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## Sororities consider new alcohol policies

### National organizations write W&L chapters, encourage support for new policies

By Latrina Stokes and Alison Trinidad  
STAFF WRITERS

National sorority organizations recently wrote their Washington and Lee chapters to encourage them to comply with new alcohol policies.

Dean of Students David Howison and Associate Dean of Students for Greek Life "Buddy" Atkins also received copies of the letter.

Atkins dismissed rumors that the national presidents had singled out W&L sorority members for their noncompliance. He did not perceive any threat or accusation, nor did he recall any penalty. "It didn't say, 'We know you're sinning and we're going to get you,'" Atkins said.

"I'm really happy that our national sorority heads have already started to move in the right direction by forcing the members to act like adults," senior Pi Beta Phi president Margaret Penn said.

Depending on each chapter's rules, only dry houses can host mixers, or third-party vendors can host social functions outside of university housing.

The Panhellenic Council, the campus organization overseeing individual sororities, is "working toward a general umbrella policy," senior Jenny Anne Kneisel said.

Kneisel, out-going president of Chi Omega, emphasizes that mixers have not been banned.

Co-sponsored events in fraternity houses, however, are forbidden, as are gatherings where alcohol is served by anyone except a licensed third party.

Last Tuesday members of Chi Omega introduced a single proposal for each of the sororities to follow. Panhellenic members will vote on Tuesday whether it will go into effect or not.

So far reactions have been optimistic.

Senior Elizabeth Holleman, president of Panhellenic, thinks that the new policies are more helpful than restrictive.

"As it is now, sorority presidents are held personally liable if anyone gets hurt or has an accident [while] attending that sorority's function," Holleman said.

In the future, third party vendors would be responsible.

"It will take some creative thinking on our part and the women must approach the policies with an open mind, but I definitely think that it can be done," Holleman said.

Junior Carolyn Pressly, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, said that each chapter must change to comply with national bylaws, but that other changes have to be made as well.

"Changes need to be made in people's choices and behaviors, especially drunk driving," Pressly said. "We have to augment personal responsibility with university initiatives."

Junior Megan Lott, new Chi Omega president, agrees that the Greek community should support new changes in light of adjustments in national rules for both fraternities and sororities.

"The alcohol proposal does just this. It doesn't say we can't have parties, it's just a matter of where the parties are held. Holding all mixers at third party vendors will be a change, but it is a necessary change in order to keep the Greek system at W&L strong," Lott said.

Junior Blair Manning, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, believes that only the students can fix the alcohol problem.

"We need to realize that everyone around us is not drinking as much as we think they are. We should realize we don't need to drink to fit in. Furthermore, we must stop glorifying drunken behavior," Manning said.

Panhellenic Faculty Advisor Linda Hooks commended the national offices for recognizing and addressing the problem of high-risk drinking.

"There probably is no 'quick fix' to the complex problem of high-risk behavior," Hooks said. "It is an issue that each individual must confront and that the entire community must consider."

Because Panhellenic is not a policing body, Holleman expects each chapter to follow its national policies on its own.

"I suppose if this does not happen on its own we will step in," Holleman said. "Tomorrow's proposal will be a general guide."

## W&L spreads holiday spirit



photo by Mary Guy/Staff Photographer

SANTA LIVES. Senior Jeff Cook entertains local children as part of Saturday's International Holiday Celebration, arranged by the Student Association of International Learning and Nabors Service League. During the event, children made international Christmas cards, listened to holiday stories from around the world, decorated cookies, and learned about origami. The highlight of the program was the international-food lunch buffet. Children were encouraged to try everything, receiving stamps on their "passports," for each food sampled. Attending parent Jane Wilder said, "We are all excited about Christmas now, and I will definitely bring my child back next year for this." -By Colin Harding, staff writer

## Task force works for safe weekend

By Mike Agnello  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The recently formed Alcohol Task Force began to take action this past holiday weekend.

Task Force Student Representative junior Will Coffman sent an email to all students and faculty on Nov. 15 detailing the group's initiatives.

According to Coffman's message, the task force recommended the university supplementing Live Drive over Christmas Weekend.

In addition to the usual student drivers, coaches drove University vans from Davidson Park, Red Square, Gaines Hall, the freshman dorms, and the East Lex/Windfall area. Assistant Lacrosse Coach Jim Rogalski headed the effort.

"Instead of only students driving, we have administrative individuals helping out [who] have more at stake [and are] more dependable," Rogalski said.

The drivers drove about 50 to 60 students Friday night. Rogalski hopes that more students will use the service.

"It's something [we'd] like to do every weekend," he said.

Coffman's email also mentioned the need for improved enforcement of existing party policies by the InterFraternity Council.

IFC advisor Burr Datz said that fraternities are required to have a bartender of legal drinking age who monitors the legal distribution of alcohol and not display it openly. Greek organizations are also required to have sober officers at every function. He said he hopes these measures, along with the university's additional efforts, will ensure a safe Christmas weekend.

"[My hope is] no injuries, no crashes, no arrests, and no incidents that involve alcohol which draw attention to those individuals," Datz said.

Dean of Students David Howison visited each fraternity Saturday night to make sure they were complying with the IFC rules and the measures adopted by the task force. Howison hopes the university continues its efforts for future big-party weekends.

"I think an adult presence at events like this can do a lot," he said.

Datz, who also visited several houses, agreed that the weekend went well, but said he wants to see students take over that responsibility.

"Students need to exhibit their ability to regulate their own social scene," he said.

Howison said he enjoyed getting a sense of what a W&L party weekend is like.

He also said he was impressed with how well fraternity members controlled their parties.

"I found it to be an enjoyable and rewarding evening," Howison said.

## Reid Hall to be renovated, wired

By Katie Howell  
STAFF WRITER

Reid Hall's proposed renovations aim to modernize the journalism department.

"To respond to the growing number of students and to the radical changes in the profession, Reid Hall needs to be updated," Head of the Journalism Department Hampden Smith said.

Improvements include the addition of a conference room and a multimedia lab that will allow students to experience the increas-



photo by Mary Guy/Staff Photographer

UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Reid Hall, the home of the journalism department, will soon be renovated.

ingly overlapping print, broadcast, and web medias.

"What I am most looking forward to is having classrooms and labs that make it a regular practical possibility to be able to teach in the way we ought to be teaching these days, which deals with multimedia capabilities in the classrooms," Smith said.

The changes were designed to increase the program's competitiveness and to better support the growing number of majors in the field.

Reid Hall, built in 1904, was originally used as a chemistry building. The journalism department moved in 35 years ago. At the time the department had eight majors.

"As far as age is concerned, we're the oldest place that really has not had a physical improvement to speak of," Smith said.

Journalism faculty, university planners, and architects discussed renovation plans throughout the Fall semester. In January the university will accept bids on the project. Construction should begin in early June.

During the renovation, the journalism classes, labs, and offices will be moved into five modular buildings. Smith said the department should move from the modulars to the newly renovated Reid Hall in the fall of 2002.

Reid Hall also houses the University Registrar and University Photographer Patrick Hinely's darkroom. The Registrar's office will move to the bottom floor of the University Center on Lee Avenue across the street from the International House. Hinely will move to the Development Office behind the Science Center.

University Planner Tom Contos said he is pleased with the planned renovations.

"Now is a good time to renovate Reid Hall because the building is getting to be a century old," Contos said. "With 44 majors, the journalism department needs room to grow."

## Lexington parades Yuletide spirit



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

GOING BUGGY. One of the the winning "floats" of the Lexington Christmas Parade, driven by junior Lily Holleman, rides by.

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## THE WORLD THIS WEEK

By Mehel Srivastava  
STAFF WRITER

### Euthanasia legalized in Netherlands

The Netherlands became the first country in the world yesterday to legalize euthanasia. The Dutch Parliament approved by 104 votes to 40 a bill guaranteeing doctors immunity from prosecution for mercy killing and assisted suicides provided they observe a number of strict conditions. Leader of the the largest party in the ruling coalition, Ad Melkert said that the bill would give "freedom of choice at the most emotional moment of one's life."

The justice minister Benk Korthals said, "A law whereby the considered wishes of a dying patient to put an end to his life are permitted has its place in a mature society."

Opponents accused the government of failing in its duty to protect human life.

"What is currently a crime will be transformed into a medical treatment," the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Forces Rita Marker said. No other country has such a law, although euthanasia is tolerated in Belgium, Switzerland and Colombia as it has been for years in The Netherlands. In America, the state of Oregon allows doctor-assisted suicide to the terminally ill. In Australia, the Northern Territory legalized it in 1996 but repealed the law the following year.

Under this law, the patient's physical or psychological condition must be unbearable and untreatable. This will have to be corroborated by a second physician. Foreigners will be barred from this procedure as doctors must have a long-standing relationship with their patients. Doctors will be required to report cases of euthanasia to coroners. Dutch cancer surgeon Aycke Smook, who has performed 95 euthanasias, said most patients sought premature death more to die with dignity than to escape pain.

