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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001

Presidential search spreads nationwide

By MICHAEL LEE
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's search for a new president is running at full steam now that the Presidential Search and Screening Committee is underway.

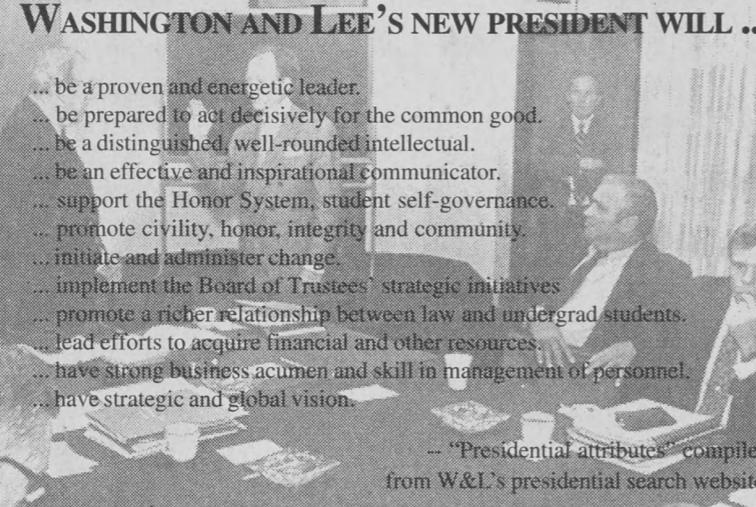
The Committee, formed by the Board of Trustees, consists of over 20 members coming from all areas of the University, including faculty, law and undergraduate students and the Physical Plant. The Committee is chaired by Harlan Beckley.

Getting publicity for the search has been a top priority for Beckley and the rest of the committee.

"We are sending out letters ... to presidents of major academic institutions," Beckley said. The Committee is actively searching for and contacting potential candidates. Bringing national attention to the search will help ensure a higher quality candidate-pool.

Beckley said, "Search is the right word. Active is the right adjective."

The Presidential Search Committee is conducting the search with new and innovative ideas, Beckley said. The size of the committee was increased and students were allowed to participate to increase the diversity of the committee. The Committee assembled a "Presidential Attributes and Prospectus" pamphlet with a gen-



FILE PHOTO/Ring-tum Phi
committee is) looking for as close a candidate as what is contained in that prose."

The names of prospective candidates for the position are held in strict confidence. Beckley would not reveal too many details as to possible candidates. He said that possible candidates include current and retired deans of other colleges and people who are employed in a field outside of education.

When asked if a member of the Washington and Lee community could be selected by the committee, Beckley responded, "It is a nationwide search and W&L is part of nationwide."

Essentially, the prospectus asks, "Where can the new president make a difference?" Sessions said. "(The

For more information, go to the Presidential Search website at <http://www.wlu.edu/presidentialsearch>.

general description of the ideal candidate. The concept of the prospectus was derived from what Lad Sessions, acting dean of the college, called a "very complicated dance."

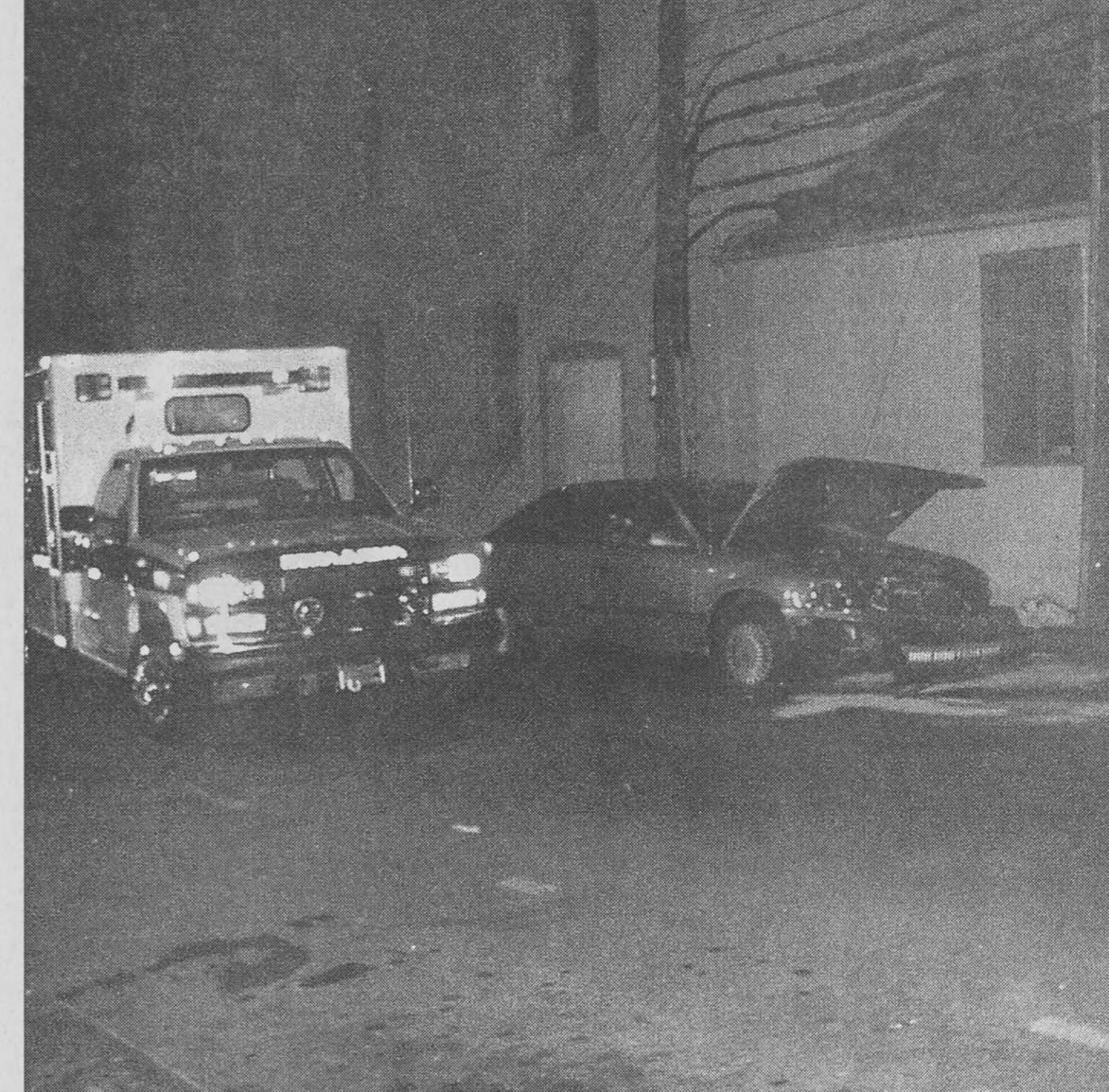
The prospectus is divided into three sections. The first discusses presidential attributes that are general and broad: "The president ... will be ... a distinguished, well-rounded intellectual, dedicated to the life of the mind." The second section briefly talks about the structure of the University and the third section addresses the challenges and opportunities the next president will face.

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... be a proven and energetic leader.
... be prepared to act decisively for the common good.
... be a distinguished, well-rounded intellectual.
... be an effective and inspirational communicator.
... support the Honor System, student self-governance.
... promote civility, honor, integrity and community.
... initiate and administer change.
... implement the Board of Trustees' strategic initiatives.
... promote a richer relationship between law and undergrad students.
... lead efforts to acquire financial and other resources.
... have strong business acumen and skill in management of personnel.
... have strategic and global vision.

-- "Presidential attributes" compiled from W&L's presidential search website.

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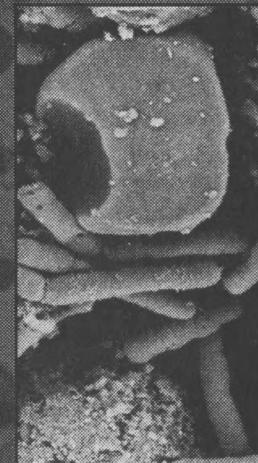
SIDE-SWIPE. A Sweetbriar student driving this Ford Taurus failed to stop at a red light at the intersection of Nelson and Jefferson Streets. Junior Jeremy Kirkland swerved his Dodge Durango to avoid hitting her, and drove off the road into a traffic signal. Seniors Mandy Cannon and Veronica Griffith were also in Kirkland's vehicle. Rescue workers shut down traffic for over an hour while breaking open Kirkland's passenger door. Griffith and Cannon were treated for minor injuries at Stonewall Jackson Hospital and released. The Sweetbriar student has no insurance.

University, local postal service discount anthrax threat

Despite national concerns over anthrax-contaminated mail, W&L and Lexington mail services continue business as usual

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Anthrax



Anthrax, produced by bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*, is an infectious disease spread by handling infected products or breathing weapon-dispersed anthrax spores.

Incubation period: one to six days between exposure and symptoms.

Symptoms include: Viral-like aches and pains; fever, malaise, fatigue, cough and mild chest discomfort followed by severe breathing difficulty.

Treatment is usually not effective after symptoms are present, though post-symptomatic antibiotic treatments can lower the death rate from 99% to about 80%.

COURTESY: <http://www.anthrax-mail.com>

INFOGRAPHIC BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT/THE RING-TUM PHI

By IMRAN NAEMULLAH
STAFF WRITER

Despite extensive media coverage of anthrax attacks and threats of terrorism, Lexington appears to be a haven of relative peace and calm.

While the statistical evidence shows anthrax poses little threat to anybody—the chance of winning the Lotto

is higher than dying from anthrax—each unexplainable case causes more fear nationwide. The House of Representatives shut down for a day and the Supreme Court moved to a new location to cut the risk of anthrax infection.

Yet the most vulnerable place in Lexington to anthrax exposure, the old post office on Lee Ave., is showing courage and calm composure.

W&L journalism 'quests' for global media ethics

National Public Radio CEO Kevin Klose kicks off conference with public address in Lee Chapel on Friday; Conference an attempt to establish universal ethical standards

By LATRINA STOKES
Asst. News Editor

Washington and Lee's Department of Journalism cosponsored a conference in an attempt to begin developing a set of common ethical standards for all journalists this weekend.

The conference, entitled "Global Media: The Quest for Universal Ethical Standards," is the second in a decade-long series conducted by U.S. colleges and universities.

As citizens of an increasingly broader world community, we can no longer afford to make decisions without considering their global impact on politics, economics and culture. The mass media's role in influencing those decisions is increasing as well.

"The world is economically glo-

bal, politically national and journalistically provincial," said Louis Hodges, Knight professor of journalism.

"We've got to do something about that."

International scholars gathered here to do just that for two days.

Kevin Klose, president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio, kicked off the conference last Friday with a keynote address in Lee Chapel.

Broadcasting is integrally tied to President Thomas Jefferson's idea that one cannot be ignorant and free, Klose said. Citizen's self government and self empowerment go hand in hand with open broadcast forums.

When mass genocides were con-

ducted in Europe and Africa, the me-

dia were controlled to create a single voice of xenophobia, fear and separation, he said.

