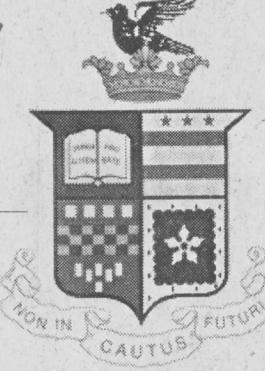


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# WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY THE RING-TUM PHI

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## Wahoos considering change to their single sanction system

BY WHITNEY DUFFY

STAFF WRITER

Currently, students at the University of Virginia are working to change their single sanction honor system to one with varied punishments based on the severity of the offense. A group of students, called Hoos Against the Single Sanction, has formed and been active around the UVA campus in their efforts to eliminate the single sanction. This group's goal is to "energize the honor policy-making process by expanding it to the community of trust at large," according to a press release. Their honor policy, first created in 1842 (yes-before that of Washington and Lee!), had the goal of creating a W&L-like environment, but in practice has fallen short of this ambition.

One of the reasons that the anti-single sanction movement has garnered so much support is that the UVA honor system has long struggled to be effective at the school. Many students and professors do not report honor violations, either taking matters into their own hands or, as more often is the case, ignoring the problem. As a result of this attitude, the system has been examined many times in the past, but never quite like it is being questioned currently. Co-founder of the Hoos Against Single Sanction, UVA student Marco Rivera, said,

"We are merely trying to create a forum and see what other people believe we should institute," instead of the single sanction. The UVA student body seems open to the idea and their Honor Committee (the UVA equivalent of the Executive Committee) also seems receptive. "The Committee is always supportive of students getting involved outside of Honor to help shape the system," said Honor Committee Chair Meghan Sullivan, "It's a good thing for the honor system."

But is it really? And can we at W&L expect any changes in our own system as a result? The response from the EC was an emphatic no.

"I do not think that a change at UVA will have any impact on W&L's system." Marie Trimble, EC President, securely stated. "Students who attend W&L come to this university with the knowledge that we not only have a system, but that we actually abide by it and live by it."

Cristin Nunez, EC Vice-President, agreed with Trimble, saying that while a change in such a prominent university might cause students to question

the single sanction, she would hope that "we don't change our standards here simply because of the influence of other universities."

Seasoned Honor Advocate Michael Lee, who has worked on several EC investigations and closed hearings, stated firmly that, "No change to UVA's honor system could possibly affect us here...The fact that other universities are changing their Honor Codes might even be reason enough for us to ensure that our System doesn't change."

So is there a possibility that future student bodies will question and attempt to change our own single sanction system? "With the current EC," noted Nunez, "I think nothing will change.

When we were elected, the student body knew our views on the single sanction and elected us anyway." However, Nunez did mention, "I would never rule out the possibility of a system change in the future."

The Single Sanction is such a fundamental tradition of the Honor System as handed down

since General Lee's time that I don't think it will change," affirmed Lee, "to do so would be to claim that General Lee was wrong, and that won't fly...The Honor System is not perfect, but as long as the student body understands it and knows how to behave honorably according to the system's guidelines, its benefits will always outweigh its drawbacks."

So, if instated, will the UVA change work? "There are honorable actions and dishonorable actions," said Nunez, "How are we, as members of the EC, to decide if actions are only slightly dishonorable or mostly honorable? There is no way to draw the line, and I look forward to seeing how UVA is going to accomplish this. They're basically judging degrees of integrity right now."

UVA's own EC, the Honor Committee, has recently formed an ad hoc committee to decide just that, whether or not degrees of integrity can be measured fairly. Its final proposal will then be voted on by the UVA student body in the spring of next year.

As for back home at W&L, the single sanction seems safe for the moment. However, with recent student elections, this responsibility to either uphold or discard tradition in the best interest of the student body now lies in hands of new student representatives.

## Off-roading expert to speak on Tuesday

BY MARSHALL RULE

SPORTS EDITOR

On Tuesday evening the Contact Committee will bring Bill Burke to speak to the Washington and Lee community about backcountry driving. Contact, a committee dedicated to bringing various speakers to the W&L community, has several speakers planned for this school year.

Bill Burke is a 4x4 trainer and one of the foremost experts on winching and extrication methods. He is an outfitter guide throughout the National Forest Service and also serves as a consultant to countless 4-wheel drive companies and organizations. He also competed in the Camel Trophy, which is a 1,200 mile race in Africa.

The speech, held in the Commons from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, will include a slide show along with stories of his adventures and teaching the basic art of 4-wheeling.

In addition to speaking to the W&L community, Burke will also be leading a trip Monday from 3-8 in the evening. A group of students will be heading to Shoecreek where Burke plans on teaching some useful techniques in offroading.

David Kronenfeld '07, publicity chairman of the Contact Committee who played a major role in getting Burke to speak is very excited about the event. "He is amazing," says Kronenfeld, "Bill is definitely one of the best in the world and has an amazing story to tell. It's well worth coming to even if you have never even heard of backcountry driving."

If you are interested, you can contact David Kronenfeld '07 at [kronenfeld@wlu.edu](mailto:kronenfeld@wlu.edu), or Brent Beshore '05 at [beshoreb@wlu.edu](mailto:beshoreb@wlu.edu).

## Nabors holds Fall Service Challenge

BY SARAH MURRAY

NEWS EDITOR

Nabors Service League will kick off its annual Fall Service Challenge on Saturday, October 9, connecting dozens of W&L students with service opportunities at local sites including libraries, retirement communities, and the Rockbridge Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Volunteers will be sorted into groups based on a list of tasks that each ranked according to preference. Nabors' to-do list includes apple picking, car washing, painting, yardwork, trash pick-up, construction, and more. The Challenge also needs students to be drivers or project leaders at each site.

The groups will trundle out to their projects in the morning or in the afternoon. In between, Nabors plans to treat all workers to a late morning brunch on Cannan Green. Volunteers will also walk away with a commemorative water bottle and the comfortable knowledge contributing to the Lexington community.

Fall Service Challenge is only one event on Nabors Service League's packed calendar. Challenge signups ended September 30, but new members are always welcome. Anyone interested in further information can contact [nsl@wlu.edu](mailto:nsl@wlu.edu).

## Homecoming 2004



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ROYALTY. Katie Abplanalp, escorted by Chi Psi member Chris McNamara, smiles to the crowd after being named the 2004 Homecoming Queen during halftime of this weekend's football game.

## Two fraternities celebrate

## important anniversaries this year

Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha Order planning events

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Last weekend Phi Kappa Psi began its yearlong celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the celebration of being the first social fraternity on campus. Plans for this next calendar year's events are still in the works, but various weekends, such as Alumni Weekend, the sesquicentennial in March, and next Homecoming will revolve around 150 years of Phi Psi for the fraternity. Also, the Kappa Alpha Order will celebrate its 140<sup>th</sup> year in 2005 as the Alpha Chapter.

Phi Psi was founded on March 3, 1855 at Washington and Lee as the first social fraternity on campus. The Alpha Chapter of Phi Psi was founded at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania. The Virginia Beta chapter is the longest continuous chapter in the nation. "We will celebrate our official sesquicentennial on March 3, with events planned for that day (a Thursday) or that weekend. The events are still in the planning," says President of Phi

Kappa Psi Erik Kiewet de Jonge '05.

This weekend's Homecoming celebration kicked off the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and Alumni Weekend this year will be focused around the sesquicentennial as well. The biggest celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary will occur September 8-11, 2005. "This weekend will feature golf tournaments, alumni dinners, and speakers at Lee Chapel. Over 150 Virginia Beta alumni are expected to attend this celebration," states Kiewet de Jonge.

Alumni support has carried Phi Psi through its 150 years. Jerry Nelson, a successful businessman and Phi Psi, offers an all-expense paid week at his resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where brothers can meet, vacation, and train for future business

positions.

For the Alpha chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, 2005 will mark its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it was founded on campus on December 21, 1865 in honor of Robert E. Lee. Convivium this year will focus on the 140<sup>th</sup> celebration. "The 19th (General Lee's birthday) falls on Wednesday, so most likely we will celebrate on the following weekend. No specific plans are in the works yet, however," states KA's president Mark Franceski '05. Comprised of Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu, both founded at VMI, along with the Kappa Alpha Order, these three fraternities form what is commonly called the Lexington Triad.

Because the fraternity system is a part of today's life at W&L, the celebration of the first social fraternity as well as the founding of three fraternities in Lexington commemorate a strong part of W&L's history. Students and alum alike look forward to celebrating the upcoming year.

## C-School now housed in Huntley Hall

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN

MANAGING EDITOR

Former Washington and Lee president, Bob Huntley, was recognized Saturday when the building that houses the Williams School formally became Huntley Hall. The name change is a result of the board wanting to honor President Huntley for all his contributions to W&L.

The building was originally a Carnegie Library. Andrew Carnegie built libraries for schools all over the country. It was enhanced and enlarged by gifts from the Cyrus McCormick family. The building then became the McCormick Library. When Leyburn was completed in the 1970s, the name McCormick Library was dropped from the building and it was never renamed. At the same time as the library moved to Leyburn, the business school moved from Newcomb to its current location. Student began calling the building the C-School.

"McCormick had a long run, but his time has passed," said James Farrar, Secretary of the University and Assistant to the President.

Huntley graduated from the college in 1950 and the law school in 1957 and was president of Washington and Lee from 1968-1983. During his tenure as president, Leyburn Library, the law school, and the Warner Center were built, the McCormick Library was converted to the School of Commerce, and the physical plant grew significantly. "He served the institution with great leadership and was revered by students, faculty and alumni, and still is," said Cronin.