### Ebola spreads throughout Uganda

The deadly Ebola virus continues to spread unabated in Uganda. The first reported case this year was on the 14th of October, but since then all attempts by Ugandan officials to stop the spread of the disease have failed. Ugandan officials recorded another death from the deadly Ebola virus in the southwest of the country last week, while 14 others died from the highly contagious virus in the north. The country has started gearing up for a major epidemic, with people still being discouraged from treatment of their dead, since the bodies of Ebola victims help spread the disease. People are still not shaking hands or eating in public places in the town of Gulu, 225 miles north of Kampala, where the outbreak originated. Health officials believed that they had contained the virus by mid-November, until a soldier carried the disease to the southern part of the country, where seventeen new cases were reported last week. In all, 145 people have now died of the disease.

### Ramadan honored by ceasefire

The holy month of Ramadan, a time of fasting for Muslims, began this week, prompting the Indian Government to announce a unilateral ceasefire in Kashmir. The Government said that it hoped that this would allow peace talks to resume. They were earlier suspended because of the Indian government's refusal to allow Pakistan into the discussions.

While Indian forces remained on high alert to thwart any attempt to create violence in the state, 12 people were injured on Friday in a failed attempt by militants to attack a convoy of Army vehicles, hitting a market full of people. The blasts were aimed at causing maximum damage, with the bombs exploding 15 minutes apart, both close to the Jammu and Kashmir Courts Complex.

The leaders of the Hurriyat Conference, the political wing of Islamic militants in Kashmir, has called the ceasefire a "war of wits." It remains to be seen if the Indian government will withdraw the ceasefire or not.



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

CHRISTMAS MUSIC. Junior Noelle Beckman, freshman Daniel Vos, and junior Steele Cooper prepare to perform a seasonal arrangement Tuesday night in Lenfest Center's Keller Theater.

### Christmas fish surprise Kappa Alpha Order

By Matthew McDermott  
NEWS EDITOR

Brothers in the Kappa Alpha fraternity house woke up Friday to the smell of dead fish and other foul odors after four members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity dropped catfish food and anchovies down a radiator, sources said. The raid occurred during Christmas Weekend, coincided with the house's holiday festivities. Other KA chap-

ters were also visiting the house and had to endure the odorous prank.

The W&L chapter is the oldest house of the Kappa Alpha Order, which is headquartered in Lexington.

Inter-Fraternity Council Advisor Burr Datz plans "to hammer down on those involved."

He also warned against reprisals.

"In sports, the person that retaliates gets the foul," Datz said.



#### Wednesday

Law Reading Days begin  
8:00 am - Sale. University Bookstore.  
4:30 - Faculty Reception hosted by PRIDE, all are welcome. Alumni House.  
7:00 pm - Discussion. "W&L in the 21st century" at the Delt Center.  
8:00 pm - Theatre Series. "Oleanna" by David Mamet. Directed by Zeenie Ginwalla '01. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

#### Thursday

5:00 pm - Christmas Dinner. Dining Hall.  
8:00 pm - Candlelight Service. Lee Chapel.  
8:00 pm - Theatre Series. "Greater Tuna" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

#### Friday

Law exams begin  
Undergraduate classes end

#### Saturday

Undergraduate exams begin  
1:00 pm - Opera Broadcast. "Der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss. WLUR-FM (91.5).

Do you have something the campus should know about? Send it to the Ring-tum Phi at [phi@wlu.edu](mailto:phi@wlu.edu).

#### Monday

4:30 pm - Faculty Meeting, Northern Auditorium, Leyburn Library.  
7:00 pm - Lecture. "Faith and Fundamentalism," by Amitav Ghosh, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature, Queens College, City University of New York. Room 327, Williams School.  
8:30 pm - Java at the GHQ. Featuring Ring's End, a W&L student and alumni band.

#### Tuesday

Law classes end  
7:00 pm - Holiday Choral Concert. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.  
9:00 pm - Theatre Series. "Greater Tuna" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

E-mail General Notes to [phi@wlu.edu](mailto:phi@wlu.edu).



### Holiday Choral Concert at W&L

The Washington and Lee University Chorus will present its annual Holiday Choral Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Keller Theatre. The 80-member ensemble will perform a concert of music ranging from traditional holiday favorites to a Renaissance setting of the Mass.

Adding variety to the concert, the men will present Victoria's "Ave Maria," and the women will sing an arrangement of the popular Hanukkah song, "Nes Gadol Haya Sham," accompanied by flute.

As is traditional, the audience will be invited to sing along with holiday carols. A new addition to the concert will be carols performed on handbells by Laura Myers. To conclude, the audience may participate in the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah" from "Messiah."

The chorus is conducted by Jerry Myers and accompanied by Sarah Heusel '03 and Josh Harvey '00. The Holiday Choral Concert is free and open to the public.

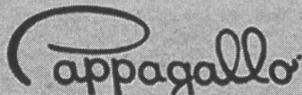
### Indian Writer to Lecture at W&L

Amitav Ghosh, one of the best-known Indians writing in English today, will speak on "Faith and Fundamentalism" on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in room 327 at Washington and Lee's Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics. His talk will address the impact of religious intolerance, especially on writers, and is jointly sponsored by the University Lecture Series and the department of religion's Schewel Fund.

His first novel, *The Circle of Reason*, won the Prix Medici Stranger, one of France's top literary awards. *The Shadow Lines*, the tale of a Bengali family caught in the hostilities between Hindus and Muslims during the 1947 partition of India, won the Sahitya Akademi Award, India's most prestigious literary prize.

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# A brief defense of college hoops

Now that preseason tournaments have come and gone, I find it appropriate to pause and wonder how sports fans survive the annual seven-plus-month hiatus taken by college basketball.

But then again, the shortness of hoops season is one of the many reasons that the sport is absolutely the best this nation has to offer. To defend NCAA hoops against the NBA would be too simple; so, instead, I offer a short list of

fraction of the teams to qualify, take over two months to draw to a close.

**March Madness.** In no other sport can a Coppin State or a Valparaiso rise to prominence in a matter of weeks, only to disappear as quickly as they surface. And of course there's Billy Packer, the former Wake Forest All-ACC guard who has called the Final Four for 26 years.



## The Line Judge

Jeremy S. Franklin '04

**The match-up zone and the four corners.** The creations of two

of the game's greatest coaches, Temple's John Chaney and North Carolina's Dean Smith, have improved the game more than is generally acknowledged. The NBA doesn't even allow true defense to be played, yet still names an All-Defensive team at the end of the season. Meanwhile, the Dean's creation revolutionized the offensive game, and is a big part of the Tar Heels' 26 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

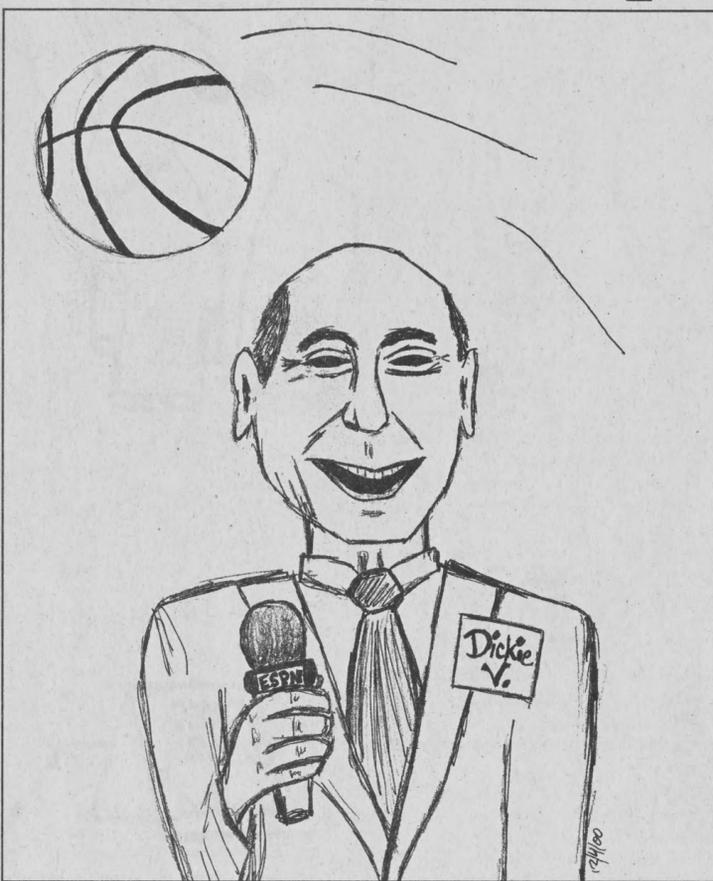
**Dick Vitale.** No one else brings as much energy as Dickie V to television in general. He's not the best analyst in all of sports (that would be baseball's Peter Gammons), but he adds more to college hoops than even Gammons can to the Major League Baseball season.

