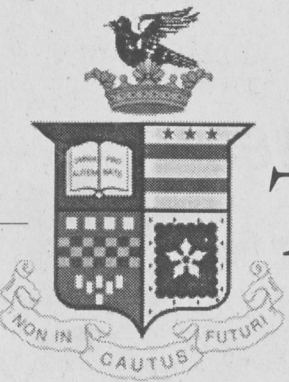


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## Parents, family converge on Lexington for annual Weekend Alumni reminisce about past Parents' Weekends

BY KATHERINE SHELL  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Every Parent's Weekend, as hundreds of mothers and fathers descend upon our campus, we are bound to hear various stories from alumni, describing their own college experience in relation to ours. Though we can't imagine a W&L different from our own, the place they describe often seems to be something from another planet.

The first thing Dr. George Ballantyne, '79, of Newnan, Georgia, noted as being starkly different than it was when he was in college was Lexington itself.

"The entire town is neater and cleaner," he said, and his wife, Missy Ballantyne, who attended Randolph-Macon Women's College, said "The town has really spruced up. Of course, Papagallo, Alvin Dennis, and College Town Shop were there, but that was it."

She also remarked on the wonderful restorations of the Theater, which reopened last year. Dr. and Mrs. Ballantyne have two children at W&L, Patricia, '05, and Mitch, '06.

The Ballantynes said, though, that they believed the social scene to ultimately be the same.

"Girls would come down

from girls' schools," Dr. Ballantyne said, "so there were always girls around."

Mrs. Ballantyne remembered the boarding houses that used to be open for girls across the street from SAE. "They would charge us twenty dollars a night, and have several twin beds in one room. That way, we didn't have to drive over the mountains in the middle of the night, although some people still did." When asked about the strictness of the boarding houses, she replied, "Well, we all had to be back at school at a certain time, and the renters asked us to sign in and out, but they were all pretty lenient."

The only difference Dr. Ballantyne saw was the University control of the campus.

"The University didn't own the [fraternity] houses, so we would destroy them, breaking windows and such. The University had no control, I don't even remember there being a house mother."

Of course, without the University owning the fraternity houses, many of the houses were not as nice as they are today.

"It was like 'Animal House,'" Mrs. Ballantyne added.

Other alumni, such as Mike Colpoys, '75, and Jim Lancaster,



ANNUAL TRADITION. Students and their parents walk past charity fundraisers as they enter Wilson Field to watch the Generals' football team defeat Emory and Henry during Parents' Weekend activities.

'79 have stories about doing things the students today would not consider doing. Both have stories of driving a car down the Collonade at night. The cars then must have been a great deal smaller to fit in between the buildings and the columns. Mr.

Lancaster has a daughter, Jane, who is a sophomore at W&L.

The academic scene was also very different. Until the school went co-ed in 1985, the admissions and school work was not as rigid as it is today. "Academics are a lot more difficult.

The competition is tougher now that the lower half academically of the school has been filled with smart girls," says Dr. Ballantyne.

Overall, though, our school has managed to stay the same for the majority of W&L's history, a thing most alum and

students are proud of. We can share and compare stories from our own college career with alumni who graduated thirty or forty years ago. Hopefully, our campus will continue to remain the same for generations to come.

## Parents' Weekend is a boon for Lexington area businesses

BY ETHAN JAMESON  
STAFF WRITER

The buzz on Lexington's streets has dimmed, hotels have cleared out, sidewalk traffic has all but disappeared and small businesses downtown tally up sales totals as parents and families of Washington and Lee students return home after the University's annual Parents' Weekend.

For many small businesses downtown, Parents' Weekend means big business and sales are comparable to one of the retail industry's biggest sale days - Thanksgiving.

"It was a busy weekend," said Patty Neofotis, owner of A Corner of Lexington gift shop. "We sold a lot of lamps... and Christmas decorations and silk flowers."

Neofotis also attributed her increase in sales this weekend to tourists passing through town and the good weather experienced in the area and estimated that sales were "probably double" this past

weekend than on most regular weekends.

Next door, at The Potting Shed, owners John and Faith Vosburgh estimated their sales this weekend at 30 percent higher than most regular weekends.

Stephen Robbins, president of Hamilton-Robbins on Main Street said that Parents' Weekend has historically been a boost to his business.

"It's comparable to the day after Thanksgiving," he said and estimated that his store had a 75 percent increase in sales over a typical weekend.

Other businesses, like Graden Shoe Company, Intimate U, and College Town Shop, offered extended

shopping hours on Sunday in anticipation of Parents' Weekend.

About 700 parents registered for Parents' Weekend this year with almost 1600 family members attending University-held events.



GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS. Local area businesses love our parents.

## Board of Trustees and IFC attempt to clarify alcohol policy

BY ERIN JULIUS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an effort to clarify Washington and Lee University's alcohol policy, last week Philip Norwood, Rector of the Board of Trustees sent a letter to the Ring-tum Phi and the Trident. Both campus newspapers printed the letter, which enumerated five specific provisions regarding alcohol.

Through this letter and a meeting with the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Board has made clear, "that they wanted students to comply to all relevant guidelines concerning alcohol and the administration to enforce," said Thomas Pickering, President of the IFC. "There is no higher power at the University than the Board."

The IFC has asked the fraternities to make some specific changes, "We asked fraternities to identify their of-age members with a marking so

only they could be served by a TIPS trained bartender," he said.

Thus far, the IFC is expecting fraternities to, "put forth a good faith effort to comply with University policy," Pickering said.

Each individual fraternity is expected to monitor their own functions. This past weekend, the IFC did visit fraternity leaders and also observed the party environment at fraternity houses.

According to Margo McClinton, Director of the Commons, no changes have been made to University policy.

"I can say that there has been no change in University Policy. University Policy has derived from three elements state and local law, the rules of the national fraternity organizations, and the rules of the University," she said.

Fraternity nationals will also be expected to play a role. "The national headquarters have

been, and will be in correspondence with chapters to convey the level of enforcement," said McClinton.

The IFC is monitoring fraternity compliance itself. "We want the individual fraternities to be able to monitor and audit their own functions because fraternity men are adults and should be treated as such," said Pickering.

"Everyone is asked to monitor," said McClinton. "This is a joint effort. The IFC has asked students to be honest about their behavior and hold one another accountable."

Should a fraternity breaches the University alcohol policy, the IFC Judicial Board would process the violation.

"This is not easy for anyone, but it is worth a try. The safety of others depends on our efforts; we cannot afford to wait for something bad to happen," said McClinton.

## Demand for college Arabic classes increases significantly

BY ETHAN JAMESON  
STAFF WRITER

Student enrollment in Arabic language classes at U.S. colleges and universities reached record highs and increased more than 92 percent between 1998 and 2001, according to a recent survey released by the Modern Language Association, a group of educators and scholars.

"Demand for Arabic has increased enormously at the University of California, Santa Barbara," said Nancy Gallagher, chair of the University's Middle East Studies program. "We had 56 students sign up for first year Arabic. In the past we usually had about 20 students."

Growing interest led the university to add a new section of Arabic this fall. Gallagher added that demand for colloquial Egyptian Arabic also remains high and the program recently had to submit a request to the administration "for additional funds to support the increased demand for Arabic."

It's the same across the country. Enrollment has quadrupled in the past two years at the University of Pennsylvania. At Georgetown University, where 370 students make up the largest Arabic program among U.S. colleges, enrollment is up 36 percent over last year.

Enrollment in Arabic classes at the University of Michigan increased 50 percent this fall from the same time last year and burgeoning enrollment in Arab Culture classes capped 96 percent compared with last winter.

Raji Rammuny, professor of Arabic language and applied linguistics at the University of Michi-

gan, said, "The 'new' generation of students want to study Arabic language and culture for professional and career purposes.

"An important factor is the increasing number of 'heritage' students of Arab/Muslim descent after Sept. 11 for preservation of heritage and career-oriented purposes," said Rammuny about the spike in enrollment.

Since Fall '02 at the University of Virginia, enrollment in Arabic classes has been "unprecedented," said Mohammed Sawaie, a professor of Arabic at UVa.

"In beginning Arabic we have ... 102 students," said Sawaie. "This number far exceeds any other Asian language at the University."

These figures correspond with figures in the report released by the MLA. According to the Association's figures, the increase in Arabic enrollment makes it the second highest foreign language enrollment increase, after American Sign Language (ASL).

Sawaie attributed the significant increase to "interest in the Middle East due to the war on Iraq, [and the] need for Arabists in the various government agencies." He also believed that UVa's proximity to Washington, D.C. and the rise of a new generation at the University whose families originate from the

Middle East or South Asia had an impact on the University's enrollment increase.

Khadija Bentouhami, an Arabic instructor at Virginia Military Institute, agrees that the enrollment has also changed on the VMI campus.

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### Notice from the Dean of Students

The direction of Washington and Lee over the next decade will be decided in our Strategic Plan, and these discussions are to inform that plan. We seek your participation on Monday, November 8 at 7 to 10 p.m. in DuPont Auditorium so students have a clear and significant voice in the creation of this plan. The planning session, facilitated by Don Fry an educational consultant who has led planning sessions for the president of the University of Virginia, as well as several for Washington and Lee, will lead this highly interactive three-hour planning session. Please attend this important session.

# Physics and engineering professor left mark on W&L community

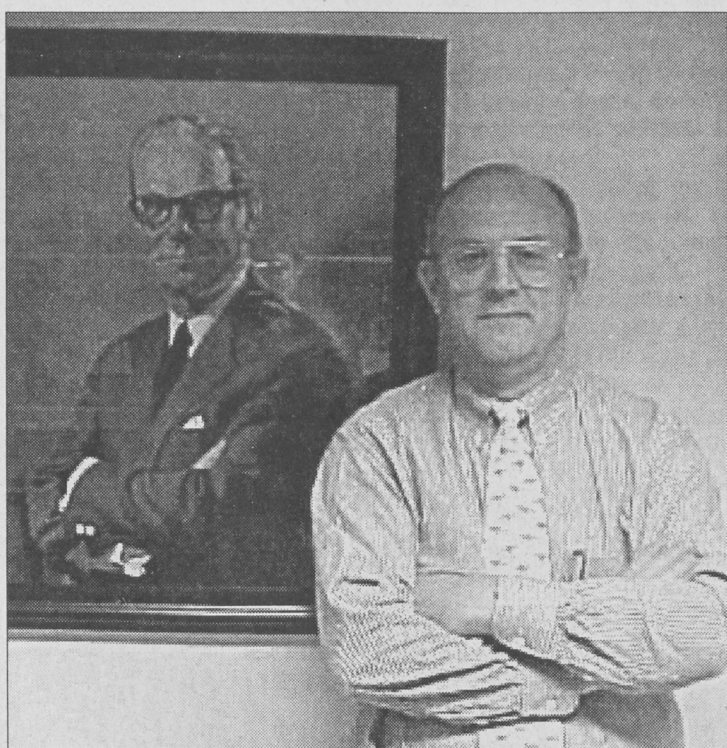
BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN  
MANAGING EDITOR

Robert Akins, the Robert Lee Telford Professor of Physics and Engineering, died at Stonewall Jackson Hospital last Wednesday after battling cancer.

