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## Seniors: Employers seek grads

By Eszter Pados

- STAFF WRITER

For Washington and Lee students insecure about post-college life, rest assured that 1998 is a fine year to be graduating.

According to a survey on job opportunities for college graduates, this year's job market offers a 27.5 percent increase in job openings for 1998 college graduates, and a four to five percent increase in starting salaries — the

biggest in 10 years. The survey, conducted annually by

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this year's seniors a bright future, with an abundance of jobs available for fresh, compentent minds. Life looks especially good for future physicists, with a 14.8 percent salary increase this year. The lowest increase in yearly salaries concerns the Telecommunications professions, with a meager 0.5 percent increase.

Patrick Scheetz, author of the Michigan State study, attributes widespread job availability and increasing offers to the country's booming

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Michigan State University, promises economy. Technological savvy also I think it's been a very good year for makes today's graduates attractive.

> So how does the future look for Washington and Lee seniors? Senior biology major Kathleen

> Dusse said that her experience shows that there have been a lot of jobs avail-

"It seems to me that most companies haven't filled their positions yet," Dusse said, "So it has been very easy to get offers."

She got an offer from Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C., which she accepted, after just one interview.

Christopher Forrest, an economics and music major, had similar good fortune. He received several offers in the finance industry, and chose to work at NationsBank.

"I think that it is easier now to find a job than it has been in previous years," Forrest said. "My personal experiences have been very good."

Economics major Justin Riedell has been at peace for several months; he accepted an investment banking job with J. P. Morgan and Co. in December. Although he spent a good portion of his Fall term searching for a position, his quest has been success-

"It happened pretty quickly," Riedell said. "I feel that the job market is very good this year. It's been a very good year for investment banking, but

Edouard de Galbert's experiences have been slightly different. De Galbert admits that this is mainly due to his preference to work abroad.

everyone."

ing for him.

"It's really hard to look for a job abroad from Lexington," de Galbert said. "There are a limited number of

alumni working abroad." He has sent a number of letters to alumni, and has received one answer so far. De Galbert hopes to relocate to Egypt or Argentina following graduation, whether or not he has a job wait-

"I'm just going to get a plane ticket, go there and look around," he said.

For those seniors who don't have jobs yet, look out for recruiters, or consider graduate school. The Michigan State survey found that top graduates of law schools and MBA's in investment banking or consulting are receiving offers as high as \$100,000 out of grad school.

- Senior Editor Liz Detter contributed to this article.

# VMI sexual incident leads to expulsion

#### Φ Senior cadet and female exchange student suffer consequences of liason

By Polly Doig

Just days before graduation, Virginia Military Institute expelled a senior following a sexual incident with a female exchange student from Norwich University in Vermont. The pair were discovered having sexual relations in VMI's barracks.

The female involved was also a senior. She was one of several women invited to VMI from other institutions in order to help ease the transition to co-education. VMI returned the exchange student to her home institution of Norwich University, in confessions were coerced, as they Northfield, Vt.

VMI's policy on sexual relations is not flexible, according to Superintendent Josiah Bunting III. Sexual relations within the corps are strictly prohibited by VMI, and specifically will not be tolerated in the barracks.

According to an anonymous VMI junior, the senior's punishment was extremely harsh, especially coming so close to graduation, but not unwarranted. "It's too bad that this happened at this point," he said. "But his actions were extremely stupid."

This was the third such incident that has occurred at VMI this year. In October, two rats caught kissing in a dark room were confined to barracks for several weeks. In March, a disciplinary committee recommended that two cadets, who were charged with visiting each other's rooms various times at night, be suspended for two semesters. However, in this instance VMI instead followed through with a "severe penalty," which included several months of confinement.

In the latest incident, the consequence for breaking the rules was expulsion. While this might seem severe, VMI Spokesman Colonel Michael Strickler said that, "every case has to be looked at differently and punishment given accordingly."

#### Former Cadets may finish classes

A District Court judge has ruled that six former VMI cadets will be allowed to take their final exams.

The cadets, three of whom are seniors, were found guilty of lying last Friday in a hazing-related incident, and were escorted off campus in a "drumming out" ceremony early Saturday morning.

Seniors Donald Evans, Phantamith Prompol and Jason Roderiques were expelled last week for lying about their

involvement in a "whack system." Freshmen Brandon Crane, Terence Redmond, and Arnold Gore were also expelled for denying that they had been beaten by the seniors.

All six former cadets will be permitted to complete their coursework, provided that it is done at an off-campus

Final exams began Monday at VMI, and the cadets were in District Court before Judge James Turk, seeking a restraining order to stop their expul-

The ex-cadets maintain that their were not notified of their right to remain silent by the student Officer of the Guard Association who interrogated them. They contend that they were dragged out of bed in the middle of the night by the OGA to face inter-

Judge Turk called the interrogation tactics of the OGA "Gestapo methods," and urged the cadets to work out some sort of compromise with VMI so that they can take their exams. In this manner they can complete their work while waiting for a ruling in their case, which will not likely occur until

In response to Turk's comments on OGA methods, VMI Spokesman Col. Michael Strickler said, "I have complete faith in the cadets who work with the Officer of the Guard Association and the Honor Court, and that their actions were honorable."

The ex-cadets prospects for receiving a VMI diploma remain highly improbable, according to VMI Superintendent Josiah Bunting in a written statement released early this week. "Under no circumstances... could the administration of VMI ever consent to the award of a VMI diploma to a cadet found guilty of an honor violation by the cadet Honor Court." Strickler also said that the only way that the ruling could be overturned would be through the VMI Board of Visitors.

An anonymous VMI source agreed with the VMI's stance. "They were found guilty, and just because they brought in fancy lawyers doesn't mean that the decision of the Honor Court should be overturned."

Defense attorney Bernhardt Ruble, a Washington D.C.-based lawyer, said in court that one of the freshmen is already tiring of the fight, and may drop the suit. Freshman Albert Gore was the only defendant not present in court Monday.

### Lee House lawn gets facelift

By HEATHER McDoNALD

Source: Michigan State

University 1998 study

STAFF WRITER

First chainsaws roared, and then rain turned the lawn into mud. Over the last two weeks people have wondered: what is going on behind Lee House? The answer is quite simple:

"Not much," said President John Elrod. The Elrods have decided to landscape the area. The pine trees surrounding the lot have been cut down, and the lawn has been bull-

dozed in order to landscape the yard.

'The back area has never been landscaped," said Elrod. "We are putting in additional lawn space." Flowering shrubs and perennials will surround the new lawn area to create a more aesthetically pleasing backyard.

If the Board of Trustrees approves, the brick wall will extend all the way to

"It will look nice when it's finished," said Elrod. "Buildings and Grounds is doing it all. They are extremely busy this time of year, and they will get to it when they can."

The additional lawn space will be used for receptions, teas and cocktail

In other related news, construction was recently begun behind the Pavilion for the new baseball field. Frank Parsons, Coordinator of Facilities Planning, said that the field should be ready for the upcoming baseball season

#### What a mess....

No, they aren't

trying to relocate the remains of Traveler again. The catastrophe that is now President Elrod's yard is nothing more than a landscape jobin-progress. MIKE CRITTENDEN PHI PHOTO STAFF



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#### We take credit or cash

Why do we wittle our lives away carving out your news? We spend more time in the Phi office than we do in class. We don't get much out of it — maybe some journalism experience, sleep deprivation and a helluva lot of criticism.

