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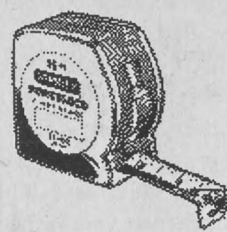
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The Lexington Post Office has recently been flooded with letters bearing e-mail addresses. Kevin McManemin explores how the local P.O. deals with this and other hot issues.

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Photo by Hollister Hovey

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Photo by Hollister Hovey/Photo Editor

Flowers are placed under freshman Jack Bowden's window in his memory.

Panhellenic promotes open contact

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK
PHI NEWS EDITOR

After years of upperclass sorority women and freshman women tip-toeing around constricting rush regulations, the Panhellenic Council has relaxed the rules. Previous rules entailed closed contact between upperclassmen and freshmen, but the 1997-98 year brings open contact and a promise of a more comfortable rush.

"The girls who are the happiest after rush are the women who knew and had friendships with upperclassmen girls throughout the year," Panhellenic Judicial Vice President Sara McCrone said. "The purpose of having open contact is so that the girls can make an informed decision about the sorority they choose."

In times of closed contact, upper-

classmen and freshmen could not socialize together in the upperclassmen's residence, study together in a place other than the library or eat meals together.

Open contact encourages upperclassmen and freshmen to form relationships with each other by engaging in those activities that were once taboo.

"I think that this will make the pre-rush period and actual rush less awkward. People will be able to make lasting friendships that will last beyond rush without being nervous about breaking the rules."

Panhellenic stresses that freshman women cannot attend a sorority woman's party involving alcohol. "If freshman women show up at such a party, the sorority women who live there should approach them and ask

them to leave."

Panhellenic rules also prohibit sorority women from buying anything, especially alcohol, for freshman women, McCrone said. "This would include paying for a meal," McCrone said.

Above all, the new rules promise less stress for freshman women about what they can and cannot do. "I just don't want the freshman girls to feel any pressure anymore about breaking rules," McCrone said. "The rules are a little vague and have a lot of leeway."

Other Panhellenic adjustments include overtures toward a less materialistic rush by cutting the budgets for rush dates. "Other schools like University of Richmond have moved to

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W&L is more wired than we know

By DARCEY LIVINGSTON
PHI STAFF WRITER

"Beginning in spring 1997, (Washington and Lee) students will be required to register for classes online."

What?

Don't worry. This comment, along with several others, was printed erroneously in the May 1997 issue of *Yahoo! Internet Life*. The online magazine wrote an article on what it deemed to be "America's 100 Most Wired Colleges." W&L ranked 37th in the ratings. However, according

to Science Librarian Hugh Blackmer, the rating does not mean much.

A representative from *Yahoo!* magazine called Blackmer and in an informal interview asked him for information he could not provide with 100% accuracy.

"I pulled numbers out of the air," said Blackmer. "But they were as good of an estimate as anyone can make."

Some of the estimates made by Blackmer include percentages for the number of student-owned computers, classes with webpages and students

with webpages.

The one estimate printed by *Yahoo!* with which Blackmer did not agree was for classes with online homework. *Yahoo!* printed it as 45%. Blackmer thought it was high, but then said he could not be sure.

"If they took into account the students' ability to communicate with their professors about homework through e-mail, then it could be 45%," said Blackmer.

The major discrepancies occurred

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Tragic accident takes W&L freshman's life

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK & JASON ZACHER
THE RING-TUM PHI

It was a message no one will ever forget.

Every campus phone received a message Saturday morning from Director of Communications Brian Shaw stating that freshman John Joseph "Jack" Bowden died Saturday from severe head trauma. Bowden allegedly fell from his second floor Gilliam Dormitory window Friday at 9:38 p.m. Sophomores Rebecca Makkai and Katie Hinz were on their way back from a performance at Lee Chapel when they found Bowden in his boxer shorts on the sidewalk between Gilliam and the Overnight Guest house. While Makkai stayed with Bowden, Hinz ran to the infirmary where the nurse called security and 911.

"At first I thought that he had been shot," Makkai said. "There was blood all the way down to the street."

"When we got there, he seemed frightened. Once we began to take care of him, he seemed to calm down... It was almost like he went to sleep."

She talked to Bowden, while rubbing his arm, even though he was unconscious. "I didn't know if he could hear me," Makkai said. "I told him not to move or say anything, to keep breathing and that he was going to be OK."

Security and the paramedics arrived within four to five minutes.

"It appears he fell out of the second floor window and struck his head on the sidewalk," Director of Security Mike Young said yesterday. He would not speculate on the cause of the fall. "It's really a mystery. I can't speculate, but it appears it was an accident," Young said.

Paramedics took Bowden to Stonewall Jackson Hospital where he was stabilized and then airlifted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital shortly after midnight. He was admitted to

the Neurotrauma Unit at 1:05 a.m. Saturday morning. He was pronounced brain dead early that morning due to severe head injuries.

Dean of Students David Howison called Bowden's parents from Stonewall Jackson. Dr. Jane Horton was on duty at the hospital and also spoke with Bowden's parents. Howison then drove to Roanoke Memorial.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Bowden drove from their home in Darien, Conn. and arrived in Roanoke at 8 a.m. Saturday and met with Howison. After consulting doctors, his parents discontinued life support and made the decision to donate his organs.



Bowden

The university and Lexington Police Department's investigations are still outstanding,

and no information has been released yet. The officer on duty Friday night Sergeant E.W. Straub had no comment.

Young asks that anyone with any information about Bowden's accident contact security or the police immediately.

Bowden graduated from Darien High School. At W&L, he was a member of Beta Theta Phi fraternity and an avid tennis player. Howison stated that Bowden's parents repeated how much he loved W&L.

"He was just one of those guys that got along with everyone on the hall," Gilliam 208 resident Brian Prisco said. "You didn't have to know him really well to know he was a nice guy."

"He had a really happy personality," hallmate Steven Straub said. "This has been a really tough weekend because a lot of the guys on the hall were good friends with him."

The university's counselor Dean Schroer-Lamont and the peer counselors are available for any students who need support. The Dorm Counselors had a meeting with Schroer-Lamont, Horton, and Dr. James Worth also.

As of our press time, there have not yet been funeral or memorial services scheduled.

Staff Writer George Urban and Associate Editor Andrea Ewing contributed to this article.

Women's Forum sponsors campus security discussion

By TARAH GRANT
PHI FEATURES EDITOR

Washington and Lee's following of the Campus Security Act was questioned at the Women's Forum panel discussion about campus security last Thursday in the University Center. The Campus Security Act deals with reporting crimes against women.

"It is important to educate students and raise awareness on issues that impact students emotionally," Women's Forum Advisor and Associate Dean Anne Schroer-Lamont said. "Since the undergraduate school had never done an awareness program from the legal standpoint, (forum leaders and their Board of Advisors) decided to sponsor one this year."

Women's Forum invited Attorney Elizabeth Griffin '91, who is employed by the Council of Higher Education of Virginia, Director of Security Mike Young, Attorney and W&L Law School Professor Joan Shaughnessy and Dean David Howison to the discussion. Shaughnessy was the moderator of the discussion.

Howison, who is "charged with the responsibility of enforcing (the Campus Security Act)," according to Schroer-Lamont, was unable to attend at the last minute due to an Alumni

Weekend activity.

In their opening statements, the invitees spoke on their areas of expertise. Griffin explained the Campus Security Act, which requires colleges and universities to publish their crime statistics. Young emphasized that security's role is to make sure students are safe. "We feel we are in compliance with (the act)," Young said. "We are doing as much as is required and more."

