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Jonathan Proctor speaks to the W&L community about the offensive pictures that surfaced online last week featuring VMI cadets.

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Root of all evil

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HOT TICKET

Das Stage

German 332 students take to the Johnson stage in "Märschenwald," a play combining a variety of fairytales in which the actors speak in German. The play runs on February 7-9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lenfest Center.

Go Fish

Underwater animated feature "Shark Tale" runs in the Commons Theater on Mon. Feb. 7, at 7:00 p.m., as well as on Tues. Feb. 8, Thurs. Feb. 10, and Fri. Feb. 11, at 9:30 p.m.



FROM THE EC

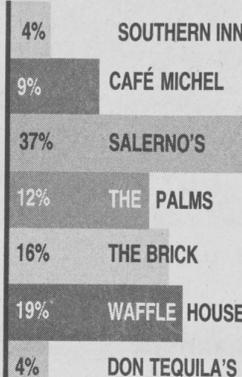
Summary of Honor Activity for the 2004-2005 Academic Year

February 1, 2005

- Investigations: 9
- Withdrawals while being Investigated: 0
- Withdrawals in Face of a Closed Hearing: 1
- Closed Hearings: 3
- Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 0
- Not Guilty Verdicts in Closed Hearings: 3
- Student Body Hearings: 0

QUICK POLL

Q: What is the best place to eat in Lexington?



57 students polled, 27 male, 30 female. Poll has 95% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error.

Former Phi editor returns

By Erin Julius and Chris Lauderman
EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Former sports editor of *The Ring-tum Phi* was back in town this weekend for the Board of Trustees' meeting and to sign his latest novel, *I Am Charlotte Simmons*.

Tom Wolfe discussed the writing of his novels, fraternity life at Washington and Lee and the direction of the journalism profession in a press conference Saturday.

In researching college life for *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, Wolfe did not spend time at his alma mater.

"I wanted a safe harbor to come back to," Wolfe said.

He did admit that the novel drew upon fraternity life.

As for whether the novel is an adequate description of college life, "I was as accurate as I could be," he said.

In doing his research, Wolfe was most fascinated with women's language on college campuses. He said he was particularly shocked by vulgar phrases such as "I need to get laid" and "I scored with him."

"To hear a girl say, 'I scored so-and-so'—big deal," Wolfe said, "maybe it's a big deal if it's the other way around."

Wolfe said he is looking forward to coming back to campus as the commencement speaker this year. "I am bowled over by that. To be chosen to break with that tradition...I consider it an honor," he said.



Celebrated author and W&L alum Tom Wolfe returned for a book signing and to chat with the W&L community.

Grade inflation was something Wolfe noticed throughout the Ivy League schools when he was researching for his novel. "Even a flat B is looked upon these days as close to an F," Wolfe said.

He cited the example of a Harvard professor who gave students two grades—one, never below a B, went to the registrar

and another, reflecting the student's true abilities, was only shared with the student.

Big-time college sports play a big role in *I Am Charlotte Simmons*. Wolfe expressed dismay over the state of college-level Division I sports. "This system cannot go on much longer," he said, "the corruption is so manifest."

Wolfe proposed a system in which big universities hire athletes to play sports. The athletes would not be students, and after four years, if such athletes cannot go pro, the university would then offer them a free four-year education. Wolfe said the athletes would take academics more seriously after failing to go pro.

Though Wolfe spent a lot of time reporting for *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, he believes the novel as a genre is dead. "The novel is in serious trouble," Wolfe said. "All the great American novels were based on reporting. There is now too much emphasis on psychological nuance."

As a Phi Kappa Sigma at Washington and Lee, Wolfe chose not to drink. "I felt it was immoral...I was not a rebellious son," he said.

"I don't remember feeling socially immobilized...but it upset a lot of my fraternity members," he said. One fraternity brother got down on his knees and begged Wolfe to drink.

"I was ruining the reputation of the whole place. It didn't help that I wore a fedora."

In modern college life, Wolfe said, "Student behavior was pretty uniform, whether at Stanford or Florida."

As for students' alcohol consumption, "This new term today...binge drinking...in the past there was just no term for it," he said.

Though he spent months on college campuses, "I have no idea what could be done about college drinking," Wolfe said, "much of it is insanity."

Underage drinking debate continues

By Whitney Duffy
STAFF WRITER

In late December 2004, President Thomas Burish, sent a letter to students and their parents regarding the enforcement of the school's alcohol policy.

As Burish emphasized in this letter, "...there are no new rules governing alcohol (and drug) use on campus." The new enforcement, which began Christmas Weekend, included two major changes. First, it gave the security officers at the school the power to "write up" underage drinkers, and second, in conjunction with the IFC, it implemented the use of wristbands to designate students of age to drink at on-campus parties.

The policy caused widespread uproar and debate among students at the time; among major concerns were increased off-campus drinking, more secretive behavior with regards to alcohol, and other safety issues, including increased danger of sexual assault as a result of these actions.

These concerns, however, were speculative. Almost two months since the policy's institution, new issues have arisen among the student body, including the ramifications of drinking under the Honor System.

One Executive Committee representative, who preferred to remain

anonymous, said, "Underage drinking has been an area that the Executive Committee has traditionally found to be irrelevant to the question of honor."

This mentality, however, may be forced to change in light of the university's new scrutiny. While the use of wristbands may have, in theory, seemed to be an effective approach to curbing underage drinking, it has been less than successful in reality.

This is partially because once a student has been carded by a TIPS bartender and has received a wristband, that student will not be carded again. Knowing this to be the practice, many underage students have been able to procure wristbands and drink at on-campus parties without being asked to show ID.

The EC representative said, "The new alcohol policy creates the question, 'Is it an honor violation to wear a wristband underage?' If the answer to this question is yes, then the new alcohol policy may create a plethora of honor violations."

Is wearing a wristband when underage a common practice at on-campus parties? Mary Catherine Burdine '08 thinks so. "Since the entire campus is in an uproar, most people underage will drink underage. People don't want to change their habits, it's a lifestyle we're used to."

Courtney Dolaway '08 agreed with Burdine, saying that she has not seen

anyone lie outright but has seen underage students obtain alcohol by using a wristband.

A W&L sophomore, who preferred to stay anonymous, disagrees. "I don't think that's much of an issue...if someone underage wants a drink, they can pretty easily just get one from someone who is old enough."

"I think the temptation is greater [under the new system], but I have yet to notice someone tell the bartender they are 21 if they are not," said one freshman, who requested anonymity. "I know I have wanted to lie, but I never have."

The EC representative remains skeptical that students will face honor violations as a result of the new policy, at least for the moment. "It seems difficult to convict a student of an honor violation just because a new policy has forced him/her to be more blatant about what was once a tacitly acceptable practice."

"So far, there has been little issue with the new alcohol policy, because it has been enforced weakly. But if it is enforced strongly, and many underage students wear wristbands at parties, then it will be up to the Executive Committee to gauge whether the student body feels that wearing a wristband underage to get beer at a frat party is an honor violation."

"They [the students] are going to drink," said Dolaway. "People want to drink, and they won't follow the Honor System if it keeps them from doing

something that they want."

"The Honor System adapts to changing circumstances and it will certainly transform to accommodate the demands of the new alcohol system at W&L," one sophomore said.

"The temptation is there," said another freshman. "But instead of breaking the honor code, I think people will work around it [the alcohol policy]."

According to the EC representative, "It remains to be seen how the Honor System as a whole will react to the alcohol policy. The alcohol policy renews the question as to whether the Honor System should enforce purely academic honor."

"Academically speaking, with personal property, with people leaving their doors unlocked...that will stay the same," Burdine said. "But [students' mentality about] parties, alcohol, possession under 21 and drinking in the dorms is going to change."

"No one, at Washington and Lee or elsewhere, has all the answers to the problem of alcohol misuse," Burish said in the conclusion of his letter outlining the alcohol policy. He noted that the administration is planning a thorough evaluation during the next academic year of the current alcohol policies, and that this review will include student opinions.

President Burish and the Executive Committee were contacted to provide comment for this article but were unable to do so before our deadline.

Homebound student program limited

Students run into issues of frustration due to educational disadvantages

By Leah Kershaw
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court made its landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, stating that separate but equal schools are inherently unequal. In Rockbridge County, another form of inequality exists for students forced by illness to remain at home.

The homebound student program is designed for students who are mentally or physically ill and will be absent from school for two weeks or longer. The student's absence from school must be approved by a medical doctor. This absence is granted to students who expect to return to school in the near future.

