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## Boetsch does not want to be 'lame duck' Provost any more

His impending decision to step down as administrator, resume teaching is unrelated to not being named University President, current school financial crisis

BY JEB BROOKS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Laurent Boetsch announced Friday that he will no longer serve as University Provost. Boetsch, who has served in the newly-created position of Provost since last summer, said, he made the decision to step down months ago, but only recently

announced his decision to the President.

"I did not want to be a lame duck for any longer than (I) have to be," he said. "There were many important decisions coming out of the Provost's office (that would have been negatively impacted by his impending move)."

Boetsch said that he felt no pressure from anyone about the decision.

He said "we made the decision entirely on our own" referring to his wife, Elizabeth. He said that the decision, "certainly" did not have anything to do with not being named President of the University. The office was designed with "no long term commitment," Boetsch said.

With seven years in the administration under his belt, Boetsch will

return to the classroom. He will teach in the Romance Languages department and work closely with the Interdisciplinary and Global Stewardship programs.

University President Thomas Burish expressed his appreciation for Boetsch's contributions. The President said, "(Boetsch has) excelled in every area in which he's been asked to

contribute." Boetsch's move had nothing to do with the school's financial situation, according to the President.

The position of Provost will continue to be filled by Boetsch until the end of the fiscal year. President Burish has asked the faculty to submit nominations for the position by the end of this week. Burish plans to announce his decision by the end of the academic year.

Boetsch will be on a one year leave beginning July 1. During the leave, he hopes to, "retool a little bit" for the classroom. His plans include traveling to Spain and Italy.

Boetsch said that his greatest achievement while in office was being able to hire so many "great people and great teachers."

## Mock Convention Kickoff 'reconfigurates' campus



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ROCK ON, MOCK CON. (Above) Rev. Al Sharpton answers a question in front of the cenotaph of Gen. Robert E. Lee during a press conference in Lee Chapel Thursday. Sharpton admitted that he had probably not swayed any voters during his speech on the Front Lawn immediately preceding the press conference. (Top Right) Approximately 1000

BY ERIN JULIUS AND MARY CHRISTOPHER  
SPORTS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Wednesday saw the first of the 2004 Mock Democratic Convention's official kick-off events. Washington and Lee's College Republicans took on the Young Democrats in a debate over President Bush's original tax cut plan. Each side answered five questions from the audience, the College Republicans making inventive use of colorful charts and graphs. After a fierce debate lasting over an hour, the two faculty moderators, professors John Gunn and Roger Dean declared the College Republicans the winners.

The Reverend Al Sharpton's speech was clearly the highlight of the mock convention's weekend kick-off. Approximately 1000 W&L students lounged on the front lawn Thursday afternoon listening to the Democratic presidential hopeful. Sharpton focused on his platform issues. He had three major points—dealing with terrorism using means other than the military, revamping the criminal justice system to make it more fair and social issues such as healthcare and education programs.

Sharpton made frequent reference to the importance of the electoral process and the need for voters to get involved. "We need to find ways to bring voters into the

electoral process and it will change the dynamics," said Sharpton. He was critical of the voting situation in the US, commenting on the "Civil war-type machinery for voting" versus the up-to-date system for giving out parking tickets.

He also criticized the Democratic party for being "cheap imitations" of the Republicans. "Democratic nominees must stand for something, go outside the box and bring people in," he said.

Sharpton's goal concerning party politics is to overhaul the Democratic party. "It is time to reconfigure what we're gonna do with the Democratic arrangement," regarding labor and African-Americans.

Sharpton also criticized many of President Bush's policies. "Bush is the biggest deficit spender in the history of the US and we are not challenging that," he said.

In reference to the occupation of Iraq, "what about the 50 states we already occupy?" Sharpton asked.

After his speech, Sharpton visited Robert E. Lee's grave and noted that he did not think he had swayed

any W&L voters with his speech. Morris disagreed, saying that he, "could see a lot of heads nodding" during Sharpton's speech and explaining that there is a connection between the left wing of the Democratic party and the right wing of the Republican party—both are very much in opposition to mainstream Democrats.

Political operative Dick Morris paved the way for Sharpton's speech. He started off by discussing the three ways to run for office. You either run to win, advance your career or raise important views and issues that need national attention. He remarked that politics was, "assuming leverage for what you believe."

He commented on a variety of candidates including Joe Lieberman, John Edwards, John Kerry and Dick Gephardt, and each's ability to win the democratic nomination. One interesting remark he made pertained to Edwards whom he felt, "slit his own throat" through his fund-raising. Edwards has raised seven million for his campaign from plaintiff law firms. Paralegals at these

In reference to the occupation of Iraq, "What about the 50 states we already occupy?"

THE REV. DR. AL SHARPTON

## Turnout successful for Cystic Fibrosis ball

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER  
STAFF WRITER

"Swipe it home." "Please just purchase one ticket." "This is the last thing I will make you buy." "It will be lots of fun we promise." "Tell all your friends;" these are just some of the things you may have heard when walking by the Coop this past week. The W & L community realized the importance of the Cystic Fibrosis Charity Ball and did the best they could to contribute.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetically acquired disease that shortens one's life span significantly. It is a multi-system disease that affects the lungs and digestive systems. As the patients age increases so does the severity of the problems. With this knowledge, many students felt the need to contribute to the fight against this life-terminating disease by attending the fund raising ball.

Due to the overabundance of activities this weekend, it was difficult to obtain a large attendance, but the turnout was still good. People came dressed in all sorts of attire from black tie, to suits, to khakis. The music was outstanding, the food was great, and the enthusiasm was high! Freshman Will Kahn said, "it was such a great opportunity; it is not often at W & L, that you find yourself swing dancing with an orchestra while sipping punch, not spiked, from a crystal glass." In addition to a variety of students there was also a large showing of faculty members present. It was greater to watch the "older members" at the ball break out their dancing shoes.

