

W&L attorney sheds further light on Brief

BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT
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The W&L Board of Trustees had to swiftly decide whether to file an amicus brief on behalf of race-conscious admissions policies, said University Attorney Leanne Shank.

An amicus brief is advice offered to a court by a party not involved in the litigation.

"President (Tom Burish) and I brought the matter up to the Board at the February Board meeting," said Shank, who summarized the briefs they had been requested to join.

At that time, the trustees empowered the Board's Executive Committee to choose one if any brief before the Feb. 18 filing deadline.

The Executive Committee was aided by an informal working group composed of Dean of the Law School David Partlett, Shank and eight to 10 trustees, most of them lawyers.

The Board wanted to find a brief in line with W&L's values and culture, Shank said. It also wanted to avoid misrepresenting itself to the public.

"This is a case that can easily be misunderstood," Shank said.

"We wanted it to be clear that we supported taking race into consideration, but only as one of many factors."

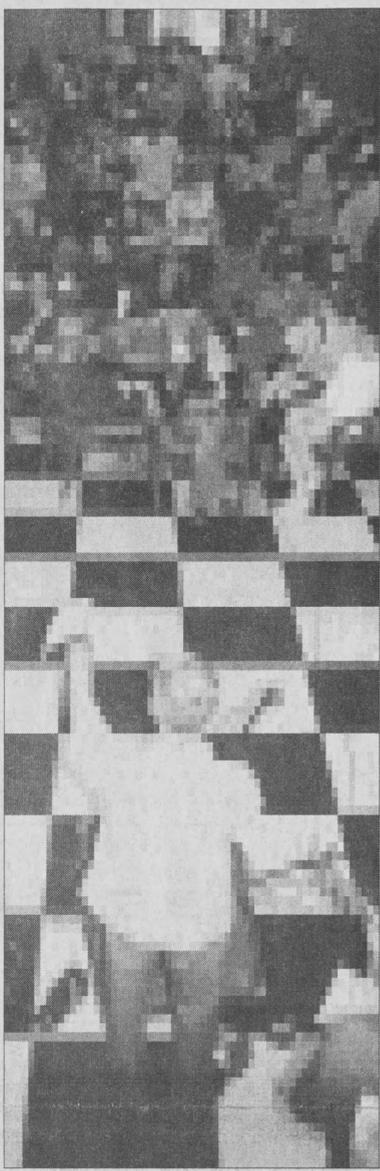
For that reason, W&L joined the McGough brief, named after its counsel of record, W. Thomas McGough, a partner in the Reed Smith law firm.

The brief stresses that it does not support the University of Michigan's preferential "point system." Rather, it states that all signatories "in their support of excellence in education (support) meaningful diversity."

The brief supports Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell's decision in University of California v. Bakke

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DO YOU REMEMBER?



JEB BROOKS / The Ring-Tum Phi

SOBRIETY? Campus and Greek organizations came together for a night of sobriety on Friday. The night culminated at Leticia Evans Pate Dining Hall where Dean David Howison acted as auctioneer distributing all kinds of prizes ranging from clay Buddhas to a trip to St. Thomas.

Spring term may be in question again

BY KATIE HOWELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A new proposal concerning faculty teaching loads, class sizes and graduation requirements may bring the future of spring term back into the campus spotlight. The proposal will be announced today and posted on the Washington and Lee Web site, said Student Leadership Committee member Mavia Brown.

The Faculty Advisory Committee is making the proposal in response to late Presi-

dent John Elrod's decision that all faculty workloads be reduced by one course every two years.

W&L faculty members each currently teach seven courses per year, according to the University registrar's Web page. Elrod, however, wanted the teaching load lowered to six courses every other year. Brown said in order to do this, the University must consider the overall calendar so that class sizes remain small and students are still able to take all the gradu-

ation and general education requirements needed.

The Student Leadership Committee as well as other students and faculty around campus think that the future of spring term may be an issue raised in the proposal.

Once the proposal is made, President Thomas Burish will debate it with faculty and students before the faculty will make the final decision. The proposal should be placed on the University Web site today.

Mock Con spring kickoff approaches

BY KYLE WASS AND KATIE HOWELL
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The first black woman to manage a political campaign will be a keynote speaker in the Mock Convention Spring kickoff this May. Donna Brazile, who managed Al Gore's presidential campaign in 2000, may possibly be joined by Rev. Al Sharpton, University of Virginia politics professor Larry Sabato, Cook Political Report founder, Charlie Cook, and the country-rock band Wilco for the Kick-off, said Mock Convention General Chairman Noah Rhodes.

"The Kick-off will revolve around an Issues Panel, a Media Panel and a band on Friday night," Rhodes said.

The Spring Kick-off, scheduled for May 8 and 9, will feature several keynote speakers such as Brazile and possibly Sharpton on Thursday and Friday, an Issues Panel on Thursday afternoon featuring Sabato and Cook and a band Friday night. Rhodes said Wilco will most likely be the Kick-off performers.

Rhodes said the committee is waiting to hear back from both Sharpton and Wilco before final plans for the Kick-off can be made.

"We've been in contact with Sharpton," Rhodes said. "We're just trying to negotiate an honorarium right now."

Over the past few months, Rhodes and the other two Mock Convention tri-chairs, Jacquelyn Clark and Michael Denbow, have arranged speakers and events, chosen regional chairmen and state chairmen, started a fund raising campaign and made general plans for the event to be held next January.

Rhodes said the State Chairmen are currently seeking committee members to serve as delegation vice chairmen, secretaries, treasurers and float chairmen. Interested individuals should contact their appropriate state chairs over the next two weeks if they want to get involved.

"We're ahead of schedule in a lot of regards," Rhodes said. "We've had fund-raising trips across the country and talked with alumni. We're taking a very pro-active approach. When it all comes together, it's going to happen in a flurry. Everything is going to fall together in a big way."

Washington and Lee is well-known for consistently holding a realistic mock convention for the political party out of office in a given election year. United Press International was quoted in 1976 as saying that it is "the nation's most accurate mock convention." Furthermore, their Web site boasts that "in a decade

when America's youth have been dubbed 'disengaged,' 'unmotivated,' and 'apathetic,' the Mock Convention of Washington and Lee University contradicts these generalizations with its raucous realism and its remarkable prediction rate," and former Senator Bob Dole has also said that W&L "[has] got a great record... you don't miss very much at all." Dole was one of the featured guest speakers at the 2000 Republican Mock Convention. This year, the mock convention will be for the democratic party.

While Oberlin College in Ohio claims the oldest mock convention - theirs dates back to pre-Civil War - W&L's has been in existence since 1908. W&L holds the best record for continually correctly predicting the actual candidate, however, with a record 17 correct predictions out of 22 attempts. The school's first mock convention - the 1908 Democratic Mock Convention - drew the first correct prediction, naming the democratic candidate William Jennings Bryan, who was later selected at the actual Democratic National Convention in Denver. In addition, since 1948, the convention has been mistaken only once. The Mock Convention's Web site is quick to note the correct predictions Washington and Lee has made in this area, including Nixon in 1968, Carter in 1976, Reagan in 1980, Dukakis in 1988, Clinton in 1992, Dole in 1996, and Bush in 2000. W&L contributes the consistent continuation of perfect forecasts to the great amount of research that participants undertake to fully understand the political convictions and probable decisions of all fifty states, and thus "even personal political preferences are put aside in preparation for an accurate convention," according to the website's history of the event.

Washington and Lee's mock convention currently attracts coverage from papers like *The Washington Post*, who in 1996 called the convention "one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious mock conventions," to news stations like C-SPAN, with media interest steadily growing, according to the convention's Web site. Thus, students can expect to see comparable and growing media coverage in January of 2004.

As in previous years, this will be a festive event, with a spring kickoff in 2003, a fall 2003 presidential gala, and the grand parade the week of the event in 2004. Also, the event usually boasts keynote speakers like Jimmy Carter and Bob Dole.

Univ. pulls out all stops for Scholars

BY CALEY ANDERSON
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From all over the country, potential honor scholars from the future class of 2007 came to Washington & Lee last week to compete for scholarships at W&L ranging from half-tuition to full tuition, room and board. The honor scholars stayed in the dorm rooms of current W&L freshmen, most of whom were either honor scholars themselves, or members of the Student Recruiting Committee.

The busy schedule of the honor scholars included three interviews with three different panels, one comprised of students, one of teachers, and one of admissions office officials. They also participated in a plethora of on-campus events, including tours, meetings with faculty and sports officials and other activities.

To be considered for an honor scholarship, a prospective student must fill out an addendum to his or her Wash-

ington & Lee application. This addendum is effectively one additional essay. This year, students could have selected from one of four topics, one on Thomas Jefferson's quote "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," one on federal government involvement in national poverty, one on any profound work of art, literature, or music that had affected the student, and one on what the student believes to be the most significant technological advance of the Twentieth Century.

This year, just under 100 students came to W&L to compete for an honor scholarship; roughly half of the competitors every year will end up receiving merit-based aid of some sort, according to the Admissions office. Students from 34 different U.S. states, and three different countries all came to Lexington to compete, including a lo

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TALLIE JAMISON / The Ring-Tum Phi

WAR. Students gather around the television in the Co-op Wednesday night to watch President George Bush speak shortly after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein

failed to meet Bush's ultimatum and leave Iraq. A brief survey showed mixed feelings among W&L students and faculty about the war.

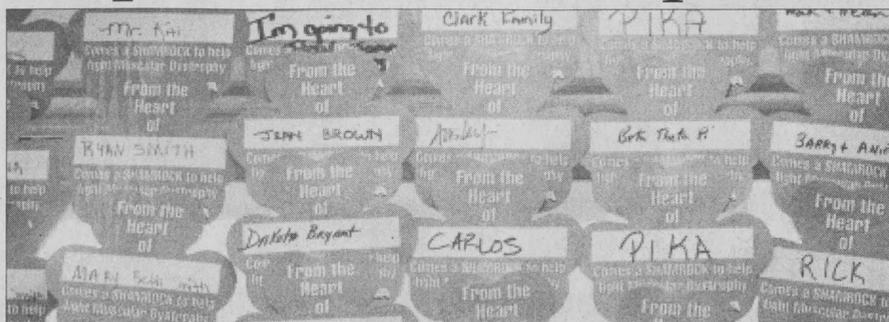
Stop-in shamrocks sponsor students for summer camp

BY MEGAN MORGAN
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If you passed the Lexington Stop-In in recent weeks, you probably noticed the shamrocks that cover its walls. These shamrocks are not just decorations for St. Patrick's Day, but instead are part of a muscular dystrophy fundraiser hosted by the regional Stop-In stores. Each store sells paper shamrocks, which are signed by the customer that purchases them and hung on the wall of the stores. The money from these sales is used to send regional kids with muscular dystrophy to Roanoke MDA camp at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H center. For every \$525 they raise, they are able to send one kid to camp. In addition, some of the money will also be used to give complete diagnos-

tic test, flu shots, dystrophin test to diagnose Duchenne, a complete set of chest and spine x-rays, an initial and follow up clinic visit as well as to buy wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices and repairing existing equipment.

So far the Stop-In stores have raised more than \$23,000. Lexington Stop-In has done particularly well, raising more than \$1270. They are the second highest fundraiser in the region, and employee Mike Hudnall says this is in large part "through the generosity of the kids at Washington and Lee." The Lexington store hopes that by the time the fundraiser ends on March 31 they will have raised \$1,575, enough to send three kids to camp. SHAMROCKS. (right) Community members helped sponsor local children to camp by purchasing these shamrocks for \$1 each. Stop-In employees then hung them on the walls and windows for all to see.



