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## Idaho loses over shirts

Coach loses job for role in designing controversial shirt; student mediation continues

By Polly Doig  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although the Mock Convention took place more than a month ago, the Idaho delegation continues to face the consequences of a provocative T-shirt produced for the event.

The shirt, which featured a busty black woman proclaiming "I-da-ho", has been perceived as sexist and racist by many. Several Washington and Lee student organizations, including the Minority Student Association and the Women's Forum, complained to the administration.

In a meeting this past week, the faculty unanimously approved a resolution condemning the shirts, which stated that, "this incident and others of a similar nature are completely inconsistent with the values of the University." The resolution was distributed to the W&L community via e-mail, and full-page ads have appeared in both campus newspapers.

In addition, assistant baseball coach John Baizley was fired this week, following student outcry, for his role in designing the shirts. Baizley is also the owner of University Sportswear, and designs many T-shirts for various campus organizations and events.

Sophomore Jason Williams was one of the members of the Idaho delegation who was offended by the shirt, and chose not to buy one.

"They were just described to me, but I had no idea how bad they were going to be," Williams said, who didn't actually see the shirts until complaints had been made a few weeks after Mock Con. "It was really disgusting. It amazed me that someone could even come up with something like that, that it would even occur to them."

According to Williams, the Idaho delegation initially said that those involved were willing to accept any proposed remedy. Open meetings to discuss race issues were subsequently held so that students might voice their opinions. In addition, W&L president John Elrod held an open forum session this week to address the issue. One of the most common complaints was that the administration had not reacted in a suitable manner, nor of its own accord.

## SAB lands a "fish" and moe. for concert

Alumni Weekend concert will feature two diverse bands

By Michael Crittenden  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite the impossibility of reaching the level of last year's Alumni Weekend festivities, the Student Activities Board hopes to rock undergraduates and alums alike with the announcement of this year's bands, Leftover Salmon and moe.

"I think it will really be a great show to kickoff Spring Term with," SAB president, senior Dave Levinson said. "We've been trying to get them to come all year, and now we finally have them. It's really exciting."

Alumni Weekend, May 4-6, this year will feature the two bands, neither of which is a stranger to the Lexington area. In recent years both Leftover Salmon and moe. have played to Washington and Lee audiences during Alumni Weekend



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AN OPEN FORUM. Students were given the opportunity to question President John Elrod during an open forum held this week. Many were dismayed at the initial lack of response from the administration to the Idaho T-shirts.

"There was a lot of general dissatisfaction with the administration for not having reacted strongly enough," Williams said.

MSA president Lezael Haynes was one of those who objected to the University's initial lack of response to the shirts. Baizley retained his coaching position until this week, even though administrators had been notified more than two weeks ago.

"The administration shouldn't have had to have minority feedback in order to know that Mr. Baizley should be fired," Haynes said. "Nowhere else can you engage in racism or sexism and still expect to keep your job."

Haynes also felt that the open sessions didn't accomplish all that they were supposed to, because only about one-third of the 25-member Idaho delegation participated. Haynes has met personally with the Idaho state chairman, junior Regan Reaud, and University Mediator Tiffany Cummings in order to work toward a solution.

Haynes said that those mediation sessions have been very productive.

"A large part of that is that Reagan has realized he was wrong, and is eager to make amends," she said. Haynes added that the terms discussed thus far include a letter of apology, a full effort to recall the shirts and some form of community service directed at a minority cause. The terms of the reprimand will be finalized today, according to Haynes.

Reaud has already issued a recall on the shirts, of which there are 30, but has only gotten four back. He gave his own two shirts to Associate Dean of Students Courtney Penn, and has yet to account for the remaining 24. According to Haynes, another problem is that no one else on the delegation has admitted responsibility.

"We're hoping to get some sort of administrative support," Haynes said. "Hopefully, the deans will investigate this fully, find out who else was responsible, and assign them some sort of punishment."

the group is famous for keeping it mellow.

"This is not music for people who take themselves, the tunes they listen to, or the world in general too seriously," according to [www.leftoversalmon.com](http://www.leftoversalmon.com), the group's webpage.

On the other side of the coin is moe., a group made famous by its long jams and eclectic humor. Named after the old Louis Jordan tune "Five Guys Named Moe," the group was formed in 1991. Playing a mix of music from blues to pop, moe. recently released a double-live album entitled "L". Casting themselves as a band with a "sense of humor that loves to have fun," moe.'s contemporary rock masterminds have gained it a fan base similar to that of Leftover Salmon. Calling themselves "moe.rons", the fans are known to follow the band quite loyally.

Student reaction has been fairly low-key this far away from the concert, but Levinson said he thought it should be a success.

Said freshman Ann Whitham, "They both sound like things you find in your refrigerator."



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BLOWING HIS OWN HORN: Junior Scott Meister (center) plays during a University Jazz Ensemble concert held on Saturday. Junior Hillary Bryant also was a featured soloist.

## Local stores face e-rivals

Some Lex merchants notice an internet-related decline in business and retaliate in kind

By Katie Clark  
STAFF WRITER

Although the nation has finally squashed the Y2K bug, Lexington businesses are still dealing with the infestation of a different computer pest: the Internet.

"I've seen a severe drop in business in the last year, primarily because of the Internet," said Wayne Raynal, owner of the now-closed Night Owl Music.

Raynal says he closed his music store last month because his customers no longer came to Night Owl, an occurrence he blames in part on various Internet companies' promotions.

"The bigger businesses aren't concerned with what the consumer wants, but with getting the consumer to buy what they have," he said.

Raynal says he worries about Internet pages that are misleading.

"People think they are paying less when they buy CDs online. They forget that they have to pay UPS fees," he said. "The companies don't clearly post their shipping prices. It's in the fine print. I wish people would realize it would [have] been cheaper to come into Night Owl and buy a CD."

Some local businesses have competed more successfully with Internet vendors. The Best Seller, a downtown bookstore, lowered prices to contend with online dealers like Amazon.com.

"Once we stopped charging for special orders, the number of orders increased and we actually started making a larger profit," said manager Tom Lomax.

Jim Casey, professor of economics at Washington and Lee University, believes downtown stores need to do more than lower their prices to stay in business.

