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Davis kicks off King celebration with speech



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CHARGED SPEECH. Political activist Angela Davis began the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MLK Day festivities

Angela Davis' speech is only the first of several events organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Birthday cake and punch will be available in the Commons from 12 pm to 2 pm Monday. In the evening, the Marketplace will offer its traditional celebratory dinner of fried chicken, sweet potatoes, and collard greens.

At 7 pm, Associate History Professor Theodore DeLaney will give a lecture in Lee Chapel. The speech, entitled "The Legacy of Martin Luther King," will be followed by a vigil march to a reception in Evans Dining Hall.

BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

Left-wing political activist Angela Davis delivered a politically charged speech in Lee Chapel Sunday, criticizing President Bush, the prison system, and other social institutions that have been "shaped by racism."

Delayed 45 minutes by a snowstorm, Davis arrived in the chapel to a standing ovation from the racially diverse audience. Her lecture, entitled "Civil Rights and Human Rights: Future Trajectories," is the first part of the university's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Davis attacked the armed forces, prisons, and the justice system as organizations that deal more harshly by minorities than by white citizens. She singled out the death penalty as a "profound vestige of slavery," pointing out to a time when white men could be executed for one crime and slaves could face death for around 77 different crimes.

In a question-and-answer period following the lecture, she discussed the current administration's antagonism to the voice of the public, including demonstrations and mass movements not unlike the ones fostered by King.

"From my vantage point, the Bush government is more reactionary than any government I have ever seen in my life," Davis

said.

In international politics, Davis condemned the war in Iraq as an abuse of the forces that had formerly been used to promote peace and justice. "If Dr. King were alive today, he would probably be giving rousing and eloquent orations on the fact that [those forces] are spreading war and torture and racism throughout the world," Davis said. The actions she attacked included detainment of immigrants, global capitalism, destruction of civil liberties, and torture.

"We live in the era of the security state," Davis said, calling the United States a "so-called democracy" that is "on the path to self-destruction."

In particular, Davis contended that Saturday's conviction of former Abu Ghraib prison guard Charles Graner Jr. reveals the current apathy towards the debacle at that facility. Saying that it already feels like old news, Davis wondered why there are not more media analyses of the situation that explore the origin of the torture orders and their prevalence. "The torture has still happened," she pointed out.

It could be a sign of public

acceptance of the White House's resistance to public indignation. Bush and his administration steadily ignore the "rising tide" of opposition and resentment towards America in this recent time, according to Davis. In recent trips to Europe, Davis was approached for explanations of American popular opinion, such as support for the death penalty and political views.

"Many people can't understand that Bush was reelected. They just can't understand it," Davis said, stirring up laughter and applause from the audience.

Davis suggested that the dissatisfaction with the United States' contribution to tsunami

relief could be rooted in the belief that Bush's pledge of \$350 million is equivalent to the cost of maintaining the U.S. presence in Iraq for 1.5 days.

In her years of political involvement, Davis has been fired, censured, and federally prosecuted for her involvement with the Communist Party, USA and her support of prison abolition. She is now a professor in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

"If Dr. King were alive today, he would probably be giving rousing and eloquent orations on the fact that [military actions] are spreading war and torture and racism throughout the world."

ANGELA DAVIS

No investigations pending so far

BY SARAH MURRAY
NEWS EDITOR

After the first week of pledgship, the University has not begun investigating any sorority or fraternity for reports of hazing violations.

"It's been an overall good week," said Margo McClinton, director of the University Commons.

Members of the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council patrolled all events during recruitment week through Tear Night to ensure students' safety. Since then, the administration has encouraged students to use the new online form to report incidents of hazing.

The fraternities' new member educators attended a meeting with the IFC and members of administration. The group considered a list of pledgship activities and voted on whether or not they considered it to be hazing.

The IFC also met with all freshmen men Monday night to explain the University's rules on pledgship more thoroughly and to discuss the options available to hazing victims, including hazing.wlu.edu.

Reports made on the hazing site are reviewed by Dawn Watkins, Dean of Students, and Patrick Connolly, IFC Vice President. Several reports were made this week, but none elicited an investigation due to their unlikely nature. "Sometimes they're going to be ludicrous," said Watkins.

McClinton agrees. "It's carefully screened. Dean Watkins is astute enough to be able to sift through what's a sincere report and what's not."

In general, the newly-changed process has received positive feedback.

Phi Gamma Delta responds to incident involving new members and anti-semitic jokes

BY ERIN JULIUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Washington and Lee's first incident involving fraternity New Members this year occurred Wednesday.

According to Phi Gamma Delta President John Tsoukalis, two brothers wanted New Members to write a joke on poster board and hold it up in front of a security camera in the parking garage. The joke was aimed at Tsoukalis, who works security and would have seen the

signs.

People saw the joke, which was anti-Semitic, "and called them out on it," said Tsoukalis.

Phi Gamma Delta has disciplined both the brothers and New Members involved with the anti-Semitic joke, "we felt they were both equally responsible," Tsoukalis said.

"It was not something that was part of pledgship program," he said, "and we have already punished them."

FIJI apology

To members of the W&L community:

It has come to the attention of the leadership and brothers of Phi Gamma Delta that on the evening of Wednesday January 12 certain new members of the fraternity publicly displayed a message of anti-Semitic nature. This action was condoned by two active fraternity members and committed by seven new members. The collective membership of the fraternity is disgusted and appalled by the event. Fraternity leadership has already severely penalized those members involved.

The fraternity does not condone this behavior, and at no point will our organization act as a shield or make excuses for these individuals. We are offended by their actions, as is the entire Washington and Lee Community at large, and we formally apologize for what occurred.

Sincerely,
The Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta

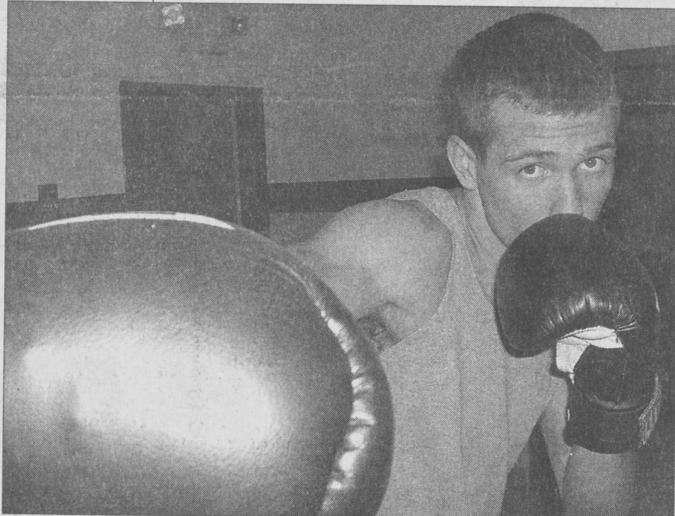
Hillel response

Dear Leaders of the IFC,

The insensitive actions taken by a number of members of Phi Gamma Delta on the evening of January 12th are appalling to Hillel and the greater community. Although these actions are inexcusable, Hillel applauds the proactive response by the leadership of Phi Gamma Delta against these members. More importantly, Hillel commends the fraternity's recognition of the emotional and social impact of these actions on the Washington & Lee community.

At this juncture, Hillel supports the sanctions suggested by Phi Gamma Delta. It is Hillel's position that the IFC should determine if any further action is needed. We reiterate that we are deeply offended by the actions of a few but are encouraged by the swift response of Phi Gamma Delta and the community-at-large.

Sincerely,
W&L Hillel Officers



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KNOCKOUT. Senior Drew Heath has helped lead the resurgence of boxing on campus.

Boxing club making a comeback

BY BEN STINSON
STAFF WRITER

Friday night fights, rowdy crowds gathered around the boxing ring, getting ready to rumble, downing glasses of raw egg yolks—none of these glorious images of boxing can be found in Lexington, Virginia. However, the sport of boxing has been gaining more and more in popularity on campus.

