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Kristen Powell, the university's assistant director for student activities and Greek life, will be leaving this summer as her husband prepares to pursue a full-time career in ministry. Page 2.

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Trustee discusses university finances

John Farmer, Chairman of the Trustees' Finance Committee, met with the W&L community May 15 to discuss the university's financial status. Farmer reported that the university has a \$106 million operating budget, an endowment worth \$532 million and a \$117 million debt. Trusts controlled by outside parties add another \$248 million to the endowment. Farmer said W&L must continue to grow the endowment to ensure financial stability. The cost of financial aid has risen sharply in the last decade and a strong endowment will also be needed when the school embarks on its next large building projects. Farmer said the school's endowment was below the average endowment of other top liberal arts colleges but that the university is still in strong financial shape.

Phi Gamma Delta receives second strike

The IFC has issued a second strike to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. The house will be on social probation until Sept. 21, 2006 and will have two strikes until Nov. 14, 2006. As part of the social probation, no more than one-third of fraternity members can assemble in any location except university sponsored events. Furthermore, all gatherings at the fraternity house other than meals and chapter meetings are not allowed during the social probation.

The strike was issued because of a party held at the fraternity house on Monday, May 1. Should the house receive a third strike, a mandatory full year suspension would result. Other consequences of a third strike are mandatory alcohol and drug education and other penalties determined by the Student Affairs Committee.

to our readers

Due to a copy editing error, last week's Opinions column, "The lessons of Duke," called Al Sharpton a "race mongrel." The article should have said "race-monger."

Last week's Behind Bars carried a sub-heading called "Not the time for a stroll around town." The heading should have said "stroll" rather than "stoll."

The Phi would like to thank you for reading the paper this year. The first issue of the new school year will be published on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006.

City sets dam laws

Lexington council approves 'No Trespassing' signs for dam at Jordan's Point

By Jacob Geiger
NEWS EDITOR

One month after 16-year-old Lexington resident Charles Volpe drowned in the Maury River, the Lexington City Council voted on Thursday, May 18 to post 'No Trespassing' signs at the Jordan's Point dam.

Volpe drowned on Saturday, April 23 when he was swept over the dam by the swift current. Pinned underneath the dam by the water, which was two and a half times higher than normal, he was unable to swim to safety.

The new regulation will not prohibit swimming in the Maury near Jordan's Point, but it will forbid people from climbing onto the dam at any time.

The city may also post warning signs reminding swimmers about the dangers of swimming in the river.

Research by City Manager Jon Ellestad and his staff discovered that the dam has been owned by the city of Lexington since 1940, giving them the legal authority to post the 'No Trespassing' signs. Jordan's Point Park and the Maury River sit on the boundary between Lexington and surrounding Rockbridge County.

At the May 4 City Council meeting, Mayor John Knapp reported that several citizens had called him to inquire about safety around Jordan's Point, so the Council authorized the Physical Services Committee—chaired by Councilman Jim Gianniny, to prepare some proposals for the issue. Ellestad told the committee that while Volpe was not jumping off the dam the day he drowned, the practice of dam jumping—swimming downstream to the top of the dam, then standing up and leaping into the churning water below—has become increasingly prevalent in recent years.

Formerly the site of a wastewater and sewage plant, Jordan's Point has become increasingly popular, especially with teenagers, since the plant was removed



A man fishes below the Maury River dam at Jordan's Point. A 16-year-old drowned below the dam last month.

and the area became a park.

Ellestad said that both he and Lieutenant Steve Crowder, who handled the Lexington Police Department's investigation of the incident, were unaware that people were jumping off the dam on a regular basis.

The Physical Services committee came to the consensus that swimming in the river was not exceptionally dangerous, so it decided not to recommend totally forbidding any swimming at Jordan's Point. Ellestad said that he and the police department also did not think a complete ban on swimming could be realistically enforced.

Gianniny expressed aesthetic concerns, saying that he wants the new signs to try and blend in with the natural environment. He suggested putting up wooden signs at the site, but the other committee members favored placing cheaper metal signs that would be easier to replace if damaged or stolen.

Some council members favored the idea of installing a nicer wooden sign if the metal one is not damaged or stolen for several months.

Gianniny also broached the idea of putting the signs near the parking lot instead of next to the river, but Councilwoman Mimi Elrod said that she did not think

people would notice signs that far from the river.

Ellestad will now work with David Woody, Director of Lexington's Public Works Department, to determine the best location for the new signs. He said that the ideal place for the signs would be directly on the dam but that they could not be placed there because they would quickly wash away.

