

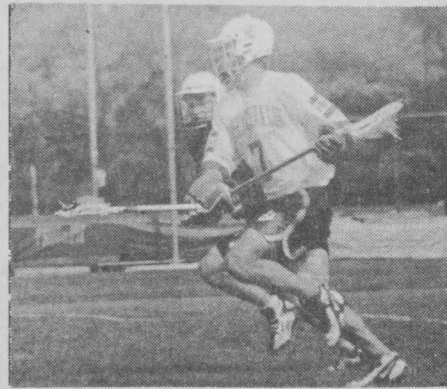


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Debauchery, music flow at Buffalo Creek

Couches burn, kegs fly and locals cause chaos at this year's music bonanza

BY HOLLISTER HOVEY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Beer flowed, couches burned, and a townie went home with his car destroyed - just more of the same at Rockbridge County's little annual Woodstock, the Buffalo Creek Music Festival.

Students surprisingly remained arrest-free throughout the duration of the festival, in spite of locals who caused chaos early Sunday morning.

"There was a random townie driving up and down in a Chevette or Yugo-like thing spinning and almost crashing into everyone's cars," Chuck Sevigny said. "Then he took a pass at some people, and everyone started kicking his car. Someone threw a cooler of ice on it. He started talking smack and drove off. A bunch of people went to find him and roll his car."

The students told the man he had five minutes to leave Zollman's before they would trash his automobile. "He started tearing through

around 30 to 35 miles an hour," Sevigny said. "People started throwing kegs, chairs and everything they could find. By morning we saw bits of his car all over Zollman's."

Last year a townie destroyed his own car after getting in a fight with his wife. The man returned to this year's Buffalo Creek for even more fun. One sophomore encountered him near her campsite, "The guy said, 'Hi, my name is Moondog and I really need some grass.'" she said. "He was with his 10-year old son and his wife. It was the same guy who attacked his car last year."

Other locals also had their way at the Chi Psi camp site. "I'd just finished off the keg for the second night in a row when I passed out," a Chi Psi freshman said. "By the time I woke up, townies had burnt our living room couch to nothing, stolen our kegs, keg taps, chairs and cooler."

Many of the fraternities burnt their own couches. Kappa Sigma



WASHINGTON AND LEE STUDENTS RELAX IN Buffalo Creek while the Buffalo Creek Music Festival unfolds behind them. The festival hosted such bands as *Ominous Seapods* and *Everything*. HOLLISTER HOVEY/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

calls the couch burning an annual event.

Most of the weekend did not prove quite as exciting as the Sunday morning antics, however. "I drank warm alcohol and was forced to sleep in a car because I was too drunk to drive home," sophomore Taylor Ruilova said.