This was only one example of broadcasting's power to influence. This is why the U.S. government is presently broadcasting in the Middle East, Klose said.

The U.S. is in a unique situation in which the state does not significantly support public radio, he added. Nor is public radio beholden to commercial interests; the listening public pays.

Despite the American media's in-

dependence, all journalists have com-

mon problems in reporting, editing and investigating.

Klose calls attention to the fact that the recent terrorist attacks prob-

ably had roots in decisions that the

American government made decades ago.

"We look back at what happened to carry ourselves forward," he said.

Klose said the media have a responsibility to report the news as well as make historical connections, important to not only Americans, but the rest of the world as well.

"We've all come from somewhere else, by force or freedom, even Native Americans. We are all immigrants to this country. We have identities beyond our border," Klose said in closing.

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Dispatches from security: Mike Young reports on terrorism



Security director announces safety plan for biochemical emergency

This message is to let you know that the University has formulated a safety plan for implementation in the case of biochemical emergency. W&L Safety and Security personnel met recently with members of the Virginia Health Department, Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Rockbridge County Emergency Services, and local law enforcement agencies to plan for any event involving hazardous material threats to public safety.

While it is felt that the risk of a biochemical threat to our community is minimal, all faculty, staff and students should remain alert to that possibility. Continue to check your mail and packages for any unusual or suspicious items. Should you discover an item that appears to be suspicious, please notify University Security at x8999 immediately. The Security Department will respond and take the appropriate action. Do not handle or open the suspicious item. Thank you for your cooperation in these increasingly difficult times.

What makes mail 'suspicious'?

Common sense and a heightened awareness will guide you in deciding that a package is suspicious. Items that can make a letter or package suspicious include:

- 1) Restrictive markings ("Personal")
- 2) Postmark city different from return address
- 3) Fictitious, unfamiliar or no return address
- 4) Excessive postage
- 5) Address to title only (i.e., Vice President)
- 6) Wrong title with name
- 7) Badly typed or written addresses
- 8) Misspelled words
- 9) Rigid or bulky
- 10) Protruding wires
- 11) Strange odor
- 12) Oily stains on wrapping or lopsided package

Thank you.
Mike Young, director of security
Flash Floyd, Manager of University Services

COURTESY OF CLOX
OUR MAN ON THE GROUND. Mike Young oversees many aspects of Washington and Lee's security plan.

If you encounter mail that may have a light coating of a powdery substance or is otherwise suspicious:
1) Do not open it
2) Call University Security (x8999)
3) Wash hands with soap and water
4) List all persons who have touched the letter/package with contact information.

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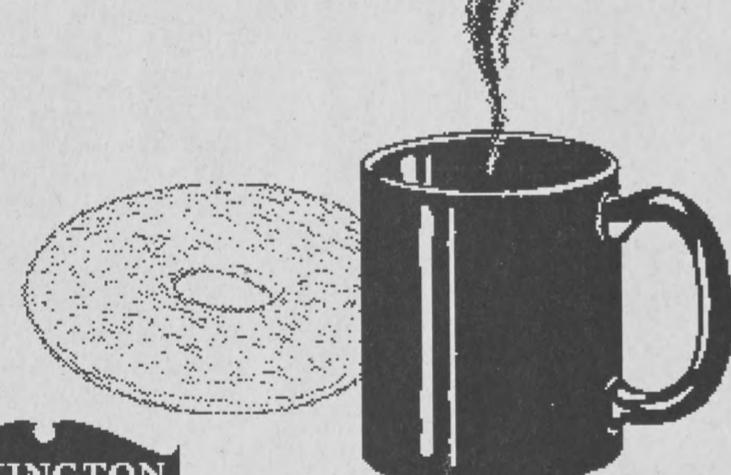
The last issue incorrectly switched Ray Waity and Stan Jackson's picture identifications

on the Opinions page.

It is the policy of the Ring-Lin Phi to accurately report the news.

We encourage our readers to report any fact errors to phi@wlu.edu.

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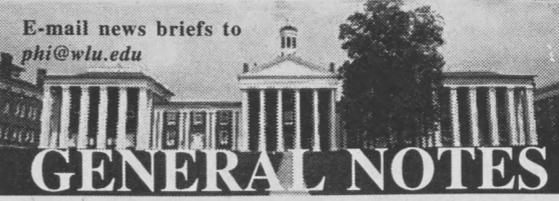


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W&L awarded national safety grant to reduce abusive drinking

Washington and Lee University is one of five colleges nationally awarded a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the North-American Interfraternity Conference to help schools across the country find ways to reduce high risk drinking among Greek organizations.

W&L was selected to participate in the program over 20 colleges, based on the strength of its application, the institution's support for sororities and fraternities and the University's ongoing efforts to shift the focus of Greek organizations from social events to broader fraternal purposes.

PBS stations airing new Robert E. Lee documentary by W&L alumnus

Public Broadcasting System stations across the country began airing Nov. 1 the new documentary *Lee: Beyond the Battles* produced by Washington and Lee University alumnus W. Drew Perkins and his Rubicon Productions.

The program takes a personal, in-depth look at Robert E. Lee in his roles as son, husband, father, soldier, post-Civil War peacemaker and president at the Lexington, Va. college that now bears his name.

Several Washington and Lee faculty members provided key assistance to Rubicon Productions, including Ted DeLaney, associate professor of history, Holt Merchant, professor of history, and Robert J. de Maria, professor of journalism.

Individual PBS stations will determine the broadcast dates and times of *Lee: Beyond the Battles*. Perkins recommends viewers check their local station's schedules.

—courtesy wlu.edu

Women's Forum hooks up

Elizabeth Marquardt, affiliate scholar at the Institute

for American Values and co-author of a ground-breaking study on college women's attitudes about sex and dating on campus, will lead a talk titled "Hooking Up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right: College Women on Dating and Mating Today."

Marquardt will discuss the results of her study, which asks how college women feel about hooking up and how it relates to their goals for the future when it comes to long term commitment or marriage.

The talk will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 P.M. in Lee Chapel.

Harb's Bistro closed

Harb's Bistro on Washington Street closed Nov. 1 and will reopen under new management at an undisclosed date.

--courtesy Lexington News-Gazette

Today

Nov. 5 - 30—Study Abroad Photo Exhibit. Leyburn Library Main Lobby. Winners to be announced Nov. 15.

7:30 p.m.—Lecture. "Poverty in Contemporary Poland: A Legacy of Communism or a By-Product of Transition?" Dr. Elzbieta Tarkowska, visiting scholar from Yale University. Northern Auditorium.

8 p.m.—Theatre Series. "The Colored Museum" by George C. Wolfe. Directed by Marshall McAdden. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

8:30 p.m.—Java at the GHQ. Guy Smiley Blues Exchange.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Election Day.

8 p.m.—Theatre Series. "Spinning Into Butter" by Rebecca Gilman. Directed by Tom Ziegler. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

7:30 p.m.—Women's Forum Lecture. "Hooking up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right: College Women on Dating and Mating Today," Elizabeth Marquardt. Lee Chapel.

7:30 p.m.—Student Panel Discussion to address Latin American culture. Panelists have been asked to answer questions in Spanish. Northern Auditorium, Leyburn Library.

8 p.m.—Theatre Series. "The Colored Museum" by George C. Wolfe. Directed by Marshall McAdden. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

8 p.m.—AA meeting. Fairfax Lounge.

Thursday, Nov. 8

8 p.m.—University Jazz Ensemble. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

8 p.m.—Theatre Series. "Spinning Into Butter" by Rebecca Gilman. Directed by Tom Ziegler. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

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CRIME REPORT

Oct. 22 - Nov. 2

Friday, Oct. 26

tween 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Citations:
2 Speeding
2 Drunk in Public
3 Minor in Possession

Stolen laptop. Laptop reported missing from Leyburn Library. study carrel. Suspect to have been taken be-

Stolen laptop. Laptop reported missing from Leyburn Library study room. Last seen Fri-

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THE RING-TUM PHI
STAFF EDITORIAL

Want your country to work out? Exercise your franchise

We at Washington and Lee like to brag about our superhuman feats of procrastination.

"I didn't start studying for that test until the night before it was due."

"I didn't start compiling the data base until the last week of the term."

"I didn't start writing the staff editorial until two o'clock in Monday morning."

The chorus of examples makes it easy to believe that there's a good excuse for apathy. We can pretend that it's for efficiency's sake: we want to fit the work in the minimum amount of time necessary for its completion. Right.

The real reason, however, is that immediate gratification distracts us: we sacrifice long-term goals for short-term pleasures. The economics examination takes a back seat to Mario Kart and Killian's Irish Red.

An often excused-away responsibility is voting. After all, your parents get your grades, not your voting participation records.

Agreed, voting can sometimes be tiresome and even a little ugly: just look at the past freshman E.C. election. A blizzard of trite or incomprehensible signs descended around the freshman dormitories like a blizzard of filthy snow. Who can forget: "Vote so-and-so because he likes salmon," "Remember the mullet," and "So-and-so is like really the best, really!"

The antics of our youngest class shouldn't obscure the significance of the vote, however. It's easy to wax melodramatic. Elections are the foundation of democracy and the sacrament of our civic religion. It is what sets the United States above and apart from the countless dictatorships, juntas, single-party rule, monarchies and tyrannies that pockmark the globe.

What voting often means, however, is that you can try to get the person you prefer elected. Or, alternately, prevent the election of the person you most dislike.

Last century, on average 62,000 Americans can soldiers died each year in declared wars. They sacrificed theirs to preserve our way of life, to protect your right to vote.

Tomorrow, vote for governor if you're eligible. If you have been thus far negligent, register as soon as you can. The W&L registrar has some helpful information, and a great deal of other helpful material has been published.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

YOU JUST LIKE THE THOUGHT
OF MY BOOZY BREATH ALL
OVER YOUR BODY.

— ANONYMOUS PHI ASSOCIATE EDITOR TO MAN

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OPINIONS

Conservatism wins war of ideas

Perhaps the most interesting statement that President Walesa made last Tuesday was in response to the question concerning the immense electoral gains ex-communists have made in many former Warsaw Pact countries. In fact, the last election in Poland was so decisive that Solidarity disbanded its political party and will now function only as a labor union.

Surprisingly, Walesa expressed no dismay or anger at the election results. Conversely, he seemed perfectly happy. Why? How could he possibly be at ease with the return to power of those whom he deposed?

