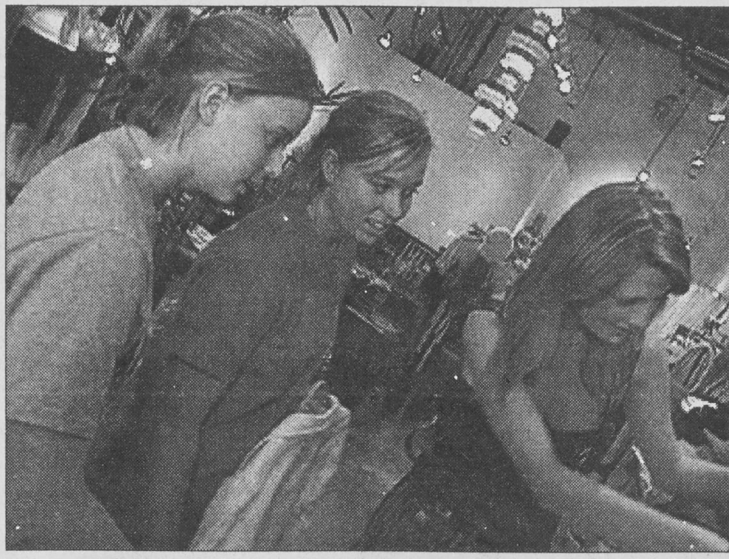
BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

Bright smiles and new confidence marked freshman Elliott "Elli" Walker's appearance with her twin Allie on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* last Friday. The sisters, who received a surprise makeover from the television show, displayed the result of their sessions with Mischa Barton, star of *The O.C.*, and her personal style team.

Allie and an *Oprah* camera crew waylaid Elli in the Commons before start of classes to tell her she'd been chosen for the makeover. The Walkers spent two days with Barton in Los Angeles preparing for the show's airing last week.

"It was great!" Barton gushed to *Oprah* on the show. "We had so much fun."

The episode, which also featured surprise visits by Usher and Avril Lavigne to their fans, revealed the trio in a shopping frenzy. The actress shepherded the Walkers through her favor-



"It was great...We had so much fun!"

-ELLI WALKER

ELLI, MIDDLE, SHOPS THE MALL WITH MISCHA BARTON, RIGHT AND SISTER ALLIE ON LEFT

ite Hollywood boutiques, then took them to her own hair stylist and makeup artist for some personal attention. But take away the fame and fancy

clothes, and all that's left is a group of girls. While the cameras were off, Elli and Allie spent some quality time in the limo with Barton and her mother. The

Walkers, who were "blown away" at the thought of Barton being their age, talked with her about how different their lives are. To her surprise, Elli discovered that the starlet is "genuinely nice." The Walkers felt a little less comfortable when they came onstage to exhibit their new looks. Walking out in front of TV cameras and a screaming audience was "nerve-racking", Elli admits. Having her sister by her side and her delighted parents in the front row put her more at ease, even inspiring her to strike a pose and invite watchers to "come and get it."

"Once we got out there, it just clicked," Elli said.

Sadly, the Walkers only received one outfit from their shopping spree. But Elli plans to wear hers—a red turtleneck, plaid skirt, and black boots—around campus this year.

The Walkers' new clothes came primarily from Miss Sixty and Veronica M. Privé Salon, West Hollywood, handled hair and makeup for the pair.

Chi Omega "loves" Make-A-Wish

Chi Omega is hosting a tennis tournament to benefit its philanthropy

BY ERIN JULIUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Next weekend, Chi Omega will be hosting a tennis tournament to benefit Make-A-Wish.

The name of the tournament is the "Chi Omega Classic," and is the first time Chi Omega has held such a tournament. The Classic begins at 10 AM on Sunday, September 26th at the outdoor tennis courts.

Chi Omega thanks many local business for both monetary donations (Marlene's Hairstylists, A Positive Image Spa, Heslep & Kearney P.C., Colonna & Associates, Inc. and others) and prize donations (Graden

Shoe Company, Intimate U, Sweet Things, Fun Foods & Accessories, among others).

These donations, as well as any profit made from the \$15 registration fee that players can swipe home outside the Commons from 11-2 all this week go to benefit our national philanthropy, the Make A Wish Foundation, said Chi Omega Service Chair Dianne Winter.

"We really hope this will be a success, not only so we can make a significant donation to the Make A Wish Foundation, but also so we can hold the event again next year," said Winter said.

TALKBACK: Have you gone to the WorldFest International Film Festival in the University Commons?



"I'll probably go to one or two."
-Karen Blackburn '06



"I'm going this afternoon...it's a once-in-a-blue-moon thing to have independent films come."
-Neil Sheaffer '08



"I didn't know it was here."
-Anna Rainey '06



"I didn't go...I didn't know much about it and there were parties and stuff to go to."
-Hugh Trout '08



"I wish I had gone to more...I don't want to hear about there being nothing to do here."
-Katie Abplanalp '05



"I'm not a big movie buff."
-Robbie Clark '06

The GENERAL ACTIVITIES BOARD: (SAB Expansion plan)

WE ARE a student programming board that organizes most of Washington and Lee University's campus activities. GAB's programming caters to the entire W&L community with entertainment options such as comic acts, movies, recreational activities, and large musical performances.

ALL STUDENTS at W&L are encouraged to apply to GAB. Members within GAB represent the Executive Board, Program Council (committee chairs), and committee members. SAB is a wonderful place to get real world experience in a campus setting. We welcome ideas to enhance campus programming. Feel free to send any questions, suggestions, or concerns to gab@wlu.edu. Here is some information on each GAB committee:

CONCERTS This committee organizes and plans every GAB concert, from big acts like Widespread Panic and Bruce Hornsby to smaller acts like DJ Skribble, Leftover Salmon, VACO, and student bands. If you are interested in production, booking, lighting, sound, or organizing large events with top quality entertainment, then this is the committee for you.

FILM This committee is responsible for choosing movie titles shown in the John Elrod Commons. From box office hits like *Finding Nemo* and *Cold Mountain* to staple classics like *Wayne's World* and *Wizard of Oz*, this committee works with other organizations on campus to co-sponsor GAB movie events.

GRAPHICS/Webmaster Do you like Art? How about Computers? Even better if you like both! This committee is stationed under GAB's VP of Publicity and works closely with the PR committee. This group is responsible for the design and implementation of all advertising, including newspaper ads, flyers, and posters. The GAB website, an important campus activity resource, also falls into the hands of the graphics committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Interested in marketing, advertising, or journalism? Students with enthusiasm and good people skills are an integral part of GAB's Public Relations team. Working with the graphics committee, this team tackles the enormous task of publicizing events and implementing a campaign to promote the organization and raise campus awareness. Without PR, GAB just wouldn't float

NOONERS Speaking of floating...Ever wonder if that random microwave in your basement will float in a tank of water? Would you like to smash fruit into oblivion with a baseball bat? If so, Nooners is your calling. This committee arranges activities occurring at noon (hence the name) on selected Fridays around the Commons. The street performer quality of these activities invites the wacky and outrageous with open arms.

REGULAR EVENTS This committee organizes the regular campus events occurring most Wednesdays and Fridays and Game Days. On Wednesdays at 8 pm, this committee organizes and hosts professional comedians with opening student acts. Common Grounds is the Friday night coffee shop scene with acoustic music and beverage specials in the Elrod Commons' Café 77. Regular Events' responsibility for hosting pre-game rallies brings BBQ and music to Cañan green before the big game. If you like to laugh, eat, and listen to good music then this GAB committee needs you.

RECREATION Like floating down the river? How about a day trip to DC? Or even ice skating at a five star resort? If you are on this committee your job will be coordinating and going on these sporty, fun events. Other activities include Dodgeball tournament, volleyball tournament, March Madness, and Super Bowl big screen nights.

Please direct any questions or comments to GAB President, Lauren Peters petersl@wlu.edu

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THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Public pledgship safest idea

Last week's Phi led with the story, "Possible changes in story for fraternity pledgship." A shortened pledgship was among the changes discussed. The Phi believes that an eight-week pledgship is fine, and that shortening it any more will only serve to cheapen brotherhood and sisterhood.

We do not condone violence, abuse or mental anguish. We do support bonding and fellowship.

Many members of the Phi staff remember pledgship activities from two years ago. There was basketball outside the Co-op, free-style rapping on the steps of the Co-op, cardboard cut-out cars. We remember a kissing tollbooth on the bridge to the sororities and a mock battle in the old D-hall. Most of all, we remember a pledge giving out free ham sandwiches outside the library. All of this is now considered hazing because it is visible, and not optional for the fraternity pledges.

But we ask, which is more dangerous: allowing boys to bond behind closed doors or allowing pledges to plan funny games to act out in front of the campus community?

We think fun and games should win out over the secret activities, which cannot be regulated or controlled and which may lead to danger.

In contrast, the light-hearted activities bring not only a sense of having "earned" one's brotherhood, but it also provides quality entertainment for the rest of campus. Everyone wins.

No matter how much authorities want to control pledgship, and for good reason, considering how dangerous it can be, Greek life is packed with traditions and pledgship is one of those traditions.

As a campus, we should recognize the value of pledgship and work to guide Greek houses toward safe, beneficial pledgship activities.

