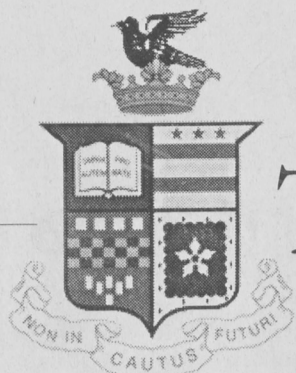


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Pro-life speaker sparks controversy with comments

BY ROB ARMSTRONG
STAFF WRITER

Several students stormed out of the Science Library Thursday evening, angered by the words of conservative radio host Rev. Jesse Peterson.

Peterson's lecture, entitled *Abortion: Why Democrats love it and Republicans hate it*, spoke out against pro-Choice advocates, Democrats, and many prominent civil rights leaders. His visit was co-sponsored by student organizations Contact and Students for Life.

"The Democratic platform lacks values," explained Peterson, a conservative African-American, "it's anti-God and anti-family."

"There is no way you can believe in God and vote Democrat," Peterson added.

Peterson is the founder and president of BOND: The Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny, a national non-profit organization based in Los Angeles, Ca. According to Peterson, BOND's mission is "Rebuilding the family by rebuilding the man."

Peterson is also host of the nationally syndicated *Jesse Lee Peterson Radio Show*. He is the author of several books, including *SCAM - How the Black Leadership Exploits Black America*.

Peterson spoke out strongly against many civil rights leaders Thursday evening, including Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and the NAACP.

"Most black Americans are suffering," reports Peterson, "[civil rights leaders] deliberately keep black Americans down in order to gain more wealth."

Peterson said that African-Americans generally "don't believe in themselves ... There is a lack of moral character among the Afro-American community," Peterson added.

Peterson was invited to W&L by a member of Students for Life who had read some of his literature and wanted him to speak about his pro-life views. The student's family helped fund Peterson's visit. But his lecture focused specifically on the effects of abortion on the minority community.

"There are 1,500 black babies aborted everyday in this country," said Peterson, a fact which, according to Peterson, displays the lack of character in the black community.

Peterson believes the problem stems from the black community's dependence upon the government for financial support for the past 40 years.

"Black Americans have allowed themselves to be used by organizations like Planned Parenthood ... [these programs] take fathers out of the home," said Peterson.

Peterson alleges that many social programs, including those put in place by the government, won't take care of African-Americans "unless the man is out of the home."

Peterson is also a strong supporter of the Republican Party and urged the audience to think about their vote: "It is wickedness that encourages you to [have an abortion], said Peterson. "The Republican platform supports God, country, and

family ... America is at war with [the abortion issue], between good and evil."

One of Peterson's most controversial opinions concerned his beliefs against affirmative action. Peterson did not support preferential racial treatment. He believes that support of racial consideration in the admissions process highlights African-American dependence on government programs.

His controversial views did not go without opposition. After his speech, Peterson opened his lecture to the 40-plus crowd of students, about half of whom were African American.

Kaela Harmon '05, disagreed with Peterson's outlook on the African-American community.

"There is no way you can believe in God and vote Democrat."

REV. JESSE PETERSON

Another student challenged Peterson on the high statistics of teenage pregnancy found in the United States. She argued that many societies across the world have demonstrated that sex education has been an effective method to combat teenage pregnancy.

Peterson disagreed, stating, "everyone is driven by sex because of broken families ... good parents would teach abstinence ... schools teach how to have sex."

But when the student disagreed with him, explaining that her public school was ineffective because it taught only about sexual organs rather than methods of contraception, Peterson cut her off, and said, "see, you're having sex."

Doug Allen '06 is a member of the Minority Students Association. His reaction to Peterson's speech expressed his sadness and frustration: "As a black-American, I've had to go farther than most people in certain ways to get the same opportunity for an education ... It was insulting [for Peterson to say] 'that a majority of blacks lack moral character.'" Allen said that if affirmative action looks at

more than just SAT scores and grades to determine the quality of a student, then he would support it. Allen added, "When you say these things, people aren't going to care about abortion anymore."

Alexa Moutevelis is the President of Students for Life. She regrets that so many students took offense to Rev. Peterson. After the speech,

Moutevelis stated that "Peterson no longer represented the views of Students for Life, outside of his pro-life views ... we regret that Peterson went off topic and offended many members of the community, we never intended that to happen."

Students for Life did not receive funding from the Executive Committee this fall term. The EC requires organizations to have a non-partisan message in order to receive funds. Contact was the other co-sponsor of Rev. Peterson's lecture and does rely on EC funds for their organization. Contact has also invited Republican pundit Tucker Carlson to be their keynote speaker. Carlson will speak to the W&L community later this week.



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THE NEXT MISS MARYLAND USA? Junior Kristen Youngblood will compete in the Maryland pageant.

Junior to compete in Md. pageant

BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

Kristen Youngblood '06 will take the stage at the Miss Maryland USA finals in December, competing with over 50 other Marylanders to attend 2005's Miss USA competition.

It's not something she'd usually do, Youngblood admitted. At first, she thought, "This is garbage."

But something—curiosity perhaps—inspired her to give it a try.

Youngblood sent in an application and a photo and waited. Soon after, a pageant representative scheduled an interview within the week. Days later, she received an invitation to the finals in Chesapeake, Md.

Youngblood only entered the "scholarship competition" on a whim. A family friend urged her to enter a pageant for years, telling her that most finalists have no pageant experience. The Bowie, Md. native still wasn't interested. But when her friend wisely showed her a prize list, she warmed up to the idea.

And well she might. Miss Maryland USA 2004 will receive: seven separate scholarships, a complete set of diamond jewelry, three outfits, gift certificates for clothes and spas, beauty products, a luggage set, free consultations with acting coaches and self-improvement counselors, dance training, interviews with modeling agencies, a ski vacation for four, electronics including a flat screen TV, DVD player, fax machine, camera, and MP3 player,

and more. In addition, Miss Maryland is bound to receive numerous appearance contracts throughout her reign of one year.

Prizes for runners-up aren't nearly as impressive. But as a Maryland finalist, Youngblood will receive beauty products as well as free consultations with acting coaches and cosmetic dentists.

Last year's Miss Maryland USA, Tia Shorts, is a licensed makeup artist who enjoys working with the elderly.

The Miss USA pageant, not to be confused with the Miss America pageant, was founded in Long Beach, Ca. 50 years ago. Pageant winners work to support breast cancer and AIDS research. The current titleholder is former Miss Missouri Shandi Finnessy.

University to hold conference on public service Thursday, Friday

BY ASHLEY METZLOFF
STAFF WRITER

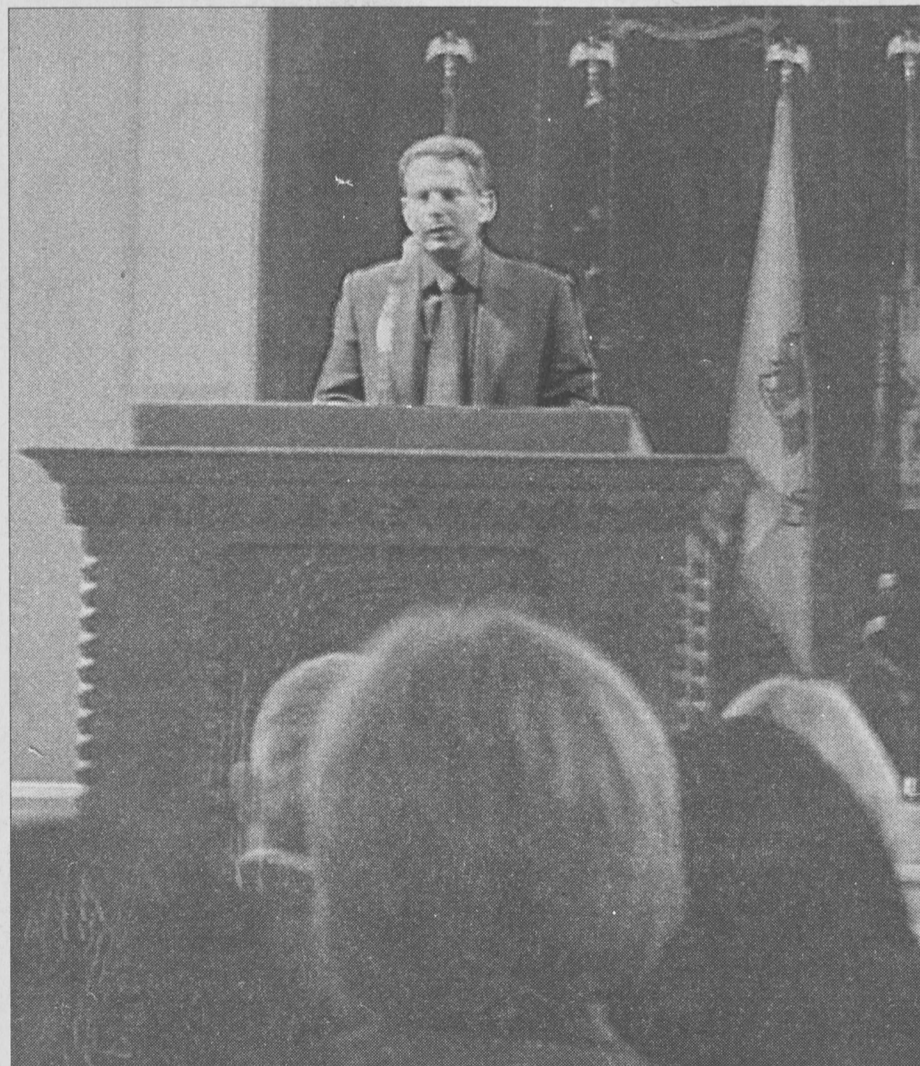
Students who are looking for help in deciding to work in the public service sector need search no further.

This Thursday and Friday, Washington and Lee's Project for Public Service Employment (PPSE), will host a conference for students interested in

public service employment. The conference, entitled "Get Engaged! Employment in the Public Service Sector," is open to students who are interested in a life of public service.

Workshops will help answer common questions about working in the public service sector

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GLOBAL SECURITY. Robert Kaplan delivers an address on global security in Lee Chapel.