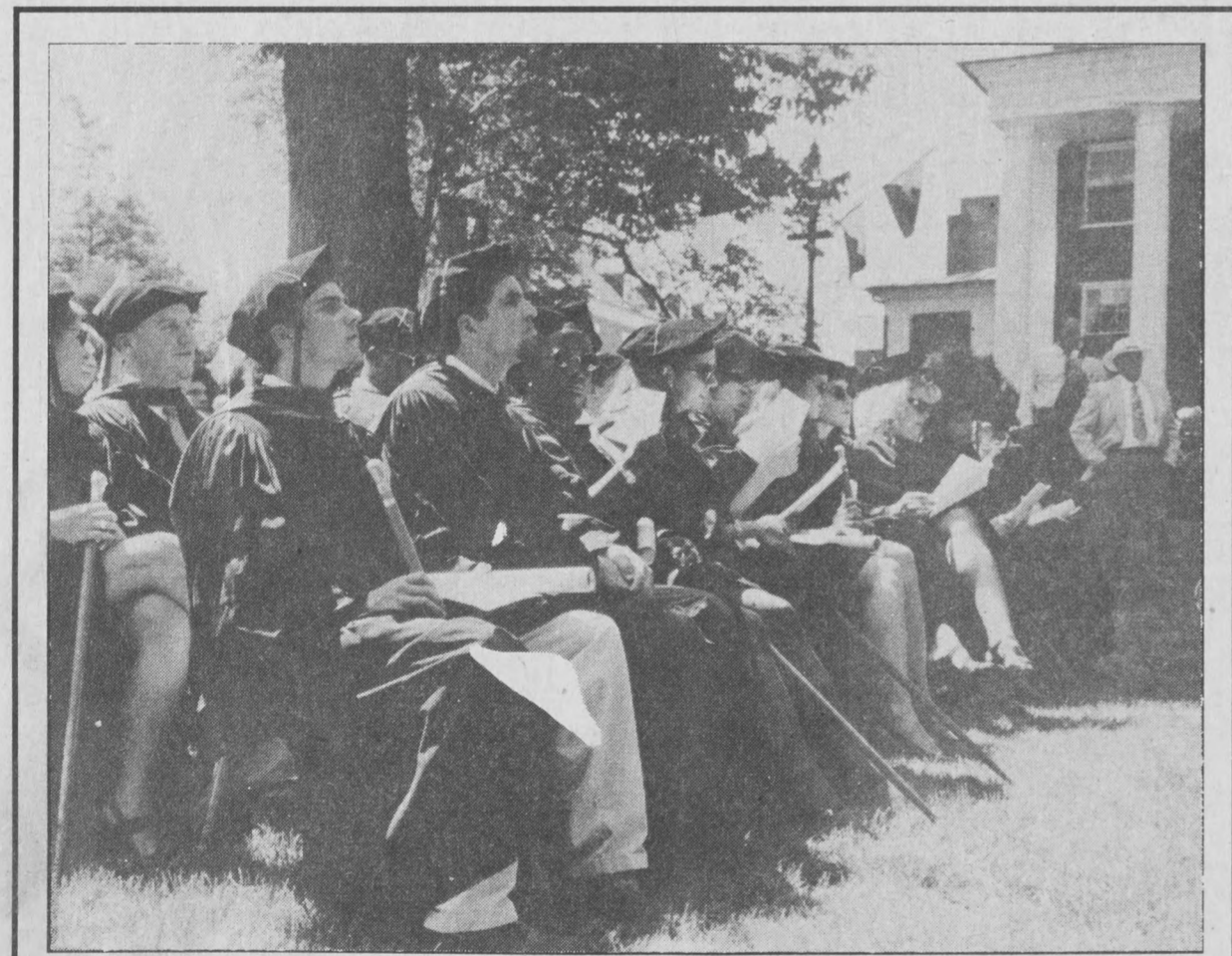
"I didn't hear the bands; all I heard were car stereos blaring, and sofas burning in fires," he said. The alcohol did get warm in the nearly 90-degree temperatures of Saturday afternoon. Students flocked to the river to cool off. Two-day camper Lora Ellison enjoyed her refreshing ride down the Buffalo Creek rocks.

"It was wonderful to let the water carry me down the river, but it was a bumpy ride towards the end," she said. "I have several bruises from hitting the rocks at the bottom."

The weather made a turn for the worse around dinner time Sunday when the first of three storms hit the area. The second downpour came

around nine o'clock and sent almost everyone to their cars. Another storm hit early that morning.

Despite the wildly fluctuating weather, some people enjoyed the weekend for other reasons. "It was definitely not the beach, but the hamburgers weren't bad," vegetarian Jen Fisher said.



Just what we need—more lawyers

On a beautiful spring afternoon, law students gather on the Front Lawn to celebrate their graduation from the Washington and Lee School of Law. Friends and family look on as the newest masters of the law receive their diplomas. HOLLISTER HOVEY/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Freshman woman arrested for public drunkenness

BY POLLY DOIG
NEWS EDITOR

A freshman woman was arrested early Thursday morning for public drunkenness, following an incident on the Baker-Davis-Gilliam quad.

According to witnesses, Christine van den Toorn, of Sperryville, Va., began screaming obscenities in the freshman quad in an apparent response to taunts from male freshmen.

Van den Toorn was confronted by Washington and Lee Security, and urged to return to her dorm. She refused and continued to shout ob-

scenities and, at one point, climbed up on the wall in front of the Graham-Lees dormitory, only to be pulled down by a friend.

"Security called us over there because a bunch of students were screaming and yelling across the quad," said Lexington Police Officer Michael Hess. "Ms. van den Toorn was pointed out as being one who had been asked several times to go back inside, and who had refused."

Hess approached van den Toorn, smelled alcohol, and discovered that she was only 18 years old. Upon questioning, van den Toorn stated

that she had come from a sorority function at the Volcano Restaurant and Bar.