"He [Huntley] had one of the great challenges," said Farrar. Huntley arrived when chaos over Vietnam was breaking loose across college campuses. Under his leadership, Washington and Lee did not call off classes. Students were allowed to take incompletes to protest if they wished. "He gave the University level-headed and rational leadership through the '70s," said Farrar. Also during his time as president, the first female law students and African-American students matriculated.

"When President Huntley came in the late '60s, W&L's development plan was still in the process of maturing," said Farrar. As president, he launched the first multimillion-dollar capital campaign. His fundraising efforts took a burden off of the budget. Financial aid and faculty salaries increased greatly during his tenure.

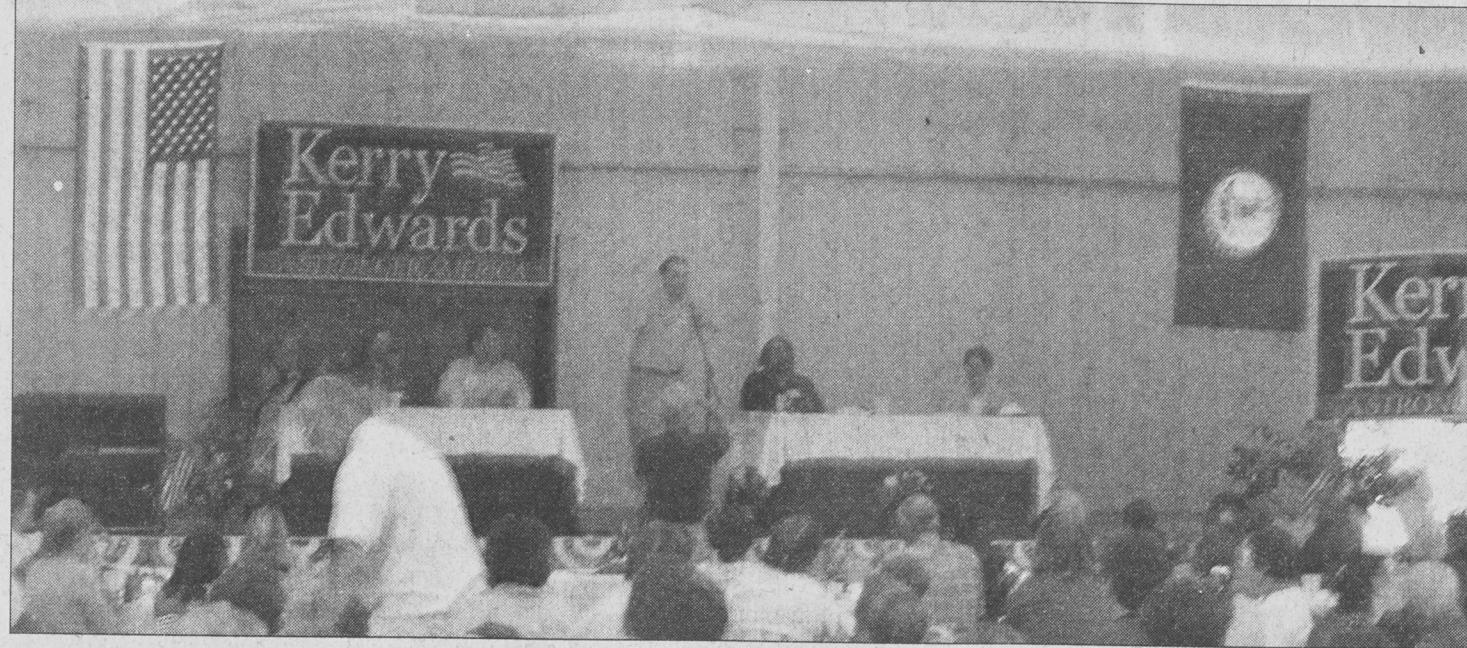
One of his most significant acts as president was board policy changes. When he arrived, the board served life terms. He changed the policy so there are term limits. "The sunset provides for new energy, faces, and ideas," said Farrar.

"The Williams School is the name of the program, not the building," said Peter Cronin, Director of University Development. Ernie Williams, for whom the program is named, is a multimillion-dollar donor to W&L. After graduating from W&L, he became a stock broker and made a significant investment in Washington and Lee. Both President Burish and Dean Peppers contacted Williams about the name change. Both Huntley and Williams are proud the other is affiliated with the building.

When Huntley left W&L, he became CEO of Best & Company, run by the Sydney Lewis family. He currently resides in Lexington. The formal dedication took place outside of Huntley Hall 11 a.m. last

Presidential election 2004

## Democrats excited about prospects in GOP leaning Va.



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LIBERAL INVASION. Over six hundred local Democrats, including approximately one hundred W&L students, attended the Blue Dog Bash.

### Over six hundred dems converge for rally at the pavilion

BY ROB ARMSTRONG

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Enthusiastic Democrats swarmed Washington and Lee's Pavilion last Wednesday for the "Blue Dog Bash," a political rally that set record numbers in attendance for a Democratic event and drew several local and state politicians. More than 600 supporters, including about 100 Washington and Lee students, gathered in support of the Democratic Party as time draws near to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> elections.

"This is by far the largest, most enthusiastic crowd that I've ever seen at a Democratic event," proclaimed David Natkin, who is running for Commonwealth's Attorney in Rockbridge County, the first political campaign of his career. In early July, the local organizers believed that Wednesday's rally would only draw around 200 supporters. The Democratic leaders pointed to the policies of the Bush

Administration as the main cause that has led to large turnouts to similar gatherings across the state of Virginia.

Joanna Persio '05, President of the Young Democrats, believes that the Blue Dog Bash will help David Natkin's campaign for Commonwealth Attorney, and hopes that her organization's efforts in getting out the vote will be fruitful.

"We've done phone marketing to identify who is undecided, and who is eligible to vote but not yet registered," Persio described.

The voter registration deadline ran out today, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Young Dems will remain active on campus leading up to Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Wednesday, the organization is sponsoring a showing of *OutFOXed*, a documentary exploring the alleged bias in Fox News. A discussion of bias in the media will be led by Prof. Wasserman of the Journalism school. The screening will begin at 6pm in the Commons Theatre.

## Chapel plans events for Lee anniversary

BY KATHRYN KRALL

STAFF WRITER

October 11, 2004 marks the 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Robert E. Lee. Every year, Lee Chapel holds a Memorial Program in honor of the former president and in celebration of his life accomplishments. The theme for this year's memorial is Lee after the Civil War.

Events include a speech by Alex Wise, the director of the Tredegar National Civil War Center in Richmond. He will present a lecture on Lee's inner quest entitled "Remembering Robert E. Lee." Antoinette Brennan, a member of the Colonial Performers for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, will give a dramatic reading of an article written in the 1920s by Christina Bonds, who knew Lee as a young girl at the Greenbrier Resort. In addition, Brennan will talk about the interpretation of Lee's character from the memoirs.

Afterward, there will be a small tour of some items in the Washington and Lee collection that belonged to Lee. The tour will be led by Lee Chapel Director Patricia Hobbs, and Gwendoline Greiner.

As an intern in Lee Chapel over the summer, Greiner did much of the background research that eventually developed into this program. "We really want to make the campus generally aware of what is going on in an ongoing effort to make W&L's collections more familiar," said Greiner.



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MEMORIALIZING. Patricia Hobbs and Gwen Greiner show off an old sketch of Lee Chapel.

## New look suggests that parking is not a simple problem

BY ROB ARMSTRONG

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Phi reported last week that the overwhelming cause of limited campus parking is due to delinquent students. But after further investigation, and a reassessment of data that was received, the Phi has concluded that last week's problem was overly simplified.

Our previous article found that the University garage was crowded despite an alleged surplus in parking spaces.

Last week's conclusion was drawn from comparing the number of student registered vehicles (541), to the total number of parking spots (609). However, a corrected tally of registered student vehicles now paints a different picture: there just isn't enough space to accommodate everyone.

University Security reports that a total of 619 students have registered vehicles that can freely use the garage for parking. This figure is 10 more than the number of total available spaces and 78 more vehicles than previously concluded. In addition, this number does not take into account

faculty and staff vehicles that have the freedom to park in most lots around campus.

But since the faculty and staff do not necessarily use the University garage, it is "impossible to determine an exact number of [W&L employees] that use the garage on a given day," explains Stephen Tomlinson, Asst. Director of University Security.

The excess of registered vehicles to the garage does not necessarily mean that there wouldn't be any open spaces available. According to Mike Young, Director of University Security, "most people aren't there all the time ... there is a turn-over on a regular basis."

Young added that during the first few weeks of the school year, it is typical to have a spike in parking problems.

"People will begin to find other ways to get to school ... and the Davidson and Red Square students may need some tickets or to get towed a few times before they start following the rules," said Young.

Although the current availability problems are expected as a part of a new school season, Young believes that this year has been especially difficult. Reports indicate that there are more commuting vehicles this year than in the past. Moreover, there has

been a significant reduction in overall parking due to the closure of two surface lots as a result of construction.

The Gaines dormitory parking can only accommodate about half of its 68 registered vehicles. The overflow of vehicles was once pushed to a surface lot that had kept Gaines vehicles from using crucial spots in the garage area. However, construction to the Lenfest center has overtaken the back-up lot, forcing the overflow back into the University garage.

A second lot has been eaten up by trailers being used as office space. Once temporary classrooms for the Journalism school during a renovation of Reid Hall, the trailers now provide office space to the physical plant.

It is estimated that over 90 spaces are not being utilized as a result of the trailers. If the trailers were to be removed, the lot could provide parking for residents of Woods Creek. Such a move would immediately free up 90 spaces in the garage that are being used as permanent parking.

Mike Young is not optimistic about regaining either of these surface lots anytime soon. He is currently discussing with the city about additional surface lots. One possible idea is to offer a surface lot in proximity to the so-

rity houses. The garage currently hosts 68 student vehicles from sororities.

