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The Second Coming...
of Second City is here! By popular demand, the comedy troupe has returned. Find out about their journey on pages 6-7.

Drinks and Drama
Preparing for fraternity cocktails this weekend? You'll need our fashion guide for tips and tricks on page 8.



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Come check out the Black Crowes playing some of their latest and greatest Friday, Oct 1 in the Pavilion. Tickets are onsale online now, and are \$40 General Admission, \$20 Students.



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A Bahama Mama minus rum. Orange juice, pineapple, pina colada mix, and a splash of grenadine blended with ice.

CORRECTIONS

Our apologies to Phi Gamma Delta, located on Preston St. On last week's Guide to Lex, they were mislabeled the Lee House. Also, St. Patrick's Church is located Nelson St.

Safe haven

W&L opens doors to hurricane victims

By Leah Kershaw and Katelyn Finley
NEWS EDITOR, STAFF WRITER

In the wake of Katrina, New Orleans students have scattered in search of a future.

When the hurricane hit New Orleans, sophomore Kate Chiasson and her roommates were getting ready to start the upcoming school year at Tulane.

"I moved in my furniture and clothes on a Friday and left Saturday morning," said Chiasson.

Now, just a few weeks later, Chiasson and her roommates are attending different schools across the nation.

As for their house, "It's under two feet of water and I'm worried about looting and mold," said Chiasson.

Junior Skye Eiswirth, who learned about W&L's program to offer admission to Tulane students from a family friend, had similar problems finding a school.

"A lot of universities are only taking people from their states. That was really aggravating and made it hard to find a good school," said Eiswirth.

Chiasson, who said she is glad to be at W&L, was offered admission for fall semester a few days after faxing in her one-page application.

Participating in the Zeta Tau chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has helped Chiasson with the transition, as well as some of her close friends who already attend W&L, she said.

However, Chiasson said she is excited to go back to New Orleans even though "the city isn't going to be the same. Jazz Fest and Mardi Gras won't happen," said Chiasson, "There is a possibility but who knows?"

Eiswirth is optimistic about both the upcoming spring semester at Tulane and the rebuilding of New Orleans.

"A lot of people are going to have school spirit," said Eiswirth, "I think New Orleans is going to be a lot better and a lot safer."

Wiant among first W&L women

Sally Wiant opens up about her experiences as one of the very first women to graduate from W&L

By Steph Wiechmann
STAFF WRITER

In 1972, Sally Wiant entered a foreign world. Not knowing anyone "east of the Mississippi River," she came to Lexington, Virginia - to a world of men.

Wiant entered the Washington and Lee School of Law as one of the six women students admitted in the fall of 1972 to become the first women to graduate from the institution. She, herself, took a different approach to the typical three-year course of study.

Then-Dean Roy Steinheimer brought Wiant here as a junior professional librarian. They worked out an agreement that she would work half the time and attend classes half the time.

Wiant spent six years in law school and graduated in 1978. She has been on the law faculty ever since.

Being one of the first women to attend Washington and Lee, Wiant and her fellow female students had quite an arrival here on campus.

Unlike the preparation done before the implementation of co-education here in 1985, the law school was not ready for the new women students.

"There was no thought given to where we would live or health services," said Wiant. "In fact,

there was so little thought given to our arrival, that one of the first things the SBA president did was to write a lengthy memo to the dean of the law school requesting that he change the faculty men's restroom to a ladies' room."

The male law students, though, were quite welcoming.

In the 1970s, a typical law class would contain about 75 students. Wiant said that it was "like having that many older brothers watching out for every little thing you did."

Difficulties didn't show up until the third class of female students arrived.

"By then, the newness had worn off," Wiant said.

The undergraduate male students took a different approach. Tucker Hall was home to the law school until 1973, so law students and undergrads saw each other regularly.

These students were not too happy about the law class's change in composition. But, like southern gentlemen, they put a positive spin on the event.

"They felt," said Wiant, "that it was the law school and not the undergraduate student population that was being invaded."

The Alumni Office also presented complications. She said, "Every time the Alumni Office would send me



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SALLY WARIANT, W&L LAW CLASS OF '78

information, it was always addressed to Mr. Sarah Wiant."

Still, Wiant persevered and has enjoyed her time here, seeing the changes that the campus has gone through. She was present during the co-education period, when the undergraduate women did not have such an easy time as she herself did only years before.

"We didn't suffer the barrage of negative comments as the undergraduate campus did," she said. "[Ours] was much more subtle." She did welcome the changes and likes what has seen so far.

"The stellar increase in academics has been remarkable." During this year-long celebration of women at W&L, Wiant looks back on her time here and reflects how the campus has changed - and informs us that we still have a long way to go.

"This is still a very male campus," she warns us. "It's remarkable that we've never had a permanent female Dean of the

College. It's remarkable to me that only this year has the law school ever had a woman in a faculty-chaired position. It's remarkable to me that we've never had a woman Dean of the law school or a woman Dean of the commerce school....

"It seems to me that there are some very strong women candidates out there and it may be the time for the University to recognize that.

"And," she adds, "it may be time for us to seriously consider a female candidate for the [university] presidency. That would be bold, indeed. There might be the right candidate out there."

Wiant was a pioneer when it came to both female education and faculty here at our alma mater. She fought for what she thought she deserved, and for it received a place in our history book.

Against all odds, Wiant turned what was once a man's world into her own.

Men's soccer shows promise

Team kicks into action with the hopes of coming away with the ODAC title

By Jacob Geiger
STAFF WRITER

Just three weeks into the 2005 campaign, the men's soccer team is making a habit of taking games down to the wire.

The first three games were all decided by one goal, and two went into double overtime.

Though forward Jack Palmer's dramatic golden goal to beat Catholic 3-2 was offset by a heart-breaking last second loss to Southern Virginia, there's no doubt that the Generals are poised for a successful season.