According to Hess, when he began to fill out a summons for underage consumption of alcohol, van den Toorn began screaming obscenities directed toward Hess.

"At this point I decided that obviously the alcohol had more effect on her than I had thought, and so instead of writing a summons, I arrested her for DIP," said Hess.

Van den Toorn declined to comment. A trial date has been set for June 30th.

Cops say: cut grass

BY TARAH GRANT
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Can you see your feet as you walk through your front lawn? If not, you better cut your grass. An obscure ordinance in the Lexington City Code brought police officers to at least three student houses over the past week.

City residents must maintain their lawns and keep weeds under 15 inches in height, according to Article II, Section 18-9 of the city code.

Usually, violations of the ordinance are uncommon. The police do not get involved unless a lawn is infested with snakes or rats and/or the neighbors complain, according to Officer Keith Haraway.

On Wednesday, Haraway received a phone call complaint about 206 North Randolph Street, the home of seniors Claudia Arcuri, Anson Long, Ryan McWilliams and Lindsay Wood. A neighbor was

afraid to let his children play in his yard after he saw two snakes emerge from the lawn of 206 and enter his. The neighbor killed one of the snakes, but the other retreated back to 206.

Haraway went to 206 to investigate the complaint. "I've been here three years and I've never seen something so blatant as this case," Haraway said. Most of the lawn was six to seven inches tall, and there were spots in the back and along the sides of the house that were over 1 1/2 feet tall, Haraway said.

Haraway informed the students about the ordinance and told them that they had to have the lawn cut by Thursday or, in accordance with the city code, either public works or a private contractor chosen by the city would cut the lawn and submit a bill to the owner of the property.

The lawn was cut by the end of Haraway's shift on Thursday. Dur-

ing a phone call interview, the residents of 206 refused to comment on the situation and hung up.

Officer R.D. Clark visited two other student houses this week for section 18-9 violations, 308 East Washington Street and 113 Diamond Street.

Senior Dan Rushing, a resident of 308, said that he mowed his lawn in "eight minutes" after Officer Clark knocked on their door 8:30 a.m. Thursday and said that the city would bill them \$1,000 to cut the lawn if they didn't, according to Rushing.

"We just forgot about it, but we'll definitely make sure it stays short the rest of the year," said Rushing, who plans to cut the lawn one more time before he graduates.

Officer Haraway advised students to check their rental contracts to see if the landlord or the tenants are responsible for lawn maintenance.



LETTING THE GRASS get too long could constitute a violation of the Lexington "Good Neighbor" ordinance, as the residents of 113 Diamond street found out early Friday morning. HOLLISTER HOVEY/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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Opinion & Editorial

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Parting is such sweet sorrow

Well everyone, this is it — our last issue of the year. We want to go home. We want to stay awake in class on Monday. We don't want to wake up in the middle of the night having anxiety sweats, fearing that we messed up Talkback.

Yes, we're selfish. You could even have the nerve to say that we're being lazy. We don't care. We had to resort to news of Lexington mowing laws and naked townies. The year is winding down and you surprisingly are behaving fairly well. No one was even arrested at Buffalo Creek!

We know that all Hell will break loose by orientation, though, and we'll be back with a vengeance. We plan to add wider coverage of sports, and to the delight of many, and a weekly athlete and regular person profile. We have more top secret ideas, but we want to surprise you. We can't give the opposition an unfair advantage, either.

Speaking of the opposition, this ridiculous rivalry between *The Trident* and the *Phi* must end. Neither of us should care what the other does. At times it seems we've been thrown into some Pulitzer/Hearst rivalry. There is absolutely no need for the competition, or more importantly, the attacks.

We come out on Monday on big paper. *The Trident* comes out on Wednesday on little paper. No one pays for either. No one has to read or enjoy either. If you like one better, then no one cares if you read the other.

Basically, the attacks are pointless.

We're over 100-years-old, and will continue to come once a week. The *Trident* will continue to put out every Wednesday. Neither of us is going away.

If anything, we need to stand together and fight for the good of the school and, most specifically, the poorly funded department we call the J-school.



America makes noise about Seinfeld's Farewell

"So what's the big deal? Another television program said goodbye to the small screen. They do it every year." Indeed they do, but while some shows enter our homes for thirty minutes a week, others decide they would rather stick around in our hearts for a generation or two.

