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Alumnus gives president VIP lounge

Payne space will stay with administration; English department may get Washington rooms; Room named for former Trustee

BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

University President Tom Burish may no longer have to bring VIP's back to Lee House for entertaining, once the Mason New Room replaces the current Dean of Students Office.

The Dean of Students Office moves to the University Commons this summer.

Friends and family of the late Mason New '62 gave approximately \$500,000 for a "place where the president would have presidential facilities for entertaining," said Provost Larry Boetsch.

The room will likely have a large table in its center, with arm chairs arranged tête-à-tête around its periphery, according to a preliminary sketch, prepared by Charlottesville architect Madison Spencer '76.

The renovation will also hopefully restore the currently-plastered-over fireplace, Farrar said.

"The idea is that the president of Washington and Lee should have not excessive but gracious appointments: a special place to bring guests," Farrar said.

In late March, Farrar and University Architect Tom Contos will discuss the plans with New's widow Mary

Watt New and sister-in-law Annette White, wife of John White '62 and '71L.

A separate plan, not supported by the New fund, envisions a courtyard with trees and a fountain in the nook between Payne and Washington Halls.

The Payne Hall room, near the university's center, will allow occupants to observe student traffic and to easily reach any part of the campus. **The President and the English department:**

With campus real estate so tight, the President's Office has not been the only one eyeing the newly-available space.

The English department, which occupies the area atop and aside of the Dean of Students Office, also had designs.

"We have inadequate office space for the four adjunct faculty," said Jim Warren, English department head. Faculty had hoped to use the new room to remedy the situation.

It also had plans for a seminar room and a "hybrid" writing lab/seminar room—literal plans, sketched by Contos.

"We thought we were (getting the space)," Warren said. "We un-

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NEW IN '61

New was a Sigma and a member of Kappa Alpha as a student at Washington and Lee in the early sixties.

Mason New gives four decades to W&L

BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT
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Though Mason New '62 died before finishing his first year on the Board of Trustees, he nonetheless left a long record of service to his alma mater.

"He was a very dedicated alumnus who gave of his time in many ways to Washington and Lee," said Peter Cronin, director of University Development.

"He was a remarkable guy, a truly dedicated supporter of W&L," agreed University Secretary Jim Farrar '74.

New began his efforts as a caller in the annual alumni Phonathon. He later became the president of the Alumni Association and member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

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W&L may sell Troubadour

BY KYLE WASS
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When the University Commons opens in the fall of 2003, the Washington and Lee community can say goodbye to the Troubadour Cinema.

The Washington and Lee Film Society currently uses the Troubadour Cinema, a quaint theatre located in Red Square across from Pi Kappa Alpha and next to Sigma Nu, to present "a series of critically acclaimed US and foreign films throughout the undergraduate school year," according to their description. Since September, the Film Society has shown films such as *Punch Drunk Love*, *Monster's Ball*, and *About a Boy*, among others. There are regular showings Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30, with a different movie showing each weekend.

However, the University Commons — scheduled to open next fall — will negate the University's need for the Troubadour Cinema. Tom Contos, the University architect and facilities planner, said, "basically, what I know is that the cinema [will move] into a better, larger auditorium in the Commons," meaning that the Troubadour will no longer be used by the Washington and Lee community. When the Commons are ready, "the Film Society will be presenting its program in the new location next year," according to Senior Reference Librarian Dick Grefe, who is also the faculty advisor for the Film Society. While students feel an attachment to the Troubadour Cinema, there is also the "occasional rumor about the disposition of the Troubadour," according to Grefe, and Film Society Member Meredith Hibbard. She also noted that there are a number of movies that cannot be played at the Troubadour due to a lack of technology. The new cinema in the Commons will be equipped to play all recent kinds of film, and thus the Film Society will be able to offer a larger selection of movies.

The fate of the Troubadour Cinema itself remains unclear. Contos said that the University "will explore options with potential off-campus users [of the cinema] once the Commons is complete."

DIAPERS?



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ALWAYS SHAKIN'. Members of George Clinton's band, The P.Funk All-Stars performed to a packed audience Friday night in the Big Gym. Fancy Dress goes made their way between

this band and a Motown band in the Small Gym. Faculty, staff and students all attended the 96th annual event. For more Fancy Dress pictures, see page 5.

Parking tickets abound

BY JEB BROOKS
PHOTO EDITOR

There is a plethora of vehicles among Washington and Lee University students. In fact, nearly 75% of students have a car, truck or a sport utility vehicle on campus. A not-so-difficult to avoid roadblock in operating a motor-vehicle in Lexington is the omnipresent parking ticket. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." *The Ring-tum Phi* hopes to dispel what little ignorance there is on our most fine of campuses with this list of "ticketable" offenses.

Parked in a restricted zone — \$15.00. This ticket may be distributed to any vehicle not in an authorized parking spot. Authorized parking spots include, any curb not painted yellow, any white box painted on the street and any spot in a parking lot not marked "reserved"

No parking - loading zone — \$15.00. There are not many of these, but avoid them like the plague. Watch for signs that say "loading zone."

Improper parking — \$15.00. According to the Lexington Police Department this is the, "catch all." If there is a sign that says not to do something and you opt to do it, you will receive this ticket.

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Parked facing the wrong direction — \$15.00. Just remember to park with the flow of traffic.

Blocking a driveway — \$15.00. This one needs no explanation.

Blocking the sidewalk — \$15.00. A car belongs on the street, not the sidewalk.

Parked too far from curb — \$15.00. Your

vehicle is to be no more than six inches from the curb. This ticket will not be a problem as long as you are not parked in the street.

No parking - fire hydrant — \$25.00. What if there's a fire?

Obstructing traffic — \$25.00. If your vehicle is in some way blocking the free flow of other cars, this is the ticket you will receive. The citation is distributed for such violations as double parking.

Expired license plates — \$15.00. It does not matter where your car is registered, if the plate is expired, this is the ticket you will receive.

Expired / No inspection — \$10.00. This ticket is only for Virginians.

Expired / No city decal — \$15.00. This ticket is only for Lexingtonians.

Handicapped zone parking — \$100.00. Unless you have the necessary paperwork, do not park in a handicapped space.

5 day parking — \$15.00. It is not permitted for any individual to leave his or her car parked in any city parking place (street or lot) for more than five days.

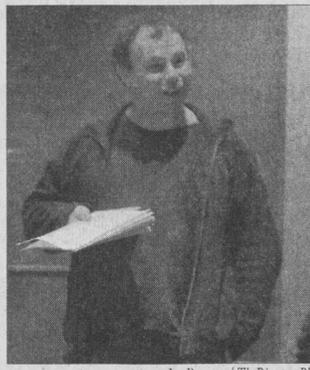
Overtime parking — 10 minutes — \$15.00. This and the next ticket are the favorite of students whose professors ramble. Do not remain in a parking space for more than ten minutes, two hours or twelve hours (depending on the space).

Overtime parking - 1 hour — \$15.00. If one ticket isn't enough, you will receive another. There are even more citations you can receive while driving, but think when you park and fewer students will receive parking tickets. The police are not out to get students. The three wheeled buggy thing targets Lexington residents, students and professors alike. The driver does not discriminate. *The Ring-tum Phi* wishes you the best of luck in your parking pleasure.

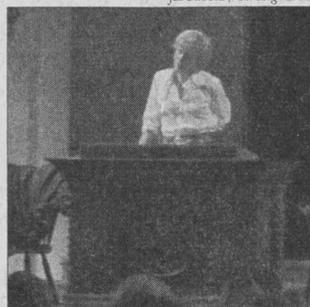


SAMPLE TICKET

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ENGLISH AND EATING. (Top) Iowa State Univ. professor Paul Griffiths delivered an address titled, "Moll Cut-Purse, Cross-Dressing, and the Gendering of Crime in Early Seventeenth Century London." On Monday, March 10 Univ. of Hawaii professor Valerie Wayne will deliver a talk called, "Shakespeare's Cymbeline, Colonialism and the Ancient Britons." (Bottom) Caroline Miller spoke on eating disorders as a part of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Hughes, EC plan next year

BY CALEY ANDERSON
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Last week, students from both the law and undergraduate campus voted on candidates for the offices of Executive Committee president, vice president and secretary, as well as the offices of Student Judicial Council chair and secretary.

The most talked-about election on campus was the vice presidential race featuring Kevin White, current EC second-year law EC representative, and sophomore Phil Walotsky. Walotsky promised radical reforms

to EC processes and the honor system, whereas White subscribed to a more conservative course. Both candidates conducted an extensive campaign, appearing personally near the polls on several occasions.

"I thought we were both pretty active about it," said White.

In the end, White was the one who managed to win the office of vice president by a margin of approximately 400 votes.