Freshman midfielder Fletcher McCraw said the captains "establish an environment that helps the team come together."

The captains emphasized the team's goal of winning the ODAC championship.

"That's a pretty unanimous goal," Wallace reported.

"What's the point of just saying, 'I hope we win some games

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- MATT WALLACE, CLASS OF 2006

this year"? I don't think anyone, especially the seniors, will be truly satisfied unless we come away with the ODAC title."

While stressing that every conference game is important, senior Robert Morscheiser acknowledged that "the biggest stretch for us will be our final three games against Roanoke, Wesleyan and Lynchburg, who were seeded one, two, and three respectively in the preseason polls."

He also emphasized the team's need to "play up to [its] potential this year. There's a lot of talent on this team and there's no reason we shouldn't put together a solid season."

While Wallace cautioned against looking ahead on the schedule, he did admit that, "as usual, the Roanoke game will definitely be one to watch."

One crucial element of the team's success so far has been the hot foot of sophomore Josh Dodds, who notched four goals in the first three games. Morscheiser called Dodds the team's most improved player and said he's been playing "on a first class level."

Dodds, who's making a huge impact in only his second season, also leads a group of talented sophomores and freshmen who will lead the team in future seasons.

McCraw has seen some minutes

at midfielder, while Wade Cruser of Norfolk has occasionally paired with Dodds at the front of the W&L attack.

Wallace also mentioned Tommy Pignatelli, a scrappy 5'4" forward from Chatham, New Jersey. "He's quick," Wallace announced, "but he needs to grow about 6 inches and put on 30-40 pounds. Chris Schall will whip him into shape eventually."

The captains also talked about Head Coach Rolf Piranian, a 1974 W&L grad who is in his 30th season as head coach.

"I don't think you can argue with experience," Wallace said. "He's really old school but keeps up with the changing trends in soccer and new ideas. He loves good, hard, honest play. Really blue-collar."

With Piranian and his son, Mike, coaching from the bench and with three great captains on the field, the Generals seem certain to make some noise in the ODAC before the end of the season.

Greek Summit: 'Great' or just a snoozefest?

Attendance was low but intentions were good at this weekend's forum for Greek improvement

By Sarah Murray and Rob Armstrong
STAFF WRITERS

Administrators, alumni, and current students met this weekend to decide the future of the Greek system.

The Greek summit offered various speakers a chance to spotlight both pros and cons of the current fraternities and sororities.

"We need to take an honest look at ourselves and evaluate our performance," Jon Williamson, executive vice president of the North American Fraternity Conference, said at Friday's opening session.

One session, titled "Moving From Good to Great," voiced a

theme repeated frequently throughout the weekend.

Adelaide Ng '08, said, "They're sending out a good message for being able to stand up for what you believe in."

The highlight of the first night was a slideshow giving examples of courage throughout history. The screen read, "What will it take for fraternities and sororities to endure? Courage."

Familiar images of Iraqi citizens in voting booths, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, President Reagan and Sept. 11 rescue workers were shown.

The theme seemed a bit odd to Ng, who said some people may have had problems connecting civil rights heroes with fraternity brothers. Regardless, she

said, "All the people made it a positive experience."

Saturday's keynote speaker David Stollman emphasized the importance of countering negative Greek stereotypes as well as fostering improvement in the student members of each organization.

"[Stollman's] speech really got the audience's attention...it was quite captivating," said Neal Schaeffer '08.

Saturday's activities also included small discussion groups on topics such as current problems with the Greek system, values of Greek organizations, and changes that can be made. Senior Elizabeth Eisenbrandt said, "We have been working within our Greek organizations for the

past three years and our opinions and experiences helped inform the upcoming leaders."

Eisenbrandt, a co-chair of the summit, said the discussions offered an opportunity for upperclassmen to shape the way their organizations will run after their graduation.

Not all students were as thrilled with proceedings. Schaeffer said, "each session had a specific goal, but in the end got back to the same stuff," referring to the repeated "Good to Great" theme. He called the weekend "a bit redundant."

The low attendance later in the proceedings suggests that others agreed. At one point in his speech Saturday night, Stollman, attempting to recognize mem-

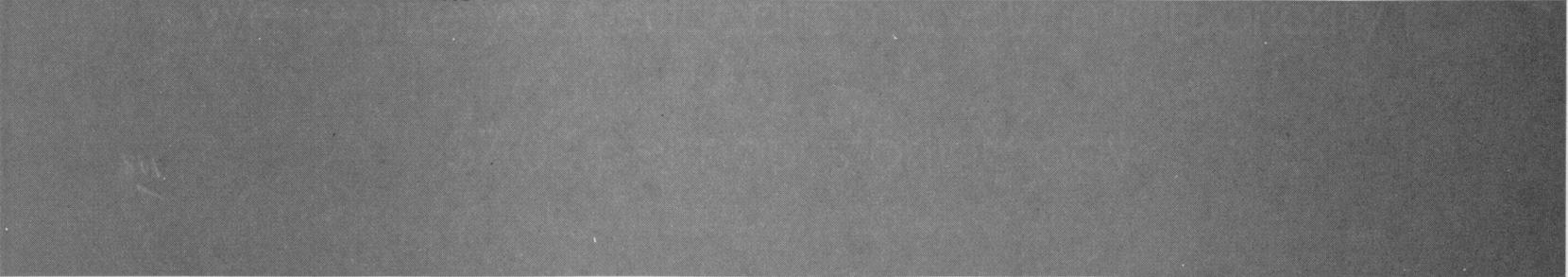
bers of each organization, called out to Sigma Chi, whose members had made an early exit.

Senior Justin Hannon, President of Sigma Chi, said he did not deny this claim, but declined further comment.

In a brief speech Friday, acting President Harlan Beckley praised students for their hard work on the summit, mentioning that Greeks have a "special obligation" to give back to the school that has given so much to them.