Who has never seen, or at least heard, of the candy factory, grape squashing, Harpo Marx or Vitameatavegimin episodes? Who can repress a smile at the thought of Sammy Davis, Jr., hitting Archie with a big smack-a-roo in front of the Bunker family camera? How could anyone but Hawkeye, Hot Lips, Klinger, Radar and the crew make America laugh in the face of napalm? When you hear the name "Woody," who comes to mind?

Sometimes the writers give us shows, whether we personally like them or not, that leave a mark on American society that is not easily wiped away. Thursday night millions of Americans gathered to watch the final episode of a program that proved the epitome of the "water cooler show," or if you prefer, the "coffee maker show."

For nine remarkable seasons Jerry Seinfeld and his quirky friends astounded our senses of humor, decency, propriety, normality, etc. Some of us liked it. Some certainly did not. Nevertheless, the *Seinfeld* generation is changed forever. Millions, who were never big bread

product fans to begin with, now have strange cravings for a New York marble rye, a cinnamon bobka or a Drake's Coffeecake. You know that old blouse mom has in the closet with the frilly, lace cravat? Does anyone else now refer to it as "The Puffy Shirt"? Even the aluminum industry cannot avoid the impact of Castanza. Children everywhere are restraining, with great feats of strength, not to get overly anxious about the anticipated Festivus celebrations that get under way this December 23. Speculators predict a sharp rise in aluminum pole sales. And certainly no one can deny that pretzels really do make you thirsty.

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Off His Rocker
Stephen Pesce '01

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A letter to the student body

President Elrod sends a message about student autonomy

To the Student Body:

There has been much discussion in the student press this spring about student self-governance. In editorials, articles and letters to the editor, students have expressed worry that student self-governance is losing prominence at Washington and Lee. I write to express my own views on this subject.

It is important for all students to understand that the principle of student self-governance is supported by the trustees, the administration and the faculty. All three affirm the educational importance of this principle and its prominence in student life at Washington and Lee. Indeed, just this year, it has been strongly endorsed in the recent report from the Commission on Student Self-Governance. I encourage every one of you to read this very important report, as it clearly re-articulates a strong University commitment to this principle. I fully support this report and its recommendations regarding the strengthening of student self-governance at Washington and Lee.

Student self-governance is not an empty principle here. The Student Executive Committee enjoys full responsibility for the honor system and reports directly to the Board of Trustees. The Student Judicial Council continues to exercise enormous authority over student disciplinary matters falling outside the honor system, and now its president has joined the president of the Executive Committee in reporting to the Board of Trustees at each of its three annual meetings. The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council exercise vast control over the operations of the Greek system at Washington and Lee. Beyond these four important judicial bodies, student authority extends to the management of life in the residence halls; regulation of an enormous budget funding a wide range of student organizations and activities; and full responsibility for the Mock Convention and Fancy Dress. Students also exercise complete managerial authority over student literary and journalistic publications, and through CONTACT strongly impact the co-curricular program of the University.

I am confident that there are few, if any, colleges and universities in the land that place such a strong value upon the principles of student self-governance and its incorporation into the daily life of the campus community.

If there exists a threat to student self-governance, it lies principally in the tendency among some students to confuse the freedom you enjoy in managing your own affairs with license. That is, student self-governance should not be viewed as an unfettered right. Rather, the freedom that is yours is a freedom that is logically and morally connected with responsibility. You have the freedom that you do to manage your

own affairs precisely because the trustees and the faculty have given you the responsibility to govern yourselves according to the noble principles upon which the University is founded. It is this expectation; it is this responsibility; it is this "duty," Robert E. Lee would say, that makes you free. Being free in this sense stems from accepting an obligation to govern yourselves according to the principles of honor, civility, respect, etc.

Living and governing yourselves according to these principles creates the caring community of trust which we all so dearly love. Living freely in this way helps us steer clear of creating an overregulated community that is weighted down by dozens of bureaucratic rules and committees. Robert E. Lee is now remembered for having done away with the rules that governed student life. He not only eliminated rules; he also imposed an obligation on each student to live as a gentleman. Students knew exactly what it meant to be a gentleman, and they doubtlessly were often reminded by President Lee that reducing the number of rules carried with it the obligation to live in harmony with the principle of being a gentleman. President Lee recognized very clearly that not having regulations would succeed only if students lived individually in harmony with this principle.