Journalist offers predictions on future security

BY LEAH KERSHAW
STAFF WRITER

Robert Kaplan's lecture, "Global Security in 2010", was held in Lee Chapel on Thursday, October 21. Kaplan is a renowned international correspondent, journalist and author. Kaplan's visit to campus was sponsored by The NASDAQ/Sun Trust Program in International Finance and Commerce and the Fishback Program for Visiting Writers.

Kaplan proposed suggestions for the operation and administration of the US military. The US Army must decentralize its army to be successful. The State Department and the Department of Defense must merge to create a united front. Military power must be taken away from the bureaucrats in Washington and delegated to the officers in the battle field.

In the 21st century, the US Army is "learning how to win wars without firing a single shot." Instead of fighting wars for a country, the US Army must train local forces to fight in their own wars. Once the local troops are successfully able to fight, the US Army must remove itself to the background.

Large platoons of soldiers must be replaced with small deployments. These "highly trained chameleon-like individuals" must establish relationships with the people and learn the native language(s) of the country where they are fighting. These small teams of soldiers, reminiscent of Lewis and Clark's explorations in America, must know the terrain of their surroundings to be most effective.

Kaplan acknowledged terrorism as a continuing problem for the world, especially in the Middle East. As the Middle East continues to modernize, terrorism will ensue.

The "intensification of religiosity" in the Middle East makes the area a "fertile breeding ground for terrorism."

Kaplan said that "humanitarian relief operations will be integral to winning a war on terrorism." When an organization enters a country bringing relief, people are more responsive than they would be to a military invasion. Relief workers are able to develop personal relationships with citizens, learning important information through those relationships. This information can be crucial to undermining terrorists' plans.

Kaplan defended the war in Iraq, comparing Saddam Hussein's rule of Iraq to Joseph Stalin's dictatorship in Russia. He said Hussein's Iraq resembled a "vast prison yard lit up by high voltage lights." Iraq's transition to democracy is slow because of the repression that Iraqi citizens lived under for two decades. It will take time for Iraq's "newly emerged free society" to successfully function as a democracy. Kaplan said that the war in Iraq provides the US with the thankless job of providing a "security umbrella" for Iraq's emerging democracy.

Kaplan presented a positive view of the US Army's progress in Iraq. One third of the country has been a success and another third is "on its way." The final third of the country is where the problem lies. The fighting is concentrated in this area surrounding Baghdad. Kaplan predicted that the US Army will stage a major offense to retake this area after the November 2nd elections.

Professor Mark Rush, acting head of the Politics department, was impressed with Kaplan's speech. "The talk was disarmingly forthright." Rush said he believes that Kaplan's "predictions can be given a lot of credence."

Fall's Choral Concert



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Chamber Singers, University Chorus, Jubilee, Southern Comfort and General Admission performed their annual Fall Choral Concert for the Lexington community last Tuesday in Lexington Presbyterian church. University Chorus is pictured. Among the pieces they performed were Green Broom, Lay A Garland, Notre Pere and Feller from Fortune.

Local citizens support Project

BY ERIN JULIUS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

October heralds Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but protecting women is a year-round effort in Rockbridge County.

In the past year, local citizens donated almost 4000 volunteer hours to Project Horizon, an organization dedicated to reducing domestic, dating and sexual violence.

"Four thousand hours is one staff member working two years," said Project Horizon President Brian Richardson, "if you think about how much it would take to pay a staff member for two years—that's a lot of support."

Originally begun in 1982, Project Horizon was a grass-roots effort to provide services to battered women. Aimed at raising domestic violence awareness and helping survivors of abuse, Project Horizon has been a community endeavor from its beginning.

"We were offering services besides sheltering," Richardson said, "and had a long time to build a base of support."

March 2000 saw the opening of Lisa's House, the Project's shelter. Rockbridge citizens held a capital campaign to raise funds for the shelter. "The whole thing was a community event," said Katie Kirby, Outreach Coordinator, "it was like a barn-raising."

And volunteer presence has not diminished. From 5 to 10 p.m. every evening, the shelter is run entirely by volunteers. "We can't adequately run without the community's help," Kirby said. During the school year a majority of the volunteers are students, Richardson said, "it's a lot of W&L students and a few from SVU." During the summer it's, "mostly people from the community," he said.

Kelly Legg, a Washington and Lee junior, volunteers about 10 hours to Project Horizon each week and has worked there since September 2002.

"I have remained there because I truly respect the staff and the work that

they do. I enjoy being a part of a group that works so hard to help so many women and children when they need help the most," Legg said.

Legg learns from Project Horizon's victims. "While I cannot change their current situation or even guarantee that they will never need to seek a shelter again, I can listen and support them in that moment," she said, "They have taught me what it means to take life one day at a time."

Law enforcement officials also actively work with Project Horizon, illustrating another way the shelter is interdependent with the community. "It's a very good program that they have," said Officer Doug Pugh of the Buena Vista police force. Victims appreciate the "emotional support" that Project Horizon provides, Pugh said.

Project Horizon runs on a \$400,000 budget, "and every year we have to figure out how to get money," said Judy Castelee, Executive Director.

Much of the Project's funding, about two-thirds, comes from state and federal grants, according to Castelee. A small amount, about \$20,000, comes from local government, with the rest of the Project's funding coming from local individuals and organizations.

Project Horizon receives \$32,000 in grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This funding is in jeopardy because HUD requires all organizations that receive its grant money to enter the names of clients in the HUD human tracking system. Project Horizon protests such a database for victims of domestic violence.

Earlier this month, Project Horizon joined an effort to protest HUD's policy. The Project asked citizens to call the White House and speak out against HUD's human tracking system on October 7.

"The goal is for the White House to receive thousands of calls on October 7th and for Americans to continue calling the White House until HUD fixes this devastating problem for victims of domestic violence," said Castelee.

Get Engaged! Employment in the Public Service Sector Conference

Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th

Thursday, October 28

11:30-1:00pm	Amigos de las Americas Information Session	Commons 116
1:00pm-3:00pm	Conference Registration Table	Commons Livingroom
2:00pm-3:00pm	Small Group Sessions	Commons 114
3:00-3:55pm	Specific Opportunities	Commons 214
	Track 1: Stacy McLoughlin <i>Coordinator of Cocurricular Education & Beverly Lorig Washington and Lee University Career Services</i>	
3:30pm	Faculty Discussion	Commons 206: Chavis
4:00-4:55pm	The Art of Resume Writing	Commons 214
	Track 1: Katie Cox, <i>Washington and Lee University Career Services</i>	
5:15-6:30pm	Curricular and Co-curricular Opportunities Dinner	Great Hall, Science Center
7:00pm	Dan Kessler, <i>Action Without Borders/Idealist.org</i>	Commons Theater
8:30pm	Project for Public Service Employment Kick-off	Commons Theater

Friday, October 29

9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	Track 2: From Student to Non-Profit Manager: Getting Real about Boards	Commons 345
10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Track 1: Concrete Answers to your Hard Questions about Public Service Employment	Commons 216
	Track 2: Want to Start a Non-Profit?	Commons 214
11:00 a.m. - 11:55 p.m.	Track 1: Federal Government Employment	Commons 206: Chavis
	Track 2: Starting Early: Campus and Summer Opportunities to Prepare for a Job in Public Service	Commons 216
Track 2	Writing Grants: A Necessary Skill in the Non-Profit Sector	Commons 345
BREAK FOR LUNCH 12:00-1:00		
1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	Track 1: Job Search: How to use Idealist.org and more	Commons 206: Chavis
	Track 2: Fundraising: It's Essential	Commons 345
2:00 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.	Track 1: Work for America	Commons 216
	Track 2: Be a Successful Entrepreneur & Community Leader	Commons 214
3:00 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.	Track 1: How to Have an Intelligent Conversation: Networking and Interviewing	Commons 214
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such as "Will I be able to pay my bills?" or "How will working in the public service sector affect my plans for law or graduate school?" Other workshops will teach students about how to write the perfect resume, how to interview well, how to find a public service job, and how to get started with public service on campus. Other workshops will feature lectures on grant writing, fund raising, and how to be a successful community leader.

PPSE encourages students to register for the conference by Mon., Oct. 25. The registration form as well as a full conference schedule and description of workshops can be found at <http://ppse.wlu.edu/events/conference.htm>.

If you need more beef, this is a little more information on PPSE:

The PPSE matches Washington and Lee graduates with "paid positions with innovative public service organizations addressing significant social issues such as healthcare, law, education, economic development and housing."

TALKBACK: A W&L girl is competing for Miss Maryland USA. What has W&L taught her?



"Don't do anything wrong."
-Jake Brown '08



"Probably answering the questions, and that's about it."
-Lana King '08



"That if you have confidence, you can go anywhere."
-Kah Ndi '07



"How to walk from Davidson Park to the quad in heels."
-Nicole Conkling '08



"Definitely social skills, and we're all pretty politically aware."
-Annie Vliegthart '08



"Well, a pageant's all about how hot you are, right?..."
-Laurence McKenny '05

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Registration for sections a must

Reprinted from the May 17, 2004 issue. We still believe that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

Registration starts next week. We at the *Phi* want to know why we can not register for specific sections of a class.

When we register for classes, we tell the registrar over the internet what we want to take. Then we anxiously wait for the moment schedules are available online. The problem with this system is that every student at W&L is unique. Some of us here at the *Phi*, for example, are night people while fewer of us are morning people. Different people perform better at certain times of the day.

Since we do not know what section we are in until right before classes start, we have no time to change them. Often, professors will not even allow students to change class sections. Some of us have tried to change sections, but were told that we have to stay in that 8 a.m. class. Others who perform better in the morning get stuck in 3-5 p.m. classes. By the time you get out of class in the winter it is already dark.

If registration changed, students could not complain about not making it to class because it was too early or too late. They also could not complain about the professor they are taking because they hand-picked her.

Competition among faculty members to attract students to their section is a good thing. It would only improve teaching at Washington and Lee. For example, if no one is registering for Professor Jones's section, he can ask the popular Professor Smith what he can do to improve his teaching and attract more students.

