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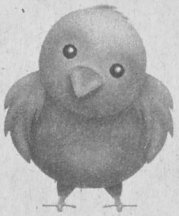
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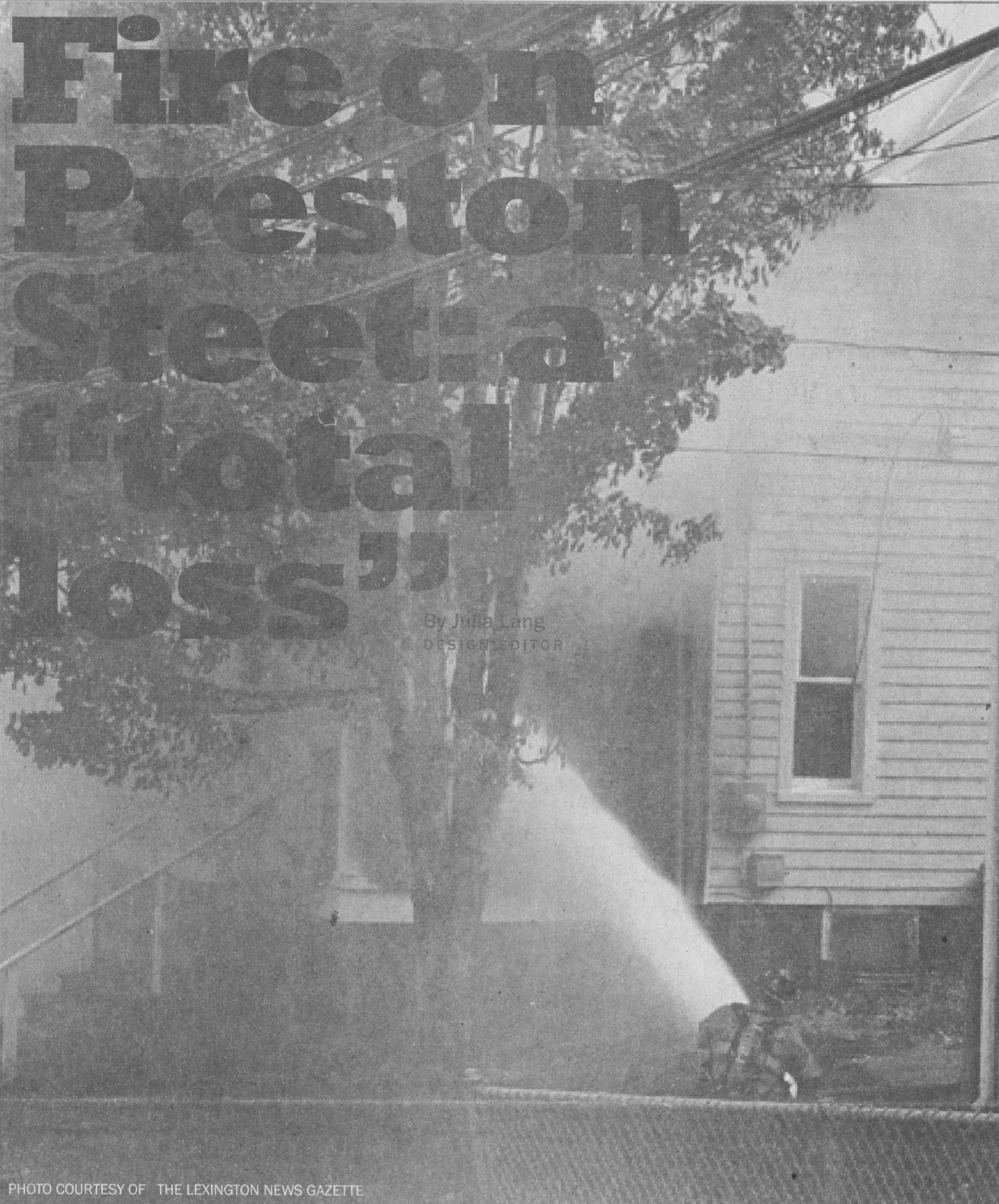
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## Fire on Preston Street a total loss

By Julia Lang  
DESIGN EDITOR

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On Friday afternoon, Washington and Lee students were alerted to the fact that a fire had consumed the majority of the Preston Street home of four W&L seniors.

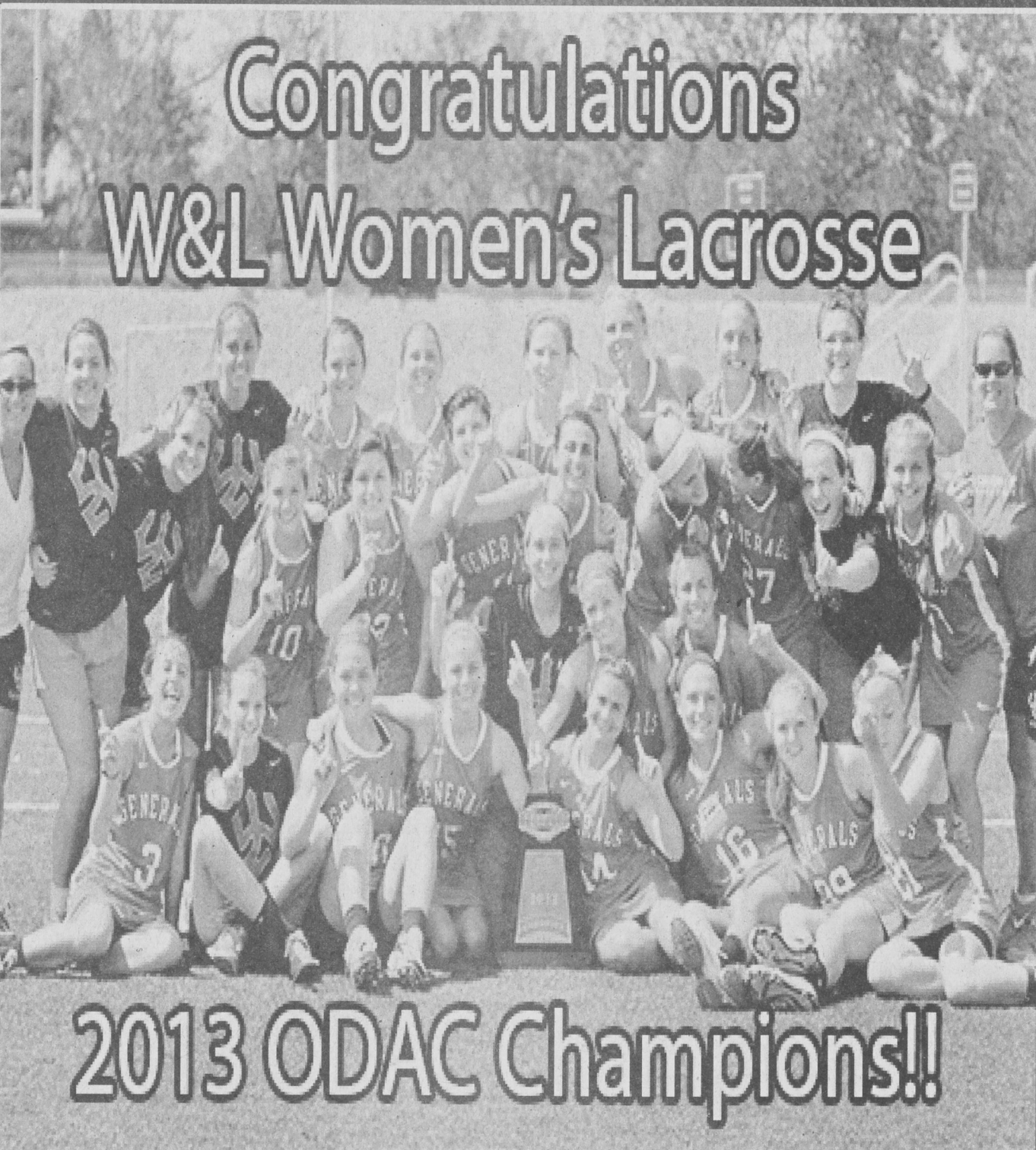
First responders were called to 106 Preston Street on Friday due to a fire that initiated on the porch of the house. According to Sidney Evans, the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, the fire "severely damaged [the] off-campus residence". Public safety director, Mike Young, called the fire "a total loss".

