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Pi Beta Phi house evacuated

By Alison Trinidad
STAFF WRITER

A faulty steam valve forced Pi Beta Phi sisters to evacuate their sorority house twice in the past week.

"You could see steam on the windows," Pi Phi president Margaret Penn said.

She said that some of the residents initially thought there was a fire, though they realized that was not the case as they evacuated.

"It's just inconvenient," Penn said.

A loud, clanging noise started coming from the basement about 7:15 p.m., Sunday, October 1, junior Mandy Cannon said. She was inside the house studying at the time of the incident.

"It sounded like hammering and construction," Cannon said, "but it was seven at night."

About half an hour later the fire alarm went off, and everyone left the house.

Returning home from General Admission practice at about 8:00 that evening, junior Kristin Herman could see steam coming from the roof. She found her sisters outside in the parking lot. The alarm was still ringing at the time.

After evacuation, the Security Office was called to have the alarm turned off. Security responded to the call and called in the Physical Plant.

The following day, they shut down the line that feeds steam from the central plant to the sororities, cutting off their hot water.

Physical Plant Director Scott Beebe said that an "anomaly" occurred on Sunday. For an unknown reason, the safety valve "popped off" and released steam into the mechanical room. After the Physical Plant examined the pressure relief system, Beebe believes that the contractor left out the piece that ensures all released steam will exit out the roof. Although some steam did escape outside, most of it leaked into the mechanical room. The excessive heat triggered the sprinklers, which then prompted the fire alarm.

Under normal conditions, steam from the central plant is pumped into a converter in the central sorority house mechanical room. The steam is converted into

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photo by Lisa Lin/Photo Editor

EVACUATED. The Phi Beta Pi residents were forced out of their house twice last week because of a faulty steam valve.

Stolen bicycles recovered

By Latrina Stokes
STAFF WRITER

Lexington police recovered several bicycles stolen last week from Washington and Lee dorms and Washington Street fraternity houses.

The theft of the 16 bikes, worth more than \$11,000, occurred Oct. 2 and 3 between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard said that an anonymous tip led the police to discover all of the bikes. They were found encrusted in mud under a residential porch on North Randolph Street.

Seven people have been charged for the thefts.

"We are still investigating because three of the suspects are juveniles," Chief Beard said. "Petitions will be filed for grand larceny against them."

The four adults were charged with grand larceny and possession of stolen property.

Director of Campus Security Mike Young said that one of the victims actually saw some of the bikes being stolen.

"A student observed three white males and one black male ride away," Young said.

Three were juveniles and one was an adult. He thought it suspicious that they would be leaving campus at 3:00 a.m.

"He didn't realize that they were the thieves until later when he found

out that his bike had been stolen," Young said.

Only eight bikes were reported stolen to Campus Security.

Wednesday the Lexington Police Department contacted Campus Security to inform them that all bikes had been recovered. As of Friday, nearly all of the bikes were returned to their owners.

Young said that the thefts were easy because none of the bikes were locked or chained.

Junior Ian McAllister was so busy that he forgot to lock his bike before going into the Science center Monday night.

"I normally lock my bike, but that was the last thing on my mind," McAllister said.

McAllister parked his bike at 11 p.m. He did not discover it was missing until he finished his computer science project at 6 a.m.

"I was shocked and disappointed when I found out that my bike had been stolen," McAllister said.

Initially McAllister felt his confidence in the honor system plummet.

"I felt that the honor system and the whole campus had been violated," he said. "However, I realized it was people off campus and not students, so that wasn't the case."

He was impressed at how quickly local authorities found the culprits.

"W&L security and Lexington police should be commended for apprehending the thieves," he said.

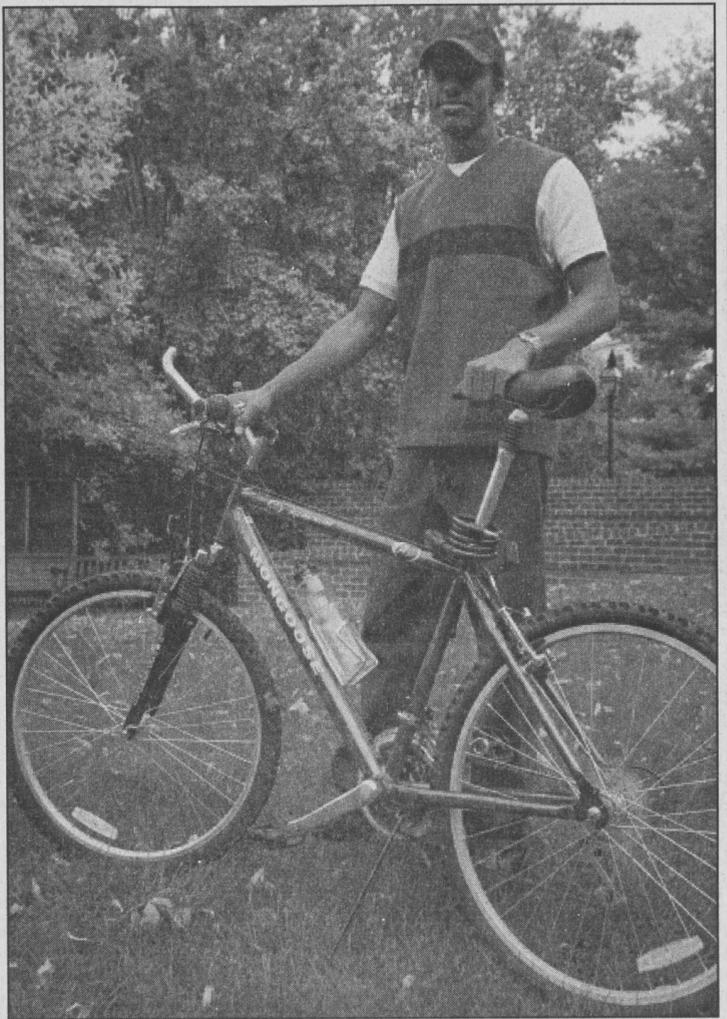


photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

REUNITED. Junior Ian McAllister stands with his newly recovered bike, one of 16 stolen from Washington and Lee students.

Contact speaker debunks the supernatural

By Mike Agnello
STAFF WRITER

UFO's, ghosts, angels, and reincarnation all remain largely unexplained—unless your name is Dr. Paul Kurtz.

"If you cannot prove it, suspend judgment," Kurtz said in his lecture Thursday night in Lee Chapel.

Kurtz, Professor Emeritus at State University of New York in Buffalo, specializes in unexplained, supernatural phenomena, and offers his services on numerous TV shows as an expert skeptic. He has appeared on "Sally Jesse Raphael," "Larry King Live," and numerous local and national news programs. Critical of the media, he said that the press sensationalizes supernatural phenomena stories to draw viewers, and seldom presents a critical image.

"When I'm on television, I'm usually the only professed skeptic, while there are usually at least three 'believers,'" he said.

Most people who see these things, Kurtz said, suffer from crypto-amnesia, in which the mind distorts memories trapped in the subconscious. He noted that President Jimmy Carter once reported he saw a UFO, only to find out later that it was really the planet Venus at dusk.

Such incidents are not uncommon, he said, because people's minds see what they want to believe is true. The same thing applies to horoscopes, which he said are completely invalid.

"I've given a classroom full of people the same horoscope, and they all said it applied to them somehow," he said.

Kurtz also stressed the upward trend in belief in the supernatural in the United States, saying that America ranks number one among western nations in several paranormal and supernatural categories.

