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Two freshmen face SJC trial

Students allegedly pull fire alarms prior to Feb break; may be suspended or fined

By Polly Doig
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Two freshmen will face a Student Judiciary Council trial this week, following an incident of two fire alarms going off in Graham-Lees and Baker dormitories the Friday before February break.

On the afternoon of Feb. 11, dorm counselors Jim McKnight and Michael Crittenden were watching a movie on the second floor of the dorm when the fire alarm went off. They spotted three men racing around the dorm, gave chase, and apprehended them. McKnight and Crittenden then referred the names to security.

Freshmen Andrew Juge and Brendan Malone were initially suspended for the remainder of the academic year on Thursday afternoon, with the option of reapplying for admission next year. Friday, however, the decision was changed and they were given an SJC trial.

The third freshman, J.P. Hyland, was with Juge and Malone but apparently did not pull an alarm himself, and will not face trial.

Following their suspension, Juge and Malone circulated a petition on Thursday evening in protest of the de-

cision, collecting an estimated 400-500 signatures. Further controversy arose over the question of student self-governance. According to Dean of Freshmen Mark Dalhouse, there are several disciplinary options outlined in the student handbook, ranging from referral to the SJC to suspension.

"My initial response was to go ahead with the suspension, but that started a debate about student self-governance," Dalhouse said. "The issue is fire safety, so I felt that at that point it was wisest to hand it over to the SJC to decide on punishment."

Dalhouse explained that he opted for the harsher punishment because this incident is not isolated.

"We've had an ongoing problem with pulled alarms this year," Dalhouse said. "And now kids don't know when to leave the dorms, because there have been so many cases of pulled alarms. It was to a crisis point."

According to Dalhouse, most perpetrators have gotten away with pulling alarms in the past. "This is the first time, to my knowledge, that actual names have reached my desk," he said.

The trial date is still uncertain, but is expected to take place early this week.



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SPRING TERM ARRIVES? (left to right) Freshmen Lindsey Duran, Stacey Kimmel, Beth Gray, Avery Gholston and Jane Ledlie enjoy the unseasonably warm weather experienced last week.



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

HEADBANGER'S BALL. Freshman Nick Ramsey, perspective student K.C. Wilson, freshmen Jennifer Fallon, Liz Townsend, Matt Bracewell, sophomore Britt Shaffer and her date Jon Schiefelbein dress the part at the Chi-Omega/Theta function Saturday night at Zollman's.

Rep. Lewis to address W&L

Decorated Civil Rights leader to speak on his experiences

By Max Smith
NEWS EDITOR

Civil rights legend and Atlanta-area Congressman John Lewis will speak in Lee Chapel tonight. Lewis' speech, sponsored by Contact, the Minority Students Association, PRIDE, and the Office of Student Affairs, will detail his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. The speech begins at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the Alumni House.

"I'm really excited to see him because I've heard he's a dynamic speaker and I'm intrigued by his civil rights activism," said MSA member Renita Perkins.

MSA sent Lewis an official invitation to speak last year. He was slated to speak for Martin Luther King day, but had to come today instead. As an elected official, Lewis can't accept a fee, but his travel expenses were paid for by his campus sponsors.

Ryan Gielen, publicity chair for Contact, is especially happy to have Lewis.

"This is the second year that we (Contact) have been trying to put something together with PRIDE and MSA," Gielen said, "and finally we found a great speaker with an incredible story to tell, so we booked him."

John Lewis was born the son of sharecroppers outside Troy, Ala. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools.

In Dec. 1998, Pres. Bill Clinton presented the first Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights to John Lewis. Lewis

also won the 1999 Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom Medal.

In 1961, Lewis volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, which were organized to challenge segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South.

During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis was the Chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for the sit-ins and other activities of students in the struggle for civil rights.

Despite his youth, John Lewis became a recognized leader in the Civil Rights Movement. By 1963, he was recognized as one of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Lewis, at the age of 23, was one of the planners and a keynote speaker at the historic "March on Washington" in Aug., 1963.

In 1965, Lewis and Hosea Williams led 525 marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. State troopers attacked the marchers in a confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." That fateful march and a subsequent march between Selma and Montgomery, Ala. led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, John Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence.

Lewis coauthored "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement" with writer Michael D'Orso. The book is a firsthand account of this nation's civil rights movement. In May 1999, John Lewis received the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

80's group Run DMC to headline 2000 FD concert

Rap pioneers bring a little "old school", mixed reactions, to Vegas

Michael Crittenden
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Washington and Lee students have to dig up some Adidas warm-ups and gold chains for this year's Fancy Dress kickoff concert featuring old-school rap messiahs Run DMC and the Sugarhill Gang.

The concert, held annually the Thursday night before Washington and Lee's Fancy Dress ball, will feature the two pioneering rap groups whose heyday may have been in the 80s, but who SAB President Dave Levinson hopes will draw a large crowd to the Pavilion on Thursday night.

"These guys are the pioneers of the rap movement, and it should be a pretty fun concert," Levinson said. "People should come dressed in their best 80s clothes and be ready for a great time."

Levinson said that another reason for students to make sure they attend the show is that the word on the street is that this could be the last tour for both groups. "Students have to catch them now or forever hold their peace," he said.

Born in Hollis, Queens, Run DMC features childhood friends Run, DMC and Jam Master Jay. Most famous for their cover of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," the first crossover rock and rap duet was one of MTV's most played videos of all time. Run DMC was also famous for songs such as "Christmas in Hollis," "You be Illin'", and "My Adidas".

Though they have been overtaken by the rap genre they themselves spawned, Run DMC remains a recognized act that students are expecting to kick freestyle at the Pavilion.

"I think it should be pretty cool," freshman Glenn Delaney said. "They were a little before my time, so it should be cool to hear some of the masters of the old-school."

Like DMC, Sugarhill Gang are one of the original rap groups, and are credited with the first mainstream rap hit, the 80s urban anthem "Rapper's Delight" which in addition to billions of hours of air play across America, has also been covered and sampled from by a number of artists. Featuring the lyrical stylings of Wonder Mike, Big Bank Hank, and Master Gee, Sugarhill Gang promises to put on a great show.

