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No arrests mar rush week

BY PETER QUACKENBUSH
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No students were arrested during Rush Week, the beginning of the induction process into sororities and fraternities.

"This is the first year I can remember when no student was arrested during Rush Week or Tear Night," Dean of Student David Howison said.

University Security believes that the threat of punishment forced students to think more responsibly when attending parties.

The alcohol policies instituted at the beginning of the year entail a three-strike system resulting in increasingly stiffer punishment, culminating with the possibility of suspension.

To comply with the policy, the Intrafraternity Council instituted a "Dry Rush": Alcohol was strictly prohibited during the rush period.

However, there were several violations.

"Three frats were issued strikes, and there is one case pending," IFC President Quincy Springs said.

"We're a little disappointed in the Dry Rush. We're disappointed in that three frats were caught with alcohol violations.

"Violating Dry Rush is an extreme problem."

The IFC was encouraged by some recent statistics regarding the first semester under the three-strike system. Over Winter Break, the Alcohol Task Force issued a report showing a decrease in student arrests by over 30 percent.

"We're very pleased with decreased arrests... A lot of negative aspects of Greek life are down from years past," Springs said.

Overall, the IFC is pleased with the outcome of Rush Week, but feels that more action may be necessary.

"We, as an IFC, are always looking for improvement," Springs said.

While there is nothing on the foreseeable horizon, Springs did not rule out the possibility of more changes to facilitate both freshmen and fraternities having a more enjoyable time.

Associate Director of Security Steve Tomlinson echoed those sentiments on the security side.

"There's always room for improvement," Tomlinson said.

Freshmen reviews of dry rush were mixed. Some thought that it was not an accurate picture of Greek life and seemed awkward. Others believed that dry rush made relationship, not alcohol, top priority. One such freshman, (Dry Rush) really helped me to get to know the brothers," freshman Jack Murray said.

HIS NAME IS MUDD



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MUDD ADDRESSING AND IN A DRESS. Roger Mudd (50) began W&L's first-ever Institute for Honor Friday with a keynote address discussing honor at W&L, honor in his career and the difference between the two. Mudd, a renowned journalist, spoke in Lee Chapel to an audience of 600 attending the combined Founder's Day Convocation and ODK initiation. The Institute,

funded by the class of 1960, is a \$750,000 program aimed at promoting academic integrity in secondary schools and colleges, while also emphasizing ways that alumni can further promote integrity in the professions and the workplace. Inset: Mudd and date Nancy Paddock in 1950 dress according to theme for the King Arthur's Court Fancy Dress Ball.

Servers sick of slight salary

GHQ workers upset by lack of tips, low wages

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Many upperclassmen complain about how the GHQ Bistro's menu has been significantly cut back this year. Yet, what most don't realize, is that one thing hasn't been cut back—but hasn't been increased, either—and that is the servers' wages.

According to one of the GHQ's student managers, junior Erica Riesbeck, the present hourly wage for student servers is \$2.25 per hour. On top of that, servers get tips. Ideally, the wages plus tips equals or exceeds the federal minimum wage standard of \$5.15 per hour. However, according to Riesbeck, this is not the case.

Said Riesbeck, "We ask people when they check out if they want to leave a tip. Many people do, but there is a lot of people who say they don't have any general debit funds in their account, so they can't leave a tip."

Riesbeck says that not having general debits is not a problem, since students can also leave cash tips. However, the students who don't have the debits typically don't have cash on them, either. Riesbeck asks, "Why would you go to a restaurant where service is provided and not expect to leave a tip? You wouldn't do that in a regular restaurant, so why here?"

Part of the problem may be that the other eateries on campus—Evans Dining Hall and the Snack Bar Express—are self-service. People grow accustomed to not having service, and consequently, the idea of paying anything extra for a meal falls to the wayside.

Collecting tips at the register is one thing; asking people to leave one is another. Says Riesbeck, "You don't want to be rude, but basically, you need to make people feel guilty. With upperclassmen, there's not so much of a problem because they understand the concept of paying for service. But with the freshmen, since they have a new meal plan that incorporates three meals in the GHQ per week, I think they tend to forget that the meal plan actually just represents a dollar amount they can spend in here before having to pay extra. It's not that they're inconsiderate or anything like that, they are just unaware."

This is not to say that none of the servers ever make a decent amount of money. Riesbeck says that when she worked as a server last year, she would often make as much as \$20

per night in tips. However, she also says that one of her servers this year made only \$4 in tips for two nights' work one week. Cash flow, she says, is an issue.

The effect upon the servers is to decrease their morale, because without sufficient income, they have little incentive to provide good service. Says another student manager, Jen Nelsen, also a junior, "Waitresses are almost solely dependent on tips. If you receive bad service, then understandably, you should not leave a large tip. But at least leave something."

Another hitch is that the hours of the GHQ have been significantly trimmed this year in an effort to make it more financially viable. The effect upon its employees, however, is to reduce the number of hours they work. Not only does that mean they receive less pay in the form of hourly wages, but, as Riesbeck said, they don't have as much time to wait a table and receive a tip.

"When the GHQ is open for an hour and a half, that's basically enough time to wait maybe two sittings at a table," Riesbeck said. "Turn-over is very low."

The solution, of course, would be to lengthen the GHQ's hours, which would also help reduce the crowding that one observes at 5:30, when the restaurant's doors open for dinner.

However, the reason for shortening operating hours, as previously noted, was to alleviate financial woes at the GHQ, which lost \$60,000 last year.

Riesbeck agreed with the idea that adding wages and tips earned together at the end of a two-week pay period, figuring out the average hourly wage from that amount, and then adding on whatever is necessary to meet the minimum wage is a good idea. Either the servers earn \$5.15 an hour, significantly better than what they sometimes make now, or they make even more than that, in which case, the GHQ doesn't have to pay them anything extra.

Riesbeck seemed confident that a minimum wage level was a solid idea. It avoids having the GHQ lengthen its hours, puts less pressure on cashiers to ask for tips and ensures that student workers in the GHQ earn a comparable amount to what other student employees on campus do.

Said sophomore Samantha Snabes, a cashier, "Then you will at least make minimum wage."

HOURLY WAGES	
■ NATIONAL MINIMUM:	\$5.15
■ W&L WORKSTUDY:	\$5.75
■ GHQ:	\$2.25

New alliance promotes unity, awareness

BY ALISON TRINIDAD
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

The Black Female Alliance, a newly-formed student organization, kicked off a campus-wide racial awareness campaign Jan. 10.

Titled "Unity in Diversity: Roll Call 1/10/02," the campaign seeks to document and "gauge the racial temperature" of Washington and Lee for the next six months. The BFA plans to meet with university administration, faculty, student organizations, fraternities and sororities to survey attitudes and actions concerning race and gender issues on campus. They hope to release the progress and results of their study through newsletters, and end-of-the-year report card and an open forum in June.

Ultimately, they would like to see a separate, university governing body created to hear and settle accusations of racial discrimination, similar to the Student-Faculty Hearing Board, which deals with accusations of sexual misconduct.

Originally an ad hoc committee of the Minority Student Association, the BFA announced its separation early this year to work "on behalf of a more collective attitude toward issues of diversity." Their mission statement pledges to "expose and correct all action displaying prejudice, ... disseminate a higher level of consciousness and educate our campus community on the meaning of and demand for both unity and diversity."

They hope to collaborate with several organizations already on campus that devote efforts to promoting diversity and understanding on campus, including the MSA, the Gay-Straight Alliance, SAIL and PRIDE.

PRIDE Co-Chair Patrice Wedderburn looks forward to working with the BFA.

"By working with different student organizations on campus, we hope to further drive home the point that diversity is not limited to a certain race, ethnic group, social class, etc.," she said. "Diversity begins with the individual."

The founders of the BFA, five black female sophomores, say two incidents this year of racial ig-

norance prompted them to begin the campaign. Shortly after Sept. 11, three female W&L students and their friends, all black, were forced to show their university cards before being allowed to a fraternity party.

"These students were told that their entrance could present an insurance risk (and) that they didn't look like 'Washington and Lee students,'" the BFA stated in a press release.

Interfraternity Council President Quincy Springs, a senior, remembers being called to the scene and having to talk with that fraternity's president.

"As a black man representing the Greek community," Springs said, "I'm disappointed by the way in which black people, in general, are stigmatized when they enter fraternity parties, especially when those people are students."

The second incident occurred on Oct. 31 when a student entered the Co-op dressed in blackface.

"Things happen and people are comfortable with it," said BFA Chair Marinda Harrell. "To us, that's a problem."

"This is campus learning. Let's learn about each other—not in a lovey-dovey but fact-based way."



COME CHEER FOR VMI. Women's rights groups oppose new policies that affect these and other female cadets.