Quote of the Week

"Even samurai have teddy bears, and even those teddy bears get drunk"

~Overheard at Phi Kap Saturday Night

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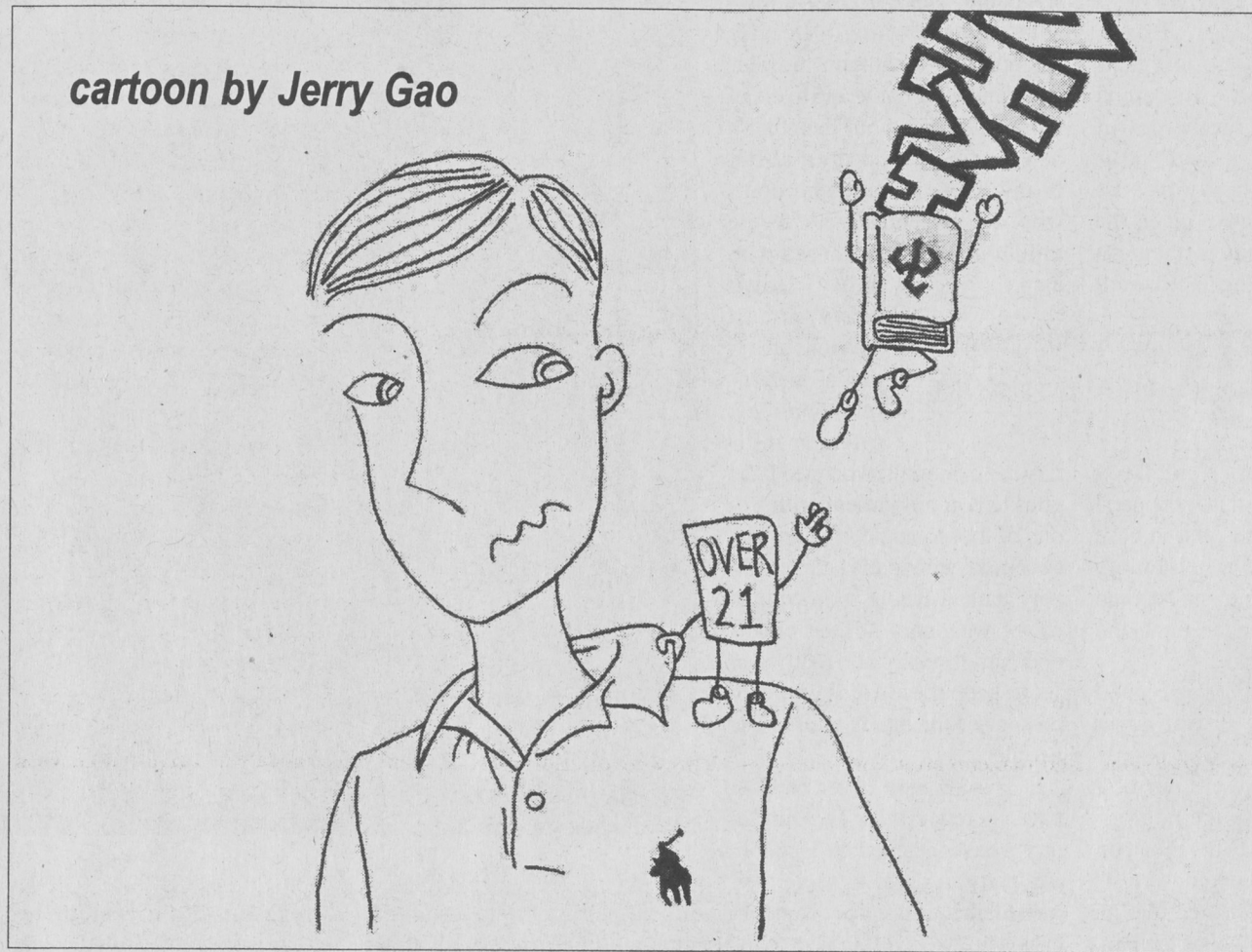
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Apples and Oranges: Fake IDs and HVs

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WHITNEY DUFFEY

In today's world, Washington and Lee sometimes seems out of place. After all, where else can you leave your door unlocked, your possessions unattended for hours at a time, or a pile of money in the Graham-Lees courtyard, with the confidence that they will not be touched? Our institution's unique Honor System guarantees this. The sole responsibility of students under this code is to comport themselves honorably; there is no codified set of laws defining a student's behavior in this sense. While some conduct is clearly in violation of this philosophy (lying, stealing, cheating), there are other instances in which a breach of trust is less clear. In such cases, it is the general consensus of the student body which should indicate to the Executive Committee (EC) right from wrong. This is a powerful tool for a system with roots dating back to 1865; it allows the Honor System to adapt to each incoming generation of students and therefore be most effective in maintaining honorable action even with considerable changes in culture. These questions of policy should not be taken lightly by students but weighed carefully. One such issue is a topic of concern to our student body right now: whether or not using a fake ID constitutes an honor violation.

While no specific guidelines for student behavior under the Honor System have ever been compiled, it has generally been understood that the system merely asks students to act with honesty, integrity, and responsibility. Under these conditions, the possession and use of a fake ID conflicts greatly with the Honor System. When you use false identification that says you are 21, you have deliberately been deceitful, are certainly not acting with integrity, and you are lying at least about your age (if not your entire identity). One who uses it is obviously not being honest.

However, if you cannot be convinced by the spirit of the law, then perhaps the letter will persuade you. In The White Book, a W&L student's guide to understanding the Honor System, there are many instances where language clearly points against the use of fake ID's. According to the written philosophy of the Honor System, the code's basis is "a spirit of trust [that] pervades all aspects of student life." ALL aspects of student life. So in other words, just as you can't decline to cheat on a test but then cheat in a sport, you cannot refuse to deceive a professor but proceed to deceive a member of the Lexington community with false identification. After all, The White Book clearly states that students must "represent themselves truthfully." Notice it is not followed by the phrase "when it's convenient."

The EC takes this misrepresentation very seriously; just two years ago a student withdrew in the face of a closed hearing after being charged with the use of a fake ID. Plus, if someone else has given you their ID to use, that person will have such charges placed on their permanent record as well.

Finally, ignoring the fact that fake ID's violate the moral cornerstone of this institution, are clearly in contrast to the language of The White Book, will probably get you kicked out of school AND in legal trouble... haven't you guys seen the latest Princeton Review standings? You really don't need one.

Response from Shell

Does anyone in Lexington pay attention to the underage drinking at fraternity houses and off campus dwellings? Last night, did you hear someone ask your age before they handed you a beer? No, and this is why our system works without fake ids. Our social scene allows us to drink as much as we want without identification. Needless to say, very rarely do we worry about this Virginia law.

Also, for clarification, the student WITHDREW; meaning he or she HAD NOT YET been found guilty of an HV. The question of whether the EC does in fact feel that fake ids are an HV depends on the particular committee. Past ECs have said that they would not in fact feel that an Honor Violation had taken place with the use of a fake id. Because of our Honor System as a whole, and the way it works, we determine what is and what is not an honor violation. We consider the intent behind the action. We have a committee formed to do so. As a student body, we do not feel that underage drinking is an HV; even though we break the law each time we do it.

As a final point, I do not feel that the use of fake ids in Lexington, Virginia is smart or needed. However, when we go out of our own environment and enter that of another campus, we need to remember that our normal ways of living do not coincide with those of most campuses across the nation. Some places consider it necessary to have a good fake id before they have their books, or dorm supplies. In some towns, bouncers, bartenders and waitresses know that they are being handed fake ids day in and day out. However, with that small piece of paper, they have zero responsibility for the action. Because there, police WILL actually enter places and charge people with underage drinking. Thank goodness for Lexington; we don't need that small piece of paper to be able to drink as much as we want, when we want it, and with whomever we want to drink it with.

KATHERINE SHELL

When a W&L student visits another college campus where fake ids are prevalent, and even socially acceptable, is it against our Honor System to present a fake id in order to get into a bar or get alcohol? Personally, I think not. Though our Honor System extends to each individual, no matter their location, the basis of our honor system lies in the single sentence, "To act as a gentleman or gentlewoman."

Gentlemanly, or gentlewomanly, behavior goes in accord with adapting to each culture. What is normal and socially acceptable one place is not necessarily socially acceptable at another. When we visit another college, generally speaking, we wish to experience their lifestyle; we want to see what other colleges do for fun on a given night. We shouldn't expect their behaviors to be exactly like ours, because they are part of an entirely different social scene.

Bars in certain college towns across the U.S.A. depend on underage drinkers for much of their financial support. Though this is against the law, it is a fact for many places. Fake ids simply become an "out" for bartenders and bouncers to avoid police. We've all heard the phrase, "You just have to show them something." Once some sort of identification is shown, punishment will be put on the individual if they are caught, rather than the place of business. Without under-age drinking, many bars would not be able to survive and would push the social scene out of a city.

W&L students as a whole get used to alcohol flowing freely around fraternity houses and off-campus parties. In fact, we are so used to being able to find alcohol any time we want, that we forget that most college students do not have that kind of ease. If we want alcohol, at most we simply have to ask someone to buy it for us. Once we go to another college campus, people are not as likely to offer us alcohol or buy us anything, even if we pay for it. In order to experience another college's average night out, in some places, fake ids are necessary.

However, I would like to say that I feel it is unnecessary to use fake ids in Lexington. Alcohol is not difficult to find. This promotes a non-fake id based social scene just as much as it expects its students to never cheat or steal. There is no point to use a fake id in Lexington; it is not worth raising the question of an Honor Violation to a group of people that may or may not agree with fake ids. All one really has to do is walk into almost any fraternity house on campus and ask for a drink. They're always happy to oblige. Our lifestyle, however, is not the standard lifestyle of other colleges, and we must realize this when we visit other campuses.

We are set apart from other universities for a reason, and I think we'd all like to keep it that way.

Response from Duffey

The story goes that when Robert E. Lee became president of our university, a student asked him what the rules were. He replied that one should simply behave as a gentleman. He did not say, "To behave like a gentleman...when it's convenient," or "To behave like a gentleman, unless nobody else is." To say that you should be able to negate the restrictions of the Honor System when others do not act in similar fashion eats away at what the Honor System essentially is. It is a basic principle of living that stays with many students for the rest of their lives and is the reason why W&L grads are renowned for honorable behavior in the business world and in their personal lives. To say that the rules don't apply to you if no one else follows them has dangerous implications. Say all of your friends use fake ID's and because you want to "go with the flow" you decide to as well; figuring if everyone is doing it, it must be okay for me to. When does this train of logic stop? Any Honor Violation could then be justified by the response "but everyone was doing it." The bottom line is this: to justify an action merely because others were doing so does not make it right. Our lifestyle may be different from those of other universities but this is a fact to be proud of, not something to discard when you feel it suits you.

Quickpoll- "Should use of Fake IDs be considered an Honor Violation by the EC?"

Honor Violation-
45%

No Honor Violation-
49%

Not Sure-
6%

53 students polled, 29 female, 24 male. Poll has 95% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error

Expiration of Assault Weapons Ban endangers everyone

Let me put it this way- there is absolutely no good reason for people to own guns that were prohibited by the Federal Assault Weapons Ban. None. No possible argument that is both sane and logical for an ordinary American citizen to own, say, a TEC-9 exists. Home defense? Please. Assault weapons are just that- they're for assault. To defend your home from the hordes of robbers that are out there, other arms (shotguns, heavy pistols) are far more effective given the close quarters, not to mention less creepy. Hunting? Please tell me you're not going to riddle a deer with a gun that can fire thousands

of rounds a minute. And if you honestly believe that you need to keep heavy arms just in case you need to start a revolution, should the government become totalitarian, go join the guy in the picture to the right.