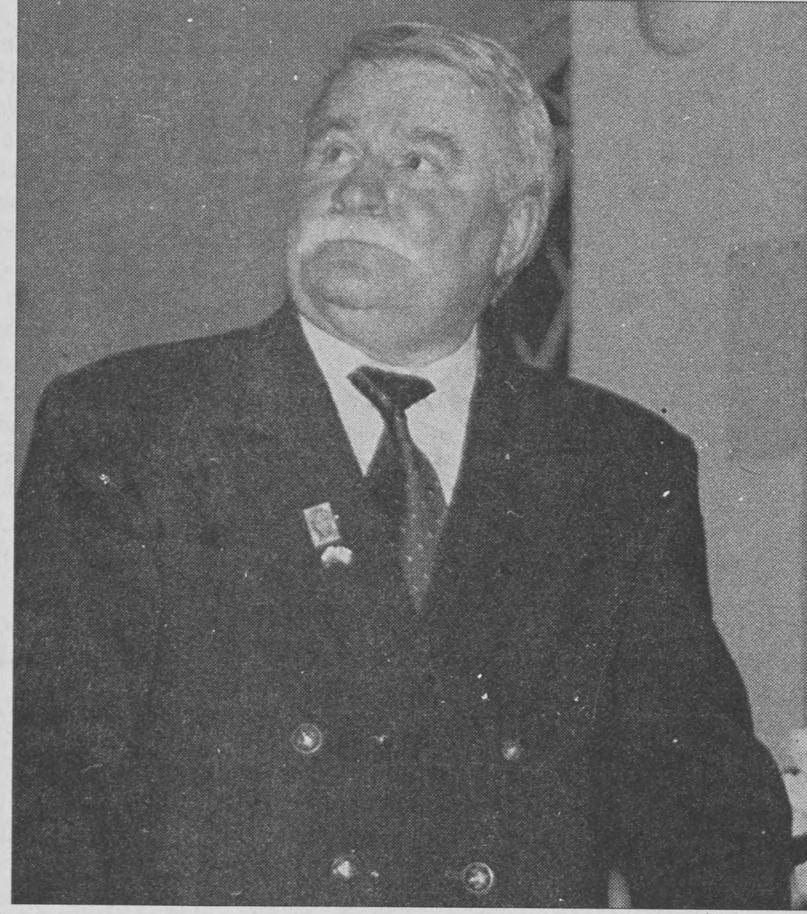
Aside from the joke he made about Polish Communists being like radishes—only red on the outside—Walesa stated that the ex-communists had in fact adopted the platform of Solidarity and won by promising to do it only better, not differently.

In his speech, Walesa communicated a sense of predestination. He seemed to believe that world events, specifically the fall of Communism, are bound to happen and will come about as a matter of course. He seemed to almost have been saying, "Of course the communists have adopted our ideals. Solidarity was bound to be totally victorious."

Walesa knows that the free-market, private property, respect for human rights and freedom are better ideas than collectivization, authoritarianism, the violation of human rights and blatant disregard for human life. He was convinced that his ideas would win and believed that they overcame, not necessarily because of his involvement, but simply because they are better ideas and were meant to win. Perhaps his faith led him to believe that God wouldn't allow such evil to prevail.

Whatever the reason, be it Providence or merely societal evolution, this adoption by communists of free-market and democratic ideals is an example of the ultimate victory of conservative and classically liberal ideals.

Current politics abound with other examples of the victory of con-



VICTORY! President Walesa confirmed in his speech to the W&L community that conservative ideals were victorious in Poland.

servatism. For example, the abortion debate has moved far to the right since the *Roe v. Wade* decision. In the 1970's, partial-birth abortion, the barbaric practice of vacuuming out the brains of a partially delivered baby, was commonplace and not debated. Now, Congress frequently brings up bills calling for its abolition, many states have already done so and most of the country supports ending this practice.

Additionally, one Supreme Court appointment could bring about the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, which was totally unthinkable just five years ago.

Welfare policy too has shifted to the right. Since the Great Society days of Lyndon Johnson to the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, the number of citizens living on the dole has peaked and drastically fallen in response to the reforms enacted pursuant to the Act. The debate used to be over how large the payments to unwed moth-

ers should be and how many housing projects the government should build. Now, legislators and bureaucrats work to reduce the welfare rolls and discuss time limits for eligibility.

Most recently, tax policy has also shifted to the right. Democrats wish that they could still fight tooth and nail any decrease in the government's confiscatory tax rate, but the argument now concerns only the size of the tax cut or rebate, not its existence. President Bush has turned the nation away from the highest-ever peacetime tax rates of the Clinton years and now Americans know that they deserve a tax cut and demand one from their Congressmen.

Marx wrote about the end of history. He envisioned a Communist paradise in which the proletariat would live in peace under a perfect political system. He was right about the end of history, but wrong about its manifestation. Conservatism, not communism, will be the ultimate victor.



IF ONLY THEY KNEW: These anti-globalization protesters' marches and chants are in vain because global development and other conservative ideals will be the ultimate victors in the battle between ideologies.

COURTESY OF ABCNEWS.COM

Letters to the Editor

Halloween costume was insensitive

Dear Editor,

Despite all the efforts our country has made in the last century to create a more tolerant society, despite all the challenges that this nation has overcome, despite the recent unifying surge of patriotism spawned by the terrorist attacks, some individuals on our campus continue to be egregiously insensitive by offending and alienating those unlike themselves.

The most recent incident to which I refer occurred on Halloween night. A group of costumed students walked into the Co-op. One of them was wearing blackface.

I thought that I was seeing wrong. I must have been grossly mistaken. But, indeed, there he was with blackened skin and flaming-red lips.

There were no words to describe what I felt at that moment, nor could the incredulous look on my face really convey my feelings.

I had to turn to a friend and ask what year we were living in 1901, surely not 2001. From where had this Sambo figure come?

After several others began to stare, he offered an excuse: "I'm the Famous Jet Jackson," an African American character from a Disney television series.

The disbelief quickly escalated to rage. As we tried to

calm down, my friend asked me, "So is he supposed to look like me?" My response was comical, simply because I could not fathom why this was the costume of choice. Had he really thought so little of my race that he would blatantly, brazenly display his contempt and disrespect?

I considered that in the spirit of Halloween, this paint was part an innocent costume. Then I thought that he must not realize what kind of stigma is attached to that makeup. Angrily, I dismissed both these possibilities. His response showed that he was very much aware of the social implications of what he had done.

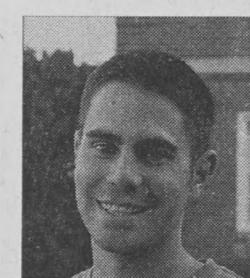
So I asked myself why anyone would leave his house or dorm room with the knowledge that he could deeply offend an entire group of people on campus, not limited to those with black skin. No matter his intention, to go out in public wearing blackface was a slap in the face for anyone who would wish every member of this community to be comfortable, if not accepted, on this campus.

Though yearly editorials bespeak the evils of diversity and tolerance, I cannot help but think that this campus needs these things all the more after this occurrence.

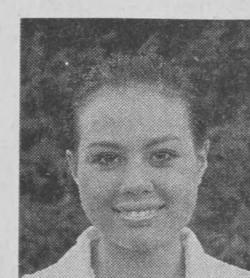
Sincerely,
Latrina Stokes '02

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TALKBACK: What do you think about the Speaking Tradition?



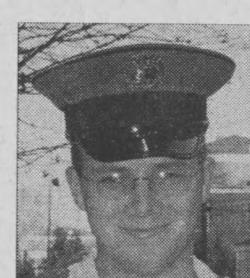
"It's a big difference from the north."
--Steve Thorne, JMU '02



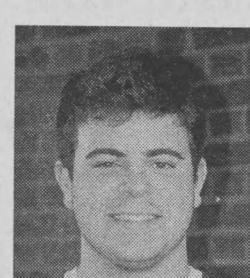
"It was one of the things that persuaded me to come here."
--Kathy Wang, '05



"They say it's there, but I really don't think so."
--Akwugo Onuekwusi



"Most of the time, they try to avoid us."
--Bob Downey, VMI '04



"It creates a more friendly environment for students."
--Joseph Harouni, '05

'Net restrictions:
It could be worse

Students come to college with certain expectations. Here we anticipate access to a world-class curriculum, top-notch professors, an exquisitely beautiful campus, and reasonable food in the dining hall.

Within the last few years, something else has been added to that list: lightning-quick Internet access. We want our web pages, songs, movies, and programs, and we want them now.

The reason for the surge in 'Net use is hardly surprising. By now, even novice users know that when they want a file, they have KaZaA, Morphus, BearShare, LimeWire, and Audiogalaxy all at their disposal. Merely type in the title of a popular movie or song and, within a matter of seconds, you have a list of files and begin downloading.

Since just about anyone with minimal computer knowledge can use these services, just about everyone does.

Yet while the Internet may seem free to users in the dormitories, the people behind the scenes know a much harsher reality: our network's choked with traffic and there's no relief in sight. Director of University Computing John Stuckey raised a considerable amount of student ire on Thursday with the decision to monitor and limit file sharing. However, in comparison to what restrictions could have been implemented, Washington and Lee's network policies are far more student-friendly than they seem.

The scenario is not unique to Lexington. Other colleges have noted that, unlike in previous years, freshmen arrived in their dormitories ready to hitch a ride on the peer-to-peer file sharing revolution. Systems that ran at 70-to-80 percent capacity last year pegged at 100 percent within the first day of school and haven't come down since.

In one example, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville reported that KaZaA transfers accounted for half of all its residential download traffic and three-quarters of all uploads. The University of Denver, even after it doubled its total bandwidth over the summer, still could not satisfy the incredible student desire for songs and movies. Even the venerable Stanford University found itself at a loss when demand for bandwidth far outstripped supply.

The results: slower delivery of e-mail, web pages that just refuse to load, students who can't do research, and professors who can't access lecture material. And with a slew of more high-bandwidth users on the verge of being added upon the completion of the wireless project out at Davidson Park, the situation's bound to grow worse by the end of the year.

In light of these trends, the university had good reason to announce on Thursday its decision to curtail peer-to-peer file sharing. They decided upon a "packet shaping" solution, which involves a piece of software or hardware that can prioritize academic data over entertainment. In other words, web pages and e-mail functions will perform far quicker while MP3s, movies, and other non-school-related files will download slower.

While the days of *laissez-faire* Internet access may be behind us, we at Washington and Lee are far better off than many other schools around the nation.

For instance, Loyola College of Baltimore went so far as to ban all peer-to-peer applications with an electronic firewall. The University of Delaware allows each student one gigabyte of activity per day; once the cutoff point is reached, no more access, academic or otherwise.

Other schools made the move to outlaw peer-to-peer sharing and then prosecute individual cases before their student judicial councils. Just think if downloading and distributing copyrighted material were a violation of the Honor System and violators were brought before the EC; we would possibly have to part with over half of our population.

Some institutions went even farther. The University of Pennsylvania's final solution was to take the "free" out of "free Internet access" by charging \$180 per year to defray the enormous costs of bandwidth. It's safe to say that the entire college would react violently if we had to go that route some day.

While I haven't heard of any college going this far, I would not be surprised if we hear about access being charged by the hour (like long distance telephone calls) or amount of data transferred.

With costs of maintaining a second T3 line already topping \$5,000 per month, that "telecommunications surcharge" option must have looked tempting to the administration. Thankfully, they chose a much more palatable method of reigning in recreational Internet use.

So rest easy; there will be no Spanish Inquisition, no firewalls and no sweeping bans. Our entertainment files may get to us a bit slower, but considering the alternatives University computing could have taken, that hardly seems like an inconvenience at all.