Nothing has changed today; we find ourselves facing the very same challenge. The more successful you are at living freely by accepting your obligations to live and govern yourselves according to the values of our community, the less regulation we will have from the trustees, the faculty and the hill. (I might add that President Lee's expectation that students live according to the principle did not prevent him from disciplining students who failed to understand what Washington College was all about.)

Our goal must be to perpetuate a strong tradition of self-governance and, where possible, to simplify the regulations and complex committee structure surrounding student life. No one wants the Washington and Lee community to become a bureaucratic tangle of regulations and committees encroaching on every aspect of our lives. (Our judicial procedures are already overly complicated, and the report on student self-governance wisely calls for their simplification.) It is far better to keep it simple by recognizing the centrality of our core values and living and governing yourselves in harmony with them. If we can succeed in these terms, we will enjoy and be edified by living in a healthy and caring community of trust, and student self-governance will thrive as never before.

Sincerely,
John W. Elrod
President

Quote of the week:

Question Authority

— VMI student's bumper sticker.

Beer invades Lex!

I just learned that the Lexington Revco sells beer. Maybe this doesn't strike you as odd. It seems strange to me. I had never seen beer in a Revco before last Sunday, when, on my first trip to said establishment, I discovered an enormous blue-and-yellow stack of Corona cases standing next to a smaller display of toothpaste. My concept of Revco was shattered. For me, Revco was always the place to buy personal hygiene products, candy and trashy magazines, but not too much else. So it struck me as funny when the lady in front of me in line

left the store with mascara and a sixer of Coors. My discovery led me to think about all the places in Lexington where beer is sold. I had thought of Lexington as a small town with a rich historical tradition, a corner of Virginia that gets real quiet on Sunday evenings. I'm starting to wonder, however, if Lexington isn't all those things and more. Maybe Lexington is also the town where beer is sold nearly everywhere.

For what it's worth, I've compiled a list of 28 places in Lexington where beer is sold. I consider this to be a work in progress, so if I've left a name off the list, please contact the *Phi* to let me know. Here it is:

