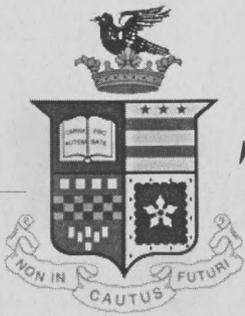


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Nabors kicks off third reading campaign

BY KATIE HOWELL
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

Seventeen percent of Rockbridge County residents read at the lowest literacy level.

For the third year, Washington and Lee students plan to change this statistic by tackling illiteracy in the county at the elementary school level.

"W&L students thought it would be a great way to attack illiteracy through the children," Nabor's Service League Literacy Campaign co-chair Kyle Meehan said. "If we can excite children about reading at an early age, they will continue to improve this skill as they grow up."

The literacy campaign, sponsored by W&L's service organization, Nabor's Service League, consists of a book drive, adopt-a-classroom program, Saturday's at the Library, a book cover contest and a children's book writing contest.

"(The benefits of the campaign are) to promote literacy amongst elementary children, to connect the University with the greater Rockbridge Area and form a lasting relationship with the classes and elementary schools," said Elizabeth King, literacy campaign publicity chair. "New books will be given to every kindergartener, (and it's) a great opportunity for W&L students interested in teaching or just children in general."

Statistics show 21-23 percent of adults in America read at the lowest literacy level while 17 percent of Rockbridge County adults read at this level. King said people at this level are not completely literate but cannot perform simple reading tasks like totaling a deposit slip, locating the time of a meeting on a form or identifying information in a short news article.

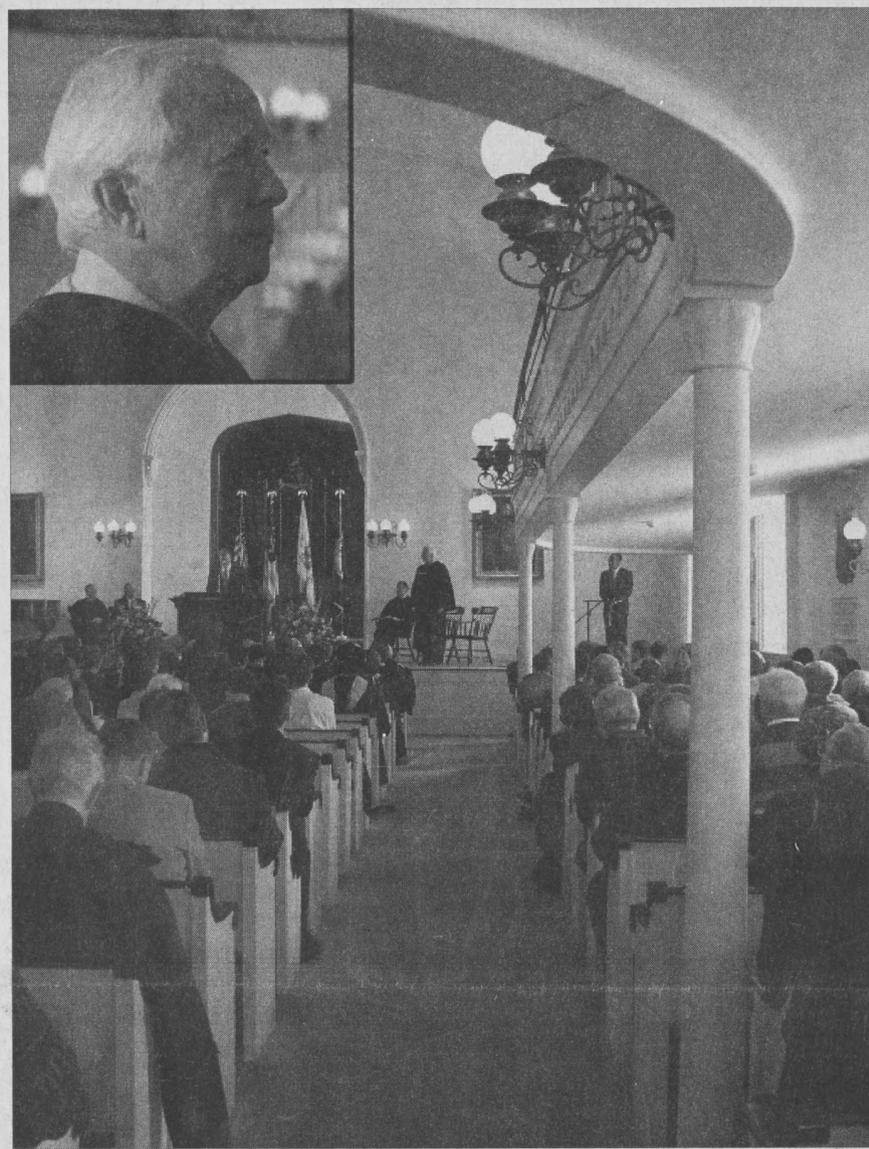
"W&L students want to help this community improve its literacy levels," Meehan said. "We saw the best way to do this was to start with the children—the new readers in the county."

Communities across the nation are taking steps similar to W&L's literacy campaign.

Carlos Ossio, a business graduate student at the University of Michigan, noted the importance of producing literate children in a community. He said, "Literacy is important to every citizen in the community whether they can read or not." Ossio was an intern at the Literacy Council in Oxford, Miss. this summer. "This literacy issue is paramount to any community from the business point-of-view. The please see LITERACY, Page 2

W&L celebrates campus leaders, founders

Author David McCullough speaks, initiated at Omicron Delta Kappa / Founders' Day Convocation



FOUNDING FATHERS. Above: A full Lee Chapel listened to author and P.B.S. host David McCullough as he spoke at the Founders' Day Convocation. Inset: McCullough is a noted author and Pulitzer Prize winner. Below: Members of the Class of 2003 are initiated during the Convocation.



BY KYLE WASS
 SENIOR STAFF WRITER

David McCullough, the author of a bestselling biography of John Adams, and host of the PBS show "The American Experience," was the featured speaker at Friday's Founders' Day/Omicron Delta Kappa Convocation, as well as an honorary initiate.

The Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society is a national honor society that rewards students' achievements both in school and in the community.

The event took place in a crowded Lee Chapel, where latecomers were told they could hear the speeches broadcast at Northern Auditorium if there was not any seating left in the chapel.

President Thomas Burish welcomed the audience to Washington and Lee and Lee Chapel, followed by Acting University Chaplain Thomas Litzenburg, Jr.'s invocation. After a musical selection by The University Chamber Singers, featured speaker McCullough gave a speech entitled "Legacies of the Founding Fathers," in which he spoke extensively about George Washington and John Adams. McCullough spoke of the imperfections of our founders and praised their ability to come together despite their differences. McCullough also emphasized the importance of our Founding Fathers put on education, saying that "opportunity and the right to think for oneself...had to come from edu-

cation." He also noted the importance of teaching values in institutions such as Washington and Lee, and quoted John Adams when he said that the purpose of education at such an institution is to be both "a good man and a useful citizen." McCullough finished his speech saying that happiness comes through education, and that education and "a knowledge of history...generates optimism." Following his speech, McCullough received a standing ovation from the audience.

McCullough has won two Pulitzer Prizes and is the two-time winner of the National Book award and the Francis Parkman Prize. The historian is known for his books on Presidents Truman and Adams, and has lectured around the country, including the White House. McCullough received honorary initiation into the ODK leadership society, along with Russell W. Chambliss, a 1974 graduate of Washington and Lee, and Janine M. Hathorn, the Assistant Director of Athletics and the Women's lacrosse coach at Washington and Lee.

Following McCullough's speech were some brief words from William G. Packard III, who will graduate Washington and Lee in 2003 and is the president of the Omicron Delta Kappa Circle, and then the Tapping of the Initiates. Omicron Delta Kappa was founded at Washington and Lee University in 1914 as the Alpha Circle and was formed to promote academic integrity.

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Freshmen prepare LipSynch acts to aid hungry

BY KATIE HOWELL
 EDITOR IN CHIEF



IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE. Mike Reynolds '02 and Joe Cressaty '02 perform as freshmen in 1999's LipSynch.

Freshmen prepare to dress strangely and sing along to their favorite songs in order to provide over three tons of food to local food shelters.

This year's Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger (S.A.R.A.H.) LipSynch will be Friday, January 24, in the Student Activities Pavilion. Co-chairs and advisors plan to raise money for the hunger group by charging entrance fees for acts and admission fees for the audience.