"In Bob's twenty years on the Washington and Lee faculty, he contributed significantly in many arenas: in the classroom, academic programming, planning of new facilities and campus environmental concerns, to name a few," said W&L Provost Thomas Williams. "His contributions to the improvement of Washington and Lee will serve as a memorial to him. He will be greatly missed."

Akins has been on staff at W&L for 20 years. During his tenure, he "transformed the program into the more comprehensive engineering major offered today, enabling our students to go into essentially any engineering field," said Professor Kenneth Van Ness, chairman of the Physics and Engineering Department.

While on faculty, Akins was largely responsible for bringing the internet to the W&L



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WE WILL MISS YOU. The Robert Lee Telford Professor of Physics and Engineering poses for a picture. Akins taught at W&L for 20 years.

campus. He founded and chaired the Environmental Planning and Management Committee. Akins also played a crucial role in making sure the environment was not harmed when the Elrod Commons was built.

Akins was an expert in the effects and uses of wind. His re-

search, which included airborne pollutants, led to the development of performance standards for wind turbines used to generate energy.

"Bob had the uncommon capacity to be honest and self-aware of his considerable talent—he was good at virtually ev-

erything he committed himself to—and yet at heart remained modest and unassuming," said Washington and Lee University President Thomas G. Burish. "He had the inquisitive and critical mind of a scholar but the soul of a poet who could find great reward in common things. All who witnessed his last months were moved and enriched by the optimism, courage, and openness with which he dealt with his illness. He was truly an inspiration for how to live life, how to share it with others, and how to leave it."

Akins was also active in the Lexington community. He served for several years on the Lexington planning commission and served as its chairman and also was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Lexington Presbyterian Church on the corner of Main and Nelson streets. Harrison Finer Home, located in Lexington, is handling arrangements. Donations in Akins's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Dr. Chris Thomas Research Fund at the University of Virginia.

## Arabic classes

Continued from the Front Page

"It's been affected in a very, very striking way," said Bentouhami who added that enrollment in her language classes since 2001 has increased more than 100 percent.

Other than language courses, VMI has developed other Arab-related courses to meet students' interest in the region and their growing demand for knowledge.

Bentouhami said that a course titled "Arab Civilization and Culture," developed at VMI to "help our students be open to the world," was proving to be "quite popular."

This interest has proven so widespread that VMI now offers a major in the language. The Institute currently boasts seven Arabic majors and seven double majors.

Bentouhami said that incentives for cadets to take Arabic differ and ranged from having the language on their resumes, to post-9/11 interests. She also stressed the growing interest in VMI's study-abroad program with the Arabic Language Institute of Fez (ALIF).

"When they go abroad, they change their incentive, get to appreciate the people, and look back and question their first incentives, insights and understanding," said Bentouhami.

Wilson Nance, a VMI junior from Richmond, Va., wanted to experience Arab culture and spent last summer in Morocco through the agreement between VMI and ALIF.

"Being able to travel to a part of the world and speak in Arabic was an incredible feeling," said Nance. "You learn so much, and I appreciate it so much more."

Only about 10 percent of Arabic language students become proficient enough to hold a professional job requiring Arabic. After three years of Arabic classes, Nance claims he is now fluent enough to hold conversations with people, but is not yet fluent enough to talk about human nature and politics.

"Once you progress, people drop out," Nance said. "With the Rats [VMI freshmen], they really want to take it. They know about the job opportunities for Arabic speakers."

Career opportunities for Arabic speakers are abundant. After graduation, Nance is considering spending a few years in the Marines before joining the private sector.

## Post Election 2004

# SVU, WLU, VMI students speak out about the election

BY ERIN JULIUS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an election where Virginia could have gone to either candidate, many local college students registered locally so their vote would mean more.

Madeline Walk, a Southern Virginia University student, organized a get-out-the-vote campaign for her campus. All 68 students that Walk registered chose to register in Virginia.

Walk said that many SVU students are from Utah, which is a sure thing for Bush.

"Students wanted to reg-

ister in Virginia so they could make a difference," Walk said.

According to the Walk, this is the first year the students in Buena Vista were allowed to register in Virginia. Previously, the registrar would not register them because students are "transient citizens," Walk said.

Virginia Military Institute appears to be another school where the conservative vote reigns.

Andrew Upshaw, a cadet involved with College Republicans at VMI, said the war on terror is an issue with resonance to VMI cadets.

"A lot of kids here, including myself, are going into the military and whoever will be their commander in chief definitely concerns them," he said. "I'd say the majority of the people here at VMI support President Bush and the way he has handled the war on terror."

Washington and Lee University has also seen a flurry of political activity lately.

W&L student Kelly Jo Larsen, a Democrat, ran a campaign to register students locally. Larsen registered about 30 students locally, about half Republican and half Democrat.

"A lot of our students live in states that stand no chance of going Democrat," Larsen said. "They were interested in registering here so that their vote might count more."

Daniel Fassio, a student leader in the Young Democrats, credits Florida's confusion in the last election for the high voter registration this year.

"I think this election has really energized voters in general, but maybe not for the right reasons. With the debacle of last elections' logistics, I think people want to feel like they are in fact electing the president and there

isn't going to be confusion," Fassio said.

Fassio believes social issues, such as education, welfare and abortion, are driving young voters at W&L.

"College students, I think, have a keen eye on the economy, since we're the ones who will be looking for jobs and hoping to keep them," Fassio said.

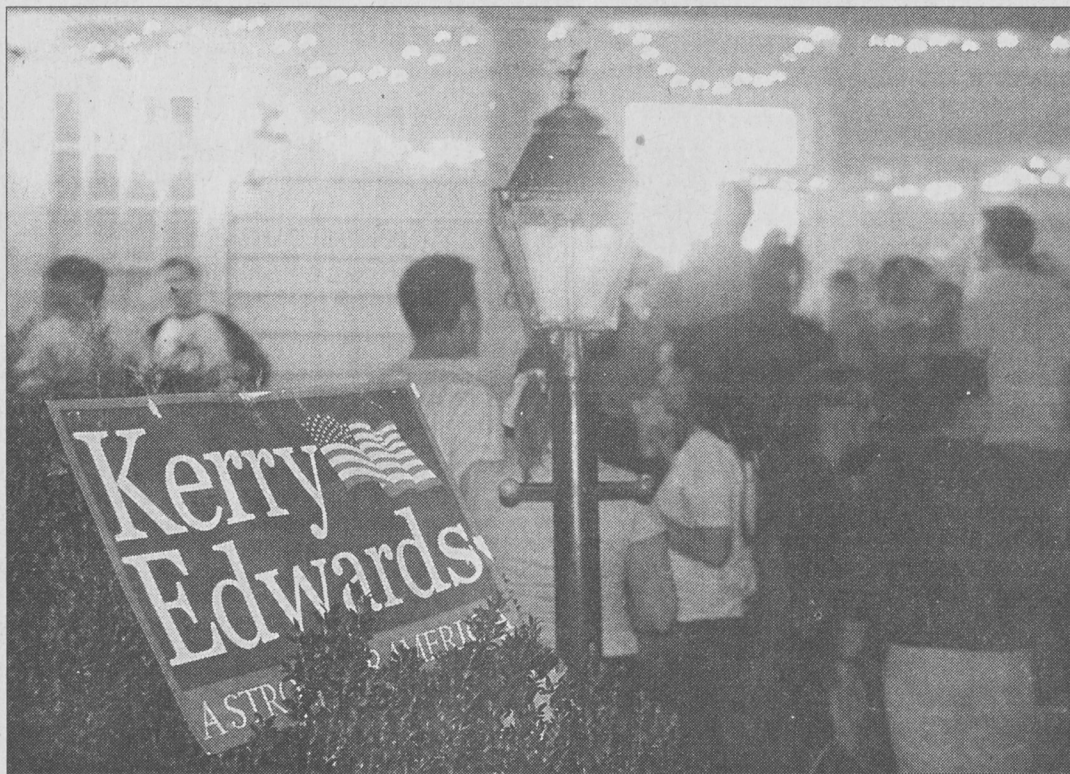
Students at all the local schools believe focus is on the presidential race.

"We've drawn a line in the sand between Republicans and Democrats, and I've read studies that people are reporting that

they are more likely to vote strict partisan in these elections than in the last five presidential election cycles," Fassio said. "Many people will determine their local votes from their presidential vote. It's a sad state of affairs in American politics when people refuse to look at issues and only look at party."

Jackson Mabry, of W&L's College Republicans, agrees that students are generally not aware of local campaigns, "although College Republicans does generate quite a bit of involvement with local Congressional campaigns," he said.

## ELECTION NIGHT PARTY



The highly anticipated election night attracted many students to the television and created an unusual campus buzz for a Tuesday night. Staff at the University Commons planned to host student gatherings throughout the Elrod Commons on Tuesday. Separate lounge areas were equipped with televisions devoted to specific media cover-

age, including CNN and MSNBC, while FOX News was notably absent from the list.

But by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, only a handful of people had gathered for the planned events. One of the lounges was completely vacant and the T.V. had not yet been turned on.

Many students however flocked to an off-

campus party at "Old House," located across from the Outing Club on Washington St. The social gathering was co-sponsored by College Republicans and Young Democrats.

The crowded house was full of Democrats and Republicans displaying their support for candidates Bush and Kerry through stickers, pins, and

t-shirts. Blue and Red beer was offered from separate kegs, allowing students to further express their partisan beliefs.

Fans of FOX News were pleased to discover that the Old House party also offered unrestricted coverage of their favorite news station.

-SENIOR STAFF WRITER ROB ARMSTRONG

## TALKBACK: What's the best thing about Parent's Weekend?



My favorite part was the Kappa Sig cocktail party.

-KATHY ANGELICO, PARENT



Seeing parents party like kids.

-MAGGIE CANBY '07



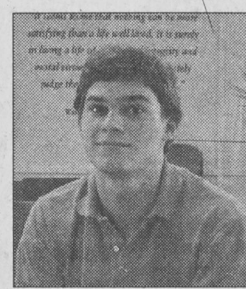
I never have my parents here, I'm from Europe.

-VIRGINIA VESELINOVA '05



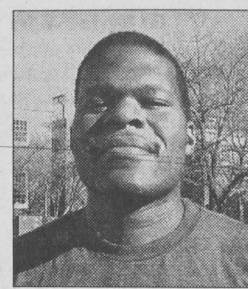
Seeing how your friends are a product of your parents.

-JEAN-ROSE CLAWATER '07



Seeing who's weirder, your friends or your parents.

-CHRIS APPLEWHITE '06



Parents can see their kids...integrated into the workings of campus.

-JULIAN LEDFORD '06

# THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Veterans' Day Must Be Observed

In our years at this fine University, we've watched federal holidays come and go, with little to no celebration at all on this lackluster campus. This year, we refuse to sit by idly while Veterans' Day flies by with nary a word.

We're not asking to skip classes on Veterans' Day (although that would be nice, especially considering that federal employees will get the day off). We are asking for recognition of all the lives lost in the name of this country.