Dittman makes sure we have classes and grades

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
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Trivia question: which Washington and Lee administrator affects the lives of virtually everyone on campus, yet strives to make his job as invisible as possible? The answer is Scott Dittman, the University Registrar. Dittman has served as W&L's registrar since 1985, coordinating everything from institutional research to registration to transcripts. His office, located in the University Center, is home to four other staffers, in addition to various student workers. Dittman stresses that the Registrar's Office seeks to minimize its impact on everyone, meaning that if his job is done properly, most people shouldn't even know he's doing it.

Dittman was raised in upstate New York, and attended Colgate University in Canton, N.Y., where he was one of the first four computer science majors in Colgate history. He recalls that it wasn't even a specified major, and that he and the three others had to put together their own major from an assortment of courses offered. An unusual aspect of Canton is that it is a small town of approximately 6,500 people, located off of US-11, with two colleges within its borders, much like a certain town in southern Virginia. However, Dittman did not go straight to W&L after graduating in 1975.

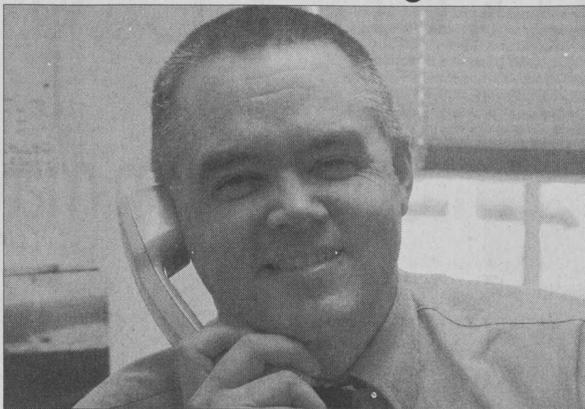
Instead, he served for a brief period in the Peace Corps, working with the Boy Scouts of America in Barbados. On the flight from Miami to Barbados, Dittman met a woman named Susan, and it turned out she, too, was going to be serving in the Peace Corps. The two were married a couple

of years later, in 1978.

After returning to the United States, Dittman was hired as the registrar at Muskingum College in Ohio, alma mater to astronaut John Glenn. He also pursued graduate work at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. Around the mid-1980's, however, Dittman wanted to move to Virginia. His parents had moved to Williamsburg, and Susan was originally from Alexandria, so they headed south, and Dittman began looking for a job. When the position at Washington and Lee opened, he took it, and has been at W&L ever since. He remembers that his predecessor didn't even have a computer on his desk, and PC's were very rare at the time, so part of the reason that Dittman was hired was because he had a background in computers. One of his immediate objectives was to help modernize the campus and move it forward.

One of Dittman's favorite things about his job is the fact that he gets to interact with so many people, including negotiating with faculty members which classrooms they get to use and advising students with their degree work. That's where Dittman sometimes has to be very careful, because he says that every year he has to hold a couple of uncomfortable conversations with students where he informs them that they may not be able to graduate with their class because of unfulfilled credits. Fortunately, they are often able to resolve it, but Dittman says that there are cases where a student finds out two nights before graduation that he will in fact not be graduating, and this is something Dittman hates doing.

In addition, Dittman serves on various University committees, in-



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DITTMAN. Dittman supervises everything from drop/add to the five-year academic calendar.

cluding the one on Courses and Degrees and Faculty Executive Committee. He is in fact a standing member of these, serving as Secretary, and has served on committees like the Foreign Studies Committee. Through these, and his work in the office, Dittman has gotten to know many faces around campus. This, he says, is the best part about being at Washington and Lee, getting to know so many different people.

Going forward, Dittman would like to see W&L continue to modernize its computer systems. He would like to see the registration process continue to improve, offering, for example, drop/add facilities online instead of on paper. He wants to see new software installed that lets students view their business office accounts and see their financial aid packages online. He emphasizes that his office's goal is always to be as unobtrusive as possible, conducting an efficient operation day in and day out,

so that the W&L community can expect a consistent experience whenever they visit the Registrar's Office.

Outside of work, Dittman enjoys spending time with his family. He has three children, daughters Sarah Anne, 19, and Griffin, 17, as well as his son, Clay, 13. Sarah Anne is a sophomore at Texas Christian University, while Griffin and Clay are in high school and middle school, respectively, right here in Lexington. Susan, his wife, is the president of the Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization (R.A.R.O.), and was the founder of the women's volleyball team at W&L. Dittman is also involved in General's Christian Fellowship, and enjoys volunteering in the community on a regular basis.

Although he may not see most people on a daily basis, Dittman's work certainly affects nearly everyone on campus, and the W&L community is certainly grateful for the great service he and his office provide.

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(1978).

Powell earned both his 1929 B.A. and 1931 J.D. from W&L.

Shank has been following these cases from the appellate level on a legal listserv.

"There's been a tremendous

amount of discussion among attorneys about recent rulings," Shank said.

The Supreme Court likely decided to hear the Michigan cases after several of the federal courts of appeal returned conflicting opinions, she said.

For example, the fifth Circuit's Hopwood v. State of Texas (2000)

ruled that it was unconstitutional "to elevate some races over others," while the sixth Circuit's Grutter v. Bollinger (2002) recognized "compelling state interest in narrowly tailored" diversity programs.

The 12 federal courts of appeal are second in authority only to the Supreme Court.

"Sometimes the Supreme Court will wait until there has been a number of briefs filed and research done before hearing a case," Shank said.

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments before the Supreme Court on April 1. Its decision will likely be made before the July 1 end of its current term.

**Lexington
Weekly
Forecast**

Monday- Sunny, 67/41

Tuesday- Partly Cloudy, 72/44

Wednesday- Partly Cloudy, 70/45

Thursday- Partly Cloudy- 51/31

Friday- Partly Cloudy, 58/41

Saturday- Partly Cloudy- 65/42

Sunday- Partly Cloudy- 64/43

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GENERAL NOTES

Bidlack receives grants

Richard H. Bidlack, a Washington and Lee University associate professor of history and Russian area studies, has been awarded a sabbatical fellowship from the American Philosophical Society for the 2003-04 academic year.

The grant, as well as a second one he has received from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will support his writing of a long-researched book on the 872-day siege of Leningrad by Nazi Germany and its allies in World War II.

Tim McGuire will speak

Nationally acclaimed ethicist Tim J. McGuire, also a columnist, speaker and consultant, will deliver a speech, "Ethical Stewardship: Expanding Our Notion of Ethical Choice" on Friday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m. The talk will take place in Room 327 of Washington and Lee University's Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.

The lecture, which is the centerpiece of a two-day symposium, involving students and practicing journalists from wide geographic and diverse professional areas, is free and open to the public.

George Singleton will speak

Author George Singleton, a fiction writer and teacher whose most recent collection of short stories, "The Half-Mammals of Dixie," has received national acclaim, will be presenting a reading and book signing on Monday, March 24, at 4:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium.

The reading is sponsored by The Arthur and Margaret Glasgow Endowment Committee of Washington and Lee University. The event is free and open to the public.

Environmental racism panel approaches

A panel discussion on "Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Justice Movement" will be held Wednesday, March 19, at Washington and Lee University's School of Law.

The discussion is at 6 p.m. in Classroom A at the law school. A reception will follow the event, which is co-sponsored by W&L's Environmental Law Society and the Black Law Students Association.

Run for law on Saturday

This Saturday, W&L and VMI students and staff as well as Lexington residents, will participate in the Public Interest Law Students Association's run for the law, a 10k race benefiting up and coming law students. Warm-ups start at 7:15 at the Rockbridge Library, and the race will finish at the Ruins.

Proceeds will benefit the Public Interest Law Students Association Summer Fellowships - a non-profit

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cal student from Lexington.

Reactions from the honor scholars were overwhelmingly positive. Ben Accinelli, from Dubuque, Iowa, said "The school really is a great place. Nice brick buildings and lots of friendly people, I don't know what more you could really ask for."

"During the interviews, it didn't seem like a grilling session, just like the people were trying to talk to me and get to know me," said Matthew Loar, of Litteton, Colorado.

When asked what their favorite part of their trip to W&L was, the honor scholars were fairly unanimous.

Katie Bray, Westminster, Maryland- "Salerno's."

Dave Kronenfeld, Greensboro, North Carolina- "Salerno's."

Christina Chick, Newmarket, New Hampshire- "Salerno's."

Kyle Vinson, Whitsett, North Carolina- "Definitely Salerno's."

Congratulations!

The Ring-tum Phi won the following awards at the 2003 Virginia Press Association college journalism competition.

- 1st place-Picture story or essay, Jeb Brooks.
- 1st place-Column writing, Timothy Smith, "Absolute Fratlord."
- 2nd place-Headline writing, Katie Howell.
- 2nd place-Column writing, Sam LaGrone, "The Guy Next Door."
- 3rd place-Art-Informational graphics, Katie Howell.
- 3rd place-General news writing, Andrew Latimer.
- 3rd place-Editorial writing, Nicholas Ramsey.
- 3rd place-Sports pages, Sports staff.

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Undergraduates, law students will interact this week

BY JEB BROOKS
PHOTO EDITOR

Across the world's longest single span concrete arched footbridge is the Washington and Lee University School of Law. Lewis Hall will be opened to undergraduates on Tuesday, March 25, 2003. The Student Leadership Committee will match interested undergraduate and law students for a day of classes.

Lewis Hall, the third home of the Washington and Lee

University School of Law, was constructed in 1976. Since its construction, students from the two schools have not mingled much. Event organizers hope to increase interaction and help undergraduates learn what law school is all about.

Tuesday's festivities are part of the larger "Get Across the Bridge" initiative. The program is designed to "better law and undergraduate student relations." The proposed bar in the John W. Elrod University Commons aims to accomplish this same goal.

Executive Committee report, March 17, 2003

BY CALEY ANDERSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Executive Committee spent most of its Monday, March 17 meeting discussing modifications to the current organizational funding policy. It was decided

that the Executive Committee will now be able to fund organizational expenses related to telephone usage and mileage for car transportation. Also discussed was the possibility of funding religious organizations, however, the EC did not act at this time to either approve or disapprove the funding of such clubs.

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MONDAY, MARCH 24.
Future of Medicare Conference, All day, Moot Court Room.
Early Modern England lecture, 7:30 p.m., Northern Auditorium.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.
Alice Steinbach will speak at the Women at Work series, 12:00 p.m., University Center Room 114, R.S.V.P.
University Wind Ensemble concert, 8:00 p.m., Lenfest Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.
Woodrow Wilson Fellow Alice Steinbach will speak, 7:30 p.m., Lee Chapel.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.
Celebrating Student Success Gala Awards Announcement, 7:00 p.m., Lee Chapel.
One Acts, 2003, 8:00 p.m., Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.
Public Lecture at 35th Institute on the Ethics in Journalism, Tim McGuire, 4:30 p.m., Williams School, Room 327.
One Acts, 2003, 8:00 p.m., Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2003.
One Acts, 2003, 8:00 p.m., Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2003.
One Acts 2003 8:00 p.m Johnson Theater Lenfest

THE RING-TUM PHI
STAFF EDITORIAL

Sing Snabes as Unsung General

The competition for the John W. Elrod Un- sung General of the Year is again upon us and chances are that the winner won't be all that unsung.

