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## Kappa girl caught without pearls on

The Panhellenic Council has launched a sweeping investigation after Kappa freshman Lisa Anna Beth Smythe was seen not wearing her pearls. -- Page X

## Crash injures dozens

17 prospective students and three VMI cadets remain in stable condition at Stonewall Jackson after a tour group collided with a pack of Veemie joggers. -- Page Y

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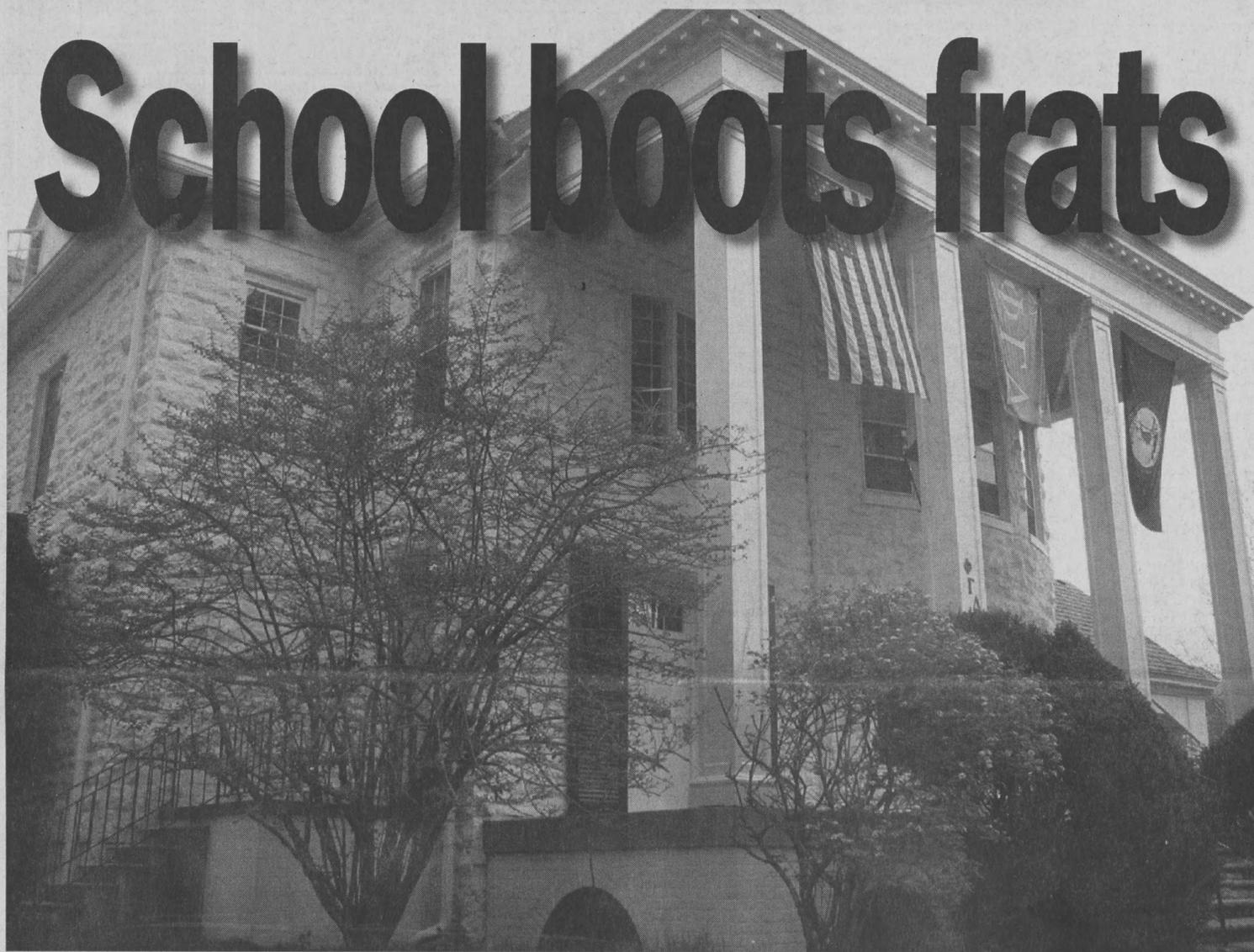
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# School boots frats



## Sig Ep avoids fratricide by joining up with local Kiwanis Club

By Edward Frattington IV  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Affairs Committee voted last night to permanently disband all of Washington and Lee's fraternities.

The SAC's decision came after a marathon six-hour meeting that included testimony from members of each of the 14 fraternities currently active on campus. Though each frat spoke with the committee, members of the Phi Gamma Delta delegation provided the most detailed explanations. Delegates from Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta refused to comment, while

Sigma Alpha Epsilon threatened to have its high-powered alumni donate enough money to purchase the entire SAC.

Sigma Phi Epsilon argued that it should be exempt because it only returned to campus last year, but the chapter's pleas fell on deaf and uncaring ears.

A last minute compromise, however, turned the SPE house into Kiwanis local 92.

The charge was led by the faculty members on the SAC. They complained about the noise and garbage created by fraternity parties. They also said fraternities encouraged revelry and distracted W&L

students from the serious business of studying.

One of the faculty members complained that the male Greek system made "freshman students fall asleep in class during winter term."

The dismissal followed a wave of hazing investigations that kept the IFC and Director of Public Safety Mike Young busy for weeks. Though the investigations could only turn up hard evidence against FIJI, Kappa Sigma and SAE, the other frats were dismissed from campus "as a precaution."

"We know for a fact that those Phi Deltas and Phi Kaps

are not being very nice to their poor little freshman," one SAC member said. "We could have done a full investigation on each of the 14 houses, but it just seemed so much easier to dismiss each frat at the same time."

Dean of Students Dawn Watkins voted for dismissal but also told the ex-frat boys that she was sure everything would work out just fine. She offered each fraternity a box of free Girl Scout cookies as a parting gift.

As members of each fraternity packed up their frat rooms and headed for Gaines Hall, one morose Kappa Alpha

sophomore was seen sitting with his head in his hands.

"I just don't see how we can have Old South in a Gaines suite," he muttered sadly.

By order from the SAC, all frat houses had to be vacated by the end of the day.

Chi Psi brothers were all too hungover from the prior night's 54th straight Late Nite to object that they actually own their house instead of the school. Multiple northface jackets, cell phones, and lone shoes were left in the empty basement.

The school is already searching for ways to fill the suddenly empty buildings.

Director of Student Activities and Greek Life Jason Rodocker said the school was seriously considering inviting 14 new sororities to colonize on campus.

Rodocker said Delta Zeta sorority was being heavily recruited because their DePauw University chapter had shown a real talent for judging women on shallow characteristics like looks and skin color. The DePauw group earned national notoriety in February when their national headquarters forcibly dismissed more than half of the chapter's members

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# W&L buys out University of Richmond

President Kenneth Ruscio announces takeover plan at press conference. Richmond students celebrate new 'cool' status

By Kim Tolly  
STAFF WRITER

In a shocking move last night, President Ken Ruscio announced that a \$1 billion donation by alumni Gerry Lenfest would allow Washington and Lee to purchase the University of Richmond and turn it into a satellite campus. The campus will be called Washington and Lee at Richmond or W&L-R.

Ruscio admitted that the takeover plans began in 2001, when he left his position in the W&L politics department to become

the Dean of Richmond's Jepsom Leadership School. An alumnus of W&L, Ruscio served as Dean of Freshman before moving into the politics department. He was also instrumental in the founding of the interdisciplinary Environmental Studies program. Acting under guidance from Rector Phillip Norwood and the board of trustees, Ruscio carefully infiltrated the Richmond campus and recruited several important faculty members to his cause.

Among the faculty recruited by Ruscio was June Aprille, the Richmond provost who was cho-

sen last month to replace Tom Williams as the W&L provost. Rodney A. Smolla, Dean of Law at the University of Richmond and the incoming law dean at W&L, also joined Ruscio's cabal.

Students at the former University of Richmond said they were thrilled to now attend a more prestigious and historical university.

"Nobody around this state cared about U of R," one student complained, "but now I'm going to have a degree from W&L-R that will definitely get me a sweet

job because of alumni connections."

The student asked that his name not be used because he was afraid nobody would hire him if they knew his real name.

The plan kicked into high gear in the spring of 2005, when former W&L president Tom Burish left the university and became the provost at Notre Dame. Although Burish's departure was supposedly voluntary, students pressured him into departing because he kept trying to close the doors to Traveller's stall.

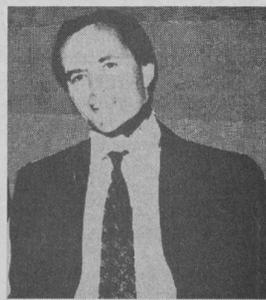
"We just couldn't stand Bur-

ish," one student who requested anonymity said. "That's why we asked the ghosts of Lee and Traveller to drive him out."

During the year spent by Harlan Beckley as W&L's acting-president, Ruscio made his final preparations at Richmond and got ready for his move to Lexington. Plans swung into high gear last spring when it was announced that he would be returning to Lexington.

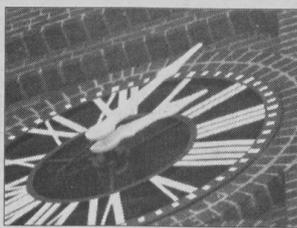
Both Smolla and Aprille were promoted to the W&L flagship

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This 1991 photo of Ruscio was taken by an undercover agent in the C-School.

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## A new age of arrogance

*Class of 2011 is smarter, cooler, and better than you (or at least they think so)*

By Angry Current Students  
STAFF WRITERS

Freshman move-in day may still be five months away, but the incoming class of 2011 is wasting no time leaving its mark on Washington and Lee.

After months of clogging up the precious brick sidewalks during official tours, the group kicked into high gear last month with the infamous Honors Scholars weekend. Representatives from Phi Psi's Fallout reported that once again, all 75 high school seniors were dead drunk after 3 beers. At press time there were no reports on how many students attended their morning interviews still wearing the clothes they wore at the Fallout party.