The Executive Committee and other student judiciary bodies spend their hours outside of class helping people choose to drop out of school, and all they get are complaints of a lack in student autonomy.

Varsity athletes are in the same boat. They work hours upon hours every day only to probably go unnoticed (and for most sports outside of LAX, unmentioned in the press). They probably aren't headed to the NBA or the Santa Monica Track Club, but they still work like crazy. All they really get for it is a nice set of abs and two-fifths of a gym credit.

Aren't all of us worth more?

Why can't we get more credit for what we do — class credit perhaps? If anyone is going to sacrifice the time that we do for anything, they deserve some reward.

Varsity athletes should at least be able to fulfill their P.E. requirement. You can't tell us that (outside Lars Tiffany's aerobic running class) their daily workouts aren't more rigorous than a full semester of badminton. Most of the teams don't even get a crowd — they should at least get something on their transcript.

College newspaper staffs at public universities, like VMI, actually get paid oodles of money to do this job we do for "fun." This is where our plea really begins. We'd love some class credit for sacrificing our weekends, but we'd really love money. Lots of money!

Outside of marrying well, the chances of us living above the poverty line postgraduation are slim, so it would be great if the university could tease us with a little cash while our incomes are slightly expendable. You wonder why there's so much bad press? It's because no one is paying us to say otherwise! We're sure even the Trident would agree with this one.

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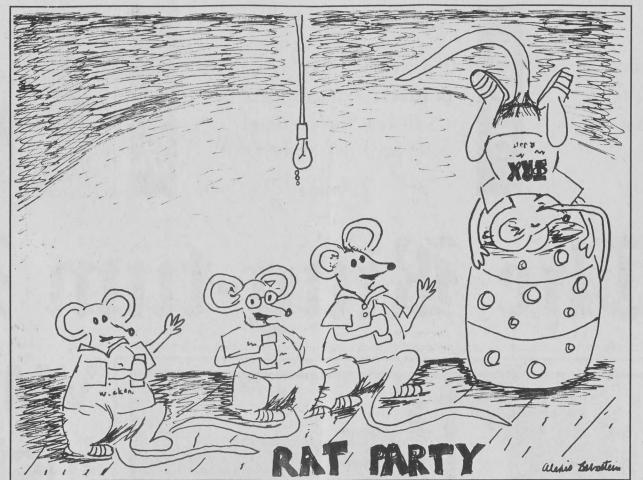
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### Less friendly competition threatens Night Owl Music

Red Brick Row

David Balsley '99

door one day last September. We chat about the weather, new album releases and current tours as I pick out Ani DiFranco's "Dilate."

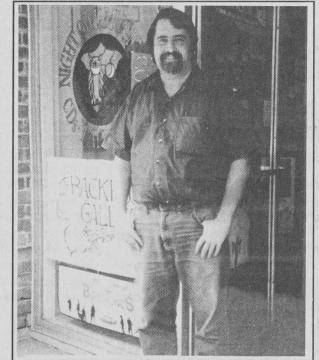
A used copy of "The Best of the Velvet Underground" catches my eye, so I grab it too. We listen to a solo project by "the guy who does all the really good guitar work on the Dave Matthews albums," as Wayne describes him.

I set the albums on the counter. Wayne smiles appreciatively at the VU tape. He only rings me up for the DiFranco CD. "No charge for the Velvets," he says. And

Night Owl Music owner Wayne Raynal has always treated me kindly, like he did last September. I don't mean to imply that he gives me a free album every time I walk in the store. Wayne runs Night Owl, not the Salvation Army, after all. But he welcomes his customers with a genuine interest in their musical tastes, a willingness to provide what his customers want and sincere friendliness. You're not treated this well in just

I'm distressed to hear that Wayne may have to close up

NIGHT OWL MUSIC threatens closure if students do not patronize the fellow General who truly cares about the music interests of his customers.



uote of the week: I'm a practicing hetero-

sexual. Practice makes perfect!

— anonymous Phi editor

Wayne greets me as I pull open the Night Owl Music shop. Facing competition from the new guys in town, Crossroads CDs and Tapes, tried-and-true Night Owl Music could disappear from the Lexington music scene. Apparently, we W&L students have only one year to save the store. Here is why we should.

> First, Wayne's mantra: "All CDs a dollar below list price and special orders at no extra charge." 'Nuff said.

Second, Wayne supports us. Waynestock provided W&L bands Hopper Genie, Underpants Cowboy and duo Aaron Brotherton and Anthony Allen a place to play and a chance for us to listen. Also, Wayne's store features a gallery for local artists. At least, we should support Wayne in return.

Third, Wayne is one of us. He opened Night Owl Music after attending W&L in the '70s. Why not patronize a

Fourth, the personal touch Wayne brings to Night Owl is unique. I have never seen the friendliness that Wayne shows his customers matched at any other store. It would be a shame to lose the last outpost in the war between friendly small store owners and corporate moguls.

Dave Matthews just released a new album, and as a W&L student, you probably want to buy it. When you do, please buy it from Wayne.

### Self-governance requires support

Last week, I began my career as a Phi columnist with what some have considered an overly pessimistic view of the current student-faculty relationship. Just as I began to fear that I may have been too hasty, a miraculous thing

sor wrote a letter to the Phi that largely verified my claims. I'm sure you all

On the Hill at McCormack '99

remember the illconceived letter — the one that implied that students at Washington and Lee, especially those involved in the current judicial systems, tacitly condone misbehavior of the worst variety. I do not think anyone would disagree with the writer's main point — that W&L students should be above engaging in shameful and dangerous activities. The commentary that accompanied his argument, however,

If a handful of faculty members who believe what this man seems to have been implying — that students more or less approve of the criminal activities we've witnessed of late — then the case for student self-governance is slipping. Just when the Board of Trustees is poised to encourage a higher level of student authority, a few highly publicized stories undermine all progress.

Take, as an example, the unfortunate plight of two of our harder working student judicial systems — the IFC and the SJC. Both have been particularly diligent in executing their duties. One would hope that this would prove to the faculty and the administration that students are finally fulfilling their obligations to enforce the appropriate standards of conduct. Instead, the opposite seems true.

I perceive a fundamental error in the collective judgement of our faculty; they are too quick to confuse student action with student reaction. Some individuals among us will behave badly; and no matter how strong a system we devise, we will never eliminate individuals' indiscretion. At best we can establish a system that deals with problems as

I firmly believe that, had students been given the opportunity to prove themselves in the emergency cases of hazing last term, student reaction would have equaled the administration's. Unfortunately, because of the well-meaning intervention of the Hill, we were never given the chance to prove ourselves worthy of trust.

I hope that such rash judgement might be avoided in the future. Allowing students to manage their own affairs has traditionally been one of W&L's most successful innovations. Though certain members of the faculty are beginning to doubt the feasibility of this goal, I encourage the remainder to look more closely at how most students respond to the lamentable actions of their peers.

We need to restore trust in student self-governance. Trading caustic remarks in editorial pages will not fulfill the role of campus dialogue. The status quo is losing credibility, and we need to consider the possibility of establishing a firmer

### A letter to The Ring-tum Phi

### A letter to the incoming presidents of W&L fraternities

I write this letter because I am greatly disturbed, both by the actions of some fraternities the past few years, and especially this year, and the troubling attitude of some of those involved as reported in the student newspapers.