The nominations are in and many of the nominees are the same faces we see again and again on the school's website, in university publications and in admissions material. Truly, these people are many of the brightest lights in the Washington and Lee community, but is not the purpose of the competition to recognize those students who "work hard, behind the scenes, to make W&L all that it is?"

Samantha Snabes is, far and away, the nomi- nee who best fulfills the vision of a hard-working student who donates her time both on campus and in town to make W&L and Lexington better places. Her dedication to academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and volunteering in the community, combined with her low profile, sets Snabes apart as an example of a General doing good work without sufficient recognition.

Snabes is a team leader for Young Life at Rockbridge County High School. Amy Blevins describes her as "very dedicated" and adds that she "pours her life out for those kids." Andy Dewhurst comments that "it seems as if Young Life is her only activity. She is totally committed."

Snabes saves in other ways as she volun- teers for the Lexington Lifesaving Crew where she is on call from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. up to two nights a week.

She is also a student manager at the Snack Bar. Her supervisor, Isca King, praises her as "an example" and "a good worker who cares about her job." King's only complaint is that Snabes has not "been too good about punctual- ity," but "probably because she is so involved."

Athletics, too, are a Snabes specialty. She is a star of both the cross-country and track teams. In fact, she is featured this week in the *Phi* for her excellence in the Roanoke Invitational.

But the long list of involvement doesn't end there. Snabes is second chair viola in the or- chestra, a Peer Tutor, a Resident Assistant in Gaines Hall and a volunteer for Women in Technology and Science (WITS).

Finally, Snabes is not a traditional student. She transferred to W&L from Evangel Univer- sity in Springfield, Mo., after her freshman year.

We urge W&L to celebrate a truly unsung General this year and honor Samantha Snabes.

Op. Iraqi Freedom: Liberation or Invasion?

Beginning last Wednesday, missiles struck Baghdad and the invasion of Iraq began. Is this war justified or a power grab by oil interests?

Freedom comes to Iraq

"You just arrived. You're late. What took you so long? God help you become victorious. I want to say hello to Bush, to shake his hand. We came out of the grave," wept Ajani Saddoun Khlis as U.S. Marines liberat- ed his city of Safwan.

"Americans very good," added Ali Khemy. "Iraq wants to be free."

The liberation of Iraq has begun and the tragedy of America's under- taking is that we waited 12 years to correct the mistake we

made in 1991. Around the country, Iraqis are greeting American troops as liberators

and sharing with them pictures of their relatives who had been tortured and killed by Saddam's murderous regime. Although ignorant protesters around the world may not recognize it, America's invasion of Iraq is bring- ing freedom to the Iraqi people.

In fact, several former human shields who have returned from Iraq have changed their tunes. Kenneth Joseph, who recently returned to Jordan, reports that his experience with actual Iraqis has "shocked him back into real- ity," and that they "told (him) they would commit suicide if American bomb- ing didn't start. They convinced (him) that Saddam was a monster the likes of which the world had not seen since Stalin and Hitler." Another writes in the United Kingdom's *Sunday Telegraph* that he was told by a Baghdad taxi driver, "Of course the Americans don't want to bomb civilians. We want America to bomb Saddam."

Our men and women in uniform have been training specifically to avoid civilian casualties and the record so far has been one of unprece- dented success. There are no— ab- solutely zero— reports of consider- able civilian casualties. Only Iraqi State TV has accused coalition forces of targeting schools, hospitals and Iraq's infrastructure.

Our purpose was highlighted when the war began, not with a mas- sive bombing campaign or a swift in- vasion, but a surgical and limited strike targeted at Saddam and other top lead- ers. Truly, this is not a war against Iraq, but a war against Saddam, his sons, their cabal of cruelty and the depraved, brutal regime they lead.

This war is a just war and one that will hopefully be only the first step in remaking a free, democratic, secular Middle East. Moreover, a former Middle Eastern prime minister told UPI, "If the U.S. can get a new Iraq to recognize Israel as a quid pro quo for a final Palestinian settlement, others will fall into place— Syria, Saudi Arabia, and the other Gulf states. Iran would then have to pull back its military support for Hezbollah."

Now that the liberation has be- gun, one wonders what will happen after the bullets stop flying and peace has finally come to Iraq after 24 years of Saddam's rule?

Firstly, the United States has pledged that it will work closely with the United Nations and non-govern- mental organizations in post-war Iraq to bring humanitarian to the belea- guered nation as swiftly as possible. The UN's Oil for Food program will be kept in place in the immediate future to provide the Iraqi people with the necessities of life.

Secondly, America has already spent \$76 million dollars on repositioning hu- manitarian aid, disaster relief and refu- gee assistance mate- rial with an addi- tional \$170 million "in the pipeline." The government has already set aside \$90 million worth or over 121,000 tons of food.

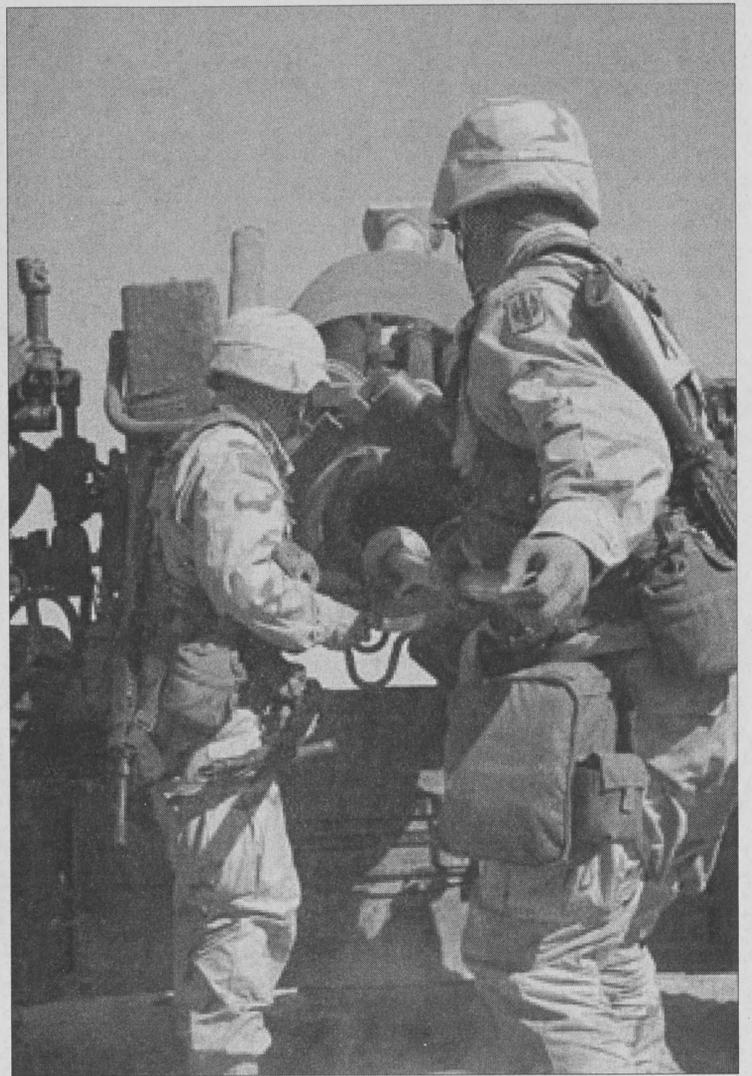
Additionally, the government has a strong and sensible plan to oversee the rebuilding of Iraq and her transi- tion to a stable, pro-Western democ- racy. Initially, Iraq will be run by the U.S. military. General Tommy Franks is the commander of all forces in the region and Lieutenant General Jay Garner has been appointed the head of the Pentagon's Office of Recon- struction and Humanitarian Assis- tance. He is already in Qatar building his team. Lieutenant General John Abizaid, an Arabic-speaking graduate of West Point, will be the top military commander in Iraq.

Also, teams of ex-ambassadors and other diplomats will oversee each of Iraq's ministries and will form a sort of shadow government to run Iraq in the interim. Michael Mobbs has been appointed to oversee the creation of a civilian government and Barbara Bodine has been named as one of three regional rulers.

Of course, the American govern- mental apparatus that will control Iraq after Saddam is defeated has the goal of returning Iraq to the Iraqi people as soon as possible. Immediately, an Interim Iraqi Administration will be created to assist the Americans and begin the process of drafting a new Constitution, freeing the schools, re- building the nation's infrastructure, bringing the oil fields back to full ca- pacity and increasing women's rights.

The process will not be easy. Iraq has no recent tradition of civil government and there is no emperor to lend authority to an American mili- tary governor such as McArthur en- joyed in Japan. Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria and other nations who are threatened by the prospect of a free Iraq will not support or assist America or the Iraqi people in the rebuilding effort. Minority groups in both the north and the south of the country may present serious challenges to the territorial integrity of Iraq.

However, American ingenuity and good governance combined with the will of the Iraqi people to build a free nation will bring about a democ- ratic government worthy of the long- suffering Iraqi people.



FIREPOWER. Soldiers assigned to the 377th Field Artillery Regiment prepare for the invasion of Iraq.

War's effectiveness uncertain

War is wrong. But just because I feel this way does not mean that I think the converse action is appropriate, either. At the risk of sound- ing horribly rhetorical, the question that befalls us on this grave occasion is, which action is less wrong: action or inaction?

Neither action is "right." War is never "right." But recent events have shown us that Saddam Hussein is not to be trusted. He heads a truly brutal regime, and the things President Bush made mention of in his speech to the nation, e.g., torture chambers, rape rooms, the cutting out of tongues, do exist.

However, is this really the full explanation of this military campaign? I doubt it. The truth is that, on the way to deliver their payload on the cities of Iraq, British and American planes are traveling through the airspace of another country where similar problems exist. The abuse and rape of prisoners in custody, especially women, is a widespread problem in Turkey.

Truly, at least two other things are at stake in making sure Saddam Hussein is removed from power. The first is the fact that this man does clearly have weapons that were outlined as ille- gal by the rulings of the United Nations Security Council. The fact that Iraqi missiles have been fired at Kuwait proves this point.

The second of these unnamed motivations is clearly the rich oil wells of the country. Halliburton, the company formally run by Vice President Dick Cheney has already been named as one of the companies that will rebuild oil wells destroyed by this military campaign. The company will make a large sum of money from this venture, just as it did when it rebuilt these same oil wells following Operation Desert Storm. You know what they say about history repeating itself.

However, this is not the facet of the war that I like to dwell on. It merely leaves me scratch- ing my head.

I recently watched "The Rock" with my housemates tonight and could not help but notice something. The music in the movie was strik- ingly similar to that I have been hearing with

flashy war graphics on the likes of CNN, Fox News Channel, and MSNBC.

Our generation has not really seen a full- scale conflict of this caliber in our lifetime. Our nation has never seen a military campaign of this magnitude in which we were the first to strike ever in its history. The results remain to be seen.

The White House has dubbed this crusade as Operation Iraqi Freedom. Television news broadcasters continually refer to this as "the war to liberate Iraq." God only knows, and only time will tell. I am hopeful that the end result of this campaign will lead to a better life for the people of Iraq. Hopeful, but not yet convinced.

But the fact is that we, in the protective bubble that is Lexington, cannot even fathom what life is like for the typical Iraqi. We cannot understand the fear of the 5 million in Baghdad that listen as the bombs fall around them. We cannot know what it must feel like for the 24 million citizens of this Arab country to hear that those dropping bombs on them feel they are actually liberating them.