"Traditionally, LipSynchs have been well-attended," said sophomore student chairman Thomas Worthy. "I look forward to just as big a success as in the past."

Worthy said the first recorded S.A.R.A.H. LipSynch was in 1985. He said the performances have always been a success.

"In 1989, Fiji took their act all the way to an MTV competition and won a car," Worthy said.

The student chairmen said usually each fraternity pledge class performs one act and each sorority new member class performs three or four acts. S.A.R.A.H. charges each act a \$100 entrance fee. All the proceeds go towards buying canned foods for the Lexington, Natural Bridge and Glasgow hunger shelters.

"Every bit of the money including the entrance fees and the \$10 admission fee raised go to dining services, who in turn purchase canned goods for the hunger shelters."

The student chairmen chose to raise the admission fee this year to \$10 from last year's five-dollar fee so more students could "swipe it home" on their University cards at the door. In return, food and drinks will be provided at the Pavilion during the performances.

Dean of Freshmen Dawn Watkins, history professor Ted Delaney, Elizabeth Holleman Brown in the Development Office, Trey Packard '03 and assistant lacrosse coach Ricky Matthews will judge the performances and choose winners. The prizes will be cash and Fancy Dress tickets.

"This event is a lot of fun and it serves a good purpose," Worthy said.

Worthy's other student chairmen are Wes McRae '03 and Ansel Sanders '04. John Taffe, director of special events in the Alumni Office, advised the group. Worthy said a new student chairman is chosen each year from the freshman class. McRae, Sanders and Worthy will choose McRae's successor after this year's event is complete. The group meets an hour each week starting spring term to plan and discuss the details of the fundraising event.

Registrar releases fall term grades

BY MEGAN MORGAN
 STAFF WRITER

As the fall term came to close, Washington and Lee University released grade point average rankings for the Greek organizations, independent students and the student body as a whole. Some of the results are surprising. Women as a whole had an average G.P.A. that was higher than their male counterparts, and the highest G.P.A. on campus belonged to the Pi Beta Phi sorority which averaged a 3.434. However, they were closely followed by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity which came in with a 3.430 average. All of the sororities had average G.P.A.s higher than both the all student average and that of non-sorority members. In the fraternities, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi all had G.P.A.s higher than the all student average, and all the fraternities with the exception of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha had average GPAs higher than those of non-fraternity male students.

Service group plans to improve local literacy levels at local elementary and secondary schools

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workplace in general has become more and more literacy-based. No community can have the luxury of unskilled, unlearned workers anymore. The literacy level of a community says a lot about the competency of a community, and a company will not come (to an area) if there is not a pool of skilled workers. That will mean a loss of money. This makes the literacy level of a community important to every citizen."

W&L's literacy campaign will tackle these issues Jan. 20-Mar. 15 with their program entitled "Dream the Dream, Read a Book." Meehan expects over 200 students to participate in the two-month long program.

One of the major activities that the campaign will cover is a book drive. Students will collect new books throughout the community to distribute one to each kindergartner in the county. The campaign will also initiate an adopt-a-classroom activity. Meehan said about 100 students will adopt kindergarten-fifth grade classrooms that they will

visit each week during the seven-week campaign. Each week the student will work with the children on a different literacy activity including poetry writing, short story writing, bookmark making and Shakespeare for Kids.

Some students will participate in Saturdays at the Library for four Saturdays throughout the campaign. Students will meet the children at the Rockbridge County library for story time, crafts and lunch.

In addition to the elementary school activities, the literacy campaign will also tackle literacy levels in the middle and high schools of the county. Students will hold a book-cover making contest. The winner's design will be printed into covers that will be used in all the schools next year. A children's book-writing contest will also be held at Rockbridge County High School and Parry McCluer High School. The campaign will award a prize to the winning book and all the entries will be distributed to local elementary schools.

"W&L students are a great group to tackle the literacy level problems in the community because for the

most part we were all fortunate enough to have parents who took us to the library, bought us books and read to us as children," Meehan said. "I'm not saying that everyone in Rockbridge County has this problem, but W&L thought that the problem needed more emphasis in the community. We can teach these kids the things we learned as children."

Campaign co-chairs Meehan and senior Carroll Thompson thought the campaign would work well due to the past success of the Big Buddy program, another Nabor's Service League program that pairs W&L students with Rockbridge County children with special needs.

Literacy campaign organizers encourage any interested students to become involved.

"W&L can only be instrumental in helping this community if the students are willing to work at this and make it successful."

Interested students should contact Nabors Service League, Meehan or King for more information about becoming involved with the literacy campaign.



Students to celebrate Chinese New Year

The Dept. of East Asian Languages and Literatures at Washington and Lee University will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Saturday, February 1st. This third annual China-Japan Day will be held from 10-3 at the Red House (located between Lee Chapel and the Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church and is free and open to the public. The program will include presentations by Chinese and Japanese language students, demonstrations of ikebana (flower arranging), calligraphy and Chinese & Japanese cuisines, origami, and other events. For further information call 458-8936.

Physics professor wins national science award

David W. Sukow, assistant professor of physics and engineering at Washington and Lee University, has received the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award for junior faculty. His Career Award provides \$400,000 over five years for his research projects involving optics and lasers. Career Awardees were selected on the basis of creative, career-development plans that effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their institution.



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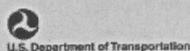
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THE RING-TUM PHI
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Phi challenges media. among other things

Nothing in this world can remain pure and uncorrupt without a little competition or challenge every now and then. Call us pretentious (because we are), but *The Ring-tum Phi* has decided to challenge the American media to step up its standards.

America should look to her underling South Korea and see herself in a few years if changes aren't made soon. South Koreans hate America. This widespread hatred stems from one simple factor, the bias of their press. South Korean media encourage their audiences to trust their communist neighbors to the north and hate America (who is, in fact, the only power stopping the North Koreans from killing them all).

The South Koreans are not stupid people. They think and believe their press are showing them the whole picture. Only through the eyes of a bystander, however, can one see that this so-called press is not telling its audience the whole story. Giving the press the benefit of the doubt, perhaps they cannot find out the whole story.

Which brings about a scary thought. What if the same thing is happening in America? What if the senior editors at the *Washington Post* and CNN think they are presenting America with the most accurate and complete information available, when in reality they cannot see the whole picture?

The only way the media can combat this is to search and search and search some more for all possible information. The *Phi* chooses this opportunity to state its purpose in the endeavor of an accurate and pure media world. We will, to the best of our 20-year-old abilities, strive to search and scrounge every story or article we write in order to provide you, Washington and Lee University, with the purist campus media possible. W&L will not become the next South Korea. It can be the epitome of a true free press for the rest of America. While some of you may say, "What can one campus newspaper do to better the American press?" We say, it's going to take one news organization at a time stepping up its standards in order to raise the bar for all American media.

On another note, the *Phi* challenges the Lexington police to fight the crime of this world and stop pulling over cold, sleepy editors late on Sunday nights.

On yet another note, the *Phi* challenges the Washington and Lee CoOp(erational Facility of Glory) to join the 21st century and take diversity by storm. It's high time those drink shelves started showing some alternative faces. Bring back the Switch!

Quote of the Week

"... 'hot boxing,' a circumstance where too many sorority members surround a freshman."

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Dems shut down Senate

Daschle and company refuse to organize, paralyze committees, ignore electorate

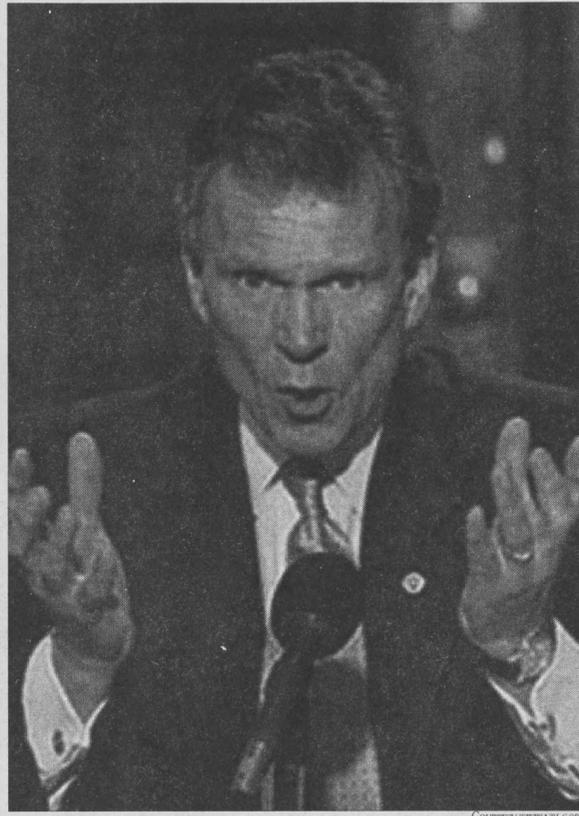
You probably don't know it, but the 108th Congress, set to convene January 3rd, didn't actually get underway until last Thursday. While you may be tempted to breathe a sigh of relief—after all, the only days you know your wallet is truly secure are the days Congress is *not* in session—the reasons for this two-week delay are disheartening.