I write this letter, not as a member of the Board of Trustees — I have no authority to speak for the Board, nor would I presume to do so. I write it only for myself, an alumnus who, as do you, loves Washington and Lee University and feels the need to rebut some of the misconceptions and shibboleths which exist and correct some of the untruths and half-truths.

There has been an increase over the past several years in both the incidence and severity of drinking and hazing. The president of the fraternity whose ten members were suspended seemed more concerned with procedural niceties than that the actions of the members of his fraternity brought shame to it and the University.

In a letter printed in The Trident, which should receive an award for chutzpah, a senior alleges that "student autonomy is dead at Washington and Lee;" goes on to chastise President Elrod for "driving off a dozen men who were true assets to this University;" asserts that "fully cooperating with the University, a student can expect to receive a penalty which is a monument to hypocrisy;" and finally that the University acted inappropriately in taking control of the process. Student autonomy is not dead but did have to be preemptively taken away in this case because of the seriousness of the offense. Surely, no reasonable person can expect that the level of autonomy that he or she is granted will not bear some relationship to his or her responsibility level. The president's actions were fully justified by the severity of the case and fully supported by the rector, who is known for his commitment to student autonomy.

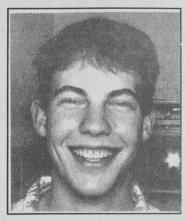
What this says to me — and it is depressing — is that two entire pledge classes, a number of upperclassmen and presumably some percentage of those from whom we have not heard, just don't get it. They don't get it that honor and civility are the cornerstone of W&L society; they don't get it that hazing is dishonorable and completely at variance with minimum standards of civility. They don't get it that those who admitted complicity were doing no more than adhering to the honor system. They don't get any of it.

For many years, I was fully supportive of fraternities. I extolled their values — bonding, learning to live in a group environment, the opportunity for a leadership experience. Unfortunately, and sadly, over the past few years, I have come to the realization that the dark side of fraternities —the all too prevalent cynicism, the excessive drinking, the hazing — so overshadows their benefits that it is questionable whether the University's values can coexist with those evidenced by the fraternities.

Based on my conversations with board members and alumni, I must tell you that patience is wearing thin. If fraternities are to continue to exist at W&L, they must operate more responsibly than they have over the past several years. ... If they do not demonstrate an awareness of their responsibility as W&L students and a willingness to live under the spirit as well as the letter of Board policy, they will find themselves subject to increasing control. It is up to you, the presidents of the fraternities, to see that your members get the message, "loud and clear." If you don't and they don't, you and they will have no one but yourselves to blame for the consequences.

> Sincerely, **Gray Castle**

### TALKback: Where do you think you will be in 10 years?



"On the beach, getting drunk."

-Dillon Whisler '00



"Still be pledging \$19.98 to the Alumni Fund."

-Jason Zacher '98



"Tacking my 95 Theses on the door of Washington Hall."

—The Gadfly '00



"A wrestler in WCW."

-Andrew Fiske '01

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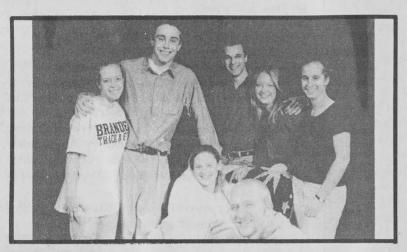
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### Curtain call on the Hot Line

The Washington and Lee University Theatre Department will be presenting Hot Line, a one-act play by Elaine May, next weekend in the Rehearsal Hall of the Lenfest Center.

The show, directed by senior Zach Hanks, is the story of a novice suicide hotline counselor named Ken. The play follows Ken's experience with a sharp-tongued, suicidal hooker named Dorothy. It is a story of need, a powerful and passionate piece that mixes comedy and drama. The show will feature performances by Colin Tate '01, Erika Van Helden '98, Ryan Truax '01, Kathie Soroka '01 and Vanessa Chen '01. Performances will be Friday, May 15 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 at 8 p.m. No tickets are required for the show.



SOME OF THE students involved with the production take a break from creating a masterpiece to smile for the camera. The show will be this weekend in the Lenfest Center, and no tickets are required. Pictured are (left to right, standing): Cassie Ritter, Colin Tate. Zach Hanks. Erika Cassutti, Kathie Soroka; (left to right, seated): Erika Van Helden, Ryan Truax. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE W&L THEATRE DEPARTMENT

— compiled from staff reports

### G&L welcomes new leader

Everything is a good thing

lon, will be one of several bands to play on May 16 at with Madonna, Toni Braxton and Everclear, flew in from

sity. In 1992, the band members decided to become ing piece we needed, somebody to help guide us

over 200 shows annually and have opened for such zine. "He knows a lot of production techniques. We got

soul to the album."

Los Angeles for the recording.

Sure you have. The organization, for reasons you might guess, leaves publicizing its membership up to its members. Since Christensen is graduating, however, junior Jessica Simpson is stepping up to the plate to take over leadership of the four-year-old campus group.

G&L is Washington and Lee University's gay, lesbian and bisexual organization. Christensen is gay. What is Simpson?

'Well," Simpson said, "I don't feel the need to label myself beyond 'president.' I would rather become aware ★ of my sexuality by discovering it, instead of by consulting some set of expectations. Besides, any label, even the word 'sexuality,' makes it seem like I'm just a sexual person. But I'm more than that. I'm an intellectual person, a religious person, a W&L student and more."

Simpson's goals for the group include maintaining G&L's public presence and fostering understanding and education among students with different backgrounds and

bers hide out or escape and helping them find something useful to share with other people," she said. "I want to

When the Buffalo Creek Music Festival rolls

around Saturday, music lovers will get a chance to hear

a little bit of Everything. The band, famous for their

logo of an encircled lower case "e" followed by a co-

full-time musicians. Since then, they have performed

groups as the Dave Matthews Band, Sister

Hazel, Agents of Good Roots and The

Who. The band's music can be de-

scribed as a mix of new rock, funk and

R&B. With musical influences rang-

ing from The Beatles to Aretha Franklin to Bela Fleck, Everything

has really combined lots of grooves

Craig Honeycutt, lead vocalist and

guitarist, said, "In the beginning, our

sounds were more of a mixture of our influ-

filter them and turn them into our own thing."

ences. Now we take in all those influences, body

Their latest album, Super Natural, was released

Said Dave Doud, DJ at WDST in Woodstock, NY,

by the Blackbird Recording Company in March and

has already received rave reviews from deejays across

"This is, hands down, my favorite album of the year!"

Everything recorded the album in a converted pre-

Civil War mansion that made the recording process

to form a truly unique sound.

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Everything got its start at James Madison Univer-

Zollman's Pavilion.

Ever wonder who's in G&L besides Alex Christensen? make sure it continues to be useful to its members and the W&L community in that way."

Christensen helped to found the group during his freshman year. The membership has been steady at about eight to 12 members who attend meetings and events.

Some controversy also followed the group through its event in Lee Chapel, Christensen's well-attended debate with Glenn Miller and its reception for the "Ellen" coming-out episode.

"Some people see me as a troublemaker," said Christensen. "But I didn't create the controversy. I just didn't back down on it. I think you can see that from the relatively quiet way we've conducted ourselves this year. The atmosphere has gotten better already. That's why I'm so positive about Jessica taking over the group. She can move it beyond what it's become with me as the public face without taking away from anything we've accom-

Anyone interested in contacting G&L or joining the group can call Christensen at 464-1679 or e-mail Simpson 'The group walks a fine line between letting its mem- at jsimpson@wlu.edu. All meetings are confidential.