Extended, updated course catalogue for Winter Term unveiled

Traditional Washington and Lee education becomes even more well-rounded with such diverse offerings as Sarcasm 101, Self Reliance 100

With all we complain about here, there's no denying the fact that indeed, Washington and Lee does provide a stellar education. The structure of the majors and their respective requirements are key to building a strong foundation on which to pursue a career.

However, there are some classes that, given the interests and attitudes of the student body, should be offered here. Of course, knowing how to fill out a balance sheet will be unduly useful in the later rounds. But what about the other things that obstruct the typical student's way to total enlightenment?

I've thus constructed a list of the Top 10 Classes W&L should offer, in order to fully and completely educate its students.

Pick-Up Lines 230: An Intermediate Level Course on The Art of the Pick-Up. I swear to God, someone once asked my friend if she had "ever seen a black light before." I think most people have the general idea, that the ultimate goal is to get ass, so this

course should be just a module in fine-tuning these skills. Other pick-up lines that will do away with in this course include, "Have I seen the molding in my room?" "Here, just leave your coat in my room so it won't get lost; you can get it later," and "I'll walk you back home, Lexington is pretty shady this time of year."

Self Reliance 100: An Introduction to Doing Things By and For Yourself.

This one's pretty self-explanatory. I won't go into the holier-than-thou details of this one, but, at the risk of waxing cliché, solitude, in moderation, indeed can be virtue.

College Appreciation 380: A Seminar on Relishing Your Charmed Existence. This is an advanced course for those who realize that W&L isn't really as bad as our campus newspapers make it sound.

Self-Deprecation 210: A Course on Laughing at Yourself. Some people just take themselves way too seriously.

This course is designed for those who either a.) have not yet come to the conclusion that they are not as badass as they once thought, or b.) people who have not learned the fine art of taking things in stride.

Wal-Mart in Moderation: Keeping trips and expenses

in check. This course focuses intently on how to keep trips to a minimum, in addition to studying the addiction patterns of students unable to keep their checks below \$50 each time. In addition to this, the course will include a small section on minimizing trips to Subway and Wendy's.

GroupWise & Snood: How Much is Too Much. This course outlines the rise and fall students addicted to perpetual e-mail checks, or even worse, the psychoactive drug of Snood.com. This class culminates in a senior thesis of erasing Snood from the computer's memory.

Milking the C-School: How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. Requirement for the Major. This

course deals with the art of not pulling out hairs about internships and the like, but rather, encourages students to perfect the art of BS.

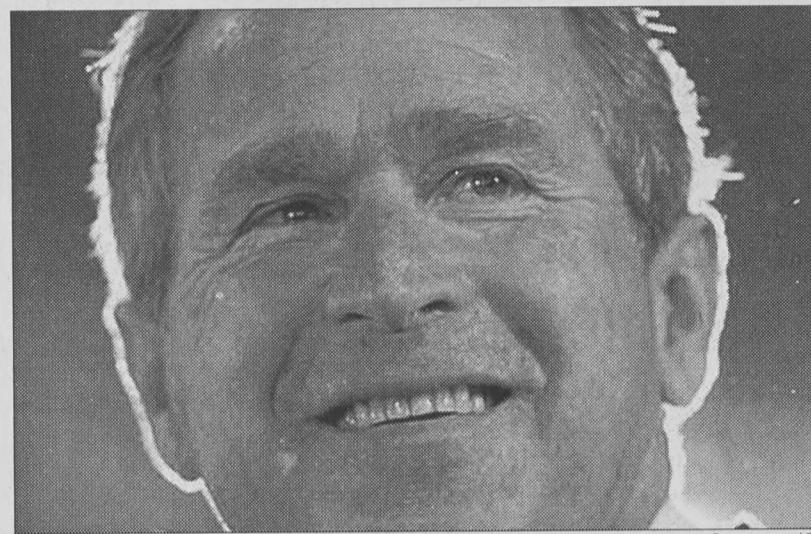
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Mnemonic Skills 101: Forced Recollection of Feigned Forgetfulness. This class teaches its students to abandon the myth of blacking out, and urges them to admit to their actions, however large a monument to idiocy they may be.

Sarcasm 101: An Introduction to Understanding Dry Humor. A lot of people here fail to demonstrate an ability to differentiate between seriousness and satire. This class could introduce the aforementioned folks to the highly revered skill of sarcasm.

Combining both legitimate courses with said suggestions could allow W&L's already brilliant populace to reap the benefits of a comprehensive education. Although it would require some changes to the Course Catalogue, each class could very well merit its own department. The only problem would be finding professors.

GOP 'Pro-Family' right should acknowledge how Bush has backed social conscience



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UNITER, NOT A DIVIDER: Bush has made great strides with his AIDS policy and political appointments.

Many social conservatives within the Republican Party cannot believe what they see. It has slowly become more and more apparent that the many members of the GOP, including President Bush, are openly accepting the gay and lesbian population as a viable political ally. With this trend the tired "pro-family" faction of the Republican Party feels betrayed by their own leaders. Forgive me if I take a little pleasure in this.

In lieu of the discourse I began with the issue of homosexuality within the Virginia gubernatorial race a few weeks ago, I was very happy to see an article by David Crary in the *Washington Post* this week entitled, "Bush Administration Broadsens Gay Overtures."

A delightful shock from our Republican President, who received so much support from the conservative right during his campaign, has been certain appointments his administration has made.

Since taking office, Bush has appointed openly gay men to the both the head of the Office of National AIDS Policy and as Ambassador to Romania, the highest appointments for open gays in a Republican Administration ever.

What's more, some conservatives were particularly angry that the partner of the Romanian Ambassador Michael Guest was acknowledged by Secretary of State Colin Powell during his swearing-in ceremony last month.

New Director of AIDS Policy Scott Evertz is aware of the conservative ire following his appointment as well, but is very pleased with Bush at this point.

"The average American isn't at a point where they can endorse gay marriage or domestic partnerships – the President isn't endorsing those concepts at this point. But does he believe gays and lesbians ought to be treated with dignity and respect? Yes," Evertz said in a statement to the Post.

Moreover, GOP action in the gay movement has not been centralized to the District alone. Sen. Gordon Smith of Oregon spoke Oct.

6 at the annual dinner of the Human Rights Campaign, a major gay-rights advocacy group.

Gays also cheered the announcement by Republican New York Governor George Pataki when he stated that partners of gays killed in the World Trade Center attack in September would qualify for state aid.

Many social groups are encouraged by these movements, and wish the President would continue to reach out to the gay and lesbian community.

"Step by step, the administration can signal to voters that they are fair-minded. They are on the right path to getting there," said Winnie Stachelberg, the Human Rights Campaign's political director.

While the Bush administration does still have a way to go on social policy for gays and lesbians, it is very encouraging to see them taking a departure from the out-dated, close-minded views of the pro-family conservative right. These organizations, despite the obvious evidence within social trends around them, refuse to acknowledge that American has

moved past the heterogeneous, nuclear family filled population of the 1950's.

People like Kenneth Connor, president of the Family Research Council, a right-wing social organization, have complained of Bush's "implicit endorsement of the homosexual political agenda."

Also, the Christian organization Focus on the Family said the aforementioned recent political appointments in Washington have created "confusion and frustration for millions of pro-family, social conservatives."

However, in a party divided against itself, there are those working to boost gay participation in Republican politics. Charles Francis, a gay public relations executive and long-time friend of Bush, founded the Republican Unity Coalition in January.

Francis said of his friend, "From Day One, George Bush said he's a uniter, not a divider – it's turned out to be more than true. For the Family Research Council and others to attack him for being a uniter is to completely miss the point of his Presidency."

Francis' coalition says it seeks only to make sexual orientation a "non-issue" in the GOP, not any special privileges for gays.

Dale Carpenter, a University of Minnesota Law Professor and scholar of gay politics best characterized the situation. "The new reality is that George Bush is doing about as much as he can, given the political restraints in the party to equalize things for gay Americans."

Carpenter went on to say, "Now there are gay-positive things coming from their own leader, and it's just harder to oppose. It's like Nixon going to China, or a southerner signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Thus, social conservatives are in a bind. Now is the time to buck-up and learn that the American social conscience is evolving, like it or not. I, for one, am happy to see these changes. Current trends in Washington and the failure of Mark Earley's socially-backwards campaign here in Virginia are evidence of this social change. Slowly, America is making more and more steps towards the universal equality that should already be a reality.

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Readers protest favorable sweatshop interpretation

Free-market fallacy blinds Kirwan to reality of sweatshops and development

Dear Editor,

Brett Kirwan is to be pitied, not blamed, for his recent outburst in the Oct. 29th issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*. Kirwan has absorbed all too well the rhetoric of the free-market fundamentalists who promote a world economic order that is flawed at best and catastrophically dangerous at worst. In his critique of the anti-sweatshop movement his naivete is glaring. It is painfully obvious when he states, "sweatshops aren't nearly as bad as they're made out to be" that he lacks any true knowledge of the lived reality that sweatshop workers face.

My sense is that Kirwan's assertions and economic analysis are borne out of an experience that is limited to a world of position and privilege. (If you are enrolled at W&L, you are in a position of privilege, as only 1 percent of the world has a college education.)

Kirwan's historical analysis of the development of the U.S. economy is also limited. The "victory over sweatshops" (which has not really happened, go to L.A. or NYC and you can see they are alive and thriving) on U.S. soil was not the result of growth and "economic feasibility." The creation of the eight-hour workday, payment of health benefits, weekends (I am sure we all value these), elimination of child labor and other worker protections were not gifts from the bourgeois. The respect for worker and human rights in the U.S. was a long, drawn-out and hard fought battle by local, national and international organized labor.

"Today, cheap, unskilled labor is scarce in the United States, so American corporations bring the opportunity for advancement to the countries where it is available." This statement completely exposes Mr. Kirwan's lack of understanding of the motives for U.S. multinationals moving their operations abroad. There is one motive: maximization of profit. A telephone conversation with a former sportshoe industry executive made this all to clear to me. He said, "Do not let anyone at Nike or the other shoe companies tell you that they were 'driven' over to Indonesia or anywhere else because of competition or other reasons. There is one reason they are there, greed." Certainly Kirwan cannot be foolish enough to believe that U.S. multinationals are in the business of development and providing "opportunity for advancement."

If Kirwan is truly committed to the development model that he puts forth I would invite him to travel to a developing country and live and work with women, men and children who toil in the sweatshops making goods for export. Surely he would feel that living and working in conditions such as these would be well worth the suffering since, by his theorizing, it will eventually lead to economic prosperity.

Yes, the free-market fundamentalist theory looks quite inviting when you are in the global elite. But the waters

run a little murkier when you are at the bottom of capitalism's food chain. When you are ready to "flip the script" and live with the poor as the poor live, then one might find it possible to take arguments for their economic development seriously.

Until that time comes, enjoy the bands and beer in the Red Square and ultimate frisbee on the Colonnade. Yes, ignorance is truly bliss.

