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Halloween Fun



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GOLFING WITH LOCAL KIDS. Greek organizations and other groups help to run Wal-Mart's 1st annual Halloween Carnival.

W&L community, Wal-Mart host carnival

BY LEAH KERSHAW
STAFF WRITER

Lexington Wal-Mart's 1st annual Halloween Carnival draws a crowd of costumed witches, princesses and cowboys.

The carnival was held in the Wal-Mart parking lot Saturday, Oct. 30. The event was sponsored by Washington and Lee fraternities and sororities, Rockbridge Area Shop for Tots and Young Life. Proceeds from

the concession stand's sales were donated to Young Life, a Christian youth group program. Wal-Mart donated the prize candy, concession items and pumpkins for the children to decorate. Wal-Mart also provided publicity for the carnival.

Jason Woodlief, assistant manager of Wal-Mart, came up with the idea for the carnival. Before coming to Lexington's Wal-Mart, Woodlief worked for a Wal-Mart in Charleston, South Carolina that hosted a similar Halloween event. Since the event

had always been very successful in Charleston, Woodlief decided to bring the event to Lexington. Woodlief said that the purpose of the carnival is to inspire "community involvement for an organization to host the event every year."

The carnival was well attended by families from the surrounding areas.

Fraternities and sororities sponsored various carnival games and activities including a ring toss, face painting and balloon dart throwing.

Reid Manning, a member of Kappa Sigma, enjoyed volunteering at the carnival. Manning said, "It's a great way for the Greek system to gain positive interaction with the community in a quality way."

Local children were excited about the Halloween carnival. Nine year-old Cheyenne Hamilton, dressed as bumblebee, said that she was "having a lot of fun". Cheyenne Hamilton's 5-year-old sister Tasha Hamilton, dressed as princess, also enjoyed the carnival.

Election 2004 Carlson weighs in on tomorrow's poll

BY KATHERINE SHELL
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Tucker Carlson, CNN's Crossfire co-host and well-known conservative political commentator, spoke Wednesday night at Lee Chapel in front of an eager crowd. After his speech, entitled "Why the Right is Right," a book-signing and reception followed in Lee Chapel.

Carlson's discourse detailed why he believes Kerry will not win the 2004 election next week. He stated that "attacking the opponent's character is what the Kerry campaign did from day one." Though he specifically said he did not have a problem with a character debate, in his experience, he believes they don't work. "Personal attacks, attacks on character, get partisan individuals in a frenzy. Who cares about partisans in a frenzy, they will vote the same way [as before the character debate]. The narrow band in the middle who haven't made up their mind a week before the election are turned off by a character debate." He also reminded the audience that after Clinton's impeachment, his ratings went up.

As well as discussing why he believes Kerry's campaign will not work, he also discussed some of the campaign ploys used by Kerry's campaign. He cited evidence of Kerry's attempt to show a specific personality, and those attempts to show Bush in a negative light. He told humorous stories of Kerry attempting to be "macho," and summed it up with "John Kerry. He may be liberal, but he's mean." He also discussed the Democratic tendency to portray Bush as "not only so dumb he can barely read, but a brilliant evil genius." Carlson pointed out the deficiencies in this stereotype, including, "People could not process Bush as a liar," they "like Bush because they think he's a straight-shooter." His problem with this Democratic propaganda was that the "Democrats came to believe Bush was the caricature they had been portraying."

After discussing the Democrats' tactics to win the 2004 Election, he discussed the subject weighing on many peoples minds as they decide who to vote: Iraq. "Kerry allowed the central issue of this election to go undebated." Also, Carlson acknowledged that the "rest of the country would have benefited from a debate on the war of terror," which did not happen until Labor Day.

Carlson elaborated on many of the key issues in next week's election, and appealed to much of the W&L community with his witty, conservative anecdotes and lecture.

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TUCKER CARLSON
POLITICAL PUNDIT

Upperclassmen embark on the search for employment For most seniors, entering the workforce is the next step after graduating from Washington & Lee

BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

As fall term marches on, W&L seniors are beginning to think about life after college. Over the last five years, nearly a quarter of graduates went on to advanced studies. But around 65% decided to dive into the world of employment right after graduation.

September's national unemployment rate was 5.4%, an improvement from the mid-2003 peak of 6.5%. Nonetheless, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts growth that either exceeds or meets the national average in many careers popular at W&L, such as accounting and management.

The BLS also predicts growth—and "intense competition"—in marketing, public relations, and advertising. Many of these jobs will become available in early 2005. For this part of the year, students out of the Williams School are the focus of employers. Suzanne Wade, Assistant Director of Career Services, agrees that commerce students are facing an intense situation. Increased competition in accounting and investment banking means that top firms have already given offers.

Later in the school year, Career Services will collect resumes and applications for the Selective Liberal Arts Consortium (SLAC), which arranges interview days in Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Boston, or Washington, D.C. Other jobs will become available on eRecruiting.com, the career center's job and internship network.

Dianne Winter '05, a business administration major, has taken full advantage of the convenient opportunities. Though she is interested in commercial banking, she has

interviewed on-campus for several investment banking jobs as well.

Another way students get a foothold is through internships, which allow them to make contacts as well as prove themselves to a potential employer. Politics professor William Connelly leads a group of 15-16 students to Washington, D.C. each spring term for an internship on Capitol Hill.

"Each spring about half of my...students stay in D.C. for a job or internship," Connelly said. "We also have a long success rate of seniors...into jobs in Washington upon graduating." Connelly sees this success as a direct result of the Washington Term, pointing to the saying, "The best way to get a job on the Hill is to have a job on the Hill."

Brittany Smith '05 can speak to the value of an internship. Smith, an accounting major, received—and signed—a job offer at the end of her internship this summer. While her fellow seniors scramble to connect with employers, she can concentrate on her studies.

Drew Jones '05 has used Career Services and personal contacts to search for jobs. But a tight job market and a competitive field have left him feeling cynical. "I'm not too optimistic because I haven't had too much luck," he said.

For now, C-school majors swarm the Hill in suit and tie for interviews. Come winter term, they'll be replaced by liberal arts majors as new employers move through campus.

For Winter, the hardest part of the process is the time it takes. "There were a lot of jobs on SLAC, so it took a lot of time to search through all of them," she said. "It just comes in waves."

Jones agrees. "It's pretty stressful, just applying, having the right cover letter, getting resumes together, stuff like that—it takes a lot of time."

PPSE to offer job help for students

BY ASHLEY METZLOFF
STAFF WRITER

If you don't know what to do after you graduate or want to do something different before you go to graduate school, the Project for Public Service Employment is here to help.

PPSE is a new program designed to help students of all majors and interests find public service jobs that are right for them.

Many seniors have difficulties finding non-profit jobs after they graduate because many non-profit jobs are not sufficiently advertised or students cannot begin work when non-profit organizations need them. PPSE helps solve these problems by matching students with non-profit and making sure student and non-profit timelines coincide. Students submit their application to PPSE,

and PPSE sends student applications to appropriate organizations.

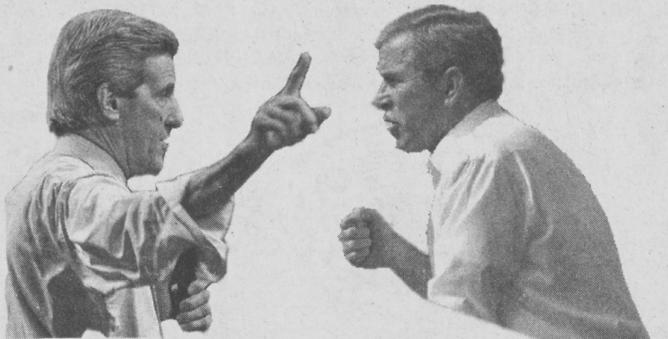
PPSE fellows are guaranteed full-time work for as little as ten months or as long as two years in Baltimore, New York City, Washington, D.C., or even internationally. Fellows are also guaranteed monthly stipends of at least \$1900 as well as health insurance. Every fellow receives an alumni mentor in the city where they are placed, and students become further connected with a network of alumni-based public interest programs including 22 public interest programs with alumni from Dartmouth, Georgetown, Harvard, Bucknell, and Stanford.

If you are interested in this program, go to PPSE's website, <http://ppse.wlu.edu/>, or contact Stacy McLoughlin or Aubrey Shinofield.

Nine to Five

Make the job hunt easier with these valuable resources.

- **Professors.** They all spent time in the field before they began teaching; ask about contacts and job openings.
- **Career Services.** As well as providing advice on resumes and cover letters, the career center is the gateway to dozens of internships through their interview days and job consortiums. Videotape a practice interview and discuss it point-by-point with an adviser.
- **eRecruiting.com.** Search through the career center's jobs and internships, many of them earmarked for W&L students.
- **Alumni.** Everything you hear about them is true. They do want you to contact them, and they do want to give you a job.
- **Online job networks.** Posting your resume on monster.com or Yahoo HotJobs allows employers to find you with minimal effort on your part.
- **Family and friends.** It's not nepotism, it's networking. An inside source can let you know about an opening or get you in the door for an interview.



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Distinguished Arab diplomat addresses international affairs

Hassouna speaks at VMI

BY ROB ARMSTRONG
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VMI — One of the Arab world's most distinguished diplomats visited Lexington last week, offering his perspective of the American-Arab conflict. An Egyptian native, Hussein Hassouna is the current Arab League ambassador to the United States. He addressed the Virginia Military Institute's Corps Cadets last Wednesday, and focused on issues relating to Palestine, Iraq, and the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Hassouna began his lecture by saying that he firmly believes Muslims and Americans share a common unity and are part of a "global culture." When discussing the tragedies of 9/11, Hassouna said the attack was against all civilized nations. He pointed to the fact that many 9/11 victims were foreign born, and said that the Arab world and the United States have a common enemy in fighting terrorism and must join hands.