The average high school student attends classes for 36 hours per week. The

Virginia Department of Education states that high school students receiving homebound instruction must be tutored for a minimum of 10 hours per week in three or four subjects. In Rockbridge County, however, high school students receive a maximum of 10 hours per week.

Deborah Pruett, a guidance counselor at Rockbridge County High School, said that school systems are financially strapped and have limited funds to devote to the homebound program. She also said that since students are able to learn more effectively with one-on-one instruction, the limited number of tutoring hours available to homebound students is not a major issue.

But Karen Pleva, a veteran homebound tutor for Rockbridge County schools, said that the time limit hurts students who cannot work on their own.

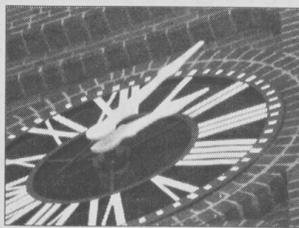
Homebound students find the experience of learning at home to be lonely and frustrating. Joe Hawes, a freshman at Washington and Lee University, was a homebound student for the last four months of his senior year at Rockbridge County High School. Complications of diabetes forced Hawes to miss the majority of his last two years of high school. Struggling with chronic sickness and falling behind in his school work, Hawes received homebound instruction so that he could graduate with his class.

Hawes said that he was hesitant to go on homebound because it would have taken him from all of his friends. He missed participating in classroom discussions and bonding events, like the senior trip to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.

"I didn't see my friends for months

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news



Consumer Reports health policy editor calls for nationalized healthcare system

By Chris Lauderman
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In Santa Cruz, California, Laura is diagnosed with breast cancer and cannot afford \$110 a month for medicine on her \$860 a month salary. Keshawn, in Washington DC was diagnosed with nasal cancer at age 20, but dies at 21 because he couldn't get the care he needed.

According to Trudy Lieberman, Health Policy Editor of Consumer Reports, who spoke in the Washington and Lee University Commons on Feb. 2, healthcare has become a luxury and is available only to those who can pay in America. People like Laura and Keshawn do not have access to medical care.

Lieberman called for nationalized health care in her lecture. She pointed out that every industrialized nation has a nationalized plan except for the United States.

"No other healthcare system costs as much as ours and covers so little," Lieberman said.

She also said that price controls were needed in the healthcare industry. Price controls, for example, mean that a certain drug can cost only so much money. According to Lieberman, we can't let markets control the price of healthcare. When economists speak of a "free market economy" they are saying that people demand healthcare and that it is supplied by hospitals and insurance companies. The people demanding and the companies supplying settle on a price that people are willing to pay and a price that the hospitals are willing to accept. This fundamental

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— TRUDY LIEBERMAN, HEALTH POLICY EDITOR OF CONSUMER REPORTS

principal forms the capitalist society. Many consider price controls to be communist philosophy, but proponents of price controls say that they can work in our economic system.

"There is a reason for price controls," Tim Diette, a visiting Professor of Economics at Washington and Lee, who was attending the lecture, said. "If people shopped for hospitals, it [a free market economy] would work, but that doesn't happen."

He went on to say that the market for health care becomes imperfect because of this consumer apathy. If people do not gather information, they cannot choose the service they are receiving. No one has time to shop for hospitals from the back of an ambulance. Patients go wherever the ambulance takes them.

What's more, pharmaceutical companies who are sole providers of a drug are often able to raise prices as high as possible.

Lieberman explained what her talk means to the average American. She said that eventually, more people than just Laura and Keshawn will experience the healthcare crunch. According to Lieberman, consumer-driven health plans are the wave of the future. These plans mean more than just higher co-pay at

doctor visits. Consumer-driven health plans, for example, would have a patient pay the first \$5000 of medical bills—essentially high-deductible insurance.

"Who can buy these?" Lieberman asked. "Not the uninsured."

Despite that fact, she said politicians, the current administration, and the insurance industry are all supportive of consumer driven health plans.

She told the story of a doctor in Florida who "blackmailed" his patients. In order for him to keep seeing them, he required a \$125 fee from his patients to pay for his malpractice insurance. Lieberman said this will become a trend that America cannot afford.

She asked, "Where does that leave us as a country?"

The answer she posed was to "think about me." Everyone needs to think about themselves and what they would do on their own behalves. She asked if her audience wanted a country where only the rich could attain benefits.

Lieberman's speech was received well with an ovation by the audience.

"It's really pertinent to our future," Matt Reilly '06, a neuroscience/computer science double major, said. "If the current system cannot hold up for ten years, we are going to have major problems."

Local homebound students, continued.

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behind academically, which makes reentry into the classroom difficult.

Pleva, who has 28 years of experience, said homebound tutoring can be difficult, especially if a student isn't interested and doesn't want to complete his or her work. But she said that when a student does succeed, it is always satisfying.

Homebound students are forced to rely on the cooperation between their tutors and teachers. Sarah Blackburn, a guidance counselor at Rockbridge County High School, said that some teachers resent the homebound program because it puts an extra burden on them to create and grade assignments for the students.

Beth Lollis, a math teacher at Rockbridge County High School, said homebound students can be problematic because it can be hard to connect with the tutors, especially if they do not work at RCHS. The personal connection between teacher and tutor is important because it ensures that they know each other's expectations.

"Homebound is not a good situation, especially in math, because the student comes back to school and I have to re-teach the information to him or her," she said.

Lollis teaches a student who

was homebound from November to January. The student has now returned to school, but she did not regularly meet with her homebound tutor and has not yet fulfilled the requirements from last semester. Lollis said that she is now in a hard position regarding the student's grade and is unsure of the proper action to take.

Homebound tutoring is hard to depend on for a steady income because of the variability of students needs. Susan Dittman, who works as a K-12 tutor for all Rockbridge County public schools, said it is impossible to predict how many students you will have at a particular time and how many hours each student will need you. Only two of Dittman's students have used the full 10 hours per week allotted to them.

Dittman said cooperation from teachers can be problematic because tutors have to seek out some of the teachers to get the assignments for the students. The \$18 per hour that each tutor earns does not apply to travel time or time used to track down a student's teachers for assignments, which can be considerable if the tutor does not live or work near their students' schools.

"The expectations of homebound tutors are unclear and the level of cooperation that you will receive from teachers is uncertain," Dittman said.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

■ Men's Basketball vs. E&H; 7:00

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

■ Riding at RMWC/LC; TBA

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

■ Wrestling at Baptist Bible; 12:00

■ Women's Basketball vs. Hollins; 2:00

■ Men's Basketball at EMU; 7:00

SPORTS BRIEFS

Track Competes at VMI Winter Relays (2/5)

The Washington and Lee track and field teams were in action at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Winter Relays on Saturday afternoon. The Generals competed against Division I and III competition and had 10 first place finishes.

Wrestling Competes at W&L Quadrangular (2/5)

The Washington and Lee wrestling team went 1-2 at the W&L Quadrangular on Saturday afternoon. They defeated Albright College, 46-6, but lost to Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins, 27-19, and Limestone, 22-19.

Men's Tennis Falls to Furman, 7-0 (2/5)

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team opened its spring season with a 7-0 loss to Division I Furman on Saturday afternoon in Greenville, S.C.



Courtesy Sports Information

Women's Basketball Falls to RMWC, 69-59 (2/5)

Sophomore guard Annie Johnson scored a career-high 32 points to lift Randolph-Macon Woman's College to a 69-59 win over Washington and Lee in ODAC women's basketball action on Saturday afternoon.



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Mens' basketball comes out strong

By Bryan Gales
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team played possibly their best opening half of the year in their game against Hampton-Sydney on Saturday, February 5th. Unfortunately, they were unable to keep it up in the second half, falling to H-SC 81-75.

The Generals sprinted into the locker room with a 46-37 lead, led by sophomore point guard Chris Halkitis. Halkitis was unstoppable early in the game, hitting his first five shots, including four three-pointers. The Generals as a team shot well in the half, hitting over 62% of their shots from the field.

The second half started off with a hook shot by freshman forward Femi Kusimo, extending the lead to 11 points. The game quickly became close again, though, after a 14-2 run by the Tigers. After numerous lead changes, the game was tied by freshman John Mumper's jumper with seven minutes to play. That was as close as the Generals would get for the rest of the game, as the Tigers soon

took the lead and held on for the rest of the game. In the second half, The Generals shot poorly from the free throw line (7-15, 46%), while Hampton-Sydney's scorers turned it on, shooting 58%. They were led by freshman Drew Prehmus, who shot 6 of 10 in the game, with 18 points and 4 assists. Prehmus struggled in the first half, scoring only three points, and, in his post-game interview, credited Kusimo's tough defense for the slow start.