"It was awesome to record in the mansion," said

Producer Jim Ebert, whose credits include work

"He brought a good, open mind. That was the miss-

to take the record wherever we wanted to. We

approached it from a lot of different produc-

served to inspire a unique creativity.

tion standpoints." Each room of the man-

sion was used for specific acoustics, and the tranquility of the Blue Ridge Mountains

powerful chemistry are highly evident in

Super Natural. Many of the songs are

written by Honeycutt, but everyone

pitches in for the creating process.

Honeycutt's influences include such legends

as Bob Marley, U2 and The Beatles. When describ-

Everything is scheduled to play at midnight and

"We have a really great live show. It'll be high-

Everything has been to W&L in the past, and

ing what distinguishes the band, he said, "It's the un-

seen things — what you see and hear and the vibes you

feel — that make you realize that Everything is unique."

energy, exciting, improvisionial, and interactive,"

the show promises to be a good one.

The band's creative sounds and

through," Honeycutt said in an interview for Scene maga-

Honeycutt. "We were able to bring the studio to us and

we were much more comfortable. It also added a lot of

— compiled from staff reports

### Religion revived on campus

Φ Religion plays an important role in the lives of many W&L students

By GINGER PHILLIPS

PHI FEATURES EDITOR

Religion? I haven't heard much about that in a while. My parents used to make me go to church with them, but I'm in college now. Does it all really matter?

Maybe these thoughts have crossed your mind recently, or maybe they haven't because you simply don't have enough time to think about religion. Perhaps you pass by a church as if it were just any other building and you haven't read the Bible since you were forced to do so in your English Lit class. Religion, however, is a prevalent force on the Washington and Lee campus and an essential part of the lives of many W&L students.

Numerous religious organizations are active on campus. "I grew up with a strong religious background. When I came to W&L I wanted to seek out some way to help me to grow more," said an anonymous junior. "Joining a religious group helped me to do that."

Two of the largest of these groups are the Inter Var sity Christian Fellowship and Catholic Campus Ministry Inter Varsity is a student-led, inter denomination that meets once a week and sponsors a variety of fun activities throughout the year.

"One of our main goals is to have a place for people to hang out and not feel pressured," said junior IV membe Dave Passavant. "They can be comfortable and really fo cus on fellowship. We provide a bond that goes beyon some other groups. A lot of the members are in fraternitie and sororities; IV is just something different."

While groups such as IV and CCM claim to offer a comfortable atmosphere, many students still feel discouraged from joining.

"[Religious groups] often seem too large, too impersonal or even too agenda-oriented to many young adults," said William "Burr" Datz, campus minister and organizer

College is a time in which most students begin to ask questions about themselves and deeply reflect on their beliefs on a variety of things. Despite religious activity on campus, many students have yet to consider the real meaning of religion in their lives. Others are confused about what exactly religion is.

"I think that many people have a misconception about what religion really is. They think it is just a set of rules that they must follow," said Passavant. "However, religion is not necessarily just going to church. For me it is the most fundamental thing in my life. Religion is the relationship that you have with God and with other believers."

Many students grow up following the religious practices of their parents without ever thinking about religion for themselves. When they come to college they are faced with unprecedented independence and must make their own decisions. Religion often falls to the wayside as other priorities take over.

"Religion is often something that young adults have been given, and grown up with; in one sense, it's the only menu they know," said Datz. "When they arrive on campus, the decision to attend church is no longer a decision their parents will make for them. Some consciously decide to not attend, some unconsciously decide to stay in bed."

Freshman Sarah Walters said, "If people only went to church because their parents made them go, then they probably don't feel really close to God and won't go to church once they come to college."

"Whether you go to church or not depends on your motivation. You have to have a personal interest in going, not just because someone else wants you to go," said the anonymous junior.

College culture itself provides many distractions that sometimes take the place of religion. Students may feel pressured to focus on what their peers think is popular or cool, and too often religion does not fit that description.

"Many people get away from home and just want to do their own thing. Once they get away from their parents, religion isn't trendy anymore," said junior Seth Kellermann, chairperson of Inter Varsity. "It is not easy to be a strong Christian here. In this drinking and hook-up culture, it is hard to be different and to profess what you believe."

Students also have other priorities that they consider hore important than religion. Academic and social reasons ften keep them from focusing on their religious beliefs. On unday mornings, many students are sleeping late, recoverng from a hangover, or yes - even studying for an exam.

"People make up a lot of reasons why they don't make eligion a priority in their lives," said Walters. "It seems riiculous to make excuses like that because everyone always nakes time for parties and other things they want to do."

Many area churches make efforts to accommodate stuents who, for whatever reason, cannot make it to an early norning service on Sunday. St. Patrick's Catholic Church holds mass at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Other area churches also have special groups and meetings devoted to college students.

Christianity is the most prominent religion on campus, which may discourage students of other faiths.

"I really don't find a great deal of diversity in religion at W&L. I think that this is a result of a lack of cultural diversity on campus as well," said freshman Deena

Despite the apparent lack of religion in some segments of the W&L community, there is a myriad of students who have already developed deeply rooted religious convictions.

"People who had a strong religious commitment before they came to college continue to maintain that even

after they come to college," Kellermann said. Walters said, "Religion helps me to maintain the focus

on what is really important in my life." For Walters and other students, religion is the central component in their lives.

"Life is a quest for truth, and for me, the truth is in my faith," said the anonymous junior. "It has definitely been a challenge to maintain that in college because this atmosphere does not really do anything to encourage religion. However, since I've come here, my beliefs have become ten times stronger."

"In my experience, if young adults are experiencing spiritual hunger, they will go wherever they will be fed, wherever God leads them to find sustenance," said Datz. "It's a great time to ask questions, and I believe that today's college students, on these and other campuses, are asking those questions of religion and faith."

As religion becomes a major factor in the lives of an increasing number of students, others will be forced to define religion in their own hearts and minds.

"Faith has given me a sense of peace and contentment that I otherwise wouldn't have," Kellermann said.

As other students begin to search for the same thing, religion will continue to play an important role on campus.

### It's Travel Time!

It's spring, and that means it's time to relax, kick back, and travel to exotic and fun-filled locations. But in our little corner of Virginia, there isn't that much to do close by (no, really?!). So here's a guide to interesting destinations no more than a few hours away from good old Lex. This week, we're off to Washington D.C.

dents are already familiar with D.C. even if they haven't

been there. It's the nation's capital, the home of countless museums, attractions and people. But for those students who have never visited there or tend to miss the interesting (but tourist-related) stuff, here's a little

The Smithsonian is worth seeing. It doesn't matter how boring some people think it is; this is the big collection of museums, the place where the Fonz's jacket and Dorothy's slippers are kept, so visit. The museums ring the Mall (a big grassy expanse) that stretches from the Washington Monument to the Capitol. A little brisk walking will get you to everything you want to see in this area. For your own good, though, try not to go on the weekends. Spring is a big vacation time in D.C., both for ordinary families and for school trips. So unless you plan to share your experience with a busload of annoying seventh-graders, plan to go during the week.