While boxing enthusiasts do not flock to Lexington, boxing has existed in town in one shape or another for quite some time. But starting in the Great Depression and

throughout the rest of the 20th century, the only boxing that ever occurred in Lexington was at VMI. Boxing had in fact been a varsity sport at W&L up until 1930, when it was denounced as a dangerous activity by the Generals' football coach and then banned.

Due to such attitudes, insurance problems, and the recent antics of Mike Tyson, it has been difficult bringing boxing back to campus. Yet, three years ago, boxing was approved as a recreat-

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"Dreaming and Duelling"

Theater department ventures into film as it begins filming original screenplay today



SAHAR KAMALI / THE RING-TUM PHI

"DREAMING AND DUELING." The theater department will begin filming this original screenplay today.

BY ERIN JULIUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For the next few weeks, students may encounter cameras and film crews around campus. The theater department, under the direction of Professor Joseph Martinez, begins filming an original screenplay, "Dreaming and Duelling" today.

"The theater department decided to increase the breadth and knowledge of faculty by venturing into a genre we have not tried before," said Nicole Risey, '05, the film's production manager.

The five-person cast includes Adam West Lee, '07 Law,

Michael Wagoner, '07 John Barnwell, '05, Sarah Orvin, '05 and Paige Smith, '06.

Preparation for "Dreaming and Duelling" began last year when the screenplay was written. Preproduction work such as learning how to use cameras and finding locations, began over the summer.

Professor Joseph Martinez, who cast the film, held screentests in October. Between 25 and 30 people auditioned for the five parts that were cast.

"It was new for most people, no one had done a screentest," said Risey. "Every-

thing we're doing is new for most people at W&L."

The actual filming will take place between January 17 and January 30. In addition to the five-person cast, the Washington and Lee fencing team and cheerleaders will appear in the film.

Extras will be required for some scenes, so if you see the crew filming, talk to Nicole Risey about being an extra.

Shooting will take place in Doremus Gym, in the Marketplace, in the University Commons living room and in the apartments in Davidson Park.

Throughout this term the

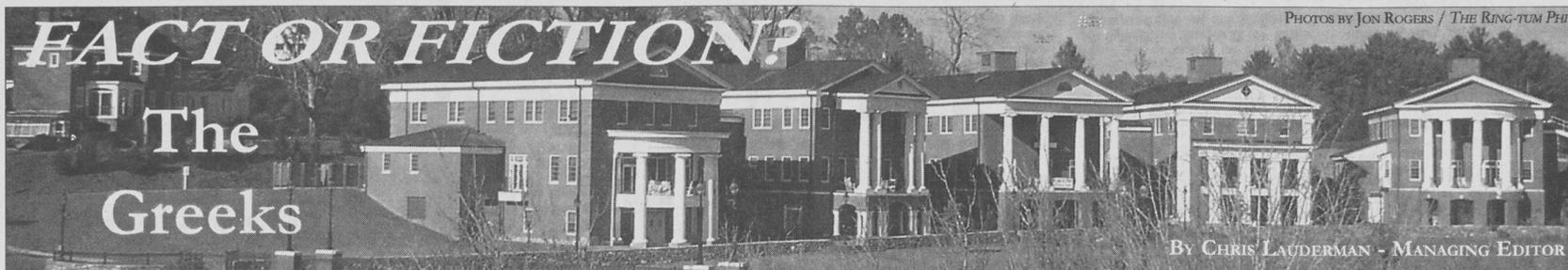
13-person crew will be doing "pick-ups" or reshooting scenes if necessary.

The post-production editing of the film will take place this winter term.

"Editing takes between two and five hours for every 60 seconds of on-screen film," said Risey.

Both Professor Martinez and students will be involved in editing, "furthering the educational value of the movie," Risey said.

"Dreaming and Duelling" premiers May 6 and 7 in the University Commons Theater.



Addition of a sixth srat, Delt's possible return to campus, and other rumors examined

1. Beta will not be returning to campus next year – **FACT**

While Beta's suspension was only for one year, W&L requires the support of the fraternity's national headquarters to re-colonize.

"They would need their national organization's support [to re-colonize] which, it is our understanding, they do not have," Dawn Watkins, Dean of Students, said.

2. Alpha Phi Alpha is moving into Beta's house next year – **FICTION**

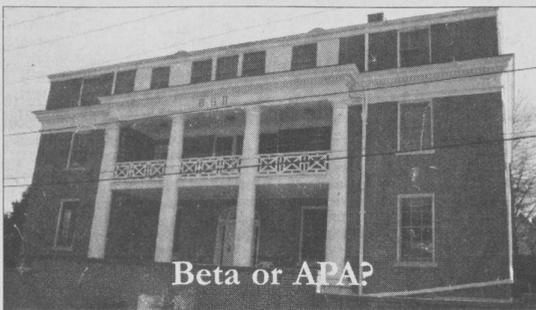
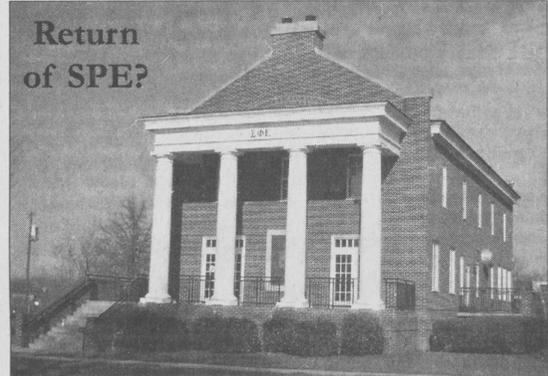
News that Beta would not be returning sparked the rumor that Alpha Phi Alpha, the newly formed African-American fraternity would move into Beta's house. This claim is not true.

"There is NO veracity to the claim about anyone or anything occupying the former Beta Theta Pi house," Watkins said. "No request has been made. No request has been granted."

3. SPE is re-colonizing at W&L soon – **FACT**

For a fraternity to colonize at W&L, they must go through a three step process. First, they need the support of the university faculty, administration, and Inter-Fraternity Council, second, the support of the alumni housing corps, and third the support of the national headquarters.

Sigma Phi Epsilon made a presentation to the Student Advisory Committee and faculty, who approved SPE's return to campus



contingent on four factors. The first factor is a document of a plan by April 30. At that time it will be known if SPE is planning on returning in the fall of 2005 or 2006.

After one year back on campus, SPE would have to undergo a review by the SAC. Then, the SAC decides whether or not SPE can stay on campus permanently.

4. Delt and ATO are coming to W&L soon – **FICTION**

Delta Tau Delta, the fraternity that used to occupy the International House, and Alpha Tau Omega have expressed interest in starting chapters at W&L according to Margo McClinton, Director of the Commons.

However, they have not gone through the three step process to get approved.

"It's common [for fraternities] to ask preliminary questions and make initial inquiries," Kevin Weaver, Interim Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, said.

Weaver said that it would be hard to build new houses. That process would be several steps down the road and would be "addressed at the appropriate time."

5. Panhellenic is adding a sixth srat that will be built next to Kappa – **FICTION**

With sorority quota at a recent high and girls still falling through rush, rumor circulated quickly that another sorority may colonize here.

But Panhel has not had a discussion about adding another sorority. According to Kristen Powell, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, Panhel would have to make a motion to have all five sororities vote on bringing in another sorority, and then,

if it passed, expansion could begin.

"Looking at physical numbers, there is a cause for concern and thought," Powell said.

When W&L originally planned the layout of the sorority houses, there were six houses in the plan, even though only five were built. Each of the houses was built to hold 80 women. However, with the new pledge classes, some of the sororities are now up to 140 women.

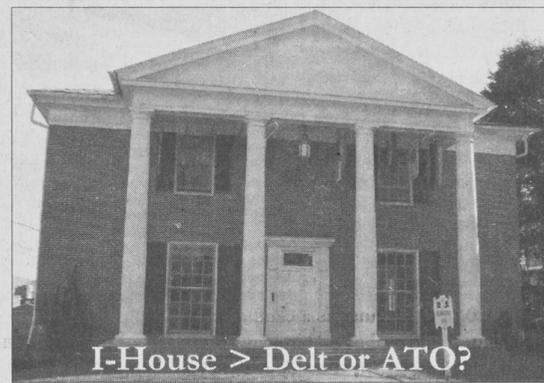
"For now, though, Panhellenic has no official plans to begin researching or discussing the colonization of a sixth sorority," Karlyn Gold, President of Panhellenic, said.