And who can blame them for doubting? So much of what will follow this war is uncertain. The only thing we can do is treat it with the reverence it deserves. Flashy graphics and dramatic music aside, there are only a few things we can do.

We can pray that our actions are indeed the lesser of two wrongs. We can pray for the safety of our soldiers and of the innocent civilians of this nation who must be feeling a fear I doubt I will ever know. It is a fear of living in a country that is at the center of a worldwide conflict started by but a few. It is a fear of not knowing what will become of one's nation or if they will live to see it.

So if you happen to be praying for the safety of those fighting in this war, please also remember to say a few words for the people on the other side who have so much more to lose or gain than we do.

Operation Iraqi Freedom should not be about the war, but the rebuilding of a broken nation once the smoke has cleared.

Quote of the Week

"The criminal little Bush has committed a crime against humanity."

~Saddam Hussein, or his double, on Iraqi state TV

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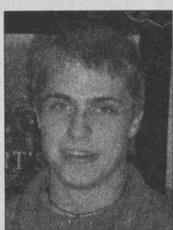


GOODBYE. Major David Gurfein tears down a portrait of Saddam in Safwan.

TALKBACK: Now that it's Spring, whom would you like to see in a skirt?



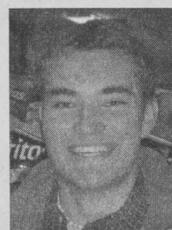
"Bates."
-Ricky Busby '05



"Pat Casey, a.k.a. P-Dolla."
-Drake Staniar '05



"Anyone but me."
-Elizabeth Falco '05



"Saddam Hussein."
-George Singeltary '05



"Dean Watkins."
-Anonymous Dorm Counselor

Protesters, Dems all wrong

This week, as America begins its war with Iraq, President Bush will face opposition on two fronts. Not only will he encounter a spirited, although probably unsophisticated, counterattack from Saddam Hussein's forces, but he will also see considerable anti-war contention, both at home and abroad. Undoubtedly, this barrage of opinion will consist largely of inappropriate protest.

Of course, loyal opposition to war, regardless of its effect, benefits the country as whole. It presents the nation with an alternative, honest perspective to a conflict, which can reveal flaws in motive or tactic and beneficially alter a war's course or even bring its run to an end. Most of the opposition to the war in Iraq, however, is disloyal in motive or substance.

The Democratic politicians who oppose America's involvement in the Middle East, for the most part, do so in order to exploit an opportunity to chip away at President Bush's credibility and popularity. However, war is the most inappropriate of situations in which to seek a forum for political advancement.

When politicians relentlessly attack the leader of our country over a conflict which, unless you oppose the removal of an abominable, violent regime, seems rightly initiated, it shows not only disrespect or discourtesy but disloyalty. Their beleaguering of such a leader reveals nothing but selfish ambitions of personal power and demagogic methods of achieving such filthy aspirations. It is always the easier task to try to impugn the advocate of an unprovoked war. President Bush and others who defend America's involvement demonstrate not only bravery but keen foresight for the positive consequences that will come of this war.

Similarly, expressing distrust for the Iraqi people offers no more an acceptable excuse for opposing the war. With the exception of those permanently and universally opposed to war in general, most of today's liberals protest simply because it is the most popular, safe, seemingly kind route. They argue that they oppose the war in order to protect the safety of Iraq's civilians.

First of all, this conflict ultimately intends to protect her citizens through the removal of a dictator who ruthlessly and arbitrarily punishes his subjects. Therefore, thwarting the war effort in fact undermines their very purpose for contradicting it.

Secondly, America's military trains with the sole purpose of injuring as few of civilians as possible,



ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY. Two thousand pound Joint Directional Attack Munitions (JDAMs) are lifted up to the flight deck of the USS Harry Truman in preparation for bombing sorties in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

and, despite the recent sensationalized arguments otherwise, it has done so in modern years. So often today, famous artists stand against the war. Often they oppose it simply in hopes

of gaining notoriety for advocating peace. This ignorance seems as repugnant as protesting the war due to ulterior political motives.

Finally, there are those who oppose the war because of the belief that the United Nations is the authority that should be disarming Iraq. While those who oppose the U.S. and coalition efforts on this basis have good motives, they are naïve. The United Nations has had more than a decade

to force disarmament. It has become clear that there will be only one way to manage the problem of Saddam Hussein.

Other countries, despite their attempts to make it seem as though they have some ideological qualm with war in Iraq, oppose the war simply because it is a difficult, dangerous, expensive task. They understand the imminent threats poised by Hussein's regime and they realize that, at some point, his government must be toppled for the safety of the world. But they would rather America risk its men, its resources, and its reputation to get the job done for order. Fortunately for these countries and the world, some nations are willing to expend the effort necessary for peace.

United Nations commits suicide

There are now quite literally bombs over Baghdad, and it appears that "Iraqi dictator" may be the most endangered species on the planet, if not already extinct. It seems that "UN Diplomat" may not be far behind.

The early stages of this war have proved the perilous position not only of the Iraqi dictator, but also of the United Nations. Its obstinacy in refusing to enforce their own resolutions smacks of hypocrisy and fecklessness. Saddam was in "material breach"—as defined by the United Nations—of Resolution 1441, yet, because of the personal motivations of a few countries, the diplomats did what diplomats do—talk, and above all, avoid action. These "fearless diplomats" were led by none other than the French, who couldn't fight their way out of a paper bag. I mean, you know how you can identify a French tank, right? It only goes in reverse.

Ironically, France's determination to stand in the coalition's way at the diplomatic table may have proved France's irrelevance. France used its veto power to force the United States from leading the war with the UN's blessing, but the United States and its coalition partners will still accom-

plish its goal of ridding the world of Saddam Hussein.

In the end, the only thing France proved was that it has no justification for its status as a Security Council permanent member. They can complain about the United States all they want, but, in the end, our government will not be cowed into foregoing the maintenance of its safety to satisfy a

European also-ran suffering from an attack of jealousy. France has proved that diplomacy is only effective as the sheath for the sword. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote that the United Nations diplomats faced a test: they could enforce their own mandate (by forcing Saddam to disarm) or face the fact that the only things diplomats were good at is double-parking. Despite the United Nation's initial opposition, America and its allies seem poised to give the United Nations another chance by building a UN-lead coalition to rebuild post-war Iraq.

The UN has been offered a second chance at redemption; unfortunately, early signs suggest they will be following the old adage, "the

only second chance in life is the chance to make the same mistake twice." Predictably, our old friends, the French, are promising to veto any plan that includes a United States or British team leading the humanitarian effort.

Jacques Chirac claims that not doing so would be to justify the war after the fact. All the needed justification for war, comes when

one looks at the Scud missiles the Iraqi forces fired at the coalition-led troops last week. According to the UN weapons inspectors, those missiles were to have been destroyed.

The United Nations has proved a total failure in the Iraq crisis. If the member nations cannot stomach the courage to stand up to a schoolyard bully, who, by the way, can't back up his rhetoric, then the United States has no reason to continue to support the diplomatic black hole. If you need further proof of the UN's current lunacy, look no further than the incoming chair of its disarmament committee—Iraq.

Hopefully, the world will begin to understand that the UN couldn't even govern a banana republic.

RIGHT ON!
JOHN HEATH '04

Letters to the Editor

Peace cranes not anti-war

Dear Editor,

Has the *Phi* ventured so far to the Right these days that reality and research count for less than whatever happens to be on the prejudiced editorial staff's mind at the moment? I'm referring to the Staff Editorial in last week's (March 17) issue.

Had the editorial staff bothered to actually talk to Professors Ujje or Ikeda, they might have discovered that asking students to fold origami cranes was not an anti-war statement, but a pro-peace statement. This is not a difficult distinction.

The arrogance and inflexibility of thinking displayed in your staff editorial is the reason most of the nations of this world choose not to support our invasion Iraq; it is what makes the world believe we are the terrorists. If they are right, and we truly are a nation against peace, then count me out of this war and of this country.

Sincerely,
David Hicks '03

Peace cranes appropriate political statement

Dear Editor,

The Staff Editorial of March 17 criticized the W&L Japanese Professors Ikeda and Ujje for publicly expressing controversial views as a Department, and labelled their action "academic irresponsibility." I disagree with this editorial because the facts are distorted and because it shows a poor understanding of academic responsibility.

The editorial accuses the professors of "actively pressing" the students "by asking them to participate in this activity." What the professors did was merely to call attention to the project; the students were never forced to fold a crane. They had the freedom not to participate, and there was no threat posed on their grades for doing so.

Suppose this was a political statement of the Japanese language and literature faculty, expressing opposition to the government's standing on war. Should faculty members refrain from publicizing their political views? Is this "academic irresponsibility?"

I do not believe that faculty members violate their responsibilities by expressing their political views in public, whether controversial or not. If a politics professor publishes a book on one issue or another, isn't this what he or she is doing? Open discussion is critical, not just from the viewpoint of freedom of speech, but also for Washington and Lee as a liberal arts university. One of the advantages of a liberal arts education is that one is exposed to various perspectives. Even if the professors' expertise is "far removed from the issue at hand," as the editorial phrases it, I do not see this as a reason to refrain from displaying opinions on peace. Peace is a concern for us all; there is no lay or expert on this subject.

Sincerely,
Junko Kannami -Exchange

Japanese prof.'s unfairly maligned

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the staff editorial in the March 17 issue regarding the origami peace cranes. I am the primary student who helped plan this activity. While I could potentially comment on almost every remark made in the editorial, I believe most rational persons are perfectly capable of forming their own opinion regarding most of the arguments presented by the author. There are a few issues I would like to address directly, however.

First of all, I believe the author has misconstrued this activity as an anti-war statement. We are not "mounting a politically-charged campaign in opposition to the liberation of Iraq." The origami crane is a universal symbol for world peace. I take offense to the claim that we are arbitrarily assigning a Japanese cultural practice to "controversial politics." I wonder at the logic of transforming the phrase "world peace" into an "unmistakably political opin-

ion." Are we not all for world peace—pro-war and anti-war alike? I would imagine that there are very few, if any, individuals in this community who oppose the concept of world peace. All sides want eventual peace—those who support the war, those who oppose it, and everyone in between. The argument comes down to a matter of the method. Folding origami cranes is a Japanese cultural activity that has always encouraged the folder to wish for a peaceful world. We thought it was a rather relevant cultural activity considering the time and wanted to extend an invitation to the university community should they have a desire to participate. For one person, folding a crane may be his way of protesting the war. For another, it may be in support of the peace that she believes this war will bring. The political statement that each individual may attach to the crane is not justification for the author's criticisms.

The author states that it is "wrong and ill-considered for any department... to display its opinions so publicly." An invitation to fold origami cranes does not express any opinion with regard to the Japanese program (no "Japanese Department" exists at Washington and Lee). Furthermore, it is erroneous for the author to make assumptions as to either my stance on the war or the individual stances of the Japanese language and literature professors. I have no knowledge of either Professor Ikeda or Professor Ujje's personal opinions on the war with Iraq or any other political leanings, and I have taken practically every class that they teach. This leads me to the aspect of the editorial that angered me the most.

Thus far I have argued against the author's claims that the cranes are a political statement, but the author's objections go beyond the activity itself. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I am upset that the author felt the need to attack the Japanese program and its professors so maliciously and unjustly. I am the person who has submitted all of the campus notices regarding the cranes. All notices stated "students of Japanese language and culture" were inviting the community to take part in this activity. As the only person who has publicly attached her name to the cranes, I would have been more than happy to discuss any concerns the author or anyone else had about the way the event was presented. I was not aware that I needed to attach a disclaimer to every poster and campus notice. I am sure had the author felt the desire to talk to the professors directly about his or her concerns, both would have been extremely open to suggestions. I am saddened that instead we were all made aware of the author's discomfort only through an editorial.

