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Stein speaks as law school graduates 117

Television host, lawyer
addresses Law Class of 2002

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Entertainer and lawyer Ben Stein delivered the commencement address for Washington and Lee University's School of Law Sunday afternoon on the Front Lawn.

"There is one investment for which there are no capital gains tax, no state tax, no income tax, no estate tax," Stein said. "It is investment with the best returns possible: love."

Stein also discussed regular bowel movements and delivered

a poem specially composed for the occasion.

W&L law students chose Stein to address the approximately 500 people because of his humor, wide ranging career and his legal work in poverty law, libel law, securities and federal trade regulations, according to the W&L website.

Stein, best known for his week-night television show "Win Ben Stein's Money," teaches courses in politics and law at American University, Pepperdine, and the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Stein last spoke at W&L during Winter Term 2002.

This year's 117 graduates come

from 34 states and several foreign countries, including Cameroon and Canada.

California, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia have the largest number of students.

Before pursuing their jurist doctorate degrees at W&L, nearly 12 percent of this year's graduates had already had earned advanced degrees, including several PhDs.

Others had worked in a variety of government, corporate and finance positions.

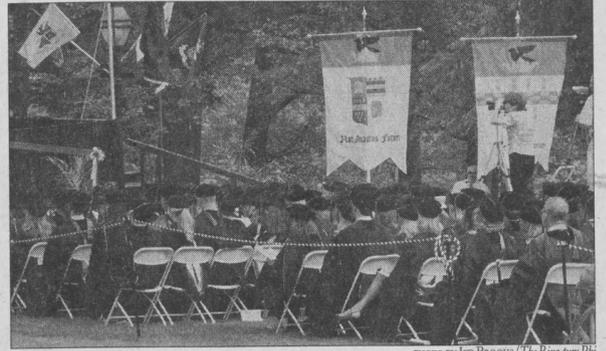
W&L Law Class of 2002 will soon serve as attorneys with firms and organizations in a dozen states.

One fourth of the graduates having accepted positions in Washington, DC.

Another 21 percent of the law graduates are going on to prestigious judicial clerkships.

W&L's School of Law recently was ranked the 18th best legal program in the nation, moving up two spots from *U.S. News and World Report's* previous annual rankings of the top 50 public and private law schools in the nation.

Preceding the commencement exercises was a luncheon for graduates and their families, who also were invited to a reception following the graduation ceremony.



FRESHLY HATCHED. W&L contributes over 100 new lawyers to the field. After graduation, they will take private and public jobs in 12 states.

Alpha Kappa Alpha plans colonization

BY PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

In the upcoming months, Washington and Lee's sorority row may become a little more crowded.

A coalition of students is mounting an effort to add Alpha Kappa Alpha, the nation's oldest historically black sorority, to campus.

At a meeting held last Wednesday, the group discussed the progress already made and the challenges on the road ahead.

"Washington and Lee provides a good education and Greek system; however, it is incomplete," said freshman Olalani Oyegbola. While W&L's five sororities contribute a great deal to campus, Oyegbola said, "they do not meet the needs of women of ethnicity."

Supporters argued that the new sorority would encourage more minority women to attend W&L. According to the registrar's office, less than 4 percent of the undergraduate population is black.

Freshmen Kaela Harmon agreed that a black sorority would increase minority presence on campus.

"I think that one of the major turnoffs (for minorities considering W&L) is that there are no black sororities on campus," Harmon said. She further suggested that the addition of a historically black sorority would expand the campus's cultural experience.

The group continued their discussion by talking about the humanitarian contributions Alpha Kappa Alpha would make to the university.

Sophomore Zakiyah Bradford discussed the sorority's dedication to service. AKA's first aim is "service to all mankind," said Bradford, and achieves this aim through successful programming.

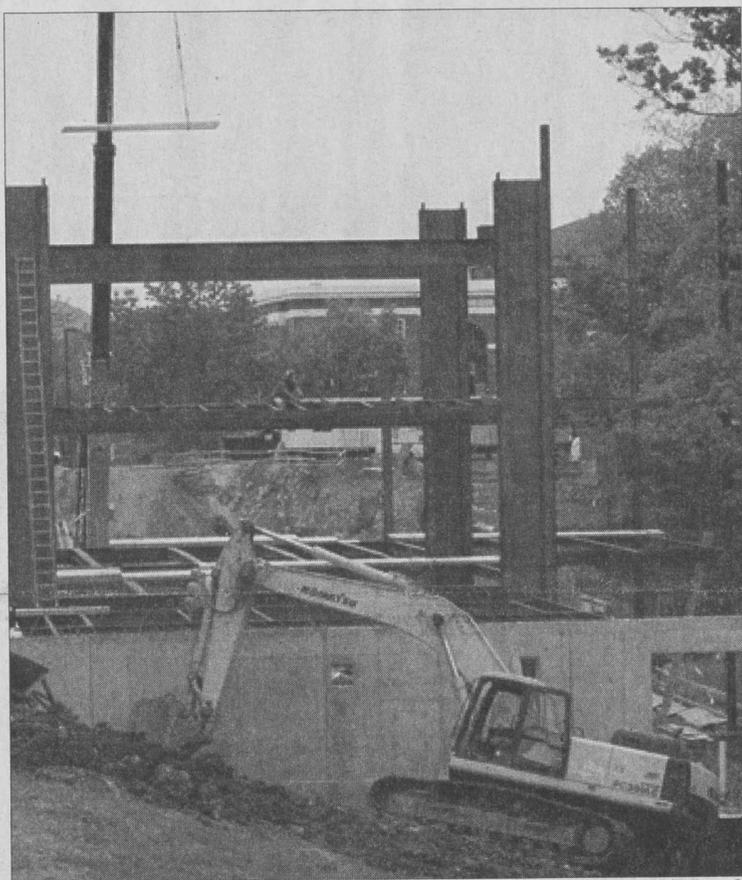
The sorority's signature service project is the Ivy AKAdemy.