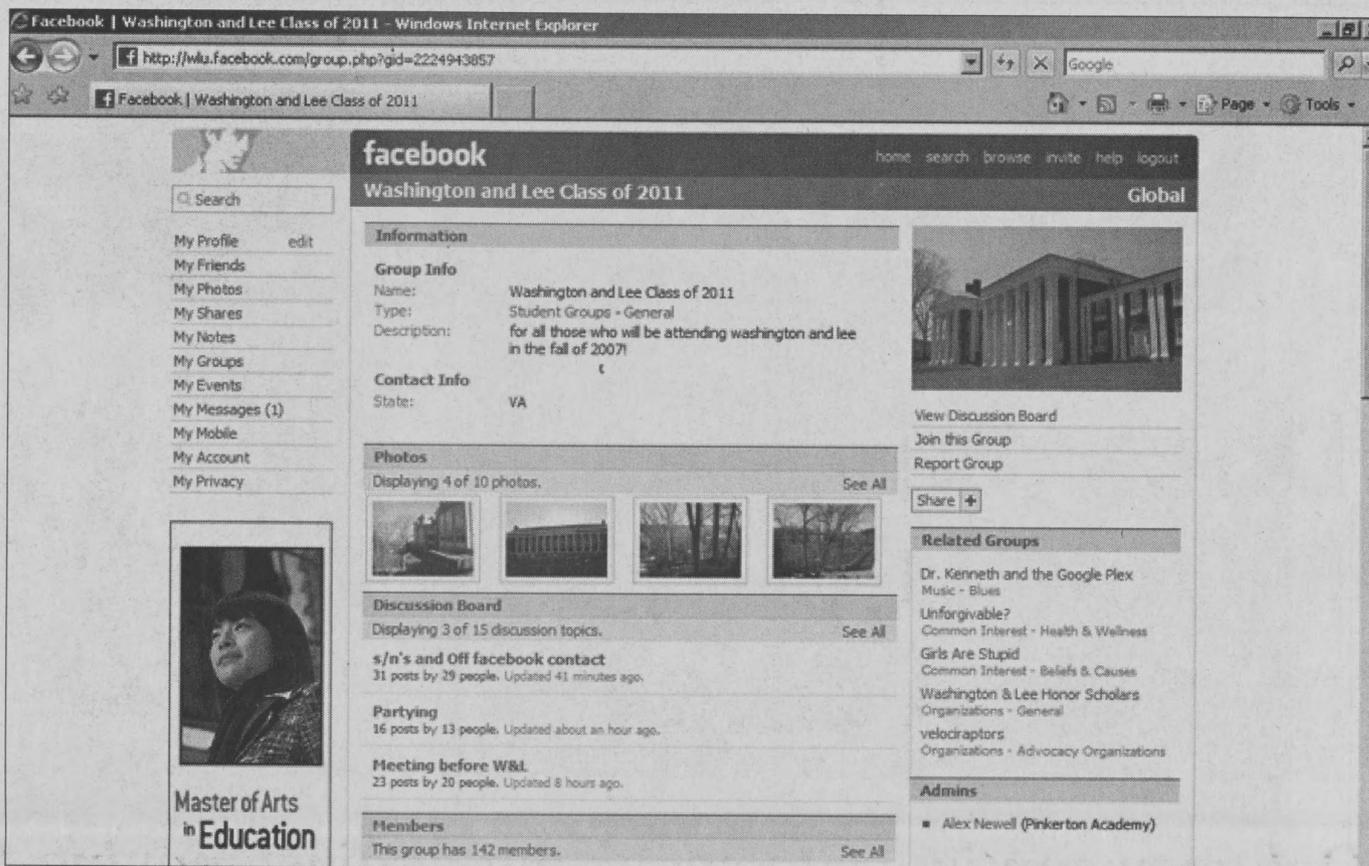
The precocious youngsters have also been active on Facebook, happily spewing out the misinformation they learned during their 48-hour visits to campus. Each male student has also been providing detailed analysis of the fraternity and party scene on campus.

Atlanta resident David Walton made history this week when he became the first freshman to be balled from every fraternity house before he even set foot on campus (He also became the first student to ever be discussed in the student press before arriving on campus).

Walton has been a frequent contributor to the group and was pleased to let everyone know that he is a George Washington scholar. Several current and future students quickly told him that they could not care less.

Walton is the incoming class's resident expert on the W&L social scene and offered several wildly inaccurate—albeit hilarious—anecdotes about partying on campus. He appears to have discovered that students on campus occasionally consume beer and liquor—sometimes even to excess—while spending their evenings crowded around a palette fire or stuffed into a fraternity basement.

Walton also won 1,700 enemies when he proudly told



the world that he was selected for George Washington Honors Scholarship finals. He confidently filed a report on the social scene at the finals, telling the world about the exciting Chi Psi party at Fallout—his informational sources on campus still have not shown much improvement.

When reminded that Fallout is actually a Phi Psi house, Walton refused to comment.

Ralph Stenson from Winston-Salem has also established himself as another standout in the 2011 entrants. Stenson said on the class's Facebook site that he wouldn't wait for the exciting fall term.

"Fall term is supposed to be siiicckkkk [sic]," Stenson said.

"It's like tryouts for frat lords. But I heard you can get balled for stupid things. However, free beer and drugs are worth the risk."

Stenson was quickly informed that e-mails like the one he had just sent fell under the category of "stupid things."

Stenson, like several other future Generals, is hoping to play a sport at W&L. He is preparing to be a sick laxer and also hopes to play on the soccer team. He also said that he did not want to observe the athletic department's policy of staying sober the night before games because he is good enough to score three goals while battling a monster hangover.

Lucas Stratton, a lacrosse

hopeful from San Francisco, has been wowing future classmates with thrilling stories from his earlier visits. He claims to have ridden from one party to the next at 4 a.m. on the top of someone's Jeep Wrangler, proving that he is both a liar and also extremely stupid. What on Earth was the admissions office smoking the day they decided to let this dummy come to W&L?

History professor H.P. Porter, a W&L alumnus and long-time member of the faculty, was thrilled to hear that the incoming class was once again the best class in university history. Porter has been saying for years that the school keeps adding the brightest class ever, meaning that students probably get

dumber during their tenure in Lexington.

Though the new students will arrive with shining reputations, Porter is prepared to break their will during his 100 level introduction to European civilization. The grades of H, S and even Z- often send freshman students crying to their parents. Porter's upper-level students often take time off from their study of South Africa, Canada or other mundane Commonwealth states to comfort the distraught freshmen.

Walton and other students spent several weeks bragging about their AP scores and the upcoming AP tests, but it appears none of them will attempt to graduate without ever setting

foot in Lexington. Some, however, hope to finish up during their first semester in order to avoid pledgeship.

Summer Lollie, who lives in the Dallas suburbs, also attracted attention when she used "LOL" more than once per sentence in several of her Facebook e-mails. Unfortunately, nobody had the heart to tell her that only 12-year-olds still use that sort of slang in e-mails.

The final word on the illustrious Class of 2011 was provided by Malcolm Hines, a current W&L freshman from Richmond.

"Congrats to all you kiddies," Hines said. "But trust me, at W&L you are just not that sweet... true story."

## Frat shutdown ends booze embezzlement

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on grounds that those members did not work hard enough on recruitment.

The school hopes that adding more sororities would cut down on the drama, tension and tears that accompany each sorority rush week, but some students worried that more sororities would simply mean more drama.

"Let's be honest," one Pannel member who requested anonymity said. "With 19 sororities there are just going to be more girls crying during rush week, because now we can break you heart 19 times instead of just five times."

Other students said they were eager to start competing for the honor of being W&L's first 19-star General. Las Vegas bookies said Christopher Rizzo, a handsome and stocly Italian columnist for the Trident, was

the early favorite to complete the challenge.

But while some students grew excited about the prospect of an abundance of sorority forms (Famous Lovers, Famous Haters, Famous "not really lovers or haters but let's just be friends" and "Defining the Relationship partners"), other students took a more pragmatic view.

"How are these girls planning on ever getting alcohol?" a former frat boy asked. "In case they hadn't noticed, the fraternities have been paying for their booze since this school only had girls on the weekends."

When the SAC faculty members were reminded of this problem, they seemed confused and bewildered. "Wait, you mean the fraternities purchased alcohol for girls who were underage?" one professor asked. "I know not everyone at those parties is 21, but I thought we

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**PROFESSOR CLUELESS, Business professor**

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Delegates from the fraternities tried to answer this question but were unable to speak coherently because each delegate was laughing so hard. The Lambda delegate, in fact, laughed so hard that he had to be escorted from the hearing room.

Though the SAC decision cast a pall over the campus, members of the Appomattox Delegation were taking the news in stride. They quickly invited Provost Tom Williams to attend an exciting country party

that would celebrate the end of the fraternity system.

The party will include gin buckets, four ice luges, 17 kegs, shots, mixed drinks and perhaps even a few cans of beer.

Guests are reminded to bring their swimming suits in case they decide to swim in the local creek.

Williams declined the invitation, citing his strong and continued opposition to "high-risk drinking behaviors," but the party is still scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

## UR is now a real southern school

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campus as a reward for their loyalty to Ruscio during the early days of his takeover plot. June Aprille was especially instrumental when she neutralized Richmond biology professor May Marchie. Marchie had been skeptical of Ruscio and his motives throughout his short tenure at Richmond.

During the celebratory news conference, the president announced that professor J.D. Futch of the history department had agreed to serve as president of W&L's new campus. The new Richmond president announced that he would immediately institute a rule requiring all students—male and female—to wear ties when in class. Futch, who has taught at W&L since 1962, said he was excited to help out President Ruscio, even though he noted that Ruscio has been a mediocre history student while in Futch's classes.

When asked how he would handle politically correct Richmond campus, the new president

simply looked at the assembled reporters and asked them what political correctness was.

Futch will be assisted by Thomas "Baner" Bane, the legendary W&L security officer. Baner and deputy security director Rex Rhodes plan to launch a reign of terror on W&L-R's campus by towing every single car during the first two weeks. The two officers said this would send a message to students that parking was a privilege, not a right.

Though the departure of Baner left many community members worried about an increase in student parking violations, Baner and Director of Public Safety Mike Young promised to hire several Lexington Police officers to fill in for the departed security officers.

W&L-U of R's athletic teams will continue competing at the Division I level (D-I AA for football), but any and all trophies won by those teams will be kept on display at the Lexington campus. The W&L-R teams will be known also be known as the Generals, mainly because the Spiders seemed like a silly mascot.

April Fools'. Now for the real Phi.

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BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS SINCE 1897

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## Does the MOC's Lee match W&L's?

LENORA NUNNLEY / Staff Photographer

### DeLaney continues to speak out against moving the MOC

By Cody Beauchamp and Jacob Geiger  
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The ongoing proposal to move the Museum of the Confederacy from Richmond to Lexington is still facing intense criticism from members of the Lexington area.

In the midst of the criticism, there is also some doubt about whether the museum's move will have the effects on tourism many claim is a selling point for bringing the museum to Lexington.

Waite Rawls, the museum's Executive Director, said the museum is considering relocation to Lexington in hopes of increased visitation for the institution. Rawls said that the location of both VMI and Washington and Lee in Lexington is "obviously synergistic" to the Museum.

Chief among Rawls's claims is that the museum, VMI and Washington and Lee share simi-

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TED DELANEY, Associate Professor of history

lar scholarly interests, and visitors to Lexington, because of the schools' collections of Jackson and Lee artifacts will be attracted to a relocated museum.

This claim that the museum and the colleges share scholarly interests has been sharply contested by Dr. Ted DeLaney of W&L's history department.

"The irony is that Rawls gives lip service to modern scholarship over the origins of the Civil War," said DeLaney.

DeLaney said that the museum is, in his experience, an institution

that draws proponents of Lost Cause mythology in its presentation of the Civil War. "The old Lost Cause argument...denies slavery as the cause of the war, in spite of historic evidence to the contrary," said DeLaney in a written statement. "I find that argument both wrong and offensive."

DeLaney discussed an educational program he participated in 2006 as a panelist. The program was sponsored by the University of Richmond's history department and the museum.

DeLaney said the program

was "like living through a nightmare." He said the entirely white audience that was present was "representative of the negative baggage that comes with the Museum of the Confederacy," saying all of them were "Lost Cause die-hards."

DeLaney also pointed out that the Museum has claimed the endorsement of scholars such as himself and incoming-Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust. But he disputes the idea that every scholar to research at the museum actually endorses it.

In his written statement, DeLaney said, "My own fear is that the already tiny black professional community [in Lexington] will vanish if the museum moves to Lexington. The town will simply become whiter than it is now, and the museum will be at home in a community where there are no strong black critics."

It does seem to be the case that the city of Lexington is interested

in the potential relocation of the museum.

Sammy Moore, Executive Director of the Lexington-Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce, said that the president of the Chamber's board had written letters to the museum as part of an investigation into potential economic benefits for Lexington and Rockbridge area businesses.

"If it proves to be an economic benefit then the chamber will pay attention to it," said Moore.