Strong performances from the Generals were also provided by senior Mike Stuart (11 points, 3 assists) and freshman Greg Bienemann (15 points). The Generals showed improvement from their last game against Hampton-Sydney, which they lost 85-54. Hampton-Sydney, a perennial ODAC powerhouse, has won the last 16 meetings between the two teams.

W&L's last home game will be Wednesday, February 9th, against Emory & Henry. They will finish up their season at Eastern Mennonite (Saturday, February 12th) and at Guilford (Tuesday, February 15th).



Sahar Kamali / Staff Photographer

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ATHLETE PROFILE

Hunsinger brings competitive drive to court

By Kathryn Krall
STAFF WRITER

With high flying post moves, soaring rebounds and intimidating shot blocking, center Jessica Hunsinger is an essential contributor to the success of the women's basketball team and is on the way to making a name for herself in college basketball. On the season, Hunsinger is the team leader in rebounding, averaging 8.6 pulls a game. She also drops in an average of 12.3 points. Her consistency is evidenced by her high shooting percentage which is often around fifty percent. In addition to the stats that show up on paper, Hunsinger also provides the intangibles. Her six foot height intimidates opposing players and closes down the center. She enjoys defense because "blocking people is really fun." Last season, Hunsinger was second all-time at W&L, recording 51 single-season blocks.

Jessica Hunsinger grew up in Mayer, Arizona. She began to play the game of basketball in sixth grade. "I was largely motivated by family," said Hunsinger, "my dad had been trying to make me a super star athlete of any kind since I was kid. I have always been pretty tall and so basketball seemed like a natural choice."

At Orme High School, Hunsinger starred in both volleyball and basketball. In her senior year, she was named MVP of both teams, but chose to pursue basketball in college. She explained, "I prefer a game in which you have direct contact with your opponents." W&L was her choice because of a strong academic reputation and because it allowed her to get out of the desert.

Hunsinger's strengths on the

team are her competitiveness and her willingness to work hard. She has been competitive since the very beginning of her basketball career. "I was taller than most of the boys in elementary and middle school and so it was always fun to beat them." Her aggressive nature was most evident this year when she got an intentional foul for holding onto an opponent's leg. "At the moment I didn't care and just didn't want to lose," she explained. Weaknesses include poor free throw shooting and predictability in the post. Her offensive output more than makes up for these. "My favorite post move includes a head fake, one dribble middle, spin move, lay-up. I don't know if there is a name for it and it is a work in progress for me but I finally pulled it out in a game and was very excited" said Hunsinger.

Hunsinger attributes her success to many factors. "My greatest inspiration or mentor is my dad. I don't think he was ever a super athlete but [he] has also taught me to work hard which has proven very useful on the basketball court," she said. Also, the captains of the team, Bethany Dannelly and Louisa Feve, are a source of motivation to Hunsinger. "Their work ethic and drive to win is inspirational, which has made me a more dedicated athlete." She also thanks her coaches for their skill and patience.

Besides basketball, Hunsinger is involved in many other aspects of campus life. She is a psychology major who plans to pursue a career in social services field after college. She is the Social and Support Services Contact for the Nabors Service League. Hunsinger is a member of Chi Omega. She volunteers at the Department of Social Services and helps out at the preschool of Central Elementary.



"I was taller than most of the boys in elementary and middle school and so it was always fun to beat them."

— Jessica Hunsinger

Caley offers musings

By Caley Anderson
OPINION EDITOR

New York Mets-

The Mets apparently do their shopping these days at the Discount Superstar Warehouse. The only quality young blood they've added has been Carlos Beltran, who will doubtless be a force. But on the other hand, they've already signed Pedro Martinez, who I'd wager (if I didn't have that injunction against breaking the laws of the Great Commonwealth of Virginia) will not last another four years without his arm falling from the rest of his body. And they already employ/are targeting Galarraga, Mientkiewicz, Glavine, and Piazza? Discount Superstar Warehouse. The Mets should beware, lest they end up in salary cap hell like the 49ers.

NBA-

When I was a kid, I had to pick a favorite hockey and basketball team, since San Diego hasn't had basketball or hockey since 1984. I picked the Tampa Bay Lightning for hockey, since lightning was kind of like the lightning of the Chargers. For the NBA, I picked the Seattle Sonics, because they had the most green in their team uniforms, and I was way into green when I was a kid. Last year, the Lightning were NHL champions, and I am going to boldly predict the Sonics will likewise make my non-San Diego championship dreams come true this year. They have an

amazing amount of depth- Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis are starters, and Vladimir Radmanovic and Luke Ridnour actually spend a lot of time ON THE BENCH, when both of those players would likely be full starters for, say, the Clippers (who actually have risen to be just mediocre this year, instead of terrible). They'll have a hard time becoming a dynasty, though, the Phoenix Suns and the Miami Heat nip at their heels even now.

NHL-

They've got the National part down, and they've also got the League part down, now all they need is the hockey. Negotiations are as futile as they were between the North and South in the American Civil War/War of Northern Aggression/War of the Southern Rebellion/whatever. Seriously.

The League and the Players' Association would be shooting at each other right now if they were countries- they just cannot agree on the fundamentals for the way the league should be set up.

The owners have a legitimate complaint (i.e., that they can't make money the way the league is presently set up), but their solution is too idealistic, and the players' counter-solution doesn't fix the problem at all. It's difficult to see any professional hockey this year, or even next year.

On the plus side, that would allow the Tampa Bay Lightning to boast of their three-year reign as NHL Champions.

Track takes nine D-III Titles

By Sarah Bloom
SENIOR SPORTSWRITER

Sophomore Blair Haws and Senior Steve Chambers led their respective track teams in scoring this weekend at the Virginia Military Institute Winter Relays. Teams ranged from Division I to Division III. The Generals claimed 9 Division III first place finishes.

Chambers won the 3000 meters, becoming the only individual Washington and Lee athlete to win an event in overall competition at the meet. Teammate senior Norman Senior led the team in scoring with his DIII first place finish in the 400 meters.

In the field events, senior Chris Walker claimed the Division III title in the shot put and sophomore Walker Duncan finished first in the 35lb weight throw.

"Everyone's goal from meet to meet was to better their performance from the week before," said Walker. "We just wanted to make a statement to the other ODAC teams."

Jumper Mike Stanton was also the 2nd DIII finisher in his first ever high jump attempt.

Haws claimed the DIII 800 meter and one mile run, setting the pace for the women's team. Overall, she placed a competitive 2nd in the 800 meters and 4th in the mile. Sophomore Sara Behmerwohld followed suite, finishing first in the 55-meter hurdles and claimed a close second in the 400m.

Behmerwohld teamed up with Kim Gunst, Huntley Rodes, and Casey Sharpe to win the overall title in the 4 by 400 meter relay.

Freshman jumper, Lil Brandler won the pole vault and placed 2nd in the high jump. "Lil Brandler is doing some really wonderful stuff, out there setting school records," said senior teammate Chris Walker.

After the meet, Walker went on to say: "For a small team, W&L track works like none other. I have a feeling that our quality throughout the roster this year will turn some heads at ODACs."

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A DATE NIGHT IN ROANOKE...

Treat your sweetie to a night out in the big city

By Katie Suttle & Nathan Weiner, 3Ls
The W&L Law News staff writers

In light of Valentine's Day, we thought we would run this piece, which appeared in the January 24 edition of The W&L Law News. Good luck planning a romantic date this year.

Date night in Roanoke starts with a late afternoon drive on Highway 11. You head south until you see Foamhenge. You turn right into the parking area, get out of your car and walk up the hill. You take some photos because the place is that cool. You tell your date that it's the only exact replica of Stonehenge in this nation and your date says something about Carhenge.

You don't have enough time to take 11 all the way to Roanoke, so you get onto 81 and before you know it you're at the Valley View multiplex. You watch *The Life Aquatic* and are not terribly impressed.

However, you did really like a couple scenes. Especially amusing to you was the scene with Bill Murray raging against the pirates with The Stooges in the background.

Your date and you are very hungry and want to check out a restaurant that claims to be the old and finest Italian restaurant in Roanoke. The place is called Luigi's and you are more than a little skeptical. Luigi's is very unpretentious. It has a nice little bar and it is clear that some of the restaurant has not been there since the place opened.

