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## SPJ sponsors public forum on disclosure

By Polly Doig  
NEWS EDITOR

The issue of whether or not to publish the names of those convicted in campus disciplinary hearings went up for debate in a forum sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists last Thursday.

The recently passed Higher Education Amendments suggest that colleges make results of disciplinary hearings available to student media, but leaves the subject of naming those convicted up to individual schools' discretion.

Knight Professor of Journalism Louis Hodges, Dean of Students David Howison, Student Faculty Hearing Board Chair Barbara Brown, Student Judicial Council Chair Greta Richter, and Executive Committee President Beth Formidoni all served as members of the panel.

"We need to recognize that anytime you have disciplinary hearings that are essentially held in private and are kept secret, you have a potentially

dangerous situation on your hands ... secrecy generally allows corrupt people to reveal their corruption unchecked," Hodges said. "Therefore the bias, in my opinion, ought to be on the side of openness rather than secrecy."

"I want to believe that if you do something, it's going to be judged in accordance with the extremity of whatever it is that you do," senior Nadiyah Howard said. "And I think that if you publish these things, then the student body is going to have a better idea of what's going on, and be able to judge for itself what's right."

Hodges called for openness based on a two-fold argument.

"First, we really need a watchdog to watch over even our best disciplinary bodies," Hodges said. "And second, to do so, and to publish the results, to reveal the issues at stake and the actions taken, would have a major educational impact on the everybody in the student body."

Howison is in favor of letting the

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## LPD limits public access on weekends

By Jennifer Agiesta  
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 14, 1998, the Lexington police department joined the new central dispatch station in Buena Vista. Since then, no officer has manned Lexington Headquarters on the weekend, and no one has access to police reports from Friday night, Saturday and Sunday until Monday morning.

Police Chief Bruce Beard seems unconcerned about the possible effects on public access to police records. His main concern is that police will be available to anyone who needs them, and in his opinion, this system works better.

With emergency calls directed first through the 911 number, and non-emergencies handled by the same number that was always used, 463-9177, more

efficient service is available.

In addition, an emergency phone has been installed in Lexington Headquarters for people who need immediate assistance.

They can go in and lock the door behind them and get someone at Central Dispatch without dialing if, for example, they are being chased or can't get to another phone.

Tom Snead, head of Central Dispatch, said it's up to the Lexington department to determine how they will make information available.

For the most part, the Central Dispatch center only has information on the initial call. Police reports and arrest records never reach their database. According to their policy, no information will be released from the Central Dispatch office.

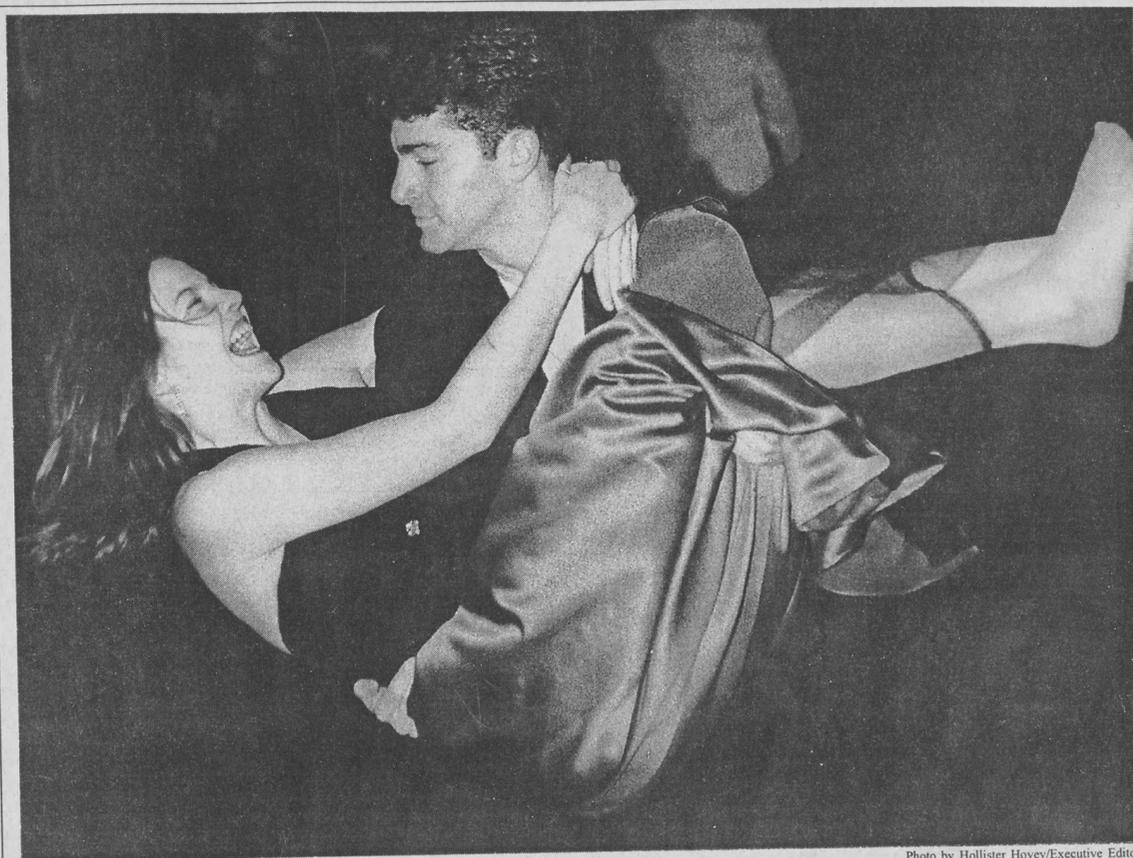


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## Bicenquagenary Ball swings wonderfully

Swingin' sophomore Stephen Pesce flips and dips his date to the music of Chairmen of the Board during the Bicenquagenary Ball on Saturday night. Many students agreed that the Ball was an amazing success, including 250<sup>th</sup> co-chair Nate Tencza: "It was absolutely wonderful. Erin McGrain, Mandy Stallard and the steering committee worked so hard. It went off without a hitch. I don't know if it could have been done any better."

## Peter Hart dissects Election '98

By Polly Doig  
NEWS EDITOR

"Ten percent of Americans think that pollsters can predict the future ... that puts us well ahead of the Ouija board and the Magic 8 Ball."

So spoke Democratic pollster Peter Hart during a lecture that analyzed the 1998 election at Washington and Lee University last week.

Hart, the founder of Peter D. Hart Research Associates and a consultant for NBC News, was a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow at W&L and addressed several classes in addition to his lecture. Hart demonstrated the intricacies of polling to students by tracking the Maryland gubernatorial race over a period of months, and asked students to pick a winner based on popularity. Hart himself did polling

in several races this year, including that of incumbent Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and that of Charles Schumer, who upset incumbent Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in New York.

According to Hart, the major lesson of the 1998 election is that, out of the 455 races nationwide in which incumbents were running, only 11 lost. "When 444 incumbents get re-elected, [the voter are] telling us something: 'I'm not unhappy,'" Hart said. "1998 was a great election because the public was more positive than in any other period we've seen in the last 15 years."

According to Hart, more than 75 percent of the American public said they were happy with the direction of their personal finances, and 86 percent were happy with the economy overall.

Hart also analyzed reasons behind the Republicans' inability to make the

substantial gains expected in light of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"The American public had no intention of voting for impeachment in this election; [many] Republicans ran on this platform, and I think they were faulted for not doing the people's business," Hart said.

Only 31 percent of voters said that the issues most important to them were moral standards or Monica Lewinsky, while 52 percent said they cared more about education, health care, Social Security or jobs. Nationwide, President Clinton's job approval rating remains an overwhelming 68 percent.

"If Republicans move this [impeachment] through the House and the Senate, I think they will do it in a way that will ire the public," Hart said.

In his explanation of the art of polling, Hart pointed out the weaknesses

of the system.

"We're only as good as our respondents. And our respondents, in part, always think that they're going to do the right thing. Typically, they think that they're going to vote, and in reality, a lot of people don't," Hart said.

In this past election, however, Hart's polls proved to be extremely accurate.

"The highest count we did said that voter turnout should be about 39 to 40 percent. It turned out to be 38 percent," Hart said.

And turnout, according to Hart, was the most important factor for Democrats in the 1998 election. He cited an increased number of minorities and Union-affiliated workers as crucial to the Democrats ability to hang on.