Pregnant cadets win support of women's groups

BY JACK HAGLE
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new policy that makes marriage or parenthood a bootable offense for Virginia Military Institute cadets has been met with a barrage of criticism from two national women's rights organizations.

Days after the National Women's Law Center sent VMI a letter asking the state-funded military school to end the policy, the National Organization for Women's Virginia chapter on Wed. decried the policy as "illegal and inexcusable discrimination against women." Both organizations have asked the school to rescind the policy. NWLC Officials said they "have not foreclosed any options," regarding legal action.

Issued by Superintendent Josiah Bunting III Dec. 20 and put into effect at this semester's start, the "values driven" policy states that any cadet - male or female - who causes a pregnancy or marries while enrolled at VMI will be expelled. The policy applies to inter-Barracks relationships and relationships between cadets and their non-VMI partners.

NOW issued a statement charging that the policy violates Title IX laws ensuring gender equality in state-funded education. The organization also said the ban on pregnancy violates the commonwealth's Human Rights Act.

"NOW believes that pregnancy is a natural part of the human experience and should never be used to limit women's opportunities," the statement said.

Although the VMI policy states that "any policy governing marriage and parenthood or pregnancy must be even handed in its treatment of male and female cadets," NOW and NWLC called the policy discriminatory along gender lines.

"With a woman, you can see when she is about to become a parent," said Jocelyn Samuels, NWLC vice president and director of education, "whereas there is no mechanism for discovering or confirming that male cadets have become parents."

But VMI officials have defended the policy, saying the school was following orders from the Department of Justice to develop a policy that would drop the 1996 federal lawsuit against the college. For over 150 years, VMI employed a male-only admissions policy. The U.S. Supreme Court gave VMI the choice to accept women or lose state funding. Recently, the case was dropped and oversight from DOJ ended.

"The notion of a legal challenge was not totally unexpected," said VMI spokesman Chuck Steenburgh. "But our advice from our attorneys is that what we have a policy that is permissible under the law. We're pretty serious about this policy

and we think it's the best policy for VMI and our cadets."

No-marriage policies apply at all the federal military academies. And most academies treat pregnancy as a disability, allowing pregnant cadets to return after the child is born.

VMI, a state school, is not under the same guidelines. VMI cadets pay tuition and have no military commitment upon graduation. Federal service academy cadets' tuition is covered by taxpayers, but they must serve in the military upon graduation.

NOW said the policy is in direct response to VMI acknowledging its first pregnant cadet last spring. VMI begs to differ.

"The Department of Justice really insisted upon a written policy that covered pregnancy as a condition for the court case," said Steenburgh. "Our preference would have been to continue to handle these very complex and important issues on a case-by-case basis, as we have been doing, in order to have the court case dismissed. To say that this is in response to our pregnant female cadet is false as these organizations are charging."

Pressure from alumni and the school's board of visitors to adopt a policy has increased. A growing trend of cadets fathering children while trying to remain cadets was also considered in forming the policy, Steenburgh said.



W&L, Settle debut new website on nuclear energy

Come inside the secret world of the Manhattan Project. Track nuclear proliferation country-by-country. Examine the impact of the arms race on espionage and terrorism. Explore the benefits and dangers of America's growing use of nuclear energy. Discover the complexity—or not—of building an atomic bomb.

All this is a few clicks away on a Washington and Lee University Web site going up this month to help students, teachers, policy makers and scientists quickly find accurate and comprehensive information on the nuclear age.

The Web site — <http://alsos.wlu.edu> — is part of the National Science Foundation's \$40 million National Science Digital Library designed to create, organize and install high-quality educational resources on the Internet. The Alsos site, created through a \$250,000 NSF grant, provides information about a rich array of authoritative and reliable materials drawn from sources worldwide.

The strength of the W&L Web site is the integration of material from different disciplines, ranging from physics to art, with both a current and an historical perspective on issues involving nuclear energy," said Dr. Frank A. Settle Jr., a Washington and Lee chemistry professor and co-director of the project. The Alsos site currently features about 350 annotations of books, articles, videos, photographic collections, CD-ROMs and links to other Web sites to help users track how the development of nuclear energy has and continues to influence the evolution of science, technology, domestic politics, international relations and the arts and humanities.

The seminal Invisible Man still influences American politics

Lucas Morel was a high school sophomore when he was assigned to read Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, the controversial and critically acclaimed novel about an alienated black youth's journey through post-war America.

Morel forgot the book until several years ago, when he was exploring ways to bring political theory to life for his students at Washington and Lee University.

Discovering the many facets of *Invisible Man* — a work deemed by *The New York Times* as relevant and important today as it was when first published 50 years ago — is the goal of a national

symposium featuring the country's leading Ellison scholars and renowned political and literary commentators meeting Feb. 1-2 at Washington and Lee's historic campus.

Through the lens of today's social and political struggles, the symposium will examine how Ellison's sharp pen captured the attention—and changed the views—of mainstream America as racial tensions escalated during the budding Civil Rights Movement and the explosive school desegregation cases working their way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

—Courtesy Latrina Stokes

C-school canceling classes

Planning for the future can be as inconvenient as it is necessary. Just ask most of the professors of the Williams Commerce School. Many canceled classes on the first Friday of the semester to attend a two-day planning session as the first step toward developing new educational initiatives.

The process will require that professors cancel class twice more this semester in order to meet with the facilitators of the Ernst and Young Foundation, the strategic planning partners who have donated time and resources to aid in this process.

There was no other choice, said Dean Elizabeth Oliver about canceling classes. They settled with "the three most inconvenient Fridays," including the last day of registration for spring term and the last day of winter term classes.

VMI Supt. Bunting set to retire

Virginia Military Institute's superintendent, Josiah Bunting III, announced early last month that he will step aside at the end of the current school year.

"It struck me that this is a good time for the [Board of Visitors] to go out and look for new leadership," Bunting told *The Associated Press*.

Bunting told the VMI Board of Visitors in a written statement that he will stay at VMI as a spokesman for a current \$175 million capital campaign, designed to boost the school's academic reputation. He will also act as an advisor to the incoming superintendent until his contract expires in July 2003.

"With the benefit of General Bunting's leadership, VMI has entered a new century poised to become stronger and more cohesive than in any time in recent memory," Samuel B. Witt III, president of the VMI Board of Visitors, said in a statement. "We have a community of faculty, cadets, and staff unsurpassed in its collective talent and energy, with an extraordinary capacity to push forward the boundaries of learning and leadership."

Bunting, who came to VMI in 1995, is best known for leading VMI in a 1996 U.S. Supreme Court battle to keep the state-funded college male only. He oversaw the eventual assimilation of women into the corps of cadets in 1997.

—Courtesy Jack Hagel

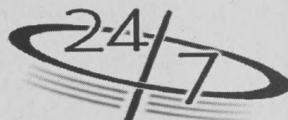
BEHOLD, THE NEW KNIGHT OF ODK



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BLACK INDUCTED INTO ODK. Senior Richard Black is initiated into the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society by senior Stacy McLoughlin. ODK, founded at Washington and Lee in 1914, recognizes superior

leadership as well as outstanding academics. This year, 31 students were inducted, representing junior and senior undergraduate students and second and third year law students.



Today

7 p.m.—Lecture. "El poder subvertido en la escritura femenina de Mexico," Leon Guillermo Gutierrez, author, literary critic, lawyer and professor from Mexico City, Northern Auditorium. Refreshments to follow. Open to the public.

7 p.m.—Martin Luther King Jr. candlelight rally and march. Lee Chapel or Lee Chapel parking lot. Reception to follow in Fairfax Lounge.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

4 p.m.—Glasgow Endowment Reading. "Leon Guillermo Gutierrez y el alma mexicana," Leon Guillermo Gutierrez, author, literary critic, lawyer and professor from Mexico City, Northern Auditorium.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

8 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Fairfax Lounge. All W&L students, faculty/staff, and the Lexington community are welcome. Coffee is provided.

Thursday, Jan. 24

8 p.m.—Lecture. "Avaritia" and "paupertas": On the Place of the Early Franciscans in the History of Avarice," Richard Newhauser, Trinity University, Northern Auditorium.

Friday, Jan. 25

12 p.m.—Women @ Work speaker. Pulitzer Prize winner Ann Telnaes. RSVP de Maria x8932.
7:30 p.m.—Film Society. "Sexy Beas" (England, 2001). Directed by Jonathan Glazer. Troubadour Cinema.
9 p.m.—16th annual lip synch contest. Student Activities Pavilion. Tickets sold at the door.

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THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

It's time to tear down Woods Creek Apartments

In days of yore, parents would expose their malformed offspring in the woods, leaving them to die out of sight. University architects apparently had the same idea with the Woods Creek Apartments, placing those misshapened buildings on the far side of the Dell and ensuring that only residents are forced to see them.

The Apartments are the only structures on campus that make Leyburn Library look traditional and attractive. Their clumsy attempts at modernity look less like Lloyd Wright than Picasso. If the earth vomited up a pile of ugly concrete blocks, it would resemble Woods Creek's exterior.