We believe that a registration system where a student registers not only for a class, but also a section is the best alternative. Students who want to be in the 8 a.m. classes will be able to take them and those who want to take all their classes in the afternoon can as well. This market based approach would be more effective than a thousand end of class evaluations.

Quote of the Week

"Honor [at W&L] will be bargained away within 50 years."

~Anonymous W&L Professor

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Executive Committee must publish members' votes in all non-Honor matters

A couple of weeks ago, the EC had votes on two student-proposed amendments to the White Book. The first, proposed by alum Brett Kirwan, aimed at requiring EC closed hearing votes to be unanimous in order to create a finding of guilt in an Honor Violation. The second, proposed by senior Kelly Jo Larsen, wanted to strike the words "lying, cheating and stealing" from the introductory section, arguing that such a list is a codification of the Honor System. The first amendment, to force unanimity for guilty verdicts, was unanimously voted down. The second amendment, to strike "lying, cheating and stealing," garnered four

votes, from senior rep Thomas Worthy, senior rep Noble Stafford, second-year law rep Dannel Duddy, and Vice President Cristin Nunez (a senior). Voting against the latter amendment were freshman rep Margaret Elkins, sophomore rep Lane Morgan, sophomore rep David Colman, junior rep Wheeler Sparks, junior rep Charlie Yates, first-year law rep Craig Hensel, third-year law rep Marc Granger, Secretary Justin Arnold (a third-year law student), and President Marie Trimble (a senior).

The funny thing about this is that, unless you were at the relevant meeting, you probably didn't know of these vote tallies until you read

them just now. The Executive Committee, in their report of the minutes from that meeting, did not state who voted for what. While the Committee did report, in those minutes, that the two proposed amendments were brought up, discussed, and voted on, the summary of the amendments' fate was a simple "...did not pass on first reading." I hope I will be considered rational when I suggest that this is insufficient.

One of the only matters for which the EC does create such postings of which members voted for what are for EC appointments to lesser student government committees and the like. They'll announce who got the office, and then list the EC members who voted for the appointment of that individual. But this is far from the only matter the EC considers in public, and certainly most students would think it's not the most important. Why the strange exclusion of vote tallies on most other student matters?

I think the EC ought to make a point, from now on, of publishing how individual members vote on matters that are considered in open session (those parts of EC meetings which are open to the public). The EC is, after all, a representative body elected by the students, and thus it's important that students know how particular members of the EC feel about one issue or another.

When I, or any other member of the student body, goes to vote for EC candidates, we should know how our incumbents have voted on issues that we care about. It is simply not feasible for most students, given their busy lives here at the University, to attend the 7:30 Monday meetings of the EC (sorority women often find it impossible to ever attend, as chapter meetings are almost always at a similar time). Most students, I would guess, gain knowledge of EC proceedings through the postings that the EC makes of its minutes, its budgetary allocations, and its guilty verdicts in Honor Violation closed hearings.

Now, I fully agree that closed hearings votes, along with all the other aspects of closed hearings, ought to remain secret. And I understand that the deliberations that produce the budget allocations are more a complicated attempt to reach a consensus rather than black and white "yes" vs. "no" votes. But don't we deserve the extra couple of lines of ink it takes to print the votes of the members? This really is something ought to know about.

Hopefully this is just something the Committee overlooked, they do have a lot on their minds. Still, I think it's important enough an oversight to correct. Knowing how one's elected representatives voted is critical for the health of our student government system.

Φ MODERATE'S MUSINGS CALEY ANDERSON '06

Clouds of smoke: Nonsmokers have rights too

When I first saw that President Burish had banned smoking in the dorms, I was ecstatic. After moving in freshman year and going over the rules with my dorm counselor, I was confused about why burning a candle was considered dangerous and against the rules while smoking was not. It seemed that having a candle burning was no more dangerous than having a burning cigarette in terms of fire danger. I was also hoping that the new rules would discourage students from smoking all together. I'm not really sure why our generation started smoking in the first place. By the time we were born, it was a well known fact that smoking was dangerous to our health and

Φ IN THE IRONS CARISSA SHIPLEY '07

could cause cancer. Many of us also grew up during the campaign that told us that smoking isn't cool. Although, I'm not really sure why we would ever think that something cancerous would be cool in the first place. No matter the reason for beginning to smoke, people know that they are risking their own health. While I think it would be good if people didn't smoke, I realize that their health is none of my business and they should be able to risk it if they want to.

So after the new rule, I was looking forward to not having to smell smoke in the halls and stairways of the freshman dorm. Little did I know that there would be consequences that I hadn't predicted. As spring arrived and the temperature rose, more and more people would gather on the stoops of the freshman dorms and smoke together. Because it was hot, the windows were often left open in the stairwells and the smoke would just drift right in. I was pretty happy to go during summer break to some clean air, but I recognized that there isn't a lot I could do about the smokers on campus.

Coming back after summer break, it seems like there are more and more people on campus who smoke. I tend to be pretty aware of them because I struggled with asthma and allergies and still get very irritated by smoke. I've tried not to let it bother me by avoiding people who are smoking, but sometimes, they are totally unavoidable. However, it seems like smokers have taken over, and it's getting harder and harder to avoid them. There are students walking down the colonnade smoking between classes, faculty smoking outside of the front door to their building, and people smoking on benches everywhere in between. I think there needs to be one place on campus where people can smoke because I'm sick of smelling it. Not only are smokers jeopardizing their health, but they are jeopardizing other people's health, too. The worst is when a student smokes before class then sits down right next to you in class. There is no escape from the 55 minutes of sickening smell. People should quit smoking for themselves, not for someone else, but in the mean time, would a little consideration for non-smokers kill them?

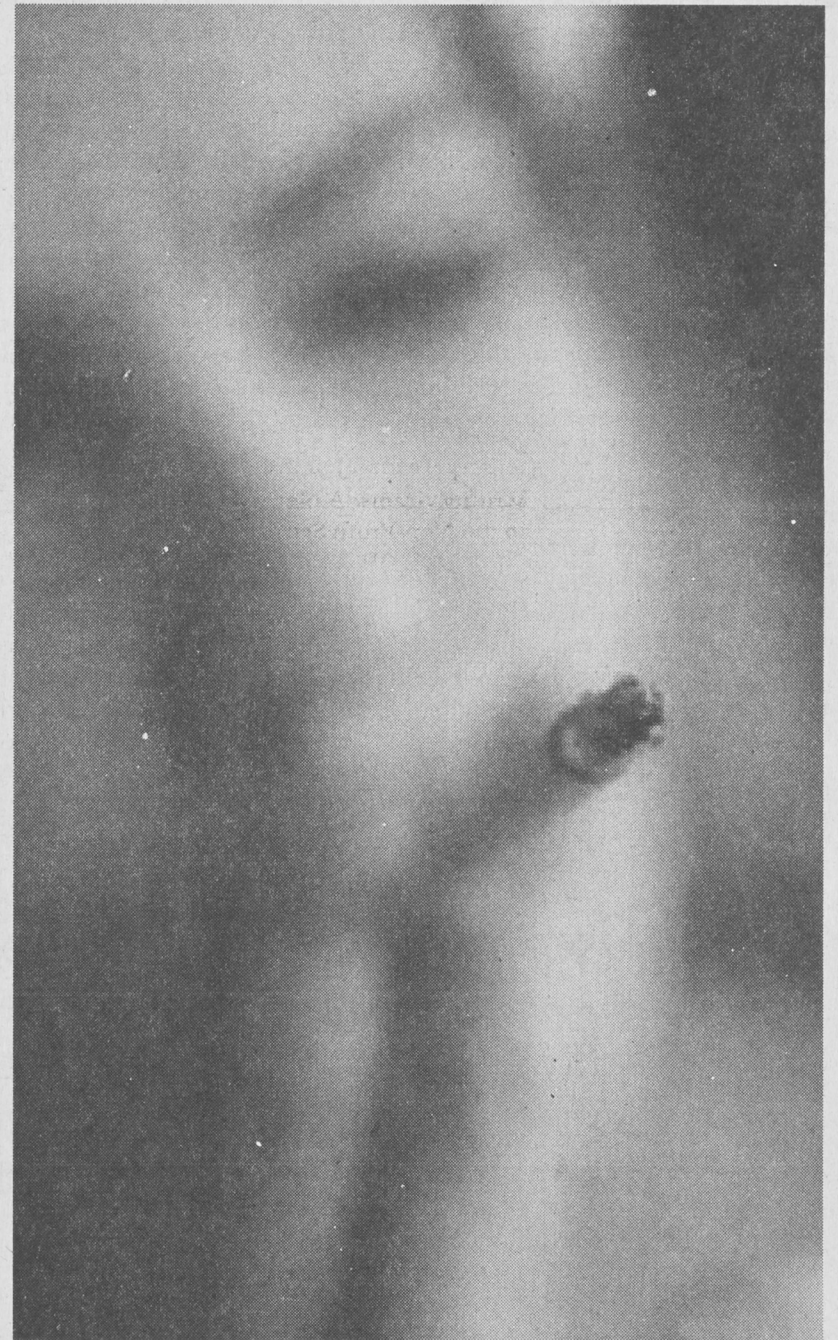
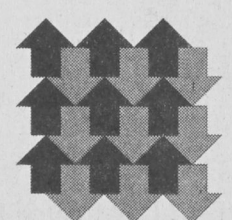
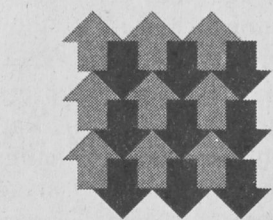


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AHEM. Smoking is seemingly on the rise at Washington and Lee. While we know this is Virginia, could we show a little love for the non-smokers?

Ups and Downs

This week, Opinions Editor Caley Anderson presents, in honor of Election 2004 the Decisive Episode, with only ups or downs, no side-to-sides.



BoSox - ↑ Everyone who's not from New York or New Jersey has to be pretty happy with the comeback. But then, if you're from New York or New Jersey, and you're at W&L, you've probably got other things to worry about anyway.

Stemmons Plaza - ↓ Look, people, the place clearly isn't intended for automobiles.