9/11 attacks

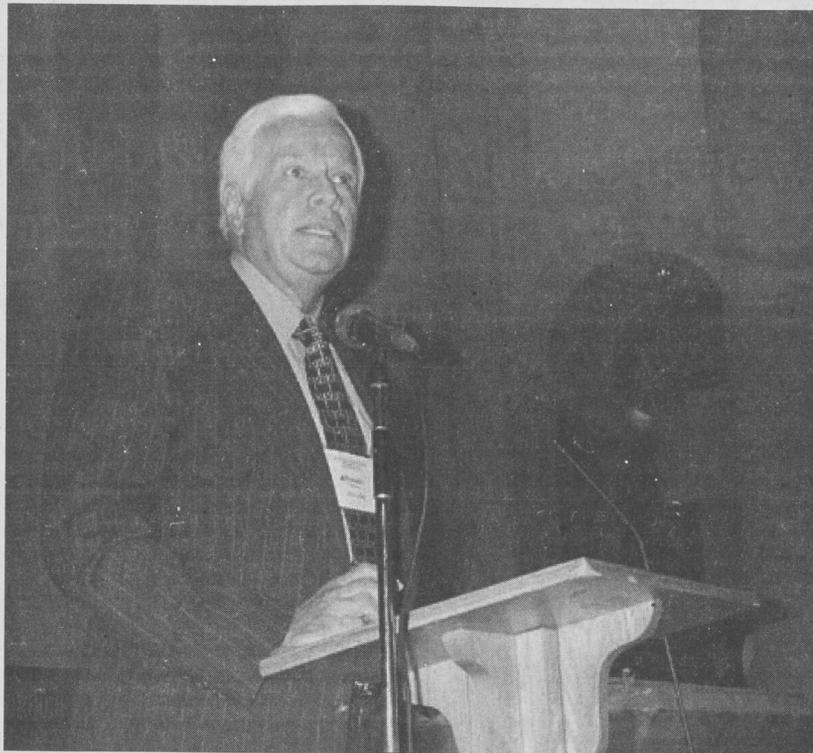
Hassouna expressed his disappointment for the blame that some have placed on the Islamic religion and the Muslim culture for the attacks of September 11, 2001. He urged Americans who maintain a bias against Muslims to be more responsible and rational.

"It is important to remember that President Bush, immediately following the attacks, recognized that [9/11] was not a representation of Islam nor of the Muslim world." Hassouna also pointed to the 9/11 Commission for stating in its conclusion that the enemy is a group of fringe killers.

The high-ranking diplomat said that the reason why a large number of Muslims are anti-American relates to a lack of education, literacy, and employment in their homeland. "When these people see problems like Palestine dragging on, they begin to feel more despair and feel as though they need to react," said Hassouna. And when people feel defenseless, they tend to become more extreme and radical, leading them to commit crimes in the name of their people or religious beliefs.

The best way to combat this is through joint efforts by the United Nations, said Hassouna. He expressed hopes for an international conference dealing with terrorism because terrorism can not be eradicated unless "developed infrastructures" are established in the Middle East in order to spawn a higher-educated population.

"The United States and Western powers have



SHARED 'GLOBAL CULTURE.' Arab League Ambassador Hussein Hassouna, pictured above at another event, spoke at VMI about the current relationship between America and the Arab world.

never tried to solve real problems that these societies face," said Hassouna.

Hassouna outlined the three areas of great conflict in the Middle East:

- Historical Israel-Palestine conflict
- The U.S.-led invasion of Iraq
- Human development

While the war in Iraq has created controversy, Hassouna believes that it is only "a chapter" in the history of Middle Eastern conflicts. "The main problem in the hearts and minds of the Arab people ... is the tragedy in Palestine."

Israel - Palestine

Hassouna does not believe that the United States has been completely fair in its diplomacy to this region. Among the problems in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is Israel's construction of a wall or fence-like structure across the West Bank. Supporters of Israel call the structure a "security fence" because they believe its purpose is to protect Israel from suicide bombers. Palestinian sympathiz-

ers, on the other hand, say the structure is an "apartheid wall" and a "land-grab." Hassouna described the structure as a "wall," and said that Palestine would have accepted its construction had it been built on the border. Israel, however, has built parts of the structure inside Palestinian territory. After its completion, the structure could isolate as many as 200,000 Palestinian natives from the rest of their land.

In late July, the United Nations voted 150-6 against the Israeli structure and ordered for reparations to Palestine. In some regions, the structure has ripped up fertile farm land vital to many Palestinians. The United States was only one of five other countries to support Israel, and argues that the vote was imbalanced.

Iraq

Hassouna stressed the differences between the two U.S.-led wars in Iraq. In the liberation of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein displayed a blatant aggression against and independent Arab country.

As a result, Hassouna said the "whole world stood up against this aggression." The liberation of Kuwait was thus largely supported by the Arab world.

Operation Iraqi Freedom, however, was waged under different circumstances. Hassouna said that the civilians in Iraq are still paying a price as a result of the on-going confrontations in their homeland. In addition, Hassouna expressed his concern for an American-led invasion that was launched without the support of the international community.

"The idea of preemptive strike is a very controversial issue. Whatever can be said for it," Hassouna argued, "I think the greatest danger is that this notion could be followed by other countries. If every country acted this way, we would be in a very dangerous world."

The first elections in Iraq are scheduled for the end of January. Hassouna was concerned about the security situation in Iraq. While he believes that elections are the best way to proceed as a democracy, Hassouna stated that the results must be justifiable, including all fractions of the Iraqi population.

"There is a feeling among Iraqis that they are victims [of Operation Iraqi Freedom]," Hassouna said, "there's this idea that the war has other designs."

Human development

Hassouna is an important member of the Arab League, a body representing a group of Middle Eastern nations, including Jordan, Tunisia, Sudan and Syria. He described the League's creation of a free trade zone and their agenda for reform in the Arab world, including the promotion of women's role in society.

The Arab League has also called for an establishment of a no-WMD-zone across the Middle East. All countries, including Iran and Israel, would have to put their nuclear capacity under inspection of international officials. "We will deal with it without exception," Hassouna stated.

Common values

Hassouna ended his presentation by again stressing the common values shared between Americans and Muslims. "The positive elements between these two worlds are much stronger. We have a common destiny ... whatever approaches the United States adopts will affect everyone. There are huge strategic interests and it is important to restore trust between these two worlds... the few extremists want to push us to confrontation ... it will always be important to continually discuss these issues," Hassouna concluded.

Washington & Lee Mock Trial Association prepares to pick first competitive team

BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

In its first year of competition, W&L's Mock Trial Association is preparing to select its competition team at the end of the semester. Twenty-five students have been spending four hours a week learning courtroom jargon and procedure in preparation for the winter competition season.

The new Mock Trial system requires more commitment from its members than other on-campus organizations. Interested students enrolled in a one-credit course this fall to learn basic techniques: direct examination, cross-examination, and opening and closing arguments. Members also learn to stand up under questioning as witnesses. At the end of the term, eight students will be selected for the team. During winter term, a similar class will focus on preparation for competition.

Law professor Beth Belmont makes sure that the

class is unique. Students do not receive grades. Classes take place over pizza at the law school, meeting Wednesdays and Sundays.

"It's a lot less stressful than other classes because of the lack of grades, but everyone's really motivated and wants to do well," said Aditya Kamath '06, founder.

Belmont recruited the aid of Kim Thomas '05L, who participated in Mock Trial during her undergraduate years at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn. Thomas was more than willing to help a program that influenced her future so much.

"It helped me develop my public speaking and advocacy skills, and it actually convinced me that I should go to law school," Thomas said.

Thomas will bring her experience to bear on the mechanics and procedures of Mock Trial competition.

Kamath has wanted to bring Mock Trial to W&L ever since he left his high school chapter. Lack

of funding prevented his attempt to start a chapter last year, and he turned to Belmont for advice.

When Belmont observed that some of the best teams offer class credit, Thomas recommended the system out of her Rhodes experience. "I thought it was a really good approach, because it built in a level of commitment and dedication that is not always present in a strictly extra-curricular program," Thomas said.

This year, Mock Trial has more of a presence than Kamath had ever hoped for. The eight students who compete at the regional tournament in February in Washington, D.C. will be better-prepared than he anticipated during his first attempt at starting the group.

"It's also a wonderful thing that undergrads get to go to law school for class and interact with law professors and students," Kamath said. "It fosters a greater sense of campus unity and cross-ravine relations."

Nabors meets with organizations

BY KATHERINE KRALL
STAFF WRITER

Nabors Service League met with the philanthropy chairs of campus organizations on Tuesday in order to introduce a new plan to encourage W&L students to become involved in volunteerism. Service opportunities will now be offered through activities that deal directly with the student body.

"It is our goal to have every organization involved in service in the community" said Tye Haeberle, who, with Sonia Siu, is in charge of campus outreach. Instead of Nabors creating all the service programs, agencies in the community will now work directly with the campus organization to arrange service opportunities and engage volunteer workers.

Nabors will initially establish the contact between the campus organization and the community agency, but eventually the Nabors middleman will be eliminated.

"Nabors will still be there to support and to provide special events" said Sonia Siu, "basically we are trying to facilitate a closer relation-

ship between the organization and the service agency and to connect them in a long-term relationship."

A benefit to this new arrangement will be increased numbers of volunteers, since friends or group leaders will be soliciting their participation. "People are far more likely to get involved if someone that they have a personal relationship with asks them to volunteer," said Haeberle, "so this is a more efficient way to get the entire campus involved."