The closest race was that between Liz Clarke and Cameron Lord for the office of

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Sexuality panel proves beneficial

BY MEGAN MORGAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, March 2, the Washington & Lee Gay/Straight Alliance sponsored a Sexuality Scholarship Panel, an event in which professors spoke on various facets of sexuality in our literature and culture. The panel, which was rescheduled from Feb. 27, was moderated by Professor Eric Wilson of the English department and had three guest speakers. These speakers included Professor Theresa Braunschneider of the English department, Professor Brian Malone of the psychology department and Professor Troy Prinkey of the Spanish department. Each speaker gave a 20 minute lecture and then the floor was opened to questions from the audience. Professor Braunschneider spoke first, lecturing on "Eighteenth Century Representation of Gender and Sexuality" and particularly focusing on literature that dealt with women that dressed as men. Then Professor Brian

Malone spoke on "The Effects of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes on the Gay Community;" and the seminar finished with Prof. Troy Prinkey's lecture on "Sexuality in Latin American Literature."

The event boasted a fairly large audience which included more than 40 students, faculty members, law students and VMI cadets, drawn out for a variety of reasons. When one member of the audience was asked why he attended, freshman Drew Davenport stated "I'm a member of the Gay/Straight Alliance, so I tend to go to all the events, and I have Professor Braunschneider. When I saw the notices for it, what she was presenting and what the other two professors were presenting, it sounded interesting and I decided to go." Davenport, said it is also important to support the Gay/Straight Alliance because "I'm very much in favor of building an atmosphere of tolerance of homosexuality on campus, and I feel that they are doing a good job of this."

Boetsch devotes life to W&L

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
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Those who have spent any significant period of time at Washington and Lee have known Larry Boetsch in a number of ways: as professor, as dean, and now as Provost. A 1969 graduate of W&L, Boetsch has devoted much of his life to serving the University.

His involvement began in high school, when his AP U.S. History teacher encouraged him to look at small liberal arts colleges, and W&L was one of the colleges he recommended. Boetsch also had the opportunity of meeting Joe Lyles of the Physical Education department when Lyles visited Boetsch's high school on a recruiting trip, thus obtaining a more first-hand perspective. Boetsch recalls that when he first saw the school, he was captivated, and knew that it was where he wanted to go.

Boetsch's story is unique, however, in that neither of his parents had attended college, and so even attending a state university in Pennsylvania, where he grew up, would have been a big step. He recalls thinking of Virginia as "so exotic and faraway," and Washington and Lee was like a dream come true. He remembers his time at W&L as one of transition. He and his fellow freshmen were the first class not forced to wear the freshman beanie, a cap designating their first-year status, and other traditions like conventional dress also went by the wayside during his undergraduate years. Boetsch recalls that while such changes may not seem so noteworthy now, at the time, they were hugely significant.

Indeed, Boetsch remembers that those years of the 1960's and early 1970's were ones of profound cultural change at W&L. He says that while student radicalism was never as extreme as at other schools, W&L being W&L, a certain attitude of defiance and clamoring for change was in the air. Despite the changes, he says, having observed the University continue to evolve over the years, it remains essentially the same. The same basic values of honor and civility still prevail, and the academics are still top-notch and teaching remains the highest priority. He jokes that one of the biggest changes for him is looking at the back of the campus, where new buildings abound, like the University Commons, the Library, and the renovated Science Center.

Boetsch's current job, Provost, is a new position created this year by President Burish—something he imported with him from Vanderbilt—and it means that he is the Chief Academic Officer. He works with practically everyone on campus, from students to faculty to University Computing. He says that it would be fair to characterize himself as Burish's "right-hand man," implementing his agenda on a day-to-day basis while Burish steers the helm. One of the aspects of his job that he loves the most is the interaction with students and faculty, and indeed, he even has the opportunity to teach courses. For example, during Fall Term, he taught an upper-level Spanish course on the poet Antonio Machado. Of teaching, Boetsch says that it is his true passion, and he is glad to have the opportunity to partake in it even while serving as an administrator.

Boetsch's vision for W&L is for it to continue along its trajectory, retaining its core values of civility, integrity, and learning, while also evolving to keep its mission relevant. He identifies two areas as being central to ensuring this, one being the integration of what happens inside the classroom and life outside of it, and the aforementioned diversification of the community. He stresses that the latter has really been a part of the University's culture all along, pointing out that right after the Civil War ended and General Lee was named President, Lee went to the North to recruit students, a move perhaps far more controversial than any being made today. However, he is adamant that any such change in the student body must not be one enforced by quotas, and that students who come to Washington and Lee must want to attend because of what it is, not in spite of what it is.

When he is not at work, Boetsch enjoys spending time with his wife, Elizabeth, whom he met when he was a student at W&L, and she was at Mary Baldwin. They live in Lexington and raised two grown children, Lauren, a student at Kenyon College, and Alden, who works in Washington, D.C. Of his future plans, Boetsch remarks that his goal is always to serve the University in a capacity that best matches his talents and experience. Judging by the breadth of his experiences thus far, this could perhaps mean that the freshmen of the Class of 2010 will take Spanish 161 with a Professor Boetsch, or perhaps Boetsch will join the numerous other members of the Class of 1969 on the Board of Trustees. Or, just maybe, he'll do both.



Nick Teare will speak

Nick Teare, an advertising executive who has handled accounts for the National Football League and Coca-Cola, will discuss the role of advertising in today's society at Washington and Lee University on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Northen Auditorium.

National theatre symposium approaches

Washington and Lee University will host the Sixth National Symposium on Theater in Academe from March 13-15.

The Symposium will feature performances from the College of William and Mary, the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and the University of Minnesota at Twin Cities, as well as several performances by W&L students. The University of Tunis at Manouba will add an international flavor to the symposium with the university's Moncef Khemiri's performance of "Theater of the Maghreb, the Poetics of Gestures."

Law alumnus to become president of Nation's top legal group

Robert J. Grey Jr., a 1976 alumnus of Washington and Lee University's School of Law and a highly regarded Richmond attorney, has been nominated without opposition to become president-elect of the American Bar Association, the largest voluntary professional group in the world representing practicing and academic attorneys nationwide.

Following an official vote on his nomination in August by the ABA's House of Delegates, Grey will immediately assume his one-year position as president-elect. In mid-2004, Grey will proceed to the presidency of the 410,000-member group, ABA officials said.

Law school will host Medicare symposium

The Great Society vision that birthed Medicare has dimmed. The free market approach that inspired Medicare Choice has lost luster. As Congress prepares to take up President Bush's Medicare proposals, what is ahead for Medicare?

The nation's top experts in Medicare politics, policy, law and economics are gathering at Washington and Lee University's School of Law on March 24 to examine the issues faced by the country's largest health care program, which covers 40 million aging and disabled Americans.

Gala event will reveal unsung General of the year

The Celebrating Student Success Initiative sponsored by the Dean of Students office is holding a gala event on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Lee Chapel to honor the "un-sung heroes" of Washington and Lee. During the months of October, November, January and February, the Initiative recognized students who bring both depth and breadth to Washington and Lee. One of these students will receive the award. All are invited to the gala event.

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derstood it that way. We even had drawings made."

Complicating the matter was that the Dean of Students Office had taken its current office space from the English department's in the '70's, Warren said.

"Some of the older generation said, 'This was our building and they took it from us,'" Warren said.

After a recent meeting, however, Burish and Dean of the College Tom Williams told the department it would not regain the area.

"There was some dismay among the faculty, but not on my part," Warren said. "It will be fine if we get that rectangle of space, along with adequate offices for our four adjunct faculty."

"The English department has a well-demonstrated need for space in the best conditions we can find," agreed Williams, who suggested that room could open up in Washington Hall.

Warren insisted that his department and the administration remain on cordial terms.

A small college's rumor mill is to blame for the gossip otherwise, he said.

"Colleagues in other departments, by spreading rumors about things they

don't know about, and that's none of their business, help make for misunderstanding," Warren said.

The Donor:

The Mason New Room is named for the former Board of Trustee member who felt that the university president needed more visibility.

New had talked to past presidents Jack Wilson and John Elrod about the issue, Farrar said.

After his death in 1996, Mary New and White collaborated on a project to memorialize him. They eventually raised nearly half a million dollars.

"Elrod and (former Presidential Assistant) Farris Hotchkiss were working on that immediately prior to Elrod's death," Farrar said.

During the search for the new president, the project was held in abeyance.

Following his assumption of authority, Burish was immediately informed of the plans.

"After (Burish and I) began to discuss to where (the room) should go, he came up with the idea of putting it where the Dean of Students Office is," Boetsch said.

The room could be open by next Fall.

"The renovation will be triggered by the completion of the University Commons," Farrar said.

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Among other responsibilities, "(New) was basically responsible for helping to raise over \$4 million each year," Farrar said.

In May 1995, New was elected to the Board of Trustees. He took the oath five months later, and sat on the Board's Development and Budget and Audit Committees.