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY



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SO LONG, LAW KIDS. Dean of the Law School David Partlett spoke to a packed Doremus gymnasium Sunday afternoon during Law School Commencement. The threat of rain pushed the ceremony inside.

## Service day declared a success

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, May 10 marked the fifth annual Nabors Service Day. Approximately 200 students and faculty participated in 13 projects in Rockbridge County. "I was nervous about not getting enough students because of Jonathon (Nabors's) class graduating last year. Today's turnout proved we can continue to make Nabors Service Day a success," said co-chair Ashley Thompson.

Dean Thomas Williams, Pam Burish and seven other faculty members worked alongside the students. Professor Harlan Beckley also felt that the day was a success being that this is the first year that Nabors's class is gone. Nabors died in a car wreck his freshman year, and his classmates designed Nabors Service League and Nabors Service Day in honor of him. Ashley Thompson was impressed with the faculty that showed up for Nabors, but was disappointed with the faculty and administration as a whole. Nine is an improvement from last year, but one of next year's goals is to get each of the department heads or at least one member of each department to participate.

This year's service day included thirteen events for students to choose from in addition to the Relay for Life conducted last Friday. The events included a pharmacy inventory at the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, loading and taking large chunks of cement to a local dumpsite for the Rockbridge Area Community Ser-

vices, help setting up new playground equipment and cleaning for Project Horizon, a car wash to benefit the Rockbridge Area Transportation System, spreading woodchips on a playground for Yellow Brick Road, lawn seeding and minor landscaping at habitat houses in Buena Vista and Glasgow for Habitat for Humanity, putting up flyers for Habitat, painting a mural at the Youth Center at Trinity Methodist Church, Gardening at Lexington Day School, a car wash for Relay for Life, walking dogs for SPCA, pruning and flower arranging at Boxerwoods, and a project at the Mayflower.

The staff at Project Horizon was especially impressed with the students and their excitement to volunteer. Students throughout the day expressed that they were having a great time. Freshman Katie Van Veen said, "In high school, I was very active in volunteerism. Since I have been in Lexington, I have not had the opportunity to participate in many activities. I was really glad to be getting back into serving the community."

The first McLoughlin Awards were presented at the beginning of Saturday's festivities. Junior Kate Talbert and sophomore Patrick Hastings both received the award. The award is named in honor of Stacy McLoughlin '02, the founder of Nabors Service Day and Nabors Service League.

Nabors's father, who attended the event, commented on the success of the day. "I was thrilled with the way the day went." Thanks to the dedicated students of Washington and Lee, the fifth annual Nabors Service Day proved to be a major achievement with a new generation of Washington and Lee students.

THE RING-TUM PHI  
STAFF EDITORIAL

Get your gossip from the Phi

Who doesn't love a little gossip? Especially at our clique-centric Dubyuhnell High?

Starting this week, the Phi will be publishing a gossip column, entitled "Page 6," patterned after our favorite gossip columnist, the *New York Post's* Liz Smith. Our own New Yorker, Kate Guy, will be dishing out the dirt on W&L's hots and nots. She'll scour the campus for the insider nuggets of news about who was seen with whom and what happened where. Read it every week to check up on your friends, enemies and crushes.

Whom did Erin Julius hook up with? What did Donna Brazile think about Old South? Which editor walked home from Downfall Saturday morning? "Page 6" will tell all!

But we can't keep up on the campus clamor all alone, so e-mail your gossip to phi@wlu.edu.



By Kate Guy '04

Associate Editor **Jeb! Brooks** overstayed his welcome at *Downfall* and was resigned to walking home early Saturday morning. We hear the LexPo was on his trail as he waded through the Maury.

Attention! Sports Editrix **Erin Julius** spent Saturday night increasing the morale of a certain Keydet.

Bathtub Gin?!? Prohibition may be back in MetroLex because Arts & Life Editor **Kate Guy's** handle of vodka ended up in the shower stall at 216 N. Randolph, home of the award-winning Absolut Fratlord, **Tim Smith**.

Dirty love. Editor in chief **Katie Howell** spent the week in knee-deep mud on a rock star geology trip. Some say waders resemble hooker boots.

Pythagoras? Rumor has it Opinions Editor **Brett T. Kirwan** is involved in a bizarre multi-racial love quadrangle with **JD, LD** and **Alice Steinbach**.

Finally, we hear Business Manager **Thomas "Tommy Baby" Worthy** is smitten with **Donna Brazile**.

Quote of the Week

"What's that?!?"

~Democratic consultant **Donna Brazile**, upon seeing the KA Old South Formal

Why does Marinda Harrell hate me?

Never before have I commented directly on another column, let alone one written in *The Trident*, but Marinda Harrell's piece, "Sharpton's ideas breathe truth," (May 7) left me absolutely bewildered at the source of her irrational, hysterical hatred for America and all non-blacks. Having lived an admittedly insular life, but considering myself relatively well-informed and free from any racial animus, her attacks on America, W&L and "non-blacks" struck me as hyperbolic and inflammatory.