Another idea would expand a small surface lot adjacent to the University Mail Center, located near Stop-In. Young believes that the expansion would only open up more parking for faculty and staff, but explains that such a move would free up additional parking for students in other areas on campus.

Young does not believe that city officials will hinder the University's efforts in building new lots. "We have a good relationship with them," Young said, "and it is in their interest too. They don't want students taking up downtown parking, because then town residents won't have a place to park."

Last spring, a consultant was hired to report on parking issues at Washington and Lee. The report is being finalized and will be released in a few weeks. Young believes that the University is moving towards a more serious look at appropriate steps to be taken regarding these problems.

In the meantime, Young hopes that students, faculty, and staff remain patient. He encourages commuters to car-pool, believing it will be easier on everyone in the long run.

## Party sees changing face in Va.

BY ROB ARMSTRONG

STAFF WRITER

In a state that has voted Republican in every Presidential election since 1964, Democrats remain optimistic about Kerry's chances to defeat the incumbent in Virginia. Susan R. Swecker, the State Director of the Kerry campaign and a graduate of W&L Law noted that a recent Mason-Dixon poll, taken in the days leading up to the 1<sup>st</sup> debate, show Bush with only a slight lead in Virginia. The results were Bush - 49%, Kerry - 43%, and 1% going to Nader. But as the Nader campaign failed to get on the Virginia ballot, the recent poll shows Kerry within the margin of error.

Despite Gallup polls showing a modest advantage to Bush in crucial swing states, Swecker maintains that what is most important is the work that is being done on the ground.

"What is really important, in terms of Virginia, is a turnout like here," Swecker said. "It's happening all over the state, we are seeing passion and enthusiasm to replace the Bush Administration, to put in [the Whitehouse] a team of leaders to get our economy going in this country and to get our world affairs in order."

Swecker is also confident about Kerry's advantages with the 30 and younger crowd. She described an increase in student political participation on college campuses throughout the state of Virginia, and believes that "the young generation has checked into this election, and they're saying, 'we don't like what the President is doing.'"

On a more local scale, David Natkin discussed a similar phenomenon in getting out the vote. Natkin said that Rockbridge county and Lexington city have seen "many more new citizens getting registered to vote this year." Natkin believes that this new wave tended to register with the Democratic party.

Creigh Deeds was the third Democratic speaker at the rally. Deeds currently serves as State Senator in Va, and will run for Attorney General in 2005. When questioned about polls pointing to a Bush lead, Deeds remained confident, "The only poll that matters is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All you can do is keep moving forward." Until then, the alleged changing demographics of voters in Virginia and local Rockbridge county will remain political speculation.

## Kappa holds annual Bowl-a-Thon

BY ASHLEY METZLOFF

STAFF WRITER

Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual Philanthropy Bowl-a-Thon drew about seventy people to Lexington Lanes last Thursday to benefit the American Heart Association.

The Bowl-a-Thon is Kappa's first philanthropic event of the year. All W&L students could bowl for free, and Kappa collected donations for the American Heart Association.

According to Kappa President Marian Steele, the Bowl-a-Thon is a fun way "to just get together with friends and go bowling." Kappas and other W&L community members alike were able to bowl and socialize during the two hour event.

In December, Kappa will sponsor pictures with Santa in the Elrod Commons and a 5K Marathon event, Race for Charlie, is planned for the spring.

## GayLaw planning events for National Coming Out Week

During the week of October 4th through the 8th, GayLaw is presenting a celebration in anticipation of National Coming Out Week. For "Redefining Queer: A Week of Gender Exploration," GayLaw asks you to question your notions of gender identity and sexuality. On Monday at 6:00 PM in Law School Classroom G, attend a presentation on Transgender and Bisexual Issues in the Law. On Wednesday at 12:00 noon in Law School Classroom E, Project Horizon will discuss domestic violence from a same-sex perspective. On Thursday at 7:00 PM in Classroom G, Professor Theresa Braunschneider will show the documentary *Juggling Gender* and lead a discussion on the complexity of gender and sexuality issues presented by the bearded circus performer Jennifer Miller.

The week culminates in the grand and glorious Drag Show, presented on the Law School Lawn on Friday at 9:00 PM. Come out. Challenge yourself. Have fun.

We've got several events for the week of 4-8 October.

- Redefining Queer: A Week on Gender Exploration
- Monday, 4 October, 6:00 PM, Law School Classroom G  
"GayLaw: More than Just Gays and Lesbians"  
A presentation on Transgender and Bisexual Issues in the Law
- Wednesday, 6 October, 12:00 PM, Law School Classroom E  
"Domestic Violence from a Same-Sex Perspective"  
A presentation by Project Horizon
- Thursday, 7 October, 7:00 PM, Law School Classroom G  
"Juggling Gender"  
Professor Theresa Braunschneider leads a discussion of the documentary on bearded circus performer Jennifer Miller
- Friday, 8 October, 9:00 PM, Law School Lawn  
DRAG SHOW
- The point of the week is to explore our ideas about gender identity and challenge our notions of what it means to be gay.

provided by GayLaw

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## THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

*EC-funded student organizations must remain non-partisan.*

Now that it's time for EC budget allocations, we have a few words of caution for student organizations that plan on asking for EC funds..

In the Student Budget Policy, the EC puts forth its guidelines, "It is the Executive Committee's policy not to directly fund politically partisan organizations or organizations that advocate a certain religious faith."

We are concerned that some student organizations that receive EC funds are, in fact, politically partisan. We are not suggesting that these organizations shouldn't receive funds. They should, however, keep a check on their activities.

Both the Washington and Lee Students for Life and the Gay-Straight Alliance have the echoes of political partisanship in their missions. The GSA, for example, had Kerry-Edwards signs at the Student Activities Fair. Similarly, Washington and Lee students for Life is hosting a Reverend to talk October 21.

There is a fine line between expressing or even teaching one's belief and political/religious advocacy. We feel these two groups may have crossed that line.

Responsibility for holding to the Student Budget Policy lies with both the Executive Committee and the student organizations.

The EC allocates money in good faith. Presidents of all student organizations should strive to be politically, and religiously, impartial.

Granted, many gay issues cross over into the political arena. Abortion is continuously brought up as an issue in political campaigns.

Both the GSA and Students for Life have goals laudable to some or all, but we wonder if perhaps their organizations' aims lie outside the realm of appropriate, EC-funded activities.

# THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

## "Withdrew" vs. "Dismissed"- transcript plea bargain inconsistency for convicted HV students must be altered

Much of the current outrage from some students regarding the honor system is, to borrow a line from my man F. Scott Fitzgerald, just a lot of sound and fury, signifying nothing. While one might feel a general desire to "reform" the honor system, it can often be hard to turn that desire into solid, affirmative action. It is easier to blame the Executive Committee for failing to act than to ask them to correct an injustice. And since I believe that this year's EC is genuinely committed to positive change and listening (and acting upon) student thought regarding the honor system,

**Φ** *MODERATE'S MUSINGS*  
CALEY ANDERSON '06

I have a proposal.

When students leave this school because of the Honor System, they have a myriad of reasons why, and they can do so at several different stages in the process of judging a potential Honor Violation. I'd imagine that it's hard for most students here to imagine how it must feel to go through the process of being tried on an HV, as the number of people charged with violations each year is minimal, and a good number of those leave the University. Thus, many students admittedly can't comprehend what's going on in the heads of accused students.

As an Honor Advocate, I see and deal with just this sort of accused student. The emotional strain of it drives people close to their breaking point—they are, after all, threatened with a life-changing, negative event that's humiliating and costly, whether they're guilty or not. People who are charged with Honor Violations are panicky from the moment they're charged until the final verdict. They are not in a state of mind where they can make important decisions or even think particularly clearly.

There is a facet of the Honor System which is an unfair detriment to the accused, especially given that their state of mind is something similar to the above. When a student goes through

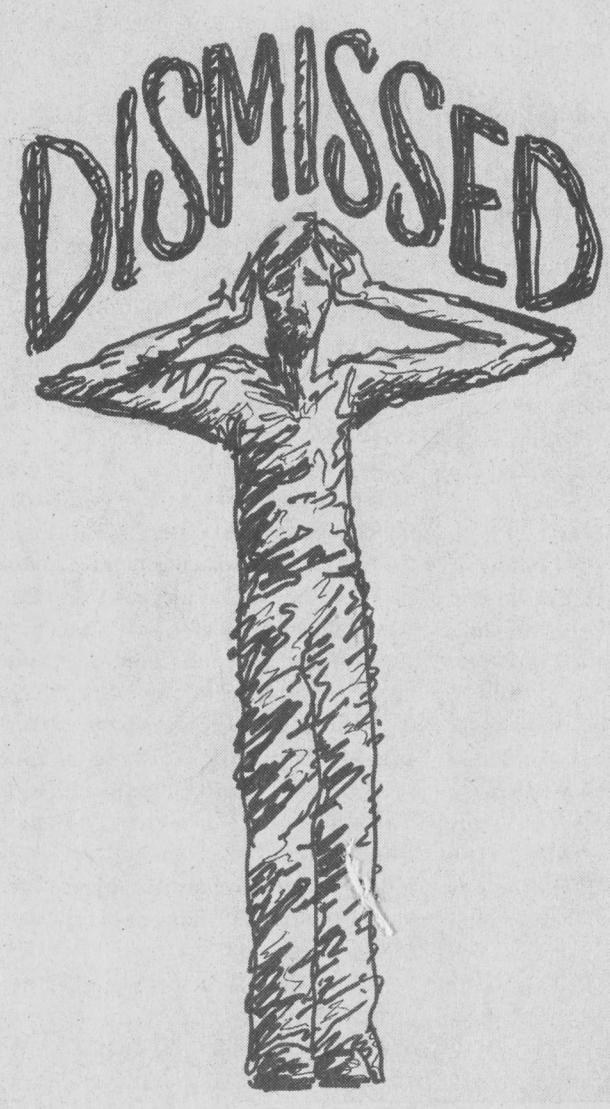
their closed hearing, they have a stark fear of the moment when the EC comes out of their deliberations. The entire structure of their life is threatened. And if the EC pronounces them guilty, they get pushed close to the emotional

stead of the ominous "dismissed." You can dance around questions from the schools you apply for transfer to a lot easier if you "withdrew." In other words, it's easier to rebuild your life, even if, in all reality, you didn't really "withdraw" in the sense of the word most liberal arts colleges think of.