Especially in this time of war, where young men are dying for this country every day, we need to recognize the individuals who work hard every day to defend our country.

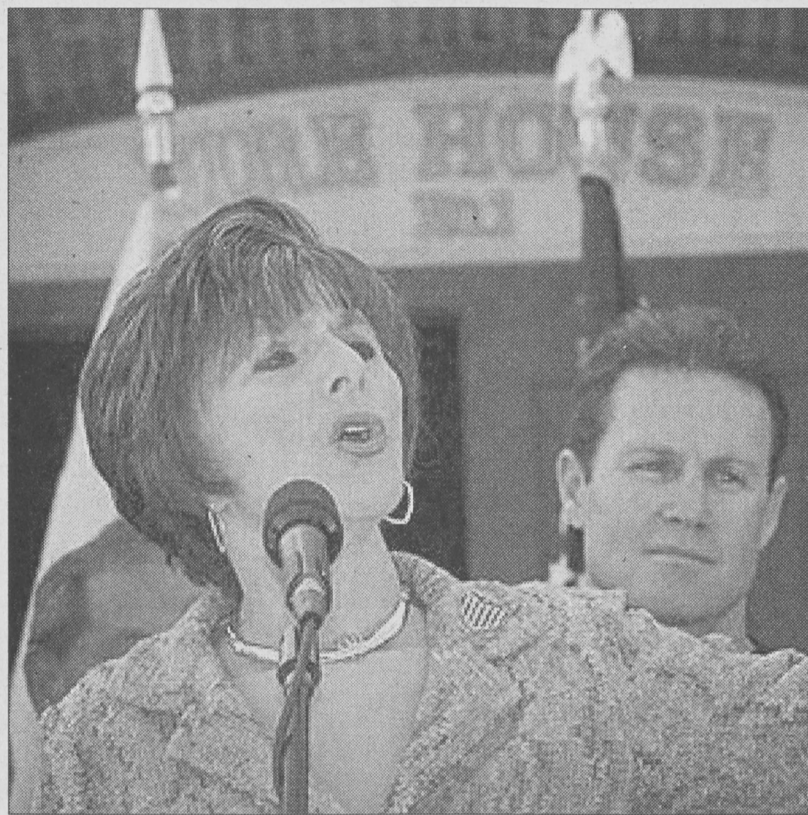
The sacrifices that Veterans make, and have made, not only enable our existence as a nation, but enable us, on an individual level, to study and W&L and to enjoy the lives that we have here. It is therefore fitting that we, the students at W&L, honor our Veterans in a significant way.

Possible tributes for future Veterans' Days include a memorial service, special speaker brought in to discuss Veterans' issues. Forums such as these would raise awareness of critical Veteran issues.

On a personal level, students and faculty could take up a collection of money or goods for a local Veterans' home. Sending cards or visiting the VA hospital in Roanoke would be another kind and thankful gesture.

The bottom line is that our Veterans are heroes. They are the ones who allow us to be free and to prosper. The gift that they have given to our nation as a whole and to us as individuals is beyond price, and ought at least to be recognized in this minor, relatively trifling way.

## United States needs a 'Madame President'



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**HAIL TO THE CHIEF.** Leading possibilities for the first female President are Senator Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice

Have you ever had one of those moments where you realize how hard people before you have fought for what they believed in and your accomplishments to date suddenly seem inconsequential in comparison? I recently went to KEWL's showing of Iron-Jawed Angels, an amazing and inspirational film about radical suffragists who picketed a war-time president and held voluntary hunger strikes in prison to get their point across. Leaving the theater, I wondered if I would ever have a cause that I believed in passionately enough to spend my life, or years of my life, fighting for it. Have all of the major battles been fought?

Not by a long shot. Thinking about elections, and spurred on by the words of my social psychology teacher, I realized I had found an issue worth fighting for; (or at the very least, worthy of writing about in the college newspaper.) **WE NEED A WOMAN FOR PRESIDENT!**

Seriously, for a country that prides itself on being the most progressive and forward-thinking, especially with regards to women's rights, we are falling drastically behind. Many of the European industrialized countries have beaten us to the punch in having either female presidents or prime ministers: France, Ireland,

Switzerland, Finland, and Great Britain. And they are not alone. Other countries that Americans would consider seriously underdeveloped or that are even poverty stricken in comparison, like Mongolia, Haiti, India, and Rwanda, have all had female leaders.

So, what's the problem? Is it that Americans think females are incompetent, or unable to be assertive leaders? Is it the fact (and a male has actually raised his hand and said this in a class of mine) that they are hormonal, expected to bear children, and are supposedly crabby and irrational once a month? And are we saying that male politicians don't have their own special issues? For starters, among recent presidents and prominent politicians it seems to me that there has been a rash of pathological liars, philanderers, and sex-addicts. Power, which has been in male hands since basically the dawn of time, has certainly gone to their heads.

There are all kinds of women, but extreme and even contradictory stereotypes of them. Women are traditionally supposed to be meek, hyper-emotional and in a word, weak. "Deviant" female-types, on the other spectrum, are composed of by the femi-nazi's, mean-mommy's, and \*itches of this world. Where is the middle ground? It is popularly assumed

that a woman who is trying to climb the employment ladder is trying to "be a man". Why is this? Why is trying to gain equality frowned upon, why is feminism (gasp) a bad word, and why is the office of the presidency reserved for rich white men?

If you look at many of the problems facing our country today, it becomes clear to me that a strong woman could help things immensely. Women would be better at diplomacy and seeing different perspectives than their own. For example, rather than calling all enemies of the U.S. evil and inhuman, as Bush is unceasingly fond of doing, a woman might be sensitive and open-minded enough to realize that evildoers are not automatically evil at heart and everyone is shaped by their environment. Keeping other countries from hating you is always a good idea; it's just smart business.

In the long run, women and men are not so different. They have similar potential and capabilities and both are fully able to fulfill the offices of the presidency. Why, when so many people have begun to regard elections as a choice between the "lesser of two evils," have competent females not been included as a valid alternative? The time has come for half the population to be represented in the area that arguably matters most: the leadership of our country.



THE BIG PICTURE  
ANNE FINLEY '07

## Quote of the Week

"State police Lieutenant Eric Wolford said Ellis allegedly offered each voter \$25 and a bottle of whiskey if they would support a certain local candidate."

~The Louisville Channel

## Labeling fulfills unique role in W&L society and elsewhere

I think its pretty cool when people ask me questions. It is flattering to know that someone cares about who you are and what you like. During freshman year, the most common question asked is about your hometown. But what does it actually say? Maybe geographic stereotypes actually do apply to me in some instances. Yes, I know how to ride a horse and have been on cattle drives. Yes, it snows a ton. And no, I've actually only been skiing a couple times, but I can recommend what ski resorts to visit during the summer. This is where a lot of discussions end. You get to know the person a little bit, but no better than anyone else you talked to. When faced with the decision of what label I should use to describe myself in a short conversation, I usually try to explain myself in terms of what I think I have in common with the other person, but are labels only relevant in the context of who you are with?

If I meet someone at the horse center, I will tell them that I foxhunt. If I meet someone at a hockey game, I'll tell them that I am an Avalanche fan. Most of the time, I don't encounter people who can give me any idea of who they really are within just a few minutes. Over reading days, I was in DC riding the metro out to Pentagon City to do some shopping when a man sat down next to me. He said hello and we started talking. Within less than ten minutes, I felt like I really knew him. I knew where he went to college, law school, where he worked, where he lived, why he was in DC, and about his experience with law school. I told him a lot about me and how I am thinking about law school. He apparently felt that he knew me well, too, because he gave me a lot of really useful

advice. When the train stopped at his stop, he gave me his business card and told me that he would really like to talk more and answer any questions that I had about being a lawyer.

In a strange coincidence, a similar thing happened over fall break last year. Once again, I was in DC and was on a very crowded metro. It was really late at night and a hockey game had just ended and the fans were headed home. For some reason, I kept looking at the guy that was standing next to me and he was looking at me, too. We started talking and I instantly felt like I knew him. He was just out of law school and working for a firm in DC. Again, I couldn't have talked to him for more than ten minutes or so.

After these experiences, I wonder if labeling ourselves is even relevant? Maybe people are just naturally pre-disposed to seek out others who are like themselves and there is nothing that can be brought up in a conversation that really makes you feel like you know the person that you are talking to without this pre-disposition. If this is true, why should anyone even bother to meet new people? Apparently, I should only talk to lawyers who are riding the metro in DC, but I really do like to get to know people. I love to sit in the airport and watch people and wonder what their stories are. I love the delight that I get when I find out something about a person that shocks me and completely changes my thoughts about who they really are. We only get one life, and we have to make decisions that define who we are, but getting to know new people can be our way of living other labels.



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## Ups and Downs

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

**Democratic Party** - ↓ Gotta suck to be one of the Blue State faithful right now. Bright spots- Barack Obama crushes Alan Keyes, Salazar edges Coors in heavily Republican Colorado.

**Kerry's War Record** - ↔ I picture Kerry walking into a room looking dejected. Senator McCain is there, and he says "Ah, come in."

**Zombies** - ↑ In a turnaround from last week, John Ashcroft has a job for the next four years, in another victory for undead rights.

**Condi Rice** - ↑ Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the next Secretary of State.

**W&L Alcohol Policy** - ↔ The right thing is (probably?) being done, but why is it that no one seems to know what's going on? Help us out, IFC/ Administrators/Board of Trustees. That letter we got a while back was somewhat vague about what exactly was going to be done.

**Pittsburgh Steelers** - ↑ How often can you predict with 100% certainty midway through the season who the League Rookie of the Year is going to be? Ben Roethlisberger is a lock.

**Class Attendance on Nov. 9** - ↓ Hey, professors, observe closely this Tuesday whether you see any strange attendance drop-offs. (Side note to Professors Velasquez and DeLaney- I will not be a part of this trend)

**-Scott Peterson** - ↓ The Supreme Court is in session, and the most compelling law story in the news is a sketchy lowlife accused of murdering his pregnant wife. Ah, how fickle you are, American media.

**Parents' Weekend** - ↑ Sketchy and fun as usual.

**Professor Akins** - ↑ U.S. Navy Veteran, W&L community leader, and by all accounts I've heard, a fantastic teacher and technological visionary. The Science Center will not be the same without him.

**Ayad Allawi** - ↔ If you're about to start a final military offensive against someone, you don't TELL them so beforehand, man. Props for finally doing it, though.

**John Edwards** - ↓ Lose the Vice Presidency, your political career, if not dead, has been set back tremendously, and your wife is diagnosed with breast cancer, all in one day. Right or left, you gotta feel bad for the guy.

# What the election means- prophecies for the next four years and campaign '08

President Bush has, barring a miracle of no lesser magnitude than the Boston Red Sox coming back from a 0-3 deficit, won his oft-touted "four more years." It's a bad day to be the 49 percent of voters who voted against Bush, and a great day if you're a Republican.



MODERATE'S MUSINGS  
CALEY ANDERSON '06

What will Red Tuesday (the catchy phrase for Nov. 2, 2004 that I hope to turn into a sensation) mean for America, and for politics within America?