"We're headed in the right direction," said Ng, "the intent behind the summit was good."

Managing Editor Katherine Greene also contributed to this article.



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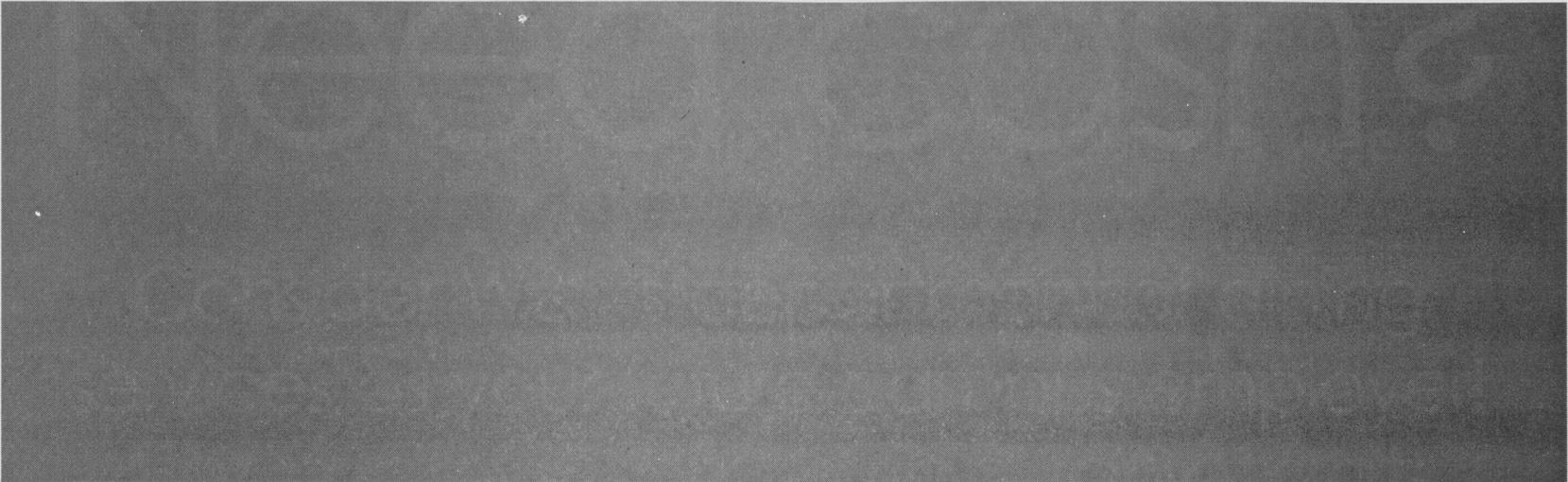
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SPORTS BRIEFS

W&L Women's Soccer Defeats N.C. Wesleyan, 2-1 (9/18)

The women's soccer team scored two first half goals and held on to defeat North Carolina Wesleyan, 2-1, at Watt Field.

W&L Field Hockey Falls to McDaniel, 2-0 (9/18)

The McDaniel College field hockey team jumped out to a 2-0 first half lead and freshman goalie Erika Wawzyanick (Wantage, N.J./High Point Regional) made it stand up by recording seven saves as the Green Terror defeated W&L by that score at W&L.

W&L Men's Soccer Falls to Bridgewater, 3-2, in Double Overtime (9/17)

Sophomore midfielder Nathanael Knopp scored with 47 seconds remaining in the second overtime period to give the Bridgewater men's soccer team a 3-2 victory over W&L in Bridgewater, Va.

W&L Football Defeats Sewanee, 10-7 (9/17)

The football team controlled the ball for 44:05 of the game's 60 minutes in defeating Sewanee, 10-7, at McGee Field.

W&L Cross Country Competes at NYU Invitational (9/17)

The W&L men's and women's cross country teams were in action on Saturday afternoon at the New York Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. The men's team placed third out of 24 teams, while the women were third out of 22 squads.

A catch worth fighting for

Ultimate frisbee team struggles to victory

By Dima Slavin
STAFF WRITER

Walk around campus on a warm summer day and you will likely run into a group of people throwing around a frisbee.

Yet, while frisbee is a popular pastime both at W&L and around the country, the sport of ultimate frisbee is virtually unknown.

This is an unfortunate fact seeing as ultimate frisbee is one of the most exciting (and exhausting) sports around and W&L's ultimate frisbee team, Two Dead Guys Ultimate Frisbee, is one of the most fun and interesting teams on campus.

According to legend (and the team's official website at ultimate.wlu.edu), Two Dead Guys was founded by Andrew Hartnagle as an organization for pick-up ultimate frisbee fanatics.

Eventually, then senior Christopher Martin Jordan and then junior Tim T. Smith decided to make Two Dead Guys a legitimate ultimate squad.

In January 2003, the dream came true as the team competed in the Winter Classic at the University of Florida.

Since then, they have attended competition after competition and have even come one game away from winning a tournament.

One of their biggest accomplishments since that time has been a major near upset, as the team came within three points of dispatching UNC, then a number three seed.

The team has been strong since it started tournament play and can rightfully call themselves the top team in the Old

Dominion Athletic Conference as they have not yet been defeated by an ODAC opponent.

The team is unique at Washington and Lee as it is not only co-ed in terms of featuring both men and women but is also co-ed in having both undergraduate and law students.

Anyone is welcome to join the team, no experience is necessary and though it is probably one of the most tight-knit teams at W&L, they are always glad to welcome new members.

Women are especially welcome, as the team is mostly male and many tournaments require a certain amount of women to be on the team.

For those who want to play, or just watch, the team practices Mondays and Wednesdays at 4PM on the law school fields and Sundays at 4PM on the Liberty Hall Fields.

This year, the team hopes to play in six or seven tournaments; their first one is October 1 at Gettysburg. They also have tournaments coming up at NC State in October and Guilford in November.