"The single most important thing in democratic society is voting ... the most important thing in an election is who's going to vote," said Hart.

## I-Club organizes hurricane relief

By Eszter Pados  
STAFF WRITER

While several Central American countries cope with one of the biggest natural disasters in their modern histories, members of the Washington and Lee University community established relief funds to support nationwide efforts to help the countries recover from Hurricane Mitch's devastation.

The International Club at Washington and Lee University set up a relief fund specifically to help Nicaragua.

Bill Overbaugh, president of the International Club, said that the fund is concentrated on Nicaragua because that country has been the most heavily hit. The fund was proposed by freshman Silvana Flinn, who is a native Nicaraguan. Furthermore, Flinn's influence made the club look more closely at Nicaragua.

Hurricane Mitch hit northern South America, with Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala among the most heavily hit. As of Wednesday, the disaster had killed more than 11,000 across Central America and more than 3,800 in Nicaragua alone. Furthermore, epidemics such as cholera, malaria and dengue are expected to break out shortly. In addition to Hurricane Mitch, Nicaragua was hit by an eruption of Cerro Negro, which cre-

ated a mudslide that destroyed five villages. "The greatest tragedy of this particular event was that it wiped out whole extended families and some of the children that have survived have nothing and no one in this world," Ena Flinn, Silvana's mother said.

Nicaraguans are pleading for help.

Flinn said that her efforts are a response to an e-mail she received from her cousin in Georgetown, who told her that universities such as Georgetown University and James Madison University have organized funds in support of the relief effort. Nicaraguan students studying in the United States were asked to make ef-

forts for this cause.

"I presented the idea to the International Club," Flinn said. "I wanted to do something. We need all the help we can get."

Overbaugh said that members of the club unanimously supported the fund. Donation boxes were set up last Monday. As of Friday, the club had collected more than \$700.

James Casey, visiting professor of economics, has also set up a relief program; his focuses on Honduras. He is collecting donations, mostly clothing, from University of Virginia students and Lexington residents.

"Besides my own, I have clothes

from the Lexington community," Casey said. "Also, the athletic department has donated a lot of clothes."

The donation fund is set up in Charlottesville.

"I'm going to Charlottesville this weekend," Casey said, "to take some clothes over to the American Red Cross."

Overbaugh said the International Club was initially uncertain which relief organization would receive the collected donations. It had planned to use the Nicaraguan Relief Fund. Overbaugh said, however, that this organization is

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## Recycling progresses slowly

By Eszter Pados  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University's Recycling Committee passed a proposal last year to expand and enhance the recycling program on campus. They still have not made much progress.

President Elrod "is in favor of the improvement of the program; however, due to other commitments, could not approve the proposal," Recycling Committee Chair Steve McAllister said.

If approved, the new recycling program would require the addition of two positions at the University to handle the collection and transfer of recycled materials to a recycler, Steve McAllister said.

"I would not say that [President Elrod] denied funding of the program, but instead asked us to look at alternatives," he said.

Junior Ashley Penkava, a member of the Recycling Committee, took matters into her own hands her freshman year.

"There were no recycling bins around freshman year," Penkava said. "So I went to [University Treasurer] Larry Broomall, and he gave us money for some bins."

Penkava said the committee made extensive efforts to provide recycling bins for fundamental materials, such as glass, paper and aluminum. Their proposal was rejected, she said. The Board of Trustees passed a regulation that the school could not hire any more

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Photo courtesy of Susan Wager

Professor Emeritus Severn Duvall, senior Drew Higgs and sophomore Ryan Truax rehearse for "Secret Service," which will be performed on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in Lenfest.

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associated with the government. "We are afraid that the donations will go to political parties, not to the people who need it," Overbaugh said. Lydia Ellena, Nicaraguan Embassy representative, encourages the club to send the fund to the embassy. According to Ellena, the embassy has set up three funds, one with the Red Cross, one with the Nicaraguan Foundation and one with Catholic Relief Services. "It's guaranteed that the donations will get to the Nicaraguan people," Ellena said. "We will send [all the donations] to the Emergency Committee in Nicaragua." She added that the Committee guarantees direct delivery of the donations to the people. "We guarantee that they will get [them] as soon as possible."

The International Club decided to work with Casey by sending its donations through the American Red Cross. Donations collected by the International Club will go on to Nicaragua.

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student body make the decision. "I've sensed in the last year or so a shift in student opinion . . . toward a greater willingness to ask for the release of names of those who are found guilty in hearings of the SJC and the SFHB," he said. Richter agrees. "Right now we're trying to decide which way to go, and I think that the best way to do that is to let students have a voice," she said. Differences in the nature of trials handled by the three disciplinary bodies were recognized as important factors in the necessity of naming the convicted. The EC addresses honor-related questions, the SJC handles criminal cases, and the SFHB primarily deals with questions of sexual assault. The consensus of the forum seemed to be that those convicted by the SABand the SFHB represent a greater physical threat to members of the student body, thereby making disclosure by those bodies a higher priority to promote awareness and self-protection.

## RECYCLING

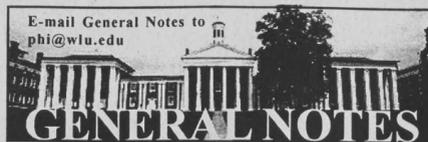
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people, Penkava said. The university cannot have Physical Plant employees deal with the recycling. "They have too much work anyway," Penkava said. The committee's greatest concern, Penkava said, is big events such as the Fancy Dress Ball and Alumni Weekend every year. She said that FD decorations were passed on to area high schools for their prom decorations, but some of the decorations are too large for the high school gyms, she said. "We end up throwing the decorations away," Penkava said. Alumni weekends are a problem too. Dinners during Alumni weekends take place on the Front Lawn. Canned drinks are served at these events, and the cans are thrown away," Penkava said. McAllister said the university recycles aluminum and cardboard in addition to mixed paper. The campus has recycling containers for mixed paper and aluminum cans campus-wide. "There are a number of areas where cardboard is collected," he said. "They tend to be the areas where the most significant amount of cardboard is processed, such as the Co-op."

Donations, including money, blankets, canned goods and clothes, can be made through the International Club. The International Club will continue to accept donations, even though the collection boxes have been removed. Students can contact Overbaugh or Flinn to make donations. "There is still a great need for medicine. Nicaragua at the moment needs antibiotics in many forms, fungicides, construction materials, insecticides, food like milk and anything people want to donate," said Flinn. She is very grateful for the tremendous support of the International Club and the community overall. "Members were all interested . . . everyone has been so wonderful," she said. "I'm amazed at the positive response."

However, others argued that the same standards should apply on-campus as elsewhere. "Once you're in the real world and you commit a violent or even a non-violent crime, as long as you're over age 18, your name is published . . . to be lulled into a false sense of security within our realm of W&L is not necessarily a good thing," sophomore Heather McDonald said. The Ring-tum Phi and The Trident will be conducting a joint survey in coming weeks to determine student opinion on the issue. Commentary is welcome.

But some have been unable to find the bins. Tiffany Cummings, International Student Advisor, has noticed the lack of recycling bins on campus. "I wonder why food services don't have recycling bins," Cummings said. "That's where they are most needed. I feel bad about throwing my bottles and cans away." According to Penkava, food services are "just put off by the extra work . . . food services are already wasteful, so much packaging is thrown away," she said. McAllister said the Recycling Committee has begun an exploration of recycling of newspapers and glass. "We are hopeful that we can develop a test program this year to begin an evaluation of the feasibility of recycling these items campus-wide," McAllister said. For now, the committee is working with Physical Plant workers to ensure that recycling containers are at major events such as Homecoming, Alumni Weekend and Fancy Dress. The committee has begun recycling aluminum at football games. "We will be working during the winter and spring to make certain that this program moves forward," McAllister said.



## D-Hall celebrates Thanksgiving

Washington and Lee Dining Service will present a gourmet Thanksgiving buffet dinner Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The menu will include young roasted turkey with pecan stuffing, fresh tidewater crab cakes, roast prime rib with Yorkshire pudding, baked glazed Virginia ham, mashed potatoes with gibellet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, brandied peaches, fresh fruit, cranberry sauce, salads and an assortment of gourmet breads. For those who still might have room left after such a plentiful repast, the pastry crew will have prepared Martha Washington cake, assorted homemade pies and other gourmet pastries. The annual Thanksgiving feast is open to all members of the W&L community. For University Card-holders, the cost is \$6.50; the cash price is \$7.50.

