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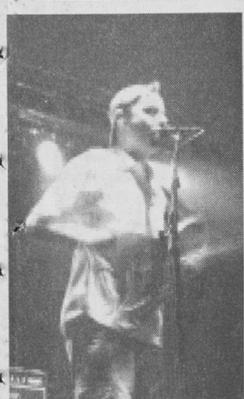
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Hugh Trout returns to fight for his right to party. See his master plan on page 12.

These pom-poms pack a punch
Cheerleading makes an attempt at creating school spirit. More on page 5.



Don't pardon my French
Add class to any conversation with these chic foreign phrases.

tete-a-tete: a private conversation between two people.

savoir-faire: social graces.

je ne sais quoi: literally, "I don't know what." Use when something has a certain inexplicable quality.

double entendre: having double meanings, usually referring to sexual innuendo.

fait accompli: a done deed, in a fatalistic sense.

coup d'etat: a governmental overthrow.

c'est la vie: "such is life," as in a dismissal of responsibility to fate.

faux pas: a foolish error.

haute couture: literally, "high sewing." Used to denote high-class clothing styles.



Too hot to handle?
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.

One hot Body
Jesse Ventura comes to 'tell it like it is.' Check out his presentation Tuesday at 7:30 in Lee Chapel.

Business is blooming

Despite concerns, Lexington shop owners prove that they have a green thumb for success

By Jacob Geiger
REPORTER

Despite the closure last spring of College Town Shops and Graden's Shoe Store, proprietors throughout the downtown area insist Lexington's historic downtown business district is doing just fine.

Shop owners across the business spectrum – from Al Carter at Alvin-Dennis to Julie Lindsey at Virginia Born and Bred – firmly denied any reports that suggest the downtown area is slumping.

Carter, who opened his upscale clothing store on the corner of Washington and Jefferson in 1963 and now runs it with the help of his daughter, mentioned that Graden's didn't shut down because of flagging sales.

"I think his wife, a doctor, just took a job in a different city," Carter reported. "Besides, someone moved right into the space and started up another business."

Julie Lindsey has owned Virginia Born and Bred since 1993; the store has operated under that name since it opened in 1986. She says the key to her business lies in catalogue and online sales.

"Those sales help as much as anything; they're just as important to my business as the walk-in sales are."

Lindsey also credits the Lexington Downtown Development Association's Main Street program as well as what she called "a very active Chamber of Commerce" for the area's success.

Sammy Moore, a Lexington native who has been the executive director of the Chamber for twelve years, concurred with much of what the shop owners had to say.

"What goes out the back door of these stores – in catalogue or internet sales – is every bit as important as what goes out the front door."

During his twelve years at the Chamber of Commerce Moore has developed something of a mantra for the city: "Lexington does what it does well."

He said, "the business community realizes that students and tourists are the main customers. Some shop owners have told me that their gross sales during W&L Par-



ILLUSTRATION: EMILY HULEN

ents' Weekend can exceed gross sales for the months of January or February."

When asked if the arrival of Wal-Mart had hurt downtown, Moore, whose family ran a downtown food business for over forty

years, said it had just made things different, not necessarily worse.

"This is a different downtown then it was 30 years ago; back then you had small hardware stores, grocery stores, and even car dealerships.

What Wal-Mart has done, he said, is force shop-owners to be better at what they do.

"We can't compete with their prices, so we have to provide something on the service end that you can't get out there." Carter,

owner of Alvin-Dennis, even argued that the downtown area is actually stronger than it was back in 1963.

"When I opened my store," he said, "Washington Street hardly had any businesses on it. Now it's full of newer shops, and once the Dutch Inn gets fixed up it'll spruce up the street even more."

Dan Vance of the Edward Jones Investment Group believes that marketing is a key to success downtown.

"Pumpkinseeds probably has the best marketing in town. They've figured out how to market to out-of-town folks. Some of the locals think the stuff that gets sold in there is crazy, but visitors seem to love it."

While Vance points to Pumpkinseeds as a success story, he also notes that some spaces seem to always be turning over. Both he and Lindsey mentioned a bakery on Washington Street that seems to change hands on an annual basis.

"Things definitely aren't perfect here," Vance concluded, "but what in life is perfect?"

The Lexington business community is also lucky to have a strong support network.

Lindsey credited the local historical society for "keeping downtown looking nice. They make sure nobody tries to do something silly like paint a building orange. They're really in charge of preserving the quaint, historical feel of the downtown area."

The Lexington Downtown Development Association is charged with supporting and maintaining the vitality of the area.

Don Hasfurther was the director of the group, but last spring he resigned to take another job. The LDDA has nobody staffing their office right now, but the association is supposed to be interviewing candidates for the director's position.

Lydia Pannell, owner of Fun Foods & Accessories and someone who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the LDDA's top position, provided information about the group's Main Street program.

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Sterner gives different influence

Speaker driven to warn of the effects of driving under the influence after spring break disaster

By Sarah Kientz
REPORTER

The lights in the Lenfest Auditorium dim and a figure takes the stage.

He's young and wearing laid-back clothing, not dissimilar from the outfits of the audience members.

Instead of delving into a long-winded speech, one that many audience members may have expected, he begins by asking a few simple questions.

"How many people in the room have ever done something stupid when they were drunk?"

Nearly every hand rises. As the questions continue, fewer and fewer people raise their hands.

"How many have woken up and thought, 'where am I?'"

"How many have gone on Spring Break with their friends?"

"How many have driven with a drunk driver? How many have gone on Spring Break, drove drunk, and killed three of their best friends?"

At this final question, only the speaker, Mark Sterner, raises his hand.

Sterner's presentation, titled "DUI: A Powerful Lesson", was intended to raise awareness and warn students of the consequences of drinking and driving.

The speech proved effective in reaching the W&L audience as students could relate to Sterner as an individual.

Karlyn Gold, president of the Panhellenic Council, worked to bring Sterner to W&L.

Gold heard Mark Sterner's story at a national Greek conference in Chicago last February, and said, "his presentation was so brutally real and evocative that we decided students needed to hear it."

"Rather than just telling you to not drink and drive, Sterner's presentation illustrates the actual pain and suffering that resulted from his choosing to drive after drinking," Gold said.

The presentation opened with a home video Sterner made during a Spring Break trip he and four

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of his fraternity brothers took to Sanibel, Florida, their senior year.

Sterner told the audience he made the video so he and his friends could look back and laugh.

"I'll never sit down and watch this tape with my friends and laugh," Sterner said, "because 15 minutes after we made this my three best friends died."

Jan Kaufman, Director of Health Promotion, said that Sterner's presentation was an important one for W&L students to hear.

Despite Traveller's safety and popularity on campus, Kaufman said drinking and driving is still an issue.

"I've looked at core data from last year and we know that 25% of our students have driven under

the influence," Kaufman said. "We feel that we'd like to do better than that."

Kaufman said Traveller gives students no excuse to drink and drive.

"Traveller being on campus and one of the strongest safe ride programs in the country, there's no reason why students should be driving under the influence," Kaufman said.

"We want students to know the impact of driving under the influence and its consequences."

Katelyn Giarratana, Traveller's Committee Chair, agreed that although students do take advantage of Traveller, there is still an inclination for older students to drink and drive.

"A majority of upperclassmen

live off campus and are spread out within a few miles," Giarratana said.

"There's always the temptation to drink and drive. Traveller gives students no excuse to, but it's an issue on every college campus."

As well as being an problem on campus, drinking is a large issue when students go on vacation as well.

Like many college students, Sterner and his friends were determined to have an unforgettable Spring Break.

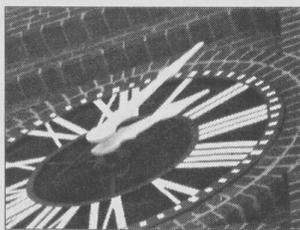
"We were going to get out of hand," Sterner said. "We were going to show Sanibel a night that wouldn't be soon forgotten. We didn't realize how true that turned out to be."

Students will be able to appreciate Sterner's message, Giarratana said, because of his similarity W&L students.

"I hope students take away how relevant [the problem] is to our community," Giarratana said.

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news



ROYAL FLUSH



PHOTO: EMILY HULEN

CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT: Basking in the glory of homecoming excitement, Jess Good talks with her professors and their families after the homecoming game on Saturday. Good, a representative of Chi Psi, was one in a long line of the fraternity's winning choices.

Staying up for St. Jude's

Students show they care by raising funds for childhood cancer

By Abri Nelson
REPORTER

At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN it is not uncommon to see children playing on one of the indoor playgrounds or laughing as they run through the painted hallways of the facility. Only these children are different from most of their peers – they all have some form of cancer.

St. Jude, founded by late actor Danny Thomas, opened its doors in 1962 to any child suffering from childhood cancer, at no cost to their family whatsoever.