"His election capped off a lifetime of service to the university," Farrar said.

New died of cancer on Sept. 27, 1996, leaving behind wife Mary Watt New and three chil-

dren, Mary Taylor '98, John Mason '96, and Kreg Kurtz '86.

"He was a wonderful W&L gentleman who died far too young," Cronin said.

New, former CEO of Branch, Cabell, and Company, was heavily involved in national finance. A member of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Securities Dealers, he also served on NASDAQ's Qualifications Committee and as treasurer of the Virginia Securities Industry Association.

New also sat on the Board of Governors of St. Catherine's and Christchurch Schools.

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SJC Secretary. The two finished close enough to have a runoff, which was held last Wednesday, March 5. The final outcome gave the victory to Lord by a mere two votes, one of the slimmest margins of any election in W&L history.

The other victors this year were Helen Hughes, who ran unopposed for the office of EC President, Anne Johansen, who won the office of EC Secretary, and Mike Baker will be the new SJC Chair.

President-elect Hughes says she'll be keeping to the course followed by outgoing President Gerald Titus. "I plan to finish up the impressive things [Titus] has started, such as making the committee more focused on student government issues in addition to honor matters," said Hughes.

I will be working closely with the administration in restructuring the freshmen and new faculty orientation programs. I want to stress the privileges of our Honor System and instill a sense of pride in all W&L students," she added.

As vice president, Kevin White's primary focus will be budgetary issues. "My first priority is to continue the work of the EC in improving our budget policies and procedures. We need to ensure that every organization that requests funding from the EC is giving an honest assessment of the funding that they need," he said. He went on to note that another of his goals would be keeping closer watch over how organizations spent their EC funds. He also thanked his opponent, Phil Walotsky, for a "a very interesting and issue-oriented election."

The newly elected officers will take their positions in Spring term.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Frats, pledges: step up the creativity

Washington and Lee has long been renowned for its notorious Greek system. W&L's fraternity pranks have long rivaled those of larger chapters. Impressive percentages of both men and women claim part of this infamous system. These facts are why we at *The Phi* are highly discouraged by this year's lack of creativity in fraternity pledgship. Where are the days gone by of crazy pledge pranks? (Read: Kidnapping *Phi* Opinions editors is not "crazy" or "fun.") We realize that the University and state have cracked down on hazing, but this should not, however, ruin the "fun" of fraternity pledgship for the entire University community. Pledges, fraternities, get on the ball. Step up the creativity. *The Phi* suggests these "Hell Week" activities:

- Elevator operators in the science center, library, C-school and J-school.
- Cummerbund- and bow tie-clad waiters in the Coop and Laetitia Pate D-Hall.
- Valet parking service in the parking garage, (available, of course, only at the proper entrance at the lower level of the garage.)
- Water boys during gym and yoga classes and in the weight room.
- Traffic control on the Colonnade, complete with traffic safety vests (Yes, the orange ones).
- Following certain administrators and student "leaders" around with pooper-scoopers.
- Srat row serenades (Appropriate songs and times only, please).
- A rickshaw service from Davidson Park to the Hill.
- A laundry sorting, washing and folding service in the on-campus laundering facilities.
- Establish a "TNK" SWAT team on the Hill.
- Wal-Mart-type greeters at the entrance of each academic building, complete with smiley-faced vests.
- Provide a 24/7 shuttle to LeeHi and WaHo.
- A task force to define the word "Provost."

Pledgship is almost over. This can be a week of service rather than a week of such "traditions" as sleep deprivation, lineups, tunneling, beatings and consumption of excessive amounts of alcohol. Make the last week a memorable one for the entire community.

Quote of the Week

"God, we need more Mississippi Studies on this unenlightened campus."

~Karl Kuersteiner '03
in March 4 campus notices

Kick Kaptur out of Congress

Let it never be said that the war on terror hasn't clarified the positions of both the left and the right. Since real life and death issues have overtaken prescription drugs and school lunches in the national debate, politicians are no longer able to hide behind lofty platitudes and clever parsing when debating our nation's future. Unfortunately for some members of Congress, this new clarity will seriously hinder their ability to be re-elected.

The most recent liberal to expose her contempt for America and complete misunderstanding of our nation's history is Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, who last Saturday told the *Toledo Blade*, "One could say that Osama bin Laden and these non-nation-state fighters with religious purpose are very similar to those kind of atypical revolutionaries that helped to cast off the British crown." To recap, she lumps George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock in with Osama bin Laden and Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. Unbelievable that an elected representative equates slamming planes into the World Trade Center with dumping tea into Boston Harbor, isn't it?

Granted, Kaptur claims that she was only trying to highlight the roots of revolution. Both the American revolutionaries and al-Qaeda are trying to bring down a great power. But where does one start with the differences? American revolutionaries had been systematically oppressed and abused and fought nobly, avoiding civilian casualties. Al-Qaeda seeks to subdue the world under Sharia law and expressly targets civilians.

What's even more cringe-inducingly stupid is that Kaptur defends her comments as only discussing "the nature of revolution." What revolution is that again, Marcy? Do you mean the one in which honor-bound gentlemen fought for freedom of religion and liberty or the one in which fanatic barbarians kill all who oppose Islam? To label al-Qaeda's senseless terrorism as a "revolution" is to give their fanaticism and medieval morality too much credit.

Moreover, Kaptur is glad that all the attention given to her idiotic comments has brought national recognition to her anti-war stance. That is, given the opportunity to recant and apologize for slandering the memory of our Founding Fathers, Kaptur thrusts her head even deeper into the sand.

So, what to do with a member of Congress so recalcitrant and willfully ignorant of our traditions of liberty and noble national purpose? Speaker Hastert said only that "maybe Marcy misspoke." But she refuses to accept this easy and logical exit from infamy.



PHOTO COURTESY www.house.gov/kaptur

WHOOOPS. Congresswoman Kaptur receives the Veterans of Foreign War's Americanism Award. I'll bet those courageous veterans wish they could take it back.

Since Kaptur intends to persist in willfully defaming our history and our forebears, should someone so clearly sympathetic to our country's sworn enemies be allowed to remain in Congress? With every word she speaks in their favor, al-Qaeda is granted legitimacy and our defensive war against them seriously hindered. Should someone so inimical to the interests of this nation and so sand-poundingly clueless about the purposes of our enemies be given such an elevated post from which to spout her brainless bile? Most importantly, should the people of Toledo be forced to endure nearly two more years with a representative who is more interested in helping al-Qaeda than her constituents? Certainly, not.

Sadly, the possibility that a woman already so senseless will honorably resign her post is small. Therefore, all freedom-loving Americans who have any appreciation for the sacrifices our forefathers made in defense of our fledgling nation's high ideals must join with the so poorly represented Toledans and call for the ouster of Rep. Kaptur. Write, call, fax and e-mail your representative to tell him that you are ashamed he shares the chamber with such a woman.

Free speech is an ideal we treasure above all others, but Kaptur's ignorant comments go so far beyond reason as to be treasonous and unbecoming of a member of Congress. We cannot win the war on terror if brought down internally. We've kicked the Taliban out of Afghanistan and we'll soon kick Saddam out of Iraq; it's time to kick Kaptur out of Congress.

Blacks not barred from frat parties

In the Feb. 5 *Trident*, Kaela Harmon ("Student raises question of fraternity party admission") mentions an incident at a fraternity party, where she was asked to show ID before admission. I must respectfully disagree with her position that race played a significant role. Furthermore, I disagree with many of her arguments and believe these differences merit discussion.

I am not familiar with any policies that make it difficult for minority students to go out and have a good time, even at the fraternities. There are no rules limiting minorities getting into fraternity parties, and no fraternity has ever denied this author admission to any party. Freshman year, I was asked some questions that, in retrospect, may have been an attempt to ascertain whether or not I was a Washington and Lee student. However, interpreting it as someone attempting to make conversation, I answered and went on my way when he was finished asking who my advisor was.

Although the number of minority (and black) students on this campus is rather small, the point of a college education is to expand the boundaries of your experiences. All students should take advantage of opportunities to interact with others in as many different situations as possible, without becoming uncomfortable. This is one of the reasons why one should choose to attend a top-flight school, like Washington and Lee. Interactions with other intelligent individuals make the experience invaluable before a graduate takes the University's message to her chosen profession. Parties can be an extension of this, as they allow diverse people to meet and have fun in a social setting. Students should avoid confining their social lives to one group, as it cheats them out of a full college experience.

It is also beneficial and positive to establish a social group with those of a similar culture. Many minority students end up sitting together at lunch and establishing positive social groups. The dormitory counselors and resident assistants establish a social group that allows them to be more effective as a team. Some minority students and majority students may decide to join the Greek system to find a social group. I do not think that this makes these people "gods or goddesses," who think that they are better than anyone else nor does this cause them to consciously place "hoops" in place for minorities. It simply means that these people have chosen to join an organization that has a social aspect to it.

