

Find out how the average generation 2001 college student spends his week.

The Women's lacrosse team starts off 2-0. Meanwhile, the women's tennis team doesn't drop a set while cruising to a 2-0 ODAC record.

Swensen debates the practicality of the Swiss drug policy. Our Editorial argues that the Honor System sometimes helps those who exploit it.

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Eating disorders lurk below surface

By WILL HARDIE

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Only five students turned up to take part in the national eating disorders screening program on Wednesday Feb. 25. University Counsellor Anne McThenia believes that the poor response belies the true extent of the problem at Washington and Lee, and is disappointed that so few took advantage of the opportunity.

On Feb. 17, all Washington and Lee students had received an e-mail saying that screening tests would be available throughout the day on Feb. 25. The screening program, run by the non-profit National Mental Illness Screening Project, aimed to raise awareness of eating disorders.

None of the students who were screened were at risk. "For them it served as an educational tool," said McThenia. "They came because they had concerns and wanted to validate them."

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, more than five million women in the United States suffer from eating disorders. Bulimia is the most common, afflicting between 2 and 3 percent of young women. About 1 percent of young women are anorexic, and about 2 percent of the general population have binge eating disorder, which is unusual as it affects men to the same degree as women.

"We know there are a large number of people with eating disorders," said McThenia. "The question is how to reach them."

She believes that about 5 percent of college-age women have an eating disorder. "Knowing that that five percent are out there makes us want to reach a wider audience," she said.

The university health services considered mandating at-risk students, such as athletes, or even all freshmen, to be screened for eating disorders. The idea had to be abandoned, because it was thought too intrusive.

But Jan Hathorn, women's soccer and lacrosse coach, said she would support such a program. She has seen three cases of eating disorders among athletes in the last six years.

"I recognize that it will feel rather intrusive to the ladies. They are not going to like it, but it's not going to hurt either. It is the most likely way to deal with this issue."

Because of the secretive nature of eating disorders it is difficult to gauge the extent of the problem at W&L. But there are several reasons to believe that the incidence here may be higher than the national average.

Psychiatrists believe that eating disorders are associated with certain personality traits, such as perfection-

ism and ambition, and with higher socio-economic class.

"W&L draws people that fit the profile," said McThenia. "And the pressures at this institution make them doubly vulnerable." She said that danger factors at W&L include the high pressure to succeed, the high expectation to look a certain way, the low level of intolerance of difference.

"People who are at W&L want to go into professions that seem to emphasize appearance more than the wider field, I think irresponsibly," she said.

Another factor might be the relatively recent arrival of women as a group at W&L. "Those women who first came here knew that they were under great pressure to succeed academically and socially," said McThenia. "That pressure might have been passed down through successive generations of students."

Dr. Jane Horton, Director of Health Services, agrees that this may be a factor. "They are very much visitors in a male social environment," she said.

The building of sorority housing might shift the social balance in favor of women. But, Horton said, "Sorority houses are by their nature not the sort of places where these big parties happen. The question is, can they create a different social environment that is healthier?"

Health Educator Jan Kaufman said her task is "getting people to accept their body images, to learn to feel comfortable with themselves." McThenia said that the atmosphere at W&L does not help them to do that. "This would work better in this environment if it were tolerant of difference of every kind," she said.

Kaufman has come across a variety of disrupted eating patterns among women at W&L, including what she calls the "bagel diet," whereby a student eats nothing but bagels, and the "popcorn and diet soda" diet.

Eating disorders are particularly difficult to treat at college age because the attitudes that underlie them developed as early as fourth or fifth grade or in high school.

"The difficulty is that it's a whole societal problem," said McThenia. According to a 1992 study, half of 9-year-olds and 80 percent of 10-year-olds have already dieted. 40 percent of American women are on a diet, though half of those are not overweight. Kaufman blamed the cultural and media emphasis on thinness, as well as "the belief that looking thin is a prerequisite for being

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FLYING FLAPPING AND DIPPING ...

Sophomore Riley Greeme dips his date, sophomore Susan Terzian. This is their first FD together. Greeme and Terzian have been dating for three months. (Left)

Sophomores Joe Hawkins and Ellen Klenk socialize in the gym lobby. They have been dating since high school, which was in Indiana.

Senior T.J. Griffin, '97, chats with a flapper on the dance floor. Griffin returned earlier this year to escort senior Mary New, the 1997 Homecoming Queen. (Bottom Right)

FD Committee workers finished decorating the gym by 3 pm Friday. In years past, workers constructed until the start of the ball. As of Thursday night, the FD Committee reported that \$60,000 worth of tickets were sold. Most of the committee's budget comes from ticket sales and a small portion comes from the playbill.

'Lord knows, Anything Goes':

Fancy Dress a crowd pleaser

By ANDREA EWING

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Anything Goes. Especially on Fancy Dress weekend. Friday night a majority of students at Washington and Lee, some faculty and staff celebrated the 91st Annual Fancy Dress Ball.

The theme was the "Roaring Twenties: Flappers, Flight, and Jazz All Night." The gym became the scene of gangsters, flappers and a speakeasy.

Senior Bill Warnock summed the weekend up when he said, "I had a hell of a time."

The overwhelming reaction to the ball was one of awe and appreciation. Awe because of the decorations, and appreciation because there was not a rap band for the Thursday night concert. Junior Nathan Hager said, "Thank God for a rock band Thursday night."

From the standpoint of the Fancy Dress committee, the ball was different from the past two years. Junior Mary-

Sommers Burger who was on the committee said the decorations were "sophisticated" and was quick to point out that many members of the Theatre Department helped to build the set-like decorations. "It looked professional. Not like a bunch of college-students with some paint brushes," she said.

Whether Greek or independent, students celebrated Fancy Dress in their own ways.

Burger, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, spent the weekend at various parties in Red Square.

"It was a lot of fun since all my friends were there. We just hung out and had a good time and then went to Lee-Hi," freshman Betty Alkire said.

Fancy Dress tends to be W&L's "80,000 dollar answer to the prom," but this year was a memorable one.

"They rolled out the red carpet for us," Warnock said. "New Orleans has Mardi Gras. W&L has F.D."

First woman elected to EC

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK

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Fourteen years after the first women were permitted to attend Washington and Lee, Beth Formidoni, '96, '99 Law, was elected the first female Executive Committee President. She received 524 votes to junior James Haslam's 281.

Formidoni doesn't believe that gender elected her, but stated that it "was about time." "I was really glad that gender didn't impede my campaign in any way," she said.

As a graduate and a second year law student, Formidoni has noticed some distinct changes at W&L.

"Women are more accepted at W&L now," she said.

"This just doesn't apply to my election, but to Amy Gorham's election to Vice President two years ago. I don't think that would've happened

my freshmen year," Formidoni said.

Haslam posted signs around campus plugging himself as the candidate "Continuing 250 years of tradition." Haslam denies that the slogan had anything to do with gender. "I didn't know how to interpret it," Formidoni said. "I have to assume the best and assume that he meant it in an innocuous way."

Although some surveys say that leadership differences do exist between men and women, Formidoni believes that this will not have any bearing on her office.

"I think that gender may make a more pronounced difference in a different context, like the President of the United States," she said. "Women are usually less violent, and this would make a difference when going to war."

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NEW EXECUTIVE Committee president Beth Formidoni will be the first woman to hold that position. HOLLISTER HOVEY/RING-TUM PHI

W&L almost gets Springer

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK

MANAGING EDITOR

Massive numbers of students rush home every day at noon for their daily dose of half-naked women, militant chair-tossers and scorned lovers. The Washington and Lee community almost had the chance to hear the king of all of these values, the talk show host Jerry Springer. Contact came very close to booking him, but after they discovered that Springer would be speaking for what Contact President Joshua Heslinga called "other motivations," they decided against it.