"It's ironic that belief in [the supernatural] has increased almost proportionately with progress in science and tech-

nology," he said.

Kurtz also talked at length on reincarnation. He said that in many experiments, students under hypnosis were asked to "take [the person performing the experiment] back" to their "previous life."

"These students have admitted to being everything from a Neanderthal to a Roman soldier in their previous lives," he said, adding that the vivid details the students provided only further proved how implausible it was.

"All you have to do is check the factual information in their stories, and you'll find that many are incorrect," he said.

On an appearance on "Sally Jesse Raphael," Kurtz left no doubt of his skepticism. After watching guests under hypnosis admit to past lives in different periods of history, he asked:

"Tell me, has anybody here had a past life as a cocker spaniel?"

Sophomore Christina Twomey, who did not agree with Kurtz's presentation,

said that he used distinctly unreliable sources to illustrate the opposition's point of view and applied rational thought to irrational phenomena.

"He didn't do a good job of presenting either point of view," Twomey said.

Though he said he found the lecture entertaining, freshman Daniel Vos agreed.

"A lot of his principles were pretty commonsense," Vos said.

Twomey said she was surprised that the Contact Committee, which brings in many well-received speakers, invited Kurtz.

"I thought it was awful. . . I hope they didn't spend a lot of money on him," she said.

Contact Committee member Mike Stefan said that he was pleased with Kurtz's lecture and presentation.

"The Contact Committee tries to bring speakers of educational and/or entertainment value," Stefan said. "We thought Dr. Kurtz achieved both of these ends."

Beer flows freely at drinking experiment

By Katie Howell
STAFF WRITER

The drinks were on Washington and Lee Wednesday night as several students took part in the Controlled Drinking Experiment.

The event, sponsored by LIFE and the Peer Counselors, was designed to promote alcohol awareness, and drew in 25 student participants from various campus organizations.

Teams of two students representing university organizations participated in the experiment, one to drink and the other to aid the drinker. Participants, all 21 or older, consumed two beers at their own pace within the first 45 minutes. They then waited 15 minutes before taking a BAC test administered by Lexington Police and the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office. The drinkers' partners helped them to fill out their forms and to keep track of time. Participants then continued to drink and to test themselves after each beer.

"We do this presentation to give people the idea of how little alcohol it takes to get a BAC," Lindsey Duran, LIFE co-chair for the Substance Committee, said.

Participants drank up to six beers within two hours, though they were allowed to stop whenever they chose. At the end of the night, each drinker took a sobriety test.

LIFE and Peer Counseling representatives posted the results from the BAC and sobriety tests on a wall of the GHQ, in order to keep track of the effects of alcohol on each drinking participant.

"We posted the information not only to show the alcohol effect rate, but also to show the differences in effects on individuals, for example men and women or large and small people," LIFE co-advisor Dr. Jane Horton said.

Student band Poston Brown Project played while students and spectators enjoyed snacks and drinks. LIFE and Peer Counselors also furnished beer goggles and Alcohol 101, a simulated drinking computer game.

"I think it is a good idea for the school to promote alcohol education," H.N. Ferguson Rockbridge County Deputy Sheriff said. "It is important for students to know their legal limits so that they can be responsible drinkers."

Organizations participating in the activity included Environmental Law, Rutherford Institute, Executive Committee, Federalist Society, Rho Chis, Trident, Law School, GHQ, Club Softball, Dorm Counselors, PRIDE, College Republicans, Student Bar Association, Independents, fraternities, and sororities.

Duran said that she hopes that the participants will recognize the true aim of the experiment.

"We hope people will come away from this with a lesson," she said.

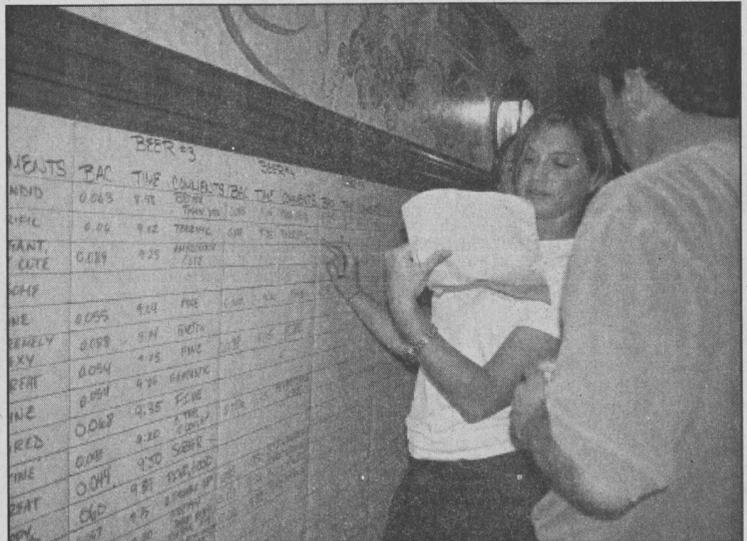


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WHAT'S YOUR BAC? LIFE members tally results of the drinking experiment.

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W&L's third maxim:
"Love it or leave it"

Kid A takes the stage:
This week's music review

Women's Soccer:
10-1 win over Guilford

Last Word:
A typical day premieres

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THE WORLD THIS WEEK

By Mehul Srivastava
STAFF WRITER

Kostunica sworn in as Yugoslav president

Vojislav Kostunica took office as Yugoslavia's president elect this Sunday after widespread protests and international pressure forced Slobodan Milosevic to hand over the reins to Kostunica.

The recently held elections were allegedly rigged in Milosevic's favor. He had ruled Yugoslavia for the past 13 years and was widely believed to have been extremely corrupt.

No announcements have been made yet about investigations into these allegations, fueling speculation that some kind of deal might have been struck. Nor has any decision been reached about his extradition so that he can be tried for human rights abuse charges.

However, all of these reports remain unconfirmed. Kostunica was welcomed into office by several nations, and he has been invited to an European Union summit where he would receive emergency aid from the European nations. The economy responded positively, with the Yugoslav Dinar rising against the Deutsch Mark.

In related news, China denies rumours that Milosevic would try to flee to Beijing with the about \$150 million worth of gold reserves.

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hot water used by all five of the sorority houses. Pressure must be regulated as the demand for heat changes. When the safety pressure is exceeded, a safety valve releases steam through a pipe that exits through the roof.

Beebe has contacted the contractor to make the necessary adjustments and aims to have the problem repaired within the week. Although the problem is the contractor's responsibility, the Physical Plant hopes to alleviate the strain on students.

"We don't want to inconvenience [them]," he said. "It's a new building and we want to get the bugs fixed."

When the alarm went off again the following

AIDS vaccine trials

South Africa's Medical Research Council announced Wednesday that heating breast milk from a mother carrying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) could prevent the virus' transmission from mother to child.

Council president Malegapuru Makgoba also announced that South Africa will begin clinical trials in February of an HIV vaccine developed with the United States. The trials will last several years, but Makgoba hopes to have results by 2005.

A large number of infants are infected with HIV by their mothers in South Africa, where 10 percent of people are infected with HIV, one of the highest infection rates on the African continent.

The council reported that heating a mother's breast milk upto 65 degrees Celsius for 20 minutes leaves 80 percent of the milk's antibodies and nutrients and provides an alternative to expensive anti-retroviral drugs.