The committee also addressed issues surrounding the city's liability at the site. Ellestad said that if 'No Trespassing' signs are put up then the city must do a reasonable job of enforcing the regulations. Since the park

lies on the line between city and country jurisdictions, several council members suggested that the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department be asked to assist with enforcing the ban on dam jumping.

After several more minutes of discussion, the City Council approved the placement of the 'No Trespassing' signs by a unanimous vote.

With the measure officially approved, Ellestad said he hoped to install the new signs quickly.

"We hope to have the new signs up within a week. I'll work with David Woody to pick the best location for them."

Chief retires after 36 years

Bruce M. Beard hands in his badge after long career as chief of the Lexington Police Department

By Jacob Geiger
NEWS EDITOR

Thirty-six years after first pinning on the badge of a Lexington police officer, Chief Bruce M. Beard is headed for retirement.

Beard, who announced his retirement last fall, will officially leave the force on July 1. Lieutenant Steve Crowder, a Lexington police officer since 1982, has already been appointed to replace Beard.

During his time on the force, Beard helped the department grow into a truly professional force. The department received state accreditation in 1998 and was reaccredited in 2003.

City Manager Jon Ellestad, who oversees the department, said Lexington Police Department was Virginia's first small police department to receive accreditation and for several years was the smallest accredited department in Virginia. Over 200 state standards must be met for a department to receive accreditation.

Beard said a lot of things, especially training for new officers, have changed since he joined the department in 1970. A Rock-

bridge County native who was born in Collierstown, Beard has never worked as an officer in any city other than Lexington.

"They pretty much gave me a gun and a badge and put me with a senior officer for about four weeks," Beard said. "That was the extent of the training. In 1972 the state decided that all officers should have some training, so in January I went up to Blue Ridge Community College for four weeks of training. Now officers take a 22 week course at a police academy down in Salem."

Beard, who graduated from high school in 1962, worked at the Bonded Fibers factory in Buena Vista from 1962-1970, except for a stint in the United States Army from 1965-1967.

"In 1965 I was drafted into the Army and spent a tour in Vietnam. I was with the 1st Air Cavalry Division as a helicopter mechanic. I worked on CH-47 Chinooks."

Beard said he had considered going into police work after high school but ended up going to work for Bonded Fibers.

During his 36 years with the department, Beard says he thinks the police force has moved from

being a reactive police department to a proactive one.

Ellestad said Beard had been a stabilizing leader for the department.

"He took over at a time of great controversy—during the early '80s we had a theft scandal—but he's always looked at as an honest individual."

Ellestad went on to say that Beard has built and maintained excellent relationships around the community.

"One of the biggest changes he made was the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch in the Diamond Hill and Green Hill neighborhoods," Ellestad said.

Lieutenant Crowder said Beard's personal integrity carried over into the entire department.

"We're the team to beat," Crowder said. "We're looked up to even though we're a small department."

Crowder will inherit a department that has seen extensive turnover in the last 18 months. "The flipside to having no turnover for nine years is that retirements all hit at once in the last 18 months. By the end of this year, we'll have lost all of our upper

level management except me, [Sergeant] Bucky Miller and Fred Smith, who's been a patrol officer here for a long time."

The incoming chief started his law enforcement career in 1975 and has served in Lexington and Clifton Forge, Va. Crowder joined the Lexington department in 1982, a time when the force had too few officers.

"That's when we were really short-handed," Crowder said. "We were working eight to 12 hour shifts seven days a week." After being promoted to sergeant in 1984, Crowder was promoted to lieutenant when Beard advanced from lieutenant to chief in 1987.

"He's eminently qualified," Ellestad said, "and the only one in the department with command experience, and I wanted to stay inside the department because we've had a great deal of turnover, losing all of our sergeants but Bucky Miller in the last three years. We lost lots of institutional memory."

Crowder and Ellestad said one of the department's current challenges will be filling the holes created by the numerous retirements.

"Replacing the experience will be tough," Crowder said. "Over 150 years worth has been lost. We've tried to hire officers with law enforcement experience and have had some success doing that, but our recent applicant

pool is down to four officers and none have any experience. It can take more than six months to train them, and between training and equipment it's a \$50,000 investment even before they take their first solo patrol."

Crowder said that the department would probably not see many changes after his tenure began, though he did emphasize that he wants to stress strong community relations.

"It's important to go back to the basics of seeing a police officer outside of the patrol car. The chief in a small town should be publicly known, so it won't be uncommon to see me walking around the streets, going into businesses to talk with people and check on their needs."