Contact had been speaking with Springer's agent for a few months. They had the option of waiting for a few months or giving up altogether.

"We were hoping to get him but we also found out from his agent that Springer doesn't speak to speak, but speaks to promote his show," Heslinga said. "He kept his price at \$5,000, which is low for someone of his caliber. But that was obviously for other motivations."

Heslinga said that Contact looks for speakers who are interested in coming to W&L and interacting with the students. "If they're just here to promote themselves, the

students don't get their money's worth. They can watch someone like that on C-SPAN."

Some think it was a bad idea to give up on Springer. "I think that all speakers that Contact bring here are out for promoting themselves or a book they're writing," said senior Brian Fobi, an avid Springer viewer. "Contact always bring the same types here. There are 1,000 Pat Buchanan clones here, so we really don't need more people like that. Jerry makes you think because he's so outrageous. If Jerry came here, it would've been bigger than Jesus. Everyone loves Jerry."

Fobi believes that Springer represents Americana. "Jerry is the Alexis deToqueville of the 20th Century. Like Toqueville did in the 1800s, Jerry gives an accurate picture of America. If you want to see what America looks like, watch Jerry."

Fobi cites his favorite episode as the one titled, "I'm a High Class Call Girl, but You're Just a Cheap Ho." "It's right up there with the last episode of M*A*S*H and the 'who shot JR' episode of Dallas," he said.

Springer's "Too Hot for TV" video has been a hot

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But obviously, this won't be a situation I will have to deal with as EC President."

Formidoni does not personally believe that rape should be considered an EC matter and an honor violation. "I think that it is a very dishonorable act, but it is not an appropriate matter for the EC to deal with."

Making rape a matter for the EC would not be fair to the victim, and would decrease reports of rape on campus, Formidoni said. "The Student Faculty Hearing Board is trained to

settle those matters as well as to console. I don't know how to deal with rape and we as a committee don't know how to deal with it."

Formidoni was disappointed with the poor voter turnout.

"I am really surprised that voter turnout would be so poor on such a small campus. Gossip gets around so fast, but the fact that an election is going on goes unnoticed."

How did Formidoni feel after she heard the legendary "leave now" speech her freshmen year?

"I was scared," she said. How does she feel about delivering it in September? "I'm scared," she said. "I don't want to scare the freshmen, but I want them to really understand the honor system. But I really don't want to be just explaining and not be serious about it. I will definitely practice the speech."

Burr recommends that if students want to rent the tape, they should reserve it.

"We were hoping to get Springer because he does have a following here," Heslinga said. "It would have been a real fun event."

Contact has not yet decided who they will have instead of Springer. They have booked two speakers for March.

The Ring-tum Phi, the Calyx, the Ariel, the Political Review and the Arete are now accepting applications for Executive Editors of those publications. The Calyx and the Phi are also accepting applications for Business Manager. Submit a resume and cover letter to the box in the University Center in front of Carol Cawkins' office.

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rental at Lexington's video stores. "It's always checked out," said Laura Furr, a Beyond Video employee. The video store stocked four copies of the tape about a month ago.

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asked out, and for success in jobs." She said many students have experienced pressure from families and boyfriends to lose weight.

Horton follows up to ten cases of eating disorders on a regular basis, and acknowledges that this may be the tip of the iceberg.

"Those are the ones who are seeking help," she said. "So much of the disease is based on denial and secrecy. Even when we confront someone we suspect has a problem, she often won't acknowledge it."

"If anything, it's going to get worse," she said. "This is going to continue to become more prominent. Mothers who have grown up under thinness are teaching their daughters that behavior."

Horton has seen a gradual increase in eating disorders at W&L, but said that this might represent an increase in awareness.

Though around 90 percent of eating disorder sufferers are women, Horton stressed the role of men in the problem. "We underplay the male role," she said. "Things they say affect women.

Fathers and older brothers often trigger eating disorders." She said it has a particularly strong impact when women feel that men are evaluating them in the dining hall.

The longer abnormal eating behavior is allowed to continue, the more deeply ingrained it becomes, and the more difficult it is to reverse, and the more serious the physical damage it causes. The consequences of leaving eating disorders untreated are very serious: they have among the highest death rate of any psychological disorder. Between 5 and 20 percent of untreated anorexics die, from the damage starvation does to their bodies or by suicide.

Horton advises anyone seeking help for herself or for a friend to visit the counselling center, the health education center, a peer counsellor or a LIFE member, whichever feels more comfortable. All services are confidential.

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Survey of freshmen students reveals tone for new millennium

By GINGER PHILLIPS — STAFF WRITER

We always remember those "firsts" throughout history — the first to land on the moon or the first to fly an airplane. W&L's freshman class also has its claim to fame, as it will help to constitute the first college graduating class of the new millennium. They are the class of 2001, and it will be up to them to set the stage for succeeding generations. "I don't want our generation to have a poor reputation," W&L freshman Deena Johnson said. "It is our responsibility as both young people and the first class of the millennium to prove ourselves and our capabilities to the world."

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company recently commissioned a survey of a cross-section of 2,001 freshmen from 101 American universities. The survey found that a majority of this new generation has established specific goals for itself and that students are confident that they will be able to reach those goals.

Freshman Wendy Case said, "I can definitely see this data reflected in the freshman class here at W&L. Our grades have been so high, our S.A.T. scores were excellent, and people seem to genuinely care about their futures."

However, the class of 2001 is fully aware that the key to achieving success is hard work and determination.

The survey shows that 75 percent of freshmen believe that it is more rewarding to work for their success than to simply get a lucky break.

David Krane, vice president of the survey company Louis Harris & Associates, said of the class of 2001, "They also recognize that achievement isn't going to be handed to them on a silver platter — they will have to work hard and perhaps make sacrifices to achieve their goals."

Generation 2001 is also not a very selfish group of young people, as nine out of ten students say that helping others is a higher priority than helping themselves. Over 65 percent of the college freshmen surveyed say that they hope to find

jobs which provide them with the opportunities to interact with and help others.

W&L's class of 2001 has already shown its willingness to be more involved in the community. The Freshman Leadership Council has created a partnership with the local community center. Each week freshmen students tutor and play games with young children participating in the After School Program at the center.

"Our country's leaders have always been quick to endorse volunteerism and helping others," said Krane. "The survey's results indicate that this generation may have taken the advice to heart."

Students also ranked their main political and social concerns in the survey. Education topped the list as 68 percent of freshmen say that education is the most important issue that needs to be addressed by the nation.

The same holds true at W&L. "Our class is very determined, focused, and goals-oriented. We are hoping, through education and hard work, to better our lives," said Freshman Leadership Council member Jeff Cook. "We definitely have our heads on straight, and we understand that education is the best bet to success in the future."

Students in the survey also cited crime and violence, the environment, political leadership,

disease and health care as their primary concerns.

The percentage of students who plan to enter the workforce after graduation and those who plan to do some type of graduate work is split nearly down the middle. Sixty-two percent do not want to follow in the professional footsteps of their parents, and popular career choices of the class of 2001 include business, law, psychology, education, medicine, and computer and technology-related fields.

"Even though Generation 2001 students have not had to experience much of the real world on their own, they recognize that they need to work hard to achieve good things and work with like-minded creative and idealistic people," said Krane. "In return, they will be rewarded with a lifestyle that they grew up in."