Sincerely,
Jim Keady
Co-founder and Director of Educating for Justice

Conservatives should get jobs

Dear Editor,

It is obvious that your Right of the Aisle columnist, Brett Kirwan, has not yet taken an American history class or ever had a job.

He needs to look up "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory" on the internet, and look at the pictures of nice Jewish girls falling out of the sky in New York of 1910, burned, suiciding in that familiar way out of the sweatshop they worked in for pennies a day.

Out here in San Diego, I could get him some real work for a real man, making burritos or digging ditches for minimum wage, so he could find out just what it means to work for nothing; he could have that real immigrant experience he's so proud of.

Of course he wouldn't last long—too slow, too fragile, he would probably cut off one of his fingers in a couple of days, or hurt his delicate conservative back with real work. My answer to all you ivory tower intellectual conservatives: get a job.

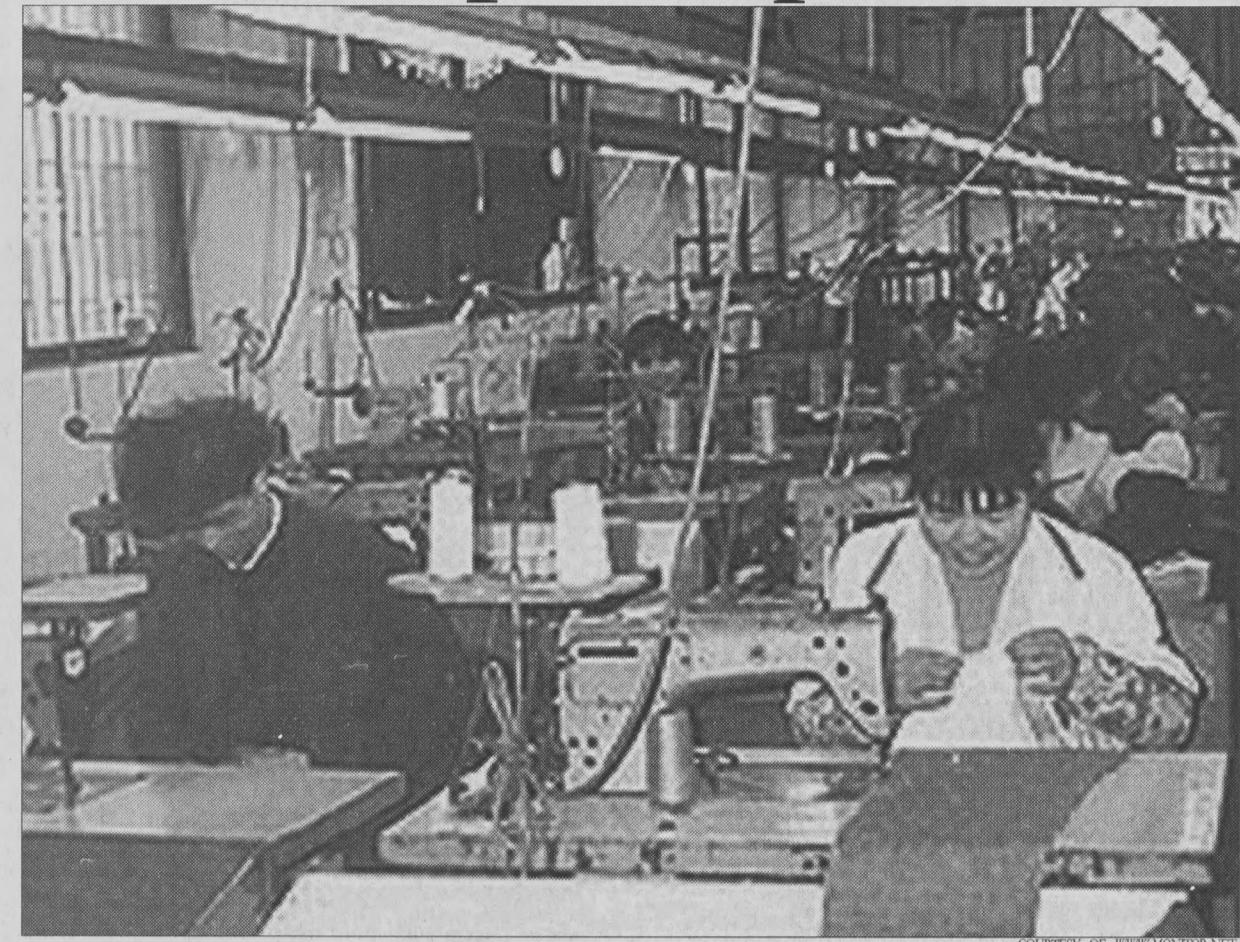
Sincerely,
Jim Ricker
San Diego State Students Against Sweatshops

USAS devoid of communist overtones

Dear Editor,

Before writing his article on sweatshops, Kirwan contacted me, the founder of the W&L chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), for more information on the organization. Although he did articulate some purposes of our organization, I believe that he in fact grossly misinterpreted or just plain missed other purposes.

First of all, by focusing on the first sentence of the first principle of USAS and ignoring the other three he gives a distorted view of the organization's vision. He claims that the phrasing "We work in solidarity with working people's struggles" implies a communist worldview. Obviously, he has not understood or seen the fourth principle of USAS, which is "We strive to act democratically."



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WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK: Despite the obvious usefulness of sweatshops, many claim corporate exploitation and campaign for their abolition.

The fourth principle of USAS goes on to say that the power of USAS is ultimately an individual power—that self-evaluation and personal responsibility must come before any sort of collective struggle. The third principle of USAS emphasizes the autonomy of each participant campus and individual. Obviously, the organization is a grassroots democratic movement. Nowhere in the principles is Marxism mentioned, much less promoted. The fact that I and others believe that we should struggle with oppressed workers does not imply that we wish to stage an armed revolution. Martin Luther King, Jr., struggled in solidarity with African-Americans to achieve his goals. No one would argue that he was a Marxist, rather, he is a hero of democracy.

Secondly, Kirwan misrepresented USAS' position on globalization. In response to the question, "Are we asking that companies move their production back to the US?" the FAQ on the USAS website states, "NO! We believe that workers in developing countries deserve jobs that will actually contribute to development, not create a cycle of impoverishment and abuse, as sweatshop jobs do." Also, Kirwan's article ignores the fact that many of the sweatshops that USAS is working against are located within the United States.

I also dispute Kirwan's claim that "sweatshops aren't nearly as bad as they're made out to be." He simply hasn't done his research. To me, before sweatshops are ever an economic issue, they are a human rights issue. Sweatshops are a much more complex issue than the cut-and-dry economic one that Kirwan imagines. Sweatshops verbally humiliate workers, fence in workers under armed guard, force workers to work 48-hour shifts during holiday seasons, pollute the drinking waters of workers, pay women less than men, use unsafe equipment, and fire workers injured by said equipment. It concerns me that Kirwan is worried about authoritarian governments, but not authoritarian employers that are essentially slaveowners. I work against sweatshops because I support human rights in all situations.

Finally, I must emphasize that what we are asking for is not unreasonable for American companies. Currently, about 3 cents of a \$15 college T-shirt goes to the workers who produced it. Seventy-five percent of the cost of the T-shirt is profit for the manufacturer and retailer. We are not asking that companies give up profits, just that they respect the dedication and humanity of their workers.

Sincerely,
Susan Somers '05

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday!
Students living on campus may vote at the firehouse across the street from Salerno's.
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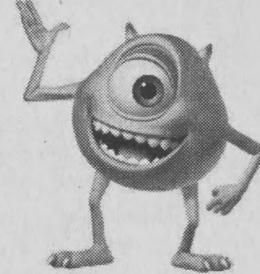
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Transportation referendum - wants to veto it
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Food tax - favors cutting it
Death penalty - for it
Gun control - supports 2nd amendment
Higher education - proposes a \$1 billion bond proposal for Virginia colleges

"Monsters Inc." full of disappointments

By MIKE GEORGE
STAFF WRITER

The great thing about animated movies these days is their ability to appeal to both children and adults. Pixar, which produces computer animated features for Disney, seems to be the standard bearer for this trend, releasing clever films like *A Bug's Life* and the two *Toy Story* films. These films were witty, charming, and endearing, with characters that I still remember. They are the kind of films you want to take younger siblings to, because you know you'll enjoy them as much as they do.



When I stepped into *Monsters, Inc.*, I expected to be entertained and not annoyed. I expected to be wrapped up in a film with sympathetic and endearing characters. I expected, at the very least, to laugh. As much as I expected this film to be a step up from previous Pixar features, it did not deliver.

The concept of *Monsters, Inc.* is not the problem. Basically, the story tries to explain the old story of the monster in the closet, a common experience of childhood. Mike and Sully, two monsters who live in the city of Monstropolis, work for Monsters, Inc., a giant corporation which collects the screams of children and converts them to energy. Sully is the most frightening monster working for the company, but his supremacy is being challenged by Reggie, a reptilian creature who can blend like a chameleon into any surface he touches. When a human child finds her way into the world of the monsters, Mike and Sully must get her home without the company and the human-wary world around them noticing. Along the way, Sully and Mike learn how to accept those who are different and that evil is not always where you expect it.

While *Monsters, Inc.* is charming to a degree, I can't help but find it predictable. The creators try to sympathize with the problems kids face, like being appreciated in a world of adult. In the process, however, they alienate adults from a concept that if done properly would have brought parents and kids together.

Another problem I had with this film was that it was too predictable. You pretty much knew how it was going to turn out from the beginning. Recently, Disney films seem to center around accepting the differences of others. *Monsters, Inc.* was another rehash of this tired ideal. Along with this conceptual problem, allusions to an oppressive government and corporate greed were all too familiar.

I think the voice talent in this film, however, was excellent. Billy Crystal, John Goodman, and Steve Buscemi work well together, bringing comic timing and wit to their characters. As much as the film was filled with talent, I found it flat. The creators spent too much time on animation (which was, I admit, truly exceptional) instead of the sophistication of the plot. Truly harrowing sequences and amazing animated effects do not make up for a story that, in my mind, has something missing.

It's worth taking a younger sibling to, but don't expect to be entertained. I would suggest a theatre that allows pillows.

Alcohol column returns to section



I REALLY AM 21, I SWEAR: Agnello turns his discriminating palate to Scotland's greatest treasure, single-malt scotch.

By MIKE AGNELLO
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In the spirit of the Mike's Pub column that appeared in the Phi last year, I, a different Mike, will review those lively libations that fail to grace our Natty-soaked gizzards. This week, I take on the granddaddy of all hard liquor: single-malt scotch.