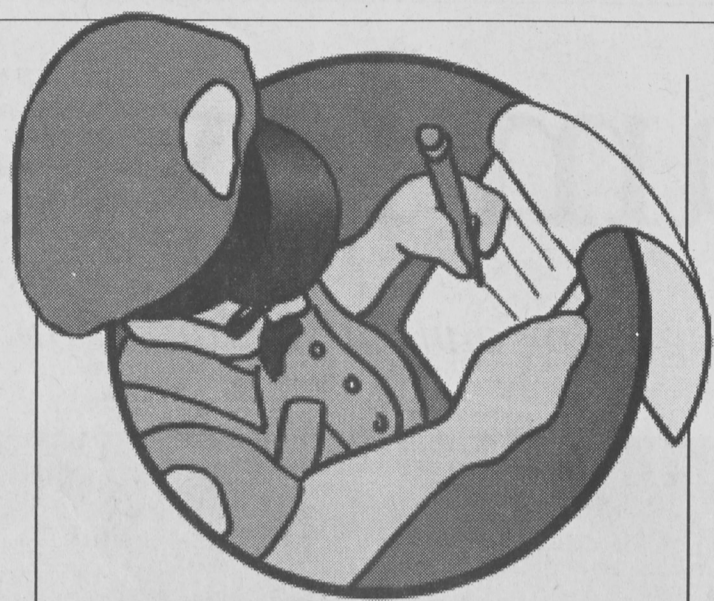
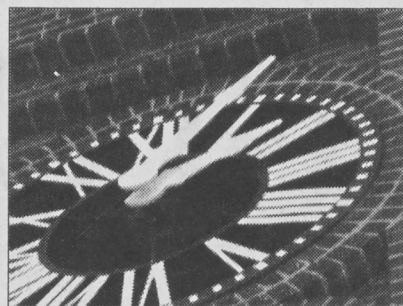
Beard said that Crowder and Lexington's other officers will continue to build and maintain strong relationships with the schools, students and citizens of Lexington.

He said that while the city will never be crime free, a continuing challenge for the department will be to keep the crime rate at its current low levels.

Lexington's long-time chief said he's enjoyed his 36 year career with the police department.

"Even from the first day until retirement day I've enjoyed working with the public. I feel good when I'm able to help people."

news



BEHIND BARS

Here's the latest update on who ran afoul of the law during the last few weeks. We took a peek at this week's police reports to see what you've been up to...

It saves the rescue squad a trip

Robert Moses, age 73, was found lying in the road on Spotswood Drive on Thursday, May 11. Moses was discovered near the Lexington Rescue Squad Building. Squad members discovered he had a large cut and a bump on the left side of his head, so Moses was taken to the Stonewall Jackson Hospital Emergency Room and

received treatment for his head injury. Officers on the scene determined that Moses was demonstrating signs of intoxication and arrested him, charging him with public intoxication.

Main Street, USA

Philip Harris, a 28-year-old from Lewisburg, W.Va., was also arrested on May 11 and charged with public intoxication. Officer Fred Smith, who made the arrest at the intersection of Main Street and Washington Street, stated in his report that Harris was showing signs of intoxication as he walked. The arrest occurred at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Nowhere to run

Lexington resident Anthony Stewart was charged with speeding, driving with a

revoked license and obstruction of justice on Friday, May 12. Stewart, who was originally clocked going 39 mph in a 25 mph zone on Maury Street, pulled into a driveway on Maury and began to run away from the officers. Sergeant Mike Frost, who had originally tried to stop Stewart, was unable to catch up with the 27-year-old man. Officer Nathan Kesterson arrived to assist Frost, and the two officers found a witness who had seen Stewart run by. Stewart's father brought his son to the police station and turned him in.

Angry at the Palms

John Hefferin, a cell phone tower worker from Franklinville, NC, was arrested at 1 a.m. on Sunday, May 14. Hefferin was at the

Palms Saturday night and was waiting outside for a ride when Sergeant Bucky Miller and Officer Leonard Stewart arrived at the bar. The two Lexington police officers were responding to a call from Palms' employees that reported patrons were refusing to leave the bar. While Miller was standing in the doorway of the bar, Hefferin decided he wanted to re-enter the premises. An employee told him that he could not, so Hefferin began berating the female employee and Miller. After Stewart's arrival, Miller went into the Palms to make sure the disruptive patrons had left. When he went back outside, Hefferin was arguing with Stewart. The two officers arrested Hefferin on charges of being drunk in public.

Powell says goodbye to campus

Assistant director of student activities will be missed by many as she moves away from Lexington

By Stacey Grijalva
STAFF WRITER

As everyone prepares to say goodbye to friends, there is one more person to hug and promise to keep in touch. Kristen Powell, assistant director of student activities and Greek life, and her husband Jim are leaving.