**The venues.** Sure, Michigan and Tennessee can seat six digits of fans in their football stadiums. So what? Cameron Indoor Stadium (Duke's homecourt, for the uneducated) is the toughest place in all of sports to play, with the Pit (New Mexico) and Cole Field House (Maryland) not too far behind.

**A reasonable postseason.** Only college basketball combines a large number of teams with a reasonable time frame for postseason play. The NBA and NHL playoffs, despite allowing a

Woody Durham over the Big House and John Cooper any day.

**Finally, the greatest rivalry in all of sports.** No professional rivalry carries nearly as much weight as Duke-Carolina; therefore, the only competition comes from college football games such as Army-Navy, Harvard-Yale, and Michigan-Ohio State. But the former two lost much of their luster as the teams receded from national power status, and I'll take Mike Krzyzewski and John Cooper any day.



## Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

Friday night, as part of my hot Christmas Weekend plans, Stephanie and I went to dinner at what I like to call Sketchy BV Chinese. Yes, the place with belligerent little children waitress. Yes, the place where, on a Friday night, all of Byoona Vista comes to drink at the "bar." Yes, the finest Chinese restaurant, to my knowledge, in Rockbridge County.

But I digress. We were waiting at said bar to pay our check after a plentiful addition to our bodily insulation for the winter season. After being asked if we went to Sem (the women's-turned-Mormon college in BV) and telling the delightful old men at the bar that we went to W&L, the conversation took a turn toward the tacky with one of the men saying, "There's a lot of money at that W&L, isn't there?" Maybe I'm just overly sensitive, not having a lot of money myself, but that impression of W&L is always the one I find simultaneously offensive and realistic. Which brings me to the topic of this extra special, more-vitriol-for-your-dollar Christmas Cat's Corner: How abusive we as a school are towards the very people that make it work. No, not your professors, not the administration. Rather, I mean people that make exponentially less than you will make in your first year upon graduating yet devote their waking hours to ensure that this University runs smoothly, efficiently, cleanly.

"But I'm nice to B&G!" you protest. Do you pile the trash can on your hall until it overflows on to the floor and starts making eyes at conquering the entire hallway? Do you leave puking messes in your bathroom? Is this okay because "it's their job?"

It's more than B&G too. Contrary to popular belief that the bookstore closes down in the summer and the staff can be found on the Co-op loading dock, drinking margaritas and rubbing on Coppertone, the bookstore remains fully functional due to the sports camps, Summer Scholars, and Alumni colleges that infest the campus. (Hey, maybe the *Trident* could write a story on that to add to "Everybody wants to be a C-School leech" article in their "Hello, Mr. Obvious!" news file.)

I had work-studied in the Bookstore since freshman year but had never really ventured down into textbooks, except of course when I had to buy books upon the threat of death. This year, the usual trouble of the impending fall textbook sales was compounded by an entirely new computer system which delayed the computer processing of texts by several weeks.

The things I learned from working there:

1. The Bookstore DOES NOT mark up the textbook prices. When a bookseller buys books (any bookseller, any books) they get a discount, based either on the type or amount of books. To make a profit or simply keep the business afloat, they then charge the full price for the book which is dictated by the publisher.

2. You may think the topic of the book is crap, but as we all know, price is not a measure of quality. Nor did the publishers ask for your opinion or the Bookstore's when pricing the book.

3. The shelf price of textbooks purchased at the W&L bookstore is below the national average.

4. Professors also really jerk the bookstore staff around. The bookstore employees know their jobs and most have worked there a long time but they are, after all, not genetically engineered automata. They do err, but when a professor turns in their course reading list 2 weeks before school starts (you should be ashamed of yourselves) and expects the books to be in for day 1, there is not much they can do. The staff also cannot magically make books go back into print.

5. Our Bookstore is one of the few college bookstores not connected to a large megalomaniacal chain like Borders or Barnes and Noble. Here, you get a personal touch (not that kind of touch—get your mind out of the gutter), whether by being able to write personal checks or to order any book in print usually within a day's time.

6. The people who work at the bookstore are absolutely lovely people. If they have been less than nice to you, you might have deserved it.

My point at the end of this tirade?

Be nice to the bookstore staff. The weeks that we buy our textbooks are their most hellish and our most grumpy. They understand that it seems silly to be plunking down \$500 for something that doesn't have Gucci or Prada emblazoned on it, but it is not their fault. You telling the cashier, "God, these are so f\*\*king expensive," only makes her/him want to swing a textbook across your little spoiled mouth.

Now, be a good little child, clip this out, tape it to your University Card, and when you buy your textbooks, remember my words and bite your tongue. Or you're going to have a big fat Economics or Chemistry tome coming your way.

# Letters to the Editor

## Gore appeal unfairly portrayed

I note with interest the column "Right Side of the Aisle" Nov. 13, where the author says, "Gore's got to go, Gore has lost the vote, Gore should concede, Gore has demonstrated that he is unfit to be president, etc."

Rubbish. While there are many things going wrong in Florida, Gore has done nothing wrong in exercising his right asking for a recount, whether Bush partisans like it or not. I would remind the author that the first recount was automatic, and with all the stories of missed ballots, unopened boxes, both sides should honestly be wanting to make sure that the will of the people is accurately followed. Of course, both sides are politicians, and thus both sides are out to win by any means necessary; the instant Bush's people filed that lawsuit seeking to halt the hand recounts, they jumped in the pignen as well. Furthermore, it shows extreme arrogance to tell Gore to concede without a fight when the man has the lead in the popular vote. The author called it a "measly lead." I remind him that it is still a lead, and I know that it would not be so "measly" if Bush had it. Heck, I know that that 537 lead Bush has now ain't measly, is it?

If anyone has shown himself to be (further) unfit to be president, it is Bush, for assuming the role of president-elect before anything had been finalized. I agree that the media has screwed up royally in putting that image in his (and our) head, but who is to blame for his keeping that image there? How dare he begin to organize and assume, when the final result is still up in the air? There is a line

between confidence and arrogance, and Bush has crossed that line many times over.

I am surprised at how vehement many Bush supporters are against Gore's efforts. I didn't expect them to be happy or sit idly by and watch, but neither did I expect such "brownshirt" riot tactics. Wasn't Gore supposed to be the one trying to win by any means necessary? What really disturbs me is that the Republicans are trying to fight down democracy by ignoring those uncounted ballots. In a race as close as this, Gore is completely justified in wanting as full a count of votes as possible. He may be partisan in asking for them in democratic counties, but he DID offer a statewide recount. In rejecting and fighting down this offer of true democracy, the GOP and Dubya have become what they claimed to be against; people out to win by any means necessary.

By the time you read this, hopefully, everything will be resolved. Pray for the man who gets the White House, he'll be the unluckiest guy in history.

Sincerely,  
 Geoffrey Marshall '02

## Honor code routinely broken

Dear Editor, There has been significant dialogue on this campus lately regarding the potential inclusion of alcohol-related issues and sexual assault into W&L's honor system. I applaud this discussion and hope that it materializes into real change.

However, some people seem to attribute different "degrees" of honorable conduct to their own actions. For example, I recently heard two students behind me discussing a paper they had to write on a certain book. One student complained about the length of the book, and the other student said, "That's why you should have read the *Cliffs Notes!*" The first student replied, "But we have to write a PAPER on the book. So we really need to actually READ the book itself." The other student said, "Well, I still wrote a paper just having read the *Cliffs Notes!*"

Is this action honorable? I do not believe so. We cannot continue to define honor violations as "lying, cheating, or stealing" and at the same time assume that all students know exactly what these terms entail. Isn't gathering analytical information about a book for a paper without citing the source, i.e., *Cliffs Notes*, considered cheating?

Doesn't implying that you did a homework assignment when you did not actually do it count as lying?

We cannot assume everyone is on the same wavelength regarding the definition of honorable actions. Perhaps the members of our community of trust should think about the possibility of defining the existing standards more specifically as we ponder including other actions, like assault and other issues, into the honor system.

Sincerely,  
 Emily Whitmire '03

## Honor needs more exposure

Dear Editor, I would like to add a suggestion to Ms. Whitmire's insightful letter. I do not recall there being much discussion of the honor system when I arrived as a freshman other than the session in Lee Chapel where the EC made its presentation and then led breakout sessions along with a video. There ought to be a more extensive investigation of the concept of honor when freshmen arrive. Perhaps Prof. Sessions' talk on Honor could be used as the basis for discussion of the concept among entering freshmen. In these discussions, we could bring up those issues of alcohol abuse, sexual assault, and so on that students typically do not think of as honor violations.

As Prof. Sessions said, honor requires a community that sets the standard. It appears that here at W&L we have failed to set standards of honor as a community that are in line with moral principles of respect and concern for one another.

Sincerely,  
 Julie Fitzer '03

## Don't make choices for others

Dear Editor, In response to Dirck Brown's Letter to the Editor on Nov. 13 regarding "selling donor eggs," I strongly disagree with Mr. Brown's viewpoint.