The team was hoping to host a tournament this fall but, symbolic of how under-respected they are on campus, they were not able to reserve a field.

However, the team is resilient and will try to have a tournament at W&L in the spring.

The team is used to working hard just to be able to play. Tournament fees are very expensive, yet the team does not charge a membership fee. Instead, they sell discs to raise money to pay their entrance fees, hotel costs, etc.

"We play for the love of the game, not the glory," said senior Pete Jones.

Sticks and Stones

The women of Field Hockey have lots of promise and lots to prove

After a rocky start against non-ODAC teams, the Generals Field Hockey team is ready to charge into the season.

By Sarah Bloom
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a first place ranking in the ODAC, your best season ever, personally winning the Conference Championship, our best season ever as a team, earning a bid to the NCAA. I hope you can because I am.

Coach Orrison's words in mind, the women's field hockey team returned to school in early August for rigorous preseason doubles and team selection.

With ten new freshmen, the team must rely not only on fresh talent, but on the experience of good returning athletes like senior captains Jane Beall and Kate Lester.

The official start of the season brought frustrating early losses to non-ODAC teams, Catholic and Johns Hopkins, calling for a review of basics.

"We just had to practice finding each other on the field," said sophomore Kendall Korte.

The team's energy and momentum to have the best season ever, however, was not lost with the loss of a few games.

"We have great skills, and it is just going to take some ironing out to get everyone gelling and on the same page," said Beall of the losses.

"Those teams are always really good," added Korte of Catholic and Hopkins. "It's hard because we start our season so much later than they do. They have an advantage because they are already 4 games deep when we play them, but I think our teams are equal."

Ranked third in the ODAC preseason poll, the Generals will need to turn this year's play-record around in order to claim victory over first and second ranked Lynchburg and Virginia Wesleyan.

Coach Orrison has confidence in her team's ability to do just that.

In a preseason interview Orrison stated, "One of my goals is to be undefeated at home. If we do, then we will have a great chance to host the ODAC Championship."

Four-year player and team captain Jane Beall will be relied heavily upon for her talent and experience on offense as the Gen-

erals take on their ODAC rivals.

In the past, Beall has lead the team in scoring, goals and assists and already has a school record to her name for career assists.

"To host the ODAC championship on the new W&L turf field would be such an advantage," said Korte of the chance to play in front of a home crowd. Most of the other teams still practice on grass fields.

On Wednesday, the team will finally have the chance to take on one of their biggest rivals when they play Lynchburg College.

"We're going to need to start finishing our goals to win the games," said Korte. "We're going to have to realize that we're not going to find the perfect shot every time and that we need to just be aggressive and go for them when we're close."

Captain Beall agrees: "I want people to be concerned when they play us. We need to be a threat, and I think we can be."

Beall, like her coach and teammates, would like to see the team not only imagine, but play a perfect year.

"I want people to be concerned when they play us. We need to be a threat, and I think we can be."

- CAPTAIN JANE BEALL, CLASS OF 2006



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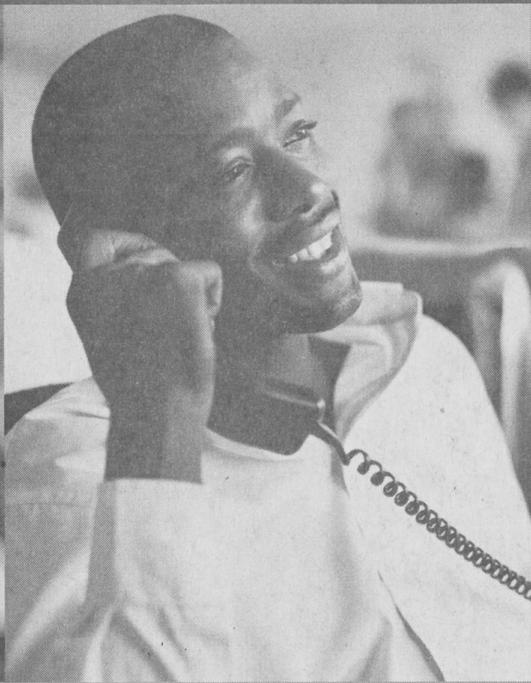
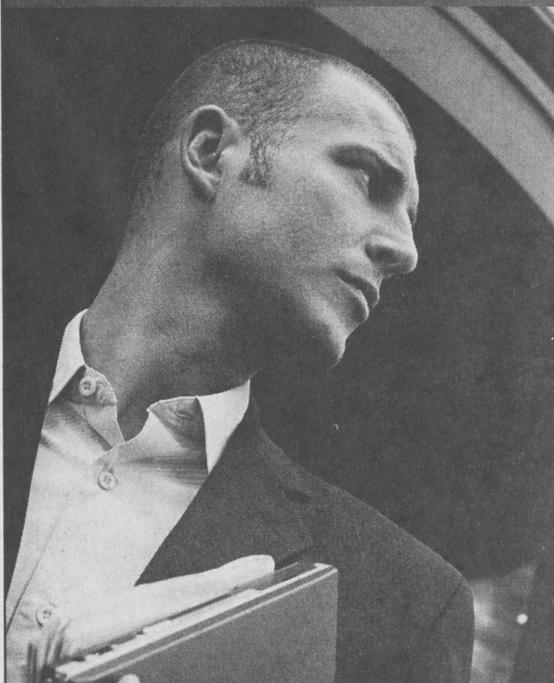
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Make 'em laugh!

Described by the cast as "the granddaddy of sketch comedy," *Second City's* quirky cast took a few minutes before their Wednesday show to answer some questions about who they are, what they do and how they operate.

By **Kate Shellnutt**
STAFF WRITER

Who starts in Chicago, tours all over the country, and ends up on the stage of Saturday Night Live?

No need to look to the back of the joke book for the answer to this one. The Second City performed at the Lenfest Center this week, bringing one of the nation's most famous comedy revues to Lexington.