First, my more liberal friends need to stop waiting about this being the end of the world. President Bush, say what you will about him, is a Yale graduate, and the last time I had checked, had run the country for four years without the world ending. So, as Detective John Kimble might say, "Stop whining." I voted for Kerry, but I don't think Bush is going to ruin us. So let's look at how President Bush won the election. Voters who voted based on "core issues" like the war in Iraq and the economy tended to vote very strongly in favor of Senator Kerry. Where, then, did the votes come from to give President Bush such a relatively strong majority of the popular vote, and to turn the tide in states like Ohio and Florida?

Quite simply, the groups that decided this election were the "three g" voters, those whose primary concerns were "god, guns, and gays." Karl Rove appears to have been correct in his analysis that the Republican party had a vast untapped reserve of votes in the evangelical demographic, and playing to them on issues like stem cell research and the blurring of the line between church and state has obviously paid off in spades. I would not be surprised if many voters who turned out to vote for the various same-sex marriage bans ended up also voting for Bush when otherwise they might have stayed home. Voters who voted based on "values" ended up favoring Bush by an 80 percent-20 percent margin, where as margins on "issues," i.e. Iraq and the economy, were for Kerry 60 percent-40 percent. Despite this, expect the Republican party to press its luck on these "core issues" as well as on values.

The brilliant success of the Republican party is contrasted by the apathetic failure of the Democratic party. Where are the minorities and youth voters that were supposed to turn out in large numbers to defeat Bush? Minorities and youth voters turned out in greater numbers than in 2000, but EVERY-ONE turned out in greater numbers than 2000 this year, especially white

evangelical Protestants, and especially those from rural areas. The Democratic party failed to make the core issues the primary focus of this campaign, and instead the election was decided on values, as the Republicans had planned. If they had made Iraq the primary issue of this campaign, as many people said they had done,

they would have won. But the truth for even the most optimistic Democrat is that this did not happen, whether it's because Kerry rather than Clark won the primary, or because Karl Rove is simply smarter than Mary Cahill. Perhaps it is because the "triad" of Republican factions, the moderate social liberals/fiscal conservatives like Colin Powell or John McCain, the neoconservative hawks like Condoleezza Rice and Donald Rumsfeld, and the evangelical far rightists, like John Ashcroft (all with their places in the Bush cabinet, please note), were able to come together far better than the Democrats, who are actually only split into two factions (the moderates, who currently dominate the party, and the far left liberals, whose numbers grow scant).

But any way you slice it, this election is a disaster for the Democrats and for the Bush-haters. Firstly, any Democrat that speaks of an illegitimate presidency now is flat out wrong. No President has won a majority of the popular vote since George H.W. Bush defeated Michael Dukakis, and the fact that George W. Bush was as vulnerable as any incumbent has ever been in this election only makes it worse. Moderate democrats have been thrown out of Congress in large numbers, replaced by extremist Republicans in many cases, especially in the deep South. Moderate Republicans, such as John McCain or Arnold Schwarzenegger, will now be viewed as relatively further to the left than they were before. Indeed, the whole country has confirmed that it has taken another step to the right relative to the rest of the world, which

remains center-left. America is no longer center-rightward, it is simply rightward.

So what will happen in the next four years? Obviously, things will get done, with a convincingly Republican Congress and an immoderate Republican president. Even though the Republican victory was hardly a landslide, 51 percent of Americans will always beat 49 percent of them. The only effort Republicans will have to expend on anything short of a Constitutional Amendment will be to convince five Democratic senators to stop potential Senate filibusters, something that will not be difficult. What plans does

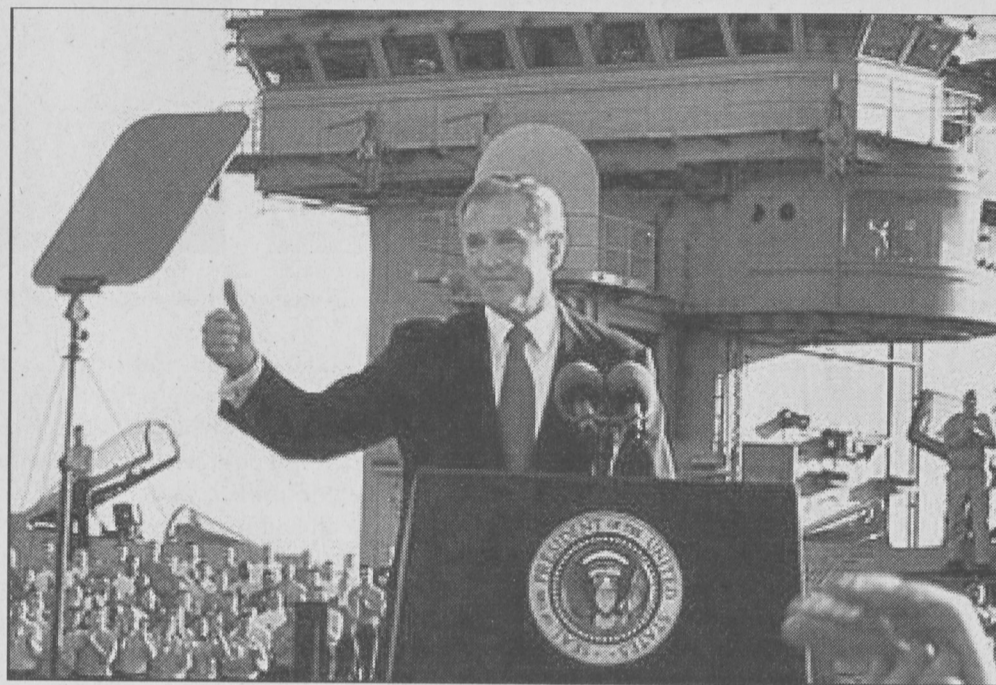
for a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage, and do not be surprised if the administration tries to get more with the hand they were dealt by trying to ban stem cell research as well. Moves like these will further please the "god, guns, gays" voters, and will alienate few Democratic voters who were not already Bush-haters. Since the Democrats are now powerless to stop such initiatives, only the conservative Supreme Court stands between things like stem cell research bans and the law books. Constitutional law experts will be waiting with bated breath to see the results of such challenges. Speak-

appropriate, even if that means alienating the United Nations and the many world leaders who (reluctantly) congratulated Bush on Nov. 3. Foreign policy hawks would have it no other way, of course. They will have to be careful in the Muslim world, however. Even with a stable Iraq, many Muslims who were on the fence before will come down on the side of the extreme anti-American factions if care is not taken to prevent it. The administration cannot win the war on terror if it is constantly supplying the enemy with reinforcements by alienating more and more Muslims. Expect policy towards Israel and Palestine to become increasingly important, as well as any further action taken in the Mideast and southwest Asia. Future trouble spots (other than Iran) may actually center in East Asia, with China counting down until its final reckoning with Taiwan, and with North Korea's nuclear weapons and the madman dictator controlling them looming over everything. If these hot spots flare up under the Bush administration, there will be trouble. Bush will defend Taiwan and press North Korea, but

North-South Korea border, and in Yugoslavia and Bosnia, will have to be established. The Bush administration's worst-case scenario is a legitimate election that decides that Iraq should be a theocratic republic based on Islam before democracy, as in Iran. While Iraq is not an overriding factor, it has been the test case for neoconservatives' theories of forceful democratization of anti-American orrogue world governments, and failure here would portend gloom for neoconservative policies.

What about the future? If Republican fortune holds, much will depend on who they nominate in 2008. They have two choices. First, they may nominate a Bush-like figure, someone squarely on the right who will continue to make concessions to socially conservative America and make other decisions similar to those of the Bush administration. Alternately, they may nominate a moderate Republican, someone like McCain, though McCain himself will be too worn out by 2008, most likely. Soon, a Constitutional amendment will have to be considered that might give non-natural born citizens the right to run for President, and if that happens, moderate Republicans such as likely Senator-Elect Mel Martinez of Florida and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California might be good candidates. The direction the Republicans take will be critical, an arch-conservative will likely divide the party and hand the Democrats a golden opportunity as evangelical social conservatives become increasingly marginalized. On the other hand, if a moderate Republican takes over, the Republicans will likely continue their dominance.

The Democrats will be taking a long, hard look at themselves over the next four years. They will ask whether it is too late to take back at least some of white Protestant America. They will ask how they can more effectively control what issues are important to American voters. They will ask if they will ever find another candidate with the charisma and aura of Bill Clinton. In 2008, expect one of the rising new moderate Democrats to gain the nomination. The old guard, like Gephardt and (the now-out-of-a-job) Daschle will fade. Hillary Clinton would be in an excellent position to take command, but she is not electable, as half the country seemingly already hates her on her personality alone, and when you add to that the fact that she's a woman in an era where gender equality has still not been reached, and Clinton Part II makes no sense. More likely is an up-and-comer like Senator-Elect Barack Obama of Illinois, or Ken Salazar of Colorado. All in all, it will be an interesting four years, to say the least.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED President Bush won over many Americans' confidence in the last four years. photo courtesy of associated press

the Bush administration have that it will push in the next four years?

At home, social security will likely be privatized. A controversial issue before, the Bush administration will take Red Tuesday as a mandate to finally move Social Security out of the public sector. Sharp difference of opinion exists as to how that will turn out. Tax cuts will continue, and certainly the tax cuts that

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occurred under the first four years of Bush's administration will not be rolled back, another issue whose effects remain in question. Public school funding will decrease as Bush pushes for voucher programs and privatization of education. But more importantly, expect value-oriented issues like gay marriage, stem cell research, and church-state division to take center stage. The Bush administration will push hard

ing of the Supreme Court, Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, Souter, and O'Connor may now breathe easier knowing that conservative replacements await, should one of them fall ill or retire, while Kennedy, Ginsburg, Breyer, and Stevens will likely now try to hold on like grim death.

In foreign policy, expect the Bush administration to try to mend actual use of force remains unlikely, as both China and North Korea threaten retaliation with nuclear weapons. Cuba could also become a factor. If Fidel Castro dies, it is extremely likely that President Bush will seize the opportunity and invade in an attempt to restore an America-friendly democratic government to the island in America's backyard. If that happens, the critical Cuban-American vote in Florida will swing strongly Republican for decades to come. Iraq itself remains unstable. Much will hinge on whether stability "on the ground" has been established by the elections the Bush administration plans to conduct in January. If so, the insurgent groups will be marginalized, if they weren't already destroyed in the stabilization. If not, the elections will be marred. Questions of legitimacy will arise, and it will be difficult to foresee a stable Iraq in the near future, and thus it will be difficult to see any withdrawals of U.S. troops in the near future either. Permanent garrisons such as those in Africa, the 37th parallel on the

## Government precedent exists for potential banning of abortions

Looking over the election special of the Phi this week, some phrases jumped out at me. "I think that women should be able to decide what to do with their own bodies." "I think women should have reproductive rights to their own bodies." "... the battle over a woman's right to have possession over her own body." If I didn't know any better I'd think that people were watching Oprah and taking Cameron Diaz's statement: "If you think rape should be legal, then don't vote" seriously. Or that the legalization of prostitution was a big campaign issue. Those are issues that involve possession, rights or decisions related to a woman's body. However, that is not what the writers were talking about. Unfortunately, the pro-choice movement has been successful in summing up the abortion issue in the feel-good euphemism: "a woman's right to choose what to do with her own body." Sure, it sounds good, but what does it really mean?