In fact, St. Jude feels more like a hotel than a hospital, according to sophomore Erin Vaughn, who visited the facility over the summer along with junior Amanda Dysart and senior Christine Gray.

In addition to the patients that come to the hospital every day, about 60 patients live at the hospital with their families. Vaughn said that most of the children do not even realize that they have a disease. They are too busy playing and having fun to care about chemotherapy or their regular visits to the doctors at the facility.

The hospital is also a research center, dedicated to finding cures for various types of cancer and sharing their research with doctors

around the world. The hospital costs approximately \$1 million a day to run the various programs, and that money comes solely from donations.

Up 'Til Dawn is a series of fundraisers centered on a letter writing campaign to raise money to support the medical care and research at St. Jude. Dysart, the president of W&L's chapter of Up 'Til Dawn, first heard about the program from a friend at William and Mary last spring. She became so excited about the prospect of a similar program here that she contacted St. Jude to see if that was possible.

According to Dysart, St. Jude has wanted to start the program at W&L for years because of our close-knit community. After hearing that such a program would be possible here, she took efforts to put together an executive board and begin planning for the fall.

Sophomore Kelly Harvey, the co-publicity chair for the executive board, said that the focus of the program is to form teams of six that will raise money by sending letters to friends and family asking for donations.

In addition, the teams are free to do whatever other kinds of fundraising they can think of. There will be an event in early November for all of the teams to

write their letters, and then an all night party in March culminating the efforts of the year.

It is this event that gives the club its name. Team members stay "up 'til dawn" to symbolize the many sleepless nights that parents spend staying up with their children. According to Harvey, however, "this event is about celebrating life!"

Tentative plans for the event at W&L include movies, bands, food, and games.

All the members of the executive board are very excited about the program here at W&L, especially Vaughn.

She hopes that Up 'Til Dawn will be about more than just raising money for a hospital, but rather a common cause that the entire campus can rally around.

Any student at W&L can form a team with five other students. Vaughn also hopes that student organizations will choose to form teams to raise money for the cause.

Registration will occur at the Commons from October 3-7 and will include a \$10 registration fee known as a "Wig Fee" because it goes to buying a wig for a child at the hospital.

Contact the Team Chairs, Allison Stokan and Christine Gray, in order to receive a registration form.

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Lex shops stay afloat

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The program is part of a nationwide Main Street USA program aimed at revitalizing and improving American downtowns.

Pannell said, "the program has a four point approach: Organization, Design, Promotion, and Economic Development."

A business must apply and be accepted to the program, in which Lexington has been involved since the early 1980s.

"The first few years were focused on re-vitalizing downtown and improving the look of the area," Pannell added. For example, all of the utility lines are now buried underground.

In recent years the LDDA has transitioned and is now working on getting more people both locally and outside the area to shop downtown."

Pannell said, "Everyone says that they love our downtown, but their compliments aren't very helpful if they take their shopping dollars to Charlottesville, Staunton, or Roanoke."

Along with the current leadership void at the LDDA, there are also concerns about high gas prices hurting tourism in the area.

"Gas prices are a huge concern for us," Moore reported. "60-70% of our business comes through here between September 1st and January 1st, so we could be in un-

charted waters."

He acknowledged that the area relies heavily on tourists who drive up and down the picturesque Blue Ridge Parkway during the fall.

Lexington business can always depend on revenue from W&L and VMI, especially during Homecoming and Parents' weekend.

"It'll be interesting to see how our peripheral revenue – the money from casual tourists – is affected by the gas prices," Moore said.

"It could be a very interesting fall."

Every merchant interviewed stressed the importance of the two schools to Lexington.

"It's a symbiotic relationship," Dan Vance said. "You need us; we need you. The relationship might ebb and flow a bit, but both groups still need each other."

Julie Lindsey said, "Lexington is different from the rest of the country; we don't have a big industry that employs most of the town. Lots of people work for the schools, and those jobs aren't going anywhere."

Though shops come and go, though the school uses its ever-fancier bookstore to keep student dollars on campus, and though gas prices cloud the economic future with uncertainty, Lexington's downtown businesses are assuredly alive and well.

Coast-bound

Community organizes relief for families in Gulf Coast region after hurricane hits

By Nadja Wolfe
REPORTER

Washington and Lee has responded in a variety of ways to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, raising money for Red Cross efforts, offering tuition-free enrollment to guest students from Tulane and Loyola Universities, and funds to affected W&L families. Now, two students are planning a way for W&L students to give even more—this time, of themselves.

Juniors Lorna Golder and Lisa Smith are in the organizing stage of making a trip to Gulfport, Mississippi, over Thanksgiving break. Utilizing personal contacts in the area, they hope to work with organizations such as the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and local churches and places of worship.

Ideally, they say, they'd like to "not only contribut[e] to the relief effort, but observ[e] how it is organized." They'd also like for students to build relationships "with one another and those in need of aid," and give those they serve "hope, material services, and a sense of community." They also said they hope this trip will keep

Katrina's effects in the mind of the W&L community, as rebuilding will be a long process, requiring sustained commitment.

Smith and Golder also hope the timing of the trip will not only give the people they're assisting something to be thankful for, but also remind the student volunteers just how much they have, and give them some perspective for the struggles of other people. "Hopefully... Washington and Lee will stay involved in the relief effort and see it through to completion," something that they hope this trip and others in planning will augment in the long recovery period.

Although hopeful to receive university funding, they expect to do some fundraising drives to finance both the trip and the work done. They "want to provide students with an understanding of the magnitude of the crisis [as well as] a feeling of purpose" and helpfulness in response. They welcome any form of help. For more information on the Gulf Coast student response trip, please email Lorna Golder (golderl@wlu.edu) or Lisa Smith (smithed@wlu.edu).

Speaker warns students

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"Spring break and going on vacation with your fraternity brothers or sorority sisters is something many W&L students do. It enables us to see a situation that's very real to us and gives us real-life consequences as opposed to hearing about a something that happened to a friend of a friend."

Sternner stressed the same issue in his speech, noting that most young people believe nothing bad ever happens to them, and he believed it, too.

"I was only 21 years old. Old people die. You're not supposed to die when you're 21... This kind of stuff didn't happen to me. It happened to other people," Sternner said.

He suggested that perhaps students may still believe they would not end up in the same situation. "Maybe you're cooler, smarter, luckier than [I was]. But maybe you're not."

Gold said Sternner's message was particularly important for undergrads to hear so that perhaps W&L can see changes in the future.

"[Sternner's speech is] directed to all students, but I think it's particularly important to get to the freshmen and sophomores who still live on campus," Gold said.

"Then, when many of them live off campus, they'll hopefully always think about Sternner's story

and plan ahead when they go to parties."

Spreading his message was the only thing Sternner had left to do.

"The only thing I can do now is talk to you... so maybe you won't have to bury one of your friends or your parents won't have to bury you."

Sternner said that if his audiences could take one piece of advice with them, it would be to examine their decisions.

"I've spoken to over a million people and I'll never know if any of them listened," Sternner said.

"I just want them to realize that life's full of choices, and choices have consequences, even little ones. Sometimes don't just think about yourself."

Gold is hopeful Sternner's message will reach students and make a difference.

"If even one person acts differently after seeing Sternner talk, then it's been an effective program," Gold said. "And I'm confident that that will happen."

The lights rise in the Lenfest Center, revealing a chattering audience once Sternner's speech has concluded. There is the feeling of eerie stiffness in the wake of the powerful words that just filled the room.

Though some students speak of going to parties that night, an extra note of caution resonates in their voices as they leave the room.

sports



SPORTS BRIEFS

**Women's Field Hockey
Trounces Bridgewater,
7-0**

Sophomore Kendall Korte set a school record by scoring four goals in the team's rout of division foe Bridgewater. The team's record is now 3-3, 3-0 in conference play, and their next match comes against Mary Baldwin College on Wednesday, 9/28, at 6:00 p.m. on the Turf Field.

**Women's Soccer Ties
Virginia Wesleyan, 0-0**

Playing against No. 10 Virginia Wesleyan, women's soccer extended its streak of unbeaten games to six with freshman goalie Kiki Moreo making an impressive five saves for the Generals. The soccer team is now 4-1-2 and 3-0-1 in the ODAC. The women's soccer team next hosts Bridgewater at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9/27.

**Men's Soccer Shuts Out
Hampden-Sydney, 4-0**

Sophomore Jack Palmer scored twice to aid the men's soccer team in their defeat of ODAC-rival Hampden-Sydney. The Generals improved their record to 4-2 and 2-1 in conference play. Their next game is Wednesday, 9/28, at Mary Washington at 4:00 p.m.