After learning, teaching, and writing sketch and improv comedy from Second City's base in Chicago, the troupe transformed in to "a big nerdy band," said

Hans Holsen, Second City cast member, to travel around the country and perform.

The flexibility of the ensemble-based show allowed the cast to tailor their jokes specifically to the W&L audience.

"We like to localize it and bring the show there," said another cast member, Dana Quercioli. Jokes involving Traveller, Lexington, Greek life, and the nearby University of Virginia kept students laughing.

"For a lot of audiences, this is the first time they've seen a comedy revue, so

it's pretty much always a positive response," she said.

The show proves consistently funny, but its improvisational elements allow for variety in content.

"Some audiences are more politically driven, and some have dirty minds..." said Joe Grazulis, Second City musical director. "Well, they pretty much all have at least that one guy with the dirty mind."

With jokes varying from political to everyday, satirical to light-hearted (see sidebar for examples), the group tiptoes "the line" of present-day comedy.

Some pieces, like a frustrated high school math teacher or annoying

toddler at the pool, resemble characters on Saturday Night Live, where most Second City performers dream of ending up, and where most do.

The program's alumnae list boasts John Belushi, Gilda Radner, Dan Akroyd, Eugene Levy, Bill Murray, Martin Short, and even current SNL cast members Horatio Sans and Tina Fey.

Other pieces include music, audience interaction, or even mime to score audience laughs.

Some jokes, however, are neither written nor improvised.

"I pretty much mess up every night," admitted Quercioli. "But people think it's funny, so it kinda becomes part of the show."

Improvising keeps audiences laughing, which is really the ultimate punch line.

Meet the Cast

(as pictured, from left to right)

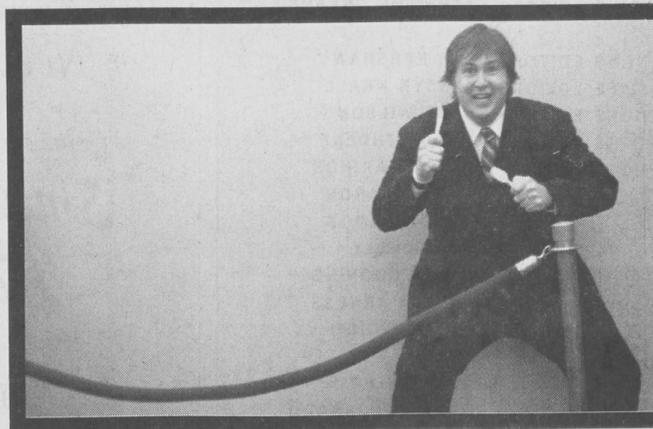
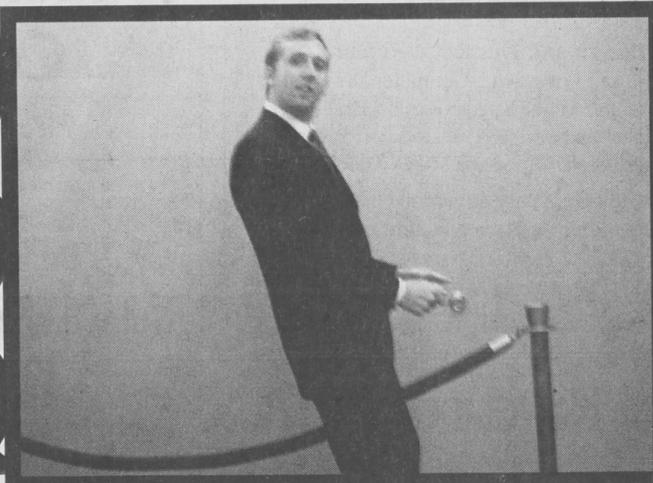
Dana Quercioli, Hans Holsen, Megan Hovde, Andy St. Clair, Shelly Gossman, and Ryan Archibald

- **Do they ever mess up?** "Nightly," Dana said of herself. "But, yeah, it's part of the show." The audience can definitely second that sentiment, especially after listening to her mispronounce "denominator" four times.
- **What kind of response are they used to?** "For a lot of audiences this is the first time they've seen a comedy revue, so it's always a positive response," Dana said.
- **How do they travel?** While they are on tour, the troupe drives rental cars, and flies to more distant lo-

- cations like San Diego or New Mexico.
- **Where are they from?** The performers Wednesday all began as theater performers in Chicago, before studying at the conservatory there.
- **What do they do when they're not touring?** Although the group performs throughout the year, they do fewer shows during the summer. During the time in between, they return to Chicago, where they perform, teach classes, and rehearse 3 times a week.

- Elisa Turner

second city



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Pick the punchline.

The term "situational comedy" reminds audiences that humor comes from just that, a character's situation at a particular moment. The comedy revue *The Second City* used sketches and songs to demonstrate this humor. Quotes from the show are listed below, can you pick out the context in which they were said?

- **By Kate Shellnutt**
- STAFF WRITER
- **1. "We use antibacterial soap!"**
- a. the slogan for the Clean Hands Club
- b. a parent's argument for why his daughter can't be doing poorly in school
- c. why astronauts never get sick
- **2. "There is pee-water everywhere!"**
- a. description of kindergarten bathrooms
- b. what a fish at a popular beach might say
- c. the words of a Dairy Queen manager to her nervous employee
- **3. "P.S.- This is the best your hair has ever looked. I can't believe you were even THINKING of getting it wet, Ophelia."**
- a. if Shakespeare's works included a sassy gay friend, what he would say to dissuade Ophelia from drowning herself
- b. a letter from one middle school girl to another at a birthday pool party
- c. the advice of one elderly woman to another before she decided to put on her rain cap
- **4. "Febreeze is hurting the nation."**
- a. a news bulletin on the harmful effects on Febreeze's chemicals
- b. the angry chants of unemployed housekeepers
- c. the elderly complaining that modern products make people too lazy to do laundry
- **5. "If we had guns that shot marshmallows instead..."**
- a. a 7-year old's dream toy
- b. the upsurge of violence among characters of the board game Candyland
- c. the author of *Marshmallows are My Friends* suggestion to end the war in Iraq
- **6. "Don't leave, don't leave."**
- a. the military's new name for their "don't ask, don't tell" policy
- b. what a tactless waitress said to the customers who forgot to include her tip on their bill
- c. commentary on the popularity of songs entitled "Don't Leave Me" for semi-punk bands like Green Day, the All-American Rejects, and Blink-182
- **7. "I can't buy groceries, I've been eating art supplies."**
- a. a new diet trend involving non-toxic crayons and glue snacks
- b. the words of a teacher whose low salary doesn't cover basic living expenses
- c. what to do when the local grocery store goes out of business