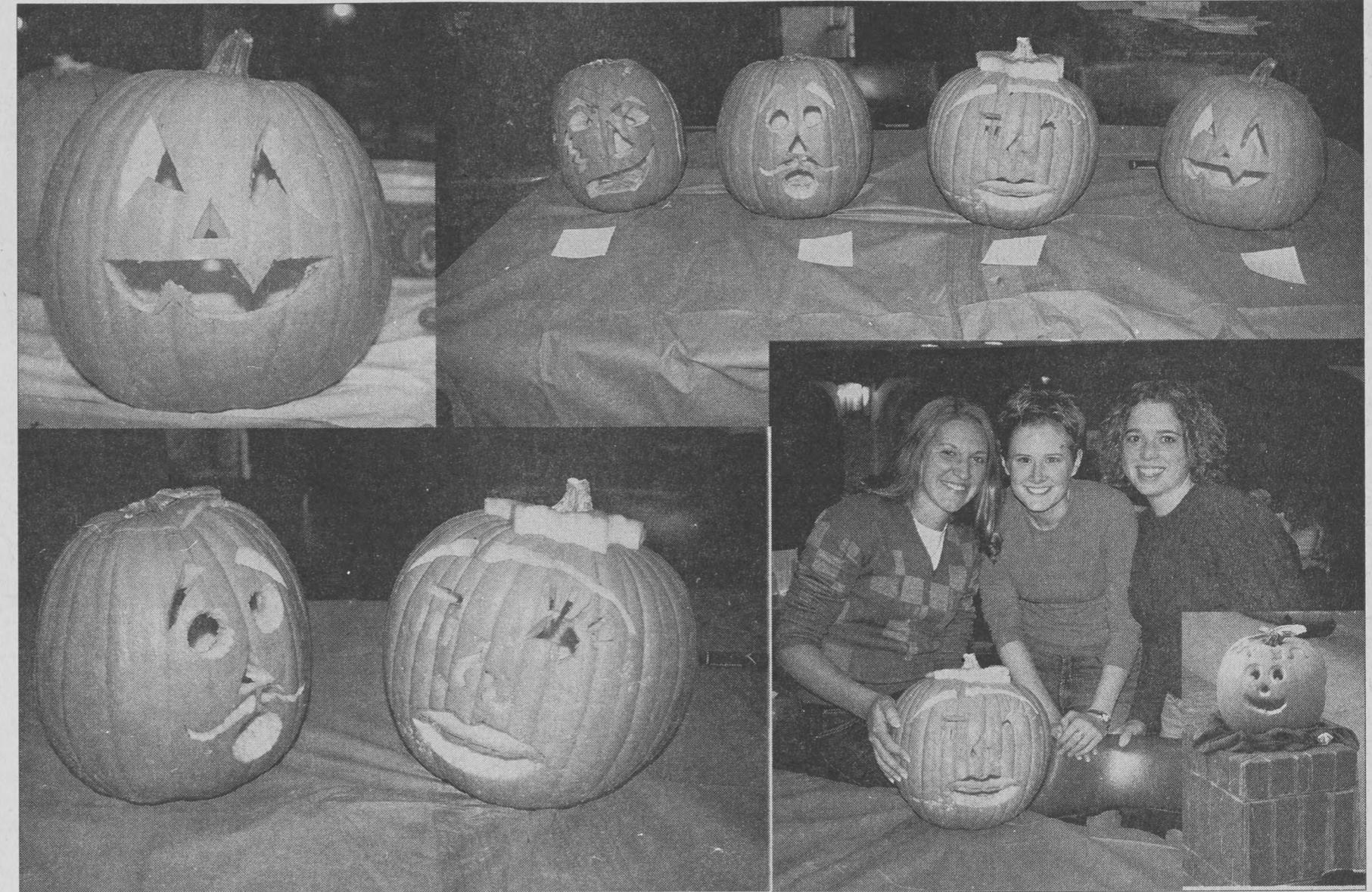
Single-malts, as opposed to blended scotch, utilize a single malt during the distilling process, and do not include any grain whisky. Blends can be as much as 80% grain.

Since this is my first column, I thought it might behoove my readers to learn how to taste scotch properly. Scots prefer to taste their spirits in dram glasses, which are little more than square shooters. But tuck away those memories of playing quarters at the fraternity house; proper tasters sip slowly.

Fill the dram or shot glass with your scotch of choice. Inhale deeply while slowly swirling the liquid around the glass. Write down your observations. The best "tasters" are so good that they don't even have to taste.

After a few good sniffs, take a small sip. Swirl the spirit around your mouth so it touches every part of your tongue. This is important, because different regions of the tongue detect the different flavors.

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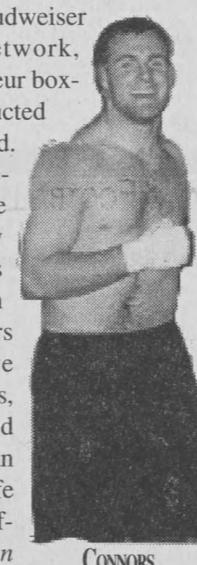


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W&L 'Toughman' boxes in Lewisburg, W.Va.

By MATT COURSEN
STAFF WRITER

A new first for a Washington and Lee student occurred last Friday night. Junior Matthew Conners participated in the boxing competition known as *Toughman*.



CONNERS

Sponsored by Budweiser and the FX network, *Toughman* is an amateur boxing tournament conducted in 44 states and abroad. Fighters undergo pre-fight physicals and are supervised closely by EMTs and physicians during the contest. In addition, the fighters must wear protective head gear, mouthpieces, groin protection, and 16-ounce gloves in an effort to remain as safe as possible. As the official *Toughman* website claims: "There are no pre-determined winners; every man and woman is fighting for fame and glory, in front of people they know, and a chance to advance to regional events and, ultimately, to the World Cham-

pionship on Pay Per View."

On a whim, Conners applied via mail-in application and was surprised to see a rather quick return from *Toughman*. He was notified that his first contest was scheduled for November 2 at 8:00 p.m. at West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, W.Va. Conners, a former amateur kickboxer, was excited for the event and eager to determine whether his experience in the ring would afford him an advantage in the contest. The official rules state that no professional boxers or amateurs with more than 5 wins in the last 5 years are allowed to compete in the two-day elimination tournament. Because Conners has not fought since he was a young teenager, he was cleared to participate.

This was the first time a W&L student has participated in a sanctioned amateur boxing tournament, and the University was certainly represented well. In support of their brother, Connors' fraternity sent nearly 40 students to the event, which was over 80 miles away on Interstate 64. In addition to Conner's raucous fan base, nearly 2000 local spectators came in droves to see their high school quarterback or local fireman compete. Freshmen and alumni alike cheered for Conners as he bobbed and weaved his way to a unanimously decided victory after the full 3-one minute

rounds of fighting. Judges, in the event of a decision or a technical knockout, use the 10-point must system with points awarded for aggression, power, number of hits, etc.

Conners, fighting under his ring name "Short Irish," came out swinging, constantly attacking his opponent with a flurry of uppercuts and haymakers.

Connors said he appreciated the show support.

"It made a huge difference. Having everyone there made it a much better experience."

W&L alumnus John Sensing said, "I wasn't going to go, but then I was told he was Irish."

Before the fight, Connors was admittedly nervous. Though he has had years of experience in a similar arena, Connors was stunned at the number of people who attended the event, which was held in a large, aluminum warehouse much like the Virginia Horse Center. As he found out before the fight, biting, wrestling, headbutting, and kicking are strictly prohibited in the *Toughman* competition, and thus, Connors would simply have to punch his way to a victory. Fighters are broken down into 2 weight classes. Men between 160-184 pounds are grouped as Light Heavyweights, and those between 185-400 are rightfully considered Heavyweights.

Women have an open weight class.

Connors weighed in at 181 pounds, putting him against a similarly built 35-year-old Lewisburg native who seemed to have some experience in the ring as well. After maintaining a quick, aggressive strategy of jabbing and moving, Connors was able to take the other boxer the full 3 rounds. Though his opponent landed some glancing punches, Connors connected on several punishing blows to the man's face and head, resulting in a unanimous decision by the judges in Connors' favor.

After the chair-pounding, fist-pumping fight, which was the 17th bout in a 25-bout ticket, Connors and his fans posed for a photo before starting their 90-minute drive back to campus. Much to his delight, Connors did not sustain any injuries excluding some minor dehydration and fatigue.

Connors' feelings before the bell rang were normal, yet refreshingly comical.

"I was nervous. I just didn't want to break anything."

Now, Matt Connors will return to his daily routine as a history major and a lacrosse player, trying to experience as much as he can before graduation.

"Fighting in the *Toughman* was something I did for the experience and, of course, the fun of it."

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THE RING-TUM PHI SPORTS

Back on top: W&L volleyball wins ODAC title

Generals use homecourt advantage to secure 4th conference crown in 5 years

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Winning three matches in less than 24 hours is a tall order for any team.

Washington and Lee volleyball was up to the challenge Friday and Saturday, knocking off Guilford, Bridgewater and Roanoke en route to their fourth Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship in five years.

"You've got to come ready to play," said senior Leslie Fischbeck, one of two Generals named to the all-tournament team. "It's a big match on your homecourt. We had the advantage, so we had to be ready to play."

W&L started off the tournament with a 30-19, 30-26, 30-26 quarterfinal win over eighth-seed Guilford. The Generals looked sloppy at several points in the match, but played their way out of a 22-18 deficit in the second game and an early 9-5 hole in the third.

"We definitely did not play our best, but we played well enough to win," said Bryan Snyder, who garnered his first ODAC title in his second year as coach.

Senior Lindsay Ruckert, the weekend's MVP and the other W&L all-tournament selection, had 10 kills and 10 digs against the Quakers. Fischbeck totaled 11 kills, and freshman Jennifer Lux recorded 35 assists.