You see that the menu has a short anecdote, entitled "The Story of Luigi's." Apparently, Lou was a

young marine stopping in New York City back in 1945. Lou had to catch a train back to New England and was pressed for time.

Fortunately, Lou's friend knew a cook at some Italian restaurant. They got to eat in the employee's room where Lou met the "boss" and received a copy of the "boss's" cookbook. The story doesn't explain how, but Lou and the cookbook eventually made it to Roanoke.

It is hard to make a decision, but you decide on the Veal, Scallops and Shrimp and your date orders the Rigatoni and Meatballs. Your food arrives and it is adequate at worst.

Your salas is pretty mediocre, but the crab-stuffed mushroom appetizer is pretty good. You like your entrée, but wish you would have ordered something other than a dish with a rather tame Marsala mushroom sauce.

Your date isn't impressed with the Rigatoni but thinks the Meatballs are really good. You are pleased at this point, but are really happy when your date and you decide to share a very good Tiramisu. The meal doesn't cost you very much and you realize you will not be hungry again until the next morning.

After the meal, your date wants to go to the Barnes and Noble. You're not thrilled with the idea, but you can't think of anything better to suggest. The place is crawling with obnoxious teenagers, but the two of you browse some books and magazines for an hour.

You're not too enthused about going back to Lexington, but the day has to end eventually.



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?uestlove, Black Thought and the rest of The Roots played to a sold-out crowd in the Pavilion on Thursday night

The Roots rock the Pavilion

By Marshall Rule
MANAGING EDITOR

Last Thursday night over a thousand people went to see The Roots play a concert sponsored by the General Activities Board.

Tickets for the concert were sold for ten dollars in the Commons last week, but those that waited until the last minute for tickets could also buy them at the door.

The total cost of bringing The Roots to Lexington was just over 32,000 dollars, but many students said that the cost was well worth the cost.

GAB chose The Roots because students showed a heavy interest in a hip hop band in a poll taken last fall. "We knew there was interest in a hip hop band and it worked out that we could get The Roots," said GAB Vice President of Operations Meredith Donegan.

Most students that went called the concert very successful. Jordan Anderson,

a sophomore, couldn't help but dance all night. "It was a high energy non stop party."

The Roots are notorious for focusing on instrumentation in the concerts. It was no different Thursday night. There were many guitar and drum solos throughout the concert.

The band was created in Philadelphia when the current drummer, ?uestlove (Ahmir Khalib Thompson) met the current lead rapper, Black Thought (Tariq Trotter). They recreated classic hip hop with drums and the fresh voice of Tariq and played on the sidewalk and small gigs. Along the way they met up with the rest of their current band members including a bassist.

Since then The Roots have had an enormous cult following, but have never quite received major notoriety. Just last year the band broke from its record label MCA and created their own label, Okayplayer. Early this year they released

their newest DVD/CD set of a 2004 concert in Manhattan. The band is known for having some of the most lively concerts in the business.

Towards the end of the concert the band started a chant yelling "Eagles, Eagles, Eagles." Many of the concert attendees joined in, while a few others started a Patriots chant. Another highlight of the night for many was going crowd surfing. One freshman fell and landed on his elbow. But no one was seriously injured.

Some of the concert goers came from other schools to enjoy the concert. There was a large group of students from James Madison and Hollins. There was also a large Lexican population at the concert.

Donegan was pleased with the final result. "I have heard very enthusiastic responses from other students," she said. "In my opinion, it was very successful"

Feb. 14 makes me ill

Despite noble origins, Valentine's Day the worst holiday

By Emily Edwards
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

February 14th. All around the world, women anxiously await for the dozen of red roses that some nincompoop will send them. Children beg their parents for the Scooby-Doo cards that they will give their classmates. Godiva and Russell Stover make an insane amount of money selling hideous shiny red boxes containing a massive amount of calories. And I can't stand it.

Yes, I am the killer of fun and good times. All the sappiness and romance makes me sick to my stomach. There's nothing worse than the Valentine's Day displays at Wal-Mart. Have you seen the tie-dyed, phosphorescent Teddy Bears in that egregious bin? Honestly, who in their right mind would buy them?

In elementary school, I remember bringing a shoebox to class on the 13th and we'd spend hours decorating it. The teacher would cut a hole in the top, and it would be our own Valentine's mailbox.

Mine was terrible. I think it stems from the fact that I have absolutely no artistic genes whatsoever. I took an art class in high school for an elective, and the teacher gave me an A because she felt sorry for me.

But what exacerbated the whole situation was that *everyone* had to get a Valentine. Otherwise, it just wouldn't be fair. And we all know that elementary school is about making everyone happy. It was quite difficult to write on my Barbie cards the words "Love, Emily" when I loathed the card's recipient. And attaching that miniature Reese's cup? It was like sticking a knife through my heart.

Thank God for middle school and the fact that we were too cool for Valentines. But, oh wait, we had "Val-ograms" from the Student Council. For a mere 50 cents, you could buy a pre-decorated pink sheet of paper, meticulously write a message to your favorite boy from our brother school, and it would be delivered to him. Or, you could send it to your friends.

Crayola markers, pink sheets of paper, and more candy? I don't think so. But for some reason, I actually enjoyed

But I still don't understand why guys give their girlfriends giant boxes of chocolate and then tell us "it's going to our thighs."

seeing them taped to my locker.

High school had to be the worst. The 14th was the day I came to school with an entire box of Claritin. The roses started coming by about 9am, and they didn't stop coming until school let out at 3. The receptionist's desk was so crowded that the teachers set up a table in the hallway for all the damn flowers. Little white and red bears with the embroidered words "Be Mine" accompanied an overpriced vase of wilting roses.

Screams of delight could be heard up and down the hallway when girls realized that their boyfriends actually remembered the blessed occasion. Of course they weren't going to forget the 14th. High school boys? Never.

I was in New York for the 14th last year. I think the sappiness worsens as you get older. My friends and I made the mistake of going into Tiffany's on the 15th. Oops. The newly-engaged couples were everywhere.

They were literally running over people to get to the elevator that would take them to the 4th (or is it the 3rd?) floor to look at engagement rings. Barfaroonie. Wouldn't you know that their diamond specialists offer a "How to choose the perfect diamond" workshop on the 12th and 13th. Note to self: don't make the same mistake this year.

I guess I don't really hate Valentine's Day. It gives me some laughs.

A couple of years back, my dad sent my mom flowers for the first time ever. My mom looked at my dad and said, "Are you having an affair or something?" I was in stitches.

And it does have a somewhat noble beginning. Around 270, when Claudius was emperor of Rome, he banned marriage because he believed it made for weak soldiers. Valentine, a Bishop, would secretly marry young couples and was arrested when Claudius found out about it.

As the story goes, Valentine was in jail awaiting his execution when his jailor, Asterius, asked him to heal his blind daughter. Valentine miraculously did, and before he was executed on the day that would be February 14th, he sent a letter to the girl saying "From your Valentine."

Valentine became a Patron Saint, and a festival was named in his honor. Young Roman men would send "greetings of affection" to women they loved, and the holiday stuck. One of the earliest Valentine's Day cards was sent from Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

But I still don't understand why guys give their girlfriends giant boxes of chocolate and then tell us it's "going to our thighs." And I guess I never will. After all, nothing is less romantic than receiving an Atkins-approved chocolate bar.

Guy Next Door defends Virginia Military Institute



Jonathan Proctor
THE GUY NEXT DOOR

A week and a half ago some photographs from this past Halloween surfaced in various media outlets, some national. The pictures showed a handful of cadets dressed in the following costumes: Nazis, "male ballerinas" (for lack of a better term), amorous sailors, and a "starving African" in a loin cloth. It goes without saying that the Nazi uniform was inappropriate. Not that I would attempt to justify the costume, but it is simply poking fun at the fact that our winter uniform makes us look like the SS (black shirt, black tie, grey pants, grey hat). Though obviously improper and an instance of poor judgment, this does not mean that VMI cadets are Nazi sympathizers.

The other costumes are far less offensive, if at all, when taken in the proper context. The cadets in question were not in public view and were not aware that the general public would have access to photographs of the event. Once again, not to justify, but to explain. Let's examine the "male ballerinas." We go to a school of more than 1300 young men who wear uniforms every single day; if you don't think that, in this context, two guys wearing tou-tou's, heavy make-up, and baby-doll T-shirts which say "I (heart) a man in uniform," is funny then you need to lighten up. The same goes for the sailors, one of whom had a bull's eye on his rump. It was a light-hearted joke intended to evoke the homosexual sailor stereotype. Yet again, this does not mean that VMI cadets are homophobic or have some deep-seated hatred for homosexuals; a couple of guys made a joke in the presence of those who understood said joke.