Of course, looks aren't everything. It would be one thing if the Woods Creek Apartments only appeared to be hewn out of a particularly infelicitous clump of boulders. The creature comforts inside, however, are better suited to the bathysphere than to upperclassman living.

The rooms are dark and damp. Institutional cinderblock walls and airport high-traffic carpeting do not make happy rooms, and the casement windows' synergy with the penitentiary fluorescents has doubtless inspired prison architects. The windows are ugly enough that residents are grateful there aren't too many of them. Residents suffering Seasonal Affective Disorder should probably spend Winter Term abroad.

The steep stairs lace a labyrinthine floor plan that makes navigating a chore. The balconies are only good for hanging clothes to dry, which further adds to the Third World appeal.

The complex's sylvan setting makes it difficult, even dangerous, to approach. Woods Creek residents returning from the Hill have to transverse a very poorly lit path that becomes treacherous after snow or rain. Recently, the creek froze, and the ice-slicked bridge became more problematic than picturesque.

There's no reason for security, since only those doomed to live there, or eager for a secure drinking location, will want to visit.

After building the University Commons, refurbishing Reid Hall, and erecting the Wilson Fine Arts Center, the University might well consider new housing that could be advertised, rather than sequestered on the creek's far side.

PC snafu strikes FDNY

One of the most striking images to be published following the Sept 11 attacks was a picture of three firemen raising an American flag over the wreckage of the World Trade Center. The picture, taken by Tom Franklin of *The Record* of Hackensack, N.J., reminds one of the photograph of soldiers raising the flag over Iwo Jima and perhaps foretold that a similarly harrowing fight would be necessary to win this war.

Fittingly, the property company which owns fire department's headquarters building had decided to construct a memorial to the firefighters who died on the 11th and chose to commission a statue based on the photograph. Unfortunately for those who crusade in the name of "diversity," the photograph depicted three white firefighters raising the flag. So, instead of producing a statue that mirrored reality, the fire department chose to have cast a statue depicting one black, one Hispanic, and one white firefighter raising the flag. How exactly does one depict a Hispanic in bronze, anyway?

Yes, that's right, in the interest of political correctness, inclusiveness, diversity and a host of other liberal buzzwords, the department chiefs decided to ignore the actual events that took place and instead mold reality into what they saw as, supposedly, a better reflection of the event.

Their attitude can best be summed up by a black fireman who was quoted as having said, "The symbolism is far more important than representing the actual people. I think the artistic expression over diversity would supersede any concern over factual correctness."

"Any concern for factual correctness?!" The liberals have a great new replacement expression for "truth." Just as the handicapped are now "differently-abled," and the short are now "vertically-challenged," the truth is now no more than "factual correctness." It should of course be sacrificed in favor of "diversity." After all, the FDNY is 2.7% black and 3.2% Hispanic.

This effort to fool with the truth has enraged many of New York's finest, especially since those who disapprove of the decision to sacrifice reality to liberal politics are being labeled as "racist" and "insensitive." It must be their hidden racist agendas that prevent them from supporting the re-engineering of actual events. Nothing could be further from the truth about firefighters who risk their lives daily to save New Yorkers of all colors and who, on the 11th, saved people from around the globe.



OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE: This photo was to be perverted for "diversity."

In an interview with Rod Dreher of *National Review*, firefighters questioned the decision to replace the firefighters depicted in the photograph by asking if changes in the Iwo Jima memorial or Mount Rushmore would be next. Perhaps, one offered, "They ('re) going to have to take Thomas Jefferson off Mount Rushmore because he owned slaves."

Maybe paintings of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will be redrawn to better reflect America's current racial make-up. Perchance the

story of Apollo 11 will be rewritten to include Miguel Collins, the Hispanic astronaut who backed-up Neil and Buzz. After all, "factual correctness" isn't as important as diversity.

Similarly, the Soviets had a policy of air-bushing individuals out of photographs after they had been deemed unsavory by the party. Also, in George Orwell's *1984*, the hero, Winston Smith, is employed with the government ministry whose task it is to alter news accounts of the past so they reflect the current government line. Modern leftists have adopted a similar attitude toward the truth.

In response to this revisionist campaign, Brooklyn firefighter Steve Cassidy faxed a petition to firehouses asking that firefighters sign to protest the department's decision. Apparently, they may have listened and Fire Commissioner Nicolas Scoppetta said that other ideas will be examined so that a more "fitting" memorial will be built. Hopefully, the next memorial won't confuse true heroism with the heroes of the left.

Robertson snuggles with African dictator

Who is Charles Taylor? He is the President of the impoverished, war-ravaged nation of Liberia whose checkered past has crossed with Pat Robertson's checkered present.

After a bloody *coup d'etat* involving numerous public executions in 1980, Charles Taylor joined the ranks of the new Liberian government led by Samuel Doe. Taylor proceeded to gain Doe's trust, smuggle \$1 million from him, and flee to the United States. He was arrested and held for extradition, but turned up in Liberia again after breaking-out of a Massachusetts prison.

In the Liberian rain forests, he assembled an army of emaciated villagers, drugging their children and sending them on his most dangerous missions. Slowly, he overtook areas of the country. Doe's forces were unable to stop him.

Taylor sold off rubber plants, mineral deposits and any other resource he gained to foreign exporters when he overtook a new area of the country. His wealth growing, Taylor was elected to the presidency in 1997.

Why am I telling you all this? Because the identity of one of this murderously corrupt president's business partners fascinates me. You might have heard of him: Pat Robertson, W&L alumnus, president of the Christian Coalition, Christian Broadcasting Network, and Freedom Gold Limited. FGL is a company Robertson founded in 1998 that funds and profits from mineral and gold excavation. Its profits are held in the Cayman Islands.

This information comes from an unlikely place, the December issue of *GQ*. However, while Robertson declined to talk to *GQ* for the article, his attorneys did acknowledge the fact that Robertson is indeed putting his money into the project in Liberia.

What the *GQ* article hopes to show is the corrupt manner that Robertson's company pulled the rug out from under two American businessmen running the operation in Liberia, Ken Ross II and Ken Ross III.

While this is somewhat interesting, the real shock is the fact that Robertson has no qualms about his current business partner. Whether or not Pat Robertson and Charles Taylor have ever met face to face is still uncertain, but Ken Ross II has been in a seven hour meeting with the television evangelist and several of Taylor's aids. It was in this meeting that Ross allegedly turned over his maps and information to Robertson so he would consider investing in the project.

Ken Ross II and his son claim that Robertson, instead, took this information and went straight to make a deal with Charles Taylor, excluding them from the venture. If that is in fact true, it stands alone as a despicable truth.

Moreover, was it not Robertson who, after the attacks on Sept. 11th, posted the following on his CBN web site? "The focus of many in America has been the pursuit of health, wealth, material pleasures, and sexuality. Sadly, those in the churches have been as self-indulgent as those in the world."

Strong words for a man whose current Liberian business partner formally backed the vicious Revolutionary United Front in neighboring Sierra Leone. The RUF's signature is the machete that they use to lop off the heads of the heads of terrorized men, women and children while illegally trafficking mortars, rifles, satellite phones, computers, vehicles, food and drugs from Liberia.

The *GQ* article quotes Robertson's attorney, speaking on his behalf, "The U.S. has not discouraged or prohibited dealings in Liberia nor are any U.S. national security interests adversely affected by an investment in Liberia."

That is all well and good, but I am not so certain that the Almighty will fail to have a problem with the lapse of judgement that Robertson seems to be having here. While talking out of one side of his face, accusing Americans and their churches of having only financial gains and sex on the brain, he is keeping returns of millions of dollars from a partnership with a detestable, evil Liberian "president" in the Caymans.

Moreover, Robertson's attorneys also confirmed that Taylor had recently phoned Robertson, "protesting the unfairness of UN sanctions." Taylor has more than once been linked to the kidnappings of UN diplomats and leaders on the African continent. Clearly, Taylor knew to call upon his business associate as Robertson believes the United Nations General Assembly to be, "pro-socialist, pro-Islam, anti-American and anti-Israel."

Not wanting to judge, I ask the following: Has Pat Robertson crossed a moral line pairing up with a torturer and murderer whose armies have ravaged Liberia's resources, stolen food out of starving villagers' mouths and cut off the arms of innocent women and children? The phrase, "anything for a buck," has never been this disturbing.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Letters to the Editor

IFC answers poor depiction of pledgship

Dear Editor,

Last week's Staff Editorial painted an unfair picture both of the Greek System and the pledgship process. The article is particularly troubling because of the audience it reaches. Through their own experiences, students, both non-Greek and Greek alike, recognize the true elements and the exaggerations present in the article. The faculty do not have the same frame of reference; however, and know only about the Greek System what they see in the news and the anecdotal evidence they gather in the classroom. This is what makes last week's editorial counterproductive to all of the progress made over the last year, by the IFC and the Greek System as a whole.

