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Security nabs laptop thieves

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Campus security apprehended one of the two men accused of burgling the law school. Students complained of laptop thefts earlier this winter term.

In the early morning hours of March 13, Officer Daniel Rexrode recognized there was something wrong when he found two young men in a black Ford pick-up truck in the Lee Chapel parking lot. Because neither man had any identification, Rexrode called local police. One of the suspects "bailed" when police were called, but Rexrode held onto the other until police arrived.

Police discovered a laptop case, three bookbags full of laptops, a box of assorted items and some CD cases in the back of the truck.

"Four or five laptops" in total were discovered, said Director of Security Mike Young. The suspect was charged with possession of stolen goods. Security towed the suspect's truck.

"Because of his [Rexrode's] attentive attention to detail, we got these guys," said Young.

By looking through mug shots, Rexrode has identified the suspect who got away from the scene, and it is just a matter of time before that suspect is arrested too, said Young.

One suspect is from Waynesboro. The other suspect, "is a known thief, a convicted criminal from this community who was released from jail recently—hopefully he'll be going back soon," said Young.

Catching thieves, "doesn't come from luck as much as paying attention," said Young, who credits Rexrode with excellent security work.

UP IN SMOKE!



STEVEN MARINOS/The Ring-tum Phi

PUT IT OUT! A fire at 301 Diamond Street across from Lylburn Downing middle school broke out at 3:20 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Lexington, Buena Vista, Rockbridge County and Kerrs Creek fire departments all responded to the fire. Fire trucks blocked traffic Diamond Street traffic.

Robert Foresman, Lexington Fire Chief, said that the fire was "accidental and possibly electrical." A fire official at the scene said that the fire started under the porch on the left side of the house. A small crowd watched the firemen fight the fire. No one was injured, but the house is a total loss. The residents have moved in with their son who lives in Glasgow.

Student Health Committee recommends change to smoking policy in dorms

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Next year, campus smokers will be forced outside. The Student Health Committee, chaired by Doctor Horton, devised a new policy regarding smoking in and around residence halls.

All indoor areas of the residence halls will be non-smoking, and smokers must refrain from smoking in entrances to buildings, near open windows and air intakes and in any other area where air is not dispersed well. "Unfortunately, our halls lack common spaces that could be designated for smoking while still maintaining smoke-free air for non-smokers," said Dean David Leonard.

Administrators have been dealing with issues of second-hand smoke all year. "We have encountered numerous issues with students who are concerned, frustrated, and angered about having to deal with second-hand smoke that emanates into hallways," said Leonard. "Non-smokers rights need to prevail due to the fundamental health issues and risks associated with second-hand smoke," he said.

Students will be expected to help implement

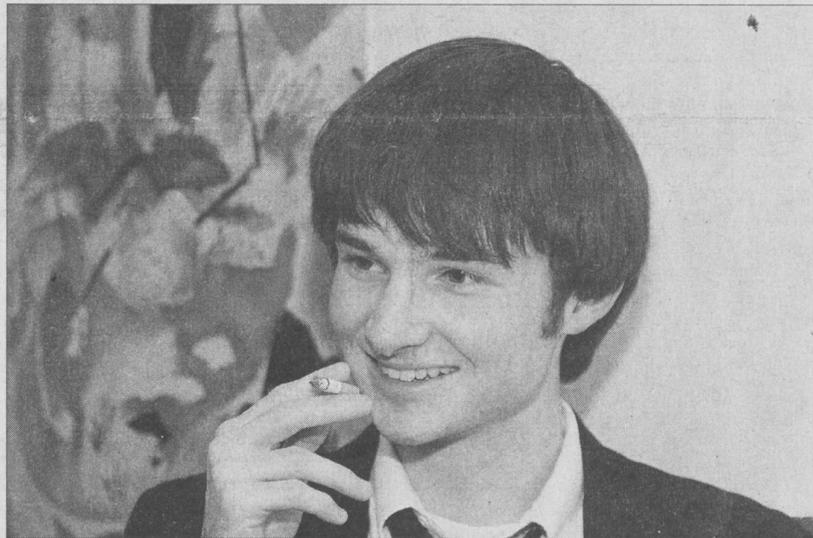
the new policy. For the policy to be effective, Washington and Lee will need the courtesy, respect and cooperation of everyone. Students should direct their first complaints to the smoker. If problems aren't resolved, the complaints should be directed to the Residential Life staff and finally to Dean Leonard or Dean Futrell, said Leonard.