Sincerely,
Jaime Muscar '04

The *Phi* responds:

Our Staff Editorial did not insult Professors Ujje or Ikeda. It is our position that academic departments have a responsibility to be neutral to students in matters of opinion and should never support a controversial opinion, however tangentially.

Lackmann letter should not have been printed

Dear Editors,

I write in response to your decision to print—and your chosen headline for—Jack "Jackie" Lackmann's letter in the March 17, 2003, issue.

Your decision to print such an inarticulate letter was a poor one. Lackmann's letter lacks comments that start or further communal dialogue; his incoherence brings him, and this institution at large, little credit.

More seriously, I criticize your choice of headline. "Alumnus blames war on Jews" is in my mind clearly inflammatory. Lackmann covers at least four topics (most of them of interest only to himself). For you to foreground his weak comments linking "weapons of mass destruction," "misunderstanding of Islamic mentality and motive," and his "freres" betrays a lack of critical judgment.

In the future, I hope you use your positions as editors of a Washington and Lee publication to promote loftier goals than recent issues suggest.

Sincerely,
Sarah Wilson

CORRECTIONS from Issue 23, March 17, 2003

The bylines of "W&L will host race conference" and "Meeting draws crowd" were incorrect. Megan Morgan is the author of "W&L will host race conference" and Kyle Wass is the author of "Meeting draws crowd."

Che Guevara's last name was misspelled in "Tasteless campaign poster brings porn to campus."

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Senior Meriggi distinguishes himself as unsung hero of Lenfest

He's the unsung hero of Lenfest - the phantom behind the scenes, the silent conductor of the orchestra, the producer of endless possibility. He takes what would appear to be a seemingly impossible task and, with style, ease and finesse, places it within the grasp of W&L's Theater Department. He is the driving force that makes everything in the arts happen, and his name is Jeff Meriggi.

Meriggi, a senior history major and dorm counselor, devotes his entire heart and soul to our school's fine theater department. His efforts include all aspects of theater life: planning, organizing, and funding new social events, gaining support from the community at large through outreach and public relations, building sets, assisting in the cooking for the gourmet receptions, and designing commemorative T-shirts for various programs and productions. But his greatest success has been, undoubtedly, his work in Public Relations. From sponsoring a luncheon at the Sheridan Livery with the help of his fellow Chi Psi brothers to spreading the word around Graham-Lees and the quad, Meriggi's efforts, with the aid of Tom Anderson, have significantly increased student interest and attendance as well as the success of productions.

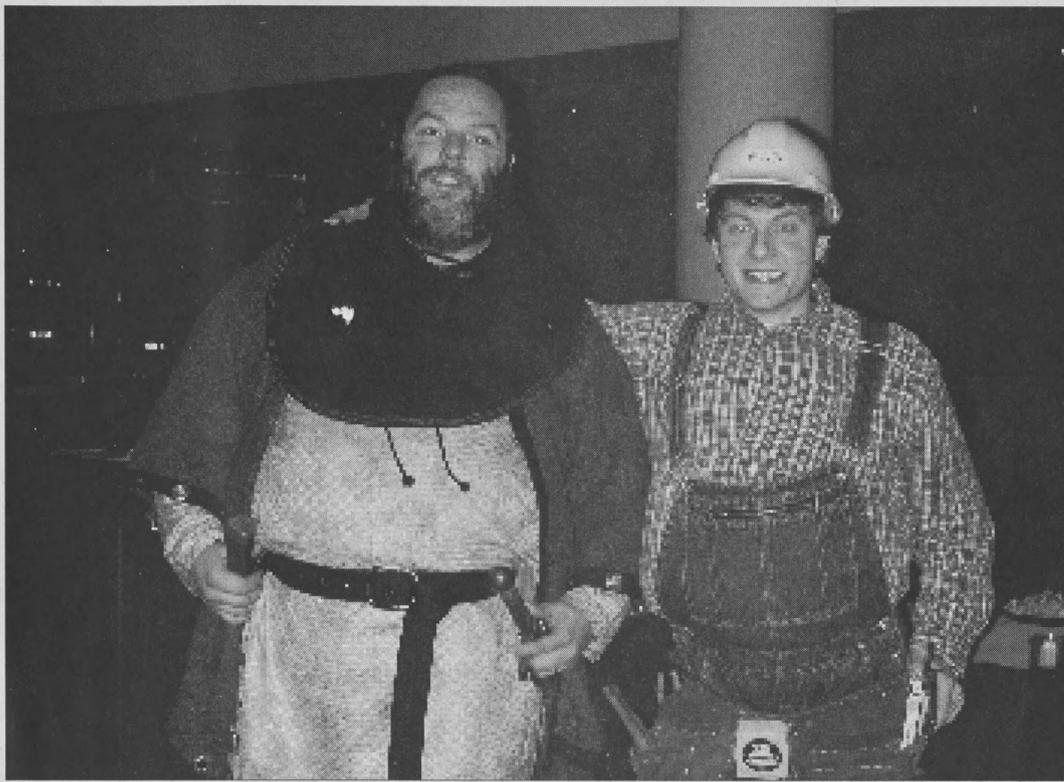
Anderson, who acts as Meriggi's advisor, is the assiduous, devoted and hard-working theater staff member who, according to Meriggi, seriously "deserves a raise" for all he does for the theater department. "He has guided me the entire way, by consistently offering me his opinions on what would or would not work." The two work hand-in-hand and together, making the productions at Lenfest possible and professional. The two have grown to be good friends.

Theater is Meriggi's passion, and his efforts are for no other reason than the pursuit of his dream. "I love to attend theater and I am involved because I enjoy it." He relates it to athletics and emphasizes the amazing and beneficial effects that student attendance has on an actor's performance. Seeing one's peers in the audience of one's performance enhances the acting experience and intensifies the moment. Meriggi recognizes this and therefore dedicates much of his efforts to filling in the seats and selling out the performance.

Yet Meriggi does express one serious concern in regards to his efforts. This is the issue of the lack of much-needed pesos. Because of Meriggi's overwhelmingly successful efforts in boosting the amount of student attendance, the Theater Department has actually lost money with its recent productions.

How is this possible? When the students attend for free, the Theatre Department loses revenue they would have gained from selling tickets to the many interested people in the community of Lexington at large.

Though this is a burdensome bump in the path



LENFEST'S UNSUNG HERO IN THE ACT: Jeff Meriggi has done an enormous amount for the theatre department here at W&L. He is shown here (left) with his theatrical advisor Tom Anderson while they are both involved in theatrical construction. The two have worked together closely since Jeff's matriculation here. Seen below is a Parent's Weekend benefit held at Lenfest, which was organized by Meriggi in an attempt to gain money and support from parents as well as the rest of the W&L community. Lenfest, the theatre department, and Washington and Lee University as a whole will surely miss Jeff when he graduates this June.

BOTH PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEFF MERIGGI

toward success, Meriggi does not falter. He founded the student organization "Theatre Outreach," as well as increased his lobbying to the Executive Committee and Director of Student Activities. Along with all of this, he also often sober drives to garner more theater funding. "One of my long-term goals is that W&L will recognize the theatre as an enjoyable non-alcoholic activity that provides a respite from the rigors of academic life." He adds, "The Department should receive more funding from the administration."

In an earlier column of mine, I mentioned a certain incident that occurred here three years ago when a senior expressed his feelings of pessimism about the production of musicals at W&L. I think I can justly assert that he would be in complete disbelief at how far the Theater Department has grown in these recent years, in support and attendance, as well as the quality and type of productions. Yet it was not necessarily because of an sudden and dramatic increase in the interest or talent of the newly matriculated students. Quite on the contrary, these two characteristics have probably always existed here within the W&L community - they were just waiting to be discovered. I feel sorry for that senior three years ago - he truly missed out on Jeff Meriggi, who has found, reconized and tapped the potential for interest and talent here at W&L and brought the theater department new respect, prominence, and popularity.



Spring term provides light at end of tunnel

As a freshman, I couldn't believe how unlucky I was. The school year was nearing an end, but I realized, to my horror, that I would not be through with exams until the first weekend of June. All my friends at Marshall and WVU were home for the summer, while I was still rotting away in the drabness of Leyburn or in the stuffy chambers of Newcomb Hall. The thought seemed unbearable. Why did I have to be in school for so much longer? How was I going to get a summer job when every other college student was already back working at home?

What's the point of trimesters anyway? Why can't W&L be like the other schools?

All of these questions were left ringing in my frustrated mind. And then I experienced my first spring term.

For a school in the middle of nowhere, W&L sure keeps us busy. In the fall term, it's Rush, Rush, Rush. Then in the winter term, it's the many joys of pledgeship and the build up to Fancy Dress. By the time all that's all over, it's on to worrying about finals again. But, at the end of it all, we reach the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel - the joys of Spring Term.

For six glorious weeks, we finally are given the opportunity to truly enjoy the place where we spend the best years of our lives. Six months of stress are forgotten in favor of six weeks of relaxation and fun. But in order to properly enjoy your spring term experience, there are a couple of things you should

remember, so that you do not allow yourself to fall into the abyss of spring term depression.

Class: Through God's grace and the blessing of the University Registrar, it is perfectly legal to take only one class during spring term. Only three credit hours are required. Use this privilege wisely. I certainly recommend taking only one class if it's within your means, but just as a warning—having only one class seems to correlate with a general loss of motivation. Ask me, I know.

Goshen: It's peaceful, beautiful, and reminds me of my beloved boondocks back in W.V. And it shouldn't be missed. Just about any excuse can be used to justify a Goshen trip. You want a nice place to study. Or you don't have anything to study and just want a nice place to relax. Or you want to get wet. Or you want to see Kappas in their bathing suits. No matter the reason, Goshen is a wonderful place to visit, and you should go as much as possible.

Alumni Weekend: I used to think it would be the most boring weekend of the year. But rest assured, some alumni are even crazier than current students, so the potential for ridiculous fun is high. If you can overcome the challenge of having a drunken conversation with someone from your fraternity who is 20 years older than you, then you're certainly doing something right.

Intramurals: Spring term represents the climax of a long and intense intramural year, and the final events are nothing to pass off.

Softball is an annual classic. The turkey trot brings individual competition to its apex. And of course, ultimate frisbee intramurals is as good as it gets—and to all you fraternities hoping to beat Lambda Chi this year, keep practicing.

Road Trips: A key for spring term scheduling is to leave yourself those long weekends primed for road trips. By playing your cards right, you can have no class from Thursday to Tuesday, leaving yourself 4 full days to drive wherever your heart desires. In a classic spring term weekend, the fabled Mr. Denbow and I took the poop truck to Baltimore, catching an Orioles game and eating crabs with some random Denbow relatives. And though my truck leaked about eight quarts of oil during the trip, there was much fun to be had.

Daily Irresponsibilities: All of these things listed are fun in their own right, but perhaps the greatest aspect of spring term is the unlimited freedom to do whatever you want. Unless you've been cursed with tons of work, you usually find yourself with plenty of time to kill. Throw a baseball. Have a beer. Go watch Java in the Quad (especially when Drunken Rusty plays). The potential is there—its your job to maximize it.