Student reaction has been fairly positive so far, though some students have made comments about the group's age. One student even commented that he was afraid the members of Sugarhill might have a heart attack on stage, but that aside, he was looking forward to throwing on his Adidas and bumping the night away.

According to Levinson, the SAB went through a lot of work to land the two famous groups. In the end, the decision was made based on DMC/Sugarhill's popularity, famous name, and availability. One SAB source said that the group also looked at bands such as George Clinton and P-Funk, moe, James Brown and Bela Fleck, but that because of scheduling problems and unavailability, Run DMC and Sugarhill got the call.

The concert doors open at 8 p.m. on Thursday, and the concert will most likely start around 9. Tickets go on sale this week in front of the Co-op, \$12 for students with their W&L cards, and \$15 for everyone else. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$15 for everyone.

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GIVE'EM HECK!: Junior David Sigler winds up in this past week's game.



"PUT ME IN COACH, I'M READY TO PLAY!" Spectators at last week's baseball game carry the tailgate tradition over into February.

PHOTO BY EMILY JAMES/PHOTO EDITOR

Parking deck opening delayed — again

The parking garage saga continues. Originally slated to open this week, the tentative opening date has been moved back to March 15.

The garage is four levels high and has a capacity for 607 vehicles.

During regular business hours, the garage will be open to all faculty, staff and visitors. Commuting students and students living in the sorority houses also will be allowed to use the garage.

The garage contains two elevators. One elevator is located near the footbridge and another elevator is located at the end of the garage near the Lenfest Center. The first elevator has access from all four parking levels, but there is no access to the Lenfest-side elevator from level one of the garage.

To get to campus, walkways to the original footbridge and Lenfest

Center are located off level four of the garage. The bridge to the new sorority houses is located off level three of the garage.

As soon as the garage opens, all parking in the lots in front of Doremus Gymnasium, the Williams School, Reid Hall and the drive to the library will close. Additionally, the driveways behind the gym, the Lee House and the dining hall will be used only for

service vehicles. Limited parking will remain in front of the security office for service vehicles and handicapped parking.

The total net gain in parking is approximately 350 spaces, with 100 of those spaces designated for the new sorority houses.

Broadcast voice and e-mail messages will be sent out to the campus community with the official opening date for the garage. Information also will be posted on the web at www.wlu.edu/news.

— courtesy Brian Logue

Alcohol a factor in most student arrests

Veteran officer offers insights on LPD

By Daniel Sozomenu
STAFF WRITER

It's no big secret that students at Washington and Lee enjoy alcohol. While drinking is something that's usually sloughed off as an excess of the young, in Lexington, the indulgence is more like a plague.

According to Lexington patrolman Mike Hess, 80 percent of his arrests in the five years he's been here have been alcohol related. This includes direct infractions such as DUI's (Driving Under the Influence), MIP's (Minor in Possession) and public drunkenness, as well as indirect infractions, such as assault and vandalism stemming from alcohol.

"I think it's partly the university's fault," Hess said. "For those first couple weeks at the beginning of the year, they have those fraternity parties which basically encourage underage drinking."

Hess isn't just railing out against what he thinks is generally irresponsible behavior. He's generally concerned for the safety of the students.

"Every Friday or Saturday night in the five years I've been here, wouldn't a night go by without finding a co-ed, drunk as a skunk, wandering around alone on the streets of Lexington," Hess said. "If a serial rapist off the interstate, or some sort of sexual predator, found about this place, he'd be having a buffet."

While that may sound slightly crass, Hess's point resonates. He feels that Washington and Lee students get a false sense of security in their bucolic little community, and ultimately put themselves in danger.

Coincidentally, Hess states that the increase in alcohol related arrests actually ensures the students the safety they otherwise may be jeopardizing.

"We know that in jail, you're not going to get hurt that night, or raped, or put yourself in a position to hurt yourself," Hess said. "You sober up in a safe environment where you're supervised."

While this may sound benevolent, there's a deeper logic behind this practice: the police department's own safety from litigation. The police department may actually be held accountable for negligence should an officer stop a student on the street for drunkenness, and simply let that student go with a warning. Should something happen to that student thereafter, the police department may be held accountable for his or her welfare.

"If you think about it, I am the last person who has a chance to put that student someplace safe," Hess said. "If something happens to that student after I've seen him, it's technically my fault."

Hess says that he and other officers often feel that an arrest is unfair, and instead will summon W&L security to safeguard the student and bring the student home. Still, that doesn't alleviate the liability issue.

"Technically, if a security officer brings you home, he is supposed to stay with you until you sober up," Hess says. "Otherwise, W&L could face the same sort of problems."

One other reason for the increase in arrests is officers' individual discretion. Hess notes with joviality that some officers, particularly recent additions to the force, are a little more zealous to show that they're enforcing the law.

"What they see as a major infraction may not be seen as such by someone with more experience," Hess says with a smirk. "Me, I've been on the job 25 years. I don't have to prove anything to anybody."

Bored? Too much time to kill on a Sunday night?

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West-Settle to give Class of '62 lecture

Cecile West-Settle, associate professor of romance languages at Washington and Lee University, will present this year's Class of 1962 Fellowship Lecture on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in Leyburn Library's Northern Auditorium. The title of her lecture is "Sleeping Beauty Awakes: Vital Moments in the Recent Poetry of Luisa Castro." The lecture is open to the public and a reception will follow.

The Class of 1962 Fellowship Program was established in 1987 with a gift of an endowment to support the scholarship and research of the undergraduate faculty.

The Class of 1962 presented the gift at its 25th reunion "to acknowledge its indebtedness and gratitude to the University for the undergraduate education it received and to make an expression of the gratitude in a manner that will benefit the University in a substantial way."

The funds are awarded in conjunction with an approved full-year faculty leave research project. Upon completion of the leave year, each Class of 1962 Fellow presents the results of the project to the University's faculty and students.