6. A new srat would take their first pledge class from the top 10 girls of the other sororities bid lists – **FICTION**

This expansion rumor is not true according to Powell. Recruitment would be the same as when Kappa Delta came to campus in 1997. Based on this year's numbers, the new sorority would have a quota of 60, while the other five sororities would have a quota of 28 or 29, approximately ten less than this year.

7. The sixth srat would definitely be Tri-Delt – **FICTION**

Powell said that this rumor has been circulating since she was a student at W&L. No one sorority has a guarantee at getting the sixth slot. Interested sororities would have to apply and Panhel would make their decision based on the applications.



The Washington and Lee University Community is invited to the John W. Elrod Birthday Celebration

**Thursday, January 20, 2005
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Elrod Commons Living Room**

**An Informal ongoing program of live music,
vocal entertainment and a short video
about John Elrod will be showcased**

Light refreshments will be served

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THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Cross the Creek...

As we celebrate John W. Elrod's birthday in our John W. Elrod University Commons, we pause to reflect on the goals of the Common living space. Is it really a place for all to gather? Or do the undergraduates claim the Commons? We at the Phi have observed that the law students don't use the Commons. Sadly, the Creek still creates a chasm between the law and undergraduate students. Here we make suggestions for University unity.

- We should give the law school crowd an incentive to hang out with us. This could mean a Law School discount at the coop or a special at the bookstore.
- More attention for intramural sports, such as last week's dodgeball tournament, would boost overall campus relationships.
- Student leaders should reach out to their counterparts at the law school for advice, support and involvement. The law students were involved in college activities before us; they can lend us their experience.
- Keep in touch with your undergraduate friends who cross the Creek for their J.D.

Joint classes for undergraduates and law students are offered; try to take one and get to know your fellow Generals across the Creek.

Remember, Elrod's main vision for the Commons was as a place where everyone, undergraduate, faculty and law students, in the University community could come together.

Coming together as a campus community would be the best birthday present we could present to President Elrod in his memory.

Quote of the Week

"The mother is doing fine."

~ Spokesperson for the 67-year-old Romanian woman who gave birth to a daughter this week.

Clubs deserve more attention from students

Since most students enter W&L with a solid background of club participation and often leadership, it is hardly possible to forget the days of long, annoying, mandatory club meetings, mandatory "donations" of teddy bears and canned goods, and strict attendance policies for club-sponsored activities. Yet, after all of the time spent dedicating one's life to extracurricular activities, there was at least one positive award that most people sought for, whether they will admit it or not. Ultimately, the benefit was to be able to call oneself a member of a particular club, and to highlight that fact on college applications. Club membership, in most cases, was only available for the hardest working and most dedicated. This was due in large part to the serious requirements for maintaining membership.

However, at W&L, and perhaps many other universities across the nation, membership in a club is contingent upon... well, typically, nothing. As in high school, clubs are open to any interested students, but, unlike high school, there are very few, if any, requirements for maintaining membership. Most clubs *highly suggest* that members attend meetings and participate in activities, but there are no repercussions for a lack of participation. Technically, a student can be a member of nearly every club on campus, yet never participate.

With an average of 23.52% of graduates from 1999 to 2003, a figure found in a report from Career Services, pursuing some type of advanced studies, it is necessary to question the fairness of the club system. For roughly a quarter of graduating students, participation in clubs is important for post-graduate applications. Yet, if membership holds no qualifications, the dignity associated with club participa-

tion decreases. Thus, those members that actually dedicate much of their time to club leadership often reap fewer benefits towards post-graduate education than they would have in a more rigid system. In addition, if a club has very few reliable members, it is likely that all of the work will be placed upon those few. Thus, it is not fair to the club or its most active members to be stripped of effort from the club's supposed members.

Yet, a more relaxed club system also includes benefits as well. Since leadership in a club is a voluntary effort, a student who plays a large role in the club may be able to impress post-graduate institutions with his or her high level of will power and commitment. Plus, if other universities have a similar system, why should the club system here deny students any advantages that other institutions offer? The club system at W&L also allows more students to participate. Many people simply are too involved with academics, sports, jobs, and other activities to really focus on clubs, but being a member of a club without any particular obligations allows them to participate when they have spare time in their busy schedules. It also ensures that those who do actively participate have a genuine interest in the club and are not participating solely due to compulsion.

So, with these perspectives in mind, should W&L clubs make an effort to demand more of their members? While the answer to that is ultimately based upon the discretion of each club, it seems that a few very basic requirements could satisfy the demand for fairness, yet keep clubs a manageable part of W&L student life. After all, if a student cannot participate for at least two hours a semester, for example, how can they, with a good conscience, call themselves a member?

Lower national drinking age to nineteen



WHEN I.D.I.P., YOU D.I.P., WE D.I.P. The minimum age of 21 is both unfair and impractical; how long will it be before government authorities recognize it? photo courtesy of arizona.edu

The ridiculous amount of heat being generated by the alcohol issue involves much casting of blame in various directions. The basic problem, I feel, is not a result of the actions of the administration, the frats, or anyone else on this campus; it is a result of the singularly preposterous minimum age of 21 for drinking.

Although abstainers like myself are not a part of it, the "alcohol culture" is present not only at Washington and Lee, but in the nation at large. I'd be willing to bet a significant percentage of my net worth that most people have their first drink in high school, or earlier. Most of this, as you likely know from personal experience, goes on under the table, away from the watchful eyes of stern authority figures, and thus tends to be fairly dangerous, given the inexperience of those involved. And, of course, it only gets worse once a young, impressionable drinker reaches college, although W&L is fairly unique among colleges for its particular freshman alcoholic experience.

There are, of course, the usual arguments of prematurely banishing things of an illicit nature from a young person's life- the mere illegality of the act increases interest in it, and so forth. And these are, largely, valid. But there is a positive example of the ben-

efits that can be gleaned from a lowered drinking age, and I think that even the most conservative of us can finally agree that we should look to Europe for an example. In France, for example, the drinking age is 16, and it is almost always the parents who instruct adolescents in responsible drinking; most parents informally "introduce" their kids to alcohol at an earlier age than this, and the result is a nation where alcoholism is under control, and where responsible drinking is present to a much higher degree than in the United States.

Of course, most voters in the United States would be appalled by the prospect of a minimum age of 16, as it's automatically assumed that this would lead to a world where high school juniors would show up for class staggeringly drunk (as sometimes occurs anyway, at least in my high school). But I think there's a definite argument to be made for a drinking age of, at most, 19.

Why 19? Most parents would go into hysterical fits at the prospect of high school students drinking, so the age of 19 avoids this entirely, except for high school super seniors, who are truly a special case. More to the point, this age would resolve the inconsistency presented by our governments at both the state and federal level- that 18-

20 year olds are smart enough to vote, smart enough to make the decision to fight and die for their country, but not smart enough to handle alcohol. In actual fact, the government, recognizing this fact, has it on the books that many "underaged" members of the military are allowed to drink while they serve, but this does nothing but reinforce my point.

The age of 21 encourages recklessness and dangerous, abusive use of alcohol. It discourages the development of responsible drinking habits, and is the true root of W&L's present debate over alcohol policy; the students are protesting the obvious injustice of the minimum age of 21, while the administration, which seems to recognize this injustice, is still bound to see upheld the laws of the Commonwealth.

Sadly, this is one of those issues that is likely to be tabled for a long time, as the individuals most likely to advocate a lower drinking age (18-20 year olds) are the least likely to be active about it, since they only have a few years at most before it becomes a moot point. Thus, nothing significant is likely to happen on this front for sometime, and rather than storming the halls of their state capitals demanding change, 18-20 year olds are likely to continue mildly shaking their fist, thinking of the problem as an impermanent one, and leaving it for the next generation.

Moderate's Musings

CALEY ANDERSON '06

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.