First, Mr. Brown is not a woman. Therefore, he cannot speak on behalf of women or what a mother will tell a child about its birth.

Second, isn't it much more rewarding to know there are couples who truly want a child at any cost, that this child-to-be is a truly wanted child that will not be a "throw away" victim versus all the children who are "thrown away."

Our "throw away" children are children of addicts, abusers, and women and men who do not want to be parents but yet continue to have many babies. These people never consider the effect their decisions has on their children. . . and many of the children die at the hands of their parents.

It is my opinion that the couples who ask a woman to consider donating her eggs desperately want to become vital, loving parents. A child born to them by donation would be loved, cared for, educated and taught to be a humble child and adult.

Yes, it would be great if these couples would adopt the children that no one wants, but that too is their choice.

Can we really judge and fault these couples for wanting a child of their own? I don't think so. The last time I looked, my name wasn't God.

Sincerely,  
 Barbara E. Gedde, LSW

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# TALKback: What do you want for Christmas?



"I want a book."  
 -Bryant Adams '01



"A vacation."  
 -Corinne Nathieu '04



"I just want to see my girlfriend. And get an 'A' on my Calc final. . . and all my other finals."  
 -Chad Meredith '04



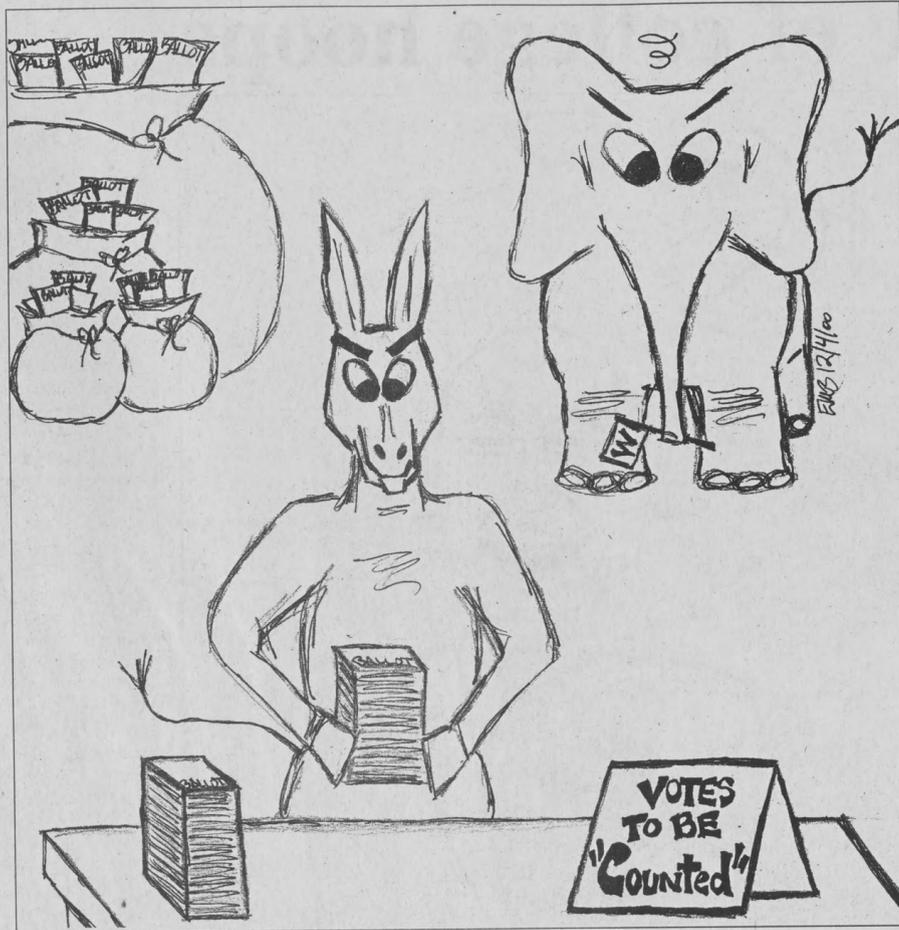
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# Al Gore: Thief

Imagine for a moment that in a small South American nation, or maybe a war-torn Balkan province, the ruling party's candidate for president has apparently lost to the underdog candidate of the opposition party.

Instead of conceding defeat and allowing a smooth transition of power, the ruling party devises a recount strategy whereby it seeks to "discover" previously uncounted "votes." Members of the ruling party are in charge of this recount, which only takes place in areas overwhelmingly loyal to this party, and courts controlled by the ruling party issue decisions to facilitate further stalling and prevent the opposition party's candidate from being declared the winner. In addition, mass rallies, protests, and demonstrations calling for a new election are orchestrated by the ruling party's most inflammatory leaders. If such a complete disregard for the rule of law were shown by the party controlling another country, our government would condemn these actions as undemocratic and editorials would defame the nation as a backwards banana republic.

Instead, since this is all going on in the United States, Al Gore, gladly assisted by the sycophantic media has turned his personal crusade for the Presidency into a fight to recognize "the will of the people." However, it is this same ostensibly all-important "will of the people" that Gore has done his best to thwart. The Constitution is the highest expression of the people's will. What Gore has done is to force a presidential election to be decided by the courts when Article II, Section 2, explicitly states, "Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors..." Note that citizens



are guaranteed no direct suffrage in presidential elections, even in voting for electors. Furthermore, the Twelfth Amendment gives the power to decide any election disputes to the Congress. The judicial branch was deliberately kept out of elections because it is an unelected branch and leaders should be chosen by all the people, however indirectly.

Gore has also thwarted the will of the people as expressed by their duly elected representatives in the Florida Legislature. The will of the people, i.e., Florida law, set the week after the election as a deadline for the certification of ballots. This law was illegitimately and arbitrarily overturned by the seven Democratically-appointed judges on the Florida Supreme Court. What's more, Gore's staff and media attack dogs have destroyed the character of Secretary of State, Katherine Harris, who was duly elected in an expression of the people's will. While she did no more than her job of enforcing election law, Gore's surrogates

have sought, yet again, to have the will of the people, as expressed through Harris, ignored. Through machination after manipulation, Gore has attempted to steal this election, and has systematically lied about his actions as well as those of the Bush campaign. For example, he asserted in both of his recent televised speeches that there remain ballots which have not yet been counted. This is totally untrue. Every single ballot cast in the state of Florida has been counted twice, many three or more times. His ambition has so deluded him that he is convinced that more people, somewhere, must have meant to vote for him. However, the facts are aligned against the Vice president. Nationwide exit polls indicate that approximately 1.5% of the people who voted on November 7 cast no votes for any presidential candidate. The number of ballots about which Gore is whining is within the 1.5-2.25% range of people who choose any candidate for president.

Another total fabrication of Gore is that he is only seeking a first and final "complete and accurate" count. In reality, what Gore is doing is mining for votes in heavily Democratic counties by demanding that Democratic elections officials "divine" the intent of the voter.

This brief column cannot do justice to the outrage that every American should feel at the underhanded and dishonest tactics Gore has employed in his quest for the presidency. Unchecked by any respect for the rule of law, he continues to file lawsuits, searching for a judge who will appoint him president. We should be glad that a man possessed by such a destructive lust for power totally unchecked by even a shred of patriotism will not ever be president.

# Call in the Supremes

First the Presidency was all but decided by early exit polls in Florida. Then it was "Too close to call." Soon after it seemed overseas ballots would mark the end. Next the Chad Family (Mr. Dimple, Mrs. Pregnant, Hanging, Swinging, Puncture and Indentation) and their evil landlord, Katherine Harris, got involved. Then both campaigns did what they knew would

be ideologically bent — not qualities that would endanger any of the liberal Justices to swing their vote. Put differently, one should not expect a unanimous or near-unanimous decision.

Likewise plausible, however, is if the Court decides that the issues before them belong in the state courts. Indeed, much of the argument heard on both sides centered on that very question. Justice Kennedy crystallized the issue for Bush attorney Theodore Olson: "...we're looking for a federal issue... And so if the state Supreme Court relied on a federal issue or a federal background principle and got it wrong, then you can be here."

Presently, at last, it appears an end may be in sight, now that the universally respected United States Supreme Court—the Final Arbiter—may render judgment. Finally, finally.

Or not? In keeping with the tenor of the election, the Supreme Court faces difficult choices with monumental consequences. A ruling in favor of Bush would be tantamount to an official defeat for the Gore campaign. That is, Gore's moral authority and popular support would plummet irreversibly.

On the other hand, a Gore victory in the Supreme Court would revitalize his campaign like a second wind, bolstering his legitimacy such that recounts could continue and eventually crown him the victor. A third option exists as well. The Court may rule that the case is not a federal issue, thereby returning jurisdiction to the Florida courts—in essence, promoting the status quo.

While surmise often proves imprudent (e.g., election night network predictions), it seems as though the Court is leaning towards Bush. Based upon the types of questions they asked, the Justices appear to be split 5-4 in favor of Bush, with Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, Kennedy and O'Connor in support and with Souter, Breyer, Ginsburg and Stevens opposed. Yet, O'Connor's stance is somewhat unclear, as is, to a lesser extent, Kennedy's.