## Economics expert gives lecture

Rebecca Blank, director of the Joint Center for Poverty Research at Northwestern University and a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, will speak Monday at 8 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. Her lecture is titled "The Current Economy and Welfare Reform." Blank conducts research on the interaction among the macroeconomy, government anti-poverty programs and the behavior and well-being of low-income families. Blank has also published extensively in economics and policy-related journals and serves on a variety of professional and advisory boards. In 1993, she received the David Kershaw award, given biannually to a young scholar whose work has had the most impact on policy.

## Jazz Ensemble holds concert

The Washington and Lee University Jazz Ensemble will present its first annual fall concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center. This performance features several special guest soloists, including clarinetist Barry Kolman, saxophonist Tom Artwick and five student vocalists. Joshua Chamberlain, Brooke deRosa, Lee Dunham, Jady Koch and Mollie Harmon will each sing a solo, and then all join forces on the old Johnny Mercer classic "Dream." Kolman will assume Benny Goodman's role in a swinging rendition of "Sing Sing Sing" that will also feature solos by tenor saxophonist Mark Slomiany and trumpet player Scott Meister and extended work by drummer Anthony Allen. Composers featured on the concert include Duke Ellington, Henry Mancini, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and Hank Williams.



Photo by Emily Bames/Photo Editor

Senior Marshall Sutton prepares for the upcoming concert.

## Group for sexual assault victims meets

A confidential support group sponsored by the University Counseling Service will begin meeting weekly for Washington and Lee women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse at any time in their lives. Each member will sign an agreement of confidentiality at the first meeting. Please call Carol Calkins, the Counseling Service secretary, or the University Health Service at x8401 to learn of times and locations.

## LIFE recruits new members

Applications for the peer health organization LIFE, Lifestyle Information for Everyone, are due Thursday. For more information, contact Jan Kaufman at x4501.

## I-Hsiung Ju exhibits work in duPont

I-Hsiung Ju, artist in residence at W&L from 1969 to 1998, and his brothers Tan-ru and Hao-ru Ju will exhibit their works of calligraphy and painting at W&L's duPont Gallery from Nov. 17 through Dec. 11. There will be a gallery talk and a reception at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. All three brothers are natives of Jiang-yin, Jiang-su, China. I-Hsiung Ju, who founded the Art Farm Gallery just outside of Lexington, has worked in many different painting styles and many different media. His work has been exhibited in more than 200 art shows in Australia, China, Japan, the Philippines, Canada, England and the United States. Tan-ru Ju, the oldest brother, paints in what has been described as a lyrical and delicate style. He has painted many scrolls depicting Biblical stories using traditional Chinese painting methods and materials. The youngest brother, Hao-ru Ju, is an expert in making silk scrolls, carving Chops (signature seals) and the restoration of scroll paintings. He is also a versatile calligrapher.

## Responsibility series continues

Vivian-Lee Nyitray will speak in the Responsibility Symposium lecture series today at 7:30 p.m. in Room A214 of the Science Addition. Nyitray's lecture is titled "The Single Thread of a New Confucianism: Public Responsibility and Private Virtue." Confucius spoke of a single thread that bound his thoughts together, namely, an interweaving of the ideas of loyalty and reciprocity. Nyitray will examine how these core Confucian ideas are evolving over and against post-Enlightenment notions of public responsibility and the way in which a new Confucianism may emerge. Nyitray teaches at the University of California.

## Bacon's guitar sizzles in Lee Chapel

Classic guitarist Guy Bacon will perform a recital in Lee Chapel on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. This may be his last concert in this area because he is planning to return to his native home, Great Britain, to continue his studies. Grandson of the American composer Ernst Bacon and son of classical guitarist Joseph Bacon, Guy comes from a long established family tradition of quality music making. His recital in Lee Chapel will feature works by Bach, Sor, Marenco-Torroba, Ravel and Britten. There is no charge for the concert, which is sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, and all members of the general public are welcome to attend.

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## Get in the holiday spirit, help a W&L family

Last week, Washington and Lee Security Officer Ken Hoeffel learned that his 11-year-old daughter, Teel, has a tumor on her spine.

When Teel was five years old, she was treated for cancer of the lung and kidney. She lost a kidney at that time, but since then she has been doing well.

Her teachers at Waddell Elementary noticed that Teel was tripping and falling down, more and more often. Suddenly, last weekend, Teel was unable to walk or stand without assistance.

Teel underwent surgery at the University of Virginia hospital on Tuesday. The surgery went better than expected.

Although the tumor was growing on the spine, doctors did not have to remove any bone and believe that the tumor was benign. Test results are due back today and her parents will learn more about Teel's condition.

Teel is out of intensive care and in a regular room at UVA Hospital (UVA 7 West, Room 7172B, UVA Hospital, Charlottesville, VA). She is expected to be in the hospital for five to seven days and out of



Teel Hoeffel

school for a month.

Doctors also discovered last week that Teel has scoliosis, so she will face further treatments in the coming months—physical therapy, probably a back brace, possibly back surgery.

Teel's mother, Delia Hoeffel, works in the VMI Conference Office, but neither Delia nor Ken has employee benefits. They have no medical insurance because Teel and Delia have both had cancer in the past 10 years and the insurance rates became unaffordable. Teel's recent medical expenses are now an added problem.

St. Paul's Anglican Church has set up a "Special Fund for Teel" to help with expenses. Anyone wishing to contribute a tax deductible donation to this cause may send a check to:

St Paul's Anglican Church  
Father William Crites, Rector  
(check marked: "For Special Fund for Teel")  
P.O. Box 1273  
Lexington, VA 24450

## Secret Service A Drama of the Southern Confederacy



by William Gillette  
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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Give something back to W&L

Washington and Lee provides its students with countless benefits. Students love the university for the beauty of its campus, the intelligence of its faculty, the smallness of its size, and the honor and integrity that surround its existence.

What, however, do W&L students give back to the institution that so many of them admire? True, tuition does count for something, but certain gifts are more important than those that come from the pocketbook.

Even at a place as small as W&L there are many opportunities to become involved in campus life. Looking through this year's campus organization manual, one can read the same names over and over again. Unfortunately this shows that many students are choosing to avoid the inherent responsibility that accompanies being a W&L student, which is to contribute to this university and our fellow students.

W&L's many great attributes are a direct result of the fact that preceding generations ensured that they

left the university a better place than when they had come. Each individual student should try to do something to improve the campus. If you are unhappy with a particular aspect of W&L, you should make an effort to do something about that.

Play a sport, become more involved with fraternities or sororities, or join a campus organization that piques your interest. When was the last time you supported the efforts of your classmates? Try going to a concert or a play in Lenfest or cheering on the Generals at a sports event that isn't preceded by tailgating. OK, so the Responsibility Symposium lectures aren't the most exciting events in the world, but numerous groups on campus work hard to bring interesting speakers to W&L.

Become more active on campus, either by directly getting involved or by supporting the efforts of others. Don't expect to take so much from the university and give nothing back in return.

## Dwight Bitz spices up D-Hall

The other day I had yet another wonderful experience in the Evans Dining Hall. The marvelous scent of those fabulous hot wings greeted me from across the street, and I knew that, yes sreee bob, this was definitely going to be a D-Hall day. My mouth watered as I contemplated the tantalizing taste of a truly special treat.

**Off His Rocker**  
Stephen Pesce '01

Well, let me tell you, Evans did not disappoint me. Hot wings were indeed the put-a-little-zing-in-your-dinnzinger du jour. With a little wink and smile to the cutie serving the tasty delights, I secured a hefty portion for myself. The afternoon was well on its way to being one to remember.

But Evans just wouldn't stop lifting my spirits. That gorgeous smorgasbord we know as "The Deli Bar" provided my wings with the delectable culinary accompaniment they so deserved. And from there, oh the wonderful choices! Do I want turkey? ham? rosbif? Do I want cheddar? American? Swiss? The day I see Gouda is the day Heaven visits Lex-

ington. Now, should I grill the masterpiece? Or is the toaster calling my name? Stephen Pesce, come on down. You're the next contestant to play with the Big Toaster. So I toasted it. Add a kiss of mustard embraced by a piece of lettuce, and my mouth is thanking me all the way to the table.

