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## VRB slow with vote counting

By Thomas Hespos  
Phi News Editor

It has been five weeks since Washington & Lee undergraduates voted on a proposed set of revisions to the Student Body Constitution, but the ballots have yet to be counted.

W&L's Voting Regulations Board, the organization responsible for counting the votes on the Constitutional Referendum, was originally expected to deliver a vote total at the Monday, April 19 meeting of the Executive Committee.

At Monday's EC meeting, EC President Josh MacFarland described the VRB as "being slow and Spring Term-like" in performing their duties.

VRB President John Refo attributes the VRB's slow pace to a delay in delivery of ballots from the law school ballot boxes. Refo said rather than counting the undergraduate and law school votes separately, the VRB "wanted to count all of them at the same time."

The undergraduates voted on the constitutional referendum March 22. Student Bar Association President Amy Balfour said she turned in the votes to the EC office on time. Balfour said she turned the votes in on the Sunday of Monday after the undergraduate spring break.

MacFarland said the VRB is not required to turn in their vote count by a specific day. He said the deadline was "sort of nebulous."

"I am 99 percent sure they will be here next week," said MacFarland at Monday's EC meeting.

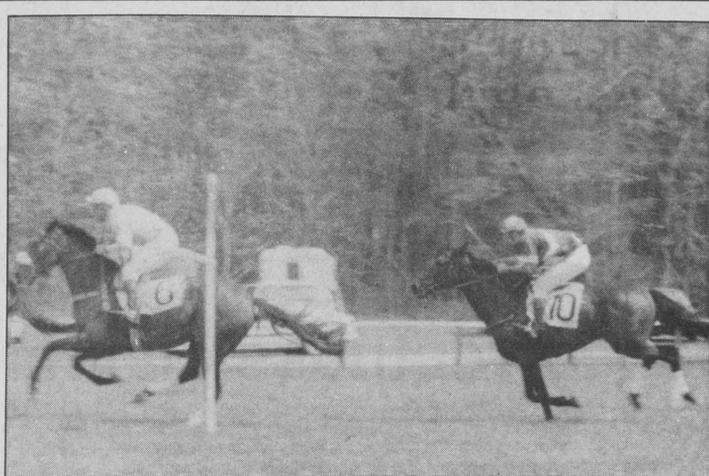


Photo By Fran Kefalas, The Ring-tum Phi

## A Sight Few Have Seen

Many W&L students complain about never seeing the horses at Foxfield. But the few lucky students that did were treated to an afternoon of good racing in addition to taking in the warm weather and enjoying the tailgating parties.

## Gates, Strossen to debate

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Staff Writer

Exactly one year after the Los Angeles riots, former Los Angeles Chief of Police Darryl Gates and National President of the American Civil Liberties Union Nadine Strossen will debate at Washington and Lee Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union, Black Law Student Association, and the Federalist are sponsoring the debate which will be held at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

Gates and Strossen were chosen to debate at W&L because of their distinct views.

"Each brings starkly different perspectives to the issues of law and order, the causes that led to the Los Angeles riots, and the way the Los Angeles riots were handled," said Andrew Schneider, president of W&L's ACLU chapter.

Schneider had a particular reason in mind when he chose Gates for the debate. "The purpose of bringing Darryl Gates was to

attract a large portion of the school that is ultra-conservative to be exposed to the viewpoint of the ACLU," said Schneider.

Freshman Caroline Connolly agrees.

"I think that having the ACLU president here will give students a different perspective that they might not normally be accustomed to," said Connolly, "but personally I haven't seen Darryl Gates, tell the truth, yet so I don't see why he would change his story now."

President of the Black Law Student Association Laura Anderson said the debate is important.

"I think it's important if a group has the opportunity to bring all kinds of speakers regardless of their political affiliation or stances on various issues for the discourse," said Anderson.

Schneider still hopes that the debate will raise consciousness on the campus.

"To see a debate like this with a high profile figure in last year's riots will hopefully make people care about the problems of racism and the problems of police brutality in our nation's cities," he said.

## IFC fine tunes Fall rush rules

By ANDREA COBRIN  
AND MELISSA CURTIS  
of The Ring-tum Phi staff

Washington and Lee's Interfraternity Council voted unanimously Wednesday to adopt a new rush plan for fall 1993.

The plan includes: pushing the start of rush back a week, extending casual contact to include Freshmen Orientation week, 16 mandatory open houses and a rush advisor system.

IFC president Curt Smith said the new plan will be easier on the freshmen going through rush.

"The main things were that we wanted to make it easier on freshmen when they first come in," Smith said. "[The new plan] will give them more time to get used to the school before they jump into rush."

IFC must vote two times to change their constitution. Smith said they voted on the proposal in pieces last semester before voting on the entire plan Wednesday.

Smith said that the new plan removes some of the ambiguity from rush violations. He said most of the problems last year were associated with the period before rush actually began. By extending casual contact on the hill and around town, there will be fewer opportunities for that to happen.

"It's hard to ask upperclassmen, regardless of whether they're in a fraternity, to not talk to freshmen in a social setting when the freshmen are trying to

become acclimated to the school," said Smith.

Fines for rush violations will be \$1500 for the first violation, \$2000 and two weeks of social probation for the second violation and \$2500 and a semester of social probation for the third violation.

The new plan also requires freshmen to go to open house at all 16 fraternities.

"This way we'll make sure every fraternity gets a fair look," Smith said.

The IFC will help enforce this policy with the help of rush advisors.

Each hall of freshmen men will be assigned to a rush advisor who will escort them to the open houses and meet with them once a week. The advisors will not be allowed to discuss their house with the freshmen, but they will be allowed to attend rush parties. In order to keep the fraternities accountable, freshmen will be required to sign in at parties and check out when they leave.

Part of the original rush proposal that was abandoned last semester was the idea of a cap on the size of the pledge classes. Smith said he thinks the new rush plan will help alleviate the problem of uneven numbers in pledge classes. Smith said a main cause of the problem was that both freshmen and upperclassmen felt rushed into making a decision.

Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins,

Associate Dean of Students for Greek Affairs, said he thinks the fraternities need to decide what is a proper pledge class size and work toward more "interfraternal spirit so everybody survives and does well."

"There is a big fear among the students that we'll have a homogeneous fraternity system," Atkins said. "When there ends up being chapters with 80 guys or more, that's when you lose the diversity."

Another change for the fraternities next year will start when rush is over. All freshmen may only participate in "chapter activities" and not "pledge activities" for the Fall term.

Freshman pledges may attend a chapter meeting, not a pledge meeting; they may help with house clean-ups on Saturday and Sunday mornings as long as there is an equal number of upperclassmen participating; and they may only sober drive once a month.

Dean of Students David Howison said that if the new rush plan does not run as expected next fall, faculty members will present a winter rush proposal to the Student Affairs Committee.

Atkins thinks the new rush plan is a start in the right direction.

"If the fraternities abide by their own rules I think it will work out well," he said.



Atkins

## Assaults scare UVa.

### Police caution area campuses

By DAVID WALL  
of The UVa. Cavalier Daily News

The man who may have raped two University of Virginia students last weekend may have committed another sexual assault Monday night, University Police officials said.

The attacker described by the victim of the third assault, which occurred on Whitehead Road outside the Chemistry Building, is similar to those described by the victims of the two weekend rapes. Police are "not ruling out" a connection among the three crimes, University Police Investigator Cassandra Carter said.

The similarities among the three crimes are "puzzling," Carter said. "The descriptions [of the attackers] are similar."

Despite the similarities, the Charlottesville and University Police Departments have no suspects, University Police Lt. Steve Shifflette said. According to Charlottesville Police Det. Randy Higgins, the suspect may no longer be in Charlottesville.

"We're not exactly sure where he is," Higgins said. "We're still looking but it may not be a local person."

A university student was tackled from behind in the assault Monday night and fondled, according to a University Police report. The attacker fled when two other people approached, the report said. The student was not injured, the report states.