Ivy AKAdemies are education centers built in South Africa focusing on human resource development. Other programs include ON TRACK, a support system for at-risk children in school, and Back to Sleep, a AIDS awareness program.

Bradford said that interested students had met with Associate Dean of Students Courtney Penn during the process of recruiting potential members and establishing a chapter.

Associate Dean of Students Buddy Atkins, who oversees Greek life, said that the usual process is for the "group of students to approach the Pan-Hellenic about forming a colony."

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



TEARING UP EARTH. Phi photographers scaled the roof of Leyburn Library to bring Washington and Lee this bird's-eye view of the emerging University Commons. Mostly finished with the building's foundation, construction workers have erected vertical support girders. The sight of machines like this Komatsu back hoe has become a common

occurrence at back campus. Construction sounds have also not been absent, interrupting classes on the Colonnade. The University Commons, which is to contain the new dining hall and club offices, is scheduled to be completed by Fall Term 2003. Construction of the new Fine Arts Building waits on the wings.

After enough members have been recruited, they would be given a full chapter. This does not necessarily mean a chapter house.

"About 99.9 percent of historically black Greek organizations do not have houses," Penn said. Penn stressed that black fraternities and sororities were significantly different from W&L counterparts.

While AKA was founded as a sorority for black women, "membership is not restricted just

to African-Americans," said Atkins.

"AKA has women of all ethnic groups," agreed Freshman Tiffany Jenkins. "The sorority exists for the betterment of mankind."

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by black college women.

According to Atkins, there is currently no move to bring a historically black fraternity to campus.

Aldridge talks baseball, labor

BY IAN McLEROY
SPORTS WRITER

Richard "Sandy" Alderson, executive vice president for Major League Baseball, will speak on "Baseball and Labor: Just Outside the Strike Zone."

Alderson is sponsored by Washington and Lee's student-run Contact Committee.

The speech will touch on a host of issues related to the current state of baseball, Alderson said.

"I'll cover the current status of the collective bargaining agreement, most critically the need for competitive balance between clubs, as well as the possibility of contraction" said Alderson. "I'll also be discussing more game related topics such as the home run race."

As executive vice president, Alderson reports directly to MLB President Bob DuPuy and Commissioner Allan H. "Bud" Selig.

Since joining MLB in 1998, Alderson has overseen baseball operations, umpiring, on-field operations and security and facility management.

Of the efforts he has spearheaded, Alderson remains most proud of his accomplishments in resolving umpire disputes.

"I have been successful dealing with our umpires, merging them into one staff, and then developing that staff into a more professional and widely respected group," Alderson said.

Alderson has also led special projects involving international play, including the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, where Team USA won gold, and the Baltimore Orioles trip to Cuba for an exhibi-

tion game against the Cuban national team.

Before joining MLB, Alderson worked 17 years for the Oakland Athletics, serving as the franchise's general counsel, general manager and president.

"Working in baseball was not something I had planned on," Alderson admits. "But, I could not pass on the uniqueness of the opportunity to work (in baseball)...which was so important in my youth."

During his tenure in Oakland, the Athletics captured four American League West Championships and won the World Series in 1989. The late 80s was an "interesting and exciting time for the organization," remembers Alderson. "That team had a lot of personality with Mark McGuire, (Jose) Canseco, Walt Weiss and (Dennis) Eckersly among others."

Before joining the Oakland A's, Alderson privately practiced law. Prior to this, he earned degrees from Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School and served four years with the U.S. Marines, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Alderson now works for MLB in New York City. He and his wife Linda have two children.

"It's not often that you are able to have a major figure in the world of sports on campus and we thought it would add some variety for a spring term speaker," said Contact Head Chair Sam Langholz, a senior.

"Particularly at this point in time with all of the issues that Major League Baseball is addressing, this is a great opportunity to hear from an insider about the future of America's favorite pastime."

Alderson will begin his talk at 7:30p.m. tomorrow night in Lee Chapel. Admission is free and open to the general public.



ALDERSON

Computer Science hires AI expert

BY PETER DJALALIEV
INTERNET EDITOR

W&L's Computer Science Department will add Simon D. Levy to its team Fall Term. Levy, currently an assistant professor at Brandeis University, has researched the field of Artificial Intelligence. The subject is new to W&L, and an opportunity for students in computer science, biology, neuroscience and psychology.

Levy earned a Bachelor's in linguistics from Yale University and a master's degree in linguistics from the University of Connecticut and one in computer science from Brandeis University. He is pursuing his doctorate in neural networks and language processing.

Neural networks are computers that mimics the nervous system of a living organism.

"Outside of computer science, I enjoy studying languages, philosophy, psychology and cognitive science," said Levy. "Apart from all that academic stuff, I'm also a martial arts enthusiast and would like to start or join a karate club at W&L."