The prospects for the class of 2001 are limitless. It is the responsibility of each individual member of the class to ensure that this new generation lives up to its potential. If the W&L freshman class is any indication, then this should prove to be no problem.

"We are a very well-rounded class with a lot of leadership, intelligence, and motivation," said Katie Baldwin, Freshman Class Vice President. "I believe that we will live up to our potential and even surpass it to raise the standard for the entire national class of 2001."

JUST THE FACTS

In a typical week the average Generation 2001 college student spends:

- 44 hours sleeping
- 26 hours socializing
- 17 hours going to class
- 15 hours studying
- 15 hours listening to music
- 11 hours using a computer
- 8 hours in front of the tube
- 7 hours playing sports or exercising
- 7 hours dating
- 6 hours surfing the net or E-mailing
- 3 hours reading for pleasure.

How do you think W&L students compare? Write us at phi@wlu.edu. The results of our informal study will be published next week.

Workbench provides links for Christian community

By ERICA PROSSER — STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee Christians have a web resource they may not know about.

The Carpenter's Workbench, a set of pages on the W&L web site, provides Christian resources for anyone through links, information and pages tailored to the W&L student community.

Junior John Wilbers started the pages when he was a freshman at W&L. "I wanted to increase communication between the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and local churches," he said. "There were very few W&L organizations with web pages then."

Though the W&L web site grew around it, the Carpenter's Workbench, so named because Jesus (a carpenter) works through the groups on the page, remained a steadfast resource for Christian surfers. The site has had about 2,000 hits since it first went up, a number that surprised Wilbers.

"It's a much bigger turnout than I expected," he said. He said that most of the page's viewers are not current W&L students. Rather, they are prospective students and their parents, Christian people who are curious about the religious life on campus. The prospectives and their families are always glad to see the pages, Wilbers said.

"I get a lot of e-mail," he said of the positive feedback he receives on the page. "I get a few every couple of weeks, but it adds up."

Freshman Lee Anne Applegate used the page as a resource when she was considering attending W&L. The page gave her some idea of the Christian groups on campus, and she was able to contact involved students directly through the page.

"It's nice to have somewhere to find W&L students to get in contact with," she said. "It made it much easier."

Wilbers and a handful of others keep the page up and running with their programming skills. University Registrar Scott Dittman provides some guidance for the page. As site administrator as Wilbers is the one who answers the mail and makes the big decisions. For now, his next major project is the new Carpenter's Workbench.

The new page will feature the same resources as the old one, but it will do it with more style. A draft of the new page is already up, and curious people can view it from the old page. Wilbers predicts that the new page will be up by mid-March and ready to help Christian surfers everywhere. "I want to continually improve this page," he said.

Wilbers won't be around forever, though, and after he graduates next year, someone else will have to be the administrator. Wilbers hopes that a responsible freshman or sophomore will step in for the job so that turnover is minimized. The page needs a trustworthy leader because its popularity continues to grow.

With the plans for expansion and the existing popularity, the Carpenter's Workbench is set to become a key Christian resource for surfers everywhere. But Wilbers never forgets the true meaning behind the page.

The Carpenter's Workbench can be found on the W&L website by looking under "Organizations" or by linking directly to <http://www.wlu.edu/~workbnch>.



INTERVARSITY IS one of W&L's Christian groups. The Workbench provides information on the group. PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA JULIAN

Dedicated students work long hours to help students, improve University Computing's reputation.

By ERICA PROSSER — STAFF WRITER

Tom Weatherly was once a frustrated student. He knew a little about computers, but he sometimes had bigger computer problems that only an experienced person could solve. This is how Weatherly first encountered the University Computing HelpDesk.

"From my own experience with the HelpDesk as a client, [the HelpDesk attitude] made me, and possibly others, feel that the client's problem is not nearly as important to the worker as it is to the student," he said.

His concerns about Washington and Lee computing were shared by faculty and students all over campus. All that has changed, though, and Weatherly knows it because he now works for the HelpDesk.

"They take enormous amounts of pride in their work," he said. "It is this drive to solve problems and help that has made our senior employees so knowledgeable." Now that he's on the other side, Weatherly is becoming knowledgeable, too, and he helps with the best of them.

But the attitudes of most students have not changed. What is the HelpDesk? Who works there? What does it do? And most importantly, is it to blame for the computer trouble that has students griping at 3 a.m.?

According to the HelpDesk website, any student with "a personable demeanor, some knowledge about computers, and an interest in learning more" can apply to work for the service. The HelpDesk stays open for set hours (9-5 Monday through Friday, 7-10 on Sunday), and 22 students share those hours in shifts. Each student can work up to 10 hours each week, and most students work 8-10 hours. When one works for the HelpDesk, though, one becomes part of a power structure of which few students are aware.

The hierarchy is complicated enough to be mistaken for a that of a European royal family: The workers are broken up into four "teams," and each team has a student "team leader." The teams are Operating Systems (led by senior Doug Brown), Applications (led by sophomore Justin Wagoner), Labs (led by senior Josh Heslinga) and Hardware (led by junior Cliff Woolley).

Over all the students sits a grown-up supervisor, Dirk van Assendelft, who works in University Computing and is known as the Student Computing Coordinator. The average student's mind reels at the complexity, but HelpDesk employees take it in stride, concentrating instead on getting the job done.

"We provide help to anyone who contacts us (students, faculty, staff, etc.) on almost any computer-related topic, free of charge," said Heslinga. "As far as I know, there are no general kinds of problems that we can't solve."

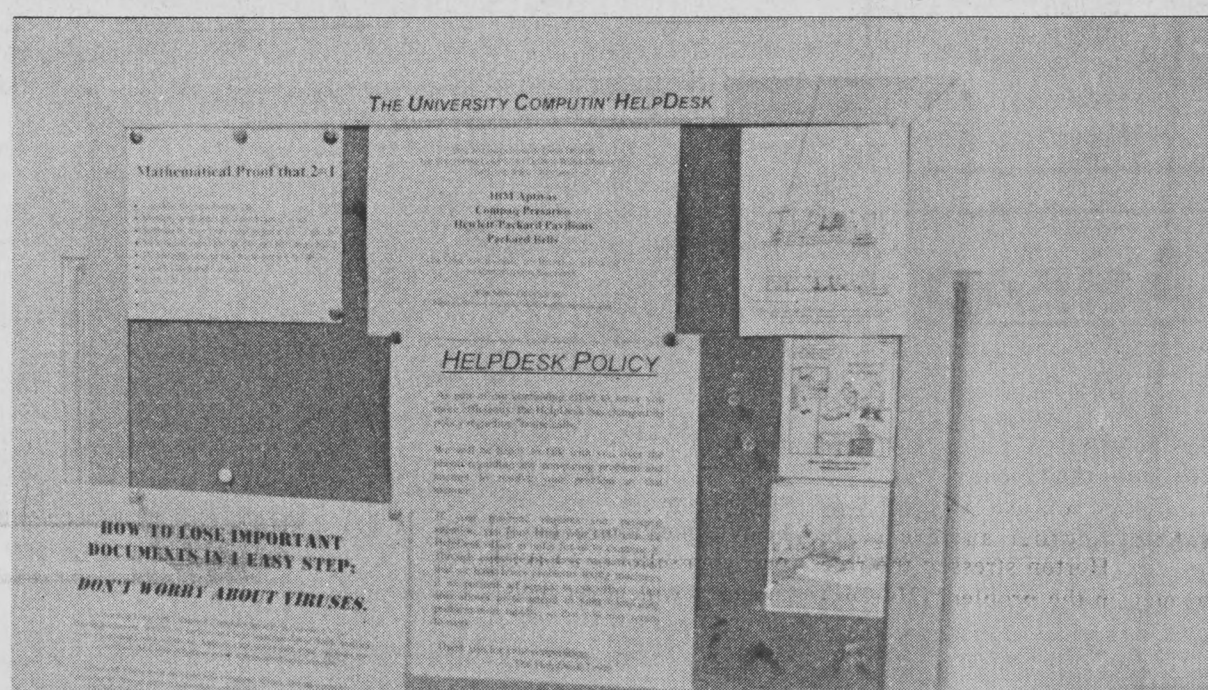
There are a few kinks in the system, though, since the big switch of the campus computer systems this year. For one thing, a few specific computer models simply will not support the Novell log-in software that runs in all the computer labs. But it is computers' tendency to crash that causes most resentment.