Incentives include an improved relationship with Lexington. "In the past, W&L has had a little of an isolationist image, but volunteering corrects that" said Haeberle. He notes that there are children who need a tutor and elderly people who just need someone to talk to and this new arrangement will make volunteers much more accessible to the needy.

Haeberle explains the many benefits, "the ultimate goal is to increase Washington and Lee's level of civic engagement, allow students chances to improve their quality of life and hopefully impress a more favorable image of W & L on our immediate neighbors."

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THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

Phi for re-election of Bush

We here at the Ring-tum Phi certainly do not all agree on which candidate is the most virtuous, nor do we all agree on the issues they champion. But the majority of editors here at the Phi feel that President Bush continues to be the right man for the job.

Certainly both candidates are qualified to be the President, but the bottom line is that John Kerry's economic policy does not make any sense. Here is a man who advocates massive increases in public program spending while simultaneously talking of cuts to middle class taxes. While Democratic rhetoric towards "making the rich pay their share" is well and good, it's a simple fact that one can't expand the government without taxing the middle class, and that is precisely what Kerry will have to do, whether he intends to or not.

Thus, we feel that Bush's tax cuts (and thus smaller, less wasteful government) are a more efficient plan for America's future. While the President usually does not exert much direct control over the economy (the current so-called "Bush recession" was in reality well on its way by the end of Clinton's administration), Bush's plan makes sense and will restore economic confidence to small businesses and middle-class America without the pie-in-the-sky promises of the senator from Massachusetts. As college students, we have more confidence in a Bush-influenced job market upon graduation rather than a Kerry-influenced one.

Also of import is the fact that Kerry pays undue attention to non-American sources when it comes to foreign policy. While "internationalism" and "globalization" are well and good, the fact is that decisions related to America's safety must be made only by America. Kerry's vision of a world where America must seek global approval to safeguard its own interests is simply not acceptable to us.

Therefore, while we respect John Kerry and his plan, we feel that President Bush's is superior, and contains a brighter future for America.

Reflections on Gaines Hall life as a frosh

Over the summer, when I received my Housing Information Sheet, I was honestly just excited to have official word that I was, for sure, attending college in the fall. That and I had a single, which meant little to me, but was fun to brag about to my friends. When I saw that I was in this dorm, "Gaines," I was like Thank God, They put me in the normal dorm! Then I talked to all my other friends, and turns out THEY were in the normal dorm, not me. They both STARTED with G's, but were not, in fact, the same. So what is this "Gaines" place, then, if not Graham-Lee's?

Within days I met some expert W&L students that had suffered the same fate in the past. "You're in GAINES?" they asked. Um, yes. "I was in Gaines."

Awkward silence. I'm standing there staring, in horror. They looked at me with pity. "Yeah...you need to switch."

To see if I could get a more balanced opinion (maybe, hopefully, there's another side to this...) I consulted another W&L/Richmond friend of mine. "Gaines?" he asked. "Um....You'll get a lot of sleep..."

Because that's what I'm going to college for. Sleep.

I was starting to get a little freaked out; I mean, I didn't want to go to college and already have a strike against me. If I wanted to do that, I could just dye my hair green and pierce my eyebrow, I don't need University Housing to do it for me.

So I was a little nervous moving in. I was relieved to find that my suitemates seemed normal...on the surface. I was sure that, underneath their sweet smiles and handshakes were some serious psychological issues involving uncleanliness, loseriness, and general psychosis.

Having learned that Gaines "hinders your social development," I was completely ready to stay in my room 24-7, a hermit.

Now I have found some advantages to living in Gaines. For the first few days, you tell people where you're living and they give a long sigh of envy, and tell you it's a palace. After that, it turns back into the obligatory "Oh really? God, that sucks. But your room is really big, isn't it?"

But during orientation week, I was like yeah, my room is big. And carpeted. And air conditioned, thanks to a note from my family allergist, so that I do not have allergic reactions to the heat. Or something.

I've also found that my roommates aren't that crazy. Yes, one listens to MTV at 8 in the morning, the motivation for which is still a bit hazy to me, seeing as how it's 8 in the morning when I try to discover it.

There are two Yankees, which was an adjustment to say the least, but I think it was handled gracefully. I can proudly say that they are now accustomed to the apparently ubiquitous pearl necklaces and the "L. L. Bean on otherwise normal college students." Other than that, and the time I forgot to take the trash out for half a week, things have gone pretty smoothly.

The major downside to Gaines, about which I was amply warned over the summer, is the fact that every night when you happy freshmen zig zag home to your warm, well-lit halls of Graham-Lee's and Gillam, I am trudging faithfully to the hospital hallways I call home-

I have to cross another whole road to get to Gaines, and there are sketchy alleyways full of sketchy cats (descended from Lee's cats - or possibly, the actual cats, judging by the condition they're in) and, of course, skunks, on my way. All these scary or just weird factors mean that it is a lonely trip; no one in Normal Dorming Situations wants to walk you home, and God knows no one's going that way.

And not only am I in the leper colony of freshman dorms (upperclassmen, you are entirely excluded from these generalizations because you are rooming with your friends, and presumably you already have a lot of friends anyway), I'm on the quarantined side of it.

Through sheer bad luck, there are two little suites on the wrong side of the U, over in the corner.

The "active" end is in the middle, where there are two sides of the hall with rooms, and its co-ed. Scandalous, I know.

So for those of us that must pass the DC's room, round the corner, and scuffle our way into the social side of things (and let's keep in mind that I use the word "social" liberally here) it is just too hard to be social sometimes.

All that walking when my bed is right here ... not to mention the fact that you feel a little like a leech, always hanging out in other people's rooms when yours is blatantly really far away and you have no excuse to be there.

So as a freshman in Gaines, I have



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MIXED BLESSING? Gaines Hall as a frosh can be trying.

certainly found it to be true that living in a palace a hundred miles away from civilization is not ideal (See "Rapunzel").

Let's be honest - if you know who I am, that is a triumph, nay, a miracle for me.

It's more than a battle for any Gainesian to meet more than twelve Regular Freshmen, let alone upperclassmen (somehow they seem to know GL kids better - perhaps networking works better if you are not isolated. Call me crazy...).

So to the Freshmen in Normal Dorming Situations (Look! As an acronym, that almost spells "FRIENDS" which looks like friends...coincidence?), feel free to call your Gaines friends all the time.

Or, wait, no, our phones don't work here, because there is no cellular reception in prison cells.

So feel free to IM your Gaines friends. What's that? You don't know a Gaines kid, probably because you've never seen one?

Well, there are plenty just waiting to have friends, so make some new Gaines friends if you have none.

Everybody needs that token Socially Hindered kid, right? No, actually, I'm going to reject that label. We're fun! We order pizza! We can hang!

Bottom Line: don't forget your fellow freshmen, or freshman friend, just because he/she happens to be on the side of campus where you would never think to venture, because it smells like skunk.

Quote of the Week

"Well, there was no sex for 14 days"

~Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-Ca) on rejection by his wife following his endorsement of President Bush at the Republican National Convention.

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editors:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to respond to articles in our student newspapers that may leave the wrong impression regarding University policy toward the use of alcohol in fraternity houses.

There are three elements to University policy: support for state and local laws, enforcement of University regulations, and enforcement of the rules of the national fraternity organizations. The combined effect is that University policy includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions:

The possession, sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any event endorsed by, or associated with, the fraternity

must be in compliance with state and local laws.

The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or common sources of alcoholic beverages (i.e. kegs, multi-portion bottles, or cases) is prohibited.

Under-age drinking is prohibited.

All recruitment activities will be dry functions.

Drinking games are prohibited.

Students can reference these regulations specifically by familiarizing themselves with state and local law, consulting the Standards for Fraternities and Sororities in the Student

Handbook, and obtaining the rules of their national organizations.

Our policies are meant to help provide a safe, healthy and respectful environment for our students and our neighbors in the community we share.

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Philip W. Norwood
Rector, Board of Trustees

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.

Thefacebook.com - ↑ Strangely addicting, and now I know all the AIM names of the people I went to high school with.

Alan Keyes - ↓ Nut....job.

Elton John - ↓ Nut....job.

Election 2004 - ↔ Excitement is building, but does anyone really think we'll know who'll really have won by 3am on Wednesday?

Ashlee Simpson - ↓ Milli Vanilli, anyone?

Supreme Court - ↔ Longest-tenured court continues its reign, and here's hoping that Rehnquist's battle with cancer doesn't change that.

Windfall Halloween Party - ↑ One of those great W&L parties that all could enjoy regardless of Greek affiliation.

Winter - ↓ So, is there a rule that Virginia weather has to get really cold, then really hot, and so forth for three months until it finally gets permanently cold?

Zombies - ↓ Halloween safety tip, kids- remember, the undead feel no pain, and the only way to stop them is to do catastrophic damage to the head.

Osama bin Laden - ↓ Says that "America's safety depends on your policy, neither Bush or Kerry can protect you." Or, you know, your survival depends on how lucky any given Marine Expeditionary Corps is on a particular day.

Osama bin Laden AS a zombie - ↑ Overwhelming hatred for Western culture replaced with overwhelming hunger for human flesh. Now THERE'S a sitcom. "Infidel Brains," premiering next Friday on FOX.

Florida Football - ↓ What an awful week. They ALL lost. Not that I'm particularly a fan of college football, much less Florida, but you still have to feel sorry for them.

W. - ↔ bin Laden tape probably helps him more than Kerry, but the Packers beat the Redskins yesterday, and a Redskin defeat is an omen which has correctly predicted for more than 70 years that the incumbent White House party will fall.