The two of them consistently compose the Court's "swing vote," owing to their moderate ideologies. How

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Justice Ginsburg argued vehemently that the Court ought to show deference to the state courts, saying, "We owe the highest respect to what the state supreme court says is the state's law." On the other side, Justice Scalia lambasted the state supreme court for its lack of regard for the legislative intent of the statutes.

And so we wait as the Court deliberates. With a majority of one vote the Court may effectively decide this election, or they may perhaps leave it up to Florida, in which case a battle between the legislature and the courts seems imminent (in which case this election may actually be decided by Congress).

The Court would be wise to use its leverage to bring closure to this race. A decision for Bush would dispel many lingering doubts about his legitimacy and would quell the judicial wrangling in Florida. A finding for Gore might lead to closure as well, but the road will be longer, tougher, and more disputed. We'll have to see.

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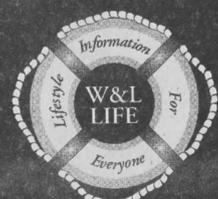
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In order to promote a safer environment, under the new policy a student found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol by the Student Judicial Council may be suspended for at least an academic term. Suspension for an entire term entails the loss of academic credit, forfeiture of paid tuition and housing costs, and potentially devastating consequences after graduation. It is important to note that the Student Judicial Council's findings can be independent from a court of law's determination of guilt or innocence. While this punishment may seem harsh, every member of the Washington and Lee community is aware that driving under the influence of alcohol carries much more serious consequences than any penalty the Student Judicial Council can impose.

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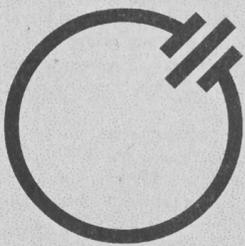
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## Aspirations of fame, groupies ring band



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**WILL PLAY FOR FOOD.** Ringsend, composed of Anthony Allen ('01), Chris Edwards ('99), Chris Tully ('03), Josh Harvey ('00), summed up their current status: "We want gigs. We're cheap. And poor. We like fraternity gigs, we're fun. We can play covers, we can work with it." Additional information on the band, shows and merchandise will soon be available at [www.rings-end.com](http://www.rings-end.com).



By Alexis Yee-Garcia  
FEATURES EDITOR

Recognize this logo? It's not the Cadaver Society.

Josh Harvey '00, Chris Edwards '98, senior Anthony Allen, and sophomore Chris Tully created the symbol to promote their band, ringsend, and their upcoming performance tonight at Java at the GHQ.

"I feel kind of like *Spaceballs* because it's like, 'ringsend: The t-shirt; ringsend: The album; ringsend: The show on Monday night.'" Edwards said.

The band got its name from a dock area in the city of Dublin that is mentioned in both James Joyce's *Ulysses* and *Dubliners*.

"We just thought it was a cool word," Edwards said.

The band is currently completing the recording for their first album, ten-

tatively titled *Vertigo*, which should be finished around mid-February. JC Kuhl, the saxophonist from Washington and Lee favorite Agents of Good Roots, senior trumpet player Scott Meister, and Charlottesville mandoline player Rich Walter, '98, are all featured guests on the forthcoming album.

Edwards and Harvey began writing music together during Harvey's freshman year, blending Edwards' background in blues, folk and classic rock with Harvey's jazz and classical music experience.

"We just kinda added people into the band, and the rest is history," Edwards explained.

Each additional member added a different perspective to the band, whose songs can be described as "three minute symphonies." Tully grew up listening to punk and ska while Allen brings straight rock with some recent jazz experience. Rob Hubbard, UVA '00, recorded the album with the group and contributed more of a funk background.

"We try to combine a lot of those elements so that we have accessible music, but something that's complex enough that people won't get tired of listening to it after the first three times they hear it," said Edwards.

Hubbard recorded drums for the al-

bum, but Allen is the drummer for current performances since Hubbard is teaching in Louisa County, Virginia.

Losing members to other commitments is common for bands that start in college, and some members of ringsend are leaving Lexington in June to play full time. Despite the uncertainties involved, Edwards is confident that the band will continue.

"Somewhere, me, Josh and some other people will be playing together in a band called ringsend," he said.

Harvey is arguably the band's most distinguished member, having worked with Agents of Good Roots, Dave Matthews and Bruce Hornsby's guitarist, Doug Derryberry. In addition to ringsend, Harvey is currently working on a project with Rebecca Lord, who was on the *Real World* in Seattle. Most of the songs for Lord's album were written by Chris Keup, who is producing *Vertigo* on his label, Grantham Dispatch.

"I'm ready for the next album, honestly," said Harvey. "I think it'll be a lot better than the first album, much darker and edgier."

Ringsend hopes to be able to produce future albums with Lord's producers, John Alagia and Jeff Juliano. In addition to Lord, Alagia and Juliano have produced Vertical Horizon, Dave

Matthews, and Agents of Good Roots.

"Our first album is good, but you always grow out of these artistic phases and move into the next," Harvey explained. "I think we could easily put out an EP or something like that."

Though the band has high hopes for their artistic future, Tully expressed the band's more immediate ambitions with a simple question:

"Do you think this article will make Jen Davis a groupie?"

## Shop 'til you drop

By Ashley Klimp  
STAFF WRITER

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone, Lexington has fully embraced the Christmas season. The streets and store fronts are adorned with lights and greenery, and the shops themselves are full of many Christmas shopping possibilities, ranging from the traditional to the unusual.

The Best Seller Bookstore on Nelson Street offers an interesting assortment of Christmas shopping ideas. You can browse through the assortment of holiday Grinch books in honor of the movie, which is also being shown at the State Theater.

Pumpkinseeds on Nelson Street is also in the holiday spirit, decorating the window with grinning snowflakes and a penguin clad in a Santa hat. Large star paper lanterns make festive decorations during the Christmas season as well as year round.

Main Street is home to several stores with excellent ideas for Christmas shopping, one of which is Sunday's Child. Sunday's Child has a large collection festive stuffed animals, including red sparkling

bears and bears with fuzzy white angel wings.

R.L. Hess and Brothers Gifts, also on Main Street, can be distinguished best by its enormous window display, complete with a tree encircled by a train and a large golden sled. Thematic Christmas trees inside include the "W&L tree," covered with Washington and Lee ornaments and blue and gold ribbons.

Fun Foods and Accessories, a new store to Washington Street, is fully stocked with holiday-inspired foods. With the sounds of keyboard music playing in the background, you can browse through velvet wrapped plum pudding mix, kits for making and painting vanilla sugar cookies for Hanukkah, and traditional hot buttered rum mix.

For the aspiring sommelier on your list, Washington Street Purveyors has wines and wine accessories that would complement any cellar, and foods that would complement any wine.

From ornaments to food, many Lexington stores are fully prepared for and highly anticipating the holiday season. Be sure to check out what all of them have to offer.

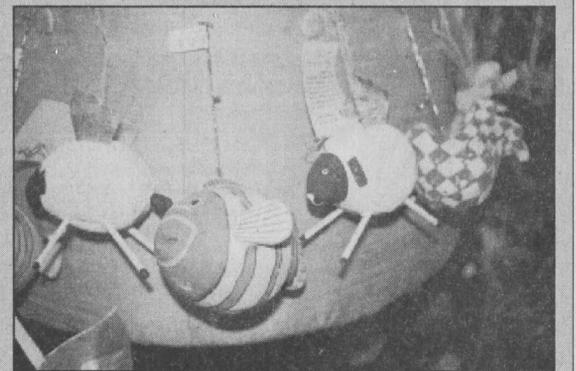
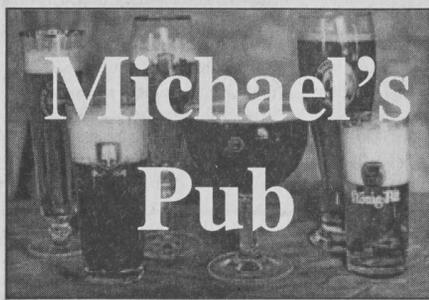


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**FESTIVE ORNAMENTS FOR THE WHOLE FARM.** Nelson Street's Pumpkin Seeds has cutesy of all kinds all year round.



By Michael Crittenden  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Yes, folks, it is holiday time, harkening images of a warm hearth, snowball fights, hot chocolate and being with loved ones. It is also a time of holiday cheer, and nothing makes the holidays more enjoyable than a stein of your favorite brew. This being the case, I have decided to present my Christmas wish list of fine ales from around the country.

I am of course not asking or encouraging anyone to go out and purchase me a six-pack, though if you do happen to be in the Christmas spirit, why not? As a wise person once said, "you gain more from giving to others than from giving to yourself;" a lesson best learned around this time of year. This being said, I present to you the six beers I hope to see under my tree or in my stocking this December 25.