Spring term is not without its cons. Inevitably, there are some gloomy students who would rather be home instead of living it up in Lex Vegas until summer is in full swing. But for the majority of us, going home simply makes us want to be at school, with our friends and our freedoms. And, without a doubt, going home makes us realize how glorious spring term really is, and how much we look forward to doing it all over again.

ABSOLUTE FRATLORD
TIM SMITH '04

Film Society shows acclaimed drama



ONE DAY TO LIVE: Edward Norton plays a convicted drug dealer with 24 hours to get his life in order in Spike Lee's 25th Hour.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee Film Society will present the acclaimed drama 25TH HOUR (USA, 2002), directed by Spike Lee.

Screenings will be at 7:30 PM on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, in the Troubadour Cinema. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are welcome. The film is rated "R" for violence, sexual references, profanity, and drug use.

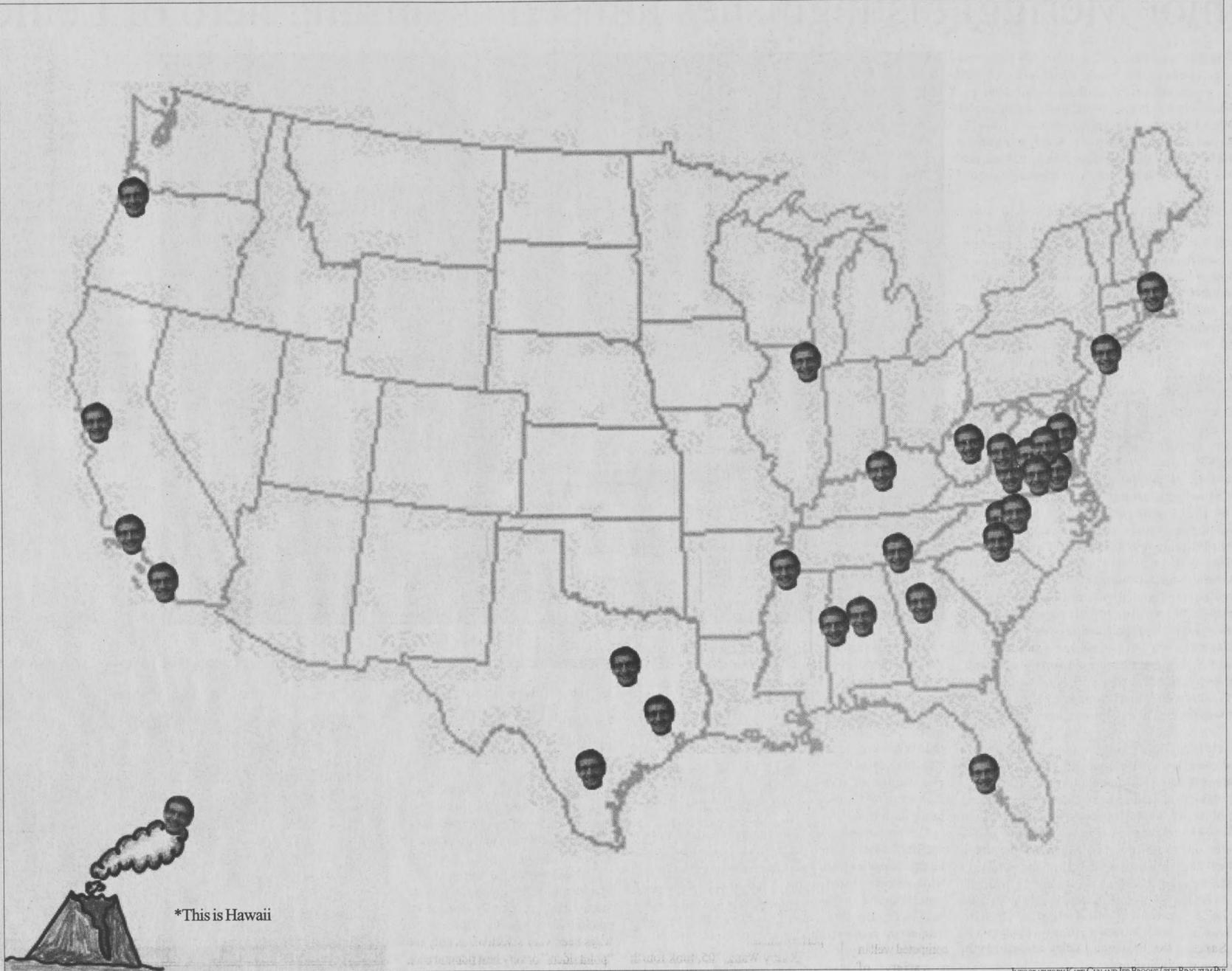
Adapted by David Benioff from his novel, this is an elegiac account of the last day of freedom for a convicted drug-dealer in contemporary New York City. Edward Norton is superb as a man who has 24 hours to say goodbye to his father, his girlfriend, his best friends, and his dog, to find out who betrayed him, and to regret his

own greed.

Set against the background of post-9/11 New York, the film is beautifully photographed (by the cinematographer of Frida and Amores Perros), set to a score by Terence Blanchard, and features a marvelous cast, including Philip Seymour Hoffman, Brian Cox, Anna Paquin, Rosario Dawson, and Barry Pepper.

Critics have lauded the film's sense of atmosphere, and A.O. Scott wrote in the New York Times that "Mr. Lee approaches the overwhelming reality with sensitivity and tact. His model, unlikely as it may seem, could be 'The Rising,' the Bruce Springsteen album that supplies a song for the closing credits. An ambience of stunned grief and a slightly giddy, slightly guilty feeling of survival float through the film."

Where in the world is President Burish?



INFOGRAPHIC BY KATE GUY AND JEB BROOKS/THE RING-TUM PHI

PRESIDENT BURISH TAKES OVER THE WORLD! President Burish is in the process of a whirlwind tour of the United States with goals of increasing W&L's financial merit as well as national acclaim. All information is courtesy of Matthew McDermott (contributing editor for the Ring-tum Phi) and Betsy Cossaboon (Executive Secretary to the President). Stay tuned for further updates as Burish's adventures throughout America continue.

BY CATHERINE C. GUY
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

President Burish has embarked on a nationwide tour ever since his arrival at W&L this fall. He has visited 29 cities since August, some of which he has been to more than once.

His aims on these excursions have been manifold. The original idea behind these trips was fundraising, but it has evolved significantly since the beginning.

While on the road, President Burish spends the majority of his time addressing and meeting with local alumni chapters in the various cities.

Burish has also met with several of the school's larger donors to discuss plans for Washington and Lee's present and future. These meetings have been mutually

beneficial, as they have provided Burish with feedback from those with a love and allegiance for the school while providing the alumni with connections to the school and an opportunity to stay active in University affairs.

Interestingly, while in Chicago, Burish was interviewed by the Chicago Tribune. The interview occurred as a result of his participation in a conference.

Overall, by undertaking in these voyages, Burish has been working hard to garner publicity for school. By increasing national awareness, affairs here at W&L can only improve.

Contributing Editor Matt McDermott and Betsy Cossaboon, Executive Secretary to the President, contributed to this report.

President Burish's Travel Schedule
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One Acts will once again enthrall crowds Pulitzer winner lectures

BY KATE GUY
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Washington and Lee's theatre department will be presenting one of its most popular and entertaining events of the year this coming week. That's right, the One Acts will be performed once again.

The One Acts have played a crucial role since the 1970's, when W&L first got its now strong theatre department.

This year's productions include the following; "Zoo Story", written by Edward Albee and directed by senior Neal Willetts, "Black Comedy", written by Peter Shafer and directed by senior Emily Pace, "Who Made Robert DeNiro King of America?", by Jason Katims and directed by senior Kris Pollina, "The Most Massive Woman Wins" by Madeleine George and directed by senior Bart Peters, and "Paper Flowers" directed by junior Annie Estrada.

The plays will be performed this coming weekend, and will be split into two separate bills. Bill

A, which is composed of "Who Made Robert DeNiro King of America?", "Most Massive Woman Wins", and "Black Comedy", will be performed on Thursday at 8, Saturday at 2, and Monday at 8. Bill B, which is composed of "Paper Flowers" and "Zoo Story", will be performed on Friday at 8, Sunday at 2, and Tuesday at 9. The bill was split because if all five were performed at once, "it would have been way too long", says senior director Neal Willetts. The two bills are each at least two hours in length, and the directors decided that splitting would be more beneficial in gaining student response.

This year, students can look forward to an entertaining and complex mix. There will be a great mix of comedy, farce, slapstick, and drama. "We have a little bit of everything," says Willetts. This idea of a mix also extends to the students involved in the productions. This year's actors include everyone from senior Theatre majors to freshmen with little or no acting experience. There will be student involvement from all

walks of campus life.

The students involved have put in an enormous amount of effort throughout the months leading up to this week. The Directors have been preparing for this weekend since the beginning of the school year, as the Directing class that they are all enrolled in is a two semester course. They have been planning and preparing for this since September. The Directors held auditions before Feb. break, and have been rehearsing since. The actors and directors receive a tremendous amount of help from other classes in the design department, particularly the lighting and costume design classes, both of which have been preparing all semester. In all, a lot of people have done a lot of work to make the One Acts wonderful.

Willetts says that, as a director, he is most looking forward to seeing the initial reaction of the crowd on opening night. He is anticipating seeing the audience response to characters, blocking, and dialogue.

This year will be unique in a number of respects. For one thing,

four of the five directors are new to the directing capacity and thus are extremely excited and enthusiastic about their directorial debut. Many of the actors are making their debut on the stage as well. Also, the One Acts this year will encompass "a broad spectrum of issues all at once," says Willetts. "Most Massive Woman Wins" deals with the issues of body and self image in women and society, while "Zoo Story" addresses relationships and "Paper Flowers" examines social class.

The One Acts have had a notoriously strong student turnout and response for years, as a result of the widely varied and massive amount of student involvement. Willetts feels certain that each of the night performances will come close to selling out, if they do not sell out completely. There are no tickets required to see the One Acts, and the performances are free for all who are affiliated with the Washington and Lee community.

So come out and support the One Acts. You will certainly enjoy it.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

public.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Steinbach will deliver a lecture entitled "A Short Guide to An Interesting Life" on Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the

In a recent Booklist review, Joanne Wilkinson said of Steinbach "Like any skillful writer, she can make you laugh, and she can make you cry, and she sometimes does both, all within the limitations of a column format."

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Track teams run in Roanoke Invitational

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER
SPORTS WRITER

At 7:00 Saturday morning the Generals were off again, clad in their blue warm-ups, ready to compete in the Roanoke Invitational. The weather was nice, which resulted in enthusiasm, but caution of over-heating and lack of hydration. Under the advice of their coaches the team remained under a small grey tent throughout the course of the day and focused on their goals for the day.

The women had strong performances, as usual. This invitational was a testing opportunity for many of the runners who competed in events they do not typically run but were anxious to try.

The day started off with two brave individuals willing to conquer the 10k, a 6-mile race on the track. Well, their motivation and desire to achieve resulted in a third and fourth place finish for Jessica Remmert and Samantha Snabes, finishing at 44.58.94 and 45.42.66.

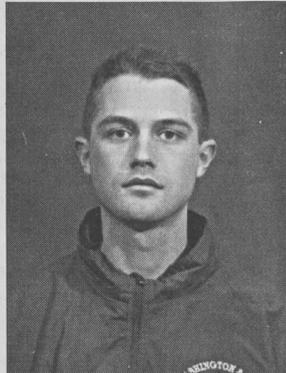
Later on in the day Betsey Frayer, Mary Christopher, Ashley Brown, and Sarah Williamson fought through the 5k, a very difficult race! Frayer finished fifth with an outstanding time of 20.07 and Christopher finished tenth with a time of 21.28. Brown and Williamson also showed strong performances with twelfth and fourteenth place finishes.