Fried Chicken ↑ Is the debate over whether fried chicken is appropriate on Dr. King's birthday not the strangest you have ever heard? I, personally, am for fried chicken, because it is delicious.

Those huge, brown, flying roaches ↑ I overheard one of them the other day, apparently, they have an extraordinarily complex plot for world domination that somehow hinges on control of Lexington, with Newcomb Hall as their headquarters. It was way over my head, but I thought I'd spread the warning.

West Virginia ↑ The citizens of West Virginia can now sleep safer in their beds knowing that their governor has just received his black belt.

PLO ↔ Palestinian officials say it's time to end violence against Israel, but a- I wonder if they mean it, and b- will hard-liner Israelis reciprocate?

Alumni Weekend ↓ I wonder if alums will have to wear wristbands.

President Burish's signature ↑ At the end of that pamphlet criticizing the Princeton Review's methodology. It looks like one of those signatures you see at the bottom of an abstract painting.

Angela Davis ↑ She fought the law and SHE won.

Facebook ↔ Who else is waiting for Facebook: The Citadel?

NHL ↓ Players' Association tells players to accept European job offers for this year, and to start looking for jobs for NEXT year. American hockey is dead.

Michelle Kwan ↔ Wins her ninth straight U.S. skating title, but I bet she has nightmares about silver medals.

Lip Sync ↔ I say we get that British judge from American Idol, to go along with the gong this year.

W- ↑ Acknowledges, finally, that there are problems in Iraq, and with world opinion of the U.S., and sets forth some basic ideas for solving these problems. Good that he's abandoned his creepy unflinching positivism.

Dr. King ↑ "He found the light in the darkest hour, and the strength for speaking truth to power."

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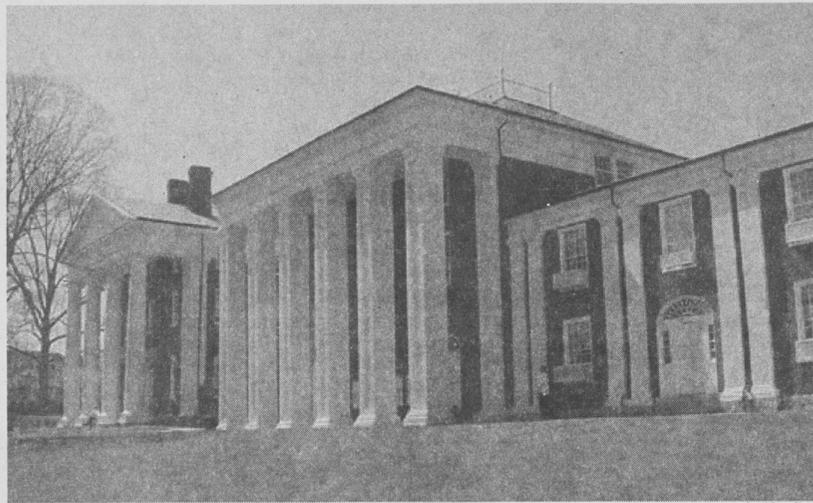
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It's the remix to tuition- rising costs of W&L undoing one of its greatest advantages over other universities



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BLING. Cost of using these buildings for four years- \$120k. We'll soon lose our place as a "best bargain."

Recently, the student body has been abuzz with complaints about how Washington and Lee is changing, or how cherished traditions are being lost. For instance, the hot topics last year were saving Spring Term and Buffalo Creek, which for the record are not in reality time-honored traditions. Spring Term didn't even start until 1970, but that is beside the point. Now, the issue is the new (or should I say old but only lately enforced) alcohol policy, as well as the supposed "Swarthmorification" and "branding" of the institution we hold dear. I'll leave these issues for another writer to tackle. I only wish to point out that one recent trend is not getting nearly enough student attention.

I am not afraid of change. I think it is usually something extremely healthy, natural, and necessary. I love how our school is evolving and progressing. Each incoming class is arguably smarter and more talented than the previous. We are getting more diverse in terms of backgrounds, geography, ethnicity, and even political identifications. And our administration is rightly becoming concerned with negative Princeton Review rankings. I believe they are perfectly right to want our school to be accurately and positively represented. Yet, some changes are not for the best.

Finally, I get to my point. One of the major selling points, no pun intended, of W&L has always been money. We have consistently been high on Fiske's Best Buy list. So what in the heck has been going on recently? Has someone high up decided that raising tuition to follow the national trend makes us somehow appear competitive? Everyone, I'm sure, has heard the rumors that tuition increases are really designed to put us on the same tier as overpriced schools like Duke, Dartmouth, and the Ivy's. But if this is true, could it really be in our best interest? One of the main reasons I came here was that for such an academically strong school, tuition was actually reasonable. This year, tuition is a staggering \$25,300. Four years ago, the figure was much closer to \$15,000. You do the math. At this rate it'll cost \$38,000 to attend in no time at all.

And don't even get me started on textbooks. I send my parents a guilty email every time a new semester of book purchases rolls around. Even novels (I'm an English major) have gotten out of control in the pricing department. Some classes have upwards of ten books at fifteen bucks a pop. And they aren't even hard-covers! And you know you'll only get like \$.45 cents on sell

back day.

Maybe this is me being naïve but I don't feel like a university needs to be reaping a profit from college students trying to be thrifty while they attempt to build their new lives. After all, no one wants to use their first real-world, working years to pay off college debt. We may have an undeserved reputation as being a spoiled, rich, country club college but that doesn't mean tuition and other costs should be a reflection of that stereotype. So if students want a relevant issue to unite behind, make it this one. After all, saving money is an issue that everyone can agree on.

W&L Costs: Rising Tide	
2004-2005 Costs	
Tuition-	\$25,300
Total Fees-	\$260
Technology-	\$200
Room (Single)-	\$3,650
Room (Double)-	\$2,375
Board-	\$3,600
Books (approx.)-	\$400
Total- (w/ single)-	\$33,410

Happy New Year's- How you can really improve yourself for 2005 and beyond

With every new year, new beginnings are expected. Many people make resolutions for self improvement. While I have nothing against striving to achieve more, I'm not sure that doubt and criticism make the best new self-image. In spite of this negativity, the new year brings a lot of great changes. As



IN THE IRONS
CARISSA SHIPLEY '07

freshmen go through rush for the first time, they get a new identity and a house full of instant friends. Well, maybe this is a bit of a generalization, but you get the picture. Of course the sophomores get to see the other side of rush for the first time. I was quite surprised to see the new side of my sisters. Tears of frustration, tears of joy, and tears of stress all gave me a clearer picture of who my sisters are and how they feel about sorority life. Of course, I wasn't left unaffected either. The barrage of questions from freshman really made me dig deep and bring sorority into reality. I never really considered the sorority as a part of myself, I always just viewed it as an activity. Now, I realize how easily greek life can not just social life and academic life, but also how it changes your personality and perspectives.

In addition to all the new that greek life brings along, the new year also brings new classes. I start every class with a renewed enthusiasm. I read, highlight, outline, take notes, re-read, and treat every lecture like its filled with vital information. Don't worry too much though, this scholasticism will soon turn into cramming for tests, walking

the fine line between reading and skimming assignments, and rushing through last minute papers. But for now, the novelty of classes contributes to the exciting freshness of the new year.

Although there is no actual proof of this, it seems to me that the blossoming of spring relationships has come early as well. Out of the four of us in my apartment, the number of girls in relationships has gone from one to three. Sisters and high school friends have even been bursting with news in unusual numbers. The weather even seems to be celebrating the new year with unusual spring-like warmth. So what is it about the turning of a number that makes such noticeable changes in life? Is it really the new year or is it a new outlook inspired by resolutions? Can wonderful change really come from self-doubt?

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A U.S. President's Progress

This story was written by Sam Langholz, '02, and originally ran on Oct. 30, 2000. On the near-eve of the President's second inauguration, we present this as a reflection on the goals of his first administration.

On Election Day, we will have an opportunity to choose between two candidates with two very different visions for America. Governor George W. Bush has presented a clear vision over the past two years of where he wants to lead our nation. He believes that we, the people, instead of the federal government, are the most qualified to make decisions about our finances, our children's education, and our healthcare.