"I do not think it is a matter of protecting themselves from the Internet, rather using the Internet," Casey said. "Small stores need to think about how they can benefit from using the Internet, not how the Internet hurts them."

Marlene Benniston, an employee of Cocoa Mill Chocolate, says her store is profiting from the Internet. Cocoa Mill Chocolate has developed its own Internet site to stay competitive in the gift shop market. She says the store has enjoyed increased sales from traffic to the site.

"We recognized how convenient it would be for people looking for a specific product, like chocolates, to place an order over the Internet," Benniston said. "We've given people another way to mail order candy and send holiday gifts."

Some local businesses remain confident that the growth of Internet sales won't affect their profits, even if they don't offer competing web sites.

Scott R. Bunten, owner of Reel Time, a fly fishing supply store, says downtown merchants can continue to prosper, but they need to sell unique merchandise.

"In my line of business, people like to play with my products before they buy them," Bunten said. "My customers want to take a \$600 reel and practice casting it in the lot behind the store. You can't do that with the Internet companies."

Bunten said store owners should be aware of the deals manufacturers make with Internet distributors.

"My business is protected from Internet competition because Internet distributors pay the same price I do for merchandise," he said.

Tom Osella, owner of Healthy Foods Market, is not concerned about the Internet taking business away from his store because of the friendly service he provides.

"Our business is going strong and hasn't slowed down," he said. "The more depersonalized the world becomes, the more people like us better."

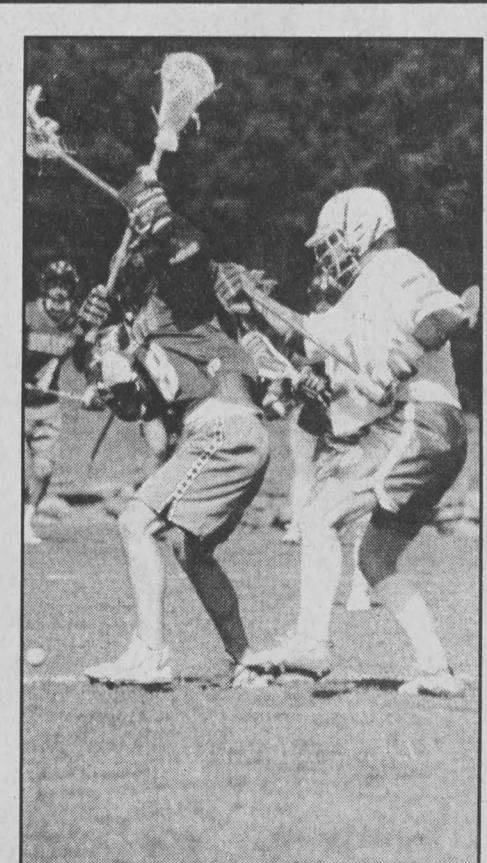


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DEFENSIVE. Junior Pete Iwancio tries to defend an undefeated season.

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### Clinton strategist to speak

Dick Morris, chief political strategist for President Clinton, will speak in Lee Chapel on Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Morris is a longtime political strategist whose clients have included Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld, California Gov. Pete Wilson and numerous other high profile political leaders.

Called "the most influential private citizen in America" by *Time*, Morris is the author of "Behind the Oval Office: Winning the Presidency in the 90's."

Morris' talk will attempt to uncloak the system of power, polls and patronage that drives government policy and provide a riveting peek into the workings of the White House. He will also analyze the effect of baby boomers on politics and speculate on the changes today's generation will bring to government.

### Film Society to present "Tango"

The Washington and Lee Film Society will present a delightful drama of music and dance, "Tango" (Spain/Argentina, 1998), directed by Carlos Saura.

Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 17 and 18, in the Troubadour Cinema. As always, there is no charge for admission, although contributions are welcome. This film is in Spanish, with English subtitles, and is rated PG-13.

Set in Buenos Aires, this Oscar-nominated film tells the story of a director who yearns to make the ultimate tango movie, only to find political, business and — of course — romantic complications.

Featuring fiery music and stunning choreography and gorgeously filmed by the great cinematographer Vittorio Storaro, "Tango" is a treat for the ear and eye. *The San Francisco Chronicle* called "Tango", "one of the most purely joyful pieces of cinema in years."

### Ensembles prepare to go Down Under

The W&L Wind and Jazz Ensembles will present a pre-tour concert on March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center, in preparation for their weeklong tour of Australia. Forty-seven students will perform six concerts at the University of Melbourne and at the music conservatory at the University of Newcastle during W&L's Spring Break.

Tuesday's performance will have a definite American flair to it. Marches by Sousa, a selection by Charles Ives, an American original, arrangements of Renaissance dances by the contemporary composer Jan Bach, strains from West Side Story, a tune by Australia's favorite son, Percy Grainger, and a trumpet solo by W&L junior, Scott Meister are the important ingredients that will make this concert special for the audience and for W&L's music ambassadors. Barry Kolman, associate professor of music, conducts the University Wind Ensemble, consisting of students, outstanding local residents and W&L faculty.

The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Terry Vosbein, assistant professor of music, will present works from the libraries of the great American jazz bands. Selections include works by Basie, Ellington and the Benny Goodman-Gene Krupa solid gold smash hit, Sing Sing Sing.

The concert is free and open to the public.

### Student directors present One Acts

As spring approaches, excitement builds in the Washington and Lee theater department as the advanced directing class prepares to showcase their talents in the One Acts 2000. The One Acts, a theater department tradition for over 27 years, is a student-run production. Popular for its highly charged atmosphere and unusual plays, the One Acts draw a large student audience eager to see works not typically produced during the regular theatre series season.

Under the supervision of directing professor and faculty advisor J. D. Martinez, work for the One Acts begins in January, when the young directors choose a short work and begin organizing the necessary elements to prepare the production for opening night. Decisions concerning casting, scheduling, photography, scenery, lighting and costumes are all made by the student directors.

The seven one-act plays will be performed in two separate bills. Act 1 directors Vanessa Chen '01, Francis McWilliams '01, Ryan Truax '01 and Johnny Bubb '00 will present their plays on March 23 at 8 p.m., continuing on March 25 at 2 p.m. and March 27 at 8 p.m. Act 1 features "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" by Allen Knee, Foreplay or the Art of the Fugue by David Ives, "Misreadings" by Neena Beber and "Teeth" by Tina Howe.