Students can take pride in knowing that W&L is a place one can feel comfortable walking from the library at 2 a.m., Young said.

He noted the two primary improvements in campus security since he came in 1991: the installation of the card access system and the development and implementation of a self defense course for women. Young also told audience members to note the location of security call boxes on campus and that if a student ever feels uncomfortable about walking someplace, and call security for a ride.

"We want to do everything possible to make sure it is safe and take care of you, and in return we only ask that you try to take care of yourself, be aware, use common sense," Young said. "It's not in your best interest to

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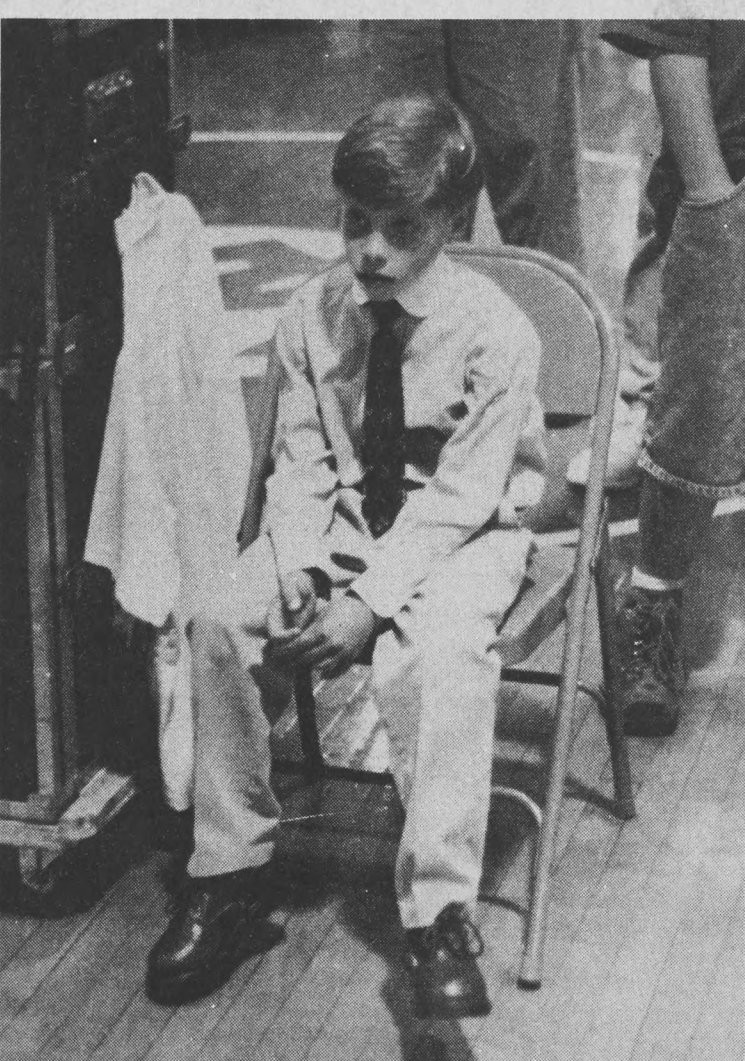


Photo by Hollister Hovey/Photo Editor

Future Alumnus

Some visitors for Alumni weekend probably didn't have as much fun as their parents did.

GENERAL NOTES

BEAT EXPERT SPEAKS

Aspiring beat poets, don't miss Virginia Military Institute Professor of English Gordon Ball's public lecture "The Journals of Allen Ginsberg" on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in duPont Auditorium. Ball, an expert on the Beat Generation, edited several volumes of poetry with Ginsberg. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

LAW STUDENTS GRADUATE

Third year law students will be celebrating this Sunday, May 11, as commencement exercises begin in front of the Lee House at 2:30 p.m. The Honorable Roscoe B. Stephenson '43 and '47L, a Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, will deliver the address. The commencement, which will be followed by a reception at the Alumni House for the 117 graduates and their families, will be moved to the Warner Center in the event of inclement weather.

SONOKLECT SEASON ENDS

The Sonoklect season ends Saturday with native Lexingtonian Christine Schladeberg's recital of 20th century American Art songs. University of Pennsylvania's department of music chair James Primosch will accompany Schladeberg as she performs three sacred songs by Primosch, along with pieces by Samuel Barber, Charles Ives, Luciano Berio and George Gershwin. The concert, followed by a reception, begins at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center, is open to the public free of charge.

SOCIOLOGIST FOCUSES ON WOMEN

Warsaw University professor of sociology Renata Siemienka-Zochowska will present "Women in Post-Communist Countries: Coping with Old and New Rights and Duties," Monday at 8 p.m. in room 327 of the Commerce School. Siemienka-Zochowska is the director of the University of Warsaw's program on gender studies and is an advisor to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The public is invited to attend.

JEUNET-CARO AT THE TROUBADOUR

The W&L film society presents "The City of Lost Children" on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10. The French film with English subtitles is directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro and features an evil futuristic scientist who kidnaps children and steals their dreams. Screenings are at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. Admission is free of charge, but donations are welcome.

POSTERS FOR SALE

In other Film Society news, the mounted movie posters at the Troubadour Theatre will go on sale during the screenings of "City of the Lost Children" on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10.

VAN GOGH VISITS W&L

Van Gogh will be on the Hill in the form of Maurice Pialat's 1992 film "Van Gogh" on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Reid Hall screening room. The film is presented by the Film Society and the Department of Romance Languages. The public is invited to attend.

W&L HOSTS ETHICS INSTITUTE

W&L will hold the Medical Ethics Institute this Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10. The Ethics Institute is designed to engage visiting scholars and undergraduate students in intensive seminars concerning medical ethics. Howard Brody, professor of family practice and philosophy and director of the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences at Michigan State University, will be the keynote speaker. His public lecture, "Managed Care, the Marketplace, and the Future of the Physician-Patient Relationship" is at 4:30 p.m. on Friday in room 327 of the Commerce School.

GO ON EARTH WALK

An "Earth Walk," a special trip that will help you "claim personal empowerment" will be held June 27-29 and August 8-10. The walk will be led by licensed therapist Richard Dulee. To register for this opportunity write the Wolf Mountain Center at Route 1 Box 353, Alderson, W.Va. 24910 or call at (304) 445-7667. You can also e-mail your registration to wolfmtn@inetone.net. Information flyers are available in the University Center.

OUTING CLUB GOES FLY-FISHING

If you missed last Wednesday's instructions on fly-casting and fly-knot tying you have another chance to hone your skills. This Wednesday the W&L Outing Club will be holding lessons on how to cast a fly-rod and how to read water and later in the month they will be fly-fishing on a pond at Skylark Farms and then fly-fishing on a river for trout. For more information, contact S.R. Evans.

-Compiled by Peggy Stuntz

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go out and get drunk because bad things can happen to you."

During the following question session, Schroer-Lamont turned the conversation to what the university is not doing, including informing students of dangerous situations, reporting accurate statistics and clarifying reporting procedures.

A big concern at other campuses is the use of the Rohyponol ("Rophies"), a drug that causes unconsciousness and amnesia and is referred to as the "date rape" drug. When a student audience member asked about the use of Rohyponol on campus, Young responded, "I can't say it hasn't happened, it just hasn't been reported to us that we can confirm."