Like I said, there's no good reason. And yet, as you might expect from those fine people who work to represent our best interests in Washington, Congress allowed the Federal ban on these weapons to expire. President Bush had indicated that he would sign a renewal of the ban, but Republican leadership in Congress decided just to let the ban fade away without action. The reason of course, is the fine, red-blooded American organization called the National Rifle Association, who would probably defend the right of American citizens to maintain a private nuclear arsenal in every home. Congress voted to let the Assault Weapons Ban die because of pressure from the NRA. Remember, it's an election year. When the ban was first passed about 10 years ago, many of the brave politicians who supported it paid during the subsequent election thanks to the

limitless funds of the NRA, Washington's most powerful lobby. I can understand owning a hunting rifle. That's reasonable and even admirable. Owning a handgun for defense is understandable, and certainly allowable. Even owning a heavier weapon like a shotgun in order to defend your home and to clean while talking to your daughter's new boyfriend is fine by me. But in my book, people who don't work for museums/armories/the military/collection houses who

actually own heavy assault weapons are either a- government-phobes, often in militias, b- criminals who need the guns to commit violent crime, c- one of those people who are just obsessed with guns, and probably have a whole room full of exotic weaponry at their house, or d- simply crazy. I'd really prefer to keep these kinds of weapons out of the hands of all these people. This shouldn't even be a debate. A few crazies and gun fanatics have hijacked the Republican party in order to serve their own malicious purpose. Republicans who AREN'T subject to the NRA's slander are unanimously in favor of the ban. When the ban was first under consideration, Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford were among those who wrote in encouraging Congress to pass it. The current President indicated his willingness to sign a ban renewal. Yet, those in Congress who stand shaking in their boots, fearful of a ridiculous interest group, have sacrificed the safety of the American people to the consequences of this woeful lack of action.

What are those consequences? Well, as you might remember, the ban was originally

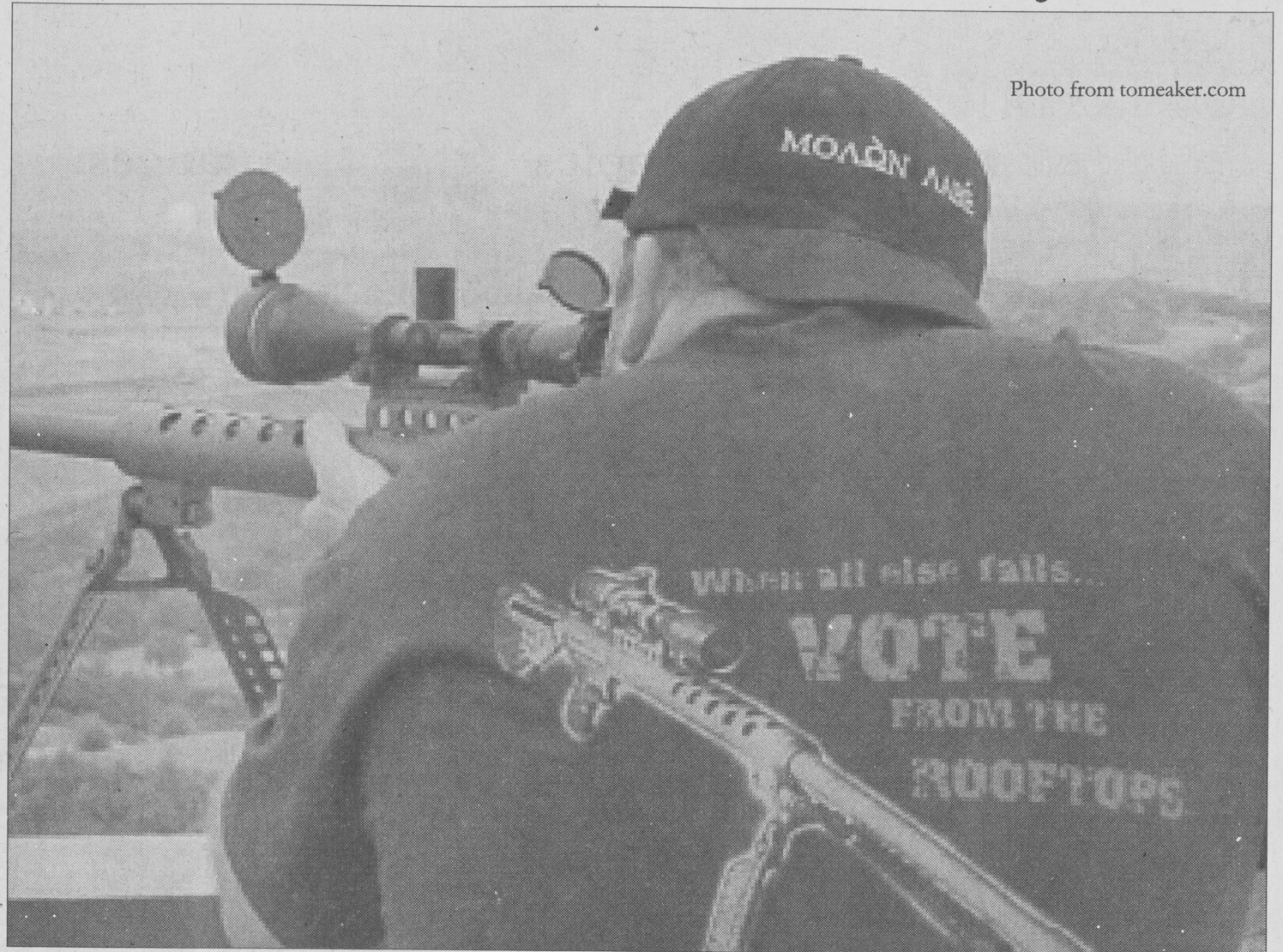


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SMILE, NOD, BACK AWAY SLOWLY. Advocates of letting the assault weapons ban expire include this guy, likely the NRA's model American citizen.

passed in response to a string of gun violence involving these heavy weapons, culminating in a shootout between Los Angeles police and a few very heavily-armed bank robbers. The police were armed with a standard-issue 9mm pistol. The robbers had heavy, rapid fire assault weapons, high-class body armor, grenades, and heavy auxiliary weapons. Most of the robbers' armament was either store-bought, or could be found legally in stores at the time of the shootout. The fatalities that resulted were the final straw for many.

And now, the ban expires. Police chiefs across the nation were outraged at Congress last

week for failing to renew the ban, citing numbers that predicted an almost certain increase in violent crime and gun-related death as a direct result of the end of the ban. There can be no doubt in my mind that as of last Monday, our streets are less safe, more susceptible to the disgruntled or crazy person who decides he or she wants to go out and kill at random. Who needs a string of sniper crimes in the D.C. area when you can have a one-man army, a guy who just got fired perhaps, mentally unstable, mad at society, wants revenge on everyone, just strolling the streets with what's effectively his own personal autocannon, laughing at police because they

only have pistols? Or hey, better yet, why don't we arm every student in America's secondary schools, since we know that now this ban is expired, we're going to have pissed-off, half-insane kids strolling down the halls with automatic weapons. I mean, they might as well be able to fire back. Come on, Congress. I've been through a school shooting. Santana High School, Santee, California, March 5th, 2001. I was shot at. Luckily (if there's anything lucky about a school shooting), the kid had a pistol. The tragedy was that he still managed to kill two people and wound 15. If he had had an assault rifle, he would have killed a lot more

people, your humble author most likely included. So thanks, Congress. Thanks for not having the guts to stand up to the fools at the NRA. The 2nd Amendment is well and good, and should indeed be supported, but the right to bear arms doesn't mean the right to bear every conceivable arm. Wayne LaPierre will be happy with you, and doubtless millions of dollars in campaign contributions will come from this. Meanwhile, I hope we all can live with the "minor inconvenience" (as the NRA terms crazed citizens with guns) of dying children and other innocents. America's blood is on Congress' hands.

It's more about the journey than the destination- A sophomore's contemplations

To me, there is nothing more annoying than the person who can't refrain from constantly comparing everything at W&L to the way it was back home. Of course, I am admittedly one of these people. The first article I ever read out of the Ring-tum Phi was written by the Potato Man himself on the culture shock of moving to the south. His views exactly mimicked my own amazement at the southern traditions and mannerisms acted out by our fellow peers. Already this year, I have noticed a major trend here on campus that vastly differs from the general attitudes I have experienced at home.

Being a native of Colorado and having only ever lived in two houses (the first can nearly be seen from the second), I feel as though I am in close contact with the pulse of the semi-rural Colorado scene. My yearly trips to seriously-rural Nebraska also confirm my belief that the pace of life out west holds a valuable lesson for the students running around campus and makes me wonder... What's the rush? Upon my first meeting with my advisor this term, I discovered that I could be eligible to

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graduate in three years. While this is in no way confirmed by any member of the administration or the head of the department, just the mere suggestion got me thinking about the possibilities that only three years of college could open up. Firstly, I could be free of loitering about campus taking classes that don't specifically interest me. Secondly, I would be saving A LOT of money. I am, however, on a full scholarship provided by two private investors with whom I have carefully cultivated a nineteen year long relationship. I'm sure that they would be beyond grateful to save the appalling amount of money it takes to pay not only the tuition, but also the plethora of other fees and living expenses. Their gratefulness may actually allow me to graduate debt-free and fiscally ready to start life on my own in graduate school or in the work force. Thirdly, the sheer task of graduating in three years could be appealing to the aforementioned employer or grad school admissions counselor. Faced with these plusses, I began researching law schools, taking particular notice

of the University of Colorado- Boulder law school and especially its in-state tuition. I could be sittin' pretty in relatively few years. Then I realized that I don't even know where exactly I would be sitting, nor if I actually would want to be there.

I was so excited about having a destination that I didn't even consider the importance of the actual getting there. Yes, I wouldn't have to take classes not required generally or for my major, but I might miss out on something really fun or memorable. After all, it is usually the deviation of the normal that particularly sticks out as some sort of defining moment.

Yes, I would be saving a lot of money, but that money pays for a wonderful and unique experience which made me pick W&L over other schools to start with. Many people of all ages have told me that their four years of college was the best of their life. Would I really want to give one away? Only three years worth of classes makes those first term GPAs harder to pull up and a

degree is still appealing to employers and admissions counselors when obtained in four years, especially from a school like W&L. While a numeric value can be put on one year of studying here, the value of the actual experience must also be considered. Taking a lesson from the folks back home, I would encourage students to stop and appreciate what they personally gain from the time they spend here. Enjoy each moment for what it is and savor the journey as much as the result.

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Defense has record game against historic rival

By KATHRYN KRALL
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee football opened its home season with a solid victory against a tough Sewanee team. The Generals (1-1) shut out the Tigers (1-2) with a score of 12-0 at Washington and Lee's home field.

"We played at a high level of intensity and focus, and we were able to break open a couple of big plays," said tenth year coach Frank Miriello.