Jean Clark, the Executive Director of the Lexington-Rockbridge Area Tourism Bureau estimated visitors to the museum could contribute as much as \$600 per person to the local economy.

Rawls estimated that the Virginia Horse Center and Natural Bridge combined bring in some 650,000 visitors a year to the Lexington area. With a planned 2011 opening to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War, Rawls claims that

the museum could "get a lot more visitors."

Critics are skeptical the museum will be a tourism boon though. DeLaney points out that "nothing important to the Civil War happened here" and that the location of Jackson and Lee's burial sites in Lexington are the only real connections Lexington has to the Civil War.

DeLaney said the lack of an easily accessible airport nearby and the price of gas will likely be large deterrents for Civil War buffs, even if the museum relocated to Lexington.

"There are two corpses here," said DeLaney.

In DeLaney's opinion, the museum's move will have far less economic impact than projected and will potentially drive off the black professional community in Lexington.

"Richmond is a large city and a Civil War site," said DeLaney. "The museum belongs there."

## Lenfest discusses landmark gift

Advancement head Dennis Cross says matching fundraising must be completed by December 2010

By Hilary Craig  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University graduate H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest announced that he will donate \$33 million to his alma mater to increase faculty compensation. The gift is the largest in the university's history.

Lenfest, a 1953 graduate and former member of W&L's board of trustees, is grateful for the opportunity to give to an organization that taught him more than just academics.

"Like most people who graduate from W&L, the experience and what you learn there follows you throughout life," said Lenfest. "I've had the chance to give back."

Lenfest's donation will be used solely to increase salaries

and benefits for existing faculty. W&L Provost Tom Williams believes that his donation will keep the university on par with the pay scale of other top institutions.

"I think it will have an immediate effect for someone looking at W&L versus another school that pays more," said Williams. "They might want to be here, but have to consider whether they can afford the pay cut. We're below the mean in salaries and we want to get there."

Dean of the Williams School Larry Peppers adds that W&L's small town location makes compensation an even more important subject.

"One issue we run into here is opportunities for a spouse or partner," said Peppers. "There just aren't the same types of jobs that you'd find in D.C."

In addition to attracting faculty, Lenfest believes that the donation will compensate the hard work of current professors.

"Washington and Lee has really become one of the preeminent liberal arts university's in the country, and we attribute that to its faculty," said Lenfest. "Teachers have to get compensation that matches their teaching excellence."

The gift must be matched by December 31, 2010, for a final total of \$66 million. Vice President for University Advancement Dennis Cross said that the university has already made strides in its effort to raise money from alums, parents, and friends.

"We'll be talking to those people, asking them to make gifts to support the challenge grant, which we're calling the Lenfest

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GERRY LENFEST, Alumnus and former board member

Faculty Support Challenge Endowment," said Cross. "A current board member called last month and said that he wanted to donate \$500,000 to the fund."

The issue of faculty compensation came up in a conversation between Williams and Lenfest during a breakfast meeting of the Presidential Search Committee. Cross, who is in charge of raising private gifts for W&L, praised Lenfest's willingness to give to a

variety of causes.

"Mr. Lenfest is a sophisticated donor with very wide interests," said Cross. "He is a true philanthropist."

Lenfest has also contributed to the construction of W&L's performing arts building, now called Lenfest Center, as well as to Wilson Hall, the university's art and music building.

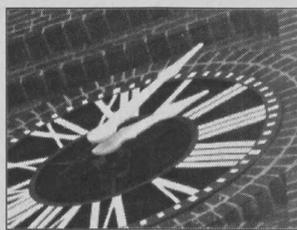
Since selling his cable television company, Lenfest Commu-

nications, to COMCAST Corporation in January of 2001, he has given to a number of other organizations including Mercersburg Academy, Columbia Law School, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Curtis Institute of Music, and many more. He also funded a millennium village in Kenya, a "bottom up" approach to help developing countries get out of poverty.

The new salaries will take effect during the 2008-2009 academic year, but increasing salaries is not the only priority on W&L's agenda.

"Of course this is certainly not the only thing we'll be raising money for at the same time," said Cross. "Faculty support is part of the strategic plan that we'll be hearing more about as we go forward."

# news



## A new look at 21?

Former Middlebury president shares idea of a drinking license

By Sacha Raab  
STAFF WRITER

Former President of Middlebury College and founder of Choose Responsibility, Dr. John M. McCardell, spoke to the Washington and Lee community on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> about the benefits of lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18.

"Drinking age 21 is bad social policy and terrible law," said McCardell. "Parents and institutions are marginalized and underage drinking is worse than it's ever been."

McCardell believes that the legal drinking age of 21 denies the fact that alcohol is a cultural reality and that prohibition doesn't work. Prohibition, he believes, merely results in evasion of the law and the creation of ethical dilemmas, meaning drinking becoming more pronounced and less visible.

Furthermore, McCardell said, "The law puts before an institution a set of impossible choices: you either look the other way and permit the law to be violated, but ultimately communicate that the law is unjust and unfair and you can choose which laws you follow, or you take the stance that the law is the law and you must crack down and enforce the law more

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JOHN MCCARDELL, President emeritus of Middlebury College

vigorously."

He said, however, that the problem with more strictly enforcing the law is that it simply "uproots and transplants the problem to unregulated and unsafe environments."

According to McCardell, lowering the drinking age will make the situation more imperfect, yet it will bring the issue out into the open and allow alcohol to be part of normal social intercourse in the adult world.

He said, "In all instances but one—the purchase, possession, and consumption of alcohol—18-year-olds are considered adults in the United States. Once we cease to infantilize young adults in this respect, they will no longer live down to our expectations and will develop a more mature view of alcohol."

Additionally, alcohol is affecting family relations in our country. McCardell stated, "Legal age [of] 21 is anti-family. It displaces parents from the exer-

cise of one of the most important parental duties of educating their young adults in responsible alcoholic consumption."

During his time at Middlebury, McCardell witnessed the social atmosphere when the drinking age was 18 as opposed to 21. He said, "The social scene has changed dramatically. With a legal age [of] 18, there was more intergenerational socializing in a more mature setting. Adults didn't feel like they had to catch college students breaking the law, and you hardly heard of binge drinking."

McCardell further supports his argument with statistics the alcohol related fatalities do not directly correlate with the legal age of 21 and that underage and binge drinking are worse now than they've ever been.

Students at W&L have been drinking less in recent years, but the school still annually exceeds the national averages for binge drinking and blackout drinking.

The school has had success, however, in sharply reducing the number of DUIs by students on both the law and undergraduate campuses.

However, the medical field continues to consider the danger of shifting the legal drinking age back. The head doctor of the W&L health center, Dr. Jane Horton, said, "Lowering the drinking age is worth considering, but there is valid science that the later we can defer exposure to alcohol, the fewer individuals might have impaired learning and addiction."

She, too, strongly identifies with the ethical dilemma that McCardell described, yet she believes, "as an institution, we can't be held hostage by and responsible for students making high risk choices and breaking the law. Our job should be to educate."

In response to a question concerning her opinion of alcohol on this campus, Dr. Horton replied, "There is a lot of high risk use of alcohol on this campus. Every week I see students who suffer the negative effects of overuse of alcohol. I know the toll it takes on people's physical and personal health."

Earlier this year W&L's office of Health Promotion invited Chris and Toren Volkman to campus to speak about Toren's struggle with alcoholism.

McCardell's program, Choose Responsibility, proposes to lower the legal drinking age from 21 to 18 and accompany the change in law with "a comprehensive program for young adults that requires education and licensing, offers personal incentives for adherence, and enforces responsible and ethical adult behavior among all those—regardless of age—who make choices about drinking."

He recognizes that any change in the law is far in the future yet currently aims to start a public discussion that is "informed and dispassionate" to consider whether the current situation can be improved.

McCardell said, "I've felt strongly about this for a very long time. I believe this is an issue to which students can responsibly devote their energy."

## New book to feature Banerisms

Doris Bane hopes students will share photos and stories for book

By Jacob Gelger  
MANAGING EDITOR

For nearly 20 years Thomas "Baner" Bane has been the first person new W&L students and their parents see when they arrive for freshman move-in day. Standing in the middle of Washington Street just short of the dorms, Baner smoothly routes traffic through the organized chaos, helping befuddled freshmen find their way to the proper dorms.

Baner is famous for more than just his traffic skills. He has also jumped hundreds of cars for students who have left their lights on or are suffering from mechanical troubles. On a less popular note, there are also the hundreds of parking tickets he has written and vehicles he has towed.

Now, after her husband's 34 years with W&L, Doris Bane has decided to write a book about her husband. She thinks that Baner stands as a true example of the family atmosphere W&L prides itself on. That's why Baner and his W&L family will be the focus of the book.

"I've had a tremendous response from alumni about Baner, especially from his time working in the gym's equipment room during the tenure of Coach Fallon."

Fallon was a legendary W&L football coach who led the team from 1978 until his death in 1995. He has more wins than any coach in W&L history.

Alumni response has varied from 5-page, hand-written letters to a short paragraph in an e-mail, but each person seems to have a dif-

ferent story to share about her husband.

Mrs. Bane has been spending parts of the last several weeks on campus, meeting with students, faculty, staff and even President Ruscio to gather their favorite memories of Baner. She is also hoping students will send her photographs of Baner working at parties at the Pole Houses, Windfall Hill or Pink Palace.

Though she has received some responses from current students, Mrs. Bane hopes to gather more of their stories before spring break. She is working with such a tight schedule because of upcoming deadlines from the book's publisher.

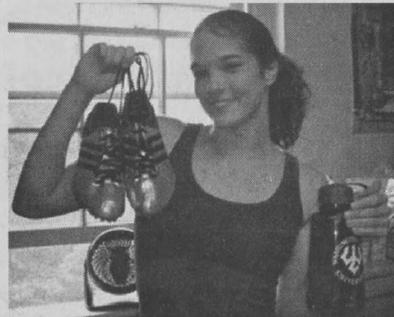
The book will mix recollections from students, faculty and alumni with some of Baner's favorite stories and his famous "Banerisms." Part of the struggle has been getting Baner himself to sit down for interviews that will go in the book. Between working full-time with the school, serving as a security officer at parties and events, and managing three farms that he owns, Baner has more than enough to keep him busy.

The book is currently scheduled for release this fall, hopefully just before W&L's Parents' Weekend. Mrs. Bane hopes to hold a release event and book signing that weekend.

She can be reached at banerandi@yahoo.com. Photos can be sent to 169 Bunker Hill Mill Road in Lexington.

In the meantime, Baner will continue writing tickets and sharing his wisdom with the W&L family.

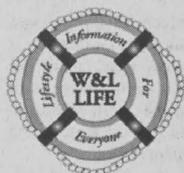
## LIFE's Person of the Month



Dalena Moser '10 is the recipient of this month's **LIFE Person of the Month** award. This Pi Phi girl is committed to keeping a healthy lifestyle. She eats a healthy diet and keeps fit as a member of the W&L track team. On occasions, she enjoys a good outdoor hike. She maintains a healthy balance between work and play and avoids high-risk behaviors. This girl is all about promoting the

safety of herself and those around her.

If you would like to nominate someone you know for this award, shoot an e-mail to [ansleyw@wlu.edu](mailto:ansleyw@wlu.edu) or [giftt@wlu.edu](mailto:giftt@wlu.edu).



## The Phi is going to Nationals!

The Society of Professional Journalists has awarded the newspaper staff **first place** in its regional division for its entry, "**Staff editorials.**"

The newspaper placed in three other categories:

Second place in General News Reporting, Steph Wiechmann's "Saving lives one letter at a time."  
Second place in Sports Writing, Joel Poelhuis's "Rugby confronts VMI."