"Because a knife was not involved [Monday night], it might indicate that the same people were not involved" in the three crimes,

Carter said.

Both the weekend rapes involved the victims being taken to secluded areas at knifepoint.

The Charlottesville and University Police Departments are conducting a joint investigation of the weekend rapes, Shifflette said.

The men who committed the rapes during the weekend were both described by the victims as heavy-set black men, about 5-foot-9, with beards and square glasses, a Charlottesville Police spokesman said.

The victim of the Monday night assault described her attacker as a black man in his early 20s, over six feet tall and without facial hair, Shifflette said.

The assault occurred just before 10:30 p.m., when the victim was walking alone and heard someone running toward her from behind, according to the report.

She ran to escape her assailant, but was caught from behind and thrown to the ground, the report stated. "I do not know what he intended to do, and neither does" the victim, Carter said.

Higgins urged all women at local campuses to be more "aware of where they are going at night, especially alone." A composite of the attacker(s) will be available Friday afternoon.

Higgins requested that students who were in Charlottesville the weekend of April 23 and have any information about the attacks call him at 804-971-3293.

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## Movie causes campus chaos

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Staff Writer

Familiar faces at Washington and Lee will be coming to the big screen soon.

Beginning Monday, May 3 and running through Wednesday, May 5, scenes for the film, *The Foreign Student*, will be shot on the W&L campus.

The film is based on the semi-autobiographical book by Phillippe Labro. Labro was a foreign exchange student from France who attended W&L during the 1950s. Marco Hoffschneider will play Phillippe in the movie.

A casting call for extras was held March 10 in the Arlington Women's Center in the University Center. Several W&L students were called back to Richmond to try out for speaking roles in the film.

Sophomore Brian McClung, with his bright red hair, secured a speaking role in the movie. McClung said that 12 students tried out for his role and he and four other students were called back to Richmond.

McClung portrays a member of a disciplinary committee who is hearing a case on Labro. In the movie, Labro violates the speaking tradition by not smiling when he says hello. McClung said that nothing distinguished him from the other students who tried out for the part.

"It's a total fluke," said McClung. "It was just luck."

Juniors Holley Proctor and Jennifer Ray were cast as southern belles. Proctor said she and Ray will sit in the dorm halls and fawn over Phillippe and two of his friends. Proctor said the three men are considered "gods" at the school and that every girl desires to be seen with them.

Seniors Matt Jennings and Tom Hooper also landed speaking roles in the film.

### Filming schedule for *The Foreign Student*

- ◆ Monday, May 3  
The Colonnade and Lee Chapel
- ◆ Tuesday, May 4  
The C-School and Graham-Lees
- ◆ Wednesday, May 5  
The gym and the Dining Hall

Jennings plays a senior at the school who tells Phillippe that the Advisory Committee needs to speak with him, while Hooper plays a varsity letterman who rides his bicycle past Phillippe and calls him "Frenchy."

Senior Doug Lamb does not have a speaking role in the movie, but does have a large role. He is Hoffschneider's body double in the film. Lamb stands in for Hoffschneider while scenes are being set up and will also appear in some of the football scenes in the movie.

Freshman Richard Weaver is one of the many extras who were cast in the film.

"I never thought I would have the chance to be in a movie in such a small place as Lexington," he said.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

When Hollywood invades Washington and Lee next week to film *The Foreign Student*, it will bring a little commotion to the campus.

Cathargo Films, who is producing the movie, will require extra parking, the removal of bicycles from the Graham-Lees quad and the silencing of the Lee Chapel bells for the filming.

Sophomore Chris Albert, who is working for the Locations Department of Cathargo said Washington Street from Lee Avenue to Nelson Street will be closed to all through traffic. Additionally, all parking on Washington Street will be reserved for the film crew.

Albert said several other areas on campus will be blocked off during the filming, including the upper corral and certain spots by the gym and the Commerce School.

Students will be able to park in the lower corral lot, or in the upper and lower parking lots behind the gym.

The bicycle racks in the Graham-Lees quad will be removed so the film will be historically accurate. The bikes currently in the racks must be moved to another location by Friday morning. Albert said no bicycles should be tethered to the railings in the quad on the days of the filming. Bikes can be moved back Thursday May 6.

Cathargo may also have to enter a few student rooms to close windows or shades. Any crew members that enter a student room will be accompanied by a Washington & Lee security guard. Students will be asked to refrain from making any noise during the actual filming.

If it rains the schedule will probably change, Albert said.

## EC cancels White Book retreat

By THOMAS HESPOS  
Phi Staff Writer

At its April 19 regular meeting, the Executive Committee voted to cancel its retreat to discuss White Book issues.

"It's simply not feasible this year," said EC President Josh MacFarland.

The EC voted in late January to discuss controversial Honor System issues in a closed executive session at Skylark, a university-owned conference center.

The Student Body Constitution states that the EC "shall not go into executive session except in the case of possible honor violations."

"The purpose of the Skylark thing

was so that we could take a look at the issues... and pass something on to [next year's EC]," said MacFarland.

The Skylark retreat was originally scheduled for March 13, but was cancelled because of the blizzard that began March 12.

MacFarland brought up the Skylark retreat at the April 19 meeting of the EC and found that its members could not find a suitable time for the retreat that all EC reps could attend.

Instead, said MacFarland, the burden of reviewing the Honor System will fall on next year's committee.

The EC passed a process for amending the White Book in late February, which calls for a complete review of the Honor System every three years,

beginning next academic year.

EC Advocate Dan Munroe, a third-year law student, said he has faith that next year's EC will review the honor system completely.

"I hope they do follow through with it," he said. "I think that they will. Bob Thompkins is really competent."

Munroe said he feels there are several issues raised by the Honor System that need attention. He said an honor trial differs from a court trial because advocates are not allowed to talk to the EC's witnesses.

Munroe said he feels it is "extremely unfair" that students who appeal an EC decision are penalized if found guilty a second time.

"That should be done away with,"

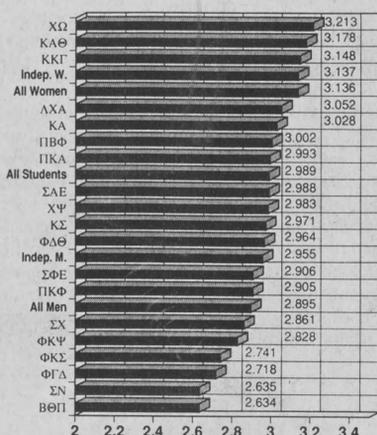
he said.

According to the EC's current procedure for amending the White Book, a review committee will be appointed by the EC every three years. The committee will be composed of eight members and one chairman. No member of the review committee may be a member of the EC. The committee will report to the EC periodically on the W&L community's opinions of the Honor System and will submit proposals for changes to the White Book by March 1.

MacFarland said next year's review will be conducted in open meetings, and not in executive session.

"Everything will be all open," he said.

### Winter Term Report Card



# The Ring-tum Phi

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## Thefts continue...

Last week we ran a story about thefts in the Law School Library. Executive Committee reps. Jay Sterne and Kevin Webb have told the Phi that the thefts are getting worse. Students have had wallets and other valuable items stolen. Apparently, many thefts have occurred in the middle of the day, a time when most law students would notice a stranger.

Security believes the thefts at night are being committed by a towns person. But now these thefts are being committed in broad daylight. It's hard to ignore the fact that the thief may quite possibly be a W&L student.

The first thought that comes to your mind might be, "it's not possible, we have a strong tradition of honor here." The sad, but very true fact is that most of the world does not live under a system of honor, nor do they have a clue of what the word honor means.

## But will they play by the rules?

The IFC and SAC recently reached an agreement for next fall's fraternity rush. The proposal essentially gives freshman males more time to make up their minds and greater opportunities to see the different houses. The proposal also defines exactly what the IFC and SAC mean by delayed pledgship.

On paper it seems like a good proposal. Freshman still get rush out of their way early, and they will also have time to get settled before becoming pledges. Fraternities have repeatedly ignored the IFC rules when it comes to rush. The big question is will they start following the rules now? Good luck IFC, we hope you don't need it and everyone cooperates.