Israeli border clashes

Islamic guerrillas operating out of Lebanon traded fire with the Israeli army and captured three soldiers during nine days of fighting between Palestinians and Israelis. Responding, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak set a 48 hour ultimatum for Palestinians to halt their assaults on military outposts and civilian settlements. Observers fear that recent clashes may derail the current Israeli/Palestinian peace talks.

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Wednesday, residents of the house were prepared to handle the situation. Herman said that she knew what was going to happen when the lights began to flicker. This time, however, the Physical Plant did not have to turn off the hot water line.

Although not strictly necessary, the girls stayed outside until the alarm was turned off. The most common complaint concerned the alarm's volume.

The other sorority houses, including Theta and Chi-O, let the Pi Phis stay inside of their houses until the problem subsided.

"I credit the girls for doing what they were supposed to do," Director of Security Mike Young said. "I appreciate that."



New Film Observes 130th Anniversary of Lee's Death

Lee: Beyond the Battles, a new documentary film by Rubicon productions examining the life and legacy of Robert E. Lee will be shown in Lee Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:00p.m. Created and directed by alumnus Drew Perkins '84, with journalism professor Robert de Maria as associate producer, the film features interviews with historians Ted DeLaney, Holt Merchant, and Taylor Sanders, all professors of history, and Vaughan Stanley, associate professor and special collections librarian. Merchant also served as the project's academic coordinator. The film will be shown on PBS next year.

-courtesy Robert de Maria and Lee Chapel Museum

W&L Professors Receive \$224,000 from NSF

Frank Settle, professor of chemistry at Washington and Lee, and Tom Whaley, professor of computer science at W&L, have received a grant from the National

Science Foundation totaling \$224,000 to continue work on a web-based project titled "The Alsos Digital Library."

Alsos, the code name for the U.S. Army's intelli-

gence unit assigned to collect information on German atomic bomb projects, focuses on the Manhattan Project, the massive scientific and technological effort that produced the first atomic bomb. "The goal of the Alsos project," explained Settle, "is to provide a wide range of references to resources for the study of the Manhattan Project to as large an audience as possible. We anticipate this project will strengthen the quality of education by connecting different disciplines, issues and ideas surrounding nuclear energy."

Alsos was the code name for the U.S. Army's intelligence unit assigned to collect information on German atomic bomb projects during World War II. As well as searching and indexing tools that allow a user to explore the web site, Alsos will contain a set of audio and visual references that will include indexed, digitized sound tracks and images. Links to vetted web sites will also be provided. Settle sees this site as being useful in organizing classes, seminars and other projects on the atomic bomb. He currently leads an interdisciplinary seminar on the atomic bomb at W&L.

The project is a component of the National Science Digital Library program that involves approximately 42 colleges and universities. The goal of this program is to provide resources for teaching science, mathematics, engineering and technology to students from kindergarten through adult learners.

Settle joined the W&L faculty in 1998. He has been a member of the Virginia Military Institute faculty and has served as program director for chemistry in the division of undergraduate education for the National Science Foundation.

-courtesy W&L website



Corporation and the Office of Health Education.

7:30 pm — Lecture. Dr. Heloisa Medina of the University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program. Room 327, Williams School.

Thursday

Undergraduate reading day
12:05 pm — Lee Memorial Service. Speaker John Y. Simon, professor of history at Southern Illinois University.
3:00 pm — Lecture. "R.E. Lee: The Exhibition," John Coski, director of library and research, Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond. Northern Auditorium, Leyburn Library.
7:00 pm — Documentary Film. "Lee: Beyond the Battles." Lexington premiere. Lee Chapel.

Friday

Undergraduate reading day

Sunday

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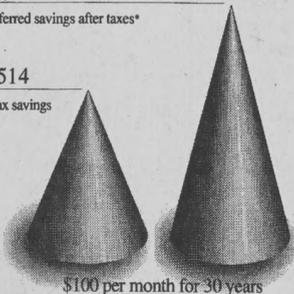
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Residence Life Positions, 2001-2002

If you are interested in becoming a dorm counselor or resident assistant next year, please make plans to attend one of three information sessions that will be offered on October 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00 pm in University Center 113. At these sessions current residence life staff members will discuss their roles, explain the application and interview process, and answer any questions you might have. Applications will be available only at these information sessions.

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W&L's third maxim: "Love it or leave it"

In addition to upholding honor and entertaining the speaking tradition, Washington and Lee's third maxim should be "love it or leave it."

Too often I read articles denouncing W&L idiosyncrasies, the very features that make this school unique. Or I'll hear a vague murmur of complaints lingering around the Co-op. Or I'll see students carrying Atlas's burden on their shoulders as they sludge down the Colonnade.

For Christ's sake, we're 20 years old. What can be so bad? Oh my God, the workload. The stress. Why can't college just be beer and sex?

"Hey, what's up?"
"Ohhhh I have a 15 page paper to write by tomorrow, an Econ test Thursday, 9,422,015 pages to read by Friday, a beruit tournament Wednesday, a date function Friday, tailgating on Saturday, AND I have to meet my roommates at the Southern Inn in two hours."

Oh, the humanity of it all. Yeah, everyone has work,

and usually a lot of it. So it's like Nietzsche said, "If everyone is guilty, then no one is guilty." So I figure, if everyone has a lot of work to do, then no one has a lot of work to do. Life really isn't that bad.

The onslaught of work is the common lament most often swinging by my ears. I can understand how getting an education can muddle your thoughts and make

you cranky. But what blows me away is when people complain about the lack of diversity on campus. Or the honor code. Or anxieties induced by date functions. What I love the most is how much it infuriates people that everyone wears J. Crew. You'd think that with that 15 page paper due tomorrow you'd be worrying about other things. I really haven't found the popularity of Abercrombie all that offensive, but I might be missing something.

Why would you go to W&L if you were in search of variety? This is the last place I'd apply to if I wanted to be amongst experimental fashion. And how can you com-

plain about the honor code when almost everyone relies on it to safeguard their Banana cardigans? Another thing I haven't found much fault in are the insane excuses for date parties. What's the deal? You get a date, you get a date. You don't — will you be marked as a social pariah and given a separate table in the D-hall? I don't think the social chairmen of W&L planned it with the cruel intention to alienate insecure students. I'm pretty sure it's just supposed to be fun. But once again, I might be missing something.

Stop complaining. We're young. We're relatively intelligent. We have something to do every weekend. We have ice cream. We have beautiful days outside the Co-op. We have the Simpsons, we have Britney Spears. What else is there?

I guess I'm claiming a certain degree of hypocrisy, in complaining about how people complain too much. So goes life. Is there anything that bad that can't be solved by a beer and a slice of Domino's or a carton of Phish Food? I didn't think so. Stop pulling your hair out and go meet your roommates at the Southern Inn.

Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

Can I tell you how little fun I am having as a senior woman? I like that "senior woman" makes me sound graying (found the first the other day), creaky (like a flight of stairs), crabby (have you talked to me lately?) and old enough to receive the senior's discount at Mickey D's. Bring it on, I say. But, back to me not having any fun.

I made a deal with my dear friend Ted at the beginning of the year. We decided that we wouldn't become the horrible seniors that are never seen anywhere, never leave their houses, never do anything remotely cool or exciting. Rather we'd participate in anything and everything. We planned on attending every tailgate. Fine, until the first, when I was reminded that I would rather use an Epilady to remove every last strand of hair from my head than go to a tailgate.

Not my cup of tea really, standing around sweating in a cute dress. Ted, I must say, has held up his end of the bargain and seems to be living up his senior year. I salute you! I, on the other hand, did not even venture out once this weekend.