IM goes pro

IM deck goes here in one long line across

By Dima Slavin
STAFF WRITER

Intramural sports and competitions are back and better than ever. Thanks to a complete overhaul of the system by Campus Recreation Coordinator Will Patterson, IM competitors at W&L now have a brand new website, new equipment, double the amount of sports/competitions to do battle in and a new ultimate goal to strive for—the IM Cup.

This year, the intramural program at W&L has expanded to an unheard of 24 different competitions from the expected soccer and flag football leagues to EA Sports NCAA 2006, Texas Hold'em and dodgeball. Six of the competitions are leagues (both men's and women's) and the other sixteen are tournaments or special events.

One of the biggest and probably most exciting changes to the IM program this year is the IM Cup. The IM Cup, based on similar competitions in nearby colleges, is a year-long competition spanning the entire IM repertoire. A team registered for the IM Cup competes in many, if not all, of the 24 IM competitions and the top ten finishers in the competitions are awarded points (more points are allocated to top finishers in major leagues). At the end of the year, the team with the most points wins the IM Cup and gets to hold on to it until another winner is determined. This year, most of

the IM Cup teams are fraternities and sororities but Patterson hopes that once word of the competition spreads, there will be many more independent teams. Players without teams can easily form one of their own or join the free agent list, allowing teams that need players to easily find them.

Another change that should make intramural sports more enjoyable is the launching of the intramural website (<http://cms.wlu.edu/intramurals/default.asp>). The website has all the information someone interested in IM sports would need. It features a list of IM competitions and a registration schedule, all the forms players (and IM teams) need to fill out to compete or to become free agents. The website features all the rules and regulations players must follow in the individual competition as well as the IM Cup and the standings in the current competition.

A quick check of the website, for example, will answer a question that was frequently asked this year, whether varsity athletes can compete in IM sports. The answer is that they can, but not in the sport that they play varsity.

The transformation of the intramural league is completed by the purchase of new equipment and the hiring and training of new officials. Every effort has been made to make sure the future of intramural sports at W&L is a bright one.

NFL PREVIEW

Text by Amanda Tholke

Division Picks by Amanda Tholke and Neil Sheaffer

Superbowl Picks by Amanda Tholke, Neil Sheaffer and Jacob Geiger

It's that time of year again, when every person under the sun thinks they're an expert on the NFL. While we are making our picks two weeks in to the season, it's still just as difficult to predict how each division will finish. We here at the Phi decided to take our chances and predict how the rest of the upcoming NFL season will go, knowing that we are probably wrong in at least half of our picks. Don't judge us too harshly by our picks as we spent maybe a whole ten minutes thinking these things through. Thank god football season's finally here.

NFC

| North | West | South | East |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Min. Vikings | St. Louis Rams | Atlanta Falcons | Philadelphia Eagles |
| Detroit Lions | Arizona Cardinals | Carolina Panthers | Dallas Cowboys |
| Green Bay Packers | Seattle Seahawks | Tampa Bay Bucs. | New York Giants |
| Chicago Bears | San Fran. 49ers | New Orleans Saints | Washington Redskins |

In the NFC, the South looks to be the strong division although the Redskins and Cowboys are making the East rather interesting. Who would've thought that the lousy Redskins would've started out 2-0? The NFC North is ridiculously weaker than everyone would have thought and, despite their crushing of Detroit last week, I still think Chicago will finish last. The West is again the weakest division by far in the NFC and probably in the whole NFL. It's so sad that I can't stand to watch any of those teams in that division play.

AFC

| North | West | South | East |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pittsburgh Steelers | Kansas City Chiefs | Indianapolis Colts | New England Patriots |
| Cincinnati Bengals | San Diego Chargers | Jacksonville Jaguars | Buffalo Bills |
| Baltimore Ravens | Denver Broncos | Houston Texans | New York Jets |
| Cleveland Browns | Oakland Raiders | Tennessee Titans | Miami Dolphins |

I think that the Cincinnati Bengals are going to surprise everyone this year. I know that's a popular sentiment now that they're undefeated and because they completely dominated Minnesota last week but I was at that game and I am a die-hard Bengals fan and have been believing this all year. This is the year that the Bengals go to the playoffs after a 15-year drought. I think they will be Pittsburgh's toughest competition in the AFC this year. While the Chargers will slip a little from last year since they're still starting Brees when they have a 1st round draft pick on the bench (somebody hasn't been watching the Bengals), the Colts and Patriots should still dominate their divisions. I think that the Dolphins aren't nearly as good as they looked in Week 1 against Denver and that they just got pumped up for the home opener with a new coach.

Superbowl predictions

Neil's Pick

New England Patriots vs. Atlanta Falcons
New England Patriots win

Jacob's Pick

New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles
New England Patriots win

Amanda's Pick

Indianapolis Colts vs. Atlanta Falcons
Indianapolis Colts win

I just couldn't put the Patriots in the Super Bowl again. Their "dynasty" ends this year.

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A grey day for the Generals

By Neil Sheaffer
STAFF WRITER

Under cloudy skies, members of the Washington and Lee community, both past and present, gathered at Wilson Field on Saturday afternoon for a match-up between the Generals (2-1) and the Colonels (4-0) of Centre College.

Fans from both sides were treated to an exciting game, but unfortunately for Generals fans, Centre came away on top with a 35-26 victory.

Centre struck first in the first quarter with a blocked punt returned for a touchdown. The Colonels were then able to up the score to 14-0 with a 31 yard touchdown pass with just a few minutes left in the first half.

The Generals were not ready to go to the locker room just yet though and with 9.8 seconds left in the first half, senior quarterback Greg Tweardy connected with junior tight end Ryan Neff for a 16 yard touchdown, which cut the deficit in half.

The Colonels came out in the third quarter and were able to increase their lead to 21-7 on an eight yard run by quarterback Kevin Phelps.

The Generals were able to respond two plays later when Tweardy hit sophomore wide receiver Jack Martin for a 68 yard touchdown reception.

The Generals were never able to catch up to the Colonels, who



Preventing a sack, Tom Pacicco (21) from South Carolina lunges at a Centre Colonels defenseman. PHOTO: EMILY HULEN

followed up Martin's big reception with a touchdown pass of their own.

Stuart Sitterson, a freshman defensive back, returned the ensuing kickoff 79 yards for a score, but the Generals were unable to shut down the Colonels on the other side of the ball. Centre struck once again at the beginning of the fourth quarter

with a short touchdown run. Martin caught a second touchdown pass from Tweardy with only three minutes remaining in the game, but the two point conversion failed, as did the ensuing onsidies kick attempt. Centre ended this hard fought game with the ball as they ran out the clock for the win.

The Generals' defense had a

difficult time stopping the Colonels, who were able to put 415 total yards on the board. Of those 417 yards, 260 of them were gained on the ground against a very stingy Washington and Lee defense, which was ranked second in the country against the run last year. Mark Snoddy, a sophomore starter at cornerback, said, "They were

big, fast, really disciplined and just outmanned us. We also need to wrap up better."

In regards to his defense's inability to stop the run, Washington and Lee head coach Frank Miriello said, "You can't win games if you can't stop the run or run the ball." The Generals were able to gain 105 yards rushing, but this was not enough

to beat the Colonels.

Unfortunately, the defense wasn't the only thing that was not completely on track today. Though the offense racked up 415 yards of total offense, three chances within the ten yard line were squandered and no points were scored on those drives.

"You have to put your chin down and pound the ball when that close to the goal," Coach Miriello replied when asked about those situations.

The whole game was not negative for the Generals though. Quarterback Greg Tweardy completed 24 of 38 passes for three touchdowns and only one interception. Receiver Jack Martin was exceptional, catching 11 of Tweardy's 24 receptions while gaining 206 yards on those plays.

On the defensive side of the ball, sophomore defensive back Kyle Luby was the paced the defense with 11 tackles and Robert Foster and Ryan Hoover each contributed a sack. Sophomore cornerback Kyle Harvey was complimentary of the Generals' effort and the Colonels as well. He said, "Overall it was a great effort, but we had some problems on the edge. Also, their quarterback was a real good athlete."

Next week, the Generals travel to Randolph-Macon to take on the Yellow Jackets. Kickoff is at 1:00 pm.



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Bringin' it on

Big aspirations dominate W&L
Cheerleading as they move
towards true competition

By Sarah Bloom
STAFF WRITER



Cheerleading at W&L has changed in a significant way since Jessica Taylor, a 2004 graduate, helped pioneer the school's first cheerleading team in 2001.

When Taylor started, she recalled fighting just to maintain a team, often resorting to begging friends and classmates to try out for the squad.

Today, Taylor finds herself as Head Cheerleading Coach and recruiting athletes is her least concern. "More and more people try out every year," said Taylor.

This year, in addition to cheering for W&L teams, Coach Taylor hopes to compete as a squad.

"Football and basketball cheerleading is fun and supporting W&L athletics is our priority," said Taylor. "But I would like to see us compete as a team this year as well."