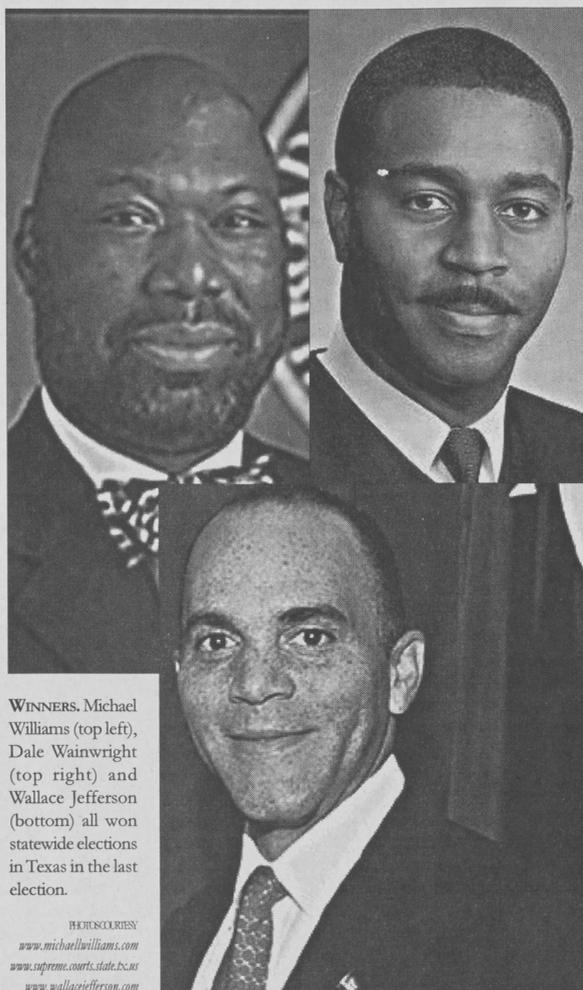
Harrell began, fairly enough, by praising Rev. Al Sharpton for being a courageous leader who is unafraid to fight for blacks. Intelligent people can fairly disagree on the Reverend. While some may see him as standing up for the rights of the downtrodden, I think he can be more accurately characterized as an ill-informed, relentless self-promoter whose good humor and jovial manner have endeared him to both whites and blacks, but cannot obscure his tainted past of inciting riots and divisive politics. Others, like Donna Brazile, see him as a troublesome gadfly who is using the Democratic Party for his own gain and threatens the work she has done.

Nonetheless, everyone who attended his speech on Thursday would agree that he was an entertaining and captivating speaker and forthrightly raised many issues that other Democratic candidates would be hesitant to discuss.

In her third paragraph, though, Harrell changes from angrily defending a man she admires to inexplicably attacking America and W&L. She accuses the entire nation of being "racist, sexist and homophobic" and goes on to complain that blacks working with whites to pursue "the cause against racism" "must compromise (their) intellectual outrage" because working with whites requires one to "rationalize the greater U.S. community as non-racist and normal."

For starters, these charges are an outrageous, twisted understanding of America and a gross insult to every "non-black" student at W&L. Labeling me (and all of America) as "racist, sexist and homophobic" is the worst kind of easy ad hominem insult and is different in no measurable way from me describing every black American as lazy, stupid and thieving.

In addition, her charge that cooperation with "non-blacks" is deluded fraternization with the enemy is wicked denigration of everyone, white and black, who has ever worked for racial harmony, civil rights and true equality before the law. One immediately wonders what are Harrell's thoughts on the Civil Rights Act, which was passed by an almost entirely white male Congress and championed by a white, male Texan (!) president.



WINNERS. Michael Williams (top left), Dale Wainwright (top right) and Wallace Jefferson (bottom) all won statewide elections in Texas in the last election.

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Harrell goes on to bemoan the W&L black community's inability to "get out of the white normative gaze" and her inability "to participate in (the world) equally." Of course, one should always make an effort to understand the viewpoints of others, but everyone will necessarily view the world from his own unique perspective. My views, and those of the vast majority on campus, are indeed shaped by our upbringing as whites in a white-majority nation, but for Harrell to blame "the issues that plague the black community" on the rearing of the white students is to erect a straw man that can be easily blamed.

As for her "inability to participate in (the world) equally," racism and discrimination are decreasing daily. Our generation, especially, which has grown up in a nation entirely free from Jim Crow laws and lynch mobs, represents a new opportunity to discard the prejudices of the past and no longer assume that every white is racist. Racism in America is often perpetuated by "civil rights" leaders like the Reverends Shapton and Jackson whose liveli-

hoods depend on always being able to find new causes about which to lead marches and hold demonstrations. For example, Jackson recently shook-down NASCAR demanding that there be more black drivers. Could it that black youths prefer playing basketball and football rather than institutionalized racism at NASCAR?

The visits by Sharpton and Brazile this weekend were not a time to dwell on the mistakes of the past, but to recognize the opportunity and success that America offers to people of all colors. George Will recently wrote a column recording the electoral success of blacks in the last cycle. In Texas, for example, three blacks were simultaneously elected to statewide positions for the first time ever in any state. All are Republicans.

Harrell, Sharpton and others who focus on and believe in a hateful, negative America create their own racist dream worlds which are distorted magnifications of perceived slights. America is not a "racist, sexist, homophobic" nation, but the freest, most accepting and most dynamic in the history of mankind. Harrell needs to erase her own hate and embrace America for what it truly is.

Iraqi reconstruction makes progress in UN

Last Friday, the UN Security Council met to receive a first viewing of the post-war Iraq plan drafted by the United States, Great Britain, and Spain. All 15 Security Council members were represented at the meetings, including noted anti-war powers France, Russia, and Germany.

A surprising facet of this first introduction to the UN proposal was the encouraging cooperative attitude that prevailed. Though Russian delegate Sergey Lavrov said he had a "long list of questions" about the proposal, the mood of the Security Council was surprisingly positive. "The atmosphere was very constructive," said John Negroponte, the U.S. ambassador.