The Democrats didn't get the memo. The memo from the electorate, that is. Though the voters chose to hand leadership of the Senate back to the GOP on November 5, the Senate Democrats, in a remarkable Hugo Chavez-esque display of defiance, refused to relinquish control of the committees. Under the arcane rules governing the body, the Senate must pass a resolution "reorganizing" itself, that is, appointing Republican committee chairs (now that they are in the majority) to replace the Democratic ones.

The catch (in the Senate, there's always a catch) is that, practically speaking, any Senate action needs 60 votes to pass. This year, the Democrats, desperate to hold on to power for as long as possible, bucked 200-plus years of Senate history and threatened to deadlock the organization.

Money, the most popular of all Washington motives, was the culprit behind this quasi-coup d'etat. The Dems demanded that office space and money be split 51%/49%, the current partisan makeup of the Senate. While this may seem reasonable at first blush, consider the fact that tradition has *always* held that funding be split 2/3 for the majority party and 1/3 for the minority party, regardless of who is in control. It seems that actually running the government (instead of throwing up obstructionist roadblocks) requires more institutional support.

But do not despair, conservatives. The Democrats' desperation belies their true motivation: fear. What the Democrats know, and what they fervently hope never becomes well-known, is that their pleas for power have of late fallen on deaf ears. In 2000, the Dems dragged out the trusty, but rusty, class warfare litany. Al Gore told America that Dubya pitted the "people" vs. "the



Stop! Daschle refused to recognize the new majority and allow the Senate to proceed.

powerful," while the GOP campaigned on releasing people from restrictive government so they could become powerful. We know how that campaign turned out.

In 2002, the Dems tried to campaign as "Republican Lite," desperately trying to pick off swing voters. Unfortunately for them, when the voters are given a choice between a real Republican and a fake Republican, they'll take the real Republican

every time (Virginia Gov. Mark Warner's election notwithstanding).

So why are the Dems desperately trying to delay and obstruct the workings of the Senate? After all, they're only two seats away from recapturing the majority. The Democrats are running scared because they can read a calendar- and a map.

In 2004, 34 seats in the Senate will be up, and the Democrats have the lion's share, 19, to defend. Of the seats the Republicans have to defend, only one, perhaps two, will be truly vulnerable. The Democrats will have a plethora of seats in such Bush-friendly states as Georgia, South Carolina, North Dakota, and Arkansas, and the popular Commander-in-Chief will top the ballot this time.

Realistically, the Senate Democrats have little to no chance of regaining the majority in 2004, if anything; they'll probably lose ground. All the more reason to obstruct, obstruct, obstruct now and set the precedent for greater institutional funding. They tried co-opting the GOP platform in November and lost; I guess now the Democrats are trying a new twist on an old adage: if you can't join 'em, beat 'em.

Letters to the Editor

Smith all washed up on Rush, fraternities

Dear Editor,

I thought I would share my thoughts of Tim Smith's article in last week's paper entitled "Rush Week Exemplifies Best, Worst of W&L." I am an independent and do get a little tired of non-Greeks complaining about the Greek system strangling the social life of all W&L students. I am a big proponent of the Greek system. W&L's Greek system is truly unique, most importantly that all fraternity and sorority functions are open to independents. The Greek system adds character to W&L and should, without a doubt, remain on campus for years to come.

However, I have to question Smith's reasoning in the last part of his article. He states, "In cases when a person does not get accepted anywhere, there is some clear good to be extracted from the rejection: its not that you aren't good enough — it means simply that there are aspects of your behavior or personality that seriously need reflecting upon. Every person has their own faults, and though we'd prefer to not have them pointed out so dramatically, the key is to make an honest effort to correct them." Is this a joke? It seems that Smith is implying that if you do not pledge a sorority or fraternity, there is something wrong with you that should be changed immediately.

Sure, I felt a little dejected when I did not receive an invitation to join a fraternity my freshman year, but that, in no means, says there is something wrong with me. Smith implies that I should have changed aspects of my personality to fit in with the rest of the school. Well that hasn't happened in my four years at W&L and I certainly would NEVER change my personality based on the results of rush.

All of my close friends at this school are part of the Greek system and they have never treated me differently as a result. That is the definition of a true friend: one that accepts you for who you are. Mr. Smith, if you think that being a member of a fraternity declares you to be perfect and me to be inferior, then your ideas about rush and the Greek system might "seriously need reflecting upon."

Sincerely,
Chase Bice '03

Boy Scouts right to expel Lambert

Dear Editor,

In "BSA discriminate against atheists," (Nov. 18) Caley Anderson tut-tuts the Boy Scouts for "intolerantly" choosing to revoke 19-year-old Eagle Scout Darrell Lambert's leader registration. Lambert, it turns out, is an avowed atheist.

The Scout Oath is as follows: "On my honor I will do my best/ To do my duty to God and my country/ and to obey Scout Law/ To help other people at all times/ To keep myself physically strong,/ mentally awake and morally straight."

My question is, how on earth did an atheist ever make Eagle Scout in the first place? Lambert should never have been given the honor: every time he has sworn that oath while an atheist, he has lied. His lie broke the first Scout Law to be trustworthy; his atheism broke the twelfth Scout Law to be reverent.

The Boy Scouts shouldn't have revoked Mr. Lambert's leadership position—they should have gone further and revoked his Eagle badge.

Sincerely,
Kyle Sulli, '06

TALKBACK: What did you learn from the Panhel herpes placards?



"Nothing."
-Lucas Gredell '06



"Nothing."
-Anne Hungerford '06



"Nothing."
-Sara Kell Bowers '06



"Nothing."
-Ryan Hoover '06



"Nothing."
-Colin Garner '06

Anti-Americanism flourishes in England

Britons fear war, Bush, and strength, responsibility lost with collapse of Empire

Over the Christmas holidays, I had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks in one of our country's strongest allies: England. Since the days of Winston Churchill and FDR, the United States and the United Kingdom have enjoyed a so-called "special relationship," with each country supporting the other. America, in theory, has no stronger ally in the world.

Yet one would not have guessed that by reading (most of) the British press, for with the exception of the *Times* and the *Daily Telegraph*, Britons are inundated with headlines from their major newspapers ranging from moderate skepticism of war in Iraq to outright opposition.

This would be less frightening if the press was simply serving as a cautionary voice, which it is doing to some extent on this side of the Atlantic, yet it is not. Instead, an increasing percentage of Britons are voicing opposition to war in Iraq, and more significantly, expressing hostility towards America.

Now that their once-mighty Empire has all but vanished, they seem to have forgotten that the Bush Administration, even in its presently hawkish mood, has far more respect for human rights and democracy, and greater concern for world peace, than the British Government ever did until fairly recent times.

Yet, the man on the street seems to forget this, and this reality is reflected in the choice of books on the bestsellers shelf at Waterstone's, a major book retailer in the UK. Alongside "regular" books lies various compendiums of "Bushisms," Michael Moore's "Stupid White Men" and a faux-crayon illustrated book called "Tony (Blair) and Me," attributed to President Bush but of course just another product of the various parody houses out there.

"Tony and Me" is the worst, because it stoops to the lowest common denominator and reduces our president to a stupid cowboy who can't even spell his own name, let alone solve the world's problems.

I would not be so upset if this anti-Americanism were present in, say, Saudi Arabia, which has much more at risk (for example, its territorial integrity) in a war with Iraq than the UK does. That would make much more sense, given the Saudis' general pigheadedness and opposition to anything not exactly in line with their oppressively narrow-minded view of the world. But the British are meant to be our steadfast allies, and it is clear that this is increasingly not the case. Is the United States unnecessarily belligerent?

Let's examine the facts. As of this column's writing, chemical warheads had just been discovered by the U.N. inspections team in Baghdad, and the mood has been described as "very tense."