"I think W&L is turning into a Nazi police state...what's next? Bedtimes?" asked Allen Barry, a junior dorm counselor.

The American College Health Association and the American Cancer Society agree that second-hand smoke exposure causes eye and nasal irritation, reduces lung function, exacerbates asthma, increases the risk of respiratory tract infections and has acute effects on the cardiovascular system. Second-hand smoke can cause lung-disease and death, even in non-smokers.

"If it's for a safety issue, I guess it's understandable, however, as a smoker, I think it's just one more annoying sanction," said sophomore Mathilde Hungerford.

Fire risk was also considered when the committee created this new policy.



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PUT IT OUT! Students like Jon Cochran '06 will no longer be able to smoke inside residence halls.

Goldberg only beginning of exciting Contact season

BY KAELA HARMON
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Jonah Goldberg is just the first of several speakers who will be brought to campus for the duration of the year.

Goldberg is the editor of the country's largest conservative online newsmagazine, *National Review Online*, and was brought to campus by Contact, Hillel and Young America's Foundation. He spoke last Tuesday in Lee Chapel.

In his talk, entitled "Diversity, Pacifism, and Other Controversial Ideas," Goldberg was entertaining and informative in expressing his views on "compassionate conservatism," the dangers of making diversity "the be all that ends all" and "why we should reconsider federalism."

About 50 people turned out for the lecture, which was followed by a reception at the Alumni house.

This was Contact's first official event, and Contact Chairman Victoria Guroian admitted that she

was a bit disappointed about the turnout. "We thought it would be nice to bring in a conservative speaker in light of Mock Convention."

She acknowledged, however, that "Although they [students] claim to be conservative [they're] a little bit complacent."

Guroian isn't worried. She said that they have several other speakers planned for the next few weeks. They have teamed up with the Journalism Ethics Institute for their next event which will be this

Thursday when former "60 Minutes" producer, Lowell Bergman, comes to speak. Bergman is also known as the person on whom the film "The Insider" is based.

For Contact's "keynote" event, the committee plans to bring in David Boies. Boies, who argued the Napster case as well as the Florida recount case, is known as one of the nation's top litigators. He is scheduled to speak during exam week on April 6.

Explorer Conrad Anker and a Cuban refugee who has gone on to

become a political advocate are also scheduled to come to campus.

In the past, Contact has started their lecture series much earlier in the school year but several factors combined to get them off to a slow start this year.

Guroian said that earlier this year, Contact invited Ralph Nader to come to campus and that initially he accepted the invitation. Then after making the committee wait for confirmation, he declined. She also said that they were hoping to get additional funding from

the administration but they all declined and that "put us behind".

Guroian noted that when you're dealing with money and trying to bring in big names it is important to remember that "you're a slave to your budget" and that "It's always a struggle to find the best way to spend your money." She is confident that by the end of the year Contact will have had another successful year. "We've got a great Logistics Chair [Brent Beshore], and as long as we're ahead, stuff always comes together."

Seifert receives Watson Fellowship, plans world travel

BY KYLE WASS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Washington and Lee Senior Paul Seifert was recently given the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, awarded to a maximum of 50 people of college-graduation age.

The Watson Fellowship was developed in 1968 to give college graduates "of unusual promise the freedom to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad following their graduation," according to the fellowship's website.

With the stipend awarded by the Watson Fellowship—\$22,000 for the year, plus a supplemental amount equal to a year's payment of outstanding federally guaranteed and institutional student loans—students have the opportunity to travel abroad for a "focused and disciplined year of their own devising."

Travel must not include areas of the world in which the student has previously lived or studied for a long period of time.

Students awarded the fellowship are prohibited from returning to the United States for the full year that they are studying abroad, beginning no later than August 1st of the summer following the student's graduation from college.

Students may propose a topic of study for the Watson Fellowship in nearly any field they choose, but it should "reflect a candidate's genuine interest in, and long-standing commitment to, a specific pursuit," and essentially be "personally significant, imaginative, and feasible," according to the fellowship's website. The year abroad may not involve formal study at a foreign institution.

Paul Seifert, a senior here at W&L, plans to travel all over the world with the purpose of engaging himself with people whose livelihood hinges on fishing.

In his project summary, Seifert wants "to live in small coastal angling communities in the tropics where a reliance on catching fish—a constant struggle with sun, salt and surf—causes fishing to seep into other parts of the culture."