Although none of the W&L students were injured, few of their belongings were salvaged from the remains of the fire.

Young said the W&L students "are being assisted by Student Affairs staff members, Dean Futrell and others". According to Dean Evans, the Dean of Students office was "working with them to secure housing and to help obtain basic supplies".

"The affected students are all seniors, and I know that everyone in the W&L community will join us in supporting them as they finish the final weeks of the academic year," Evans said.

For those that wish to contribute any form of support to these students, please contact Dean Evans at sevans@wlu.edu.



## Congratulations W&L Women's Lacrosse

## 2013 ODAC Champions!!

Congratulate the women's lacrosse players whom you know! See page 6 for more information on the team's victory this weekend.

## Holocaust survivor tells story

By Graham Colton  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University students have their share of troubles, but after listening to Marcel Drimer's childhood stories, one would find that these trying times are nothing that can't be handled.

"We thought about giving up ... but we didn't," said Drimer, while talking about his experience surviving the Holocaust.

Drimer's talk was just one event of many during W&L's Holocaust Remembrance Week. Just three weeks ago, Drimer, along with other survivors, met with President Obama for Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Born in 1934, Drimer was only five years-old when Germany invaded Poland and his hometown of Drohobycz fell to Soviet control in 1939. The town was small, with a population of about 10,000, he said.

"You had some well-educated Jews who were doctors and lawyers, but then you had others who scraped by to make a living," Drimer said.

It wasn't until July 1, 1941, that the Germans infiltrated the town and began putting restrictions on Jews. Drimer said he and his family were only allowed to walk in certain places, and were required to wear arm bands identifying them as Jews.

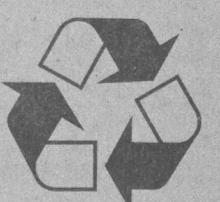
Drimer described the terror that came with German aktions, or violent operations against Jewish civilians. During one specific German aktion, his family hid in a wheat field under his mother's beige coat.

"We started hearing Germans screaming, dogs barking, people crying, begging for their life, and then shots fired, and then it was quiet for 10 or 15 minutes," he said.

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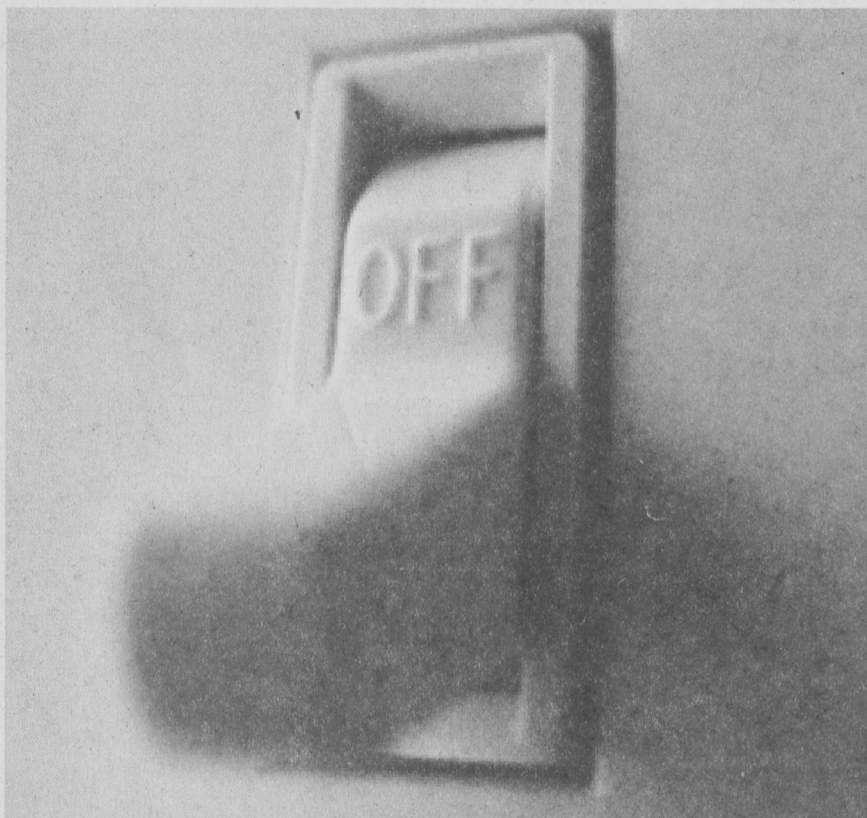
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# news

## PowerDown cuts energy use

By Andrea Owen  
STAFF WRITER



Washington and Lee has begun its first Spring PowerDown Challenge to reduce energy consumption.

Students living on-campus are encouraged to unplug and turn off appliances and electronics not in use. The dorm, Greek house or theme house that reduces consumption by the largest per-

centage between May 3 and May 10 will win a Power Sundae Party at the Lee House on Monday, May 13. Mr. and Mrs. Ruscio will also be participating.

"We are hoping that [the competition] will give people a reason to...take a look around their room or... their dorm and... look at those things that are on that don't

need to be," said Jane Stewart, one of W&L's energy specialists.

In 2009, Washington and Lee attended an energy conservation conference to learn that the University was dead last in a list of 30 schools for energy use per square foot, said Stewart. The schools were all part of the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund that gives money to schools for energy projects. After the conference, Washington and Lee decided to step up its game to reduce consumption. Stewart said that energy use per square foot has dropped since then and that W&L is no longer at the bottom of the list.

In fact, Morris Trimmer, W&L's other energy specialist, says that the new energy program reduced consumption by \$600,000 to \$800,000 in the past year.

The PowerDown Competition is the first major push to reduce consumption, said Trimmer.

Stewart said the changes students are asked to make are small and easy.

"We're not really even really asking anybody to sacrifice anything," she said. "We're talking about...not using something if you don't need it."

She said that one of the energy-wasting practices that sticks out to her is fraternities leaving on lights outside their houses when they are not in use.

Stewart said that the competition is a most improved model because it measures a percentage drop. This method was chosen because buildings have dif-

ferences in energy use beyond student control. For instance, all heating and air conditioning pumps are located in the Pi Beta Phi house, so it has the highest energy use of all sororities.

Stewart said she had an idea of who would win the competition based on past responsiveness, but she would not men-

tion the name of the dorm or house.

As for the future, Trimmer said he thought the competition could change long-term behavior.

"Hopefully it will have an impact beyond the challenge period," he said.

## Results of the Student Body Vote on Constitution

From March 26-28, the Student Body voted on the Constitutional Review Committee's (CRC) proposed amendments to the Washington and Lee Student Body Constitution. Here are the results as printed in Campus Notices on April 1:

Of 1330 ballots cast, 749 voted in favor of the amendment for The Constitutional Review Committee to meet every 3 years (56%), 198 voted in favor of the amendment for The Constitutional Review Committee to meet every 6 years (15%). Neither amendment passed.

Of the 1251 ballots cast, 883 voted in favor of passing all remaining amendments (71%). The remaining amendments passed.

The updated Constitution is posted on the EC website. CRC Chairman Annelise Madison would like to thank the students who voted on the amendments and encouraged others to vote. Also, thanks to CRC members Paqui Toscano, Clark Hildabrand, Rob Ridgeway, Alex Berger, John Langley, Cam Higgins, Emily Zankman and James Gordon for all of their hard work this year.

## Venture club seeks new members

By Krysta Huber  
STAFF WRITER

Now wrapping up its second year on campus, the Venture Club is seeking new members for next fall.

Club members will be hosting an information session evening at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 6 in Commons 345. Interested students of all years and majors are encouraged to attend.

The Venture Club is Washington and Lee's entrepreneurship organization, which works primarily with alumni businesses. Venture Club members focus on the many aspects of startup consulting, helping new businesses to set up successful business plans.

Venture Club President Mark Sowinski '14 said that the overall purpose of the club is to foster a genuine interest in entrepreneurship.