"I earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Linguistics before deciding that AI was asking more interesting questions about language than linguistics was," Levy said.



LEVY

THE BRIDGES OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY



WET RIDE. Tuesday afternoon's rains swelled Wood's Creek, turning the Apartments' footbridge into a waterfall.

PHOTO BY MARY GUN/The Ring-tum Phi

Give DC the vote

Status of nation's capital undemocratic

Taxation without representation was one of the major issues American colonists rallied around during the American Revolution. Unfortunately, every day, the United States deprives approximately one million of its citizens of the right to representation in Congress, a situation that is deplorable and must be fixed immediately.

Although right-wing Republicans may argue differently, there is absolutely no reasonable argument to not have voting legislators in the Senate and the House from the District of Columbia. Just because some Americans may not agree with District citizens politically, it is no reason to deprive them of the right to representation.

Trent Lott (R-MS) and Jesse Helms (R-NC) are two senators with whom my political ideals disagree. I, however, do not disagree with the rights of Mississippi and North Carolina to have senatorial representation.

Many of the arguments against representation are an attempt to mask an undemocratic agenda designed to gain seats to maintain/retain a majority in our legislature. This cannot be allowed.

The District of Columbia is under the direct control of the Congress. Funding for city services come directly from Congress. Although the city has a mayor and council, they cannot pass legislation without congressional approval. As it stands, the people of the district have absolutely no effective means of making their agenda known. It is very disturbing to think that I, as a resident of South Texas, have more impact on the laws of the District of Columbia than someone who lives in the shadows of our nation's capital.

Residents of the district do not even have an equal share in determining the President, because the 23rd amendment restricts the number of DC electoral votes to the number of electoral votes of the least populous state (Wyoming), which has far fewer people than DC. Obviously, the writers of that constitutional amendment were not thinking of the one-person, one vote principle. How many presidential candidates focus on Wyoming as a critical state in their campaign? By this undemocratic amendment that contradicts the equal protection clause in the 14th amendment, our country is creating a two-tiered system that weighs votes.

Besides the current system being deplorable and undemocratic, it is also unconstitutional. Although the Constitution gives Congress total authority over DC, it does not allow Congress to abridge such provisions as the ones set forth in our Bill of Rights.

For over 200 years, Congress has relegated the citizens of the District to second-class citizenship status. It is time for our country to live up to the promise of equal protection and grant DC citizens the right to elect members to both houses of Congress. After all, these citizens are expected to perform all of the responsibilities of American citizenship, and thus should enjoy all of the rights of citizenship. Remember, a vote against representation for DC is equivalent to a vote against democracy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN GET EMBARRASSED WHEN I THROW UP IN FRATERNITY BATHROOMS ANYMORE.

— ANONYMOUS SOPHOMORE GIRL

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



LIKE MANNA FROM HEAVEN. During the past few weeks, passers-by may have figured that the Alcohol Task Force had finally bitten the bullet and started dorm delivery. Either that or someone in the administration has a great sense of humor. For better or for worse, neither is the case. But

don't get your hopes up just yet. Much to the dismay of countless exuberant freshmen, the truck merely delivers completely legal bottles of certifiably zero proof Snapple® to the Co-op. University leaders up in Washington Hall need not get concerned, at least not just yet.

PHOTO BY JEB BROOKS/THE RING-TUM PHI

Title IX not the answer

At Washington and Lee, we are a rather privileged bunch in many ways. Not in the least of which is our athletic programs, which although not always headline-grabbing in their performance, certainly provide the opportunity to many athletes to prove their mettle and hone their skills.

Indeed, a statistic the admissions office likes to point out is that approximately 20 percent of W&L students play a varsity sport, compared to a mere three percent average at Division I schools. Talk to any athlete, and he or she will tell you how great their experience on the team is, how they're treated really well, and how much pride they take in being a General.

Yet, we must realize that we are indeed a very privileged group of students because of our University's rather large endowment that helps fund this level of athletic involvement.

Around the rest of the country, many colleges have to cut back. According to the *New York Times* of May 9, the men's track teams at the University of Vermont, Tulane University, and Bowling Green University will no longer exist as of this weekend.

As the *Times* pointed out, over the past several years, many other teams have been affected. Boston University ended its football program after 91 years, Providence College cut its baseball team after 80 years, UCLA destroyed its 16 Olympic gold medal-winning men's swimming team, and Iowa State decided its three-time national champion gymnastics team was no longer worth keeping.

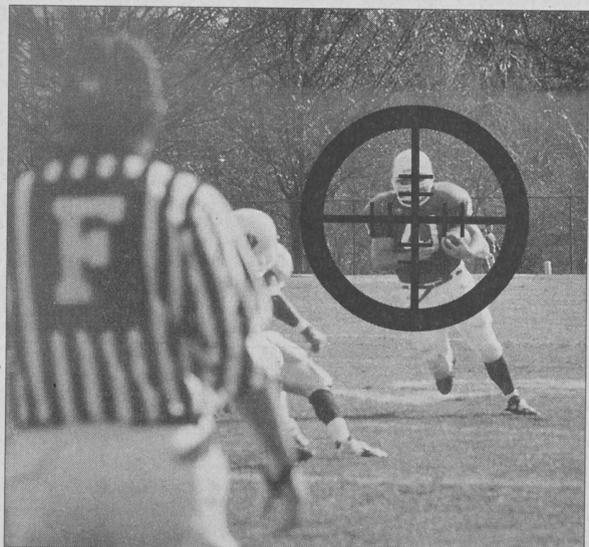
Reading this, one must surely wonder, Why would any college in its right mind eliminate such seemingly successful teams? The answer: Title IX.