His proposal for study is titled "Where Fishing is Life: Recording Angling Cultures with Paint and Poetry." Places that he plans to travel include primarily coastal villages in the tropics, such as, Ponta de Macaneta on the southern coast of

Mozambique, Mararikulam of India, the northern coast of Peru, and the northeastern coast of Brazil.

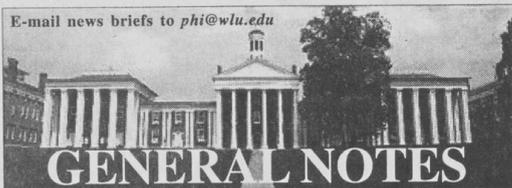
Seifert seems stunned by his accomplishment. In response to his new opportunity, Seifert said, "I still don't think it has completely sunk in yet—that I'm getting to travel the world next year to participate in the two things I love the most—fishing and art."

According to their website, in selecting Watson Fellows, the Watson Foundation is most concerned with "holistically identifying individuals who demonstrate integrity, imagination, strong ethical character, intelligence, the capacity for vision and leadership, the promise of creative achievement, and excellence within a chosen field."

Fellows are also selected partially on the basis of their academic record and extracurricular activities "which reflect both initiative and serious dedication." Seifert is currently business manager of *The Ring-tum Phi*.

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Pro-life club plans baby shower for Wednesday

Students for Life is hosting a Baby Shower to benefit the families of Staunton Pregnancy Help Center on Wednesday, March 24, at 7p.m. in Commons Room 345. Please come with a baby gift and enjoy desserts, prizes, party favors, and a guest speaker. If you cannot come but wish to help, donations will be collected in the common room of the Commons up until Wednesday night. Baby donations include toys, blankets, clothes, diapers, etc.

Woman's activist visits as scholar-in-residence

Dr. Bernice R. Sandler, a key player in the development and passage of Title IX and other legislation prohibiting discrimination against women in education, will meet with students, faculty and the president of Washington and Lee University as the school's scholar-in-residence March 22-24.

Sandler will deliver a keynote address on "Peer Harassment: What Is It? How to Stop It?" on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the theater of W&L's John W. Elrod University Commons. The speech is open to the public without charge. The speech will draw on Sandler's research on student-to-student harassment as a senior scholar at the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, D.C.

Corrections

Last week's article entitled "Truck driver implicated in Owings' death receives 30 days in jail, fine" we incorrectly spelled Owings' name. The correct spelling is Cullum.

Also in last week's issue, we did not attribute the statistics in the article headlined "Anti-Ignorance campaign planned to hit campus in April." The statistics came from the office of Institutional Research.

Hidden Hero Haeberle helps humanity

Freshman class President, Bonner Leader, active in fraternity life through Owings Service Initiative

Freshman class president Tye Haeberle is known by many because of his outgoing nature and friendly demeanor. His friendliness extends to the community because of the large amount of volunteer work he is involved with.

Φ HIDDEN HEROES
JORDAN ANDERSON '07

Tye recently joined the Bonner Leadership group. This program will have him working on 900 hours of community service by the end of his junior year. In addition, he stands to take leading positions in the Owings Service Initiative, a newly formed organization designed to help get Fraternities more involved with community service. This summer he will continue his work by volunteering back home in Ashland, Ky., and working in a doctor's office.

Tye is pre-med and described it as an amazing amount of work. He said he has spent at least one big party night in the science library. Tye wants to be a doctor, like his father. Every time he sees his dad's patients they look genuinely grateful, and that "nothing could really compare to saving a life...what

you've done means so much to the patients."

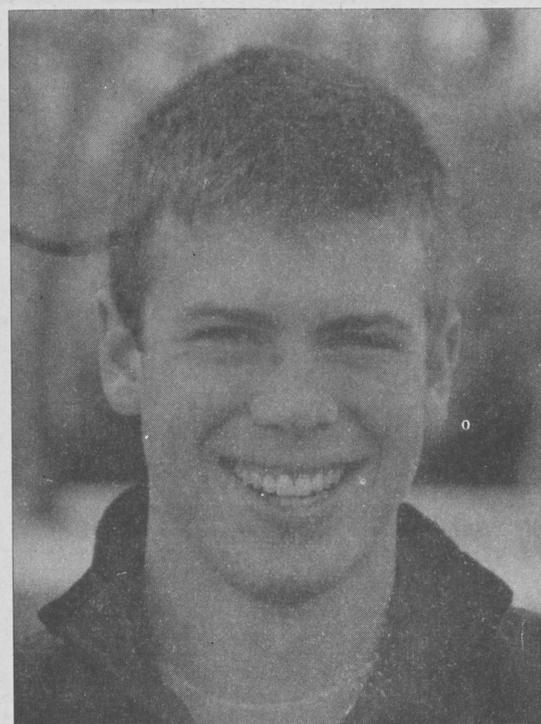
Last term Tye took Professor Beckley's Poverty 101 class and said that it had a profound