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| Blue Heron Cafe | G Willaker's | The Sheridan-Livery Inn |
| Canton Chinese Restaurant | Harb's | Southern Inn |
| Digger's | Harris Teeter | Spanky's |
| East Lex | Human Garden | The Staircase |
| El Puerto | Il Palazzo | Stop In |
| Food | The Inn at Union Run | Super Wal-Mart |
| Euphorium | Kroger's | Volcano |
| Franco's | Maple Hall | Willson-Walker House |
| Frank's Italian Eatery | The Palms | Woods Creek Grocery |
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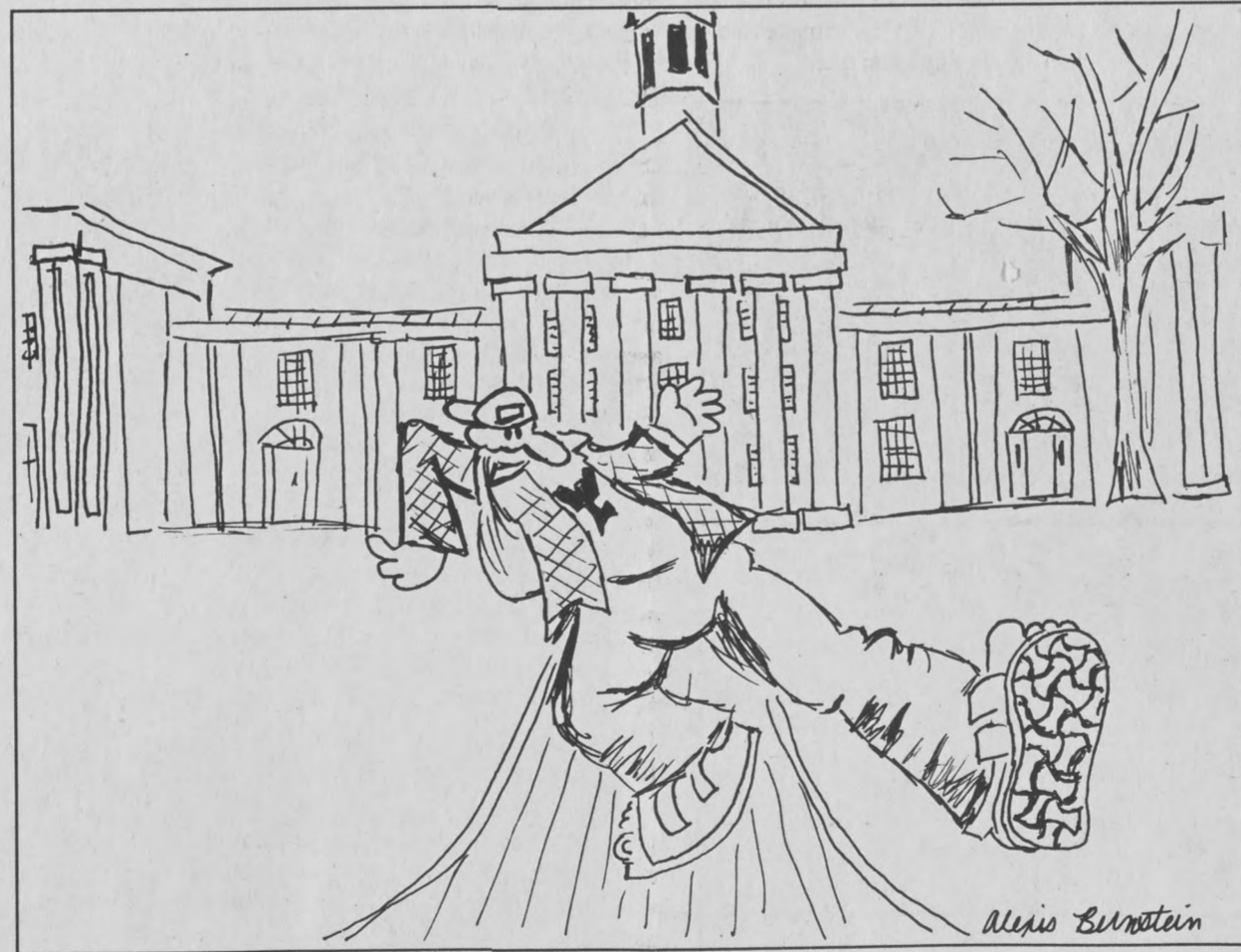
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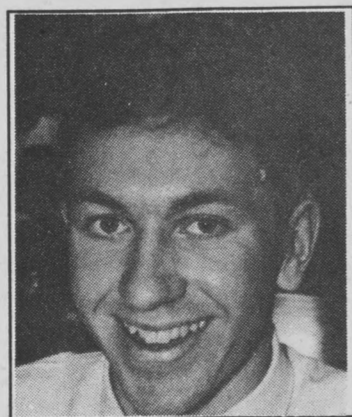
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TALKback: What are you going to do this summer?



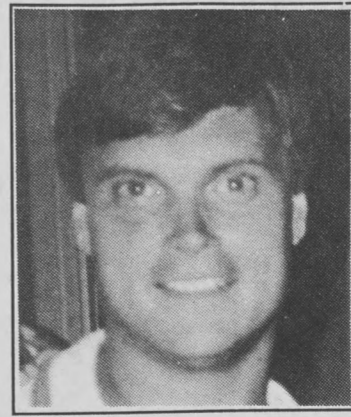
"I'm going to be a nanny for a small Bahamian family."

—Jason Nichols '00



"I'm going to Innsbrook, Austria to study music and history."

—Mary Elizabeth Whipple '00



"Who knows?"

—David Butler '98



"I'm going to be a receptionist in a hotel in Hungary."

—Eszter Pados '00

Women's coaches claim ODAC honors

Women's lacrosse coach Jan Hathorn and women's tennis coach Cinda Rankin voted 1998 ODAC coaches of the year



CINDA RANKIN

Women's Tennis



BY FRANCES GROBERG

SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Cinda Rankin's office is filled with inspiration. Pictures of smiling victors in tennis skirts holding various plaques cover every level surface, and the plaques in the pictures line one wall. Her bulletin board sports quotations on colorful pieces of paper highlighting the relationship between the will to win and success.