Liz Twentyman, an 800-meter runner, ran the 1,500 for the Generals with a time of 5.48.74, a ninth place finish. For the sprinting events, Meredith Walker ran her 200 in 28.87 giving her ninth place and Kim Gunst finished fifteenth with her time of 29.76. Kim also ran the 400m in 1.05.48, resulting in her twelfth place finish for the event.

The Generals also competed in several relays. The Distance Medley Relay won first place, due to the strong performances of Erin Johnson, Casey Sharpe, Liz Twentyman, and a heroic finish from Megan Ward. The 4 by 100m

relay team also performed well, giving them a seventh place finish.

The men also showed their strengths on the sunny day at Roanoke College. In the 100-meter dash Brian Krupcak, Jonathan Brimer, and Lee Stinnett all qualified for the finals with times of 11.37, 11.55, and 11.86. In the finals, Krupcak won second place with Brimer in sixth and Stinnett not far behind in eighth. In the 200-meter dash, Brian had another strong race which resulted in first place with a time of 22.72. Brimer and Stinnett also fought hard earning them fourth and ninth, with times of 23.42 and 24.11



RUSTY MEYER. Meyer finished with a season personal record.

respectively.

In the 800-meter dash Norman Senior, in his first race of the season, ran a 2.10.11, and Matt Reilly finished with a time of 2.10.85. In the 1,500 Rusty Meyer had his head, and legs, in the race giving him third place with a season personal record of 4.15.81.



ERIN JOHNSON. Johnson helped to win the Distance Medley in Saturday's Invitational.

shot put Emily Barker and Audrey Walker earned fifth and ninth place for the women and Chris Walker received eighth for the men.

In the women's long jump Meredith Walker won first place. For the men, Chris Sullivan also won first with Brian Krupczak receiving second, it was a great day for the jumpers!

In the Javelin throw Sullivan placed seventh and Gallagher eighth. For the women Jav throwers, Bethany Dannelly placed third and Barker placed sixth. Barker also performed well in the Discus throw, earning her a seventh place finish. High jump competitor Angel Daniels won fifth place for her jump of 4ft 8inches.

The Generals once again showed off their hard work in their strong performances. And several members were fortunate enough, like senior Sullivan, to take home a "running crayon" T-shirt to remind them of their hard work at the Roanoke Invitational!

Equestrian team wins Virginia Invitational, first win ever

W&L beats eight other teams to come out on top, sends several riders to Regionals on Saturday



HIGH JUMP. Open Rider Caitlin Lane won the High Point Rider Award at the UVA Invitational on Saturday and earned two first places at the Oak Ridge Medial earlier this year.

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's Equestrian team competed in the UVA Invitational last Friday. The team beat every team in the region to take home the championship ribbon. Hollins came in second, three points behind W&L while UVA dropped two points behind Hollins to take third.

Considering the competition, W&L turned in some very strong performances.

Kathy Wang, '05, took fourth place in the Walk/Trot, Captain Sarah Michaels, '04, too second place in the Novice Flat and third place in Novice Over Fences. Captain Heather Lancaster, '03, took fourth place in Intermediate Over Fences.

Two freshmen turned in outstanding first-place finishes. Natalia Maxwell placed first in Advanced Walk/

Trot/Canter. Caitlin Lane took first in Open Flat and in Open Over Fences.

Maxwell and Lane qualified for Regionals.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Bridgewater, Radford, Longwood and James Madison University all made appearances at the UVA Invitational.

This Invitational victory marks the first time in W&L Equestrian history that the team has officially won a competition. UVA's Invitational has always been very selective, as only the "point riders" or very best riders at each school are allowed to compete.

It's a, "very difficult region," said team member Sarah Murray, "It's an incredible accomplishment for the team that at this show, we won our first championship and took home the High Point Rider award."

"We're such a young team...to be winning is wonderful for us," said Murray.



RIDING TEAM. (back row) Junior Sarah Michaels, senior Liza Tucker, freshman Caitlin Lane, freshman Natalia Maxwell, senior Heather Lancaster, freshman Sarah Murray, Coach Carolyn Hedrick-Williams. (front row) Sophomore Kathy Wang, Karly Williams.

Participate in trivia tourney to help Hospice

The Washington and Lee Law class of 2005 will be hosting a campus-wide Sports Trivia Tournament called "The General's Cup" from April 1-3. Proceeds from the entry fees will be benefiting the

Rockbridge Hospice.

Two people can enter the The General's Cup for \$10. The winning team will receive a prize package worth more than \$200. The package will include gift certi-

ificates to the Sheridan Livery, Il Pallazzo, University Sportwear, Pete's BBQ, Frank's, Salerno's, City Subs & Steaks, Main St. Market and a music store.

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to participate in this fun event, raising money for a worthy cause. West Virginia University held a tournament similar to this last year and was able to get more than 100 students involved.

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Men's tennis loses its first match, Men's lax falls to Roanoke, Ritter at NCAA finals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Men's lacrosse

Washington and Lee's men's lacrosse team fell, 8-4, to Roanoke College on Sunday in a match played in Salem, Virginia. The win dropped the General's record to 3-2, 0-1 ODAC as it improved Roanoke's record to 5-1, 1-0 ODAC. W&L is ranked seventh while Roanoke is ranked seventeenth.

Roanoke shot out to a 6-0 lead before the W&L's midfielder, Rob Brown, '03, recorded a goal to get W&L on the board at the half. Roanoke then improved its lead to seven, making it an 8-1 lead in the third. The Generals held a 43-32 advantage in shots, scoring one goal in the third and two more in the fourth. Rob Brown, Matt Fink, Dustin Martin, and Jack Murray each recorded one goal.

W&L takes to the field again when it hosts Guilford on Wednesday in a 3:30 pm contest.

Men's tennis

Washington and Lee's men's tennis team met its first loss on Saturday in a match played at Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The team lost, 6-1, dropping its record to 11-1 overall. Mary Washington's record improved to 5-3. W&L did have a few outstanding matches.

In singles play, Graham Nix defeated Tim Ryan 7-5, 6-0. In doubles play, the combo of K.C. Schaefer and Chris Kimmel defeated Tim Ryan and Nate Hathaway.

The Generals next take to the court in a home match against Averett on Wednesday at 3 p.m. The team also has home matches on Friday, against Rhodes at 3 p.m., on Saturday, against Swarthmore, at 12 p.m., and on Sunday against Washington College, at 11 a.m.

Ritter competes in NCAA Championship

Eric Ritter, '03, ended his 2003 swimming season by finishing 22nd in the 200-yard backstroke on Saturday at the NCAA Division III Swim Championships at Emory University. Ritter finished with a time of 1:55.67 among a field of 29 swimmers.

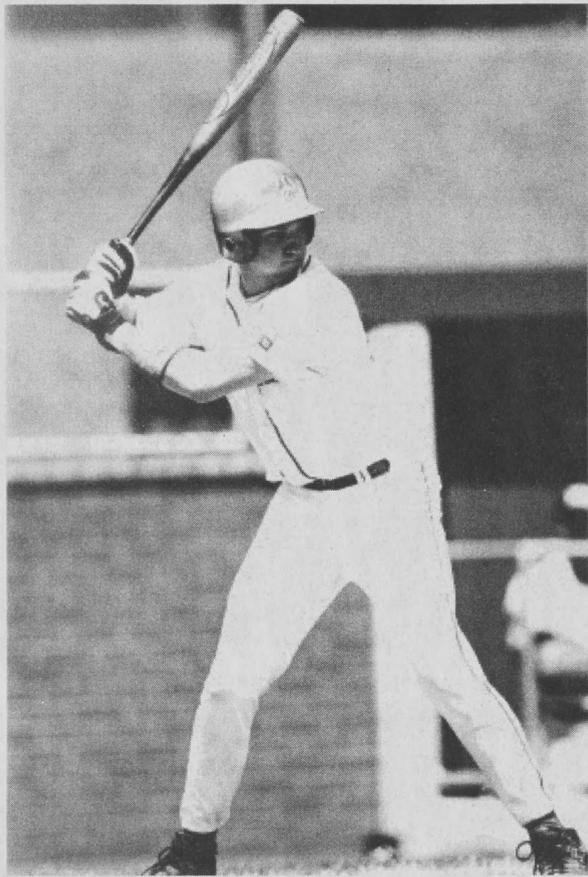
Ritter earned All-America honors for the second consecutive season in the 100-yard backstroke on Friday. Though seeded 14th in the 100-yard backstroke after the morning preliminaries, finished the race with 52.06 to finish sixteenth.

On the first day of the NCAA Division III Swim Championships last Thursday, Ritter finished forty-eighth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.14.

SPORTS

Baseball remains undefeated at 10-0

10-game winning streak a school record

BY JOHN HYLAND
SPORTS WRITER

Washington and Lee's baseball team completed another undefeated stretch last week to improve its school record-winning streak to ten games. The Generals took both games of a doubleheader last Saturday at Randolph-Macon and followed it up with a victory over ODAC power Bridgewater last Wednesday at Cap'n Dick Smith Field. The three conference victories elevated W&L's record to 12-2, 6-1 ODAC and moved them into sole possession of second place behind Virginia Wesleyan who is 5-0.

In game one against Randolph-Macon, the Generals opened up an early lead with a five run first inning, led by sophomore designated hitter Zack Bausch's three run double. W&L would remain hot as they would go on to score in six out of the seven innings that they came to bat, never relenting in a 17-4 dismantling.

The Generals pounded out 15 hits and every starter reached base safely. Senior shortstop Michael Hanson went 4 for 5 on the afternoon with four runs scored. Senior centerfielder Bobby Littlehale also finished 4 for 5, setting a school record with four doubles; he scored twice and added five RBIs. Junior second baseman Austin Allain and junior catcher Bryan Mulhern belted homers in the victory. Junior lefthander Peter Dean pitched well on the mound, allowing only one unearned run over five innings and struck out five to earn the win and improve his record to 3-1 on the season.

The second game of the doubleheader would prove to be much closer. Once again, the Generals opened up the scoring in the first inning on an RBI single by senior first baseman Bryan Gladysz, who finished with three hits on the night. W&L would score again in the second and twice more in the fourth to open a 4-1 lead. Randolph-Macon would not go down as quietly as they did in Game 1.

The Yellow Jackets scored two runs in the sixth to close the gap to 4-3, prompting manager Jeff Stickle to call on the right-handed Mulhern to relieve his starter, junior righthander Dan Kagey. Mulhern responded by not allowing a run over three innings and striking out the side in the ninth inning with both the tying and winning runs on

base to earn his first save of the year. Kagey got the win for the Generals, pushing his record to 3-1, giving up three runs over six innings. Hanson and sophomore leftfielder Warren Hunter each finished the game with two singles and two runs scored. The two losses dropped Randolph-Macon's record to 3-5, 1-3 ODAC.

The Generals hoped to maintain their momentum heading into Wednesday's game against Bridgewater, who entered the contest tied for first place in the ODAC with a perfect 4-0 record. For the eighth straight game, W&L scored in the first inning, a statistic that has without a doubt contributed to their success.