"Any time someone is working on a paper or something at 12 midnight or 1 a.m. and Jefferson crashes, that person tends to be very disgruntled with University Computing," said Woolley. "When the same happens to the same person more than once, that person starts to feel like UC and the HelpDesk aren't doing their jobs."

But crashes are something that can't be predicted, and Woolley said that the HelpDesk and University Computing employees do everything they can to fix problems when they arise.

"Several members of the UC staff, myself included, are on call 24 hours a day in the event of a server crash to wake up, come in, and restore things as quickly as we can," he said. "There's an automated monitoring device that pages the staff within fifteen minutes of any server going down."

The whole production is beginning to look a little



THE HELPDESK receives around 100 calls per week. HOLLISTER HOVEY/PHOTO EDITOR

When there's somethin' strange in the network neighborhood... Who ya gonna call? HelpDesk

more complex than it seems on the surface. It gets even better; maintaining the ten or fifteen servers around campus is a 24-hour-a-day job, but employees do it for the sake of the 2,000 to 2,500 people who use the campus computers and services.

What about individual computer problems that students may have? The HelpDesk works for them, too. Any member of the student body, faculty or staff can bring in a computer and have it examined. If the computer owner signs a waiver, the HelpDesk workers will do their best to fix the machine. Some things have changed about the service in the past year, though.

"Our policy does now include 'no house calls,'" said sophomore Steven Klotz. He addresses complaints about this change by saying that fewer house calls means a more efficient and helpful HelpDesk, which all members of the W&L community can appreciate.

The HelpDesk is not responsible for the error of the computer owners, either. "We may not be able to help students that do not follow the guidelines we provide," Heslinga cautioned.

Still, the staff does everything possible to perform a service to the computer-impaired. Woolley acknowledged that nobody is perfect, and that members of the HelpDesk have been wrong in the past, but that the service overall is a comprehensive and great one.

"We attempt to always have the phone answered when the office is open, and there are always multiple people on duty so that at least one person can be in the office all the time," he said.

Is the HelpDesk doing its job? It certainly seems to be. While it used to take employees two weeks to repair and return students' computers, turn-around time is now a matter of days. If a visitor were to sit and observe the HelpDesk in action for an evening, he would see a handful

of students coming in, broken laptops cradled in their arms. A few minutes later, those same students would be smiling and thanking the staff for their help as they left. The creation of the Labs team (a new group this year) means that some members of the staff are responsible for running around to the campus labs and making sure the printer paper is stocked, the computers in general are working, and the users are happy. Overall, complaints about the campus computer service have dropped since the initial problems of the system switch at the beginning of fall term.

Do the employees like their jobs? Despite the fact that they, too, have overheard the muttered, negative comments about the HelpDesk, they generally enjoy what they do.

"I'm pretty new to the HelpDesk," said freshman Robert Marmorstein, "but it's a wonderful job and very challenging."

Heslinga has worked at the HelpDesk since the beginning of fall term, and he said he has benefited from the experience.

"I think I've learned a lot about computers during my time on the staff," he said.

"Sometimes it's frustrating when a particular problem can't be solved, but more often you get the satisfaction of helping someone successfully."

So that is the University Computing HelpDesk: no longer a ghostly entity lurking behind the computer failures on campus, but a friendly and helpful staff of students. Crashes will happen, but the HelpDesk will try to fix them.

"The only sure-fire way to make sure that no computer on this campus ever crashed would be to turn off the electricity on campus," said Klotz. "In reality, we have University Computing and the University Computing HelpDesk."

Several members of the UC staff, myself included, are on call 24 hours a day in the event of a server crash to wake up, come in, and restore things as quickly as we can.

- Cliff Woolley

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RESULTS

Men's Lacrosse (3-1)		
Wed.:	W&L	10
	Lynchburg	6
Sat.:	Cortland St.	12
	W&L	11
Women's Lacrosse (2-0)		
Wed.:	Guilford	3
	W&L	17
Sat.:	Denison	10
	W&L	14
Baseball (1-4)		
Mon.:	W. Va. Tech	ppd.
	W&L	
Thur.:	Bridgewater	5
	W&L	2
Sun.:	Wash & Jeff	
	W&L (DH)	ppd.
Men's Tennis (2-1)		
Wed.:	Guilford	0
	W&L	7
Women's Tennis (2-2)		
Wed.:	R-MWC	0
	W&L	9
	W&L	9
	Hollins	0

Women's lax 2-0 behind young attack

BY JASON ZACHER

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

For the women's lacrosse team, there is no place like home. The team extended its home winning streak to nine games with a 14-10 win over Denison and 17-3 win over Guilford last week. The team was led by two players who were not even around when the streak began.

Sophomore Katherine Riddle lit up the Denison defense with five goals on Saturday, and Freshman Liz Borges scored five goals and added an assist in her first intercollegiate game on Wednesday against Guilford.

"Riddle and Borges are doing really well on attack," senior captain Lorraine Taurassi said. "It's great to have fresh faces that can get the job so early."

"I don't think I stood out," Riddle said. "I didn't do anything the rest of the team didn't do."

Against Denison, the Generals scored first and jumped out to a 3-1 lead. Denison kept the game close and only trailed 6-5 in the waning moments of the first half, but senior Emily Gipson scored one of her three goals with only two seconds left in the half extend W&L's lead to 7-5.

The beginning of the second half belonged to W&L. During the first 13 minutes, Denison was outscored 7-1 as the Generals put the game out of reach by building a 14-6 lead. Denison scored sporadically through the rest of the second half, and closed the score to 14-10 by the end of the game.

"Overall, we played a really good game, even though we shut down a little at the end," senior captain Lorraine Taurassi said.

Leading the Generals were Riddle with five goals, Gipson and Taurassi had three goals each and Borgess, seniors Betsy Howe and Whitney Parker added one goal each. Sophomore goalkeeper Ginny Jernigan made 13 saves.

On Wednesday, the Generals opened their season with an impressive 17-3 win over Guilford. Borgess scored five goals, all in the first half, as W&L opened a



JASON ZACHER / EXECUTIVE EDITOR

GET OUT OF MY WAY. Senior Whitney Parker beats two Guilford players for the ball in the first half of W&L's 17-3 victory Wednesday. Senior Betsy Howe looks on after taking the draw.

12-0 lead by halftime.

Ten different women scored for the Generals, and Riddle, Taurassi and Parker each added two goals. Howe, Gipson, juniors Lauren Francis and Cory Metee and freshmen Caroline Gee and Ellen Ritsch each added one goal.

"We all have a lot to work on, but we have such a great team this year," Riddle said. "We are definitely starting on the right foot."