Here's where I get a bit fuzzy. The actual meal was just a whirlwind of gustatory glee, although I do remember a talking lion and some flying monkeys. I think we had a good time. In any case, Mr. Tummy decided it was time for something magically delicious (despite the new funkadelic shapes that give me nightmares). So I dashed to the cereal dispensers, and upon finding no bowls I let out a large "Doh." I might as well have rubbed a magic lamp because that super guy who never ceases to amaze me appeared in a flash. Yep, Mr. Bitz, the fabulous manager of Evans Dining Hall, came to the rescue. Within seconds I had a bowl for my Lucky Charms.

Now I may joke about a lot of

things, but when it comes to the charm and dedication of Mr. Bitz, there's no joke involved. Joking with Mr. Bitz, however, proves much fun. Anyone with his spunk and jovial character is a recipe for success, yet another to add to Evans's many. Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name; but if that's not possible, you can at least count on Mr. Bitz. Introduce yourself once, and you've found yourself a friend for life.

I would like to thank Mr. Bitz for the cereal bowl and for making the D-Hall experience truly special. What a wonderful world we would live in if everyone treated his job, life and others the way Dwight Bitz does.

**“ Stephen Pesce, come on down. You're the next contestant to play with the Big Toaster. ”**



## Speak, but speak from the heart

One of the most revered traditions here at W&L is our speaking tradition. The tradition of civility and general friendliness manifests itself fully here. Though some students seem slow to pick up on it, most students practice it and are happy to do so. Some carry it a step further by engaging in brief conversations with people they greet. This is where the problem occurs.

Don't get me wrong, it's great that students actually go the extra mile when they are around even if they say horrible things about them behind their back? — must be addressed here at W&L as well as every other social sphere that exists. The buildup of tension that results is counterproductive to what this university is trying to accomplish by keeping the tradition sacred.

No, I'm not suggesting the administration waste its valuable time on this issue. Rather, each individual student must re-evaluate his/her behavior towards other people. Forthrightness is a major part of civility. Got a problem with someone? TELL THEM! You don't have to be hostile about it, but be honest. In the long run, both parties will benefit. Most importantly, W&L will be a better place.

Don't misunderstand me; anybody who finds it too painful to say, "Hey, what's up?" to someone they might not like is a jerk, and anybody who believes that this greeting suddenly spurns a friendship is naive. But the burning question — should students pretend to like someone

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**“ It's going to be a disaster the first time I have sex. I won't have any idea what to do! ”**

— Anonymous junior to friend

**Oh, don't worry. I was a virgin the first time I had sex.**

— Friend offering support

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## A letter to The Ring-tum Phi

Dear Editor:

Tomorrow I am burying my Sigma Chi brother and roommate, Phillip, age 62, who died of alcoholic liver cirrhosis. His death was not a very pretty one, for you can see the disease causes jaundice, abdominal bloating from fluid, and the brain suffers encephalopathy that robs the victim of all the intellect gained as a W&L graduate. I dedicate this Ode to students of my beloved University.

Wednesday night Phil's wife called me in a panic because whilst she and Phil were talking, he suddenly stopped breathing, and she was trying to keep him alive until the emergency personnel arrived. When I arrived at his home, this W&L alumnus was stripped naked of his dignity with one man pulsing an ambu bag and another shocking his chest in a futile effort to re-start his heart.

Why am I telling you all this? It is because your genre carries a butt-load of denial. It all started during Phil's freshman year at W&L. There was a dark pride at that time when the *The New York Times* reported that students at W&L drank more liquor per capita than any other university — that its neighbor, UVA, simply drank more liquor. Phil and I came from Oklahoma, which at that time was subject to prohibition. We learned to drink with our fraternity

brothers under the mantra of brotherhood and also because "candy's dandy, but liquor is quicker."

The long-term effects of alcohol were not part of our excellent liberal arts education. We used a drug from a bottle where the label did not even describe a safe dosage such that an SAE on campus chug-a-lugged a fifth of rum and died. All that was expected of us by the University was to act like gentlemen and make our grades.

So here I am in my sixth decade, looking back at the genesis of the early death of my friend and what our social beginnings at W&L have wrought. I look now at one of my other classmates from Oklahoma who was a Phi Beta Kappa, attended Yale Medical School, and is now an alcoholic with all the attendant baggage that disease carries; two of my pledge brothers are alcoholics.

During my forty years as an attorney, I have witnessed the sequela of this disease: it is responsible for over 50% of traffic and general aviation deaths; it is responsible for over 25% of all mental hospital admissions; it has destroyed the economic viability of more friends than I can count. Those who like to rationalize say that marijuana is no more dangerous than alcohol. With figures like that, who needs it!

Memories like these come back to you while you are comforting the bawling widow in a private room off the side of a hospital emergency room. Amongst her tears and bereavement, I heard her say, "Damn you, Phil." It was appropriate, strangely, because what he did to his body was a voluntary act, and that is what made anger a component of his death. If you drive a car while you are drunk and kill someone, it isn't an accident; it is voluntary homicide.

At a seminar recently at W&L, your president told us

the number 1 problem on campus is drinking. If that be so, it is a tragedy that only you can deal with. If past be prologue, only you can take charge of your destiny.

I am neither a religious fanatic nor a prig by writing this to you. It is simply time to say enough of this. It comes in terms of bringing to a halt the senseless waste of educated, human destiny. As Christ told us, "the poor are always with us," so is it that the dregs of humanity will succumb to drugs and alcohol and contribute their burden on society. But for the educated elite to join this group is not only tragic, it is simply stupid.

If you drink to get drunk, then you have a real problem now. This is not to say that drinking cannot contain a rational component. It is like gambling. On my way to Las Vegas years ago, I was reading a book on gambling by Hoel. He gave a good rule that is equally applicable to social drinking. He wrote that if you would normally expect an evening at the theater with a good dinner to cost, say \$75 as a measure of your evening's enjoyment, set that figure as your limit to gamble with, and no more. For to go further is to indicate your lack of control and to signal you have a problem.

If you have a father who is an alcoholic, the 50% likelihood you will be too should tell you not to drink at all. I wish you the best for you are the elite who deserve the best in life and not a voluntary end as an alcoholic on the bedroom floor, naked, with firemen struggling to keep you alive. I will miss you friend, but damn you!

Lawrence A.G. Johnson, '55  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## TALKback: What did you think of the bicenquingenary ball?



"It was an enjoyable weekend, but not as extravagant as FD."

—Matt Herman '01



"It seemed like senior prom at my high school."

—Elizabeth Doerries '01



"It felt like a scene from a cheesy '80s movie."

—Jason Giffen '01



"It was well done and very cheesy."

—Virginia Whitney '00

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# TOP 100 things you have to do before you graduate from Washington & Lee

By Erica Prosser and Ginger Phillips  
*FEATURES EDITORS*

We all have graduation requirements: five P.E. classes, 121 academic credits, you get the idea. But you might not realize that there are graduation requirements not as explicitly spelled out in the course catalog. These are the extracurriculars, events and other things that you must do to be a true graduate of Washington and Lee University. These are in no particular order, except for number one (you REALLY won't graduate without this one). Work your way down the list, and best of luck getting everything done!

1. Actually fulfill your academic graduation requirements
2. Go to an all-night party at Zollman's
3. Go see the races at Foxfield
4. Streak the Colonnade
5. Pig out at Sweet Things
6. Chat with Wayne at Night Owl Music
7. Have a drink at the Palms (when you're 21, of course, and not a moment before)
8. Have a sandwich at Spanky's
9. Tour the Lee Chapel museum (we really should take advantage of all this history right at our fingertips)
10. Fail a test (or a final), but preferably not if your grade is already in jeopardy
11. Read *The Ring-tum Phi* every week
12. Go see Professor Fitch's bust of Bismarck
13. Get a midnight snack from the Co-Op
14. Go to a concert in Lenfest (playing in one is better)
15. Cheer the W&L football team on to victory (or defeat)
16. Take a class with Dr. Novak
17. Go to dinner at the Elrods' (you have to be invited first, though)
18. Put a sugar cube on Traveller's grave
19. Go an entire term without walking on the front lawn grass
20. Party at as many frat functions as possible
21. Get an A on a paper from Professor Ray
22. Pause and wave at the Colonnade cam (you only have to stand there for 15 seconds)
23. Have a computer problem solved by the HelpDesk
24. Start an e-mail chain letter around campus (NOT a virus)
25. Have a coffee break at one of Lex's java spots
26. Go crazy over finding living arrangements off campus (this is definitely a W&L rite of passage)
27. Dress up the Cyrus McCormick statue
28. Play with a dog on the front lawn (it doesn't have to be yours!)
29. Get a flu shot in the infirmary
30. Become an honorary member of the Breakfast Club
31. Go eat greasy food at Lee-Hi
32. Have a pancake breakfast at Aunt Sarah's (order the whole menu; we recommend it)
33. Get your parents drunk on Parent Weekend (then make them give you lots of money)
34. Drink with the alums on Alumni Weekend (also known as schmoozing)
35. Have security drive you somewhere (like to your car, where it's parked in No Man's Land)
36. Memorize the "W&L Yell"
37. Spend an afternoon hanging out in the GHQ Bistro 2000
38. Buy Swedish fish from the GHQ
39. Go an entire weekend without charging anything home
40. Buy a gray W&L sweatshirt
41. Tell the registrar how much you like online registration (the tradition of sleeping in Newcomb had to end sometime)
42. Watch the leaves change on the Blue Ridge Parkway