Hanson led off the inning with a triple and scored on Allain's double. Gladysz followed with a single and Littlehale loaded the bases with a walk for Mulhern who delivered with a two-run double to left. Littlehale scored on an error to round out the scoring. The General's bats would cool off after the explosive start as hard-throwing Eagle starter Todd Lewis settled down and did not allow a run for the rest of the game. But W&L had already done all the damage that they would need.

Junior righthander Michael Wert started the game on the mound for the Generals and pitched solidly, permitting two runs, one earned over five innings, but the team would need its bullpen to finish the job. In a rare relief appearance, Dean was called on in the sixth inning and pitched three scoreless innings. With the game standing at 4-2, Mulhern got the nod to try to earn his second save in a row, coming through to pitch a perfect ninth inning. Wert received the win and improved his record to 3-0. The victory was the Generals first over Bridgewater since the 2000 season.

Stickle attributes the team's hottest stretch in school history to a combination of "good play out of the seniors, solid pitching and timely hitting." Yet, he seems determined not to let the team get too comfortable amid their success, commenting after the Bridgewater game, "It doesn't hurt when you win but you've got to let it go and move on." Clearly, the team has no time to relax as it is in the heart of its conference schedule. The Generals had a doubleheader this past Saturday against Eastern Mennonite before facing Bridgewater once again on the road on Tuesday.

Littlehale Player of the Week, Hanson sets records

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee centerfielder Bobby Littlehale, '03, has been chosen as the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC)

Player of the Week for the week ending March 16, 2003. Littlehale was 6-for-14 on the week, scoring three runs and driving in a team-high of seven.

He also recorded four doubles and one stolen base. In the first game of a doubleheader with Randolph-Macon, Littlehale went 4-for-5 with a Washington and Lee record of four doubles and five RBIs.

Shortstop Michael Hanson, '03,

set another Washington and Lee benchmark in the first game of a double-header with Randolph-Macon. He hit his 38th career double to move ahead of Patrick Hall in the career double category with two doubles in five bats.

Hanson is followed by teammate Bobby Littlehale, who connected for a W&L game record of four doubles in the same game, going

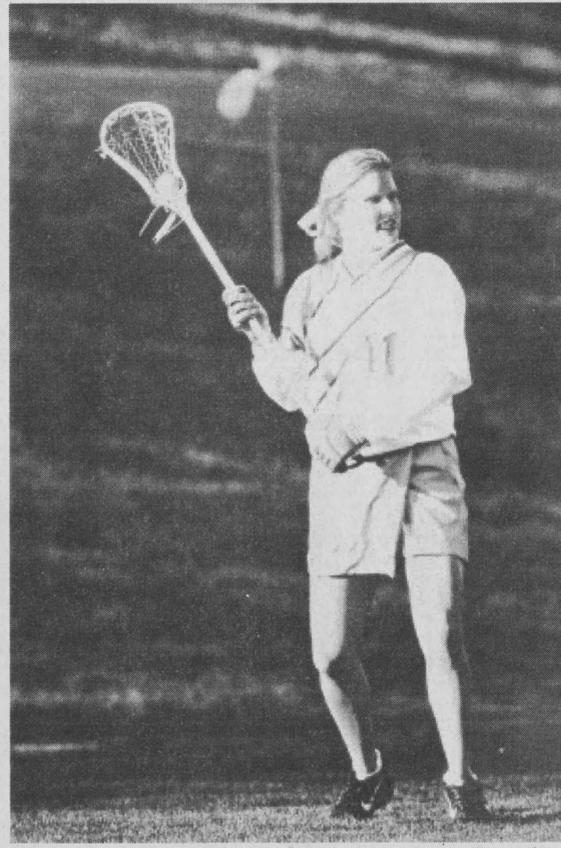
4-5, for a career total of 32 doubles.

Hanson is one RBI away from tying the career RBI mark held by Matt Kozora.

He is also approaching hits and at-bats career marks. Hanson currently holds W&L career marks in stolen bases (44), triples (13) and runs scored (124).



Bobby Littlehale has been chosen ODAC Player of the Week



PASS. Leslie Bogart prepares to pass in Wednesday's game against Hollins.

Women's lacrosse 3-1, undef. in ODAC

BY JOHN HYLAND
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team easily handled ODAC foe Hollins last Wednesday opening up a 10-0 lead just 7:36 into the game, finishing with 18 goals in the first half on 26 shots to take an 18-0 lead. The Generals did not even attempt a shot in the second half, easing to an 18-2 victory.

The team has now won three games in a row after dropping their opening game to fifth ranked St. Mary's 8-4. W&L's record now stands at 3-1, 2-0 ODAC, totally dismantling their two ODAC opponents, Guilford and Hollins, by a combined score of 38-6. The Generals are currently ranked thirteenth in the country.

The barrage of first-half scoring on Wednesday was led by freshman midfielder Katharine Lester, who had four goals. Senior attacker Leslie Bogart chipped in three goals and an assist while junior midfielder Kelly Taffe added three goals. Freshman attackers Laing Humphries and Amanda

Strickler each contributed two goals and an assist.

The Generals defense did not allow a shot in the first half and only four in the second as junior goalie Joanna Perini only had to make one save in the victory. After the loss, Hollins' record fell to 1-5, 1-4 ODAC.

The team seems to be gelling at the right time as it heads into the middle of its schedule. Sophomore defensive midfielder Maggie Speasmaker agrees with this perception, commenting after the game that, "We had problems earlier in the year adjusting to a new offense but the difficulties seemed to have worked themselves out and everything is kind of coming together."

Clearly, anytime a team scores eighteen first half goals, any notion that a team is struggling offensively is erased. There is no question that the Generals faced a much tougher opponent this past Saturday when it traveled to face eighth ranked Mary Washington, a team that it lost to 14-3 last season. It is the first of four straight road games for the Generals.

Kentucky still on run

miscues and advance out of the West.

Sixteen teams are still alive in the NCAA Tournament. Over the

COLLEGE HOOPS
RICHARD MORSE

past four days, forty-eight teams in the NCAA Tournament have seen their seasons come to an end. Tulsa, Central Michigan, and Gonzaga, teams that lived in the national spotlight for four days, are now at home. Players who became famous for a weekend, UNC-Wilmington's John Goldsberry, Gonzaga's Blake Stepp, and freshman Richard Midgley of California, can only watch the rest of the NCAA Tournament. On Thursday night, the remaining sixteen teams will continue their quest for a trip to New Orleans. Here's a preview of all eight games:

Kentucky vs. Wisconsin: Kentucky has not yet been tested in the Tournament, and don't look for Wisconsin to pose much of a threat to the Wildcats. Kentucky is on a mission to meet Arizona in the marquee matchup of the Final Four.

Marquette vs. Pittsburgh: This game has the chance to be one of the best of the weekend. Both of these teams are evenly matched and showcase two of the best guards in the nation, Dwayne Wade and Brandin Knight.

Arizona vs. Notre Dame: Arizona is lucky to still be alive after Saturday night's overtime thriller with Gonzaga. However, every championship team needs to be tested early in the Tournament, and look for Arizona to learn from its

Duke vs. Kansas: This game is the most highly anticipated matchup of the Sweet Sixteen. Two of the nation's best programs will battle for the chance to play Arizona. This game will come down to who can stop the phenomenal offensive weapons that both squads possess.

Texas vs. UConn: Texas will have the homecourt advantage in San Antonio, but UConn has the talent to beat the Horns in their own backyard. Emeka Okafor has the ability to shut down an entire post offense, and Ben Gordon will be able to contain T.J. Ford.

Maryland vs. Michigan St.: The Terrapins are much better than a six seed, and the defending national champions have the talent and experience to advance to New Orleans. However, if Michigan State can out-rebound Maryland, it could pull off its second big upset.

Oklahoma vs. Butler: Butler is the Mid-Major Cinderella of the Sweet Sixteen, but it won't be able to beat Oklahoma. Butler, who had trouble getting the ball up the court against Louisville, will not be able to withstand Oklahoma's defensive pressure on the perimeter.

Syracuse vs. Auburn: Most people didn't think that Auburn even deserved an at-large bid, yet here it is in the Sweet Sixteen. However, if the Tigers are to advance any further, they will have to defeat an extremely talented Syracuse squad in Albany, NY.

Women's tennis wins 4, is now 16-0

BY ALLISON PERRY
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team came out with wins against Eastern Mennonite, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Roanoke, and Mary Washington this past week. The women improved their record to 16-0, 10-0 in the ODAC.

The second ranked Generals shut down Eastern Mennonite 9-0 at home on Tuesday. Eastern Mennonite is 2-3 overall, 1-2 in the ODAC.

Sophomore Marie Trimble led the women with a 6-2, 6-4 win in the No. 1 singles match. Freshman Megan Curran defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot. In the No. 3 singles match, freshman Patty Roberts won her match 6-1, 6-0.

Freshmen Ingrid Easton and Laura Neller both shut down their opponents 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 4 and 5 singles, respectively. Freshman Lauren Peters won by forfeit at No. 6 singles.

In doubles play, Curran and Trimble teamed up to defeat their opponents 8-0 at No. 1. Easton and Roberts also won their match 8-0 at No. 2. Neller and Peters won their match by forfeit at No. 3.

Also on Tuesday, the women defeated Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, 9-0.

Senior captain Laura Bruno easily won her match 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Freshman Laura Mabry played in the No. 2 spot, shutting down her opponent 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Meredith Bailey also won her match at No. 3, 6-0, 6-1. At No. 4, sophomore Lora Farris defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-1. In the No. 5 and 6 singles, junior Emily Taylor and sophomore Kristin Crawford won their matches 6-0, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-1, respectively.

In doubles action, Bruno and Mabry teamed up to shut down their opponents 8-0 at No. 1. Bailey and Farris also defeated their opponents 8-0 in No. 2 doubles.

Crawford and Taylor won their match with an 8-2 victory at No. 3.

On Thursday, the Generals defeated Roanoke at home, 9-0.

Sophomore Lindsay Hagerman led the Generals with a win of 6-1, 6-4 at No. 1 singles. Senior captain Erika Proko knocked off her opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2. In the No. 3 singles match, Trimble defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-1. Easton won with a victory of 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4.

Sophomores Bailey and Catherine Torrey Stroud both shut down their opponents 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 and 6, respectively.

In doubles, the fifth ranked doubles team of Hagerman and Proko easily defeated their opponents 8-0 at No. 1. Easton and Trimble won their match 8-1 at No. 2. At No. 3, Bailey and Stroud teamed up to win their match 8-2.

On Saturday, the Generals defeated Mary Washington, 8-1. Mary Washington is ranked 23rd in the nation and 6th in the Atlantic South.

Hagerman led the women with a win of 6-2, 6-3 over 17th ranked Karli Schneider at No. 1 singles. Hagerman is currently tied for 13th place in the nation.

Bruno defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2. Proko also won her match at No. 3, 6-2, 6-0. Senior Brandi Jane Wedgeworth and Mabry each shut down their opponents 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 and 5 singles, respectively.

Junior Liz Law rounded out the top six with a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

In doubles play, Hagerman and Proko teamed up to win their match 8-3 at No. 1. Bruno and Mabry also defeated their opponents 8-3 at No. 2. Law and Trimble were defeated in their match at No. 3, 8-4.

The Generals are on the road today against Sweet Briar at 4:30 p.m. They do not play again until Friday when they travel to Emory University in Atlanta to play in the Fab 5 tournament.

The Generals will meet up against 1st ranked Emory, 4th ranked Trinity (TX), and 10th ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.