impact on him. "It is a class that everyone should take," Tye said, citing it as his favorite class. He feels Professor Beckley's poverty class is important because it's all too easy to get trapped in the "Washington and Lee Bubble" and to "just ignore what's going on only a few miles away from campus."

While here at W&L, Tye also strongly encourages others to "always take a chance when meeting new people."

He says that the most important thing to do here is to make good relationships, because when things get rough they are they only things that matter.

In addition to volunteering and working this summer, Tye really wants to travel to Utah and visit Arches National Park and camp in the desert. He wants to get out and see as much as he can.



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MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR. The Phi has it on good authority that many Freshmen ladies are after Hidden Hero Haeberle.

Jeb retires from Ring-tum Phi to pursue other opportunities

BY JEB BROOKS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's time for me to say goodbye. This is my last issue as editor in chief of *The Ring-tum Phi*. Next week I'll pass the buck on to a very capable group of people.

Andrew Latimer '05 will serve as editor in chief, Erin Julius '06 as managing editor and Chris Lauderman '06 will be production director. My stint required between 40 and 60 hours of work in a week and taught me that no one person should have to bear such a burden on his shoulders.

These three qualified students will divide the workload among themselves and strive to bring you a phenomenal product.

Latimer served as News Editor and Opinions Editor at the Phi two years ago. His work was (and will be) bar none. His ability to see the "big picture" will ensure that the newspaper stays timely and does not falter from its current path.

Julius performed as Sports Editor last year and News Editor this year. Her ability to recruit new staffers and discover stories is incredible. Her dedication to the Phi is unmatched. She will work to make sure that writers write and section editors edit.

Lauderman will be certain that our ads are properly placed and our advertisers remain happy. He will also interface with our printer. His hard work and consistently positive attitude serve to keep the staff going.

David Seifert will run the business side. He has learned much under the careful tutelage of his brother Paul, the current business manager. David will surely continue to keep the Phi running like clockwork.

Other staff positions will be announced in the future. Please get in touch with one of these three for information about joining the Phi.

I will devote my "free time" to my new position on the Student Judicial Council. I very much look forward to dedicating myself to student governance at Washington and Lee University. Our level of student autonomy is unique and I can't wait to be a part of our system.

This year has brought terrific change for the Phi. We began it with our move into the University Commons. I am proud to say that we were the first student organization to move into the new facility. We are preparing to celebrate one year in our new Commons office. The new facility, though smaller, has helped us immensely. We have thrived in our high-tech, more public and cleaner workplace. We have seen an increase in the number of staffers. Thanks to the hard work of that dedicated staff, we have cut our production time to six hours on Sundays. It sounds like a lot of time, but as the old saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun."

We have covered some major stories during the course of this year. We dealt with suspensions of fraternities, the retention of Spring Term, Mock Convention, Student Leaders coming under fire, thefts at the Law School, the disappearance of Honor Court records at VMI and the questionable future of the Buffalo Creek Music Festival.

In short, the year has been incredible. I have learned so much about our community and myself. My skin is thicker, my horizons are broader and the pressure and workload have led me to lose a few pounds.

My advice to next year's staff is simple. Have fun. Editing a newspaper is, at times, very stressful. Don't let it get to you. Make sure you do your best and don't let anything get you down. Oh, and don't worry. If you need something, I'll probably be somewhere in the Commons. I already live here!

And one more thing. I must thank my grandmother for her weekly critical reading of the Phi. Her input single-handedly led to massive increases in our copy editing staff. Thanks for the feedback! Next year's group will miss your perspective.



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FEARLESS LEADERS. Latimer, Julius and Lauderman look to a bright future at *The Ring-tum Phi*.