Right now, it is clear that Iraq is hiding something, but that they do not yet have the capability to lash out at the United States in such a way that it would not be instantly defeated. However, as soon as Saddam Hussein gets his hands on a nuclear bomb or two, he will have this deterrent. How so? Case in point: North Korea.

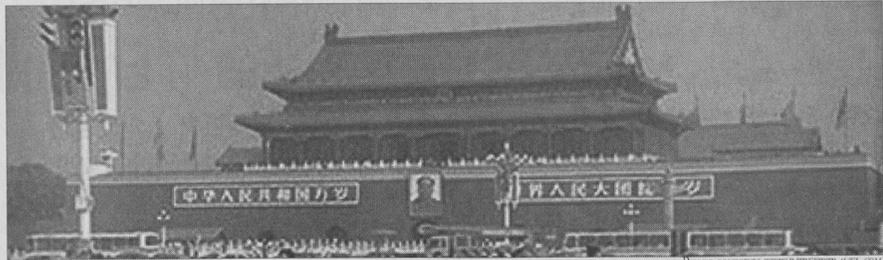
The reason that the United States is not talking about bombing North Korea is multi-faceted, but one of the key factors is because we know for a fact that the North Koreans could use nuclear weapons against us or one of our allies in the region, a risk that we do not want to take. It is imperative that we disarm Saddam before Iraq, too, reaches this level, at which point we will have lost the game, whether we choose not to disarm him forcibly or we are brutally attacked.

Very few people actually support large-scale war with Iraq. Instead, the majority no doubt prefers a conflict similar to the Gulf War, in which Saddam Hussein was easily defeated, and this is precisely what we are capable of doing again. What will happen, if we do not act now, is that this idealized battle (in which we really can minimize the loss of life and damage done to property) is only possible before Saddam Hussein has the capability to seriously deter us.

While going to war is never pleasant, it is infinitely preferable to carry out a limited yet efficient operation now, never mind what the peaceniks say, and invest in a safer, more peaceful future.

RIGHT-WING RESPONSE
IMRAN NAEEMULLAH '05

China has nothing on Lex



SITE OF THE MASSACRE. In 1989, at Tiananmen, the PLA mowed down students who sought the freedom promised 40 years earlier.

Belatedly, I have come to reflect on my experience in China. Perhaps it was my first trip to Crystal since returning to Lexington. Perhaps it was the meeting for returning study abroad students held this past Tuesday. Perhaps it was writing my first paper for Chinese Philosophy. Whatever the reason, China is on my mind.

Naturally, I remember the little things I miss, like the toilets in which one cannot flush toilet paper, eel and squid served street-side on skewers, and a room covered in dust that floats in from the Gobi Desert. Conversely, I recall the wonders of Lexington China was without, such as Leyburn's powdered soap, Super Wal-mart and late nights at the *Phi*.

However, for all the historical and cultural splendor that China boasts, its biggest cities and grandest palaces will never match li'l ol' Lex. Beijing may have the homes of emperors and a square which has seen half a dozen revolutions, but

Lexington's sense of history is more personal, more direct and less imposing. Beijing's byways may be lined with massive markets and endless salesmen, but Lexington's shopkeepers aren't dedicated to cheating you. Beijing may soon play host to the Olympics, but, I'll take the Lee-Jackson Classic any day.

More important, though, are the qualities that set any city in America apart from China. Here, one may write for the school paper without getting permission from the Communist Party. Our university leaders are not required to join the Communist Party to advance their careers. The foreign students are not kept in separate dormitories and discouraged to eat only with their own, not mixing with the local population (unless one counts the I-House). Soldiers do not patrol the streets eager to prevent political dissent from being heard.

In America, celebrities may openly criticize the government, however moronically (see the "Cowards

of the Week"). Athletes are not required to offer their performance to the glory of the Party. School children are not forced to join a government-run group that delivers political indoctrination. Religions are not suppressed and outlawed.

In the end, it is not our wealth or our power that sets America apart. It is our unique Constitution, tradition of liberty and reverence for the rule of law (Mr. Clinton's exception notwithstanding) that have made America the world's greatest nation. Traveling to a country whose citizens have lived so long under oppression that they are placated by a fast growing economy and sporting spectacles deepens my love for our homeland. Of course, it also makes me cringe when people talk as if economic indicators are the only measure of presidential success.

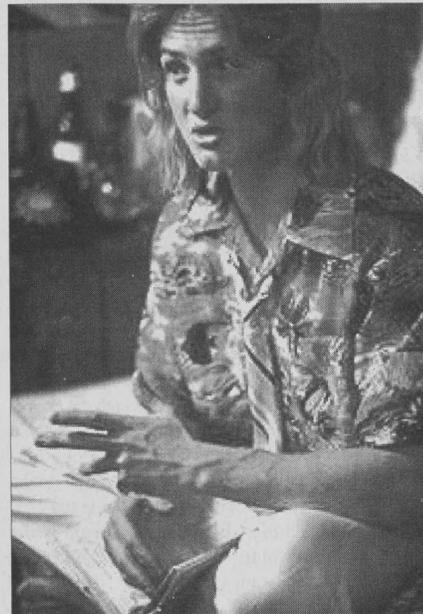
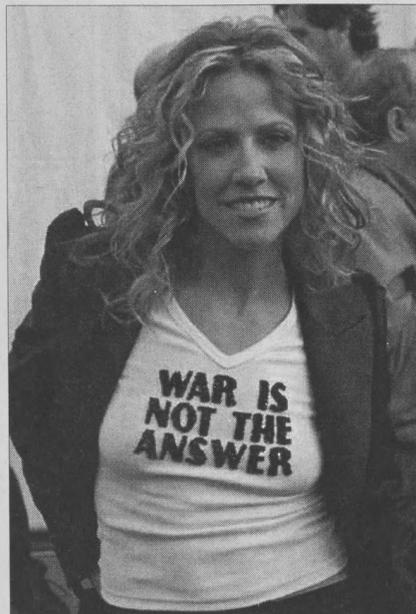
What did I really learn while abroad? The language, naturally. Some history and culture, surely. But most of all, a love for home, school, friends and family.

Φ RIGHT OF THE AISLE
BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Cowards of the Week

An irregular feature of the *Ring-tum Phi* Opinions section

Sheryl Crow and Sean Penn



LIKE, UM, PEACE, DUDE. Crow and Penn, at the American Music Awards and as Jeff Spicoli, have assumed leadership of Hollywood's peace movement. Crow bared her message on a sequined T-shirt and Penn recently visited Saddam.

Last Monday at the American Music Awards, Sheryl Crow proclaimed her disapproval for war effort both in her acceptance speech and on a much-talked about sequined T-shirt which she designed herself.

In December, actor Sean Penn, star of "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and "I Am Sam," in which he played a perpetually stoned surfer and a mentally challenged man, respectively, traveled to Baghdad for a Potemkin tour hosted by President-for-life Saddam Hussein.

Crow and Penn are only the most recent and the most ridiculous in a long tradition of Hollywood's brightest stars and dimmest bulbs deigning to share insights on politics, society and life with regular Americans.

Ms. Crow's pearls of wisdom include:

"I think war is based in greed and there are huge karmic retributions that will follow. I think war is never the answer to solving any problems. The best way to solve problems is to not have enemies."

"I just think there's a really vital, sweeping peace movement out there that's not getting covered in the press, so I just kind of try to do my part."

"Peace, peace this year!"

"Hey everybody, I know this is an award show but I just want to encourage everybody to get involved in some kind of movement for peace."

Penn gave us the following:

"Somewhere along the line, the actions of this government are the actions of me. And if there's going to be blood on my hands, I'm not willing to have it be invisible. I wanted to come to Iraq and see Iraqi faces—children, adults, diplomats, anybody that implies—and go home with some impressions that will not let me off the hook."

"(The administration is trying to) herd us into this position. We as citizens have to take stock of our own conscience on these issues."

"I don't believe that, despite some compelling arguments ... that it is legitimate for someone in my position to quote him and to be a messenger of anything to do with that message."

Thank you Sheryl and Sean.

Crow and Penn win this week's Coward of the Week because of their demonstrated fear of accepting the responsibility incumbent on our nation due to its status as the world's most powerful. Laughably, Crow is afraid of "karmic retributions." Penn cowers from being "a messenger of anything to do with that message."