Act 2 will showcase student directors Patrick Driscoll '00, Zeenie Ginwala '01 and Julieann Ulin '01, featuring "Molly and James" by Sheila Walsh, "Reverse Transcription" by Tony Kushner and "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls" by Christopher Durang. Opening night for Act 2 is March 24 at 8 p.m., continuing on March 26 at 2 p.m. and March 28 at 8 p.m.

The One Acts are the most popular theater department presentation among W&L students. No tickets are required and admission is free.

### New dean of Law School named

David F. Partlett, professor of law at Vanderbilt University Law School, has been named dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law. He will begin his duties on July 1.

"I am perfectly delighted with David Partlett's appointment as law dean," said Washington and Lee President John Elrod. "He brings outstanding qualifications and long experience to the deanship at Washington and Lee. We look forward to his dynamic leadership in the years ahead."

Partlett will replace Mark Grunewald, who has been serving as the interim dean since July.

Partlett earned his LL.B. from the University of Sydney School of Law in 1970, his LL.M. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1974 and his S.J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1980.

From 1974 to 1975, Partlett served as a senior legal officer for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra, Australia, where he was responsible for policy advice on the Racial Discrimination Act and other related human rights legislation.

Partlett then served as principal law reform officer for the Australian Law Reform Commission before joining the faculty of the Australian National University in 1978. Partlett was a member of the faculty there through 1987 and served as associate dean from 1982 to 1985.

Partlett was a visiting professor of law at Vanderbilt during the 1987-88 academic year and then joined the faculty full-time. At Vanderbilt, he has served as a senior fellow in the Institute for Public Policy Studies and served as chief of staff on the Vanderbilt University Chancellor Search Committee this year. Partlett was also the acting dean of the Vanderbilt University Law School during the 1996-97 academic year.

Partlett has received several awards and honors at Vanderbilt, including the Paul Hartman Award (1993) for excellence in teaching, the Distinguished Service Award (1996) from the law school and the Thomas Jefferson Award (1998) for distinguished service to the university through extraordinary contributions as a member of the faculty in the councils and government of the university.

Actively engaged in scholarly research, Partlett is the author of numerous books and articles on torts and law and medicine. His first book, "Professional Negligence" (1985) was one of the first works of commonwealth scholarship to apply economic insights to tort law. In 1994, he collaborated on a book titled "Child Mental Health and the Law". Partlett has recently completed the latest edition of Prosser & Wade's Cases and Materials on Torts, the leading torts casebook. He also has a contract for a forthcoming book "Defamation and Free Speech: A Study of Different Cultures".

The W&L School of Law dates to 1849 and is annually ranked among the top law schools in the country, serving approximately 365 law students.

### N.Y. Times correspondent to speak

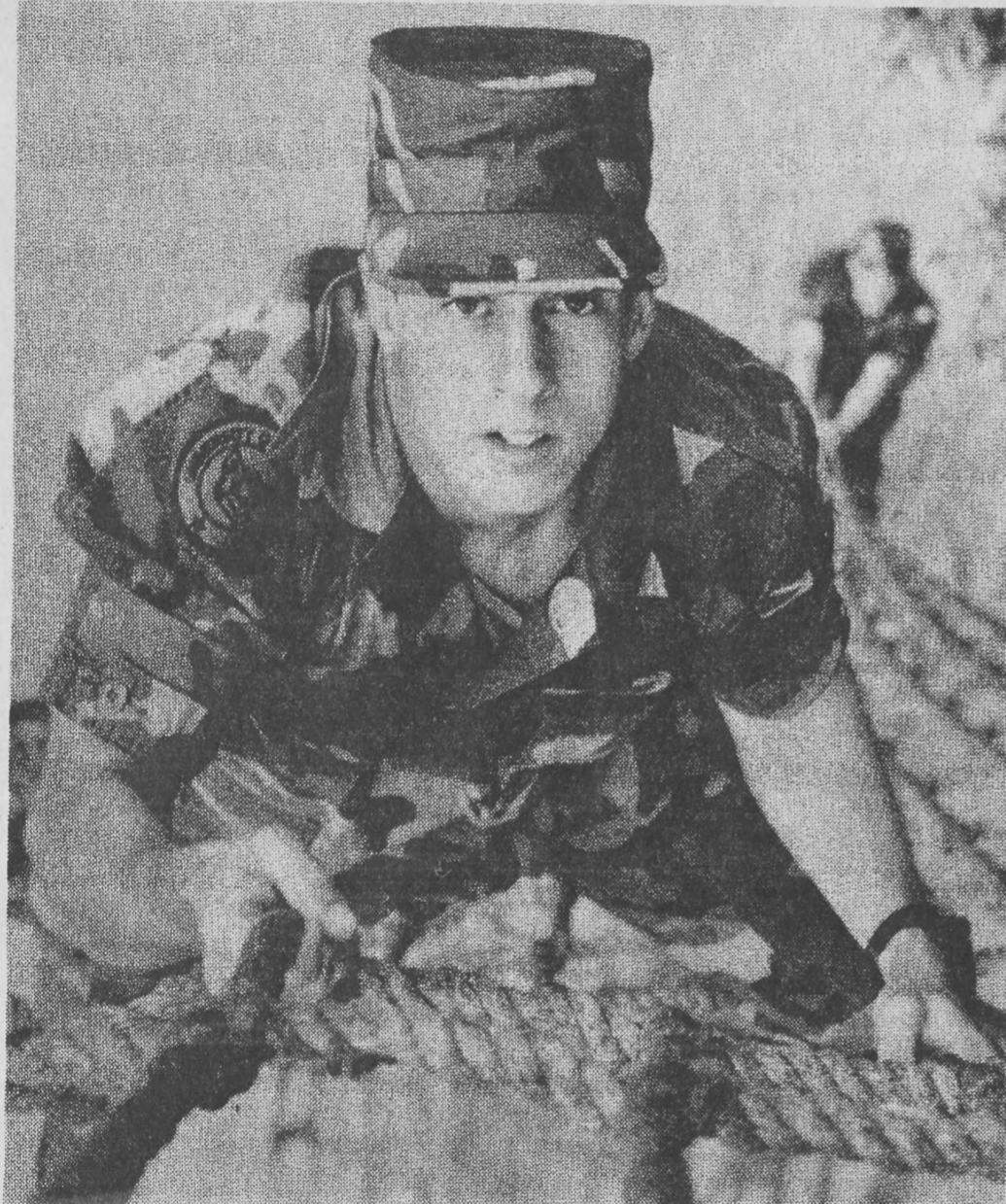
R.W. Apple Jr., chief correspondent for *The New York Times*, will speak on Wed., March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in North Auditorium. Apple's public lecture is titled, "Politics and Pundits Forty Years On: The Campaign of 2000."