Pyongyang Vs. Washington - ↓ "We'll disarm when you promise not to attack." "No, we'll promise not to attack when you disarm." Soon, they'll be calling each other "stupidhead," in an escalation that will only end when one, deeply wounded, runs off, screaming "I'm telling!" Meanwhile, nukes are being built for no defensible reason. Grow up.

Speaking Tradition - ↓ It's not pretty out there, a sad sight (or lack thereof) for us W&L purists. I give it ten more years, tops. Indulge the bitterness by listening to Gwen Stefani croon "Don't Speak," then cathartically set your freshman year SPEAK shirt ablaze, sobbing quietly to yourself.

Football - ↑ Holy crap. I know Guilford isn't so hot this year, but still.

Winter - ↑ Apparently it starts in early October now.

Campus Notices - ↓ We have two very fine newspapers at this University for you to write opinions and letters to the editor to. Campus Notices is NOT for huge election year rants, dammit.

NHL - ↓ If you thought the 1994 Baseball Strike was bad...

Infectious Diseases - ↑ Sickness goes through W&L like wildfire. But this year is nothing compared to the great mono plague of aught-two.

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NASCAR on Co-Op TV - ↓ Man, I feel hicky enough already.

Diversity and tolerance doesn't mean we should dissolve differences

Last year, when I was a freshman, I was told that "race relations" at W&L would not improve until "people step outside of their comfort zones" and "accept diversity." While I'm sure the person who told me this had good intentions it is worth noting that this particular student, who was a self-described advocate for diversity, did not belong to a single "minority"/multicultural/diversity focused organization. After thinking about it more, I realized that this phenomenon is not limited to this student but to the entire student body.

I have often heard people say how much they support the diversification of W&L but when it comes to proving what they say their actions leave much to be desired. I know what you may be thinking; just because a person says they support diversity does not necessarily mean that they have to belong to a "minority"/multicultural/diversity focused organization. Not all of the republicans join College Republicans, not all of the democrats join Young Democrats, not all of the people who can sing join a singing group, and not all of the multicultural students join multicultural organizations, so why should people who support diversity be required to join an organization for that purpose? Do not get me wrong, this is not at all what I am saying. I am only trying to show that I have had conversations with people who have droned on and on about how they support diversity and how it is such a good thing but when asked why they don't belong to a multicultural organization they suddenly get very quiet.

Some people I have talked to have said that they didn't know the organizations were inclusive, or they thought that they would not be welcomed. Specifically in conversations that I have had this is usually when people ask "Why do all the black students sit together?" Although this a valid question,

what the people who ask this question fail to realize is that there are far more tables of white students sitting together. Why do girls sit together? Why do people who play the same sport sit together? Why do people in the same fraternity or sorority sit together? Why?

They sit together because they all have something in common that connects them. Especially during meal times people just want to "kick back and relax" and have a good time so it is only natural that a person would seek out a group of people with whom they can most easily do this. When people do this they are not saying they do not support diversity or that they wish to segregate themselves but rather that they looked around, judged who they feel most comfortable sitting with and made a decision based on those criteria.

Diversity is more than just having people on campus who look differently. It is also about exposing the campus to the differences people have. I find it interesting, though not a surprise, that people flock to parties and social events but are nowhere to be found when there is a cultural event on campus. If a person truly supports diversity, what they are saying is that they truly support knowledge, knowledge about other cultures and their history. We should not exclude differences but accept them and move on because we have more in common than we have differences. The multicultural organizations on campus are striving to make W&L a place not only where people support diversity but a place where diversity is able to thrive. So if diversity/multiculturalism is an issue that is very salient to you, please consider joining a multicultural organization so you can have an impact on the W&L community and ensure that the campus is a place where everyone, regardless of the amount of melanin they possess, is able to feel comfortable.



REFLECTIONS
MARCAS BANKS '07

Junior Jadakiss Junkie offers W&L version of "Why?"



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FOR SAND USE ONLY. We know it's Washington and Lee, but must sandals and flip flops continue to dominate on into November?

By now most of you have heard or at least heard of the song *Why* by rap artist Jadakiss. In this song he asks questions about the nation and American society. Well fellow pursuers of higher education, I too have some burning questions for our beloved campus. And so without further ado, here is my version of the song *Why*.



WHY?
KRISTIN EVANS '06

Why do people wear flip flops in the winter?
Why isn't anyone in Lexington riding on spinners?
Why did they add a new course for majors in the c-school?
And why is being conservative on this campus oh so "cool?"
Why is the speaking tradition dying fast?
And why is it acceptable to get up from a café table but leave all of your trash?
Why do we throw the word "minority" around?
And why are there so many university cards in the lost and found?
Why do we claim to want diversity but when speakers come nobody shows up?

When you are thirsty and out on a Saturday night why can't you ever find a clean cup?
Why did this kid in class act like he'd never heard rap before?
And why did I see that same boy blaring L'il Jon in his car?
Why don't we observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday?
And when I ask about the confederate flag, why is tradition the only thing that anyone can say?
Why is expressing my opinion so controversial?
And if I don't want to party why am I labeled as "antisocial"? Why?

All these credits that I'm earning,
what's the true worth of higher learning?
Hope I'm not caught up in the system.
Why does it have to be like that?
Try to just live my way,
seems like it's go Greek or hit the highway,
why, oh why?

Just food for thought.

Right of assembly not currently threatened by Patriot Act, other Homeland Security legislation

The right of Americans to peaceably assemble has always been fiercely defended. However, in light of the current political situation, one can't help but wonder: are the defenders of civil liberties leaving themselves defenseless?

Protesters planning to gather against a U.S. training academy for Latin American soldiers cried a cheer of victory this week when an 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that metal detectors at a protest may be unconstitutional.

The protesters took the case to court, saying that the metal detectors were essentially the government's excuse to search them, and control their protest. The Court, ruling in their favor, cited the possible indefinite war on terror, saying that civil liberties could not be suspended with no end in sight.

The protesters (and the media) celebrate this as yet another victory in the cause of protecting sacred constitutional rights. But are we really seeing the whole picture?

The truth is, these protesters are the same who assembled in outrage after the towers fell on September 11, 2001. Then, just three short years ago, they decried the government's lack of protection. The general sentiment was, it's your job to protect us, why aren't you doing it?

In response, the administration adopted the airline regulations, the Patriot Act, and new policies for protests. The general agitators would have you believe that government agents patrol the protests, search-

ing people without reason, silencing their message, hindering their freedom.

In fact, the metal detectors are not an entirely new process for holding a protest outside a vulnerable military institution, especially not during a time of war. What do the protesters have to hide?

In removing these protective measures, the protesters are turning a blind eye towards the political arena in the same way, they say, the government did three years ago. Protests such as these make prime breeding ground for terrorist operations: close quarters with a military weak-spot, a crowd in which to hide, and plenty of national attention. The metal detectors were simply a very basic method of applying a marginal form of security for not only the military base, but also, the protesters themselves.

Ultimately, they really don't have anything to hide. And chances are, most of them in the crowd wouldn't agree with the terrorist who could potentially enter the crowd and launch an attack.

What it comes down to is numbers. The metal detector and possible search guidelines would deter some people from attending the protest, whose success relies entirely in numbers.

But what message are the protesters sending here? They need to decide on a goal. Would they prefer protection or vulnerability? Regulation or freedom?

Rather than just attacking whatever decision the administration makes, they need to choose a cause and stand behind it. That is what the Constitution truly provides.



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Phi Quick Poll

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"Of Left, Left Center, Center, Right Center, and Right, which most accurately describes your political views?"

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Hagerman captures ITA D-III title

Becomes first woman tennis player to win a national singles championship in W&L history

By KATHRYN KRALL
STAFF WRITER



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MORE THAN JUST A TENNIS STAR. Lindsay Hagerman, Division III tennis singles champion and dorm counselor, is pictured with seven of her 25 freshmen ladies.

With scathing footwork, decisive volleys, and biting approach shots, senior Lindsay Hagerman captured the ITA Division III singles championship.

The tournament took place at Florida Gulf Coast University over Reading Days. She qualified for the National Small College Championship by taking first in regional competition, and went into the competition as the number one seed.

Soundly defeating her first several opponents, Hagerman easily advanced to the championship round. She downed Liz Bondi of DePauw University in a hard-fought match that ended with Hagerman on top, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

With this victory, Hagerman became the first woman's tennis player to win a national singles championship in W&L history. She also advanced to the Small College Super Bowl, where she met Division II champion, Jing Jing Liu of BYU-Hawaii.

After being down early, Hagerman won the match by default and advanced to the super bowl finals. In the championship match, Hagerman lost to Larikah Russell of Southern Nazarene. Her overall record this season is 13-1. She is ranked third all-time at W&L with 93 singles victories.

The daughter of a tennis instructor, Hagerman began play-

ing tennis at a young age. "I was on the court as soon as I could hold a racket," she said. With two younger sisters who play, the game was more than just competition; it was a family event. At Highland Park high school in Dallas, Lindsay played for freshman and part of sophomore year. She left in order to focus on USTA tournaments.

In coming to Washington and Lee, Hagerman played a crucial role from day one. Not only did she dominate on the court, she also played a leadership role and provided an example of an intense work ethic.

Over her four years, Hagerman was named an All-American six times for both doubles and singles. She won Academic All-American honors numerous times, and in her junior year was named ODAC Player of the Year.

Although she is proud of her own accolades, her real excitement comes from her team's achievement. They have placed in the top five each year at Division III nationals, and have dominated the ODAC conference. Hagerman's goals for this year are to win the national championship and to finish strong as a senior.

Both seem likely. "This year, I think that we have the strongest team yet, and we have a good chance of winning nationals," said Hagerman. As captain, she has taken the role of motivating the team to practice hard and play well.

Her tennis success did not come easy. For Hagerman, tennis is a year long sport with practices, running, work-outs, and drills taking up several hours a day. Despite her packed schedule, Hagerman finds time to excel at academics. On top of that, she is a Dorm Counselor, a student-athlete mentor, and a member of GSA. Hagerman plans to go to school for a Master's degree in history. After graduating, she would like to become a teacher in a middle or secondary school. Although going pro is not in her future, she wants to play in tournaments and stay competitive in tennis.