"I'll be missing a friend, a confidante, a colleague," said Margo McClinton, director of the Commons.

The couple is moving so that Jim Powell, currently the leader

of Young Life, can work full-time for a church. The two are also expecting their first child, jokingly referred to as Baby Jack for Jim's appreciation of "24."

"It's bittersweet because they are moving on to do things they wanted to do but they'll be missed dearly," said sophomore Addy Ng.

Powell is known for her work with Panhellenic, various campus activities such as Battle of the Bands and from her involvement with Young Life.

"She has the unique quality of making you feel like home,"

said Jason Rodocker, Powell's coworker and director of student activities and Greek life.

If others think of something to do such as an event, Powell talked to the necessary people but helped the student to do the event by himself.

A 2000 graduate of Washington and Lee, Powell's experience as an alumna gave her great experience in preparation for her job at the school.

"As an alum, you understand the experience," she said. "You know the traditions and understand the events. It helps to see

the big picture [for future planning], like the need for sorority houses,"

Powell brings not only the knowledge of an alumna but also of a sorority woman.

Ng said, "She's been through the whole Greek experience and so she's invaluable to be in that position."

Before Powell moved to Lexington, she lived in Dallas as a muralist.

"She has these little skills that she never talks about," said Rodocker. "Such as, I know she plays the piano and I've seen her

paintings. They're simple, emotional."

McClinton sums up Powell with one word - talented.

Powell hopes that she has made a difference on campus.

"I hope that I have helped develop leadership skills in student leaders, challenged the women to stand up for things they think are important," she said. "I hope I've helped them learn to set a goal and respond."

In her two years at W&L, Powell has made a lasting impression and leaves behind many sad friends.

"Personally and professionally, she is ideal to work with," said Rodocker. "She keeps you focused, helps you to do right, and praises you when you do it."

Her replacement has not yet been named but McClinton is hopeful that someone will be hired by the end of the month. Powell has been taking notes to help her successor and had a few words of advice.

"Take time to build relationships and to figure out the culture," said Powell. "The students are so capable. My role is only to assist and empower."

Freshman sets up poverty panel

W&L student organizes local religious and community service leaders to discuss the role of religion in poverty

By Sarah Klientz
STAFF WRITER

According to the United States Census Bureau, over 35 million people in the U.S. live in poverty.

Freshman Rosemary Boyle said she wants to find a way to fix it.

Boyle is heading a discussion board to talk about religion and poverty.

The discussion will be held in the Marketplace on Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.

"My goal is to have an awesome conversation and learn all the dynamics on the issue," Boyle said. "[I'd like] everyone to start talking about it because it's avoided in classrooms. This will be a way to get the discussion out there."

Four members of the community will act as panelists to get the conversation started. Some panelists include: Ingrid Easton, founder of Campus Kitchens, John Phillips, leader of Volunteer Venture, Burr Datz, director of Religious Life and Bill Kline, pastor at Lexington Presbyterian.

The discussion format of the presentation is particularly important in order to get audience members involved, Boyle said.

"Around campus there are not many discussions, there are plenty of speakers who are experts in their fields that come," Boyle said. "I think it is critical that, to achieve my goal of getting

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ROSEMARY BOYLE, Class of 2009

the student body to discuss such issues, we have a discussion. Students at W&L are highly intelligent and learning from each other is an opportunity that I believe we should take advantage of."

Boyle said that recognizing the correlation between religion and poverty is important in understanding both issues.

"Most religions teach human dignity and that we should care for each other," Boyle said. "A lot of times religion is the motivation behind wanting to help the poor."

Boyle is putting on the event as a final project for her Interdepartmental 101 class on poverty.

Her professor, Stacy McLaughlin Taylor, is the acting director of the Shepherd Poverty Program and encouraged final projects such as Boyle's in order for students to "explore issues in more depth and connect them to their co-curricular and other academic interests."

Taylor said any discussion about poverty is an important one,

and Washington and Lee students will be particularly interested when it is coupled with religion.

"It's an opportunity for students to explore a significant social issue of our time and develop their own opinion and knowledge about this issue," Taylor said. "It's of deep interest to our students with the number of religions [in this community]."

Taylor added that poverty is something important for members of the W&L community to focus on.

"It's easy to go through four years at W&L without exploring poverty first hand," Taylor said. "It's something we all know a little about on surface level but it's something we should all explore in more detail."

Boyle urged students to attend the discussion so a variety of opinions can be presented.

"I encourage people to go so we can get as many different view points as we can, even if they're not religious."