Schroer-Lamont interjected that the use of Rohyponol has been reported to the Student Health Services. "And Dr. Horton (the University Medical Director) has worked with several patients who she feels very likely were victims of, perhaps not Rohyponol, but of some foreign agent put into a drink where a person went completely limp after having a half glass of wine or half a beer," Schroer-Lamont said.

She explained that in the four years that the university did sexual

assault surveys, "the same two fraternities were named again and again by women reporting they had taken a drink at a party and had experienced a very quick reaction of their legs turning rubbery and passing out. ... There is a good chance that in past years, even prior to Rohyponol, that there were a couple of groups on campus that did know of some agent and few members may have used it and a few of our female students may have ingested it."

Schroer-Lamont then mentioned that the university has allegedly altered crime statistics. She read from the 1995 Report on Campus Crime and Campus Security, which reported no rapes for four years, 1991-95.

To Schroer-Lamont's statement Young said, "It can't be."

"Well it is, my eyes say," Schroer-Lamont replied. "It was interesting when we looked at the earlier reports and looked at the later ones, we saw we had changed our numbers."

According to Schroer-Lamont, there is a discrepancy between statistics in the early federal reports that went out to The Chronicle of Higher Education and the ones that were published the following year. Since each report covers a span of four years, "We have not been consistent," she said.

Schroer-Lamont also believes that

the university does not clearly explain to students the procedures for reporting a crime so that it will be included in the crime statistics. While Young, who works with Howison in compiling crime statistics, emphasized that Security should be contacted in sexual misconduct cases, the Student Handbook says students should report sexual misconduct to Dean Anece McCloud.

Dean McCloud's office publishes an annual report with numbers concerning date rapes, rapes, sexual assaults and harassment that are "substantially larger" than those published by Howison's office. Schroer-Lamont thinks students need to be better informed of who they should report cases to. "I don't think there is anywhere in the literature that says students can report it to Mr. Young or any of his staff members that work in Security," she said.

"It's pretty common sense," Young responded. "You call me if your wallet gets stolen, why wouldn't you call me for any other crime?"

Young said McCloud doesn't share information from her counseling sessions with him and that the numbers reported in the crime statistics are confirmed cases only where an investigation has taken place.

"I just want to make it clear to the students that if they have a

friend who has been assaulted, to come by (Security) and go to Dean McCloud and to talk to the Commonwealth Attorney and/or a police officer," Schroer-Lamont told the audience.

Several students stayed around after the discussion to ask questions one-on-one with the panel members.

Sophomore Patrick McCormack, the only male audience member, came to learn more about the legal issues of campus security and left concerned about how students felt sexual misconduct students were being handled.

"I think W&L is doing everything it can to live up to the obligations of the law," he said. "What worries me is that concern about sexual misconduct cases continues to be an unresolved issue for so many of our classmates. ... I think some students are overwhelmed by our current system and I think more could be done to explain it."

Schroer-Lamont believes that the evening was a success if awareness was raised and the audience went away with helpful information. "If the program also encourages people to ask more questions and work to make our campus even safer, then the program was a double success," she said.

Websites of the Week

By MATTHEW CRAIG
PHI STAFF WRITER

This week marks the beginning of a new feature in *The Ring-tum Phi*, the websites of the week. Essentially, every week I plan, to use a trite expression, to "surf the web," and locate three webpages that I find particularly amusing. Each week will also have a theme of some sort. In other words, I'm going to subject you to the tyranny of my own sense of humor.

The sites that the *Phi* staff has located this week for your amusement or horror, depending upon how you look at it, are prime examples of what happens when people with computers have too much free time. All of these websites can be accessed from the *Phi* online at <http://www.wlu.edu/~phi>. The websites selected for this week are:

The Cheese Site

<http://www.trend1.com/~harrisb/cheese/cheese.html>

This site sounds pretty tame, but truthfully it's pretty bizarre. The links off of this page include my personal favorite, the cheese torture shop, the cheese commandments, use for 160 slices of American cheese, and what this guy does in school.

The Elite Giffy Peanut Butter Exchange

<http://www.graceland.edu/~elroyomj/>

This site is actually some guy's homepage, who in an apparent fit of boredom came up with some hilarious links. You can check out two old guys in a sauna or the five greatest yak pictures of all time, but first and foremost, you have to cast your votes in the cool guy contest. Juan Valdez gets my votes. I just love his pimpy clothes.

Monkeys Typing Shakespeare

<http://bronte.cs.utas.edu.au/monkey/>

I think this one is pretty self-explanatory, but for those of you who don't have as keen a grasp of the obvious I'll provide one. This site is an experiment to see if a group of monkeys can randomly type in Shakespeare's famous line of "to be or not to be." So far, they're doing slightly better than a group of Roanoke college students. Hopefully, sometime in the near future, I'll be able to hire these guys to write my papers for me.

STUDENT BODY NOTICE

The Student-Faculty Hearing Board met at the end of Winter Term 1997 and heard testimony regarding the complaint of sexual misconduct. The complaint was made by a Washington and Lee female concerning the sexual misconduct against her by a Washington and Lee male. The board found the male guilty of unwanted sexual contact and imposed the following penalties:

- Counseling with a Washington and Lee counselor for a minimum of six hours.
- Referral by a University counselor to an alcohol abuse program.
- Conduct probation for the remainder of residence at Washington and Lee. Any future conviction on sexual misconduct charges will be grounds for the more serious penalties of either suspension or dismissal from the University.

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in the "Student Affairs" part of the rating.

According to Yahoo!, W&L currently has online registration, online add/drop, and online syllabi.

University Registrar Scott Dittman told the Phi last week that he wants to move toward online registration, but the estimated cost of \$35,000 is too expensive at this time.

Blackmer said the Yahoo! representative did not ask him anything about student affairs, so he has no

idea where the magazine got its information.

Overall, Blackmer said that one can not put much stock in the ratings.

"For the questions asked, there was no objective way to know the answers," said Blackmer.

In addition, part of the rating relied on whether W&L had an online gaming, chat or dating service; or a popular online hangout.

W&L did beat out schools such as Brown (43), Cornell (50), Yale (60), Harvard (64) and University of Virginia (69). Topping the list were Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1) and Northwestern University (2).

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a rush with less frills and have been very successful," McCrone said. "Rush is about the women knowing each other and mutually selecting each other, not about which sorority can dazzle the most amount of girls with the most decorations."

The newest sorority, Kappa Delta, will be treated fairly in the budget for rush dates. "All of the other sororities have props and

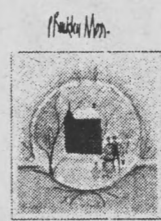
decorations from previous years, and because KD doesn't have all of that stuff, something will be done to level the playing field."

McCrone expects and welcomes questions about the new rush rules in the upcoming year.

"Panhellenic thinks the new open contact rules and the move toward a no frills rush will be positives changes," McCrone said. "We are excited to see the results. Rush will be changed for the better."

Correction

The Ring-tum Phi incorrectly cited Patrick O'Connell ran against Greta Richter for SJC Secretary in: "SJC Blue Book: how the whole thing happened." Incorrect information was given to the reporter on the following: Robert Comvington was elected by the student body. The article was written before the end of Winter Term at which time the Council was unclear as to when the Blue Book would take effect. It does not take effect until the first day of Fall Term 1997. All students will receive in the mail a copy of the SJC Blue Book prior to the end of Spring Term.