The reason being is that, in my old age, I have mountains of work to do. Not silly little assignments, which I certainly do have but am blissfully ignoring at the moment. I'm talking about life-affecting work: Filling out endless applications, writing personal statements till I don't even like myself, convincing my thesis that it should cooperate with me. ("No!" it says.) All necessary evils - sure I don't have to do them, but someday I would like to rise above no-frills food and scratchy econo TP and have a career. To have a career, I need to go to graduate school. To go to graduate school - yes, back to the applications, we are.

I've spent the majority of my weekend in the Science Center. Not that there has been anyone here to witness it, because you were all out smartly living your College Experience. I could deny my whereabouts, but being a good, truth-telling W&L student and a self-professed nerd, I feel no shame in admitting spending both Friday and Saturday night in the Science Center of Doom.

No shame, but I certainly didn't enjoy it. I thought of you all, out there in frat land raising your cans of Natty to some nameless frat band. Wearing a tarty outfit, no doubt breaking all sorts of fashion rules. Getting your groove thing on with a wee little freshman. Getting down with your bad self in some frat basement. Sketching out at Late Night. Closing down the Palms. Stumbling home blind drunk. Stumbling to someone else's home blind drunk. Breaking one ankle and spraining the other after Superman-ing off someone's roof. (Cheers, Stephen!)

Did you think about silly little me, wearing one blue sock and one brown sock, rotting away, typing like a monkey all night? And we call this a friendly school. No one brought me a can of Natty or Beast or Keystone Light to refresh my body and rejuvenate my mind. A G&T or Jack & Coke from the Palms would have really hit the spot, you know. We need an all-night drink delivery service at this school. (Maybe "need" is too strong a word.)

Not that I drink all the time or even that copiously, since I probably still have alcohol in my system from my riotous freshman year, but I have come to appreciate a good drink every now and again.

Well, kids (kids 21 years of age and older), please go ahead and get excited. Come tomorrow night when all my pre-Reading Days work is be finished and happily residing in a professor's hand, I will leave the Science Center. I will go home, change out of my funny studying clothes (I've been going for the homeless person/kindergarten-allowed-to-dress-herself look), shower (woo-hoo!), and put on something nice. I will then take my bad self to the Palms and start my weekend a little late. That is the one perk of being a senior woman: Being able to drink on your own schedule. It may not be a Friday or Saturday but I still know how to swing with the best of them. As you're reading this I am probably at the Palms already, getting hit on by men with mullets or dancing on a table. God bless that place.

The joy it has brought to my sad little life!
Note to self: wear matching socks.

Quote of the week:

"Wait 'til I bring my tutu to class."
— Anonymous male professor

Three cheers for Vermont and democracy

Last April, following a state Supreme Court ruling which prompted a bill legally recognizing homosexual unions as marriages, the Vermont legislature passed a bill that created "civil unions."

The governor, Howard Dean, quietly but quickly signed the bill into law.

Soon a flood of homosexual couples from across the nation inundated

Vermont, the only place in the world where they could get "C.U.ed." Even though Vermont is in the traditionally liberal Northeast and is the only state with a Socialist in Congress, this measure has been considered totally unacceptable by most of its citizens. To them, and to others who value true representative democracy, it represents a judiciary, legislature, and executive who have collectively forsaken representation in favor of politically-correct social engineering.

The case that spawned this ill-considered legislation, *Baker v. Vermont*, is a shining example of the harm that judicial activism causes. The ruling issued by the court mandated that the legislature create a law granting all rights and privileges of marriage to homosexual couples. It completely ignored all constitutional checks and balances requiring that the judiciary merely interpret laws, not create them. The court vastly overstepped its bounds and created rights that aren't in the Vermont Constitution, unabashedly legislating from the bench.

The legislature followed orders without a whisper of protest. Seemingly unaware that not one town meeting, a centuries old tradition of governance in the Green Mountain State, favored civil unions for same-sex couples, the legislature sent a bill on the governor's desk only four months after the ruling was handed down. Governor Dean,

who had no signing ceremony so "the healing could begin," gleefully affixed his signature.

However, the people of Vermont have not forgotten this disregard for their wishes and flexed their electoral muscle in last month's primary by declining to renominate all five Repub-

licans who voted for the civil unions bill, instead opting for

candidates who stand in favor of traditional marriage. Governor Dean also faces an unexpected challenge from politically-unknown Ruth Dwyer, who has based her campaign on her opposition to civil unions.

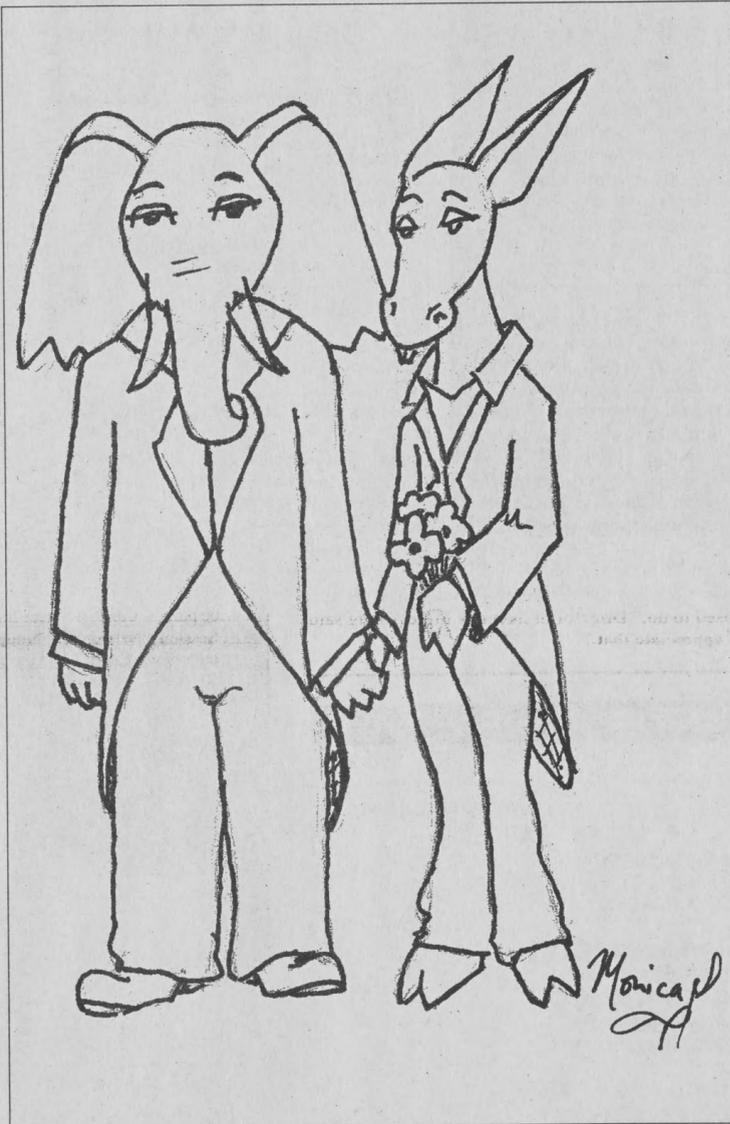
The election has largely become a referendum on same-sex unions. The strong reaction of the people of Vermont is not because of their opposition to civil unions, but rather because of the way in which the measure was foisted upon them. This strong statement is due more to democracy's circumvention than same-sex unions' recognition. Liberals who forced homosexual unions down the throats of Vermonters did so without their approval and without consulting them.