Answers: b, c, a, c, c, a, b

"A woman especially, if she have the misfortune of knowing any thing, should conceal it as well as she can."

- JANE AUSTEN, NORTHANGER ABBEY

Ready-to-Wear

Freshman Sarah Kientz models this fall's Homecoming looks.

If you're on a budget...

Something old: cuff bracelet from Goodwill. **Something new:** Green pearl BCBGirls stiletto pumps, \$30 at Molly Gilbride. **Something borrowed:** brown Bohemian halter dress from Laundry by Shelli Segal.



If you'd like to splurge...

So chic: Brown empire waist halter by Millergirl, \$255 at Pumpkinseeds. **So stunning:** Gold strappy heels by Constanca Basto, \$125 at Molly Gilbride. **So sultry:** Gold disk earrings, \$40 at Pumpkinseeds.



Homecoming fashion sense

What to wear and what not to wear this weekend

By Eka Akpakip and Bree Melton
STAFF COLUMNISTS

Okay ladies and gents, it's that time of year again, and even earlier than usual. That's right, it's Homecoming Weekend.

The weekend during which the alumni return to revel in their days of yore, the fraternities host some of the most important nights of formal recruitment, and great bands and parties abound across campus.

But what, oh what, is one to wear? Certainly this is old hat to many, but the poor little freshmen, like so many lost lambs, haven't a clue which little black dress is appropriate.

Boys, let's face it: coat and tie. It's simple, it's classic, you've got a million in your closet. That's your decision because Breka really just doesn't have the time to pick out everyone's outfit!

But Breka also understands how those of our gender, especially the younger ones, fret themselves silly over minute details such as what to wear. Now is the time for us to impart our wisdom as those women who came before us. Breka will reveal the mystery of *Homecoming Garb*.

So back to the matter at hand: what is a girl to wear? This is where that quintessential *little black dress* that you bought because you couldn't pass up the sale, but you didn't know when you would ever wear it comes in to play. Now is the time to break that dress out...and hopefully you

have two of them.

Friday night is the slightly more formal night with dinners, cocktail parties and alumschmoozing. (Get the practice in now, it's when it is appropriate to do for practically the rest of your adult life!)

The next day kicks off with the football game against Centre. This is when it is appropriate to don those madras or Nantucket red pants you've been itching to wear, gentlemen.

Ladies, you know what to do: sundress, cute heels, pearls. Please, you've got this down.

But what about Saturday night? This is the night that you go a little less formal.

If you were wearing tea length the night before, definitely wear the cocktail length tonight. That's just above the ankle and just below the knee, respectively.

Saturday night is full of bands and running from one fraternity house to the next. There will be dinner, cocktails and schmoozing still, but there's definitely more activity on Saturday than there will be on Friday.

It may even be appropriate to return to your room and change for the bands after dinner and cocktails, but you won't see Breka doing that. Oh no, we have partying in our formal wear down to an art.

So be safe, have fun, and if you don't have a date, go out anyway. Nothing makes a girl feel like a million dollars like putting on a great dress.

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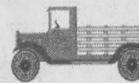
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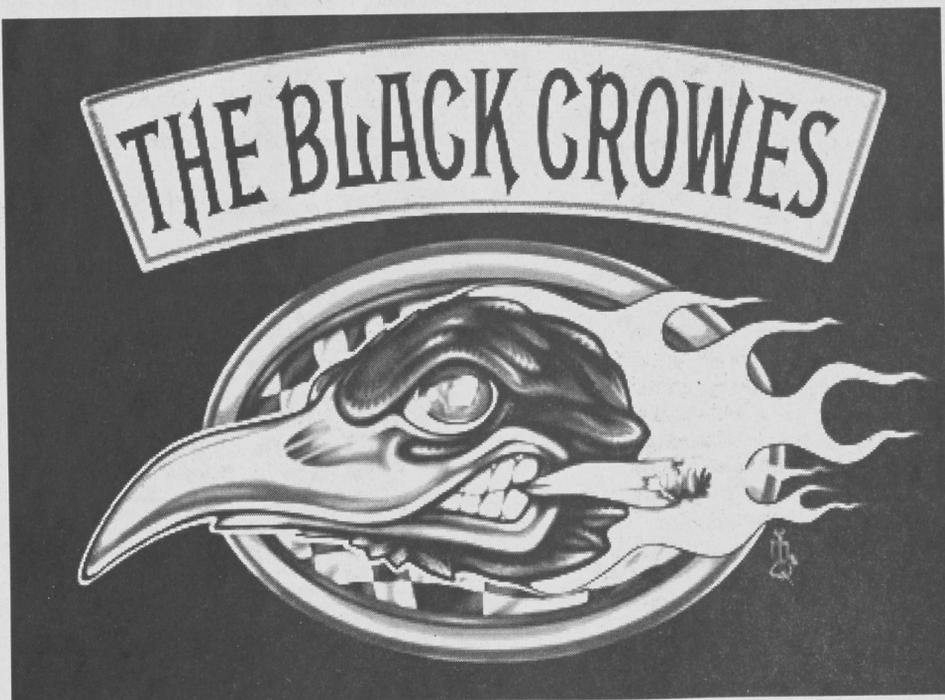
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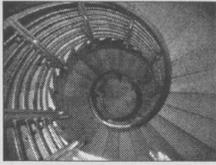
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opinions



Freshmen Year 101

Senior offers advice to the Class of '09

By Sara Duckworth
STAFF COLUMNIST

First of all, congrats to the freshman class for making it this far.