## If you must drink...

Another Foxfield has come and gone. Now, we don't want to preach, but did you notice the high number of car accidents, or people pulled over for Driving Under the Influence? We did. Drinking and driving is stupid, plain and simple. It's true there were students and adults from places other than W&L drinking and driving. But one person drinking and driving is one too many, no matter where they are from.

Blake Comer, a former W&L student is sitting in Rockbridge County Jail, at this very moment, for killing Mary Ashley Scarborough in a hit and run that was the result of driving under the influence. Scarborough was just a freshman here when she died in March of 1989. No one here ever wants to deal with that kind of tragedy again. So, please before you drink a drop of alcohol think about how you're getting home.

We hope that you will keep one more thing in mind when you're drinking this term. Everyone with two eyes and a brain can see that as a campus we begin drinking more spring term. We're not about to tell you not to drink alcohol. If you want to drink, that's what you're going to do. But, be careful with how much you are drinking. Spring term is a time every W&L student looks forward to, but it's also an easy time to get caught up in drinking. A lot of us go out and party every single chance we get spring term, which can be four or five times a week. If you're getting drunk four or five times a week you're eventually going to find yourself in a bad spot. So please, be careful when you're partying with alcohol.

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## OPINION



## Political correctness claims victims

WASHINGTON — An institution, we are told, is the lengthening shadow of a man. If so, official mischief at the University of Pennsylvania is of more than merely parochial interest because Penn's president, Sheldon Hackney, is President Clinton's nominee to head the National Endowment for the Humanities. So consider the cases of Gregory Pavlik and Eden Jacobowitz.

Pavlik is one of many columnists for the student newspaper, The Daily Pennsylvanian. Robustly right-wing, he is comprehensively offensive to the politically correct. He denounces Martin Luther King, racial preferences, and much else. He is often extreme and heavy-handed, which is to say he is squarely in the tradition of undergraduate journalism.

And he is the reason why, two weeks ago, some black students met delivery trucks early in the morning, serized almost 14,000 copies of the paper, and dumped them in trash bins. The trashers offered this defense: "Not only are the papers free, but there exists no explicit restriction on the number of papers that any given student may remove." President Hackney's mincing description of this assault on press freedom: papers "were removed from their regular distribution points."

Hackney's first statement was of regret that "two important university values, diversity and open expression, seem to be in conflict." A remarkable statement. It is clearly craven, yet has no clear meaning. (Does the "diversity" value mean that some groups but not all groups that are part of the university's diversity have a right not to be annoyed?)

A few days later Hackney's even limper defense

of the First Amendment was: "Taking newspapers is wrong." But also: "I recognize that the concerns of members of Penn's minority community that gave rise to last week's protests are serious and legitimate." What "concerns" are "legitimate?" Concerns that right-wing opinion is being published?

The university will investigate whether - yes, whether - the trashing of the paper violated freedom of expression. The severity of this investigation can be gauged by an official's statement that the university will take into account the fact that those who suppressed the newspaper "did not see their protest in the context of its being an infringement of free speech."

Hackney's credentials as a defender of free speech are academically orthodox. He defends federal subsidies for Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic exhibits and says disapproving things about Sen. Jesse Helms, thoughts not perilous on campus. He is a First Amendment fundamentalist, but with a selectivity that suggests political calculation.

The latest victim of Hackney's doctrine of balancing "diversity" (or "sensitivity") against free expression is Eden Jacobowitz. Late one evening he and others in his dorm were bothered by a noisy gathering of black students outside. He and others shouted at the noisy students. Some persons shouted racial epithets. Jacobowitz shouted "Will you water buffalos get out of here?" and "If you want to party, there's a zoo near here."

When campus police arrived, others who had shouted denied doing so. Jacobowitz said he had, and that he knew the race of the people he was shouting at, but he adamantly denied shouting any racial slurs.



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## Museum lets us not forget the past

WASHINGTON — Sgt. George Matthews, my uncle, was with the U.S. Army when our tanks swept across Germany in 1945 routing the Nazis, liberating the concentration camps along the way.

But like so many of his generation, Uncle George had no penchant for war stories. Only rarely would he speak to his wife and children of what he'd seen in the camps: the horrible thinness of the people, the rank smell that filled the air.

That painful silence is about to be ended. Entering the new U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, which opens to the public Monday, we confront the century's worst crime just as a liberating GI might in the last spring months of World War II.

"We've just come across something. We don't what know it is."

The voice is that of an American army officer issuing his first stunned report from the 1945 German battlefield. Broadcast to us on the museum

elevator, it sets the stage for the exhibit we are about to see.

As the elevator opens at the museum's top floor, we are met with a series of dramatic, wall-sized photographs.

First: a group of suntanned GIs in khaki uniforms staring down on the chalk-like corpses of concentration camp victims strewn in railroad cars and along the train tracks. Next: another color photograph of a Buchenwald inmate looking directly toward the camera, his head in 3-D relief, as he eats with his hands from a pot.

"The things I have seen beggar the imagination," the next exhibit quotes Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower shown standing with his fellow liberators at a death camp. "I made the visit deliberately in order to be in a position to give firsthand evidence of these things if ever, in the future there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'"

This, it becomes clear, is also the

new museum's mission: to bear lasting witness to what happened in Europe between 1933 and 1945, to take someone through those 12 nightmare years in two hours without the visitor ever once stopping to check his or her watch.

It's that compelling, that unnerving. Film clips, photographs and tape recordings take us through the Nazis' rise to power, the book burnings, the anti-Semitic propaganda of Joseph Goebbels, the boycott of Jewish businesses, Kristallnacht, the oath of personal loyalty German soldiers were required to make to Der Fuhrer, the 1939 invasion of Poland and the dispatch of the gruesome "killing squads" to that country.

Some pictures are unforgettable: that of the three Nazi storm troopers standing in front of an F.W. Woolworth store with the banner reading, "Kauft Nicht Bei Juden" — "Don't buy from Jews"; the faces of the priests, teachers and other Poles standing in a town square enduring the final minutes before they are to be shot; the list of the dozen men, most of them holding Ph.D.s, who attended the fateful meeting in Wannsee, that beautiful lakeside Berlin suburb where it was decided in January 1942 that all Jews would be "exported to the East" for purposes of the "final solution."

The wonder of the Holocaust Museum is that it asks visitors to retrace these events much as the 6 million victims did, through dimly-lit halls leading to uncertain destinations, finally to the most awful display: a crematorium, into which the unsuspecting were marched by the tens of thousands, each group as unwitting as the one before, each believing the camp guards who instructed them to strip for "de-lousing."

"They were arriving with the same ignorance of their fate," one Auschwitz escapee recalled, "as the previous transport."

Thanks to the Holocaust Museum, the victims, survivors and liberators of this century's and mankind's most unimaginable evil can sense what happened in its human dimension, not just in still photographs but in movies, not merely in the remote black-and-white of the newsreel camera but sometimes in the bright color of daily life, not just in the stark horror of bodies piled in open ditches but in the smiling-turned-sad faces of the victims.

We can see the targets of Nazism's wrath not just as my uncle and other GIs spotted it in its spring 1945 remnants but when the victims' own lives were still filled with hope.

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## LETTERS

### Lack of EC ideological funding is wrong

#### To the Editor:

This is an open letter to the Executive Committee and the student body that elects it.

I feel absolutely compelled to voice my conviction that the current EC funding policy, which denies monies to "ideologically partisan" groups, is ridiculous. I might find it laughable if I were not a student here, and a concerned one. By withholding funds from "ideological partisan" groups, the EC actively undermines the vitality of the university's intellectual climate, making this school, as one member of the committee recently phrased it, "boring."

The argument that this university lacks the funds to sustain an open funding policy is simply untenable. Other schools of similar size, and with like budgetary constraints do fund a diversity of ideological organizations. Moreover, I would like to believe that we, as a student body, would be willing to sacrifice a band or a speaker if it meant invigorating the campus climate by financially sustaining a variety of campus organizations.