West-Settle received her B.A. in 1966 from Agnes Scott College and Ph.D. in 19th and 20th century Spanish literature in 1983 from Emory University. She joined the W&L faculty in 1987 after teaching Spanish at Virginia Military Institute from 1983 to 1987. Her field of specialization is the contemporary prose and poetry of Spain.

93rd Fancy Dress Ball on March 3

Washington and Lee University will hold its 93rd annual Fancy Dress Ball on Friday, March 3 at the University's Warner Center/Doremus Gymnasium complex.

The annual event has its origins in a costume ball that former University librarian and drama teacher Annie Jo White staged for her students in 1907. Over the years, the Fancy Dress Ball has become the gala social event of the year at W&L.

The theme for this year's ball is "Lights, Luck, Luxurydestination Vegas." The black tie event annually draws over 2,000 students, alumni and guests and will feature The Ray Caddell Swing Orchestra and Casper. The event, sponsored by the Student Activities Board, gets underway at 9:30 p.m.

Other Fancy Dress related activities include a concert by Run DMC and The Sugar Hill Gang on Thursday night.

Latin music comes to Lee Chapel

The Sol y Canto Trio will perform Latin American music in Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Namu, a Ugandan storyteller, musician and dancer, will perform in Lee Chapel on March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sol y Canto has been praised by the Boston Globe as "sublime ambassadors of Pan-Latin tradition," and are known for their upbeat bilingual Afro-Latin and Caribbean dance and folkloric rhythms.

Named for the sun (*sol*) and for song (*canto*) the trio combines the talents of Puerto Rican/Argentine singer/percussionist Rosi Ambor with those of her husband, the New Mexican guitarist/composer Brian Amador, and of the Spanish/British/Puerto Rican vocalist and multi instrumentalist Alan del Castillo.

In addition to their rich three-part harmony vocals, the ensemble performs on Spanish guitar, bongos, a multitude of small percussion from all over Latin America, a quena (bamboo flute) and the Central American ocarina, a small ceramic wind instrument.

The program includes a haunting Venezuelan tonada, a percussion-driven Afro-Uruguayan candome and a Cuban son. The group will also perform a flamenco guitar solo, a bilingual lullaby, an Afro-Peruvian landó, a Brazilian ijex, and Argentine tango and a danceable Puerto Rican bombas and plenas.

Sol y Canto has recorded several CDs, among them *Senor del Sol* and *Sancocho*, chosen by the Boston Globe as one of the ten best recordings of 1994.

The concert is sponsored by the office of international education at W&L, with support by the Pickens Endowment for the Performing Arts. There is no charge for admission and all are invited to attend.

Cable Two to rebroadcast Mock Con

Washington and Lee's Cable Two station will rebroadcast selected speeches from Mock Convention 2000. All broadcasts begin at 8 p.m.

The schedule is Monday, March 6 sessions I and II with former Sen. Bill Brock (R-Tenn.), Gov. Frank Keating (R-Okla.), Mayor of Jersey City Bret Schundler, Virginia Attorney General Mark Early and Republican National Chairman Jim Nicholson.

Tuesday, March 7 sessions II and III with Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Okla.), Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and former Secretary of Education Bill Bennett. Wednesday, March session III features Sen. Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential nominee.

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Calling home

My mom called the other day and we had a lovely discussion. She was surprised that I was so talkative and pointed out that our telephone conversations are usually painful. I had to agree. Normally, mom talks about the neighbors' children and people whom I don't know or care about. I just sit there interjecting a random, "Oh really," "That's funny," or "Interesting."

What seems like two hours later (probably only five minutes), dad gets on the phone bitching me out for being so stupid. His points make perfectly logical sense. In all honesty I am

an immense fool when dealing with practical matters. Dad's a practical guy; I'm not. For instance, my Spring Term course registration opened at 3 p.m. on Friday. I forgot about it even though many people reminded me, asking "So Pesce, what classes are you taking Spring Term?" I responded, "Phooey yo, I forgot to register." Luckily, I remembered before my window closed on Sunday afternoon. So the answer to the question is, "My last history seminar," for anyone who cares. Life is all about details, and I just do poorly with details. So I guess that speaks poorly about me on life, but I deal.

Φ Off His Rocker
Stephen Pesce '01

Anyway, mom gives the phone to dad who complains about my financial management skills. "Take an accounting or business class, you idiot." "But dad, I'm not good with money." "Yes, genius, that is why you need to take a business class." "But shouldn't I concentrate on my strengths?" "One day your life will depend on your ability to perform well on those aspects of life at which you have proven incompetent." "Yes dad, I know." "Here, your mother has something else she wants to tell you." "OK" "I forgot to tell you what happened to Mr. Pela at choir rehearsal. Blah, blah, blah." "Oh really." "Wak wak wak wak. Wak wak wak wak wak wak. Wak wak." "Interesting." Then our weekly duty ends.

This recent phone call, however, differed from most. Mom began by telling me, "Dad is out doing your job." "Cutting the grass?" "Of course. He's already complaining about the heat. It's been 80 degrees and humid here all week." Then we made fun of dad's barrage of complaining. We talked about the Mardi Gras excitement back home. Then we made fun of my brother for cutting his hand on a beer bottle. Silly Doug!

Next mom told me about her upcoming dental work — three root canals. Fun stuff. We talked about how ugly her teeth are. I told her that she needs dentures. Getting upset, she cracked some mean "yo momma" jokes. She really knows how to go for the jugular. I knew it at age five when I used to say, "Meannie," and get smacked upside the head.

So dad came in from cutting the grass and gave me a little pop quiz. "How much money is currently in your checking account? How much have you charged to the Visa card?" I asked to poll the audience. He was not amused. I thought I was pretty darn clever. I'm still patting myself on the back for that one.

In any case, mom got back on the phone and we talked for a while longer. She said that she enjoyed the phone call and told me that most of the time I am not fun to talk to. I took issue with that comment. I talk to myself all the time. I get quite a kick out of my conversation.