"The mission of the Venture Club is to develop the spirit of entrepreneurship within the [W&L] community," said So-

an investing branch, the Venture Investing Group. Vice President of Investing Henry Luther '14 will lead the group beginning in September.

Luther said that this summer, the investing group will be creating a system and assigning criteria to the Venture Club's investments in entrepreneurial companies.

"I will be looking specifically for students that have the needed skills to make this group successful," he said.

Vice President of Marketing Casey Mackintosh '15, who is responsible for publicizing the Venture Club on campus, said that the new investing group was one of the reasons why she wanted to be the Vice President of Marketing.

"I wanted this position because I believe that this club has a lot of growth potential, especially with the launching of the Venture Investment Group," she said.

*"The strength of a Venture Club experience is the diversity in experience and the ability to obtain a true and deep understanding of how start-up businesses work."*

**Mark Sowinski '14, Venture Club President**

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Sowinski said that the club works toward its mission in three major ways. One of the club's efforts is through consulting. Venture Club members work with several startup companies each semester.

The Venture Club has recently consulted with two alumni companies, Icebox Coffee and HeroMe. Sowinski said that Icebox Coffee, which was started by Bebe Goodrich '07, is a coffee concentrate that can be mixed with water or milk to make instant iced coffee.

HeroMe, which was developed by Josh Bryan '07, is working on a line of action figures that is customized to the preferences of each purchaser.

Venture Club Director of Consulting Alex Hensleigh '14 said she believes that Icebox Coffee bodes a promising future.

"Icebox Coffee is an awesome company because they have a great product and great growth potential," Hensleigh said.

Sowinski said that the club is currently consulting with Icebox Coffee and will be meeting with Goodrich in the next few weeks to discuss sales strategies for her company.

The Venture Club also hosts events on campus throughout the year, which are open to all W&L students. Sowinski said that events like the Entrepreneurship Summit and the annual Startup Pitch Competition give students the opportunity to network with alumni.

The Venture Club's third effort in achieving its mission is the newest of the three. The club is currently developing

"With this new branch, the club will now encompass marketing, venture capital, investment and consulting projects."

During weekly lunch meetings, Venture Club members interact with leading entrepreneurs and venture capitalists via Skype. The officers all agreed that the advice they've been given by those entrepreneurs has been one of the most valuable experiences of the club.

"Venture Club is a great opportunity to work with real businesses and gain applicable skills," Hensleigh said.

Mackintosh said that the tangible skills she has also learned as a Venture Club member, such as creating business models and writing research briefs, are extremely important and will certainly be useful after college.

Sowinski said that a key distinction of the Venture Club is how different each member's experience can be, given their role in the club, the types of companies they work with and the variety of students they collaborate with.

"The strength of a Venture Club experience is the diversity in experience and the ability to obtain a true and deep understanding of how startup businesses work," he said.

Sowinski added that the skills students acquire by participating in the Venture Club are beneficial to many careers.

"Graduated members of the Venture Club have gone into careers as varied as investment banking, marketing, venture capital or Teach for America, as the skills developed in the club are widely applicable across many fields."



PATRICK HINELY '73 / photographer

**Drimer's first-hand, eyewitness account of the Holocaust was the ultimate testimony to persevering through adversity.**

## Continued from Holocaust survivor

By Graham Colton  
STAFF WRITER

"And then it would start all over again."  
"It was like a symphony of death," said Drimer.

Shortly after, as day turned to dusk, Drimer said he and his mother and sister encountered a German soldier, and they all made eye contact and stopped.

"It was only for a minute, but it felt like an eternity," Drimer said.

The soldier, for what reason Drimer does not know, turned around and walked away.

Drimer also talked about a "tale of two coats," when he, his mother and his sister were hiding in an attic for an extended period of time. His father would bring them food when possible, but they went without food for several days when his father didn't come back.

"My father eventually bribed his way

out of prison with a fur coat," Drimer said, as Jews were not allowed to have such things at the time.

When his father returned, he brought a peasant woman who had some provisions. Drimer said his mother was willing to barter with her, and the woman said she wanted Drimer's sister's winter coat in return for some bread.

"And my mother said, 'But that is my child's winter coat,' and the woman said 'It doesn't matter, you will all be dead by winter,'" Drimer said.

Once liberated in August 1944, Drimer said he had a hard time acclimating to life post-war. He said his muscles were weak, so he had to relearn how to walk.

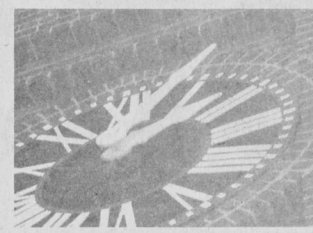
However, Drimer is thankful to have survived. Only 400 people from his town were able to get through the Holocaust.

He now lives in Burke, Va. with his wife, while his son and two grandchildren live elsewhere.

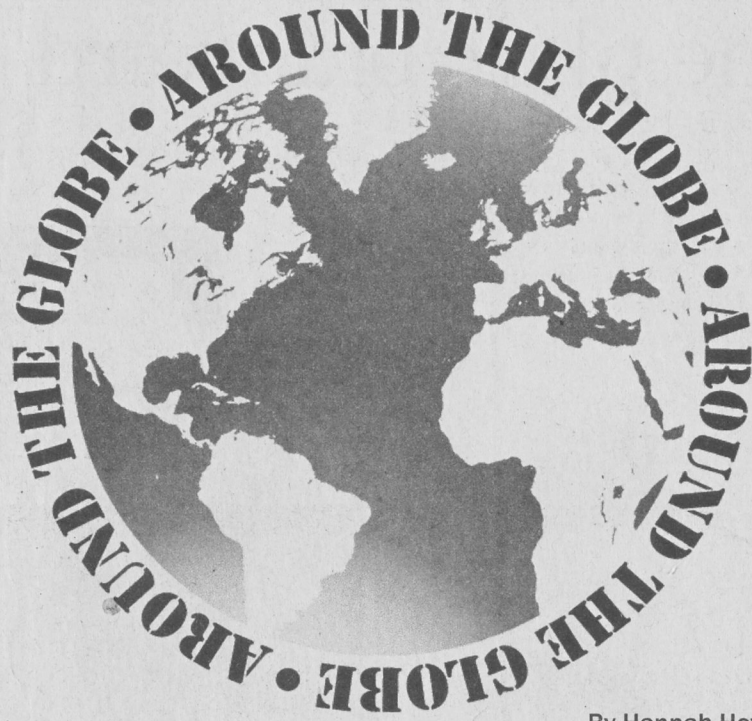
"Out of the 6.5 million people killed, 1.5 million were children," Drimer said. "Think of what they could have done for this world."

Drimer said he's written about more than 10 separate stories from his war experiences, and has been told he "writes with an accent." He said it is important for him to write and speak, as there are still some individuals who insist the Holocaust never happened.

"I was a witness to what was happening, and by you listening, now you become witnesses," he said. "We must see to it that nothing like this ever happens again."



# news



By Hannah Howard  
STAFF WRITER

## Violence in Syria continues

Violence continues in Syria with massacres in several towns. At least 50 were announced dead in al-Baida on Friday after pro-Assad troops raided the village. This tally included women and children. After the attack, Syrian opposition issued a plea for international action to the Arab League and the United Nations. Reports suggest that what has been called a "large scale massacre" was a response to the earlier attack on a bus carrying pro-Assad fighters.

## Russia unveils new landmark

On Thursday, Russia unveiled its newest cultural landmark in St. Petersburg. The Mariinsky II Theater, a modern ballet and opera house, celebrated its opening with a large gala event. Director Mikhail Piotrovsky and others criticized the building for its unappealing exterior architecture. However, officials are excited for the future prospects surrounding the theater.

## Musharraf banned from elections

On Tuesday, the Pakistani courts banned Pervez Musharraf from the upcoming elections. Musharraf, a former military leader, returned to Pakistan in March to support his political party and run in these historic elections. In response to his banning, his party is boycotting the elections. They claim that a free and fair election is no longer possible.