Ring-tum Phi Opinions Election Special

Phi opinions staffers hold forth on the left, the right, and everything in between

Discussion the key; don't shy away from political talk no matter what your opinion

It seems like this week is going to be a week of long conversations. Most everyone's parents will arrive sometime on Friday, bringing along with them expectations for academic success

and words of wisdom. This Tuesday however, we must make bigger decisions than whether or not to play beruit with our Dads, we must contemplate the election and its outcome. Sharing a hangover with your parent(s) maybe something you laugh about for years to come, but this Tuesday could cost us more than we could imagine.

I'll share a little secret here, I'm scared to death of the draft. I was lucky enough to have very smart women talk politics with me and this topic made my heart ache.

It seems like something that would never happen to us, right? Does it just seem too dated or "historical" to talk about? I don't think so. This won't be the draft that Dad went through, where he sat around the Frat house with a bucket full of 'you're screwed' money going to the guy with the lowest draft number, it's going to be more encompassing.

It's a different age, where we are not going to

be able to hide behind our money or our schooling, and not be considered inferior for being female. This is us ya'll. I support our troops more than I can say, but there is a clear difference between people who are meant to be soldiers and those whom are forced into being them.

But neither candidate is wanting to start the draft, right? Yeah well they are also trying to win an election here.

They are giving us rehearsed answers to strategic questions, while talking and not saying anything.

No one is going to vote for someone who is going to rip their family apart, cause psychological damage, and help create the bitterness towards the government that our parent's generation felt.

But this concern is only part of a long list for why I voted a Democratic ticket.

I asked the question to Mimi Elrod if she could ask the W&L community to do one thing what would it be. She answered, "Look behind the words." Consider what the politicians are telling you and switch from CNN to Fox News to NBC to NY Times to whatever and somewhere within that bi-

ased journalism world there will be some truth. We take what our parents say with a grain of salt and ask our friends for second opinions, so why would we not do the same here?

My conservative friends have taught me to listen and I find their opinions valuable.

So don't hide behind the fact that you are conservative or liberal, but go start a conversation.

Talk to your parents about politics and your professors. I ask you to not just talk just to the people who think the same way you do, because though you will feel legitimized you will not learn anything.

The War in Iraq is part of our generation, as is the battle over a woman's right to have possession over her own body and the right for everyone to marry the person they love.

So this weekend, while you talk to your parent(s) about football and the Red Sox breaking the curse, remember to talk to them about politics. I can't predict what is going to happen on Tuesday, but I do know that no matter what these issues are not going to end with on that day.

The rules of the past are over. We can talk about politics, religion, and money, so do it!

Defeated draft wasn't the Republican party's idea, and never will be

Once again the liberal media has drummed up another chimera, with cries that George W. Bush will bring back the draft. Take, for example, MTV's Choose or Lose campaign, CBS News (Motto: "We really checked this time. Really"), or the pernicious rumors flying around the internet (seriously, just trying searching for "draft" on Yahoo). No matter how many times the President says, "We don't need a draft," the Kerry-loving media keeps insisting Bush really has a secret plan to reinstate it.

Oh! Wait a second, that's right! It was a Democrat that was trying to pass legislation for a draft in the first place. Yes, Rep. Charles Rangel, a Democrat, was the force behind the bill. Said Rangel, "I believe that if those calling for war knew that their children were likely to be required to serve and placed in harm's way—there would be more caution and greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq." It has been widely noted that only one congressman has a son fighting in Iraq. However, this man, Sen. Tim Johnson (also a Democrat) did vote to go to war in Iraq and for all the subsequent funding measures.

With a draft, Rangel claims, "There would be a more equitable representation of people making sacrifices." Too bad all volunteer military isn't dominated by minorities and the downtrodden, as Rangel would like us to think. In 2002, the most recent year official data was compiled, 182,200 people enlisted in the United States military. Of these, 16 percent were African-American, only a slight over-representation compared to the general population (African-Americans comprise 14 percent of US citizens ages 18-24). On the other hand, Hispanics were under-represented, comprising 11 percent of those enlisting and making up 16 percent of the population of 18-24 year old citizens.

Not to mention, those who volunteer for the military are smarter than the average citizen. On their aptitude test, 41 percent of recruits score in the 65th to 99th percentiles (compared to 36 percent of the population) and 58 percent score in the 31st to 64th percentiles (compared to 34 percent of the popula-

tion). Only one percent of recruits fall into the 10th-30th percentiles (compared with 21 percent of the population) and no recruits at all fall into the bottom 10th percentile (as opposed to 9 percent of the population). Ninety-seven percent of the women in the military and 94 percent of the men have high school diplomas, while 79 percent of civilians do. Furthermore, all officers must have college degrees.

Rangel told reporters his one of his goals in proposing this legislation was to jolt Americans. I'm sure it was quite a jolt to him when the proposal was overturned with an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 402-2, and it was probably that jolt that caused

Rangel himself to vote against his own bill. Still believe Howard Dean and Max Cleland and think we're in danger of a draft? As Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said, "The disadvantages of using compulsion to bring into the armed forces the men and women needed are notable." Notable? That's quite an understatement on Rummy's part.

First of all, our armed forces are more professional and disciplined than ever, in large part due to the extensive aptitude tests and the fact that the men and women serving chose to be there. Instate a draft, and not only will you bring in smart, able young Americans but you will drag along the unmotivated, uneducated, and uncooperative. An army of conscripts will be less capable than an army of volunteers, making a draft a poor choice for a delicate operation like maintaining stability in Iraq. And even if draftees were satisfactory, our military simply does not fight in a way that requires large numbers of ground troops. We overwhelm foes with technology, not hordes of infantry.

The truth of matter is that Bush, the Defense Department, and the Joint Chiefs will not seek to reinstate the draft. War is often unpopular, but forcing young people to fight is practically intolerable (remember how well it worked out for LBJ during Vietnam?) The bottom line is this: the only person in Washington who wants a draft is Rangel. Just not enough to vote for his own bill.

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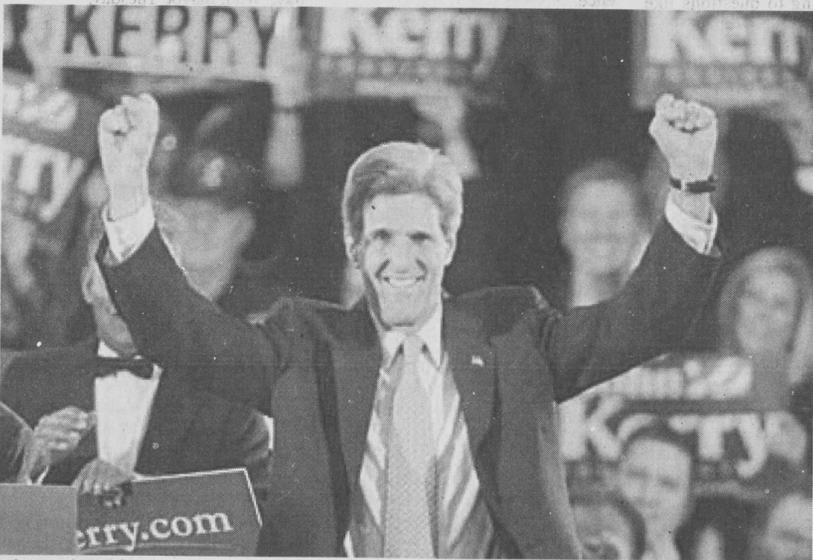


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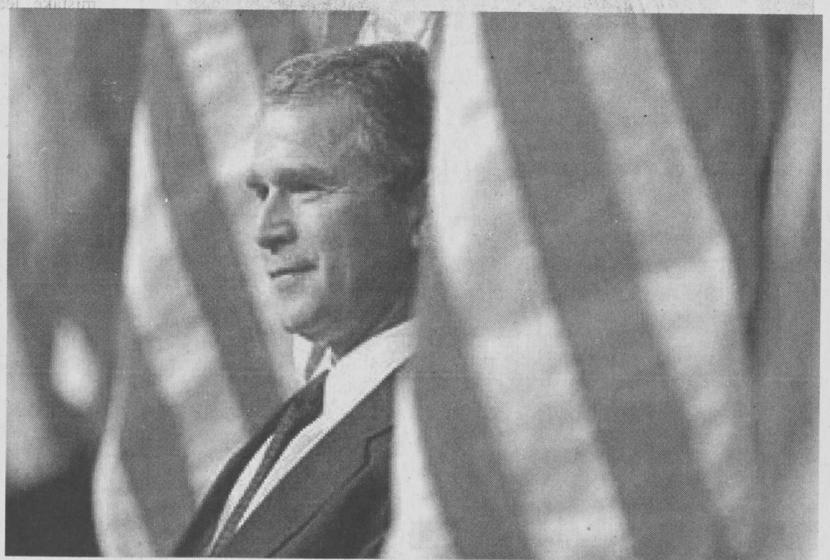


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Carissa Shipley- Vote Bush for Security

I am voting for George W. Bush. There are some things about him and about the Republican party that I don't agree with, but I feel that the good that he brings to the nation outweighs these things. I am grateful, above all else, that I am a citizen of the United States. I was raised next door to the United States Air Force Academy and there are many other military bases nearby. Everyday, I am reminded of the actions of our military that often go unnoticed towards keeping us safe. While I have opinions about abortion, social security, education, taxes, health care, and other important issues, I really feel that we are lucky even to have the luxury of arguing over these issues. It's freedom that gives us this luxury and the preservation of freedom by the military and lawmakers alike that determines my vote. While I feel individual freedoms are important and I think that women should be able to decide what to do with their own bodies and individuals should be entitled to keep as much of their money as possible, it is the greater freedom that should be preserved. The patriot act does take away some individual freedoms but we wouldn't even have these if we didn't live in a safe environment. I have read a lot of dystopias about how the government, being over involved can lead us down a slippery slope towards an oppressive society, but the safety that lets us be able to decide how we live as a society can only be maintained by the government. I completely believe that George W. Bush is committed to preserving freedom and safety, even if it is at the expense of some individual freedoms, and this is why I'm voting for him.