The comments made that pledges will be consuming inordinate amounts of alcohol, and other "pharmaceuticals" is harmful to the already precarious situation that the Greek System is encountering. Given the tragic events of last year, the IFC's Alcohol Initiatives and the ATF's policies, it is unfair to casually state that pledges will consume "gallons of alcohol." Much progress has been made to making the environment at Washington and Lee safer. For the first time in many years, there were no arrests on the weekend of Tear Night. Arrests for this entire school year are down, as are infirmary visits. It is a misrepresentation of pledgship to infer that rampant alcoholism will be encouraged, or even tolerated.

Furthermore, to state that the educational aspects of pledgship should supercede that of the classroom does not reflect the attitude or present priorities of the Greek System. Since the faculty demonstrated so much displeasure with the academic performance of pledges by considering shortening pledgship, the IFC is offering \$5,000 to the fraternities to reward academic improvement. The

fraternity whose pledges demonstrate the most improvement from first to second semester will receive \$2,000, second place will receive \$1,500, third place \$1,000 and fourth place will receive \$500.

In closing, the IFC feels that the editorial last week had the potential to damage all the hard work that has been done over the last year to improve the pledgship process. Faculty members are not aware of the good things that have been done and are being done to make pledgship safer and more educational, but by reading last week's article they have gotten another negative picture of the Greek System.

Sincerely,
The Inter-Fraternity Council

Senior citizens support students' right to carry

Dear Editor,

The recent killings at a Florida college is the third violent attack to take place on a school campus this month. Our schools are victim-rich environments for criminals because the criminals know that they will not face resistance from anyone armed with a gun.

It is time to make our schools safe. We need to follow the Israeli approach and arm parents and grandparents and have them guard our schools. This plan has worked well in Israel since 1974. Yet we continue the failed scheme of making schools "gun free."

On college campuses we need to allow all adults to carry a gun. There is no reason that adults between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one should be barred from owning and carrying a handgun. The average age of our

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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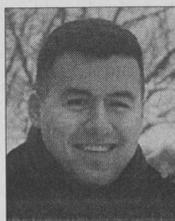
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TALKBACK: What is your favorite thing about snow?



"Sledging."
—Mike Reynold, '02



"Skiing."
—Melissa Millin, '02
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"It's cold."
—Matt Kaufmann, '05



"It's pretty."
—Anne Johansen, '05



"It's weather you can
play with."
—Akshat Shah, '05

The party's over

Compact disc copy protection threatens consumers

Little do most consumers know it, but since last Sept. the battle over piracy has reached a fevered pitch in the music industry. Yet while 2001 was the year of the computer with Napster and file sharing litigation, developments during the coming months will affect anyone who owns a compact disc player.

If the RIAA has its way, it won't be long until all we see on store shelves is a new breed of copy-protected CDs. The implications are dramatic for anyone who listens to music.

Debate has centered on an encoding data scheme designed by Israel-based Midbar Technologies. Dubbed the Cactus Data Shield, the system works by deliberately corrupting a disc so that any computer based player cannot properly read it. This ensures that only devices like your average stereo can access the songs.

Test copies of Cactus discs secretly made their way into the market a year ago, and now labels such as BMG and Universal have announced plans to produce all their titles with copy protection.

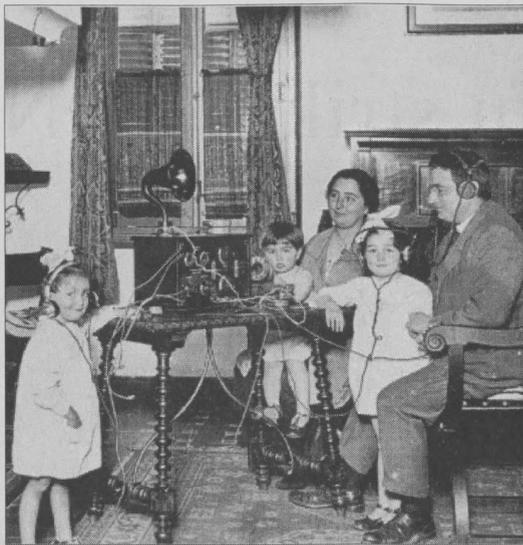
With Cactus, you're out of luck not only if you want to burn a copy

of a CD, but also if you try play music on your computer, DVD player, game console, MP3 player, high-end stereo equipment or even certain car CD players. Try to play a rip of an encoded CD or use a Cactus on one of the aforementioned devices at a high volume, and you run the risk of blowing out your speakers.

Chances are you already own one of these corrupted discs and don't know it. There are no markings on the packaging to distinguish Cactus-enabled albums from regular ones, nor is there any official RIAA list of modified titles. For now, all you can do is cross your fingers when you go to a music store and hope that you don't walk out with an anti-rip CD.

These steps are not being taken in the name of defending the intellectual property of musicians. Labels are merely interested in making

sure that digital song swapping does not eat into their profits. It's no great surprise that major media outlets have not even bothered to cover this issue of copy protection. Music labels have ensured that the transition to Cactus discs be as quiet as possible. To them, music duplication should not be available for home



OLD DAYS: We'll return to the golden days of radio should the music industry prevail.

use, even if it is protected by law and does not fall under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Concerned music buyers should write to their local congressman and ask to draft legislation that requires manufacturers to include warning labels on protected CDs. Music companies cannot be allowed to sell an inferior product without first notifying the purchaser.

Once the labels are in place, the best way the American public can deal with the issue successfully is to follow the example set by Britain in Nov. Consumers reacted strongly to word that

the latest Natalie Imbruglia compact disc had been modified, and thousands complained and returned their Cactus albums for non-encoded stock. The outcry was so pronounced that there are no further plans to implement copy-protection in Britain's near future.

Only time can tell how Americans will react to the recording industry's plans for a brave new world. Either we sit idly by and have inferior products foisted on us, or we protest the further spread of Cactus encryption. The choices we make before the year's end will reshape the way we listen to music.

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soldiers fighting in Afghanistan is just under twenty years old. When these young adults come home they are barred from owning and carrying a handgun to protect themselves and their families.

On college and university campuses these young adults are not the only ones who are barred from exercising their civil rights. Everyone, student and faculty alike, is stripped of the right to own and carry a gun. This puts everyone on campus at risk.

John Bender, executive director of Seniors United Supporting the Second Amendment said, "There is no question that every-

one at these schools would have been safer if armed adults were there in sufficient numbers.

"Last year we offered to pay the tuition at a firearms training facility for five volunteers from the first public school to implement the Israeli program. No school accepted our offer.

"I will extend that offer to the Martin Luther School in New York so they can make their school safe and protect their students. I have no doubt that had this program been in place before the attack there, the attack wouldn't have happened.

"Colleges have a student body and staff composed of adults. They just need to allow

these adults to exercise their civil rights. The schools need to allow all adults on campus to make the choice whether to be armed or not. It will make the schools much safer."

The young men and women in our nation's colleges deserve to be safe and to have all their civil rights protected and respected. There is no reason that they should be turned into defenseless targets just to satisfy the ravings of the radical anti-civil rights groups.

Sincerely,
Seniors United Supporting
the Second Amendment

W&L's Top 10 conflicts exposed

Campus is beholden to nearly a dozen senseless competitions

Let me begin by first apologizing for my lack of article in last week's *Phi*. I opted not to write because had I done so, I would have immediately fallen into the trap of recounting rush week and all its proverbial glory, something that perhaps might be erring on the side of cliché.

As my inaugural address of 2002, I feel some degree of pressure to write something good, but then I remembered that nothing really registers in one's mind for more than a span of a second. Therefore, what I write today will tomorrow be rendered as just another testament to weak journalism.

After reading last week's *Trident*, I couldn't help but be reminded of the inanity of *The Trident's* war with *The Phi*, which brought me to thinking about the slew of odd conflicts permeating the school. And thus, I present the Top 10 Most Prominent Conflicts in W&L's Bubble.

1.) *The Trident* vs. *The Phi*: I really don't understand what the big deal is. It's not like we're publishing *The New York Times* here. They're college papers. We can probably co-exist in the same realm without constant scrutinization of each other's typos. No one really cares anyway.

2.) North vs. South: Perhaps I only consider this stupid because I'm the underdog and on the losing side. Virginia isn't that southern. I live only six hours from school, whereas Texans live roughly seventeen. That should count for something.

3.) Inter-fraternity Conflict: What's in a name, that by which we call any other fraternity would smell as sweet. Though I revere the Greek system, I sometimes feel like we might need NATO to monitor its respective alliances and conflicts.

4.) Inter-sorority Conflict: Never as much manifested as it is during Rush Week and Derby Days, it's pretty damn cut-throat.