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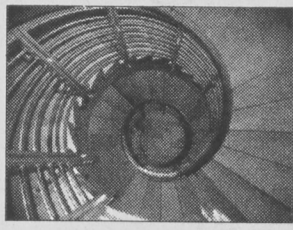
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opinions



to the editor

Rape is always rape

Student questions columnist's statements on the rape case at Duke University

To the Editor:

At first glance, it appears that Jennifer Sutton's column ("The Lessons of Duke") in last week's edition of the Phi could be written in a few short sentences. If I had written the article, then I probably would have written, "Washington and Lee could face a sexual assault scandal because sexual assault happens at Washington and Lee." Seems simple, right? So imagine my surprise at Ms. Sutton's article, which appears to focus less on preventing sexual assault than on preventing accusations of sexual assault.

Before I begin with the bulk of my letter, I would like to address Ms. Sutton's most confusing claim. Despite their curious irrelevance to the rest of her column, Ms. Sutton works in a few not-so-subtle jabs at "race-mongers like Al Sharpton." According to Ms. Sutton, this emphasis is the product of a "larger racial game" that has been created by activists. Oooh, that Al Sharpton! I bet he paid that witness to report that players from the team were shouting racial slurs at the strippers! You know what, he probably also orchestrated that thing in Washington, D.C. a few months ago where one of the defendants allegedly took part in the beating of a gay man while yelling homosexual slurs, just for good measure! That Al Sharpton! I can't believe that he is trying to make race an issue here! All satire aside, it is Ms. Sutton—not Reverend Sharpton—who most

clearly illustrates that Americans are thinking about race in conjunction with this scandal: "If the accused are guilty, then they have desecrated the name of all Caucasian suburban athletes at top schools."

Although Sutton is correct in pointing out that a "tragedy" has occurred in Durham, the focus of her column is misplaced. Since we are talking about accusations of sexual assault, many readers might assume that the tragedy of the situation is that a woman arrived at a hospital with injuries consistent with having been raped and forcibly sodomized. But Ms. Sutton presents a different angle. In order to prevent this "scenario" from occurring at Washington and Lee, we need to "know better... [than] to call up local strippers." What? That's how we should prevent this tragic scenario from happening here? Since this solution is clearly not tailored to the vast majority of sexual assault cases, I am left to assume that Ms. Sutton is aiming at another sort of tragedy: wrongful accusations.

Let's analyze this claim a little more thoroughly. I should start off by reporting a statistic that all of us should know already thanks to One-In-Four: The FBI estimates that only about 2 percent of rape cases are shown to be fabricated or untrue. With that said, Ms. Sutton's claims that "time lines" might prove the defendants to be innocent are far from airtight. This argument relies on a discrepancy of about 15 minutes

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that exists between the time that the crime allegedly took place and the time that an eyewitness says he saw the first two defendants leave the scene. We should remind ourselves that this timeline and all of the evidence accompanying it have been offered by the defense and have not yet been challenged in court. Ms. Sutton also claimed that the alleged victim in this case has made "prior false accusations" of rape. While the victim did apparently accuse three men of raping and beating her when she was 14, the police chief in the town in which the report was made (Creedmoor, N.C.) stated in an April 28 interview that it appears that charges were not filed in that case because this woman decided "not to pursue the... case further." It is not uncommon for a rape victim to decide not to take legal action, and that doing so is more likely to be evidence of the emotional trauma that accompanies sexual assault than evidence of false allegation.

Still, Ms. Sutton goes even further out into the deep end, claiming that sexual assault while under the influence of alcohol is perhaps not sexual assault at all.

Well, if they raped someone while they were drunk, then I would say that their crime is rape. Can you imagine how absurd Ms. Sutton's justification might sound if it were used for other criminal acts?

I'm really sorry, officer. I didn't mean to drink and drive, but I'm drunk! I can't make rational decisions! Thanks for being so understanding!

It seems as though Ms. Sutton has a hard time accepting that we are still responsible for criminal actions when we are drunk. If students are worried about losing control, then why not cut the drinking back or use the buddy system? But Ms. Sutton is still unconvinced. "In an instance like this, should inebriation equal automatic guilt?" Inebriation? No. Rape? Yes.

Since Ms. Sutton offers advice to people who want to get trashed and hook up but who are worried about getting accused of rape, I hope that I can offer some of my own: Don't rape people. Control your life a little. You can do it. Really.