Well, even if this article has meant nothing at all to you and you feel dumber for having read it, it means a lot to me. I use it as a type of psychotherapy. Perhaps next time I will tell you all about the Pesce family Thanksgiving dinner. Introducing the crazy character of my grandfather provides much amusement.

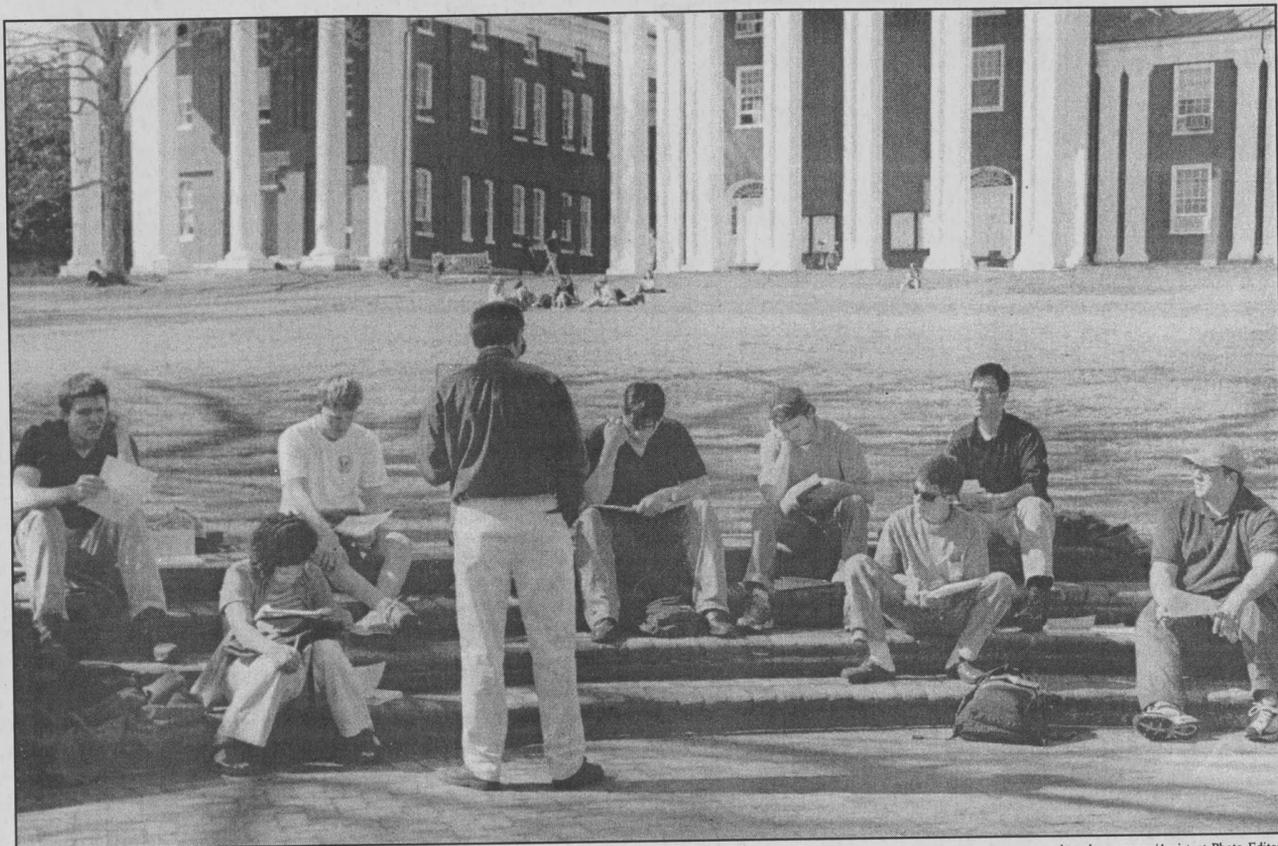


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SPRING TERM IN FEBRUARY? Professor Kary Smout took advantage of the beautiful weather last week and taught his Advanced Creative Writing class outside on the steps of Lee Chapel.

1,001 things: Lack of climate control

Perhaps it is the recent arrival of warm weather that has compelled me to whine about warmth this week, though more likely it is simply my constant urge to complain to anyone willing to listen directing my gripes. Hey, lucky you.

I for one am very happy that Mother Nature has decided to bless this place with sunshine and humidity (if only I had curly hair that could be a whole different article) — kind of makes those of us who went somewhere warm feel a little stupid and those of us who went . . . uh, home a little less gyped.

Φ Ungrateful Ninja
Katy Harding '01

The Hill has once again resumed its lazy lounge lawn décor and there is an air of joviality among students. Going to class is that much more distasteful with the sun pouring through the window and the very loud co-op talkers' conversation permeating through layers of concrete and brick to remind you of life outside. The lure of warm rooms as an escape from the bitter, windy cold outside is no longer as potent as it once was. . .

Though, let's be honest here. I was certainly never lured into the C-School because of warmth. In fact, the C-School and, well, pretty much every other building on campus, has the most wackjob heating system, I think it is safe to say, in the entire country.

I mean, you would think that with enough money and trustees to build sorority houses and reseed the front lawn every other week someone could find a way to install a normal heating device. Oh, but no! That would be too easy. It seems no one has even made an effort at temperature control.

I suspect the whole control part has been neglected and the heating plant has been allowed to develop a mind of its own entirely. Instead, with every class, your body is forced to spend a good portion of the hour acclimatizing to any number and extreme of temperatures.

But let's take the C-School as the first example. . . It is hard enough to have to pay attention during class when it would be so much nicer to be sitting on a bench, but slowly roasting to death only adds to the agony. Once your body has adjusted to the horrific shock on entering the C-School (the actual weather outside makes no difference because no matter what season it is, the building will be the exact opposite temperature outside), it is doubly hit upon entering any one of the classrooms. What's more, there is no escape.