In return, this fiercely independent state has launched "Take Back Vermont," "Take It To the People," and other grassroots movements in favor of traditional marriage. Voter registration is at an all-time high and participation in the primary was also unusually high.

Like Vermont, America will not except the liberal social agenda that many left-wing activists seek to impose on our country through regulatory trickery and judicial action. Liberal social crusaders should take note of Vermont's example of democracy in action and rethink their plans for social engineering.

Right of the aisle

Brett T. Kirwan '04



Enjoy the month of October

Disgruntled Geeks
Megan Mulligan & Katie Palcho '01

Most people have a favorite food, song, band, or pair of jeans. But have you ever taken a moment to think about your favorite calendar month? If so, you may be inclined to choose April or May, when flowers are blossoming and birds are whistling. But give us a chance to test out our persuasive journalistic skills, to convince you that October should be your favorite month. Here is a list of "The 10 Greatest Things About October."

1. Fall Reading Days
2. Homecoming
3. Season Premieres of our favorite shows that have

- been in rerun all summer
 4. It's the unofficial "candy" month
 5. Daylight Savings Time Ends a.k.a. we gain an hour of sleep
 6. October has 31 days so you don't feel cheated
 7. Baseball Playoffs
 8. Halloween
 9. Friday the 13th
 10. Sitting on a porch with friends, listening to music, drinking a tasty beverage...Need we say more?
- So let's see some October spirit on the W&L campus. Go for a drive, play in the leaves, carve a pumpkin and eat some Mary Janes. (As a side-note, Megan would like to say, that while she does enjoy October and supports this column, she does not share my extreme passion for this month.)

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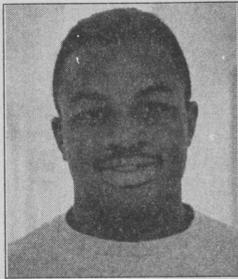
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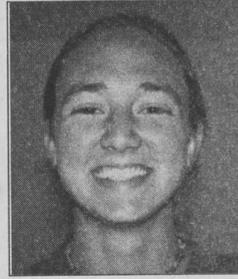
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-Kathryn Drinkard '04



"I'm going to stay around to do a little work and have some fun."
-Jonathan Wortham '04



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-Catarina Passidomo



"I'm going to the University of Virginia to visit friends of friends."
-Rob Burnside '04

TALKback: What are you doing for Fall Break?

Sorting out the "fuzzy math"

After watching the Presidential debates last week, much remains a mystery. How did Bush manage to sound knowledgeable about the issues? Is "fuzzy math" a credit course at St. Alban's or Harvard? For that matter, how did Arnold Schwarzenegger manage to get the plastic surgery and the vocal implants to facially and audibly resemble Al Gore? Last time I looked, Gore did not have a twenty-four inch neck. Kidding aside, we need to take a good hard look at these two clowns and see how what they say they're going to do matches up with actual reality.



Slippery Soapbox

Mike Agnello '02

dates' political twisting of the numbers more than their discussion of Bush's tax proposal. I only mention Bush's because Gore did not seem to have one that could be explained coherently. Bush rightly accused Gore of using "fuzzy math" when attacking his tax plan. The math itself was not false, but it ignored an entire set of figures.

Bush's inability to respond effectively from his hip pocket prevented him from pointing out that regardless of the benefits rich people incur under his plan, an additional six million American families would no longer pay federal income tax. Gore, who is

"fighting for working families" and just about every other group you can think of, should have praised Bush for his doubling of the child tax credit.

Bush, who has an edge over Gore on the education issue, bore the wrath of the Vice-President Gore when he alleged that the portion of Bush's tax cut benefiting the top one percent amounted to more than his proposed spending increases on education, Medicare, and Social Security combined. Even though this tax cut is ten percent or less, this is a no-brainer. These 2.8 million are paying most of the bills, and only getting a small crumb in return. By W's reasoning, everybody can be happy with this. When Bush says he means to return some of the budget surplus to "you folks who pay the bills," there's an

unspoken elaboration: "Especially y'all who don't get 90 percent of your taxes back at the end of the year."

Most importantly, voters need to remember one thing: Neither candidate is talking about real numbers. Whether you choose to believe them or not, the figures are based on the projected budget surplus for the following year. A smaller surplus would leave Bush with less to offer, and Gore more political opportunity. A larger one would favor Bush.

Even if you are a simple-minded person who says, "I vote with my checkbook," you are in for a hard decision. The best you can hope for, and indeed the best America can hope for, is that you put aside your shallow notions of self-interest and vote for the greater good of the country.

Right to life depends on Bush

Tuesday night's presidential debate brought to focus the right to abortion, hotly contested for three decades since *Roe v. Wade*. Should Governor Bush win, the likelihood of the Court shifting sufficiently to overturn *Roe* seems fair at worst. On the other hand, a Gore victory would almost certainly bolster the Court's already solidly pro-choice slant.

For the first time in a while, abortion matters in presidential politics — and for the first time in a while, Americans must discard pro-life/pro-choice banter and instead vote for a higher platform: Pro-Constitution.

A look at the bench underscores the importance of the upcoming election to the fate of abortion. At present, the abortion vote weighs 6-3 in favor, with Justices Stevens, Ginsburg, O'Connor, Breyer, Souter and Kennedy supporters and Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas opposed. Justice Stevens, now 78, suffers from prostate cancer. Justice Ginsburg is battling colon cancer. And Chief Justice Rehnquist may decide to retire if Bush is elected. Other variables abound, but the consensus is that if Ginsburg, Rehnquist and Stevens all retire under Bush, the right to abortion will disappear.

As well it should.

Rhetoric and banter aside, from a purely constitutional standpoint, *Roe* stands as a travesty of justice and should be overturned. The first flaw in the Court's ruling in *Roe* was its assertion that abortion is a fundamental right, thereby applying a strict scrutiny test that is nearly impossible for the government to satisfy. The Court seeks precedent under the veil of *penumbra*, an opinion evinced by Jus-

tice Douglas in 1965 in *Griswold v. Connecticut* claiming that the Fourteenth Amendment loosely encompasses a fundamental right to privacy.



Compassionate Conservative

Mike Press '04

How- ever, the distinction between

terminating a life and disseminating birth control information (as was the case in *Griswold*) is too vast to warrant invoking this wholly tenuous right in the case of abortion. A fundamental right should be unequivocal: In *Griswold* the issue of birth control pamphlets involved fewer (and more benign) implications than abortion.

Indeed, who is the Court to decide the relative importance of a mother's right and the natural progression of life? In the words of Justice White, there is "no constitutional warrant for imposing such an order of priorities on the people and legislatures of the states," thereby valuing "the convenience, whim or caprice of the putative mother more than the life or potential life of the fetus." Any effort by the Court to such an end on so divisive an issue — an issue rooted in religious convictions that many value above all else — would be tantamount to creating social policy — a job the Constitution explicitly reserves for Congress alone.

In short, the Court in *Roe* overstepped its constitutional bounds by effecting legislation and recklessly interpreting the Fourteen Amendment. A conservative Court under Bush would do well to remedy this poor exercise of judicial review and in so doing restore the vitality of the Constitution.

The Constitution, and we Americans, have suffered enough: it is time to end abortion in America.



photo by Lisa Lin/Photo Editor

DEBATE WATCH 2000. Last Tuesday night nearly 100 students and faculty screened the debate with the Politics Department. Afterwards, 57 of the watchers responded to a poll. The results are shown at right.