Honestly, sometimes it is difficult to ensure that every person at a party is a Washington and Lee student. But, there is no reason to believe that rules are enforced completely arbitrarily. This Saturday, in fact, security at a party denied admission to three VMI cadets who were white and wearing khakis and Polos. Thus, Harmon's comment that she would have been treated differently if white, blonde and accompanied by white guys in khakis is based on whimsical conjecture rather than demonstrated fact. Furthermore, as a fraternity member, the social aspect of our organization is designed (to me) to meet and enjoy the company of members of this community. After having paid social dues, I do not see a discriminatory facet to a policy that gives Greek organizations the right to reserve social events to members of this community. I can understand (all too well) Harmon's argument that many available dates come from other schools. But, I also understand that there are plenty of interesting and attractive individuals that attend school here to meet at social functions.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Letters to the Editor

Laundry room escape from outdoors

Dear Editor,

I was shocked to read an article (Ashley Metzloff, "W&L needs code of behavior for laundry room," Feb. 10) that cast the laundry room in such a poor light. The article misinterpreted the laundry room as myself and many of my peers view it.

It is not a battlefield full of flying laundry and angry launderers. During these cold winter months, the laundry room provides an oasis from the bleak outdoors. When I enter the laundry room, I am taken to a sunny beach and am holding a boat drink in one hand.

The jock straps are there for the sunbathers coming to escape the snow and ice, not for girls to foolishly giggle at. We just slip on a good old jock, take a seat and wait for our clothes to dry.

This attitude solves the supposed dilemma of laundry etiquette. So I invite Metzloff to loosen up and take a

trip to the beach. Get over the pride you have for your own laundry and kick back with us.

Sincerely,

John Howard '06

Laundry room etiquette not a problem

Dear Editor,

I don't know about the rest of the freshman class but I, personally, have a rather hectic schedule. In an ideal world, I would prefer not to wait for "three consecutive days" to wash my clothes. So what if I choose to idealize my situation and remove wet clothes from a finished washer or dryer? Why should I have to sit around, twiddle my thumbs, and play with my hair while waiting anxiously for that certain someone to take his own sweet time to waltz down the laundry room stairs and claim his belongings?

When I was but a Summer Scholar one and half years ago, my mother said to me, "Now, Lyndsay, dear, laundry

room etiquette allows you to remove others' clothes when their time is up." Note: she did not say, "Throw them in their crumpled state into a filthy corner." Note: she did not say, "Evenly distribute them about the room: a sock here, a hoodie there." She simply wanted me to assert my own natural right to a washing machine—is that too much to ask, Ashley Metzloff? I apologize if my "shameful" acts have offended you in any way, but I've only been following Mommy's orders!

Here's my solution to the "problem" that I hope will make everyone happy: 1) stick your laundry basket on top of your washer and, if you're running late, it can serve as a handy place to stow your wet stuff because not only does it keep it all together it also keeps it off the ground; 2) wrap the cord of a laundry bag around the handle of your dryer of choice so, if you're again running late, your fellow laundry-doers can have a simple way to bundle up your things. That *certainly* is not too much to ask!

Sincerely,

Lyndsay Polloway '06

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TALKBACK: What is the most egregious example of FD etiquette?



"Diaper Man urinating on the checked coats."

-Willy Hayes '06



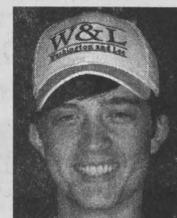
"I saw something ridiculous, but I can't remember."

-Brian Light '06



"Fancy dresses and flip flops."

-Alexa Moutevelis '06



"Definitely NOT Asher Simcoe."

-Asher Simcoe '06



"Drunk KA changing that guy's diaper."

-Joel Pappera '04

Gays not condemned

LEFT OF CENTER
NICK RAMSEY '03

Sadly, these days religion is all too often used to promote intolerance. For whatever reason, the Washington and Lee campus has been at the center of one particular issue that often polarizes the religious world. Words have been exchanged between individual students, alumni, and student organizations. Meanwhile, the school's administration has stayed strangely quiet during all this. Of course, I am referring to the issue of homosexuality.

The week before February break someone littered the windshields of cars on public streets and in the Washington and Lee parking garage with a pamphlet entitled "What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality." While this type of behavior reeks of the tactics used by a particular alum, I have no grounds to accuse this individual of such.

The pamphlet was authored by "Pastor" Ralph Ovadal and comes from a group calling themselves Wisconsin Christians United.

The first thing that strikes me about this is the word "United" appearing in the group's title. This hateful piece of garbage is one of the most divisive, least Christian things I have ever read.

I am sure many merely threw it to the ground or in the trash, but I took the time to read this entire leaflet from beginning to end. I will say nothing of the different meanings and translations of biblical verses used in the pamphlet and the arguments that can be made against them. The last time I did so it merely spawned an editorial tennis match between myself and a freshman whose views are slightly different than mine.

However, by the mere fact that this dialogue debating the meanings behind such biblical passages can occur proves my point. The Bible is a book that one must interpret and come to a personal understanding with. It should not be something used to broadcast a one-sided interpretation that merely condemns a group of people.

Onto another point, the arrogance of this document truly amazes me. To illustrate this point, I shall use the document's very words. "It may be popular in today's culture to defend and promote sexual perversion in the name of 'tolerance' and 'diversity'; but the truth is, God hates such (homosexual) acts and judges them severely."

Apparently, "Pastor" Ovadal has a direct pipeline to God that tells him exactly what the Almighty hates and how he will judge people.

Using a book written hundreds of years after the time of Christ and trusting the complete word for word content just makes no sense to me.

There exists in the Bible a story of one of the greatest sacrifices ever recorded. A sacrifice that was made by an omnipotent Creator for the love of those He created. How then do those that claim to be a follower of the religion created from this one act of love defend their hatred of others? I am truly at a loss to answer this question.

The objective of organized religion should be to introduce others to this pure love that is ready for the taking. It should introduce others to the promise of unending life. It should be about showing others how to love themselves and others with the kind of love that God gives to us.

Perhaps even more importantly, it should be about learning to love and accept others for who they are and sharing all these things with them, rather than using a debatable point to shun and condemn.

You often hear in the news these days commentary on the differences among people of the Islamic faith. Some are peaceful, wonderful people. Others fly airplanes into buildings in the name of Allah.

The Islamic faith is not alone in having those that have been misguided by their faith.

France, Germany lead Euro-weenies in opposing war for selfish reasons

"Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently said. "All you leave behind is a bunch of noisy baggage."

Rumsfeld's candor during the Iraq crisis has been so frank that I would not be surprised to learn that the State Department had established a Rumsfeld Rapid Response unit. Such an elite team would leap to duty at the first sign of frankness, and be quick to soothe our fair-weather allies' easily ruffled feathers. For example, if the Secretary calls them the "Axis of Weasels" because they refuse to comply with the auspices of NATO, the RRR unit would quickly translate that into diplomatic parlance (read: non-confrontational gibberish).

The problem with this scenario is a matter of fundamental principle. The question should not be whether or not Rumsfeld has gone overboard with his headline-grabbing analysis, but why the U.S. should allow its interests to be held hostage by Euro-elites like Germany and France. This tension is not new. Former French President Charles deGaulle once remarked, "You may be sure that the Americans will commit all the stupidities they can think of, plus some that are beyond imagination."

This new opposition to the war, partly born out of the Vietnam-era doves and the nouveau-chic anti-Americanism, is stultifying and eerily reminiscent of past sins.

The French and Germans are both loudly opposed to action against Iraq, but for different reasons. For France, the equa-



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AXIS OF WEASELS. French President Chirac, left, and German Chancellor Schroeder have been united in their opposition to a war against Saddam. Most other European nations support the U.S.

tion appears to be simple: one of France's biggest companies, oil conglomerate TotalFinaElf, is currently negotiating to extract some of Iraq's oil reserves. One assumes that bombing Iraq back to the stone age would not appear to be a sign of French

goodwill. The French should know, because, they've been burned before. TotalFinaElf had secured rights to exploit one Iraqi oil field that was expected to produce 30 million barrels; the Iraqi regime quashed that deal in 2001 because of France's continuing support of UN sanctions.

In the Fatherland, Gerhard Schroder seized on anti-war sentiment to save his precariously perched Chancellorship: in October of 2002, Schroder, headed for defeat in the upcoming elections, loudly proclaimed his government's opposition to any war in Iraq, with or without UN support. Largely because of this issue, Schroder defeated—by a hair's breadth—his conservative opponent.

The German people agree with Schroder. While France's opposition may be rooted in elitism and economic interests, Germany's opposition is rooted in history. Still wracked with guilt over the "starring role" in World Wars I and II, the Germans are now, despite the Teutonic stereotypes, frantically pacifist. They desperately cling to Santayana's cliché that "those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it."