The argument that an open funding policy would lead to a problematic politicization of the EC is equally invalid. An open funding policy that allowed EC members to vote in accord with their own ideological sympathies would, in fact, have beneficial effects. It would generate greater interest among the student body in committee candidates and elections,

an effect we can agree would be welcome.

As it is now, candidates do not present their stances on any issues because there aren't any. Instead, candidates simply paste a bunch of signs around campus with their names on them. Personally, and I am sure I am not alone in this, I don't really care what the names of the candidates are and I certainly do not intend to vote for someone because he took the time and spent the money at Mountain Copy Graphics to add his flier to the homogeneous conglomeration that covers school bulletin boards come election time.

I want to know about a candidate's politics and how that person's activity on the E.C. might affect the campus climate. Specifically, I would like to know if they intend to upset or defend the present climate, one of overwhelming apathy, close-mindedness, conformity, and stifling conservatism.

If people knew that their representatives would be shaping the ideological landscape of the campus with their EC votes, perhaps election campaigns would be more volatile and interesting than the present contests. Perhaps, ideas would begin to matter and debate would begin to intensify. Isn't that what we all came to college for? Or did we come to have our biases confirmed and our prejudices unchallenged?

I know that some on the EC fear that open funding policy would precipitate an avalanche of liberal organizations ranting and raving about the university's shortcomings. I understand this idiotic anxiety be-

cause I once shared it. I once fancied myself a warrior on the front lines to defend this conservative citadel from a liberal siege. What a fool I was! And what fools are all those who retain that sad fear.

The college experience should be a democratic celebration and conflict of ideas. If liberal support should proliferate in the wake of a funding policy, an effect I would embrace if not expect, we ought to receive that outcome as a popular response reflecting student body sentiment. What are we afraid of? What are we defending our college from but a potentially more accurate and lively expression of student opinion?

If an open policy sparks liberal activity, so be it. If it sparks conservative activity, so be it, though I must confess that I cannot see how W&L could move any further right without alienating any prospective student left of Attila the Hun. The important principle to uphold is that the university ought to do everything in its power to actively stimulate and encourage ideological debate, controversy, conflict, and discourse. After all, this is college, not a country club. Or is it?

Justin Peterson, '94

OPINION

# Booze enhances Spos' state of mind

SPOS' SPACE

By Tom Hespos

Have you ever found yourself in one of those deeply intellectual, pseudo-philosophical moods after consuming too much of your favorite alcoholic beverage? A "Drunken Intellectualization" of an idea or concept can, at the time, seem relevant to today's issues. But in retrospect, such excursions of the mind can turn out to be completely silly and seem inconsequential upon the onset of sobriety.

The following is a collection of ponderings and thoughts, all dreamed up by Spos and his buddies during times of, shall we say, sobriety deprivation. Here goes:

1) **The Fancy Dress Budget/Plastic Fork Rationalization.**

Suppose Spos and his friends took every cent allotted by the Executive Committee for the Fancy Dress Ball and blew the whole lump sum on plastic forks. Suppose we took these plastic forks and dumped them all in Evans Dining Hall. Assuming \$85,000 in the D budget and assuming that we could get a deal on plastic forks by buying them in bulk (\$1.00=100 forks), we get 8,500,000 forks total. Assuming that 100 forks make up one cubic foot, we arrive at a figure of 14,167 cubic feet of forks. This means that the D-Hall, with 2,200 square feet of floor space, could be filled to a depth of approximately 2.2 feet. Sure, the Fancy Dress Ball is fun time, but just think of how much fun we could have with a huge room

filled with over 2 feet of plastic forks.

2) **The Mister Columbia Entertainment Industry Conspiracy Theory.**

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3) **Does that hot girl/guy in my Politics class know I exist?**

The answer is *no*. He/She is going out with someone who is *much* better looking than you are. Don't kid yourself.

4) **Sol Wachtler—Is he a victim of a flawed judicial system?**

Here we have New York's stop judge and a Washington & Lee alumnus accused of doing a bunch of nasty things. Who should we believe, Mr. Wachtler or the press? What about all those years he spent on the bench? Aren't those good for anything? Shouldn't we just give him the real-life equivalent of a "get out of jail free card" and forget about the whole silly mess? This is a toughy. I think that Mister Columbia is somehow involved in all this.

5) **The Cosmic Theory of the Lexington Postal System.**

No matter where you are, no matter what time of day, and no matter what the weather is like, feel confident that the Lexington Post Office is screwing something up. Want to know why?

**As a matter of fact, the basement of the Post Office is home to a fledgling black hole that opened up within the past decade or so. The black hole usually appears at around midnight, sucks up a few letters and packages, and spits them out all the way on the far side of the Andromeda Galaxy.**

6) **Barney the Dinosaur: Friendly reptile or pawn of the neo-Nazis?**

What is up with this Barney the Dinosaur character? Why are parents complaining about him? There has to be some substance to the anti-Barney movement. If the Nazis wanted to get a foothold in American society,

wouldn't they start by brainwashing our kids? American toddlers look up to Barney. He teaches kids to share their belongings, to brush their teeth after every meal and to be nice to people. That's cool. He also tells kids to watch his show every day because Barney is smart, even smarter than Mom and Dad. Barney tells children that they should *always* watch his show, even if Mom and Dad say not to. Hmmm... What happens when Barney teaches kids to load an assault rifle and shoot their parents if they don't agree with what Barney says? Just something to think about.

Who says that alcohol impairs brain functions? It seems to Spos that alcohol actually *enhances* the thought process. How else would we come up with stuff like this? If we never got drunk, Barney might take over the world. (Can't you just picture it—everyone standing in a big circle, singing "I love you, you love me, etc. etc. ad nauseum.") So don't be afraid to think. If you don't, we might never figure out how many plastic forks would fill the D-Hall. Without such vital information, we would all be in a load of trouble.

# Professor's exit signals decline

MY VIEW

By Patrick McDermott

I write to inform my fellow students and all members of our community of the tremendous loss which we as a university are about to experience. At the end of this term a truly remarkable person, a teacher in the most meaningful sense of the word, will leave this campus forever.

I have personally been affected by this amazing individual's strong commitment to her beliefs and her indescribable ability to interest a student in the subject area which so interests her. She has awakened countless minds to new possibilities and has caused an enormous amount of discussion and scrutiny to take place concerning this university and its attitudes. Her name is Dr. Valerie Lind Hedquist and she is resigning as of May of this year.

Many of you may remember Professor Hedquist from her ordeals with *The Spectator*. For those of you who were not here for this rather dark passage in the history of this institution, I will not disturb you with the details of her encounter. I believe it is enough to say that she personally experienced the full force of that magazine's well-known hatred.

For attempting to show merchants in the community the kind of magazine they were supporting with their advertisements, she was treated to a host of threatening notes, disturbing comments, and calls from alumni and students calling for her dismissal. I see this as one of the most vivid examples of the problem which I see steadily overtaking this university. That is, the total absence of tolerance for anyone who thinks, acts, or looks differently than what is thought to be the W&L "norm."

This lack of tolerance is at the root of so many of our community's greatest problems. It causes us to maintain and subsidize a Greek system which is totally out of control, so that we might all fit into the appropriate cliques rather than stand out as individuals. It fosters a high level of alcoholism by exerting a staggering amount of peer pressure to either "get wasted or get lost."

It contributes to a denial of major health issues facing our student body, not the least of which are the sexual assaults which go unreported by the vast majority of women for fear of being ostracized from their social groups, as well as, denial about the possibilities of contracting a sexually transmitted disease for fear that by initiating proven methods of risk reduction one might be shunned. It is also the reason that we lost highly qualified personnel like Professor Hedquist, and, I might add, why we have such an incredibly difficult time attracting the same qualified personnel to accept positions at this school.