**420 IPA** — The beer to get if you want to taste perfection. I had my first 420 in over a year during Thanksgiving Break, and was well rewarded for the wait. Brewed by the Stone Coast Brewing Co. in Portland, Maine, 420 is the paradigm for IPAs. A deep, rich gold color, it has a sweet malty flavor that combines well with its medium smooth body. With just the right balance of flavor and kick, 420 is the beer to try if you can get it. Greatest beer ever!

**Sierra Nevada Bigfoot Ale** — One of the best barleywine style ales on the market, Sierra Nevada's Bigfoot is worth the effort. A rough and tumble, swashbuckling ale, Bigfoot is not to be taken lightly with an alcohol content of 9.6%. A

gold medal winner at the Great American Beer Festival, it boasts a dense, fruity bouquet that mingles with a rich thick body that is accented by a deep, reddish-brown color. This ain't your daddy's barleywine style ale.

**Chamberlin Pale Ale** — This ale is named after Civil War general Joshua Lawrence Chamberlin, who led the 20th Maine, beat back the Confederates at the Battle of Little Roundtop during Gettysburg, and accepted the South's surrender at Appomattox. The beer with his name on it lives up to this impressive resume. A dry coppersy ale, Chamberlin goes well with pork or pizza and is great for a warm summer day.

**Old East India Pale Ale** — Brewed by the Sea Dog Brewing Co., Old East India is another fine contribution to the IPA genre. Fashioned after the famous ales from England which took on a bold character after surviving the long, rolling voyage from London to Calcutta in the days of British Empire, Old East India is a striking tawny gold color with a strong body and mighty kick. This dog's bark isn't as bad as its bite, coming in with an alcohol content of 7.5%.

**Frye's Leap IPA** — Brewed by the Sebago Lake Brewing Co., Frye's Leap is named after a young Maine explorer by the name of Frye. Spurred by the woman he loved, he jumped to his death off a rock peak now known as Frye's Leap. A fine ale, Frye's is best when consumed at the brewpub itself on Congress St. in Portland. With happy hour from 4-7 and 9-close, the price is hard to beat and the beer is worth the trek. A smooth body with a slightly bitter aftertaste, Frye's is another in a long line of A+ India Pale Ales.

**Katahdin Red Ale** — As the package says, "Step Ahead with a Red." A classic Irish style ale, Katahdin is brewed with a number of roasted specialty malts that give it its deep ruby-colored hue. Named after the famous mountain at one end of the Appalachian Trail, Katahdin is the perfect ale for your next steak dinner. Though it only has an alcohol content of 5%, you probably do not want to be drinking it next time you are on the Knife's Edge.

Well, that is my holiday wish list. Though I won't be coming out with my next column for over a month, I encourage all of you to try for quality over quantity this holiday season and maximize your beer experience. Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!

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## Watson tabbed as ODAC's best

**Record-breaking tailback honored as conference Player of the Year**

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

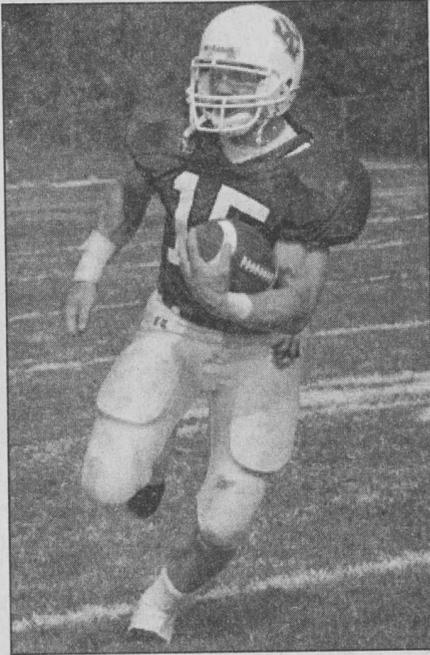
Washington and Lee senior tailback Marc Watson was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the 2000 season in voting conducted among conference coaches.

Watson led the ODAC in all-purpose yards, averaging 199.7 per game, and finished second in the conference in rushing (132.5 yards per game) and kick return average (28.8 yards per return).

The tailback led the Generals (5-5, 2-4 ODAC) in several statistical categories. Watson rushed 220 times for a school-record 1,325 yards, also scoring 12 touchdowns on the ground. In addition, Watson caught 26 passes for 205 yards and another score.

The ODAC Player of the Year also set a school record with 1,997 all-purpose yards, accounting for more than half of the Generals' offensive output. His 382 all-purpose yards in a 45-27 loss to Hampden-Sydney on Oct. 14 were the highest total compiled in NCAA Division III competition this season.

Watson has one remaining year of eligibility, and will look to break two more career records in 2001. Although he already holds the career record for all-purpose yards with 3,950, he is currently second in rush yards (2,482) and touchdowns (25).



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**QUITE ELEMENTARY. Senior Marc Watson set single-season school records for all-purpose and rush yards in 2000.**

## Generals open track season

By Dave Crowell  
SPORTS WRITER

**Women look to overcome losses from last season's squad**

The Washington and Lee women's track team enters its indoor season with a large amount of confidence and a promising group of returning athletes.

Head coach John Tucker lost a number of important athletes from a successful 1999-2000 season to graduation. Meredith Mylnar, Nancy Dixon, and team captain Jill Kosch helped lead the Generals to a first place finish in the indoor W&L Invitational last season.

"Jill is a key loss," Tucker said. "She was such a great leader for the team, and will be missed."

Nevertheless, the team will not have to look far for leadership this season. Senior Liz Olson and junior Melissa Palombo, the designated captains, hope to lead the team to even more victories than the eight

racked up last year. Olson is a leading distance runner and Palombo will compete in hurdling and jumping events.

Sophomore Burke Duncan returns to the track, fresh from an impressive finish in the cross country nationals, to run the 3000 and 5000 meters this winter. Senior Kathleen Moroney will also play a huge role, running middle distance (800 and 1500 meters) and competing in a number of relay teams.

The team also expects key contributions from senior Amy Calce, who broke the school record in the long jump (16'04.25") last season and should improve on a successful campaign last year.

W&L will also gain contributions from a number of freshmen this season. The new team members show a large amount of promise and Tucker believes that "any contribution from a freshman is always a bonus."

The women's track team shows a large amount of promise, even after losing some key competitors. Tucker has one simple goal for his team: To be competitive in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

With this year's squad of seasoned veterans, the goal should be easily attainable.

**Men anticipate successful 2000-01 indoor season**

The Washington and Lee men's track team enters the 2000 indoor season with a solid core of veterans and a thirst for success.

The team only lost four seniors from last season, when the squad finished fourth in the W&L indoor invitational.

The Generals' sole key loss from last year is 2000 graduate Hansell Pasco, a leading sprinter.

Coach Norris Aldridge's squad will look for leadership and consistent performances from senior Marc Watson, who enters the indoor season after a terrific year on the gridiron, where he was honored as the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Watson broke the school record in the 55-meter dash (6.44 seconds) last year, and should anchor a number of relay teams this season.

Senior Jacek Mucha should be a key performer, running the 400-meter event and also competing in the high jump this season. Junior Michael Hegg hopes to improve on a terrific sophomore season, when he finished third in the 110-meter high hurdles at the ODAC Championships.

A pair of sophomores should also contribute greatly this season. David Hicks will be a tough competitor in distance events, and classmate Chris Sullivan will hope to improve in the long jump.

The W&L men seem poised for a successful season after losing only four seniors and returning many of their top competitors. With the addition of nine freshmen to the indoor roster, the team is very well prepared for the future.



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

**Field event. Freshman Lauren Egbert throws the shotput in the season-opening VMI Invitational on Saturday.**

### Upcoming events in General athletics...

#### Men's Basketball

Dec. 6	at Bridgewater	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Guilford	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Roanoke	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Eastern Mennonite	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Lynchburg	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Hampden-Sydney	2:00 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

Dec. 6	at Randolph-Macon Woman's	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Eastern Mennonite	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Bridgewater	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Virginia Wesleyan	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Randolph-Macon Woman's	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Emory & Henry	4:00 p.m.

#### Men's Swimming

Dec. 6	at Virginia Military Institute	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Buffalo State	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Catholic	2:00 p.m.

#### Women's Swimming

Dec. 5	at Sweet Briar	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Buffalo State	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Catholic	2:00 p.m.

#### Wrestling

Jan. 6	W&L Quadrangular	11:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Muhlenberg	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Swarthmore Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 20	W&L Invitational	10:30 a.m.

## Generals split tournament, early conference contests

### W&L sports roundup

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

With the Haverford Classic, a non-conference tilt against Shenandoah, and two Old Dominion Athletic Conference games under their belts, the Washington and Lee women's basketball team stands at 2-3, including a 1-1 mark in the ODAC, on the young season.

Juniors Jessica Mentz and Megan Babst have already emerged as the team's statistical leaders, with both averaging double-doubles through five games. Mentz has contributed 22.6 points — including a school-record 35 against Lesley College — and 12.6 rebounds a game, while Babst has averaged 17.2 points and 10.4 boards.