Hagerman's favorite player and tennis role model is Monica Seles, who, like Lindsay, hits with two hands on both sides. Besides admiring her game, she also is impressed by Seles's resiliency in overcoming a potentially career-ending stabbing.

Though her tennis skills awe her fans, it is Hagerman's energetic personality and unfailing kindness that make her a truly amazing person. Her talent and zest for life make her not only an attribute to the W&L community, but also a wonderful Dorm Counselor, classmate and friend.

Gritter not angry at world of sports

By RYAN GRITTER
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

I've had writer's block now for a good hour. And it's all because my greatest muse for sport's writing, anger, is missing. I've realized that for possibly the first time in my life, I'm not passionately angry about something in the sports world.

Sure, I still have little grudges that I hold on to. I don't like the DH, and I think the system of allowing the All Star game to decide home field advantage is a little strange (Random Drunk Guy at Cave-man: I think in order to make the All Star game mean something, they should take a player away from the losing team for the season...and every year it should be Bonds.) But these issues are all petty, I can deal with that. I think it must just be the fact that justice has been served.

For starters, the Yankees lost in possibly the most embarrassing fashion possible. As I reread my column from last week about the curse, I realized that even my movie-like scenario was not as exciting as what happened in real life.

I say justice has been served because they didn't deserve it for the years their players had. Sheffield, ARod, Giambi, Jeter, Posada, Loaiza, Mussina, and Brown all had disappointing seasons...emphasis on Giambi. While they had a great roster, they didn't have chemistry and none of their players fulfilled expectations with the exception of Hideki Matsui and Mariano Rivera.

And as you may or may not know, I hate the Yankees and the Red Sox are my second favorite team. And now the teams with the second and third most history (to the Yankees, and shut up Cubs fans if you don't have a claim here)

square off in what should be a high scoring series.

Then I begin to think about basketball, and all I can think of is Shaq and how much I love him. It's funny how his pathetic jokes were so irritating with the Lakers, but so funny now that he's with the Heat. In a matter of seconds, after I heard of the trade, he went from my most hated basketball player to my favorite.

Then what makes this even more exciting is that finally basketball season will not be interrupted at all by hockey. No longer will I be enjoying football and basketball highlights on Sportscenter to have my time wasted by hockey. The only thing that should make top plays from hockey is one of those amazing falling-down-getting-hit-while-shooting goals, or an acrobatic save.

And finally we come to football, where I must first inform you of my opinion about team success. If my team isn't going to compete for a championship, I want them to be absolutely horrible, to ensure the best draft pick. And that's why I'm actually rather pleased that the Fins are 0-6, cuz they've been incredibly frustrating to root for my whole life, and now we'll finally have an exciting first round pick next year...assuming we don't do something stupid.

The prospect of us drafting a skill position player in the first 5 picks just makes me giddy, could we even possibly draft a quarterback for once instead of signing other peoples' backups?

So in conclusion we get to watch a satisfying World Series to finish up the Baseball/Football season (my personal favorite) and transition smoothly into what should be a Shaqfilled Basketball/Football season for me. This is the most wonderful time of the year.

Men's soccer team fights in vain

By JOHN BOVAY
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team hosted ODAC rival Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday, but fell short in a hard-fought match.

The game started slowly, although intensity was high throughout the afternoon. The first half yielded only two shots by each team, and the score was tied 0-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Marlins scored two early goals that seemed to kill momentum for the Generals, but W&L fought back hard, unwilling to let up so easily. Within six minutes, the game was tied after goals from senior captain Justin Mygatt, assisted by another senior captain, Peter Miller, off senior midfielder Brian Pirkle's corner kick; and freshman forward Jack Palmer's goal, a shot into the back of the net after a pass from Pirkle.

After the Generals tied it up,

the teams began to fight even harder, resulting in a yellow card for both teams.

Questionable officiating made the game more interesting, as fans from both sides disputed the referee's calls. In particular, W&L took one shot that seemed to go in the goal and then bounce out, that would have given the team a 3-2 advantage. When VaWes freshman Damien Woodley scored his second goal of the game with less than 4 minutes to play, the Generals tried to

mount a last-second surge but fell short, losing another great game in the W&L-VaWes rivalry. Washington and Lee's record is now 5-6-3 (2-3-3 in ODAC); Virginia Wesleyan improved to 9-5-2 (5-2-1 ODAC).

The Generals' last regular season game is on Tuesday, when they host Lynchburg at 4:00. ODAC tournament play commences on Saturday, when the Generals will travel, likely either to Bridgewater or to face Virginia Wesleyan again.

This Week in Sports

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
• Field Hockey at Lynchburg--4:30	• M Soccer at Emory and Henry--4 • W Soccer vs. Hollins--4:30	• Open	• Volleyball at Emory Invitational--4:30 • Field Hockey at Eastern Mennonite--5:30	• W Soccer at Virginia Wesleyan--11 • Volleyball at Emory Invitational--2 • Football at Centre--1:30 • M Soccer at Hampden Sydney--11	• W Soccer at Chowan--1

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W&L's ultimate team takes on the nation's best

W&L's Two Dead Guys almost topples ACC powerhouse

By **TWO DEAD GUYS**
ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

Can you remember the last time a team from W&L almost toppled an ACC powerhouse? Do you even recall the last time a team from W&L even took the same playing field as a team from a huge D1 program? Well over Reading Days, a certain team from W&L did just that.

Two Dead Guys, W&L's Ultimate Frisbee club team, participated in the Wolfpack Invitational, an annual fall tournament hosted by North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The tournament featured some of the nation's elite college Ultimate teams, including squads from Indiana University, Florida State, Florida, UVA, and the host team, NC State, which finished last season as the #4 team in the country.

Overshadowed by the bigger schools and better talent, W&L's team approached the tournament with realistic expectations. "More than anything, I was hoping we would gain respect from the bigger, better teams in the region," said Tim Smith, the team's staff advisor. "I hoped we would play well enough to prevent us from getting destroyed, and get our team's name out there for the future."

The W&L squad did much more than that. In their opening game, Two Dead Guys came a few points from upsetting the nation's #7 ranked team, The Darkside, from UNC-Chapel Hill. The W&L team eventually lost 13 to 9, but that opening game brought an instant realization —

our team could legitimately compete with some of the best teams in the country.

By the end of the tournament, Two Dead Guys had compiled a record of 2 wins and 4 losses, more than respectable for a new team that represents a school of only 2000 students.

Two Dead Guys, named in honor of our university's dual namesakes, was pulled together in the fall of 2002 by Chris Jordan

"We are one of the few avenues the school has to compete athletically with big D1 state schools."

TOM HUNT

('03) and a group of students who had played pick-up Ultimate for years. Within a few months, the team had played in a few tournaments, including one at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and with a core group of freshman players, the team showed promise for the future. But last year the team faltered, due to a lack of responsible leadership and the graduation of many of the original members.

This year, Two Dead Guys has rebounded. Thanks to EC funding and legitimacy under the new Club Sports program, the

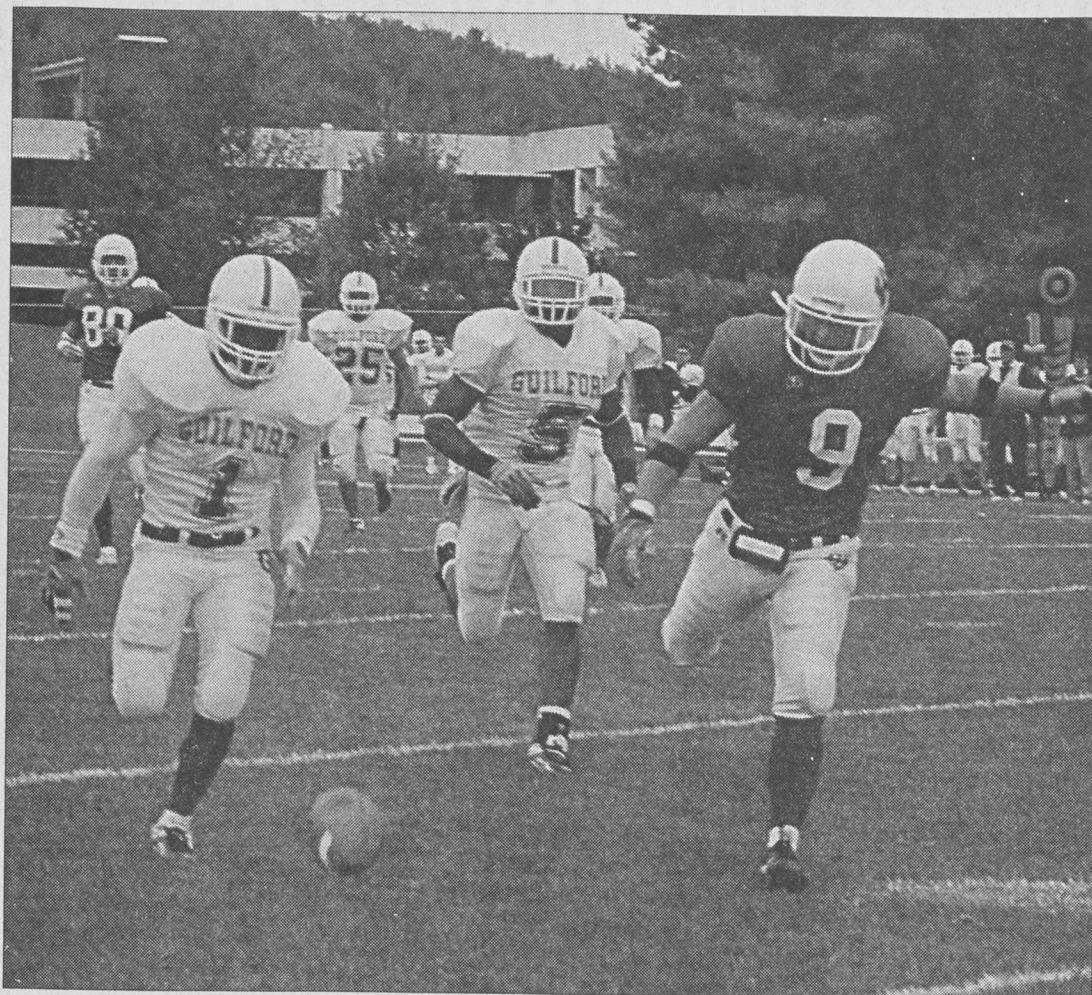
team has set a strong foundation and looks to represent W&L against other colleges far into the future, while hopefully gaining some respect from fellow students and from the university in general.