The Politics Department Debate Watch Poll

Party identification:	Who won?
59.7% Republican	31.6% Gore
19.3% Independent	22.8% Bush
15.8% Democrat	40.3% No one
5.3% Libertarians	

Pre-debate preference:

1.8% Buchanan
56% Bush
19.3% Gore
21% Undecided
1.8% Not voting

Opinion Shift after debate:

1 person	Gore to Bush
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52 people	Unaffected

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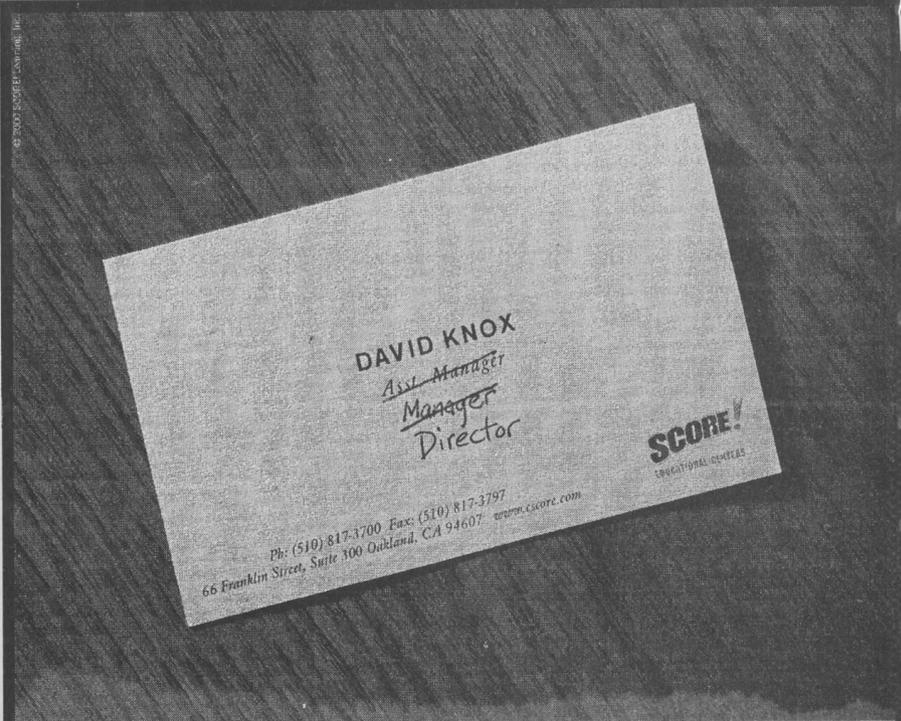
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Radiohead's *Kid A* is the new punk album

By Heather McDonald
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a wasteland, the kind T.S. Elliot made famous. Imagine angry-looking bears with sniper rifles on a landscape of snow-white sharp angles, volcanoes and grey-red skies. It could be a film, but no, it's Radiohead's long awaited CD, *Kid A*.

The Bends it is not. It is a concept CD, a rock opera, a painting in sound. It is experimental, postmodernist, both ugly and beautiful. If it sounds like I'm analyzing a poem, well, I just might be. After the great alt-rock angst-ridden *Bends* and *OK Computer*, (not to mention the ever-popular *Pablo Honey*), *Kid A* is about something new, blending ambient sounds, electronica-influ-

ences and general Thom-Yorke-ishness. I want to call it the prototype for a new era in music (possibly hence the title?), but in this age of "Total Request Live" I do not blame the masses for not understanding anything out of the three main genres blared across Top 40 stations everywhere (those three genres are boy bands/Christina/Britney/Mandy/whoever's 14, blonde and has breasts, the generic angry hard rock band of the moment, and the newest perversion of something that used to be hip-hop).

When R.E.M. put out *Automatic for the People*, they declared it a punk album. Why? Because it went against all the grunge, all the generic alternative music with which R.E.M. is usually classified. *Kid A* is the new punk album. It is unlike anything you've ever heard and, chances are, no one will truly understand it. I know I don't, but I do like it.

Kid A is a soundtrack — but for what, no one's sure. One review I read declared it the perfect accessory for the stylish stoner, but I doubt Radiohead

had only that in mind while creating an aural masterpiece. In the grand tradition of the Radiohead rumor, it might be fun background music for other activities as well.

Kid A is a CD for the true music lover, especially those who go beyond the liner notes and simply sit and listen. Beyond the initial sales, I predict *Kid A* will be a commercial flop. In 20 years, bands will be talking about this CD and how it's influenced them. In the meantime, I'll simply be listening to the CD for the hell of it.



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NEW AND IMPROVED: Radiohead released their latest album, *Kid A*, on October 3.



By Michael Crittenden
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

After a long weekend of getting beat down and wearing myself down, there needed to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Luckily there was, in the form of Abita's Purple Haze, a fine ale from Abita Springs, La. Though I tend to be skeptical when confronted with a beer whose name is a catchy allusion, Purple Haze lives up to its classic-rock roots and delivers a fine raspberry ale.

Crafted by the Abita Brewing Company in Louisiana, Purple Haze is a classic American wheat beer that has raspberries added during a crucial second-fermentation. A slightly murky amber, the beer has a distinctive berry smell that sets the stage for the soothing taste of raspberry ale.

Though I am not a berry beer type of guy, Purple Haze satisfies due to its

carefully crafted background. The beer is brewed with Abita spring water, found on an ancient Choctaw Indian reservation in Louisiana. The water is pulled from a deep well for each batch of beer.

Abita is also notable for its use of three different hops and a number of yeasts, which are the backbone to a quality ale. Pale, crystal and chocolate malts are combined in the brewing process with yeast, water and hops to make this a pure beer without the preservatives found in other beers. Though it makes Purple Haze's shelf life a tad shorter than most beers, the fine taste makes it worth it.

Overall, I give Purple Haze a 7 out of 10 on the year 2000 Beer-O-Rama scale (one point deducted out of principle for it being a fruity beer). A good autumn ale to have around the holidays or with some chicken or pork kabobs, Purple Haze is worth the chance if you are trying to decide on a different wheat beer for your next get together.

You can find out more information about Purple Haze or Abita's many other fine brews at www.abita.com. It can be purchased at various stores in town, but your best bet is Main St. Market, where a six-pack is about \$6.

If you have suggestions for possible beers to be reviewed, email me at crittendenm@wlu.edu. Otherwise, until next week have a great Reading Days and tip back a glass for me.



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HARD AT WORK: Crittenden searches for another quality beer to test his sophisticated palate.



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Generals roll over week's competition

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team won two Old Dominion Athletic Conference games at home this week, edging Emory & Henry 1-0 and hammering Guilford by a 10-1 score.

The Generals defeated Emory & Henry by a seemingly narrow margin on Tuesday. In actuality, the Generals dominated the game, outshooting the Wasps 46-0. Emory & Henry goalkeeper Melissa Berry stopped 23 shots to keep her team in the contest.

The Wasps' defense was the true story of the game, stopping the Generals repeatedly, as most of Berry's saves were from long shots. The Generals' only goal came with 13:10 left in the game, when senior Sam Garbisch took a shot that hit the post. Freshman Heather Coleman scored off the rebound for the game-winning goal.

The 10-1 score of Washington and Lee's game against Guilford on Saturday was more indicative of the Generals' domination. Freshman Fontaine Marcoux opened the scoring halfway through the first half after a shot from junior Kate Bidwell hit the post.

"Once we score one, we get some

confidence and it comes together," senior captain Liz Olsen said.