In order to create a large enough team, the Generals plan to unite forces with neighbor, Virginia Military Institute's new squad for team competitions.

"We're actually trying to become a real competitive team," said Taylor.

VMI will add 2 men and 5 women to Washington and Lee's 10 member squad.

Because the NCAA does not recognize cheerleading as a competitive varsity sport, the Generals will not be able to compete in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Instead, they will compete in leagues developed specifically for cheerleading, the National Cheerleading Association (NCA) or University Cheer Association (UCA).

"We've had to have some additional practices to get ready to compete," said Taylor.

The competitions include two- to five- minute shows that involve cheering, stunts, and dancing.

"We've been a lot more structured this year than last year," said junior Captain Bree Melton of the change.

To prepare for the addition of competitive cheerleading, the team hired a professional instructor during the preseason.

"We started with a lot of new people," said Melton. "But they are strong people, we have a strong coach, and after the camp we've become united as a team."

Sophomore Nikki Conkling is one of five of the new members on W&L's squad. Though she has had some experience in tumbling and dancing, cheerleading is something completely new.

"I was really scared at first when I was getting thrown around," said Conkling, one of the team flyers.

"But I learned to trust my team during camp and I've learned a whole lot and we have been working really hard as a team."

Coach Taylor is proud of the progress made but she's not ready to settle.

"I would like to see the team progress so that by the time some of the freshman are seniors, we can really be recognized as a competitive team."

The team hopes that with each year of improvement, they will be able to encourage more fans to come to football and basketball games. "We're looking for school spirit," said Taylor. "And when there are more fans, we're a better team."

Sophomore Patricia Taylor
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TOP GIRLS

Steer clear

Mark Sterner warns students of the dangers of driving drunk

By Mallory Ruymann
STAFF WRITER

Like most kids here at W&L, I have gone out a couple of times. I have had a good time on several occasions. I've even made some bad decisions.

Most people, however, think of these episodes as a normal part of the college 'experience,' which they can look back on and laugh about with their friends and family.

But just imagine that all those supposedly good times abruptly stopped with one bad night.

Sure, all of us have heard the same old 'I drove drunk and got in trouble, so don't be like me' line in mandatory high school assemblies. Even though they had an important message, never really registered in your mind and influenced your decisions the next weekend.

You might have been a passenger in a car with a drunk driver, or perhaps drove while drunk, and if you are reading this you probably didn't get into a car accident or kill anyone.

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Mark Sterner was one of the unlucky individuals who just happened to have gotten behind the wheel drunk, and unlike you,

[His] time at college was ruined by the dark mark of murder. Every time he looks back... he remembers that he killed three people.

killed three of his best friends just three months shy of graduating college.

He now has told his story to nearly a million students in the hopes that maybe someone will listen to him and avoid the mistake he made.

As a freshman who has not experienced much of college—and who has never been in a situation on the W&L campus where drinking and driving were involved (thank you Traveller)—I cannot speak for the whole university in saying how much of an impact Sterner's presentation made.

Conversely, those in the freshmen class who actually attended the presentation will agree that such a powerful story at the beginning of four years, in which alcohol will definitely be involved will influence our decisions.

W&L has been fabulous thus far and I want it to stay fabulous until I graduate.

Sterner's time at college was ruined by the dark mark of mur-

der. Every single time he looks back at college, instead of remembering good times, friends, and parties, he remembers that he killed three people that were part of all of his other memories. Even remembering the little things will connect him back to that one fateful night.

When I look back at W&L, I do not want to recall the night that I killed three of my best friends.

All I have to do is stay away from drinking and driving. This decision that is made easier because of the amazing services of Traveller. Hopefully the whole campus will do the same, and from what I have seen, most of you do.

So, continue to be one of the lucky people who makes the right decision. If you have been drinking, don't drive or get into the car with anyone who has been drinking.

Make decisions so that when you are eighty and reminiscing about college, you have nothing to regret.

Waves of her own

Senior legacy Kristine Holda makes her mark on the campus

For Kristine Holda, there is nothing like the song "Shenandoah" to make you remember just where and who you are.

Holda first set foot on this campus when she was just eleven. Holda and her family were celebrating her father's 20th year college reunion. Ken Holda, a German and European History major graduated in 1976. Holda remembers the first visit in crisp detail.

"I loved W&L," she said. "At the time, I lived in Chicago, and it was a miserable spring. I came out here and the dogwoods were in bloom, it was warm, things were green. It was marvelous."

The Holdas attended a gathering in Lee Chapel, where Southern Comfort and Jubilee ended by singing the folk song.

"We came out of the chapel and looked up at the Colonnade," Holda remembers. "It was night—there were stars and George was lit up. My dad had tears in his eyes after hearing 'Shenandoah.' That's how I knew this was a special place."

Holda's mother remembers that her daughter announced to the family, "Daddy, I'm gonna come here."

Then, Holda appeared as a Summer Scholar in the summer of 2001. "I felt like a real college kid," said Holda, who participated in the journalism track.

She applied early decision and

was ecstatic when she learned of her acceptance. "It was the best Christmas gift I received that year," she said.

She arrived on the same campus on Freshman Move-In Day that her father had entered 30 years before. The campus—and the gender of half the student body—had changed, but W&L was still her father's alma mater.

But for Holda, it felt different. She had visited Lexington many

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—KRISTINE HOLDA, CLASS OF 2006

times and knew people in town, but she still had the freshman jitters. "When I was a summer scholar, I knew that if I didn't like it, I'd be home in a month," she said. "But this was the real thing."

After four years, Holda has made a place for herself on the campus with participation in classes and extra-curricular activities. And, frequently, that place is the Cy Twombly Pool.

Holda has swum all four years for the Generals, and this year is co-captain of the women's team.

Holda holds several school records with her teammates in the medley relays.

Swimming is a love for Holda, who said, "Swimmers are kind of their own breed. The sport garners a lot of respect because it is so intense."

Swimming, along with being a sport and hobby, is also a summer job. Holda spends her Ohio summers as a lifeguard and swim teacher in her hometown of Strongsville.

"As an independent, the swim team is my sorority," she always quips. "I absolutely love those girls."

In the spring, Holda will graduate with a B.A. in Biology. She will then make her waves across the Atlantic Ocean as she spends a year abroad in a little—and little-known—country of Estonia. This Baltic state holds much significance for her. Holda is a second generation Estonian-American. She will spend a year at an Estonian university learning the language and culture, and as she said, "immersing myself in my heritage."

It is an added challenge for all legacy students here at W&L to step out of their parents' shadow on a campus that often has its gaze in the past. Holda has taken this "special place" she discovered from her father and, as "Shenandoah" lyrics say, made it her own "rollin' river."

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Dennis Fowler



Experimenting with a variety of sounds, jam band Umphrey's McGee keeps the audience guessing. The band's diverse background creates a subgenre of music.

MEET THE BAND

Brendan Bayliss
guitar, vocals
(1997 - present)

Jake Cinniger
guitar, vocals
(2000 - present)

Joel Cummins
keyboards, vocals
(1997 - present)

Ryan Stasik
bass
(1997 - present)

Kris Myers
drums
(2003 - present)

Andy Farag
percussion
(1998 - present)

Give it some *Umph*

"The Successors to Phish" grace the pavilion and support college radio

**Photos and text
by Morgan Harris**
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend's homecoming events were kicked off by a little-known but extremely talented band hailing from Chicago, Umphrey's McGee. Umphrey's, named the successors to Phish in the jam band scene consists of Brendan Bayliss and Jake Cinniger on guitars, Ryan Stasik on bass, Joel Cummins on keyboards, Kris Myers on drums, and Andy Farag on secondary percussion.

Umphrey's played a wide variety of music, with covers ranging from Bob Marley's "Trenchtown Rock" to a hilarious rendition of Biz Markee's "Just a Friend" sung by Ryan Stasik.

Umphrey's played a mix of songs off their recent and critically acclaimed album *Anchor Drops*, in addition to some classics off their older albums.

Umphrey's fanatic junior Joe Green says, "Everyone who didn't go to the show missed out on a great opportunity. Umphrey's McGee will never play this small of a show again. In two years, they will be bigger than Phish. It's such a treat to be able to have them come to W&L."

Junior Andrew Gulotta

echoed these sentiments, "this band is at the pinnacle of musical talent; it's too bad they aren't more well-known."

Even people who hadn't heard of the band before had positive reactions. Freshman Addison Sanford exclaims, "They were scintillating and stomp-tacular! Their unique blend of diverse musical styles creates a delightful romp suitable for women and children alike!"

Umphrey's McGee is able to play such a range of styles because of the diverse musical backgrounds of all its members.

While Umphrey's plays mainly rock-based music, listeners get a hint of their country influences on *Anchor Drop's* "Bullhead City."