43. Take a road trip to Washington, D.C.
44. Spend spring break somewhere exotic
45. Have your car towed by Baner
46. Have your car chalked by Special Enforcement Officer Clark



Number 7: The Palms is one of the most popular watering holes in Lexington

47. Throw yourself into your Mock Con delegation ("Go Nebraska! Go Nebraska!")
48. Get takeout from Hong Kong
49. Spend an evening browsing the Super Wal-Mart
50. Attend at least one Responsibility Symposium
51. Stay sober enough to remember an entire FD weekend
52. Order enough Domino's pizza to feed a small third-world country
53. Say a jaunty hello to Dr. Uffelman when you pass him on campus
54. Go to Kabuki in Roanoke (yes, they burned down, but they rebuilt! Go check it out!)
55. Write a 20-page paper in a single night (gotta love that Water Joe)
56. Order something from one of the eight million J-Crew catalogs floating around
57. Participate in Lip Sync
58. Make the Dean's List (at least once, if only to please the folks)
59. Take Professor Jennings' contemporary motion picture (flix) class (you'll be glad you did)
60. Get to know your department secretary on a first-name basis
61. Start a five-page paper an hour before it's due, and turn it in on time
62. Play an intramural sport
63. Have a snowball fight in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad
64. Take someone on a campus tour
65. Do your laundry at 3 a.m. (when the machines are the least crowded!)
66. Be a sober driver (and earn money in the process!)
67. Go out and play in the waves at Goshen Pass
68. See the local tourist attractions (Natural Bridge, the Ghost Tour, Stonewall Jackson house, etc)

69. Do your fair-weather studying out on the lawn (gotta work on that tan)
70. Have something retrieved for you through Interlibrary Loan

71. Attend a lecture in Northern Auditorium
72. Have a study carrel in the library (and actually use it)
73. Explore the VMI campus
74. Catch the Cadaver Society in the act of putting up those papers all over the place

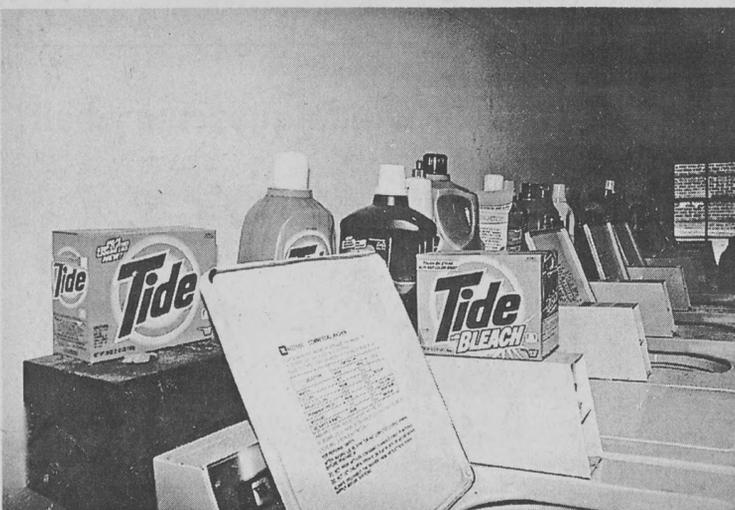
75. Try one of the vegetarian dishes in the D-Hall
76. Spend a day encouraging the speaking tradition by saying a boisterous hello to everybody you pass on campus (random hugs optional)
77. Write at least one letter to the Phi about something important to you (campus issues, national issues, how great the editors are, you name it)
78. Be on an EC committee (alternates count), or run for office (EC, SJC, etc)
79. Ace a test (especially good during Finals Week)
80. Convince a prof to have class outside on a nice day
81. Go see a W&L music or dance recital
82. Listen to

- WLUR radio (having your own show is bonus points)
83. Play a piano in DuPont when no one's around (even if you can't actually play the piano)
84. Shop downtown in the nifty stores
85. Have your hair cut somewhere in town (really, there's nothing to be afraid of)
86. Go to Valley View Mall in Roanoke (a "real mall," for those in mall withdrawal)
87. Go to a class even if you don't really feel like it (we know, it's tough, but you'll thank us for it later)
88. Learn a foreign language (or at least a few words of one)
89. Send a stat to a VMI cadet
90. Go watch a sporting event other than football (this does not include idly watching a soccer game in progress while you tailgate)
91. Have dinner with a professor
92. Take advantage of the nighttime munchies the D-Hall prepares during Finals Week
93. Go hiking, backpacking or camping on House Mountain
94. See a movie at the Troubadour Theatre (it's free, and they get some good pictures)
95. Explore Buena Vista (it's bigger than you think, we swear)
96. Actually sleep through the sounds of the garbage trucks crushing trash at 6 a.m.
97. Camp out for classes anyway, just for the hell of it
98. Vote in campus elections
99. Jog the Woods Creek Trail
100. Bring a friend from out of town to visit W&L (bonus points if your friend is a prospective and you convince him or her to come here)

Of course, there are also some things that you definitely DO NOT



Number 5: Sweet Things has the perfect thing for every student's sweet tooth



Number 55: The laundry room is often blissfully empty and quiet at 3 a.m.

have to do before you graduate from W&L.

Those include getting your stomach pumped, having a car accident (regardless of your blood alcohol level), committing an HV (even if you don't get caught), sending a campus-wide computer virus that wipes out everybody's term papers the week before finals, and so on.

Basically, don't do anything that could significantly jeopardize your chances of graduating from here, otherwise anything else you do from this list will be pointless (and make you look like a fool).

Remember: the registrar may not require these things before you can get your degree, but we felt it our duty to inform you that, in order to be able to tell people that you really are from W&L, you must at least attempt to complete this list. Some of these constitute rites of passage for W&L students (streaking is fast becoming a popular tradition). Some of these are just plain fun. But before you leave Lexington forever for the far corners of the globe, take a moment and get this stuff done. You'll be glad you did.

## No. 91: have dinner with a professor

By Elianna Marziani  
*STAFF WRITER*

One of the defining characteristics of Washington and Lee University is the way that professors interact with their students. Professors are available for extra academic help and genuinely care about their students' studies, but they often also want to get to know their students better as people.

One of the ways that professors do this is by inviting students to their homes for dinner.

Professor Michael Smitka is one of these professors who enjoys inviting students to his house to, as he puts it, "get to know [them] and be in a situation that is not constrained to talking about classroom topics."

He asserts that many professors chose teaching as a career because they wanted interaction with students.

"Office hours aren't always the best forum for doing that," he said. The solution? Invite students over.

"How students view a professor is part of how students learn," he said.

So for better classroom relationships, students and faculty should develop better out-of-class relationships.

Also, he noted, "It's probably nice for students to see once in a while that there is such a thing as a family, not just D-hall."

Faculty-student dinners seem like a great idea, right? Problems sometimes arise, though, and they usually turn out to be logistical.

"It's really a challenge for faculty with families, so it's a challenge getting students over for me," Smitka said.

Finding a night when an entire class or an entire group of advisees can come over proves quite a challenge, as well.

It is worth it, however. Smitka is disappointed with what he perceives as "small interaction between faculty and students" and hopes that faculty will continue to overcome these challenges and host such dinners.

Also, he hopes that students will begin taking the initiative themselves.

"Students need to think of reciprocating and getting faculty over. Students are very shy about seeking out this kind of interaction," he said.

While students may be shy in seeking out the interaction, they definitely enjoy it when it happens.

Freshman Amy Burke enjoyed going to Professor Michael Pleva's home for dinner when he hosted his advisees at the beginning of the year.