Title IX is the legalistic term for the 1972 law that essentially dictates that nobody can be prevented because of their gender from participating in federally funded educational programs and activities.

In principle, the law advocates gender equity. After all, why should women have any less of an opportunity to receive funds (and therefore, have teams) than men? Despite the fact that women have traditionally been less inclined to play sports than men, the statistics are changing, and it may be that in ten years, the number of men and women playing sports is the same. This is a good thing.

The bad thing is that college budgets are, after all, limited in their scope, and therefore cuts must be made somewhere, and since men dominate (statistically) in sports, they are the ones who must suffer.

The sad part is, the teams that suffer are the ones that cost the least. Boston University's football program is actually an anomaly in the football



IN THE CROSSHAIRS: Title IX, although its intent was good-natured, unfairly targets programs like football, souring the sport experience for college students.

world: most football teams remained unscathed by Title IX. Even Providence College's baseball team is among the minority, since baseball, whatever decline it may have experienced since its heyday, is still a popular and relatively well-funded sport.

No, the real victims are sports like track and cross-country, swimming, gymnastics, wrestling, and golf. These sports, which enjoy little of the glamour and prestige of football, nevertheless are just as physically rewarding, promote similar team values of cooperation and respect, and perhaps more importantly, are much easier to actually participate in than football, basketball, or baseball.

The obvious solution, of course, would be to increase budgets. Sadly, this is not always possible. With so many other demands on colleges these days to expand existing programs and create new ones, academic and otherwise, a budget increase for athletics is usually out of the question, or at least not sufficient to subsidize the absolute equality mandated by Title IX. Therefore, it's the guys who have to suffer.

Is it really fair that women's equality in sports must come at the behest of men's participation? After all, as University of Vermont sophomore Bethany Brodeur said in the *Times*, "I'm here as a woman, thankful to Title IX. But that's tough for me to say given the reversal of opportunity for these guys on my team who sometimes run 30 or 40 miles a week more than me. They love running just as much. Where's their opportunity?"

Those who claim that football is to blame are absolutely wrong. Many of those who say football is to blame insist that because of its "bloated" funding, the money is not available to fund programs like track. To some extent, they are right: after all, the salaries of some football coaches exceed those of their university presidents.

However, the same scenario exists in the real world, where a single football team earns more than the entire Congress combined. Yet, nobody has managed to muster enough support to pass a law banning football players from earning more than \$135,000 a year.

The market dictates what players earn; after all, if they're in demand, they'll attract crowds, which attract advertisers, which combined with ticket sales, generate massive amounts of revenue.

The same thing happens with colleges. These schools are dependent on their star teams to attract national attention, which in turn fosters their academic reputations, enabling them to recruit more talented students who might otherwise attend other schools.

Cutting football is not the answer; the answer lies in reinterpreting Title IX so that schools do not have to meet ridiculous quotas, but instead, meet the demand posed by their students.

This market-based solution, which is the fairest to everyone and is preference-blind, will enable individual colleges to best meet the needs of their students. After all, a school like Washington and Lee can hardly be expected to have the same athletic requirements as the University of Notre Dame, or for that matter, Swarthmore College.

In Title IX's case, we're 30 years behind, but we can at least begin making amends by advocating a common-sense approach to reinterpreting the law that will best benefit everyone.

Another missive from inside the Beltway

What to do about the Farm Bill when there are no judges?

This past week provided all kinds of excitement for those of us inside the Beltway. Firstly, I must give credit where credit is due; Prof. Connelly arranged for an excellent tour this past Friday. The class met with a W&L alumnus who now works for the National Security Council and another who works in the White House Counsel's office. We also enjoyed a tour of Old Executive Office Building and a photo opportunity at the West Wing of the White House.

Interestingly, I met two other W&L grads this week. One at a Republican fundraiser, another walking home from the bank. Former Generals abound in Washington, in all fields. My bank buddy is a massage therapist studying for a Masters Degree in acupuncture.

This week on Capitol Hill, however, things didn't go so smoothly. In the Senate, floor debate focused on the trade measures and the Farm Bill.

True to form, Tom "Puff" Daschle, Majority Leader has combined three trade measures into one, ensuring terrible difficulty in passing the legislation.

Two of the three measures, Trade Promotion Authority and the Andean Free Trade Agreement could easily be agreed to, but since they are combined with the Trade Authorization Act, a measure over which there is much debate disagreement, so none of three will pass anytime soon. Moreover, as time passes, the deadline for reauthorization of AFTA, May 16 nears and without action, new tariffs will be imposed on four developing nations.

This is just one of many instances where the Democrats have put politics above the health of the nation. Also this week they have fooled with the future of America's farms and lied about the status of the judicial crisis.

First, they pushed through a huge boondoggle of a Farm Bill. It increases by seven times the amount of subsidies paid to farmers, most of which goes to huge agribusinesses and creates a downward spiral in which subsidies spur overproduction, which leads to lower prices and the need for more subsidies. Also, it represents a huge step backwards from the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act which encouraged free market practices in agriculture.