"The W&L community at large probably doesn't even know we exist," Smith claims. "Most people still consider Ultimate a sport for pot-smoking hippies. In reality, it's probably the fastest-growing competitive college sport in the country."

Tom Hunt ('06) stresses that Ultimate at W&L is more than just a spring intramural sport: "We are one of the few avenues the school has to compete athletically with big D1 state schools. This also helps to spread the W&L name to people who otherwise might not know the school exists."

For now, the co-ed team includes both law and undergrad students and has members from several Greek organizations and a handful of freshman. Smith stresses that new players are always welcome, regardless of skill level.

Two Dead Guys plans to attend tournaments year round, offering plenty more opportunities to beat those big D1 schools. "At the Wolfpack, we clobbered a team from Duke. It might not quite compare to beating a Duke team in basketball, but coming from W&L, we're certainly not complaining. It feels good to beat the bigger schools, and hopefully we'll be doing a lot more of that in the future."



GET THE BALL! Senior John Barnwell and Guilford players converge on the ball. SAHAR KAMALI / RING-TUM PHI

Football tallies another win

Generals take down Guilford and improve to 3-1 in ODAC play

By **MARSHALL RULE**
SPORTS EDITOR

Thanks to a shut out first half, and an action packed second, the Washington and Lee football team tallied another win on Saturday against Guilford.

The Generals jumped out to an early 14-0 lead thanks to a 1 yard touchdown run by fullback Ryan Sullivan, followed by a 17 yard touchdown reception by Garrett LeRose in the first half. The Marlins came out running in the second half and were moving the ball well until a fumble gave it back to the Gen-

erals in good field position. They capitalized on a touchdown run by Quarterback Greg Tweardy, but failed in the point after.

Guilford came right back with a 7 yard touchdown on fourth down to get on the board. But on the ensuing kickoff, Colton Ward took it 86 yards to the house in an answer that silenced the Marlins. The Generals rolled on the rest of the game with ease as they went on to win 41-14.

Offensively, Ward led the team with 203 all purpose yards and 2 touchdowns. Tweardy

passed for 192 yards on 17 completions and 26 attempts.

On the defense side of the ball, Lloyd Wilson counted 9 tackles and one sack.

The Generals were able to get the crowd in the game, and many fans were chanting Hiesman whenever Ward touched the ball. While the Hiesman Trophy may be out of reach, Ward is leading the team to a successful team.

With the win Washington and Lee improves to 3-1 in ODAC play, while Guilford falls to 0-3, and 0-7 overall.

Next week, the Generals head to Bridgewater for a 1:00 contest.

THIS PAST WEEK'S SPORTS IN BRIEF...

W&L Swimming Opens Season Against Transylvania and DePauw (10/23)

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams opened their 2004-05 seasons against Transylvania and DePauw in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday afternoon. The men's team defeated Transylvania, 143.5-61.5, and DePauw, 127-77, while the women beat Transylvania, 112-93, and fell to DePauw, 90-115.

W&L Volleyball Downs Messiah and Marymount, 3-0 (10/23)

The Washington and Lee volleyball team improved its winning streak to a school-record 17 straight matches with a pair of 3-0 wins on Saturday afternoon at Marymount University. The Generals (22-4) defeated Messiah, 30-14, 30-23, 30-22, before downing the host Saints, 30-20, 30-14, 30-17.

W&L Field Hockey Falls to Va. Wesleyan, 3-1 (10/23)

Virginia Wesleyan sophomore forward Chrissy Clancy (Oak Hill, Va./Oakton) tallied two goals and assisted on another to lead the Marlins past Washington and Lee, 3-1, in ODAC field hockey action on Saturday afternoon at the W&L Turf Field.

W&L Golf Leads R-MC Ted Keller Invitational (10/23)

The W&L golf team fired an opening round 297 to lead the Randolph-Macon Ted Keller Invitational which is being held at the Hunting Hawk Golf Club in Glen Allen, Va. The Generals lead Bridgewater by four strokes and are being paced by sophomore Matt Nickles (Columbia, S.C./A.C. Flora) who fired a 73. Final round action continues Sunday morning.

W&L Women's Soccer Falls to Lynchburg, 1-0 (10/20)

Sophomore Catherine Adams scored at the 79:04 mark to lift Lynchburg to a 1-0 win over Washington and Lee in women's soccer action on Wednesday afternoon in Lynchburg, Va.

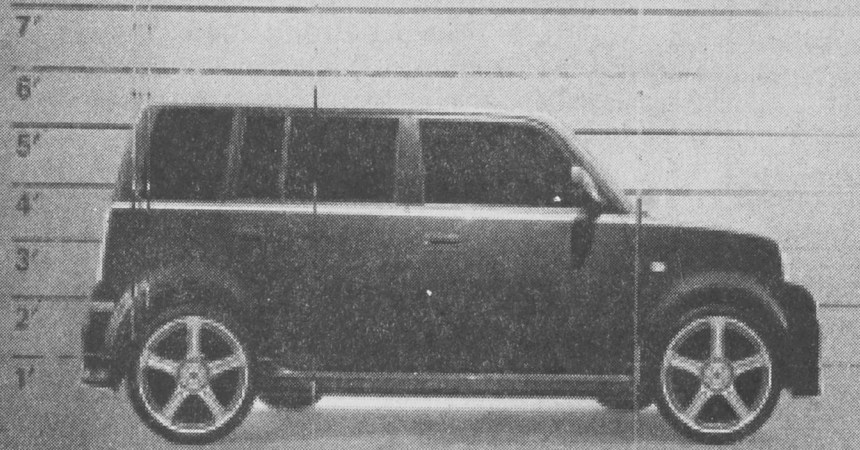
W&L Cross Country Competes at Gettysburg Invitational (10/16)

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams were in action on Saturday at the Gettysburg Invitational. The W&L men placed fourth of 17 teams, while the women finished sixth of 15 squads.

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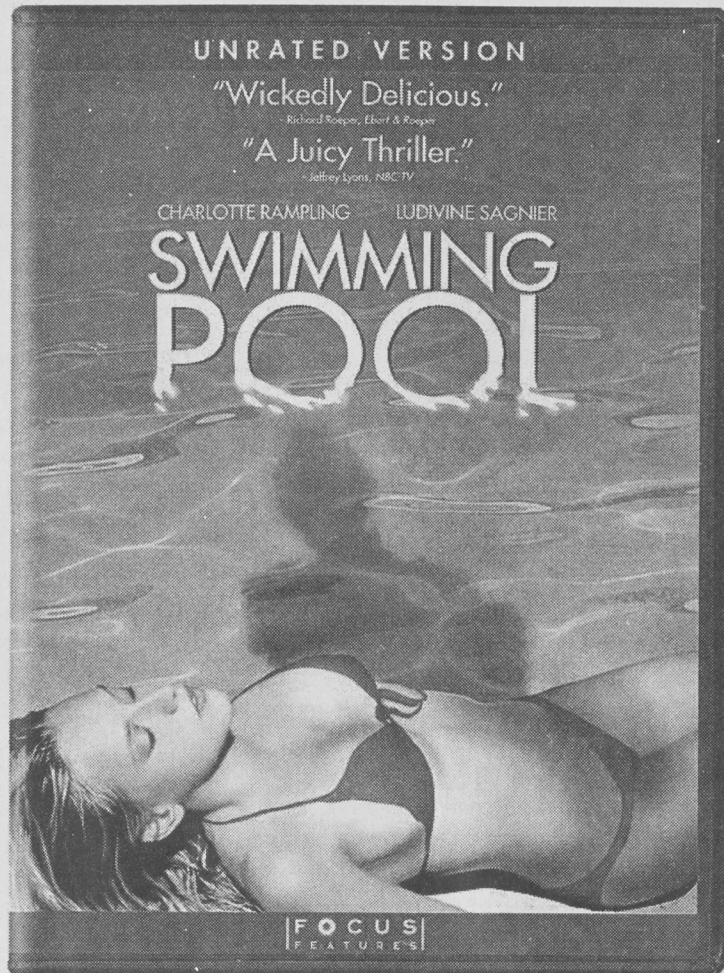
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Drama, suspense make seeing *Swimming Pool* worthwhile



In memory of summer, and since it's getting so cold here so fast, my roommates and I rented director Francois Ozon's suspenseful drama *Swimming Pool*. Released earlier this spring, *Swimming Pool* has one of the most unique and shocking endings of any movie I have ever seen. It makes you feel really clever once you figure out what has been going on, although, admittedly, you might need help sorting things out the first time through. I recommend watching it with a friend who is particularly good at thinking abstractly. I don't mean to say that it's not worth watching because it is confusing, but to suggest strongly that you see it *because* it is so creative. I guess you'll just have to watch it to see what I mean.

If my description of the confusion that will inevitably hit you at the end of the movie made you a little wary of renting it, let me describe the parts of the movie that make it worth seeing.

1) Charlotte Rampling's hysterically quintessential British character, the writer Sarah Morton. She is so anal and so uptight that it made us laugh, even in the really serious scenes. I think this is purposeful; parts of the movie can be pretty dark. Her costumes are stunning; for half of the movie, she either looks like she's ready to head off on a safari or back to the 18th century (her choice of nightgown is particularly funny—she looks like Mr. Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*).

2) French actress Ludvine Sagnier, "Julie." If you

are male, it is definitely worth your while to see this movie. It's centered around a swimming pool, come on. Girls, she is an inspiration to go to the gym. An up-and-coming actress who performed in two films in competition at the 2003 Cannes festival, she is absolutely gorgeous and smart. She gives a role that could easily be written off as "the slut" part warmth and depth. That's a tough thing to do, especially in this film.