What I am challenging our community to do is to learn from the mistakes which have forced Professor Hedquist to leave us and to realize that these very mistakes are leading us down a path which can only bring us to a point lower than that from which we began.

We as a university must begin to teach tolerance if we are to move successfully into the next century. We cannot continue to be oblivious to the diversity and changes of the outside world. We can no longer continue this "ivory tower" approach to our educational experience, allowing the forces of racism, sexism and homophobia to rule our day-to-day lives. Many have argued that there is a place in our country's vast educational system for schools like W&L, and that those of us who are in some way different should either adapt or leave. I simply do not agree with that kind of rationale because it has no logical support.

It is because I love this school so much that I so desperately want it to change. As was pointed out in a previous letter to this newspaper, a university sees diversity as fundamental to the educational experience. After all, what can possibly be learned in a classroom where all the students are exactly alike?

Any honest administrator will tell you that the only major reason that W&L is not seen in that precious top ten list of liberal arts colleges is our total

lack of diversity and tolerance. This is what is so incredibly ironic about the voices of hate on our campus who are systematically lowering the standing of our school while screaming that they are attempting to maintain its traditions and continue its former greatness.

It is time for us to realize that no matter what our history, no matter how many famous people helped found or attended this institution, no matter how much money we pour into our programs, we are not now, nor will we ever be, a truly great university until we strive to achieve the compassion for our fellow human beings that we so sorely lack. As for Professor Hedquist, it is for her that I have done this, because she should not feel her attempt at change to be unsupported or in vain. I decided this would be a more constructive use of my anger over her departure.

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However, on a more personal note, I will share with you, this community which I care deeply for, what I would otherwise say only to her, "I have recently met the person who will succeed you, and it was only at that moment that it truly occurred to me that you were leaving. You have meant more to me than you will ever know. It is because of you and a small group of others, and they know who they are, that I have remained at this place to "stick it out" and fight for change. I hope this letter lives up to what you had hoped to do and I hope that you will be happy wherever you find yourself. Thank you for being my teacher and my friend. I will miss you."

GENERAL NOTES

Counseling

The Peer Counseling Program is now accepting applications for membership. Application forms may be picked up from Mrs. Calkins in the University Center. The deadline for applying is May 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Wardrobe

On Saturday all faculty and students who were cast as extras in *The Foreign Student* and were asked to go to a wardrobe fitting session should report to El Rodeo at their assigned time. Parking by El Rodeo is limited, so walking is probably the best idea.

Awards

The Executive Committee will be taking nominations for the Frank J. Gilliam Award and the Dr. William W. Pusey Award. The Gilliam award is presented to the student who has made the most valuable contribution to student affairs over the past year. The Pusey Award is presented to the faculty member who has made the greatest contribution to the University. Please submit all nominations to the Executive Committee.

Bells

The class-changing bell system will be completely shut down during the filming of *The Foreign Student* on Monday through Wednesday, May 3-5.

Parking

Washington Street, from Lee Avenue to Nelson Street, will be closed to traffic Monday through Wednesday, May 3-5. Faculty and staff will be able to use Washington Street to get to the back part of campus, but all parking on Washington Street will be reserved for the film crew.

Film Society

The Washington and Lee Film Society's next presentation will be the action thriller *Reservoir Dogs* (USA, 1992), directed by Quentin Tarantino. Showings will be at 8:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the Troubadour Cinema. As always, there is no charge for admission. The film is in English.

Bikes

All bikes in the Graham-Lees Quad must be moved to another location by tomorrow morning so that Buildings and Grounds can remove the bike racks. Additionally, locking bikes to the various railings in the quad will interfere with filming of *The Foreign Student* in the quad next week. Bikes may be moved back on May 6.

Preston Society

The Preston Society will present a lecture by Col. George Brooke Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in Room 327 of the C-school. The title of the speech is "Impressions of VMI and W&L since 1930." The public is invited to attend. The Preston Society is an organization formed by W&L students and VMI cadets, that aims to bring students from both schools together, and is intended to promote good will between the schools by offering joint community service projects, lectures, and social events.

Registration

Registration for fall classes will begin on Monday, May 3 and continue through Friday, May 7. Course listings will be available on the Liberty Gopher Thursday and in print

Art

"Icons and Images: Collages and Assemblages by John D. Morgan" is the title of a one-man show by the artist on display at duPont Gallery until May 14. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

W&L Past

An address by Sidney M.B. Coulling, '48 and professor of English emeritus, will kick off festivities for alumni weekend, May 6. Coulling will present his talk, "Remembrances of Things Past: W&L

Music

A performance by the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra will highlight the events of a six-day music festival, April 27-May 2 on campus. The festival will close with a performance of the orchestra on Sunday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center.

Race

The Lexington Road and River Relay, a race combining elements of running, bicycling, and canoeing, will be held on Saturday. Entry forms are available at Big Dog Graphics and the Domino's Pizza.

General notes are compiled by Sarah Wyatt.

TALKBACK

Photos and Interviews  
By Melissa Curtis  
and Robert Stewart

# What are your expectations for Spring Term?



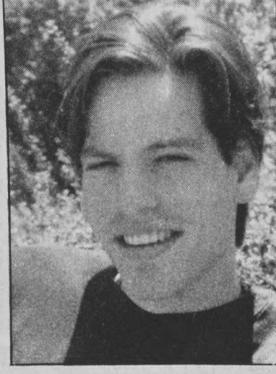
Anne Marie Paulin, '95, Honolulu, Hawaii — "Debilitating stupor."



Kevin Webb, '95L, Bethesda, Md. — "None, I have no life."



Monica Robinson, '94, Houston, Texas and Holly Proctor, '94, Hampton, Va. — "To get tons...of sun."



Fred Haring, '93, Mansfield, Ohio — "To graduate."



Tory Noto, '96, Upper Saddle River, NJ — "Women, wine, and song."

FEATURES

# Alcoholism in college: Its prevalence and how to spot it

By AMY REYNOLDS  
Generation X Press

The news isn't new - alcohol is the drug Americans use and abuse more than any other, including nicotine, cocaine, marijuana, heroin and prescription drugs. According to an annual study conducted jointly by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, 90 percent of all high school seniors have tried alcohol despite the fact that it is illegal for them to purchase it.

In the United States alone there are between eight and 12 million alcoholics. More than a million of these alcoholics are thought to be college-aged.

The NIDA/ISR study shows that 41 percent of all college students report that they engage in occasions of heavy drinking at least once every two weeks. The study defines heavy drinking as five or more drinks in a row on a single occasion.

The 41 percent figure is the highest of any group studied, ranging from high school students to adults past college and peers the same age who aren't enrolled in school.

College students report a daily drinking rate of almost 4 percent, which is slightly lower than their peers who are not in college, (about 5 percent) which suggests that college students tend to limit their drinking to weekends, during which they drink the most.

College men report having five or more drinks in the previous four weeks at a higher rate than women — 50 percent compared to 34 percent. But according to national figures, approximately one in three alcoholics is a woman, compared to the one in six estimate used during the 1960s.

All of these statistics reinforce that many people's drinking problems and behaviors begin in college. But how can you tell the difference between a problem drinker, a possible alcoholic and a social drinker when alcohol flows so freely on campuses?

One modern-day definition of an alcoholic is anyone who uses alcohol to such an extent that it interferes with his or her personal, social or occupational behavior.

Other definitions of the term "alcoholic" focus on the medical and physical symptoms of alcohol abuse.

According to Kenneth Kopf, a drug and alcohol consultant at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, a person can ask several questions about a friend's behavior that can help identify a possible problem with alcohol.

The questions include the following:

- ✓ Is the person drinking outside the "norm" for his or her peer group?
- ✓ Is a senior or graduate student still drinking like a freshman?
- ✓ Is a freshman drinking more than those around him or her?
- ✓ Is the person suffering consequences as a result of his or her drinking — has he or she been involved in the school's disciplinary system or arrested for drinking or drinking-related behavior?
- ✓ Has he or she lost friends because of drinking?
- ✓ Has his or her drinking interfered with academics?
- ✓ Does he or she frequently embarrass him or herself because of alcohol?
- ✓ Do his or her behaviors form a pattern of negative behaviors?
- ✓ The two most important questions are questions you can ask your friend directly — Have you ever been concerned or worried about you drinking? Has anyone close to you ever expressed concern about your drinking?