The Generals opened the season

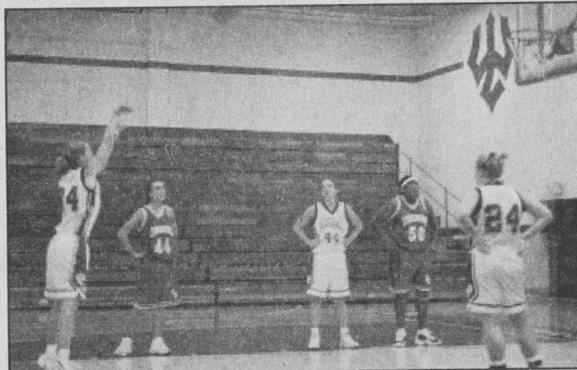


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**CHARITY STRIKE. Junior Megan Babst shoots a free throw in the Generals' 59-49 loss to Lynchburg on Wednesday.**

with a 61-57 loss to Coe College in Haverford, Pa. on Nov. 18. Mentz tallied 28 points and 11 rebounds, and freshman Sarah Michaels added 13 points. Coe's Jessica Lincoln scored a team-high 22 in the victorious effort.

W&L rebounded in strong fashion on Nov. 19 with an 88-40 thrashing of Lesley. In addition to Mentz's 35, Babst racked up 26 points, 13 rebounds, and five blocks, and Michaels contributed 15 points.

The Generals fell to 1-2 in a non-conference, 74-72 overtime road loss to Shenandoah on Wednesday. W&L overcame a 38-23 halftime deficit and 26.9 percent field goal shooting in the first half to force the extra period.

Babst and Mentz recorded double-doubles against the Hornets, with the former notching 27 points and 10 rebounds and the latter contributing 13 points and 16 boards.

W&L then dropped its home opener, also the ODAC season opener, to Lynchburg by a 59-49 final. The Generals turned the ball over 34 times against the Hornets, and shot just 29.6 percent from the field.

Erika Whitten posted 13 points, 16 rebounds, and six steals to lead Lynchburg. Mentz led the Generals with 13 points and 18 boards, while Babst added 12 points and 13 rebounds.

The Generals evened up their ODAC record on Saturday with a 70-60 victory over Randolph-Macon. Mentz again led W&L in scoring with

24 points, and the Generals shot 53.2 percent from the field in the win. Babst added 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Michaels tallied 12 points and 10 boards.

W&L resumes its ODAC schedule with a road game against Randolph-Macon Woman's College Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Morse wins again as Generals place in Scranton Invitational**

Washington and Lee's wrestling team placed seventh out of nine teams in the Scranton Invitational on Saturday in an event won by Olivet College.

Junior Ezra Morse won all three of his matches in the 197-pound class to take home his second individual title in two meets this season. Morse defeated Elizabethtown's Art Mattes by a 3-2 decision in the finals of the flight.

Freshman Joe Mueller advanced

to the 184-pound class quarterfinals, where he was defeated by eventual individual champion Jason Schlingman of King's College.

The Generals wrestle again Jan. 6, when they host the W&L Quadrangular against Davidson, Gettysburg, and Pensacola Christian.

**Generals open track season across town at VMI Invitational**

The Washington and Lee indoor track teams opened their 2000-01 seasons in Saturday's VMI Invitational.

Junior Ian McAllister placed 13th in the 200-meter dash and 23rd in the 55-meter event for the men's team, and senior Nicola Carpenter contributed a 17th place finish in the 55-meters and a 19th place showing in the 200-meters.

The Generals will not run competitively again until the Christopher Newport Invitational on Jan. 27.

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## W&L fall club sports defy moniker

### Water polo team narrowly misses national tourney, will lose funding and coach in 2001

By Sarah Grigg  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's water polo team ended their season Oct. 27 with a 12-8 loss to the University of Richmond. The team finished with a record of 9-2, and placed 18th in the nation and second in the Atlantic Division. Both losses for the season were matches against the Spiders.

"They became a club team within the past two years, so they have three years of guys recruited from high school," senior holeman Jared Jones said of Richmond. "W&L only had seniors recruited to play."

The Generals' final loss set them one win away from qualifying for the Club National Tournament held in Seattle.

Though the team has consistently had overall successful seasons in recent years, the water polo team will not be provided with funding for a coach next year. Four years ago, the sport was dropped from varsity level to club status, but some incoming freshmen had been recruited to play for the varsity team.

The school promised funding for a club water polo coach and tournaments for the duration of those students' years at W&L.

"It was good of them (the university) to provide funding for our four years," senior captain Nick Stawasz said. "No other club teams are funded. In a sense it would be wrong to continue funding."

Next year, the women's club water polo team will be integrated with the men's team. Without a coach and funding for tournaments, Stawasz believes the popularity of the sport will decline at W&L.

"I think it will contribute to the demise of the program," Stawasz said. "More people would play if they did not have to pay for hotel rooms. Also, having a coach brings discipline and order to the team. It's pretty much essential."

### Generals' Rugby Football Club builds on youth explosion, looks to extend trend of improvement into 2001

By Ian R. McIlroy  
SPORTS WRITER

Despite starting the season with an unusually young team, the Washington and Lee Rugby Football Club had clear goals in mind.

An organization wholly coached by upperclassmen players in the past, the W&L rugby club was fortunate to have the coaching assistance of Tom Lovell ('91) this season. An alumnus who played while at W&L, Lovell volunteered his services to the student leadership of senior president Matt McKenzie and junior captains Chris Clark and Abram Trosky.

With only a week to organize and practice before their first match, the team suffered a painful 80-7 loss to Virginia in their first match of the season.

In their following encounters with VMI and Radford, respectively, the Generals lost but the margin of defeat shrank in each effort. The lessons they learned in the first half of

the season were evident in their second half successes.

"This was clearly a learning year," said Clark, who will take over as next year's president. "As the freshmen continue to learn the game, and a core group of guys are showing up every day (for club practice), we will continue to improve."

Following the close loss to Radford, the rugby team posted an impressive victory over Hampden-Sydney. Then, on Parents Weekend, they trounced W&L Law in front of their largest crowd of the season.

Despite their season-ending loss to Blackwater, the Generals look forward to the future. According to Cullen Carter, one of the two freshmen elected to hold positions on the team next year, "we have a young, talented team and great leadership for next year."

Next year, Clark will lead the rugby club as president, with Trosky returning as captain and sophomore Trey Packard serving as vice president.

## National success

### W&L sophomore runs in NCAA meet in Spokane

By Ian R. McIlroy  
SPORTS WRITER

Washington and Lee sophomore cross country runner Burke Duncan competed in the NCAA Division III National Cross Country Championships Nov. 18 in Spokane, Wash.

With a 121st-place finish, in the middle of an elite field of 244 runners from around the nation, Duncan has posted the most successful individual effort for Generals' cross country in recent memory.

In fact, she is the first W&L women's cross country runner to qualify for nationals since Josephine Schaeffer won the regional meet and placed ninth at the national competition in 1995. When asked about her success this season, Duncan remains extremely modest.

"The team and I are lucky to have such a wonderful, friendly coach," Duncan said of Emily Pulsifer.

Duncan also credits success to the team's "coming together as a group this year despite the constant pressure to win."

Duncan qualified for the NCAA national meet after placing seventh out of 138 competitors at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional held on Nov. 11 in Newport News, Va. Having already turned in a second place



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**SWEEPING THE NATION, W&L sophomore Burke Duncan competed in the NCAA national meet on Nov. 18.**

at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships, Duncan crossed the tape with a season-best time of 18:45 at the regional meet.

Looking towards next year, Duncan admitted that "it will be difficult, losing four seniors and our coach." However, she remains confident in the team's ability to succeed. Individually, her goals include a return trip to the national meet.

With several accomplishments under her belt, this young runner returns next year as one of the bright stars of a talented women's cross country squad that will look to build off the success of back-to-back ODAC championships.

## W&L off to rough start on hardwood

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's basketball team, suffering from the absence of three starters from last year's 9-16 team, has struggled coming out of the gate in 2000-01.

The Generals (0-7, 0-2 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) have shot just 39.7 percent from the field in their first seven games, while allowing their opponents to shoot 49.9 percent. W&L has also compiled a 76-to-122 assist-to-turnover ratio.

W&L opened the season in the Gettysburg Tournament on Nov. 17-18, dropping games to the host school (67-46) and the Philadelphia University of Sciences (80-65). Senior Will Ballard contributed team-highs of nine points and five rebounds against Gettysburg, while junior Bobby Bustamante amassed 17 points and a career-best six assists in the game against USP.

In the Carnegie Mellon Tournament Nov. 25 and 26, the Generals fell to 0-4 with losses to Carnegie Mellon and Thiel College.