There is no opportunity to crack a window and allow sweet breezes to waft in and relieve you. In fact, friends, do not even try to open the windows, it will be in vain, because for some very unusual reason they are conve-

niently painted shut. And, as if that wasn't enough, it takes a rocket scientist to put the damn blinds down, so along with being sweated out you will be burnt out as well.

The problem here though, is that you cannot prepare for this kind of interior weather by dressing in bathing suits because if you have a class in a different room, then chances are you will freeze to death (um. . . can you say room 327).

I go from being red from heat exhaustion to blue from hypothermia. If you are lucky enough to find a functioning computer in the lab then you are sure to turn into an ice block and if you are lucky enough to get a couch in the library then you will suffer second-degree burns from over exposure to the sun.

There is no happy medium. I don't even know if this has been proven, but I will make guess that extremes in temperature are not good for a human body.

This kind of dueling temperatures is not just an idiosyncrasy of the C-school either. No! Students of every major get to experience the wonder that is W&L climate control (what control?!?!). If you walk into the Registrar's office any month before December and any date after February then you have to be outfitted by polar expedition experts — the air conditioning as well as the attitudes are perpetually set to frigid.

Yet, once again, if you enter the adjoining J-School then you have to promptly strip to compensate for the heating overkill. Your body is constantly questioning what hotness to anticipate next. However, it's not as if you can expect any regularity further down the Colonnade.

It seems that though new, the Science Center utilizes the same heating philosophy as the rest of campus (or it could also be that it is essentially a greenhouse that makes that building insanely hot).

Oddly enough, the only building that seems to maintain some endurable temperatures is the Library. But, there it is a win-lose situation. Yes, you won't have to tote your personal fan and wool sweater along with you, but rather than die from heat exhaustion, your eyes will be seared shut from having to stare at the beautifully colored walls for too long.

You know, people, it's the little things that make a difference; the 250th imprinted napkins, the cabbage plants on the island near Security. Inherently these things are taken for granted and you don't really miss them until they are gone. Well, I never thought that I would miss dependable air temperature. It's kind of irritating actually.

Quote of the week:

"I can do it, alright. I know all about making love."

— Anonymous junior girl

Staff Editorial

We could not silently stand by as the Admissions Office changed this year's Honor Scholar "weekend" to the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of this week. In this oh-so-subtle change, they deprived us of all the fun and excitement of Honor's Scholars past. Some examples: that guy and the girl in Newcomb, exploring each other's "academic records" late night; that famous ice luge/hall crawl night at Pika three years ago that was the downfall of many a present junior; the HS who unable to find his way home from Red Square and just climbed a tree and spent the night there.

This year, however, we will have no such stories to tell, and more importantly, neither will they. We understand that the focus is an academic contest, but it is also a chance for the Admissions Office to bring some perspectives here who may be on the bubble or need some convincing, and to sell our school to them. We all know a large part of this school is the social scene; yeah we have great academics, but what is unique is the dynamic between social and academic life.

So in our mission to provide the public with the information that they need, here goes. To the Honor Scholars, even though you won't see a lot of it if any, this school parties like no other and that's the way we like it. Over 75 percent of us are Greek, like to drink, and have a great time partying. There is a reason we are rated one of the top drinking schools in the country, because it's true. Some would say that this isn't a selling point for these impressionable youths, but we would rather have them know and make their decision based on a true knowledge of the school they are choosing. So with that knowledge in hand kiddies, good luck, make the right decision for you, and remember that if you do go out, that a tree is never a good place to spend the night.

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TALKback...Why are you looking forward to FD?



"It will be nice to see the work finished and to have a life again."
—Catherine Mead '01



"I want to see how our work pays off and how people respond to it."
—Latrina Stokes '02



"I decorated the entryway and first impressions are important."
—Graham Frankel '02



"The theme is really fun and lighthearted."
—Emily Hager '02

Signature Student Catherine Mead '01

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

With Mock Con barely over, another huge event looms in the near future, "The social event of the South": FD. The person responsible for bringing it all together? Washington and Lee University junior Catherine Mead.

Mead is double majoring in politics and European history and plans on using neither of them in her life profession. She hopes to do events planning after college, planning corporate PR events such as large parties and banquets. "I can't imagine a desk job. I need to be moving, so [events planning] keeps me on my toes," she said.

Last year she was the FD decorations subcommittee chair, and last spring she decided to apply to be the FD chair this year. She is very excited about the progress so far and promises, "This year, we're going all out for Vegas!"

Recently she has been devoting 40 hours a week to FD preparations. She doesn't begrudge the time and work at all, though. "It just has to get done," she said. "It's fun. I wouldn't change it."

Somehow she manages to balance the time commitment of FD with being the Kappa Delta sorority president and a participant of club softball.

Q: What was your favorite Halloween costume growing up?

A: "A genie costume [like from "I dream of Jeanie"]. I wore a purple

leotard under it, and there were sheer billowing pants and a little hairpiece thing with a veil over my eyes."

Q: Who is your hero? And why?



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A: "My mom. That could take up a whole article... I just really admire her strength, her integrity, and the fact that she's always been my best friend."

Q: What are your favorite quotes or life mottoes?

A: "Laugh at least once a day."

"There's no shame in trying and losing. There's only shame in not trying at all."

Q: If you had to give up either the ability to see, to hear, or to speak, which would it be?

A: "Probably to speak. I couldn't give up seeing... you can communicate so much emotion with your eyes. And I'd hate to not be able to hear my friends' and family's voices."

Q: By what words do you hope to be remembered?

A: "Honest, trustworthy, and genuine."

Fancy Dress presents a night in Vegas

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

FD. The two letters on everyone's lips and consistently running through everyone's (or at least all the girls') minds. What exactly is it? We all know that it is "the social event of the South" and "W&L's \$80,000 answer to prom," but what exactly is it? The answer is: another W&L tradition that keeps campus the happiest in the nation (or at least really close).

Usually in the middle of winter term, the term notorious for being the most cruel both to freshman guys and the GPA-conscious, the Fancy Dress Ball is a break, a night of fun, kicking back, and letting things go on the dance floor. The fun is a constant in all the FD's W&L has had. The difference each year comes with the theme, which determines the decorations, some students' outfits, and the general level of excitement on campus.