5.) VMI vs. W&L: Poor VMI's. They're just trying to do the right thing... which apparently is running for fifteen hours a day.

6.) GHQ vs. The D-Hall: In addition to all their other commitments, freshmen are now forced to choose between Evans Dining Hall and the GHQ for their meals. I'm not sure if this is a fair trial to place before them. Especially since the Cooperational Facility of Glory will ultimately win anyway.

7.) Boys vs. Girls: Speaking of waxing cliché... I think I might be tired of hearing people bitching about the opposite sex. Given our fantastic social culture, it very well might represent the epitome of hypocrisy.

8.) Palms vs. BJ's: I couldn't do a lot of fieldwork in this area since I'm still underage, but just as the freshmen must choose between the D-Hall and the GHQ, stressed upperclassmen must face the question of Palms or BJ's. I'm not entirely positive, but I think the Palms might have the edge.

9.) C-School Majors vs. The World: They're convinced the real world is out to plan their demise. You should probably relax. You're smarter than everyone else.

10.) Humanities Majors vs. Their Inner Turmoil: When my sister left for college and she asked for some parting words of wisdom, I told her not to date a philosophy major because you never know when he's going to get up and leave to find himself. (She goes to Georgetown, so it's not like I was ruining anyone's game. I can already hear the cries of protest.)

Perhaps the greatest conflict but the one I'm hesitant to list because I hate subscribing to the alcohol-related media, is the struggle between man and his drunk counterpart. But if I didn't put something in about alcohol, this might have ended up on the cutting room floor. I suppose we couldn't have fostered the unadulterated sense of individualism and character without competition here. Oh, wait, I have another one. The struggle between the newspaper columnist and her Sunday night deadline. I'm all about disclaimers.



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'Ali' falls short of knockout

BY MIKE GEORGE
STAFF WRITER

Michael Mann's retelling of the life and times of heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is certainly long enough to paint a vivid picture of a fascinating figure in American history. At a running time of over three hours, "Ali" certainly had time to say something. When I left the theater, however, I was frustrated and annoyed at this film's lack of depth and character development. This movie is a whole lot of fluff, a picture that looks good but says very little about Ali himself.

Starring Will Smith, "Ali" portrays the life of the self-proclaimed "greatest boxer of all time" from Ali's first title victory over Sonny Liston to his resurgence against George Foreman in Nigeria's "Rumble in the Jungle." This film is full of great actors who are misused and left watching Will Smith, who seems to be doing all the talking. The sad part is that "Ali" seems to not really say anything about the complexity of the man himself. The film touches on few of the controversies that surrounded the champion, from the allegations that Liston threw the first fight to the story about Howard Cosell's fight with ABC to find exposure for the former champion. All you see is a series of situations with no resolutions, from Ali's fight with the government to his problems with the

Nation of Islam and his own family. But none of these conflicts are argued from either side of the issue, they are just presented. For a film that focuses so much on one character, Ali seems lost in the turbulence of the world around him, and the focus of the film is lost.

Jon Voight, Ron Silver, and Mario Van Peebles are all excellent in their roles, but don't expect to see enough of them. As much as the film seemed cloudy and confusing, Will Smith's portrayal of the champ solidifies him as a legitimate actor.

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His portrayal is both humorous and convincing, and brings some enjoyment to an otherwise frustrating picture. Mario Van Peebles is amazing as Malcolm X, but Denzel Washington played the same character before, and you can't help but compare.

Michael Mann's direction is a step above anything I have seen. "Ali's" fight scenes are dazzling and unlike anything I have seen in film. As much as this film may earn Michael Mann an Oscar, it seemed too artsy and surreal for me. The film was probably meant to be a moving work of art, but that doesn't work with biographical films. Mann would have made a great photographer or artist; his work is often inspiring and unique. As a storyteller, however, Mann falls far short. This film is worth seeing once, but it is far less than what anyone expected. The story of Muhammad Ali's life is fascinating, but this re-telling is not.

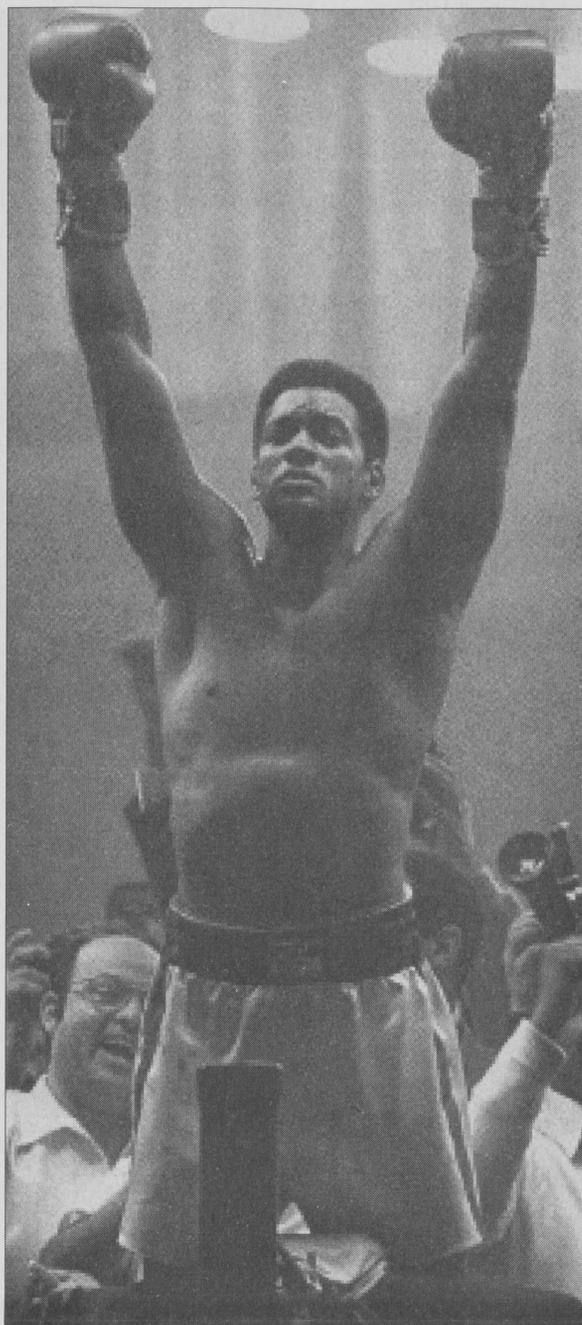


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SWING. ABOVE LEFT: Will Smith as Mohammed Ali tkaes a swing at his audience in a scene popularized as one of the film's promotional posters. ABOVE: A victorious, bulked-up Smith as Ali cheered to glory by a throng of adoring fans. The movie, unfortunately, does not meet with equal praise.

Lyle lays down law in dorms

Head custodian brings years of diverse experience to the freshman dorms

BY MATTHEW A. COURSEN
W&LIFE EDITOR

For Steven "Dale" Lyle, the head custodian in the BDG Quad, variety is a must-have quality of life.

For the last 12 years, Dale has served the Washington and Lee community doing a number of different jobs. Starting in early 1990, Dale went to work for the printing center of the University, running the binding department and all of the copiers on campus. For a total of seven years, Dale enjoyed his time in that area.

Interacting with students, faculty, and administration daily was a special perk of the job for the Goshen native.

In 1997, Dale went to work as the custodian of a fraternity in Red Square. Despite the better wage, the admittedly outspoken and fun-loving father of two loathed the duty.

Cleaning the fraternities was nearly unbearable (being a member of one myself, I am familiar with the extreme filth that can accumulate in a matter of hours inside one of the seemingly pristine redbrick mansions).

After two grueling years cleaning the frats, Dale assumed the position of a custodian of the dorms.

In only 18 months, Dale was the head custodian of the BDG quad, the position he currently holds.

To Dale, hard work is just a part of life. After growing up on a farm in Goshen, not too far from his farm in Kerr's Creek where he and his family now reside, the young high school graduate decided to join the Army and serve his country.

After three years stationed in Germany, Dale returned to the United States, ready to have some fun.

The avid camper and hunter then traveled to the Midwest and lived from North Dakota to New Mexico working on seismograph crews and doing whatever jobs popped up.

However, his exploration of the rest of the country was not enough to keep him away from Rockbridge County for long.

So the young man returned to Goshen and took a job at the wood plant for 7 years. After the wood plant, Dale also worked at a frozen food delivery company called Schwan's for a little over a year before coming to Washington and Lee for good.

About five times each year, Dale, his wife, Karen, who has worked for W&L for 20 years, and their two kids, Steven Henry, 12, and Nicole Hope, 16, enjoy camping and fishing at the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Finding the trips very relaxing, Dale remembers what he loves the most about his variety of jobs on campus: precision and challenges.

Eventually, Dale would like to return to the printing department, maybe to retire. For him, the printing job is where his heart is. The relationships he developed with his co-workers and his mastery of the skill were special to Dale.