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes and you believe you or a friend might have a drinking problem, Kopf says you can take appropriate action:

The most important step is to tell your friend you think he or she has a problem. Give them specific examples of their behavior that have led to your conclusion.

If the problem persists, educate yourself about alcoholism. Kopf notes that people tend to educate themselves about other diseases from which friends and family members suffer and alcoholism is no different.

The more you understand about the disease the better prepared you are to help a friend with an alcohol problem.

Because some alternative definitions of alcoholism involve medical and physical indicators, to further help spot a person with an alcohol problem a basic

understanding of the drug and its effects is helpful.

Psychologically speaking, alcohol elicits different responses from different people. Some individuals become more violent and aggressive, while some are considered "happy drunks."

All of the behavior alterations alcohol causes are a result of alcohol's effect on the brain. Studies have shown that alcohol enlarges the ventricles and empty spaces found between folds in brain tissue. This effect is related to how much a person drinks.

The result of this enlargement is less blood flow to the brain and possibly lower levels of oxygen, nutrients and waste removal.

Changes in a person's behavior result from alcohol's ability to suppress behavioral inhibitors which generally means that people feel less afraid and anxious. Critical thinking and judgment are suppressed as well.

Physiologically, alcohol dilates the blood vessels near the skin surface allowing body heat to escape, this gives the drinker the feeling of warmth despite the fact that the body is actually cooling internally.

Alcohol is absorbed rather than digested. Plain water will slow the absorption of alcohol by diluting it while carbonated drinks like soda speed the absorption process. Food also slows the absorption process.

Basically, all of the effects of alcohol are heightened in higher concentrations of alcohol in the blood (commonly called a person's blood alcohol level - legally, most states consider a person to be drunk if they have a blood alcohol level of .10

or higher).

Some physical indications of alcoholism include the swelling of capillaries around the conjunctive of the eyes, resulting in puffiness in the face, forehead, and underneath the eyes. Sometimes, in fair-skinned individuals, the alcoholic's skin might appear continually flushed.

Frequent hoarseness also can occur because of an accumulation of fluid in the mucous membranes in the nose, pharynx, larynx, and vocal chords. Alcoholics also tend to feel nauseous and lose their appetites from an inflammation of the lining of the stomach.

Withdrawal symptoms include tremors (the most common and the most persistent), anxiety, insomnia, nausea, vomiting, as well as "feelings of unreality," delusions, hallucinations, disorientation and possibly seizures, depending on how long and how severely a person abused the drug.

According to professionals who treat alcoholics, the withdrawal process an alcoholic endures is more severe and more likely to cause death than withdrawal from a narcotic drug such as heroin.

This, obviously, is the reason so many experts stress prevention.

As mentioned earlier, men tend to become alcoholics more than women. But, more significantly, researchers have found that genetics plays a strong role in predisposition to alcoholism.

A person with a parent who was or is an alcoholic have a higher incidence of alcoholism, especially at a younger age. Some studies show that of the approximate eight million men who are alcoholics, 40 percent have a genetic predisposition toward alcoholism. The genetic link also exists in women.

Research suggests that anyone with any family history of alcoholism should carefully monitor his or her drinking behaviors. Scientists are still researching the genetic link.

If a person admits or suspects he or she has an alcohol problem, the best step is to seek professional help from a family physician, the National Council on Alcoholism, Alcoholics Anonymous, Dean Schroer-Lamont, Counseling Psychologist, and Dr. James Worth, University Counseling Psychologist.



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FEATURES

# Local author explores women's diaries

By JEANNE BRIGGS  
Phi Features Editor

**K**atie Letcher Lyle, author of historical non-fiction and fiction for young adults, lives and works right here in Lexington.

Lyle, who attended Hollins College, has been writing, researching and teaching in the Lexington area for thirty years.

She has published five novels for young adults, two of which were Newbery award finalists and one which was made into a TV special.

Lyle recently finished a book on American camping for children, and is currently working on a collection of excerpts from the diaries of 19th century Virginia women.

Lyle said, "I like research better than fiction. I've always been interested in historical non-fiction."

She said that she has already read 144 diaries written by Virginia women, and she is looking for a focus for the book.

Lyle said, "I don't know if the book will ever come out, because I don't know if I would know when I was done. It worries me to think of doing anything final because there are so many diaries. I would want to make certain I had read most of them."

Lyle said that one thing the diaries she has read have in common is that there are no physical descriptions of people.

"There is not one single physical description in any diary that I've come across," Lyle said. "That may be because they really didn't look at people the way we do. They didn't live in such a commercial age."

Lyle also remarked on other differences she noticed between women of the nineteenth century and today.

"Nowhere did I find a sense that there wasn't enough time in the day, which is a complaint you

hear a lot today," Lyle said. "The women writing tend to be much more selfless, and almost universally Christian," she said.

"One thing I have begun looking for is how they coped with depression. In one diary, I found a woman whose response to feeling down was to do chores. Now I'm looking for other examples. I found it curious that their response is not to go call up a shrink but rather to work. Maybe there's a message there for us," Lyle said.

Lyle said she knew that she wanted to be a writer from the very beginning. "I always was a writer just like some people always loved horses," Lyle said.

She said that she had a poem published when she was just eight years old, and has been publishing her work ever since.

Lyle said that living in Lexington made it easier for her to pursue writing. "I was the only person who wanted to edit the high school newspaper. One thing and another [writing] was easy to do."

Lyle commented that the Lexington area is a nice place to live and work. "This area has really good libraries," she said, "I hardly ever have to go elsewhere to do research."

She added, "There a lot of writers around, and Lexington is a pretty sophisticated place to be, not like other towns of five thousand people."

Lyle currently teaches a graduate writing seminar at Hollins, and has taught at Southern Virginia College for Women and Washington and Lee in the past.

Lyle said, "The Hollins writing program is one of the most famous in the country. It has existed now for 30 years, and its graduates have published hundreds of books."

Lyle said that her advice to aspiring writers would be:

"Write every single day. That's the best thing I could tell you. Even if you write on page a day, that's 365 pages in a year. I think it has to be a part of your life."



Katie Letcher Lyle

## Colonnade Crossword

ACROSS  
1 Refinery refuse  
5 Construction logs  
10 Gush out  
14 Home for doves  
15 Located in a city  
16 Cabbage plant  
17 In a while  
18 Climbing plant  
19 Stockings  
20 Snake  
22 Commanded  
24 Previous to  
25 Choicest part  
26 Half an academic year  
30 Intervene  
34 Flattened circle  
35 Contraction  
36 Expunge  
37 Sped  
38 Crept in secret  
41 Sheltered side  
42 Decree  
44 "— the season ..."  
45 Shallow place  
46 Pasted shut  
48 Shows zeal  
50 Some songs  
52 Always, to poets  
53 One who removes impurities  
56 Flag  
60 Type of bomb  
61 Jan emblem  
63 US author, James  
64 Whittle away  
65 Play a part  
66 Ace or king  
67 Luge  
68 Appraised  
69 God of love