FD has had almost every theme one could think of (which makes the jobs of the steering committees a little harder), from the Chinese Court of Chu Chin Chow (1921) to the Colonial Ball (1932) to King Arthur's Court (1950) to the Lost Cities of Gold (1984). A 1963 pre-FD cocktail party in honor of the chairman had a *Playboy* theme. Themes have varied, but the wonderful experience of Fancy Dress-goers has remained the same due to the hard work of the FD Steering Committee.

The FD Chair is chosen in the spring, and other positions on the com-

mittee open up in the fall of the following year. This year, a little less than 50 people are on the FD committee, broken down into seven other sub-committees: decorations (which is then

Entertainment at FD will include Casper and the Ray Caddell Swing Orchestra, plus a few surprises that people will find out there. There will be a raffle for the opportunity to win a

it will look like] a surprise so we don't give it all away," Mead said.

The committee and contract workers moved in to the Pavilion on Feb. 5, and a few people stayed over Feb Break to work.

"Now's the really big crunch time," Mead said.

The group moves into Warner center on Tuesday to begin setting up there.

Only those on the committee know exactly what to expect the gym to look like when FD rolls around Friday night at 9 p.m., but those who have experienced FD before know to expect something great. Last year the theme was "Le Bal Masque: a Renaissance of the First Fancy Dress Ball." The theme was that of the first FD, used again in commemoration of the



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FD committee members work on decorations Saturday afternoon in the Pavilion.

broken down for specific corners of the large gym, the small gym, the entrance, the balcony, and the hallway), construction, entertainment, playbill, memorabilia, public relations, and invitations. A little over 20 other people are serving as contract workers for the dance, building and setting up decorations in exchange for FD tickets for themselves and their dates.

The theme is chosen in October but kept secret (as much as possible at such a small school) until the invitations go out a couple weeks before the dance, to build anticipation and then extra excitement when they finally do come out. Students returning from Feb Break this year found their pull-out deck of cards invitations announcing this year's theme: "Lights. Luck. Luxury... destination Vegas."

About 2000 invitations have gone out for the event, to students, faculty and staff, and some alumni.

Decorations are the biggest expense and receive the biggest chunk of the budget, because it gets expensive to go out and buy decorations and the makings for them, such as lumber and paint.

Fancy Dress chair junior Catherine Mead '01 said that this year's decorations will include lots of lights, bright colors, and big decorations. There will be a lighter tone to it, and yet it will also incorporate some elegance. There will be a lounge feel in part of it, yet also the big buildings and lights aspect. Lots of things will be built on a large scale.

"We're trying to keep [exactly what

250th celebration of the school. The big gym was set up to be a banquet hall, like that of a castle. The small gym had a forest, a dragon's cave, and a stone chapel. The entrance to the gym was a moat, and the hallway was set up to look like castle walls.

Mead says to expect bigger and better this year.

She says that the gym will look great, and she hopes students really get into it. "I'd love to see guys dressed as Elvis or girls with boas. The great thing about the theme is it gives people the liberty to do as they wish [dress in costume or not]. It's not quite as limiting."

Most of all, she and the committee hope people will enjoy living it up in Vegas for a night.

Upcoming events ...



Monday, Feb. 28

All Day Sophomores begin Spring term Web Registration at assigned times.
6:30 p.m. Lecture: "Ralph Ellison's Juneteenth: Crossing the Narrative Color Line," John F. Callahan, Room 327, C-school.
8:00 p.m. Lecture: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), Lee Chapel.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

3:30 p.m. Tennis (W), W&L vs. Stetson University, Varsity Courts.
7:30 p.m. Lecture: "Spirituality and Healing in Judaism," Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia, Room 327, Williams School.

Wednesday, March 1

All Day Freshmen begin spring term Web Registration at assigned times.

4:00 p.m. Tennis (W), W&L vs. Sweet Briar, Varsity Courts.
7:00 p.m. Class of '62 Lecture: "Sleeping Beauty Awakes: Vital Mo(nu)ments in the Recent Poetry of Luisa Castro," Cecile West-Settle, Northern Auditorium.

Thursday, March 2

7:30 p.m. International Performing Arts Series 1999-2000. Sol y Canto Trio presents music from Latin America, Lee Chapel.
9:00 p.m. Fancy Dress concert, featuring Run DMC, Student Activities Pavilion

Friday, March 3

9:00 p.m. Fancy Dress Ball, Warner Center.

Saturday, March 4

12:00 p.m. Baseball, W&L vs. Emory & Henry, Smith Field, (doubleheader)
1:00 p.m. Lacrosse (W), W&L vs. Denison, Liberty Hall Field.
1:30 p.m. Opera Broadcast: "The Merry Widow" by Lehár, WLUR-FM
1:30 p.m. Lacrosse (M), W&L vs. Washington College, Wilson Field.

Sunday, March 5

12:00 p.m. Baseball, W&L vs. Washington & Jefferson, (doubleheader)

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Baseball's hot streak

By Mike Weil
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals baseball team went a perfect 3-0 this week, edging Bates in a 11-10 thriller before sweeping a double header from Muhlenberg, 4-3 and 17-1.

The Generals jumped to an 8-2 lead after four innings in their home opener against Bates, but the Bobcats scored 8 runs in the 5th through 8th innings to take a 10-8 advantage into the bottom of the ninth.

Bates reliever Kevin Welsh retired the first two batters of the inning but the Generals rallied to tie the score at 10 when junior Jason May scored on an error by the Bobcats' second baseman.

The Generals then emerged victorious in the 10th when sophomore catcher Todd Gosselink singled past a brought-in infield scoring senior Chris Stakem for the winning run.

Stakem led the Generals at the plate, going 2 for 4 with 3 RBI. Senior first basemen Russell Wren went 3 for 5 on the day and freshman Michael Hanson notched the win by striking out two in a perfect 10th inning.