First of all, there are many things the government does to "take away" our control of our own bodies. Suicide is illegal. As is drug use, prostitution, incest, public nudity, not wearing a seat belt while driving, etc. So the argument that it's your body, your choice doesn't always hold up under a court of law.

Second, I agree with the statement that women should be able to decide what to do with their own bodies. Women should be able to decide whether or not to use their bodies to have sex. Women should be able to decide whether or not to use protection or birth control on or in their bodies. But once a life is created, it is not just a woman's body that is at stake. There is another living body within her body. If it were just her body, then her body has 4 eyes, 4 arms, 4 legs, 2 heart beats, 2 unique sets of human DNA, and in some cases, both a vagina and a penis. If it were just her body, then we wouldn't be able to have test tube babies, in vitro fertilization, or surrogate mothers. If it were just her body, then why can the mother die and the child live or the child die and the mother live?

You can be pro-choice, but please, take the time to find out

what it really means. Abortion is still legal through ALL 9 months of pregnancy. Do you agree with the right to choose to abort at over 6 months of pregnancy? Pro-choice groups like NOW, NARAL, and Planned Parenthood oppose any restriction on abortion, even Partial Birth Abortion, a gruesome practice that takes place in the later months of pregnancy. Over 43 million abortions have been performed since 1973.

Do you think that all of these were done for medical reasons? If not, do you agree with the right to choose abortion for any reason? Did you know that the frequently cited "health exception" has been determined by the Supreme Court to mean that any abortion, even Partial Birth Abortion, can be performed not only to save the life of the mother, but also for physical or even mental health reasons?

Do you stand with pro-choice groups on recent laws? Pro-choice groups opposed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also known as the Laci and Connor (Peterson) Law. This law acknowledges that when a pregnant woman is murdered or when a pregnant woman is hurt and the baby dies, there are two victims, not just one. Pro-choice groups oppose parental notification laws that require parents to be notified when their minor is having an abortion, just like any other surgical procedure. The laws provide for judicial bypass, where the restriction can be waived if there is abuse or incest involved. Pro-choice groups oppose informed consent laws that tell a woman about the abortion procedure she is to have and what the risks are.

Take time to find out where you stand on this issue. Don't just take my word, look up what Partial Birth Abortion is or find out what the laws say for yourself. Odds are you aren't just pro-choice or pro-life. You're pro-choice up until the first trimester. Or pro-life except for rape, incest, and life of the mother. Find out where your boundaries are and get educated so you can defend your beliefs.

If you disagree with some of my statements, please contact me. I invite the opportunity to have a respectful discussion on this topic. You may also contact me if you have any other questions or comments.



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### Phi Quick Poll

"Have you, during your time at Washington and Lee University, broken a Commonwealth of Virginia law dealing with alcohol?"



Yes 96% No 4%

This poll has 95% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error. Polls are taken using a simple random sample from the University directory of all undergraduate students.

# Fans' hopes too high

## Redskins have placed too much faith in Gibbs, Portis

By RYAN GRITTER  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

I think the Washington Redskins may actually be my favorite team in the NFL to watch this year. Before you get any false ideas about my loyalties or judgment, allow me to explain.

I enjoy watching the Redskins because of all you obnoxious Skins fans out there. In the same way that Liberals and Democrats on this campus are pushed to more and more passionate hatred of the right, so am I pushed by your asinine predictions. Of course, these feelings have not developed in one off season of stupidity. Oh no, this has been fostered over the last five years.

Every single year, they have a whole new roster of expensive stars, often even a new coach, and yet they never win. When they added Michael Barrow and Jeremiah Trotter that was supposedly their year, but after a disappointing season they then placed their hope in Steve Spurrier... which led to more sucking.

So now it's Joe Gibbs and Clinton Portis, and it still amounts to nothing. Last year, their fans were certain that Joe

Gibbs would lead them to the promised land again, to the point where the phrase "greatest coach of all time" was thrown around.....please.

While the greatest coach in history is a matter of opinion, there is such a thing as a stupid opinion stemming from blind optimism. The case for Bill Parcells, for instance, is far more convincing. The man goes franchises that are in dire straits, and turns them into a competitor within a couple years. He's done it four times now.

What Skins' fans need is a good dose of realism. When the Dolphins lost Ricky, I didn't pretend that we were going to be good. I didn't speak of A.J. Feeley as the man that would make up for it either. Signing a bunch of big names doesn't mean immediate contention. If your team is already solid and you sign a big name or two to fill a weakness, then you can start predicting (see Eagles - TO and Patriots - Dillon).

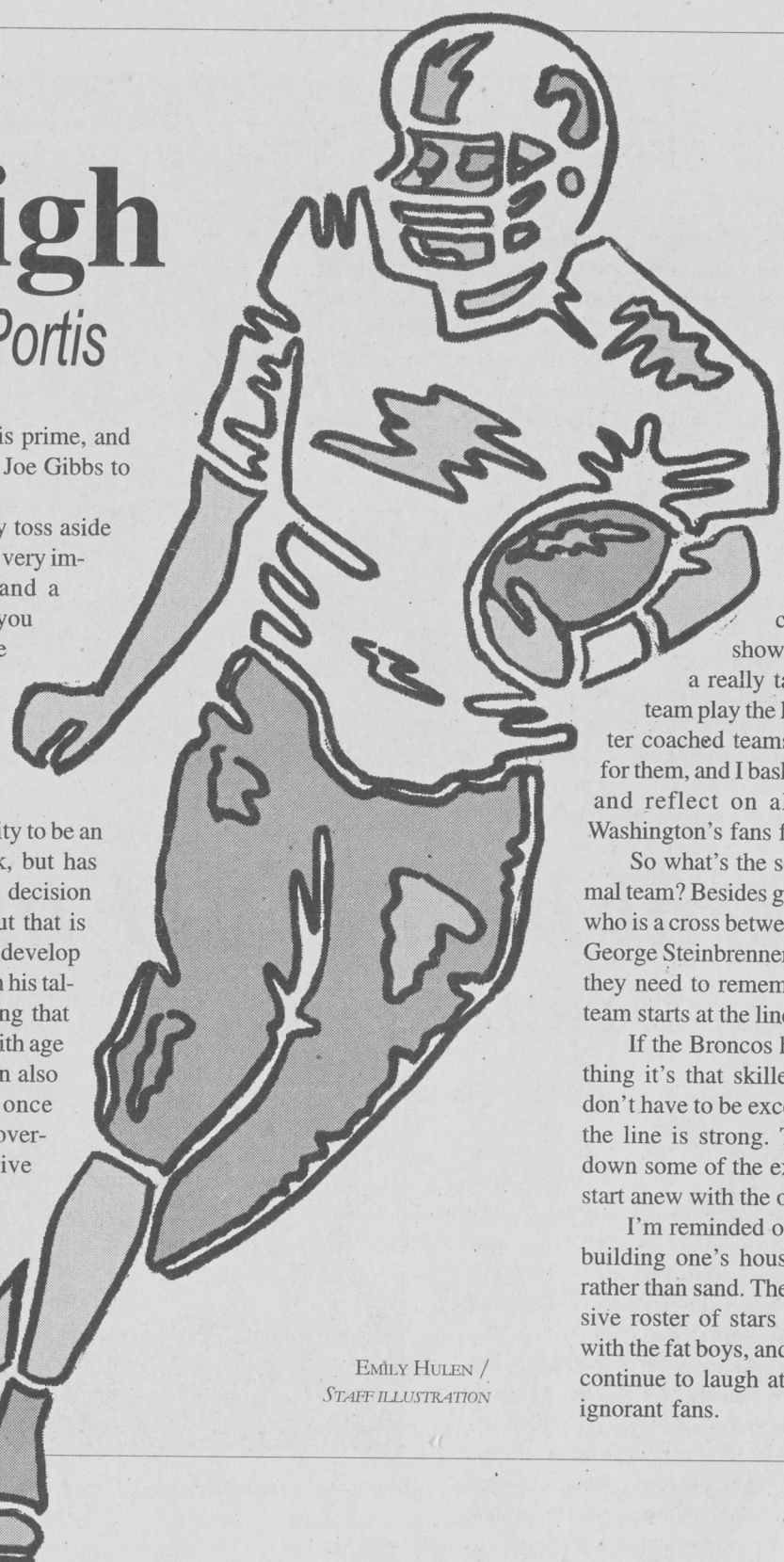
The Redskins weakness was stopping the run, and by weakness, I mean weaker than the rest of their crappy team. What did they do to address this problem? They changed starting corners, brought in a halfback from the Broncos (never a good idea, stats are so inflated), and signed an old quarterback who was

never that great even in his prime, and then placed their hopes in Joe Gibbs to bring it together.

Then, they completely toss aside Patrick Ramsey, who had a very impressive rookie season and a solid sophomore effort. If you draft a quarterback in the first round, and he starts half the season with a rating over 70, you've got something to build around.

He clearly has the ability to be an effective NFL quarterback, but has lacked the protection. His decision making is questionable, but that is exactly what you need to develop in a young quarterback with his talents. Awareness is one thing that most definitely increases with age in a quarterback. Protection also helps this problem, and once again, they did nothing to overhaul their pathetic offensive line.

So at this point you may be asking, "So why do you enjoy watching them?" Here's



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STAFF ILLUSTRATION

why: they are the only team I've watched that screw up so consistently. They have horrible coaching, and it shows. It's like watching a really talented high school team play the less talented but better coached teams. It's embarrassing for them, and I bask in it as I think back and reflect on all the bravado of Washington's fans from last year.

So what's the solution for this dismal team? Besides getting rid of Snyder, who is a cross between Mark Cuban and George Steinbrenner minus the success, they need to remember that building a team starts at the line of scrimmage.

If the Broncos have taught us anything it's that skilled position players don't have to be exceptionally skilled if the line is strong. They need to strip down some of the expensive talent and start anew with the o-line and d-line.

I'm reminded of the Bible story of building one's house on solid ground rather than sand. The Redskin's impressive roster of stars has no foundation with the fat boys, and until they do I will continue to laugh at them and scoff at ignorant fans.

# Lane leads equestrian team at Lynchburg, Hollins



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAITLIN LANE

By KATHRYN KRALL  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee riding team established itself as a regional powerhouse with a strong showing in the two Invitationals that they competed in last weekend. They placed second at the Lynchburg Invitational and tied for fourth at the Hollins Invitational.

Although every member of the team performed well, junior Caitlin Lane dominated the meet with a first place finish in the open fences at Lynchburg and in the open flat at Hollins.

The daughter of a professional horseman, Lane grew up on a horse farm in Poolesville, Maryland. She began riding as soon as she could sit in a saddle. As a child, she won Grand Champion Pony Hunter and was named the Best Child Rider. She continued to show

horses competitively through high school and placed within the top six nationally.