"Things are coming together very smoothly," Taurassi added.

The women go on a three-game road trip this week, playing ODAC opponents Hollins on Thursday and Bridgewater on Saturday before heading to Franklin & Marshall on Saturday.

Game Summaries

	1	2	F	W&L GOALS: Borgess 5, Riddle 2, Taurassi 2, Parker 2, Gipson 1, Francis 1, Howe 1, Metee 1, Gee 1, Ritsch 1
Guilford	0	3	3	
W&L	12	5	17	ASSISTS: Borgess 1, Taurassi 1, Treese 1.
	1	2	F	W&L GOALS: Riddle 5, Gipson 3, Taurassi 3, Borgess 1, Howe 1, Parker 1
Denison	5	5	10	
W&L	7	7	12	ASSISTS: Gipson 2, Francis 1

AHEAD

Tuesday

Baseball —
Lynchburg
3:00 p.m., Smith Field

Men's Tennis —
at Roanoke, 3:00 p.m.
at E. Mennonite, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Tennis —
Sweet Briar
4:00 p.m., Lower Courts

Thursday

Women's Lacrosse —
at Hollins, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

—
Randolph-Macon
3:30 p.m., Lower Courts

Friday

Women's Tennis —
Kenyon
3:30 p.m., Lower Courts

Saturday

Women's Lacrosse —
at Bridgewater, 1:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis

—
Colgate
3:00 p.m., Lower Courts

Men's Tennis —
at Hampden-Syd., 11:00 a.m.

Baseball —
Va. Wesleyan (DH)
1:00 p.m., Smith Field

M & W Track —
W&L Invitational, all day

Sunday

Men's Lacrosse —
Gettysburg
1:00 p.m., Wilson Field

Women's Lacrosse —
at Frank. & Marshall, noon

Women's Tennis —
Va. Wesleyan (SS)
2:00 p.m., Lower Courts
at E. Mennonite, 2:00 p.m.

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Men's Swimming —
at NCAA Div. III
Championships

W&L tennis wins first ODAC matches

BY FRANCES GROBERG

EDITORIAL EDITOR

The men's and women's tennis teams started their ODAC schedules strong this week, each shutting down their opponents.

The women's team showed its strength Wednesday by destroying two teams at once. Even with a split squad, the women topped both Hollins and Randolph-Macon Woman's College 9-0, 9-0, improving their record to 2-2.

At Washington and Lee, RMWC won only nine games in all of the singles and doubles matches. The W&L women never dropped a set. Senior Ericka Shapard, senior Berry Blankinship and sophomore Shannon Bell all won their singles matches. Wins were also posted by Jennifer Strawbridge, Elizabeth Gay and Ashley Buck. The three doubles teams were also victorious.

Hollins gave the other half of the women's team more trouble, but the result was the same. The matches were all decided in straight sets.

Wins included in singles sopho-

more Brook Hartzell, sophomore Erin Eggers and freshmen Christina Campbell. Freshmen Anne Castello, Laura Schramm, and Virginia Brumby also posted singles wins for the Generals. The doubles teams also came away with victories.

The men's tennis team also made quick work of Guilford Wednesday, defeating them by a score of 7-0 to improve the team record to 2-1.

Junior Dale Pretilla, freshman Chris Haun and junior Scott Babka all won their singles matches. Senior Glenn Miller, freshman Kelly Radford and junior David Lehman also posted victories in singles. In doubles, all three teams pulled out victories.

"I think this is the strongest team since I've been here," observed senior Glenn Miller. "The team is more motivated and hungry to win than it has been in the past."

The women play five matches in five days starting Wednesday, including a key match against Kenyon College Friday at home.

Next up for the men are split-team matches on Tuesday at Roanoke and at Eastern Mennonite.

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Men's lax suffers early season loss at hands of Cortland St.

BY BRENDAN HARRINGTON

SPORTS WRITER

They say that baseball is the game of inches, but the Washington & Lee men's lacrosse team might argue that statement after yesterday afternoon's heartbreaking 12-11 loss to Cortland State.

The Generals suffered an early season blow to their NCAA tournament hopes when a last-second shot, which would have tied the game for the Generals, bounced off the crossbar.

The game was played on the University of Virginia's artificial turf field in Charlottesville due to the poor conditions of a rain-soaked Wilson Field. The 17th ranked Red Dragons improved to 1-0 while the loss dropped ninth ranked W&L to 3-1.

"It was obviously a tough loss," said freshman Pope Hackney, who led the Generals with three goals. "We lost to a team that we thought we were better than."

Cortland State took control early on and extended their lead to 8-5 midway through the third quarter before the Generals came roaring back and scored three straight goals to tie the game 8-8 going into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Dragons scored three straight goals of their own after freshman Chris Dailey found the back of the net and ex-

tended the Cortland State lead to 11-8 with 6:30 left in regulation. W&L freshman Pope Hackney cut the lead to 11-10, scoring two goals in less than a minute but Cortland State freshman Jim Cianfracca scored his fourth goal of the game to give the Dragons at 12-10 lead.

W&L once again rallied and trimmed the lead back to one after freshman attacker Matt Dugan made it a 12-11 game. In the final minute of the game, W&L had two golden chances to send the game into overtime, but Cortland goalie George Breers came up with a huge save before the Generals' final shot hit the crossbar with one second to play. Breers came up big for the Dragon and had 16 saves as Cortland outshot the Generals 50-25.

Cianfracca paced Cortland with four goals. Hackney had three goals and classmate Dugan added two goals and two assists for the Generals. The Generals also had trouble taking advantage of extra-man opportunities — only going one for seven in those situations.

"There's a long way to go," said Hackney. "It will be interesting to see how we respond from this setback."

Senior captain Chip Thompson is disappointed with the team's performance so far this season.

"The team as a whole, during that game, and so far this season, is not displaying the level of intensity that we should," he said. "We still have three quarters of a season left, and if we start displaying that intensity, we'll put a good run on."

GAME SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Cortland St.	4	2	2	4	12
Washington & Lee	4	0	4	3	11

Goals: (C) Cianfracca 4, Daley 2, Devine, Gates, Odom, Amato, Pupke, Flynn. (W&L) Hackney 3, Dugan 2, Stanley 2, Lucas, E. Dougherty, C. Dougherty, Burke. Assists: (C) (W&L) Dugan 2, Lucas. Saves (GA): (C) Breres 16 (11); (W&L) Gratton 8 (12). Shots: W&L 50-25. Faceoffs: W&L 17-10. Ground Balls: W&L 43-27. Penalties: W&L 2 for 1:30; Cortland 7 for 4:30. Extra Man: W&L 1 for 7; Cortland 2 for 2.

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Opinion & Editorial

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Honor System works for the dishonorable

It used to be that at Washington and Lee, one could really believe in the Honor System. Recently, however, it has become more and more difficult to put faith in this sacred tradition. Why? Because it's not working.

In the last week alone, over one hundred dollars was stolen out of the Graham-Lees dorm rooms, and laundry stolen from the basement laundry room.

Now some may say that it is partly the fault of the persons who have had the items and money stolen. But in speaking to these people, different perspective arises. The money stolen was not lying out. It was taken out of a closed desk drawer. Another person's money was stolen out of a closed wallet in a zipped purse. The laundry stolen has often been missing between the time the dryer stops and the ten minutes it takes for the person to go down the four flights of stairs to fold it.