Anne Finley- Ex-right winger for Kerry

Growing up, I always labeled myself a Republican, though I now consider myself to be an independent.

This November, I am voting for Kerry. This is extremely interesting in light of the fact that a little less than four years ago I was at a Bush rally in Dallas. I still think George W. is a good guy, but being a good person is not enough to be the best candidate for the presidency of the United States. They are huge shoes to fill, and Bush is no longer the man to fill them. This being said, I am not exactly in love with Kerry either. If Colin Powell, Bob Dole, or John McCain were on the ballot there's a very good chance I would vote Republican, but I can't vote for Bush.

He makes me nervous. I am seriously worried about what he might do to restrict personal freedoms in our country. I care about the economy of course, but I am most passionate about human rights and tolerance. I think women should have reproductive rights to their own bodies. I agree that partial birth abortions are abhorrent and should be abolished, but the woman's health must always be taken into account as well.

I am all for gay marriage, but understand that many people do not agree with me. Yet must our President attempt to put a constitutional ban on same-sex unions? He seems determined to unite church and state and dictate morality. It is the same for stem cell research, which has more potential to save lives than anything I've seen in years... the list goes on and on.

I will not profess to be a political expert. I simply am aware of the issues that currently seem most relevant to me and will vote accordingly. This is the job for every voter. Everyone must study the platforms of the candidates and decide for themselves who is most in line with what they believe and care about. I have an open mind, feel free to come and try to convince me to vote for Bush. If he had more of an open mind, perhaps I wouldn't be voting the way I am.

Whitney Duffey- Bush for U.S. strength

Why am I voting for Bush? One: we need to stay strong in the war on terrorism. Whether or not you agreed with going to war, both sides acknowledge that we need strong support of our troops and to finish the job that we started. Personally, I do not believe that Kerry will do this. I think that instead of acting in the best interest of our country he will be swayed by the will of foreign nations and jeopardize our troops with dependence on these countries which have very little concern for the well-being of America. Two: I hold the basic Republican belief that lower taxes are better for the economy. Bush worked hard to give families tax relief, ending the marriage penalty and increasing the amount of the child tax credit, as well as reducing taxes on dividends and capital gains. These cuts have helped stimulate our economy, making the GDP growth for the last three quarters (+5.4%) higher than that of the 1980's (+2.9%) and the 1990's (+3.1%). Three: Bush will without a doubt put conservative judges on the bench and it is likely that there will be openings within the next four years. Even after he is President, these judges will ensure that Republican ideals are upheld. Four: Bush is pushing Social Security reform that will ensure the aging Baby Boomer generation won't break the system and privatization which will allow future generations of seniors to receive better returns on their hard earned money. Five: Bush's scandal-free presidency has been a general return to integrity in the White House. I truly believe that Bush is not only a good person but also the right one to lead our country for the next four years.

Caley Anderson- Kerry is centrist's choice

President Bush has, in his four years in office, attempted to give our country a massive shove to the right. His social policies alone (threadbare support of stem cell research, virulent anti-gay policies, and economics that would shock and awe both Ronald Reagan AND Franklin Roosevelt) are enough to make him a questionable incumbent, but his foreign policy seals the deal. America is, and by right ought to be, a sovereign nation with the power to make its own choices in defending its security and peace, but by invading Iraq in defiance of world opinion, and with extremely tenuous motives, we were, in a way, emulating the very rogue state we were seeking to punish. Making choices in America's best interest does not mean ignoring anyone who isn't an American. The cost to rebuild Iraq is massive, and it will continue to grow. As the bill increases, who will help us pay it?

Which is why I'm voting for Kerry. He is fond of stating a point which I think is the real heart of his acceptability as a candidate. That point is- "we should not be closing firehouses in America and opening them in Baghdad." Budget problems have led to the closure of a massive amount of public infrastructure (police stations, firehouses, parks, libraries, etc.) in the United States, and simultaneously we are spending hundreds of billions of dollars building just such infrastructure in Iraq.

Kerry is not the tax-and-spend Massachusetts liberal that his opponents try so hard to portray him as. Sure, his plan will have America paying more taxes than it would under Bush, but he's still for an overall reduction, leaving aside the question of just who that tax cut is going to. And when it comes to social domestic issues, he makes sense. To be sure, he leans left, but he's not a complete hippie. It's a tough choice for centrists this year, but I think that Bush has gone too far. If George W. wins this election, it will be because a lot of moderate center-right Republicans held their nose as they cast their ballot for re-election.

Sophomore soccer star has what it takes

Wiltshire leads team to victory time and time again

By SARAH BLOOM
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Anne Wiltshire scored three of the women's soccer team's five goals against Eastern Mennonite on Wednesday afternoon. This was not an unusual performance by Wiltshire. She's been a consistent two year player, scoring goals regularly and leading the team to victory.

Even though she's been playing soccer since she was 9 years old, Wiltshire did not apply to college with the intent to play soccer. "The funny story is," said Wiltshire, "I applied early to UVA and didn't really even plan to play soccer there."

Wiltshire later decided on Washington and Lee University and fell in love with the school almost instantly. "Even once I came here," said Wiltshire, "I was not counting on playing. I was nervous and didn't even know if I had what it takes to make the team."

Wiltshire has proven that she does have what it takes and earned her position. In her freshman year alone, she started 18 out of 20 games. She earned second team all-ODAC honors and finished the season leading the Generals in

points and scoring.

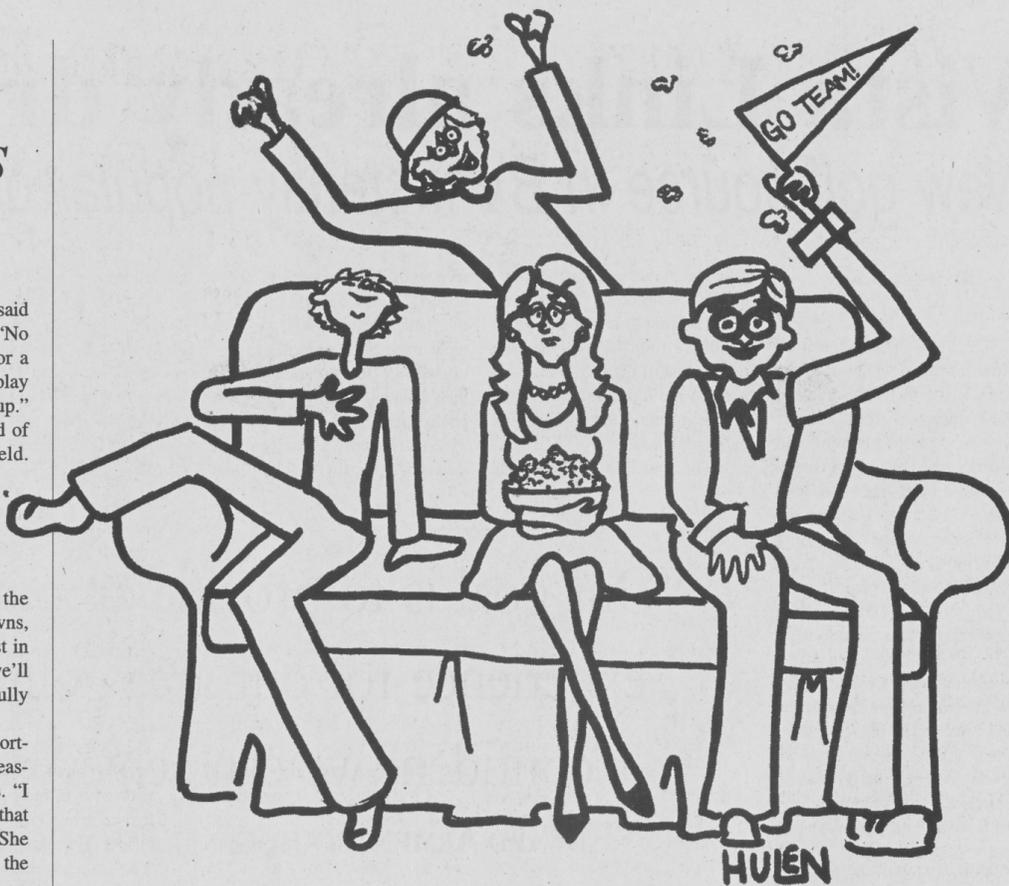
"The team is what comes first," said a modest Wiltshire of her success, "No individual player creates victory for a team. We work hard together and play hard together. It takes the whole group."

Her teammates think the world of her selfless appearance on the field. "Anne is a huge scoring threat and asset up top, but she is still unselfish and always puts the team first," said teammate sophomore Jamie Dorsey.

Wiltshire is optimistic about the year. "We've had our ups and downs, but I think that we always peak just in time for ODACs, and I know that we'll do that again this year and hopefully qualify for NCAAs."

With such a positive and supportive presence on the field, Wiltshire easily wins the respect of her teammates. "I think the great thing about Anne, is that she plays hard and practices hard. She is always willing to give her all to the team."

A strong finish to the season is exactly what the team plans to accomplish. With ODAC competition in progress, Wiltshire plans to stay focused and enjoy the sport she's been playing for over a decade with the girls she loves.



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Learn the Lingo

A Rookie's Guide to watching The Game with the guys

By KATHRYN KRALL
STAFF WRITER

I once read that a girl should never watch a football game with guys except maybe if she is bringing food. Although I completely disagree with this, I understand the frustration. I have heard girls ask how many points each first down is worth and how many sacks the referees allowed each team. Getting sports mixed up is a common mistake, leading to questions like, "who did you say is the point guard for the Eagles?"