Surprising for a group of powers who argued bitterly and stubbornly prior to the war? Certainly. But what makes this proposal so "constructive" is the plain common sense and fairness that pervades it. All of its facets are aimed at rebuilding Iraq in the economic, political, and humanitarian sectors. A few of the proposal's provisions include establishing the U.S. and the United Kingdom as the "occupying powers" of Iraq, giving them limited control over establishment of an Iraqi government, and, more importantly, making those two nations responsible for upholding the UN's basic charter of human rights within Iraq's borders. The two powers would not be able to act unilaterally in establishing the new government, instead the UN would have considerable influence in setting up a new administration as well. Other UN institutions, such as the World Health Organization and the World Bank, would move in as well to reestablish Iraqi basic infrastructure. Additionally, the UN, under the proposal, would seize the assets of former Hussein regime leaders, putting the money into humanitarianism.

Not surprisingly, the most tricky facets of the proposal are those dealing with oil. The proposal calls for a free Iraqi oil market, with the revenues from oil sales going directly into a humanitarian and reconstruction fund to be established by the occupying powers (rather than going straight into their treasuries, a move which the Bush administration pondered, but eventually dismissed as too unfair in the U.S.'s favor). While putting the sales revenue into reconstruction is not controversial, a completely free Iraqi oil market benefits the world's industrialized powers, most notably the United States. While U.S. demands for access to Iraqi oil should come as no surprise to anyone, at least we see that the Bush and Blair administrations are willing to open up the market rather than arrange some sort of exclusive export system.

More controversially, the proposal calls for a four month phase-out of the oil-for-food program that had been present from the end of the First Gulf War. This step could be problematic because many European powers, including most prominently France and Russia, had pre-existing contracts with the Hussein regime under the oil-for-food program. Whether or not those contractual obligations will be paid off by the occupying powers, the future Iraqi democratic government, or at all is in doubt, and may cause a considerable snag in this proposal's acceptance.

Nevertheless, the proposal overall is very much the program that needs to be put in place to begin the recovery of Iraq. It's not entirely an idealist's paradise, what with the oil shenanigans, but it will do much towards accomplishing the stated goals of the war. If it also accomplishes those unstated goals related to oil, that is acceptable if it also accomplishes positive results in Iraq. France, Russia, Germany, and the citizens of the United States seem to understand that.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE  
BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Letter to the Editor

Hodges defends Spring Term

Dear Editor,

The six-week term exists because it offers unique opportunities for learning. It allows us to teach classes off campus and anywhere on the planet. For some subjects, especially the languages and some sciences (e.g., geology taught in the Grand Canyon, or biology studied in the Galapagos), location makes a vast difference in learning opportunities. Studying Russian in Moscow rather than in Lexington is to live Russia, not merely to learn about Russia.

Second, because students can devote full time to one course of study only, they can be totally absorbed in one subject for a significant period of time. The study is intense and it allows exploration in greater depth and breadth than is usually possible in the ordinary run of things.

Those educational advantages are not available in any of the three calendars the Administration has asked us to consider: 1) 12-12-6 with students required to enroll in two courses: You cannot study French in Paris if you must be in Lexington to study accounting. [Incidentally, that could be

fixed if we were to award six credits for all courses taught outside Lexington. In fact, in 1973 I did just that for a Spring Term course in medical ethics.] 2) 13-13-4 might be educationally sound, provided students enroll in only one course during the four weeks. The problem is that when we take into account time for preparation, travel, and acclimation to a new environment, actual time living and working off campus is severely limited. 3) 14-14 eliminates all special learning opportunities afforded by the short term. Furthermore, it cheats every student out of two weeks of instruction each year. Why do we need to do that? That "other schools are doing it" is not sufficient reason.

The main rationale for this cut seems to be to help in recruitment of faculty by reducing teaching loads and allowing more time for faculty research. It is said that we are having difficulty attracting "the best people" to Washington and Lee (which must be a real morale downer for faculty appointed within the last ten years or so). My thought is that the "best people" for this University are those whose primary commitment is to teaching, and whose research is designed chiefly to strengthen teaching, not

to promoting the career of researchers. I weep over the prospect that we could go from being a first rate teaching institution to being a third-rate research institution.

I conclude, therefore, that none of the three calendars is acceptable for Washington and Lee, unless we retain the six-week term, require students to take only one course if they study off campus, and award six credits to those who use the term advantageously.

Finally, there are those who link the calendar question to the reduction of faculty teaching loads from seven to six courses per year. No one has explained that linkage to my satisfaction, a fact I am willing to admit may be merely another reflection of my own mental density. In truth, of course, promise of such a reduction in "load" is fraudulent because it has been determined already that we will not appoint additional faculty. Unless we shrink curricular offerings by one-seventh, individual faculty teaching loads will actually remain the same because class sizes will increase by one-seventh.

Sincerely,  
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TALKBACK: What would Gen. Lee say about Rev. Sharpton's visit?

By Cody Gabbard

"This is no time to criticize the president." -Brooke Sanden '06	"He's a perfect gentleman and should be president of the school" -Chris Kimmel '06	"What the @#*\$%?" -Kasee Sparks '06	"Nice do." -Tim Blair '06	"Who's Al Sharpton?" -Catherine Camilletti '06

## Welcome to Washington & Lee High

Some high school graduates go to colleges that are close to home. Some try to go as far away as possible. No matter where they end up, most high school graduates hope that college will provide a fresh start, a new experience, and an escape from high school.

At W&L, we know this dream is one that can never be realized.

We know what a fantastic school this is, with its academic merit and its pristine beauty and the opportunities it gives us. But we also know that socially, W&L is nothing more than a high school after high school.