In the past, many have blamed the so-called "townies" for some of the thefts. But there is no way that all of the thefts could be committed by outsiders. None of the freshman dorms is big enough that strange, un-student looking people would not be noticed roaming through the halls, poking their heads in rooms where they obviously don't belong. People would notice. A card-access system was put on the door to the Graham-Lees laundry room for this reason. No significant number of outsiders could possibly be riding in on the coattails of students entering the dorms. And once the outsiders are ruled out as significant suspects, that only leaves, well, insiders.

The Honor System is becoming a thief's dream. Because such a big deal is made out of the tradition, people trust in it, making it much easier for the dishonorable on campus to operate in a non-threatening atmosphere. People need to realize that the Honor System isn't what it used to be. Things are getting stolen. So wake up, start locking your door, and don't believe anyone who is naive enough to tell you that the Honor System really works. Because it doesn't.

Quote of the week:

It's not polite to sprinkle your date.

— senior referring to his pepper at dinner before Fancy Dress.

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Go to grad school and avoid the inevitable

I have been told that there is life after college. I'm not sure that I believe it, but, just in case, I'm considering my options.

What will I do the day after I graduate? The possibilities seem endless. I could take the noble route and join the Peace Corps for a year or two. I could take the European route and travel. I could take the "I'm Not Leaving" route and apply for a job in the Admissions Office. I could do just about anything.

Red Brick Row
David Balsley '99

When I'm done with all that, however, it seems as though I'm bound for one of two places: the Real World and a job, or graduate school. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages.

If I decide to continue my studies in graduate school, the first hurdle I face is actually getting into a graduate school. From the posters and pamphlets I've

seen, most graduate schools won't even consider me unless I raise my GPA above a 4.66.

In addition, some programs have special requirements. If I want to study English, for example, I'll have to be able to recite "As I Lay Dying" backwards while arguing in sign language that this is how Faulkner intended his book to be read. If I want to study math, my chances of being accepted are better if I prove at least 17 different theorems in the next year and a half, and name them all after obscure mathematicians with long, Germanic names. Or at least the requirements seem that tough.

If I am accepted to grad school, I will spend the next three years working on academics 169 hours a week. My professors will explain the secrets behind life's great mysteries, including (but not limited to) trigonometry, beer commercials and the Levi Company's insane urge to rivet all of their clothing together. My work will culminate in a paper that I will defend against rabid ludites, who, once conquered, will reward me with a diploma and a hefty bill.

I decide that, having spent nearly a decade in col-

leges and universities, education is where I want to be. I will apply to nearly every academic institution this side of the sun. If I am lucky, I will be accepted at one of them. I will spend the rest of my life reaping the benefits of free stationery and e-mail.

If I decide instead that I would rather enter the workforce right after graduation, thereby skipping grad school altogether, I still have to worry about being accepted somewhere. I will spend my senior year wearing ties every day in the off-chance that a recruiter will suddenly appear in the Co-op. I will miss class, parties, birthdays, holidays and graduation to travel like the Joad's from interview to interview. When no one's around, I will practice my new Work Force Sense of Humor.

If I land a job, I will get a new car, apartment, wardrobe and a hefty bill to accompany them all. But unlike the graduate student, who manages to live off of 17 cents a week, I'm earning money. I'll spend a lot of time in or around the bar scene.

Personally, I would rather go to grad school. Now about that GPA ...

Swiss drug policy very controversial

Switzerland hands out free heroin to heroin addicts. Now, don't go shouting that from every rooftop, because if President Clinton and Newt Gingrich get wind of it, they'll probably move to decertify Switzerland as a cooperating country in the fight against drugs, then ban the import of Swiss chocolate and watches to America. Seriously, though, Clinton and Gingrich would rather none of us knew about this little experiment in Switzerland. Why? Because it's working.

From a Bar Stool
Eric Swensen '98

Between 1994 and 1997, as reported in the *Washington Post*, the government of Switzerland identified 1,146 heroin addicts for whom traditional methods of treatment had failed. For these addicts and these addicts only, injections of pure heroin were provided three times a day at treatment centers around Switzerland, along with counseling.

The results were overwhelmingly positive. Before beginning the program, 59 percent of the addicts were criminals of some sort. Since their heroin was now free, eliminating the need to pay high black-market prices, criminal activity among the addicts dropped to 10 percent. Also, many addicts found mainstream jobs and homes. Homelessness among the addicts dropped from 12 percent to almost zero. The rate of HIV and hepatitis and skin infections fell, and the death rate dropped by half. Some addicts even sought conventional abstinence treatment.

Of course, Switzerland's program is not working in the traditional American sense. We view the drug problem as a war, as an enemy whose scourge must be wiped off the face of the earth at any cost. The Swiss seem to acknowledge that the best that we can do is mitigate the harmful effects of having addicts in society. The difference between Switzerland's drug problem and the one in the U.S. is this: Theirs is grounded in reality.

Drugs have been around since ancient times, and while their names, types, and forms may have changed, human nature has not. Just as Adam was tempted by the forbidden fruit, some human beings will always give into temptation and seek the easy fix, the escape, the pleasure that drugs provide. Human nature cannot be changed by legislation, but its worst side effects can be lessened. We need to treat drug addicts as sick people who need help, not as criminals who need to be locked away.

The benefits will accrue not only to drug addicts, as the Switzerland study shows, but to society as a whole. 85 percent of drug addicts in this country commit some kind of crime, often, as the Switzerland experiment shows, to pay for drugs. Intravenous drug users are the leading cause in the spread of HIV. If we treat the addicts as people, not as menaces, and, in exchange, encourage them to seek some form of help, whether it is heroin maintenance, methadone (a synthetic opium which removes the craving for heroin) or traditional drug treatment, we can reduce crime and make this country a healthier, safer place to live.

I'm not suggesting we hand out heroin (or any other drugs) like juice and cookies at a nursery school. I don't know if Switzerland's plan would work on a larger scale here in America. What we do need is a plan that treats drug addiction as a health problem. It's a realistic solution. It's also the best solution for dealing with drug addiction and the numerous problems it causes addicts and society.

15 Minutes of Shame

SO THEY TELL ME "GIVE ME A CARTOON OR GIVE ME DEATH" AND I SAY THAT (WELL, THE ONES EVEN PROFESSORS (WELL, THE ONES WITHOUT A ROD UP THEIR ASS) DON'T ASSIGN WORK ON FANCY DRESS WEEK- END. I SAY, HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY EXPECT ME TO DO A CAR- TOON? I MEAN, THIS IS A WEEK- END OF FUN: DRUNKEN REVELRY, TRYING TO LOSE MY DATE IN A CROWD, AND WAKING UP IN A POOL OF SOME- IT'S SOUP?!) SQUISHY (MAYBE) "WHAT'S SO AND THEY SAY THIS WEEKEND?" DIFFERENT ABOUT MY SHOULDERS & WELL, I SHRUG THEY'RE RIGHT, & NOD MY ASSENT. I COMPLY. LIKE ALWAYS. CARTOON EDITOR NAZIS ARE RIGHT. ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Letters to the Ring-tum Phi

Swimmers express discontent with sports coverage

To the editors of the Ring-tum Phi:

We are writing to express our disappointment with your coverage (or lack thereof) of one of the most successful varsity sports at Washington and Lee. The women's swim team enjoyed a very successful year, yet you failed to recognize the numerous successes and accomplishments of the team throughout our six-month season. We even delayed the submission of this letter to see if you could redeem yourself with last week's edition; but, once again, you hardly acknowledged the triumphant completion of our season.