Apple became chief correspondent for *The Times* in 1997 after serving 12 years as chief Washington correspondent and four years as the Washington D.C. bureau chief. He writes extensively on a wide range of topics, including politics, foreign policy and economic questions, as well as food, wine, travel and the arts.

Since joining *The Times* in 1963, he has written from more than 100 countries, reported on various international elections, and a wide variety of other stories on five continents. He previously has served as *The Times* bureau chief in Albany, Saigon, Lagos, Nairobi, London and Moscow. He headed *The Times'* coverage of the Gulf War in 1991.

At home, Apple has been involved in the coverage of 17 national conventions and eight presidential elections. He was the newspaper's national political correspondent from 1970 to 1976. Prior to joining the paper, he covered the civil rights movement in the South for NBC News. He was also a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*.

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The faculty of Washington and Lee condemns in the strongest possible terms the racist and sexist slur displayed on the t-shirts of the Idaho delegation during the Mock Convention.

This incident and others of a similar nature are completely inconsistent with the values of the University.

They underscore the need for a renewed University-wide commitment to inclusiveness. We pledge ourselves to direct action to improve the understanding of everyone in our community of the obligations of civility and respect for persons.

## Idaho T-shirt: Get over it

In thinking of a topic to write about this week, I could not help but be compelled to address the Idaho delegation T-shirt. Afterall, how can I ignore letters to the editor, a forum, and a man resigning from his long-time coaching position?

The Idaho T-shirt, which I'm sure by this time everybody fully understands the design, may not have been in good taste, but needs to be examined without going off the deep end. It was not right. It was

not appropriate. I make no excuses, but before jumping all over University Sportswear and intentionally trying to hurt the business please look at other facts.

Jack Baizley is a great man. He loves this school. That's why he's here. He loved coaching the baseball team, but sadly no longer is doing so. He loves this school so much he opened a store selling W&L products. Now some students are joining forces in an attempt to boycott his store. That's uncalled for.

Since this school is overrun by the Greek system (and that's not a criticism), let's take time to look at it more closely. Hmm... themes of mixers... "Pimps and prostitutes", "Bros, hos, and 40s", "Presidents and interns", "Redneck ball", "Whitetash trailerbash", just to name a few. These mixers have T-shirts. And, these all have slurs to some extent, but nothing is said about them. If some supersensitive group saw these names, they quite easily could be up in arms, complain to administration, hold a meeting, boycott a store, but they don't. That's right, they don't. Why is that? The answer is simple: It is not meant to be taken seriously.

I think that should be said again. It is not meant to be taken seriously.

If I was one of these overly sensitive people, I could easily be offended by everyday life, not only here at W&L but all over. But I'm not. I could whine and complain because women are objectified. I could have even been with those on the anti-Idaho delegation kick and taken the shirt personally because the picture was of a woman and referring to her as a "ho". But I didn't. It in no way means that I'm passive, in fact I'm the opposite, but I know how to pick and choose my battles and I am able to recognize whether there is a battle to begin with. The Idaho delegation was making a joke. Do you remember what that is? Evidently not.

Even though the students at this school are criticized for being racially insensitive, they are not as deeply in the dark ages as some would have you believe.

So, I think it's time to stop pointing fingers every time something goes wrong. It's just like the crying wolf problem: When you do it too often, people stop listening. At the rate things are going, if and when a real problem surfaces no one will listen. And when pointing fingers, let's be consistent. Afterall, other people are also offensive in what they wear, say, and do.

The bottom line is that the Idaho delegation had the right to make the shirt. It's freedom of speech. And for those of you who don't like the shirt, don't buy it, don't wear it, or even point at the person you see wearing the shirt on the Colonnade and mumble that you don't think it's right. I really don't care what you think about the shirt, just don't try to force others to join in your crusade in misinterpreting a joke.

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IDAHO DEBATE. Assistant Dean of Students Courtney Penn participates in the forum about the Idaho T-shirts.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Alum calls for racial tolerance from W&L community

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my outrage and disappointment with this situation. I cannot believe that this kind of behavior by an employee of the university was handled in such a lenient manner. Will someone please explain to me why Washington and Lee is more outraged by incidents of hazing than they are incidents of racial insensitivity committed by someone on their payroll? People are dismissed on their jobs everyday for simply making a racial slur, let alone producing and marketing one under the umbrella of a prestigious university such as Washington and Lee.

It saddens me that an institution which prides itself on civil behavior would allow such an uncivil act to occur without a stiff punishment. Faculty and staff members, no matter the capacity they work in, are representatives of the university. The T-shirt itself is an insult, but even more insulting is the way in which the offender has been dealt with.

As a student, I sat in on many meetings committed to solving diversity issues and creating a more accepting climate for minorities. I left those meetings hopeful that those students behind me would not have to take time out of their studies to deal with these same problems. However, it appears that my fellow classmates and I were given a lot of lip service to appease us until graduation. Things have seemingly gotten worse for minority students at Washington and Lee. The institution needs to put some action behind their words and prove that they are working towards a more inclusive climate. Allowing incidents such as this to pass without due consequence sends a very negative message to minorities at Washington and Lee. The message comes across loud and clear that we do not value your contribution to this institution, and even worse, we do not value your differences either.

The offending party should be promptly dismissed and financial support for his business should cease. Wash-

ton and Lee needs to send a very clear message that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

As an alumnus, I am still very much involved in the university, however my passion has always been to improve the climate for minority students. Many minority alumni leave Washington and Lee bitter and vowing never to return. These sentiments are a result of the environment that exists beyond the Colonnade. Whether they realize it or not, the administration sends the vibe that they really could care less about the minority students. Thus, they go through Washington and Lee feeling as though no one will listen, no one understands, and furthermore, no one cares.