The ironic twist, however, is that their top-speed sprint away from their past has led them to run head long into another dark chapter in European history.

Schroder, Chirac, and others have become the Neville Chamberlains of the present. In an era where weaponry has replaced land as the primary chit of international hardball, refusing to enforce Iraqi demilitarization equates to letting Germany reconquer the Rhineland. Let's hope America maintains the moral courage to refrain from following suit.

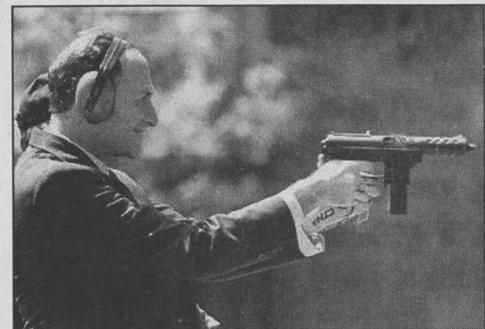


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COWARD (above). Schumer, a fan of shooting down Bush's nominees, is especially afraid of a conservative Hispanic judge.

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GIPPED (left). Miguel Estrada deserves to be voted upon in the Senate.

Coward of the Week

An irregular feature of the Ring-tum Phi Opinions section

Senator Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

He is a senior member of the Senate Judiciary who has broken a precedents and unapologetically politicized the process of confirming the president's nominees. He initiated a filibuster to prevent a vote on the confirmation of Miguel Estrada to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. For being afraid to vote on the nomination—because he knows he'll lose—Sen. Chuck Schumer, Democrat from New York is this week's Coward of the Week.

Miguel Estrada immigrated from Honduras when he was seventeen not knowing a word of English. By nineteen, he had mastered English enough to be admitted to Columbia. He continued his education at Harvard Law School where he was the editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

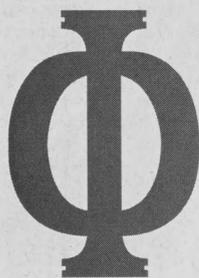
He earned a unanimous well-qualified rating from the American Bar Association and served under Solicitor General Seth Waxman during the Clinton Administration. He has argued 15 cases before the Supreme Court, 10 of which were decided in his favor. He is overwhelmingly supported by the Hispanic community; his only opponents are liberal Hispanic activist organizations with minuscule memberships. One can hardly imagine a better example of the American Dream.

There are at least 55 senators who wish to see Estrada confirmed, but Schumer is leading a filibuster to prevent (while at the same time preventing the Senate from addressing important secu-

ritary, budgetary and military issues) because he is beholden to liberal activist organizations that wish to remake the federal bench so that America can be reformed through litigation.

In essence, Schumer is holding President Bush and the Senate to an impossible super-majority standard, demanding that 60 votes, the number required to end a filibuster, be cast in favor of a judicial nominee. Schumer is unwilling to accept the results of the 2000 election which gave President Bush the power to make appointments and the 2002 elections which gave the GOP control of the Senate. He ought to face his fear of another strict-constructionist judge on the federal bench and allow a vote on Miguel Estrada.

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READY TO ROCK! George Clinton and his band pull up to the gym in their buses and vans in order to set up for their performance.

FANCY DRESS 2003



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SOME ENCHANTED EVENING. A couple dances together to George Clinton's band, enjoying the Fancy Dress atmosphere.



KATIE HOWELL / The Ring-tum Phi

FROM LEXINGTON WITH LOVE. James Bond's glittering opponents line the stairs leading to the Warner Center, welcoming partygoers. The lovely and creative decorations were painstakingly conceptualized and created by this year's Fancy Dress Steering Committee, whose members have spent countless hours all year planning this year's ball.



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LET US IN! Fancy Dress partygoers line up on the gym stairs in order to get into the ball.



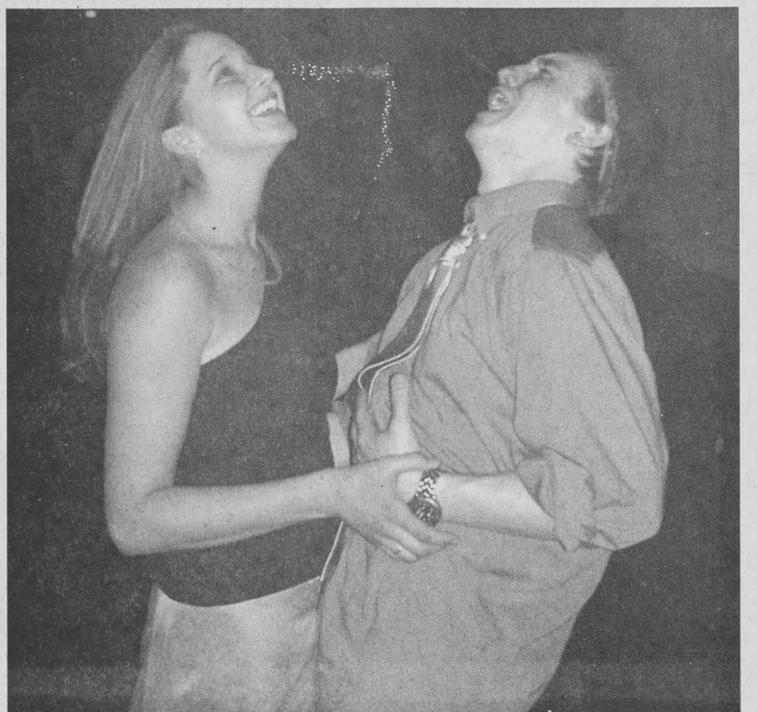
JEB BROOKS / The Ring-tum Phi

STAGE STRUCK. The stage in the small gym anxiously awaits the arrival of its band.



KATIE HOWELL / The Ring-tum Phi

GET DOWN TONIGHT! Diaper man wows the crowd as a result of both his music and eccentric manner of dressing.



KYLE MEEHAN / The Ring-tum Phi

ALL SHE WANTS TO DO IS DANCE. A couple admires the Fancy Dress decor while dancing together.

Singing in perfect harmony



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THE ENTERTAINMENT OF ROYALTY: The British-based all male a cappella group, "The King's Singers" performed for a crowd

Southern Comfort: you've got some competition. A few weeks ago, the W&L Concert Guild presented the world-renowned men's a cappella group, "The King's Singers." Their diverse program ranged from French Renaissance music to "Rakastava, Op. 14" by Jean Sibelius to Beach Boys, while their light-hearted spirit and English accents enchanted the audience. I am certain that everyone left Lenfest Center that snowy Tuesday night with warm hearts and smiles on their faces.

Singing extremely complicated pieces within a wide range of repertoire, I was personally amazed at how flawlessly their voices blended together. One moment all six singers would be singing a different note, on a different end of the scale, seeming almost like a different song and melody completely, and the next moment - perfect harmony.

During each piece, each singer seemed to represent a different instrument, as though they were the representation of an entire orchestra! How each remained focused on his particular part, I am bewildered. Their group was composed of two countertenors, a tenor, two baritones, and a bass. Their music surpassed any a cappella group I had ever heard, and as their individual resumes portrayed, each King's member was born to sing.

As their voices blended and I listened to the piece as a whole, they were able to completely create the image of the music, representing in a phenomenal way the meaning of the piece. In "Scenes in America Deserta," for example, their voices alone portrayed the 'silence, heat, and light,' the coloristic features, and the 'human element' of the pueblo frescoes. How they were able to represent these desert characteristics, I do not know - and I cannot explain any further the profound effect their voices had upon the audience. If you were there, you know. If you were not there, let me just tell you that after the piece

ended and during intermission, the line for the water fountain was out the door!

Also, I would like to mention how incredibly long they sang - and without any water, for that matter. The "Scenes in America Deserta" itself was a continuous 14 minute song. And they sang with such ease and liveliness - no problem, eh? I wonder how long they practice...

Finally, I cannot end the article without a word on their personalities. The liveliness of their character made the concert more relaxed, placing the audience more at ease. They were having fun - always smiling and chuckling, adding wry remarks here and there. As they sang love songs from the French Renaissance, they made playful faces and comical gestures, always making the audience laugh - especially the song "There's a flea in my ear and it's driving me crazy."

Their enthusiastic and vivacious character definitely came forth at the conclusion of the concert, as they sang "Selections from the Lighter Side of the Repertoire," which included "Eleanor Rigby," Queen's "Sea-Side Rendez-Vous," Beach Boys and other contemporary favorites. Although I must admit - my personal favorite was their piece dedicated to the greatest state in the US, the state that is a country in itself: Texas. Singing "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and other Texan folk songs, I could not help but laugh at the sight of six English men square-dancing around, imitating cowboys, and yee-hawing! It was quite a

sight! The King's Singers are a widely acclaimed group, traveling all throughout the world for their performances, and I hope that, if you were not able to see them here at W&L, you will get the opportunity to see them one day. Their website is: www.kingssingers.com and they have several recordings available for sale. If you like men's a cappella, I recommend buying a CD - they're definitely the best!