W&L's small size has its advantages. We, of course, are very familiar with those academic advantages. These include, but are certainly not limited to, small class size, a favorable faculty-student ratio, and countless other factors.

Other than these issues and the others that we have all read in brochures, the small size also gives that small-town feeling of comfort. You never have to look far to find someone you know, or at least find someone that you recognize. And though you may not always like or understand everyone around you, at least it's better than being trapped and lonely in a sea of strange and unfamiliar faces.

Then of course, there are those not-so-nice aspects of high school that rear their ugly heads in Lexington. Consider cliques. In high school, whether it be private or public, so much of our identities are formed by the cliques in which we claimed membership.

Like or not, this simply does not end with graduation from high school. Seriously – more than a few students would agree that the Greek system

is just one big group of cliques on steroids. Now don't get me wrong. I love the W&L Greek system as much as the next frat lord. But to suggest that fraternities and sororities aren't, on one level or another, a form of cliques is to fall into folly.

The obvious disadvantage of the tight-knit society of a small school is the rampant gossip and the mercilessness that has often been known to accompany it. Ironically, the school now enforces a three-strike system when it comes to alcohol or substance infractions. But in the school's social setting, three-strikes would be a godsend – we could never be so nice. Often all it takes is one mistake, one moment of poor judgment, one night of too much alcohol, or one wrong selection of friends for a reputation to find itself in the W&L 'doghouse.'

**Φ** ABSOLUTE FRATLORD  
TIM SMITH '04

WE KNOW WHAT A FANTASTIC SCHOOL THIS IS, WITH ITS ACADEMIC MERIT AND ITS PRISTINE BEAUTY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES IT GIVES US. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT SOCIALLY, W&L IS NOTHING MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Recent events have made me realize how ridiculous this atmosphere can be. We all do stupid stuff. Maybe we're just looking for a scapegoat to take our minds off our own faults and project them on someone else. Why not? Why not use the social faux pas of our peers to persuade ourselves of our own perfection. Is that not the high school thing to do?

College is supposed to be a fun time in our lives. A time of indiscretion. A time of reckless abandon. But to all you W&L students – BEWARE.

If you choose to do something fun or reckless or silly or just plain dumb while in Lexington, be prepared to be everyone's punching bag.

In big state schools, you would be fine. You wouldn't have to worry about having your reputation burned at the stake.

But you came to Washington & Lee High School, and it's a price that, at times, we all have to pay.

## Make Ariel 'part of your world'

*I want to write poetry on human parchment. Take quill, and scratch word on stomach skin...* (Tim Zink, Fall Ariel '98)

*The divine voice of a trill floats on candlelight and moonbeams like a nightingale's distant hymn...* (Michael Healey, Spring Ariel '98)

*A responsible scholarly man, who hasn't done that shit years, reminisces sitting around the coffee table with comrades late in the evening...* (Whit Morriss, Fall Ariel '99)

*The moon jumped over the blue ridge the other day. shot a Wise Man in the arm And landed in the third pew of Holy Union Church and just sat there. waiting for Revival* (Dan Birdwhistell Fall Ariel '99)

I open groupwise and scroll down to the only email with an interesting title - "ariel" from John Melillo. "Ariel." When I hear the name, I think of one of two things: the whimsical character from *The Tempest*, or that little mermaid whose voice had been exchanged for the hope of true love. Had I not read the Shakespearean play my senior year of high school, I would probably still think of the Disney cartoon. However, I find it highly unlikely that the school's only literary arts magazine would name itself after a Disney cartoon character. But then again, you never know. She was quite poetic, after all.

Shakespeare's character, from what I remember, was an interesting 'thing.' It wasn't a person or an actual physical figure – none of the other characters even knew that it existed, except for the reader and Prospero. And it didn't walk or run or creep around Gollum-like – did it fly? Maybe – it seemed to disappear and reappear, like a ghost or spirit from 'the other world.' I remember my teacher taking a very psychological approach to the character, arguing that Ariel was only an aspect of Prospero's mind, an imaginary figure he had invented, probably to keep himself company while on the island. But that was the approach he always took towards the creative-side of the class – very analytical with a logical explanation for everything. He was a dud and his class was boring anyway.

As for the "Ariel" literary arts magazine, it represents just about everything but logic. The poems and short stories are as boundless as our own creative minds. The poems are expressions of the imaginative side of humanity. The poetry found in the *Ariel* emphasizes that sometimes, there is no rational explanation for certain aspects of human life...and that this illogical, irrational, unscientific side of our existence is something that should be recognized and celebrated.

The purpose of these papers, essays, and presentations is to design logical and reasonable answers to issues and problems – thus, freedom of expression is lost somewhere between the reality of application and the need

for objectivity in creating justice. However, education should not be limited to such objectivity and should never seek to subdue these aspects of humanity, mainly because life itself is not solely objective.

The *Ariel* is the outlet, the escape from the logical and analytical side of education. Its primary purpose is to provide a means of thinking artistically and creatively, while exercising full freedom of expression. And indeed, if you have read poems from the *Ariel*, you know that this student publication falls on the more liberal side of W&L. The student poems in this publication of the *Ariel* are nothing short of creative, illogical, and brilliant, as well as the artwork and photography. The magazine will be ready by the end of this week, making its grand appearance at various sites around campus (like the Dhall, Coop/Bookstore, and University Center). Pick one up and explore the 'rapture.'