But for every girl that asks a stupid question, I have met one who can explain which routes work better on a zone and which work on man coverage, and can use the words "audible to a backside post" intelligently in a sentence.

The football season is in full swing and many girls find themselves on Monday nights in a frat house watching football. Although the overwhelming majority of girls can hold their own in a discussion about foot-

ball, there are a few who are still mastering the basics. For those five or six, here are some hints about watching The Game.

Do not refer to any part of the male anatomy during the game. You may comment that the wide receiver has good hands, and sometimes you can get away with talking about the quarterback's strong arm, but that is as far as you should go. Guys don't realize that football uniform pants are designed to attract the female audience.

Try to time your questions well. Nobody likes to respond to a question like, "now what does that little yellow flag mean?" when his team's winning kickoff return with 38 seconds to go was just called back.

Don't ask or attempt to change the channel. Ever.

It is a good idea to read an article about the game beforehand, but don't try quoting from it to sound smart. First, half of the guys in the room will have read the same article. Also, guys can always tell when a girl who doesn't know a cornerback from a

quarterback starts dropping terms like "drag-pattern underneath" and elaborating on the intricacies of the West Coast offense.

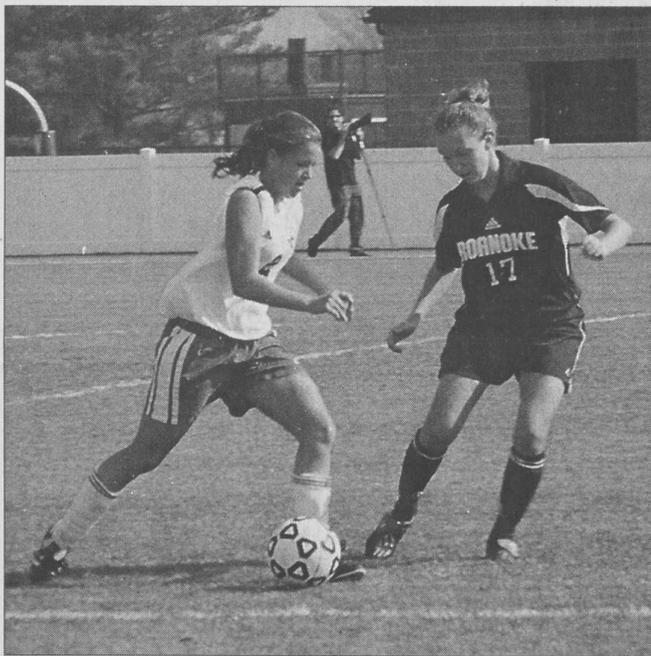
In the upper-right corner of the screen, you can find the official game clock. Stop asking how much longer the game is going to last.

If you have a boyfriend, understand that you are going to have some serious competition for his attention on Sunday afternoons. Relax, he will be yours again the next day. Well, maybe Tuesday.

Feel free to bring your knitting to the game.

If you are particularly knowledgeable about football, go ahead and show up the guys. They sometimes forget there are girls who know their stuff, and they almost always have too high an opinion of their own sports savvy.

So laugh out loud when he suggests that the team spike the ball on fourth-and-four in order to have time to get the field-goal unit on the field. Or better, explain to him his error. Really, really slowly.



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Wiltshire, left, surprised even herself when she decided to play soccer in college.

This Week in Sports

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Vista Links already drawing crowds

New golf course in BV instantly popular due to outstanding design

By JOHN BOVAY
STAFF WRITER

The Vista Links opened on former farmland just west of the Maury River in Buena Vista to great fanfare on August 26 after over two years of planning and construction. The City of Buena Vista hired Rick Jacobson, who has designed courses all over the world, including the outstanding Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA, to oversee the project.

Many of Jacobson's courses have won awards from various golf magazines. Jacobson shaped a fabulous design into the rolling hills of the Vista Links. The design blends varying styles, drawing special inspiration from links courses on holes such as the second, a 587-yard, downhill par-five with two blind shots.

When you first arrive at the Vista Links, the sight of the course overwhelms you. After driving up the newly paved driveway to the cart barn that temporarily serves as a pro shop (the clubhouse will be completed in Spring 2005), you can see the magnificent first and tenth fairways playing out toward the Blue Ridge. Every hole has a great view of the surrounding mountains, and elevation changes throughout the course

give the player interesting challenges throughout.

The first hole is a 429-yard, uphill par four that sets the tone for the rest of the day, with bunkers on the left-hand side reminiscent of major championships on Long Island.

The fourth, a 334-yard par

five with two semi-blind shots around the two doglegs. The twelfth, a great short par five measuring 548 yards, plays uphill with a blind second shot to the green. It is one of the most challenging holes on the course. The thirteenth, a challenging downhill par three that plays

are among the best I've seen.

On the final hole, a behemoth par four stretching to 467 yards from the black tees, players face a semi-blind tee shot before hitting their long second into a well-bunkered green. When the clubhouse is complete, it will be an even more impressive hole.

guzzling Natty.

The course's elevation changes make every shot interesting, but the course is so well designed that players will never encounter "billy-goat golf" as is sometimes found on mountain courses with poor design. Instead, the rolling hills make for a

its excellent conditioning, particularly in the greens, and prices less than half their competitor here in Lexington, it's no wonder they've sold 94 memberships so far. It's definitely worth the extra few minutes to drive to BV to play.

For any serious golfer, a trip to Lexington should include a journey into our neighboring town to play their great public golf course, a treat nestled in the shadow of the Blue Ridge and House Mountain (neither of which you can see from LGCC).

The general manager of the Vista Links, Edward Armentrout, left his job as the head pro at Lexington to take advantage of the opportunity in Buena Vista.

Armentrout said "I am delighted to have the opportunity to open such a fantastic golf facility. Our goal is to provide an outstanding golf experience for our area golfers and I am confident we can achieve this goal. I am also eager to begin a grass roots initiative to develop golf programs for golfers of all ages and abilities in our area."

You can call the Vista Links for a tee time at (540) 261-GOLF, and visit their website at . For a non-resident of Buena Vista, prices range from \$10 (twilight) to \$27 (weekend) to walk. Carts are only \$12 more.

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EDWARD ARMENTROUT, GENERAL MANAGER OF VISTA LINKS

four, is nearly drivable for a very long hitter. The fifth, a par three on the side of a hill, forces the player to play to the right of the green for safety because of the severe slope to the left; if you hit it left of the green, you'll probably lose your ball. It is one of golf course staff member Brian Tubbs' favorite holes.

The sixth is a 535-yard par

over a creek, is one of the prettiest holes on the course and another of Brian's favorites.

The fourteenth, my personal favorite, is a 370-yard par four with trees guarding the left-hand side of the fairway and a creek that stretches down the entire right-hand side before crossing the fairway short of the small green. Finally, the closing three holes

Every hole is unique and memorable, with no boring design anywhere on the course.

The course has attracted golfers from all over the state since its opening, drawing 449 players in its first six days alone. Although water is only in play on four holes, the native grasses bordering the fairways on every hole eat up golf balls like frat boys

delightful walk. The practice facility is also great, with a full grass driving range and a chipping and putting green where a player can definitely spend hours without getting bored.

The Vista Links plays to 6855 yards, with a grueling rating of 74.2/slope 140, from the back tees, and has five sets of tees starting at 4924 yards. With

THIS PAST WEEK'S SPORTS IN BRIEF...

W&L Volleyball Splits at Centre Invitational (10/30)

The Washington and Lee volleyball team had its winning streak snapped at 19 matches as it split a pair of matches at the Centre Invitational on Saturday evening. The Generals downed 20th-ranked Southwestern, 30-21, 30-27, 30-21, before falling to the host Colonels, 30-18, 34-32, 30-26

W&L Swimming Opens Home Schedule Against Catholic (10/30)

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams opened up their home schedule against Catholic on Saturday afternoon at Twombly Pool. The men won 202-59, while the women lost 124-138

W&L Field Hockey Defeats Bridgewater, 4-2 (10/30)

Senior midfielder Kitt Murphy (New York, N.Y./St. Catherines) scored two goals and added an assist to help propel the Washington and Lee field hockey team into the ODAC tournament semifinals with a 4-2 win over Bridgewater on Saturday afternoon at the W&L Turf Field.

W&L Riding Team Takes Second at Show 32 Points (10/29)

The Generals took second place in a show hosted by Randolph-Macon Women's College and Lynchburg College, falling only three points shy of defeating Hollins. Junior Caitlin Lane and Katie Goodrich went one-two in Open Over Fences and freshman Alice Shih took first place in Walk/Trot.

W&L Football Falls to Bridgewater, 34-7 (10/30)

Sophomore tailback Winston Young rushed for 95 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries to lead Bridgewater past Washington and Lee, 34-7, in ODAC football action on Saturday afternoon at Jopson Field

W&L Women's Soccer Downs Roanoke, 1-0 (10/30)

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team advanced to the semifinals of the ODAC Tournament with a 1-0 victory over Roanoke on Saturday afternoon at Watt Field.

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Sixpence None the Richer releases new compilation

BY ALEX KRAUS
STAFF WRITER

The newly-released "Best of Sixpence None the Richer" is much more of a variety platter of the career of the Texas-based sextet, rather than strictly a collection of hits. The compilation includes a smattering of certified radio hits ("Kiss Me," "There She Goes"), new songs ("Loser Like Me"), cover versions ("Dancing Queen"), six soundtrack contributions, and even a bonus Japanese language version of "Kiss Me."

The strongest offerings on "The Best of Sixpence None the Richer" are their best known songs "Kiss Me" and "There She Goes" that seemed so unavoidably ubiquitous no matter where you turned just a few short years ago. Without doubt, these two tracks alone are aces in this album's hand, and the "Best of" gives a wider view of the band's work than the self-titled album from which these two songs were taken.