For history or architecture buffs, there are the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the National Cathedral, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, the National Archives and the Capitol itself. It'll feel just like home once you see all the white columns. Other hot spots include the White House (take note: no photographs allowed inside the building), the Supreme Court building, and the Library of Congress. After a while, you'll get used to the metal detectors at the entrance to every building. For a bit of adventure, dress relatively well and explore the tunnels under the Congressional office buildings. These are concrete access tunnels that conveniently connect several buildings under the streets

Of course, most stu- to make walking traffic-free. Of course, there are metal detectors down here, too,

so don't carry weaponry with you.

If you're an X-phile, visit the FBI building. If you have time, you can also try to contact your congressional representative and set up a meeting. They're usually pretty good about finding the time to chat with up-and-coming college students. If you just feel like walking, take a stroll around the Mall area, since people tend to encounter interesting things around here. In April 1994, a group of high school students who were meandering around this area found a Ross Perot press conference, a Jesse Jackson march, Michael Dukakis taking a stroll and Bill Clinton on his daily jog, all on the same weekday. Bring a camera, just in case.

Of course, if you want to avoid thought-related attractions, choices include Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe and about seven jillion other restaurants and shopping areas. It's customary for Washington and Lee students to have friends at the D.C.-area colleges so getting around isn't a problem. And one of the main reasons for driving all the way up there is, of course, the concert selection. The Washington Post does a good job of listing the bands and other acts that will soon grace the city, so buy a copy and plan your

If you want more info about the D.C. area, try visiting http://dc.yahoo.com for goodies about the city and surrounding environs. The quickest way to get to D.C. is to get on I-64 northeast for about 110 miles, then east on HWY 66 for about 76 miles.

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# sports

## Men's lax churched by the Bishops

By Brendan Harrington



Every year that Washington and Lee has qualified for the Men's Lacrosse Division III Tournament, they have been sent home packing by Ohio Wesleyan University. This year was no exception, as the Bishops scored ten second half goals to pull away from the Generals and cruise to a 17-8 victory in the quarterfinal of the NCAA tournament on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field.

The Generals knew they would have to play a nearly flawless game to down the No. 1 seed Ohio Wesleyan (14-1), whose only loss came against Division I Butler in their first game of the season. But the Generals just couldn't seem to find the net on this day, as Bishops goalie Kevin McGurn robbed the Generals on numerous occasions and finished with 17 saves.

"It just wasn't our day," said senior goalie Scott Jackson, who finished with 15 saves. "They're a team that is going to captilize on any mistakes you make. We just weren't shooting well, and it would have helped if I'd made a few more saves."

"We played hard but we just didn't execute," senior captain Paul Stanley said. "We didn't shoot well and their keeper [Kevin McGurn] came up with some saves that we thought would have dropped."

Kevin's brother Darren McGurn, Dan Stroka, and Evan Dunne each scored four goals to lead the offensive attack for the Bishops. Senior attackman David Maguire also added a goal and three assists in the winning cause as the Generals were unable to contain the nation's top ranked offense.

Ohio Wesleyan jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first quarter before back-to-back goals by freshman Matt Dugan brought the Generals within a goal early in the second quarter. The Bishops then answered with two goals of their own to make it 6-3 before Dugan struck again and brought the Generals back within two. But that would be the closest the Generals would get, as the Bishops scored two goals before the end of the half to take a 8-4 lead into the locker room

The Generals hoped their season-long dominance of the third quarter would continue against OWU, but the Bishops shot down those hopes rather quickly as they scored their third straight goal less than a minute into the quarter to make it 9-4. The Generals would not get closer than four goals the rest of the way, as the Bishops outscored the Generals 10-4 in the second half to make the final score 17-8.

"It was a shame to lose," freshman midfielder Pope Hackney said. "But it was a great season and you can't take that away from us."

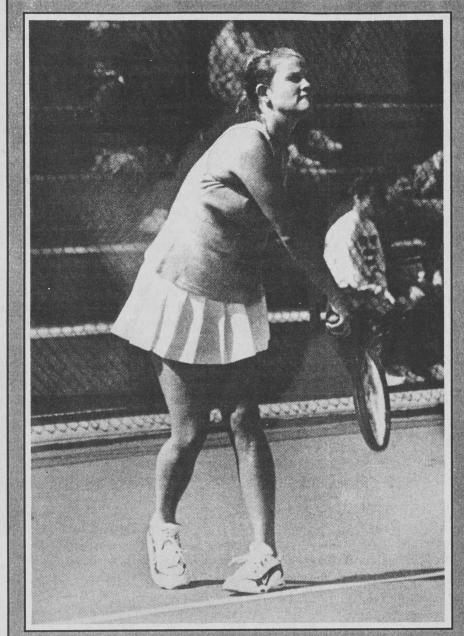
Matt Dugan closed out a remarkable freshman season with a career high five goals for the Generals. Dugan finished the season with 56 points, the most ever scored by a freshman at W&L. The remaining three goals for the Generals were scored by sophomore Colin Dougherty and seniors Paul Stanley and Ed Dougherty.

With their thirteenth straight victory, the Bishops advanced to the semifinals of the tournament to face Nazareth Saturday in Rochester, N.Y. The winner of that game will face either Salisbury State or Washington College, which were both victorious in the quarterfinal on Saturday.

The Generals finished a terrific season at 13-3. Their alltime record in the Division III tournament dropped to 2-4, all four of those losses coming at the hands of Ohio Wesleyan.

"You have to be happy with what we did this year," Stanley said. " I was proud to be a part of a team that put W&L lacrosse back on the map."

"We had a great season and you can't ask for more than that," Jackson added. "We would much rather finish the season with a loss against the number one team in the nation instead of beating up on VMI."



#### SENIOR ERICKA SHAPARD

crushes a serve during

the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Tournament. Shapard and senior doubles partner Berry Blankinship take on Caryn Cuthbert and Erin Hockman of Kenyon College today on the upper courts in the semifinal round. To advance to the semifinals, the pair beat teams from Gustavus Adolphus in the first round and Claremont-Mudd-Skripps. The Kenyon doubles teams beat teams from Emory in the first round and Williams in the second round. Kenyon defeated both of the teams in straight sets.

HOLLISTER HOVEY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

## Shapard/ Blankinship reach semis

By Frances Groberg



In the spring of 1995, freshmen Blankinship and Ericka Shapard looked on as a

fellow freshman, Natalia Garcia, and senior Marilyn Baker capture the Division III Individual Doubles Championship. Now it's their turn to try and repeat the accomplish-

ment. For these two seniors, being ODAC Champions

just isn't enough. Today, when most of Division III women's tennis

has put their racquets up for the season, the team of Blankinship/ Shapard takes on Kenyon in the Individual Doubles Semifinal match. The team has fought through both the first round and the quarterfinals, defeating teams from both Gustavus Adolphus and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps to reach the semifinals.



Blankinship

They'll have to work for it. The Kenyon team of Caryn Cuthbert and Erin Hockman has not dropped a set in the tournament, cruising to easy victories over Emory in the first round and Williams in the quarterfinals.

"I'm actually pretty positive about playing [Kenyon]," Blankinship said. "We have nothing to lose, so there's no reason we shouldn't come out swinging against them. It's going to be a tough match, but if we

play to our potential, we definitely

have a shot."

Her partner holds similar sentiments. "We play two very different styles of tennis," Shapard said. "They're huge hitters, while we're more of a finesse team. We'll have to come out very aggressive and play our game very well."