I conclude with a preview of the winter 2003 *Ariel* from a poem titled "Lucian Freud Speaks:" *Cerith's unblinking confidence begins my work but as dawn becomes noon, aura leaves the room and paint becomes flesh. Swollen hips below heavy breasts twist from folded thighs to include the underside of her sunken stomach, not for accuracy but because of light and interest. Awkward anatomy excludes nature, leisure, and thin paint. What Rodin did in three dimensions I want in two: blond girl on a bed, sculpture on linen.*

**Φ** ON THE ARTS  
LAURA LEIGH BIRDWELL '03

## Mock Con bands succeed despite inclement weather

BY MEGAN MORGAN  
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

On Saturday, May 10th, Washington and Lee students celebrated the last day of the 24th Mock Convention Spring Kickoff by heading to the Lime Kiln Amphitheatre. Here, they heard The North Mississippi Allstars and The Lost Trailers perform on a large concert. The Kickoff, which began on May 8th with speeches by Al Sharpton and Dick Morris, is the first official event of the 2004 Democratic Mock Convention. In spite of the rain, many students still turned out. Some arrived as early as noon in order to cookout and tailgate in the parking lot in front of the Amphitheatre before the concert.

The Lost Trailers performed first, starting at 5:30 p.m. The band, which was first formed at Vanderbilt University in 2000, is a four piece rock band whose members include the guitarist and vocalist Geoffrey Stokes Nielson, Ryder Lee on the keys and vocals, Tom Lord on drums, and Casey Childress on bass. The band is based in the Southeast with a style of music influenced by bands such as The Beatles, Allman Brothers and the Eagles. They played a wide selection of songs at the concert, many from their two compact discs "The Lost Trailers" and the most recent release "The Rock Band".

The Lost Trailers were followed by the North Mississippi Allstars, also a Southern rock band, which combines Delta blues with sixties rock. Its members include guitarist and singer Luther Dickinson, bassist Chris Chew, pianist and singer Cody Dickinson and drummer R.L. Burnside. The Dickinson brothers, whose father was



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ROCK ON, MOCK CON! The North Mississippi Allstars received glowing reviews from the students who attended the show.

one of the most prominent producers in Memphis, began performing at an early age and added Chris Chew when they saw him perform at their high school homecoming dance. Burnside joined the group in 2001.

They have released three compact discs, the first being "Shake Hands with Shorty" in 2000 which was followed by "51 Phantom" in 2001 both of which received Grammy

nominations. Recently, they released a new c.d. entitled "Polaris", which they see as a culmination of their previous works. "The first records were building blocks; we've been thinking and talking about Polaris since 1999. We were on a three-record plan and we always knew that number three would be our most ambitious album."

This new album and the bands in general seemed to go over well here at

Washington and Lee. Freshman Steven Marinos says of his experience "Despite the weather, I still had a really good time. I'd heard of the North Mississippi Allstars before. They used to play shows in Memphis all the time. It was really cool to get the chance to see them here in Lexington."

Amongst other concert-goers, this seems to be the general consensus.

### A notice from The Executive Committee of THE STUDENT BODY

April 3, 2003

A member of the Student Body withdrew after being found guilty of an Honor Violation. The student took another's work from the Internet and submitted it as his/her own for a Philosophy paper. The student's paper contained multiple passages that matched or closely paraphrased passages from multiple Internet sites. The student did not cite or otherwise attribute this work to anyone other than himself/herself.

In defense, the student stated that he/she accidentally turned in a "rough draft" that did not contain citations. At the closed hearing, the student also produced a "final paper," which contained citations. The student stated that he/she had intended to submit this "final paper." To support this contention, the student produced evidence from his/her personal computer that appeared to show that both the "rough draft" and "final paper" were last modified on the paper's due date, and at a time just before the paper was due.

The Executive Committee found, however, by conclusive and credible evidence and testimony that the date and time function on the student's personal computer had been affirmatively modified two days after he/she was formally charged with an Honor Violation. This modification changed the computer's date and time from March 23, 2003, back to the paper's due date, and a time just before the paper was due. This fact, coupled with other evidence concerning the matter, led the Committee to conclude that the "final paper," which contained citations, had actually been created many weeks after the final paper was due, and subsequent to the student being charged with an Honor Violation. Thus, the Committee found that the student had intentionally submitted another's work from the Internet as his/her own.

\*Note that this Honor Posting is significantly more detailed than past Honor Postings. The Executive Committee's decision to include more detail is not related to the facts of this matter, but rather reflects a desire to accommodate the Student Body's request to see more detailed Postings.

Thank you,

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## W&L University Soft Squash Tournament

WHEN: 6-9 PM on May 19, 21, 22 in room 416 of the Warner Center

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To enter fill out entry form found outside Coach Lyles' Office

**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 16 - 5:00 PM**

Questions or Comments can be directed to Greg Michaels or Coach Lyles

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# Women's LAX lose 12-7



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

LAX ATTACK. Senior attacker Leslie Bogart goes for the goal during a game earlier this season.

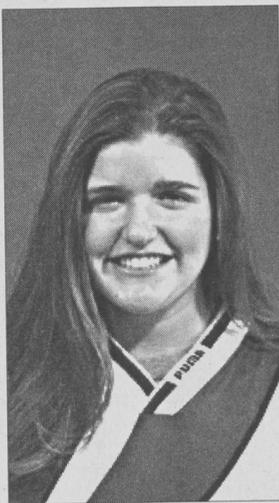
BY DONNY BANKS

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's women's lacrosse team fell to Mary Washington, 12-7, in the NCAAAs, held in Ewing, New Jersey. At-

tacker Leslie Bogart, '03, scored three goals, tying the school career scoring record of 230 points. Lisa Dowling had set the record in the 1993 season.

Bogart ends her W&L lacrosse career with 94 goals. She also holds



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the school record in assists, recording 136 during her playing time at W&L.