This is not to mention the blatant hypocrisy of the bill. Around the world, we encourage developing nations and our trading partners to deregulate and desubsidize their agricultural sectors, yet we, thank to the Daschle Democrats, are moving in the opposite direction.

The other front on which they have undeniably partisan is with judicial nominees. In fact, my good friend Michael Denbow, has been working in the Democratic Policy Council helping to prepare for the dueling press conferences. Republicans demonstrated that the Democrats in charge have behaved very badly and refused to confirm the judges President Bush has nominated. Denbow and his cohorts twisted the statistics to attempt to explain their intransigence.

Fortunately, the facts were on our side. For example, the past three Presidents had all of their first eight nominees approved in no more than an average of 100 days. On the other hand, eight of President Bush's nominees have been waiting for more than a year for a hearing! Let alone a confirmation vote. And two of the three that were confirmed were Democrats held over from Clinton's term.

Also, during the first Congress of each of the three previous presidencies, 95 percent-plus of the nominees were confirmed. Now, to the Democrats' credit, they have confirmed a whopping 52 percent of President Bush's nominees. Way to go, guys! Sorry Mike, but the Democrats have been undeniably and irrefutably partisan and obstructionist.

In other, somewhat childish news, did you know that New York has a Democratic Representative named Anthony Weiner?

Finally, the most outrageous news of the week is that the families of eleven illegal immigrants have sued the Department of the Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service because the agencies failed to place water along the border and the illegals perished in the hot desert sun. That's right, the government is now responsible for placing water in the Arizona desert so Mexicans have enough to drink as they illegally attempt to enter our country! Let's finish the column with three cheers for trial lawyers.

P.S. Al, the homeless man we pass on the way to the Metro now spends his days listening to an MP3 player.

Letter to the Editor

Alumnus cheers while W&L spins forever down the ringing grooves of change

Mrs. Judy Konkel, mother of Robyn Konkel '05, and her recent letter voicing her opinion regarding the University's ever present "Prophets of Doom" is to be commended.

Certainly, we heard such misgivings in the past, i.e., "No Marthas" or "Better Dead than Co-ed" and happily that particular Tradition of the University's past lore is no more.

Today, there is at Washington and Lee a uniquely ever diversifying vibrant Faculty and Student Body. The malcontents should indeed transfer to a school which still wallows in all their sybarite pleasures.

Sincerely,
Donald S. Hillman '46

GROOVY, BABY! FRESHMEN TIEDYE IN THE QUAD FOR CLASS UNITY, ORGANIZED BY THE FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



JEB BROOKS/The Ring-tum Phi

'Spider-Man' proves more fun, better than expected

By MICHAEL GEORGE
 STAFF WRITER

Spider-Man is filled with trite dialogue and over-the-top performances, but its honest humility and clever wit make it a film worth watching.

For most of his life, Peter Parker (Maguire) has gone unnoticed. A nerdy loner, Peter agonizes over winning the heart of Mary Jane Watson (Dunst), the girl next door. His attempts fail, until, while taking photos for his school paper, a genetically enhanced spider bites him. Peter wakes up the next day to find his body and mind altered. His catlike speed and reflexes help him avoid a bully at school and impress Mary Jane. He soon discovers that he can climb walls, jump great distances, and shoot webbing from his wrists. He takes his new powers for granted, trying to win money at a professional wrestling match. But when a thief

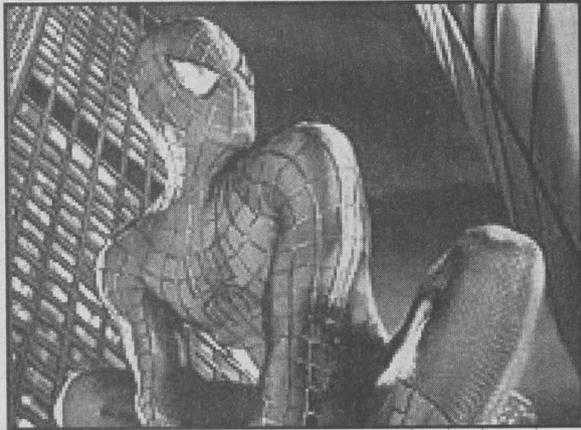
kills his uncle, he dedicates his life to fighting crime.

Director Sam Raimi, who helmed the 'Evil Dead' trilogy and 'Xena: Warrior Princess', adds his unique sense of humor to the film. His style is comy, but when combined with the understated modesty of Maguire's performance, gives the film a humble charm. Willem Dafoe, who plays Spider-Man's nemesis The Green Goblin, eases from being insane to subtly manipulative. Dafoe tries to manipulate Peter through chilling and conniving words. His performance, however, fails when he puts on the Green Goblin suit, as his acting is too over-the-top.

Although the film's special effects are impressive, they are distracting and not innovative. Raimi spends too much time showing Spider-Man fly instead of developing his characters. The film is filled with plot holes and unrealistic devices. It is a comic book that lacks both the emo-

tional depth and plot complexity that films rely on. If, however, you concede that the film doesn't want to explore the human condition and just wants to be fun, it

is worth seeing. Although 'Spider-Man' relies on special effects, it is honest, humble, and funny. It doesn't take itself too seriously, and is worth seeing.



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The guy next door: Addicted to Instant Messenger

By SAM LA GRONE/STAFF CORRESPONDENT



There are ways to figure out the collective mood of a society. Historians do it all of the time.