"His wife made us dinner," she said, "and we just sat around in his living room, talking and eating."

Burke believes that going to a professor's house for a meal is a good experience because it gives a student "an automatic connection with a professor before classes [get] started."

Going to a professor's house, petting his dog and chatting with him about non-school related topics allow students to realize that professors are real people, not just graders-of-papers.

"You get to see the professor in his own personal environment instead of the chemistry lab. You get to see what kinds of things he likes, how he decorates his house," Burke said. Dinners in professors' homes add a personal dimension to the student-faculty relationship.

Professor Linda Hooks also thinks that this personal dimension is very important and one that should be cultivated.

"I get to see [students] in their natural setting and they get to see me in my natural home setting. It helps in the classroom because we get more comfortable with each other and can communicate better," she said.

The best part about these dinners?

"What I like best about it is that it's a very informal setting," Hooks said.

In this informal setting, students and professors can get to know and respect each other as individuals and form deeper relationships than those formed in the classroom alone.

W&L is very supportive of faculty-student relationships and encourages these get-togethers. In fact, the University actually has a small fund that helps professors finance these events.

Students should not be afraid to return the favor, either; students can invite professors to join them at home, or even at the Co-Op, in order to cultivate these relationships. If a student can cook, all the better, but if not, take-out, pizza or even just sandwiches can make for a cozy and conducive atmosphere for getting to know a professor even better.

So remember: for a true W&L experience, eat with a professor!

# HAVING A BALL!

A BICENQUINQUAGENARY BALL PHOTO ESSAY

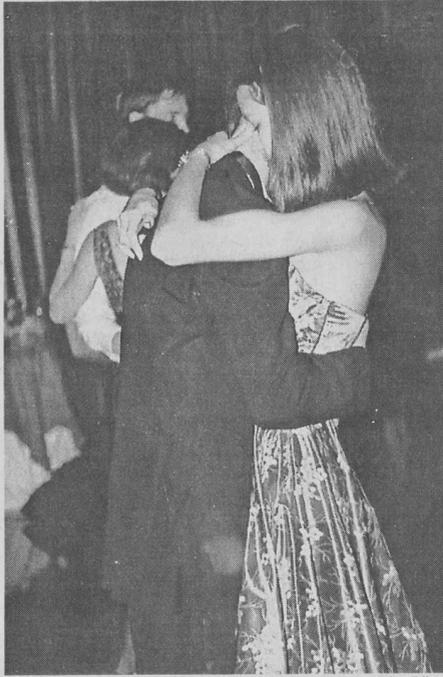


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Amidst a sea of black satin and velvet, Christine Metzger stands out in vintage style. "I wore a vintage 40s gown I got at the Stonewall Jackson Thrift Store for \$20," Metzger said. "It was itchy and strapless, so it was very hard to deal with."

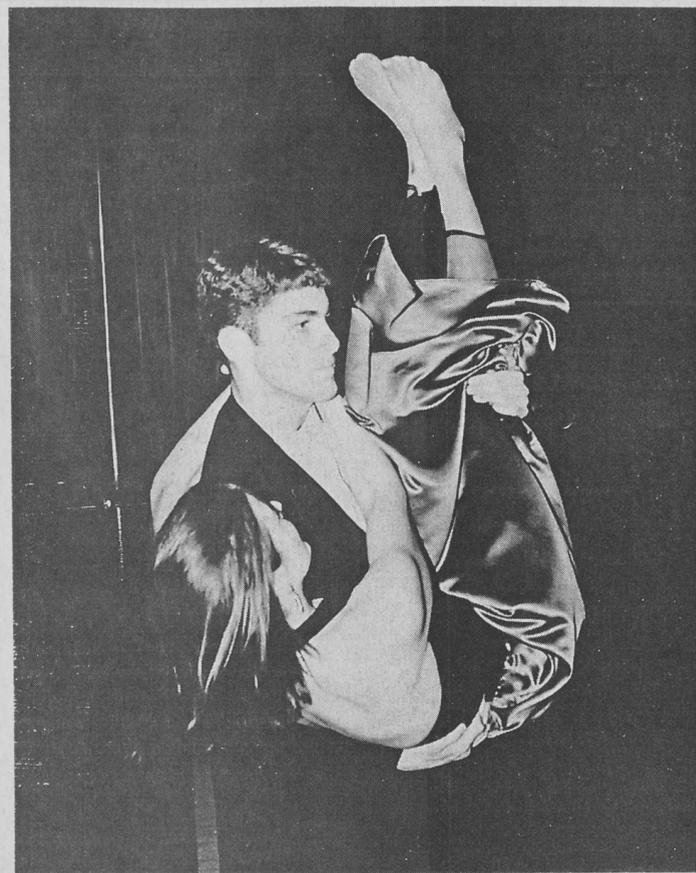


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Sophomore Stephen Pesce shows everyone that he definitely can jump, jive and wail. "Last summer, my date Lynne got a bunch of our high school friends together and taught us how to dance," Pesce said. "A few of the girls got dropped on their heads a few times, but after a while, we got better." Pesce and his friends used to go to Swing Night at a club at home in New Orleans.



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Chairmen of the Board rock the crowd with their brand of soul. The band has toured internationally, in such places as London's Hammer-Smith Odeon Theater and New York City's Apollo Theater.



Photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

Bicenquagenary Mania strikes the Warner Center. After a year of planning, the event went off with a bang. Ball attendees danced and mingled among images from the university's past. "Everyone keeps telling me it was better than FD," 250<sup>th</sup> Ball Steering Committee Chair Mandy Stallard said. "We weren't trying to make it a competition, but we're glad everyone had such a good time." The committee sold around \$30,000 in tickets and estimates that about 1,500 people attended the ball.



Photo by Hollister Hovey/Executive Editor

Sometimes you can just dance too much. Many students took their tired feet outside of the Warner Center to relax during the ball.



Photo by Hollister Hovey/Executive Editor

Sophomores Pat Renton and Susan Groves dance the night away at the Bicenquenuag. They started the evening in a more intimate setting. "We went to the Inn at Union Run for dinner," Renton said. "It's a little bed and breakfast with about 10 tables. Everyone there was from W&L."

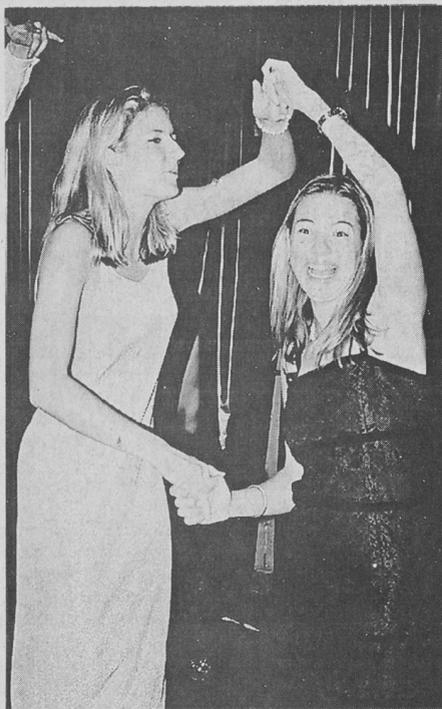


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Junior Martha Pettyjohn and sophomore Ruth Caldwell leave their dates for a short dance. "I thought [the ball] was very elegant," Pettyjohn said. "I like the smaller gym because it made it look like the old days."



Photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

The lead singer of Chairmen of the Board gets soulful with the crowd.



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Decked out in tails, senior Whit Morriss grabs for his date, Childs Cantey (not seen). Earlier in the evening, senior Sean McManus made them dinner by the Maury River.

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# Football crushes Swarthmore

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By Brendan Harrington  
*SPORTS EDITOR*

The Washington and Lee football team ended its 1998 season with a 37-7 thrashing of Swarthmore College on Saturday afternoon in Swarthmore, Pa. to finish the season at 4-6.

The Generals picked up a season-high 422 yards of total offense and scored a season-high 37 points to hand the Garnet Tide its 28th consecutive loss.

"It was a good way to end the season with a decisive win like that," junior quarterback Christian Batcheller said. "We didn't want to take these guys lightly and wanted to send our seniors out with a bang."

The Generals scored early and often and opened up a 31-0 half-time lead. The Generals struck just 1:56 into the game when Batcheller hit senior wide receiver Chas Chastain for a 29-yard touchdown pass. Chastain, appearing in his final game, caught four passes for 70 yards and one touchdown.