What this is, in effect, is a form of bribery/plea bargaining that is sanctioned by the White Book. In exchange for not causing all the hassle of a Student Body hearing, they get a much easier pass to another school, or to an employer. This, in my own humble opinion, is somewhat duplicitous, and against the spirit of what we consider honor at W&L. When you're a student making this stressed choice, you're pretty much being pushed into leaving rather than appealing, because of the false security that the "withdrew" provides, in addition to the fear of "dismissed." This is not fair, and does not give the student a fair chance at considering appealing to the Student Body, which is a right.

Therefore, I believe that the White Book ought to be changed to eliminate this transcript plea bargaining. Either you should be "dismissed" all the way, or you should get "withdrawn" on there all the way. Personally, I think it ought to be "dismissed." When we say "withdrew," we're telling a half-truth to any colleges or employers that consider the person afterwards; "dismissed" is more honest. Still, always putting "withdrew" instead would also be better than the current arrangement. Either one eliminates the unfair pressure towards leaving the school, whether it's in the face of an honor violation, or after being found guilty in a Closed Hearing.

Do you agree with me? If you're an EC member, bring it up. If not, officially proposing an amendment to the White Book when you're not on the EC or the White Book Review Committee means you need a petition with 50 signatures. That petition is in the cafe, on the left end of the counter in the front (you know, right next to where they make the cold sandwiches). Sign it the next time you walk by.



brink. It's an awful time in anyone's life, and it's an awful thing to witness.

And yet, at this very moment, we ask them to make a critically important decision. "Within seventy-two hours," they have to decide whether they're going to leave Washington & Lee or appeal to a student body hearing. And herein lies the problem.

If you decide to leave rather than appeal, you get a "withdrew" on your transcript, in-

## Quote of the Week

"He was a Greenwich born vivant who enjoyed gourmet food, a drop of wine on festive occasions, a silk bed and his velvet collar."

~Obituary for Fido Graham in the first edition of the New York Dog Magazine

## Heroes walk among us at the University

This Friday will mark my debut in the film industry. While its not quite the starring role I imagined it to be, I'm meeting it with excitement and enthusiasm. In contrast to the typical image a movie premier provides, mine will leave something to be desired. For starters, its not in Hollywood. It will be premiered in Pueblo, Colorado.

I'm sure this seems quite unusual, but it is a fitting place. Being over 100 miles away from the nearest major city (Denver), Pueblo is the "Home of Heroes", the birthplace of four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. This medal is the highest military award that can be awarded to any member of the armed forces and my small role is in a PBS documentary about

these four men.

When I was about 5 years old, I

started taking piano lessons from an elderly woman who lived nearby. Every Thursday afternoon until I was about 14, I met with her for an hour. Over the course of these years, I became close to her and her husband, Bill.

Sometimes, I would have lessons at her house and when my dad wasn't working during the winters, he would take me to lessons and sit and talk with Mr. Crawford I saw the photographs of him along with various presidents hung on the walls in his house, but I never really understood why he got to meet so many leaders. Slowly the story of his heroism was revealed and I was amazed.

During WWI, Mr. Crawford served in Italy. After the original scout was killed, Mr. Crawford took on scouting duty and took out three ma-

chine gun nests on his own. He talked about bullets going by his head and between his legs but nonetheless surged ahead and allowed his platoon to advance. Eventually, he was then taken as a Prisoner of War and forced to march for 52 days over 500 miles during the middle of winter. He told me many incredible stories of trying to survive as a prisoner. After returning home, he became a janitor at the Air Force Academy, going largely unnoticed for many years.

As I said in the interview for PBS, to me, a hero is someone who shows strength of character by being modest, real, and courageous.

In an ironic parallel, we seem to have someone of the sort right here on campus. While he may not have a Medal of Honor, I think he does show an admirable character. After my last article, he emailed me about his dream.

Because I'm writing this article last minute, I haven't gotten his permission to print his name, so just know that there is a janitor among us who could teach us something. While working here, he is continuing his education and raising four children. The coolest part, in my opinion, is that only two of his children are his biologically. The third is adopted and the fourth is a foster child, the sibling of the third.

While Pueblo may be the "Home of Heroes", we should be mindful that everyday heroes still walk among us in disguise and treat everyone as we would treat those more obvious heroes.

As an anonymous quote reminds us, "we should always keep the door open for the hero who can touch our souls, give us a deeper understanding of what is truly important in life, and allow us to gain strength from the footprints they have left in our hearts, changing us forever."



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HONOR. Respect must be given to recipients of above.

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"Who won the first presidential debate?"

Senator Kerry- 20%

President Bush- 16%

Neither one- 64%

50 students polled, 27 female, 23 male- Poll has 95% confidence in +/- 5% margin of error

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# Frosh realizes normal standards of conduct do not apply at W&L

I'm a freshman. And I just broke one of the cardinal rules of editorial writing — opening with the obvious. Damn it. I was off to such a good start.

But as a freshman, please keep in mind that all of this that is so old to you is so new to me, so I am just bubbling over with the obvious and apparent, and I will proceed to share it with you despite how well you know everything I will say. Bear with.

I arrived on this campus with the training wheels of parents carrying my stuff in, building, moving and cleaning my furniture and Momma Childs posting the "Mom's Rules for College Living" prominently on my wall. They read as follows:

## 1. Bathe Daily

## 2. Learn \$280 worth every weekday

## 3. Wash your hands

## 4. Get an average of 8 hours of sleep every night

## 5. Eat an average of 3 meals a day

## 6. Work out at least 3 times a week

## 7. Remember the Party Rules

## 8. Remember the Newspaper Rule

And yes, she calculated how much a day's worth of

classes would cost. The Newspaper Rule is that everything you do could be in the newspaper tomorrow; would you be happy with that? The Party Rules are:

### a). Don't drink before 5,

### b). have \$5, an ID and your phone

### c). Be aware of your surroundings

### d). drink one, maybe two beers, and

### e). be home by one, maybe two o'clock.

These are written up for me, on hot pink papers, posted carefully in my room. Any person that has walked in my room has stopped, read them, laughed, and asked for an explanation.

The funny thing is, these rules all seemed fairly doable when I left home. Ha, ha, eat an average of three meals a day? Can do! Bathe Daily? Of course!

But now that I'm here, when I miss breakfast and kind of lunch, and proceed to eat continuously from four o'clock on, is that three meals? Can I really define *any* of those as meals? The answer is, of course, no.

And while I still bathe daily, it's a battle to get myself up to do it.

The working out rule is a joke. I never took that one seriously anyway.

During orientation week, I noticed that this was a strange hybrid of a world we

inhabit, where all of yesterday's rules and obvious standards of behavior flew out of the window and were replaced by an easier-to-follow, rounding-up, It'll-never-happen-to-me set of standards.

Even the basics were challenged. I mean, when I was

trust these fraternity boys. They seem nice; they pick you up right when they say they will, and they're still there if you show up hours late.

But overall I feel like I've done a fairly decent job finding middle ground between this "Hop in, and I will take

"And it doesn't seem sketchy to me anymore to stroll up to a random car driven by a random kid and go to a place named after dishwashing aids or silver-medalist figure skaters. Or even Hooterville."

about two years old, the basic rules were don't take candy from strangers, don't get into cars with strangers, and wear your seatbelt.

So day one of orientation, I hop into the trunk of a SUV driven by a guy named Dave, or Rusty, or Pippin (who could have been a local rapist as far as I know, I never saw his face), and I curl up as small as possible so that all 24 of us can comfortably, and safely I might add, fit into the back,

Mom never even had to tell me not to consume things out of trashcans; that one was kind of a given.

But now, all of this seems completely normal. And it doesn't seem sketchy to me anymore to stroll up to a random car driven by a random kid and go to a place named after dishwashing aids or silver-medalist figure skaters. Or even Hooterville. Because I

you twenty miles down a country road that you can only assume ends in a fraternity party" world and Mom's Basic Rules for College Living.

I feel like I've pretty much stayed within some (modified) parameters, and while I may or may not have strayed from the Good Idea Zone once or twice, I think it's been solid so far. I come home quasi-early,

I'm pretty responsible, and I always have my phone and ID, and I'm aware of my surroundings. And that's most of the battle.

I feel, on the whole, that the Honor Code and small campus take care of a lot of the rest of the "dangers" and the other vague and ominous words that haunted my "Why-can't-I-stay-out-later" arguments of yore.