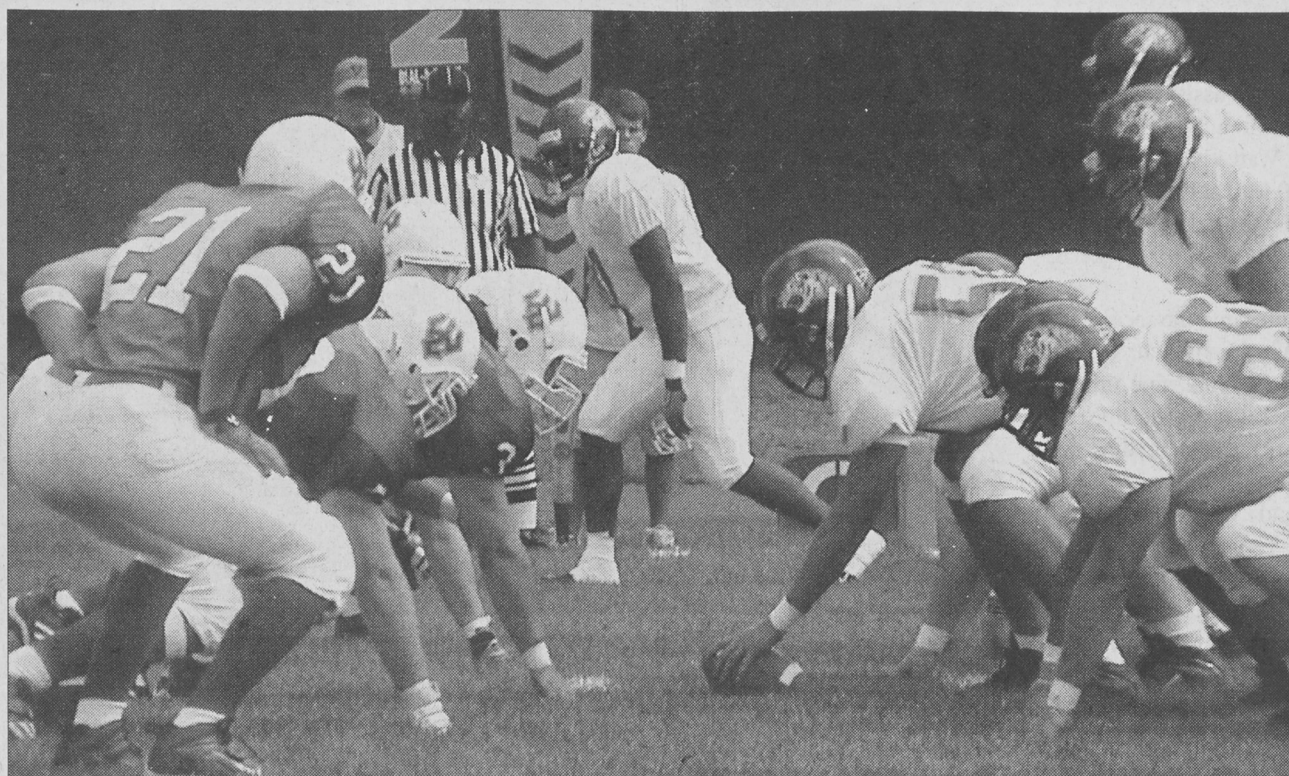
The fifty-three game history between the two teams has forged a strong rivalry with Washington and Lee usually coming out ahead. Last year, however, the Tigers pounded them, sparking in the Generals added impetus to emerge victorious and prove their ability to the home fans.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Generals came alive with a drive triggered by excellent special teams play. A blocked punt positioned Washington and Lee on their own 45 yard line.

On the first play, quarterback Greg Tweardy connected with Taylor Callahan for a 19 yard pickup. Callahan would pull in four more catches for a total of 51 yards.

After a couple of run plays, the Generals found themselves with a fourth-and-inches at the 15 yard line. A successful rush up the middle kept the drive alive, but four plays later, the team found itself in the same position. The coaching staff again gave the go-ahead signal and with a quarterback sneak, the Generals scrambled to another first down.

Next, Greg Tweardy turned a broken play into a clever screen pass for a gain of five yards. Positioned on the one yard line, the team surprised their opponents by running a pass play. Tweardy found Ryan Sullivan in the corner of the end zone for the first touchdown on the home field. A blocked field goal attempt gave the Generals a 6-0 lead over the



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DEFENSE. The Generals' defense held strong against Sewanee, and earned a 12-0 win against the long-time rival.

Sewanee team with over 7 minutes remaining in the first half.

Suffering several commanding sacks, the Tigers found themselves unable to answer, and the Generals took the lead into the locker room.

A hard fought battle from the opening kickoff, the General's defense dominated the field. With a school record nine sacks, the secondary allowed the opposition few options and little breathing room.

The defensive line stifled the Tiger's ground game, giving up just 5 net yards rushing on 44 attempts.

"This game was on the defense- they just played lights-out football," said Tweardy.

The second half started out slowly, with each

team losing possession on quick three-and-outs. Sewanee intercepted a Tweardy pass, but the defense picked up where the offense left off, and the Tigers turned it over on downs. A defensive battle ensued, but the Generals were able to protect their lead.

After a poor outing in the opener at Alfred, the rushing squad knew that they had a lot to prove. With new energy and enthusiasm, the offensive line was able to open up creases for junior running back Michael Lockett to work his magic. Lockett had a game-high 53 yards and a new long of 16 yards.

Freshman defensive back Kyle Harvey had a breakout game, notching five tackles and two cru-

cial sacks, but his biggest play came with seven minutes remaining in the game. Perched on a precarious 6-0 lead, the Generals knew they had to solidify their advantage. With incredible field vision, Harvey intercepted Sewanee's pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown.

"The offensive line really pressured the quarterback, limiting his options, and I was able to read the play and pick it off," said Harvey. The following two point conversion was unsuccessful, giving the Generals a 12-0 lead.

This touchdown marked the first for the defense since the 1998 season. It was the only interception returned for a touchdown since 1992.

The Tigers knew that now was the time to mount a comeback. They tried to rally by putting together a quick drive, but their attempt was squelched by a perfectly-timed interception by freshman Matt Paulino. This crushed all hope of a late riposte and solidified the victory for Washington and Lee.

The team's excitement was contagious, and the entire fan section jumped to its feet, where it remained for the final minutes.

"The chemistry of this team is terrific. The last few years have been drudgery, but they are having fun this year," said Miriello.

The Generals played a balanced game, with the defense, special teams and offense doing their part. "It is important that we keep a positive attitude and play as a team. We need to define ourselves as the smartest team on the field," said Tweardy, who completed 21-of-32 passes for a total of 107 yards.

Kyle Harvey summed up the game and said, "If we give this type of effort in the rest of the games, we should pull out more wins. We can ride this momentum into the rest of the season and into conference play."

Profile: Tom Brower

Freshman cross country runner 'meant' to run Brower wins first collegiate race at Washington and Lee Invitational

By DIANA DOZIER
STAFF WRITER

Tom Brower, from Syracuse, NY, made some heads turn at the W & L Invitational this past Saturday. Running the strenuous five mile cross country course in only 29:17, Brower broke the tape and the record, placing first in the opening meet. And, he is only a freshman.

Brower was ecstatic on his own win and the team's victory, saying that he had hoped to come in and make an impact his first year, but he could

never have predicted his first place finish in the opening race.

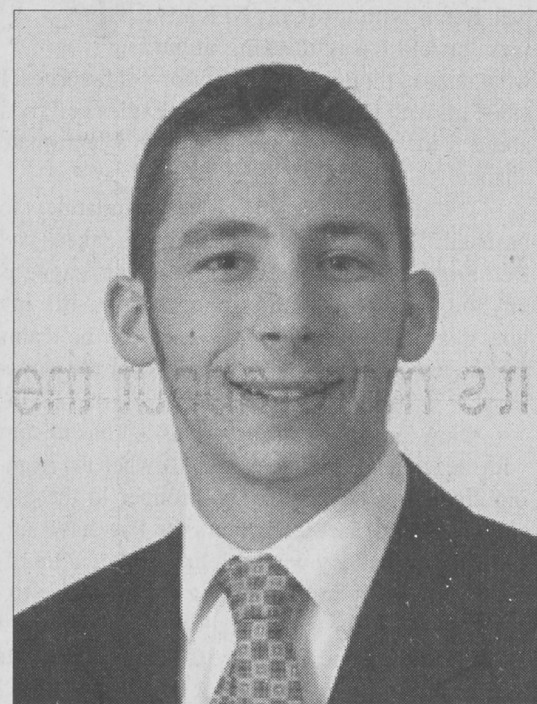
Brower thanks Coach Tucker and senior captains Steve Chambers and AJ Johnson, complementing their leadership.

"We are all so close, you can just tell everyone wants to be there and truly loves the sport. I've never been on a team that is this close," he said.

Having to recover from mono in order to compete his senior year at the Christian Brothers Academy, Brower won the 2004 Footlocker North East Championship. Improving from his twenty-first place finish from the prior year, this was his only other first place finish in a big meet before joining the W & L squad.

After his impressive win, Brower sets his sights on a successful season, not only for himself personally, but for the entire W & L team. His goal is to be distinguished as First-Team All-ODAC, maybe be an All-Southeast Freshman, and just to be a "big player in Regional's." However, most importantly, he wants his team to compete at National's. Tom Brower, a drummer and a prospective politics major, also competes in both winter and spring track, keeping him running on and off the track year-round. He says his favorite race is the 5k (a little more than 3 miles), but runs anything from the 200 meter dash to 10k street races.

When asked why he liked to run, "Not that question," he said, laughing. "It's hard to explain. It's just something that feels right. I'm just meant to do it."



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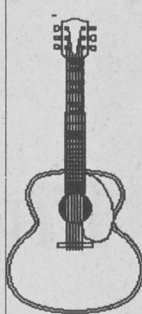
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Womens' soccer continues winning

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LEXINGTON, Va. — Sophomore forward Anne Wiltshire (Richmond, Va./Collegiate) scored a goal and added an assist to help lead the Washington and Lee women's soccer team to a 3-0 victory over Greensboro College on Sunday afternoon at Watt Field.

Wiltshire gave the Generals (3-0-2) a 1-0 lead at the 39:56 mark when she received a pass from sophomore defender Huntley Rodes (Nashville, Tenn./Harpeth Hall) and fired it into the back of the Greensboro net.

The W&L lead stood at 1-0 until six minutes into the second half when sophomore midfielder Rebecca Cohn (Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy) scored an unassisted goal. Less than nine minutes later, W&L ended the scoring when Wiltshire set up sophomore forward Sarah Helms (Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park), who scored her first goal of the year.

The Pride (1-4-1) was outshot 17-6 and had a 6-2 disadvantage in corner kicks.

W&L senior goalkeeper Emily Barker (Clifton, Va./Mount Vernon) made three saves to secure her fourth shutout of the season.

On Saturday, the Generals played a close game with Randolph-Macon College. The Generals stole the win (1-0) with the only goal scored by the Randolph-Macon goal keeper when she accidentally kicked the ball into her own net.

Senior goal-keeper Emily Barker played goalie, making 3 saves for the Generals. She claimed her third shutout of the season.

On Wednesday, the team handily defeated Randolph-Macon Womens' College 8-0.

-Phi staff writer Sarah Bloom contributed to this story.