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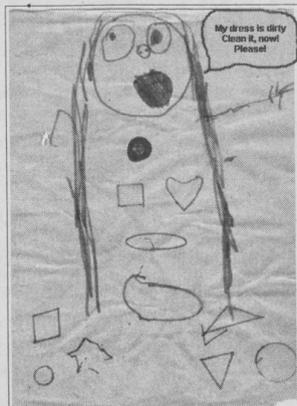
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THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

Trident has seriously erred

The Ring-tum Phi believes that Washington and Lee's other student newspaper, *The Trident*, must clean up its act. Recent content has been offensive and cruel. The Executive Committee is right to complain (see page 4).

The publication continues to call itself "independent" despite the fact that the organization received \$5,000 in Executive Committee funding.

In essence, the Executive Committee paid off half of *The Trident's* debt during the budget allocations session at the beginning of the year. Previous EC's were unwilling to extend the same courtesy to *The Ring-tum Phi* and *Calyx* during their times of financial need; we were told to get out of debt ourselves.

Further, *The Trident* consistently prints offensive content. We understand the differences between our publications. In fact, we respect those differences. There exists, however, a line that should not be crossed. Direct and mean-spirited attacks have been appearing with more regularity.

Ironically, *The Trident* was founded as a response to similar editorial missteps by *The Ring-tum Phi* ten short years ago.

In short, *The Trident* receives funding from the student activities fee and uses it to print harsh and pointed attacks at the same students who pay those fees.

We respect and admire the Executive Committee for taking a stance on this issue. We believe that everything contained within their open letter is right on.

While wary of censorship, we must use common sense. Common sense dictates that being asked to carefully consider the consequences of printing hurtful commentary that amounts to nothing more than a laugh is not censorship. Common sense also dictates that cutting something that is newsworthy or important does fall into that category. The difference is clear.

Student publications must balance on a very thin line. We believe that *The Trident* has crossed it on several occasions and ask, as did the Executive Committee did, that they carefully consider what they print in the future.

Spring Term counts less for one student

It was the beginning of my freshman year that all the "Save Spring Term!" hysteria began. Being the naive newcomer, I joined in the outrage, signed the student petitions, trashed the administration with fellow students. To me and many others, Spring Term took on mythical proportions — a paradise of taking fun and easy classes, perpetual parties and drunkenness, and enjoying the beautiful Virginia weather and all the natural wonders in the Lexington area.

Turns out, this truly was a myth. Instead of being the cakewalk that everyone said it would be, I and countless others were working our butts off trying to keep up with the demands of professors cramming 12 weeks of class into six weeks. Someone please explain to me how six hours per class every week is supposed to be easy, never mind fun!

The key to surviving is to only take one class, but what about that new six credit requirement coming into effect in a few years? Are they crazy?! Now, if we had the same amount of hours per week as during the 12 week semester and had the same amount of work required, then that would make more sense.

And what about how Spring Term is supposed to be great because we can take interesting classes that aren't offered at other times. First of all, why can't we have interesting classes every semester instead of having to wait for the end of the year? Or would that make us too much like other schools? Second of all, where are these interesting classes? Only those that are able to study abroad or take some sort of a field class benefit. Those of us that have to stay on campus lose out.

My major, Politics, is only offering four courses that are only available Spring Term, the other four are their basic 100 level requirements for the major. Philosophy only has four Spring Term courses, and Anthropology and Sociology are only offering three.

Considering the fact that I would only be interested in a few of these classes, that many other students are competing for seats in this limited selection, and that I might have a late course selection time, the odds of getting into one of these "interesting" classes is very low. Plus, with the insane amount of coursework required it is practically impossible to stay interested and not end up hating the subject by the end of May.

Now, with all this extra work, it is much harder to take a break and go to a party. Plus, frats aren't as interested in throwing parties because, rush and pledgship are over and they're just about out of money. Sure, there's still stuff going on, but it's harder to find and much harder to find time to go to.

And as for Goshen, I didn't even get to go last year because every time I had a break from the studying and planned on going, it was either a cold or rainy day. We didn't even have nice weather last year. Hopefully this spring will be beautiful, but personally I would rather be enjoying the beautiful weather back home at the beach with my friends who get out of school between the end of April and mid-May, than stay here working, hearing about all the fun they're having.

By the time we get back from school, the carefree days are over; friends have started jobs and have less free time to hang out. Plus, this year, we are taking finals on Memorial Day, the official celebration of summer beginning, so we miss out on that big party weekend. Please, somebody tell me: What is so great about Spring Term?