We realize that an editorial letter is not a forum to recap statistics or results, but since your paper is obviously inept at reporting the true news on campus, we will take the liberty of doing it for you. The women's swim team competed in the ODAC/Atlantic States championship over February break, and proceeded to dominate the swim meet. W&L swimmers won 17 of the 18 events, and we captured the ODAC title by nearly 300 points. Every swimmer swam personal best times. Margaret Hoehl broke two meet records and achieved a NCAA qualifying time in the 1650 freestyle. Hoehl was also awarded the co-ODAC swimmer of the year title, while head coach Kiki Jacobs Moore received ODAC coach of the year for the fifth time. We completed the season with eight wins, equalling our team record.

We regret having to resort to a letter such as this one. However, as seniors, we expected more from

our school paper. We hope that by writing this letter all athletes — men and women — will receive equal coverage and recognition, and that varsity athletes in the future will not be forced to write such a letter.

Sincerely,
Taryn Kiekow '98
Bligh Wolfner '98
Kendall Cruickshank '98
Megan Wiedmaier '98

The Ring-tum Phi welcomes any letter to the editor. Deadlines for letters are Fridays, 5 p.m. for the following Monday's publication, and should be placed in the Phi's box in the University Center. We would like to remind any prospective writers that no letter will be published unless the author is identified. If you still wish to have your letter published anonymously, simply attach a note to the bottom of the letter with your name.

Thank you,
The editors

TALKback:

What was the craziest thing that happened to you on FD weekend?



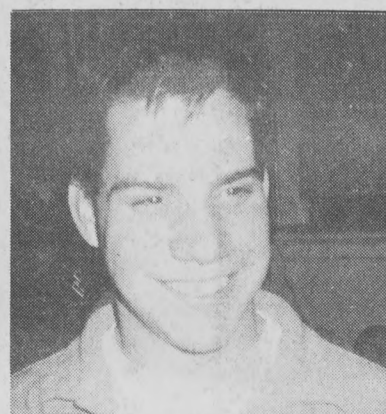
"Looking for a hiking trail, the brakes on my friend's car went out."

— Warren Hedges '00



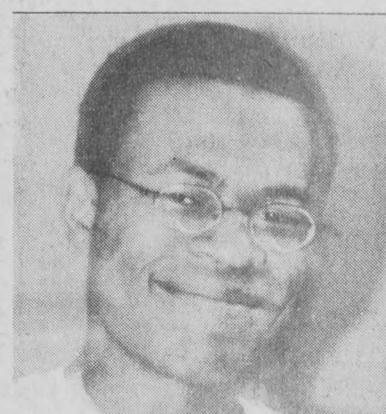
"I enjoyed Mark Granger's break-dancing exhibition"

— Matt Klimas '00



"I was the first W&L guy to take a VMI girl."

— Drew Heron '98



"No Comment"

— Tim Showalter '00

a bit of Humor, Opinion and Reviews
last word

Alex's best and worst flicks of 1997

ALEX CHRISTENSEN

PHI MOVIE CRITIC

Well, folks, it's about two weeks until the Oscars (you can watch them on ABC March 23 — please, no wagering), and I'll tell you the winners now: Best Supporting Actor will be Burt Reynolds for "Boogie Nights," Supporting Actress will be Gloria Stuart for "Titanic," Best Actor will be Robert Duvall for "The Apostle," Actress will be Helen Hunt for "As Good As It Gets," Best Director will be James Cameron for "Titanic," Best Original Screenplay will be Ben Affleck and Matt Damon for "Good Will Hunting," Best Adapted Screenplay will be Brian Helgeland and Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential," and Best Picture will be "Titanic." I'm a 100 percent certain, too. This year's handicapping was way too easy.

Just because they're going to win, of course, doesn't mean they deserve to. I have my own personal list of what was the best on screen this year, and it's more than a little different.

In the category of Best Supporting Actor, I chose Samuel L. Jackson for "Jackie Brown." He has won several film festival awards for Best Actor for his role as gun-runner Ordell Robbie, but I think that, just as he really belonged in the Best Actor category for "Pulp Fiction," he really belongs in the Best Supporting Actor

category for this one. Jackson's portrayal of a man on the verge of scoring big or going bust, constantly checking out all the angles the best way he knows how, blows all of the Oscar nominees out of the water (except for Robert Forster, also from "Jackie Brown," who really belongs in the Best Actor category). My runners-up are Robert De Niro for "Wag the Dog," Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting," Kevin Spacey for "L.A. Confidential," and Matt Malloy for "In the Company of Men."

For Best Supporting Actress, Gloria Stuart is the overwhelming sentimental favorite. A former silent-film star who makes a big impression in "Titanic," she is unbeatable, but there were many more notable performances this year. My choice to win would be Alison Elliott, who plays a serenely doomed heiress in Iain Softley's quite good "The Wings of the Dove." Elliott, who happens to look a lot like Jodie Foster's little sister, steals the show from putative star and undeserving Best Actress nominee Helena Bonham Carter, who couldn't act her way out of a paper bag, but manages not to ruin the film. Other worthy performances, in order: Minnie Driver for "Good Will Hunting," Heather Graham for "Boogie Nights," Bridget Fonda for "Jackie Brown," and Christina Ricci for "The Ice Storm."

Best Actor is a tough call this year. There were more

than a dozen great performances that I saw. None, however, topped Robert Duvall's loud, raucous, contradictory Holiness preacher in his film "The Apostle." This is the first time I have seen a religious character who isn't either an unbelievable saint or a blatant hypocrite. Sonny isn't a perfect man, but he loves God and believes in God, and, for him, that's everything. My runners-up are Sean Penn for his sweetly lost maniac in "She's So Lovely," Christopher Guest for "Waiting for Guffman," Philip Baker Hall for "Hard Eight," and Peter Fonda for "Ulee's Gold."

Best Actress was a sparse category this year, almost as sparse as Best Actor was crowded. Four of the Oscar nominees are British, and so they won't win over America's sweetheart, Helen Hunt. The Academy went out of its way to ignore



Pam Grier, Christensen's pick for Best Actress, stars as the title character in Quentin Tarantino's movie "Jackie Brown."

some other great American performances, though. My pick for Best Actress is Pam Grier for "Jackie Brown." She got a great part and showed she was worth it. Not only beautiful and hard-boiled, Grier can be tender, and vulnerable yet tough, and she has a charm and sense of timing that light up the screen. Her kiss with Robert Forster was a religious experience. Runners-up are Stacy Edwards as the deaf secretary in "In the Company of Men," Robin Wright Penn for "She's So Lovely," Julie Christie for "Afterglow," and Kim Basinger for "L.A. Confidential," who was nominated in the Supporting Actress category but belongs here.

I don't like to separate Best Director, Picture, and Screenplay categories — I really don't think they can be judged separately — so let's go ahead and give them all to Quentin Tarantino and "Jackie Brown." The director's third film is a gem of a caper with sex, drugs, soul music, and plenty of action and humor. An incredible cast and attention to detail make it worth watching more than twice. Robert Forster's Oscar-nominated performance is the comeback of the year, if not the decade. The guy's John Wayne.

"Jackie Brown" was adapted from Elmore Leonard's "Rum Punch," so that leaves Best Original Screenplay unawarded. Woody Allen gets it for "Deconstructing Harry," a Bergman-esque romp through the travails of novelist Harry Block, which delivers deep, solid, prolonged laughs, plenty of wonderful eccentricity, and a cosmic message which isn't new, but is as true as it ever was.