Bush understands from his past six years as the Governor of Texas, the second-largest state in the nation, that the Federal government has not been successful in solving many of the problems facing society, and that it has in fact been a hindrance to the innovations that he and many of his fellow Republican governors have attempted.

Unlike some hard-right conservatives, however, Bush doesn't merely want to reduce government, leaving problems unsolved. He is a compassionate conservative who wants to encourage innovation at the state and general levels to come up with exciting ways to improve our education and healthcare systems so that "no child is left behind."

Bush is economically responsible, and will reduce the Federal deficit much further than Clinton has been capable of. He will do this by encouraging the economy through reducing taxes for all people, not just targeted groups, so that average Americans can improve the quality of life for their families.

He also acknowledges the important role that the Federal government plays in ensuring our national defense. Over the past eight years, the

military has been stretched to the breaking point by overextension in too many places throughout the world. Bush will work to improve morale in the military, and to return our armed forces to the strength that they held during the Persian Gulf War, and he will rebuild our strenuous relations with our allies, which have for the most part deteriorated over the past eight years.

He will, of course, restore honor and dignity to the White House. He understands that we need a leader in the White House of whom all Americans can be proud, and we all WILL be proud of him.

It would be nice if we could contrast this clear vision for the future with its Democratic "equivalent."

The Vice President, however, lacks a clear and consistent agenda. Is he the populist firebrand that will fight for the little guy against the evils of big business, or a "New Democrat" supporting businesses to help the economy? Is he a campaign finance reform crusader, or the author of that phrase "no controlling legal authority" in describing why it was ok to fundraise in the White House?

Not only is Gore incapable of making up his mind about his vision for America, but he has a habit of exaggeration and statements which turn out later to be untrue. The invention of the internet, for instance. How can we trust the highest office in the land to someone without the moral core and backbone to lead beyond polls and focus groups?

The choice is clear in my mind, and I encourage you to join me in casting my vote next week for Governor George W. Bush, the next President of the United States, who will lead us into a peaceful and prosperous 21st century. And if you're a true blue liberal that just can't bring yourself to vote Republican, vote for Ralph Nader- at least he has some principles.

Phi Quick Poll

"Have you, during your time on the W&L campus, used illegal drugs at least once?"



Yes
38%

No
62%



58 students polled, 31 male, 27 female. Poll has 90% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error

Phi quick polls are conducted via a random selection of Washington and Lee students, using the telephone directory.

Boxing club making progress

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

ional sport at W&L, and boxing has been growing ever since, despite a rough start.

Drew Heath, a senior and this year's treasurer of the boxing club, was a freshman when boxing returned to campus. He joined the following year and recalled what the conditions were like.

"The equipment wasn't that great. When you hit the heavy bags, they leaked stuffing," said Heath. Over the past three years, though, the club has obtained much better equipment due to fund raisers such as Tee shirt sales; and while a boxing ring cannot be currently found in the Doremus Gym, Heath hopes that will change soon.

This year the boxing club has two dozen members, who are placed in two categories: fighters and trainers. There are six fighters and it is only these six who train for competition.

"The fighters go through a month of intense training, and they'll go through another two months of training along with working on technique before they'll actually put on the gloves."

As for the others who do not fight, they are there simply for the training—but it's not just any training. Boxing is a year round activity from October through April, and practices are four nights a week, Monday through Thursday for

about two hours. Both male and female participants go through a circuit of five to nine exercises, ranging in skills, strength, cardiovascular, and technique. The training is so effective, Heath says, that many varsity athletes participate in boxing during the off season to stay in shape. Practices are held on the fifth floor balcony on the Doremus Gym. Heath, a former soccer player, notes that there is quite a difference between boxing and other sports.

"Because [boxing] is an individual sport, you can go at your own pace. You alone control the outcome. Whatever you put in, you will get out."

Most Division I schools and military academies) including VMI) host boxing as a club sport. Boxing, however, is not governed by the NCAA, but instead the NCBA, the National Collegiate Boxing Association. It is a self regulated body, and is non-school affiliated.

While the boxing club has not attended any fights this year so far, Heath hopes that the club will send at least two boxers to the NCBA national meet this April. As for next year the club wished to attend the VMI Classic and a meet in Pennsylvania as well. Even without the fights, though, Heath says that it has been a great year, considering no other participants have had any prior experience in boxing.

For love of the game

Being a freshman hasn't kept basketball player Greg Bienemann from shining



SAHAR KAMALI / RING-TUM PEE

By KATHRYN KRALL
STAFF WRITER

With incredible shooting accuracy, powerful rebounding, and a dominating presence in the paint, Greg Bienemann is an indispensable player for the Generals. After a long winless drought to start the season, Bienemann realized that although he was only a freshman, it was time to

step his game up to the next level.

He proved that not only was he good at filling the center and cleaning up inside, but that he could also be the go-to man for the team. At Washington and Lee's home tournament, Bienemann scored a career high 27 points on 10-of-14 shooting. His efforts lifted the team to the first victory of the season and sent them to the tournament championship game in which they defeated Washington College.

Greg Bienemann has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember. His father introduced him to the game and instilled within him a love for basketball. "My mentor is my dad," Bienemann said, "he always supported me and was hard on me when he needed to be. I share his love for the game."

At Chatham high school, Bienemann played soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. He chose to continue basketball in college because, "that was the sport I loved the most

and I was best at." He was named the conference player of the year and was an all-state selection as a senior. W&L was his choice because of strong academics as well as athletics.

At 6 foot 6, Bienemann's strength is finishing around the basket. He plays forward and center and employs quick footwork and a strong court sense to intimidate his opponents and awe his fans.

Besides scoring, Bienemann consistently contributes less flashy but just as essential elements. With such a commanding player controlling the center, W&L can count on him snagging the rebound and setting up second and third opportunities when the first shot doesn't fall.

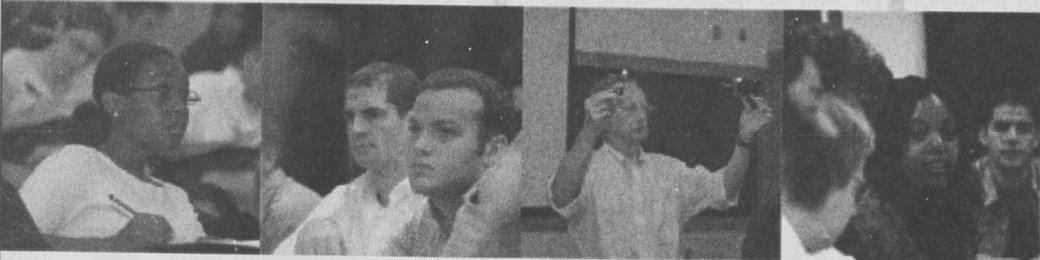
In addition, Bienemann provides intimidating defense that includes both speed and power. His statistics are proof of his all-around athleticism. He regularly posts steals and assists which contribute to the success of the team as a whole.

Although he is young, Greg Bienemann leads the team in scoring, which signals that we can expect to see more highlights in the coming years from both Bienemann and the W&L basketball program.

This Week in Sports

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 -- Women's Basketball vs. Bridgewater	7:00 -- Men's Basketball at Bridgewater		7:00 -- Women's Basketball vs. S. Virginia TBA -- Track at Dickinson	11:00 -- Wrestling at McDaniel 2:00 -- Men's Basketball vs. VWC	2:00 -- Men's Basketball vs. R-MC

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Farewell, seniors!

Swimmers say their emotional goodbyes to older teammates

By JOHN BOVAY
SPORTS WRITER

The W&L men's and women's swimming teams were both successful in their final home meet of the year Saturday against the Bullets of Gettysburg. The men won their meet, 141-64, while the women improved upon last year's result against Gettysburg, losing by the same score, 141-64. The meet was highlighted by the Generals' wins in both 200-yard medley relay races.