This is why Washington and Lee has a hard time recruiting minority students. Incidents such as the Idaho T-shirt are merely a symptom of the real problems that lie within this institution. Until Washington and Lee decides and conveys that minorities are an asset to the community, our beloved school will never reach its full potential.

Sincerely,  
Shanntonne L. Wade '99

### University Sportswear owner speaks out about Idaho shirt

Dear Editor,

University Sportswear would like to publicly apologize to the Washington and Lee community for its role in the production of the Idaho Delegation T-shirt. To be perfectly blunt, we were wrong.

In meetings with offended parties, it has been made known to us that not only this shirt, but shirts we have produced for various organizations in the past, have been offensive. In response, we issue the following pledge: Henceforth we will not produce any product which depicts or perpetuates any racial, cultural or gender based

stereotype, or demeans any racial, cultural or gender based group. This pledge will be prominently displayed in our store and serve as a constant reminder to our customers and ourselves of this policy.

With great personal loss, I have learned a valuable lesson from this episode which has stained the otherwise excellent record of minority and gender relations which my company and I have achieved. It is our express desire that Washington and Lee and its extended community also learn these lessons and use this as a springboard to greater diversity and growth.

Our sincere apology respectfully submitted,  
John D. Baizley

### Secretary of State warns students about vacation dangers

Dear Editor,

As the season of spring breaks and summer vacations approaches, I ask for your assistance in alerting American students about the risks and consequences of reckless behavior while studying or travelling abroad.

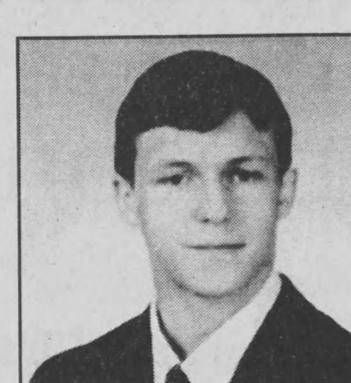
Each year, many American students serve time in foreign jails or await trial in detention because they were unaware of the risks of using or possessing drugs while overseas. Many young Americans are also arrested in foreign lands because of inappropriate behavior associated with heavy drinking.

The State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs is responsible for the protection and welfare of U.S. citizens being held in foreign jails, they cannot get them released.

Additional safety information can be viewed and downloaded from the Consular Affairs' home page of Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Sincerely,  
Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright

## TALKBACK: What is the craziest thing you've ever done at a party?



"Beat up a band member."  
— Ivan Zdanov '02



"I wrestled a blow-up alligator in a kiddie pool."  
— Tara Friedel '02



"I usually don't remember them."  
— Josh Counts '02



"Christie and I got into a bottle throwing contest."  
— Kate Mobley '02

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## Signature Student

### John Comly '01

By Elianna Marziani  
FEATURES EDITOR

Where have you seen that name before? Probably plastered all over the dining hall doors and other strategic places on campus. John Comly just finished a successful race for the presidency of the Executive Committee. Comly served as his class's representative to the E.C. this year and is looking forward to his year presiding over the Committee.

Though he is an economics major and involved in several campus activities including Generals Christian Fellowship, Southern Comfort, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, he considers his work with the E.C. a key part of his time at Washington and Lee University.

"It's been the most rewarding thing I've done at this school," he said.

He thinks that getting more involved by serving as president will be an even more rewarding experience. "I believe in the system and really respect the school and the system," he said. "I thought [serving as president] would be a great honor to do."

Comly did not run with a platform. "I think the duty of the E.C. president is to reflect the current student body's ideas about honor," he said. "My job will be to carry out what the White Book Review comes up with."

He was, however, more than willing to talk about what he thinks of the system, what changes he expects to see, and what the system ideally should be.

He believes that education is very important in making the honor system work. "We're really going to push education," he said.

Next year there will be a new White Book, according to the new system as declared after the 1999-2000 White Book Review is complete. Many students will be relieved to know that the E.C. will be making a new video also. Comly hopes to have an open forum at the beginning of next year to explain the honor system in detail to students.

"I think that a lot of the mistrust comes from people being uninformed," Comly said.

One of the toughest parts of the honor system is the requirement for confidentiality. While Comly says that confidentiality is an absolute necessity to get some witnesses to speak and hence make the system work, it also poses problems.

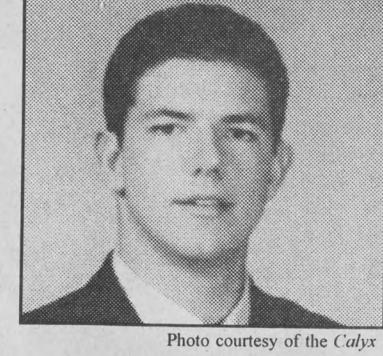


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"If a story gets out, it's only one side," he said. "Students don't get to hear some of the stuff that comes out in hearings."

He hopes to maintain confidentiality, while at the same time have the E.C. say as much as it can and be accountable as it can be to the student body. He stresses that students should talk to candidates running to be their representatives and find out where they stand on issues and what they consider honorable and dishonorable, and then vote for the candidate that they believe represents them. That is the best way for trust in the system to be maintained.

Comly is strongly in favor of the single-sanction honor system. "I don't believe honor can be measured by grade," he said. "Honor is measured in intent, and I believe that can be black and white." He says that, while it is possible that dishonorable people could change and become honorable, at a small school like W&L where the community hinges on people's respect for the system, the single-sanction is crucial.

He is always happy to discuss the honor system with people, and he looks forward to another great year with the E.C.

Q: What are your plans for this summer?

A: "Probably working at a financial services company, possibly also working as a camp leader for a week, for a group like Young Life."

Q: What do you plan on doing after graduation?

A: "Maybe going to law school. I'm also interested in business."

Q: When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: "A fireman and a trash man. Riding on the outside of a moving truck just seemed pretty neat to me."

Q: What was a favorite Halloween costume?

A: "One year I was A.C. Slater from 'Saved by the Bell.' I did the hair thing, tight rolling black jeans, the big white tennis shoes."

He has come a long way.

## Upcoming events...

**24-  
seven**

### Tuesday, March 14

All Day Adjusted class schedule for Phi Beta Kappa Convocation.