Andy Vendig nailed a 28-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter to make the score 10-0, and then the Generals blew the game wide open with three touchdowns in the second quarter.

Sophomore tailback Hanley Sayers, starting for the injured Marc Watson, ran it in twice from three yards out and Batcheller scored on a quarterback sneak on the goal line.

"Each and every senior has made a big impact."

—Christian Batcheller

The Generals made it 37-0 when Batcheller threw his second touchdown pass of the day, a two-yard strike to junior wide receiver J.T. Malatesta with 4:28 left in the third quarter. The extra point attempt failed, however. Malatesta caught six passes for 73 yards and one touchdown.

The Garnet Tide (0-8) scored its only points of the game with just 1:59 left in the game when Joe Aleffi ran it in from three yards out to make the final score 37-7.

Batcheller finished the day 16-26 for 226 yards and has now thrown for at least 200 yards nine times in his career at W&L.

Despite the solid performance by the Generals that day, Batcheller was relatively disappointed with the season, as the junior tri-captain is always striving to improve.

"We finished real strong, we won three out our last five, but the season was definitely a disappointment," Batcheller said. "We didn't live up to expectations. You look back at what could have been — we very well could have been 7-3. We should have beaten Guilford, Emory and Henry and Hampden-Sydney."

Defensively for W&L, freshman lineman Jeff McIntyre had six tackles and senior safety John McAllister and sophomore cornerback Will Baker both had five.

Brad Baker led the team in both interceptions (four) and tackles (84) for the season and also scored the Generals' lone defensive touchdown of the season last week against Emory and Henry.

Saturday was the last time the W&L seniors will dress up in the white and blue as the Generals say good-bye to a number of key players.

Seniors include captains Chastain and David Ritchey, who had another fantastic year at tight end for the Generals.

Also leaving will be defensive end Ben Middendorf, linebacker Baker, safety McAllister, offensive lineman Marc Granger, special teams man Lee Swomley, and wide receiver Geoff Gober.

"If you think about all the seniors and all they've done for the program, you realize each and every one of them has made large contributions to this team," Batcheller said. "They put up some big numbers and fought through some tough injuries."

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## Hey, these guys are good!

The ODAC Conference teams, a Player of the Year, a Rookie of the year, and a Coach of the Year. Find out how your friends on the soccer and volleyball teams fared in the selections on Page 7.



Photo by Patrick Hinely/University Photographer

As he did all season, senior forward Sam Chase easily dribbles the ball around the defender.

# Chasing He had a great career as a General. Now what? dreams

By Tod Williams  
*STAFF WRITER*

Like most athletes who have mastered their trade, Sam Chase has been playing soccer for a long time. The Generals' senior standout began when he was five and has been playing ever since. But not until college did he become a strictly soccer junkie.

"Soccer wasn't my main focus in high school because of basketball," Chase said. "The first time I concentrated only on soccer was in college."

Chase said basketball kept him from playing as much club ball in high school as most others. Obviously, that did not hurt his abilities. Chase considered playing basketball in college instead of playing soccer, but he knew he could only play one sport. "Soccer was my first choice," he said, "so basketball just went to the wayward."

He was sure he did not want soccer to be the only aspect of his college life, which turned him away from the

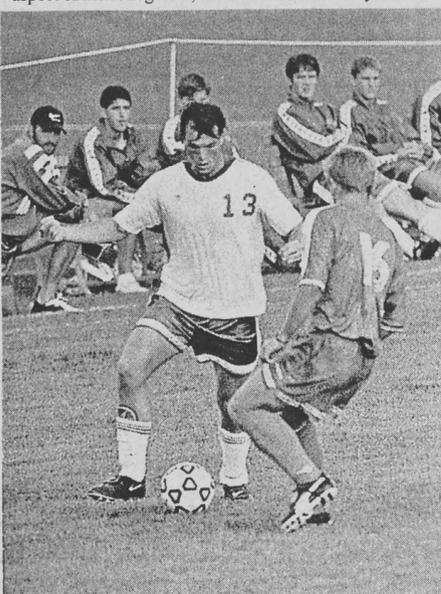


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Even though he sported number 13, his performance proved that luck was not an issue.

Division I schools toward W&L. Chase talked Mikel Parker, his teammate from high school, into coming with him to college at Washington and Lee.

"Parker and I were teammates for eight years, and I couldn't have been happier," he said.

A fruitful career has certainly ensued for Chase here in Lexington. In his junior year he tied the record for career goals at 40, and he set the new record for total points with 90. Chase did not quit after his junior year, though.

Chase's career numbers, which were finalized after the Generals' 1-2 loss to Hampden-Sydney on Nov. 3 in the ODAC quarterfinals, are impressive, to say the least. Marks of 52 career goals and 117 total points will stand for quite some time.

W&L freshman defender/midfielder Ricky Schnatz saw many of Chase's goals this season firsthand, and he knows many of them are not ordinary. "He really pulls some goals out of [nowhere]," Schnatz said.

But Chase keeps the records in context. "I hope they stand five or ten years, long enough for me to enjoy them," he said. "But records are made to be broken."

The records don't seem to be the most important thing to Chase. "I mean, they're pretty neat," he said. "But in the long run they won't matter. You have to play just for the love of the game."

Chase certainly has a love for the game. "What I'll miss most are my teammates and the camaraderie," he said. "Taking the long road trips with the team and stuff like that is what I'll carry with me forever."

You will not find Chase on the field any longer. Well, not the way most people at W&L are used to seeing him. "My focus isn't soccer anymore. I know it's time to move on," he said. "You'll see me coaching some club ball — and maybe playing some amateur ball," Chase added.

Does Chase's departure leave the Generals high and dry? Probably not. Chase said that when he came, soccer was more or less hit or miss, but that "now W&L soccer is here to stay."

"I know they're going to be good," he said. "They've got some young talent, and they're gonna have some great senior leadership next year. Paul Wallace [W&L's freshman midfielder] is a hell of a player," Chase said.

How does Wallace feel about Chase's graduation? "He's a real spark," Wallace said. "Everyone is really going to step it up next year."

# Snodgrass fills tall order for volleyball

By Steele Cooper  
*STAFF WRITER*

Standing only 5'6" alongside some of the tallest athletes around, senior Megan Snodgrass has established herself as a big force for W&L volleyball. Snodgrass is a middle blocker for the Generals, a position that is traditionally filled by the tallest of volleyball players. Through smart playing and a strong commitment to her sport, Snodgrass, as captain, helped lead her team to its second straight ODAC championship last week.

Snodgrass began playing volleyball when she was introduced to it in her seventh grade gym class. "One day I

"She can jump out of the gym."

—Coach Dadio-Campbell

had a choice between running track and playing volleyball, and volleyball was just more fun," said Snodgrass.

Snodgrass grew up as a basketball player. She was able to maintain a balance between her two sports, and played both basketball and volleyball for W&L her freshman year.

During high school, Snodgrass' father served as her biggest influence. "He has always been a coach and a mentor for me," she said. "He has encouraged me to pursue my goals, and was always very positive for me."

After several years of volleyball with her school and her local Junior Olympic program, it was clear to Snodgrass that she could compete in college. "I had several offers to play [volleyball] at other schools," she said, "but I really wanted to come to W&L. Volleyball was something that came along with the school."

At W&L, Snodgrass made a tremendous impact on the volleyball team with many factors of a successful player. "She is an all around solid and consistent player," said Terri Dadio-Campbell, women's head volleyball coach.

"At 5'6" it is an amazing accomplishment for her to take us to ODAC's," Dadio-Campbell said. "She is a very smart player that has the ability to read the defense very well, and place the ball where she has to."

Apparently smart play is not the only factor that has led to Snodgrass' success on the court. "She has an incredible standing vertical and a huge block," Dadio-Campbell said. "She can jump out of the gym." These attributes have added to the Generals' competitive edge over the past several successful seasons.

Snodgrass' leadership skills as captain on and off of the court have influenced the other members of the team. "She's an excellent captain who sets a good example by working hard all the time with a good attitude," freshman Ricka Hildebrand said.

"I've learned from Megan how to be a really strong team player and get the most from practice," Hildebrand said.

That team camaraderie is what Snodgrass identifies as the most important thing she has gained from four years on the team. "The friends I have made through athletics are the closest because of the team aspect of the sport," she said. "That's probably the main reason why I've stuck with it."