ON THE ARTS

LAURA LEIGH BIRDWELL '03

THEIR LIGHT-HEARTED SPIRIT AND ENGLISH ACCENTS ENCHANTED THE AUDIENCE. I AM CERTAIN THAT EVERYONE LEFT LENFEST CENTER THAT SNOWY TUESDAY NIGHT WITH WARM HEARTS AND SMILES ON THEIR FACES.

Film Society presents social commentary

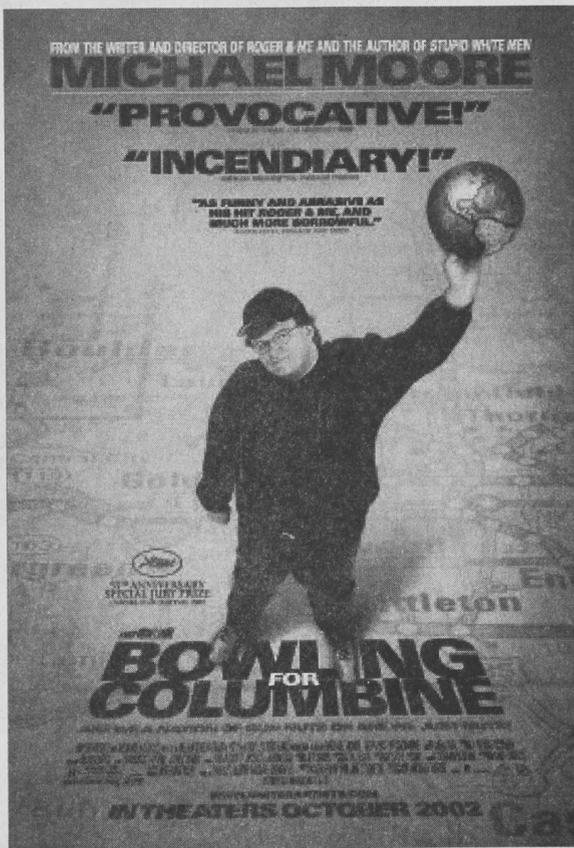
FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee Film Society is pleased to present the Oscar-nominated documentary "Bowling for Columbine." This 2002 film was directed by Michael Moore.

Screenings will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, and will occur in the Troubadour Cinema. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are welcome. This film is in English and is rated "R" for violent images and language. As critic Roger Ebert noted, "The movie is rated 'R,' so that the Columbine killers would have been protected from the 'violent images,' mostly of themselves."

Michael Moore is one of America's best known media gadflies, using both print in "Stupid White Men" and the cinema in "Roger and Me" to draw attention to social, economic and political issues in the country. He does not provide answers to questions, but he raises them to provoke discussion. Here, he pokes and prods at the American gun culture, with the shootings at Columbine High School as his starting point.

Along the way, he encounters a cross-section of Americana ranging from Charlton Heston to Marilyn Manson to K-Mart and, occasionally, he seems to lose his way. But, as the Los Angeles Times's Kenneth Turan wrote, "Moore's shambling on-screen persona camouflages his fierceness and persistence, his conviction that, as the father of a Columbine victim puts it, 'There's something wrong in this country when a child can grab a gun and kill.'"



A POIGNANT COMMENTARY ON OUR SOCIETY: Michael Moore's 2002 film "Bowling for Columbine" addresses the issues of our culture as centered upon the Columbine High School shooting tragedy of 1999. The documentary follows Moore on a cross-country trek and provides audiences with fodder for much thought and debate on violence and other controversial issues in American society.

Lies I was told as a prospective:

BY CALEY ANDERSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Ah, yes, it is that time of year once again. That's right, ladies and gentlemen, it's spring. The time when dormant vegetation comes back to life. The time when restless animals sound their piercing mating calls. And, most importantly, the time when young men and women approaching the end of their high school careers, turn their thoughts from drama club to dormitories, from graduation to grade inflation, from APs to applications, and from composition to contraception.

In early March of 2002, I, Caley Anderson, sojourned from my home in sunny southern California to Virginia for the purpose of interviewing for an honor scholarship here at this distinguished institute of higher learning. While here, I had the good fortune to meet many students, professors, and staff, all of whom were extremely gushy about and full of praise for W&L. Now that I have matriculated here, I find most of their praise to be quite accurate (our faculty IS the best, the science center IS great, the staff IS wonderful, Laetitia Pate Evans dining hall IS tolerable, etc.). However, there was a small number of little white lies that were told to me during my original visit. I uncovered many of these only through personal experience and terrifying epiphany.

1- "Drinking isn't really a problem here, no more than at any other college." And actually, the speaker was right. Despite the fact that I can hear slurred voices yelling "Eyyyyyyyyyy!", from 1:30 to 4:30 in the morning at least three days a week, drinking really isn't a problem here. And the students are extremely liberal in their political views. And the D-Hall serves buttered crab legs with white wine nightly. And the campus is conveniently located in downtown Kyoto, Japan. Speaking of liberality...

2- "The campus is fairly conservative, but the majority of the student body is pretty moderate." The same guy who said the above quote gave me this one, too. That scored points with me, because, although I am a registered democrat, I think of myself as very moderate. And yet, when I got here, I noticed that most people pronounce "politically liberal" in the same tone that I might reserve for, say, "Nazi Germany."

3- "The campus is great. It's so beautiful, and it's always really easy to get from one place to another." I will admit, this one is generally quite true. It is not true, however, if you are one of those unfortunate individuals stricken with temporary stupidity from time to time. I'm sure that we will all, at some point or another, if we have not already, leave our respective dorms without our university cards. And then, because we will be too timid and reserved to ask the nice folks down in the security office to open the doors for us, we will pick an entrance to our dorm and guard it like a hawk. Meanwhile, we'll see someone exiting a door thirty feet away, and we'll run as

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SMALL NUMBER OF LITTLE WHITE LIES THAT WERE TOLD TO ME DURING MY ORIGINAL VISIT. I UNCOVERED MANY OF THESE ONLY THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND TERRIFYING EPIPHANY.

fast as we can toward the door, only to have it close in our faces. Then we'll notice that ANOTHER door is opening, and run there, and so forth. I find that the best strategy is to discreetly follow, in a creepy, stalker-esque manner, someone who looks like they might be heading to your dorm, hoping and praying that you can casually saunter up to them, as though by coincidence, as they open the door.

4- "You're from San Diego? I've been there, the climate is pretty similar to ours here in Lexington." While I appreciate the considerate sentiment, I don't really think that the speaker really appreciated the glorious weather that we are fortunate enough to enjoy in southern California. In Virginia, it gets pretty hot in the fall, though generally not intolerably so. In San Diego, we sit in lounge chairs by the beach, (with the temperature at a temperate 73 degrees at high noon each day throughout the year) drinking ice-cold strawberry smoothies while lovely, nubile, scantily-clad young members of the opposite sex fan us gently with palm fronds. As you all should know from personal experience by now, this is not the case here in Virginia.

5- "You can get groceries and other necessary things at a convenient and reasonable distance from the campus." Let's face it, everyone, if it weren't for tourism and the approximately 27 million antiques shops (give or take), Lexington would consist of simply two colleges without a town. I have to walk seven blocks just to get bulk soda, then carry it back (because, of course, of the rule that all Freshmen who bring cars will be spirited away into darkness and never emerge again). And the only real, actual place that sells verifiable groceries (aside from Kroger) is Wal-Mart, which makes that glorious store/optometrist's office/video arcade/hair salon/one hour photo center seem more and more like Disneyworld the longer I'm away from it.

6- "The speaking tradition is still a big part of campus life." This one is not entirely false. I do my best to say "hi" to everyone I pass out there. The problem is that only about half the people say "hi" back. Another problem- I don't think the good General envisioned a "mumbling" or a "nodding tradition."

GRANT- "Well, I think it's indeed quite reasonable to allow your men to keep their sidearms and horses now that the war is over, don't you, General Lee?"

LEE- "mumble mumble yeah, whatever, mumble." I didn't think so either.

Well, Generals, that's all for now. I'll be busy writing, thinking, and building a conveyor belt to transport the class of 2006 from Graham-Lees to Wal-Mart.

And remember, if in the future you happen to spy a certain creepy guy wearing a Chargers hat following you to your home at a distance of fifteen feet, he's not going to kill you, he just forgot his university card.

Lexington Art Gallery hosts photography forum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Lexington Art Gallery will sponsor a photography forum on the weekend of March 22-23, 2003, here in Lexington, which is limited on a first-received basis to 80 attendees by an advanced registration fee of \$25.00.

On Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. in the VMI Preston Library at 345 Letcher Avenue, Sally Wiant, Professor of Law at W&L Law School, will open the forum with an update on "Copyright Issues." Miss Wiant will speak on the most current laws and answer questions from the audience.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jack Spencer, a contemporary photographer from Nashville, TN, will tell the stories behind his photographs with a visual presentation at the VMI Preston Library. Immediately following his talk, a reception and exhibit will be held at the Lexington Art Gallery at 13 W. Nelson Street where Spencer will sign Native Soil, his monograph of 74 Southern images.

On March 23, Sunday, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, Brooks Johnson, the Curator of Photography from The Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, will review private portfolios with individual photographers by advanced appointments and a prepaid \$20 fee.

At the VMI Preston Library, 345 Letcher Avenue, the March 23rd Sunday afternoon session starts at 2 p.m. The first speaker is George F. Thompson, President and Publisher of the Center for American Places. Thompson will address "Getting the Word Out



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A TOUCH OF CLASS: The interior of the Lexington Art Gallery showcasing the work of contemporary photographers from Virginia and the rest of the nation. The Gallery plans to host a forum on the subject of photography which will be held in Lexington during the weekend of March 22-23.

Through Books of Photography."

At 2:45 p.m., Brooks Johnson, Curator of Photography from the Chrysler Museum, will discuss the museum's current and future plans for photography exhibits as well as give an overview of the Museum's fine photography collection, the largest in Virginia.

At 3:30 p.m., Denise Bethel, Senior Vice President of the Photography Department at Sotheby's auction house in New York City, will end the forum with a visual presentation on photography which includes the historic view as well as the era starting in the 1970's-'80's when collecting photography became

The Lexington Art Gallery is located at 13 W. Nelson St. The Gallery specializes in contemporary photography, and often features the work of national and local renowned.

Men's lacrosse ranked fourth, beats second-ranked Gettysburg



OFFENSE ATTEMPT. Gavin Molinelli, no. two, plays offense during Saturday's game against Gettysburg. Molinelli scored two points in the conference win.

The General's next matchup is Sunday against Franklin and Marshall at 1:30 p.m. on Wilson Field.

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's men's lacrosse team has moved into fourth place to trail only Middlebury, Gettysburg and

Salisbury in the Division III men's lacrosse poll, which was released last Monday evening. Voting for the list was conducted by members of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Whittier, Hampden-Sydney, Washington

College, Ithaca, Cortland State and Ohio Wesleyan round out the Top 10. In the Inside Lacrosse/Faceoff Magazine preseason poll, the Generals had been ranked sixth. The team pulled a 10-9 win over Gettysburg in a game hosted by the

Generals on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field. Saturday's win improved the General's record to 2-0.

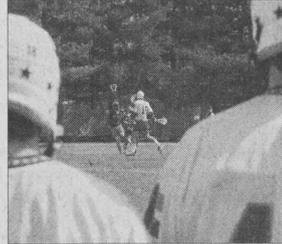
The Generals were led by attackman Matt Fink, '04, who recorded one goal and four assists. Throughout the game, the Gener-

als held the lead or were tied during the second half, but the Bullets never led the contest. W&L extended a 5-2 half time lead to 6-2 with 6:18 remaining in the third period when midfielder Mark McLewee, '04 scored off an assist from midfielder Dustin Martin, '04. The Bullets then scored the next four goals, tying the game at 6-6 with only 28 seconds left in the third period, before the Generals bounced back in the fourth quarter, leading 8-6 with 10:01 left in the game.

The game was tied two more times, at 8-8 and 9-9, before Tom Melanson's, '03, game-winning goal.

"The defense has always been the strength of the team and they played really well. We need to work on finishing teams, not letting them get back into the game," said John Murray, '05.

W&L was led in scoring by attackman Matt Fink, '04, who tallied one goal and four assists. McLewee scored three total goals. Attackman Gavin Molinelli had two goals and one assist. Orhan Belding recorded one goal and Jimmy Zunka each scored one goal. Fink recorded four assists while Martin recorded two and Mike McNamara, Adam



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SIDELINE. Two Generals look on as junior Mark McLewee takes on a Gettysburg player.

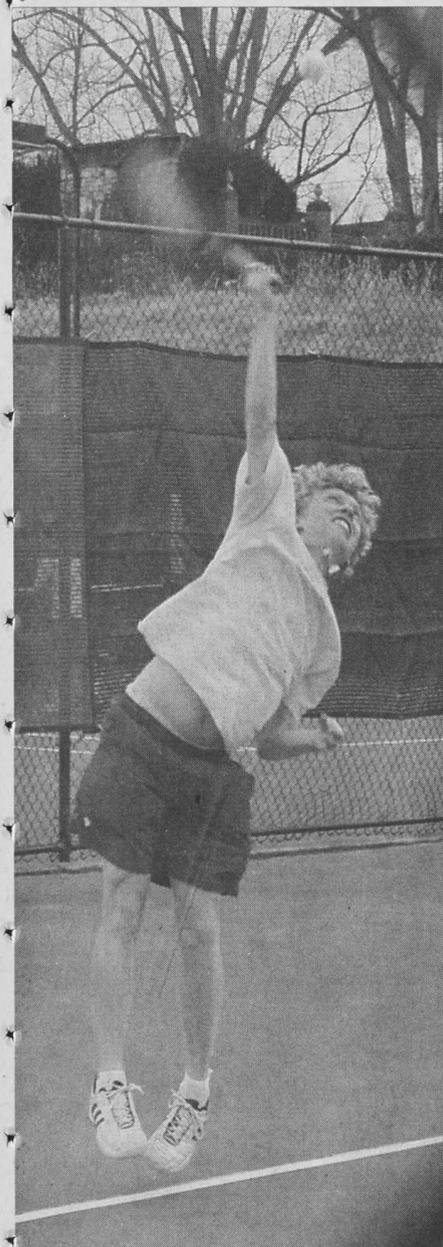
Chesbrough and Gavin Molinelli all recorded one assist each. The Bullets actually outshot the Generals 26-20.

"We played really good defense as a team and shot extremely well on one of the best goalies in the nation," said Chesbrough, however next game. "We have to make sure that we remain composed throughout the whole game. This season we expect to win the ODAC and have home field advantage throughout the playoffs. In the tournament we hope to go farther than we did last year," he said.

Captain Ansel Sanders, '04, stopped six shots in goal.

The General's take Franklin and Marshall next in a home game Sunday afternoon.

Mens, womens tennis teams take wins at home matches



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MEN'S TENNIS. Junior Graham Nix serves during Wednesday's match.

BY ALLISON PERRY
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's and men's tennis teams each came out with a win in ODAC competition Wednesday. The men defeated Hampden-Sydney, 7-0 at home. The women also played at home, shutting down Hollins with a 9-0 victory.

Sophomore Paul McClure led the men with a 6-0, 6-0 win in the No. 1 singles match. Junior captain Austin Kim won his match 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot. In the No. 3 singles match, junior captain Graham Nix defeated his opponent 6-1, 6-0. In the No. 4, 5, and 6 singles, junior K.C. Schaefer and freshmen David Shay and Jordan Eichenberger defeated their opponents 6-1, 6-2; 6-0, 6-1; and 6-0, 6-0, respectively.

In doubles play, Kim and Nix won 8-4 at No. 1. McClure and Shay shut down their opponents 8-0 at No. 2. Schaefer and freshman Chris Kimmel also won their match with an 8-1 victory in No. 3 doubles.

In the women's match, 13 ranked sophomore Lindsay Hagerman defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-3 in No. 1 singles. Senior captain Erika Proko won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2. At the No. 3 spot, senior Brandi Jane Wedgeworth had a 6-0, 6-1 victory. In the No. 4, 5, and 6 singles, junior Elizabeth Law and freshmen Patty Roberts and Ingrid Easton won their matches 6-3, 6-0; 6-3, 6-1; and 6-0, 3-6, 6-0, respectively.

In doubles play, Hagerman and Proko won 8-3 at No. 1. Wedgeworth and senior Alyson Brice secured an 8-5 victory at No. 2. Law and sophomore Marie Trimble also won their match, 8-5, in No. 3 doubles.

Several of the usual top six players were not at the match due to academic obligations.

"We were pushed up really far," said Head Coach Cinda Rankin. "But it was a nice win."

Both the men's team and the women's team are ranked No. 1 in the ODAC conference. The men are nationally ranked No. 14 in NCAA Division III. The women are ranked second in the nation.

The men's team lost three top senior players after last year. But the Generals have acquired a strong group of freshmen. David Shay is expected to see some playing time in one of the top six singles spots. In high school, Shay won the Georgia state individual singles championship twice. Freshman Jordan Eichenberger is also likely to play in one of the top six spots this spring.