For now though, Dale is quite happy helping to keep W&L as beautiful and well-kept as it always has been.

What most people do not realize is that after 11 a.m., Dale and his crew of four custodians are responsible for any custodial matter that may come up on campus, except in the Doremus Gym.

That is a lot of responsibility for just one small crew.

For an experienced world traveler, patriot, cattle-raiser, and ocean fisherman, it's just another thing that gives his life variety. Though head custodian will probably not be his only job until retirement, Dale Lyle will certainly do his best and make it as enriching as possible.

When asked what he thinks of the impact his job has to the community, Dale responded with an encouraging statement: "I think we do a good job keeping the dorms looking good for the students. I think the students and the parents seem to be more appreciative each year of what we do. And that's nice."

So if you see Dale walking from dorm to dorm, or coming out of the "Den" under Graham-Lees, give a wave, say "hello" and take pride in the way our school looks each day.

Without people like Dale, this school would not be the aesthetically magnificent university that it is.

top ten BOOKS@W&L

According to amazon.com, Harry Potter is the book of choice for most W&L students...

1 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Book 4)
by J.K. Rowling, Mary Grandpre (Illustrator)
\$18.16 on amazon.com



2 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Book 1)
by J.K. Rowling
\$13.96 on amazon.com



3 Winter's Heart (The Wheel of Time, Book 9)
by Robert Jordan
\$20.96 on amazon.com



4 The Hobbit: or There and Back Again
by J.R.R. Tolkien
\$9.60 on amazon.com

5 For God and Fatherland: Religion and Politics in Argentina
by Michael A. Burdick
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6 Curves and Singularities: A Geometrical Approach to Singularity Theory
by J.W. Bruce, P.J. Giblin
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7 Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of Rjr Nabisco
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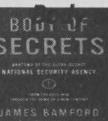
8 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Book 3)
by J.K. Rowling
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9 The Beatles Anthology
by Paul McCartney, et al
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The guy next door:

A VMI point of view

BY SAM LAGRONE/STAFF CORRESPONDENT



I taste a delicious stereotype every time I throw on my itchy gray tunic. Volumes are spoken when I say I'm a VMI cadet.

To alumni we're part of an age-old tradition and a heritage that transcends any one person or time.

To our fathers we're handsome young men and women marching in crisp unity on our 13-acre front yard pledging a life of service and duty to the country and the commonwealth.

To our mothers it's an opportunity to sport our cryptic spider logo on everything from polo shirts to giant stickers on the back of every vehicle that we own.

To W&L (we self-conscious cadets think) we're a group of mindless jack-booted misogynistic robots.

To us it's a drag. It's all true, but it's not the whole picture.

I think more often than not, an educated, open-minded person will hold an intense bias against the military. Bright, observant people have a built-in reaction to all things regimented.

I remember walking into a vegetarian restaurant on Washington Street. Heads turned and the room went silent as I came in wearing my uniform. The psychic vibe screamed "Whats that hyper-conservative jingoist doing subverting my tofu experience?"

Hey, you don't have to wear Birkenstocks to get a kick out of good bean paste.

To the other extreme, I was walking back from lunch when a well-dressed, well-spoken, genteel Southern woman asked me to pose for a picture. She snapped a quick shot of me standing up straight, with my hands in the small of my back. Then she pushed her sunglasses into her hair, smiled, and extended a diamond-studded hand out to me.

She told me there was a moral war raging against American values and places like VMI were among the few bastions of hope left in the country. I smiled, nodded, and walked back to my room, past clusters of cadets who were

smoking, swearing, and telling dirty jokes.

But we have our own bias too. There's a joke that floats around post. And I'm sure there are plenty about VMI.

"How many W&L students does it take to screw in a light bulb?" "Two, one to mix the drinks and one to call his dad."

There might be some truth to that, but it's not the whole story. I know.

And how would I know, the only time I go on your campus is when I'm puffing through on my mandatory three mile run.

It goes to show that we can't fully understand everything right away. That's why I'm here. Every week, assuming the fine editors of the Ring-tum Phi will let me blow my horn, I get to tell you a little about the lives of the guys and gals who walk like robots across your campus.

If you want me to write about something, if you want to disagree, drop me a line at lagrone@wlu.edu

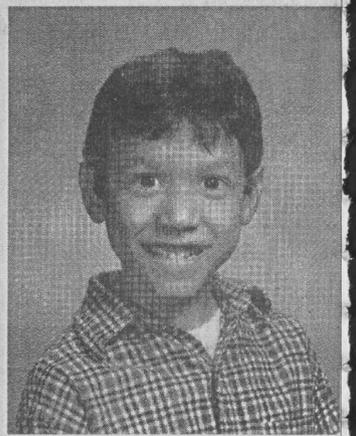
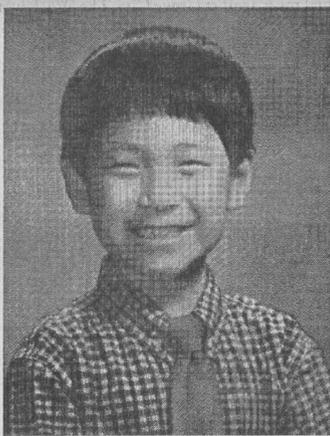
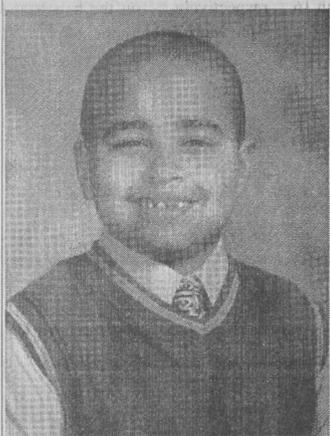
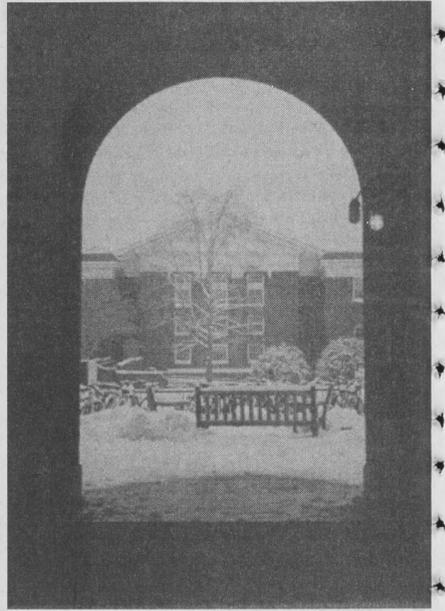
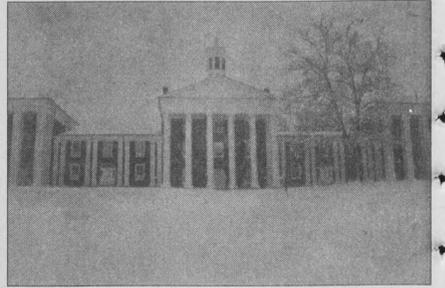
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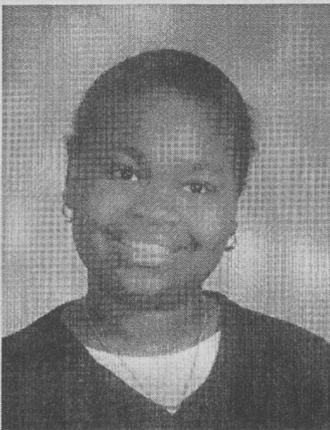
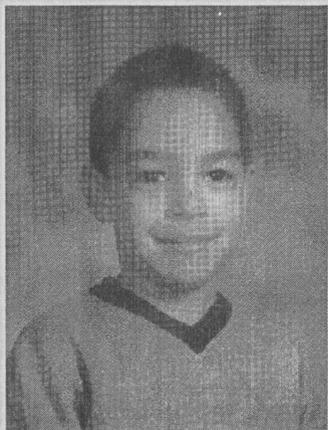
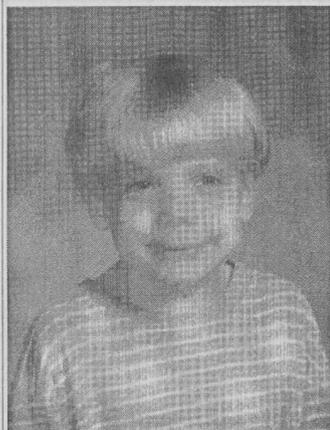
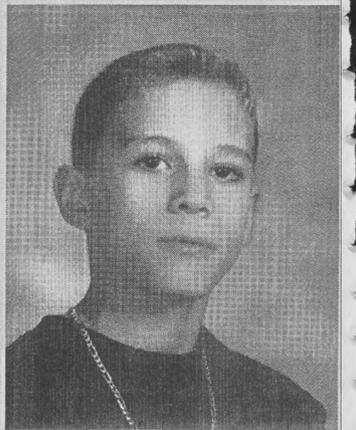
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Roanoke ends Generals' 5-game winning streak

W&L vaults to upper half of ODAC with midseason spurt

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Although Roanoke snapped the Washington and Lee women's basketball five-game winning streak with a 71-62 overtime win on Sunday, the Generals have done enough to turn their season around.