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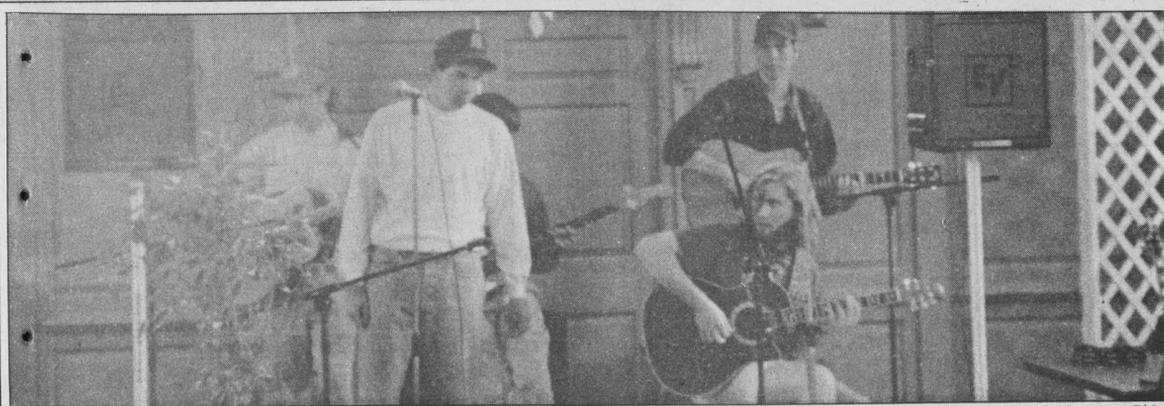
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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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You don't have to be crunchy to love your earth

Photo By Darran Winslow; The Ring-tum Phi

Cold weather forced the Earth Day Hootenanny inside last Thursday, but that didn't stop freshmen Andy Vota and Tommy Bisposito, senior Fred Haring and junior Chris Holmes from celebrating.

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The Pelican Brief**, by John Grisham. (Dell, \$6.99.) Law student finds herself on the run from killers of two Supreme Court justices.
2. **The Firm**, by John Grisham. (Island/Dell, \$5.99.) Young lawyer confronts the hidden workings of his firm.
3. **Jurassic Park**, by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) A theme park's cloned dinosaurs are creating a world crisis.
4. **Life's Little Instruction Book**, by H. Jackson Brown Jr. (Rutledge Hill \$5.95.) Advice for attaining a full life.
5. **All Around the Town**, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Pocket, \$6.50.) A collegestudent is accused of killing her professor.
6. **On the Pulse of Morning**, by Maya Angelou. (Random House, \$5.00.) Poem recited at President Clinton's inauguration.
7. **A Time to Kill**, by John Grisham. (Island/Dell, \$5.99.) Racial tension runs high during a trial.
8. **Jazz**, by Toni Morrison. (Plume, \$10.00.) Passionate story of obsession and music set in Harlem in the 1920s.
9. **The Autobiography of Malcolm X**, with Alex Haley. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) The black leader's life story.
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WTrack - 2nd at ODAC Champs.

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## This Week:

MLax - at Mt. St. Mary's  
WLax - ODAC Championship 5/1  
MTrack - at Lynchburg Invit.  
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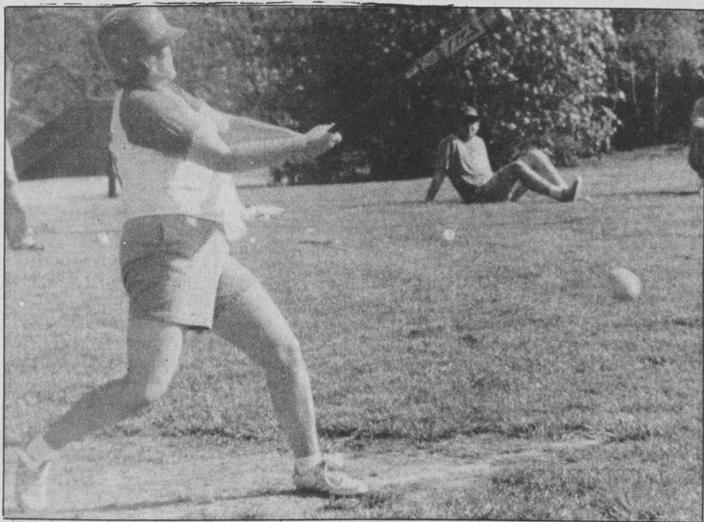


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## Ay, Batter Batter...

A member of the Washington and Lee club softball team lofts a single during yesterday's doubleheader. The Lady Generals are 4-2 on the season after games against Hollins and Southern Virginia College for Women.

## Tennis exceeds goals

### Women's team first in ODAC despite obstacles

By SARAH GILBERT  
Phi Sports Editor

If overcoming obstacles is any indication of the merit of a team, this year's women's tennis squad will go down in Washington and Lee history as the best of all time.

Though three players of the top eight are studying overseas spring term, the team won its third straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference title handily this weekend. W&L claimed championships in every spot but No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles.

"We had a wonderful season," said ODAC Player of the Year, sophomore Marilyn Baker. She was the number one singles champion and shared the No. 1 doubles title with freshman Julie Ayers.

Other singles winners included freshman Shelley Sunderman, Ayers, freshman Helen Chandler and sophomore Leslie Copeland. Sunderman and Chandler claimed the No. 2 doubles championship.

"It was fantastic—the most championships we've ever had," said coach Cinda Rankin, who was victorious in her own discipline, claiming the honors for ODAC Coach of the Year.

She was amazed at the success of her very

young team; only one player, Baker, has had any championship experience. "We've exceeded our goal," she said.

Baker is virtually a shoe-in to get a bid to the National tournament, and she and Ayers hope to go as a doubles team. Though the squad's only Division III losses were to the first- and fifth-ranked teams in the nation (and W&L beat 12th-ranked Swarthmore), the Generals cannot receive an automatic team bid because the regional tournament, which qualifies two teams, is during exam period.

Even if a bid is obtained W&L will be unable to attend as a team because of a rule concerning players on the original roster who will not go to the tournament.

W&L is down for the tournament, but not out. The players are looking forward to next season, as everyone will be returning.

"Our team is improving and there is a lot of promise for the future," said Baker. Rankin praised the spirit of the team.

"The enthusiasm was contagious," she said. "As soon as we won the championship, they were immediately looking forward to next year."

With two athletes hoping to go to Nationals and an ODAC title, the team can hardly complain.

"It's so exciting," said Rankin. "I never dreamed that we would be so good."

## Jimmy V. mourned

By KEITH GRANT  
Phi Staff Writer

This issue is dedicated to the late Jim Valvano. I'll never forget your confident handshake and sincere smile. With dozens of camera lights and reporters camped just outside the door expecting news that you would resign, you took two minutes to talk to a scrawny runner who was looking for a much smaller college than N.C. State.

"Run? I can't even drive ten miles!"

When the job you seemed to love more than life was slipping away, you managed to share a laugh among strangers.

You were right, Jimmy V. Cancer could not take your heart, and it will never touch your soul. Rest in peace.

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

The Liberty Hall Field will host this weekend's Old Dominion Athletic Conference Women's Lacrosse Tournament, thanks to Washington & Lee's 10-9 overtime win at Roanoke College on Sunday.

The Generals (12-2 overall, 8-0 in the ODAC) won their first ever regular-season ODAC title in a rematch of last year's tournament championship game. Senior Paige Henke scored 25 seconds into the first overtime for the one-goal victory margin.

Senior Lisa Dowling scored four times to lift her single-season school record to 74. She is two points shy of 100 for the season. Junior Angie Carrington netted three goals, including the game-tying score with 1:15 remaining in regulation time.

Carrington is second to Dowling in goals for W&L with 37, ahead of Henke (31), sophomore Nicole Ripken (30), and sophomore Lindsay Coleman (29). The Generals have scored 222 goals in 14 games and their average victory is 16-7.

The Generals host Randolph-Macon College, who beat Bridgewater in a quarterfinal, Friday at 4:00 p.m. on the Liberty Hall Fields. Earlier this season, the Generals beat R-MC 18-5 in a game in which Dowling scored seven goals and added five assists.

In the other semi-final game, Roanoke will play Lynchburg College at 1:30.

The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The Washington and Lee baseball squad rode out the season on a 12 game slide to finish 1993 at 4-15 overall, 3-13 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

After a very promising 4-3 start, the Generals turned from the Big Bad Wolf into Green Jelly. Opponents outscored the Generals 115-39 over the 12 game losing streak that ended the season.