A 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
B 8:50 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.  
C 9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.  
D 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
E 11:20 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Convocation 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
F 1:50 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.  
G 2:40 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.  
H 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
I 4:20 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.  
J 5:10 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Convocation. Gail McMurray Gibson, William R. Kenan Jr., Davidson College. Lee Chapel.

3:00 p.m. Baseball. W&L vs. Mary Washington. Smith Field.

8:00 p.m. Spring Choral Concert. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

### Wednesday, March 15

3:00 p.m. Lacrosse (M). W&L vs. Dickinson. Wilson Field.

4:00 p.m.

Lacrosse (W). W&L vs. Lynchburg. Liberty Hall Field.

4:30 p.m.

Lecture. R.W. Apple Jr., chief correspondent for *The New York Times*. Northen Auditorium.

4:30 p.m.

Glasgow Endowment Series Reading. Poet Fleda Brown. duPont Auditorium.

Thursday, March 16

7:30 p.m.

Contact Lecture. "The Future of Politics," Dick Morris, chief political strategist for President Clinton. Lee Chapel.

8:00 p.m.

Lecture. "Japanese Society in Transition," Dorothy Robins-Mowry, former senior foreign service officer. Northen Auditorium.

Friday, March 17

3:00 p.m.

Tennis (M). W&L vs. Guilford College. Varsity Courts.

7:30 p.m.

Film Society. "Tango" (Spain/Argentina, 1998). Troubadour Cinema.

Saturday, March 18

9:00 a.m.

Tennis (M). W&L vs. Eastern Mennonite. Varsity Courts.

2:00 p.m.

Tennis (M). W&L vs. Virginia Wesleyan. Varsity Courts.

Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m.

Tennis (W). W&L vs. Virginia Wesleyan. Varsity Courts.

12:00 p.m.

Baseball. W&L vs. West Virginia Tech. Smith Field. (doubleheader)

1:00 p.m.

Tennis (W). W&L vs. Mary Washington. Varsity Courts.

## A wee bit o' Saint Paddy's day lore

### St. Patrick: The man whose saintly acts inspire rather unsaintly celebrations

By Elianna Marziani  
FEATURES EDITOR

Each year when March 17 rolls around, most of us get visions of rousing parades, "Kiss me, I'm Irish" pins, and the one green outfit in our closet.

St. Patrick's Day is known, and celebrated loudly, throughout the country. But who exactly was the man for whom the day was named?

Patrick was the son of a British nobleman, rather uneducated and not spiritual at all. He was kidnapped at the age of 16 by Irish raiders and sold into slavery to Miliucc, a pagan chieftain-king. Patrick's job was tending the king's sheep. For six years he lived on a rainy mountain, tending the sheep. It was a lonely job, and before long Patrick found himself saying the prayers taught to him by his grandfather, and soon internalizing them and forming a relationship with God.

One night, six years after arriving in Ireland, Patrick heard God's voice telling him, "Soon you will go to your own country. See, your ship is ready." That night Patrick ran away. Eventually he came upon a ship setting sail and begged for passage, promising payment from his parents later. The captain at first refused, at which time Patrick went off for a time of prayer asking for God's guidance. Soon after a sailor came up to him and told him the captain had changed his mind

and would take him home. Before returning home, Patrick visited the famous French bishop, Germanus of Auxerre. During this visit, Patrick deepened his love for Christ and His Scriptures. When he finally reached home, his family and friends were delighted to see him and begged him to stay, but one night Patrick had a vision in which he heard the voices of the Irish calling him back to Ireland.

Patrick knew he had to go. He started his work as a missionary to Ireland in 430 A.D. Ireland was a thoroughly pagan country, led by druids who performed human and animal sacrifices to local gods.

Spiritism, black magic, and occult rituals abounded. Patrick felt it was his calling to introduce all these people to Christianity. In Tara, he had a famous face-off with the highest druid priest, a series of contests of spirits, in which the druid priests lost, all dying or converting. For 30 years Patrick stayed and continued converting Ireland, castle by castle. Patrick met individually with the local kings, telling them about Jesus and gaining per-

mission to spread God's word throughout that kingdom.

By the time he died, Patrick had baptized tens of thousands and turned a predominantly pagan land into one predominantly Christian. He died in Ireland on March 17, c. 460 A.D.

snakes were worshipped; hence, Patrick, who worked on casting paganism from the island, is said to have cast the snakes away.

#### Shamrock:

The Shamrock is a symbol of the Trinity. Before Christianity arose in Ireland, it was sacred to the druids and considered a mystical number. Legend has it that when Patrick gave one of his open-air sermons, he illustrated the Trinity by plucking a shamrock from the grass.

#### Leprechaun:

Perhaps the most greatly debated legend is that of the leprechaun. The most widely accepted legend is that the leprechaun is a dwarf, perhaps 2 feet tall, who is a shoemaker by trade. He is crafty and nearly impossible to catch. He owns a pot of gold, and if someone catches him, he will give him his treasure. However, a person who finds a leprechaun must keep his eye on him, because if he does not, the leprechaun will get away. People try to track him by listening for the sound of his shoemaker's hammer.



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## W&L's Phi Beta Kappa to induct 52

By Elianna Marziani  
FEATURES EDITOR

work in the liberal arts and sciences.

PBK members are generally in the top tenth percentile of their graduating class. Most inductees are undergraduate students, but some chapters, including W&L's, also occasionally induct graduates.

Interestingly, the ceremony at Lee Chapel will not be the actual induction of the new PBK members. According to PBK regulations, the induction must be a more secretive service open only to new and old PBK members. In the evening, a closed ceremony will take place in which each inductee will be given his certificate and key, will be taught the society's secret handshake, and will sign the membership book.

The Lee Chapel ceremony, however, allows the new inductees to be publicly recognized. Classes will be adjusted on Tuesday so that students and faculty will be able to go to the convocation to congratulate these outstanding members of the Washington and Lee community. The ceremony will take place at Lee Chapel at 12:15 p.m.