## Arab League revises plan

In meetings early last week, the Arab League revised their peace plan for Israel and Palestine. The new initiative accepted the possibility of land swapping in the future. Although many leaders praised the revision, Palestinian Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh said that land swapping was not an action that outsiders could decide on for the nation: "Palestine is not a property, it is not for sale, not for a swap and cannot be traded."

## Garment factory collapses

A garment factory collapsed in Bangladesh on April 24. Authorities are still recovering bodies from the rubble; the total reached over 500 on Friday. Dozens of victims were buried by the ruins and many families are worried that their victims will never be traced. Nine people were taken into custody after the collapse for charges such as negligence. This disaster shed light on many of the companies that outsource to Bangladesh because of cheap labor.

## Interest rates cut in Europe

The European Central Bank cut interest rates on Thursday by .25%. This cut, which is the first in ten months, brought rates to a record low .5%. The cut did not come as a surprise in the midst of rising unemployment in Europe and a drop in eurozone inflation below the target level. Unemployment levels hit a record high in March and, since then, officials at the ECB have been closely monitoring economic situations and waiting to act. The ECB's hope is that the economic situation will turn for the better later in the year.

## Malaysia elections spark controversy

Drama surrounds the elections in Malaysia on Sunday because of recent rumors that the ruling party has been unfairly "buying votes." The former swing state of Sabah has been a stronghold for the current party in control for the past two years. Suspicions arose in the time leading up to this election that previous administrations gave illegal immigrants citizenship in exchange for votes. Authorities are investigating the allegations.

## Phi Eta Sigma inducts new members

By Graham Colton  
COPY EDITOR

On May 3, the students in the top 20 percent of the first-year class were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Jason Rodocker, the Assistant Dean for the First-Year Experience, and adviser to the W&L chapter of Phi Eta Sigma: "The quality and caliber of our student profile continues to improve and the academic accomplishments of the first-year class are very impressive. Many of these students will obtain further academic accolades and even graduate fellowships as they progress through their undergraduate years at [W&L]."

### RECENT INDUCTEES

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# Reliving glory days

Alums say W&L has evolved, but it is still the same campus

By Athena Cao  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee is evolving, but nothing has changed, alumni say.

More than 600 alumni came home for their reunions last weekend. Many are amazed at the renovations on campus, but they say the W&L spirit never changes.

"Obviously there have been new buildings built everywhere you pop-up, but the more it changes, the more it stays the same," says Thomas O'Brien '88, '91L. "The essence of W&L is still the same, [and] the spirit of W&L is still the same."

Living in Louisville, Ky., O'Brien drives down to Lexington about once a year to recruit for his law firm, Frost Brown Todd LLC. He said some of his classmates were shocked at the changes on campus because they "literally" had not come back since graduation, but to him, the school is evolving gradually.

Scott Fowler '83 also said that some aspects of W&L remain the same. Fowler's grandfather, father and sister are all W&L alumni and last weekend, he brought his son Cameron, a future W&L General, to campus as well. Scott attended activities like the alumni party at the Liberty Hall Ruins and the Five-Star General event with his father.

He said it felt like home.

"It's always great to come back to Lexington—it's sort of like coming home," Fowler said. "The foundation and basics of what the University is about, what George Washington and [Robert] Lee gave it as character has always remained

insistent."

Rick Woodward '73 and his wife believe it was the mentality of the honor system and speaking tradition that guards the W&L spirit. There are few other places like W&L, Woodward said.

"When we've been walking around, I realized I forgot to talk to people—they speak to me," Woodward said. "I lived in New York for a while. If you try to speak to people in New York, they call the cops and say, 'What are you, stalking me or something?'"

Woodward said Lexington was a little "run-down" in the 1970s with very few nice restaurants.

"There are actually nice restaurants—definitely not the case when I was here," Rick said. "We used to go to this place called the Central Lounge, also known as the 'Liquid Lounge,' which was run by a former police officer—'Officer Duck' and his wife worked there too, 'Mrs. Duck.' And I never knew their real names."

To alumni who had graduated before the University went co-ed, like Charlie Chambers '68, the University might not be that much the same.

Chambers said they had to wear a coat and tie to class, and they were only allowed to have three absences in a semester. Fancy Dress used to be the weekend between fall term and winter term and there was no break in between, he said.

Mackey Tilman '63 said that he and his

wife are closely connected with his Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers.

His wife, Nancy Tilman, said W&L has become more global.

"Doesn't it also seem it's more global?," Nancy said. "We went to the assembly last night and that is what struck us too—it is more global; the world is getting smaller in everyway."

At the Student and Alumni LinkUP Reception on Saturday morning, Douglas Panzer '98 emphasized the importance of networking with alumni. Hosted by the Career Development Center, the event invites the newly inducted Phi Eta Sigma members to meet with alumni.

Running his own law practice, Panzer said he has learned from other alumni's wins and scars.

"I am actually in touch with a number of older alumni from the '70s who are incredibly helpful," Panzer said. "They can tell me things that I can't possibly have learned at this stage of my life."

Alumni connection bonds together generations of W&L Generals. Panzer said this opportunity is like no other.

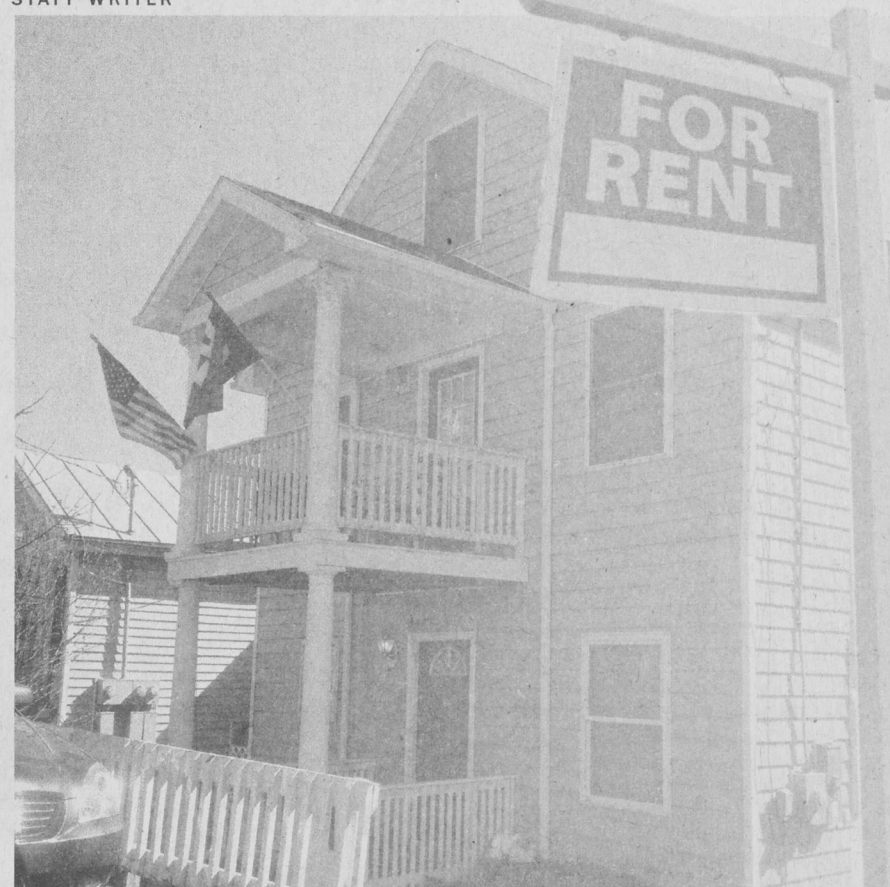
"You are in one of the most important four-year periods in your life, developmentally, educationally," Panzer said. "You will never have the opportunity to meet people with such a shared background and shared love of something."



# Moving off, cutting costs

Housing in Lexington is cheaper than it is in many other college towns

By Rachel Adams-Heard  
STAFF WRITER



One of the many unique traits of Washington and Lee is the way in which off-campus housing is chosen.

For some, housing is done through fraternities and sororities. An older Greek member will often pass a house down to a younger brother or sister.

For those not affiliated with Greek life, the search for an off-campus house may prove more difficult.