Third Place in Best All-Around Newspaper, non-daily

# opinions



## Tolerance is truly fear

*Ruscio's email encourages fear of disagreement, disapproval instead of demanding acceptance of others*

I write in response to President Ruscio's recent message to the W&L community, in which he encourages 'a dialogue that speaks to our fundamental commitments to civility and tolerance'. Unless we take *civility* to mean nothing more than 'being nice', these two fundamental commitments of ours are in basic opposition. *Civility* implies civilisation, culture and refinement; *tolerance* makes no distinction between what is civilised and what is barbaric, between the refined and the crude.

Our alleged commitment to tolerance demands our respect, acceptance and appreciation of diverse ways of thinking and living—even of those we might consider destructive and contrary to civility. Now, toleration of a thing implies disapproval of it. If my friend asserts an idea with which I agree, I do not *tolerate* it—I accept it, for I'm on his side. But, if he says something I do not like, I can either challenge it and give my opinion or tolerate it and keep quiet.

The latter option is intellectual cowardice. It is a refusal to

affirm what one believes is right and true, preferring to hide behind a false neutrality to avoid having to confront alternate points of view. How fear of intellectual disagreement and of intelligent engagement can be considered a fundamental commitment of a university community is quite beyond me.

*The latter is intellectual cowardice. It is a refusal to affirm what one believes is right.*

As a final point, I, together with President Ruscio, 'abhor acts of violence and aggression toward others no matter the motivation'. Indeed, I am intolerant of them.

Alejandro Selin

## Lip Synch breaks donation records

*Rockbridge, Natural Bridge/Glasgow and Buena Vista thank students for the thousands of dollars and tons of food given*

Dear W&L Students,

Below please find three letters of thanks from the food banks in Rockbridge County. Through the Lip Synch contest directed by SARAH, we were able to raise over \$14,000 which went to purchase roughly 13.5 tons of food for the local community. We broke records this year and we hope to do it again...it is for a great cause. Please find these heartwarming letters below, and thanks again to everyone who participated in Lip Synch, especially Chris Lalli, Will Owens and Paul Stack, without whom the evening wouldn't have been possible.  
Tripp Onnen, SARAH advisor

Dear W&L Students:

We gratefully wish to acknowledge the shipments of food for the Rockbridge Area Food Pantry:

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The Pantry is currently working toward receiving a Grant from the Feinstein Foundation and every unit of food and every dollar received as a donation between March 1 and April 30 will count toward that grant. Your generous donation is giving us a big boost toward receiving that grant money.

Your continuing support of this community is a tribute to the University and its character. We hope you had a great time at the LIP-SYNCH contest and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Brown  
Executive Director Rockbridge Area Relief Association

Dear W&L Students:

All of us who are associated with the Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry were completely bowled over with SARAH's recent magnanimous gift of food. Our cup runneth over. The young people who make up your group have assured that the food boxes which will be distributed tomorrow (and next month) will be filled to the brim with exciting and different items.

On behalf of the Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry, I extend to you, and the members of S.A.R.A.H., our heartfelt appreciation for this additional display of their love for their fellowman.

It is gratifying to know that the hungry in our area will be fed because of your generosity to not only our food pantry, but to Community Share in Buena Vista and RARA in Lexington. Best wishes in your future fund raising efforts. May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie P. Austin  
Corresponding Secretary Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry

Dear W&L Students:

Thank you for all the food you gave to our food bank. We greatly appreciate all you have for us. Please pass this so we can let all the students know how much we appreciate their efforts.

May God bless each and everyone.

Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts.

All the volunteers at the Community Share Project Food Bank in Buena Vista

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## A clean '08 campaign

*Presidential candidates might run out of mud to sling if this keeps up*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

The 2008 General Election Campaign for president might turn out to be out to be one of the cleanest and most flawless general campaigns in recent memory.

After all the dirt the candidates have thrown to others in their own party and all the blunders they have made to derail their own campaign, there might not be any mud left to sling or ways left to mess up by the time the Democrats and Republicans picks their candidates.

To begin with, there's the campaign's supposed golden boy, Barack Obama.

Normally, not having any concrete stands or experience would not hinder a candidate this early. But the other candidates have begun to pummel Obama on his lack of experience. Do not think the senator is going to take it lying down, though.

There is already a shady link between a campaign worker of his and the man who created an internet attack ad comparing Hill-

*How can a one-time cross-dresser be leading the Republican polls? Well, with this crowd, anything is possible.*

ary Clinton, the only candidate ahead of Obama in the Democratic polls, to an 1984ish Big Brother type of leader. The commercial is downright creative and might hold some truth, so Obama loses points for not taking credit.

Then there's Republican Mitt Romney who has taken a page from the Democratic strategy book and flip-flopped on every issues from abortion to gay rights to immigration.

Obviously trying to mimic the vast success that John Kerry had with the same strategy, Romney has changed his stance depending on the crowd in front of him, pandered to the "party base" and attacked those, i.e. John McCain, who have not done the same.

McCain is obviously letting Romney get to him since he now

says he's reconsidering his once staunch stance on immigration.

The former front-runner has had to be on the defensive as of late, being the most prominent candidate to show support for the new Bush plan in Iraq.

Back on the Democratic side, there is John Edwards. While everyone has gained a new level of respect for Edwards and his family for continuing his campaign as his wife bravely fights cancer, has anyone else noticed the man has become a socialist?

Edwards has plans for the U.S., not the least of which includes universal health care and more welfare that would leave the country looking more European than many Americans are ready for.

Of course he's not the only one

promising universal health care. Senator Clinton, everyone's favorite candidate to hate, has copied Edwards' plan to the tee. It might work better than her eight year failure of health care reform did as first lady.

This might not be enough to convince the 44 percent of Americans that already have decided not vote for her. If Clinton has succeeded in anything, it's uniting mainstream America against her.

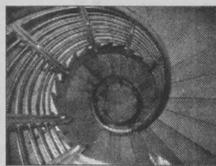
She really has no reason to campaign considering everyone's opinion of her, whether positive or negative, is already set in stone.

That leaves the current front runner, Rudy Giuliani.

How can a one-time cross dresser be leading the Republican polls? How can a man the liberals of New York consider dictatorial lead the national polls? Well with this crowd, anything is possible.

Hopefully some positive information will come out of one of these candidates soon. If not, here's to 19 more months of the agonizing reality one of these people will lead the free world.

# opinions



## Against all odds

*Playing the lottery is a tax on stupid people, winning not a walk in the park*

By Jessica Steinmetz  
COLUMNIST

Playing the lottery is just really stupid. That's the only thing I remember from my Pre-Calculus class.

It has actually nothing to do with Pre-Calc, which is quite unfortunate since I am actually taking Calc 101 right now. And, yes, I am a junior...smart choice, I know.

My high school math teacher spent a whole class period ranting about the lottery and mathematically proving the odds that lottery players are up against.

I am sure Mr. Jungk would be disappointed that I do not remember how to come up with these numbers. I do, however, remember one thing: the odds are astronomically against lottery players.

For instance, you have a better chance of being struck by lightning or dying by eating flesh-eating bacteria than winning the California State Lottery. Those are clearly excellent odds.

It is three times more likely for a person driving ten miles to buy a Lotto ticket to be killed in an accident than to actually win the lottery.

Here's another statistic for you: if one person purchases 50 Lotto tickets each week, they will

win the jackpot about once every 5,000 years.

As Dave Barry, the humor columnist says, "The lottery is a tax on stupid people." After all, it seems foolish to waste money when the odds are so against you.

People who play the lottery often say something along the lines of, "It's only a dollar and I can win so much".

But it is not only a dollar. People typically do not just buy one lottery ticket in their life.

The average American spends \$184 on the lottery. And that is just the average.

Then there is all the players who have to make up for people like me, who will never spend a single cent on a lottery ticket, or people who just play it once or twice a year.

If you invested instead of spending \$10 a month on lottery tickets over 40 years, the typical increased retirement savings rather than playing the lottery would be around \$14,440. And remember that \$10 a month is less than what the average American spends.

While that might not seem like a lot of money to some of you, think of how much that money could help a family that was not well-off.

Or think about how much that

could help your favorite charity.

Of course there are the lucky ones. I have never known anyone who actually won the lottery but it does happen.

Hitting the lottery is not exactly picture-perfect.

Think of how many people would hit you up for money. When you just won all that "free" money, it is hard to say "no" without a fight with at least one friend or relative.

By the time the government takes a huge chunk out of money, you finally give in to your broke cousin Nina so she does not think you are a complete selfish witch for turning her down.

Then you go on your increased Christmas shopping spree so the whole family does not think you are a cheapskate, and you will be nowhere near having enough to quit your job and live the good life.

But then I finally got to replace my laptop that was literally falling apart when my Grandma won big-time from the slot machines. And she only put in a few dollars before you won.

So if you really have to gamble in some form or another, play the slots.

The odds are at least better, and it is more than a quick minute of entertainment, right?

staffeditorial

## Hearing needs press coverage

*Active student press will let hearing be truly open*

Wednesday's open hearing is an unusual event. An open hearing has not occurred in over a decade.

The student press on campus has been working this week with the Executive Committee to plan our coverage of the trial.

We believe that open press coverage is the best way to truly inform all members of the community about how the hearing works and about what the jury eventually decides.

Members of the Phi, Trident and A Week in General will be working together this week to cover the trial. The two newspapers will publish a joint issue tomorrow night that contains all the information you will need to know about Wednesday's trial.

It is important to remember, however, that all members of these news organizations are students as well as journalists. Journalists on this campus must learn to abide by this system while at the same time covering its actions.

We hold the White Book in the highest respect and are concerned first and foremost about allowing the accused student to have a fair hearing on his/her case. Therefore, we will withhold the student's name during our

coverage.

Many of you may wonder why the trial needs to be covered. After all, it is open to all current members of the W&L community.

But because Lee Chapel only holds 525 members, approximately 25 percent of our students can attend the trial at any given time. That calculation does not even consider faculty and staff who may wish to watch our honor system at work.

Our press coverage will greatly benefit people who are unable to attend.

Above all, our goal is to educate the community on the procedures of the hearing as well as the past history of open hearings. We are not there to serve as court reporters.

Our campus speaks constantly about the trust we have in each other, and an open hearing is the ultimate example of that trust.

That trust is what is allowing the student press to work with trial chairman Adam Hull and EC President Rob Rain.