The horses that she shows in individual competitions are Dexter and Logan, both warmbloods who live at her home in Leesburg. "You work a lot training your horse and perfecting the connection between you and your horse" said Lane.

In college competition, the rules for showing are very different. "In college, you compete by getting on a random horse that you draw out of a hat and just get on - no practicing" said Lane. "intercollegiate riding can often come down to luck in what horse you draw."

At Washington and Lee, Lane was named ODAC Rider of the Year in both her freshman and sophomore years. She had been team MVP both years, and last year placed fourth in Nationals in the open flat.

The discipline in which the W&L

riding team competes is Hunters and Jumpers, which includes events such as the open flat and open fences. The flat involves flatwork such as trotting and cantering, while the fences require navigating a course of jumps. "They are both basically just a test of you making your horse do what you want and doing it smoothly," explains Lane. She prefers the fences as they are more challenging and diverse.

The team's goal for the year is to be in the top two in the region. In order to advance, the team must take first in the region, which is not out of the range of the talented riding team. "The team has been growing and improving throughout the past few years," said Lane, "Hollins is currently first and we definitely have the talent on our team to beat them."

Personally, Caitlin Lane hopes to advance to Nationals and do well there. In order to qualify, a rider must gain a

certain number of points throughout the year, and Lane is well on her way to accomplishing this goal. In the winter, Lane will begin to show her horses at individual competitions.

One of the benefits of growing up on a horse farm is that she had the opportunity to ride and show many different horses. This is especially an advantage in collegiate competition as the rider has no time to practice with the horse she is assigned. Riding has become almost a second nature to her since it has been such an important part of her life for so many years.

After college, Lane plans to continue to be in. "I hope to have horses somehow for the rest of my life, whether I go pro or just stay amateur," said Lane, "Riding is something that I've always done and love doing."

## This Week in Sports

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field Hockey at Lynchburg-4:30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M Soccer at Emory and Henry--4</li> <li>W Soccer vs. Hollins--4:30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volleyball at Emory Invitational--4:30</li> <li>Field Hockey at Eastern Mennonite--5:30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W Soccer at Virginia Wesleyan--11</li> <li>Volleyball at Emory Invitational--2</li> <li>Football at Centre--1:30</li> <li>M Soccer at Hampden Sydney--11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W Soccer at Chowan--1</li> </ul>

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Sophomore Colton Ward runs in for a touchdown during the first half.

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## Volleyball streak continues

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The Washington and Lee volleyball team claimed its fourth straight ODAC Championship with 3-0 wins over Virginia Wesleyan and Randolph-Macon on Saturday afternoon at Guilford College. The Generals defeated VWC in the semifinals, 30-23, 30-23, 30-13, before downing Randolph-Macon in the championship match, 30-28, 30-13, 30-25.

With the wins, W&L has now claimed seven of the last eight ODAC Championships and is riding a 54-match winning streak against ODAC opponents.

In the win over the Marlins (19-8), W&L was led by senior outside hitter Emily Wolfing (Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll), who had 15 kills, 13 digs and six aces. Junior right side Laura Byrne (Springfield, Pa./Merion Mercy Academy) posted 10 kills and 13 digs, while senior libero Jennifer Lux (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox) had a season-high 27 digs. Junior setter Christine Gladysz (Palm Harbor, Fla./Berkeley Prep) added 47 assists, nine digs and four blocks.

In the victory over R-MC (21-15), the Generals were paced by Byrne's 16 kills and 14 digs. Wolfing tallied 16 kills and eight digs, and junior middle blocker Susan Gaillard (Charleston, S.C./Porter-Gaud) had 14 kills. Lux added 19 digs, while Gladysz amassed 51 assists and 16 digs.

Byrne, Gaillard, Gladysz and Wolfing were all named to the all-tournament team, with Gladysz claiming tournament MVP honors.

W&L will now wait to find out who and where they will be playing in the NCAA Tournament.

## General beat E&H in final minute

Team ends with 4 ODAC wins for first time since 1985

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SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior tailback Michael Lockett (Allenwood, N.J./Wall) took a screen pass 30 yards for a touchdown with 32 seconds remaining to lift the Washington and Lee football team to a 24-20 win over Emory & Henry on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field. The victory gives W&L four ODAC wins for the first time since the 1985 season.

After forcing an E&H punt, the Generals (5-4, 4-2) started the game-winning drive on their own 44-yardline with 59 seconds remaining. Junior quarterback Greg Twardy (Bethel Park, Pa./Bethel Park) started the drive with a pair of completions to sophomore wide receiver Colton Ward (Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Country Day) totaling 26 yards, then flipped the screen to Lockett who broke

several tackles on his way to the end zone.

The Wasps (3-6, 2-3) opened the scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run by sophomore quarterback Todd Woods (Radford, Va./Radford) at the 9:27 mark of the first quarter. The extra-point was no good.

W&L tied the game at 6-6 with 12:33 remaining in the first half as Twardy found Ward on a 43-yard scoring strike. The extra point was also no good.

Woods scored again on a 1-yard touchdown run with 8:13 remaining in the second quarter, but the Generals retaliated on a 9-yard pass from Twardy to junior wide-out Clark Kensinger (Columbia, S.C./Oakwood) with 4:55 remaining in the half. The extra point again failed and the Wasps had a 13-12 lead going into halftime.

The Generals took an 18-13 lead on a 50-yard touchdown run by freshman

running back Thomas Hubka (San Diego, Calif./St. Augustine) on the first possession of the second half, but the Wasps then assumed a 20-18 lead on a 7-yard scoring strike from Woods to sophomore wide receiver Brennan Stewart (Shawsville, Va./Eastern Montgomery) with 7:52 left in the third quarter.

W&L had an opportunity to take the lead on a 25-yard field goal by sophomore placekicker Ben Long (Frankford, W.Va./Hargrave Military) with 2:33 remaining in the game, but the kick sailed wide left. The Generals defense then forced the E&H punt setting up the winning drive.

Twardy led the W&L offense by completing 21-of-37 passes for a career-high 275 yards and three touchdowns. His 21 completions give him 186 for the season, a new W&L record. Ward caught six passes for 101 yards and a touchdown, while Hubka rushed four times for 57 yards and a touchdown. Lockett rushed 12 times for 58 yards and caught

two passes for 36 yards and the winning touchdown. Senior linebacker Lloyd Wilson (Austin, Texas/Stephen F. Austin) led the defense with 11 tackles and two fumble recoveries. The Generals had three more sacks, setting a school record for sacks in a season (37).

E&H was led by Woods, who completed 24-of-41 passes for 307 yards and one touchdown. He was intercepted once, breaking a school-record string of 200 passes without an interception. Stewart caught eight passes for 133 yards and one touchdown, while sophomore wide receiver Jerad Jackson (Big Stone Gap, Va./Powell Valley) snared eight balls for 113 yards, his fifth-straight game with 100 yards receiving. Junior linebacker Anthony Boyd (Christiansburg, Va./Christiansburg) led the defense with seven tackles and a half sack.

Washington and Lee finishes its season on Saturday at Greensboro College. The game begins at 1:00 pm.

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

### W&L Women's Soccer Shuts Out Virginia Wesleyan, 1-0 (11/6)

Freshman forward Shana Oltmans (Albuquerque, N.M./Valley) scored at the 11:32 mark to give the third-seeded Washington and Lee women's soccer team a 1-0 victory over second-seeded Virginia Wesleyan in an ODAC Tournament semifinal game on Saturday afternoon at Lynchburg College.

### W&L Field Hockey Falls to Virginia Wesleyan, 2-0 (11/6)

The third-seeded Washington and Lee field hockey team lost a 2-0 decision to second-seeded Virginia Wesleyan in an ODAC Tournament semifinal game on Saturday afternoon at Lynchburg College.

### W&L Riding Places Fourth at JMU/BC Invite (11/6)

The W&L riding team placed fourth of nine teams at the JMU/Bridgewater Invitational on Saturday. The Generals were led by sophomore Caitlin Lane (Leesburg, Va./Poolesville (Md.)), who placed first in the open fences and open flat events.

### W&L Women's Swimming Defeats Randolph-Macon, 132-130 (11/5)

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team opened up its ODAC schedule with a 132-130 victory over Randolph-Macon College on Friday evening at Twombly Pool.

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## Crunk sings praises of frat bands, other free music

The bands. The music. Think about it. Where else in the world and at what other point in your life will you be able to see anywhere from 2-4 (plus) bands per week? (For free, I might add.) When you leave college, in order to see a band play, you will typically have to go to a restaurant, formal parties, or a concert.

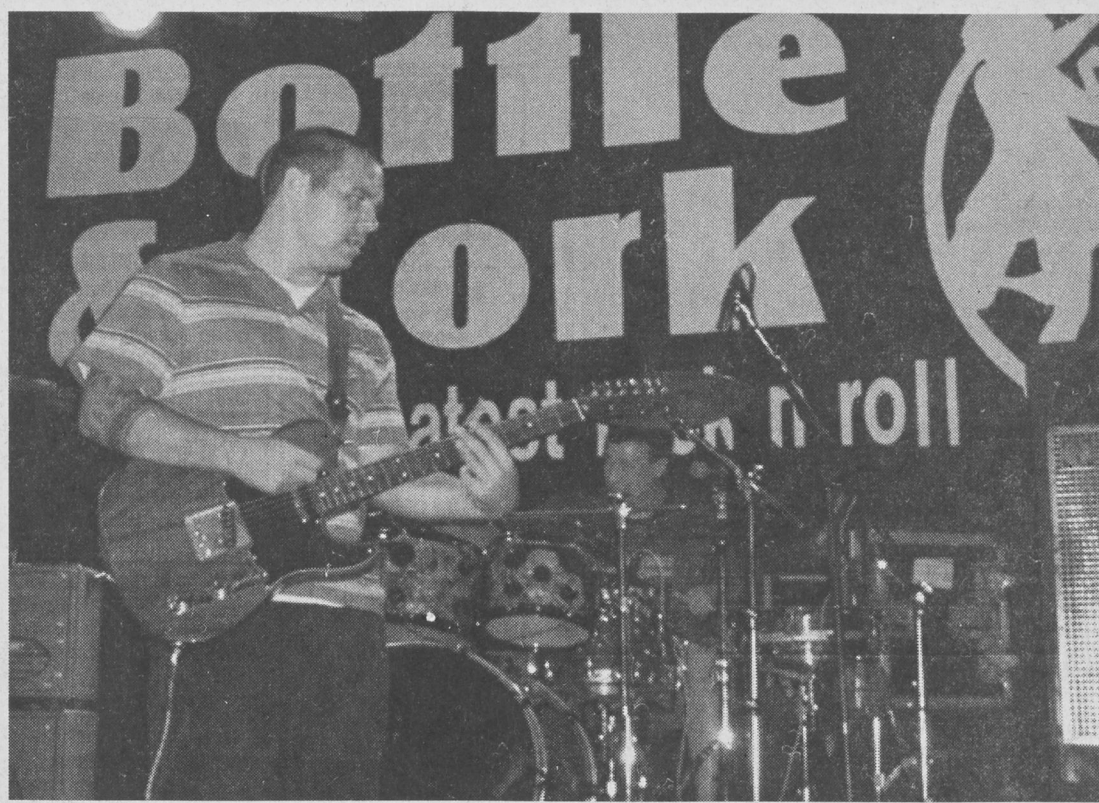
At a restaurant, you can't just go and sit there to listen to the band. You have to buy food and drinks in order to stay there long enough to hear the band play more than one minute of



GET CRUNK  
BLAIR CRUNK

Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight" (if it's a nice place). At a formal party, you may have had to buy tickets to get in - and then you and your wife/husband can dance all night to the band (but remember, you paid a fee).