Whether the close tie between housing and Greek life is positive or negative, one

thing is certain: the relatively low cost of Lexington housing to other college towns is a nice break in the otherwise high price of attending Washington and Lee.

Off-campus housing can be separated into two categories: town and country. Many properties are rented for two years, a student's junior and senior year, while others are yearly leases.

Another quality of W&L housing is that virtually every house has a name. From the rather self-explanatory names such as

Poles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the Cabins, to the more creative titles like County Seat and Pumptown, W&L housing is personalized in a way that further distinguishes it from any other school.

Paul Wilson, a former W&L and VMI professor, has been renting houses to W&L students for almost 20 years, starting with the Igloo in 1994. He rented out the river houses, which burned down, and Downstream. Rent for these houses ranges from \$350 per person a month to \$525. This price, Wilson says, makes "parents laugh with surprise and relief."

Wilson explains that part of the joy in being a landlord in Lexington is that he enjoys college students. Although he could charge more for his houses, Wilson says it is a lower priority than having tenants who make life easy and pleasant.

But there's more to the cheap rent story. Part of the reason is that Lexington is home of one of the smallest universities in the country. It makes it harder for landlords to increase their rates when future tenants are in close relation with current tenants and have knowledge of the price they pay.

Another factor in the low cost of housing is geography. It is well known that Lexington is not the shopping mall-equipped Richmond, or even the home of a Chick-fil-A like Roanoke. The quaintness of primarily locally owned, family operated shops and businesses is part of the appeal of the small town life in Lexington, but it also draws fewer families and people searching for jobs. This lowers the demand for housing, which in turn decreases the overall price of property in Lexington.

# opinions

## Germany: the good, the bad, and the plain old weird

By Leah Gose  
STAFF WRITER

For the past three weeks I have been on the Washington and Lee University Spring Term abroad trip to Germany. It's a six week long program with a 4-week class based in Bayreuth sandwiched between trips to Salzburg, Berlin and Munich. I have been to Germany once before, but this longer trip has made many interesting facts about this European powerhouse much more evident. If you plan to visit the Bierland any time soon, here are some of the best, worst and weirdest things I've seen thus far.



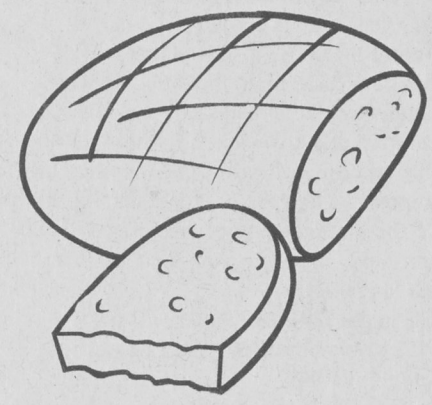
**1. THE BEER.** America, you will never win the award for best beer if any German beer (maybe even the one euro variety from McDonald's) enters the competition. Since the Middle Ages Germany has had strict laws about what goes into a beer. The legal beer drinking age is 16 and beer drinking could probably be considered a national pastime. No football (okay, soccer) game is complete without it.



**2. POWER OUT-LETS.** It seems that the citizens of Germany enjoy the most complicated of power outlets. Big and bulky, they sit far off the wall (normally somewhere near the light switch). Apple computer chargers paired with adapters make the worst combination, constantly falling out. Germans also must enjoy hiding power outlets because they are most commonly found under beds or wardrobes.



**3. '90S MUSIC.** I know what you're thinking- the '90s were forever long ago- which while a true statement, it seems the German club scene is stuck in 1996. The sets normally follow the structure of 90 percent nineties music, one German song, and a slightly overplayed Macklemore song. It's almost endearing considering that Germans not only do not, but cannot dance. A talent left to the proud and the free, I would suggest toning down the dancing while in a German club, or everyone will know you're American.

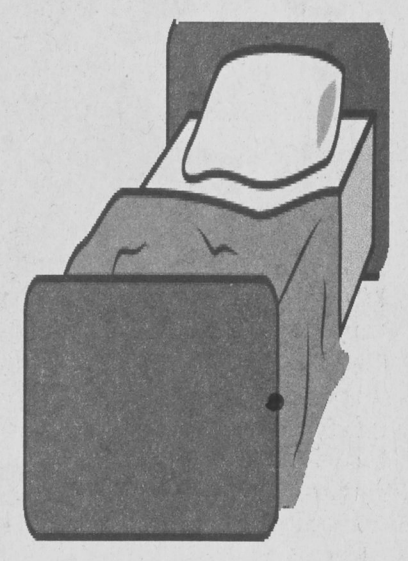


**4. BREAD.** American bread makes no sense now that I have only been enjoying the German varieties. Here they call American loaves "toast" because that's all they use it for. There is

literally a bread type for every meal, piece of cheese and meat. It's impressive in a way that makes every tourist feel overwhelmed and a little stupid. The taste and freshness always makes up for one's embarrassing ignorance- trust me.



**5. LEDER-HOSEN.** The German pants/suspenders combination is most definitely a fashion and a history statement. Rather unattractive, they do make the beer festival more entertaining.



**6. BED SHEETS.** There aren't any here. Instead, the Germans use a large duvet cover and nothing else. While comfortable, it's a little awkward getting used to letting your feet hang out. Also, the pillows are all square (???)

Of course, there are a plethora of other things about Germany that make it a completely entertaining place to visit. More importantly, the culture and politics make for an interesting environment as well.

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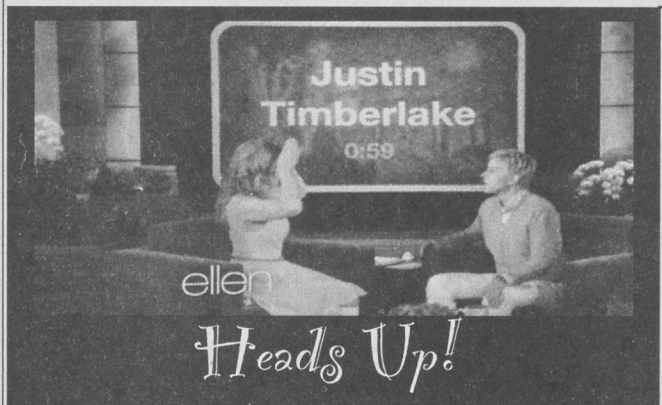
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## 4 apps that will leave you laughing

By Allie Weiss  
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Have you ever played that game where you stick a post-it on your forehead and guess what's written on it based on the clues your friends give you? Heads Up! is exactly that, only in app-form. Backed by the "Ellen" brand, this game is hilarious, provided you're willing to act out "riding a horse" and hum the melody of "Mm Bop" as fast as you can.