Yet probably the most important inspirational message in the entire office is tucked away in the corner. There, flashing in Generals' blue and white across her computer, is a screen saver with a simple message: "Win the last point!"

Rankin attributes much of her success to that phrase and the attitude it projects, including recently being named ODAC Coach of the Year for the seventh time. The Generals finished this season 13-4 and were advanced all lost in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

Ask her about her own accomplishments, however, and she will speak only of her players. "The girls win the award for the coach. I don't win the award," Rankin said. "They are fighters ... no, they are competitors, and they give their best — that's all I ever expect. It's not a matter of winning or losing."

Winning may not be what really matters to Rankin, but she's certainly had her share of victories. Boasting a career record at Washington and Lee of 178-32, her dominant teams have won nine ODAC Championships and have placed in the NCAA tournament six times since the founding of the team in 1989.

"When we started [women's tennis at W&L], there was really no one to look up to as far as women's sports were concerned. That first team looked instead to the men's [tennis] program, which dominated in the 1980s."

One of the posters hanging in Rankin's office sports the aerial view of a tennis court, with tennis balls strewn to each corner. Under the photograph, above the Nike "swoosh," is yet another simple phrase describing Rankin's coaching philosophy: "There is no finish line."

"I want to give my players a good experience," she said. "I want them to look back on their seasons here long after they leave Washington and Lee with fond memories not only of success, but of friends and fun. This is what I would like to continue to do as long as I am a coach here."

It seems there is no finish line for Rankin, as she will return next year for another promising season as the coach of W&L women's tennis.



JAN HATHORN

Women's Lacrosse



BY BRENDAN HARRINGTON

SPORTS EDITOR

Any way you look at it, women's lacrosse coach Jan Hathorn has had nothing but success at Washington and Lee in the past 10 years, and has built winning programs in both women's lacrosse and soccer.

Hathorn's latest achievement is 1998 ODAC Coach of the Year for women's lacrosse, her fourth such award. Her Generals had an unbelievable year, finishing 13-3 and qualifying for the NCAA tournament for only the second time in school history. This season also saw the Generals post a perfect 10-0 mark in conference play, capture their third ODAC tournament championship and down arch-rival Roanoke College twice. Hathorn also reached an impressive milestone by picking up her 100th career victory in only her 10th season at W&L.

"It was a wonderful season," Hathorn said. "I'm very proud of the girls; this season was all that you could ask for."

Hathorn has directed the program since its beginning in the spring of 1988. Under Hathorn, the team has enjoyed nine consecutive winning seasons after a 7-8 record in the program's inaugural season. The Generals won the ODAC tournament in 1992, 1993 and 1998 and made NCAA tournament appearances in 1993 and 1998. When asked why the program has had so much success, Hathorn was quick to give credit to others.

"You're only as good as the people you work with," Hathorn said. "I'm in the right place with the right people. A combination of a quality student athlete who is motivated and someone who is as experienced as I am make for a winning formula." Hathorn has built a lifetime record of 105-51 in 10 seasons at W&L.

"The kind of young woman that I coach is a very ambitious and hardworking student athlete," added Hathorn. "And I really believe that if people respect you and what you're about and if you're honest with them, they'll pretty much do anything you ask of them."

Hathorn doesn't only enjoy success on the Liberty Hall fields in the spring time, but in the fall as well. Hathorn has also headed the women's soccer team since its beginning in the fall of 1987. In the fall, the Generals finished a record-setting 14-2, narrowly missing the ODAC finals in a 2-1 double overtime loss to Randolph-Macon. Hathorn was named ODAC Coach of the Year in women's soccer in 1988 and 1996, and has compiled a record of 95-72-9.

"I have to attribute a lot of my success to both the support of the athletics department at W&L and the quality of the young women that I coach," said Hathorn. "I appreciate the kind of student that comes here and I love the environment."