Concerts are in the same boat - and they're getting more expensive every day. Look, I understand that when W&L brings in a big-name band, they make you buy tickets. But let's be honest - we all swipe it home to our parents anyway. So, to us, it's completely free. What I am saying here is that when you go to a party here and a band is playing, you don't have to do anything at all in order to stay. You don't pay to get in. You don't need to buy food or drinks - even a beer or five are all free. If you wanted to, you could just go to hear the band - dance the night



VACO! The Virginia Coalition comes to campus frequently. In the real world, you will have to pay to see these fine frat bands perform.

away or stand there next to the stage and chill out. It's up to you - and I think that bands here are beautifully underrated.

The other side of this comes from the viewpoints of the bands who play here at W&L. My

bet would be that these bands would much rather play for a group of dancing, sweaty, rowdy college kids than at a bar where no one is listening but instead only trying to yell to their friends over the loud music. They clearly want the crowd to

be into it. Here at W&L, you can't go to a band party and have the crowd be sparse. It is inherently crowded and congested - that's just a given.

The bands love it when college kids scream at the top of their lungs and plead for "Sweet Home Alabamahhhh!" - instead of the owner of the bar coming over to them and saying, "Hey, would you guys mind turning the speakers down just a tad? That would be great." You tell me which one of these comments you'd rather get.

On a side note, I have to continue to compliment the GAB. As if bringing in Keller Williams wasn't enough, the GAB is planning on bringing either The Ataris, Pat McGee Band/ Better Than Ezra, or Bone Thugs N' Harmony for Christmas Weekend - as dictated by student votes. That's right - student votes.

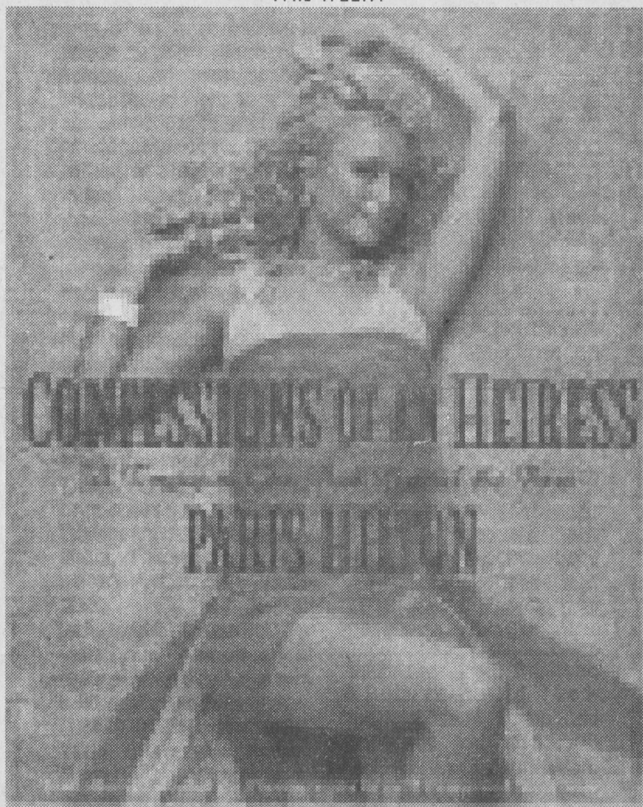
If you haven't heard yet, the GAB has a survey on Blackboard and you have until noon on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to vote. So, vote or die (or whatever P. Diddy says). They will announce the winning band shortly after the survey closes. Stay tuned for that.

In the meantime, enjoy the bands and the music scene here at W&L while you're here. But don't worry, you'll still be able to come back for Homecoming after you graduate. And maybe even Parents' Weekend...so that you can dance like fools at frat parties if your son/daughter comes to W&L.

### W&L Bookstore Presents... Student Book of the Week

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

This week:



Paris Hilton has a lifestyle most girls dream about. Her name is on everyone's lips -- but can she help it if she was born rich and privileged? Now, with a sly sense of humor and a big wink at her media image, Paris lets you in for a sneak peek at the life of a real, live heiress/model/actress/singer/it-girl and tells you how anyone can live a fairy-tale life like hers. Choc full of entertaining lists, like Paris's twenty-three rules for How to Be an Heiress, and hundreds of glossy pictures.

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This week: \$18.99

## Editor obsesses over Orange County

BY EMILY EDWARDS  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Okay, I'll admit it. When Ryan Atwood opened the door to the Cohen's poolhouse on Thursday, I felt as though I had been reunited with a long-lost friend. No joke, I had been fretting and stewing over whether Ryan would stay with the pregnant Theresa or stay in Newport.

It sounds crazy, but I have never liked a television show as much as I have liked *The OC*. But what on earth is its appeal? It's as scandalous as *Melrose Place* and has more teen angst than *Dawson's Creek* could ever have. My mother even watches the silly show. Of course, she loves *Nip/Tuck*, but that's beside the point.

My freshmen hall bonded as we watched Marissa

Cooper's drunken escapades and laughed as Luke peeled out of driveways in his pickup truck more suited for an Arkansas hunting compound. If someone was not going to be around for the Wednesday night time spot, we watched the show on tape as a group.

I can be having a horrific day in which everything that could go has gone wrong, and then I watch my helping of teen angst. I can't say that my mother has had an affair with my ex-boyfriend, nor can I say that I have stolen a car or swallowed a handful of pills with a bottle of tequila.

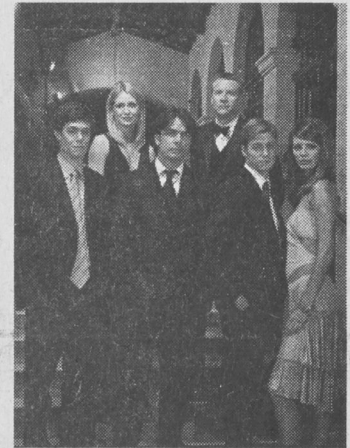
Sometimes I wonder what kind of lives the writers of *The OC* lead. They never fail to provide a truckload of drama in the mere TV hour that I schedule in my

datebook.

If the season opener is any indicator of how dramatic this second season will be, put me on the waiting list for the Season 2 DVD. The "Level 4 Meltdown" of Marissa put me in stitches. I mean, who screams like a banshee and throws patio furniture into the pool when they are angry at their mother?

So Thursdays, from 8-9 pm, you know where to find me. I'll be in front of my TV.

Do not disturb.



## What if you had a second chance with the one that got away?

Commons Theater Shows Brilliant Indie Sequel this coming week

I have literally been waiting for months to see director Richard Linklater's film *Before Sunset*. We don't get movies like that in Rome, GA, and the Lexington Blockbuster will probably have it in

some time after Christmas... maybe. So, I was thrilled to hear that the Film Society was playing it in the Commons.

The film is the sequel to 1994's *Before Sunrise*, which also starred Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy as two people who meet on a train from Budapest to Vienna, fall ridiculously in love, and agree to meet six months later. *Before Sunset* catches up with Celine and Jessie nine years later and explores the possibility of rediscovering love.

*Before Sunset* manages to achieve a couple of really difficult things effortlessly. First of all, I realized as I was leaving the theater that I had just listened to 80 minutes of dialogue and not been bored for a second. Hawke, Delpy, and Linklater have written a script that focuses so intensely on the two protagonists that other characters are inconsequential, and, somehow, it does not lose its momentum.

Maybe it's because the script is so well-written.

Maybe it's because Julie Delpy is so spontaneously cute. I could not help but cry/smile/become intensely jealous when she played her song, "A Waltz for a Night" - and you will too. She is an

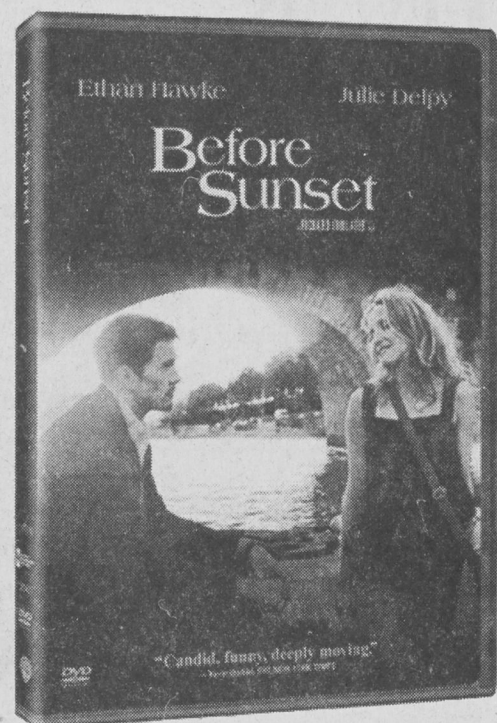
extremely talented musician and adorable, plus the song is perfect for the moment in the film where she bravely puts it out there.

Maybe it's Ethan Hawke. I don't know; at any rate, it is amazing that the movie moves along seamlessly with such a tight focus.

Also, it manages to work in an enormous amount of the Parisian cityscape by having Celine and Jessie walk through its narrow streets, explore gardens, and visit little cafes. There is a beautiful shot of Notre Dame Cathedral from their perspective on a boat on the Seine.

The most incredible feat of all, I thought, was that the movie manages to present a successful sequel to what was already an impossibly romantic film without being sappy or sugary-nostalgic at all. It makes you think that it could actually be possible to meet someone for what both characters admittedly call a "one night stand" - in a foreign country, nonetheless - and never forget them. It even makes rediscovering this love almost a decade later seem feasible. *Before Sunset* reminds you to be honest, to realize that

the connections you make with other people are invaluable and precious, and to take advantage of life every minute that you've got it. As Hawke says, "I guess you're never done making memories, as long as you're living."



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# Marshmallow Rule weighs in on Parents' Weekend and Election 2004

Φ POTATO MAN  
MARSHALL RULE

## Marshall's rampage against Young Democrats

I'd like to start off this week by giving "props" to Senator Mike Crapo of Idaho. He beat his opponent, Scott McClure, like a red headed step child that just committed an honor violation. Crapo won by more percentage than Saddam won his elections. Chalk up a point for Republicans everywhere.

I almost felt bad for Kerry and the College Democrats Tuesday. They really thought they had a chance. But then I realized that they stole a keg from the Tuesday Night Election Party and that they deserved everything they got.