The final example is the "starving African" in a loin cloth.

Question: any "South Park" fans out there? If so, did you appreciate the humor of the "Starvin' Marvin" episode? Same thing. This was not an example of "us dumb rednecks hatin' colored folk." The cadet in question was merely dressing up in the same manner as a TV character. I cannot emphasize this enough: I am not justifying these actions, merely trying to put them in their proper context.

The perception of many, with regards to VMI, is this: we are a bunch of arrogant, rude, racist, homophobic, warmongers who attend an archaic, outdated institution which condones said behavior.

The reality: in my three-plus years as a cadet I have met some of the most honorable, driven, generous, *pensif*, passionate, intelligent, funny, loyal, and creative people that I've ever come in contact with. Do cadets make mistakes? Of course. Do our mistakes gain an inordinate amount of attention? Yes. But if one is looking for inappropriate Halloween costumes then one would be wise to visit Generic State College, U.S.A. There one would find examples young ladies wearing barely more than a "loin cloth" and men dressed as feminine hygiene products...all in view of the local public. Are these offensive costumes the norm? Of course not, but I have yet to see "Good Morning America" do a segment on the "atrocities" of Halloween at JMU.

Here's the rub: before one passes judgment on what goes on in VMI's strange reality he should remember the fact that we have proudly served Virginia and America since 1839 and have produced: the man who rebuilt Europe after WWII, more CEOs in the state of Virginia than any other school, one of two American modern day martyrs as recognized by the Episcopal church (the other being Martin Luther King, Jr.), and, perhaps most importantly, innumerable men of honor. If this article seems condescending or arrogant then please accept my apologies for that was not my intent; however, when my Institute comes under attack I cannot sit by idly. As fellow men and women of honor, you can undoubtedly understand my position.

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— TOM WOLFE in press conference at W&L on Saturday, February 5, 2005

Srats work for good

Sororities effective in volunteering for a good cause

By Sonia Siu and Tye Haeberle
CAMPUSOUTREACH-CHAIRS

Rush week 2005 started off on a charitable note with the tradition of Philanthropy Night. Girls who once went through the rush process themselves look back on this night with a twinge of remorse, thinking back to that paint that they spilled and the dreaded memories of creativity that would not fabricate. In the end, enduring this high-stress environment was well worth it because the evening benefited many commendable causes.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Girl Scouts of America, Links to Literacy, the Mayflower, and Parkland Hospital were among those organizations that benefited from this rush evening.

Theta's national philanthropy is CASA, which works toward pairing court advocate-mentors with children who have endured hardships within their families. These children must often move around, so Theta came up with the creative idea of having potential new members decorate picture frames for the children so that they could frame a picture of them and their advocate, or any other person important to the child. Erin Rathbone, a senior Theta who coordinated the evening's activities believed "that the activity was a success and that the girls enjoyed it, especially because it was a new and original idea."

Every year, Girl Scouts raise money by selling cookies. Kappa Delta wanted to help its national philanthropy, Girl Scouts of America, in this endeavor. KDs had rushees decorate and put together

personalized cookie selling kits filled with water bottles, folders, clipboards, and bags. KD delivered these kits to girls in troops around the county, and has followed up through bi-monthly brownie group meetings that the chapter participates in. Beth Lidinsky, KD's Philanthropy Chair, was "excited to do this project because [KD has] recently become more involved locally with the Girl Scouts."

Pi Beta Phi's Philanthropy Night was "an extremely successful step in promoting literacy in an elementary school system," according to Lauren Kampf, Pi Phi's Philanthropy Chair. At the house, girls painted colorful, fun book bags for students attending an elementary school in Maryland in order to encourage a higher standard of literacy in their school system. Pi Phi preceded this year's gift of book bags by collecting and donating books to their national philanthropy "Links to Literacy," as well as its Canadian equivalent "Arrows in the Arctic."

"Flowers for the Mayflower" was Chi Omega's theme for the night. Prospective new members spent their time at the house painting clay flower pots for the residents of the Mayflower, a home for

the elderly located in Lexington. Chi Omega plans on following up these projects this spring using them in a new member activity, when new members will plant flowers into the pots and present them to the residents at the Mayflower. Dianne Winter, Chi Omega's Community Service Chair noted that the chapter was "really excited about how the projects turned out," since it was the first time that this house had worked on such a project for Philanthropy Night.

Laura Hornbuckle, Kappa Kappa Gamma's Philanthropy Night Chair considered its project to be "very special for [the house] because it is for a fellow Kappa." Those rushing decorated baby t-shirts to be sent to underprivileged or abandoned babies in Parkland Hospital of Dallas, Texas. Kappa is currently also planning many other events to benefit many other philanthropies.

Congratulations to the five sororities on this campus for making community service an integral part of rush. The philanthropies that continue to benefit from your outstanding work are appreciative of your efforts.

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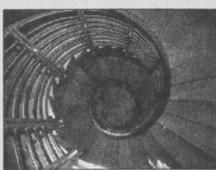
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Alums should speak

Washington and Lee is a culture steeped in tradition. We at the Phi love tradition and, in most cases, want this school to respect them. Recently, however, the school made a break in tradition that *The Ring-tum Phi* applauds. Asking Tom Wolfe to act as commencement speaker is an important step for the school.

This University has graduated several famous and accomplished alumni. To include these alumni in the graduation festivities serves several purposes.

Tom Wolfe speaking at commencement will certainly bring more press, and more attention, to campus that day. Washington and Lee can certainly use more positive press in order to boost name recognition.

To know that someone as accomplished as Tom Wolfe values the senior class's accomplishments enough to act as commencement speaker is also a huge compliment to the graduates.

Normally, the President of the University acts as the commencement speaker. Though President Burish is an eloquent man, we believe that incorporating more public figures into this celebration will bring nothing but positive press to the school and a special honor to the graduates.

In future years, the Phi would like to see this new trend continue. Possible commencement speakers include: Senator John Warner, Roger Mudd and former Chairman of Time Inc., Reginald K. Brack, Jr.

And, of course, we would love to see Tom Wolfe back again next year.

UPS & DOWNS

Opinions editor Caley Anderson gives you his take on what rose and fell this week at W&L and around the world.

Am Charlotte Simmons

But is it just me, or do you think it would be hard for a non-W&L person to understand this book?

Social Security

No matter who's in office in the next forty years, I have a sneaking suspicion that I'm definitely not going to get back the money I'm putting in.

Ice

See, in California, we have this ingenious celestial body called the sun, which actually prevents ice from enveloping whole cars.

The ceiling

::ba-dum chhhh:: Ups and downs, ladies and gentlemen. I'll be here all week, don't forget to tip your waitress.

Old Co-Op/Bookstore

So...is it just going to sit there or what? I mean, it seems like a little bit of a waste.

C-School's Art Display

Some interesting stuff hanging on the walls of the C-School these days. The Persephone display is crazy, but it's excellent.

Feb. Break

Before you start to call for my head on a platter, think about this- wouldn't you much rather have a three-week long Winter Break? Or maybe a two-week long Spring Break? It just seems sad to have lots of little breaks.

Research on stem cells must be expanded for the public good

By Becky LaMoine
THE LIBERAL VIEW

In President Bush's State of the Union Address last Wednesday night, he stated, "I will work with Congress to ensure that human embryos are not created for experimentation or grown for body parts and that human life is never bought or sold as a commodity." Indeed, since he has held the office of the presidency, Bush has pushed to outlaw embryonic stem cell research, and has succeeded as far as limiting federal funding for this research to stem cell lines existing prior to August 9, 2001. This is far from the compromise the President painted it as.

At the time the decision was made, the Health and Human Services Department reported that more than 70 cell lines were available. Yet, the number of existing stem cells that were actually available for distribution proved to be much lower than the predicted number. Now, only approximately 15 of these cells remain available for researchers in the United States who are doing federally funded research, according to the National Institutes of Health as of March 2004. However, other sources claim that the actual number is even lower than the NIH states. In addition, these cells are often contaminated, as evident in a report in the February issue of *Nature Medicine*, which stated that researchers from the University of California at San Diego and the Salk Institute have found a contaminant in one of the federally approved human embryonic stem-cell lines. This study provides the first concrete evidence that at least one important stem-cell line, and potentially all of the government-approved ones, is unsuitable for use in human tests.