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Paintball

Blue Ridge Paintball opens soon

By DAVID BALSLEY
PHI EDITORIAL EDITOR

Soon, running through the woods, brandishing weapons and hunting camouflage-clad opponents will be an everyday activity in Buena Vista.

Blue Ridge Paintball will introduce the city to the sport of paintball when it opens May 3. The facility, set on a wooded two acre field, will offer the excitement and challenge of one of America's newest pastimes.

Paintball is a combination of hide-and-go-seek and tag, where players "tag" one another by using air guns to shoot their opponents with pellets full of paint. The sport, which originated in the early 1980s, can be played in a variety of ways, the most common being "Cap-

ture the Flag." In any version of the game, when a player is hit by a paintball, the paintball splits open, leaving a bright paint mark on the person's clothing. The player is then out. The paint is nontoxic, noncaustic and water-soluble, and will wash out of clothing and off of skin, according to the homepage of the National Paintball Network. For more information on the sport, point your web browser to <http://www.onlinepaintball.com>.

Kenny Lewis, who operates Blue Ridge Paintball, has played and enjoyed paintball and would recommend it to anyone.

"It really gets your adrenaline going," Lewis said. "It's the closest thing to war games around."

Lewis' new facility will offer nearly two acres of wood and field on which to play two different versions of paintball:

Capture the Flag and Elimination. The field will feature many places for savvy players to hide, including two forts, brush, wooded areas and a ravine.

Blue Ridge Paintball will offer M68 semi-automatic paintball airguns with 12 oz. CO₂ tanks for rent. The cost of rental is \$12 for four hours, except in the case of large groups (about thirty people), which will be able to rent the guns for a full day for the same price.

Paintballs will cost \$6 for one hundred pellets. The average paintball player uses about 300 paintballs per session.

Included in the cost of gun rental is the use of a full-facial mask for eye protection and the use of the grounds. If you want to use your own paintgun, there is a \$6 field charge. Also, Lewis can fill your CO₂ tanks for a nominal fee.

"We're new. We're going to be flexible and we'll work with people," Lewis said.

Players are encouraged to wear clothing which covers all of their body, including gloves. Although the balls can sting, players should not be bothered if they are adequately clothed.

Blue Ridge Paintball is located one mile south on Route 501, about a twenty minute drive from Lexington. Anyone interested in playing should call for reservations, preferably four days to a week in advance. There is no minimum group size, but a deposit is required for larger groups. For reservations, call (540) 261-9157.

If you haven't tried this sport yet, visit Blue Ridge Paintball. It's the most fun you can have with paint.



Serious paintball players meet to discuss their game strategy.

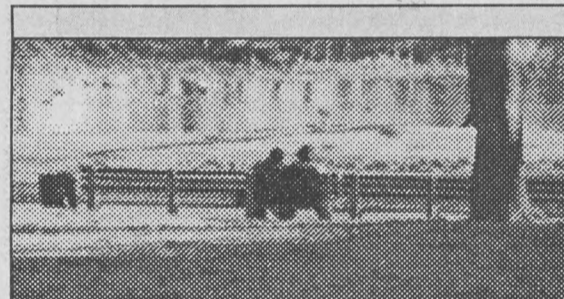


Photo courtesy of Central Park's web page

Zoo Story opens this week

Zach Hanks and Bill Haase will star in "The Zoo Story" 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday night in the Johnson Theatre. Directed by senior Dan Tipton, the play is about two men who meet by chance at a bench in Central Park. Haase portrays Peter, an average middle-class family man who is spending the afternoon reading in the park when he is approached by Jerry, played by Hanks. Jerry, the complete opposite of Peter, lives a lonely existence without family or friends in a boarding house. The play starts simply as a conversation between the two men until the retelling of past experiences and painful memories climaxes in a tragic ending.

LENFEST CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets for musical available

Don't forget to get tickets for W&L's production of "Into the Woods." The musical is a collaboration of the music and theater departments. Such collaborations only occur about once every three years. Previous joint productions were "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Evita."

"It's a very exciting time," Professor Al Gordon, director of the show, said. "We all look forward to it. It's a lovely musical with really intriguing music."

Molly Harmon said working on the production is fun. "I really enjoy meeting the new people," she said.

The box office reports that tickets will probably sell out by the week before the performances, so reserve seats now. Performances are May 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and May 25 at 2 p.m. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the Box Office at 462-8000.

- by Phi Staff Writer Erica Prosser



Photo courtesy of Louise Uffelman

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HELPS BUILD SHELTER

By B.J. WALKER
PHI STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity is about to embark on one of its most ambitious programs so far.

At the suggestion of Professor Brian Richardson, W&L's Habitat chapter, along with the Rockbridge area Project Horizon, has agreed to build a shelter for battered women.

Project Horizon attempts to increase awareness of domestic violence through education programs and assist victims of abuse. They have been very active in the past, but currently there are no shelters in the entire Rockbridge area. Project Horizon has pledged to raise the funds for the shelter if local Habitat chapters will volunteer the labor to construct the facility.

The first fund-raiser scheduled is a barn dance to be held on Friday. Sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry, Project Horizon and Habitat for Humanity, the event is hoped to raise enough funds to defray a good portion of the costs of building the shelter.

All proceeds will be used to buy construction materials. It is the first in what will become a series of events designed to raise enough money to pay for the house. If all goes as planned, construction will begin sometime late next fall.

The dance will be an old-fashioned square dance. Wildgrass will provide the music and Becky Mackenzie will call all the dances. The organizer's stress that no previous experience is needed; they just want everyone to come out and contribute.

In the meantime, the W&L Habitat chapter will continue construction on its third house. Begun earlier this year, the house should be finished by the middle of the summer. Usually, students work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and the local Habitat chapter will be assuming responsibility for the construction after classes end in late May. The local chapter is always looking for support from W&L students.

The dance begins at 7:30 p.m. at Rockbridge Vineyards. Admission is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. For more information on the dance contact Burr Datz at 463-3533. To volunteer in the construction contact W&L Habitat chapter president David Sugerman at 463-2235.



the colonnade club



Leave your khakis in the closet, go hug a tree W&L will celebrate Earth Day this week

By JUSTIN RIEDELL
PHI STAFF WRITER

Dust off those Birkenstocks and get ready to lend a hand. Earth Day comes to Washington and Lee University Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., two weeks after the national festivities held April 22.

The program, sponsored by the Recycling Committee and the Environment Awareness Committee, calls for a mix of entertainment and volunteerism.

"We're having an Earth Day to increase student awareness of campus environmental groups and show students how much can be done for the environment," freshman Recycling Committee member Katie Hudson said.

The main event will be a recycling contest. The student or group gathering the most cans will win a pizza party for thirty people. Two Night Owl Music gift certificates will be given out as door prizes to people bringing in cans.

Entertainment in the Graham-Lees

quad includes local band Wild Grass, fraternity favorite Tight Slacks and an acoustic band led by sophomore Charlotte Graham.

"The traditionally conservative W&L students do not get involved with environmental issues because they view it as 'tree-hugging,'" Hudson said. Events like Earth Day, tree plantings and roadside clean-ups are designed to change those perceptions and encourage involvement.



To boast involvement, the Recycling Committee and Environmental Awareness Committee are designing a program to encourage involvement with the incoming freshmen.

"We have to try and get people to appreciate the importance of recycling and other environmental issues," E.A.C. head Anthony Dvaskas said.

Both Hudson and Dvaskas encourage W&L students to pitch in for the environment. The E.A.C. meets Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in the University Center Game Room. To become a part of the Outing Club's environmental efforts, contact S.R. Evans at 462-4066.