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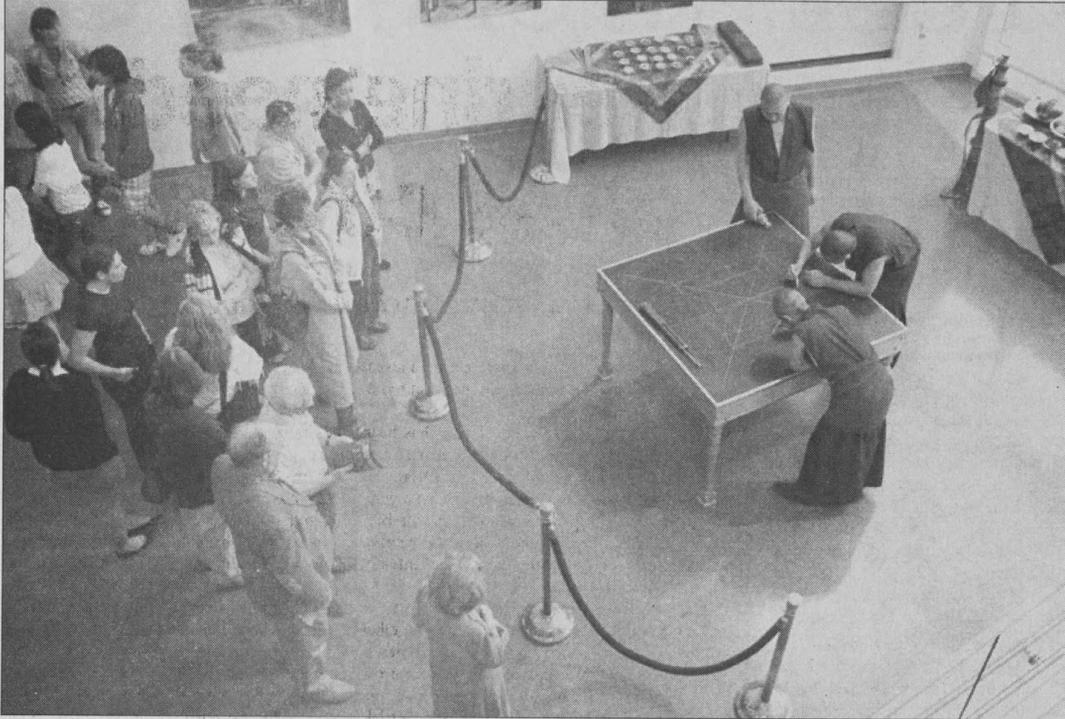
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## Monks perform ceremony with sand

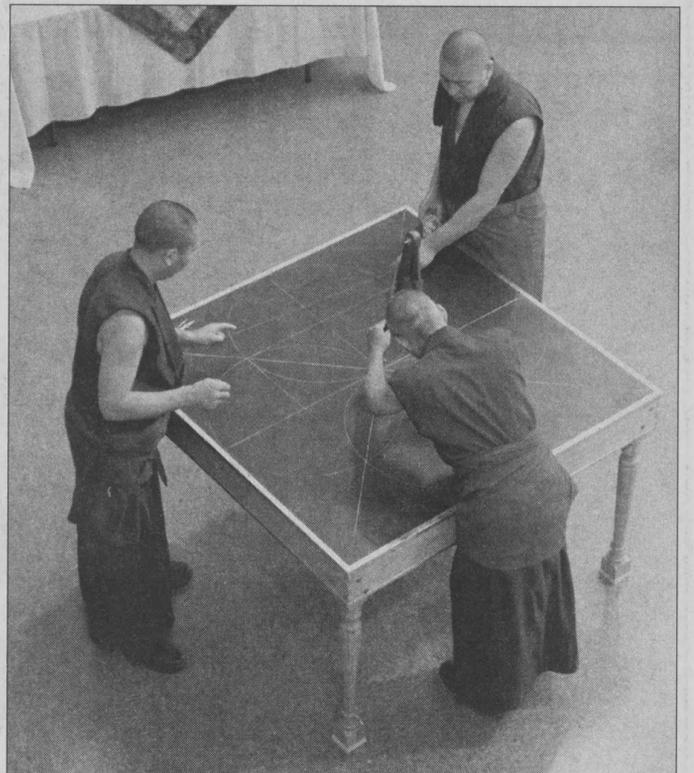


Last week, Tibetan Buddhist monks visited Washington and Lee from the Drepung Loseling Monastery. This event was sponsored by the Lenfest Series. These monks began ceremonies last Monday at noon in Wilson Hall. At this ceremony, the monks prepared for their mandala sand painting and began its construction. Over the course of the week, some of the monks dedicated time to constructing a detailed masterpiece of sand on a table while an audience of students and community members observed. The sand painting was

created through various rituals and techniques. The monks remained in a state of meditation while refining the piece. During closing ceremonies at noon last Thursday, the monks handed out some of the sand from the painting in small, plastic bags to people in the audience. The sand that was left was carried to Woods Creek and dumped in the water. During the week, some monks were selling jewelry at a station in Wilson Hall. People were also able to make contributions to their monastery.

Source: [www.wlu.edu](http://www.wlu.edu)

Photos by Morgan Harris



# arts&life

## Self-interest swells in US

*Study indicates that narcissism is becoming a trend among college students across the nation*

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

University President Ken Ruscio remains optimistic about the evolution of Washington and Lee's campus culture despite a national study that found a rise in narcissism and self-centeredness among today's college students.

"I look at the students in the seventies and I see where they are now, and with great regularity, they tend to be people that are not just involved in their business... they tend to be active and engaged individuals, and I don't see any reason to think that the current generation will display a different pattern," said Ruscio, who graduated from W&L in 1976.

The study, according to the press release, analyzed the responses of 16,475 college students throughout the United States, who filled out the Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006. Lead author of the report, San Diego State University Associate Professor Jean Twenge, presented the study along with her colleagues at the SDSU generation gap workshop Feb. 27.

The NPI asks students to respond to statements such as: "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place," "I can live my life anyway I want to" and "I like to be the center of attention."

The study found that almost two-thirds of today's college students had narcissism scores that

*"I think that one way that [students] can check themselves is to really develop a sense of being okay based on your own standard."*

**CHRISTY BARONGAN, university counseling psychologist**

were above the average 1982 score. Thirty percent more college students showed elevated narcissism in 2006 than in 1982 and the average college student scored nearly as high on narcissism as the average celebrity.

According to the press release, it is the largest study ever conducted on generational changes in narcissism. The report is still under review for publication in a scholarly journal.

Ruscio, who acknowledged the findings, said that although W&L students tend to be very self-assured and confident in their leadership and intellectual abilities, he wouldn't characterize them as narcissistic. He believes that students on this campus would score lower on the NPI than on other campuses.

President Ruscio also said that the university historically attracts students devoted to community service and volunteer work.

According to the Cooperative Institutional Research Program's (CIRP) Freshman Survey, W&L freshmen have shown about a 13 percent increase in volunteer

work since 1985.

The latest survey, taken this fall, shows that about 90 percent of freshmen performed volunteer work occasionally or frequently in the last year. This time the percentage was slightly above the national average by about five percent.

But another alumnus, Professor and Head of the University's Journalism Department Brian Richardson, does see a change in W&L's student culture.

"At W&L, I see more of a sense of entitlement among students," he said. "It's not among all students. I wouldn't even say it's among most students, but it's more prevalent than it used to be."

Richardson, who graduated from the university in 1973, said that he doesn't believe students are more self-centered by nature, but rather that their parents are indulging this behavior more often. As a result, this leaves the impression that students don't have to take responsibility for their own actions.

Yet Richardson also thinks

that W&L's students are more involved in local community service than their predecessors. Back in the 1970s, due to the war, many students were involved globally rather than locally, he said.

Perhaps the major difference between W&L's current and past generation is the use of technology, which Twenge believes fuels the trend of narcissism. Ruscio and Richardson agreed.

"It cuts across the grain of our campus culture," said Ruscio, who worries about the "gravitational pull" away from the university's fundamental traditions.

It's no longer uncommon for students to walk around campus with their cell phones. This makes it difficult to practice the university's speaking tradition, said Richardson.

Despite technology's negative effects on the current generation, University Counseling Psychiatrist Kirk Luder said that students usually use websites such as Facebook and MySpace to make connections rather than isolate themselves.

Luder believes that the fact that most students on campus come from intact families, who value educational achievement, also makes it less likely that W&L would score high on the NPI. Compared to other institutions he's worked for, Luder believes that narcissism is actually lower on this campus.

One W&L student, while ad-

mitting there is some truth in the findings, doesn't necessarily accept this stereotype either.

Senior Anthony Zappin said that the campus atmosphere has mostly stayed the same in the last four years, but that this isn't really a "bad thing."

"I guess at W&L there's not a lot of diversity, but at the same time the group of people here are very well-mannered," he said.

But for those who experience narcissism and self-centeredness, there are negative consequences.

University Counseling Psychologist Maria "Christy" Barongan said that to some degree students need to feel good about themselves, however, "unhealthy narcissism" creates an inflated sense of self, which substitutes for self-esteem. Narcissists tend to rely on external factors to feel good about themselves and are in constant need of praise, she said.

"I think that one way that [students] can check themselves is to really develop a sense of being okay based on your own standard," said Barongan. "What other people think about you may fluctuate, but if you have a sense of yourself that remains constant, I think that's going to be the thing that prevents people from going overboard."

### National data on narcissism:

- Study conducted from 1982 to 2006.
- 16,475 students took survey.
- 2/3 of today's college students had scores above the average student in 1982.
- Average college student in 2006 scored almost as high as the average celebrity.



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The annual Gospel Fest performance was held in Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church on March 24. Students in Joyful Noise, community members and special guests united to present a moving combination of worship music and spiritual dance.

Photos by Stacey Grijalva

# Singers raise voices in praise



Senior Cynthia Cheatham, sophomore Lenora Nunnley and junior Marian Botchway sing together at Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church on March 24 (above). Professor Doug Cumming dazzles his audience with songs on the saxophone (bottom left). Female dancers from Joyful Noise perform a number (bottom right). Mime dancers from the Reachout Praise Ministry entertain the crowd (right).



## Announcement of a Fellowship for Members of the Rising Senior and Junior Classes

Members of the Classes of 2008 and 2009 are invited to apply for the S. Cullum Owings, Jr. Fellowship for the Academic Year 2007-2008. The holder of this fellowship will receive a credit of \$1250 toward each term's tuition and will be expected to make several visits to secondary schools around the country to promote the Initiative for Academic Integrity under the guidance of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Together with most such visits, the Owings Fellow will also visit the local chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association to discuss the state of the University from a student's point of view, with particular regard to the Honor System.

Cullum Owings was a member of the Class of 2003, an exceptional individual from Atlanta, Georgia, who died tragically in an automobile accident during his senior year.

The Fellowship is administered by the Campus Committee of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Criteria for selection of Owings Fellows are, first of all, that the applicants should possess outstanding personal integrity. They should be good scholars, but the fellowship is not limited to students with exceptional grade-point averages. They should be articulate, with some grace and poise in demeanor, while at the same time being sensitive to the values and opinions of others. They should be students who show promise of developing into community leaders of high standards.

Applicants may submit their applications to Professor Lewis G. John, Department of Politics, through campus mail. There is no application form, but the application should include:

- (1) A copy of the student's transcript
- (2) A resume of activities and special talents
- (3) An essay of approximately 250 words with the heading, "How my personal values and experience qualify me to represent Washington and Lee as a Cullum Owings '03 Fellow"
- (4) A statement of willingness to make the off-campus visits as described above
- (5) Names of two or more members of the faculty from whom the selection committee may seek recommendations

Applications are due by Friday, April 13, 2007. The selection process will include interviews with those applicants judged most worthy on the basis of their written applications. Questions may be addressed to Professor Lewis John at [johnl@wlu.edu](mailto:johnl@wlu.edu) or to Professor John Gunn at [gunnj@wlu.edu](mailto:gunnj@wlu.edu).

## TWO ESSAY CONTESTS

**What the Holocaust means to me...**

**How oppression affects humanity...**

Essays must be 600-800 words in length. Each winner will receive \$100 from the Office of Religious Life and will have the opportunity to read their essay during the Vigil Against Oppression on May 1 in front of Lee Chapel. Essays will be judged by the Multi-Faith Council and are due April 25th. Please submit entries to Room 343, Elrod Commons and/or [bdatz@wlu.edu](mailto:bdatz@wlu.edu).