Stem cell research first began in 1998 when scientist Dr. James A. Thomson, a biologist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, reported that he had isolated human embryonic cells. Since then, this research has produced substantial discoveries regarding life-threatening diseases and also promises future life-saving advances. This research may be used for the transplantation of vital organs, expansion of cancer research, exploration of genetic defects at birth,

fertilization of identical twins, creation of more effective contraceptives, augmentation of the chances of pregnancy, and information concerning the causes of miscarriage.

Opponents of stem cell research have often argued that the use of embryonic stem cells deprives the life of an embryo that would have otherwise had the chance to live. However, with the exception of therapeutic cloning, the embryonic stem cells used in this research are derived from fertility clinics where they would have been discarded, rather than given a life. The Stem Cell Research Foundation affirms that following the termination of a pregnancy, some women donate the fetal material, which would otherwise be disposed of, to research. In addition, frozen embryos that were created by fertility clinics and are no longer needed by the couple are another source of pluripotent stem cells. Since these cells would simply have been disposed of anyway, why not use them for life-saving, beneficial research?

Opponents also argue that adult stem cells are just as adequate as embryonic stem cells. Though adult and embryonic stem cells have many similarities, human embryonic stem cells have several key advantages over adult stem cells. Stem cells derived from an embryo can be reproduced in mass quantities, allowing for better research and potential use in transplants. These stem cells are also pluripotent, meaning that they can develop into any of the 200 to 220 different known cell types in the human body. Adult stem cells are not capable of this.

There are many proponents of stem cell research, including children suffering from juvenile diabetes, such as eleven-year old Tessa Wick. Wick does not understand how opponents of embryonic stem cell research can choose "a bunch of cells" over her. Some of the most prominent advocates of stem cell research include Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), Michael J. Fox, and Christopher Reeves, who unfortunately died last October.

The President should stop ignoring good science to the detriment of the health of millions of Americans. Stem cell research must go forward.

Rice on the rise, Dean on the decline

By Shane Wilson
THE POLITICAL UPDATE

Howard Dean, DNC
Commander-in-Chief?

Condoleezza Rice: the First Week

Last week, Condoleezza Rice jetted off on a whirlwind mission in her new capacity as Secretary of State. Her scheduled stops included a mixed bag of countries including the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Belgium, Turkey, Israel, and the West Bank. On the agenda: repairing broken relations, reaffirming existing ones, and forging ahead with plans of peace.

Ambitious? Perhaps, but difficult situations are nothing new for Secretary Rice. Her dedicated and honest service to President Bush during his first administration is testimony to her ability (memories of the 9/11 hearings quickly come to mind). If there were ever any doubt, Rice's skilled responses to a frosty Barbara Boxer last week prove that she's able to remain steady even under the most withering attacks.

Such diplomatic prowess came in handy as she began her trip, which included her first major policy speech in Paris. With the intent of patching together some sort of reconciliation between hard line concepts of old and new Europe, Rice's remarks will hopefully decrease hard feelings in the long run.

Undoubtedly the most important aspect of her trip was a renewed emphasis on Middle East peace. First stopping in Turkey was a wise choice, at least signaling that the United States does not remain upset after Turkey's refusal to assist during the Iraq war. Turkey's overall importance in stabilizing the region will be critical in the next decade.

Her arrival in Israel Sunday precedes a new Israel-Palestine summit before which she will have separate, private meetings with both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

If there's anyone more qualified to take up this challenge, it is Condoleezza Rice. Whether she is able to mediate an agreement that will usher in a new Palestinian state and lasting peace remains to be seen, but the American public should wish her well and be confident in her selection as secretary of state.

YEAAAAAAH! This may be the new battle cry of the Democratic National Committee if Howard Dean's latest political aspirations come to pass. With elections for Chairman of the party quickly approaching, it becomes more and more evident, however unlikely, that the position may be filled by this formed Vermont governor. It really brings two questions to mind. First, what is the Democratic Party thinking? Second, is there really no one else? Actually, a third question burns in the back of my mind. Where is the Democratic Party headed (does harkari seem like an appropriate reference)?

Let's take these questions point by point. Number one. Dean hardly seems like the kind of person to bring about party cohesiveness, much less one to sweep the polls on Election Day. Remember that Dean built his constituency on the most disenfranchised of the Party, including those whose stances were the farthest left on the Iraq war. At the same time, his political career was marked by opposed Democratic positions (he supported gun rights while at the same time making gay unions legal).

Second, is there truly not a better choice to lead the party? I would like Dean's appointment as DNC head to an enraged Zell Miller taking charge of the GOP, fully complimented by disparaging put downs and an assortment of frightening glares. Granted, I like Miller, but his presence can often be taxing to the good people in PR. The point here is whether the Democrats could have found a more digestible figurehead, perhaps the deposed Senator Daschle or even Bill Clinton? I ask again, where would the Democratic Party be taken by Howard Dean? It's interesting to try and understand the underlying strategy where a person who could only garner third place in a race for president is the top choice to take a party to national victory. Sure, he's energetic. Sure, he gets people involved. And yes, he has an awesome slogan. Will this be enough to make up for a party's general lack of direction and leadership? While the ultimate answer remains unknown, watching Howard Dean lead the Democratic Party would be almost as fun as a head to head election contest between him and George Bush.

Feb. break rules

Defending the Washington break

By Sara Duckworth
RUBBERDUCKE

This last week solidified the reasons why I am in love and much in need of a February Break. Lots of people complained, including myself, that having to be back January 3rd was horrible, but at least we have a fourth of this dreadful little month off. Yes, driving back to Lexington on January 1st was about as much fun as slamming my hand in a door, but it's over with and now we have an entire week to recover from the last six. So here are a few legitimate reasons for why I prefer this week over a three-week Dec. break.

1) Holiday Break was short enough that I was sad to leave my family and friends from high school. It will now be enjoyable to go back home or go take a road trip to visit them at school, instead of reliving reasons why I was so glad to graduate from HS.

2) Rush week was like pulling a Band-Aid off exceedingly slowly. Any more "break" and I would have lost my mind. There is no dark cloud of rush hanging over this week, thus making it the superior.

3) There is no fashionable way to keep your nose warm. We're a campus that works awfully hard at

looking presentable, but the cold nose thing gets me. It's a catch 22 of whether to give up and wrap a scarf around your face, or a ski mask, or have the Rudolph syndrome. I need a break from this pet-peeve, and I don't think I'm alone.

4) It's a good time to get the old car fixed. Mine was grumpy before Friday, but now that it has a giant dent in the front bumper it really needs to get a face lift. At least the lady who hit my parked car is good enough to pay for it, thus leaving me with some hope for humanity, even in the winter.

5) Even though the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras will already be over, it never hurts to have some time off to "celebrate" without having a midterm the next day.

6) Frat Pledgeship. Enough said.

7) I'm ready to leave our little campus, which has recently turned into a hotbed for germs. Don't cough on your hand and then open the door with the same hand. Sharing, in theory, is a good thing, but I would rather you keep your phlegm and viruses to yourself. I know you can get sick anywhere, but is it so wrong to ask for a change of venue?

8) An excuse to travel = something to adore. Disneyworld at 21? I think yes.

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"If you want to work professionally, you have to be able to drop the accent when it's required."

—QUOTE OF THE WEEK Martin Childers, who's leading a project to teach rural Appalachian kids to lose their accents.

Male students bear responsibility for ending campus' sexual assault

By Caley Anderson
MODERATES MUSINGS

If one believes the administration, and indeed, most women at our University (and I do), then sexual assault is a serious problem on this campus. As men, I think we tend to suffer from a sort of delusion that sexual assault isn't a "serious problem" until it becomes epidemic. There are some men on this campus, and I hate to admit it, that probably wouldn't see a problem until women were forced to stay in their dorms, apartments, and houses out of fear.

But we should all admit it— even in

the campus situation we have now, most women on this campus are at least somewhat fearful when they go out to parties, and they must have that little bit of discomfort in the back of their minds where men do not. With off-campus proliferation, the danger of sexual assault is more prevalent than ever, and though most women shrug it off, this danger is something that mustn't be long tolerated or ignored by anyone on this campus, least of all us, the male students.