Guitarist Brendan Bayliss said he is working with Jeff Austin of acclaimed bluegrass band Yonder Mountain String Band on an acoustic album "about the trials and tribulations of life."

Bayliss isn't the only one channeling some of his energy into side projects.

Guitarist Jake Cinniger recently released an album with his old band, Ali Baba's Tahini.

Cinniger, influenced heavily by Mark Knopfler and his early Dire Straits work, has brought a distinct

sound to the band since his induction in 2000.

"I'm a drummer by trade," he says, "but my goal is to play every instrument well." He's already well on his way to reaching that goal, playing guitar, bass, violin, banjo, mandolin, and many other instruments. While Umphrey's is classified as a "jam band."

Cinniger is critical of the genre. "The problem with jam bands is that they get into a good groove, but they can't break out of that box; they're afraid to stretch it out. You gotta stretch it out to keep it interesting."

Umphrey's McGee does just that. The band has a very unique form of jamming. Instead of laying out a chord progression and improvising within it, Umphrey's has hand signals for a variety of tricks to pull on stage. They have signals for each key, in addition to signals for modulating in various degrees and returning to previous sections of a jam.

This way, Umphrey's ensures that every show is unique and interesting. Because of the originality of their jams, some material from live Umphrey's shows actually makes it onto their studio albums. *Anchor Drop's* "In the Kitchen," named Song of the Year at the Jammy's award festival,

was inspired by live performances.

Despite the recent release of *Anchor Drops*, fans can expect a new Umphrey's album to be hitting shelves within the next few months. The band has been debuting a plethora of new material that should find its way onto a record sometime soon.

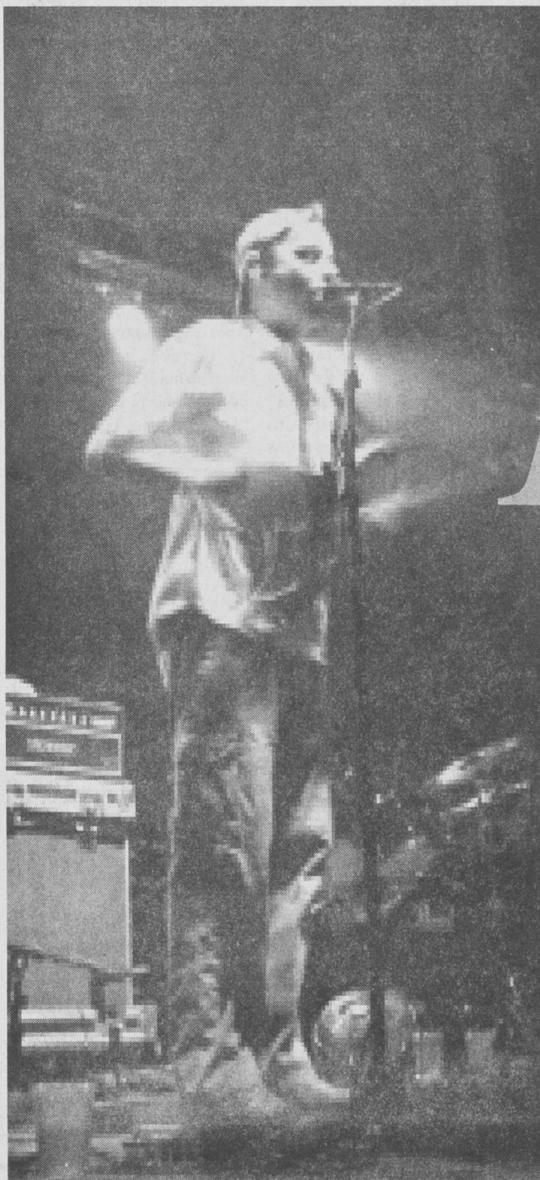
The band has also recently produced a new DVD, *Wrapped Around Chicago*, which will be released on October 16. Bayliss says the new disc should be even better than 2002's *Live from the Lake Coast Skyline Stage*.

Bayliss is confident that college radio will continue to help with band recognition.

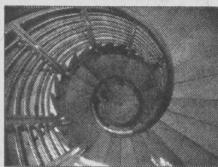
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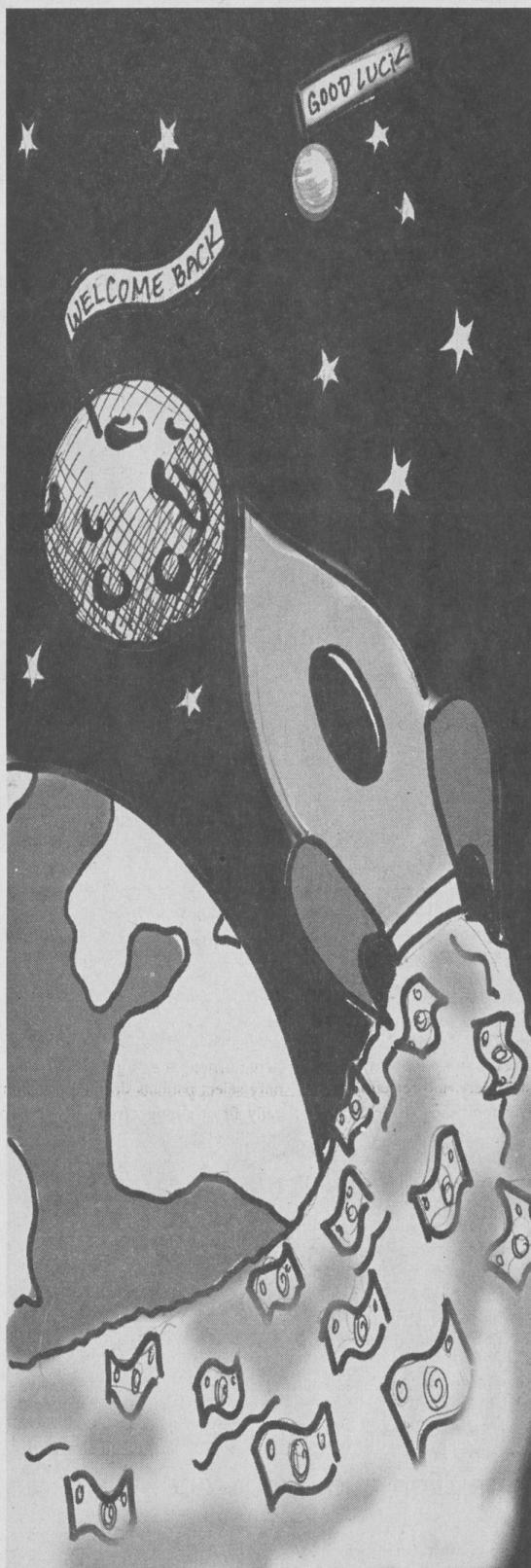
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Moon: madness or mission?

Moon Men

Caley Anderson and Justin McKeen sound off on both sides of the moon mission argument

SHEER LUNACY

By Caley Anderson
STAFF COLUMNIST

President Bush seems bent on increasing spending while simultaneously decreasing revenue. The present administration has laid out its \$100 billion plus plan to return Americans to the moon.

Put simply, the nation has better problems to deal with than a return to the moon. Our national resources are strained. We are engaged in a protracted foreign war and already costing billions. We have just witnessed the practical destruction of New Orleans.

Why? NASA's administrators maintain that investment in continued manned lunar landings is a long-term investment; much like a European investment in the New World circa 1492.

They say that it will be well worth the cost in the long run. They say that if we do not get our exploration and researching now, other countries will beat us to the punch of moon colonization.

What is bad about this mission is the timing—last I checked, China's moon mission is going to be basic and exploratory, much like the Apollo missions of the 1960s.

China, in other words, is not going to be calling first dibs on the moon unless we get there first. We can debate all we want

whether the administration is simply throwing out the moon mission as a way to distract Americans from other problems, but the fact is that China will get there first whether we start now or not—we'd be ready to go in 2018, and China, by even the most conservative account, probably won't delay their program past 2012.

And as in the Cold War, we should be wary of a "get there first" mentality—national security is NOT a serious factor in support of a space program.

We should worry first about how to preserve national security planet side.

The very first mission to reach the moon (though not land on it) was Apollo 1.

Apollo 1 never got off the ground—during a test run through launch procedures, the entire command capsule assembly was engulfed in flames, burning to death all three of the astronauts inside. Ominous precedent indeed for NASA given their recent troubles.

Should we eliminate space program funding altogether? No. We should maintain an investment in the future that space exploration represents. Should we abandon all hope of returning to the moon? No, we should just wait until a more opportune time. The conditions, at present, do not justify another moon mission.