In the final weekend of play, W&L dropped a home doubleheader to powerhouse Guilford College (5-1 and 4-0), and then lost a twin-bill at Randolph-Macon College (11-3 and 6-4).

Senior captain Jon Hesse, the team's only member of the Class of '93, ended his career second on the school's all-time list for doubles with 21. He batted a career high .333 this season with nine doubles, 2 home runs, and a team-high 13 Runs Batted In. He also led the team in hits (25), runs (13), and slugging-percentage (.533).

Hesse, who had started at shortstop for W&L every game since his sophomore year, struck out only twice in 75 at bats.

Sophomore Bates Brown was the team home run leader with three. Classmate Duane Van Arsdale hit .329 with two home runs (six career) and 12 RBI. Freshman Graig Fantuzzi led the pitching staff in wins (3), complete games (3), innings pitched (46.0), and strikeouts (33).

All is set for the fight of the decade. Bowe-Lewis? No. Knicks-Bulls? No. Roanoke College-Washington and Lee!

The two rivals will be unbeaten in conference play when they meet next Thursday, May 6 at Wilson Field for the men's lacrosse Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship. Roanoke is ranked fifth nationally in Division III, while W&L is tenth.

The Generals have climbed three spots since the pre-season rankings, while the Maroons have fallen two places. Whether that means anything will be decided in front of a rowdy, jam-packed Wilson Field crowd next Thursday.

W&L improved to 9-2 overall, 5-0 in the ODAC, with consecutive routs of Hampden-Sydney College (17-6) and Guilford College (21-4) last week.

Senior Wiemi Douguigh became the 15th General in history to reach 50 points in a season. He now has 51 points: 31 goals and 20 assists. David Lefkowitz is second on the team with 25 goals.

This Saturday, the Generals will travel to Mt. St. Mary's for a meeting with their Division I squad. That will be the last game before the Big One next Thursday, which precedes the May 8 Lee-Jackson Classic.

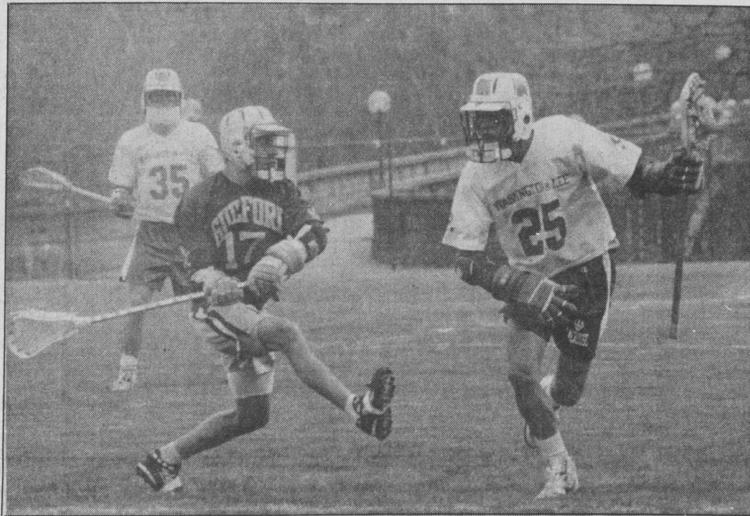


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Senior Captain John Hunter fends off his Guilford competitor during Washington and Lee's 21-4 blasting of the Quakers last week.

## Record-setters run around

From Staff Reports

If it's true that the third time is the charm, the Washington and Lee track teams will be sitting pretty next year.

Both the men and the women repeated their performance from last year's Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships, with respective third and second places Saturday at Bridgewater College.

Honors for performance of the day go to the men's 400-meter relay team of juniors Scott Covey and John Robinson, freshman Dax Mahoney and sophomore Hayne Hodges, which gained first place in conference record time of 42.5 seconds. This time is only two-tenths of a second away from provisional qualification for Division III National Championships.

Leading the men, as he has done all season, was Greek God (yes, an ODAC athlete was actually overheard calling him that) Mahoney. He earned Athlete of the Year honors after winning the 200- and the 400-meter dash and participating in the winning 400- and 1600-meter relays.

Senior David Phillips also had an Olympian performance, winning the 110-meter hurdles, placing second in the 400-meter hurdles and running in the 1600 relay.

Other individual champions included Robinson in the 100-meter dash and senior Harrison Shull in the high jump. Shull soared over 6-6 in his final ODAC appearance.

"We improved in almost every event, both in-

door and outdoor," said coach Norris Aldridge. The Generals fell only 17 points behind first-place Lynchburg and three points from second-place Bridgewater.

It was the same old story for the women, who set several conference and school records and scored voluminous amounts of points, but fell 27 points short of first-place Eastern Mennonite College.

Freshman Josephine Schaeffer had a run-of-the-mill outing, winning both the 1500- and the 3000-meter runs in conference record time. Classmate Sandra Holmes was the General's only other individual champion, mastering the javelin throw.

Holmes, who earned the second-highest point total for W&L at 22, also set a new school record in the discus throw.

Other record setters Saturday included junior Wendy Neel, who shaved five-tenths of a second off her 100 time, and sophomore Sarah Gilbert, who finished the 400 hurdles 3.5 seconds better than her former school-record time.

Gilbert was the most prolific point-scorer of the Generals, earning 35.5 points while competing in more events than she could count.

Both the men and the women are hoping to obtain National-qualifying performances in post-season competition. The men's 400 relay is the brightest hope, but Mahoney in the 400, senior Bo Hannah in the 5000 and 10,000 and Phillips in the 110 hurdles are also pursuing qualification.

Schaeffer, whose 10,000 performance at Duke was a provisionally qualifying time, will try for an automatic at University of North Carolina May 8. The Duke race was her first-ever attempt at the event.

## Golfers claim third

By Keith Grant  
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee golf team placed third in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship in Richmond, 27 strokes behind champion Guilford.

Guilford golfers placed one-two, and W&L's Pearce Smithwick claimed third place with a 158, nine shots back.

Smithwick and teammate Bo Williams were both named to the All-Tournament team. Williams shot a 163 to place sixth.

Guilford defended their 1992 title with a 630 for the two-day affair. Hampden-Sydney followed at 647, ten ahead of W&L.

Washington and Lee has won the tournament six times, most recently in 1990 and 1991.

Last week, Scott Redmond shot an 82 in his first collegiate round to lead the Generals to a second place finish at the Virginia Wesleyan/ODAC Invitational. Also last week, Jimmy Kull shot a 38 to win the rain-shortened Shipbuilders Invitational in Newport News.

W&L had a 9-4-2 regular season record, their 22nd consecutive winning season.

## Men's tennis wins ODAC; MacNaughton leads way

By KEITH GRANT  
Phi Staff Writer

The last time the Washington & Lee men's tennis team failed to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title, Ronald Reagan was seeking re-election and Barry Bonds was in high school.

The Generals won their ninth straight title, and their 14th in the ODAC's 17 years of competition. W&L won eight out of nine flights for the title.

Junior Robbie MacNaughton took ODAC Player of the Year honors.

He won at No. 1 singles and teamed with Peter Hammond to win at No. 1 doubles.

MacNaughton and Hammond are 17-6 on the year and are ranked sixth.

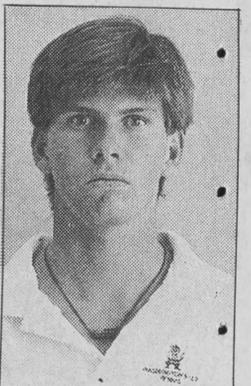
Hammond also won at No. 4 singles.

Chris MacNaughton teamed with Wes Ruggles to win at No. 3 doubles, while David Schweppe and Robert Wein won at No. 2 doubles.

MacNaughton, Ruggles, and Schweppe were all singles winners as well.

Generals head coach Gary Franke was awarded the ODAC Coach of the Year Award for the seventh time.

W&L gave Hampden-Sydney its first loss of the season last week, 7-2. That upped the Generals to 6-6 in dual match competition and 3-0 in the ODAC.



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