Ladies and gentlemen, start adjusting.

Let's begin with not getting arrested.

Possession charges and drunk in public may make for a great story, but not one you're going to want to tell your possible employer.

Don't drink so much you have to get your stomach pumped.

This doesn't make you into some super stud; it makes people wonder whether or not they should put you under suicide watch.

Actually take your textbook out of the plastic wrap and use it.

So what if the class kicks your butt anyway? At least you didn't just go drink away the semester and get upset when you didn't have the grades to rush.

Go to some of the activities

The senior says:

- Don't get arrested.
- Limit your intake.
- Open your textbook.
- Call your parents.
- Support the arts.
- Go to class.
- Join a club.

at Lenfest, and club meetings going on around campus. Support something other than a beer gut and try to get an education.

Program the important school numbers into your phone and put your name somewhere on your possessions.

If you haven't noticed, everyone here dresses pretty much the same, so your XS black Northface is not going to be the only ones at that party.

Go to class, and call your parents.

I would say have a good time, but that would be a little lame.

So good luck.



Lance vs. France

Despite drug accusations, Armstrong continues to set example

By Justin McKeen
STAFF WRITER

After weeks of controversy, the truth has finally been revealed. Lance Armstrong, he of the yellow bracelets, the incredible mountain-stage comebacks, and the testicular cancer, admitted to using the banned blood-enhancer EPO.

Unfortunately for the rapid pack of French journalists out to denounce the man who dominated the one sport the French thought they had left, Armstrong admitted to using EPO during his bout with cancer in 1996. And they were so close too.

Armstrong continues to deny any illegal use of the drug after allegations of wrongdoing surfaced in the French sport magazine L'Equipe, the same magazine that, upon Armstrong's retirement last year, printed, "Never has an athlete's retirement been so welcome."

The allegations, based on tests performed on 6 urine samples from the 1999 Tour de France, seem to be another indication of the continuing French refusal to admit that there are actually American athletes who aren't all hype, gold chains, and attempted

In a sports world full of drug abuse, legal troubles and blatant marketing ploys, Armstrong stands out as what we all wish we could be, and what we wish we could see more of.

murder (and yes, I am referring to the Baltimore Ravens. All of them).

For seven years he dominated one of the most physically intense competitions in the world. Not only that, he has raised vast sums of money for cancer research and patients and been an inspiration to many.

Unfortunately, this recent round of attacks has gone beyond mere jealousy.

As an Atlanta Braves fan, I've said a few things about the Yankees over the years that I'm not particularly proud of, but always in the interest of the improvement of the sport.

The present allegations are nothing short of an attempt to destroy one man's well-earned reputation and legacy.

Let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that Armstrong had used EPO in 1999.

At that time, no test existed to detect EPO, a drug that increases a person's red blood cell count,

allowing for better oxygen circulation.

The fact still remains that he won 6 more Tours—let us repeat that number—6 more. The likelihood of Armstrong fooling the Tour officials for 7 straight years seems pretty negligible.

While Armstrong would certainly have much to answer for on a moral level, his accomplishments in his sport would still be amazing.

In Lance Armstrong, America finally has an athlete to hold up as a role model—a loving father, philanthropist, and a shining example of what hard work and dedication can bring.

In a sports world full of drug abuse, legal troubles and blatant marketing ploys, Armstrong stands out as what we all wish we could be, and what we wish we could see more of. We can only hope that these allegations thoroughly, impartially investigated, will clear Armstrong of any wrong doing.

UPS & DOWNS

Opinions writer Caley Anderson gives his take on the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Beckley

He could do nothing else for the rest of the year and be remembered with nostalgia later on as the President who brought back a \$0.95 sandwich.

Class of '09

Impressive in classes so far, but an anonymous professor warns that "the initial enthusiasm never lasts."

Katrina Victims

Tulane/LSU students are doing very well for themselves on the Hill.

Wilson Hall

I think there's a secret rule that every building we put up has to be twice as big as the last one. There are entire community colleges that look like they'd be able to fit in the Art and Music Building in progress.

Wal-Mart

Begone, foul Coke Zero Diet drinks, for Wal-Mart has started selling Fresca, the sugar-free, carb-free, delicious wonder drink.

Barbara Bush

Unfortunately quoted as saying that because most of the people who had their lives shattered by Katrina were poor, it's working out pretty well for them anyhow. Even America has an aristocracy.

Campus Security

Here's my idea. Disband the Lexington Police and replace it with W&L security. I think I'd actually feel safer.

The sisters of Chi Omega
congratulate

Laura Denny
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Upcoming Events

Sept. 21st: Forum on Germany's Watershed Elections, noon until 1:00 at the International House, sponsored by the German and Russian dept. and the Center for International Education

Sept. 21st: Llan de Cubel to perform at Lenfest - 8 p.m. workshop in Commons at 3:00 p.m.