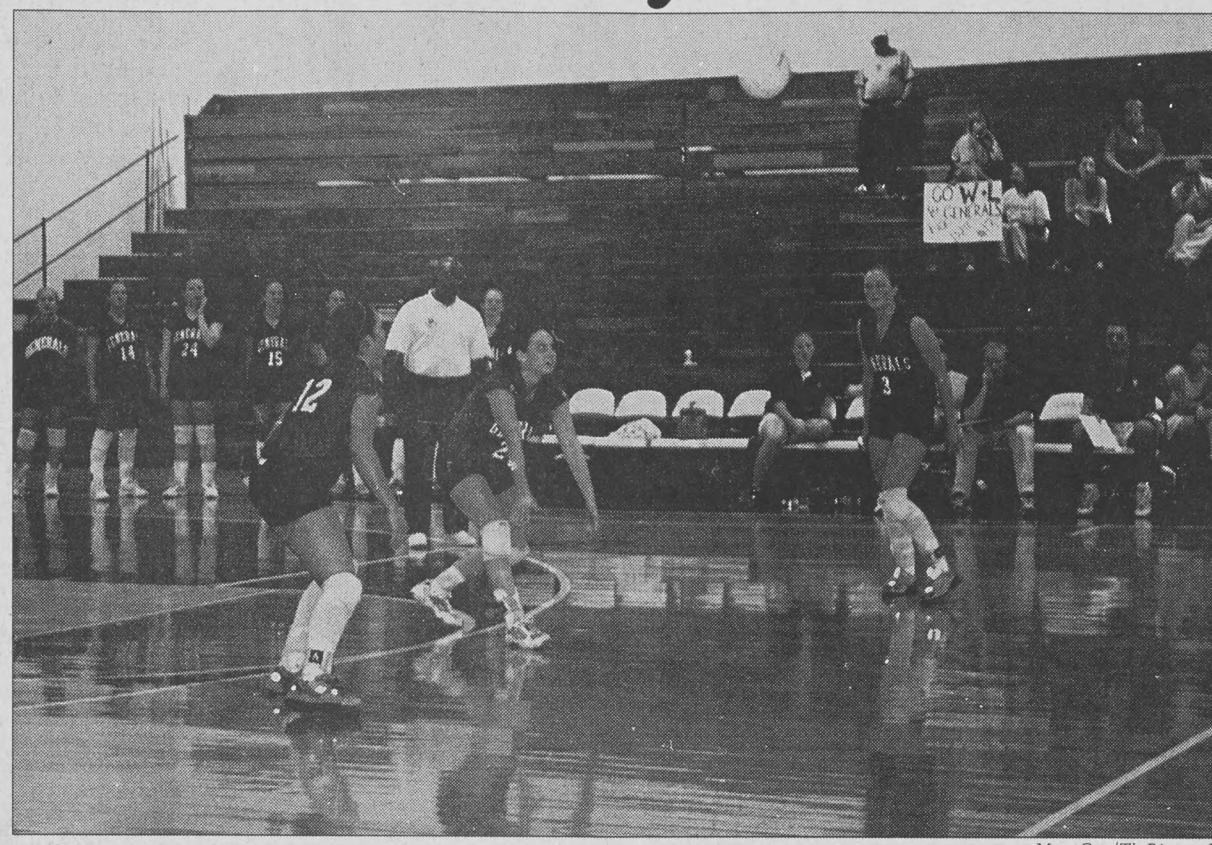
The Generals corrected many of their mistakes in Saturday morning's semifinal win over Bridgewater. Despite a valiant effort from the defending champion Eagles, W&L pulled out a 30-21, 27-30, 30-22, 30-24 victory.

"We did do a good job getting a lot of touches as well as blocking back, and we hit the ball well," Snyder said. "Our passing was a little bit better, so we were able to run our offense."

"That's where we have an advantage over most teams: we have more hitters. Every position out there, we have someone who can put the ball away."

After appearing overmatched in the first game, Bridgewater jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the second. They led by as much as 21-10 before a rally pulled the Generals to within a point at 28-27.

Behind the attacking of Ruckert and the serving of junior Stacey Kimmel, W&L took control of the third game. Bridgewater played with the Generals in the fourth game, but W&L took an early lead and never relinquished it.



MARY GUY/The Ring-tum Phi

CAN YOU DIG IT?: Freshman Emily Wolfing (20) prepares to play a ball in W&L's 30-21, 30-20, 30-15 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship win over Roanoke. Junior Stacey Kimmel (12) and senior Lindsay Ruckert look on.

Ruckert finished with 21 kills, breaking her own school record for kills in a season — 446 after the championship match. Lux tallied 39 more assists, and classmate Emily Wolfing added 12 digs.

Snyder believed his team saved the best for the championship match, a 30-21, 30-20, 30-15 win over surprising seventh-seed Roanoke. The Maroons' latest lead in any of the three games was a 5-4 advantage in the final frame.

"We hadn't been super-sharp the rest of the weekend," he said. "Everything just came together today. We've been firing on about three or four cylinders lately, but today everybody who was out there made a contribution."

The Generals looked incredibly sharp at the net against the Maroons, attacking well and blocking more than an average share of Roanoke attacks.

"Everybody up on the net was really strong," said Ruckert, who contributed 13 kills. "We just got up there and hit it."

Fischbeck added 12 kills for the Generals, and Lux amassed 36 assists. Freshman Michelle Chastain finished with 12 digs.

W&L receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they will participate in the South Regional on Nov. 8-11. Snyder knows that his team will face an opponent tougher than any team the ODAC can throw at them, and he believes the primary aspect the Generals can improve upon is their consistency.

"We look great at some points, and at some points we look like it's the first day of practice," Snyder said. "We've gotten to the point where we know, offensively and defensively, what we want to do. It's just a matter of doing it."

Ruckert, meanwhile, hopes that W&L can carry some momentum from the ODAC Tournament into NCAA competition.

"We've just got to keep going, keep doing what we're doing," she said. "We're at a high level. We just need to maintain it."

W&L looks sharper with each match

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Washington and Lee volleyball team, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament was a story of improvement.

The Generals, who lost just two conference games all season in breezing to a 10-0 ODAC record, played progressively better in dispatching Guilford, Bridgewater and Roanoke to win the school's fifth conference title.

W&L made several mistakes in Friday night's match against the No. 8 Quakers, but managed to pull out a three-game sweep.

"They weren't glaring errors," W&L coach Bryan Snyder said of his team's miscues. "Our passing would be a foot off, a foot too tight, and then our setter didn't have any options. We set bad, and that forced us to hit it out of bounds."

Snyder found a few other areas for his team to improve upon before Saturday's semifinal.

"We didn't serve-receive well," he said. "We also didn't pass the free balls very well, and that's really what we can control."

The Generals may have played poorly against Guilford, but more importantly, they picked up their play on the second day of the tournament. Against a much tougher opponent in Bridgewater, W&L pulled out a four-game win.

"(Bridgewater) passed the ball pretty well," Snyder said. "Typically, we get a lot of easy points off serves, and we didn't. So the games were a lot closer than they normally are."

The improvement carried over into the championship match against Roanoke on Saturday afternoon. Snyder praised the performance of his team's two all-tournament selections, seniors Lindsay Ruckert and Leslie Fischbeck, for their play against the Maroons.

"For two seniors to step up in their last home match, it's a great feeling for me to see them do that," Snyder said. "Lindsay's a great player. Whenever everything breaks down, you can put the ball up there, and she'll bail you out. She plays great defense, she blocks, she serves well."

"When Leslie's on, we're a great team. (Against Roanoke) we got her the ball and got her in a rhythm, and she really played great."

The Maroons' aggressive attacking played right into the Generals' hands, and the rest is history.

"We had to take advantage of the overpasses, their mistakes, and that starts at the net," Fischbeck said.

Sewanee overpowers Generals

Tigers too much for W&L swimmers in 1st road meet of the 2001-02 season

By MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

SEWANEE, Tenn.—This weekend saw the Generals' swim teams on the road at the University of the South, but the Sewanee Tigers proved to be too much for both teams.

The men's team ended up losing by a final score of 118-83. Coach Andrew Pulsifer wasn't heartbroken—he noted a lot of improving times on his team.

"Every guy on the team is getting into better shape and is bringing his times down," he said. "Ten of the 13 guys on the trip made season best times, and that's always nice."

"There were five close races, including a relay, that could've gone our way, but we got second."

Pulsifer pointed to Patrick Frankfort as a single dominating swimmer. The junior swam to victory in both the 500 and 1,000 freestyle events.

"Sewanee has a very strong class of freshmen this year. Out of the five, at least three have a very good shot at NCAA qualifying times," Pulsifer said.

With that kind of talent, the Tigers were just too tough to beat.

On the women's side, the final score was 135-75. Coach Kiki Jacobs Moore was happy with the meet.

"Two of my swimmers got career best times, and everyone else hit good early season times," Moore said.

Senior Katie Kennedy swam to a pair of wins in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Junior Kelli Austin won the 100 and 200 freestyle events. Moore also noted an outstanding performance by her 200 med-



FILE PHOTO

THE BACKSTROKE: Junior Kirk Vogel and the Generals lost to Sewanee 118-83 on the road on Saturday.

ley relay team of Kennedy, Austin, junior Michelle Moore and freshman Eleanor Williams.

"Sewanee's a very deep team—they have a couple of excellent top swimmers," Moore said. "After this weekend, we need a little more conditioning in the longer events, but it's still a little early in the season to be expecting too much there."

Both Pulsifer and Moore were quick to point out that Sewanee is "a long way to go for a dual meet."

The women's team opens their Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule Wednesday with a 7 p.m. home meet against Sweet Briar. The men's team returns to action Nov. 18 at Gettysburg.

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Wednesday, Nov. 7	Tuesday, Nov. 13
Women's Swimming Sweet Briar at W&L, 7 p.m.	Women's Swimming W&L at Hollins, 6:30 p.m.
November 8-11	Friday, Nov. 16
Volleyball W&L at NCAA South Regional	Men's Basketball W&L vs. Swarthmore, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10	Cross Country NCAA Nationals (at Augustana College, Ill.)
Wrestling VMI Keydet Invitational, 10 a.m.	Men's Basketball W&L vs. Swarthmore, 1 p.m.
Cross Country W&L at NCAA S/SE Regional (at Mississippi College)	Women's Swimming W&L at Randolph-Macon, 11 a.m.
Women's Swimming W&L at Randolph-Macon, 11 a.m.	Football Greensboro at W&L, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18	Men's and Women's Swimming W&L at Gettysburg, 12 p.m.

ODAC FOOTBALL GLANCE

Team	Conference	Overall
	W L PF PA	W L PF PA
Bridgewater	5 0 221 113	8 0 348 160
Emory and Henry	3 2 128 107	5 4 205 170
Washington and Lee	3 3 153 127	4 5 194 227
Hampden-Sydney	2 3 160 153	4 5 258 247
Randolph-Macon	2 3 82 158	4 5 175 260
Guilford	2 3 87 165	3 6 144 252
Catholic	1 4 114 122	3 6 191 198

November 3 Results

Emory and Henry 35, W&L 17	Greensboro at W&L
Bridgewater 62, Randolph-Macon 15	Hampden-Sydney at Randolph-Macon
Gardner 32, Catholic 23	Emory and Henry at Guilford
Hampden-Sydney 45, Maryville 21	Catholic at Bridgewater

Week of November 10

Greensboro at W&L	Hampden-Sydney at Randolph-Macon
Gardner 32, Catholic 23	Emory and Henry at Guilford
Hampden-Sydney 45, Maryville 21	Catholic at Bridgewater

ODAC MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Results from the 2001 Old Dominion Athletic Conference men's soccer championships:

Quarterfinals (Oct. 27 at higher seed)

No. 1 Washington and Lee 2, No. 8 Guilford 1
No. 4 Hampden-Sydney 3, No. 5 Lynchburg 0
No. 2 Roanoke 4, No. 7 Eastern Mennite 0
No. 3 Virginia Wesleyan 2, No. 6 Emory and Henry 1

Semifinals (Nov. 2 at Washington and Lee)

No. 2 Roanoke 3, No. 3 Virginia Wesleyan 2, 2OT
No. 1 Washington and Lee 1, No. 4 Hampden-Sydney 0