Well, Sheryl, Sean, sometimes, the world's adult nations, such as the United States, along with our allies like Britain and Australia, have to act, even with deadly force, to protect themselves and the rest of the civilized world from the irrational acts of madmen armed with powerful weapons. Just as the police apprehend and sometimes execute criminals to protect those who would otherwise fall victim, America must stop Saddam before he nukes Israel, Europe or, worse, our homeland.

Ironically, in Iraq, freedoms so essential to the entertainment industry are nonexistent. Here, in war-mongering America, Crow and Penn are free to make movies and music, dress as they please and criticize the government. Perhaps Sheryl should start wearing a Burqa. Perhaps the government should instruct Sean whom to vote for in the next election.

For the most part, athletic celebrities have the good sense to stick to their expertise and let informed, albeit non-celebrity, Americans make decisions without the background noise of their "advice. Crow and Penn would do well to follow their example, because, in the excellent words of a Washington, D.C., anti-peacenik marcher, "Pacifists are parasites to freedom."

C-school no longer stapleless

This week, I present to you a problem that will be known to a large portion of students: those of us who are either C-School majors or taking C-school classes. To illustrate, I will tell you about my Thursday night.

I was sitting in the lab of the Williams school on the third floor completing an assignment for my Politics 201 class. The mood was light as two of my fellow seniors were sitting around me.

We were discussing rush, how we were still trying to remember many of the freshmen's names and remembering how stupid we were at that time as well.

Thus, with the conversation it seemed like no time at all before I had finished my lab assignment and printed out my five pages of work. All's well so far. However, it wasn't until I collected my work from the printer that trouble started. I picked up the stapler next to the first printer. I gave it a good squeeze only to find it empty. I moved on to the second stapler next to the second printer. Same result.

Now if this were merely a fluke or isolated event, I would have no reason to complain. However, empty staplers in the C-School are more than a trend. They are a promise. Not once during fall term when I was working on assignments in the Williams school were there ever staplers for the staplers.

But I digress: back to Thursday evening. I returned to my chair amongst my peers to check my email one last time and log off from my computer. Seeing that I was a bit annoyed, one of them asked me what was wrong. I explained my staple-less woes and received not sympathy, but rather empathy. It appears that both of my two friends have in the past experienced this problem.

One, however, has a far more interesting story than mine. He was completing a paper in the lab when the trouble started. He printed his work just a few minutes before the hour that was his deadline. He quickly straightened his papers for the staple to be placed in the top left corner. Alas, no staples in the stapler. Second stapler, same result.

Bolting from the lab in a panic he searched in vain for a stapler he could use with actual staples in it. He tried the one next to the printer on the first floor only to find as I did Thursday night, that it too was empty. With the bells from Lee Chapel beginning to toll, he did the only thing he could. He looked for a professor to ask for a stapler.

But the gods were not happy on that fine day. No professor was to be found, so he walked into an empty office. Just as he was pressing the stapler together the professor (who shall remain nameless) walked in and found him with the stapler in hand. Even after trying to explain himself, he was chastised for his behavior. The professor, however, decided it was not a matter for the EC.

All this trouble because the faculty of the C-School is unable to provide their students with a tiny little piece of metal so crucial to the paper writing process. So, my promise to you is that when you go into the labs of the C-School this week... there will be staples. I will put them there myself, for school-wide use. But, once they have run low it will be up to some other giving soul to replace them. God knows they won't get there otherwise.

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NICK RAMSEY '03

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Edelweiss restaurant in Staunton provides unique dining opportunity

BY HAYNES KING
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

If you are interested in experiencing different cultures but do not have the time or money to travel abroad, there is a nearby restaurant that will give you a flavor for the middle of Germany. Only 30 minutes North on Interstate 81 in Staunton, VA, is Edelweiss German Restaurant.

The traditional structure of the restaurant sets the tone for a dining experience I am sure you will enjoy. The rustic atmosphere and traditional German food and drinks help visitors to feel that they are sitting in Bavaria.

Chef Ingrid prepares a wonderful selection of Wiener Schnitzel, Bratwurst and Sauerbraten. Don't worry; the menu explains exactly what each dish is. The waiting staff is also extremely helpful in deciding what will fit your own taste. If you are visiting the restaurant with a group, the German Sampler, which includes Sauerbraten, Goulasch, Schnitzel, Rahmschnitzel and Jaegerschnitzel, should satisfy all of your interests in

German cuisine. The prices are reasonable, but if you do not want to spend too much, I would suggest visiting for lunch.

Although I passed on dessert, I would imagine that the homemade desserts are excellent. The restaurant does have an extensive collection of imported German beers which I regret I could not have.

Edelweiss is located on 19 Edelweiss Lane in Staunton, Virginia off of the Greenville exit. Since 1981, the restaurant has been serving the best German food in the area. If you want to take a date, I'm not sure that most women would choose the restaurant themselves, but it is worth a try.

Check out Edelweiss Restaurant at www.edelweissrestaurantva.com.



Haynes and Jeb give Edelweiss 4 out of 5 Tridents.

Haynes King, Travel Correspondent, will appear weekly. Next week features the Natural Bridge Wax Museum



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Professor to aid in sniper case

BY CALEY ANDERSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Professor Roger Groot of the School of Law will face a unique and high-profile challenge in the coming months. He has accepted a request to aid in the legal defense of John Malvo, the 17-year old Jamaican who allegedly participated in a series of sniper shootings that claimed 14 lives and injured seven more across the United States.

The request came from Michael Arif, a northern Virginia attorney who was appointed by the court to represent Malvo, who faces the possibility of the death penalty; as Virginia Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield has ordered him to be tried as an adult.

Groot, who has been employed at Washington and Lee since 1990, will aid in the case with the support of Washington and Lee's Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse (VC3), a capital case defense organization which promotes the cooperation of volunteer law students and capital defense attorneys.

The VC3 did not actively seek out its participation in this case; rather, Arif personally sought out Groot to request the assistance of the VC3 and the Capital Defense Workshop, an organization which educated capital defense attorneys in Virginia, and which Groot co-chairs.

Asked why he personally works with the VC3 on such cases, Groot responded "I think that operating in the trenches as much as I can while maintaining my obligations to the students and to the law school makes me a much better teacher." Prior experience with working in conjunction with the VC3 had greatly aided his classroom understanding, Groot said.

While Groot can't give out many specifics about the hard facts and evidence of the case, he is deeply concerned with getting Malvo a fair trial in such a large-publicity case. "A change of venue...is the normal remedy



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LEXINGTON'S FINEST. Washington and Lee Professor of Law Roger Groot, who will be a crucial member of the defense team for one of the accused capitol area snipers, minor John Malvo.

for extensive press coverage, the difficulty in this case, of course, is that the extensive press coverage was essentially nationwide. Where in Virginia do you move a Virginia case to find a jury that has not been impacted as much as the jury in the original jurisdiction?"

Groot worries that one of the most difficult problems of the case may occur in finding a fair and impartial jury before the trial ever begins.

Capital defense is nothing new to Groot, who has already participated in several death penalty defense cases. None quite approach the nationwide publicity that the "sniper case" has received, but Groot notes that it is the duty of the 15-year old VC3 to "agree to assist in every Virginia capital case in which counsel...requests assistance."

Malvo is scheduled to be brought before a grand jury on February 25th, though representatives from both the prosecution and the defense doubt that they will be prepared by then.

Avoid a school break bust this winter, spring

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Washington, D.C.- Planning a school break trip? A sunny beach? A foreign country? Skiing? If you're using a special tour package, you may think everything's taken care of. How sure are you?

Before you show up at the airport with your boogie board, passport, or skis, review the tour package carefully and investigate the operator. Lots of students don't get the trip they expect; others lose out completely. They didn't take the time to carefully read the fine print, evaluate the promotion and make sure its not run by a fly-by-night company peddling a first-class scam.

Flights for many school break trips are by public charter, which have different rules than commercial flights. Before you dot the "i"s and cross the "t"s on your contract, do some homework and take good look at the package. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) offer the following tips and information to help you avoid a school break bust.

-Check out the operator. Avoid high-pressure sales pitches for a school break package. Ask the operator to send you the information about the business, and the names of satisfied customers. Ask friends who have used the operator about their experience. Check with local travel agents to see if they know if the operator is legitimate, or call ASTA's Consumer Affairs Department (703-739-8739).

-If the trip involves a charter flight, call the Department of Transportation (DOT) Public Charter Licensing Division (202-366-2396) to make sure the charter operator has properly filed to operate charter flights from your departure city to your destination. Charter packages cannot be sold until the charter filing is approved by the DOT.