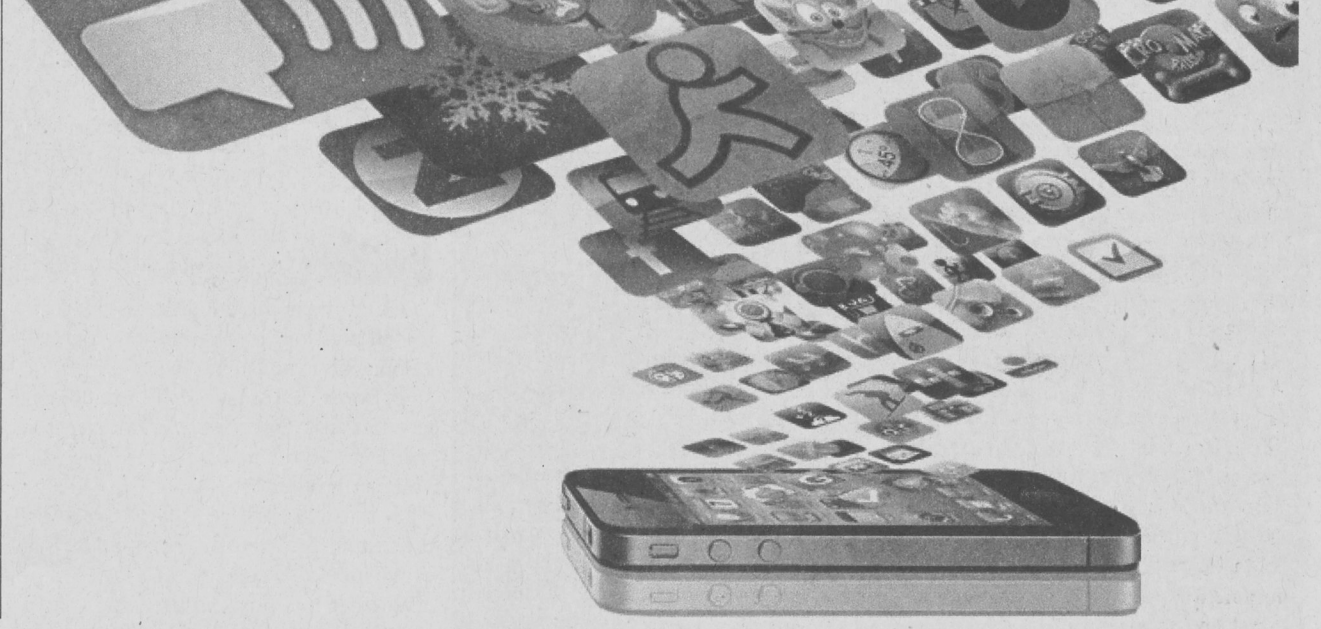
**The Onion**

In case you didn't know that Kanye West had recently retired to a small farm in Ohio, or that a fourteen year old genius has just balanced the national budget, The Onion is the news source that keeps you up to date. This satirical newspaper is full of fun facts about celebrities, politicians, sports stars, and more. For example, did you know that Sony has just released nose buds so that you can release various smells into your nose at all points of the day? Now on sale for \$49.99.

**Pick-Ups!**

I've never had a dream come true until today when I met you." If you've ever been the victim of a truly awful pick-up line, you'll love this one. To begin, you press a button that reads "Tap Me," and a new pick-up line will appear on your screen. My personal favorites? "If I worked at McDonald's, I'd name a sandwich after you called the McGeorgeous." "If you were a taser, you would be set to stunning." And finally, "You're hot. I'm ugly. Together we could be average."

When I was a kid, I used to love reading the "funnies" with my grandma. Now, newspaper comics can be delivered right to your iPhone.



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# arts & life

## Summer in LEX

Most students spend their summers away from Lexington, but some just can't seem to get enough of our little town

By Yejean Kim  
STAFF WRITER

For most Washington and Lee students, the next two weeks of spring term will be spent basking in all of Lexington and their free time. However, for some students, these next two weeks are just the beginning of their time in Lexington. Without the rigor and demands of the regular school year, these students will be free to pursue their passions, in a familiar environment, during the many summer opportunities both W&L and Lexington have to offer.



**WHO:** Cara Scott, first-year  
**WHAT:** Resident of Lexington  
**THOUGHTS ON STAYING:** "I'm working in the bookstore because I want to stay connected to campus over the summer. I'm actually pretty excited because I know a few other people who will be here, plus all my friends from high school will be back, so I think this summer will be better than previous ones. Lexington tends to be pretty dead over the summer, but between work and seeing friends from both college and high school, I think it could be fun!"



**WHO:** Andrew Conlon, first-year  
**WHAT:** Research with Professor Kuehner  
**THOUGHTS ON STAYING:** "I am very excited to have a research opportunity as a freshman and I plan to make the most of staying in campus. I really enjoy getting practical experience in any subject, not just physics and I will definitely explore campus, Lexington, and the surrounding area as well."



**WHO:** Yishu Liu, first-year  
**WHAT:** Summer RA with the Alumni College  
**THOUGHTS ON STAYING:** "I think it will be a blast, might be kind of boring without all the students, but it will be a great experience."



**WHO:** Jordan Edgren, Sophomore  
**WHAT:** Genetics research on local species of crayfish with Professor Cabe  
**THOUGHTS ON STAYING:** "I'm really looking forward to staying! It's an awesome opportunity to do some unique undergraduate research. I know a lot of people are staying here this summer as well and it will be a great time to bond with new and old friends."



**WHO:** Danielle Rosenthal, first-year  
**WHAT:** Neuroscience research with Dr. Whiting  
**THOUGHTS ON STAYING:** "I'm happy to have a research opportunity as a freshman."

PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIN SULLIVAN

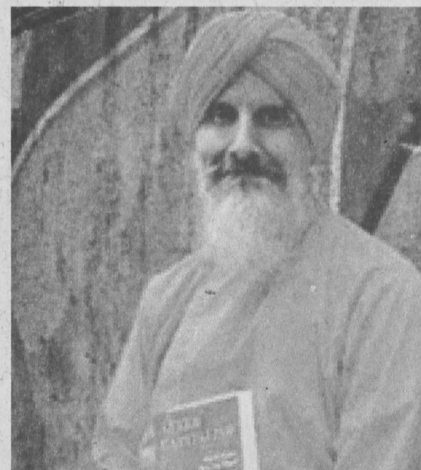
## Dada Maheshvarananda on his book, *After Capitalism*

Renowned activist, writer and monk discusses the emerging role of global capitalism and economic social theory

By James McCullum  
GUEST WRITER

Dada Maheshvarananda, born in the US, is an activist, writer and monk. Since 1978 he has taught meditation and yoga and supervised social service projects, in Southeast Asia, South America and Europe. His recent book, *After Capitalism: Prout's Vision for a New World*, has been published in 10 languages.

He has given hundreds of seminars and workshops around the world about social issues and spiritual values. In Oct. 2006 he opened the Prout Research Institute of Venezuela, which he directs. It is the passion of his life. Here is an interview from Dada just after he left Washington and Lee University.



Dada Maheshvarananda is a renowned activist, writer and monk.

**Q:** If you had to choose one individual who inspired you the most throughout life, who would it be and why?

**A:** First, I'd like to say that I have been inspired by many great women and men, in this country and around the world, who are totally committed to changing the world and who walk their talk. Still, I would say that Sarkar continues to be the greatest inspiration to me. I personally and met him regularly during the last 12 years of his life. Yet he's a difficult person to describe.

I think he was a genius, a renaissance man with revolutionary ideas in many fields. Because of his stand against corruption, the caste system, the exploitation of women and the exploitation by political parties, he was imprisoned for seven years in India. Yet he was a very humble man who had more unconditional love than anyone I've ever met. The scientific lessons of meditation

that he taught empowered me; he made me feel that I was the most important person in the world to him; he inspired me to dedicate my life in service to humanity. I know many other people from around the world who felt the same way. Prout is based on unconditional love for all, that we are one universal human family, hence we can leave nobody behind.

**Q:** Your book, *After Capitalism*, claims that global capitalism is "terminally ill" and doomed to collapse. Why do you think our country is in distress and what do you think we could do to avoid an economic depression?

**A:** Unlike what the corporate-owned media tells us, global capitalism will not last forever. It is terminally ill because it is based on profit, selfishness and greed. It works well for some people, but not for everyone, and nearly half the world's population is living, suffering and dying in poverty. This poverty is completely unnecessary, because the planet has enough resources, if we share them, for everyone to have a high quality of life.

Global capitalism suffers from inherent contradictions that include growing inequity and concentration of wealth, addiction to speculation instead of production, and rising, unsustainable debt. Committed to growth at all costs, global capitalism has become a cancer, out of control and lethal to our planet's life support systems. It cannot last. The way to avoid an economic depression is by building strong local economies in every town and city. Local economies with sustainable agriculture that grows healthy food, renewable "green" industries and credit unions that offer loans to local people are all elements of a vibrant community.

**Q:** As risk takers and opportunity seekers, entrepreneurs enrich society, sometimes benefiting millions with creative products, services and employment. Would you want to stop all their creativity and innovation?

**A:** Not at all. Yet most great innovations are done in teamwork. Because the physical resources of the planet are limited, the hoarding wealth or using it for speculation rather than productive investment reduces the opportunities of other people and causes poverty. A fun-

damental principle of Prout is to limit the accumulation of wealth and create a maximum salary that is tied to the minimum wage.