Bogart opened the scoring in Saturday's game, getting one in with 21:42 left in the first half. Mary Washington then got in four straight goals, for an easy 4-1 lead. The Generals then scored twice more to trail 4-3 before the Eagles got in a series of five goals to take a commanding 9-3 lead with about 25 minutes left in the game.

In addition to Bogart's phenomenal scoring, attacker Kelly Taffe, '04 recorded two goals while Katharine Lester and Lee Wheeler each recorded one.

Natalya Hoobchaak, Sarah Janowitz and Taffe each recorded an assist. Joanna Perini made nine saves in goal.

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COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Washington and Lee's women's tennis player, Erika Proko, '03, has been awarded the ITA/Arthur Ashe Leadership & Sportsmanship Award for the Atlantic South region. Proko was one of four players from various NCAA regions to win the award. The national winner will be announced by the ITA next week. Proko has been named All-American three times and is ranked No. 1 in doubles and No. 9 in singles in the latest Division III rankings. She has recorded a 22-3 overall record in singles and a 28-1 record in doubles. Washington and Lee will resume play in the NCAA Division III Quarterfinals on May 14 at the University of the Redlands.

## Three golfers named to All-ODAC team

BY DONNY BANKS

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Three Washington and Lee golfers were recently named to the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference team. Senior captain Chip Campbell and sophomore Ged Johnson both placed on the first team, while freshman Tom Borda made the second team.

"I'm extremely pleased to receive the All-ODAC Second Team award, especially as a freshman," remarked Borda. "Hopefully, I can improve on that in the years to come."

Campbell, Geddes, and Borda all played 18 rounds

this year, averaging 75.4, 76.4, and 77.9 strokes per round, respectively. This marked Campbell's second straight selection to the first team.

The Generals enjoyed a strong season and finished third at the ODAC Championship on April 21st and 22nd. Despite an impressive showing and a ranking of 20th in the nation by Golf Stat, the team did not receive an at-large bid to play in the Division III National Championships from May 12th to 15th in Delaware, Ohio. Campbell, however, will participate in the individual competition at the tournament.



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"The team played pretty well in the fall season but struggled towards the end of the spring season," Borda added. "I'm disappointed that we didn't qualify for the national tournament, which was our goal the entire year, but it's great that Chip Campbell will compete there as an individual and represent the team".

Although the team's run may have ended prematurely this season, the Generals will expect a strong season next year. For now, they are merely wishing Campbell the best as he departs for Ohio. After graduation, Campbell hopes to pursue a career as a professional golfer

## Baseballers receive individual honors

BY JOHN HYLAND

SPORTS WRITER

The W&L baseball team's incredible season, in which they compiled a 28-8 overall record, was rewarded last Wednesday when the ODAC released its conference all-stars. Eight Generals received recognition as well as Manager Jeff Stickle, who was named ODAC coach of the year for the third time.

Senior shortstop Michael Hanson capped off a tremendous career by being named to his fourth straight all-ODAC team. This season, he also became the first W&L baseball player ever to be named ODAC player of the year. In addition to playing arguably the most important position in the field, Hanson hit .371 with 5 home runs and 23 RBIs. He scored a school record 46 runs and also led the team with 3 triples and 14 stolen bases. Hanson has left his mark on the W&L all-time record book. He is currently the school's all-time leader in games played (136), at-bats (519), hits (187), runs (148), doubles (43), triples (13) and stolen bases (51). He has hit .360 with 18 home runs and 83 RBIs for his career.

Hanson was joined on the first team by his fellow senior co-captains, first baseman Brian Gladysz and

centerfielder Bobby Littlehale. Gladysz finished the year with a .358 average, 4 home runs, 33 RBIs and 33 runs scored. He also drew a school record 31 walks. In addition to being a stellar defensive outfielder, Littlehale hit .362 with a home run, 23 RBIs and 27 runs scored.

Joining these three seniors on the first team were juniors Bryan Mulhern and Peter Dean and sophomore Zach Bausch. Mulhern was primarily a catcher but also saw time in the outfield and as a pitcher. He led the team in several offensive categories, batting .392 with 6 home runs and 48 RBIs. On the mound, he appeared in 10 games, finishing with a 3-1 record and a 2.29 ERA. Bausch played some catcher and saw extensive time as a designated hitter, batting .356 with 4 home runs, 30 RBIs and a team leading 15 doubles.

Dean was the ace of the Generals pitching staff. He appeared in 14 games, starting 12, compiling an 8-2 record and 1.67 ERA. He led the team in wins, innings pitched (80.2), complete games (6), shutouts (2) and strikeouts (73). He is currently the Generals all time leader in ERA

(2.14) and his 20 career wins leaves him just three shy of the school's all time record. In addition to being named first-team all-ODAC, Dean was named to the first team Verizon Academic All-District College Division Baseball team for his work in the classroom as a pre-med major with a 3.61 grade point average. The team includes players from small colleges throughout the south.

Juniors Austin Allain and Dan Kagey were named to the All-ODAC second team. Allain, a slick fielding second baseman, hit .289 with a home run, 31 RBIs and 36 runs scored. Kagey pitched in 12 games for the Generals, starting 11. He posted a 7-3 record and 3.05 ERA. He finished second on the team in innings pitched (73.2) and strikeouts (68), behind Dean. He also played some outfield, batting .274 with 10 RBIs and 26 runs



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scored. The Generals hope their remarkable season will continue with an at-large bid to the Division III tournament. The selections will be released the night of May 11.

## Six LAX players selected for All-ODAC honors

BY DONNY BANKS

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's lacrosse teams, although ending on losses, finished the season auspiciously enough with six players selected to All-ODAC honors.