DOWN THE LINE. Forward Anne Wiltshire dribbles down the outside as a Randolph-Macon defender approaches to challenge her. On Sunday, Wiltshire scored a goal and recorded an assist as the Generals defeated Greensboro, 3-0.

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NFL Preview: Parity in league should make for an exciting season

I am a Miami Dolphins fan and I'm excited about the new NFL season. I know, it doesn't make sense, but despite my team's newfound suckiness I still have reason to smile, and it isn't just from thinking about Shaq (still makes me giddy every time I see him on TV).

So what about this NFL season could possibly be so great? Parity. There, I said it. For some reason that word gets such a negative reaction these days, but I think it's the best thing to happen to football. Before writing this my NFL preview article I was thinking about what teams I thought were the clear-cut favorites. I came up with the Patriots and the Eagles and then about 8 to 10 other teams that have a legitimate chance.

The makeup of the NFL is very similar now to baseball. The Pats and Eagles are the Yankees and Red Sox of football, and the rest of the league is anybody's guess. In this case, though, it's my guess, so without further ado, here are the teams that I view as the prime contenders for the Super Bowl.

•New England Patriots — This list has to start with the reigning champs, especially when the reigning champs get significantly stronger in the off-season. For the last three years the Pats have surprised us all as they win with limited talent on offense, especially in the running game. We've explained their success as a result of the brilliance of Brian Belichick and Offensive Coordinator Charlie Weis. So take their scheme that has already won 2 Super Bowls in 3 years and add Corey Dillon at half back and it's just scary...even if Corey Dillon isn't as good as in Cincinnati.

•Philadelphia Eagles — The other clear contender is, of course, the Eagles. After three consecutive losses in the NFC championship game the Eagles did the same as the Pats, they filled their

one apparent weakness: wide receiver. They did far more than just fill the whole though. Terrell Owens gives them someone to turn to for a big play other than Donovan McNabb and makes the wide receiver position a strength for this team. Then they add Jevon Kearse on top of it. I can't think of a better fit for the pass rushing scheme of the Eagles without turning to my beloved Jason Taylor...and the Eagles can't have him. But in my opinion the edition of TO alone makes them the most intimidating team in the NFL and the favorites in the NFC to make the Super Bowl...or join a support group with early 90's Bills fans.

•Seattle Seahawks — The Seahawks are a popular pick this season, and with good cause. Last year they made the playoffs despite a weak defense because of their skill position players, who could be the best in the league. QB Matt Hasselbeck had a breakout year and should do the same this year throwing to Koren Robinson and Darrel Jackson and Bobby Engram, who put up stellar numbers for a third receiver. With Shaun Alexander at HB the offense isn't questioned, but the defense must improve. The Seahawks worked hard to do this in the off-season by attaining the likes of Grant Wistrom and 1st Round pick Marcus Tubbs. The defense doesn't have to be amazing, and it should be good enough to give them a shot in the playoffs provided the offensive core stays healthy.

•Denver Broncos — It appears the Broncos will be able to run without Clinton Portis, which just further solidifies Shanahan and the rest of the coaching staff as offensive masterminds comparable to the Belichick and Weis. It creates a great system whereby they can trade a star halfback for any need and someone else will simply step in and rush for 1500 yards. I mean, Mike Anderson ran for almost 1500 yards in 2000, and what does he play

now?...fullback. With a solid running game and an emerging star at QB in Jake "the Snake" Plummer they'll still be able to put up plenty of points, and the additions of S John Lynch and CB Champ Bailey their defense should finally be strong enough to let them run the clock out a little.

•Tennessee Titans — The Tennessee Titans are basically what the Atlanta Falcons aspire to be. They have a strong defense every year and a dynamic, playmaking quarterback who can lead an effective offense without an effective rushing attack. They suffered big losses on the defensive line, but this team always seems to rise above it and have a dominant run defense no matter who they lose. Perhaps Jeff Fisher deserves all the credit he's given. Either way, Eddie George wasn't a loss at all, and in fact finally clears the way for someone else to start now they no longer are obligated to him. Chris Brown should be refreshing for Tennessee fans and should be a great fit since he's not asked to carry the team, McNair has that under control. Look for the emergence of WR Tyrone Calico, who physically is compared to Terrell Owens and David Boston 3 years ago, to keep this receiving core ridiculously deep.

•Green Bay Packers — It's been said that you can't win a Super Bowl without a dynamic quarterback, unless you have a record-setting defense (Ravens). Anyways, the Packers certainly have that in Brett Favre, and despite the unimpressive receiving core we must remember that these receivers were selected by Brett Favre and he's extremely comfortable with them. But the passing game is far less impressive than the running game, led by Ahman Green. Green had 2000 total yds, 20

total TD's, and averaged 5.3 yards per carry. Green and Favre create a beautifully balanced offense. Granted they have huge defensive concerns, I'm never going to count Brett Favre out of the Super Bowl hunt. And if he says their going to win one, I think we should listen. The intangibles that come along with a guy like Favre are unmatched by any player in the league not named Ray Lewis.

About now all the Kansas City, Baltimore, and Carolina fans are gripping the paper rather tight. These teams' are in fact contenders, but not quite on the caliber of the above six. KC has huge defensive concerns revealed by Jake Plummer and Quentin Griffin.....ouch. The Ravens of course have no quarterback. This might not stop them from contending, as Trent Dilfer proved, and any team with Ray Lewis and a 2000 yd rusher certainly has a chance.....especially one notorious for slow starts. And remember, the Pats started last year 0-2. Carolina I believe was a bit of a fluke last year, similar to the Bears a few years back who had a miracle season with many close victories.

The makeup of the NFL is very similar now to baseball. The Pats and Eagles are the Yankees and Red Sox of football, and the rest of the league is anybody's guess.

They won't be in the Super Bowl this year. The Falcons of course can't be counted out if Michael Vick is healthy, since he already brought them to the playoffs once on his own and with a far weaker receiving core. Now he has weapons but no

defense....who knows? Here's my sleeper pick though, the New York Jets. As much as I hate it, they always seem to be really good or really bad, and Chad Pennington had the highest completion % in the NFL last year. Add a rejuvenated Curtis Martin and they have the potential to mix things up a bit this year.

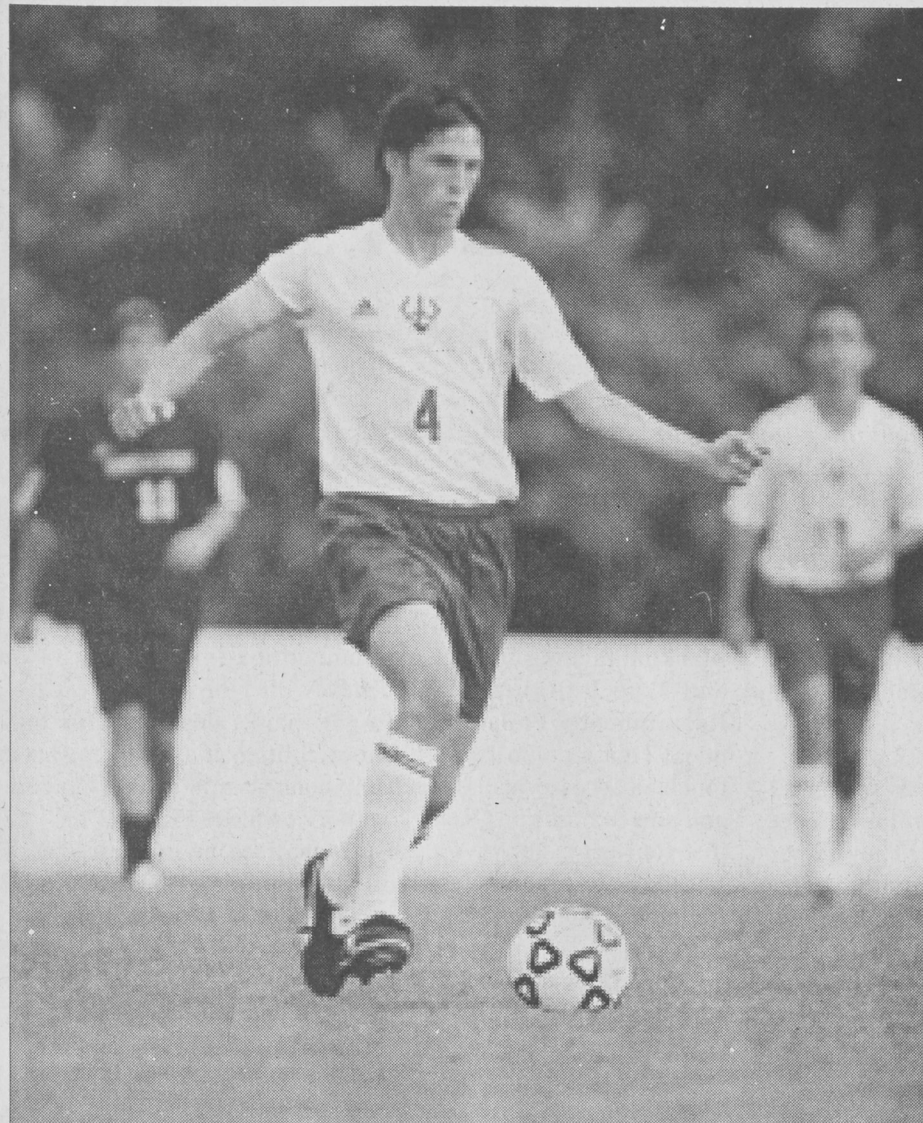
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LOOKING FOR OPTIONS. Brian Pirkle dribbles as he looks to pass. The mens' soccer team tied Bridgewater 1-1 on Saturday.

Dominating performance ends in 1-1 tie for mens' soccer team

By DIANA DOZIER
STAFF WRITER

The mens' soccer team tied Bridgewater this past Saturday 1-1 in their second home match.

The beginning of the match began slowly for the Generals, with the Eagles dominating possession for the first seven minutes of the match. A shot from an Eagles forward appeared to be in the back of the net had the Bridgewater fans on their feet.

However, senior captain Peter Miller made a clutch defensive play, booting the ball out. With this save, Miller created a spark that they needed, and the Generals took possession of the game.

With thirteen minutes left in the first half, senior midfielder Justin Mygatt passed a beautiful through ball to freshman Court Nexsen. Nexsen maneuvered by an Eagle defender and then finessed a left footed shot past the goalkeeper.

As a freshman, Nexsen came into the season "open for anything" and not even sure if he would get any playing time.