# sports



## sportsbriefs

### Men's tennis

The nationally ranked men's tennis team wrapped up a successful two week stretch this weekend by knocking off No. 26 Swarthmore 5-4 yesterday in Lexington. Jon Malooly, Seth Feibelman and Stuart Sanford got wins at third, fourth, and sixth singles, respectively, and the No. 17 Generals also got two doubles wins. Sanford and Feibelman grabbed an 8-2 victory at No. 3 doubles while Tim Ross and Nat Estes avenged defeats in singles by defeating their opponents 8-4 in the top doubles spot. The men also grabbed a 9-0 sweep on Saturday when they defeated Christopher Newport in Lexington. The third match of the weekend was a 6-3 victory over Rhodes College on Friday afternoon. The defeat was only the second of the year for Rhodes. W&L swept doubles play in that match and added wins at second, third, and fourth singles from Estes, Malooly and Feibelman. W&L suffered only its second loss of the season a week ago Saturday when they dropped a 5-4 decision against Mary Washington, the No. 9 team in the country. Wins from Ross and Estes at number one doubles and from Ross, Malooly and Feibelman in singles left the team just one point short of victory.

### Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team ran its win streak to five in a row with victories over No. 4 Middlebury, 9-7, and conference rivals No. 18 Roanoke, 14-13, and Virginia Wesleyan, 7-6. Tim Skeen scored with just 7.4 seconds remaining in the game to defeat Roanoke. Skeen finished the game with five goals and three assists. Ned Rider chipped in three goals and an assist, and Will Keigler assisted on four Generals goals. The game against Middlebury was delayed by rain for two hours before being moved to the turf field. Down 7-6 less than eight minutes to play, the Generals rallied for the final three goals of the game to win 9-7. Jim Ryan led the way with two goals and an assist, and Seldon Clarke won fifteen of the 20 face-offs taken. Against Virginia Wesleyan, Harry St. John scored two goals, including one with 17 seconds remaining to force overtime. Freshman Will Keigler scored his third goal of the game just nine seconds into the overtime period to give the Generals a 7-6 win and improve their overall record to 6-3, 2-0 in the ODAC.

# Track takes on D-I

*Men's and women's teams record 10 D-III first place finishes at ASICS Invitational over the weekend*

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past two weeks, the W&L track team has faced some stout competition but has fared well. Both of their last two meets included NCAA Division I teams.

Last Saturday the Generals participated in the Fred Hardy Invitational. The meet consisted of Division I teams and scored individually only.

Despite the tough competition, W&L had some strong performances.

On the women's side, sophomore Elizabeth Webb finished ninth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:21.03. Sophomore Becca Taylor took 11<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:53.83.

Freshman Sallie Armstrong notched a 20<sup>th</sup> place finish 400 meter hurdles with a time of 70.33 while sophomore Stephanie Stelter followed right behind her with a time of 71.70 to earn 21st place.

In the men's meet, junior Steve Rivoir, sophomores Robbie Variapa and Alex Jackson, and freshman Rob Saliers placed third in a time of 8:19.53 in the 4x800 relay. Sophomore Chip McCoy finished 23<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 61.86.

Freshman Billy Billington competed at the Bridgewater Invitational in Bridgewater, Va. He finished second in two events, with a 45-foot shot put throw and a heave of 131 feet in the discus.

This Saturday W&L competed in the Asics Invitational at Liberty University. The meet included Division I, Division II, and Division III teams.

Against the Division III teams, W&L fared well, accumulating 10 first-place finishes.

For the men, freshman Ben Goetsch tied for first overall in the high jump with an impressive high jump of 6'00.75." Freshman Ryan Castle's 38'10.25 triple jump was first among Division III competitors. Sophomore Chip McCoy took first in Division III in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 59.96.

The women had an impressive showing, with seven competitors placing first in Division III.

Webb took first among Division III runners in the 1500 meters in a stellar school-record time of 4:49.00.

Stelter took first among D-III competitors in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 71.42. Freshman Lizz Krausnick finished first among D-III runners in the 800 meters with a time of 2:24.82. Taylor put up a time of 18:38.90 in



Chip McCoy takes off in the 4x400m relay. The relay of McCoy, Marshall French, Brian Bondurant, and Matt Harrison were the first D-III team to cross the line.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

the 5000 meters which was good enough for first in Division III. Junior pole vaulter Liz Brandler placed first out of D-III competitors with an 8'11.75" effort.

One highlight of the weekend was Armstrong competing in the heptathlon.

The heptathlon is a two-day

event which consists of the 100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, and 200m run on the first day and the long jump, javelin, and 800m run on the second day.

Armstrong scored 3,175 points to establish a new school record.

The Generals next meet is over the break on Saturday, April 14 at

the Coastal Carolina Invitational in Conway, S.C. at 9 a.m.

The team is looking forward to doing very well at this meet.

"We think with two weeks to prepare we can really show what we can do and set a lot of personal records at this meet," said Saliers.

# Women's tennis beats JMU

*Team defeats nationally ranked Trinity and Pomona-Pitzer in pair of 9-0 matches*

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team ran its record to 10-0 on the season after defeating Division I James Madison University 5-4 on March 21 in Harrisonburg, Va.

"They're a Division I team, and we don't get to play D-I teams very often," said Katie Tabb. "If we can compete against a D-I program, that really says something about our level at the D-III level."

In the doubles portion of the competition, JMU took two of three matches to take a 2-1 lead. The Dukes team of Rebecca Erickson and Briana Jain defeated Leah Weston and Ginny Wortham 8-5 and Lauren Graham and Kelly Maxwell defeated W&L's Lauren Caire and Kelly Will by the same score.

The General's lone victory in the doubles matches came when Emily Applegate and Tabb defeated JMU's duo of Anna Khor and Mary Napier.

Applegate and Tabb continued where they left off by winning the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches against Napier and Khor. Applegate won in three sets 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, while Tabb won in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

JMU's Jain and Maxwell both won in straight sets over Will and Caire, but victories by Wortham's and Weston's victories secured the 5-4 win for the Generals.

Before heading off to Texas for the Fab Five Tournament, the women recorded a pair of 9-0 victories against conference opponents Randolph-Macon Woman's College on March 22 and Virginia Wesleyan on March 24.

The Generals only dropped one game in the match against Randy-Mac and did not drop a set

in either match.

The Fab Five tournament got off to a rainy start and W&L's first match against Pomona-Pitzer, which was scheduled for Friday, was postponed until Saturday.

The delay didn't slow down the Generals as they cruised to a 9-0 victory.

The doubles teams of Applegate and Tabb, Weston and Wortham and Kristen McClung and Will recorded victories.

In the singles matches, Applegate defeated Pomona-Pitzer's Siobhan Finicane 4-6, 6-2, 10-8. W&L would sweep the five remaining matches without dropping another set.

Later on Saturday, the No. 1-ranked Generals took on No. 5 Williams, with a much different result.

The Ephs got off to a strong start by winning No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.

W&L's duo of McClung and Caire won No. 3 doubles, defeating Geni Loomis and Ashley Parsons 8-6.

In the singles competition, Applegate, Will, and McClung recorded victories to split the singles matches 3-3, but it was not enough as Williams handed the Generals their first defeat of the season, 5-4.

The women rebounded by-

wrapping up the tournament on Sunday with a 9-0 thrashing of hosts Trinity University to run their record to 14-1.

The Generals will conclude regular season play with four matches over spring break.

The team will look to wrap up another undefeated conference season before heading to Atlanta for a match at Emory University Tuesday, April 17. That will be

a rematch of last year's national championship match.

The final regular season match will be the next day at Sewanee.

If, as expected, the Generals romp through the ODAC tournament and take the title during the final weekend of spring break, they will then turn their attention to the NCAA team and individual championships in May at Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

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# Why you should be excited

Lewis explains why now is the time to be a fan

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

Despite everything negative that surrounds modern-day sports, this time of year makes me extremely proud to be a sports fan. Granted, my GPA takes a significant hit, but when it comes down to it, what is more memorable? Your 2:30 Economics class where you learn about comparative advantage, or the buzzer-beater that sends a Cinderella team to the next round in the NCAA tournament? Screw comparative, that's an absolute advantage!

I mean, which is more interesting: determining the slope of some random function, or watching Tiger figure out the slope of the green on Sunday at the Masters? Finding the slope doesn't give you the derivative, it gives you a green jacket.

Personally, I can't think of any other time in the sports calendar where I am happier.

First, we have March Madness. Now I know people say that there are only two sure things in the world: death and taxes. But an exciting March Madness tournament can definitely be added to that list. Though this tournament started off with only a few really exciting first round games, it picked up with each round. For the first time ever, all four no. 1 seeds and three no. 2 seeds made the Elite Eight. I don't think I have ever seen more intensity, determination or goofy scrubs locking arms on the bench thinking that they make a difference.

April 1 marked the Opening Day of Major League Baseball, a day that has an aura surrounding it which always seems to take America from winter to spring. And, beautiful weather combined with the smell of hot dogs and beer can only mean one thing: I'm going to have to stash the beer to avoid getting a strike, and then go watch baseball.

Moving on, the Masters begins this week. No other event boasts the best players in the world playing on the most aesthetically pleasing course in the world, without the interference of commercials and women (just kidding). But in all seriousness, I can't think of many other weekends that are more enjoyable than the Masters. Where else do fat guys have a decent change of winning a sports competition?

Next we have the NHL playoffs, which begin on April 11. For those of you who may be uninterested, let me assure you that the Stanley Cup playoffs are actually quite entertaining. Any true sports fan can appreciate fast-moving, hard-hitting play, especially when arrest-worthy fights are allowed to occur.

Overlapping with the Stanley Cup playoffs is the post-season of the NBA. Personally, I have very little to say about professional basketball nowadays, but the playoffs tend to encourage players to actually play defense, which is always fun.

Lastly, the weekend of April 28 marks the culmination of the greatest period on the sports calendar with the NFL draft. Like when the Jetson's met the Flintstones, the NFL draft sees two great organizations meet on the same stage. And, if you thought predicting how Fred would react when he saw George was difficult, try predicting who the Raiders will select in the first round.

There you have it: my favorite time of year. The time when the only city you should be studying is "Upset City, baby!"

# Baseball Team is now 10-3 vs. ODAC

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seventh inning home run just inside the left field foul pole. That three-run moon shot, which followed a soft RBI single by Lewis, broke open a 3-3 tie and allowed the Generals to cruise into a 7-4 victory.

Freshman Chuck Davidson, working on short rest, got the start on Tuesday. He went four and a third innings before tiring and gave way to junior lefty Jeff Pharis. After

an error and a single left the bases loaded and the Generals down 3-2, Pharis got a double play before pitching a scoreless sixth inning as well.

Clark got the win by throwing up goose eggs in the seventh and eighth, while freshman closer Jim Plantholt allowed one run in the ninth before snuffing out the final Bridgewater rally. Plantholt is 2-0 on the season and has four saves.

With such a strong core of seniors—Gar-

land, Wesley, Edwards, second baseman David Miller and shortstop Ray Sweeney—this year's team thinks this may be their best chance to win the conference. If they hope to advance to the NCAA tournament, however, they must first negotiate the always wild and unpredictable ODAC tournament in Lynchburg.

But with pitching, hitting and a team with both youth and experience, this year's squad looks like it may be up to the task.