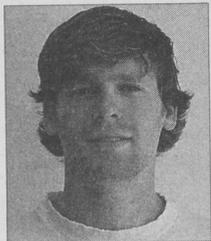
For the men, junior defenseman Lawson Grumbine, junior midfielder Dustin Martin, junior goalie Ansel Sanders, and senior defenseman Noah Weber, were all named to the first team. Senior defenseman Matt Connors was placed on the second team, and senior midfielder Tommy Melanson and sophomore attackman Gavin Molinelli received honorable mentions.

Grumbine and Weber, who started all 13 games this season, earned the honor

with just a 5.85 goals per game average. Martin reached the mark with 21 goals and 8 assists on the season. Sanders, who got second team a year ago, had a

.612 save percentage and 5.85 goals against average, fourth best in Division III. It was all four's first time on the first team.

Connors, who saw first team honors last year, was a solid force for the W&L defense. Melanson, who notched 8 goals



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and one assist and won 57.7 percent of his faceoffs, and Molinelli, who recorded 15 goals and 12 assists, both certainly met expectations.

For the Women, senior defender Sarah Janowitz was named ODAC Player of the Year and a first team selection. Junior attacker Kelly Taffe, junior goaltender Joanna Perini, and sophomore midfielder Kitt Murphy all were selected to the first team, while senior attacker Leslie Bogart got second team honors, and junior midfielder Lee Wheeler was an honorable mention.

This marked Janowitz's third straight selection to an all conference team. This year, she caused 14 turnovers, had 65 groundballs, while keeping the opponents in check with only 6.53 goals a game.

Perini, who got an honorable mention last year, earned first team with a save percentage of .545. Taffe, second team honoree last year, led the Generals with 55 goals and 17 assists. Murphy reached the mark with 14 goals and 3 assists and had 50 ground balls and 19 forced turnovers.

Second teamer Bogart, after recording setting a team record with 43 assists this season, stands as W&L's all time assist leader with 136 to her name. Wheeler, who made the first team in 2001, had 34 goals and 13 assists.

Not surprisingly considering the accolades she produces in her players, Head Coach Jan Hathorn received the title of ODAC Coach of the Year. Hathorn has been at the school for 15 years, and this is the 5th time she has been bestowed with the conference honor.



### Fotinos wins Udall scholarship

Washington and Lee junior Andrew Fotinos has received the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. He is one of 80 undergraduates in the country to receive this honor.

Fotinos, who is participating in the Environmental Studies Program will also be the manager of the Outing Club House next year and is also a member of the cross country team.

Last summer, Fotinos worked in an internship with the Nature Conservancy. He lived in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho and worked with a program designed to educate local ranchers about conservation. The program's goal is to reduce development and fragmentation of crucial wildlife habitats in a migration corridor area adjacent to Targhee and Yellowstone National Park.

After graduation, Fotinos plans to pursue a graduate degree in public policy and hopes one day to have a career in local government because he hopes to advocate for a sound and sustainable land resource policy.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation awards scholarships of up to \$5000 to college juniors and seniors pursuing studies in fields related to the environment. The foundation was established in 1992 and is an agency associated with the executive branch whose board members are appointed by the President and approved by the Senate.

### Pulitzer Prize-winner McWhorter to speak

Dianne McWhorter, winner of last year's Pulitzer Prize in nonfiction for her book on Birmingham and the Civil Rights movement, is coming to campus this week as a guest of W&L's Fishback Program for Visiting Writers. She will be working with students and faculty this week working with small groups of student writers and participating in class discussions.

McWhorter will deliver an address on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. Her address is entitled "Identifying with Fate: The Intersection of Personal Identity and Public History".

She contributes regularly to The New York Times and the op-ed page of USA Today and frequently focuses on race, politics and other social topics. Her Pulitzer-winning piece was entitled, "Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama - The Climatic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution" and was also hailed as one of the year's best by The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and Time magazine.

McWhorter graduated from Wellesley College with a B.A. in comparative literature.

### President of Dallas Fed will speak

Bob McTeer, President of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank will give the H. Parker Willis Lecture in Economic Policy on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. His lecture is entitled "The Prodigal Son As the Central Banker".

McTeer holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Georgia and is a member of the board of directors of the National Council on Economic Education. McTeer is a member of the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's principle monetary policymaking body.

He became the President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in February 1991.

### Law students honored for legal writing

Three Washington and Lee University School of Law are being honored for excellence in legal writing. Jeffrey Scott, a second-year law student won first place in the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Writing Competition. He will receive \$1000 and a trip to the Forum's 12th Annual Conference. Scott's paper "Public Use and Private Profit: When Should Heightened Scrutiny Be Applied to 'Public-Private' Takings" won his award.

Two other W&L Law students were selected to serve on the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy's 2003 National Symposium Editorial Board. Ryan Berry, also a second-year student, will serve as one of four Executive Editors. James Coleman, a first-year student, will serve as an Editor of this year's symposium issue.

### Cuban writer to visit campus

National Book Award Finalist Cristina Garcia will be giving a reading and lecture at Washington and Lee on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. His lecture, "Politics, Art and Cultural Identity: Thoughts on American-Cuban Relations" is being sponsored by W&L's Global Stewardship Program.

She will also talk with students in W&L's seminar on "The Cuban Story" and the Global Stewardship Spring Institute.

Garcia was born in Havana and grew up in New York City. She draws on her experience as a member of an expatriate family with strong connections in Cuba. Her first novel, *Dreaming in Cuban* was well-received in 1992. She is hailed as the voice of Cuban expatriates.

Garcia attended Barnard College and Johns Hopkins University and has served as the Miami Bureau Chief for Time Magazine. She lives in Santa Monica, California with her daughter.

Monkey Hunting is Garcia's latest novel.

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