As we took our first baby steps into this brave new world, wide-eyed and speechless, we left our mommy's home-cooked meals behind,

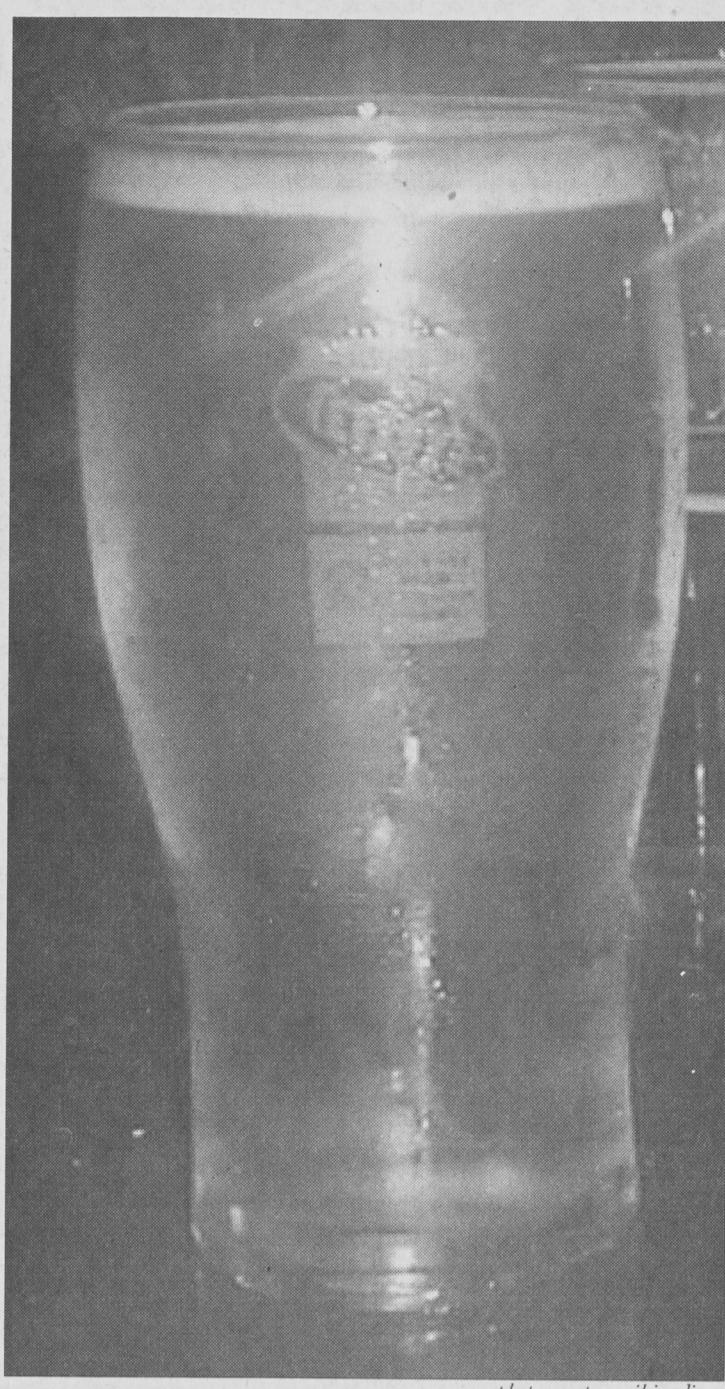


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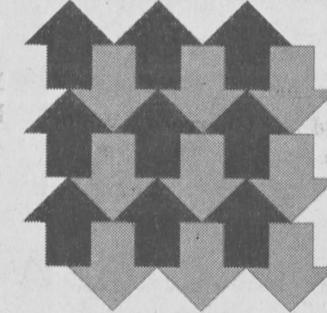
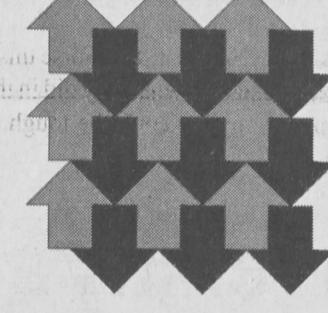
and now fill the void with FroYo and Lucky Charms.

And I think that's OK — at least until that infamous frosh Fifteen really starts to catch up.

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## Ups and Downs

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



**Football-** ↑ Faaaaaaantastic.

**Men's Soccer Refs-** ↓ Court Nexsen got a freaking JUDO move put on him by a Randolph-Macon defender, and HE got the foul. And that was one of many, many ref injustices in the 1-1 tie.

**Phi Delt band-** ↑ Best bluegrass I've heard in a while.

**San Diego Padres-** ↓ So close....the worst heartbreaks are the relationships that get close.

**C-School-** ↔ Huntley Hall, Williams School, everyone's still going to call it the C-School no matter whose honor it's named in.

**Debate-** ↑ That was FUN to watch. The Prez better get on the ball for the next one.

**Californians-** ↑ We're TAKING OVER THE CAMPUS! HAHAHAHA!

**Cafe Michel-** ↑ This hidden Lex jewel serves some of the best "freedom" food around.

**Katie Abplanalp-** ↑ Vive la reine.

**Homecoming Banners-** ↔ Some were good, but man, some needed a LOT more effort.

**Bluegrass Wed. mornings at Lex Coffee Shop-** ↑ Bluegrass + W&L = Scrumtrilecent.

**Caley for 2006 EC Rep-** ↑ As my campaign starts, I'm like the Ralph Nader of my class' campus elections. This year, I'm shooting for 25 votes.

**EC-** ↔ Insanely busy this week. On second thought, maybe I don't necessarily WANT the job.

**Robert E. Lee-** ↑ I say that his greatest contributions to this country's legacy came from 1865-1870, right here on the Hill.

**Martha/Mothra Stewart-** ↓ Is it justice if a trumped up charge gets a trumped up celebrity? I mean, she probably did something wrong, but what they essentially did is pull the old "get them on a lesser crime/technicality" trick, like tax evasion and Al Capone.

**Homecoming-** ↑ Somehow it seemed a lot more fun than last year. Couldn't tell you why.

**Supreme Court Justice Scalia-** ?? "sexual orgies eliminate social tension and ought to be encouraged."

**Poker-** ↑ One of my favorite games has become a pop culture force in recent years. Now, if only the same thing could happen to chess, so I'd be less of a nerd.

**Co-op/Cafe salsa** ↑ That's damn good stuff.

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# Generals give football fans reason to cheer

*Homecoming game leaves home fan excited, team begins this season with 1-0 ODAC record*

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Thanks to stifling defense, the Generals were able to shut out Randolph Macon College on Saturday 17-0.

In a game that did not resemble typical Washington and Lee football, the Generals played a near perfect game on their Homecoming Weekend.

Midway through the first quarter the Generals scored on a 9 year run by Junior, Michael Lackett. W&L had started the drive at the Randolph Macon's 23 yard line, after a Robert Foster interception.

Foster made another big play in the third quarter when he stripped Randolph Macon's quarterback allowing Stuart Swann to pick up the fumble and return

it 49 yards for the touchdown.

Foster finished the day with a school record tying five sacks to go along with his eight tackles. Senior Lloyd Wilson added a game high nine tackles along with two sacks.

In total, Randolph Macon had only 119 yards and were held to 6 yards rushing the ball, which was in large part due to the Generals recording a school record 10 sacks overall.

While the defense was clearly the leading light of the game, the Generals also did well on the other side of the ball. Lackett finished up with 11 carries and 79 yards while quarterback Greg Twardy added 111 more through the air.

With the win, the Generals improve their record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the ODAC.



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**BRING IT ON.** W&L cheerleaders show an infectious school spirit during Saturday's Homecoming game.

# Gritter reflects on baseball season

*Atlanta Braves the 'best franchise in all of sports,' Los Angeles Dodgers this year's 'dark horse'*

BY RYAN GRITTER  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

As the season comes to a close I often like to look back at the predictions from the beginning of the year and compare. Though there are always surprises to be found, this year has proven to be more entertaining than usual. Not only are the awards not working out as planned, but the playoff picture includes many teams who, on paper, shouldn't be there. Anyways, here are my choices for the MVP and Cy Young winners followed by a look at the teams in the playoffs.

#### American League

**MVP – Vladimir Guerrero** – While a case could be made for Ichiro or Tejada, the fact of the matter is, neither of their respective teams won. Ichiro, despite being the best leadoff man in the league (ever?), scored 20 fewer runs than Vlad did, and Tejada's batting average isn't high enough to propel him past Guerrero despite his major league leading 149 RBI's. Vladimir led his team to the playoffs and posted ridiculous numbers, .337-39-126 (BA-HR-RBI) with 124 runs scored on the side to lead the AL.

**Cy Young – Johan Santana** – I hate hate hate all the talk about Curt Schilling possibly getting it because he has more

wins. Curt Schilling has ONE MORE WIN....just one. Wins often depend more on your team than anything else anyway. Just look at Randy Johnson this year, second in the majors in ERA and he has 14 losses. Anyways, Santana has 20 wins, led the AL in strikeouts and ERA, and was the ace of a playoff team. There's never been a more obvious Cy Young winner than Johan Santana.

#### National League

**MVP – Adrian Beltre** – Clearly names like Bonds and Pujols come up as other good options, but Adrian Beltre had the largest impact on his team of the three. I say that bearing in mind the last couple years during which the Dodgers have had the pitching but a complete lack of offense. Beltre gave them more than what they needed. No one ever expected him to be a triple crown threat...even before the 5 years of sucking in the pros. I'm a firm believer that an MVP often doesn't have a great supporting cast, placing more emphasis on him. Pujols has Rolen, Edmonds, and to a lesser extent Walker. Bonds is of course a legitimate pick since he is the heart and soul of the Giants, but he seems to affect the lineup too much. He inflates the stats of his fellow players to decent level and they fade in the playoffs. Bonds just doesn't get the RBI's because of this. So while I would completely accept Bonds, Beltre's stats

are very comparable (.338-48-121) to Bonds' (.363-45-101).

**Cy Young – Roger Clemens** – I wish there was a font I could put that in that would make it look unsure. I'm not a Roger Clemens fan, but I think statistically he makes the best case this year. Peavy led the majors in ERA (2.27) but only had 15 wins and 166 Innings. Schmidt and Pavano are the other major

*"they should fold  
in the playoffs like a true  
Atlanta Braves team"*

contenders, their records respectively 17-7 and 18-8. Both had ERA's comparable to Clemens' but slightly higher. Where the separation come as I see it is Clemens' 4 losses. 18-4 is an obscene winning percentage, and he stepped up with Roy Oswalt and got his team into the playoffs. You just can't make much of a case for anyone over him, so "the Rocket" (two strokes) gets it.