I think the disconcerting seriousness of this problem is often camouflaged by the somewhat limited definition that a few of my male colleagues seem to place on the term "sexual assault." Unfortunately,

there is a lot that goes on besides out-and-out rape. It is not uncommon at our University for guys at parties to get women drunk with the explicit purpose in mind of blacking out their memories of the night, and of getting them in bed. This low-grade attempt at erosion of a woman's will is usually not twice thought of, but it is sexual assault, and though the legal ramifications are murky, it is certainly not in keeping with the standard of behavior that we, as students here, ought to be voluntarily ascribing to. This is not even considering the use of date rape drugs and other underhanded, dishonorable practices.

But more important than the

methods used is the mindset which allows such activity to take place. On this campus, there continues to be a male social ethic, and I'm not saying that all men here buy into it, which silently permits, or even encourages such activity. Some men continue to use their pledgeship vows of loyalty to fraternity and to fraternity brothers as an excuse to cloak and defend assaulters, and to stigmatize and harass women with legitimate complaints. This is indefensible; the fact that such disgraceful treatment of one's fellow students regularly happens within a few miles' radius of Robert E. Lee's burial place never ceases to astonish me. Is this what we are to present to the world as our

vision of what an "honorable gentleman" is?

Sketchy, mutually-drunken hookups are one thing, taking advantage of someone is quite another. All guys should know where this line is, and all guys should make damned sure not to cross it. There must be no doubt in anyone's mind as to consent. In this time period, it's the woman's job to make her preferences clear, it's the man's job to make sure he understands what she means. Protecting sexual assaulters and attacking women who come forward with allegations of assault is not something that anyone here is obliged to do by their frat vows or by anything else. There really is no excuse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-life perspective

Dear Editor,

Two rather lengthy pieces about abortion in last week's *Phi* caught my attention. I would like to address some of the points made therein (in my own rather lengthy piece, of course).

I begin with Ms. LeMoine's piece, in which she argues that determining when life begins is a complex and multi-faceted matter.

I submit that it is not so at all: life biologically begins at conception, the point at which a sperm fertilizes an ovum producing a genetically distinct human individual. One may quibble about whether this is a "fully developed" human life (is a prepubescent child "fully developed"?), and one may argue about its dependence on the mother, but if the natural processes of development (including dependence on the mother) remain uninterrupted, the zygote will necessarily grow into a small, screaming child — not a stick of celery.

The zygote is actual, as opposed to potential, human life by the very fact that its genetic make-up is both *individually distinct* and *entirely human*.

Another argument Ms. LeMoine makes concerns the wording of the first clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which she takes to be the constitutional definition of the beginning of life. The purpose of the clause, however, is to define "citizens of the United States," who are a subset of *persons*.

The specific subset of persons who are citizens are "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." Note,

though, that the same amendment says that no "State shall deprive *any person* of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." This extends to all *persons*, including illegal immigrants who were neither born nor naturalized here, and who apparently would not classify as human life if one were to take Ms. LeMoine's faulty interpretation seriously.

My next point will serve to address an important theme in both Ms. LeMoine's and Mr. Heath's pieces. The two emphasize the trauma of rape; and, I do not doubt, the trauma of rape is certainly very great and very damaging to those who have suffered it. I mean no offense when I say this, but emotional trauma never justifies the taking of innocent human life.

Is the child who is a product of rape guilty of some offense against her mother? Is it her fault if her mother looks at her and can only be reminded of her rapist? I do not pretend that it is *easy* to raise a child who is the product of one's own rape; and certainly we should work to make adoption an available choice to the unfortunate mothers of such children.

However, we ought not to sacrifice another, innocent person's life to our own emotional distress. It is not *anyone's* right to do so.

Mr. Heath states that ectopic pregnancies are a "keystone issue," suggesting that pro-lifers would demand that the mother die rather than that the fetus be killed.

But no one supports a ban on abortion when the mother's life is at stake. Even Ann Coulter, who we can all agree is NOT the very essence of moderation, would retain an exemption to preserve the

mother's life.

Mr. Heath also says that the rights granted in *Roe v. Wade* (for truly, they are *granted*, as they lack any real constitutional foundation) are not about "abortion in place of safe sex" or destroying a fetus diagnosed with a genetic defect.

Whatever the original intent, though, *Roe v. Wade* does secure legal rights to exactly those, *even in the last trimester*: no state in the Union may restrict by law the reasons for pursuing abortion.

Furthermore, if we compare international abortion policy, the United States ranks at least *seventh of 195* for the *most liberal* abortion policies in the world. (Abortion policy information obtained from the Center for Reproductive Rights, a pro-choice organization: <<http://www.crrp.org/>>.) That means that *Roe v. Wade* is about as "moderate" as the Communist Party, U.S.A.

In conclusion, all of the wondrous, and often harrowing, adventure we call life begins with but two small cells becoming one.

If we do not nurture this most fundamental of all human rights, all other rights are perfectly meaningless: for without life there are neither riches nor poverty, neither liberty nor slavery, neither happiness nor sorrow.

There is no possibility for us to truly appreciate the beauty of a rose when we nip it in the bud.

Sincerely,

Kyle Sulli '06

Bookstore commends campus

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the University Bookstore we would like to thank the over 250 students and members of the Washington and Lee community who stood in the long line on Saturday and waited patiently, some for over 5 hours, to have a book signed by Tom Wolfe. Without a break and with a fountain pen, Mr. Wolfe signed 342 books, many of which were personally inscribed in his distinctive elegant script. In spite of a scheduled departure for 2:30, Mr. Wolfe

stayed until everyone in line left with a signed book. As he was preparing to leave after the event, Tom commented how touched he was by the tremendous student response to the signing and praised the innate civility and lively intelligence he always experiences in his interactions with W&L students. A compliment indeed from a man who personifies Lee's "one rule." Kudos to you all!

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QUICK HITS

■ Thank you Burish for having the character to do what is best, whether it is popular or not. It proves that this school is about Honor within the administration as well as the students.

■ Great job administration for increasing the chances of sexual assault because parties are pushed into the country.

■ No one from the administration is pushing parties to the country; no one from the administration would be responsible for an increase in drinking crimes, or sexual assault. It's fellow students that would be forcing health problems and more alcohol down each other's throats, and it's fellow students that commit sexual assault against each other.

■ Now I guess I have to go to the co-op, oops, I mean the Cafe 77 to get beer.

■ I wonder if Burish is a virgin, we know that he wants to make drinks that are.

■ I feel like I'm living under a dictator regime. Let's call Bush and bring in the troops.

■ Traveller better get a lot more cars and run for a lot more hours.

■ Why does the school have to hate fun?

■ So, the Board of Trustees must have been drinking O'Douls all weekend?

■ Wasn't it nice of the Board and the administration to hold an open meeting this weekend with students to talk openly about the new alcohol policy enforcement...oh...wait.

■ Everyone in this school just needs to grow up and act responsibly.

**Nexttime's topic:
Wild and Crazy Feb
break stories.**

Visiting land of debutante balls

Early decides to spend first Washington break in the peach state

By Kristine Early
MILK AND CHEESE GIRL

Washington Holiday is less than a week away! Come Friday morning, I bid farewell to LexVegas. As much as I worship Salerno's (Shout out to the hottest waitresses ever: Paten and Angela!), adore the downtown shops and revere Traveler's gravesite, this vacation is much needed. A town with a population of 7,000... after awhile it gets old.

Although I am breaking my parents' hearts (Sorry mom and dad!), I am not going home for break. Janesville, Wisconsin is a metropolis compared to our very own LexVegas.

In addition to a Wal-Mart there is a Target and a K-mart. Okay, I'll be fair. There are two movie theaters and there is a mall. Plus, we did just get a Starbucks. Clearly, we're legit now. However, for a place that lays claim to 60,000 residents, the "City of Parks" is lacking. If a Janesvillite wants live entertainment, he goes to the high school football game. If he wants "culture," he goes to the all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet.

Worst of all, Janesville is surrounded by farmland- miles and miles of cornfields and green pastures. I like corn. I like cows, too. On a bun with lettuce, tomatoes, and ketchup. (Sorry vegetarians, but nothing tastes better than a big juicy hamburger and French fries. Or shall we say Freedom Fries?) However, when the wind blows the wrong way, let's just say that the air doesn't smell "spring fresh."

Janesville, being literally half way between the two coasts, smack dab in the middle of bovine country, is also the most out of touch city in the country. We didn't even hear about Tommy Hilfinger until five years after everyone else had stopped wearing his designs. Our newspaper's top story for the last year and a half: Super

Wal-Mart, to build or not to build? People actually picketed. It was *big*. I'll keep you updated.