The question that looms above the heads of all bands that have made the Christian con-

temporary to mainstream transition is a certain amount of ambiguity in lyric meanings. Does a song that at first appears to be a simple love song point to a higher power? While tracks like "Breathe" and "Trust (Reprise)" have obvious Christian overtones, other tracks are more ambiguous. For example, in "Breathe Your Name" airy singer Leigh Nash coos, "You're in my heart / I can feel your beat... When I lose control / I can only breathe your name." Perhaps it is a distinction that is best left to the ears of the listener. In recent memory, Evanescence have faced the same problem, but seem to have a hard time convincing the press that they've shaken their Christian roots for music they now claim is purely secular.

There is no question that Nash possesses a certain allure in that effervescent voice of hers and she knows how to use it properly — the cover version of "Dancing Queen" is an astonishing replica of Abba's original version. However, memorable covers are the ones that reinterpret the song in a new way rather than trying to reproduce it.

Thankfully, Sixpence opts for a bit more deviation in their cover of Crowded House's "Don't Dream It's Over." Sixpence's take on the song employs the jingling guitars made memorable in "Kiss Me" for a result that is more poppy than the source material, if not a bit more inherently effeminate.

Nash shows off her impressive vocal range on "Breathe," although at times masked by a distracting amount of studio reverb. While most of the album skips along at the adult contemporary pace, the track "Angelthead" unexpectedly takes a turn toward biting rock. Here, while Nash conjures up lyrics that have spiritual connotation, they resemble more an incantation than a Christian message. She exudes, "The milky prints of spirits near / I pray that they have lost their fear." However, Nash's lilting vocals never quite mesh with the harsh guitars, a contrast that seems to damper any anger that the song was trying to convey. Even still, it's a welcome one-off in an otherwise sonically homogeneous album.

The three new songs, "Loser Like Me,"

"Us," and "Too Far Gone" are more than just filler. In particular, "Loser Like Me," the album opener, is a genuinely likeable track that could easily be a hit in its own right and falls into the musical vein of Sixpence's past hits. Anyone who might be looking into this album already won't be turned away by the new material. "Too Far Gone," a piano and drum-loop driven song, does an admirable job of catching Nash's breathy vocal tics in lines like "Why do I do this to myself? / There's really no one else to blame" for an effect that is altogether endearing.

Sixpence None the Richer's success has been a long time coming, having formed seven years before breaking into the public consciousness in 1999 with "Kiss Me." During that time, they have amassed a large back catalog of both Christian and secular songs, which comprises the bulk of this album. For those that don't have the time or money to dig into the band's full catalog, all the best is compiled here onto one CD — which should save you a sixpence or two.

My Uncle's Business debuts on Lenfest stage

BY LIGIA ABREU
STAFF WRITER

When theater Professor Tom Ziegler asked playwright Bo Wilson who he would like to direct his new play, *My Uncle's Business*, at Washington and Lee, he answered with what he thought was a joke.

"I said 'If I could rub a lamp I would get Tom Evans here, but I know we can't do that. Then [Ziegler] said 'sure, we can do that' and I said 'YEAH!'"

Wilson, the featured playwright for this year's Flournoy Playwright Festival at W&L, certainly had his wish granted.

Tom Evans had previously directed *Servant of Two Masters* at Washington and Lee, and Ziegler was happy to bring him back for another production. Evans is an experienced director, having worked in theater for more than 35 years in different capacities. He spent most of his career teaching undergraduate theater students at Hanover College until he retired in 1999, and he has worked as a freelance director ever since.

Evans says students at W&L are very nice and very much like his old Hanover undergrads. Working with college students is always enjoyable, says Evans, because he believes "they're very exciting, interesting, they have open minds, they have things to learn."

The W&L students in the cast are equally happy to have him here. Joe Harouni '05 says Evans is "incredible," while Andrew Rothey '08 said he is constantly challenging and pushing actors to do better. Other cast members were equally enthusiastic in their opinion of their guest director, saying that his experience and friendly personality help them do their best work.

Evans is particularly pleased to be directing a never-before-produced play. He said he likes the fact that no one has staged the show before, so he can be the first to experiment with it. He is also excited to see the audience's reaction to it. "The only people who can ever tell you whether a play is successful or not is the audience," he says.

And he should know; during his career in the theater, Evans has seen audience reactions from three very different perspectives. He is not just a director, but also a scene designer and playwright. His

most famous play, *Yellow Dog Crossing*, has been staged 10 times despite not being published, and the 11th and 12th productions will probably take place within the next two years. According to Evans, playwriting is the aspect of theater he enjoys most.

Not to say that he hasn't had great experiences working as a teacher and director. In fact, he is proud to say that his most famous alumnus is Woody Harrelson, who later went on to join the cast of *Cheers* and play the lead role in the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*.

Evans remembers Harrelson as a bright student who could have made all As if he had chosen to work hard, but did not. In fact, Evans says Harrelson was nearly thrown out of a play because he was always late for rehearsals. Evans' wife, actress/director Barbara Farrar, was directing the show, and grudgingly allowed Harrelson to return.

According to Evans, Harrelson's fans should be grateful she did. "In that play he had a role, a small role, but it was a role that was rich with comedy and he got some wonderful laughs, and he says that that's when he decided to be an actor, because he loved getting laughs."

Williams electrifies stage

One man band entertains students and Lex residents on eve of Halloween

Keller Williams walked slowly onstage last Saturday night at the Washington and Lee Pavilion barefoot and wearing a Jason-style hockey mask. In light of Halloween, Williams strolled slowly and vibrantly into his own rendition of Johnson, Young, & Young's "Hell's Bells."

Williams played the entire tune and sang behind the mask, leaving the audience to wonder if he was going to play the entire set with the mask on, and if he would show his face at all.

Sure enough, he tossed the mask after the first song and began bobbing his head from side to side as he played for the next two hours.

Williams rarely spoke to the crowd during his two-hour plus set, but greeted the crowd by singing, "Good evening everyone, thank you for coming to the show, hello."

Williams played nearly constantly and took very few breaks in between songs. In fact, it was often difficult to tell when he switched from one song to the next because the guitar would just segue into the next song so perfectly.

This often lasted for four or five songs in a row. The crowd really started to respond to Keller's music when he gave W&L his best shot at Sublime's "What I Got," letting the crowd sing the chorus. It

was during this tune (3rd or 4th on the set list) when Williams began to showcase his creative onstage abilities.

After dubbing his guitar riff into his equalizer, Williams went from bass guitar to electric guitar to drums (on a keyboard) and then to some black thing where he literally was using only his hands to make instrumental noise — I wish I knew what it was, but it was incredibly entertaining.

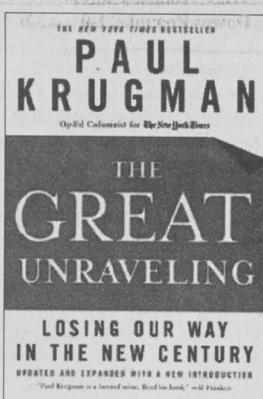
This was only a taste of what was to come. Williams continued his musically creaking his head from side to side as he played for the next two hours. Williams rarely spoke to the crowd during his two-hour plus set, but greeted the crowd by singing, "Good evening everyone, thank you for coming to the show, hello."

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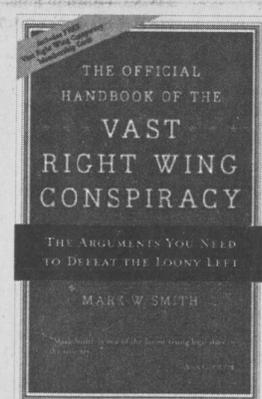
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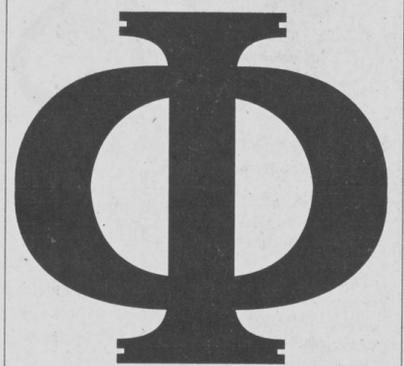
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THE LAST WORD

Potato Man provides to do/not to do list for parents

It's finally here!!! I have been waiting for this weekend for over a month. No, I am not talking about Buffalo Creek, Christmas Weekend, or Fancy Dress. I am talking about Payday Weekend, better known to the rest of you as Parents' Weekend.

I call it Payday Weekend because this is the weekend that I get paid for all my hard work over the last few weeks, and trust me I have spent weeks preparing for this event. I did things no person my age should have to do. I did laundry. I don't do laundry, but for the sake of Payday Weekend, I did.

See, most students at this school wait for Parents' Weekend to do their laundry so that their mom can do it for them. I know better. My chances of getting some cash will increase exponentially if my mom doesn't have to do my laundry that weekend. Now I am just hoping that I get paid enough money to cover the countless white shirts that are now pink and sweatshirts that I shrunk.

My room is now completely different than it was a month ago. No longer are there pictures of half naked Anna Kournikova and Marissa Miller covering my walls, but instead there are pictures of family vacations and books rented from the library covering my desk.

The only thing I stopped short of doing this year was getting a haircut. I know that this is going to cost me major brownie points, but my hair is just so fratastic that I didn't have the heart to get a trim.

Because of all my hard work, I expect more than just cash from my mom. I expect not to be embarrassed, which is never a problem. It is never a problem because I have created a "to do/not to do" checklist for my mom and any other parents making the trip to Lexington.