-Read the fine print. Get a copy of the operator/participant contract. This will tell you the conditions under which the operator can change flight schedules (usually charters can be cancelled for any reason by the operator up until 10 days before the trip), hotel accommodations (operators may put you up in an alternate hotel listed in the operator contract that is not as nice as the hotel advertised in the package materials), and the rules and penalties for cancellation. Ask about cancellation insurance. Rules state that an operator cannot ask for or accept your payment until you have signed and returned the contract.

-Understand your rights. According to DOT rules, you have a right to cancel a charter package without penalty if the operator makes a "major change". Major changes include a change of departure or return date or city, a hotel substitution to a property not named in the charter operator/participant contract, or a package price increase of more than 10 percent.

-Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or a check. If you pay by check for a charter package, make sure it is payable to an escrow account (as required by federal law for

charters) and call the bank handling the escrow account to verify its validity. Be wary of charter operators who are reluctant to provide escrow bank information-they may be selling another firm's space- or tell you they'll send a courier to pick up your money.

-Expect flight delays. They're common of charter flights. DOT rules allow for a charter flight to be delayed up to 48 hours if mechanical difficulties occur. And the operator is not obligated to provide alternative transportation or compensate you for your expenses if such a delay occurs. Check the contract to see if the operator will cover any costs (lodging, car rental, etc.) associated with flight delays not related to mechanical difficulties.

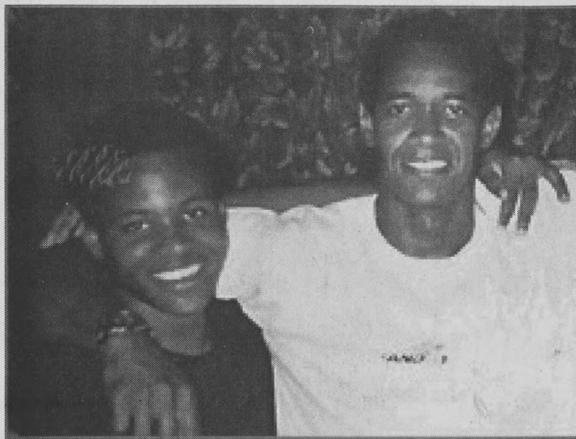
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With two major breaks quickly approaching, W&L students should heed this warning when planning their February and Spring Break excursions.

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Victory! The winners of the 2002 Lip Synch competition perform a medley of Michael Jackson songs. These performers were freshmen members of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Come see this year's competition on Saturday, January 25 at the Pavillion. Profits benefit SARAH; Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger. The winners of the contest receive free tickets to the upcoming Fancy Dress Ball, which will be held on Friday, March 7.



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Beauty discovered in DuPont

Last term – late Tuesday night of exam week to be exact – I found myself wandering around DuPont Hall in hopes of discovering some form of procrastination to relieve my caffeine-induced, Leyburn-overdosed mind. Why exactly I chose DuPont, I cannot say. But for some odd reason, late in the night, my walk led me there.



ON THE ARTS

Laura Leigh Birdwell '03

I entered the “realm of the artists”, and to my surprise someone else was there, somewhere, playing the piano. I stopped, listened, and for a moment stood completely motionless, mesmerized by this magnificent music coming from somewhere up above. I ascended the stairs, following the enchanting sounds, searching for the source of this beauty. It came from behind the door of Shuko Watanabe.

Whether it was Shuko Watanabe herself or whether it was a student, I do not know. Yet despite Watanabe’s passion to play, I seriously doubt she would be playing in her office at 1 in the morning. Undoubtedly it was a student who, like me, was probably searching for some means of procrastination also.

I sat there for at least 10 minutes, just listening. The pianist played flawlessly – it was remarkable. It was a piece from the Romantic Era, no doubt - perhaps a Chopin or a Liszt? But whatever piece and whatever the pianist’s identity, the pianist played flawlessly and with such intensity that all I could do at that moment was sit in the stairwell and listen to the melancholic melody.

The artist never knew that on the other side of the closed door, someone was listening, feeling a complete peace of mind and finding a reason to write a column in the newspaper in praise of the artists at Washington and Lee. So, Bravo! I dedicate this first article to you, the mysterious student who played beautiful music behind a closed door at 1am on the Tuesday night of exam week.

“On the Arts” by Laura Leigh Birdwell is a weekly column in Arts & Life that examines artistic offerings in and around the Washington and Lee community.

Movie times for the week of January 20
Washington and Lee Film Society

Shown at the Troubadour
Sunshine State: 7:30 on Friday and Saturday

Roanoke

Valley View Grande
4730 Valley View Boulevard
Roanoke, VA, 24012

- About Schmidt: 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
- Adaptation: 1:10, 4, 7:35, 10:15
- Antwone Fisher: 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- Catch Me if You Can: 12:45, 4, 8
- Chicago: 1:45, 4:45, 7:20, 10
- Drumline: 2, 5, 8:10
- Gangs of New York: 1, 4:20, 7:50
- A Guy Thing: 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: 12:35
- The Hot Chick: 6:45, 9
- Just Married: 12:30, 3:15, 7, 9:15
- Kangaroo Jack: 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
- The Lord of the Rings: the Two Towers: 1, 5, 9
- Maid in Manhattan: 12:50, 3:15, 7, 9:20
- Narc: 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:30
- National Security: 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30
- Two Weeks Notice: 4:05, 7:05, 9:35
- The Wild Thornberrys: 12:10, 2:15, 4:35

Charlottesville

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- About Schmidt: 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- Drumline: 7:15, 9:45
- Gangs of New York: 1, 4:30, 8
- Maid in Manhattan: 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10
- My Big Fat Greek Wedding: 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15
- The Pianist: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
- The Wild Thornberrys: 1, 3, 5

Lexington

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- Catch Me if You Can: 2, 7
- Kangaroo Jack: 2:10, 7:10
- Maid in Manhattan: 2:05, 7:05

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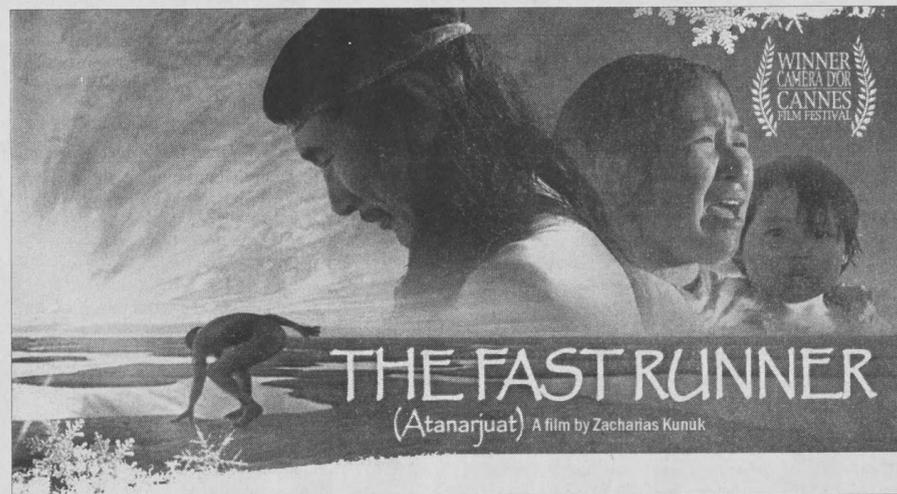
- About Schmidt: 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
- Antwone Fisher: 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50
- Bowling for Columbine: 1:25, 4:15, 7, 9:45
- Catch Me if You Can: 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- Drumline: 7:25, 10:05
- Gangs of New York: 1:45, 5:15, 9:05
- A Guy Thing: 2, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: 1:10
- Just Married: 1:40, 4, 6:50, 9:20
- Kangaroo Jack: 1:50, 4:05, 6:30, 9:10
- The Lord of the Rings: 1, 4:45, 9
- Maid in Manhattan: 1:15, 6:45, 9:15
- My Big Fat Greek Wedding: 2:10, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
- National Security: 2:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35
- Star Trek Nemesis: 3:45
- Two Weeks Notice: 5, 7:30, 10
- The Wild Thornberrys: 1:05, 3:20, 5:20

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- 8 Mile: 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
- Adam Sandler’s Eight Crazy Nights: 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 9:30
- Die Another Day: 1, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50
- Ghost Ship: 7, 9:20
- My Big Fat Greek Wedding: 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- The Ring: 1:15, 4:05, 7, 9:40
- The Santa Clause 2: 1:15, 4:25
- Signs: 7:20, 9:45
- Sweet Home Alabama: 1:20, 4, 7:20, 9:50
- Tadpole: 1:15, 3:15, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15
- Treasure Planet: 1:05, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:40
- Tuck Everlasting: 1, 3:05, 5:10

Film Society showcases Inuktitut film



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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Washington and Lee Film Society is pleased to announce the presentation of the surprise hit THE FAST RUNNER (Canada, 2001), directed by Zacharias Kunuk.