Shapard also competed in singles, losing in the second round to the No. 1 Amherst player,

freshman Jamie Cohen. Brook Hartzell, the team's second singles contender also lost in the second round to Kristen Olsen of UC-San Diego.

Shapard

The women as a team were also successful in the NCAA tournament, losing in the quarterfinals to Gustavus Adolphus 6-3. Wins were recorded by Shapard and Erin Eggers in singles, and the team of Blankinship/ Shapard in doubles.

"We did very well this season," Shapard said. "Everyone played beyond our expectations, but we have no regrets."

Blankinship has high praise and high hopes for the team. "We were very young, with no juniors," she said. "The future will be better. The freshmen and sophomores have enormous potential."

### Women's lax loses, no regrets

St. Mary's College Seahawks defeat the Generals in NCAA 1st round

By JASON ZACHER



To a competitive athlete, a loss is painful, but not getting revenge against a team is agonizing.

That was the case when St. Mary's (Md.) beat Washington and Lee 11-8 in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament on Wednesday, ending the Generals' season and dropping their record to 13-3 — two of those losses came at the hands of St. Mary's.

W&L jumped out to an early lead, but there were three ties and three lead changes. The first half ended in a 4-4 stalemate. The Seahawks overpowered the Generals in the second half, however, scoring six of the first seven goals of the half. With 7:06 remaining in the game, St. Mary's had built a comfortable 10-5 lead.

"It was so hot and we were really tired in the second half," sophomore Katherine Riddle said. "They were just faster and more prepared to deal with the heat and being tired."

Senior captain Whitney Parker answered by chipping in two goals and pulling the game to 10-7, but that's as close at the Generals would get.

W&L was led by Parker's three goals. Riddle and senior captain Lorraine Taurassi each scored two, while senior Susie Creamer added another goal.

"We play every game to have no regrets," Taurassi said. "They were simply the better team — that happens some-

Sophomore Ginny Jernigan played strong for the Generals once again, stopping 14 of the 25 shots taken on her, but the offense couldn't take advantage of her play. St. Mary's goalkeeper Tara Jensen made 8 saves on only 16 shots by the Generals.

Seniors Gia Trionfo and Melissa Moore and sopho-

St. Mary's beat the Generals over spring break by a score of 13-1, a loss some W&L players contributed to the lack of practice and the fact that three of W&L's top scorers were not playing at 100 percent. "We're glad we got to play them again," Taurassi said.

more Kari Meyer each scored three goals for St. Mary's.

"We really feel that we redeemed ourselves. They were a really great team." St. Mary's advanced to the quarterfinals at the No. 1

seed College of New Jersey on Sunday, who beat the The trip to the NCAA tournament was the first by the Generals since 1993. W&L earned the trip to the tourna-

ment after finishing the regular season with the best record in ODAC history (8-0), and beating arch-rival Roanoke College in the ODAC title game 9-5. Despite the loss to St. Mary's, Taurassi still looks fondly

on a solid season that included the ODAC title.

"It was a really hard to finish the seaon like that," she said. "But the season went really well."

### NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

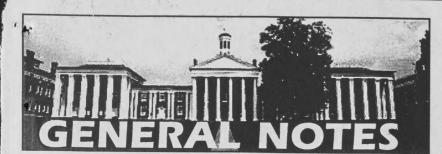


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FRESHMAN ATTACKMAN Pope Hackney tries to get around two defenders in the semifinals of the NCAA Men's Division III tournament on Saturday. The Battling Biships of Ohio Wesleyan defeated the Generals 17-8 in the afternoon contest.

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#### **WOOLDRIDGE GIVES SENIOR RECITAL**

Senior Margaret Ann Wooldridge will perform a piano recital on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Johnson Theater of the Lenfest Center. Her program will include Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D Minor, Beethoven's Sonata in E Major, Op. 109, Gershwin's Three Preludes and Chopin's Fantasie in F Minor.



#### C-SCHOOL SPONSORS SERIES ON WOMEN, POLITICS

Stuart Warner, a professor of philosophy at Roosevelt University, will give his lecture "Mothers, Wives and Daughters: The Women of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*" this Friday in Room 327.

The lecture is part of a symposium sponsored by the Williams School of Commerce called "The Nature of Women and the Art of Politics." The Symposium's goal is to stimulate inquiry about the meanings of "women's nature" and the "art" of politics through examination of classic Western works and visiting lecturers.

#### **APO HOSTS CYSTIC FIBROSIS WALKATHON**

Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, will host a walkathon next Wednesday. The walkathon will benefit "Great Strides," a cystic fibrosis research foundation.

The walk will begin at the Liberty Hall Ruins at 6 p.m., continue past the Law School, Woods Creek Apartments and along the Chessie Trail. The walk will proceed around the Colonnade, over the footbridge and return to the Ruins as the final destination. The course is expected to take less than two hours.

Walkers are encouraged to collect sponsors and donations. The Alpha Phi Omega contact is Elizabeth Slonaker. She may be contacted with questions at 462-4272.

#### JUDGE MANELLA ADDRESSES LAW GRADUATES

The Honorable Nora Manella, United States Attorney for the central District of California, will deliver the address for commencement exercises for the Washington and Lee University School of Law on Sunday.

The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Lee House. W&L expects to award juris doctor degrees to 115 third-year students in the university's 143rd graduating law class.

#### ETHICS INSTITUTE BRINGS GREEN TO SPEAK

Washington and Lee University's Business Ethics Institute will bring Ronald M. Green, the John Phillips Professor of Religion and Director of Dartmouth College's Ethics Institute, to speak next Friday at 4:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Williams School of Commerce. His lecture is titled "The Emerging Global Business Ethics" and is open to the public.

Green has written five books an many articles about applied ethics, especially business ethics and bioethics. He is the author of *The Ethical Manager* (1994) and *Religion and Moral Reason* (1988). He is also a member of the editorial board of *The Business Ethics Quarterly*.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS REVIEW

"New York, New York," a Broadway musical review, will be presented on Saturday in the Johnson Theatre of the Lenfest Center. The program will consist of selections from shows set in New York, including Bernstein's "On the Town" and "West Side Story," Sondheim's "Company," Jule Styne's "Bells are Ringing" and "Funny Girl" and Harry Warren's "42nd Street."

The musical review will be directed by Washington and Lee University faculty member Scott Williamson. William McCorkle will accompany the performance, and the numbers will be sung by a cast of students.

#### HERB GUILD SELLS PLANTS IN HOPKINS GREEN

The Valley of Virginia Herb Guild will present its third annual Herb Sale in Lexington's Hopkins Green on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. A collection of thymes as well as a vast assortment of many different culinary, fragrant and ornamental herb plants will be for sale.

Among the many herb plants to be offered at the sale are varieties of basil, salvia, coneflowers, lavenders, thymes, sweet woodruff, artemsias, mint, dill, chives, monardas, rosemary and

numerous others.

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In addition to herb plants, other items will also be for sale: tote bags, t-shirts and sweatshirts with herb designs as well as an assortment of informative booklets on herbs and gardening. Strawberry pots planted with herbs will also be for sale.

#### POLITICAL "WATCHDOG" TO SPEAK IN NORTHEN

Larry Klayman, a chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch, will speak in Northen Auditorium next Monday at 7:30 p.m. The talk is sponsored by Contact.