Sept. 27th: Study Abroad Fair - Commons Arcade, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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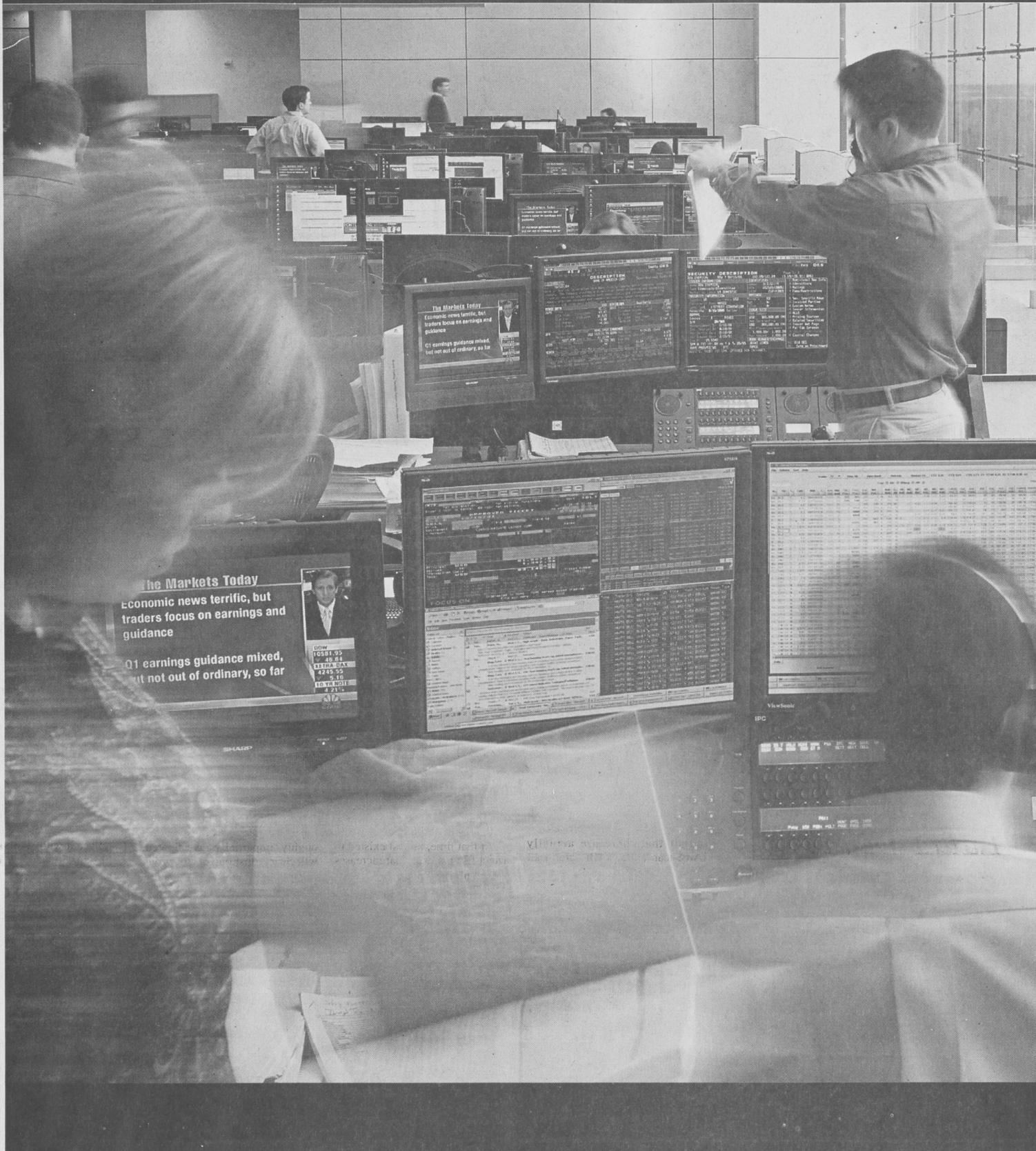
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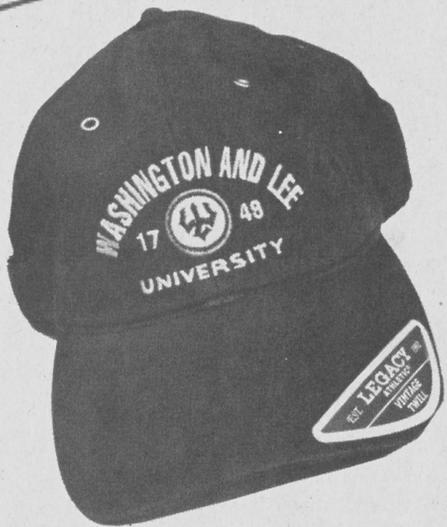
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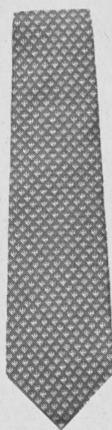
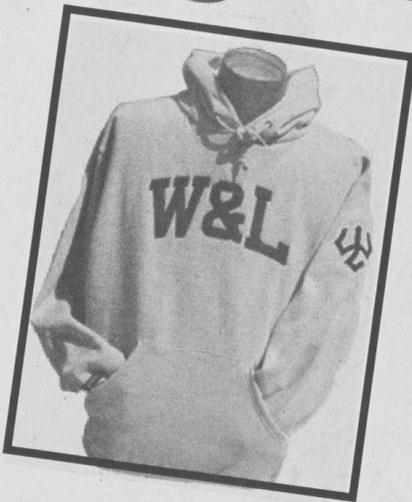
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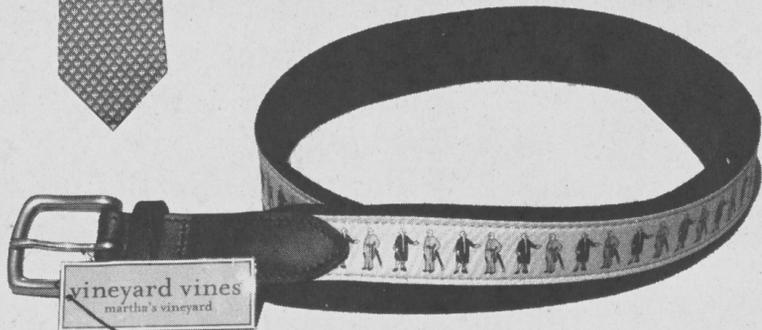


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