Back-to-back home losses to Eastern Mennonite and Bridgewater on Jan. 4-5 left the Generals 3-6, 1-4 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Now, despite Sunday's setback to the Maroons, W&L has climbed into the top half of the ODAC standings at 8-7, 6-5.

"At that point in time where it was 3-6, it was getting to the point where it wasn't fun anymore," senior forward Jessica Mentz said. "Now we're all playing together, and we're having an amazing time. We've really clicked, and we have really good team chemistry right now."

In addition to playing together, W&L coach Janet Hollack says her

players are starting to believe that they can beat anyone on their schedule.

"I think they're actually starting to believe in themselves and in our system," she said. "Once we all get on the same page, we realize the potential that we have, and now we're trying to achieve that."

The Generals maintained their momentum from a three-game road winning streak with a 62-37 win over Lynchburg Wednesday at the Warner Center. W&L had little trouble with the Hornets, rolling to a 28-12 half-time lead.

Freshman Bethany Dannelly set a school record with 11 assists, and Mentz led the Generals with 29 points and 13 rebounds. Senior Megan Babst contributed 13 points, while freshman Emily Barker scored 11.

W&L's defense, which held Lynchburg to 26 percent shooting from the field, surpassed that effort in a 57-33 drubbing of Hollins on Friday. The Pride shot 16 percent from the floor in the second half — 23 percent for the game — and scored just 14 points after the break.

"That's definitely a hats-off to

our defense," Hollack said. "Hollins is a good shooting team. I didn't want us to get caught by surprise by them able to get hot in our own gym, so we certainly had to make sure that we got our hands up in their face."

The Generals weren't hurting on the offensive end, as Mentz (19 points, 14 rebounds) and Babst (19, 11) each finished with double-doubles. Barker added seven points, and Dannelly had six points and six assists.

Mentz was 6-of-10 from the floor and Babst hit 8-of-17 for a team that hit 48 percent of their field goals, many of which came from down low.

"We always try to put it inside a lot," Mentz said. "A lot of times it gets hard, because they crash and pressure inside so much. Megan and I are the ones who can usually produce and finish inside, but we have to rely on our outside players to hit some shots and open it up for us to do that."

Despite double-doubles for Mentz and Babst again on Sunday, W&L couldn't set a new school record for consecutive wins against Roanoke.

Neither team could build a lead of better than three points for the final 15:48 of the second half, as the game was knotted at 59-59 after regulation.

However, the Generals managed just three points in the extra frame in the defeat.

Mentz had 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Babst added 19 points and 12 rebounds. Barker contributed 13 points and seven boards.

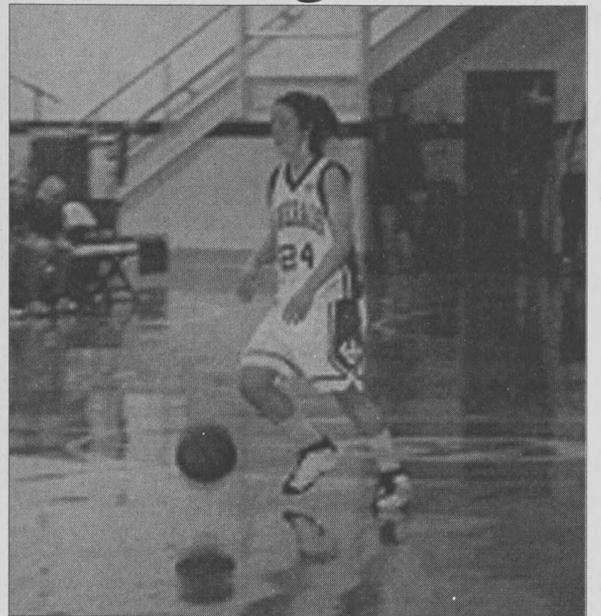
Dannelly added 10 more assists, breaking senior teammate Carter Thomas' year-old school record for single-season assists at 86.

With nine ODAC contests remaining, Hollack wants her team to continue doing the things that led to five straight wins.

"Every coach always wants you to continue doing what you've been doing," Hollack said. "That's what I'm preaching to them at practice: don't do anything out of the ordinary, remain consistent, lean on the things that have gotten us there."

"If we improve each game and each day, we're definitely going to finish at the top if we retain this roll."

The Generals host conference power Guilford at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.



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GOOD POINT: Freshman Bethany Dannelly set a pair of school records for assists this week: 11 in a single game in Wednesday's 62-37 win over Lynchburg and 86 in a season in the Generals' 71-62 overtime loss to Roanoke on Sunday.

Swimmers sweep Grove City in home meet



By MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

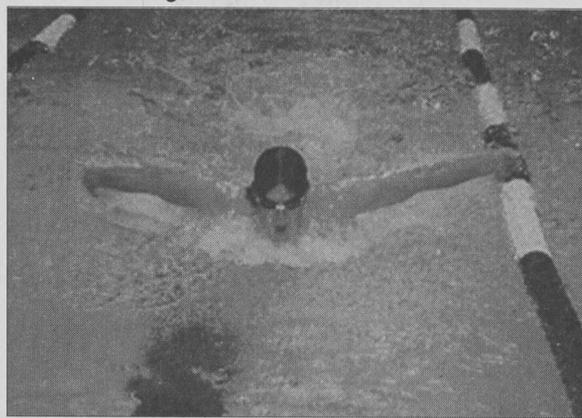
Monday night saw a pair of wins for Washington and Lee swimming at Twombly Pool.

Grove City College traveled from Pennsylvania to challenge the Generals, but were unsuccessful. The W&L men triumphed 113-92, and the women won 131-74.

The women leapt to an early lead over the Wolverines, capturing the 200 medley relay and never looking back.

Junior Blair Huffman swept her events, winning the 200 individual medley, 200 breaststroke, and the 200 butterfly.

The Generals also concluded the meet with a win, taking the 200 freestyle relay and cruising to an easy victory.



WOLVERINES BITTEN: Juniors Blair Huffman (left) and Kirk Vogel swim in Monday's home dual meet against Grove City. The W&L women defeated the Wolverines 131-74, while the men won by a 113-92 score. (Photos by Mary Guy/The Ring-tum Phi)

The men, on the other hand, were behind at first. Grove City won the 200 medley relay by four hundredths of a second, in spite of W&L junior Brett Burns' comeback on the anchor leg of 50 freestyle.

That first loss didn't slow the Generals a bit. Junior Patrick Frankfort and sophomore Colin Mitchell restored the team's confidence with

wins in the 1,000 freestyle and 200 freestyle, respectively.

Sophomore Eric Ritter also won his two individual events, surprising Grove City from the outside lane in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Monday night, Marymount University will travel to Lexington to contest the Generals in their final home dual meet of the season. The meet starts at 6 p.m.

Struggles continue for young men's hoops team

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's basketball team suffered through more growing pains this week, dropping a road contest to Guilford and a home game to Virginia Wesleyan.

Aron McMillan led Guilford to a 65-51 win in Greensboro on Wednesday. McMillan hit all eight of his shots from the field for 16 points and collected eight rebounds for the Quakers.

Junior Touissant Crawford led the Generals with a season-high 16 points on 4-of-5 shooting from three-point range, and classmate Scott Hettermann added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

W&L ran into a red-hot Virginia Wesleyan team on Sunday. The Blue Marlins (9-7, 7-3 ODAC), who upset conference powerhouse Hampden-Sydney on the road on Wednesday, used that momentum to pull out a 67-50 win at the Warner Center.

Hettermann, who leads W&L in scoring this season, left with a leg

injury at the 15:36 mark of the first half and didn't return. The Generals struggled mightily from the field, failing to hit a field goal for the first 10 minutes of the game and shooting just 26.5 percent from the floor.

But W&L's defense kept them in the game, and the Generals trailed just 27-19 at halftime. An early second-half run closed the gap to 29-28, but foul trouble soon plagued the W&L frontcourt.

With freshman Mark Franceschi and sophomore Hamill Jones — who led the team with 13 and 10 points, respectively — on the bench, the Blue Marlins blew the game open with second-chance points. Virginia Wesleyan outrebounded W&L 47-28 for the contest.

Life won't get any easier for the Generals (4-11, 2-8) this week, as the top-ranked Division III team in the nation, Randolph-Macon, visits the Warner Center at 7 p.m. tonight. W&L also faces Emory and Henry on the road Wednesday and Roanoke at home Saturday.