Judicial Watch is a conservative nonpartisan ethical and legal "watchdog" group. Klayman and his group have brought 14 cases against the Clinton administration. The group uncovered the illegal Democratic National Committee fundraiser and the Clinton campaign finance scandal. Judicial Watch also has a case against the Justice Department for Janet Reno's failure to appoint independent counsel to investigate the fundraising scandal.

Klayman began as a Justice Department lawyer, and later created his private practice as Klayman & Associates, P.C. He earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University in 1974, and his juris doctor degree from Emory University Law School in 1977.

#### LITERARY MAGAZINES SPONSOR READING

Ariel and The Southern Collegian, two Washington and Lee literary magazines, will host a student reading program followed by an open reading Wednesday in Northen Auditorium. The student program will feature poetry by Geoffrey Bowley '99, Alex Christensen '98, Courtney Miller '98, Katie Moore '98, Kris O'Neal '98 and Susan Slim '01.

#### KUMPURIS DELIVERS SHEPHERD LECTURE

Andrew G. Kumpuris, M.D., a 1971 graduate of Washington and Lee University, will speak on "Health Care for the Poor: Obstacles and Prognosis" 7:30 p.m. Monday in Northen Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Shepherd Poverty Program.

Kumpuris received a B.S., magna cum laude, from W&L, where he was a member of the scholastic All American Football Team, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and Omicron Delta Kappa. He received his M.D. degree with honors from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where he also did his internship, residency and fellowship in cardiology.

#### PARTICIPATE IN PHONATHON

The Annual Fund is hiring callers for its Spring Phonathon. Participants are paid \$5.25 per hour for calling alumni and asking for pledges during two evenings or more per week. Contact Shelley Milligan at Ext. 8487 or mmilliga@wlu.edu for training times.

#### INDIANS PLAY IN LEE CHAPEL

The Office of International Education's International Performing Arts Series will bring Shivkumar Sharma, Rahul Sharma and Shafaat Ahmed Khan to Lee Chapel 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The concert of Indian classical music is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of India's independence.

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#### 'BLOOD' TAKES THE DUPONT STAGE

Jennifer Bloomfield will be performing her one-woman show, "Blood, White & Blue", 7 p.m. Tuesday in duPont Auditorium. The show will be sponsored by Women's Forum.

Bloomfield wrote and stars in the show, which, she says, is about "self-realization," and "the ways in which individuals in our society become commodities." There are no props or scenery, and Bloomfield plays 25-30 characters, including a personified giant breast. "It's a candid, open account of the human experience in a well-developed, surreal way," said Roshni Nirody, Women's Forum Public Relations Coordinator.

Bloomfield has performed "Blood" in cities across the country, including San Francisco, Burlington and Oxford, Ohio. Her full-length play, "Escaping Warsaw," premiered off-Broadway in March.

#### TALK ABOUT COLLEGE DRINKING

The Health Education Office will host an OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol) program 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday in the University Center. OCTAA hopes to create a "new way of thinking about drinking at W&L" by explaining how to make low-risk drinking choices, how to estimate your biological risk for alcohol related problems and how alcohol affects your body based on quantities (6)

tity/frequency choices. Refreshments will be served during the program.

Call the Health Education Office at 462-4501 to reserve a place.

#### BROTHERTON, FORREST 'ENCHANT' AUDIENCE

Seniors Aaron Brotherton and Christopher Forrest will present their senior composition recital entitled "One Enchanted Evening" 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Theater. The public is invited to attend.

--E-mail your General Notes to tgrant@wlu.edu

### BEYOND the BLUE RIDGE

#### RIOTS ROCK THREE COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Riots broke out at three universities the weekend of May 2 due to new university policies on alcohol.

Students reacted to a ban on drinking at a popular campus site by starting bonfires and staging and out-of-control protest at Michigan State University. Washington State University students threw rocks and beer cans at police officers after the officers attempted to break up groups outside of local bars. Similar disturbances occurred at Ohio's University of Akron. Police arrested dozens of students for public drunkenness.

The insurrections are just a few in a growing trend of alcohol-related problems facing college campuses across the nation. According to a recent report, college alcohol arrests are up 10 percent from last year. And a Harvard School of Public Health survey of 17,000 students indicated that 84 percent drink regularly and 44 participate in binge drinking.

Alcohol-related deaths are on the rise, too. Five students died alcohol-related deaths last year alone in Virginia.

#### MY LAI REPORTER DIES

Ron Ridenhour, a soldier turned journalist who exposed the atrocities in the 1968 My Lai massacre and went on to become an award-winning investigative reporter, died Sunday. He was 52, and reportedly died of a heart attack while playing handball.

#### CHILD TARGETS TEACHER AFTER 'TIME-OUT'

A 5-year-old kindergarten pupil in Memphis, Tenn. was arrested after bringing a loaded pistol to school because he wanted to kill his teacher for punishing him with ``time-out," according to police records. The .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol, in the child's backpack, was confiscated by teacher Margie Foster on Friday after another pupil brought her a bullet.

#### FIRST LADY RECEIVES NASTY E-MAIL

Two high school seniors were suspended for five days after being questioned about an e-mail sent to Hillary Clinton from a school computer. The e-mail reportedly contained profanities and a comment that could be interpreted as a threat. The two 18-year-olds were removed from class on Wednesday by Secret Service agents. No charges were filed. Under federal law, anyone convicted of threatening to harm members of the president's family faces up to three years in prison.

#### CONGRESS CONSIDERS NEW COINS

Congress is considering giving a new look to the dollar coin and the quarter, starting in 1999. Issuing a new gold-colored dollar coin will save government printing costs, because, with normal use, coins last about 30 years while dollar bills have to be replaced every 18 months. Congress also approved a program to redesign the reverse side of the quarter to honor each of the 50 states. Five states will be featured with new quarters each year, starting with Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia and Connecticut.

#### KEVORKIAN JAILED

Dr. Jack Kevorkian and an associate were jailed Thursday night after allegedly scuffling with police officers who had pulled Kevorkian over to ask about a corpse in the back seat of his car.

—Source: AP Wire and FDIC Consumer Newsletter

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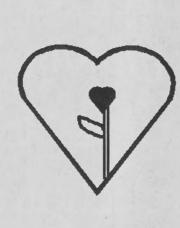
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## LAST MINUTE JOB PROSPECTS FOR SENIOR SLACKERS'

By Kevin McManemin

THE LOONEY BIN

ell, seniors, in a couple of weeks your school days will finally be over. Then it's off to the workplace, where wacky and colorful co-workers spend all day goofing off and playing zany pranks on each other (as is my understanding from television).

For those few unfortunate seniors who haven't found a job yet, don't give up hope. There's always the Marines. I hear Parris Island is lovely this time of year. But, if boot camp ain't your cup of vodka, (this is W&L, no one drinks tea) why not consider one of these non-traditional jobs:

sharecropper

If you enjoy being outside and working with your hands, then this is the job for you. The hours are long, the work is back-breaking, the pay is peanuts (literally) and there are absolutely no benefits. Also, you have to pay the landowner for the priviledge of farming on his land.