Some examples would include: "Agriculture Production Statistics Relative to the Working Class Demographic in Toledo (1940-1973)." Or studies that examine the paradigms of child rearing and gender roles, or the number of people a society decides to ritually set on fire for witchcraft. Stuff like that. At Virginia Military Institute, it's the Instant Messenger away message that's an indicator of the collective mood.

The VMI IM culture is a neat anomaly of the information age. The miniature Internet chat rooms are our primary link to the outside world, since VMI has given us unlimited high-speed access to the Web from our rooms, but not telephones. It's like giving a cold fusion reactor to a kindergarten class, but not crayons.

Many of us are tied to the IM, like an invalid to an iron lung. Instead of the sound of wheezing and the hissing compressor it's that god-forsaken door-slam or the bodo-bodoo. (I personally turn the sounds off. It just interrupts my Bachman-Turner Overdrive MP3s and consequently my air guitar jam. Those people can wait until I'm done "rocking out," so to speak.)

So we leave the IM on all the time. We do it so our nearest and dearest can still know what we're doing at every single waking moment. The away message can tell them if we're at our computers or not. The away messages this week reveal our disdain for exams. Engineers sit around saying, "you know that laser is supposed to be built by tomorrow, I should probably get started."

Meanwhile the liberal artists dust off their calculators and figure out how many words they have to write a minute to get their 120-page thesis written in two hours. This stress and anxiety all end up on our computer screens. To take a closer look, let's look at some recent away messages of cadets on my buddy list.

"Studying...leave a message and I'll get back to you when I can [sic]" (This is pretty standard. This guy is under a little pressure, but coping.)

"Spanish, Chem, Macro..." (This is a cadet who is running on three hours of sleep for the week and doesn't have the energy to type out a full explanation, just a minimalist scrap of prose, open to interpretation.)

"So yeah...have a Spanish oral exam, followed by a drug and alch exam [sic], followed by a macro test. Followed by a history paper due tomorrow. Happy friggin Wednesday." (This cadet was obviously cleaning out his desk when he found his syllabus and his day planner and started hyperventilating and typing at the same time.)

"I have a paper due Firday, an article to write, and exams start saturday... but I am watching a movie." (This cadet has stopped caring, which will last for about 12-hours until the fear of parents seeing his grades will drive him to a week of papers, studying and mainlining caffeine.)

"I'm writing 3 papers at the same time. Yeah, I know it's gangsta." (This guy...is awesome.)

On the occasion that we do surface for air, the conversations aren't that cheerful:

Bugluy2040: hi billy.

VMIGuY: Hi Steph.

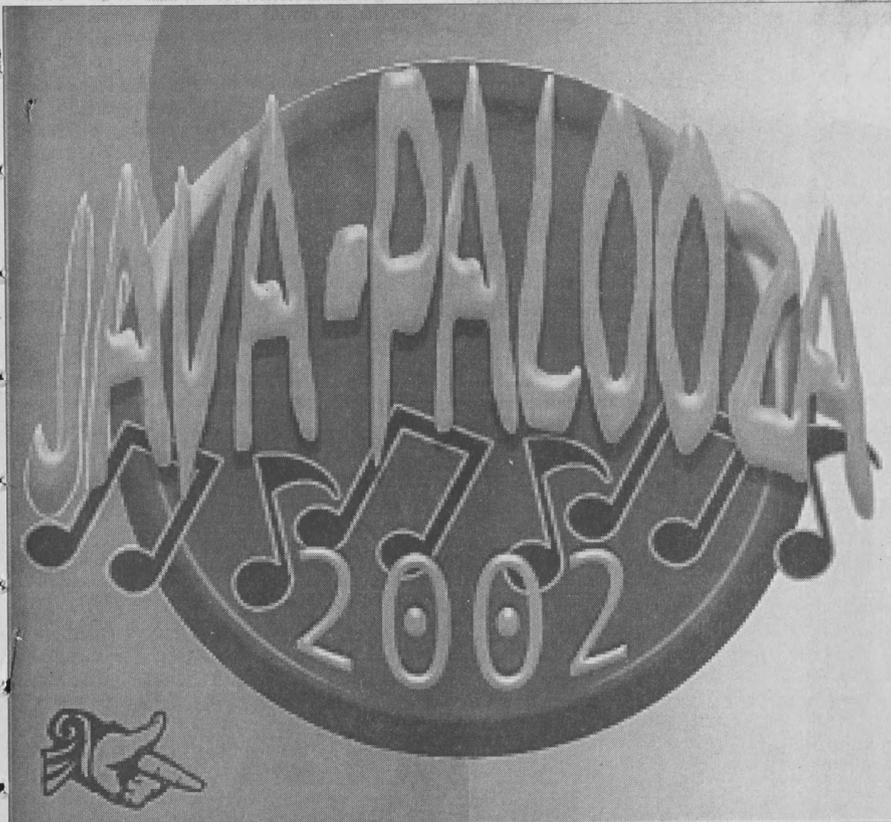
Bugluy2040: how r.u.?

VMIGuY: Life is a depressing, cold place that wraps us all in the concrete and mortar shell of despair.

Bugluy2040: uh...so how's school?

VMIGuY: it's fine...just fine...(sigh...) I want my mom.