ODAC names conference best in spring sports

Washington and Lee boasts 39 ODAC award winners this spring

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

First team

Mary Jo Mahoney, Sr. midfield
Whitney Parker, Sr. midfield
Lorraine Taurassi, Sr. midfield

Second team

Kimmy Lubin, Jr. defense

BASEBALL

First team

Christian Batcheller, So. outfield
Bob Weston, Jr. pitcher

Second team

E.J. Murphy, Jr. catcher



Lorraine Taurassi

MEN'S TRACK

First team

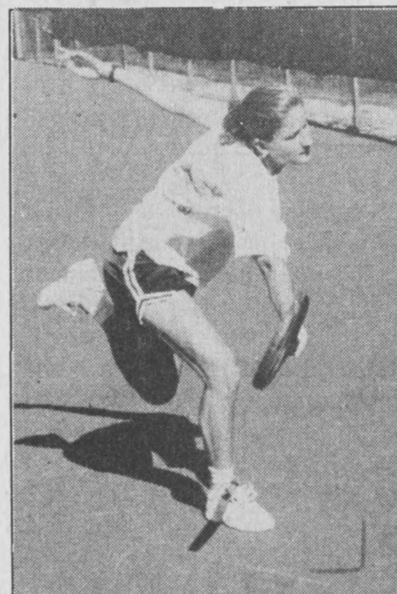
Omar Moneim, Jr.
Will Olson, Jr.
Greg Ruthig, Jr.

Second team

Marc Granger, So.
Jason Callen, Jr.



Christian Batcheller



Berry Blankinship

MEN'S TENNIS

First team

Chris Haun, Fr.
Scott Babka, Jr.
Glenn Miller, Sr.
Kelly Radford, Fr.
Dave Lehman, Jr.
Tom Washburn, So.
Dale Pretila, Jr.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

First team

Ericka Shapard, Sr.
Berry Blankinship, Sr.
Erin Eggers, So.
Brook Hartzell, So.
Christina Campbell, Fr.
Anne Castello, Fr.

WOMEN'S TRACK

First team

Meredith Mlynar, Jr.
Natalia Dorofeeva, Jr.
Kathleen Moroney, Fr.
Isaris Bonilla, Jr.
Lauren McKeever, So.

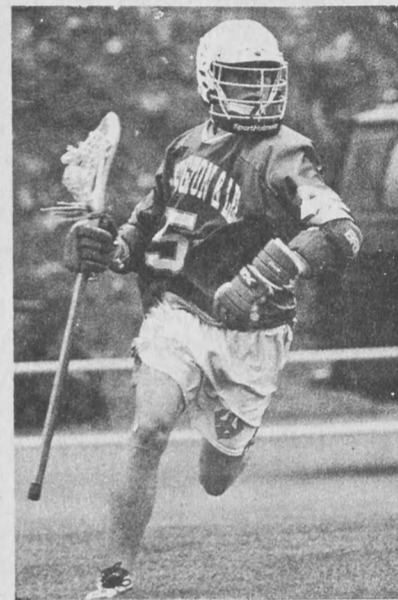
Second team

Lisa Brennan, Jr.

GOLF

First team

Rick Burrice, Jr.
T.J. Wagner, So.



Colin Dougherty

MEN'S LACROSSE

First team

Colin Dougherty, So. attack
Robb Greenfield, Sr. defense

Second team

Matt Dugan, Fr. attack
Ed Dougherty, Sr. midfield
Pete Iwancio, Fr. defense

Scholar-athletes set record

Washington and Lee University Director of Athletics Mike Walsh announced that a record 88 students earned Scholar-Athlete Awards during the winter term.

The students are all members of W&L athletic teams and achieved a grade point average of at least a 3.5. The 88 athletes break the record of 84 honorees set in the 1997 winter term.

A record total of 121 athletes earned a 3.5 or higher in at least one term this year, breaking the record of

109 set last year.

Additionally, five of the students honored achieved grade point averages of 4.0 or higher. These students included Joe Bestic, Sam Chase, Jason Callen, Glenn Miller and Laurain Taurassi.

Members of eleven of W&L's 21 varsity athletic programs achieved a team grade point average of at least 3.000, led by the women's lacrosse team with a 3.278. The highest men's team grade point average was men's swimming with a 3.152.

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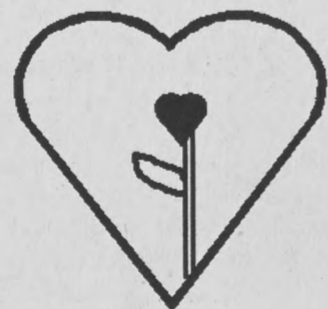
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A phone call to 1-800-TNN-4MOM can help you give your child a future without giving up on your own.

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