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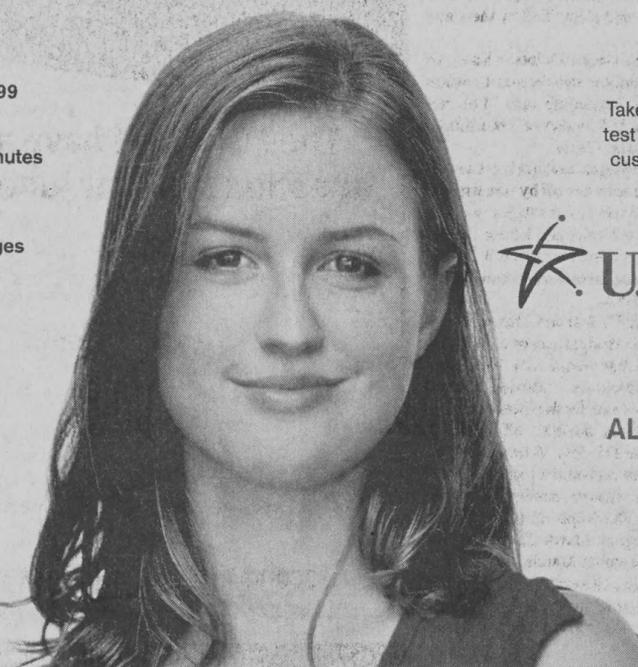


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# sports



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Baseball			vs SVU 3:00pm				
Riding					ODAC's TBA		
Men's Lacrosse			at VMI 4:00pm				
Women's Lacrosse			at SBC 4:30pm				
Men's Tennis							
Women's Tennis							
Track							

## in the numbers

### 3,175

Points scored by freshman Sallie Armstrong in the heptathlon at Liberty University this weekend, setting a school record.

### 42

Saves made by senior lacrosse goalie Chris Lalli in the last three games against no. 4 Middlebury and conference rivals no. 18 Roanoke and Virginia Wesleyan. After starting the season 1-3, the Generals have put together a five-game winning streak.

### 8

Shots under par junior Nathaniel James recorded during his victory at the Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

### 7.4

Seconds remaining when sophomore attackman Tim Skeen scored unassisted to give the Generals the victory over no. 18 Roanoke

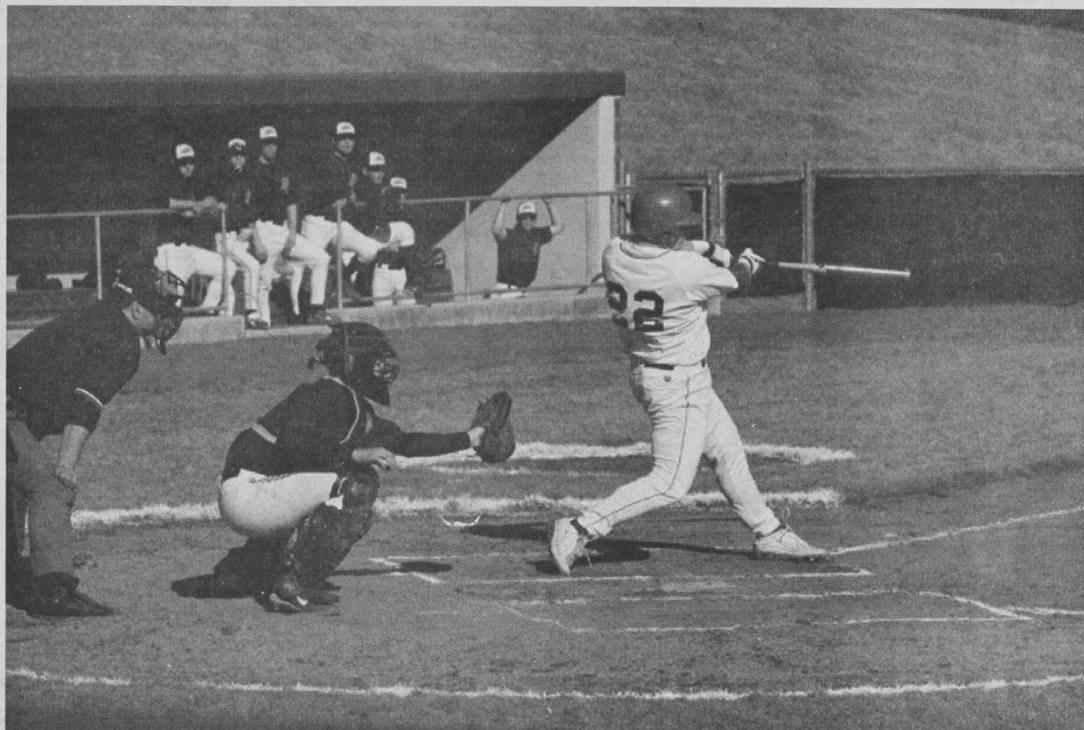
## soapbox

*"I make a lot of mistakes. I think I sort of sometimes pay for them a little less than other guys. It was just a matter of who made the smallest mistake."*

— Bode Miller on winning the super-G at the U.S. Alpine Championships, tying the men's record with his ninth national title, from SI.com

*"A lot of guys are closing up on him [Michael Phelps in the 400 IM]. I've never been that fast in the morning. I'm pretty confident."*

— said Ous Mellouli of Tunisia, who qualified third, from SI.com. Phelps would not be denied his seventh gold medal of the world championships as he won by smashing his old world record by over two seconds. Ous finished fourth, over five seconds behind Phelps.



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Senior catcher Jordan Wesley steps into the pitch. Wesley had a solo homer during game one against Roanoke.

## Men sweep ODAC foes

Loss against Shenandoah is only blemish during season's busiest week

By Jacob Geiger  
MANAGING EDITOR

Senior Clayton Edwards tossed a complete-game in game one and Junior James Madden led an offensive onslaught in game two as the Generals swept

**Score**  
Roanoke College on Saturday and improved their conference record to a lofty 10-3 mark.

This week was a busy one for Washington and Lee. Sunday's non-conference match against St. Mary's was cancelled, but the team still played three conference games and one non-conference game, winning the three ODAC bouts and losing to Shenandoah in the non-conference showing.

The Generals beat the Maroon 3-1 and 11-6 to go along with Tuesday's 7-4 win to avenge an earlier ODAC loss to Bridgewater College. The sole blemish on the week was the 10-4 loss to Shenandoah.

With only five conference games left to play, a group of experienced veterans and talented

youngsters have the Generals poised for a showdown April 14 with Hampden-Sydney that will go a long way towards determining who joins defending champion Virginia Wesleyan at the top of the conference standings.

Saturday's doubleheader was an excellent example of the diverse ways this team can win a baseball game.

Edwards, the team's undisputed ace, gave up an early run before settling down, allowing just four hits and the one run over seven innings. The outing improved his record on the mound to 5-1 and dropped his ERA to a sparkling 3.05.

In the meantime, junior outfielders Madden and Tim Livingston put W&L back in front with RBI singles in the second inning. Senior Catcher Jordan Wesley who left Tuesday's game after tweaking an earlier hamstring injury, returned to the lineup and added some insurance with a home run in the sixth.

The second game was anything but a pitching duel, as the Generals quickly fell behind the Maroon. Junior John Parker strug-

gled from the outset. Though he was able to escape a bases-loaded jam in the first, Roanoke struck hard in the second, scoring five runs on six hits. Brennan Thacker delivered the biggest blow with a bases-loaded double that brought three men home.

Parker gave way to sophomore Brendan Clark, who pitched four dominating innings, allowing just two hits and no runs. He got the win on the afternoon and improved to 2-0 on the season. While Clark was silencing Roanoke, W&L was getting its own offense going against Maroon starter Chase Davidson.

Madden provided the crucial blow of the inning when he launched a bases-loaded grand slam. After Madden's slam, a double by sophomore Terrence McKelvey and a single by freshman catcher Will Lewis brought three more runs to the plate and put W&L on top for good.

The Generals padded their lead in the fifth and seventh innings, scoring a pair of runs in each frame. Livingston brought home Madden and Edwards with a single in the fifth, and RBI

singles by Livingston and David Miller scored runs in the seventh.

Madden finished the second game 3-5, needing only a double to complete the cycle. The offensive outburst during the two games bumped his batting average up nearly 30 points and showed that he may be breaking out of the mid-season slump he struggled through during the past few weeks.

Shenandoah simply dominated W&L on Thursday, piling up 10 runs against Livingston and starter Steve Marcott. Shenandoah got four un-earned off Marcott in the third before driving in three runs in both the fifth and sixth against Livingston, who has spent far more time in left field than on the mound this season.

Though Marcott took the loss and fell to 3-2 on the year, his ERA dropped to an astonishing 1.73. He has firmly established himself as the team's mid-week starter.

Senior Designated Hitter Richard Garland was the star in Tuesday's conference win, hooking a

See "BASEBALL" on page 9

## Golfers look to drop shots

James wins Lejeune title with two birdies in sudden-death playoff

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

The Oleander Course at Jekyll Island Golf Club can be a tricky opponent. Situated among the pine trees and lakes of the historic resort off the Georgia coast, the course's high winds and challenging design has tested golfers since 1963.

**Scores**  
James -8  
Leisman +4

On the weekend of March 23-25, the Washington and Lee golf team became the latest to be tamed by Oleander, finishing tied for 11<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams at the Jekyll Island Intercollegiate.

Though this is the first time the team has finished outside the top five of a tournament this year, it is not a terribly disappointing result. The Generals placed in the top half of a field including annual D-III title contenders Methodist, Averett and Oglethorpe. At Jekyll Island the Generals finished ahead of Averett, the 2003 national champions, and local rivals Bridgewater, Roanoke and Hampden-Sydney.

W&L's five participants shot a combined 303, their best round,

on the final day to move into a tie for eleventh place with St. John Fisher and DePauw, both of whom led the Generals after Saturday's second round. The Generals finished with a combined three-round score of 922, only 14 strokes out of another top five finish.

The compression at the top of the team leaderboard was remarkable. Only 25 strokes separated Illinois Wesleyan and Hampden-Sydney, who finished fifth and nineteenth, respectively. Golfers struggled with the strong Atlantic breeze and dogleg-filled course, especially during Saturday's second round, where the Generals carded a combined 311.

The Generals' five representatives were led by junior Nathaniel James, who shot a first round 70 (2 under par) and finished with 220, tied for tenth after the tournament. Seniors Anthony Zappin (231, tied for 47<sup>th</sup>) and Matt Leisman (233, tied for 55<sup>th</sup>) also finished in the top half of the leaderboard. Sophomore Beau Allen recorded a 238, and freshman Kevin Trempe, making his varsity tournament debut, shot a 243 on the weekend.

James' 220 helped him win

ODAC player of the week for golf. A Third Team All-American last season and the reigning ODAC Golfer of the Year, the junior from suburban Dallas-Fort Worth was instrumental in the Generals' top-half performance in Georgia. James is averaging 74.6 strokes per round this season, best on his team.

Despite James' efforts and the overall solid play of the W&L outfit, the tournament was won by Methodist University, who won nine national championships in ten years from 1990 to 1999. The Monarchs beat out Oglethorpe by eight strokes and were led by senior Nick Bova. All five of Methodist's golfers finished in the top 35. It is little surprise that the Monarchs are a unanimous pick for number one in the World Golf Association Coaches' Poll for Division III. After dispatching the field so handily this weekend, it seems a strong possibility that Methodist will win its eleventh championship this year.

Oglethorpe's Taylor Urbanski shot a third-round 70 to ultimately clip Bova for the individual championship by a single stroke. Urbanski and Bova were the only two players to finish under par

over three rounds.

This weekend, the golf team took part in the Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate at Camp Lejeune, N.C. James, Leisman, Zappin, Joe Gibson and Brad Watts competed for Generals. On the first day, James led the way shooting a five-under-par 65 to lead the team to an eighth place finish after day one. Zappin was also under par, shooting a 68.