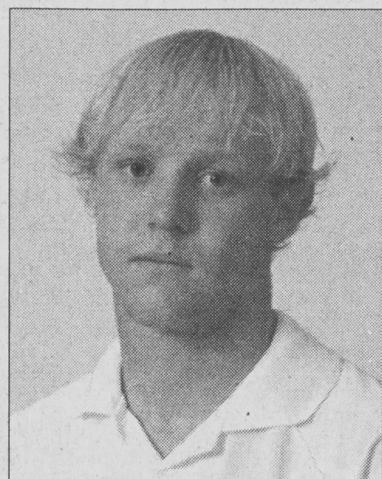
Scoring in both the Bridgewater game and the victory against Southern Virginia, Nexsen accredited the goals to his hard work over the summer and, of course, the skill and intensity of his upperclassmen teammates.

"I have a lot of fun at practice and just have a world of

respect for the upperclassmen," he said, taking the opportunity to comment on the leadership.

The first half ended optimistically with the Generals winning 1-0.

The second half produced much more fouling, rough play, and questionable calls. Senior Brian Pirkle was given a yellow card with thirty-eight minutes left in the second half. Moments later, Bridgewater scored a goal due to a goalkeeping scoff in the goal box, bringing the game to a tie at 1-1.



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Otherwise, the defense played a solid game, allowing only 7 shots on goal. On the other end of the field the Generals' offense responded with more than twice as many shots than the Eagles.

However, even though W & L dominated much of the possession throughout the game, the end of regulation ended in a 1-1 tie, sending the teams into double overtime.

Even in extra minutes, the Generals continued to dominate, creating multiple scoring opportunities, though none resulted in a goal.

The Generals, view the game as a stepping stone, knowing that they have to work harder to accomplish their goal of winning the ODAC conference and competing in the NCAA tournament. They will travel to Emory and Henry this Wednesday in hopes of their first ODAC win.

THIS PAST WEEK'S SPORTS IN BRIEF...

Cross country competes at NYU Invitational

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams were in action on Saturday as they competed in the New York University Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. The

W&L men finished second of 28 teams, while the women finished fifth of 22 teams.

Leading the way for the men's team, which was bested only by Wesleyan University, was junior Nathan Johnson (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) who placed fourth out of 242 runners with a time of 27:15. Freshman Tom Brower (Syracuse, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy) finished 14th with a time of 27:50, while fellow classmate Alex Mahoney (Winnetka, Ill./New Trier Academy) crossed the

tape in 18th place (27:58).

On the women's side, freshman Lindsay Erickson (Silver Spring, Md./Stone Ridge) was the pace-setter, finishing fifth out of 240 runners with a time of 20:04. Sophomore Tippins Stone (Nashville, Tenn./Harpeth Hall) placed 14th overall (20:44), while junior Betsy Frayer (Grand Rapids, Mich./East Grand Rapids) finished 23rd with a time of 21:00. Washington and Lee returns to action on Sat. Oct. 2, when it hosts the Generals' Invitational at 10:00 am.

Volleyball winning streak extended to 33 against ODAC foes

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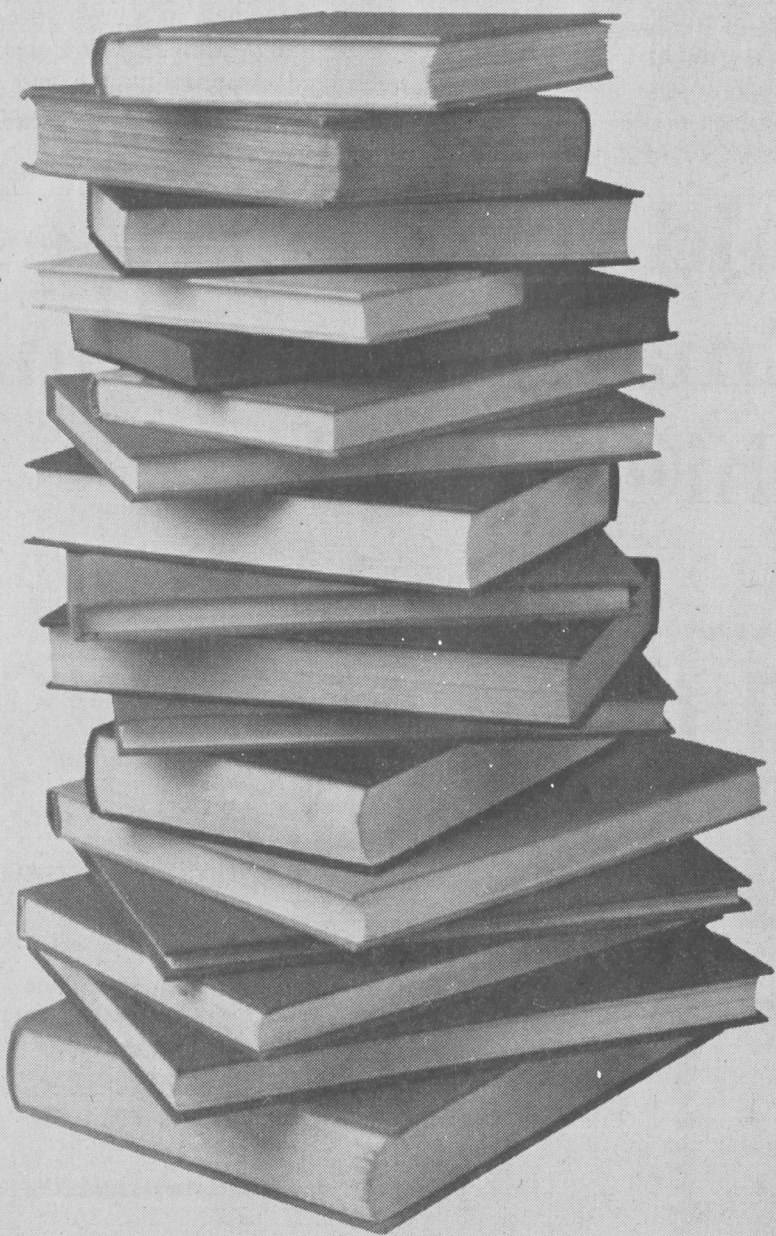
NORFOLK, Va. — The Washington and Lee volleyball team ran its regular-season winning streak against ODAC opponents to 33 matches over four seasons with wins over Emory & Henry and Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday in Norfolk, Va. The

Generals defeated E&H, 30-27, 30-12, 30-23, then downed the host Marlins, 30-27, 30-25, 30-21. In the win over Emory & Henry (4-5, 0-1), the Generals were led by sophomore outside hitter Ashley Hurt (Altamonte Springs, Fla./Trinity Prep), who totaled 15 kills. Senior outside hitter Emily Wolfing (Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll) notched 10 kills, 11 digs and three blocks, while junior middle blocker Susan Gaillard (Charleston, S.C./Porter-Gaud) posted nine kills. Senior libero Jennifer Lux (Virginia Beach, Va./

Cox) added 13 digs, and junior setter Christine Gladysz (Palm Harbor, Fla./Berkeley Prep) registered 33 assists. Against Virginia Wesleyan (8-2, 1-1), W&L was paced by Gaillard's 15 kills. Wolfing added nine kills, while Lux tallied 22 digs. Gladysz amassed 39 assists and 14 digs. Washington and Lee (5-2, 2-0) returns to action on Friday as it participates in the Emory University Invitational. The Generals begin the tournament with a 4:30 pm match against Elmhurst.

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New Fashionista applauds tweed, jeers pencil skirts

BY EMILY EDWARDS
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Fall is upon us. Labor day has come and gone, and soon, the leaves will be changing into beautiful permutations of amber, rust, and gold.

But enough of that cheesiness. Fall means new styles. Ladies, for the love of God, we do not live in Palm Beach. If we did, those marvelous Lilly Pulitzer sundresses would be more than appropriate. But Lexington is a far cry from Palm Beach, and it is after Labor Day. Please, do us all a gargantuan favor, and delicately pack up your sundresses for the year. Easter really isn't that far away. For those of you who can simply not do without, Lilly offers a lovely Fall collection. Otherwise, pull out your long-sleeved Lacoste polos and keep on going.

For those of you who, in absence of Lilly, need a little more fashion advice than the classic Alligator shirt, I have a few ideas for you to consider (or not consider as it were).

Tweed. The word is synonymous with the House of Chanel, as my fellow fashion gurus will note. But for those of us plebeians who would rather not drop \$3000 on a classic suit, tweed has gone mainstream. Some stores, such as Hot Topic, have butchered the once-classy look, but others, including Shelli

Segal and Marc Jacobs actually know what they're doing. So get a tweed jacket, or two, or even go for a whole suit! The jacket will look great with jeans, and the skirt will be cute with a couple of James Perse tees. If jackets are not your thing, go for a pair of cute Kate Spade slingbacks. They'll definitely spruce up that mini you're dying to wear.

Pencil Skirts. They're not for the office anymore. J. Crew, Banana Republic, most of W&L's signature stores are selling them this fall. A word of warning... if you are pear-shaped, do your fellow students a favor and leave the skirt on the rack. Otherwise, you may find yourself and your Manolos lying sprawled on the Colonnade.

Juicy. Once a staple of West Coast wardrobes, these marvelous tracksuits should be in every girl's closet. Velour, fleece, terry... the styles and color choices are endless. They're perfect for the Sunday morning brunch gossip sessions, when you're ridiculously hung-over but still want to look decent. Pair your tracksuit of choice with some Puma sneakers, and your friends just may not remember how many cups of grain you really had last night. Juicy also offers cute miniskirts and their corduroy trousers are perfect for the upcoming cold weather.

Poncho. For those of you who can pull this look off, I congratulate you. My jury is still out. UGG Australia offers a rather cute shearing poncho, but these other things look like one of my knitting projects gone terribly wrong. In the words of my roommate, "You may as well just wear a garbage bag around your shoulders." If your heart desireth to wear said poncho, please don't overdo it- wear a pair of jeans and a solid-colored tee or sweater.

So there you have it. Denim is still hot, with 7 for all Mankind facing some serious competition from Earnest Sewn and True Religion. Waistlines won't be so low either- Recruitment's Philanthropy night thanks designers for that one. This wouldn't be a fashion column if I didn't at least touch on accessories. Longchamp.com has mimicked Polo.com and now features a "Create your very own 'Le Pliage' Bag." In just four easy steps, you can personalize one of these classy Le Pliage bags, complete with your initials embossed on the trademark bag flap. You'll just have to wait three weeks for delivery.

Since this is my column and my section, I would just like to add that Tennessee won and LSU lost on Saturday. God I love College Football!

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BY CHARLES HIRSHBERG

FOREWORD BY CHRIS BERMAN

Washington and Lee, Sigma Nu honor Parmenter

BY ROB ARMSTRONG
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee community assembled Saturday evening at Robert E. Lee Chapel in memorial of Zachary Alan Parmenter. A native of Ohio, Parmenter was a rising sophomore when he was killed in a fatal car accident that occurred on July 27, 2004.

The University's acting chaplain, William "Burr" Datz, led the memorial. Datz described the event as a "celebration of the life of Zach Parmenter," who was remembered, among other things, for his "hospitable humor and genuine interest in others."