In the United States, all government federal employees have a starting annual salary of US\$17,803 (General Schedule grade 1). With education, experience and promotions, the highest pay scale for a president or general or judge is US\$179,700 (Senior Executive Service), just ten times higher. Similar pay scales exist for all state and municipal government employees. In Norway, the gap is only 5.3 times, and that country has a very high standard of living. We need an adequate "living wage" for every worker; all earnings in the private sector should also be capped at reasonable maximum levels. The difference between the minimum wage and the maximum salary helps to motivate people to be productive and contribute to society, but they should be fair and appropriate. Just as everyone thinks that government salaries are fair, I think that tying the maximum salary to the minimum in the general economy would also be fair.

**Q:** On the back cover of your book, *After Capitalism*, it says this is "inspired by P.R. Sarkar's Progressive Utilization Theory or Prout." Sarkar lived in India, a country very different from the United States. What is Prout; is it a relevant model for this country?

**A:** Prout is the acronym for Progressive Utilization Theory, a new socio-economic model based on self-reliance of each region, cooperatives, environmental balance and universal spiritual values. Prout supports local economies and the empowerment of people to make economic decisions that directly shape their lives and communities through locally-owned, small-scale private enterprises, worker-owned cooperatives, and publicly-managed utilities. It decentralizes decision-making and gives citizens the right to choose how their local economy should be run.

Noam Chomsky said, "Prout's cooperative model, based on sharing the planet's resources for the welfare of everyone, deserves our serious consideration."

**Q:** Why do you say cooperatives are the "businesses of the future"? Can they re-

ally provide decent jobs for everyone?

**A:** Not everyone is aware that more than one billion people, a sixth of our global population, are members of co-ops. And that cooperatives provide over 100 million jobs around the world, 20 percent more than multinational enterprises! Cooperatives are also more likely to succeed than privately-owned enterprises. In the United States, 60-80 percent of private companies fail in their first year, while only 10 percent of cooperatives fail during that period. After five years, only three to five percent of new U.S. corporations are still in business, while nearly 90 percent of co-ops remain viable. Cooperatives benefit communities by creating jobs, retaining wealth and increasing social connections among the people.

**Q:** Why have you chosen to live in Venezuela for the last six years as director of the Prout Research Institute of Venezuela? What was your opinion of the late President Hugo Chávez?

**A:** I have taught Prout and done social service work for 35 years in Asia, Europe and Latin America. Ten years ago, on June 1, 2003, I was invited to meet Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez on his weekly television show to present the Spanish edition of my first Prout book, which was published in Caracas.

He said, "Dada Maheshvarananda has given us a book that we appreciate very much. Your visit has come at such an opportune moment.... Thank you very much, brother, and let's continue with spirituality, spirit, good faith, morality and the mystical force that moves the world. Dada Maheshvarananda and other citizens of the world are welcome to visit, especially those who come in good faith and offer their ideas, their spirit and their moral flame to the Bolivarian Revolution. This has attracted the attention of the whole world, especially those who struggle and dream of a better world, just as it says in *After Capitalism*." His words inspired me.

Many of the goals of Prout are the same as the goals of the Bolivarian Revolution, such as to guarantee the necessities of life to all, to be self-reliant in food, and for workers to manage their own enterprises. President Chávez called for a "socialism for the 21st Century," but he admitted he did not know exactly what that meant. Sarkar has

called Prout "progressive socialism", and I believe this is the most logical and rational type of economic and social system that will benefit all Venezuelans.

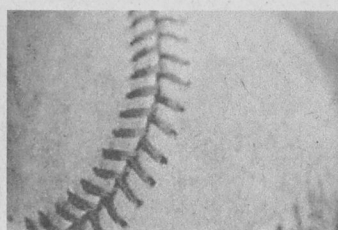
**Q:** Where can we see models of Prout or economic democracy in practice? Have any countries adopted Prout? Is this model really practical?

**A:** The Future Vision Ecological Park outside Sao Paulo, Brazil is a model of integrated rural development based on Sarkar's vision. Founded in 1992 by Dr. Susan Andrews, the center teaches personal transformation through Biopsychology and community transformation through Prout to more than 9,000 course participants each year. In the Philippines, nine major regional Prout movements are active, each with a different language and flag; together they have formed a Proutist coalition called Ang Kasama, which means "united companions" in Tagalog.

With 5,000 activists and 200 Proutist leaders, they have adopted the slogan "Our culture is our strength!" They promote local languages and cultures, start cooperatives, promote solidarity among all Filipinos, and fight against pseudo-culture and psycho-economic exploitation. In an extremely poor rural district of Chhattisgarh, India, Pradeep Sharma and 15 young Proutists have started more than 100 village agricultural cooperatives that are earning each woman the equivalent of about \$4 per day for the produce they grow; chronic malnutrition is disappearing, while the purchasing capacity and quality of life of the people are increasing. There are many more.

Although examples of Prout cooperatives and communities exist on every continent, the world has not yet seen how this model can enrich the living standard and quality of life of all in an entire state or country. Personally, I believe that the Prout is the most complete and practical way to solve the problems of the world: to end hunger, poverty and war, to protect and restore the natural environment, and to bring a high quality of life to everyone. Prout is not a rigid mold to be imposed on any society. Rather, it comprises a holistic set of dynamic principles that can be applied appropriately to help any area prosper in an ecological way.

# sports



## in the numbers

### 1

The total number of first-place votes that Miami Heat player LeBron James took for the NBA MVP voting. It was the fourth time that he won the award. Oklahoma City Thunder Kevin Durant was second and New York Knick Carmelo Anthony was third.

### 6

Kevin Durant scored six of the final seven field goals for the Oklahoma City Thunder in their Game 1 win in the second round of the playoffs over the Memphis Grizzlies. He scored 35 points, had 15 rebounds, and six assists for the game.

### 44

The total number of wins that boxer Floyd Mayweather has after he defeated Robert Guerrero by unanimous decision on Saturday. He remained undefeated.

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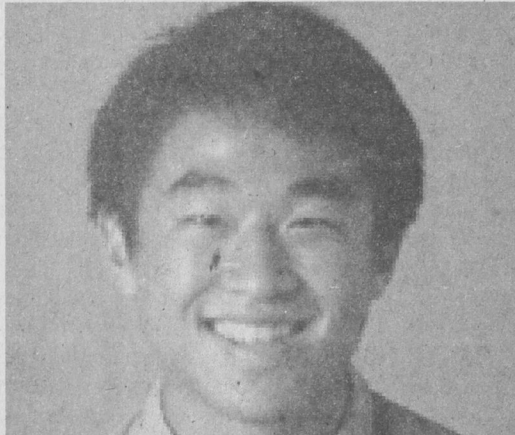
The total number of runnings of the Kentucky Derby after Saturday's running. Orb won at Churchill Downs with jockey Joel Rosario. The win gives trainer Shug McGaughey his first ever victory at the Kentucky Derby.

## soapbox

*"It was a difficult decision, and we talked about it, but looking at the long-term and the future of this organization, I felt it was best to look elsewhere to try and find the right fit."*

**—Brooklyn Nets General Manager Billy King about not retaining Head Coach P.J. Carlesimo. Carlesimo went 35-19 with the Nets when he became interim head coach after replacing Avery Johnson, from espn.com**