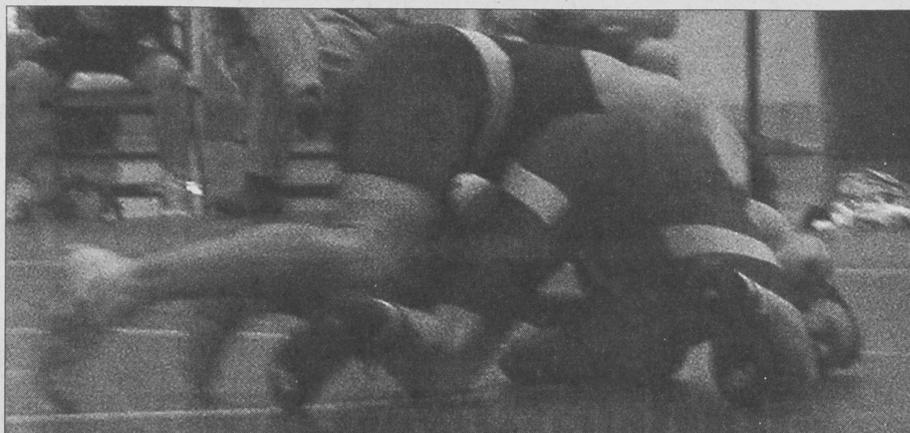
The women, who lost this meet last year by over 100 points, did not expect to claim victory this year, but were excited to enlist the strength of freshmen such as Jess Cobb and Amy Roberson, both of whom swam on the winning 200-yard medley team along with sophomore Abbie Sauter and junior Kristine Holda. Other highlights for the women's team included Sauter's victory in the 200-yard breaststroke and Cobb's second-place finish in the 200 backstroke.

The men came into the meet with a very different perspective. They claimed victory over the Bullets last year and were expecting a close meet. Highlights for the men included swims by Captains Chris Colby (senior in the 200 fly) and junior Clark Barrineau's win in the 500

freestyle. He broke the five-minute mark for the first time in regular season. Other important races for the men were Colby's win in the 200 free and sophomore Michael Ginder's wins in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races. The men's team is psyched to claim a second championship title under Coach Joel Shinofield.

It was a sentimental night for both teams, as each loses three seniors this year: captains Laura Westerman, Tasia Fisher, and Chris Colby; and Suzie LaFleur, Michael Lee, and Phil Walotsky. They have been committed to improving the program and making working out fun. They're all wonderful people with a lot to look forward to. The team members will definitely miss them more than words can express. The team celebrated the seniors' commitments to the team with family after the meet with a six-lane cake (one for each senior.)

The teams have only two more regular-season meets before ODACs, which both teams have dominated for the past 11 years. Sophomore Swimmer Sarah Bloom writes that, "Of course, we owe our success to the wonderful coach we have and the cohesiveness of the team. Training isn't always fun, but our teammates always are."



KELLY BOSS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Individual players wrestled well even though the team as a whole was not as successful.

Sataloff shares success with team

By SARAH BLOOM
SPORTS WRITER

Freshman Jessie Sataloff led the Generals at the W&L Wrestling Invitational Saturday afternoon. The team finished 7 of 8 teams. Several teams attended the annual tournament, including several strong Division I and II teams. Local team, VMI was in attendance.

Sataloff won the General's only title in the 174-pound weight class, with a 2-0 record in his individual matches.

"I did not think about who I was wrestling, but what I had to do to have a strong match," said Jessup of his win over top-seeded Matt Smith of Washington and Jefferson. Smith, a senior, won the tournament and also claimed the outstanding wrestler award last year.

"His (Jessie's) work ethic in the practice room and discipline outside of it is unparalleled," said Captain Max Courtney of his new freshman teammate.

Still, Sataloff diverts his success to the team: "Wrestling is as much a team sport as it is an individual sport,

and we have the makings for a very strong team."

The men fell behind their competition in early rounds. "The team finish was mildly disappointing," said Courtney, "we couldn't recover in consolations." Still, most of the Generals were able to claim success individually in at least one match.

The team will face Ursinus, 13th, and McDaniel in the coming weeks. "We have a tough stretch of dual meets coming up," said Sataloff, "but I think the team is well prepared and I will do my best to help out wherever I can."

THIS PAST WEEK'S SPORTS IN BRIEF...

W&L Track Competes at VMI Keydet Invitational (12/4)

The Washington and Lee indoor track and field teams opened their 2004-05 season at the VMI Keydet Invitational on Saturday afternoon at VMI's Cormack Field House.

W&L Women's Basketball Defeats RMWC, 65-60 (1/16)

Junior guard Louisa Feve (Bethesda, Md./Winston Churchill) and freshman forward Kristen Krouchick (Holland, Pa./Nazareth Academy) each scored 19 points to help lead the Washington and Lee women's basketball team to a 65-60 victory over Randolph-Macon Woman's College on Sunday afternoon at the Warner Center.

W&L Swimming Splits Meet Against Gettysburg (1/15)

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams were both in action against Gettysburg on Saturday afternoon at Twombly Pool. The men improved to 5-1 with a 141-64 victory, while the women dropped to 7-5 with a 141-64 defeat to the Bullets.

W&L Men's Basketball Falls to Lynchburg, 71-48 (1/15)

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Napoleon Dynamite offers a new breed of laugh-out-loud comedy



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If you ask the person sitting next to you if they have seen *Napoleon Dynamite*, the answer will probably be yes. If this unfortunate person happens to say no, then I am sure you will immediately suggest that they watch it as soon as possible. Everyone is talking about this movie and its red-afro-ed mouth-breather of a protagonist.

Not to mention Pedro, who will make "all your wildest dreams come true" if you promise to vote for him, Kip, Napoleon's brother and a cage fighter in training, and, of course, Tina, the llama we all know and love. Gosh! I love this movie.

This movie is becoming a commonality inside the W & L community. I used the movie all during rush week as a conversation topic to fall back on. Almost everyone has seen and loved this movie—and if you haven't, you should GO NOW and watch it. Who can deny the sheer awesomeness of Napoleon's dancing?

What more perfect Lip Sync dance could there be? Come on, it is practically begging to be done. The "Vote for Pedro" t-shirt is easy. I just hope somebody can find their pledges some moon boots.

I have found that the Idahoan slang spoken in the movie is quickly becoming incorporated into our everyday language. If you ask a friend if they would like to order Domino's, they are

likely to answer "Heck yes I would!" Along the same lines, exclamations such as "Gosh!", "Idiot!", and "Ughhhhhhhhh" are becoming more and more prevalent.

This week at the horse center, there was a BMX race. My roommate, who was out there for some eventing, came home and said that she really wanted to ask them if they had "taken their bikes off any sweet jumps."

The thing that is most intriguing to me about this movie is that it manages to be absolutely hilarious without using profanity. It is common for comedies and the actors in them to rely

I just hope somebody can find their pledges some moon boots.

on cursing, etc. to make situations funny or to draw attention to themselves. I am not saying that this is ineffective; I think Chris Rock and Dennis Leary are ridiculously funny, and I appreciate their senses of humor as much as anyone else. It just seems incredible to me that the writers of *Napoleon Dynamite* manage to elicit such amazing responses in an audience by using language that gets no stronger than "flippin'."

It is refreshing to be able to watch a movie with your parents or eight-year-old cousin without feeling uncomfortable about its content or language. In the same strain as *Shrek*, this movie seems to appeal to everyone. It is just so easy to laugh at the characters, and enjoy the subtle and intelligent humor.

In fact, I would argue that the writers' purposeful avoidance of profanity makes the movie *funnier*. Why is "flippin'" funnier than "f@#*in'"... Maybe it's Napoleon's endearingly nonchalant tone. Maybe it's his sweet Pegasus t-shirts. Maybe it's his fierce individualism ("... Whatever I wanna do—Gosh!"). I don't know; I just laugh.