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roadie for Phish

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7) making sure that nobody isn't making bootlegs of the show.

writer for "Baywatch"

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we're looking for. Send resume to Baywatch c/ o Silicone Productions, Hollywood, CA.

agent being shot at? If so, why not take some bul-

lets with the best? Secret Service duties include: 1) looking the other way when Bill is "entertaining" the interns; 2) confirming Bill's stories to Hillary; 3) enforcing the restraining order against Roger; 4) taking care of Gore whenever he's "feelin' frisky;" 5) McDonald's runs

ing when Bill decides to "blow off work." The Secret Service — "it's safer than living in New Jersey."

when Bill gets the munchies; and, 6) occasional policy mak-

fat southern sheriff

Join the brotherhood of the fat southern sheriffs and help put the "K" in "korruption." Who knows what's next in the fast-paced world of southern sherifftry? One day you're setting up speed traps to catch Yankees and the next day you're taking a bribe from the mayor to show a

charges. You'll never have an idle moment, except of and Vera Lynn made out for the first time. It was just course for the 23 hours a day you have nothing to do. before I left to fight in the war. Can't recall which war, but Who would have thought being a stereotype could be damned if it wasn't loud.

New York City cab driver

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superhero

Medium-sized metropolis needs superhero to protect city from the schemes of evil geniuses and/or monster attacks. Preferred skills include ability to fly, super strength, super speed, ability to project bursts of energy from various body parts, witty banter and Microsoft Excel and Power Point. Must supply own uniform, sidekick and catchphrase. Pay is residuals from action figure sales. MUTANTS NEED NOT APPLY.

senior citizen

Why get a job when you can just retire now? Requires golf cart license, ability to go to bed at 8 p.m., and excellent complaining skills. Must supply own out-of-style pants and liver spots. To apply, fax resume to ... fax? What the hell is that? In my day we had the telegraph. Now there was a machine. Click click clickity clack it would go, all day

gets the munchies; 6) ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha; and, little leniency on his retarded cousin Earl's assault long down at the old telegraph office. That's where me

To: the reader@phi.com From: the editor@backpage.org Subject: broadcast mailer

\*\*this message was distributed by the broadcast mailer at W&L\*\*

The following is an announcement to those organizations that insist on sending bulk e-mails to the students via the broadcast mailer. CUT IT OUT! We're sick and tired of opening up our e-mail accounts only to find them littered with messages about seminars on corporate banking, tennis tournaments, poverty programs and other things we couldn't give half a flaming f\*\*\* about.

We'd like to propose that broadcast mail only be sent out in the following three circumstances:

1) Classes are canceled due to inclement weather and/or nuclear holocaust.

2) The dead have risen and are registering for classes, so hurry up before the spots are filled.

3) A monkey theater troupe is coming to town.

Next time your office has an announcement about a lecture on chartered accountancy, a concert by the electric bagpipe and timpani orchestra of Glasgow, the NCAA division 5 1/2 Bocce Ball tournament, or any event held in the GHQ, please keep your e-mail to yourselves. Unless it concerns nuclear holocaust, the dead rising or monkey drama, we don't want to hear it.

# Black Dog should be put to sleep

By BRIAN PRISCO

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I came to this film expecting to see

some southern-fried whoop ass. Instead

I get Waiting to Exhale as performed

by the Truckers Repertory Theatre.

y friends, I have done you a public service. I know that some of you out there felt the de sire, nay the need, to satisfy your curiosity to

go see what appears to be that rompin-stompin movie Black Dog. Well, I can save you five dollars. Don't even bother.

This movie screams "townie" more than a monster truck rally with an all-you-caneat shrimp bar. Patrick Swayze stars as Jack Crews, an ex-con ex-truck driver who is tricked into driving a load of assault

weapons from Atlanta to Newark or his wife and daughter will be killed. Been there, done that, bought the twangy record. The soundtrack is a Lexingtonian Christmas list. The movie also stars Randy Travis, Meat Loaf and

the forgettable movie Black Dog. PHOTO COURTESY OF UNI-

guy. Sure, it's nice to sit down and watch a trendy dialogue flick like Good Will Hunting or Swingers, but deep down everyone loves to watch a good asskicking film where we can check our brain at the door.

> Something with a lot of explosions, a lot of martial arts and a lot of blatant violence and cheesy dialogue. Damn it, that's as American as apple pie. But, this film falls short in that respect.

> Most people claim that there is too much violence and nudity in

movies. I don't think this movie had nearly enough. It comes off looking like a half-assed Dukes of Hazzard. I've always been under the impression that if you set out to make a tough guy action film, it has to be R-rated. You can't get away with padded violence and still claim to be a roughneck.

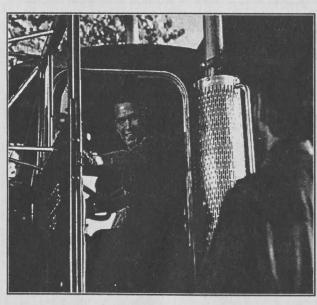
Sure, Black Dog has some great vehicle stunts. It's a rare occasion where you see a car chase involving four tractor trailers where a car-carrying truck falls off a cliff and a truck cab smashes through a house on a flatbed truck. That's right, a house on a flatbed truck. There are some spectacular crashes, but you get all the worthwhile shots in the previews. The rest of the film is full of this family values garbage that's not only boring, but really inconducive to the plot.

I came to this film expecting to see the Patrick Swayze from Road House. I don't know what he was thinking, but he should stick to wearing dresses. I think this is his final movie, or rather should be. I'm sick of action movie stars trying to be good family men. Be a daddy on your own time, I want to see you kicking a little ass. I should mention that the acting in this film is not bad. Randy Travis is genuinely enjoyable as Earl, the lovable truck driver come country music wannabe.

The only worthwhile moments in this film come from the acting talents of Meat Loaf. That's right, I said Meat Loaf. I'll take all the guff you want, but the man is a fine

Now, I like a good action film as much as the next actor and picks appropriate roles for himself. He was brilliant in Leap of Faith, and he is fantastic in this as a bible-thumping gun smuggler with an affection for coupons. The most memorable moment of the film is Meat Loaf chasing down Patrick Swayze and his family in a truck cab screaming biblical verses like, "Wait for the

> I'm a simple man. All I ask is for some nudity and blood. I don't want sensitive male issues. I came to this film expecting to see some southern-fried whoop ass. Instead I get Waiting to Exhale as performed by the Trucker's Repertory Theatre. Do yourself a favor. Wait until TNT picks this movie up and watch it late night. Do not waste your money.



PATRICK SWAYZE embarrassing himself on screen in

•••••• Law Graduation

because the world needs more lawyers

Friday

5 p.m. Law School Awards Reception, Syndey Lewis Hall

Sunday

12:30 p.m. Law Commencement Luncheon, Stemmons Plaza (rain location: Doremus Gymna-

2:30 p.m. Law Commencement Ceremony: Address by The Hon. Nora Manella, front lawn

3:30 p.m. Law Commencement Reception: **W&L Alumni House** 





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Entertainment \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Tuesday

7:30 p.m. International Performing Arts Series: Indian classical music by Pandit | Shivkumar Sharma, maestro of the santoor, (hammer dulcimer). Lee Chapel

8 p.m. Senior Composition Recital: Aaron Brotherton '98 and

Chris Forrest '98. **Lenfest Center** 

Thursday 8 p.m. Senior Recital: Margaret Wooldridge '98. Lenfest Center ••••••

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Lectures

Monday 7:30 p.m. Shepherd Poverty Lecture: "Health Care for the Poor: Philosophy, Obstacles, and Prognosis," Dr. Drew Kumpuris '71. Northen

Auditorium

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. "Bidirectional Synaptic Plasticity and its Regulation in the Cerebral Cortex," Mark F. Bear, Science Center Room A214