Reach Sam LaGrone at lagronesr@mail.vmi.edu



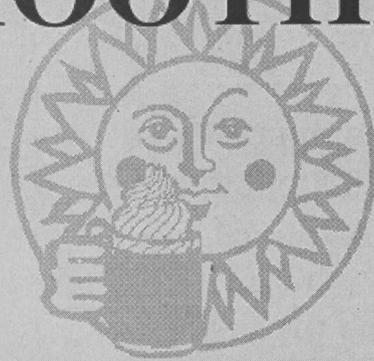
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 20 May: Ringsend

Location: BDG Quad
 Rain Location: Doremus Gym
 Mondays - Spring Term
 Times: 7:30-10:30 PM

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Generals charge their way into NCAA Semifinals

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If this weekend is any indication of things to come, Gettysburg better watch out for a vengeful Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team.

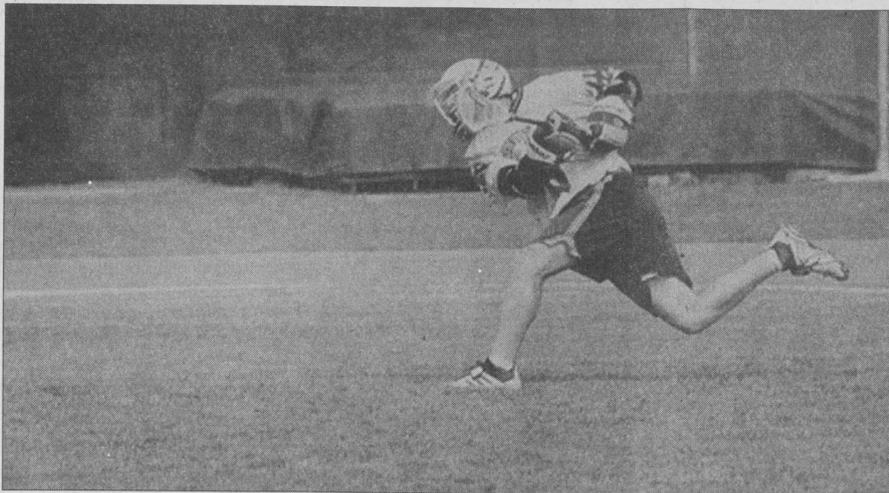
The Generals (14-3) advanced to the NCAA Division III Semifinals and earned the right to play the Bullets by avenging an early season defeat at the hands of Washington College (Md.) on Sunday afternoon.

W&L built a quick 7-4 first quarter advantage and held on to defeat the Shoremen, 11-8, in NCAA Quarterfinal action in Chestertown, Maryland.

Washington got on the board first when Steve Berger scored less than two minutes into the game, but the Generals tied the score only 23 seconds when junior defender Matt Strickler scored an unassisted goal.

The game continued in a seesaw fashion, with the two teams trading goals until the Generals rolled off four goals in less than four minutes to take a 6-4 lead.

Senior midfielder John Moore scored two goals and sophomore attacker Matt Fink tallied three assists during the run.



MAN OF THE HOUR: Junior midfielder Rob Brown fires a shot during the Generals' 13-8 victory over Widener College on Wednesday afternoon. Brown scored three goals and added two assists in W&L's return to postseason play.

Sophomore midfielder Rich Williams scored the Generals' seventh goal of the period with 33 seconds left to round out the first half scoring.

After Fink opened up the scoring in the second half, the Shoremen launched a three-goal run to cut the deficit to 8-7.

The Generals, however, scored three more times to secure the victory.

Fink scored two goals off two assists from freshman Gavin Molinelli in the fourth quarter. W&L's leading scorer this season finished with three goals and three assists on the day.

Moore and sophomore attacker Dustin Martin finished with two goals apiece.

The Generals reached the quarterfinal game by defeating Widener College 13-8 at Wilson Field on Wednesday afternoon.

After a close first half, W&L didn't disappoint the fans, breaking away from Widener to take home a 13-8 win.

The game was spectacular, with outstanding play by both sides, but was characterized by a large number of penalties. W&L was the recipient of 13 of the 19 penalties.

Coach Mike Cerino dismissed the number of fouls, however, as a characteristic of Widener's style of play, not the referees.

"It's more a result of the conference that Widener comes out of," Cerino said. "We had a hard time adjusting to their style of play."

Widener opened the game with an unassisted goal 55 seconds into the first quarter, but the Generals answered back with a three-goal spurt, spearheaded by Moore, who scored once and assisted on another goal.

The Pioneers came charging back and tied the game at three with 13:41 remaining in the second quarter, but Moore scored again off an assist from junior midfielder Rob Brown, who later added a score to give the Generals a 6-4 lead at the half.

W&L entered the second half reinvigorated, and scored three quick goals to pad their lead. Widener re-

sponded, but could not overcome W&L's defense, scoring only four second-half goals to the Generals' seven.

Cerino highlighted the play of Brown, who led the way with three goals and two assists.

"Rob's done a workman's job all year long. We run a balanced offensive attack, in that it's not run around any particular person, but on who's got the best matchup," the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year said. "Rob was left open a lot, and he really came through."

The trip to the semifinals is W&L's first since 2000, when the Generals lost to Salisbury State, 10-9, in the semis.

Cerino, who led Division II Limestone to a title in 2000, refused to look ahead to national glory when asked about the team's chances after Wednesday's win.

"I like our bracket and our balance, but this team has always taken it one game at a time, so right now, we're looking to our next hurdle," he said.

The Generals will play next weekend at Gettysburg for the opportunity to play either Middlebury or Ithaca for the national title. The time of the game will be announced this week.