**New York Yankees** – once again they're stacked and favored in the playoffs, but the pitching staff (as predicted) has been shaky. If Orlando Hernandez steps up they could do well, they certainly have

the offense.....gosh I hate them.

**Boston Red Sox** – Not as convincing to look at but they've been riding a hot streak and there really isn't a hole in their lineup unless Pokey's playing. The duo of Schilling and Pedro is reminiscent of the D'Backs miracle World Series a three years ago.

**Minnesota Twins** – They have the pitching, assuming Santana handles the playoffs well, but the offense doesn't deserve to win a world series. Having said that, the offenses of the Angels and Marlins weren't that impressive either, and they're wearing rings instead of the two previously mentioned teams.

**Anaheim Angels** – I can't see them doing much in the playoffs, they have a great offense, but now that offense doesn't have Jose Guillen, who accounted for more than 100 RBI's this season. The pitching staff lacks the top notch starter that the other playoff teams have.

**St. Louis Cardinals** – They got so lucky with their pitching staff, Carpenter came back brilliantly, and Jason Marquis emerged as a spectacular bottom of the rotation starter. The staff doesn't have playoff experience, though. Unfortunately, beating the Cardinals is much

more about containing the offense....good luck.

**Atlanta Braves** – The best franchise in all of sports. No matter what losses they suffer, management and Bobby Cox come out with a contender. But they should fold in the playoffs like a true Atlanta Braves team. They're solid, and could very well win the first series, but I don't see them getting through two.

**Los Angeles Dodgers** – They have the pitching...kindof. The starters have done a fantastic job, but there are no proven, big names on the roster. The bullpen is unquestioned and the offense is solid. They're a dark horse this year, if the pitchers do what they did in the regular season they could be tough in a series.

**Houston Astros** – The offense has tons of veteran experience and a heating up Jeff Bagwell. The staff has a one two combo that rivals any other team in these playoffs and Brad Lidge has done a phenomenal job closing for them. Still, the Astros led by the killer B's have never had much playoff success and they don't seem to have the makeup to compete with the Cardinals offense. But the

## This Week in Sports

### Tuesday

- Field Hockey at Lynchburg--4:30

### Wednesday

- M Soccer at Emory and Henry--4
- W Soccer vs. Hollins--4:30

### Thursday

- Open

### Friday

- Volleyball at Emory Invitational--4:30
- Field Hockey at Eastern Mennonite--5:30

### Saturday

- W Soccer at Virginia Wesleyan--11
- Volleyball at Emory Invitational--2
- Football at Centre--1:30
- M Soccer at Hampden Sydney--11

### Sunday

- W Soccer at Chowan--1

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## Generals dominate home track

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LEXINGTON, Va.—The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams were in action on Saturday as they hosted the Generals Invitational at the Dick Miller Cross Country Course. The W&L men finished first of three teams, while the women placed second of four teams.

For the men, junior Nathan Johnson (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) won the race with a time of 28:33. Senior Steve Chambers (Christiana, Pa./Octorara Area) finished third of 37 runners with a time of 29:31, while junior Andrew Johnson (Blairstown, N.J./Blair Academy) completed the course in 30:11 to place fourth. On the women's side, sophomore Julie Harris (Richmond, Va./St. Catherines) led the way with a sixth place finish (27:24) out of 28 runners. Sophomore Debra Kubas (Colchester, Conn./Bacon Academy) finished eighth with a time of 27:55, while junior Ashley Brown (Kingwood, W.Va./Preston) finished ninth with a time of 28:13.

Washington and Lee returns to action on Saturday as it competes in the Virginia State Championships in Harrisonburg, Va., at 10:30 am.

## Hagerman wins women's singles

### Hagerman moves on to ITA Small College National Championship

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SPORTS INFORMATION

FREDERICKSBURG, Va.—Senior Lindsay Hagerman (Wichita Falls, Texas/Highland Park), of the Washington and Lee women's tennis team, captured the main draw singles championship for the second consecutive year at the ITA Southeast Region Championship hosted by the University of Mary Washington on Monday afternoon.

Hagerman, the top-seeded player in the tournament, knocked off third-seeded Mona Iyer of Carnegie Mellon, 6-1, 6-0, in the semifinals before defeating fellow General, sophomore Kristen McClung (Charleston, W.Va./Charleston Catholic), 6-1, 6-0, in the championship match. McClung advanced to the final after defeating second-seeded Amy Staloch of Carnegie Mellon, 0-6, 6-3, 6-0, in the semifinals.

In the final of the main draw doubles, Hagerman and senior Lora Farris (Dallas, Texas/Highland Park) lost to the duo of Iyer and Staloch, 8-6.

In B-draw singles action, freshman Catherine Rentschler (Hamilton, Ohio/Ursuline Academy) was defeated by Mary Washington's Emily Brimer, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, in the semifinals.

In B-draw doubles play, W&L had two teams advance to the championship match. Freshman Kelly Will (Holly Springs, N.C./Cary Academy) and sophomore Amanda Haines (Eden, N.C./N.C. Science & Math) will square off against the freshmen duo of Rebecca Timmis (Peachtree City, Ga./McIntosh) and Leah Weston (Colorado Springs, Colo./Air Academy) at practice on Tuesday.

Hagerman advanced to the ITA Small College National Championship to be held on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla. from Oct. 14-17.

## Soccer's scintillating offense stings wasps

### Wiltshire's hat trick leads women's soccer over Emory and Henry, 8-0

BY JOHN BOVAY  
SUPPLEMENTED BY W&L  
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The Lady Generals' soccer team took on Emory & Henry in ODAC action on Saturday, and proved the strength of their team with a dominating 8-0 win. Sophomore forward Anne Wiltshire led the team with three second-half goals and an assist. Three of her teammates scored goals, and the Washington & Lee defense proved indomitable as they refused to allow a shot on goal.

The game was characterized by one-sided play, as freshman forward Shana Oltmans scored twice in the first fourteen minutes to follow up her two

goals earlier in the week against Bridgewater. After Oltmans' second goal, W&L went on a long dry streak with many close opportunities. The Wasps stopped over a dozen straight shots from the Generals late in the first half and early in the second half, but rarely had any opportunities to score.

They managed to hang in the game despite their short bench until Generals sophomore Sarah Helms assisted the first goal of the second half, a textbook pass to Wiltshire's header with few defenders near the goal. A few minutes later, Wiltshire dribbled around several Wasps season, as she leads the team with 9 goals and 21 points. Helms still leads the team in assists, with 7 for the year.

The Generals' overall record improved to 7-2-1, with a 5-1 record in the ODAC, their lone loss coming against nationally ranked Virginia Wesleyan. Their next game is Tuesday, when they host Guilford (3-7, 2-2 ODAC) on Tuesday at 4:00. The Wasps record dropped to 3-6-1 (1-2 ODAC). Generals head coach Neil Cunningham picked up his 50<sup>th</sup> win at W&L in only his fourth year here, posting an impressive .794 winning percentage.

## THIS PAST WEEK'S SPORTS IN BRIEF . . .

### W&L SPORTS RELEASE

#### W&L Men's Tennis Competes in ITA Regional (10/3)

Washington and Lee senior Paul McClure (Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School) and junior David Shay (Martinez, Ga./Augusta Prep) have both advanced to the singles semifinals of the ITA South Regional held at Goucher College.

#### W&L Field Hockey Defeats Mary Washington, 2-1 (10/3)

Freshman defender Kendall Korte (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox) scored her second goal of the game with just under five minutes remaining to give the Washington and Lee field hockey team a 2-1 victory over Mary Washington on Sunday afternoon at the W&L turf field.

#### W&L Men's Soccer Ties Randolph-Macon, 1-1 (10/2)

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team played its third double-overtime game of the season and came away with a 1-1 tie against ODAC-rival Randolph-Macon College on Saturday afternoon at Watt Field.

#### W&L Volleyball Downs EMU and LC, 3-0 (10/2)

The Washington and Lee volleyball team extended its ODAC winning streak to 36 consecutive matches with a pair of wins on Saturday afternoon. The Generals downed Eastern Mennonite 30-14, 30-9, 30-22, before defeating Lynchburg, 30-20, 30-22, 30-18.

#### W&L Golf Finishes Third at St. Andrews Invitational (9/27)

The Washington and Lee golf team opened its season with a third place finish at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Fall Invitational on Monday afternoon at the Deercroft Golf Club in Wagaram, N.C. The Generals were led by freshman Nathaniel James (Keller, Texas/Keller), who finished tied for third with an even-par 72. Rain from Tropical Storm Jeanne shortened the event to just one round.

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**LOVELY LADIES.** Looking like picture-perfect W&L girls even in the rain, Kappa Delta sophomores enjoy the Homecoming football game against Randolph Macon this weekend. *from left to right:* Kathryn Brennan, Bebe Terrell, Tricia Williams, Megan Hunt, Whitney Dickson. Umbrellas have been a "must-have" accessory to colorful sundresses this rainy fall term.

## This October, many music 'greats' release new albums

BY BLAIR CRUNK  
STAFF WRITER

With October upon us, it is important to note three things. First of all, this means that fall is certainly here. Second, October will bring my birthday on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps most importantly, October marks a month in which the music world will release arguably a higher quality of studio albums as compared to the summer months.