1. Do not tell your child that their friends are really good looking. This goes not only for moms but more so for dad's. Moms can sort of get by saying that their kid's friends are good looking; it sounds more like a compliment. But when dads say that their kid's girl friends are good looking, it sounds really creepy.

2. Going along with number 1, is that you, as parents, single or married, are not allowed to hook up with your kid's friends or their parents. Yes, this seems obvious, but I've heard the stories, so don't let it happen.

3. After meeting a girl, do not ask your son why they aren't dating her, and visa versa. However reverse psychology is allowed if you really don't want your kid to date a certain person. "Hey honey, why don't you ask that girl that's wearing way too much makeup in the fishnet stockings out on a date. She's cute."

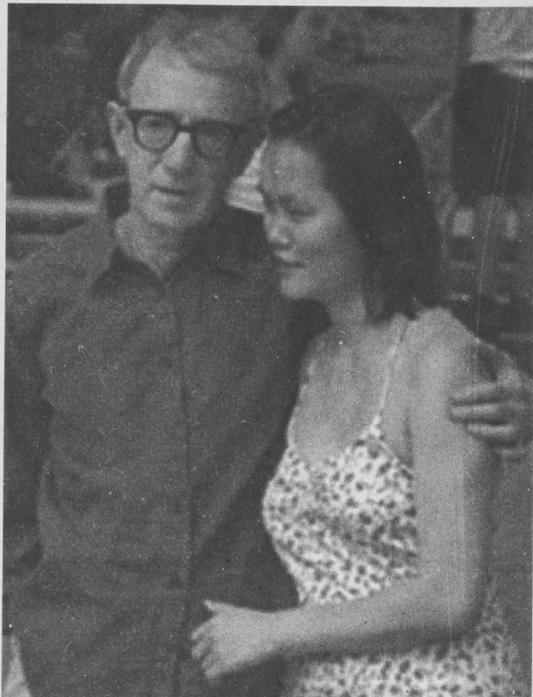
4. Do drink a few Gin and Tonics at the Cocktail parties. Do not hit the Gin Bucket.

5. Do get a little tipsy; you're spending a lot of money sending us to college, and you deserve to have a little fun too. Do not stand shirtless on the bar dancing to "Pour Some Sugar on me."

6. When in doubt about whether something is acceptable, don't do it. Always error on the side of caution.

I did my part this week, and if you do your part, this weekend will be very enjoyable for all of us. We have missed you (and your money) and are glad you (and your wallet) made the trip. This is the weekend, where we prove to you that we have been living somewhat like normal human beings.

We are glad to have you, but if you want to come back next year you better not embarrass me.



EWWWW Gross. Parents, don't pull a Woody Allen this weekend. Remember not to tell your child that their friends are really good looking, even if you think so.

Φ POTATO MAN MARSHALL RULE

www.thefacebook.com fad sweeps Washington and Lee campus

BY KRISTINE EARLY
THE MILK AND CHEESE GIRL

This is my fifth attempt to sit down and write an article for my column. The problem hasn't been writer's block. I can write a thousand words about anything. And because this is a weekly paper, eventually I probably will. (If I start writing about the mating habits of white tailed deer, please Erin Julius, remove me from the staff.)

And no, procrastination hasn't been an issue either. I love to write. I look forward to sitting down each week and pounding out a few hundred words on my trusty Dell lab top (which isn't so trusty).

So, since avoidance isn't an issue, I haven't been taking excessive "water" and "bathroom" breaks. (It's surprising how thirsty you get when you are supposed to be writing up a lab report.)

No, I have yet to write my article is because I am too busy poking people. Yes. That's right. You heard me correctly. I am too busy poking people.

For those of you who are now thoroughly confused, I'm telling you now,



FACEBOOK ME! The website www.thefacebook.com has become a hit on campus since W&L was added to the database on October 26. Pictured from left to right are "The Milk and Cheese Girl" herself, Kristine Early; Arts & Life Editor Emily Edwards; "The Potato Man," Marshall Rule, Photo Editor Corbin Blackford; Opinions Editor Caley Anderson; Managing Editor Chris Lauderman; and News Editor Sarah Murray. All have joined thefacebook. You should too.

drop the paper and go sign on to www.thefacebook.com. I'm serious. If you haven't registered you shouldn't be reading this. But more importantly, if you haven't registered, where have you been in the last week? Honestly, are you oblivious?

"Thefacebook" has become my new favorite distraction. It is the perfect way to occupy time. I can look at my friends' profiles. I can look at my friends' friends' profiles. Heck, if I am in a really desperate way, I can look at my friends' friends'

friends' profiles. "Thefacebook" is addictive. It calls to me. It has the power to pull me straight from my deeply engaging textbooks right to the computer screen. I can see a problem developing here. "Mom, Dad, look, I know my GPA isn't that great. Look... It's not the partying. It's something worse: 'thefacebook'."

"Thefacebook" is an insomniac's best friend. Still up at 4 am? Don't worry. You don't have to resort to watching infomercials for

juicers and food dehydrators anymore. (Although at four in the morning Ron Popiel doesn't look so bad.)

I try to convince myself that the action of perusing "thefacebook" every twenty minutes isn't a waste of time. (OK. Who am I trying to kid? Every ten. Wait. Don't judge! You do it, too.) After all, I am learning a lot of important things.

For example, thanks to "thefacebook.com" I have come to the epiphany that W & L students "like to party." This sure was sur-

prising news to me. And were you aware that the overwhelming majority of students on this campus intend to vote for Bush tomorrow? Or that "Zoolander" is a popular movie amongst college-goers? Can't you just see how much insight I'm gaining?!

The best thing about "thefacebook" is reconnecting with people from high school. I mean, there is nothing better than opening up your mailbox and seeing a message sent from "Miss We Sat Beside Each Other In English

Class Junior Year And Exchanged Little More Than Five Sentences The Entire Semester, But I Think That Qualifies Us As Friends" or "Mr. I Was Really Creepy Back In High School And Stalked You For A Full Year, But Aren't You Over That By Now?" See the immense opportunities for networking here? I mean, it is possible the Mr. Creepy has blossomed into the Ultimate Frat Lord. (It happens.)

Don't worry. I jest. I love "thefacebook" just as much as you. It is a much superior distraction to reading AIM profiles. There truly is no comparison.

"Thefacebook" has pictures. In fact, I feel like a lowly human being when I right-click and scroll down to "Get Buddy info." It just doesn't hold the same allure anymore. The joy of it has been sucked away by bigger and better technological feats.

I'm sure "thefacebook" is just a fad. In a month or two it will be old news. But, I'll worry about that later. I'm too busy for that. I have the urge to poke someone.

QUICK HITS

Φ Raise your hand if you missed the deadline for your absentee ballot.

Φ The riding team cannot be stopped this year.

Φ Day 471: Still no SPE.

Φ \$20 says that the election results are delayed until Thursday, when Bush attempts to pull a glock on Kerry and wins the cell next to Martha S. instead.

Φ Don't be those freshman who made the Colonade in Chocolate Mousse.

Φ Weeknight booty calls are sexy.

Φ FYI: Chi Psis DO put out. If you're ugly, that's unfortunate, but even Chi Psis have standards.

Φ I heart Tucker Carlson.

Φ Come next fall, thefacebook.com is going to be so much more useful than the freshman facebook.

Φ More on the facebook: The facebook rocks my world.

Φ Another on the facebook: I hate the facebook.

Φ Last one: thefacebook.com is the best complete waste of time ever.

Φ Taylor Hanson needs a haircut.

Φ Jamie from texas wants there to be a quick hit about her.

Φ Has any one seen Megan Ward lately? Love those red heads. BTW, she's hot and single.

Φ I suck at eye contact.

Φ 1:22 am on a school night is too late for a booty call... i mean, booty text....

Φ Why is there an article about the Ultimate Frisbee team that is 3x the size of the football one? I think the football team demands more respect than that.

Φ Yeah yankee fans, how do you feel now?

Φ David Ortiz and Johnny Damon are my heroes. Rock on!

Φ Nabors Network meeting, room 345, 7pm Tuesday: be there.

Φ GOOOO RED SOX! WAY TO BEAT THEM CARDINALS!

Φ Brett Strosacker is too hot for words.

Φ Just so that the intellectuals know: I am not now nor have I ever been a chicken head. A loud-mouthed, over-opinionated hottie, yes; chicken head no. Get it right next time.

Φ After careful debate we've decided that #71 on the football team does indeed have a cute butt. Go Generals!!

Φ It's a happy a day in history for Art history majors. The cave paintings in Lascaux, France were discovered in 1940.

Φ Congratulations to the cross country team for winning ODACS.

Φ Woohoo, today is World Vegan Day!

Φ Happy Birthday Larry Flynt.

Φ I hope we know who the president will be tomorrow night.

Φ Note to fathers: Just because you are a daddy doesn't mean you are a mack daddy.

Φ Way to go GAB for bringing in Keller. Good choice.

Φ Please open the coop at noon on Sundays

Φ Dark comes sooner now. That sucks a lot.

Φ I asked John Kerry to be my friend on thefacebook.com and he didn't respond.

Φ I poked Clinton on thefacebook, but Lewinsky poked me back.

Φ The only thing better than reading sports, is writing sports.

Φ Allgood and Hackett looked awesome as the Reno 911 guys.

Φ If the commons staff actually wants people to come to their events, maybe they should have chosen to show Fox News on Election Night.

Φ What's up with the College Republicans and the Young Democrats having a joint elections return party?

Φ Jon Stewart would be proud.

Φ Shouldn't the early morning version of Larry King Live be Larry King Replay. Just something to think about.

Φ I sympathize with Ashlee Simpson. I have acid reflux too.

Φ Students AND parents, send your anonymous crazy parent's weekend stories and quick hits to phi@wlu.edu