BEYOND HOLLYWOOD
ELYSE MOODY

3) Its consistent and fascinating use of motifs. Look for the color red, the use of mirrors, and the consumption of alcohol, etc. throughout the film for clues.

4) The haunting theme music. It will stay in your head for hours, and it is really creepy.

5) It gives the term "writer's block" a whole new meaning, and offers a completely new and interesting solution on what to do if you find yourself stuck in a situation.

Swimming Pool is set in France, the cinematography is beautiful and innovative, and the actors are brilliant. Plus, it combines drama, suspense, and even a murder mystery vibe.

As I have said, the ending is amazing, and it will leave you feeling considerably smarter than you did before you watched it. See it, it's worth it, I promise. Let me know what you think of the ending. *Swimming Pool* is available online, at Blockbuster, or through special order at the University Bookstore. See trade book manager K.C. Schaefer for details.

One-man-band Keller Williams performs Saturday in the pavillion

This coming Saturday, October 30th, the Washington and Lee GAB will welcome alternative guitarist, multi-instrumentalist, and singer/songwriter Keller Williams to Lexington for Kellerween: An Evening with Keller Williams.

The concert will take place at the Washington and Lee Pavilion at 10 p.m., doors opening at 9. Kellerween will mark the second time Williams has visited beautiful Lexington, Virginia in as many years. In September of 2003, many W&L students enjoyed Williams' music at the Theater at Lime Kiln and

witnessed a concert unlike any other. The Fredericksburg, Virginia native has released ten albums (including a brand new double-disc live album entitled "Stage") in ten years, and promises to play

much of his recorded music in addition to new songs and improvis on Saturday evening.

Perhaps the most unique thing about a Keller Williams concert (aside from the fact that he is always barefoot) is that he does not have a band. If you get to the show early

enough on Saturday, I would imagine that you will see several instruments and stations on the stage. It will appear that Williams has a dynamic band playing a variety of different instruments.

Don't be fooled. Keller Williams is his own one-man band. No, he doesn't just play his acoustic guitar all night. And yes, it will get quite loud in the Pavilion. Using techniques that are revolutionary in many respects, Williams will dub instrumental riffs into an equalizer and the riff will repeat several times even while he is playing another instrument. In addition, don't be surprised

if he uses his vocal chords as an instrument rather than to sing. This concert absolutely cannot be missed—especially at such a small venue. I don't care what parties are going on that night—Keller Williams is a must-see.

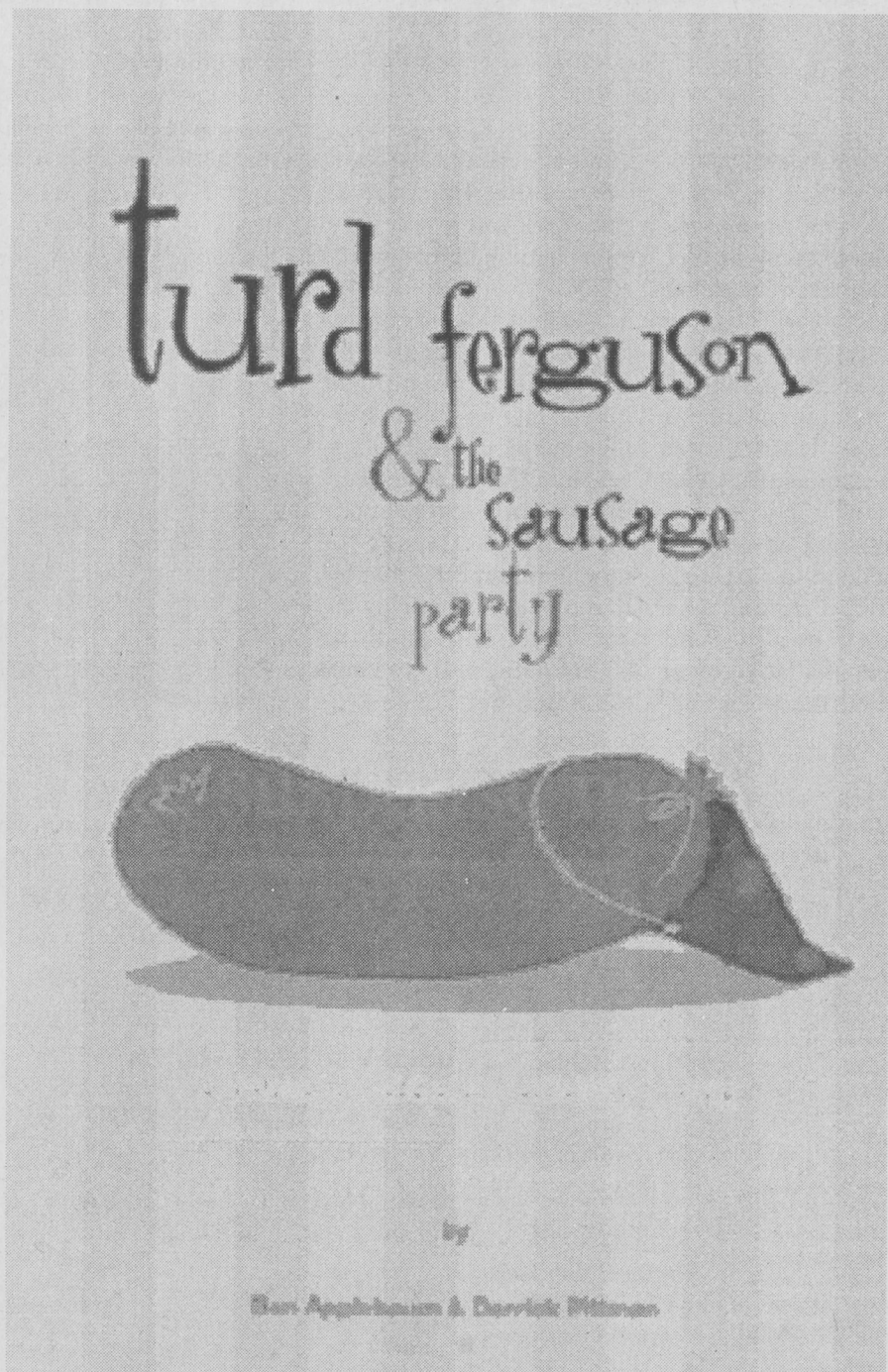
Tickets for Kellerween are on sale this week in the Commons—\$10 for W&L students, \$20 non-W&L. Come out and enjoy the show—it promises to be phenomenal. For more information on Keller Williams, visit <http://www.kellerwilliams.net> or pick-up his new live album, "Stage." If you're not familiar with Williams, you should be—and Kellerween is a perfect time to discover him.

W&L Bookstore Presents...

Student Book of the Week

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

This week:



Turd Ferguson and the Sausage Party:
An Uncensored Guide to College Slang

• Would you rather be a *Wedge* or an *Old Shoe*?

• Does the *Kevin Club* have anything to do with *Taking the Kids to the Pool*?

Who is *Turd Ferguson*, and why is he at a *Sausage*

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Are you an alcoholic?

In order to determine whether a person has fallen from social drinking into an abyss of sin and degradation, it is well to check over a list of test questions which we provide here:

1. Do you require a drink the morning after...(use your imagination)?
2. Do you drink more with a "rank date" as opposed to a "sweet date"?
3. Do you lose time from booking due to drinking?
4. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?
5. Is there any time of the day that you do not crave a drink?
6. Do you get inner shakes unless you continue drinking?
7. Do you get outer shakes when you continue drinking?
8. Does drinking cause you bodily complaints?
9. Has drinking made you more impulsive?
10. Has your sexual potency suffered since drinking?
11. Do you turn to an inferior environment since drinking?
12. Is drinking clouding your reputation or debasing your good name?
13. Is drinking disturbing the harmony of your life?
14. Is drinking creating a finer harmony in your life?
15. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory while or after drinking?
16. Have you ever been banned from a girls' school campus? If so, has this happened repeatedly?
17. Has drinking reduced the effectiveness of your program?

If you have answered "yes" to any one of these questions, you may be an alcoholic. If you have answered "yes" to any two, the chances are that you are an alcoholic. If you have answered "yes" to three or more, you are definitely an alcoholic.

DRY UP FAST AND BEAT THE RUSH!!!

ABC's, other academic pursuits useless to Potato Man



POTATO MAN
 MARSHALL RULE

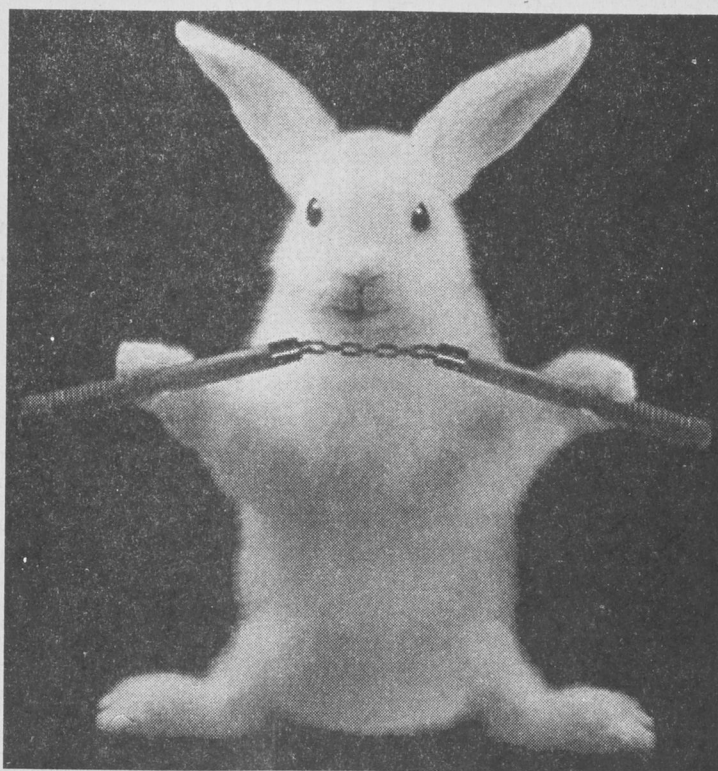
There was a time when I was smart. This time was long ago, when I was still in training pants and riding training wheels. I was smart then.