Speakers read from the Old and New Testaments, as well as giving personal statements. As a freshman, Parmenter became actively involved in General Christian Fellowship. Kierstin L. Schmidt '05 described Parmenter as a person who "really did live out his faith," and someone who was "thirsty for the word of God."

Among the crowd were the members of the Sigma Nu fraternity, which Parmenter had joined during his freshman year. One of his fraternity brothers, Adam Jarczyk '06, said the brotherhood "always described Zach as a solid guy ... [He] was like a rock. He al-

ways stuck to his values and kept his word."

Jarczyk remembered Parmenter for his "wry sense of humor which dispelled discouragement ... [Zach] stood strong and gave us all strength."

Jarczyk was studying in China when he received the news of Parmenter's death: "It was a phone call you hope never happens to you ... I felt very, very alone. I tried to stay strong but had to cope alone."

Bernie Campbell '05, a member of Sigma Nu, was at a concert when he noticed that he had missed calls from several of his fraternity members. Fearing the worst, he got in touch with someone who knew what had happened. Campbell said, "I don't remember much of that phone call, but when I got off the phone, I was sitting on the ground."

Both Campbell and Jarczyk spoke of the "struggle" to cope with their friend's death. Campbell believes that Parmenter's death at a young age "reminds us of the fragility of life ... but we must trust in God's eternal wisdom, that his reasons are right and good."

Sigma Nu member Geoffrey J. Corey Harmon '05, led the Sigma Nu Funeral Rite before the service's end. Campbell described the ritual as "a sign of commitment and collective grief as a brotherhood."

Parmenter was born on March 28, 1984. He is survived by one sister and his parents, Jan and Robert Parmenter, who were in attendance and accompanied by President Burish.



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Music and Politics: Can they ever really go together?

By BLAIR CRUNK
STAFF WRITER

October 1, 2004 will bring the kick-off of the Vote For Change Tour, "a loose coalition of musicians brought together by a single idea—the need to make a change in the direction of this country." Musicians including Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, the Dixie Chicks, Dave Matthews Band, Pearl Jam, and R.E.M. (among others) will be traveling around the country making stops in several "battleground states" for the 2004 Presidential Election such as Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, and Florida. According to Dave Matthews, "A vote for change is a vote for a stronger, safer, healthier America. A vote for Bush is a vote for a divided, unstable, paranoid America. It is our duty to this beautiful land to let our voices be heard. That's the reason for the tour. That's why I'm doing it." As one can imagine, this mixing of politics and music is earning both strong praise and great disapproval from citizens across the country — and also from several musicians not involved with the tour.

Two of these musicians opposed to the tour, shock rocker Alice Cooper (Alice in Chains) and singer/songwriter Paul Westerberg are speaking out against the Vote For Change Tour. "To me, that's treason," Cooper said. "I call it treason against rock 'n' roll because rock is the an-

thesis of politics." Cooper went on to say that "if you're listening to a rock star in order to get your information on who to vote for, you're a bigger moron than they are. Why are we rock stars? Because we're morons. We sleep all day, we play music at night and very rarely do we sit around reading the Washington Journal." Westerberg agrees saying that "it's oil and water when rock 'n' roll mixes with politics. To me it's just wrong."

Before I proceed any further, it should be noted that I am in no way trying to promote John Kerry's presidential campaign. I am simply a proponent of the upcoming tour for music's sake. With that said, let me give my reasoning as to why the upcoming Vote for Change tour is not a stupid, even politically incorrect thing.

Why are Bruce Springsteen, the Dixie Chicks, John Mellencamp, the Dave Matthews Band, and others going out on this tour? For a cause...am I right? This particular cause is to raise awareness for a change in this country, namely electing John Kerry as the next United States President. Now, let's look at things in a different light. Each year, a group of artists (including Willie Nelson, Neil Young, and John Mellencamp, among others) get together for a benefit concert with Farm Aid. You may have heard of it. Farm Aid "works to keep family farmers on the land," according to the

organization's website. In other words, Farm Aid's goal is to fight bad farm policy and help family farmers keep their jobs instead of having their land taken over by commercial, money-hungry developers. This benefit concert takes all the proceeds from the concert (tickets, merchandise, etc.) and puts it towards Farm Aid's cause.

Now, ask yourself this question. What do the Vote For Change Tour and the Farm Aid benefit concert have in common? They each provide performing artists who are passionate about a single cause. To me, passion is what drives music. Music without passion is like a car with out an engine. It just doesn't work! What do people sing about? Toby Keith sings about being an "angry American" and "putting a boot in" Osama Bin Laden's [expletive deleted]. He's entitled to that idea. He's passionate about it. In the same light, John Mellencamp sings that "it's worse now since he came / From Texas to Washington." He is, of course, talking about President George W. Bush. Mellencamp is entitled to that opinion. He's passionate about it. Although I disagree with Mellencamp's stance, I appreciate the fact that he is singing with passion, with power, and for a purpose in which he believes.

Whether the cause is for cancer or to raise drug awareness, for farmers or a presidential election, I say to the artists with great passion for whatever platform may arise - follow your heart and play your music to benefit what you be-

lieve in. After all, isn't that what this great country is all about? You may say that you don't think these artists should be using their profession to influence people's votes. You may say that their job is to play music, just like my job is to be a W&L student. A strong difference exists there, however, because musicians are involved in a very unique profession. Not every job can reach hundreds, thousands, oftentimes millions of people each year like musicians can. These artists have the special opportunity to reach people through studio release albums and live concerts. With that opportunity comes an important chance for these artists to stand up for their beliefs, ignite their passion, and follow through with it in their music.

The point here is that the musicians involved with the Vote For Change Tour are, by no means, overstepping their boundaries. It's not like James Taylor, Jackson Browne, and Ben Harper (among others) are going to Wisconsin, Missouri, and the other "battleground states" giving speeches or hosting political rallies. They're not even going to change the lyrics in their songs to promote John Kerry for the presidency. That would be silly.

All they are doing is playing music. And they are playing it for a purpose.

For more information on the Vote For Change Tour, visit <http://www.moveonpac.org/vfc>.

International Film Festival leaves Texas to entertain Washington and Lee

By VICTORIA CHILDRESS
STAFF WRITER

The international WorldFest festival has left its native Houston, Tex., for the first time and come to Lexington. Nine full-length movies and eight short films played over the course of the weekend in the Commons Theater.

Over 100 movies were played and judged in Houston, and festival founder J. Hunter Todd emphasized that the 17 selected for W&L were the cream of the crop.

He has written, directed, produced, or filmed over 300 short and full-length films and won more than 115 international awards.

Started in 1961, WorldFest is the third oldest independent film festival in the US. It has given a start to many prominent writers and directors, including Ang Lee, Ridley Scott, Oliver Stone, and the Cohen brothers. Stephen Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment company is named after his short film which was spotted by a talent scout at WorldFest.

W&L alumnus John Dean organized and sponsored the event. After making his first movie at age six, he is now head of Magic Lantern Entertainment.

"My focus for the entire event is on the students," he said at the start of the festival. "I want them to learn about film, have a great time, and enjoy this art. Film really is the art form of the 20th century."

The Student Affairs Office co-sponsored the event. Wes Jarrell, a first-year law student, was excited about attending WorldFest. "I've not been to a film festival here, but I went to the Black Maria Film Festival at my undergrad school several years," he said. "That's the only one that tours the US and actually ends up at Sundance. So I'm hoping to get the same kind of cultural experience out of this."

In addition to watching independent movies that normally would not come to theaters, students also had the opportu-

nity to meet ten directors and writers. WorldFest held a barbecue on Sept. 17 and a directors' brunch on Sept. 18.

At the brunch, Jordan Barker spoke about "My Brother's Keeper," an inspirational tale about identical twin brothers who want to win the world rowing championships. Barker, who wrote and directed the film, is an identical twin himself.

It was taped in Toronto during the SARS outbreak, and the film crew had to go through quarantine before they could start working on the movie. They also had only four days to film all the rowing scenes. "If it had rained, we would have been screwed," Barker remarked.

Aaron Ashmore portrayed both brothers. His real-life twin, Shawn, played the twin double, and has also appeared as Ice-man in the "X-Men" movies.

Ersi Danou talked about her film, "A Sea Apart." This movie deals with the parallel stories of two women, one in Greece, and the other a Greek immigrant in the US. Both are trying to find love and a place to belong. "It's a very personal story about nostalgia and how life takes you different places," Danou said.

"I can relate to the strained relationship between the main characters," said Yvonne Coker '08, "and to the cultural differences, because both my parents are from Sierra Leone. I thought it was wonderful, very refreshing."

Although it was released in theaters several years ago, the classic "Apollo 13" played on Saturday night, and writer Al Reinert attended the festival. Friday night featured his documentary "For All Mankind," which

chronicles all the Apollo missions.

Will Townes '07 named "For All Mankind" as his favorite WorldFest selection. "The director didn't insert anything — it was the actual footage the astronauts took. It really gave it to you without any biases."

Townes also enjoyed the short film "Does God Play Football?" by British director Mike Walker. This is the touching story of an Irish boy who does not have a father, so he assumes that he must be the son of God.

"The little boy was so full of life," Townes said.

Other selections included "The Affair," a story of one woman's self-exploration by Belgian director Carl-Jan Copaert.

William Arntz, Betsy Chasse, and Mark Vicente co-directed the documentary "What the #*\$! Do We Know?," in which a Greek chorus of scientists guides a woman on a journey through quantum physics.

"BachelorMan," directed by John Putch, was a romantic comedy about a ladies man who finally falls in love.

"Miss Cast Away" made fun of all things Hollywood while showing a group of beauty queens who crash on a deserted island. It featured cameos by Evan Marriott and Michael Jackson as "Agent MJ."

The festival closed with "The Shadow of the Blade," a documentary about a restored Vietnam War helicopter that recently flew to 42 Landing Zones across the country while carrying the soldiers who served on it during the war.

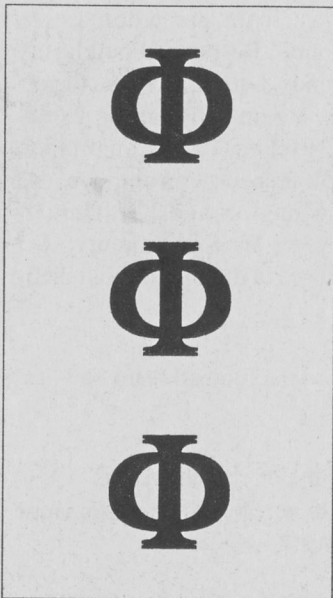
"The theme of WorldFest is a good story well told," said Todd. "We're very delighted to bring you this 'best of the fest' selection."

Charlie Clarke '05 summed up WorldFest's general effect. "I was duly impressed by the international flavor that came to such a small place as Lexington."