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### New inductees, elected January 2000:

#### From the Class of 2000

Brittany Anne Ahlstrom

Shannon Elizabeth Bell

Rachel Leanne Bowes

Erin Ashley Buck

Kristen Elizabeth Burr

Joshua Eben Carpenter

Lance Vernon Clack

Edward Cantey Clarkson

David Jason Damiani

Sean Craig Eddy

Hayley King Hall

Christopher Edward Hatzis

Warren Eliot Hedges

Amy Cathryn Kane

Kirsten Rae Malm

Stephanie Ann McKnight

David Jason Miller

Matthew Thomas Mills

Matthew Paul Neumayer

Nancy LeAnne Reinhart

Timothy Norman Reinhart

Ashley Elizabeth Shreves

Susan Neisler Smith

Susan Erica Terzian

Amanda Lauren Thayer

Meredith Lynn Welch

Mary Elizabeth Winfrey

Courtney Catherine Yevich

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Joshua Donald Chamberlain

William David Christ

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Dana Marie Early

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Jordan Samuel Ginsberg

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Anne Cummins Hazlett

Raquelle Alicia Headley

Nathan Rollins Hoot

Rachel Alaina Perdue

Angela Christine Roman

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## Men's lax falls to Gettysburg in defensive showdown

**The Generals held the fourth-ranked Bullets to only six goals but could not capitalize on scoring opportunities**

By Brendan Harrington

STAFF WRITER

In lacrosse, like most other sports, the team that makes the fewest mistakes usually wins the game.

Yesterday afternoon at Wilson Field, fourth-ranked Gettysburg made fewer mistakes and downed second-ranked Washington and Lee 6-4 in an all-out defensive war.

The Bullets netted the game-winning goal with 13:56 left in the fourth quarter when attackman Ric Bremer scored off an Adam Aiello assist to give Gettysburg a 5-4 lead.

Gettysburg played keep-away for the rest of the game and midfielder Tommy Pearce scored on an empty net with 46 seconds left to put the game away.

"We just didn't shoot the ball well today and we made some costly mistakes," W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta said following the game. "We learned a valuable lesson today. You can't make mistakes against a good team and expect to win."

Before yesterday's 6-4 loss, Washington and Lee had won 54 straight games when holding their opponents to eight goals or less. The streak dates back to 1993, when W&L lost to Ohio Wesleyan in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

Bullets goalie Andrew Barter, considered by many to be the best goalie in Division III, made nine saves and shut down the Generals. W&L junior goalie Wes Hays, however, played just as good if not better than Barter, making 12 saves and keeping the Generals in the game.

"Barter is a great player, but we have to shoot better," Stagnitta said. "Wes Hays played a great game. It was two athletic teams going at it today, and we just made too many mistakes."

One of those mistakes took place when Gettysburg scored the game-winning goal.

Junior midfielder Pope Hackney accidentally came off the field, thinking that he was being substituted for. But there was no substitution, and Gettysburg took advantage of the mistake, scoring a goal with the extra man.

Another key mistake took place in the third quarter when junior defenseman Pete Iwancio turned the ball



Photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

**TRYING TO HOLD THEM OFF:** Junior goalie Wes Hayes looks to clear the ball in Sunday's match up against Gettysburg as sophomore Eric Kontargyris and junior Greg Meyers manage surrounding Bullets. The Generals dropped the contest to the fourth-ranked Bullets, 6-4. W&L has not lost a game where their opponents were held under eight goals since 1993.

over in his own zone just after the Generals had killed off a penalty. Bullets attackman Ross Garretson took advantage of the turnover and scored an unassisted goal to give Gettysburg a 4-3 lead.

The Generals also missed a number of opportunities on the offensive end.

"We had a number of opportunities right on the door step but we just didn't finish," Stagnitta said.

The Generals went 0-4 on the extra-man attack, while the Bullets went 1-4. W&L has scored on only 32 percent of their extra-man opportunities so far this year,

and the lack of extra-man offense hurt the Generals against the Bullets.

"I thought we generated good scoring opportunities when we had the extra man," Stagnitta said. "Again, it gets back to being able to finish, and today we didn't finish."

The Generals scored the first goal of the game and took a 1-0 lead when sophomore midfielder Andrew Barnett scored off an assist from senior Colin Dougherty with 8:50 left in the first quarter.

But Gettysburg tied the game less than a minute later on an unassisted goal by Mark Pollack.

Junior attackman Matt Dugan scored two second quarter goals for W&L, and Wes Cadman and Pearce added

goals for Gettysburg to make the score 3-3 at the half.

Garretson took advantage of Iwancio's mistake to give Gettysburg a 4-3 lead with 9:55 left in the third quarter. The Generals tied the game 4-4 as time expired in the third quarter.

The Bullets outshot the Generals 24-23 while W&L won the battle of the ground balls, 43-40. The Generals completed 11 of 20 clears while the Bullets completed 12 of 21 clears.

The Generals are back in action on Wednesday afternoon at Wilson Field against Dickinson.

"We just have to learn from this game," Stagnitta said. "It's a long season, there's plenty of games left to play."

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## Women's lax falls to R-MC

By Steele Cooper  
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's women's lacrosse team could not overcome an early onslaught by the Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon Saturday.

The Generals traveled to Ashland to take on the conference power and were sent home with a 13-8 loss. That first loss of the season brings the General's overall record to 2-1, and their ODAC record to 1-1.

The Yellow Jackets wasted no time getting started and the Generals could not find their rhythm in the first half. R-MC led the Generals 5-1 at the half. The contest was more evenly matched up after the intermission as the Yellow Jackets only outscored the Generals by one goal.

R-MC outshot W&L 33-21, and Generals' senior goal keeper Ginny Jernigan came up with 13 saves.

R-MC was paced by the outstanding performance of conference stand-out Carrie Winkler. She scored four of the Yellow Jackets' five first-half goals on her way to a seven goal day.

Senior Katherine Riddle, freshman Laura Wilson, and sophomore Emily Owens led the Generals in scoring with two goals apiece. Sophomores Courtenay Fisher and Julie Carskadon each came up with one goal on the day.

Sophomore defender Eloise Priest, back on defense after a stint at attack last season, said that the Generals' nerves kept them from playing as hard as they could on Saturday.

"We played a little scared and timid. When we go into a game with confidence and play like we all know we can, we can win and beat everybody," she said.

Priest did say that the transition this season minus several key players from last year's squad had been a smooth one and she was hard-pressed to identify any one area of the game where the Generals would be lacking this season.

The Generals hope to bounce back from this ODAC loss with a win against Lynchburg on Wednesday. Game time is set for 4:00 p.m.