Sam Wilmoth
Class of 2007

Parent trusts admissions

Admissions department deserves right to keep information private

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Ring-tum Phi for publishing the comments of the Concerned Parent. Nothing like a little discussion about who gets in and who doesn't to stir the masses. It certainly got everyone off the couch and into the game so to speak. I had planned to write you after the initial appearance of the first letter. It was best I waited to see the small firestorm it created before making a comment. Like many of those who have written, allow me to provide my stats: I'm the father of a student—Class of 2008 and hopefully Class of 2011. I'm fundamentally a liberal by nature but willing to listen to the "other side" of any argument. I graduated from Lehigh, Class of 1976, and probably wouldn't get in today.

I sensed in many of the well-written letters there was a desire for disclosure - as in "if the University just came forward with what we want to know then we wouldn't be concerned about whether unworthy people are being admitted". As a resident of Virginia, I can state that schools like UVA, James Madison and William and Mary are forced to play a numbers game tied to their status as "state schools". In those instances the decisions are much more metric; they don't have the luxury of really looking at the "worth" of a potential student.

The great thing about an institution like Washington and Lee is they can operate under their own goals and objectives. I would like to suggest to those that have written, they acknowledge that the aspect of deciding who gets in and who doesn't with a business oriented mindset. Those writing the letters should consider themselves as board members of a corporation. As such, they are entrusting the corporation to individuals they believe best represent their interests. Most corporate boards don't micro-manage the people they are paying to run the business—why would they? Do we really want to know all of the details of the "admissions scorecard"? Do we really want to argue whether a superior SAT score trumps someone who is president of their class but doesn't have a 1400?

As parents, we are thrilled our son is attending W&L. On certain criteria he shouldn't have gotten in. On other criteria he should have. The same can be said for our daughter who will apply next year. Suffice it to say we respect the "black box" process that all universities employ. If you don't like the direction the university is taking (over time) then change the managers, but don't micro-manage the process.

Sean Handerhan
Parent

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Fulbrights awarded

Award will allow four seniors to combine their love of travel and learning

Seniors Garner, Greiner, Hibbard and Strother plan to use the grant money to spend next year abroad in pursuit of their academic interests while teaching English to local students in classrooms in France, Germany and Spain.

By Abri Nelson
STAFF WRITER

Four Washington and Lee seniors will be taking their skills to Europe next fall as recipients of the Fulbright Scholarship for graduate study.

Meg Garner, Gwen Greiner, Meredith Hibbard and Meg Strother each received a nine-month grant to teach overseas.

Garner and Greiner will be teaching in France, while Hibbard will be teaching in Germany and Strother will be teaching in Spain.

According to its website, the Fulbright has been awarded to graduating seniors since it was signed into law in 1946.

It was developed as a way to promote "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world."

The grant supplies transportation abroad, a monthly allowance and covers the cost of books.

The Fulbright enables the winner to immerse herself fully in the culture of the nation while continuing her education.

Many recipients of the Fulbright teach English in a classroom while pursuing a personal program of research based on their individual interests.

"My teaching will occupy 12 hours per week, and the other time there I will spend working on my project, an extracurricular art program for children," said Garner, a French and Studio Art major who will be teaching in the Nancy-Metz region of Northern France.

She heard about the scholarship through Dean George Bent, who was her art history professor at the time.

Bent encouraged her to apply because of her love for the French language, for art and her

interest in children.

All recipients of the Fulbright use the money to cover living and study expenses for a year while furthering their own personal research goals.

The money received is usually enough to cover all expenses.

Strother will be using her Spanish major as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant just outside of Madrid in the city of Alcorcón for at least 16 hours per week.

She would also like to take classes at a local university and further her interest in Spanish theater.

"I am interested in the idea of using theater as a teaching tool," said Strother.

She became especially interested in Spanish theater after reading Lope de Vega's "Fuente Ovejuna" when she studied abroad in Seville, Spain last year.

"Performances of plays such as this one not only give student audiences exposure to

another culture and a glimpse into history, but also pull to the surface important issues from a seemingly archaic work," said Strother about the play, written during the Spanish Golden Age.

Despite the challenge that living and working in another country will pose, both Strother and Garner are excited about the possibilities for research and getting to know another culture.

"It's such an eye-opening experience," said Strother. "I can't wait to be in Spain and have the opportunity to pour my love for the language and for teaching into a classroom full of Spanish students."

Strother is hoping that her time in Spain will help her discover what she wants to do for her future.

She wants to find a way to combine her love for the Spanish language and her love for people into a career.

Garner plans on attending graduate school for counseling at the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in the fall of 2007.

She hopes to combine her interest in art with her love for working with children to develop her own art therapy counseling practice.

Hibbard and Greiner will also be teaching the English language overseas and Greiner will be combining her teaching with research on the French Enlightenment.