Along with Bests come Worst. My pick for

Worst Supporting Actor is Matthew McConaughey for his stunningly similar and dull work in "Contact" and "Amistad." Sure, he looks like the love child of Paul Newman and Marlon Brando, but the promise he showed in "A Time to Kill" has gone largely unfulfilled, at least so far. Worst Supporting Actress honors go to Julia Louis-Dreyfus for "Father's Day." I can't figure out why she was there. Worst Actor this year is Nicholas Cage for "Con Air." It was not a good movie and his corny hamming it up and lousy Southern accent were some reasons why. Worst Ac-

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Restaurant reviews

Maple Hall is located on Route 11 North in Lexington, Va.

Ratings (1-5):	Service:	1
Pepper Grinder:	3 Food Quality:	3.5
Powder Room:	3 Food Presentation:	3.5

Dining disaster at Maple Hall

What a disappointment! As we have for many years, we chose Maple Hall for our Fancy Dress dinner. This year we had a party of eight: Tarah and Tom, Kate and Steven, Rachel and Justin, and Robin and Doug. When making plans we learned that Maple Hall only offered two seatings this year; we chose the later time, 8:30pm. We arrived on time and after a few minutes, and some light entertainment in the lobby, we were seated at our somewhat small and uncomfortable table. Half an hour later our waiter got around to taking our drink orders. Doug and Justin decided to order a bottle of the Moët and Chandon "White Star" Champagne to share with their ladies. Tom ordered a bottle of a fine red wine, of which almost everyone at the table later enjoyed a portion. At this point Doug wondered aloud about the wisdom of ordering champagne of the "White Star" line and made a few Titanic illusions, but we let it pass. Half an hour later our drinks and bread arrived (note: at this point we had been seated for an hour). The drinks were as we expected, and the bread was good. We all really enjoyed the bread considering we were quite hungry at this point. Our waiter, if he can be called that, slouched in at some point to take our dinner orders. He asked us if we needed more time, but we told him that after staring at our menus for an hour we thought we were ready (note: there were three items on the menu). Whenever someone opted not to have the lobster bisque or a salad he informed them with a thick accent, in a rather rude voice, "it come with you meal." Most of us still chose not to have the bisque. Our party ordered five of the raspberry chicken, and three of the filet mignon. Half an hour later (an hour and thirty minutes after our arrival) our waiter scurried in with the bisque, for those who had decided to try it. At this point we noticed a table near ours seemed to be having trouble getting their check... no worries. Those who had the bisque seemed to enjoy it. Tom, our resident bisque expert, declared it a good bisque, although he did add salt. Half an hour later (now two hours into this experience) our salads arrived. We had earlier been presented with option of a honey mustard dressing, or a Parmesan pepper dressing. Most opted for the honey mustard. The waiter seemed a little overzealous with the grinder and forced pepper on Justin, even though he made it clear he was not interested. Everyone seemed to enjoy their salads, small though they were, but at this point everyone was ravenously hungry. The pace at which the courses were arriving was not satisfying anyone. Half an hour later (now two and a half hours into this nightmare) some

of our entrees (four chickens) arrived. Almost ten minutes later the filets arrived. The waiter mumbled about a mistake in the kitchen, as the final chicken dish was very late in coming. Throughout all of this we waited patiently for the final entrée to arrive. Doug was reminded of those "stupid pet tricks" shows where they put the treat on the dog's nose and say, "wait... wait... wait... now!" and the dog gulps down the Milk Bone. We gulped down our now lukewarm meals and demanded the check, now three hours into this disaster. The waiter explained that dessert, "it come with you meal" but we explained that it was nearing midnight and we'd like to get to the ball before Tom had to wind his watch again or Doug's truck turned into a pumpkin.

The check arrived and the gentlemen were not happy with some of the details. They tried to work this out with our waiter, but there seemed to be some sort of language barrier so they asked to see the manager. They went upstairs to see her, and after some explaining, were able to make appropriate modifications to the check. We all fled like rats from a sinking ship (Titanic?) and made it to the ball in time to have a few pictures taken and get trampled by some drunken fools. What was supposed to be a special evening was now in shambles. We might have enjoyed dessert, but getting to the ball was worth it... or was it?

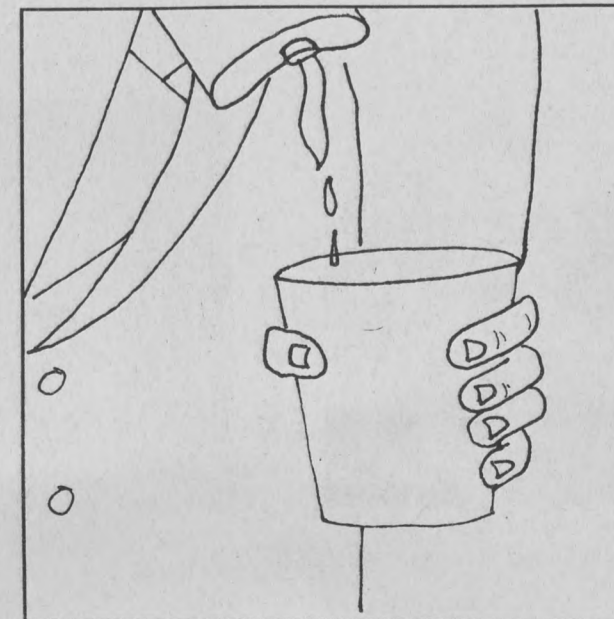
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MONDAY * 8:00 p.m. Lecture: "German Exiles in Hollywood: Trouble in Paradise," Wulf Koepke, Northen Auditorium. * TUESDAY * 3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Lynchburg, Smith Field. * 7:30 p.m. "Democracy and Environmental Problem Solving: The View From Quincy Library," Mark Sagoff, Northen Auditorium. * Shepherd Poverty Lecture: "Racial Intergroup Disparity: Eco-

nomic Theory and Social Evidence," William Darity, C-School 327. * WEDNESDAY * 4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Sweet Briar, Varsity Courts. * 7:30 p.m. State of the Discipline Series: "Reading Pictures: Objects, Texts, and Academic Angst," Professor George Bent, Northen Auditorium. * Staple Mixer at Phi Psi * THURSDAY * ALL DAY: Phi Beta Kappa Convocation — adjusted class schedule. * 12:15 p.m. "To Climb the Highest Mountain," Hugh David Young, Lee Chapel. * 3:30 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Randolph Macon/Ashland, Varsity Courts. * 4:00 p.m. Math Colloquium: "Mathematical Applications to Economic Theory," John Turner '95, Robinson Hall 6. * 8:00 p.m. Lenfest Series: Aquila (Birds) Lenfest Center. * FRIDAY * 7-10 a.m. 25th Annual Institute on the Ethics of Journalism. * ALL DAY: Cholesterol Screening, open

to W&L community, University Center 108. * 3:30 p.m. Math Colloquium: "The Actuarial Profession — Using Your Mathematical Ability in Your Career," Stephen T. McElhane '67, Robinson Hall 6. * Women's Tennis vs. Kenyon, Varsity Courts. * 4:30 p.m. "Journalism and the Egalitarian Society," Maxwell King, C-School 327. * 7:30 p.m. Film Society presents "Eve's Bayou" at the Troubadour. * 8:00 p.m. FRIDAYS! presents comedian Todd Parker at the GHQ. * SATURDAY * ALL DAY: W&L Track Invitational * 12:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Virginia Wesleyan, Smith Field. * 3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Colgate, Varsity Courts. * 7:30 p.m. Film Society presents "Eve's Bayou" by Kasi Lemmons, Troubadour Cinema. * 8:00 p.m. Lenfest Series: Julius Caesar. Lenfest Center. * 2:00 a.m. "Rave" at SAE. *

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