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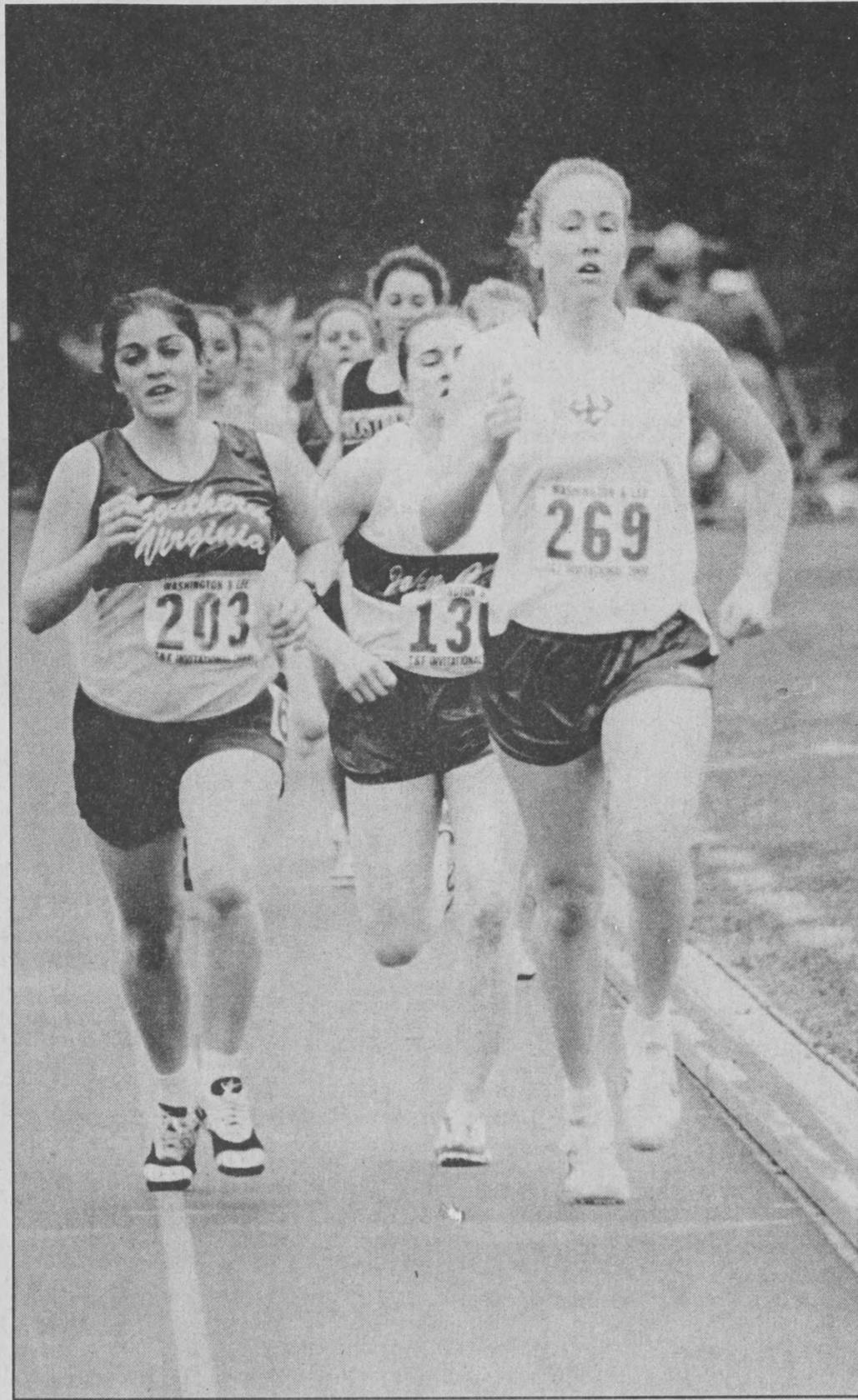


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LEADING THE WAY: Freshman Kelly Schlieter claims the win in the 1500-meter run during Saturday's Washington and Lee Track and Field Invitational.

## Baseball dishes it out and takes it, too

By Mike Weil  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team handed Villa Julie a 15-8 pound-ing on Wednesday before being swept in a double header yesterday against Guilford.

The Generals jumped on Villa Julie early on Wednesday, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first. The Mustang pitcher only retired one batter before being pulled.

W&L notched its largest lead of the game in the sixth inning at 12-3, allowing them to coast to victory.

Freshman right-hander Michael Hanson hurled six quality innings to increase his season record to 3-1.

Freshman leftfielder Bobby Littlehale went 4-for-5 on the day and tallied three runs.

Senior shortstop David Hanson went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, and classmate Schuyler Marshall notched two hits, while driving in two runs and scoring two as well.

The Generals did not experience this same success Sunday however, getting blown away 7-3 and 12-0 by Guilford at the new Smith Field.

Sophomore catcher Todd Gosselink and freshman DH Brian Gladzy led the Generals, each going 2-for-3 in the first game.

The Generals produced no high-lights in second game, falling behind 4-0 in the bottom of the first and coming up with only two hits for the game. Senior Chris Stakem took the loss for W&L.

"Their pitching was a lot better than I expected," said David Hanson. "We didn't put any pressure on them offensively."

The Generals now fall to 7-8 overall, and 0-4 in the ODAC.

"We obviously are in a hole, but baseball's a weird sport," Hanson said. "We just need to get hot, get a streak going. We can still make a run at it."

W&L returns to action Tuesday with a 3 p.m. contest against non-conference foe, Mary Washington.

## Women's track has perfect home record

By Steele Cooper  
SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday, the men's and women's outdoor hosted the W&L Track and Field Invitational. The invitational was the first and last home contest of the season for both squads.

The women came out on top of their field of eight teams, and the men finished fourth of nine teams.

The women claimed victories in a variety of events on Saturday. Senior Jill Kosch took home the titles in both

the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.

Freshman Burke Duncan blew out the competition in the 3,000-meter run and her classmate Kelly Schlieter won the 1,500-meter run.

Senior Amy Calce won the long jump and sophomore Sarah Schmidt surpassed the field in the javelin.

The men's sprints remained strong on Saturday. Junior Marc Watson won the 100-meter dash in 11.02 seconds and the 4x100 relay team took second.

W&L travels to the Roanoke College Invitational on Saturday.



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