BEAM ME UP

By Justin McKeen
STAFF COLUMNIST

When Neal Armstrong took mankind's first steps on the moon in 1969, it was a momentous occasion, for the world and especially for America. Early this week, NASA unveiled an ambitious plan for the next 13 years. Making good on the words of President Bush in 2004, NASA says it will put astronauts on the moon in 2018; the first time men will have visited the moon since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972.

Immediate concerns have sprung up around the proposed plan. In the wake of devastating natural disasters and skyrocketing costs in Afghanistan and Iraq, some Congressmen and pundits are claiming the space program is a waste of money—money that could be better spent elsewhere. They couldn't be more wrong.

Like 1969, American today faces an uncertain world where danger seems omnipresent. Also like 1969, our society is divided over important issues, both at home and abroad, to the point that civil discourse seems to have broken down, and we are reduced to a state of partisan bickering and finger-pointing.

As sad as it is to say, it seems unlikely that these rifts are going to heal anytime soon. No matter

how many support-our-troops bumper stickers are out there, contention over the war in Iraq will continue. Arguments over welfare and gay marriage will continue. But in the midst of all these fractious issues, we have a chance to come together as a country and achieve something that, for the greatest course of human history, was an unthinkable dream.

The cost of the plan is 104 billion dollars, but spaced over thirteen years, it falls within NASA's 16-billion a year budget. The scientific benefits are more questionable (NASA hopes to ascertain whether or not ice exists on the moon's south pole), but many of the technologies that we take for granted today are an outgrowth of past space-related research.

It is important that help reach those devastated by hurricane Katrina. It is important that the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan receive the equipment and support they need. But it is also important that America continue to lead the way in exploring space and humanity's place in it. We can accomplish that goal without weakening our response to tragedy, without abandoning prior commitments, and what's more we can instill in ourselves a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment that is sadly lacking in our society today.

'Hispanic' not sufficient

Label creates confusion and a too-large, non-diverse category for a wide array of people

By Alejandro Selin
GUEST COLUMNIST

The September 15th edition of Campus Notices marked the beginning of a series of messages announcing Hispanic Heritage Month.

The notice was accompanied by a few words from Linda Alvarado, owner of the Colorado Rockies franchise: "Whether we're called Hispanos or Mexicanos or Puertorriqueños, Cubanos, or Latinos, we are a family connected to a community of very talented people from very different backgrounds who are doing amazing things that our parents did not have the opportunity to do."

Now, what exactly does it mean to be family "from very different backgrounds"?

To the American mind *Hispanic* is a race, on par with *White*, *Black*, *American Indian* and *East Asian*. American institutions certainly do their part to perpetuate this conception, as the many forms which list *Hispanic* as a distinct race or ethnicity testify.

In truth *Hispanic*, as the word is regularly used today, encompasses people of all races.

Examples of some famous people considered *Hispanics* will suffice to prove this.

Cameron Diaz is a Cuban-American actress of European ancestry.

Baseball star Sammy Sosa,

born and raised in the Dominican Republic, is of African descent.

Mexican-American author Sandra Cisneros wrote the foreword to the book *The Future Is Mestizo*; her race, *Mestizo*, is a mix of *White* and *American Indian*.

And former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was born in Lima to Japanese parents.

Four people—of four different races, 'from very different backgrounds'—are all part of the same family? They are all—*Hispanics*?

It would seem foolish to Americans to label themselves as *Britannic*, including in the world's definition Canadians, Nigerians, East Indians and people of every other English-speaking country in

the world.

Why would one want to call oneself a *Britannic* if the term had such a wide and nebulous application? Should European-Americans have to choose between *White* and *Britannic* on a form?

Or should African-Americans lose their identity and be grouped with Whites as *Britannics*, because they are from an English-speaking country?

The idea is ridiculous, of course, but it is no different to the idea behind popular usage of the word *Hispanic*. For, just like those from English-speaking countries, people from Spanish-speaking countries are of different racial families. *Hispanic*, quite simply, will not do.

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Not your normal college football spirit

Sundresses somewhat lackluster when it comes to pigskin pride

By Carissa Shipley
STAFF COLUMNIST

Tonight, my friends and family from home are heading to a Friday night lights football game. If I were still in high school, I would have gone to school today decked out in blue and gold.

And I mean decked out. My best friend and I dressed as twins in blue athletic pants with gold stripes down the side, blue or yellow Rampart High School t-shirts and blue and gold ribbon halos.

Our nails were painted blue and gold and I wouldn't let my parents buy me any tennis shoes that didn't have some kind of blue specifically for the days of home football games.

While you might be thinking otherwise, no one actually thought I was a nerd as I ran from class to class, the colored ribbons streaming out behind me. They didn't even think I was a nerd as I topped the whole ensemble with my letter jacket or painted my face.

This was because everyone else was dressed the same way. The kid who wore a Rampart t-shirt with his jeans was the big loser. Where was his spirit anyway? Fast forward to college.

I was ready to meet the Greeks on one of my first weekends here and I got ready in my tailgate clothes. I figured the sweatpants might be a little much and put on jeans with a t-shirt from the first load of W&L clothes I purchased.

I was on my way out the door when the RA stopped me, gently explaining what it's like here.

Turns out that what it's like here is actually minimal school spirit, rarely shown, and certainly not appropriate for football games (besides the occasional cheer from the less-than-packed stadium).

I find this extremely strange considering that there is a community kind of feeling.

As I surf facebook, I see that people have friends from various frats and srats and while everybody doesn't always

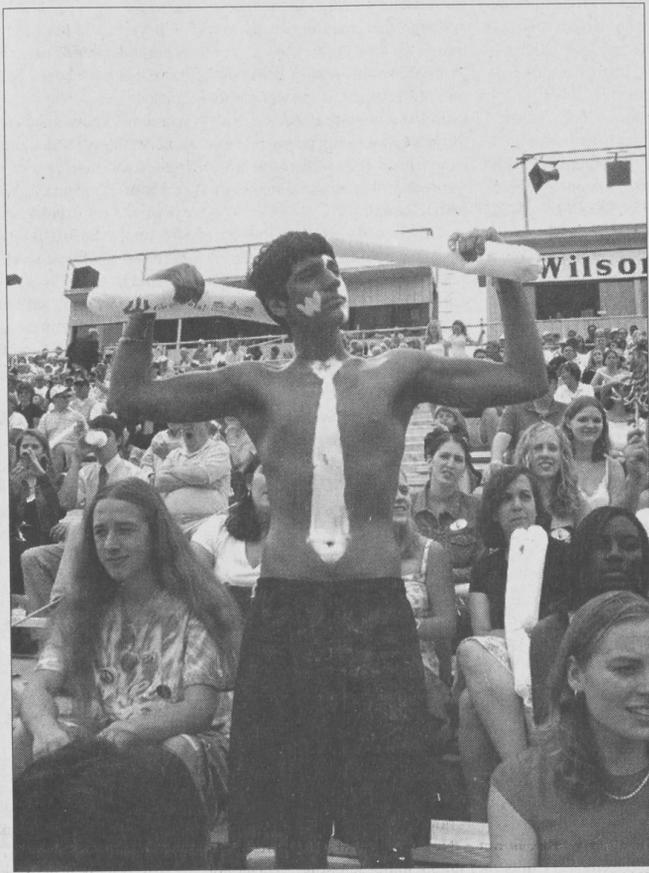


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Feeling fratty enough, Ben Kapur combined Generals formal fratwear and traditional football paint for a true-blue pigskin look on Saturday's homecoming game.

love everyone else, I think we all get along fairly well.

So why don't we celebrate the institution that brought us all together, where we live and work and play?

I blame the atmosphere. Who wants to feel obligated to look their best in roasting heat or freezing wind?

I am personally more likely to skip a game I want to see when I know my skirt will lead to purple legs and I can't just throw on my W&L sweatshirt.

While all dressed up, it doesn't seem very ladylike to scream for our team or taunt our opponents. Although I admit that my high school taunts weren't especially ladylike.

Either way, if we could just be relaxed around each other like we are on Friday nights, why can't we extend that to Saturday afternoons, dress down, enjoy a game, and be proud of where we are?

Facing Off

Risky surgery improves quality of life

By Casidhe Horan
STAFF COLUMNIST

Matthew Teffeteller knows pain well. Pain from having lost his wife to a fire. Pain from having his face severely burned as he tried to save his wife. Pain from having dozens of reconstructive surgeries on his face. Pain from the inflammation and staph infections caused by festering hairs of his old beard that is now covered in a crust of skin grafts.

Mr. Teffeteller and others who have to live with this kind of pain often undergo numerous reconstructive surgeries in an attempt to repair the face. Skin grafts from a person's back, legs, arms, or buttocks are used to create a patchwork of grafts and scar tissue that do not look or move like healthy skin. Often, dozens of surgeries are required because only a little bit of skin can be grafted at a time in order to prevent severe bleeding. Pain is a given. Returning the patient's appearance to what it once was is too often out of the question.