But then something changed. It happened when I was five years old. My parents told me about this new and exciting place called kindergarten. They said I would learn things like the alphabet. I wasn't sure about it at first. I mean c'mon I was living the life. My day consisted of sleeping in as late as I wanted, watching the Smurfs and Captain Planet on TV, and playing with my Hot Wheels and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles all day long. Every meal was provided for me. If I wanted a sandwich, I snap my fingers, and it would appear on a little pink plate in an instant.

I was living the life, and my parents convinced me to give it all up by going to school. They said it would only be half of the day. That didn't seem too bad to me. I could go to school for a few hours, mac on some new girls by showing them my new Huffy, and then get back in time for some running through the sprinklers. But my parents were not the cool parents, mine were the evil ones. Mine made me to go the morning session of kindergarten.

I kept saying, "Yo, madre, all the hotties are in the afternoon session. Think about it, a few extra hours of sleeping in before you have to take me to school. I know you could use it." But try as I may, she didn't bite, sticking me with a desperate need for naptime, and a classroom full of 5 year old dogs.

The teacher walked in the first day and said let's play games. I was skeptical at first, but I figured I'd give it a shot. The game was telephone, and my goal was to mess



POTATO MAN'S FUTURE PET. We have to wonder if Marshall will train his pets, like his children, to use nun chucks.

up the sentence in the worst ways I could. At least that's what I thought the idea of the game was. The teacher would start and whisper in the first little boy's ear a sentence. It goes around the circle, until it gets to the last person who says what they heard. By the time it got to me it was something like, "You are all beautiful people." After I had passed it, it became "Jenny's mom smells like poo poo." I win. I changed it the most. I asked the teacher what I got for winning, and I guess it was a vacation to the principles office.

The days only got worse. The alphabet, I came to

realize was extremely overrated. We never learned anything important or that I was interested in like how to use nun chucks. Then we started to learn how to read, which was the dumbest thing I have ever done. Once you learn to read, you are expected to do things for yourself.

The bedtime story at home goes away. And instead the parents sit there and make you read to them. I don't want to read it I want to cuddle with Teddy and listen. I mean come on, I just worked for four hours today at kindergarten, and I want to come home to a warm meal and go to bed, not more work. Over the next few years, I had to do more for myself. By second grade I was making my own sandwiches. Now that is just wrong. Then the teachers started giving tests and assigning homework. I did not like where this was heading.

High school came and kindergarten felt like a distant memory. The SAT, ACT, AP tests all came and went adding more stress to my ever busy life. With every new thing I learned, I forgot something I used to know. I now know how to use the Pythagorean Theorem, but can't remember why Shredder hated the Rat in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I can't even remember the rat's name, which is just sad.

It hit rock bottom just last week, when my week of hell came. Four midterms, a paper, and a few 3 page essays. And to make it interesting a few infirmary visits and a hospital visit for a bad case of poison ivy. And for the first time in my life, I realized that school and knowledge has not made me happier, but has instead prevented me from learning things that truly matter.

That's why when I get out of school, get a boring job, and a more boring family; I am not letting my kid go to kindergarten. He will stay home, eat for free, and learn how to use nun chucks. Cause in the real world a good set of nun chucks is more useful then the Pythagorean Theorem any day.

Credit Cards ruin Christmas for Kristine

Throughout most of my life I practiced frugality. (My mom, however, calling it like she saw it, called me a cheap-skate.) My tendency to be a tad stingy, was not, however, my fault: I inherited my dad's shrewd financial sense. Watching every penny and dime comes as second nature when you are the daughter of an accountant—someone who spends sixty hours a week helping others save a nickel (OK...quite a few nickels). Somehow my mathematically inept brain becomes alive as soon as dollar signs are added to an equation.

Let's put this into perspective. When I go grocery shopping, I automatically start calculating the price for ounce of each box of cereal and each can of Spaghetti-o's. I'm not a nerd (well, OK, maybe I am, but probably for different reasons), I just can't help it. My eyes are immediately drawn to the price tag.

Ever since I received my first allowance, I, Kristine, the human calculator (quite unreliable...might need new batteries), made a pledge never to be taken in by the corporate big-wigs. No, not me. General Mills couldn't slip by 42 oz. at six cents apiece when 54 oz. at three cents apiece were to be had.

And then came the credit card. For those of you stuck in the dark ages (that time not so long ago when dollar

bills and silver coins "made the world go round"), the credit card is a piece of plastic specifically designed to empty your bank account. I think that the Surgeon General should place

a prominent warning on all the Visas, Discovers, and MasterCard's, something like: "Warning: This product is dangerous to your financial wellbeing. Use of this product may lead to bankruptcy, foreclosure, or extreme parental anger and frustration."

When I first received my credit card, it was for "emergency" use only. In other words, I was only allowed to "swipe it home" (a) my car died on a country road and I needed someone to tow it home or b) I saw a really, really, really, really cute pair of pants at the mall that fit just right.

As I built up good credit, my parents became slightly more lenient. The bills stayed relatively within reason, and except for a few minor disagreements on what qualified as "really, really, really, really" cute, there were never any problems. But then again, I had never been on a shopping spree in D.C.

I would like to think that I would never have spent \$70 on a polo shirt if I would have needed to part with three beautiful, crisp twenty dollar bills and one Alexander Hamilton. Never in my life did I expect to spend money so superfluously. But I never expected a face-down. It was me, alone in the world, against the posh sur-

roundings of Nordstrom's. I was surrounded on all sides.

Designer dresses stood on guard, lined up with extreme precision. North Face was posed to attack my wallet. No matter how hard I tried, I was fighting a losing battle. There is only one thing a defenseless card-bearer can do when faced with such opposition—wave the clerk down and say "ring it up."

Having visited three malls in one weekend, I quivered in fear as I added the receipt totals together.

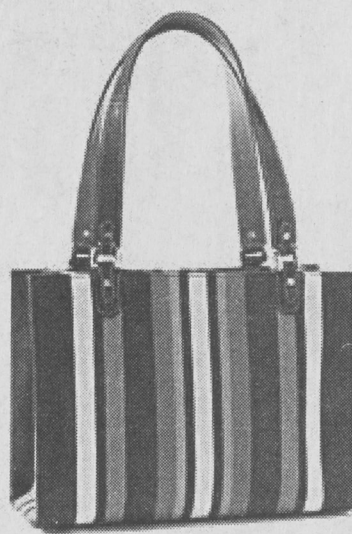
I experienced almost a perverse sort of excitement as the

numbers climbed higher and higher. Down the drain went every dollar I'd saved at the check-out line, every quarter tucked diligently away.

When I called my parents to break the news, I think I sent them into a state of shock. Neither of them was too upset, but I am not expecting to find much under the Christmas tree. So for now, I am tucking that lethal piece of plastic away. And if you spill anything on my polo, well, you better watch out!



THE MILK AND CHEESE GIRL
 KRISTINE EARLY



QUICK HITS

Phi Earl Edwards is my hero.

Phi FYI: Chi Psis don't put out.

Phi From the same person: Why won't anyone give it up to me?

Phi Margaret, you've won the election already, stop campaigning!

Phi hey mary, you're quite hot....(chandelier guy)

Phi "NO! IT'S OUR PIZZA! We saw the Domino's man first..."

Phi As said by an actual freshman over Reading Days: "Whoa! Whoever made hills was DEFINATELY not drunk!"

Phi To the freshman girl who wore the Something Corporate t shirt the other day: I love you.

Phi The girls at Raincor are looking for some boy-friends. Candidates must have pulse and tolerance for extremely loud noises.

Phi Will the gentlemen of W&L please refrain from hocking their loogeys ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS? There's a wide world of lawns and flower beds out there.

Phi Bruno is the hottest Kappa Sig. I would skip class to hook up with him anyway.

Phi Coleman you're one lucky SOB. Yeah you know what I'm talking about.

Phi If that guy tries to talk to us, we're lesbians AND we have boyfriends....

Phi On a scale of 1 to 10, one notable editor's quick hit contributions are really good.

Phi Why has the Commons been shaking and shivering lately? Shouldn't a brand new building be, oh, stable?

Phi Putting Honor System guilt into a campus notice about a missing belonging will not get it back to you any faster.

Phi God bless girls who kiss sober drivers when thanking them. You make the night endurable.

Phi Chaucer died today in history. How sad.

Phi Catholic Boys in speedos in the pool this Saturday at 2 pm. YES!

Phi Newflash to KA: eating hot dogs is not urban. Neither is muscular dystrophy. So why the thugs on the T shirts?

Phi Whoever tore up an edition of Una Vox and left it as a gift for Gaines suite 342 should have at least left a name along with their present.

Phi Thanks, Groupwise, for losing two days' worth of my email!! Everyone was perfectly understanding and I didn't want to deal with it anyway!

Phi Today is a sad day in history for BoSox fans. The NY Mets defeated the Red Sox in game six of the World Series to go on and win the Series two days later.

Phi Happy 60th birthday to James Carville.

Phi A certain well dressed junior started the galoshes trend last year.

Phi Celebrate Carbs! Today is World Pasta Day in NYC.

Phi Way to go Hardees! I'll buy anything a model on a mechanical bull is promoting.

Phi I wanna be the girl on the mechanical bull.

Phi Greeks understand responsibility. period.

Phi The help desk has an online wait list-- who knew?

Phi If the SAO through a party where I could get wasted, I'd go.

Phi I love Corbin Blackford.

Phi NASCAR is awesome. Any elitist who says they don't like it clearly hasn't watched it.

Phi Way to go Lindsay Hagerman on winning the national singles tournament.

Phi Just because I'm a legacy doesn't mean I'm stupid.

Phi I wish Arnold could be President. We should change the law.

Phi My brain hurts.

Phi Watch out VMI rat-ship, Dean Watkins is coming!

Phi Why do srats take themselves so seriously? It's not like you do anything good.

Phi I'm hungry, the co-op needs to open before 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Phi Thou shalt not covet.

Phi Email your anonymous quick hits and crazy Halloween stories to phi@wlu.edu