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Generals focus on remainder of season

W&L wrestlers host triangular Saturday, look ahead to Feb. 16 Centennial Conference championships

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee wrestling team returned to its roots in hosting the 25th annual W&L Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

In the presence of W&L wrestling alumni, the oldest having grappled about six decades ago, the Generals (2-3, 0-2 Centennial) ended the day with a disappointing finish, according to coach Gary Franke.

"We got some difficult draws today," the veteran coach said. "(Sophomore) Corey Little and (freshman) Brian Avello faced some especially tough opponents. Sometimes that happens to you in big tournaments.

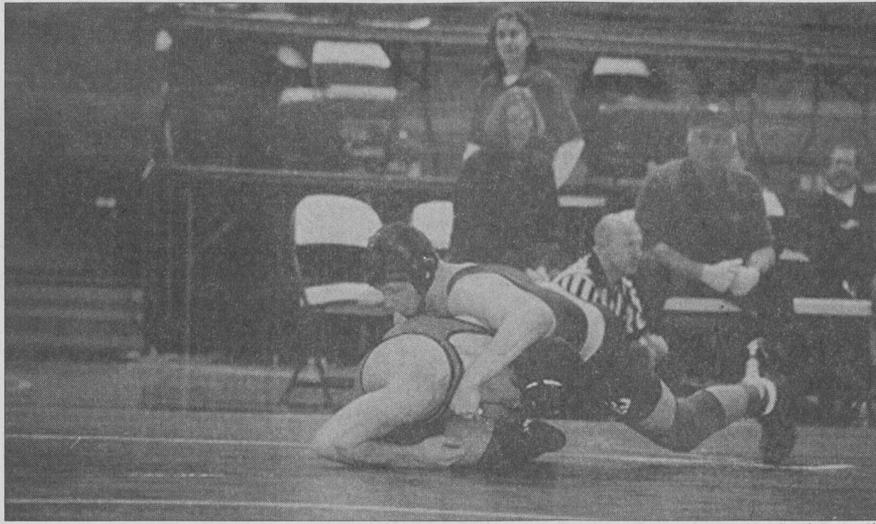
"I still think we need to get a little more out of our seniors though, as far as leadership and energy goes."

Sophomore Joe Mueller placed highest for the Generals, capturing second place in the 184-pound class. Mueller wrestled two close matches, first defeating Adam Hicks of Pensacola Christian College 3-2 in the semifinals.

In the finals, Mueller fell to Wes Kusetski, 5-3, of Washington and Jefferson.

Senior Ivan Zdanov also wrestled well on Saturday, seizing third place in the 174-pound division.

Zdanov began his day with an impressive showing against Chad Lasher of Pensacola Christian, getting a pin at 1:24. Zdanov was then defeated, 11-8, by Matt Smith of Washington and Jefferson, placing him in the consolation finals.



THIRD-PLACE FINISH: Senior Ivan Zdanov (top) wrestles Washington and Jefferson's Matt Smith in the 174-pound class semifinals at Saturday's W&L Invitational. Smith won the match, 11-8, but Zdanov beat Scranton's Jose Valdez in the consolation finals.

Zdanov responded by beating Jose Valdez of Scranton, 7-0, to capture third.

This weekend's finish followed on the heels of his second place showing at the Ursinus Invitational on Jan. 12.

"Ivan has been wrestling very well for us," Franke said. "He lost a real heartbreaker last weekend, which was a bit disappointing, but he'll continue to work hard."

According to Franke, juniors Alex Poor and John Polena also had a good tournament at home, each being defeated in the consolation finals.

The Generals, however, had to endure another day without their best

wrestler, senior captain Ezra Morse, who has been sidelined with an ankle injury.

"We've definitely missed Ezra," Franke said. "We're looking forward to him returning and providing his leadership and energy."

"When you lose his kind of leadership, it takes away some of the spark."

Franke, for good reason, believes that leadership, especially from seniors Zdanov and Ben Segal, will be key as the team heads towards next weekend's W&L Triangular, in which the Generals will face Western Maryland and Ursinus.

Gallaudet recently dropped out of the competition, which was originally designed as a quadrangular.

"We have two real challenges coming up," Franke said. "Western Maryland is very tough and I believe Ursinus is the second best team in the Centennial Conference."

In addition, the team is moving closer to the ultimate test, the Centennial Conference Tournament on Feb. 16.

"It's in the back of our heads, but right now we need to concentrate on our triangular and going to Newport News," Segal said.

The Press Box

Midseason report card

With six weeks left in regular season competition, the NCAA Tournament field is starting to take shape.

No major surprises have developed at the top of the polls. Duke, Maryland, Kansas and Florida (despite the home loss to Georgia) figure to play major roles in March, but the field will be wide open for several surprise teams to make a run.

Some other probable tournament teams to keep an eye on:

Oregon and Southern California have vaulted to the top of the Pac-10, where the favorite to win the league changes more often than the Argentinian presidency. Expect Arizona, Stanford and UCLA to play more consistently down the stretch, but the Ducks and Trojans may provide the conference with a five-team showing in March.

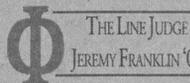
No Chris Owens has been no problem for Texas, which is 4-0 in Big 12 play, including road wins against Oklahoma State and Texas Tech. After starting 1-3 overall, the Longhorns have won 12 of 13 and should be 7-0 in the league going into a Feb. 2 meeting with **Oklahoma**.

Speaking of the Sooners, Kelvin Sampson has molded a borderline tournament team into a Sweet 16 favorite. With excellent guard play from Hollis Price and Ebi Ere, Oklahoma should recover from a 74-67 setback at the hands of Kansas.

Another excellent coaching job is in the works at **Ohio State**, where Jim O'Brien's troops seized the Big Ten lead by knocking off Indiana over the weekend. If the Buckeyes don't skid on a four-game February road trip, they could be looking at a three or four-seed.

Jim Harrick is doing a remark-

able job at **Georgia** this year. With the 84-79 shocker in Gainesville, the Dawgs improved to 15-3, 4-1 in the Southeastern Conference.



Despite some off-court strife, Georgia figures to make the field as a four or five-seed.

Over in Atlantic Coast country, **North Carolina State's** Herb Sendek recorded his 100th win as the Wolfpack coach on Saturday in an 84-71, come-from-behind win against Georgia Tech.

That made the Pack 14-4, 4-2 in the ACC, with the two losses coming to Maryland and Duke. N.C. State hasn't appeared in the Big Dance since 1991, but barring a collapse over the second half of conference play, that dubious streak should come to an end.

The 2001-02 season hasn't been so bright down the road in Chapel Hill, where **North Carolina** will boast a five-game losing streak and a 1-4 ACC record when they host the Wolfpack on Wednesday. If the Tar Heels manage to avoid embarrassment at the hands of their Raleigh rivals, they can look forward to Duke's visit on Jan. 31.

Back in the Big Ten, two pre-season conference title contenders have flopped very quickly. **Michigan State** (11-7, 2-3 Big Ten) and **Iowa** (13-7, 2-4) must turn their seasons around in a hurry or be happy hosting a couple of NIT games.

This may be a rebuilding year for Tom Izzo's Spartans, but with Reggie Evans and Luke Recker, the Hawkeyes' Steve Alford will have some explaining to do.

But nothing is set in stone. After all, there are still six weeks left.

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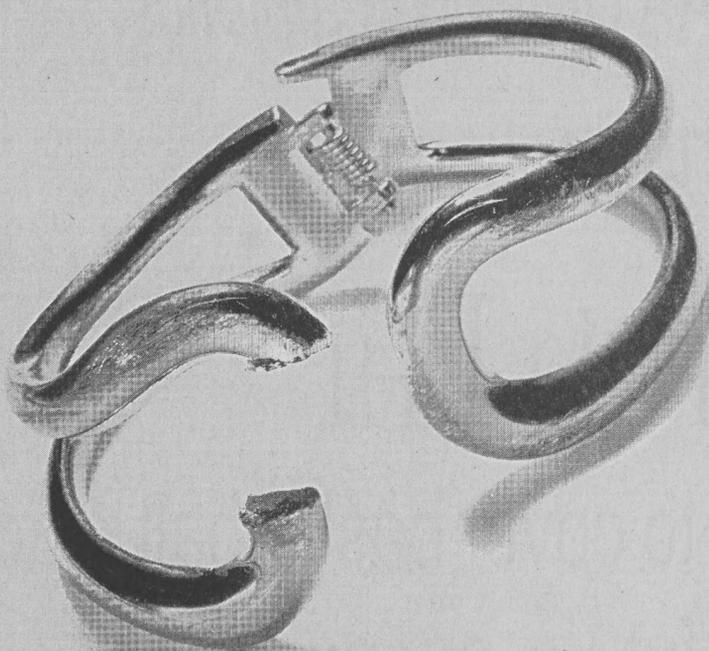


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