Screenings will take place at 7:30 PM on both Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, in the Troubadour Cinema. As always, there will be no charge for admission, although contributions are always welcome. This film is presented in Inuktitut, with English subtitles and is rated

“R” for some sequences involving sexuality, nudity, and violence. It is 172 minutes in length.

This, the first film to be shot in the language of the Inuit peoples who live within the Arctic Circle, is one of the most interesting and surprising success stories to be found in recent cinematic history, described by Roger Ebert as “an experience so engrossing, it is like being buried in a new environment.”

Based upon a legend 1,000 years old, the film tells of the

intrusion of evil, dissension, and jealousy into a small Inuit clan. The spare plot (a “romantic triangle” which degenerates into violence) may remind viewers of Shakespeare, but dates from a time before the Inuit had encountered or even heard of Europeans.

THE FAST RUNNER won the Golden Camera award at Cannes, swept the Canadian film awards, and is nominated for best foreign-language film in the upcoming Oscar awards.

“A PLUMBER, a POLICEMAN and a DOCTOR WALK INTO a BAR...”

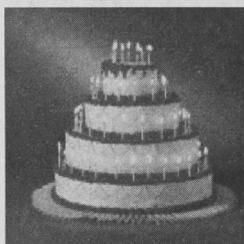
But it wasn't a bar for long. The local Police Department shut down Swifty's Lounge for illegal drug activity. Instead of condemning the property, they contacted their local community coalition. The coalition brought in contractors who donated their time to renovate the building. And the doctor got his hospital to volunteer services for families that need drug counseling.

It's funny what happens when we all work together. Communities become a better place for everyone, especially our children. Community coalitions bring other community groups together. And getting involved is easy. Just contact www.helpyourcommunity.org or 1-877-KIDS-313. They'll tell you how your group can help. You'll be surprised how much you can accomplish.

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Four make finals at wrestling tourney

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER
SPORTS WRITER

What do Brian Avello, Mike Bennett, Alex Poor, and Jason Smee all have in common? They all made it to the finals this Saturday, January 18th, at the 26th Annual Washington and Lee Invitational.

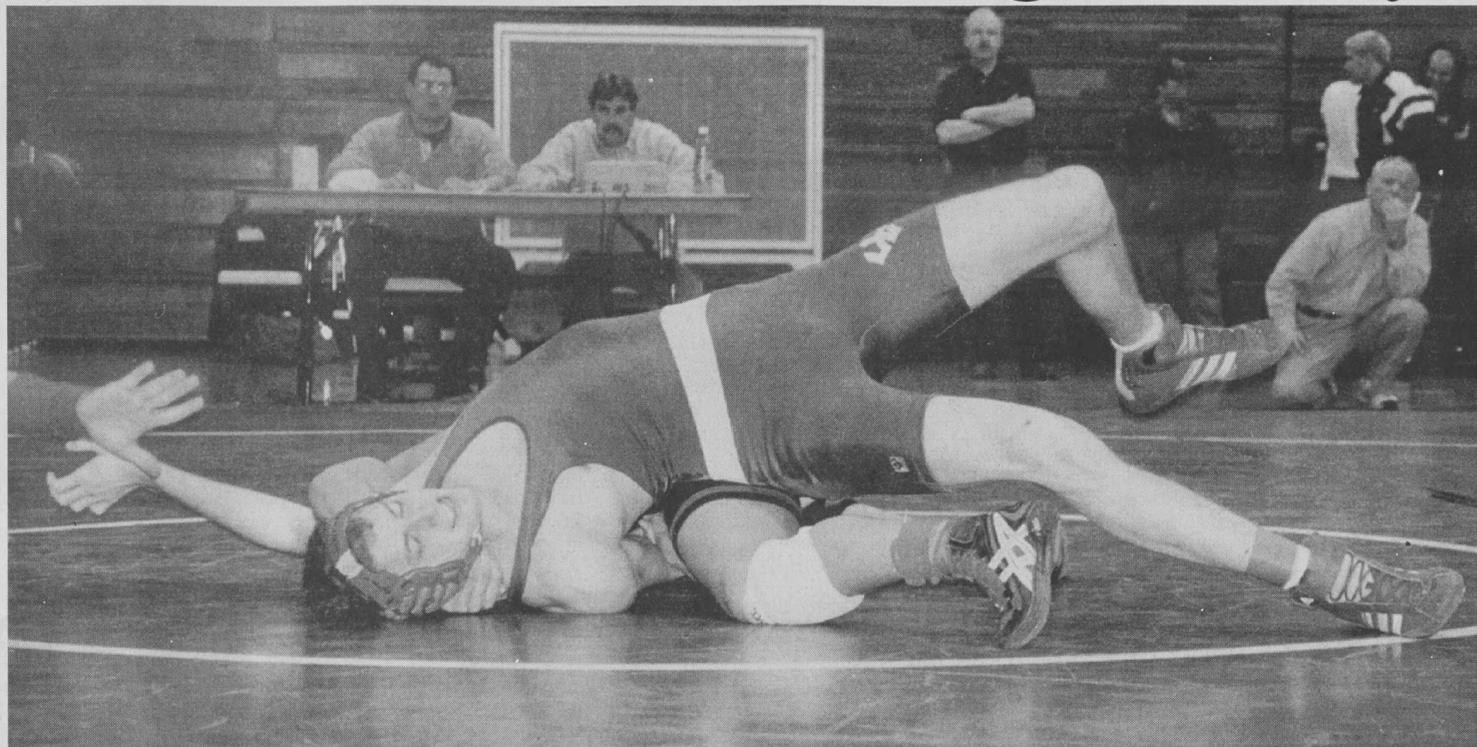
Bennett, wrestling 197, and Poor, at 165, both emerged from the finals victoriously. Bennett (197) pinned Scranton freshman Trevor Needham in 1:00 to reach the finals, where he held off W&J junior Brad Guinn, 3-2, for the championship.

Davidson, Washington and Jefferson, Galludet, Waynesboro, Pensacola Christian, Southern Virginia and University of Scranton all competed in this much-anticipated tournament.

Tough competition from 1st place finisher Washington and Jefferson (81 points) and 2nd place University of Scranton (75 points) resulted in the Generals' 3rd place finish with a total of 51.50 points.

"I was impressed by the strong performances by all of our teammates," remarked sophomore Brian Avello at the closure of the hard day of wrestling.

The Generals' next meet is the McDaniel Triangular on Saturday.



TALLIE JAMISON/The Ring-tum Phi

RASSLIN. A W&L wrestler pins his opponent during the Washington and Lee Invitational Saturday. The Generals finished in third place overall but with four wrestlers continuing to the finals.

Generals host swimmers; women win

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

In a home meet Sunday, Washington and Lee's women's swim team beat the University of the South with a total of 126.5 points, against 114.5 points. The men's team lost to US 136-101.

Beth Sauer turned in a strong performance, winning the 100-yard breast stroke with a time of 1:14.7 and the 200-yard breast stroke with 2:38.11.

Kristine Holda also turned in two wins. She won the 50-yard free with a time of 26.19 and the 100-yard free with a time of 55.74. Kelli Austin placed second in the 100-yard free event, right behind Holda with a time of 56.61.

Blair Huffman was also key to the Generals' win. Huffman won the 200-yard fly event with a time of 2:14.98, the 100-yard fly with 1:03.57 and the 200-yard Individual Medley with 2:18.06.

The Women's team also won the 200-yard Free Relay.

The Men's team started out strong, winning the 200-yard Medley Relay with a time of 1:40.56.

A few men turned in excellent performances. Eric Ritter won the 100-yard back-stroke event with a



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OF CAMPUS NOTICES FAME. Swim coach Kiki Jacobs rests in her office after Sunday's meet. time of 54.72. Zach Fake won the 50-yard Free event with a time of 5:05.85.

Clark Barrineau won the 500-yard free event with a time of 22.45. The Generals' next meet is Saturday at home against Gettysburg. The meet begins at 2.