Freshman Justin Hannon was also expected to play in the No. 1 singles spot and at No. 1 or No. 2 doubles this spring, but he is currently injured. He trained in Spain for a year right after high school.

The men's team will also be led by juniors Kim, Nix, and Schaefer. Kim earned All-ODAC honors at No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles in the spring. Nix received All-ODAC honors at No. 5 singles and No. 2 doubles last season. Schaefer earned All-ODAC honors at No. 3 doubles.

Sophomore Paul McClure will also play in the top six. He received All-ODAC honors last season at No. 2 singles and No. 3 doubles.

The women's team, being ranked second in the nation, stands a good chance of winning the national championship this year. The NCAA Division III tournament will be held in May.

"We would like to live up to our national ranking," Rankin said.

Living up to the national ranking will not be hard with the return of top players Hagerman, Proko, and senior captain Laura Bruno.

Hagerman was named co-National Rookie of the Year for the 2002 season. Proko is a three-time All-American. She made it to the semifinals of the national singles tournament last year. Hagerman and Proko played together to win the South Region doubles last year. They then placed fifth at the ITA National Championships.

Bruno was an ODAC champion at No. 4 singles freshman year and No. 3 singles sophomore year. She has also won two ODAC doubles championships.

Coach Rankin said there is an annual Fab 5 tournament at the end of March where the top national teams will meet up in competition.

"This should tell us where we will rank nationally," Rankin said.

The women play today at home against Swarthmore. The match is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. The men play tomorrow at Eastern Mennonite, but the time is TBA.

Golf takes 9th place

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Washington and Lee golf team shot a 304-300—604 to place ninth of 24 teams at the Pfeiffer/Pine Needles Invitational on Monday and Tuesday at the Pine Needles Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C.

The Generals were led by senior Chip Campbell, who went 70-77—147 for the tournament. Other W&L scores were Ged Johnson, '05, went 73-77-150, Tom Borda, '06, went 78-74-152, Chuck Green, '03, went 83-74-157 and Cullen Toole, '06, went 84-75-159.

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Baseball gets strong start to ODAC season

BY JOHN HYLAND
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team got their season off to a great start by going 4-1, 3-1 in the ODAC, last week to improve their record to 6-2 overall. They had a double-header scheduled for Sunday against West Virginia Tech. Some decent weather allowed the Generals to finally get their conference season under way after four games were postponed the week following February Break.

The Generals began their busy week last Sunday, March 2nd in a double-header against ODAC foe Emory & Henry, losing their only game of the week in the first game, by squandering a 3-2 lead. E&H came back to score six runs in the bottom of sixth (out of 7 innings) for an 8-5 victory. Junior Peter Dean was the losing pitcher. In the loss, junior second basemen Austin Allain went 3 for 3 with two runs scored and senior shortstop Michael Hanson hit a solo homerun.

W&L used the tough loss as motivation because they came back to score 15 runs in the first three innings of the second game en route to a 26-1 demolition of E&H. Eight of the nine General starters had multi-hit games for a total of 28 hits. The offense was led by senior centerfielder Bobby Littlehale who went five for six on the night, including a three-run homerun for six RBIs and three runs scored. Not only did the Generals crush every pitcher that E&H put on the mound, they also received a masterful performance from junior right-hander Dan Kagey who compiled the second no-hitter of his career. Kagey pitched all seven innings allowing one walk and 13 strikeouts. The lone run Kagey allowed was scored on an error.

The Generals then traveled to Mary Washington last Tuesday, March 4th, for a non-conference game and were able to get a 9-2 victory. Junior right-hander Michael Wert pitched seven innings, allowing 2 runs to earn the win. Brian Gladysz and Scott Gosselink pitched two innings of scoreless relief. At the plate, Hanson and Allain combined for three runs,

six hits and three RBIs. Junior catcher and rightfielder Bryan Mulhern added three RBIs in the win.

The team opened up their home schedule this past Saturday with a doubleheader against conference rival Hamden-Sydney. Game 1 featured a brilliant pitching performance from Dean. The left-hander rebounded from his previous outing, to pitch seven complete innings of one run ball to earn the win in a 12-1 victory and improve his record to 2-1 on the season. Dean pitched very efficiently, keeping his pitch count very low and allowing only 6 base runners for the game. He also recorded 6 strikeouts. The defense behind Dean was also superb in not committing an error. Dean was also supported by an offense that pummeled the three Hamden-Sydney pitchers that they faced by compiling 14 hits. Many of their outs were even hit hard. Eight out of 9 General starters hit safely, led by senior first baseman Brian Gladysz, who finished with three hits, a run scored and two RBIs.

The Generals completed their season sweep of the Tigers with a 6-2 victory. Kagey followed his no-hitter with another solid performance. After giving up two runs in the first three innings, Kagey pitched five scoreless innings to earn the win and improve his record to 2-1 on the season. Hanson pitched a scoreless ninth to seal the victory. Gladysz was a perfect 4 for 4 at the plate for the game and chipped in two RBIs. On the afternoon he was an incredible 7 for 9 with a run scored and four RBIs. Sophomore catcher Zach Bausch hit a solo home run in a 3 run fourth inning that gave the Generals a 5-2 lead that they would not relinquish. Bausch continues to be extremely hot at the plate, leading the team with a .522 batting average.

The Generals got themselves off to an early lead in the ODAC standings and seem to be clicking in every facet of the game. Following the West Virginia Tech double header, the Generals play host to Mount Aloysius on Tuesday, March 9th, before resuming their conference schedule next Saturday the 15th in a double-header at Randolph-Macon.



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NO HITTER. Dan Kagey pitches from the mound during Washington and Lee's game against Emory and Henry last Sunday. Kagey pitched all seven

innings, allowing one walk and 13 strikeouts. It was the second no-hitter of his career.

Women's Lax scores big win

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee's women's lacrosse team continued its season with an impressive 20-4 victory over Guilford last Tuesday in an ODAC-opener game played in Greensboro, N.C. Nine members of the team scored goals as the Generals outshot the Quakers 34-6. This win brought the General's record to 1-1, 1-0 ODAC. The Generals has lost their season-opener 4-8 to St. Mary's last Sunday.

Midfielder Kelly Taffe, '04, was the games high-scorer, recording eight points on four goals and four assists. Fellow midfielder Lee Wheeler, '04, had four goals and two assists while midfielder Rachel Wallick, '06, had four goals and one assist. In all, 12 different players recorded at least one point for the Generals. Leslie Bogart '03, Natalya Hoobchaak '05, Kitt Murphy, '05, Erin Rathbone, '05, Maggie Speasmaker, '05, and Amanda Strickler, '06, all scored goals while Hoobchaak, Annie Rochfort, '05, Bogart, Laing Humphries, '06, Wallick and Laura Wilson, '03, were responsible for assists.

The Generals will return to the field on Saturday, when the travel to Goucher for a non-conference game scheduled to begin at 1p.m.

This week's schedule:

Baseball: Tuesday, Mar. 11, home against Mt. Aloysius at 3 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 15, at Randolph-Macon at 12 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse: Sunday, Mar. 16, home, against Franklin & Marshall, 1:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse: Saturday, Mar. 15, home, against Nazareth, at 12 p.m.

Men's Tennis: Tuesday, Mar. 11 at Eastern Mennonite, TBA
Wednesday, Mar. 12, home, against Denison, at 3 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 13, home, against Sewanee, at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 16, home, against Salisbury, at 9 a.m.
Sunday, Mar. 16, at Lynchburg, at 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis: Monday, Mar. 10, home, against Swarthmore, at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 11, home, against Denison, at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 12, Randolph-Macon, at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 12 at Bridgewater, at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 13, home, against Sewanee, at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 16, home, against Salisbury, at 9 a.m.
Sunday, Mar. 16, at Lynchburg, 3 p.m.

Track: Saturday, Mar. 15, W&L Invitational, TBA

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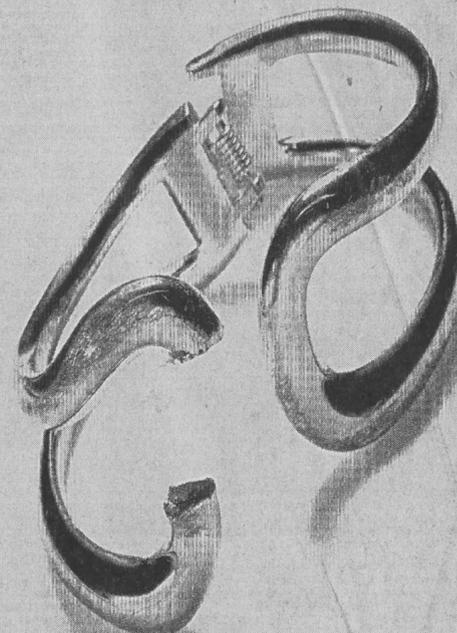


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