But now a new treatment has come to the forefront of scientific and medical controversies: the face transplant. The process would first identify a deceased skin donor matching the skin tissue, age, race, and sex of the recipient. An incision would be made and the face would be "degloved" from the cadaver, as the skin with eyelids, lips, crucial blood vessels, and nerves would be removed. The damaged skin from the recipient would also be removed. Surgeons would then align the new face with the existing nose, eyes, and cheekbones of the recipient, giving shape to the flap of skin. Blood vessels and muscles would also be connected. Post-surgery, anti-rejection drugs would be taken for the rest of the patient's life.

Some leading transplant specialists hope to perform the world's first face transplant by the end of this year.

Outrageous? Unbelievable? Face transplantation reflects the closing gap between the impossible and reality thanks to science and technology. And as that gap gets smaller and smaller, it is imperative that we confront the complex questions that need to be asked.

Scientifically, what makes a face a face? A face is more than just a piece of skin. A face is expressions. Winking, smiling, crying and all the other expressions that make us human are linked to the brain; they are not embedded in the skin.

Scientifically, at what point can we declare doctors prepared and skilled enough to perform such risky surgery? Face transplantation seems like such an unknown that it may seem as though we should have more evidence or practice before actually performing the procedure on a person. At the same time, there has to be a first, and there has to be a risk because no risk often means no gain.

What does face transplantation mean for the donor? Should a skin donor be automatically considered a face donor as well? Donating skin from the arm seems less emotional or complicated than donating a face. Perhaps there should be two options: skin and/or face donors.

What does it mean for the recipient? Identity crisis and emotional instability are possible psychological consequences. Will wearing someone else's face have a negative effect? On the other hand, perhaps a new face will lead to a new lease on life — a strengthened psychological state.

And what about the family of the donor? What will it be like for the family to see their loved one's face on a stranger? Or vice versa, what will it be like for the family of the recipient to see a stranger's face on their loved one? We don't know right now. Maybe it will be nothing. Maybe it will hurt. Maybe it will be a new emotion that we can't understand until it happens.

Ethically, The Royal College of Surgeons in London and The French National Ethics Advisory Committee have already stated that the surgery should not be done because of patient selection and informed consent. The doctors interested in performing the surgery insist they will only select patients deemed psychologically fit or strong. Ironically, it is possible those who are most interested in face transplantation may be the least psychologically stable.

The doctors also promise to use informed consent. Informed consent is defined as the consent by a patient to a surgical or medical procedure or participation in a clinical study after achieving and understanding the relevant medical facts and risks involved. Those in London and France have argued that informed consent is not possible because doctors are not fully aware of what the consequences may be, and so it is impossible for the patient to be adequately informed.

Morally, can we justify the risks in a non-life-or-death situation? On the flip side, can we deny someone in intense pain potential relief? Is it moral to do this for cosmetic reasons? How do we draw the line between medical necessity and cosmetic desire? We may need to set guidelines outlining what level of pain and suffering justifies such treatment — but how do we do that?

Finally, what does this mean to us as a society? For instance, who's going to pay for this? Insurance? Another means?

Also, plastic surgery started as a medical practice to heal, but evolved into a cosmetic industry. Looking down the road ahead, does face transplantation have that potential? Could we have people switching faces? Shows such as "The Swan" could take on a whole new shock-value.

Teffeteller and those in severe pain like him deserve to have their pain eased. Face transplantation has the potential power to do this. It is also representative of the trend of more and more amazing, yet incredibly complex, innovations, as well as the accompanying dilemmas we face in the future.

Face transplantation is, no doubt, a tough issue. Today, we've not yet had to deal with the transplantation of something so closely tied to identity. And right now, it seems to new and there is too much unknown to definitely rule it in or out yet.

One thing is for sure, though: before we proceed, we need to make sure we know what we're doing. We must ask the right questions and answer them. And we need to do this not just for face transplantation, but for future innovations as well, which are sure to be even more complicated. The better we can tackle these questions so that we have a clear understanding of the far-reaching consequences, the better science and technology can continue to improve our lives.

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UPS & DOWNS

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

☛ **Hurricane Rita.** You have to be shaking your head if you're from the gulf coast region right about now.

☛ **"Head Cases."** When a show gets canceled after only two airings on FOX, you know it can't be that good.

☛ **Lex Weather.** Unusually hot this week. That probably means we can predict snow for next week.

☛ **The Apprentice: Martha Stewart.** "The reason this company has been so successful is that we connect each and every day," said Martha to her eager contestants. Sometimes, we EVEN connect with our stockbrokers about secret corporate information!

☛ **Iraq Doctrine.** Bush says that withdrawing from Iraq now "Would make the world more dangerous." He's absolutely right. The questionable decision is going in there and destabilizing things in the first place. Nevertheless, we should realize that leaving a void in the Middle East now would be disastrous. It's too late for the American public to back off now- if you supported the war in the beginning, you ought to continue doing so.

☛ **Homecoming.** Great food and great friends. A little overcast at the game but at least your sundresses didn't get wet...

☛ **Ditching Your Date.** You either asked or got asked to homecoming. That doesn't give you permission to bail.

Rape on the rise

Enclosed environment and Greek atmosphere create negative setting for sexual situations on campus

By Alexa Moutevelis
STAFF COLUMNIST

It's the beginning of the third full week of classes and chances are that some girls reading this have already been sexually assaulted.

For all you freshmen or anyone else that doesn't know this: Washington and Lee University has a problem with sexual assault on campus.

Last year a survey found that our school has a higher rate of sexual battery, attempted rape and rape than the national average of colleges participating in the survey. The numbers are as follows:

Sexual Battery (Sexual touching against their will): W&L - 22.6%, national average - 11.9%

Attempted Rape (Attempted sexual penetration against their will): W&L - 8.5%, national - 3.9%

Rape (Sexual penetration

against their will): W&L - 2.6%, national - 1.9%

For all these percentages, only 2 sexual assaults were officially reported last year. This has to stop.

I think a major part of the problem with reporting and girls getting help is the intense rumor mill combined with the Greek atmosphere. Let's look at a hypothetical situation in which a freshman girl is sexually assaulted. In such a small school, someone would find out and that someone would tell others and it would spread; probably including catty comments about the girl's behavior and promiscuity. If the perpetrator were a well known frat guy, the frat would presumably rise up to defend him along with their frat friends. This can affect which sorority she gets into and even if she gets into one at all. It may be so bad that she ends up having to transfer. The girl has no chance to defend herself and is, figuratively, assaulted again.

The same can happen if it is an upperclassman woman, or the assailant is a freshman guy. There are definite social consequences, although they may not be as extreme.

I believe this fear of being ostracized is what drives women to keep their assault a secret. Unfortunately, keeping it a secret can exacerbate the emotional and spiritual problems that come with sexual assault.

This is what concerns me the most. I would like our campus to get to a point where a sexual assault victim can report without getting blamed by society, but until that time, we have to take care of the women who need help but are afraid to speak up.

Women: If you have been sexually assaulted, please talk to someone. There are numerous organizations on campus as well as local and state support groups.

You can be anonymous and you don't have to report who was involved if you don't want to. The important thing is that you get help.

If you have not been sexually assaulted, please be sensitive to those that have been. Don't be so quick to denounce girls as sluts; you don't know what really happened. Always watch out for your friends and take care of yourself.

Men: If the girl you have your eye on is very drunk - steer clear. She could be blacked out and therefore unable to give consent and that is sexual assault. Also, if you want to hook up with a girl and she's not that interested, don't even think about giving her more to drink so she'll say yes. Don't get too drunk yourself so you don't know whether or not she's consenting.

You can also be supportive of women that have been sexually assaulted and find out more infor-

mation from 1 in 4, an all-male sexual assault peer education group on campus.

RESOURCES

ON CAMPUS: CAIR (Confidential and Impartial Resolution) x5800, Health Center x8401, Counseling Services x8590

OFF CAMPUS: Rockbridge Community Services Board at 463-3141, Rescue 911, Project Horizon (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault) 463-2594

STATE: Family Violence and Sexual Assault Virginia Hotline 1-800-838-8238, SARA (Sexual Assault Resource Agency) Hotline (434) 977-7273

Terror in the Gaza Strip

Responsibility lies with the Israeli and Palestinian citizens when it comes to making peace--and

amends
By Neil Sheaffer
STAFF COLUMNIST

Earlier this month the Israeli government finalized the handover of the Gaza strip territory that they had occupied for almost four decades. This withdrawal raises more than a few questions about the future of the

region. Will the Palestinians finally gain sovereignty in a peaceful way? Will the Israeli government reassert power over Gaza again in the near future? Or will terrorist organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Resistance Movement ruin these positive developments?