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MEG STROTHER, Class of 2006

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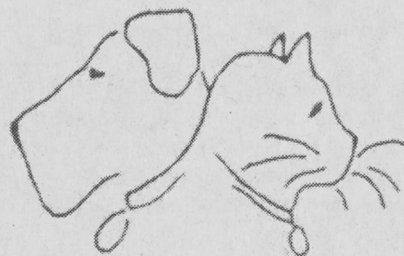
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Creative Kiln provides opportunity to exercise your artistic talents

By Madeline Gent
STAFF WRITER

As Lexington students prepare to wind down their school year, a new shop opened in town giving both locals and collegians something to do on a lazy afternoon.

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The price of the pieces range from \$2 to \$12. If you are interested in making your mom a thank-you mug since she is going to be here in a few days to pack you up, Creative Kiln can help you out.

If you want to create a serving platter to use at all those summer barbecues back home, Creative Kiln is the place to go.

All together, your experience will cost anywhere from \$10 to \$20, making it a relatively low-cost activity.

Painting pottery is much more enjoyable with a group

of friends. There is no limit to the amount of time you have to paint.

The activity works for all ages. It is a great way to waste time if you had to baby-sit your religion professor's kids, or just to release creative tension after writing a paper.

An afternoon would not necessarily be enjoyable to experience on your own since the shop has such a community atmosphere. Come with others unless you feel like being alone.

When you are finished you get up and go; no cleaning is required.

The manager will give you a receipt that you take with you. You come back in three to four days to pick up the masterpiece.

On Friday nights, Creative Kiln holds a date night. A couple can create two pieces for the price of one.

The shop appeals to the artsy and non-artsy alike.

One does not have to be a professional artist to enjoy creating an individualized piece of art.

You may, however, value your work more if you have at least some artistic ability.

Whether you just want to waste time one afternoon or you have a planned outing with friends, Creative Kiln offers a unique experience not found other places in the area.

Sophomore Alice Shih said, "It's reasonably priced, nice atmosphere and relaxing. When I went it was filled with W&L students and we just all sat there and talked. It was another great activity to do with friends."

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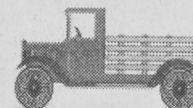
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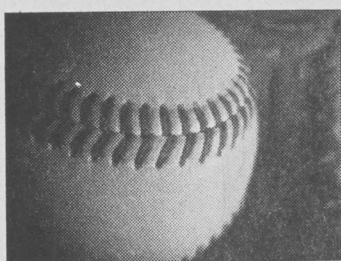
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Women's Tennis

Junior Emily Applegate and freshman Katie Tabb represent the Generals in singles play in the individual realm of the Division III National Championships in Santa Cruz, Calif. today. In doubles play, partners Tabb and junior Ginny Wortham lost Sunday and will not advance, while Applegate and junior Kristen McClung were defeated Saturday. In team competition, after defeating both Williams College and Claremont Mudd-Scripps College, the Generals fell to fifth seed Emory University in the finals last Friday. After losing all three doubles rounds, Applegate came through with the first win for the Generals in singles play (6-3, 6-1). Shortly after, the Eagles wrapped up the championship with wins over Tabb (6-1, 6-3) and sophomore Kelly Will (6-1, 6-2), ending the tournament 5-1. Last year, the Generals lost to Emory in the finals 5-3.

in the numbers

2755.66

Number of miles the women's tennis team traveled to compete in the Division III National Championships in Santa Cruz, Calif. The team ended its season with a record of 28-1, its only loss to Emory University in the Finals last Friday. This is the fourth time the team has qualified for Nationals, each time losing to Emory.

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Number of times the Dallas Mavericks have made the Finals of the NBA playoffs. With the series tied at 3-3 with the San Antonio Spurs, game seven will take the teams back to San Antonio for the final showdown tonight at 8 p.m. The Spurs have made a huge recovery from the 3-1 series lead by the Mavs.

714

Number of the tying home run hit by San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds in Oakland on Saturday. This home run matched the legendary title held by New York Yankees player Babe Ruth. This record, however, was previously broken by Atlanta Braves player Hank Aaron who now holds the record at 755.

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"I hate that guy. I don't really care for the guy."

— Tyler Snyder, 19-year-old baseball fan that swiftly caught Barry Bonds' 714th home run ball in Oakland, Calif. on Saturday, as reported by the Associated Press.