Snodgrass is unsure what the future holds for her after she leaves W&L, but she is certain that she will still be playing volleyball. "I can see myself teaching and coaching down the line," she said, "because [volleyball] is something that I'll always enjoy."



Photo courtesy of Pam Salisbury

Senior Megan Snodgrass spiked her team to two consecutive ODAC championships.

# W&L scores big in ODACs

Players and coaches alike honored in soccer and volleyball.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Two Washington & Lee student-athletes highlight the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) men's soccer all-conference selections. The all-ODAC squads were announced following the league's coaches meeting on Monday afternoon.

W&L senior back Mikel Parker was voted the league's Player of the Year. Parker, a native of Marietta, Ga., anchored the Generals defense which allowed just six goals in conference play. W&L advanced to the league tournament seeded fourth with a 10-4-3 overall record.

W&L freshman sensation Paul Wallace was voted the league's top rookie. Wallace, a native of Roanoke, Va., was selected as the Rookie of the Year following a season in which he scored 11 points (three goals and five assists) and was voted a first team all-ODAC midfielder.

### 1st team all-ODAC

Senior forward Sam Chase  
Senior defenseman Mikel Parker  
Junior midfielder Jamie Parker  
Freshman midfielder Paul Wallace

### All-ODAC honorable mention

Senior goalkeeper E.J. Murphy

### ODAC Player of the Year

Senior defenseman Mikel Parker

### ODAC Rookie of the Year

Freshman midfielder Paul Wallace

## VOLLEYBALL

The Washington & Lee Generals took home the Coach of the Year and Rookie of the Year conference volleyball honors.

Terri Dadio-Campbell took home the Coach of the Year hardware for the second straight year, third time in the last four. In 1998, Dadio-Campbell led W&L to a 23-2 season, which also marked the third time in four years that she has accomplished such a feat as the Generals leader. However, W&L has never made an NCAA Tournament appearance, but things could change this season as the Generals currently sit in the eighth slot of the South Region.

In the first year for the ODAC Rookie of the Year award, the Generals' Lindsay Ruckert earned the inaugural honor. Heading into the ODAC Tournament, Ruckert was second in the conference in hitting percentage (.344) and fifth in kills per game (3.01). In addition, Lindsay is tied for first on the team in blocks with 0.7 blocks per game.

### 1st team all-ODAC

Freshman Lindsay Ruckert  
Junior Nancy Reinhart

### ODAC Rookie of the Year

Freshman Lindsay Ruckert

### ODAC Coach of the Year

Terri Dadio-Campbell

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### Game Statistics

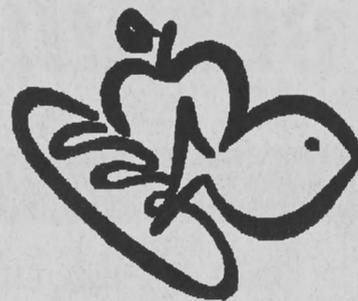
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Swarthmore (0-8)	0	0	0	7-7	
Washington & Lee (4-6)	10	21	6	0-37	
	WLU		SC		
First Downs	22		17		
Rushes-Yds (Net)	40-136		28-39		
Passing Yds (Net)	286		294		
Passes Att-Com-Int	27-17-3		49-22-5		
Total Offensive Plays-Yds	67-422		77-333		
Fumble Returns-Yds	1-0		1-0		
Punt Returns-Yds	2-2		0-0		
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-27		5-52		
Interception Returns-Yds	5-48		3-42		
Punts (No. Average)	1-22.0		2-31.5		
Fumbles-Lost	2-1		1-1		
Penalties-Yds	7-94		8-68		
Possession Time	32:53		27:07		

**RUSHING:** WLU — Hanley Sayers 26-97, Kyle Overstreet 2-16, Carter Lee 6-11, Roman Koshkin 2-6, Chas Chastain 1-4, Christian Batcheller 2-2, Russell Wrenn 1-0. SC — Joe Aleffi 9-23, J.P. Harris 9-18, Donovan Goodly 8-11, Prince Achime 1-2, Mason Tootell 1-minus 15.

**PASSING:** WLU — Batcheller 16-26-3-266, Wrenn 1-1-0-20. SC — J.P. Harris 21-46-4-268, Adam Booth 0-1-0-0, Donovan Goodly 0-1-1-0, Mason Tootell 1-1-0-26.

**RECEIVING:** WLU — J.T. Malatesta 6-73, Chastain 4-70, David Ritchey 3-53, Sayers 2-64, Geoff Gober 2-26. SC — Brian Bell 7-80, Blake Atkins 6-81, Donovan Goodly 3-66, Mason Tootell 3-33, Joe Aleffi 2-28, Charlie Ellis 1-6.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** WLU — Tom Monaco 1-8, Will Baker 1-12, Jeff Bahl 1-9, Brad Baker 1-0, Harry Brookby 1-19. SC — Adam Booth 1-28, Axel Neff 1-14, Tony Hillery 1-0.



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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's team was also honored extensively at the ODAC meeting. The team captured the ODAC regular season championship, but lost to Roanoke in the semifinals of the tournament. Here are the individual awards earned by the team.

### 1st team all-ODAC

Senior forward Karin Treese  
Senior defenseman Nicole Johnson  
Freshman midfielder Kate Bidwell

### 2nd team all-ODAC

Senior forward Ginny Jemigan  
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# Enlivening our campus posters

By Kevin McManemin

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They're everywhere you go on campus. No, I'm not talking about white guys; I'm talking about posters. Posters advertising sociology lectures, responsibility symposiums, math colloquiums, and all manner of dull campus events. Or rather, posters doing a very poor job of advertising all manner of dull campus events.

Students rarely forgo their usual enriching activity of drinking heavily to attend these activities. I witnessed this firsthand the other day when our English class went to a poetry reading by some poet no one's ever heard of and the place was about as packed as a "Quayle in 2000" rally.

Frankly, I blame the posters. Most of them are just boring, blandly giving you the who, what, and the where. Some of them have pictures of the speakers. OK, this is just a bad idea. I'm sure a lot of these Princeton profs have it where it counts upstairs, but in some act of divine karmic alignment, the Man Upstairs compensated by giving them faces that resemble two-month-old roadkill.

Example: the other day I was shocked at the lack of decorum one of the speakers displayed by including a picture of them mooning the camera. Then I figured out it was a face shot.

We must learn from the men who control our collective consciousness from the ad agencies of Madison Avenue. They know that successful advertising has nothing to do with presenting the truth and everything to do with selling people what they want. With that in mind, I've created a few posters to show how to pack in the crowds at your next campus event.

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## Off the Wire

fictitiously reported by Kevin McManemin

Christian Right condemns  
Bible as blasphemous

Tupelo, MS — Several conservative Christian groups have come together to sign a proclamation decrying the Bible as "too liberal," "anti-family" and "a poor example for our nation's youth."

"There's that one line about 'judge not lest ye be judged.' What kind of subversive pinko amoral crap is that?" Rev. Hiram P. Scrodwattle said. Scrodwattle, pastor of First United Church in Amarillo, Texas, said that true Christians believe that a judgmental society is a godly

society. "The Lord told me so himself," he said.

The conservative Christians also take umbrage with a Bible verse in which Jesus urges people to "love thy neighbor" without making provisions for if your neighbor is a homosexual, a foreigner or Jewish.

"Scripture shows that Jesus was soft on prostitution," outraged mother of twelve Mary Jo Dinwiddy of Oglethorpe, Georgia said. "Is this the kind of role model we want for our children?"

"The Bible is an abomination before the eyes of the Lord, and I urge all God-fearing followers of Jesus to join us in burning this blasphemous book," Rev. Scrodwattle said.

Smashing Pumpkins headline  
depression aid concert

Chicago — Billy Corgan and the Smashing Pumpkins

are slated to play at the National Depression Prevention Fund's benefit concert next month in Chicago. The money raised in the concert will go to research and treatment of clinically depressed teens.

Depression is an issue that deeply concerns Corgan. "It's a shame that in today's world, this bleak, festering hole of nothingness and disgust, this empty swirling void of despair, many young people suffer from depression," Corgan said.

"Existence is dark and meaningless," Corgan added. The Pumpkins, whose album "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" is the highest-grossing double album of all time, are not the only music stars to hold recent benefit concerts.

Industrial shock-rocker Marilyn Manson donated half of the profits of his latest tour to Catholic charities. Rap stars Wu Tang Clan held a benefit concert for their local Police Athletic League last month.

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