On day two, James led the way again shooting a 69 on the par-72 gold course giving him a two day total of 134, good enough for second place. Leisman's 71 was good for one-under-par.

On day three, James again led the way shooting a 72 which tied him for first place overall. In the playoff, he birdied two holes in a row to win the title.

"It was quite a way to win," he said.

Overall, the Generals shot 305 on day three to finish with a score of 879, good enough for 12<sup>th</sup> place.

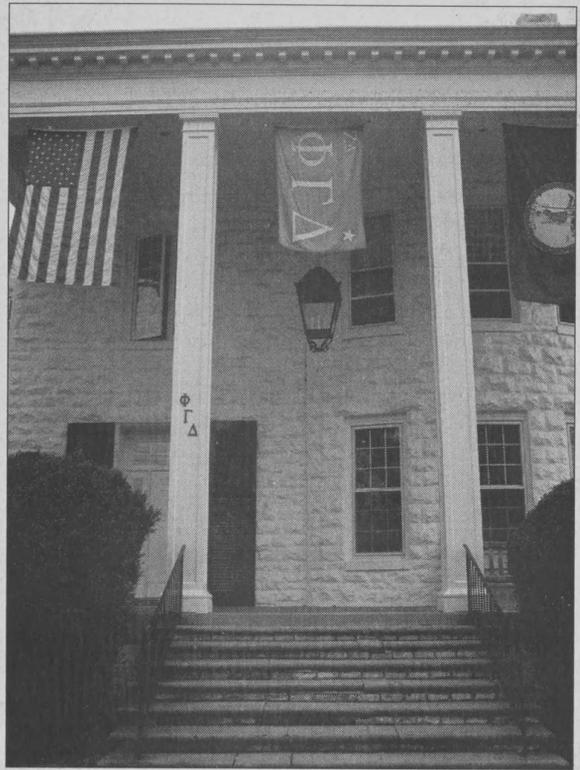
"It wasn't a bad showing but it wasn't quite what we were expecting," said James.

The Generals continue their season on April 16 at the W&L Buck Leslie Invitational.

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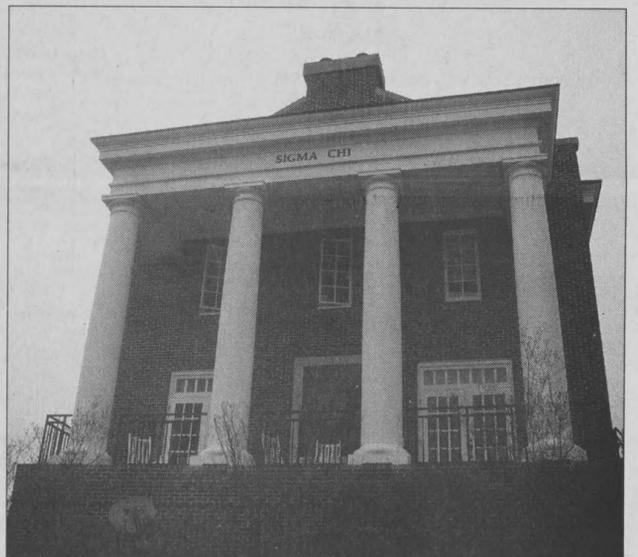
**FIJI, Kappa Sig and SAE** – Winners of the **Beta Theta Pi** memorial award for best hazing.



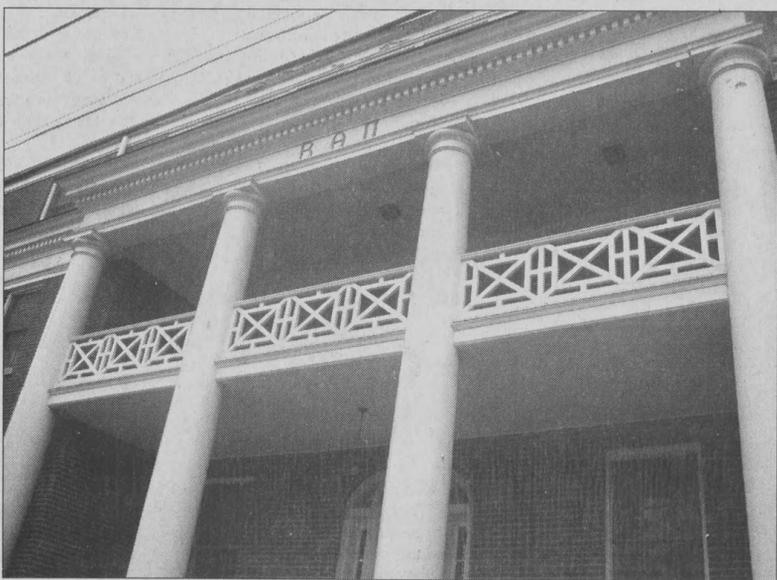
**FIJI** also wins the award for **"Best odds that something stupid gets them kicked off campus."**

## The First Annual **Frat Lord Awards**

*After a busy year of punishments from the IFC and SAC, it's time to celebrate our fraternity system*



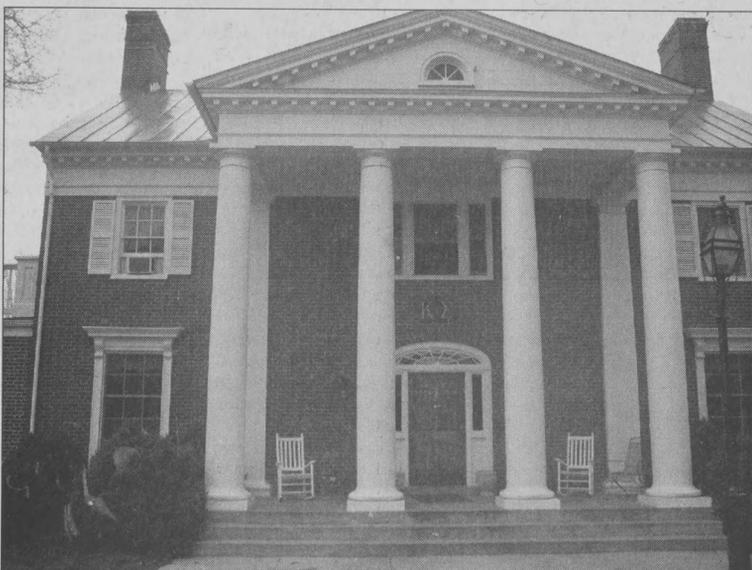
**Sigma Chi** was runner up of the Beta award because **"their activity did not constitute a new member education violation."**



**Beta** wins for **"Most creative use of a frat house for non-frat purposes."**

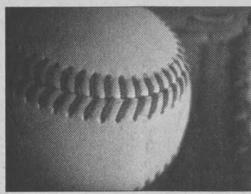


**Chi Psi** voted **"Best Last Chance for a Hook-up"** award



**Kappa Sig** wins the award for **"best failed attempt at trying to join the Big 4."**

# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Ultimate</b>	at Lambda	at Lambda	at Lambda	at Lambda	at Lambda	at Lambda	at Lambda
<b>Cycling</b>			See Elliot O'Brien				
<b>Chess</b>			at VMI 4:00pm			at HSC 1:00pm	
<b>Beer Pong</b>			at FIJ 4:30pm			at all frats 4:00pm	
<b>Powder Puff</b>						at Theta	
<b>Water Polo</b>						at E&H 9:00am	
<b>Finals</b>	at Snu	at Sig Ep	at Snu	at KA	at Snu	at Sig Ep	at Snu

## in the numbers

# 121

Average number of hours Sigma Nu members will spend studying between now and the start of finals week.

# 18

The number of ultimate frisbee related injuries Lambdas have suffered in the past five years.

# 1:39.47

Fraternity record for longest time studying by a KA.

# 1

The number of errors in the schedule above. KA will not be studying for finals.

# 4

The number of athletes the men's swimming team will send to the Olympic trials. Mike Ginder, Tim McGlaston, Alex Sweet, and David Croushore will try to qualify for Beijing in the 200 Free Relay.

## soapbox

*"Well, I thought that I deserved to stay in New York after last year, but apparently Yankees fans never warmed up to me. I really hope the fans at VMI and W&L are a little bit more friendly and accepting. My shrink said that sharing my feelings would help, so that's what I'm doing"*

— Yankees 3B Alex Rodriguez during an exclusive interview with the Ring-Tum Phi. A-Rod spoke to the Phi while attending tryouts for the Washington and Lee baseball team. A-Rod was cut by the Yankees last week.

*"Yeah, I've thought about buying the entire league, eliminating David Stern from the picture and taking over as commissioner myself. But the idea of being the Heat's owner makes me throw up a little. Still, firing Pat Riley would be nice."*

— Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban

## New athletic center

Football stadium renovations put on hold for field house construction

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

In a stunning change of plans, the Washington and Lee Athletics Department has announced that they will postpone the rebuilding of Wilson Stadium and instead construct a field house.

The field house will benefit the entire student population and be useful to all athletic teams on campus. The proposed field house would contain an indoor track, new pool, and a variety of other facilities.

When asked about the change in plans, a source speaking on the condition of anonymity, said, "We realized that football wasn't the only team that had a good season this year. The men's swim team has won four consecutive Bluegrass Mountain Conference titles - a conference which included Division II and NAIA teams - and sent seven swimmers to nationals where they placed 8<sup>th</sup>. The cross country teams have won the past three ODAC titles with the track program on the rise and yet during the indoor season they have to walk to VMI's outdated track just to practice. The new field house will serve a wider selection of students and show W&L strives to recognize all athletic teams, not just football."

The new facility will allow the swimming and track teams to host conference championships on campus. Last year, the ODAC indoor championships were technically hosted by W&L, but because there was no facility on campus, the championship meet was held at Liberty University.

The new pool will be Olympic-sized which will allow the entire team to practice at the same time without being overcrowded.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Track Coaches Nathan Hoey and Brandon Uhl celebrate the announcement of the new field house. Hoey and Uhl were also excited about their new sweater vests.

Additionally, the pool will have a diving well so the swim teams can expand to once again being a swimming and diving team.

"As great as our eighth place finish was a nationals, it's disappointing to know that there's two more diving events we could be earning points in but can't because we don't have the facilities," said one swimmer.

The track team's pole vaulters and throwers were also excited about the news.

"Finally our practices won't be dependent on the weather," said one pole vaulter. "It's nice to know the administration cares

about our improvement and safety."

"It will be great not to have to fight with the Fancy Dress decorations committee for practice space," said an excited thrower.

While training for the indoor season, the throwers had to train in the pavilion, which was also used by the decorations committee.

The training facilities would provide a backup practice area for W&L's many athletic teams. Priority would be given to in-season sports so they would not have to miss practice due to poor weather conditions but out-of-season varsity sports, club team, and intra-

mural leagues would also benefit.

"It will be much easier to schedule intramurals with the additional facilities," said a source inside the intramural department. "While it's understandable that varsity sports have first priority, it's hard having to reschedule, especially during playoffs."

Additionally, the field house would provide an alternate site for graduation in case of inclement weather so seniors could graduate at W&L rather than having to go to VMI.

Construction is expected to begin in May and be completed by January, 2008. Bidding for naming rights is still in progress.

## The year in W&L sports

(Left) Senior Sam Wilmoth watches a basketball game from the nose bleed seats.

(Bottom Right) Junior Andrew Friski was bit by a rabid racoon during a cross country race.

(Bottom Left) Sophomore Drew Martin gets a new look at the world during pole vault.

Photos by Michael Keenan