My hope is that the first scenario becomes a reality. I had the fortune of living the Middle East for two years, but each day sad news about Israel and Palestine filled the newspapers with little hope in sight. Stories of carnage and vivid photographs from both perspectives filled the news. Now, with some light at the end of the tunnel, what has to be done to maintain peace and order in the region?

Mahmoud Abbas, the prime minister of Palestine, finds the ball in his court to respond to the recent moves made by the Israeli government. I believe that Abbas can and will lead the Palestinian people towards sovereignty. How-

ever, Abbas finds himself in a very awkward spot. He leads a group of passionate, proud people who have lived in this land for thousands of years, but have no country of their own. Abbas must appeal to the United States and Israel, who are the main obstacles in his efforts to achieve the ultimate goal of Palestinian sovereignty. Can Abbas hold the trust of his people while working with the perceived "enemies"? My guess is that he will have to take small, certain steps before he can achieve any great success.

Most importantly, Abbas must first make a concerted effort to eliminate the influence that Palestinian terrorist organizations exert upon the people. I have always been a supporter of Palestinian independence, but Abbas must prove to the world that his country will not be a source of global terrorism. Abbas has the potential to pull this off, though the sheer magnitude of terrorist groups will make it difficult.

Second, Abbas should go to the United Nations (useless, but still a good figurehead) and the United States (or any other "major" country of his choice) and ask for mediation between Israel and Palestine. Normalized relations between Abbas and Ariel Sharon would help their respective countries and the entire region. Muslim countries like Qatar and Pakistan recently revitalized ties by meeting with Israeli representatives to discuss the Gaza withdrawal. Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf even shook hands and exchanged pleasantries with Sharon, an action unheard of in recent history.

Like myself, President Bush sees hope in the situation. The president recently said in New York, "The opportunity rests with the Palestinian people to show they can govern themselves in a peaceful way." I am happy to see that Bush supports the idea of Palestinian independence if the Palestinians show a commitment to

peace. I hope he means what he said because his relationships with Israel and Palestine aren't what one could call level handed.

The light at the end of the tunnel grows brighter as each day passes. I now go to news websites any chance I get to see if there are any new developments out of the Middle East. I loved my time in the Middle East and I hope that many other people will be able to experience the wealth of culture that I enjoyed during my many trips in the area. The stability of the region hinges on the relationship between Palestine and Israel and, like the optimist I try to be, I see hope for the near future.

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Tulane, 'Taradise,' and tailgating

Mourning the loss of the football game tailgate

By Hugh Trout
STAFF COLUMNIST

Welcome back Generals and an especially warm welcome goes out to the new freshmen (I hear they drink a lot of alcohol...and I know it's true because I hear it from the freshmen themselves at almost every party...sweet). Also, Tulane students get a shout out and I look forward to having a few drinks with you all throughout the semester.

Let us recap the greatest recent developments in the global community. First off, Tara Reid has her own reality show called *Taradise* and it is delicious. Thanks Tara from every college aged guy in America. This is a huge development seeing how many top Hollywood starlets are turning less than desirable (Brittany Spears, Lindsay Lohan, pretty much everyone).

Second off, it would be wrong to not even mention the departure of our late President. Most of my friends and students in general will speak of him as if he shot their dog, and I too am certainly glad to see him go. He simply wasn't a W&L kind of guy. My hope is that the next President is a W&L alumnus, but I'll keep an open mind no matter what.

Alright, but now it's down to business...the real issue at hand. What is this pressing issue that we must devote our attention to? Simple: tailgating. Specifically, how badly it needs to come back in full force to this campus. It's a college rite of passage: living in a dorm room, studying hard, meeting people, getting drunk out of the back of a parked SUV. In fact, one of my favorite events all year, Foxfields, is really just a tail-

gate in a field for a sporting event people are honest enough to say they don't even care about. Our sports teams deserve to allow their fans to tailgate. Everyone knows that this school's speaking tradition is at it's best when everyone has had a few drinks in them, and so being against tailgating is really just a thinly veiled way of being against not only W&L, but happiness, sunshine, and to be honest, America. And if we just give up tailgating then the evildoers win. First tailgating, then what's next? Democracy? Laughter? It's just wrong.

Sure, technically you can tailgate before a game and then go, but I'm talking about old school W&L tailgating; real tailgating. The whole school hanging out together in the sun and doing what W&L does best. Don't get me wrong, watching games is fun in its own right, but like most forms of reading and mathematics, it can be improved with some good drinks and friends.

I know that many people believe that any new administration would never allow tailgating to come back, but I'm optimistic. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. Imagine all the people, drinking in a parking lot together. I will fight for the glorious invention John S. Tailgate gave us so many years ago, and I hope you will too. If we let them take this, who knows, maybe they will go as far as to mess with the Trident or even try to rename the co-op. I know that sounds like it could never happen, but give them an inch, and they'll want to turn your college into someplace as socially uncomfortable as watching a Girls Gone Wild commercial with your parents.

These just in

Two new staff members add their flair and finesse to powerful positions

Jason Rodocker

"My long-term goal [is] to one day be president at a small college like this."

By Emily Peck
STAFF WRITER

W&L has a new director of Student Activities and Greek Life this year, Mr. Jason Rodocker.

Mr. Rodocker is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated from Hanover College with a degree in Communications and Business Management.

After graduating, Mr. Rodocker worked for the governor of Indiana for one year and then spent three years at Indiana University obtaining a law degree and a Master's of Higher Education Administration.

When asked what brought him to W&L, Mr. Rodocker responded, "It was really the perfect opportunity for me. My long term goals are to one day be a dean of students at a small college like this and to be president of a small college like this."

Mr. Rodocker said his job will enable him to work towards those aspirations.

Mr. Rodocker noted that one of the great aspects of his position as director is that it allows him to oversee four key components of campus life: student activities, housing, judicial issues, and Greek life.

When asked what a typical day as director of his office was like, Mr. Rodocker answered that his

job was busier than some might expect.

On any average day he receives 100-150 e-mails and twenty phone calls. Mr. Rodocker also spends a lot of time preparing for meetings, participating in meetings, and meeting with students.

Mr. Rodocker also remarked that his dinner plans for the next three weeks are set since he will be eating chapter dinners with various, fraternities and sororities on campus and talking with house directors.

Mr. Rodocker also commented about his future plans for student activities.

He said that students who reviewed the office last year recommended that instead of focusing on a larger number of activities, the office should focus on making a fewer number of activities bigger and better.

Mr. Rodocker said that he will strive to move his office in that direction this year.

Some of the activities coming up in the next few weeks include an X-Box game zone on two, twelve-foot Television screens this Wednesday and a game of laser tag on the Canaan Green on October 19.

Mr. Rodocker is glad to be at W&L and says that he loves his job.

April Washburn

"I have yet to meet anyone who didn't greet me with a smile."

By Nadja Wolfe
STAFF WRITER

The Phi is happy to welcome Mrs. April Washburn to her new position as Administrative Assistant for Campus Activities and the Elrod Commons.

Mrs. Washburn had worked part time in the Instructional Technology Lab for the past two years before succeeding Carol Calkins in this position.

Mrs. Washburn has many responsibilities throughout her day which vary from organizing student activity room reservations to setting up fundraising tables, as well as administrative and clerical duties.

Her day usually begins with a walkthrough to make certain that everything is alright and in place.

After that, it's set up, phone calls, and as many as sixty emails in a day (although she's grateful that doesn't happen very often), as well as a myriad of other tasks.

The W&L community has made Mrs. Washburn feel right at home in her new capacity.

"I have yet to meet anyone who didn't greet me with a smile and a 'Glad to see you're here' or 'Nice to see your face around,'" she said. "I wouldn't want [the transition] any other way."

Other staff have been helpful as well, including Mrs. Calkins, who, having held the post for over twenty years, is a wealth of information and has made herself available to her successor.

One of Mrs. Washburn's favorite things about her new position is that she gets to see more of W&L students, especially for club events, activities, and all sorts of other important information.

Her pleasant personality and smiling face are sure to greet everyone who comes to her office and make them feel at home.

One need only to look at the papers from campus-wide groups in neat piles in her office to know they're in good hands.

When not at work, Mrs. Washburn likes to relax with her family, including two sons, read, and watch movies.

She also spends time coaching volleyball, her lifelong passion, at the local high school.

Since playing in grade school, coaching has been a dream of hers, and today she's in her third year of coaching at the high school.

Mrs. Washburn also likes to use volleyball to bridge the gap between the university and the town.

Since last year, RCHS and W&L volleyball players have attended each others games.

This is just another aspect of her welcoming and kind character.

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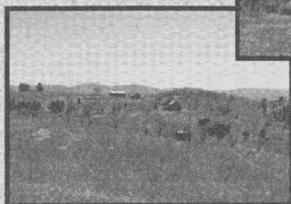


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