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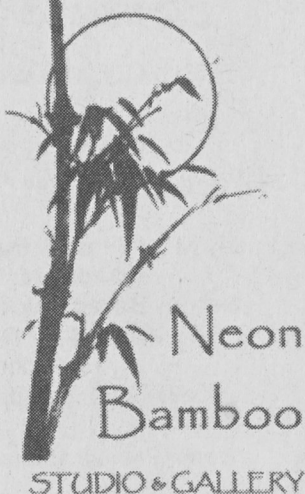
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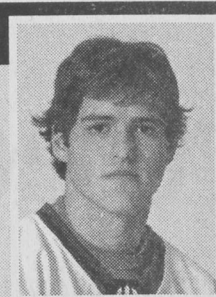
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HARRY ST. JOHN, Lacrosse

G	A	Pts	Shots	SOG
24	8	32	69	40

Midfielder St. John led the men's lacrosse team in goals, shots and shots on goal. St. John was named ODAC Player of the Week and awarded ODAC All-Conference Second Team status.



AMANDA STRICKLER, Lacrosse

A	Pts	Shots	SOG
41	67	72	47

As attacker, Strickler was the Generals' leading scorer with 67 points, and she led the team in assists. She is tied for second in both shots taken and shots on goal. In April, Strickler was awarded ODAC Player of the Week.

Top Ten Phi Picks

In the 2005-2006 season, athletic teams captured ten ODAC championships to set a new record for Washington and Lee. Among the many stand-out performances, some athletes demonstrated exceptional talent. These ten were chosen based on statistics, team contribution and overall honors this past year.

EMILY APPLGATE, Tennis



Singles

28-3

Doubles

18-6

Applegate led the women's tennis team as the number one singles player. Her success at Nationals against Emory's Richelle Marasigan in team competition was the only win the Generals captured on Friday. Applegate also earned a spot in individual play and has advanced to the quarterfinals. She was recently awarded ODAC Player of the Week.

NATHAN JOHNSON, Cross-Country



8-K: 25:11.4

Johnson was the only runner to advance to the Division III National Championships finishing sixty-second at the meet. At the ODAC tournament, he was awarded the Cross-Country Runner of the Year and Scholar Athlete of the Year. Johnson also earned an NCAA post-graduate scholarship.

JANE BEALL, Field Hockey

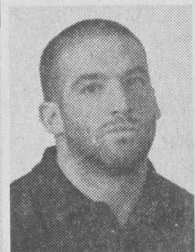


G	A	Pts
16	6	38

Shots	GB
94	53

As captain, Beall led the field hockey team to an eleven-game winning streak that ended in the playoffs of the NCAA tournament. She ranked first on the team in points, shots, shots on goal and game-winning goals.

LIAM MURRAY, Football



Solo	A
23	32
Total	TFL
55	7.5

Murray was garnished with honors, earning the Roanoke Times College Division All-State Squad defensive lineman first team. He was chosen as first team All-State by VaSID and first team All-ODAC. He was awarded the 2005 Richmond Touchdown Club Defensive Lineman of the Year. Murray was also tied for second on the team in tackles with 55 and third in assists.

STACY DOORNBOS, Track

100-meter: 12.84 seconds

200-meter: 26.32 seconds

Long jump: 18'00.50"



Doornbos owns ten individual and two relay track and field records after her performance in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. At the ODAC meet, she was awarded double honors with Athlete of the Year and Rookie of the Year winning the 200m and the long jump. Doornbos was also named ODAC Player of the Week a total of three times.

NATHANIEL JAMES, Golf

Rounds played: 23 (#1 on team)

Stroke total: 1700

Stroke average: 73.9

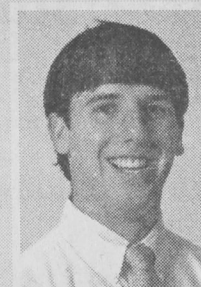
Par five average: 4.83 (#6 nationally)

Fairways hit: 66% (#7 nationally)



James recently returned from his thirty-fourth place finish at the NCAA Golf Championships in Lincoln, Neb. His .607 short game percentage is the best in the nation in Division III.

JORDAN WESLEY, Baseball



BA	HR	RBI
.308	4	32

As catcher, Wesley started in all but two games for the Generals, playing almost every inning. He is second on the team in home runs and is also in charge of managing the pitching staff.

MIKE GINDER, Swimming

50-yd. Freestyle: 20.8 seconds

200-yd. Freestyle: 1:39.17

200-yd. Backstroke: 1:49.82



Ginder led the men's swim team to a fourteenth place finish at NCAA Division III Nationals, finishing second in the 200-yd. freestyle and fourth in the 200-yd. backstroke. Ginder currently occupies six spots on the Generals' record board with three individual and three relay records.