Sophomore Ruth-Hill Yeilding scored the second goal off an assist from freshman Sara Jurkowsky. The Generals' third goal came with two minutes left in the second half, when Yeilding passed to Bidwell, who put the ball over the head of goalkeeper Jenny Akman.

Nine minutes into the second half, sophomore Jenny Thomas, who had previously been denied by Akman, scored an unassisted goal. Three minutes later, Thomas beat two defenders in the Quakers' zone and passed to Marcoux, who notched her second goal of the game to put W&L up 5-0.

One minute later, Akman tackled a General in the penalty box. Freshman Meghan Hayde scored on the ensuing penalty kick to extend W&L's advantage to six goals.

Five minutes after the Hayde tally, Marcoux went in alone against Akman, but was denied the hat-trick goal. With 19 minutes left in the half, freshman Susannah Hewlett went in alone and won a loose ball for an empty-net goal. Soon afterwards, Yeilding took a shot that Akman was unable to control, and Hewlett picked up the loose ball for her



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WALK IN THE PARK. Junior Kate Bidwell moves the ball upfield in the Generals' 10-1 win over Guilford on Saturday.

second goal of the game.

Guilford scored their only goal with 7:27 left in the game, when Megan Barolet-Fogarty deflected a shot past senior Lauren Harris.

"We are still struggling," head coach Jan Hathorn said of the W&L defense. "We don't contain people, and that's why that one goal went in." Freshman Heather Coleman scored

for the Generals with 3:18 left in the game off an assist from senior Courtney Nolan. Yeilding again scored when Olsen ran down the left side and gave a perfect feed for the final goal.

"Our ball possession was good and people played well together," Hathorn said of the overall team effort.

The Generals (7-4, 6-3 ODAC) will host Hollins on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming events in General athletics...

Football			
Sat.	October 14	Hampden-Sydney	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 21	Sewanee (Homecoming)	1:30 p.m.
Men's and Women's Cross Country			
Sat.	October 14	Virginia State Meet	TBA
Riding			
Fri.	October 20	at Hollins	TBA
Men's Soccer			
Wed.	October 11	at Eastern Mennonite	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	October 13	at Manhattanville	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	October 15	at Emory & Henry	1:30 p.m.
Thu.	October 19	Bridgewater	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 21	St. Mary's (Md.)	3:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer			
Wed.	October 11	Hollins	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 14	at Carnegie Mellon	1:00 p.m.
Wed.	October 18	Ferrum	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 21	Roanoke	11:00 a.m.
Volleyball			
Tues.	October 10	at Eastern Mennonite	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	October 14	at Goucher Tournament	TBA
Wed.	October 18	Sweet Briar	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	October 21	Hollins	1:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis			
October 14-15	W&L Fall Festival		8:30 a.m.
October 19-23	at Rolex National Tournament		TBA

Catholic knocks W&L from ranks of football unbeaten

W&L sports roundup

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Catholic limited Washington and Lee to just 46 yards of total offense, and Dan Boyle rushed for 197 yards and four touchdowns as the Cardinals rolled over the Generals 47-0 Saturday in Washington, D.C.

"What happened was just a bunch of pressure from their defensive front," W&L coach Frank Miriello said of the Cardinals' defense, which held the Generals to minus-six yards rushing. "They just nullified our run game, and they put a lot of pressure on our quarterbacks, so they

had the whole package."

Senior tailback Marc Watson, who set a school record with 319 total yards last week in a 34-6 win over Randolph-Macon, was limited to 14 rushing yards on 14 carries.

"Mark, instead of having room to run, never got a clear shot at any inside or outside running game," Miriello said of Watson. "He never got a chance to run north and south, because most of his running was east and west."

Despite the loss, the postseason aspirations of the Generals (4-1, 2-1 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) are still flickering.

"We're still in the hunt for the ODAC title," Miriello said. "Catholic's got some tough games coming up in the conference (in Emory & Henry and Bridgewater).

"We have to beat Hampden-Sydney — there's no question about it. It's a must-game for us, and we're treating it that way."

W&L runs in Dickinson meet

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams finished in the middle of the pack out of 39 teams in Saturday's Dickinson Invitational in Carlisle, Pa.

The women's team placed 16th in the meet, led by sophomore Burke Duncan, who finished 27th overall with a time of 19:44. Senior Jessica Parrillo ran a 20:09, good enough for 45th overall.

The Generals finished 23rd in the men's meet. Freshman Andy Schorr ran a 28:03 to lead W&L, finishing 73rd overall.

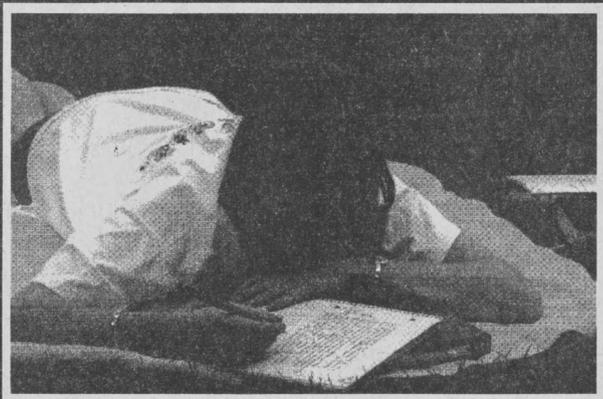
Generals open tennis season

The Generals' women's tennis team opened its season with individual and doubles competition in the Rolex Southeast Regional Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

Junior Melissa Hatley and sophomore Erika Proko advanced to Monday's finals before falling to Lea Schon and Ashley Knapp of Mary Washington. Hatley finished fourth in singles competition for the Generals.

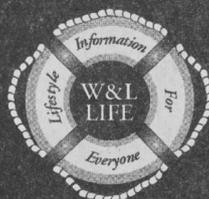
Three of W&L's four doubles teams made it to the semifinal round of the tournament. The teams of sophomore Laura Bruno and freshman Elizabeth Law and of sophomores Alyson Brice and Brandi Jane Wedgeworth both lost in the semifinals.

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W&L continues to breeze through ODAC schedule

By Sarah Grigg
SPORTS WRITER

After a successful week of matches, the Washington and Lee volleyball team stands at 10-5 overall, including a 5-1 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. The Generals defeated Randolph-Macon College on Tuesday and Randolph-Macon Women's College on Saturday.

W&L won Tuesday's match in three games, 15-9, 15-10, 15-8. Junior Lindsay Ruckert and freshman Kristin Shelton led the Generals in kills — Ruckert with 16 and Shelton with 11. Senior setter Pam Saulsbury recorded an impressive 20 assists, while senior setter Katherine Kline was not far behind with 17.

"They are one of the better teams in the ODAC, but we really didn't

have too much trouble with them," said Saulsbury, one of the team's captains.

Saturday's match was another easy Generals' victory, with scores of 15-4, 15-3, and 15-3. Shelton once again led with 12 kills, and Kline and sophomore Stacy Kimmel contributed to the win with four aces each. Kline and Saulsbury each recorded 10 assists.

W&L travels next to Harrisonburg for a match against Eastern Mennonite this Tuesday. Nine matches remain before the ODAC tournament, but the team has its sights set on winning Tuesday's contest.

"Eastern Mennonite is always a good team," Saulsbury said. "We need to concentrate on beating them first before any others."

Roanoke snaps W&L win streak

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team dropped a crucial game to Roanoke College, then rebounded against Guilford to improve their record to 8-1-0 (5-1-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference).

The Generals went to Roanoke on Wednesday to fight for ODAC domination. Prior to the midweek matchup, which the Maroons won 2-1, Roanoke and W&L were the only two remaining undefeated teams in conference play.