In my column this week, I will discuss and recommend four albums, one of which is a must-have for any W&L student. In addition to the albums that I will discuss, there are three which receive Honorable Mentions and should be noted. These three albums, with their release dates, include:

Acoustic Syndicate – "Long Way 'Round" (10/12)  
The Strokes – "Live at Alexandra Palace" (10/12)  
Brooks & Dunn – "Greatest Hits, Volume 2" (10/19)

**George Strait – 50 Number Ones** – This October 5<sup>th</sup> release has been in the works from the critically-acclaimed "King George" for years now. No, that's not a misprint, either. This double-disc set will showcase all fifty of Strait's number one hits, in addition to one new song – "I Hate Everything," the single that is currently racing up the Billboard country charts. From the twangy "Baby's Gotten Good at Goodbye," the tear-in-my-beer "All My Ex's Live in Texas," the anthem-like "Heartland," all the way to "I Can Still Make Cheyenne," Strait gives country his best shot at his own all-star team. Even if you're not the biggest Strait fan, take a look at the song lineup on the album, and I guarantee that you'll be surprised. This promises to be the best-selling of Strait's career and possibly the highest-grossing country release of 2004.

**R.E.M. – Around the Sun** – For the first time since May of 2001, Michael Stipe and the rest of R.E.M. are releasing a full-length studio album. Scheduled to be released on October 5<sup>th</sup>, "Around the Sun" follows 2001's "Reveal" (which featured singles "Imitation of Life" and "All the Way to Reno") and the 2003 greatest hits release entitled "In Time: The Best of R.E.M. 1988-2003." On National Public Radio's (NPR) online music show "All Songs Considered," host Bob Boilen along with music reviewers Will Hermes, Tom Moon, and Meredith Ochs about the most anticipated releases for fall 2004; this list includes the latest record from R.E.M. Even though the band has not enjoyed true "rock star success" since 1992 with the haunting "Automatic for the People" or perhaps the 1994 release "Monster," critics remain optimistic that this record will be one to bring R.E.M. back onto the music scene. A preview listening party to celebrate the release of "Around the Sun" will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> at a bar in Athens, Georgia, the band's hometown. If you happen to be at the University of Georgia that night for some odd reason, be sure to check it out.

**John Mellencamp – Words & Music: John Mellencamp's Greatest Hits** – This double-CD set is scheduled for an October 19<sup>th</sup> release date and features 35 of Cougar's biggest hits and two new songs, "Walk Tall" and "Thank You." These two new tracks have a "new feel" to them and were co-produced by Mellencamp and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. From the classic "Pink Houses" to the soulful "Dance Naked," all the way to his 2003 hit "Teardrops Will Fall," Mellencamp proves with this record that he can still rock. In listening to this album, it is interesting to note how Mellencamp's music has both changed and matured from his first single release in 1979 ("I Need A Lover") all the way to the present, nearly 25 years later. With this release, the

Seymour, Indiana native proves that it is possible to come from a small town and still have the opportunity to make a name for yourself. In Mellencamp's words, "Got nothin' against a big town / Still hayseed enough to say / Look who's in the big town." This album contains a little of both – the hayseed and the city; and it makes for a fantastic combination.

**Eddie From Ohio – This Is Me** – While the previous three albums are recommended, this particular record is a must-have for any normal, civilized person. This Virginia-based "folk-ernative" quartet is scheduled to release their latest album on October 19<sup>th</sup> and continue proving why they are "the best band you've never heard of," according to a fan website. It may be deceiving, but female Murphy Wells (a Virginia Tech graduate) is the lead singer of this band, and she teamed up with JMU graduates Robbie Schaefer, Eddie Hartness and Michael Clem in 1991 to form Eddie from Ohio. They began playing covers in neighborhood bars in towns across the Commonwealth and in the DC area before 1999 when they finally caught a break and began playing small concert halls with entirely original music. Too alternative to be classified as folk, but too folk to be classified as alternative, Murphy and her boys have enjoyed a cult-like following for the past five years and released seven albums altogether. "This Is Me" promises to be no different than the seven that have preceded it – a folkishly alternative sound with bluegrass references, containing lyrics that will force both smiles and reflections. This album will remain true to Eddie from Ohio's roots and expand upon what the band has already accomplished. With their tight harmonies and humorous lyrics, Eddie from Ohio deserves more than a "Yeah, I've heard of them." They deserve to be in your collection...and this is the album to make that happen.

## Looking for Christmas gifts? Try The Book.

BY EMILY EDWARDS  
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

For as long as I can remember, I have eagerly anticipated the arrival of Neiman Marcus' *The Christmas Book*. October could never seem to come soon enough. My otherwise deplorable weekend (Auburn massacred my beloved boys in orange) was brightened, if only for a nanosecond, when my mother handed me *The Book* on Sunday morning as I headed back to Lexington.

For those of you not familiar with *The Book*, it is a delightful collection of both affordable and ridiculously priced garments and gadgets perfectly suited for him and her. This year's Christmas book does not disappoint.

For those of you who are tired of driving to Lexington Lanes, you can have your very own 5000 square foot bowling alley complete with four regulation lanes, 36 premium balls, glow-in-the-dark pins, and plasma TVs. His and hers bowling shoes are also included. The package is very reasonably priced at \$1,450,000.

For the traveler in you, Neiman Marcus and Zeppelin have teamed up to offer the Zeppelin NT airship. This ain't your momma's Hindenburg. This airship can achieve a top speed of 70 knots, has a flight duration of 24 hours, and can accommodate you and 14 of your closest friends. Your one-of-a-kind airship is even more reasonably priced at \$10,000,000.

For your inner Jacques Cousteau (may he rest in peace), \$1,700,000 will buy you a submarine. Well, sort of. The Deep Flight Aviator has room for two and handles much like a fighter jet. You and your "copilot" can reach depths of 1500 feet, and you needn't worry about the marine life. The engines generate zero pollution and very little noise.

For those of you blacktop maniacs with a need for speed (like myself), pages 16 and 17 feature a special edition Maserati Quattroporte. Personally, I would rather have last

year's BMW 645i that they offered, but, alas. The 2005 Quattroporte goes from 0-60 in 5.1 seconds and has a top speed of 170mph. If you choose to take advantage of this offer, you can have your very own nameplate on the side of this Italian road monster. The least expensive of our exotic quartet, Quattroporte can be yours for \$125,000.

And finally, for you plebeians, *The Book* offers six (count 'em, SIX) pages of gifts under \$50. From darling Kate Spade keychains and pocket mirrors to electronic dog ID tags and golfing gift sets, there is something for everyone.

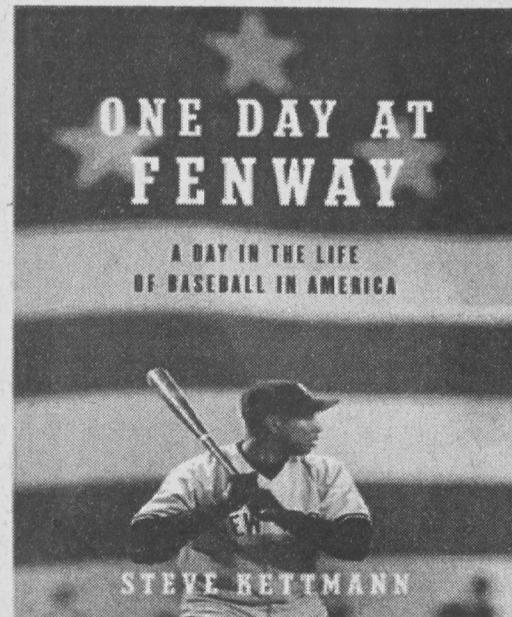
And, although it is only October, there is no reason not to be in the Christmas spirit. I mean, my lovely Woods Creek apartment is ready for Thanksgiving with a three-foot tall inflatable turkey!

If it hasn't already arrived in your mailbox, *The Book* can be viewed online at [www.neimanmarcus.com](http://www.neimanmarcus.com)

### Student Book of the Week

A weekly feature of the Bookstore and the Ring-Tum Phi

This week:



With baseball playoffs starting this week, this is the perfect book to celebrate America's pastime and its most storied rivalry – Yankees vs. Red Sox. As the author tells the rich story of one game at Fenway Park, he introduces us to a host of personalities in and around the game and gives us a humanized look at baseball from rarely seen perspectives. Described as "vivid" and "almost cinematic," this well-written account could be the perfect gift for yourself or your favorite baseball fan.