## Athlete of the Week



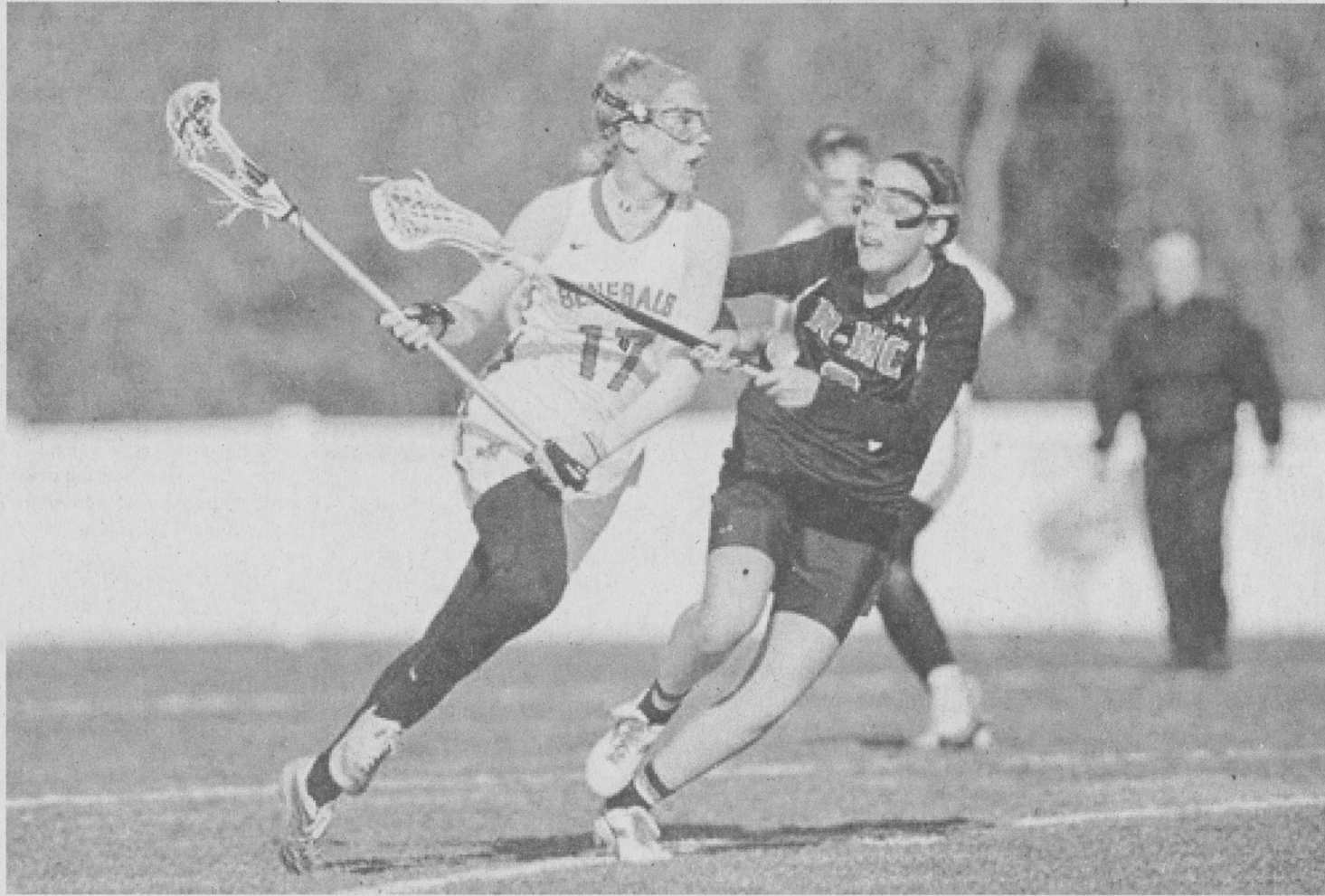
This week's athlete of the week is Aaron Jeong. Jeong tied the school record in the 100m on Saturday, running a 10.84 in the prelims. Wes Boyd, clas of 1990, and Marc Watson, class of 2001, also have run a 10.84. Jeong just missed the same time again in the finals, running a 10.85.

## ondeck

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Men's Lacrosse							
Women's Lacrosse			1st round NCAA TBD				
Men's Tennis					1st round NCAA TBD	2nd round NCAA TBD	3rd round NCAA TBD
Women's Tennis					1st round NCAA TBD	2nd round NCAA TBD	3rd round NCAA TBD
Men's Track	at Lynchburg	at Lynchburg		at Roanoke			
Women's Track	at Lynchburg	at Lynchburg				at UVA Challenge	

# Lax takes ODAC title

By Leigh Dannhauser  
SPORTS EDITOR



The women's lacrosse team won the ODAC title, having defeated Shenandoah on Saturday. Courtesy of GeneralsSports.com

The road was not easy, but the Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team once again hoisted the ODAC championship trophy on Saturday after defeating Shenandoah 11-8.

The fourth-seeded Generals took on second-seed Shenandoah in an away game rematch of their loss earlier this season.

This time the Generals came out on top. It was a tight first half with W&L taking a slim 3-2 lead. The game remained close throughout the entirety of the game, but the Generals were able to gain some breathing room when they started a 3-0 run under 19 minutes to go in the game. Junior attacker Margaret Klein

scored two unassisted goals in a row to bring the score to 7-4, quickly followed by fellow junior midfielder Meade Brewster who added another unassisted goal of her own.

Shenandoah was able to cut the lead down to 8-6 with just under ten minutes to go but W&L went on another 3-0 run to keep the Hornets at bay. Shenandoah scored the final two goals of the game but it was not enough to make up the difference.

Klein found the back of the net four times in the afternoon to lead the Generals. First-year midfielder Emily Conway contributed three goals of her own. In the net for W&L

was sophomore Cara Mulligan. She played the full 60 minutes in goal, making ten saves.

Additionally, five Generals were named to the all-tournament team. Mulligan, Brewster, and Conway made the team along with first-year defender Rebecca Dean and junior attacker Katie Hagen.

With the win W&L earns an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the fourth year in a row. The opening round is on Wednesday with the location and opponent yet to be determined.

## W&L Men's Lacrosse Falls to Roanoke in ODAC Title Tilt, 10-9

Courtesy of Generals Sports

SALEM, Va. — Seventh-ranked and top-seeded Roanoke College broke open a 2-2 game with a three-goal run in the second quarter en route to posting a 10-9 victory over 12th-ranked and third-seeded Washington and Lee in the ODAC Men's Lacrosse Championship Game on Sunday afternoon at Kerr Stadium.

The Generals (15-4) knotted the game at 2-2 with 2:55 left in the opening quarter when junior midfielder Joe Wood (Bronxville, N.Y./Bronxville) scored unassisted on an extraman advantage. However, the Maroons (15-3) seized control of the contest with their aforementioned run that began just seven seconds into the second period. Senior attacker Richard Lachlan scored all three goals in a span of 4:06, the last occurring man-up with 10:47 left in the half for a 5-2 lead.

Senior midfielder Cooper Brown (Baltimore, Md./Gilman) scored a pair of goals in the final 8:08 of the half, and sophomore attacker Cameron Dabir (Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich./Culver Academy) scored a goal between a pair of Maroon tallies as Roanoke carried a 7-5 advantage into the half.

The Maroons pushed back out to a four-goal lead (9-5) early in the third quarter on scores by first-year attackman Tyler McWilliams and senior midfielder Mike Hayden, but the Generals climbed back to within three goals when Dabir scored unassisted at the 3:33 mark of the third quarter.

W&L sliced the RC lead to 9-7 when sophomore attackman Tyler Goldman (New York, N.Y./Loomis Chaffee) scored off an assist from Brown just 38 seconds into the final period. The Maroons made it 10-7 on a goal by first-year attackman Will Pilat at 12:58, but the Generals made a run at tying the game in the final minutes. Wood scored with 6:40 remaining and W&L made it a one-goal game



(10-9) with 3:14 left when Dabir scored off a feed from Brown.

W&L received a man-up opportunity in the final two minutes, but Roanoke junior goalkeeper Charles Pease posted a save with just over a minute remaining and the Maroons possessed the ball for the rest of the game to walk away with the title.

Dabir led the Generals with four goals and one assist, scoring his 100th career point in the process. He now has 103 career points. Brown totaled two goals and two assists, and Wood finished with a pair of goals. Sophomore Warren Berenis (Ocoee, Fla./Lake

Highland Prep) played the duration in goal and made nine saves. Brown, Berenis and senior defenseman Joe LaSala (Wilton, Conn./Wilton) were all named to the all-tournament team.

Lachlan paced the Maroons with four goals, while Hayden had two goals and three assists. Pilat added one goal and three assists, and Pease totaled 14 saves in goal.

Washington and Lee will now wait to find out if it will receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament which begins with the first round on Wednesday. The field will be announced this evening at 10:00 pm.