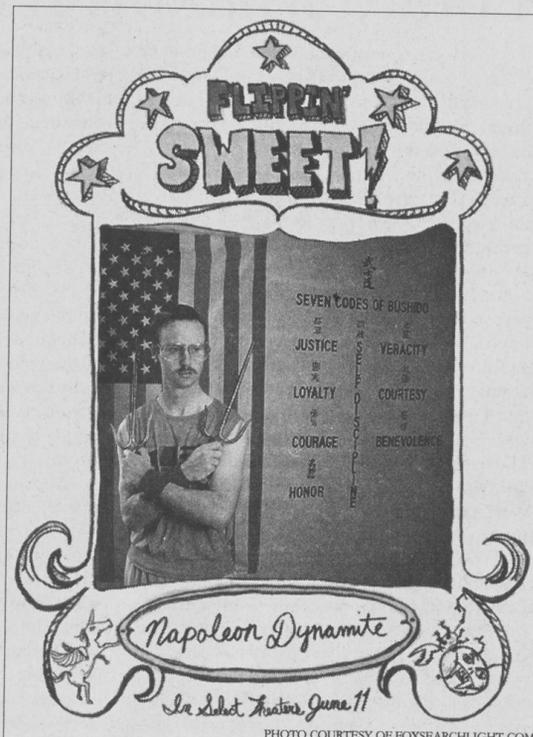
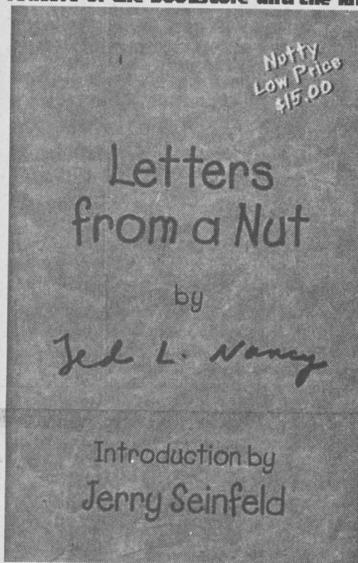


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Cold weather should not dampen beauty habits

BY EMILY M EDWARDS
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

According to the weather reports on weatherchannel.com, it appears as though winter is finally here. Sayonara, 70 degree sunny days and flip-flops. Bonjour, Burberry scarves and Uggs boots. It's about damn time. I was beginning to think I had wasted a significant amount of money on winter clothing, much to my father's chagrin.

For us ladies, it is easy to neglect our precious skin during the frigid temperatures. And we all know that our beloved Lex isn't exactly the place to get the most desirable facial or peel. In fact, the wintertime sun can cause more damage than the summertime sun. So here are a few tips for you.

Make sure you use a facial moisturizer or foundation with SPF to protect you from daily rays. As far as moisturizers go, I am a huge fan of LaPrairie's Cellular Moisturizer with SPF 15. A less-costly option is Kiehl's Ultra Facial Moisturizer, also with SPF 15. If your skin can't handle both a moisturizer and a foundation, try Laura Mercier's Tinted Moisturizer with SPF 15. If *InStyle* loves it, you should too.

For dry skin, avoid taking scalding hot showers and if you're into the exfoliating thing, once a week is plenty. If your skin is ridiculously dry, try using baby oil instead of lotion when you get out of the shower. Don't we all want baby-soft skin?

Keep lip balm with you at all times. From Burt's Bees to the trusted Rosebud Salve, no one wants to see your chapped lips. You might as well cease those pricey teeth-bleaching treatments if you're not going to keep your lips in tip-top shape. Some Stila lip gloss to top it off doesn't hurt either.

Static hair is a pain in the arse, to say the very least. Some mornings, there is almost no point in fixing my hair, because one gust of wind, and the bit of curl that my hair could hold is gone. And don't even get me started on split ends. When I went to get my hair trimmed over Christmas break, my stylist, who normally raves about my healthy hair, told me my hair looked like a train wreck.

Once again, avoid the hot showers. Or at least wash your hair in cold water. Hot water rips your hair to shreds. Also, set aside one (or two) days a week in which you do not blow-dry, straighten, curl or otherwise torture your hair. Like every other part of your body, your hair needs a break too. Matrix Essentials' Instacure spray will keep the frizzies and flyaways at bay. I swear by it.

Use a deep conditioning mask once a week in addition to taking these measures. Try Frederic Fekkai's Protein Treatment Mask. Fekkai knows hair.

And lastly, merely because I don't feel like writing anything else, wear sunglasses. Retinal cancer is serious, and it comes from not protecting your eyes. This doesn't mean that you have to wear some hideous plastic creation that belongs to your grandmother or great-aunt. There are options, people.

Chanel. My new obsession, thanks to *Laguna Beach's* LC. My parents would rather I didn't have said obsession. I recommend the 5065 Modified Masque.

Kate Spade. She's more than just shoes and cute nylon handbags. The Rachel and Aubrey styles are very attractive.

Oliver Peeples. He flies a little lower on the radar, but nonetheless, I like his trendy shades. Take a look at the Bella Donna.

So there you have it, girls. It may be cold outside, but that is no reason to sacrifice our good looks!



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ARTS & LIFE

Potato Man offers a forecast for the upcoming months

Last's week's article featured the best and worst of 2004. But I am done with 2004. We are moving onto bigger and better things....2005. This year is going to prove to be much better than last year. How do I know you ask? Because like all things, 2005 is going to be predictable.

It's almost sad that we know what is going to happen over the course of the next twelve months. People have become so conventional that I can say with reasonable certainty exactly what is going to happen

There will be a new, hot Hollywood couple which will take over the covers of the Tabloids and be the lead story on "Entertainment Tonight." It's where the girl next door will meet the clean cut bad boy that everybody loves.

They will meet on set in New Zealand or Morocco. They will date for 2 months and declare that no love has ever been as true as theirs and they will marry in front of paparazzi in helicopters.

But like all "true" love, theirs too will come to an end. The divorce papers will include mentions of a stripper named Innocence, charges of spousal abuse and reports of cocaine addictions. Rumors will fly and for a whole 12 hours people will cry.

They will say that they thought that the marriage was going to work out. They will ask how, if a marriage between two overpaid, egotistical, beautiful people can't work, whose ever will. The world will grant the spoiled marriage its fifteen minutes of fame, and won't think about either actor again until VH1 does an hour long show on shortest celebrity weddings.

Also in 2005 a fraternity at Washington and Lee will get kicked off campus. It might be for hazing, it might be for drugs, but it is inevitable. Slowly the Greek system will decline and rather than doing something productive to stop it, people will sit back and complain about the administration.

The change in social climate changes the applicant pool, and gradually the homogenous population of rich white prep school graduates changes to an equal mix of races from 59 countries.

The administration is finally happy because they have their diversity, which raises them two spots on *The Princeton Review's* Best Liberal Arts School List. W & L is also dropped from the list of party schools and the administration praises the Princeton Review lists for its

overall accuracy in making its lists. People will go to VMI to have fun rather than the other way around and we will be known as the sketchy kids.

And in 2005 college men across the country will realize how much better it is to import girls. Men realize importing proves to be less burdensome the morning after and less quality time is required. They come to understand that girls at their school are mostly crazy and other girls are normal. College women will never have dates again and will have to go to other schools to find men.

Also in 2005, I will never get any dates from W&L girls because of what I just said.

It will also be found that eating only Rocky Road ice cream can help you lose up to 18 pounds a week. Rocky Road sales fly through the roof and people forget all about that Atkins guy. A book called *The Rocky Road Leading to Healthy Town* is written and makes millions. The Rocky Road hysteria lasts only until 2006 comes and a new diet is found that can make you lose up to 19 pounds a week.

We are only two weeks into 2005 and we have already had a website circulate with

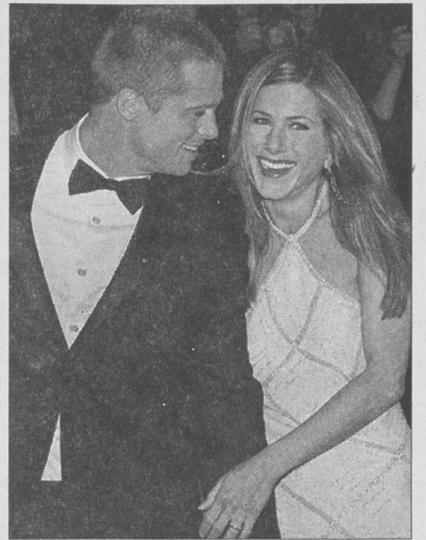


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THE NOT-SO-HAPPY COUPLE. The Potato Man offers his insights on what events will transpire in the next 50 weeks of 2005. One thing's for certain, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston won't be together.

pictures made of Noah and anti-Semitic posters by a few stupid (cancel that- VERY stupid) freshmen. It's going to be a fun fifty-two weeks.