Women's tennis moves on

BY DAVID CROWELL
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The Washington and Lee women's tennis team took the first steps towards competing for the national title this week, easily disposing of two Capital Athletic Conference foes, Mary Washington and Salisbury.

The Generals (20-2) also defeated the Eagles and Seagulls in NCAA South Regional action last season to earn the right to travel to Trinity (Texas) and compete in the final bracket of eight teams.

Last year, however, the Generals lost to Trinity, 7-2, in the quarterfinals. Coach Cinda Rankin hopes there will be no repeat when her squad plays a little closer to home, at Sweet Briar College in Lynchburg.

"We are where we need to be. We've taken the first two steps, but the competition becomes much tougher now," Rankin said. "I really would like to see us win the next round and get into the final four."

"Once we get to four, anything can happen. We just need to take it step by step."

In reaching the NCAA Quarterfinals, the Generals first sidestepped Mary Washington on Wednesday afternoon, earning a 9-0 victory. Junior Erika Proko led W&L with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Steffany Slaughter at No. 1 singles.

Slaughter had earned the only win for the Eagles on March 23, defeating freshman Lindsay Hagerman when the South Regional Rookie of the Year went down with an ankle injury.

Proko also teamed up with senior Melissa Hatley at No. 1 doubles to earn an 8-4 victory.

Hagerman, Hatley, sophomore Elizabeth Law, junior Laura Bruno and senior Manning Willard also earned victories in their respective singles matches.

Hagerman and Willard teamed to take an 8-2 victory at No. 2 doubles while Bruno and senior co-captain Sallie Gray Strang earned an 8-0 victory at No. 3 doubles.

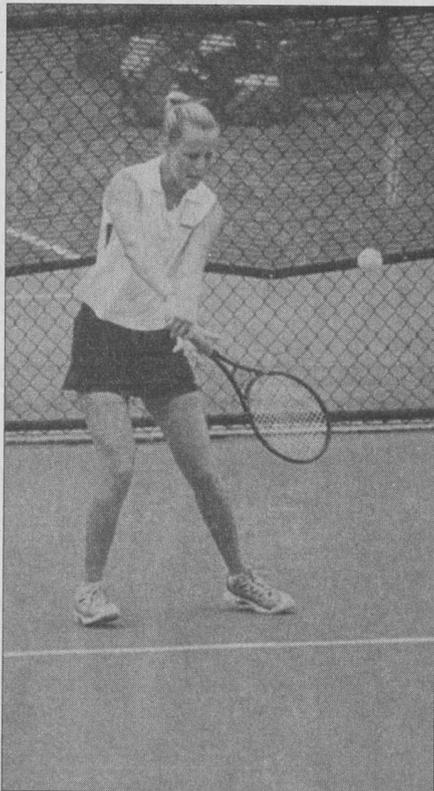
Thursday afternoon saw more of the same as the Generals beat up on Salisbury, taking a 9-0 win.

Proko, Hagerman, Hatley and Willard earned straight set victories, with Hatley finishing up an impressive two days of work by taking home a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

"Hatley's on fire," Rankin said simply. "She's playing great. She seems very focused and is very determined. I haven't seen her play better throughout the season."

Law and Bruno also showed great resiliency in going the limit to seize wins. Bruno pulled out a win at No. 5 singles while Law beat Amy Campion 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 4 singles to finish the day.

"Our entire team is hanging in there," Rankin said. "Salisbury was known to be stronger at the bottom and the three setters were big. (Law and Bruno) could've said we had already won the meet and not come out to play,



ON TO LYNCHBURG: Junior Erika Proko hits a backhand during her No. 1 doubles victory over MWC on Wednesday afternoon.

but they didn't.

"That's important, because on the next step, it might come down to their particular matches."

The Generals travel to Sweet Briar on Friday afternoon to begin play against the top teams in the nation. Rankin hopes the close proximity will help her team gain an intangible edge.

"The location won't hurt us and I think the players would love to get a lot of support from the W&L students," she said.

The time for the Generals next match, along with the Generals' opponent, will be announced on Monday afternoon.

Generals end season with loss to Washington

BY DAVID CROWELL
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The Washington and Lee men's tennis team finally met an obstacle it could not overcome.

The 20th-ranked Generals pulled off a major upset on Saturday afternoon by defeating 10th-ranked Mary Washington College, 5-1, in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The win also avenged a 4-3 defeat at the hands of the Eagles on March 27.

The Generals could not keep the momentum, however, as the sixth-ranked Shoremen of Washington College (Md.) handed W&L a 4-1 defeat on Sunday afternoon.

Senior Rhys James led the Generals on Saturday by winning his singles and doubles matches.

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year defeated Conor Smith 7-6 (6), 6-2, then teamed up with classmate Andrew Roberts to win 9-7 at No. 1 doubles.

Freshman Paul McClure, sophomores Austin Kim and Graham Nix, and senior Rob Moynihan also won their respective singles matches.

In addition, Kim and Nix teamed to win at No. 2 doubles.

On Sunday, the General's luck ran out. Despite winning the doubles point by taking two of three doubles matches, W&L could not withstand the onslaught of Washington's singles competitors.

James and Roberts won at No. 1 doubles and Kim and Nix also pulled out a doubles win, but the Shoremen won all four singles matches that finished to end the Generals' season.

W&L finished with a 13-6 record.

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