Doug and Robin's Restaurant Reviews

The Staircase, Lexington

On Lee Ave., across from Chi Psi.

Ratings (1-5): Pepper Grinder: 3; Powder Room: 1 (too small); Service: 2.5; Food Quality: 3; Food Presentation: 3.5; Price Range: \$5-\$15

Staircase fills customers' stomachs, expectations

For the most part, the Delt alumni have slack jobs and like to show up early for big weekends in Lexington. Spos did as much and arrived the Thursday before Alumni Weekend, so we decided to return to one of our old favorites, The Staircase, with Spos and "Yale-Boy" Jason in tow.

The Staircase is located in the basement of Mountain Copy and Graphics; the owners have done much to improve the dungeonesque atmosphere that plagued the previous restaurant in their location. Brightly lit with music always playing, the atmosphere in The Staircase is great for what they offer: All-American dining.

The menu is varied, offering everything from Burgers to Steak to Chicken Florentine to Vegetable Stir-Fry. The Staircase offers regular dinner specials on most nights, and the bar has a wide selection of beverages including our favorites, Guinness and Bass, on tap.

Jason, having recently finished his English Comps, decided to eat early and dedicate the rest of the evening to assorted beverages. We "ordered up a mess of" Buffalo Wings to start. Doug and Spos enjoyed them, but Robin found the wings to be a little too spicy for her palette. The restaurant was really packed and the wings were slow coming out of the kitchen but were worth the wait.

After allowing ample time for us to finish the wings and enjoy a second round of beverages, the waiter returned and we ordered. Spos chose the Angel Hair pasta with the special homemade marinara

sauce, while we both chose the Steak Fajitas. Jason stuck with his liquid diet.

Everyone enjoyed their meals. Spos especially liked the special homemade sauce; we found the fajitas to be quite tasty and filling, although they were not of the traditional Tex-Mex variety at El Puerto. The food presentation served to make the meal pleasing and desirable; nice garnishes were provided with all the dishes, and good combinations of color were used on the plate.



Photo by Hollister Hovey

The Staircase's convenient location makes it a quick and easy escape from university food.

Full from our dinners, we declined to investigate the dessert menu, but the Staircase does have a tempting selection of tasty delicacies which we have investigated on past visits. If you have room after a meal, the cakes, pies and cheesecakes are typically worth the extra calories.

A caveat to smokers: although The Staircase also sells a nice selection of cigars, there is no smoking in the dining area until after 9 p.m. If you want to take a cigarette break, as Spos did, you'll have to step over to the bar to do so.

Good Food, Good Drinks, Good Prices, Good Location: The Staircase fills the bill. We picked a busy night to visit, and the wait staff seemed a little thin; however, they remained very competent and attentive to our needs. The food was quickly prepared, but quality was maintained with good work on everyone's part for such a busy night. So next time you are in the mood for burgers and beer, or maybe something more, give The Staircase a try. It is well worth a visit.

Chicago playing respectably

FAN from page 8

Heat and his old team, the Knicks, might be entertaining, the Lakers-Jazz series in the Western Conference should easily be the best series of the second round and will likely determine which team will lose to the Bulls in the finals this year. The Lakers have Shaq, which can be a blessing or a curse depending on which way you look at it, but the Jazz have Karl Malone, who keeps getting better with age. This will be the big test to see if Utah can finally end its perpetual playoff misery. Speaking of misery, the Chicago Cubs should adopt Dog's Eye View's "Everything Falls Apart" as their official theme song. Don't look now, things just got worse. This happened Friday night when closer Mel Rojas blew up in Los Angeles.

The Cubies had actually begun to play semi-respectable ball lately before handing the ball to Rojas with a 7-lead in the ninth inning Friday. Rojas then put on a show that would make even Mitch Williams wince.

Ironically, it was on a Friday night at this same time of year in 1993 when the Wild Thing entered a game in LA with a 7-6 lead and walked the bases loaded with no outs before somehow retiring the side for the save. Rojas did him one better. Mel walked the bases loaded, and then after getting two outs and the pressure mounting, he walked another batter to force in the tying run. The Dodgers went on to win in the 10th and the Cubs sank to 6-21.

Chicago had signed Rojas to a \$13.75 million contract in the off-season, thinking that on those rare occasions when the starting pitcher made it to the 8th or 9th inning with a lead, Rojas could nail it down. Instead he has blown three of five save chances, and manager Jim Riggleman is spelling "relief" with a four-letter word.

But while the Cubs continue to find innovative ways to lose, at least Harry Caray's bar in Chicago is making money with its 45-cent beers. Why 45 cents? The last time the Cubs won the NL pennant was in 1945.

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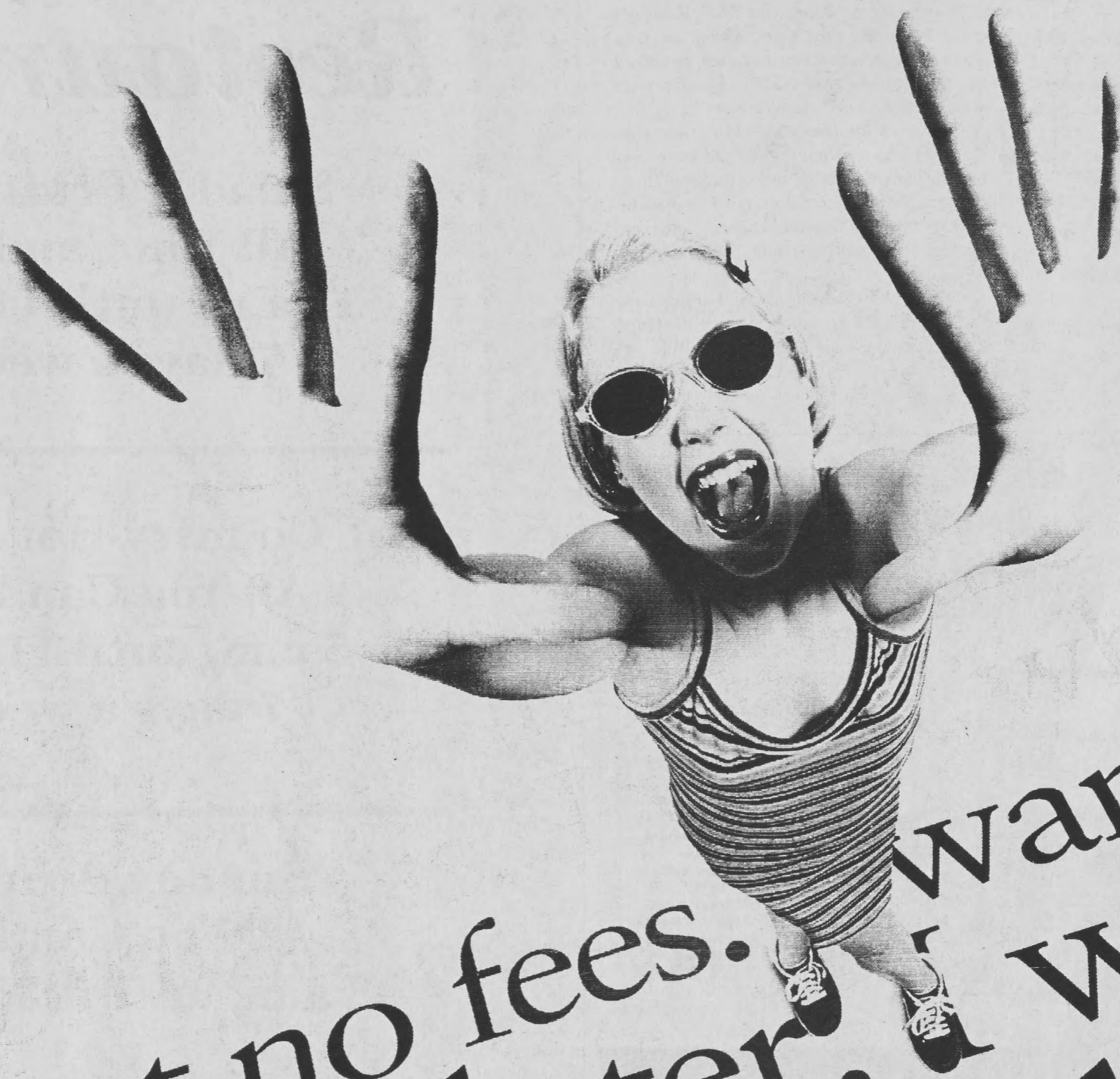
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EDITORIAL