Club fencing returns to campus

BY KATIE HOWELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of Washington and Lee's most popular new club sports is actually not all that new.

Club fencing is back on the W&L campus after an eight-year absence with over sixty members and a \$675 Executive Committee budget allocation.

"The club is really informal right now," said freshman Sarah Murray, publicity director. "We're basically just an organization based on everyone having a good time."

Freshman Caley Anderson helped bring the club sport back from obscurity in early fall. He said, "When I went to the Club Sports Office to inquire about fencing, Joe Lyles, the club sports director, said that there was no fencing program and that I should start one."

Anderson then organized the school's fencing equipment from the 1980s, drafted a charter and held sign-ups. At his sign-ups, over 70 people signed up to fence. He said the club now has about 65

members and 45 practice regularly.

"We sometimes practice with VMI, and we also have intramural events with other schools," Murray said.

Anderson and Murray said the range of talent varies on the team.

"I just started this year," Murray said. "But others have been fencing for twelve years."

The club practices four times a week for two hours each time in the small Doremus gymnasium or the top floor of the Warner Center. Anderson said undergraduate and law school students, faculty, staff and Lexington residents all attend the practices where general fencing instruction is provided and the members compete against one another.

Anderson said, "In general, fencing is an extremely entertaining sport with little to no risk of injury that also gives you a very intense cardiovascular workout. It can also be thera-

peutic for people with leg injuries."

While the club is thriving with membership, practices, funding and intramural events, the group still has neither a regular place to practice nor a coach. James Worth, director of University Counseling, is the group's faculty advisor and used to coach the team during its popular days in the 1980s. Anderson said he no longer coaches the team because he has little spare time with his job.

"We practice in a variety of places," Murray said. "We're OK right now."

The team participated in two intramural events so far this year and captured second and eighth individual places at the Virginia Wesleyan University meet. The team also defeated Hollins University by 10-9 bouts at a team versus team match.

The group meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 2-4. All community members are invited to attend practices and no equipment is needed.

"Overall, the club is thriving," Anderson said.

Mens' basketball breaks even with one win, one loss

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee's men's basketball team beat Lynchburg 68-51 in a game played Saturday afternoon in Lynchburg. Late in the first half, sophomore Ian McClure made two three-pointers and two free throws, starting the Generals' 20-6 run. Going into the half, the Generals led 28-22.

The win improved W&L's record to 5-6, (2-4 ODAC). Freshman forward David Will scored 14 points, with sophomore guard Mike Stuart adding 13 and senior forward Scott Hettermann adding 12. The team was then defeated 87-48 by Hampden-Sydney. H-S is so far undefeated this season (14-0, 8-0 ODAC). Freshman forward Phil Landes had a team-high nine points while senior forward Hamill Jones and Will each added seven points for W&L. W&L will host Emory & Henry Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

Michaels shoots career high, helps Lady Generals beat Va. Wesleyan

Junior forward Sarah Michaels turned in a career-high 29 points to lead Washington and Lee University's women's basketball team to a 56-35 victory against Virginia Wesleyan. Freshman guard Louisa Feve also turned in a good performance, with nine points and four assists. Senior center Austin Calhoun had a game-high nine rebounds. The win improved the Generals' record to 2-10 (2-8 ODAC). On Friday, the Generals will face Hollins in a home game.



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CAPTAIN IGO. Elizabeth Igo (now a Captain) dribbles past a Roanoke player in a game last season. This year the women have a 2-8 District record.

Franke celebrates thirty years of coaching

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Wrestling coach Gary Franke is celebrating his 30th year of coaching at Washington and Lee this season. Before coaching at W&L, Franke had a long and varied wrestling career.

"I didn't have the size for basketball or football, but wrestling gives you some equality there," said Franke. "The unique thing in college is that we have 10 weight classes, so everyone has a place. We have a 125 pound guy who of course never faces bigger guys. Also, wrestling appeals to youngsters who are deaf or blind and there are very few other sports where they could compete at that level."

Franke competed as a wrestler for four years in high school and then another four at Minnesota State.

"Personally, I thought it was a great opportunity to travel to different schools to the state tournament. In college, I traveled all over the country and it was nice exposure to different campuses and dif-

ferent parts of the country," said Franke. "Then I spent a couple more years doing Freestyle international and a little Greco-Roman wrestling."

After college, Franke was drafted into the Army and wrestled for the All-Army team. "That's how I got involved with the World Military Championships," he said.

"I traveled then too— I wrestled in the World Military games in Turkey," he said. Franke then fulfilled his military obligation by coaching at West Point, "then the wrestling coach at W&L resigned, and I was offered a job. I was then the youngest wrestling coach in America at 23."

In 1979, Franke took over the tennis team. Under Franke, the Men's Tennis team was National runner-up in 1986 and 1987. In 1988, W&L won the tennis Division III Championship. Franke was National Division III Coach of the Year. Franke gave up coaching the tennis team two years ago.

"He's a good coach, a nice guy, and he deserves some credit," said wrestling captain Alexander Poor.

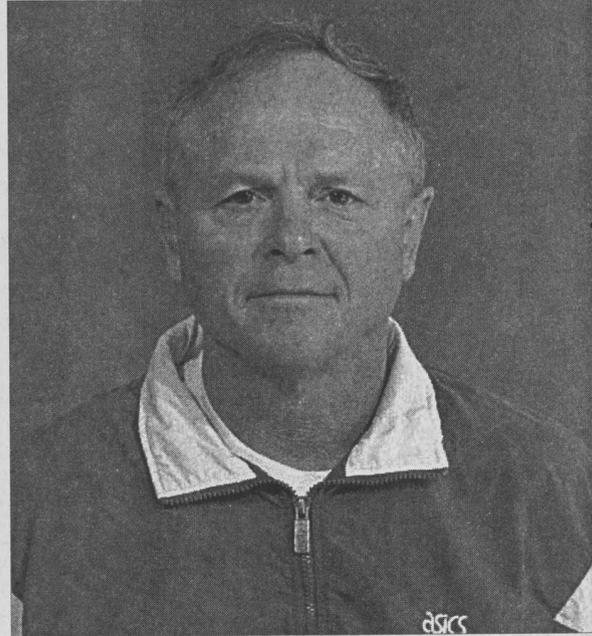
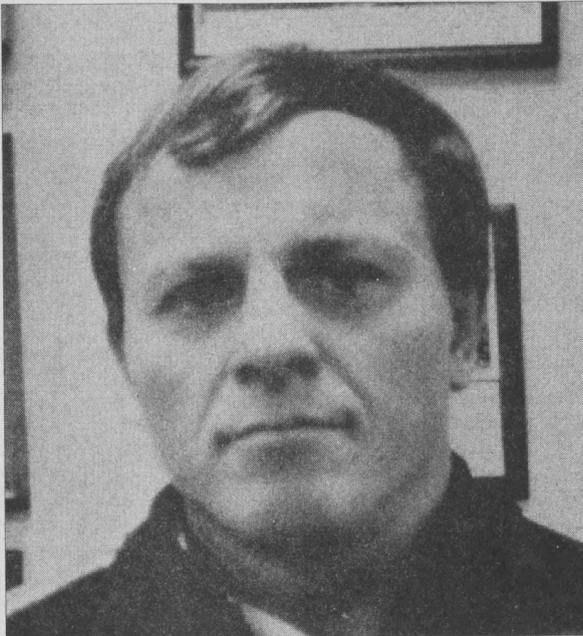


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NOW AND THEN. Gary Franke has held a number of coaching positions during his 30 years at Washington and Lee. In 1981 (left), he coached both men's tennis and wrestling, while in 2003 (right) he coaches only wrestling. Franke has also been a P.E. tennis coach for years.

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Sports Events January 20-27

Wrestling
W&L wrestling will take on McDaniel in a quad meet Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 am. at McDaniel.

Men's Basketball
The team has a game on Wednesday Jan. 22 at 7 pm at home against Emory & Henry
Saturday, Jan. 25, the team will face Virginia Wesleyan in a game played at Virginia Wesleyan at 3 pm.
Sunday, Jan. 26 the team will face Randolph-Macon in a game played at R-M at 3 pm.

Women's Basketball
The team has a game Friday, Jan. 24 in a game played at home against Hollins at 7 pm.
On Saturday, Jan. 25, the team will play at Emory & Henry at 4 pm.

Swimming
The teams have a meet at home against Gettysburg on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2 pm.
On Sunday, Jan. 26, the Women's team has a meet at Radford at 12 pm.

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