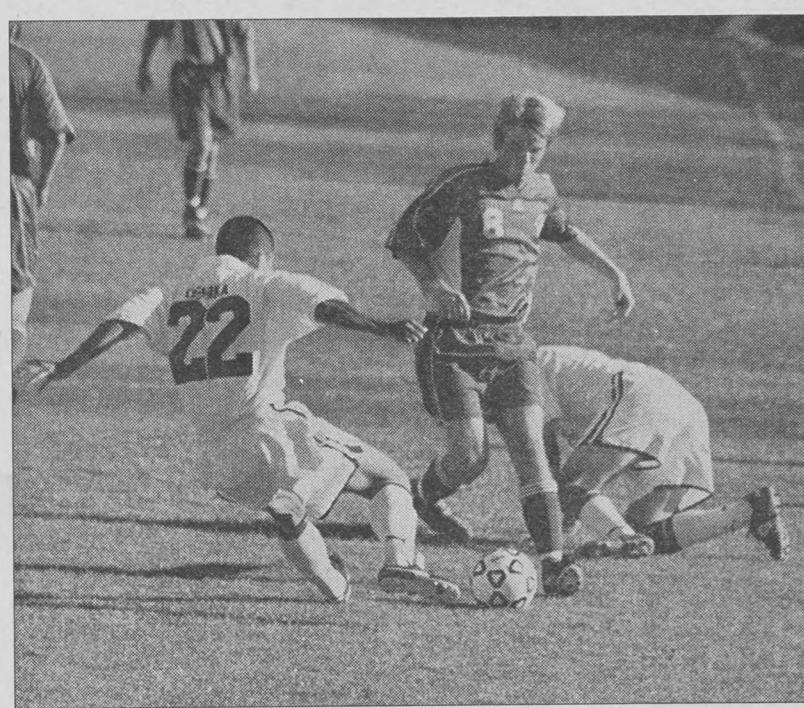
Championship (Nov. 3 at Washington and Lee)

No. 2 Roanoke 3, No. 1 Washington and Lee 2

All-Tournament Team

Brandan Moffett, Roanoke David Kodack, Washington and Lee
Ryan Pflugrad, Roanoke Chad Quenneville, Hampden-Sydney
Chris Ebeling, Roanoke Rob Comegys, Hampden-Sydney
Harold McConnell, Roanoke Eric Shenboogian, Virginia Wesleyan
Paul Wallace, Washington and Lee

Men's soccer falls to Roanoke in ODAC championship



TWO-GOAL SCORER: Freshman Justin Mygatt attempts to elude Roanoke's Tsuyoshi Oshika in W&L's 3-2 loss in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference finals at the Liberty Hall Fields. Mygatt scored both of the Generals' goals.

Generals knock off Hampden-Sydney in semifinals before dropping 3-2 decision to No. 2 Maroons in title game

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team defeated Hampden-Sydney in a semifinal match before falling to Roanoke Saturday in the championship game of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament at the Liberty Hall Fields.

The Generals advanced to the finals with a 1-0 win over the Tigers on Friday. Senior Paul Wallace scored the only goal of the match, an unassisted tally, at the 16:20 mark of the first half.

"Scoring a goal was big with a 1-0 win," W&L coach Rolf Piranian said. "That was a great run, too. Obviously, it was a big-time goal."

Despite attempting 10 corner kicks, eight of which came in the second half, Hampden-Sydney couldn't put the ball past W&L junior goalkeeper Tim Foley. The closest call, an apparent

goal by Pat Whitehead, was negated because of an offside call.

Meanwhile, Foley made four saves in recording his fourth shutout of the season.

"They definitely had the height on us, which helped them for their corner kicks," Foley said. "But I don't really get worried a lot because we have a solid defense. The games we have trouble in are when we can't get our offense clicking."

W&L also had several chances to add to their lead after halftime, particularly in the closing stages of the game. Sophomore Philip Miller drilled a shot off the post in the 88th minute. Freshman Justin Mygatt had a pair of chances shortly after, including a header that was saved by the Tigers' Austin Krison.

Despite the win, Piranian believed his team could have turned in a stronger performance.

"I'd say our kids can play a lot better than they showed," the veteran coach said. "We played good enough to win, and that was about the extent of it."

The Generals were unable to repeat their performance on Saturday, as Roanoke jumped out to a 3-0 lead 18:15 into the first half on goals by Brandan Moffett, Harold McConnell and Ryan Pflugrad.

The match quickly adopted a physical nature, as four Maroons—including assistant coach Dustin Fonder—and two Generals received yellow cards. Roanoke's Regi Francois was thrown out of the match on a red card in the 13th minute.

W&L staged a late rally, as Mygatt scored twice: the first at 68:39 in the second half off an assist from sophomore Bret Grote, and the second with 2:35 remaining by way of a Miller assist.

"Definitely a highlight," Piranian said of Mygatt's performance. "A lot of the highlights came from our young kids. A lot of our veterans didn't play exactly well, and the young kids really picked us up."

Piranian was also pleased that his team didn't pack it in after the first half.

"I would have preferred to see 90 minutes of soccer," he said. "But I'm glad we didn't quit. It's a little more uplifting than getting shellacked 3-0."

The Generals finished the year with an overall record of 12-4-1. Although they had hoped for a repeat of 2000's ODAC title, the team's first since 1989, W&L did win the regular season conference crown.

"There's only been two teams (in school history) that had more wins than we had," Piranian said. "But I'd be lying to you if I said I didn't think the team was capable of a little bit more."

Mistakes prove costly for W&L football

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
Sports Editor

EMORY—Emory and Henry converted two blocked punts, a fumbled kickoff and an interception into touchdowns Saturday in handing Washington and Lee a 35-17 defeat on the gridiron.

Junior Chris Sullivan rushed 32 times for 162 yards, and senior Marc Watson added 103 yards on 10 carries for the Generals (4-5, 3-3 Old Dominion Athletic Conference). W&L outgained the Wasps (5-4, 3-2) 385-259 in total offense.

"I for sure believed this was the year to knock off Emory and Henry," said Frank Miriello, who hasn't defeated the Wasps in seven tries as W&L's head coach. "Defensively and offensively, we accomplished that. Special teams and our critical turnover proved our demise."

"It's very disappointing, and again we played well enough on offense and defense to pull out that victory."

Emory and Henry got on the board in the first quarter after blocking sophomore Whit Whitfield's punt. Quarterback Shannon Johnson scored on a 7-yard run three plays later.



OVER THE CENTURY MARK: Senior Marc Watson rushed 10 times for 103 yards and a touchdown in W&L's 35-17 road loss to Emory and Henry on Saturday.

W&L sophomore quarterback Peter Dean connected with junior Jay Thomas on the opening play of the second quarter for a 12-yard touchdown and a 7-7 tie.

The Generals went up 14-7 midway through the third quarter on a 4-yard Watson TD run. But three minutes later, Willie Johnson returned another blocked Whitfield punt eight yards for a score.

Senior Brad Wigington put W&L back up 17-14 early in the fourth with a 22-yard field goal. The kick was Wigington's 11th of the season, a school record.

After that point, the Wasps took over. Johnson hit Brett Kickliter for a 14-yard touchdown pass. Following a Dean interception, Dan Hammonds rushed for a 30-yard TD.

W&L fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Johnson found Kickliter for a 1-yard score to give Emory and Henry an 18-point cushion.

Sullivan's rushing effort pushed him up to 1,071 yards for the year, making him just the fifth player in W&L history to rush for more than 1,000 in a season.

"He's a fine football player, and I'm looking forward to him having a good game next week and a great season next year," Miriello said of Sullivan. "Hopefully he'll be an all-conference tailback selection, which he well deserves. He's really done a great job this year."

Despite the loss to the Wasps, Miriello believes his team has improved on last season's 2-4 conference mark. The Generals have been competitive in every ODAC contest, something that didn't happen in 2000.

"It would have been nice to get that win," Miriello said. "We're 3-3 in the conference, and that's an improvement. It's a step in the right direction, and we've got a fantastic nucleus of returning lettermen (next season)."

W&L concludes the 2001 season Saturday at home against Greensboro. The teams are set to kick off at 1 p.m. at Wilson Field.

The Press Box

Old-school 'D,' adequate offense have Bears winning

When flipping through the sports pages of the *Phi* on a dreary Monday night, I find that the shaded box usually focuses on the ACC sports scene or the local leanings of our illustrious sports editor.

Now, this coverage is all well and good. I realize we do live in Virginia and I can accept the lack of coverage of Midwestern teams. I never lament the absence of long-winded

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articles on why Purdue can succeed without Drew Brees at quarterback.

But with my favorite football team—the Chicago Bears—finally winning, I feel I can take up one week of the Press Box with some thoughts on Da Bears.

Like many Illinois natives, I found the past five years unbelievably disheartening as I watched the team sink deeper into infamy with losers like Curtis Enis and Cade McNown running the team. I accepted my plight, choosing to seek solace in a videotape of the only Super Bowl victory in franchise history, a 1986 drubbing of New England, when Mike Ditka was the coach and not merely a terrible CBS commentator.

After Sunday's come-from-behind win over the also-resurgent Browns, the future looks good for the 6-1 Bears.

Like those powerfully dominating teams of the mid '80s, the strength lies in the defense, and the centerpiece of that defense is a linebacking crew that would make Mike Singletary and Dick Butkus want to throw on a jersey again.

The trio of youngsters, with second-year starter and 2000 Pro Bowl selection Brian Urlacher leading the corps at 23 years of age while aided by Roosevelt Colvin at 26 and Warrick Holdman at 25, make up for their youth with sheer determination, speed and athleticism.

Take Urlacher: a relative unknown when drafted in the first round from New Mexico (yes, New Mexico), he's fast enough, even at 6-3, 244, to play safety, but strong enough to bull-rush 300-pound linemen seven yards into the backfield.

In college, the 2000 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year displayed his overall talent by playing safety on defense, receiver on offense,

and returning kicks and punts on special teams. At safety, he amassed a nation-high 178 tackles his junior season.

A group of linebackers is only as good as the group of linemen that take up space in the trenches, though.

After watching the Bears play miserably for the past seven years, wilting on defense with a lack of a pass rush, the addition of behemoths Ted Washington and Robert Traylor up front has allowed players like defensive end Bryan Robinson to come into their own.

In the secondary, with hard-hitting Mike Brown leading at free safety, the group looks little like the humiliated bunch that surrendered 20 catches to San Francisco's Terrell Owens last season.

The Bears' defense has allowed the second-fewest points in the NFL this season and has scored a TD in three games.

But you can't win with just a defense, you might say. A solid offense is necessary as well. Very true.

To be sure, the '01 Bears don't have a Walter Payton to carry the ball every down, but Anthony Thomas looks good in just his rookie season, rushing for 188 yards against Cincinnati, a total even the rookie from Jackson State never matched.

Lack of a quarterback? Yes, Jim Miller and Shane Matthews are injury-prone and look ugly, but they get the job done, plain and simple.

Marcus Robinson injured at receiver? While Robinson is a huge loss, Marty Booker has led the receiving corps admirably and rookie David Terrell has stepped it up big time, especially in the Bears' 37-31 victory over San Francisco, when he made an amazing grab and scored two late touchdowns.

Yes, the Bears might disappoint after this article reaches the presses. Seven of eight conference games remain on the schedule, with two against the resurgent Packers.

But that's what makes football a great game. Any team can win on any day of the year, with the possible exception of this year's Lions. As long as the Bears continue to play tough, inspired football, I'll keep tuning in and remain a loyal member of the Superfans.

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