The answer is . . .

It is one thing to question the Honor System, it is another to do it anonymously.

A letter from a concerned group of students was printed in the last edition of the *Trident*. These students questioned the outcome of recent trials, cited instances of paranoia and specifically criticized members of the W&L community for not upholding the portion of the White Book that requires "a student with knowledge of a possible honor violation (to) confront the person suspected and ask for an explanation of the incident."

All of these are valid concerns, questions many of us have asked ourselves at one time or another. But without knowing who wrote it, the credibility of the authors is immediately diminished.

Our single sanction system has survived for over a 100 years because of student criticism. At one time homosexuality was considered a violation of the Honor System. Today's concept of dishonorable conduct has evolved beyond sexual preference.

The Honor System is meant to evolve with the student body. The White Book Review Committee is charged with examining all aspects of the Honor System. This includes asking what the Washington and Lee community thinks about the Honor System.

This has been a year for openly questioning the Honor System. The Executive Committee recently revised the White Book after hearing the White Book Review Committee's recommendations. The spark lit by their questions should not be snuffed out.

What has led the anonymous students to believe they are living in George Orwell's 1984? When did our campus, our students, become hostile to informed, concerned criticism?

There are those among us who attack proponents of change. There are those among us who believe that what should always be. There are those among us who would attack students for criticizing the Executive Committee.

The student body needs to protect itself. We need to create an environment where students don't fear vocal criticism of the EC will result in backlash and ridicule.

There is no reason students should fear what they created and now control. The answer is open criticism in an open environment. If we fail to do this the Honor system will crumble like those of many other universities across the country.

Quote of the Week

"The liberal welfare state renders you unable to control your penis?"

- anonymous sophomore

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Welfare reform threatens lives

The countdown has begun. To students at Washington and Lee, this countdown could be a variety of things: for seniors, a countdown to graduation; for other students, simply a countdown to the end of Spring term. But the countdown to which I refer has deeper consequences and implications for 500,000 — a half million — legal immigrants. For some members of this alienated and targeted group,

only be received when the legal immigrant earns his U.S. citizenship. However, many of these people — due to the fact that they are elderly or disabled — are not able to fulfill the requirements to gain citizenship. Thus, these legal immigrants will be denied life-sustaining assistance for the rest of their lives.

In a study by the Urban Institute, it was found that 1.2 million of the 2.6 million people who would be made poor by the new welfare law — nearly half — were legal immigrants. In the Newt Gingrich-led 104th Congress' intense clamor for welfare reform, the United States' strong immigrant heritage was pushed to the wayside, yet another example of conservative Republicans placing fiscal matters over conscience and humanitarian needs. The Republican Party has always used immigrants as a scapegoat for U.S. economic problems, but immigrants only account for a mere 5% of federal welfare expenditures. Legal immigrants pay taxes, serve in our armed forces and also help to build U.S. consumer demand. There is no need to mention the supreme contributions that immigrants have given our country throughout its short history. Legal immigrants do not deserve to be punished as they will be under the welfare bill.

From the Left Laura Knapp '99

this countdown will perhaps make the difference between life and death. In 100 days, the problems which legal immigrants face will increase a hundredfold.

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed into law a highly controversial welfare bill which, among other things, created a ban on all public benefits to legal immigrants. Beginning August 1 of this year, legal immigrants will systematically be denied food stamps, non-emergency health care and supplementary Social Security payments.

The refusal of supplemental security income benefits is by far the most significant provision. SSI is the government's basic cash assistance program for the elderly and disabled poor. As the law currently stands, these benefits can

Guard your spring term fun against May rain

I don't think I'm alone in being sorely disappointed with the weather so far for most of spring term. Lexington is supposed to be an Edenic field of sunshine, full of flowers and singing birds — the kind of weather that makes it impossible to be

less than perfect. We're all smart people; we can make this fun. Maybe you wish you could go to Goshen and bask on a rock in the sun. Instead, why not don a wetsuit and round up a few friends for ice fishing? Woosie, doesn't that sound fun?

Maybe this weather can be a way for you to experiment. What does bourbon taste like heated? If you put it in your favorite drinkin' mug and garnish it with a cinnamon stick, it might not be bad. And you already know that warm beer isn't so tasty, but maybe hot beer would be better. Hint: take the beer out of the can before you put it in the microwave.

Finally, W&L students can make anything into a drinking game if they put their minds to it. Gather up some friends. Drink once for every cloud in the sky. For every 2 MPH the wind blows, drink once. Chug until it stops raining. Before long, you'll forget how cold it is outside.

Denial. Here's your logic: it's May.

May is a warm month. So gosh darn it, I will act like it's warm. No matter how cold it is, wear shorts and sunglasses at all

"Why not don a wetsuit and round up a few friends for ice fishing? Woosie, doesn't that sound fun?"

times. Carry around iced tea to quench your thirst. Lay out, even if it's raining. You'll still get to do all of the fun things you associate with spring term, for the

low, low cost of pneumonia!

Work Murphy's Law. If we all work together, we can trick the twisted laws of nature into giving us what we want. Go out and buy a whole lot of sweaters and a new winter coat and wear them all at once. Buy four umbrellas, just in case. Put snow tires on your car. Send the power company money in advance for the big heating bill you'll be racking up. Before long, we'll have a heat wave.

The one solution I don't recommend is to **Be a dork.** Do not ever say, "Well, since it's nasty out, I think I'll go to the library." Don't think to yourself, "It's never too early to start studying for finals!" Don't take advantage of this time to re-read some old textbooks "just so I don't forget what I've learned." Don't retreat indoors to catch up on your magazine reading.

Hang in there, everyone. Spring's coming.

GreenLand Betsy Green '97

inside. Instead, for most of the past few weeks, it has been cold and cloudy. Gale force winds have forced us into the library to take shelter. *This* is spring term? My last one? I want my money back!

Judging from the view out my window, it looks like our worries are over and spring is finally here. But in case it's not, here are a few possible ways to cope with the weather.

Work with it. Okay, so the weather's

Post office grapples with e-mail technology

The Lexington Post Office, the only one in the country to still use the Pony Express, has recently been flooded with mail sporting incomprehensible addresses. Apparently, numerous mentally deficient rednecks have been trying to latch onto the new technology of e-mail. "I can't tell you how many letters we get each week addressed to something like

she replied, "No, just any letters in general."