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Potato Man offers insight into typical frattasitic weekend

I think nearly every independent emailed a letter in response to my first article. I just want to say thank you for being the first group of people that I pissed off. It really is an honor that not only people read what I write but that some people actually take me serious.

You took time out of your day to tell me that I was an idiot or didn't know what I was talking about. That is time of your life that you will never get back, and it was wasted on being mad at me, a sophomore who writes this article every week out of boredom and to make my resume longer than one line.

The reason those of you who wrote letters had time to take out of your day, was that you have little to do socially. Now before I get a lot more irate emails, I shall clarify I am talking about the independent male population. Independent girls go out and have just as much fun as the frat girls. Meanwhile (most, not all) the guys sit in their dorm rooms in Gaines all day; while we "frat boys" are spending our time making sure that the rest of the school has a place to enjoy a few choice beverages and social activity.

So, to show the rest of the school how 79% of the guys at this school spend their time, I have developed a timeline of the typical weekend.

4:00 pm — After a full day of classes it's finally time to meet at the party house to party proof it from the belligerent drunks.

5:30 pm — Dinner time, where we make sure to load up on Carbs and water. After dinner it's a quick shower and a little bit of downtime, mostly for spreading the word to all the friends.

8:00 pm — The party doesn't start for another hour, but a few freshmen are already at the house. They want to make sure they get in at least 2 hours of partying, before they have to be home at 10. Why most the freshmen go home before midnight is a question that may never be answered, but definitely needs to be changed.

9:00 pm — The kids that came at 8 left half an hour ago because "this party sucked." But now that the party is supposed to get started people slowly start to fill in, but it's just a big sausage party.

9:30 pm — The girls come over in large herds, all with their pearls and heels on and for the most part stay together, that is except for the one girl wearing a shirt that covers slightly more than an eye patch would. She is surrounded by 12 guys at the beer pong table who could not tell you what color her eyes were.

10:00 pm. — The freshman guy in the corner is desperately trying to impress everybody around him by proving that one time in high school he drank 8 shots in a half hour and didn't even feel it.

10:20 pm. — The freshman guy has passed out after finishing only 3 shots. Guess he had more tolerance in high school. Or he was lying..... no that can't be, freshmen don't exaggerate at all.

11:00 pm. — Word gets around that someone went to the infirmary. It took two hours, must be a slow night.

11:30 pm — The three kegs are already kicked. No one can understand how we went through that much beer in 2 and half

hours, until we look at all the wounded soldiers left throughout the house and the kid that just walked outside with two full beers from beer pong, but comes back in with two empty cups. Must be a hardcore drinker. He should become friends with the kid that passed out at 10:20.

11:45 pm — The dance floor is the place to be. The trashy girl is surrounded by the same 12 guys dancing and there are 2 couples pretty much making babies to the Ruff Ryders Anthem by DMX.

Midnight — Bed time for the freshmen. They stumble out the door in groups down the middle of the street. Now it's time for the party to get fun.

1:30 am — The frosh passed out in the corner wakes up and asks what happened... we tell him that he not only did the 8 shots in half an hour, but also hit the beer bong twice, and it was glorious. He regains his pride and pukes in his corner before heading back to his top bunk in the dorms.

3:00 am — Someone gets hungry and there is a mass exodus to Waffle House, where the waitress and truckers stare at all of us rich snobs. They'll get the last laugh when the cooks spit in our hash browns. We see it happen, but what the hell, we're at WaHo, it's part of the experience.

4:00 am — We all find out a nice place to pass out for the next twelve hours when we'll get up and do it all over again.

All the while in Gaines, the independents have gotten together to write a letter to the phi to respond to this article.



POTATO MAN
MARSHALL RULE

Tradition transcends generations

BY JEB BROOKS
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

This place has many time honored traditions. We should not seek change on a whim. Instead, we must continue to celebrate the rich history our university bestows upon its chosen few. There are some traditions that have long lost meaning, others that are hilarious and could never have had purpose and others that must never be forgotten. Above all, each must be revered.

There are the little quirks we tend to forget after our freshman year, such as walking through the side columns of the Graham Lee breezeway. Many a superstitious student has been rewarded with a good grade after carefully choosing that well worn path. Make an effort to pass through the proven test of time.

My favorite tradition is that of gentlemanly conduct. We, at Washington and Lee, behave in a respectful manner to everyone we meet. We help little old ladies cross streets, we say "yes ma'am" and "no sir" not because someone makes us, but because it is the right thing to do. At Washington and Lee, we have our one rule and it is a good one. Thanks President Lee, you did us right when you gave us that simple instruction.

All that good behavior doesn't mean we are fun vacuums. We have our share of risqué traditions. Streaking the colonnade is an experience many can claim. Perhaps one of the most treacherous of our traditions, it is also the most in-



JEB BROOKS / The Ring-tum Phi

DON'T WALK STRAIGHT. One of the first traditions freshmen are taught is not to walk through the center of the entrance to Graham-Lees. If you were to walk through the center of the columns, it is said that you will fail the first test, or class, or paper at Washington and Lee.

vigorating (from what I hear). Should you decide to make this run of shame, recall that certain professors choose to keep non-traditional office hours.

For you lovers of the outdoors, don't forget to climb House Mountain. This final (but unrequired) phys. ed. activity will surely excite you. How tragic would it be to graduate from Washington and Lee without taking full advantage of the unbelievably beautiful surrounding country? The Commonwealth of Virginia has so much to offer, take a look around. Some say that one of our

greatest traditions is slipping slowly away from us. I know this is not an earth shattering realization; someone writes about it every year. But it really is terrible when we choose not to SPEAK!

And so, let me step onto my soapbox: Do not dare look away from me when I say, "hello." Respond. Frankly, my friends, I don't care if both parties are on cell phones, listening to iPods or are too timid to look a shadow in the eye. At Washington and Lee University, we are a community. Act like it. Is it really all that diffi-

cult to say, "hello," "sup" or "how's it hangin'?"

And then there's the granddaddy of them all: Honor. This tradition is by far our most venerated. A Washington and Lee graduate of 50 or 75 years ago knows that he shares the deepest possible sense of honor with any member of the class of 2008. This connection is what makes our institution one of the greatest.

Washington and Lee's time honored traditions are what make this place what it is. Respect them and foster them.

Second City entertains W&L audience, kicks off General Comedy Series

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Second City, the Chicago-based improv and sketch comedy troupe, made its usual stop in Lexington this past Wednesday, putting on a two and a half hour performance before a packed house in the Lenfest Center. Though Second City performed as a part of its regular tour, the event was locally put on by the new Generals Activity Board, the reincarnated S.A.B. of years past.

Second City's routine includes sketch comedy and completely improvised scenes. Audience suggestions and participation are encouraged. Wednesday-night audience participation resulted in a sketch routine about the "walk of shame" and a suggestion to act out "horniness".

Director of Student Activities Todd Tate, Assistant Director Kristen Powell and General's Activity Board President Lauren Peters introduced Second City.

Second City's performance kicks off the General Comedy Series to be held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. during the fall term. The series, held at the Marketplace in the John W. Elrod University Commons, begins Sept. 22.

Second City is always a much-anticipated event at the start of the year, and a natural fit with the many events put on during freshman orientation and the first few weeks of the school year. The troupe will likely make another stop at Washington & Lee in September of 2005.

This year, the comedy troupe was celebrating its 45th anniversary, and so their performance was composed of old favorite sketches from their near half-century history, as well as some favorite improvisational games. And, as is tradition for Second City, intermission was announced by the proclamation "It's now intermission, so go....intermish."

Audience participation was very enthusiastic, and the audience as a whole did seem very entertained by the six-actor cast, certainly no rare sight for Second City's members.

Alumni of The Second City include Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Robert Klein, Fred Willard, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Martin Short, John Candy, Betty Thomas, Bill Murray, George Wendt, Chris Farley, Mike Kyers and Ryan Stiles.

QUICK HITS

- Φ Wearing a fake, 3 button Lacoste should be an Honor Violation.
- Φ Professors Cumming and de Maria, The cutest couple on campus
- Φ Can't touch this.
- Φ What sort of lifestyle would a human need to lead in order to keep the length of one's toenails in check without clipping them? and if any of you geniuses can think of an answer, I'd love to hear it
- Φ To the guy wearing the University of Michigan hat...do you realize your forehead reads, "UM"?
- Φ Yay! McDonald's is open 24/7!

- Φ Congratulations to the football team on beating Sewanee.
- Φ What's with the list of churchgoers in Campus Notices? Do we have to know someone to get past the bouncer?
- Φ Phi Kap won Saturday night.
- Φ Freshmen girls: being hot doesn't automatically make you cool.
- Φ Hell Yeah! Inflatable alcohol sounds like a good idea- no hangover? I'm all for it!
- Φ If you haven't seen the hall decorations on the second floor of Graham-Lees, dumpster side, take a look. The signs are not for the sexually shy.
- Φ Does anyone in the country actually like John Kerry? Every democrat calls him "the lesser of two evils" Way to nominate a presidential candidate.
- Φ Meet the Greeks needs to find a new location. I couldn't hear anything because of that 80s band
- Φ FYI, AK 47 is also a type of marijuana

- Φ Yesterday was International Talk Like a Pirate Day- Yo ho ho!
- Φ Women's day? I propose a men's day. How about Wednesday?
- Φ Way to go phi on bringing back Talkbacks. It's the coolest feature ever!
- Φ Whoever said that Ashlee Simpson is a better singer than her sister is an idiot.
- Φ Online poker is the stupidest thing ever. Only the biggest dorks play it.
- Φ To whoever has wet towels in Woods Creek, why don't you try hanging them up?
- Φ Happy Birthday to Sophia Loren, who turns 70 today. Eat a plate of spaghetti in her honor.
- Φ The Cosby Show is 20 years old today. The Huxtables are a timeless TV family.
- Φ True story: during a class discussion about Glasgow, Professor Cumming proclaims "gettin' down in G-town"
- Φ From freshman girl: I love you Pete Miller.
- Φ I love Burger King

- Φ CONTACT rocks my world
- Φ Go out and burn down your enemies' houses; according to Eddie V, "Toleration is a lie."
- Φ Every guy should have an engagement ring fund.
- Φ Did you go to the International Film Festival this weekend? You should have. It was excellent
- Φ Zollman's lost hardcore Saturday night :*(
- Φ High-school students beware: Today is Upton Sinclair day.
- Φ What do I have to do to get a day named after me. Write a book about how to mass produce sausage in great detail.
- Φ I wish I were a Cameroonian princess too.
- Φ Kah - The managing editor of the phi doesn't have to do the arranged marriage thing either.
- Φ The Phi would like to ask the coop again to please open at noon on Sundays. We get hungry too.
- Φ Email your anonymous quick hits to phi@wlu.edu