Regular price: \$25.00

This week: \$19.99

# THE LAST WORD

THE RING-TUM PHI

## Frat bands give hope and direction during the college years



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MARSHALL RULE

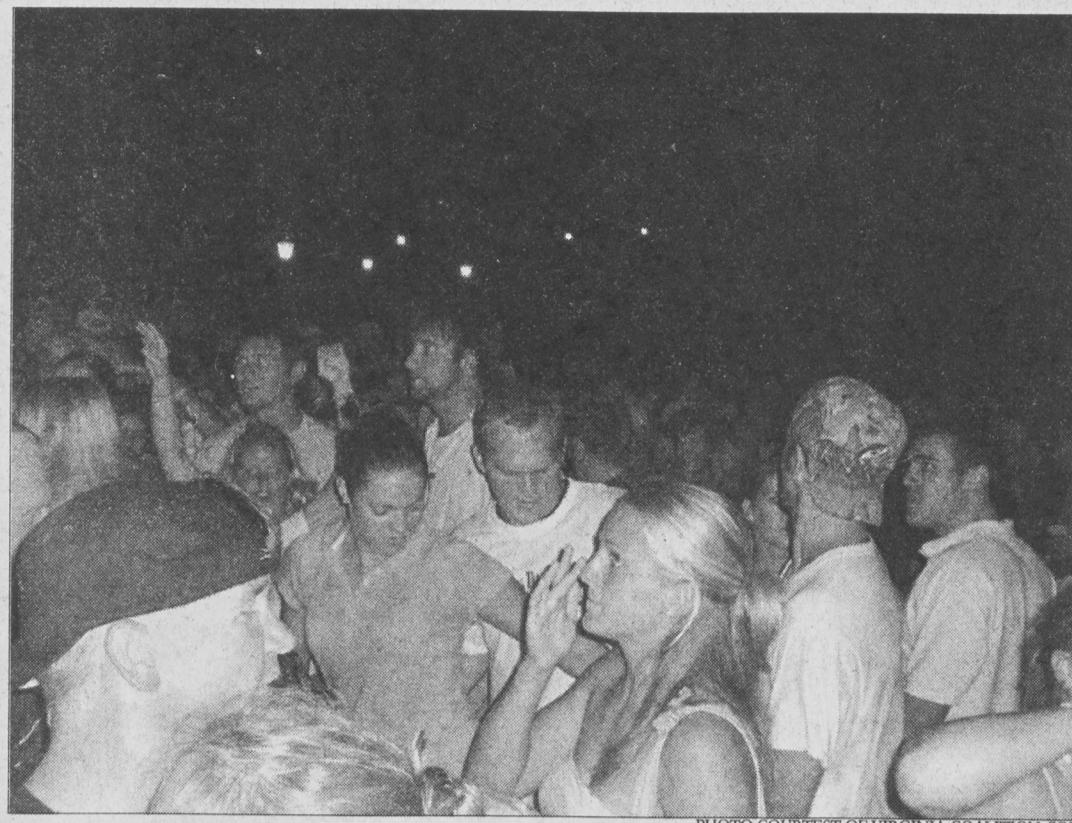
Homecoming Weekend has come and gone, but the memories will always be in my heart. Of course, there is the joy of seeing our graduated friends come back and relive the "best four years of their lives." There are the cocktail parties and drinking champagne after midnight on the balcony. There is the opportunity to cure Saturday morning's hangover with a gin bucket before the football game.

But by far the most enjoyable part of the weekend is the countless frat band parties. There is really nothing like frat bands in the world.

Unlike real bands, frat bands play, not for the cash or the love of the music, but for free Natty Light. Between songs they yell for more beer and everyone cheers. Am I the only person that finds this funny? I mean here are a hundred or so people packed into a basement drinking and nobody thinks twice about it, yet when some thirty something bass player chugs a beer on stage the place goes crazy.

The whole time they are "performing" (and I use quotation marks because you can hardly call frat concerts performances) they're asking themselves where they went wrong in high school. I don't think playing for 50 guys with their collar flipped up, 50 girls wearing pearls, and four VMI cadets standing in the back corner attempting to find a girl that has a thing for men in uniform, is what these bands had in mind when they formed their band. They imagined a crew to carry all of their equipment; instead they get the sound midget.

Frat bands live a lifestyle that few people



**TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT.** Frat bands experience it all, from the free, oftentimes tasteless beer to the muggy basements and the quintessential random hookup. Isn't that what college is all about?

could keep up with. Driving all day to play in a muggy basement with a hundred kids who are chanting "Ace of Base, Ace of Base" is not for everyone. As Fiji showed us last year when they got Cory Morrow to play, even famous singers can't keep up with the frat band life. Too much drinking before, during, and after the show doesn't help the old vocal cords. And we are much more forgiving to frat bands. We expect them to suck. So if they get wasted and are horrible no one really cares. But if a real band gets screws up and

sucks, riots will ensue.

All frat bands play roughly the same songs. They always include *Sweet Home Alabama* for the southerners and wannabe southerners like me. And it's never a frat concert without *Friends in Low Places* and *Familly Tradition*. And unlike real bands, frat bands let you request songs. They'll play basically any song just because the guy in the front wearing Aviator glasses is screaming, "Play Jessie's girl. Please play Jessie's girl." If they don't know the song being re-

quested they'll let us sing it for them. This is the most beautiful idea ever. These so called musicians get us to do their job for them, and instead of getting yelled at by a boss, people think they are the best band ever for it.

By far the best thing about frat bands is the hot girl lead singer. You know the one; she's been staring at you all night. You're pretty sure she wants you, so you avoid dancing with other girls just so she doesn't get the wrong idea. You tell all your friends there is a 70 percent chance of hooking up with her. They laugh now but you know the truth. So after the show you go up to the stage to start up a conversation. Next thing you know she introduces you to the drummer named Rusty Drumsticks, a.k.a. her boyfriend. You go home rejected and sad, until you remember you just got the new *Maxim* under your mattress.

Think about all the things these frat bands get to see. They get a front row seat to watching one night stands develop. They watch as a freshman guy finally gets the courage up to start dancing with the hot little number from South Carolina and begins to make his move just as the upperclassman comes in to swoop her away to a frat bed with promises of hard liquor and a night she will never forget. Instead she gets a shot of Aristocrat and a lifetime of regret.

Frat bands give people like me hope. They show us that just because we have no idea what we are going to do when we graduate and have no direction in life, we can always fall back on rocking out in a frat basement all night. All we have to do is learn a few 80s songs on the keyboard and we're set for life. Hundreds of drunk kids that love you, free Natty Light, and my own personal sound midget? Sounds like the life to me.

## Pumpkinseeds owner opens shoestore downtown



CORBIN BLACKFORD / the Ring-tum Phi  
OPEN DOORS. New shoestore opens in old photoshop on Main Street.

BY ELYSE MOODY  
STAFF WRITER

You probably don't remember visiting a photography store on Main Street. The windows were painted black, and, to be honest, the store was pretty uninviting.

After a summer of hard work, Pumpkinseeds owner Siobhan Lomax has converted this intimate space into exactly what Lexington needs: a ridiculously cute shoe store.

Molly Gillbride Shoes offers a wide selection of shoes and accessories with thoughtful, distinctive details for every occasion and taste imaginable.

The design of the boutique reflects the style of its apparel—quirky, eclectic, and fun. With a wall of recently-restored windows providing a ton of natural light, the interior of the store seems a lot larger than it actually is.

Muted purple tones cover the walls, trimmed with

dark wood and funky details—a chandelier is made out of straw hats. Unusual details like this give the store and the shoes that it sells a stylish, unique edge.

Lomax said that they would be increasing their inventory dramatically over the next few weeks, but an ample selection is already available.

Shoes by designers like Chinese Laundry, BCBGirls, Jeffrey Campbell, and JC range from funky flats to sophisticated heels priced from \$30-\$200.

Shoes by Cynthia Rowley and British designer Raffi will soon be added to the collection. Also, jewelry by Elizabeth Wells and purses by Ply complement the selection of shoes with their delicate details and hip, organic designs.

Molly Gillbride Shoes is located on Main Street next to Pumpkinseeds and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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## QUICK HITS

Φ Damn you, John Kerry! How DARE you forget to list Poland among our allies!!!

Φ Will someone please give Bush a couple Xanax before the next debate?

Φ For my birthday I would like newly single Meg O'Brien and S.B. Northen. Thank you.

Φ Saying you'll only volunteer for a community service if your best friend will do it with you is sooo freshman-like.

Φ "I don't do community service" is not an acceptable response when someone asks if you'd like to sign up for a service project.

Φ There are three types of shots: The kind the doctor gives you, the kind a gangster gives you, and the kind a frat guy gives you.

Φ Stupid freshman quote of the week: "Yea, even though she doesn't drink she'll be a really cool date. She told me the other day, 'You'll get so drunk that I'll just get drunk off you.' I mean, isn't that sweet?"

Φ To hear more dumb freshmen quotes in person, hang out at the commons around 1:00am any weekend.

Φ Has anyone noticed how stacked the guy's swim team is this year?

Φ Happy Birthday to our favorite NRA chairman Charlton Heston who turns 80 today. You can go shoot some skeet in honor or reflect upon the fact that he's one year closer to having the gun pried out of his cold, dead fingers.

Φ Ohio: the state Mr. Grover WISHES he was from.

Φ Quick Hits and Potato Man are the two best things to happen to the *Ring-tum Phi*.

Φ Corbin! is the new Jeb! However, he is not the new Brett, but don't tell him that.

Φ Freshmen men are never permitted to lick, touch, or otherwise contact any senior against his will.

Φ Turtles are my second favorite animals, behind giraffes, but my friend likes elephants. LOSER!

Φ Earl Edwards, we love you, we are sorry you get all of our Arts & Life Editor's e-mails. Will you please come fix our computers.

Φ Yay! Lexington finally has a swank shoe store. Why are we just getting one?

Φ Congratulations to the football team for winning the homecoming game 17-0.

Φ There were nine married undergrad couples in 1979. There are none that we know of in 2004.

Φ Prank Calls: Good Idea- some random freshman's dorm phone; Bad Idea- the posted sober driver's cell phone; Even Worse Idea- calling that sober driver again 20 minutes later and asking for a ride.

Φ Anybody else laugh when they saw that "west Beirut" was playing in the commons?

Φ For all you hippies out there, Janis Joplin died of a drug overdose on this day in 1970. I wonder if she got her Mercedes-Benz.

Φ I really like to shop. I wish Lexington had a mall so I didn't have to buy so many things over the internet.

Φ Strategic planning is in full swing. I can't wait to see how the administration plans to further destroy this place.

Φ Don Pablo's salsa is actually pretty good. Snaps to the coop.

Φ I like nice people.

Φ McDonald's is not open 24 hours a day. How sad.

Φ It's good to reflect. It's also good to converge. First you converge, then you reflect.

Φ Irony of the week: College Republicans, known for supporting the theory of small government, have a President, an Executive Director, and a Chairman.

Φ College Republicans beware, Jeb Brooks is actually a mole for the Young Democrats.

Φ Citing his recent conversion, Jeb requested to be removed from the Young Democrats' e-mail list and is upset that his liberal FRIENDS won't allow him to be true to himself.

Φ The EC Room had the ugliest curtains in the 1980s. What a surprise.

Φ One line Quick Hits are the hardest to write.

Φ As usual, please e-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to phi@wlu.edu. Please. It makes your Arts & Life editor's Sunday afternoon very enjoyable.

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