"I haven't really noticed any difference in the mail lately," long-time post office employee Charles Bobby Joe John Jordan Danny Donnie Bob Bobby Bob Bo Bob Rockenfeller said. "Then again, I can't read."

Rockefeller was unmoved by the plight of the mistaken mailers. "I haven't done any work here since the late sixties and I'll be damned if I start caring about other people's mail now," Rockefeller said.

Other postal employees took a different approach to problems with the mail. "They all must die! They all must die! They all must die!" Cy Copath muttered as he shivered in the corner, clutching his assault rifle. Agreeing with Copath was Susan Looni, who spoke to us from behind the sandbags piled on her desk. "If they can't get the addresses right, I say brutally murder them all," Looni said.

The postal employees have not seen anything like this in Lexington since the advent of the phone. Back then, the post office had to deal with tons of letters addressed to numbers like 555-8536 or 1-900-909-4300. The advent of the phone in Lexington having occurred just three years ago, they still receive a fair amount of such mail today. "Don't even mention the telegraph," Fitzblatz said. "You try figuring out

where to mail . . ."

"The most revolting part about working at the Lexington Post Office, aside from the odor of tobacco juice coming from where the toothless yokels licked the stamps — I'm sorry, I suppose that is the most revolting part about working here," Dean of the Post Office Larry Walsh said.

Why is there a dean of the post office? "There's something in the town charter about one out of every four Lexington residents having to be a dean," some old guy who once read the town charter explained.

"I myself am distrustful of the mail. Why, I got a letter from Ed McMahon promising me \$10 million several years ago, and I'm still waiting for my check," Nigel Phipps, a Lexington resident who gets a lot of mail, said. Phipps got his draft notice just last week and will soon be off to fight for our American freedoms against Hitler, Mussolini and that Japanese guy. "I'll just clean out my musket, catch the next stagecoach to the base and join up with my cavalry regiment," a noticeably drunk Phipps said. When asked if he had any suggestions as to how this article should end, Phipps replied, "I suppose you could end it with another telegraph joke." When asked if he had a better suggestion for an ending to this piece, Phipps suggested that we leave him the f*** alone. And so we shall.

My View

Kevin McManemin '00

frank_costanza@hotmail.com or kmcdonald@cornell.edu," Postmaster General Norm Fitzblatz said.

Other silly people try to apply the modern terminology to old addresses, resulting in addresses such as Tarquin_Kissenger@231_Liberty_Street.Plainfield.NJ.07062.

"I suppose we can figure out where to mail those, but we just really don't care," Fitzblatz said.

"Normally, if one of those letters slips into my bag, it just ends up in the gutter," post(wo)man Sally Wobgobbler said. When asked if she meant the letters with the e-mail addresses,

TALK back: How do you feel about the new sorority rules? How do you think they will affect sorority Rush? Are there any rules which you feel need to be changed?



"I think they're good. There is no rule that you have to have three members of the same sorority at a party. It was very awkward. You can now meet people on a more relaxed basis."

—Heath Acuff, '97, Kappa Kappa Gamma



"I think they'll be better. I still think that you should be able to ride in people's cars, though. It's a stupid rule."

—Tyler Bates, '00, Kappa Delta



"I think it's good. At first I didn't, but it will alleviate having to worry about breaking rules. It will make us know the freshmen better and maybe they won't be as intimidated by upperclassmen."

—Amy Shaw, '97, Kappa Alpha Theta



"I think they're good because it will give the freshmen a chance to get to know the upperclassmen without the fear of breaking any rules. Everyone will be able to know where they belong before rush."

—Mary Kathryn Williams, '99, Pi Beta Phi

RESULTS

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Saturday: W&L 22 VMI 8

AHEAD

Women's Tennis: Tomorrow vs. Pomona-Pitzer, NCAA Championships first round, 11:30PDT.

Men's Tennis: At NCAA Championships Tuesday through Monday, May 12. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Emory, NCAA Regional Championships.

Generals 'open can of whoop-ass'

BY JASON ZACHER
PHI EXECUTIVE EDITOR

"We were cheering for the clock," a VMI senior said.

The Generals dominated the Keydets for 55 minutes of the 10th Lee-Jackson Classic Saturday, and came away with a 22-8 victory before 2,800 fans at Alumni Stadium. It was the Generals' ninth straight win over VMI.

Washington and Lee's 22 goals broke their previous Lee-Jackson high of 18 scored in 1990 and 1993.

W&L dominated VMI in every aspect of the game, from goals, to shots, to face-offs. The Generals also physically overpowered VMI using their team speed to run circles around the Keydets.

"Every year we get pumped up," said junior Tom Fallace. "They're a very physical and hard-working team -- we like to play up to their level."

Senior Ande Jenkins led the Generals with five goals and three assists earning him the Worrel-Fallon award for Most Valuable Player in the Lee-Jackson Classic. The eight points gave him 86 points for the season, breaking the school record of 85 set by Don Carroll in 1975.

Jenkins received a lot of help from his friends. Junior Ed Dougherty also scored five goals, junior Paul Stanley added four, and Fallace scored a goal and added five assists.

Jenkins led off the scoring one minute into the game setting the tone for the rest of the game.

W&L out shot VMI 68-26.

VMI evened the score, but Ed Dougherty and freshman Colin Dougherty scored three goals to end the first quarter 4-1.

After trading goals early in the second quarter, the Generals held the Keydets scoreless until 6:30 left in the third quarter. During that period, the Generals scored 10 unanswered goals.

W&L led 10-2 at the half. Jenkins started the second half the same way as the first, scoring 1:09 into the third quarter. A minute later, Colin Dougherty intercepted the VMI goalie's pass and passed it to freshman Lee Fentress, who scored on the open net to increase the lead to 12-2.

Colin Dougherty followed 16 seconds later with another goal.

The Generals had a goal waved off because of a crease violation right before the end of the third quarter. The quarter ended 16-3. Junior Robb Greenfield grabbed the ball 56 seconds into the fourth quarter and streaked from midfield firing a rocket into the VMI goal to score his third goal of the season.

VMI made a run at the end of the game, scoring four goals in the final five minutes, but it was far too little, far too late.

The Generals finished the season on a positive note after being upset earlier in the week by Randolph-Macon 14-13. W&L's final record is 11-3; VMI fell to 1-12.



Photo by Hollister Hovey/Photo Editor

Senior Ande Jenkins dodges an oncoming Keydet.

Game Statistics

	1	2	3	4	Final
Washington and Lee	4	6	6	6	22
VA Military Institute	1	1	1	5	8

W&L Goals: Ande Jenkins 5, Ed Dougherty 5, Paul Stanley 4, Colin Dougherty 3, Tom Fallace, Lee Fentress, Robb Greenfield, Andrew Thomas, Charlie Antrim
W&L Assists: Tom Fallace 5, Ande Jenkins 3, Colin Dougherty, Andy Jones.
W&L Saves (GA): Scott Jackson 7 (3), Chris TeStrake 2 (5).
Shots: W&L 68-26. **Faceoffs:** W&L 19-13. **Ground Balls:** W&L 54-32. **Penalties:** W&L 4 for 3:00; VMI 5 for 4:30. **Extra Man Offense:** W&L 1 for 5; VMI 0 for 3. **Clears:** W&L 16 for 1

First NCAA title in sight for women's tennis

BY JASON ZACHER
PHI EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Appearances can be deceiving. While the women's tennis team looked light and joking at practice last week, they are intensely focused on their goal this week — capturing the national title that has eluded them for two years.