I'm an adventurer. I like excitement. Obviously, J-town is not the ideal location for me. So, instead of subjecting myself to hours of small town boredom and the zero-degree weather characteristic of a Wisconsin winter, I am going to spend the week with one of my favorite people in the entire world- my brother. You can "awww" right about now.

At roughly 8:00 am on February 11, I will begin my journey to Athens, Georgia. It will entail one car trip, two airplane flights, and one bus ride. It will probably be 5:00 p.m. before I even set foot in the Peach State. But don't cry for me, Argentina: I have six hundred pages of assigned readings to keep me occupied. Lucky me!

I am really excited about this trip. I've never been to Georgia before. This will be my very first venture "down South." Sure, I've been to Myrtle Beach and Orlando. Somehow, I am guessing that doesn't count. True, I've been living in Virginia for five months. But while Virginians may wave their confederate flags and speak with a slight twang, I have yet to see "good ol' southern hospitality" or to be called "lil' lady." (Please *never* call me that.)

I want to hear people draw! I want debutante balls! I want bumper stickers that say "I'm on the prowl for tonight's dinner. Watch the front fender!" Will Georgia fit all of its stereotypes and rise to the high expectations of a pure-bred Midwesterner like myself? Only ten more hours of (enlightening) lectures and (scintillating) discussion and I will get my answer. Meanwhile, the Cheese State will just have to go on without me. What a shame...

I want bumper stickers that say "I'm on the prowl for tonight's dinner. Watch the front fender!"

Fisherman claims sandwich better than sex, beautiful women, and 80's music

Trout does not need a girl to put the color inside of his world, just give him a Sunrise Sandwich from the co-op.

By Hugh Trout
THE FISHERMAN

Classical writers discussed the idea of food of the gods: they called it ambrosia. The idea that such a food could be available to us mere mortals is as stupid an idea as Clear Pepsi, right? Wrong. It is available, and despite overwhelming odds it can be found here in Lexington. What is this magical food? Sunrise Sandwiches.

For years this wonderful creation has helped sustain even the greatest heroes of our time. Such Sunrise enthusiasts include Robert E. Lee, all members of Duran Duran, and even Slater from Saved by the Bell.

There are knock-offs, however. Some people are so devoid of taste that they think McDonald's breakfast sandwiches are similar. This is about as ignorant and preposterous as claiming that Lindsay Lohan is as talented as Hilary Duff (there is a face book group for those of us who have enough class to understand how much cooler Hilary Duff is...).

And so I would like to express my firm belief that the definition of happiness for any man is experiencing both the love of a beautiful woman and the love of a beautiful Sunrise Sandwich. However, the treacherous question is which would he choose if presented with the horror of having to pick just one.

I understand this may seem like a nightmarish scenario that is too heinous to fathom, but it is an important question. While one may be led to assume that the obvious choice is the love of a woman, I think the choice is harder when one takes the time to consider all the advantages of sunrise sandwiches.

First, a Sunrise Sandwich will never get drunk and tell all your friends that you said Bridget Jones' Diary was the feel-

You can talk to sunrise sandwiches for hours and they will listen and won't ever interrupt.

good movie of the year with lots of perspective for the common man. I still am recovering from that one.

Second, a Sunrise Sandwich will never put you into the position of listening to her god awful music and making you pretend it's as good as the stuff you listen to. After all, sunrise sandwiches don't have the ability to enjoy music, but everyone knows that if they did they would have killer taste. They would listen to bands like Widespread Panic, O.A.R. and Wilco. I could even imagine some of the Sunrise Sandwiches kickin' it to Jay-Z and Thievery Corporation, cause they like to keep their game on the creep and flow with

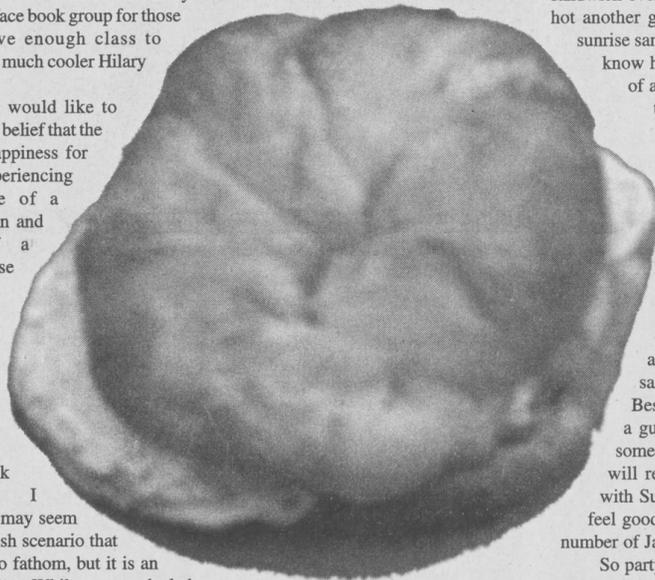
and not wanting to get too attached to anyone. After all, some days you want a ham, others you really think the bacon is where it's at. No worries, no commitments.

But for all the female fans of The Fisherman, pay attention, this applies to you equally. When was the last time a Sunrise Sandwich drunk dialed you and told you he loves you when you know all he wants to do is get some? No way man, sunrise sandwiches understand that just isn't chill. You are a person with feelings and interests and Sunrise Sandwiches want more than just a hook up. They want a connection.

Can you remember a sunrise sandwich ever talking to you about how hot another girl is? Nope, that's cause sunrise sandwiches got game and they know how to make you the center of attention which you deserve to be. While they may not be able to hold doors for you or pay for the movie tickets, sunrise sandwiches more than make up for it with their listening skills.

You can talk to sunrise sandwiches for hours and they will listen and won't ever interrupt. And with enough liquor, it won't seem as depressing talking to a sandwich as you might think. Besides, getting sloppy around a guy on a Saturday night can sometimes lead to something you will regret in the morning. But with Sunrise Sandwiches, you can feel good about yourself despite the number of Jager shots you did.

So party, drink, hang out with cute people of the opposite sex and listen to some not so great music. Just remember, no matter how badly you failed that exam or how much it sucked when you got caught pretending to remember the name of the cute girl you were talking to last night, Sunrise Sandwiches are there for you.



a diverse perspective.

Third, a Sunrise Sandwich is there for you whenever you need it to be. It won't demand that you ignore other sunrise sandwiches because it's cool like that. It understands that you're just a young guy looking to have a good time

Marshall finds new best friend in the Beastie Boys

Music changed the way Marshall goes about dating

By Marshall Rule
POTATOMAN

For nearly twenty years of my life, I have never understood a single thing that a girl does. I use the term girl because I have never met a woman. Guys have to earn the right to be called a man and I think girls have to earn the right to be called a woman.

I have had horrible luck with girls. But it's not all their fault. Up until college, I had never had anyone give me good advice on what to say or do when it comes to the opposite sex.

But I was able to find that new best friend who tells me everything I need to know about girls. I now have someone to talk to about all my problems and they give me good advice that never falters. That person is Mike D and the rest of the Beastie Boys.

The Beastie Boys are not very cool people. In high school, they got beat up a lot. No one cared what a couple of wanna be rappers had to say, especially the girls. While their moms were busy taking away their best porno mag, the girls were busy

The Beastie Boys are all about lying to make yourself sound better. And it works.

dating the quarterback.

But one day, they woke up and were magically given the power to make girls fall upon their knees and worship them. They had the power of music.

It is music that changed the way I go about dating. The Beastie Boys are able to tell women that all they want is "girls to do the dishes/girls to clean up my room/girls to do the laundry/and in the bathroom" and still girls want to go backstage with them.

So how do they do it? Tell them lies. Make yourself sound good. In the song *Hey Ladies*, Mike D tells his prospective girl that he's all-knowing.

The Beastie Boys are all about lying to make yourself sound better. And it works. I can't count the number of times I've heard about guys that meet a girl and as soon as they find out that she is from

Charleston, the guy lies and pretends that he too is from that city. And it always works.

The Beastie Boys know how to pick the right girls too. They say, "I met a little cutie she was all hopped up on zootie/I liked the little cutie but I kicked her in the bootie/Cause I don't kinda go for that messin' around."

The Beastie Boys know that if they mess around with crazy chicks they're gonna get burned.

That's why you've got to kick them in the bootie. The Beastie Boys are able to get girls because they are selective about who they try to get with.

So, if you want your girl to be "staring at the cracks up there upon the ceiling," you best listen to The Beastie Boys and tell that girl that "[her] body's