Game one of the double header was another thriller as the score was knotted at three entering the bottom of the seventh.

Freshman catcher Bobby Littlehale broke the tie when he singled in senior outfielder Jon Madden for the winning run.

Junior righthander David Sigler was the star of the game, earning the complete game three-hit victory, striking out eight and allowing no earned runs.

Game two was a break from the last two thrillers, as the Generals blasted the Mules in a 17-1 laugher.

W&L's offense was led by senior second baseman Mike Elder who went

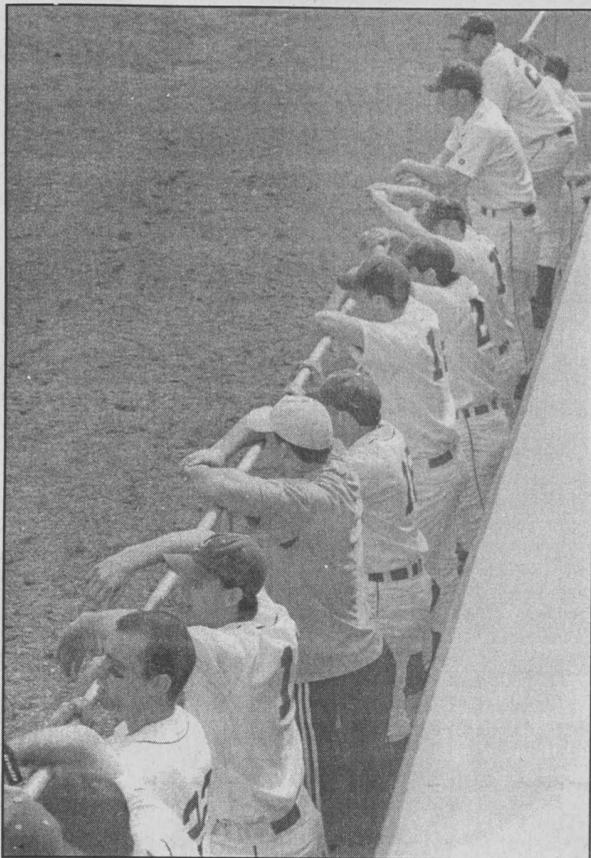


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SEEING IT THROUGH TO THE END: The Generals' dugout looks on during Wednesday's 10-inning thriller against Bates College.

2 for 3 with four RBI and two runs. Littlehale also starred again, going 3 for 5 with three RBI and two runs.

Hanson pitched brilliantly, going six innings allowing only one earned run and four hits for the victory. The sweep gives the Generals needed momentum heading into their ODAC opener on Saturday.

"Obviously it was a step in the right direction," said third baseman Matt "Bingo" Kozora. "We struggled defen-

sively a little, but by the end of the second Muhlenberg game, we found our gloves."

Playing at home doesn't hurt either. "It's nice to have the support of all of the fans," said senior Andy Thompson.

With the sweep the Generals improved to 4-4. They open the ODAC season with a double header at home against Emory and Henry on Saturday. First pitch is set to be thrown at noon.

Men's lacrosse off and running

By Steele Cooper
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2000 Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team provided no surprises during their first two games of the season this week.

First up for the Generals was Elmira College. W&L came away from its season and home opener with the 17-7 win.

Picking up where he left off last season was junior pre-season All-American Matt Dugan. Dugan posted four goals and two assists. Three of Dugan's goals came as a part of a W&L five-goal unanswered streak that would carry the Generals to the half with a 10-3 lead.

Nine Generals found the back of the net on Wednesday's game including Dugan. Senior Colin Dougherty scored three goals and dished one assist. Senior Chris Brown led the Generals in assists with four and notched two goals.

Sophomore John Moore and Junior pre-season All-American Pope Hackney also both scored two goals apiece. Freshmen Rob Brown and Will Sharp, Senior Greg Meyers, and Junior pre-season All-American Pete Iwancio each added one goal for W&L.

Junior Wes Hays made ten saves at the goal for the Generals during his 54 minutes on the field.

The Generals traveled to Greensboro, NC to face Greensboro College

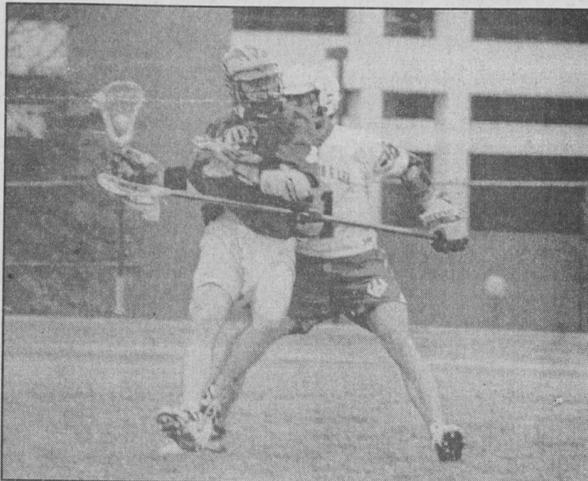


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DEAD IN HIS TRACKS: Junior Pete Iwancio hands his man a firm check during Wednesday's home opener against Elmira College.

on Saturday. W&L handed the Pride a stout beating, 23-7.

Dugan once again led the offense with five goals and as many assists. His first two goals came as a part of the three consecutive goals that the Generals used to open the contest. Dugan came back from the half with the first two goals of the third period to give W&L a 13-2 lead.

The Generals have yet to fall behind at any point in either of their first two games.

Several other Generals had a multiple-scoring day on Saturday. Hack-

ney posted four goals and Meyers came up with three.

Moore, junior Tom Burke, and sophomore Andrew Barnett each scored two goals on the day.

The Generals were able to work three goalies into Saturday's lineup. Hayes led the group with four saves.

W&L hosts Washington College on Saturday at 1:30. This match-up should serve as a more accurate test of the season to come than W&L's first two easy wins. Washington handed the Generals their only regular-season loss last year, 8-9.