"That's the thing that's deceptive about this team. They're loose, they're laughing, they're having fun. It is obvious they enjoy what they are doing, but when it's time to buckle down, they dig in," said coach Cinda Rankin.

Led by juniors Natalia Garcia, Berry Blankinship and Ericka Shapard, the team starts play tomorrow against Pomona-Pitzer on Pomona's home court. Last year, the Generals fell to Emory University 5 in the championship.

The Generals received a fourth seed for this year's NCAA tournament. Kenyon College is first, followed by Emory and Amherst. Earlier in the season, the Generals lost to Kenyon and Amherst by a score of 6-3. "We lost to them, but we're not down because of it. We're anxious to play them," said Rankin.

Blankinship added, "we're hungrier than we would have been if we had beaten them."

In addition to the team's NCAA bid, Garcia and Shapard earned individual bids. The doubles team of Garcia and freshman Brook Hartzell also earned a bid.

The team has some very high expectations placed on them. They have finished in the top six for each of the last three years, including a second place finish last year. This year, they blew through their competition, sweeping eight matches 9-0, beating two tournament teams (Mary Washington and Sewanee), winning the ODAC title for the seventh straight year, and on top of this, five of their seven players already have NCAA tournament experience.

The experience may be what pays off for the Generals. "I know what to expect. As a freshman I was overwhelmed. I didn't know what to expect. Now, there is less pressure," said Blankinship.

"They know what to expect, and that teaches you a lot," added Rankin.

With this experience, and their dominating play all sea-

son, there are some people who feel this is the Generals' year.

"They're right," said Blankinship. "We're incredibly strong this year. Our attitude is different and we are more pumped-up."

The Generals face a tough challenge this week. Pomona-Pitzer's number one singles player, senior Claire Turchi, is a former singles national champion. More importantly, the Generals are in the same bracket with Gustavus Adolphus College and Kenyon.

"We know it is (Pomona's) home court, and we know they have an extremely strong top of the lineup. Our strength is down the line, we've got good players all the way," commented Rankin.

Despite others' expectations, the Generals are keeping theirs to a minimum. Coach Rankin commented, "I try to have no expectations because expectations lead to disappointment. If we play the best we can, no matter what happens, I will be really excited."

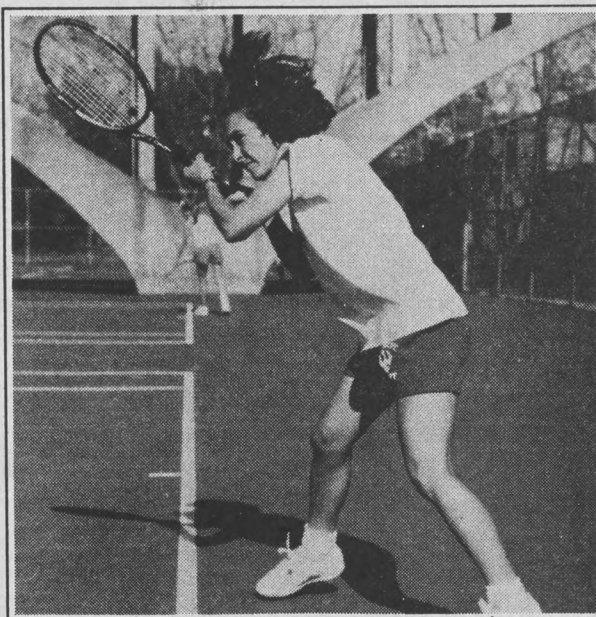


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Junior Natalia Garcia displays her backhand in practice on Thursday.

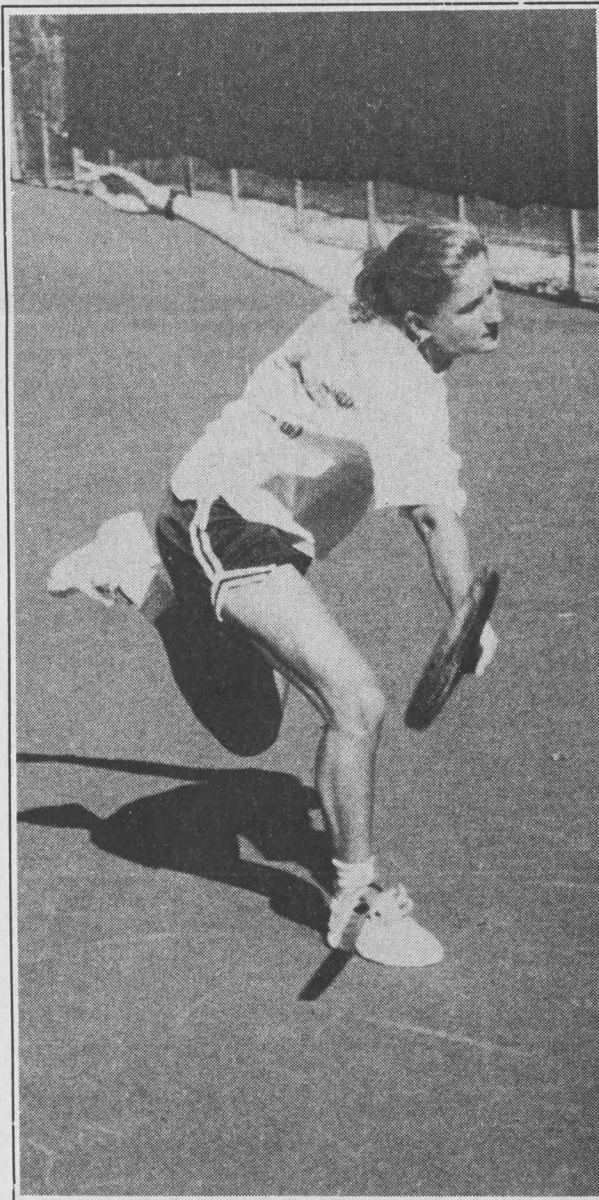


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Junior Berry Blankinship will represent the W&L women's tennis team in the NCAA tournament.

The Big Fan

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Total domination.

That was the theme of the day Saturday afternoon as Washington and Lee hammered Virginia Military Institute, 22-8, at Alumni Memorial Field to win its ninth straight Lee-Jackson Lacrosse classic.

Unlike recent years where the Keydets have resiliently hung around, they had no chance this year. A W&L squad angered at barely missing the Division III tournament took out its frustration on an over-matched VMI team. The generals stormed out to a 10-2 half-time lead and extended it to 17-3 by the end of the third before the Keydets made the score somewhat more respectable.

What was more impressive than the final score was the way the Generals completely dominated the Keydets. They totally outplayed, out hustled, and out muscled a team from a military school, of all places. Almost the entire game was played on the VMI half of the field, a tremendous effort by the Generals.

No matter how well they played Saturday, it will still be tough for the Generals to wash away the bitter taste of Tuesday's upset loss to Randolph-Macon, which ended any chance of making the Division III playoffs. But there is no way that an 11-3 season and a #10 ranking in Division III should be classified as disappointing. Congratulations to the Generals for a well-played season.

The first round of the NBA playoffs is finally completed and now the real actions begins. (Is there any good reason why the NBA and NHL need to include nearly two-thirds of its teams in the playoffs and extend the season two more months? For the most part it only serves to milk some more TV dollars and subject viewers to watching the Clippers and Bullets three more games than needed. And to think so many people complain about the wild card round in baseball. . .) Although the match-up between Pat Riley's

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