The two squads played to a scoreless draw at halftime, a tie that extended past the break. Late in the second half, Maroon Regi Francois put his team in front with a shot that deflected off a W&L defender into the goal. Ryan Pflugrad scored the second Roanoke goal a few minutes later.

Junior Andrew Grimes struck back for the Generals with four minutes left in the contest, scoring off a pass from freshman Philip Miller. Roanoke goalkeeper Chris Ebeling kept the Generals from tying the match, finishing with three saves on the afternoon. Sophomore Tim Foley made three saves for the Generals.

"We didn't play up to our potential," defender Ryan Nelson said. "They also had fortune on their side and we didn't."

W&L head coach Rolf Piranian agreed, stating that "it was a very even game."



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BOXING OUT. Senior Jacek Mucha attempts to keep the ball from a Guilford defender during W&L's 3-0 win on Saturday.

The Generals won Saturday's game against the Guilford Quakers 3-0 despite a shaky first half.

"We were just playing kick and run

in the first half," Nelson said.

W&L had several scoring chances before halftime, however. With 10:35 left in the first half, sophomore Brad

Murphy broke free in the Quakers' end, but an offside call abruptly ended the threat. The half ended with both teams tied 0-0.

"We just didn't come out to play that half," Grimes said.

The Generals opened the second half with considerably more offensive pressure. Four minutes into the half, junior David Kodack took a shot that evaded Quaker goaltender Ryan Fitzgibbons but sailed just over the crossbar. Ten minutes later, senior Jon Wilson took a shot that went over the goal as well.

Wilson scored with 28:42 left in the match on an unassisted tally. Seven minutes later, Grimes took a pass from freshman Bret Grote, but his shot hit the crossbar.

Grimes scored his eighth goal of the season with 14 minutes left in the half when he took a pass from Murphy and put it over Fitzgibbons' head. Murphy added the third goal with eight minutes remaining on the clock.

Foley made two saves to earn his second shutout of the season. At the other end of the field, Fitzgibbons tallied seven saves.

Senior Andy Crawford was named the ODAC player of the week for his three goals and one assist against Hampden-Sydney and Lynchburg on Sept. 28th and 30th.

The Generals now face a three-game road trip, with contests against Eastern Mennonite, Manhattanville, and Emory & Henry. They return home Oct. 19 to face Bridgewater.

ODAC Football Update

Standings	ODAC				Overall			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Emory & Henry	2	0	74	49	4	1	152	73
Washington & Lee	2	1	65	59	4	1	142	85
Bridgewater	1	1	65	49	4	1	139	82
Catholic	1	1	75	31	2	3	127	103
Hampden-Sydney	1	2	75	67	2	3	126	118
Randolph-Macon	1	2	61	90	2	4	97	185
Guilford	1	2	34	104	1	4	47	186

October 7 Results

Catholic 47, W&L 0
Emory & Henry 37, Hampden-Sydney 14
Guilford 28, Randolph-Macon 24
Bridgewater 14, Maryville 10

Saturday's Games

Hampden-Sydney at W&L
Bridgewater at Guilford
Randolph-Macon at Emory & Henry
Catholic at Methodist

October 21 Games

Sewanee at W&L
Catholic at Hampden-Sydney
Emory & Henry at Guilford
Randolph-Macon at Davidson
Johns Hopkins at Bridgewater

October 28 Games

W&L at Bridgewater
Catholic at Emory & Henry
Ferrum at Guilford
Davidson at Hampden-Sydney

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Men's tennis results from the ITA Southeast Regional, hosted by Washington and Lee, will appear in the Oct. 23 issue.



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LAST WORD The King-tum Phi

Uncle Bryan's Non-Offensive Fable

Once upon a time, there lived a very special rabbit named Little Bunny Foo-Foo. She lived in the woods in a special forest reserve set up by the Sierra Club to be a sanctuary for the endangered spotted owl and the California condor. Little Bunny Foo-Foo lived with her mother, father, and twelve brothers and sisters in a nice medium sized hole under an old growth redwood. Her family was very careful when they made their home as to not damage the tree or do irreparable harm to the local ecosystem.

Bunny Foo-Foo's parents loved their children in a wholesome, completely Christian way. They brought up their children with lots of morals and religion and kept them away from evil things like the media and society. Papa Foo-Foo worked very hard for his family, gathering plenty of vegetation for everyone to eat. Mama Foo-Foo kept the hovel clean and took care of all of her bunny children.

Sometimes the Foo-Foos had problems and got into squabbles, but for the most part they lived a good life

together. They laughed, they cried, had good times, had bad times, and shared their triumphs as well as their failures. It was a very happy bunny family.

One time Little Bunny Foo-Foo, the youngest of the Foo-Foo family, was hopping through the forest. She scooped up lots of field mice and bopped them on the head. Little Bunny Foo-Foo had a psychological disorder that made her want to bop things on the head... especially field mice. This disorder was not Little Bunny Foo-Foo's fault -- she was born that way. Thus, Little Bunny Foo-Foo could not be held accountable in any way for her actions.

Little Bunny Foo-Foo had many friends at the local Critter Elementary School. While her school was attendend by mostly bunnies, it prided itself for being diverse and open to animals of all sorts. It had foxes, turtles, beavers, several deer, and even a bear cub.

Little Bunny Foo-Foo loved going to school because she got to learn about fun things like hole-digging, plant-eating, running-from-big-

scary-animals, and multi-variable calculus. Little Bunny Foo-Foo got wonderful grades in all her classes. Her favorite class was gym because she got to hop around and bop other animals on the head. While the other animals didn't appreciate getting bopped on the head, they were enlightened enough to realize that since Little Bunny Foo-Foo had a disorder she couldn't be held accountable for her actions.

One day though, Little Bunny Foo-Foo went over to the house of her friend, Carla the Fox. While Little Bunny Foo-Foo's mother had never told her that foxes weren't nice animals, the Foo-Foos never had any foxes over to the family hovel. Although, she had some reservations, Little Bunny Foo-Foo went over to the Fox Hole anyway. She was summarily eaten by the Fox family because that's what foxes do-it's not the foxes fault that bunnies taste so good.

The end.

*The moral of the story is: Don't be friends with anything higher up on the food chain than you.

Top 9 Ways to Bother Your Roommate

1. Stay up late into the night watching re-runs of *Friends*
2. Give up bathing
3. Declare the room clothing optional and walk around wearing only sandals
4. Play Ska music
5. Don't do your laundry — ever
6. Bring home stray Carnie folk
7. Say you find him or her "strangely attractive"
8. Take a vow of silence or a vow of non-silence
9. Scream every time your roommate uses the letter "W" in a prepositional phrase

Don't believe the words that I say.
I only write them cause they're fun-nay.
I don't mean to offend the average blokes.
Only to get a smile from my goofy jokes.
It's not like they pay me.
-- last Word Editor

MORAL DILEMMA OF THE WEEK

If you take \$19.37 from the penny tray at Kwik Mart, but only give back a nickel and a gum wrapper, are you ungentlemanly or just a jerk?

You know, elections are a sign of the impending doom of society. The media, the radical ecoterrorists, and Stephen Baldwin are all part of a vast leftist conspiracy designed to subvert the minds of people into believing we live in an actual democracy where the real wills of the populace are reflected in our government. Fools, the country is really run by none other than Timothy Leary, whose acid-induced visions will pervert our country with such crazy things as government paid prescription drugs and Pokémon.



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