W&L records fall at ODACs

By Steele Cooper
SPORTS EDITOR

While the ODAC Indoor Track Championships on Saturday yielded no great team finishes for the Generals, several individuals delivered standout performances and set new Washington and Lee records.

Junior Marc Watson won the championship heat of the 55-meter dash, breaking the school record with an NCAA provisional-qualifying time of 6.44 seconds.

Junior Amy Calce also smashed a W&L record, leaping 16' 4.25" in the long jump. In the face of tough ODAC competition, however, Calce's jump only won her sixth place in the event.

In spite of such efforts, the Generals lagged behind the rest of the field in team standings. The men's squad finished fifth of the five teams at the championships, and the women placed fourth in the field of five teams.

Other individual highlights for the Generals included multiple second-

place finishes. The W&L women's 4x800 meter relay team finished second in a time of 10:50.62, while the men's 4x400 relay squad also garnered runner-up honors, breaking the tape in a time of 3:47.10. Senior Autumn Oczkowski finished second in the women's 800 meter run in a time of 2:28.25.

The event was the final team competition of W&L's indoor season and the NCAA championships are scheduled for Mar. 10.

Basketball ends with ODACs

Men's basketball makes noise in tourney, comes up short

Women's basketball falls in quarterfinals to Roanoke

By Mike Weil
STAFF WRITER

By Robert Turner
STAFF WRITER

Using their first road victory to earn the sixth seed in the ODAC tournament, the Washington and Lee mens' basketball team shocked Bridgewater in the quarterfinals before losing to second seeded Roanoke in the semifinals.

The Generals jumped out early on Bridgewater for a 27-23 halftime lead. The Eagles fought back, however, and had a 47-44 advantage with 2:23 to play. Senior Brian Ricketts would then net a layup and add a free throw for a three point play to tie the game.

W&L then went 8-8 from the line in the final two minutes en route to a 55-50 victory.

The Generals were led by Ricketts, who notched a double double with 11 points and 12 boards.

The story of the game was free throws, however, as W&L went a perfect 19-19 from the line setting a school record for percentage, and tying the ODAC mark.

The Generals put up a hard-fought battle in the semifinals as well, but were edged 66-60 by second-seeded and 20th ranked Roanoke.

W&L led for much of the first half, and entered the locker room with a 29-27 lead. The lead would hold until the 15:47 mark of the second half, when Colby Leftwich nailed a layup for a 35-34 lead.

The Generals would never regain the lead, although they continued to fight and forced the eventual ODAC champions to earn the victory.

W&L was led by freshman Ryan Small, who notched 14 points on three of five shooting from behind the arc. Junior Will Ballard added 13 points and seven rebounds, and Ricketts scored 10 points to go along with his five boards. Ricketts also set a new ODAC tournament record by going 13-13 from the line in the two games.

For the game, the Generals shot 50 percent from the floor, 50 percent from three-point land, and 75 percent from the line. They played their hearts out in this final game of the season, and proved they could hang with the top teams of the ODAC.

Roanoke defeated national heavy-wieght Hamden Sydeny, 69-63, to take home the ODAC championship. Ricketts received an honorable mention in the ODAC.

"It was really big" [to play well in the tournament], said freshman Will Cotter. "We have a young team, we got a chance to see what potential we have."

Cotter stressed the importance of the seniors in this young team's development.

"The seniors were great for us. They were great leaders and really dedicated to the team. A lot of kids in their class quit, but they were the ones that stuck it out. It's important for our freshman class to have the work ethic they do."

And as for the keys to becoming a top team in the ODAC? "We've got to keep our freshman class together, and make sure everyone's priority stays on basketball," he said. "We need to follow the seniors' example, and we'll be successful."

Washington and Lee's Women's basketball team closed out their season Thursday with a tough 72-58 loss to Roanoke in the quarterfinals of the ODAC tournament in Salem, VA. The Generals end their season with an overall record of 13 wins and 12 losses, and a 10-10 regular season ODAC record.

Before the ODAC tournament began, W&L faced a tough series of road games against ODAC rivals. On Feb. 12 the Generals loss to the Roanoke Maroons 66-49 in a preview of their tournament contest.

The Generals were led against Roanoke by sophomore center reserve Leslie Fishback, who tallied her first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Two days later W&L traveled to Virginia Wesleyan and were defeated 61-52 in a Valentine's day match-up before earning a victory at Eastern Mennonite 71-54 on Feb. 16.

Against Eastern Mennonite, sophomore forward Jessica Mentz scored an impressive 20 points in the first half, and the Generals dished out 21 team assists while committing only 12 turnovers for the game. Coming off this victory, W&L appeared confident heading into their re-match with Roanoke in the ODAC tournament.

The Generals struggled out of the gate against Roanoke though, and shot only 29 percent in the first half while turning the ball over 18 times.

The Maroons capitalized on W&L's struggles, and shot 42 percent in the period en route to a 40-21 half-time advantage. Washington and Lee did not give up in the second half though, and cut Roanoke's lead to 12 points with 3:13 left in the game. The Generals could get no closer though, and despite their efforts, ended up losing 72-58.

The Generals were led again by Jessica Mentz, who poured in 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Senior guard Ansley Miller closed out her stellar W&L career with 11 points, and sophomore guard Carter Thomas added 10 points and five rebounds.

Though the Generals' season ended on a somewhat sour note, it was another impressive year for the team. They finished with a winning record, and for the second consecutive year produced a .500 or better winning percentage.

They were also close to winning many other games, games that will perhaps be won in the in years to come as the Generals' future looks promising.

Though the Generals will be hurt by the departure of star seniors Jessica Morton and Ansley Miller (whose 11 points in the ODAC tournament gave her a record 1,165 for her career), the returning players appear ready to pick up the slack.

Returning next year for Washington and Lee are, among others, all-ODAC honorable mention sophomores Megan Babst and Jessica Mentz, along with Carter Thomas, Sarah Schmidt, and Leslie Fischbeck.

With these solid players gaining more experience every year, the future appears bright for the Generals.

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