After battling back from a 10-point halftime deficit to take a 53-50 lead over the Tartans with 4:20 remaining in the game, the Generals allowed a 13-3 Carnegie Mellon run to close the contest. Ballard led W&L with 13 points, senior Chad Braley added 12, and sophomore Scott Hetterman nailed down 10 in the loss.

The game against Thiel was less dramatic, as the Tomcats caught fire from behind the arc early on, drilling seven of their first eight three-point attempts. Thiel took a 53-27 lead into halftime, which was too much for W&L to overcome.

Braley led the team in scoring with 18 points, while Bustamante and sophomore Will Cotter reached double figures with 14 and 10 respectively.

W&L slid to 0-5 with another nail-biting loss, this time to Shenandoah in the Generals' home opener on Wednesday. The Hornets' 57-50 lead with 3:39 left in the second half vanished thanks to a 9-2 W&L run over the next 2:49.

The Generals had two chances to convert against Shenandoah. W&L turned the ball over with 38 seconds left and the score tied, allowing what proved to be the game-winning layup. Braley missed a three-point attempt at the buzzer as the Generals narrowly missed their first win of the season.



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**JUMP SHOT. Sophomore Scott Hettermann shoots over a Randolph-Macon defender in the Generals' 61-44 loss on Saturday.**

Randolph-Macon pulled out a 61-44 win in the Generals' ODAC opener on Saturday. Jared Mills fronted the Yellow Jackets' effort with 13 points, 11 rebounds, and seven assists. Hettermann and Bustamante tallied 13 points apiece for W&L.

Virginia Wesleyan utilized a 23-5 run early in the second half to extend a four-point lead to a 61-39 advantage en route to a 78-49 victory over the Generals on Sunday. The Blue Marlins shot over 65 percent from the field in the second half against W&L, and 54 percent for the game.

Hettermann tallied career highs of 21 points and 10 rebounds against Virginia Wesleyan (4-2, 2-1 ODAC). Cotter added 12 points and four assists in the losing effort.

The Generals will continue to pursue their first win of the season this Wednesday with a 7:00 p.m. home contest against Bridgewater.

**The sports staff of the Phi wishes the W&L community a happy and festive holiday season.**

## Swim teams resume season

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

The men's swimming team improved to 3-1 on the season over the past three weeks, while the women's swimming team slid to 0-4 before collecting its first win of the season against Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

The men's team knocked off Swarthmore 131-73 on Nov. 18. Freshman Eric Ritter took first place in the 200-meter backstroke and the 200-meter freestyle. Senior Colin Hayes took first place in the 200-meter butterfly, and sophomore Brett Burns took first in the 50-meter freestyle event.

Senior Mike Miraglia, freshman Paul Laraia and sophomore Patrick Frankfort earned first-place finishes in the 100-meter freestyle, 500-meter freestyle, and 1000-meter freestyle, respectively.

The men suffered their first loss of the season against Gettysburg, a 111-93 decision on Nov. 19. Ritter and Hayes both set pool records in the contest: Hayes in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 52.53 seconds, and Ritter in the 100-meter backstroke at 53.92.

The Generals proceeded to finish 8th of 13 teams at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational over the weekend. Sophomore Patrick Frankfort helped the squad to five of their first-day points by placing 12th in the 400-meter individual medley.

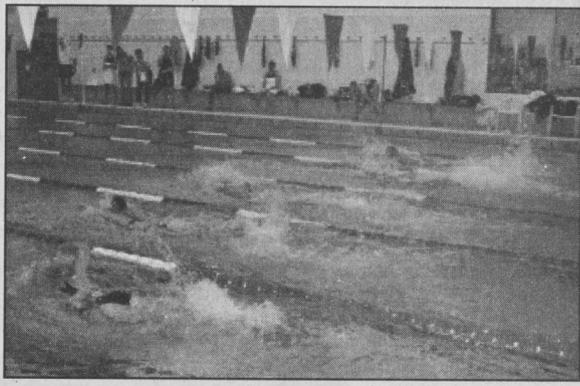


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**CHALK UP THE W. The W&L women's team swam its way to a 142-57 win over Randolph-Macon Woman's College on Wednesday, the Generals' first victory of the year.**

Against Swarthmore, the women lost by an overall score of 127-75. Sophomore Blair Huffman won the 200-meter butterfly and earned second place in the 200-meter breaststroke.

The Generals lost their next contest against Gettysburg by a margin of 142-55. Sophomore Kelli Austin won first place in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle events. Huffman finished second in the 400-meter individual medley.

The women collected their first win of the year in a home conference meet against Randolph-Macon Woman's College by a score of 142-57. Generals took first place in 10 of

the 11 events.

Leading W&L were junior Laura Ingoldsby, who won first place in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle events, and Huffman tallied two first-place finishes in the 400-meter individual medley and 200-meter backstroke.

The Generals then traveled to Pennsylvania for the Franklin and Marshall Invitational meet over the weekend. On Friday, the first of the two-day competition, the team finished last in the 12-team event.

The men will return to action against Virginia Military Institute on Dec. 6, and the women will next meet Sweet Briar on Dec. 5.

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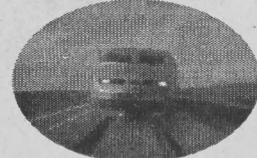
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# Ness puts the "smack" down with campus prohibition

By Spirew Agnu  
I LOVE PUBLIC URINALS

On Thursday, Nov. 17, Washington and Lee declared a war on alcohol, drugs, and gratuitous nudity in a stunning twist-turn of events at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Sacred and Royal Council for Putting Down of the Smack on Lewd, Obnoxious, and Blatantly Unclothed Behavior. The council met as part of a university effort to curb the amount of inebriating beverages consumed on campus.

The Council gathered secretly at the University Alumni Ski Resort high in the Swiss Alps to discuss what measures needed to be taken in order to stem the veritable flood of alcohol that has been flowing onto campus for nearly a fifth of a millennium.

The Council held its meetings huddled around a roaring fireplace, in deliberations that lasted well into the wee hours of the morning without so much as a single cup of hot cocoa to give them solace. After several weeks of consideration, the committee finally came to a controversial decision to re-establish Prohibition on the Washington and Lee University campus, after a vote of 1 For and 12 Against. Member of the Class of '21, Ernest J. McParteePouper used a little-known corollary in University Charter to pass the measure.

Corollary 7.24 in Article IV, Section H, Subsection 2 states: "Any concerned bureaucratic gentleman in the employment of the W&L Administration is hereby empowered to enact any policy in opposition to the will of vast

majority of student body, alumni, and the will of the various purveyors of alcoholic beverages including, but not mutually exclusive to: the Mafia, the honorable Alumni Jack Daniels and Jim Beam, Jimmy Madison's Mash Malt Liquor, the Appalachian Ghetto Superstars, and all of the Ireland, in the furthering of Gentlemanly Behavior and/or To protect the Proud and Honorable public image of the University."

Thus, McParteePouper was empowered to re-institute Prohibition on campus as part of the new campus initiative entitled "Operation Drunk-No-More." McParteePouper then declared Marshall Law and in a unanimous, unilateral vote, was appointed Supreme Drug Czar For Life of the W&L Campus. His first official act was to unfreeze Elliot Ness from Science Department's Cryogenics Lab and appoint him to head up his Alcohol Gestapo in conjunction with the area Po-Po.

Commissioner Ness has promised to clean up the campus, if it is the last thing he ever does. In a bold declaration on Thursday, Nov. 26, he promised to end the "Orgy of Alcohol, Free-love, and Rock and Roll" that the W&L

students have lived in for the past 200 years: "The time has come to draw a line that no boozy dare stagger across. I will not rest until I see this campus as dry as Strom Thurmand's Depends . . . only the exact opposite. The times and tactics may have changed since I took on Capone, but Elliot Ness has changed, too. I have upgraded the campus security with the latest in Democratic-Expression Oppression Technologies including Alabamians with fire-houses, German paramilitaries with attack dogs, Tom Arnold, and the LPGA Chapter of the Dykes with Bikes motorcycle gang."

The first major task in the "Operation Drunk-No-More" was to invade, harass, and bully the W&L fraternal orders of manly fun on campus during their Christmas Jubilees. Using a system of surprise raids, paid informants, and W&L's surveillance satellite, Ness organized the single largest mass offensive against American excess and debauchery since the "Tet Offensive." Ness led his crack squad of Storm Troopers through the houses with reckless abandon. Doors were broken, windows were opened, pantries

were raided, and freshmen were subjected to humiliating, full-body cavity searches. Ness called the evening a success with four half-empty beer bottles, a 24-pack of warm Natty Light and a bottle of Bacardi seized and over 127 freshmen probed by the steady hands of Tom Arnold.

Ness has promised to step up his efforts to reduce the illegal, immoral, and illegitimate imbibing of inebriating intoxicants after he recovers from his alliteration overdose. As for McParteePouper, he has taken up residency in the Delta House and is currently engaged in playing a thoroughly wholesome Four-square tournament in preparation for the s\*\*t storm he is preparing to reign down on the Greek system.



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