Early says what's hot and what's not

Φ **THE MILK AND CHEESE GIRL**
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Last week Mr. Potato Man gave his opinion on what was hot and what was not in 2004. Because I am supposed to be his female counterpart, I thought I should put in my two cents. So, here is what tops, and doesn't top my list for the year of Martha Stewart, Janet Jackson's exposed breast and G.W. Bush reelection. We won't even get into what I think about that.

Hot:

- 1) Tropical: Fish, tasty drinks, and free t-shirts. Enough said.
- 2) Fro-Yo: I never really liked fro-yo before I started eating in the Marketplace, but having grown accustomed to it, I couldn't imagine dinner without it. It made my year just that much better, and made my jeans just that much tighter.
- 3) "Sex and the City": Every good thing must come to an end, but now that I own all the DVDs, I can pretend that they don't have to. I love you, Santa! Thanks for keeping me entertained and helping me put off homework for just one more half hour, SJP.
- 4) "The K Spot": Even though no one listened, I still played the best music on the air. What can possibly beat two hours of Dave Matthews, Something Corporate, Dashboard Confessional, Alanis Morissette and Match-



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- box Twenty? Certainly not country music.
- 5) Christmas in the Country: Hot cocoa and cider and a bonfire...What more could a girl ask for on a chilly December night?
- 6) My acceptance into W&L: I could still be stuck up in Carlisle, PA. I don't even want to think about it. New topic!
- 7) Scrabble: Having memorized almost all the two letter words, I beat my brother four times in a row at the end of the summer. It is the only board game worth playing and it rocked 2004. How many points are locked when played on a triple word tile?
- 8) Traveller's new buses: They're fun to ride in. Granted, they are never there when you need them.
- 9) *Garden State*: It is possibly one of the best movies I've ever seen. It may not be as quotable as *Napoleon Dynamite*, but it definitely can't be beat.
- 10) *Napoleon Dynamite* quotes: "I see you're drinking 1% milk. Is that because you think you're fat? 'Cause you're not. You could be drinking whole if you wanted to." Boys, I challenge you to come up with a pick up line as good as that. And then, successfully use it on somebody.
- 11) The Introduction of the Milk and Cheese Girl on the back page: I like to throw myself props once in awhile. It makes me feel cool. I

- also like to use words like props. It makes me feel even cooler.
 - 12) The Facebook: You love it. I love it. College students everywhere love it. So do stalkers.
 - 13) Tucker Carlson: I may not agree with all of his views, but he is so cute and charismatic that I, like every other girl in Lee Chapel, was drooling.
 - 14) "Afternoon Delight": Will Ferrell is amazing. And this is possibly the best music video of the entire year. Scary, I know.
 - 15) F*ck Your GPA Party: The scary drive down windy roads was well worth it. It was a great way to end the year at Washington and Lee.
- Not:**
- 1) The New Drinking Rules: I am certainly not a fan. However, I am going to follow Mr. Potato Man lead and leave it at that.
 - 2) Health Code Violations: I like to know that my meals are prepared under sanitary conditions. Please wash your hands before you touch my food.
 - 3) "The Biggest Loser": Watching other people exercise just doesn't excite me. I'd rather spend the hour running or biking. And we wonder why there is such a big problem with obesity in America.
 - 4) Jerry Orbach's death: "Law and Order" won't be the same without Orbach. Thank goodness for twelve years worth of reruns.
 - 5) Elizabeth Kubler-Ross's death: Doesn't it seem ironic that the author of *On Death and*

- Dying* met her decease? Maybe I just have a sordid sense of humor.
- 6) Sexual Assault: No means no. No does not mean Yes. It isn't a difficult concept to grasp.
- 7) Splenda Shortage: As of early December,

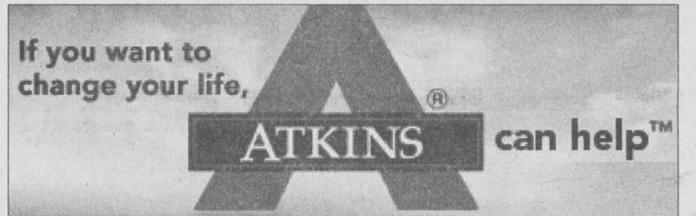


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the supply of Splenda couldn't keep up with demand. I can drink coffee without two packets of this super sugar substitute. Clearly, we have a crisis on our hands. I'm stocking up like it's Y2K.

- 8) The Atkins Diet: Eat some friggin' bread.

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QUICK HITS

- Φ An anonymous pledge when asked about pledgship: "I am a happy Fiji pledge."
- Φ Don't look into the owl....
- Φ I can't figure out which Phi Delt was the first to find the Todd Tate video... perhaps it was a group discovery.
- Φ W&L Absurdity #1: The utterly illogical combination of miniskirt and (snow) boots. Next new fashion: bikini and snow pants.
- Φ I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man. - George Washington
- Φ The education of a man is never completed until he dies. - Robert E. Lee

- Φ If the newly initiated anonymous reporting of hazing is such a credible and well-reasoned approach to allow neophyte Greek students feel better protected and safe from reprisals, why is there no anonymous hot line for reporting sexual assault?
- Φ "He thinks he's a tough guy from Lookout Mt.; he's really a metro from L.A."
- Φ Motion to remove the term "Literary" from use by the Ariel. Do I hear a second? (For more information read "In memory of WWVA" p. 8)
- Φ Andrew Rothey—How many open parties did Fiji have this fall?
- Φ I would like to thank Phillippe (the independent Mooch) for throwing an awesome party Friday night.
- Φ Andrew Rothey should never be allowed to write for any paper again.
- Φ You look like a big, friendly pink kooshball.
- Φ Don't ever ride in a car with the Arts & Life editor...she drove the wrong way down Main Street this weekend.
- Φ Eating a lot and then spewing bitchiness is my form of bulimia
- Φ Looks like Smokin' Jim got smoked.

- Φ My roommate came home without her underwear and in someone else's pants last night...this weekend, she wins, but next weekend, it's all me.
- Φ "It's supposed to be easy in, easy out, but there's nothing easy about it. Oh, you're supposed to put it in backwards."
- Φ Who knew Parkview could contain so much debauchery, and so many people in one bed?
- Φ If you're the really cute, blonde Veemie on the track team, call Emily E.
- Φ Kudos to W&L Dance for a fantastic recital.
- Φ Note to self: punching broken glass is no way to impress girls.
- Φ What do you prefer...sex or mashed potatoes?
- Φ Happy 43rd Birthday to Jim Carrey and Happy 198th Birthday to Robert E. Lee (on Wednesday).
- Φ Happy Martin Luther King Day!
- Φ *The Village* was so not scary.
- Φ Sorry Aussie, the test came back positive.
- Φ Blushing...it's what I do best.
- Φ I'm amused by Erin's lack of love life.

- Φ If you shave one leg, it feels like you're in bed with a girl.
- Φ I would take the mashed potatoes.
- Φ I clearly am not hyper enough, I need more diet coke.
- Φ Check out thefacebook.com for a picture of BTK in uniform.
- Φ Streaking the Colonnade should happen in Spring Term, not in the middle of January.
- Φ The Pit threw an awesome 48 hour party this weekend.
- Φ Do it!
- Φ If I don't get something on this campus, I just assume it's because I'm an independent.
- Φ You know that the parties in town suck when you run into the whole campus at the Valley View theatre in Roanoke.
- Φ Sign up for Panhellenic's fitness classes! Who wouldn't want to learn hip-hop and yoga for a small fee of \$25?
- Φ The Phi welcomes your anonymously submitted Quick Hits, rants, raves and tales of drunken debauchery sent to phi@wlu.edu