Only a Democrat would steal a keg because there are too many Republicans at the party. You would think they would be accustomed to being the minority by now. That's alright though; Republicans got the last laugh Wednesday afternoon when Kerry gave his concession speech.

For a while the Dems even thought they had won the keg-off. But once again they were declared losers after it had been learned that a few Republicans started playing Beer Pong two hours before the party was supposed to start, and drank the Democrat Keg on accident (sorry about that by the way).

We Republicans may not be the brightest, but we're still the majority. It has really been a bad week for you Democrats, but look at the bright side, there's always 2008 with your beloved Hillary.

## Marshall's recount of Parents' Weekend

Well, now that I've done my Liberal bashing for the day, I guess I'll move on to what really made this week special... Parent's Weekend or as I like to refer to it, Payday Weekend. I have a new found respect for my mom. Even though she

criticized me in front of my friends for being too fat, needing a haircut, and wearing slippers to Applebee's, she can fit right in at W&L.

There were moments of the weekend that I had wished she would just go home, like when I got the lecture about my room being a disaster (she should have seen it two weeks ago).

And when she told everyone what my nickname was in high school, I almost killed her. Yes for the record it was Marshmallow, and no, you may not call me that.

Marshall, you suck  
POTATO MAN'S MOM,  
ON MARSHALL'S BEIRUT SKILLS

Wal-Mart to get a haircut.

She carried me in beer pong and even criticized my technique and blamed me for leaning. I think her exact words were, "Marshall, you suck." After two not-so-close losses she ditched me for a new teammate, and to rub salt in the wound, picked a freshman to replace me.

Like always, everyone liked her more than they like me, and kept asking why I wasn't cool like her.

For a mom that thinks I have no structure in my life, no organizational abilities, and am incapable of taking care of myself, she was able to get through the weekend without wanting to kill me for living the frat lifestyle.

On the other hand she didn't give me any money, so the weekend wasn't as productive as I had hoped.

But, like all good things, Parent's Weekend too must come to an end. In a weekend where two mothers (neither of which was mine, thank God) went on the stage and started grinding with each other, and one sketchy father was dancing much too provocatively with his daughter, we can finally say, it is over.

It only goes downhill from Parent's Weekend, but maybe if I'm lucky, my mom will come back next year and let me play Beirut with her. But I'll make sure to practice until then.



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**MARSHMALLOW RULE.** The Potato Man cleverly thought he could keep his high school nick name a secret. Well...his mother told Washington & Lee. That was one of the many happy experiences Marshall shared with his mom over Parent's Weekend. Be sure to comment on his fabulous, new Wal-Mart hair cut.

# Kristine mourns loss of Mr. Dell Lap Top, falls for Mr. Mac

Φ THE MILK AND CHEESE GIRL  
KRISTINE EARLY

At approximately 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 2, he started moaning. His breathing started to grow heavy and labored. I knew something was wrong. He hadn't been very healthy lately, but I had never seen him like this before. By 2:30 pm, he was in a coma.

I hate to be the one to break the news folks, but Mr. Dell Lab Top is now out of commission. (Okay, honestly, I just named him. Before he was always "that \*@^%&@# computer," but I hear it is uncouth to speak ill of the dead.)

Yes, it is a sad situation, indeed. And one that is going to once again indebt me to the gods that be at the credit card company.

There's a saying: You never know what you have until you've lost it. And, oh, how I underappreciated Al Gore's contribution to society (Haha, as if Al Gore has the brains!). Indeed, the Internet is the best thing since sliced bread (and Jell-o molds).

Truthfully, I still have relatively easy access to the network. My room is down the hall from the Gaines computer lab (Don't stalk me, please).

However, walking those extra 100 feet can be pretty taxing. For crying out loud, it requires putting on shoes! So, basically, my life has become empty and unfulfilling.

Without easy access to the Internet I can't:

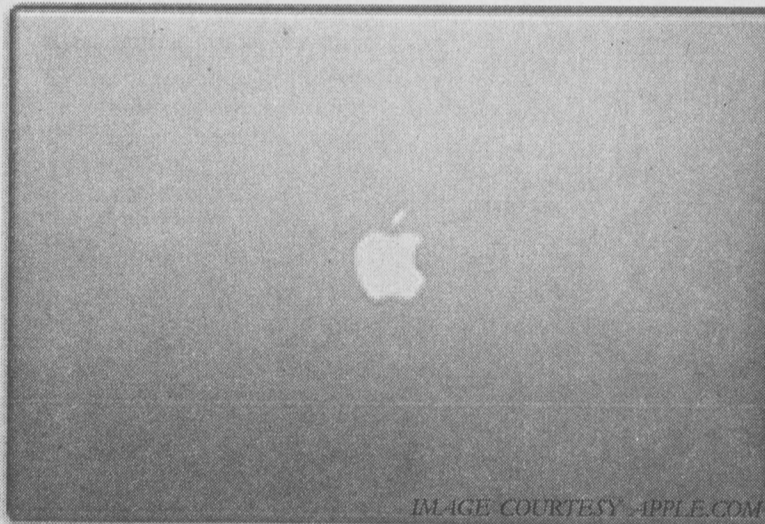
- 1) Spend countless hours on thefacebook.com. (See last week's article.)
- 2) Check away messages.
- 3) Write witty away messages (This takes up significant time, believe me. Haha, no, my wit-tiness is a natural gift.)
- 4) Drunken instant message people from high school that I haven't talked to for two years: "Heyyyy ther I always gthot u were cute do uo still hav a ggf?"
- 5) Check my e-mail every five minutes.
- 6) Drool o v e r c l o t h e s that I will never be able to afford.
- 7) Keep up on the news. Fill me in: who d i d B r i t n e y S p e a r s marry last week?
- 8) Look up song lyrics and search for quotes on asinine topics.
- 9) One word: Google.

These activities generally take up a sizeable part of my day. So, naturally my first twenty-four hours without the Internet, I didn't know what to do with myself. I wandered around my suite, a lost and lonely soul.

I stole envious glances at my roommates, curled up in front of their computer screens, happily exploring the World Wide Web.

One would think that I would find something worthwhile to do with all this free time.

Maybe I could spend an extra hour in the Science Library. Maybe I could get ahead on my work. Nah. That is too much to ask. Instead, I have found new exciting ways to entertain myself.



- 1) Napping (The most efficient way to pass time. Very rejuvenating. Comes highly recommended.)
- 2) Music-listening "sessions"
- 3) Watching re-runs of Dawson's Creek and Saved by the Bell (Mark Paul Gosselaar used to be such a hottie!).
- 4) Calling up everyone and anyone I have ever met "just to talk"
- 5) Reading my roommate's Cosmo magazines and slowly stripping away my innocence and

Some of my latest activities include:

my brain cells. Yes, folks, it is a sad and pathetic life. However, soon the pain and anguish will come to an end. Today I ordered a Mac.

Yes. You heard me right. I ordered a Mac. Do I feel dirty? Honestly, yes, just a little. I was once a hardcore PC fan, too. My world was dominated by Microsoft Windows:

PowerPoint, Works, Word... But there comes a time in life when you have to admit the errors of your way. After an ill functioning Dell, a wreck of an IBM, a cursed HP, and a craptastic (my own word- I'm just like Shakespeare.) Gateway—in fact, the "Gateway to hell"—I am swearing off PCs for good.

Somehow, in a factory far far away (in a galaxy.... Ah, I don't want to admit I know that quote!), someone is putting the final touches on my iBook. I couldn't be more thrilled.

No more random crashes. No more "Dell Updates." Yes, you better believe Macs are far superior machines.

For example, with PCs you have to be constantly on guard, for fear of attack from any one of a number of new viruses. No one cares enough about Macs to even try to mess with them.

Plus, I am excited that my new lab top will have wireless capabilities. Now I can waste time *anywhere*. After I take my nap.

# QUICK HITS

- Φ Now that Bush has won, is it time for the faculty to commit group hari kari?
- Φ Kudos to the MSA for hosting an excellent Parents' weekend dinner.
- Φ Was anyone else thinking while watching the election returns...wow this reminds me of game 7 of the ALCS?
- Φ On the same note, was anyone thinking...wow this is a hard call—would I rather have had Kerry win? or the Red Sox?
- Φ Yea Bostonian Democrats!
- Φ Nina said she'd be my friend...twice.
- Φ Awareness = prevention. With all the buzz going around, let's kill sexual assault on this campus.

- Φ Let's all take a moment to congratulate our new president, Ralph Nader.
- Φ 'Taylor Hanson needs a haircut', eh? Maybe he can use your razor-sharp wit. Possibly style it with some of the cowardice it requires to put a personal attack in the Quick Hits.
- Φ FYI: There is no Taylor Hanson at W&L. He is in that group that sings "Mmm Bopp."
- Φ Don't let your frat room decorations be a rug on the wall and one ridiculously ugly white dog nailed to your bulletin board.
- Φ Clayton Edwards, sometimes you just feel like a princess
- Φ If there was ever a woman who should be elected President of the United States, it should be Dawn Watkins. Prohibition reinstated!
- Φ Despite you best efforts, plaid vests never work.
- Φ If you break up with someone, stop having sex with them.
- Φ It's a sad day when the school can't remodel its football stadium without considering rankings.
- Φ Dear Tripp Onnen: Thanks for the history lesson. Love, your Traveller dispatcher.
- Φ I love Libby Dole, she should be president.

- Φ The Greek system is going to die, and no one cares.
- Φ Congratulations to the newest ODAC champions on campus, the men's and women's cross country teams. Best wishes at Regions! Congratulations as well to Coaches Tucker and Hoey for being Coaches of the Year.
- Φ Realtime online election coverage is even more addicting than the Facebook.
- Φ Best addition to Lex Vegas since last year: Cafe Michel.
- Φ Second best addition: The Bakery.
- Φ Kudos to Pumpkin Seeds for providing beverages to Dads while the gals charged up the credit card.
- Φ A whole lot of class and hospitality from the FIJI brothers at the Hampton Inn Saturday. Way to go Boys!
- Φ The band at the Pole Houses Tent party rocked. No parent or student stood still.
- Φ How about the Knitting Society racking up \$750 for Project Horizon selling hats and scarves at the football game. Keep those needles moving, ladies!
- Φ Who are the Republicans going to nominate in 2008? McCain or Rudy?

- Φ Side note: Parents Weekend was awesome †W&L really knows how to make tuition payers feel appreciated.
- Φ Who would the south elect first as president? A white woman or a black male?
- Φ Why was Condi Rice wearing flight gear this week?
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- Φ Today's a good day in history for Republicans. Bush, Reagan, Nixon, Eisenhower, and Lincoln all won landslides on this day.
- Φ In 1980, Bruce Springsteen's album "The River" hit number 1. How times have changed.
- Φ Happy Birthday to Tara Reid.
- Φ Has Yasser Arafat died yet?
- Φ George W. Bush should appoint John Kerry as ambassador to France. He's fluent in French and I guess he understands them.
- Φ Veterans Day is November 11. Go thank a veteran.
- Φ Send your anonymous and crazy quick hits and post parents weekend stories to phi@wlu.edu