MISS INDEPENDENT ALEXA MOUTEVELIS '06

Scouts' outdated morals losing support

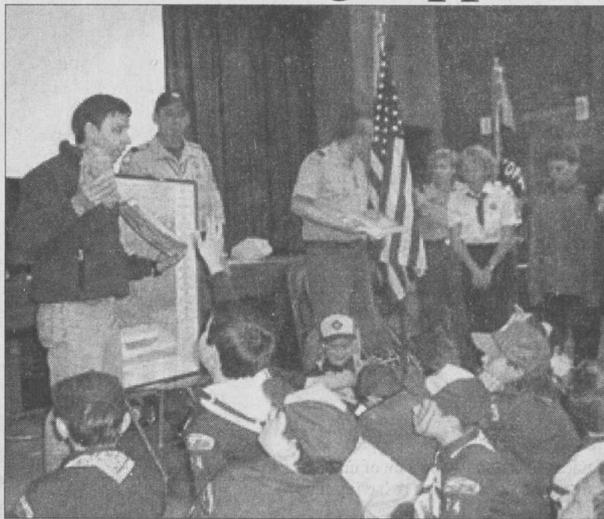


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DISCRIMINATION? Do these kids want to exclude, or do they just want to be Scouts?

Last year, I published an article in the *Phi* regarding my disapproval of the exclusionary policies of the Boy Scouts of America. A former Boy Scout myself, I continue to have no end to my disappointment at the BSA's inexplicable demand for rigid uniformity to societal memes popular in the 1950s.

Now, mind you, I don't think the Scouts should be forced to change their policies by the government, as some do.

They're a private group, after all, and are free to discriminate against non-Christians as well as homosexuals as they currently do, by excluding both non-believers and homosexuals from both becoming Boy Scouts, as well as holding positions in the organization itself.

The Eagle Scout whom I wrote about last time was expelled without appeal from the Scouts simply because he made it known that he did not believe in a god. Unconstitutional? No. Dumb? Yes. The BSA has many purposes, but my understanding is that the primary one is to ensure that its members become educated, upstanding members of society. If religious beliefs or sexual orientation are more important than that, then what are the Scouts for, anyway?

So, while the Scouts may do as they please, they will soon find themselves out in the cold if they don't leap forward by about forty or fifty years. It would do the Scouts great benefit to embrace the inclusionary policies held by any public institution.

But if they don't, well, what happens? I predicted last year that they would lose public support unless they modernized their "values." In Connecticut, recently, a trend began that has been subsequently followed by businesses and organizations in many other states. The State Government there dropped the Scouts from a list of charities that

receive state employee payroll deduction donations. The Scouts sued, claiming (ironically), discrimination against their particular set of values. They lost in court because Federal judges ruled that state governments, though bound to treat all value sets equally, are legally able to withhold aid to groups that go against the state's own discrimination policy. The Scouts' appeal to the Supreme Court was denied. Thus, as the Scouts have learned, discriminate, and you'll often get discrimi-

nated against, or in this particular state, upholding the private rights of gays, secularists, and so on, takes precedence over the first amendment right of denying those rights. The Scouts have subsequently suffered similar setbacks in most of the fifty states, losing leases, charitable funds, and significant amounts of members. In my own hometown of San Diego, the Scouts were evicted from a public aquatic facility, and a lawsuit there is in progress, though you can count on the results being the same as the precedent.

I wonder how many of the adolescents, troop leaders, and the general volunteers and members who comprise the rank and file in the Scouts actually have strong views supporting the discriminatory policies. Some, to be sure, but I'm sure just as many go the other way in silent protest, and many more are surely apathetic. You can talk about "values" and "morals" all you want, but in the end, those supposed values and morals that hold that both homosexuality and heresy on religious matters are morally wrong are simply at odds with modern society, and with the beliefs of a majority of Americans.

So, once more, while the elite of the BSA administrators are free to do as they please by putting God in the Scout's Code, and by expelling gays without a second thought, they should be cautious. Unless they get with the program, they may soon find their funds dwindling, their facilities gone, and most of all, a large number of their Scouts deserting.

Examining "Feminism" as social equality of sexes

Belief in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes. Look up the word "feminism" in any dictionary, and you will find a definition that corresponds with this one. Over the years, this word has acquired a somewhat negative connotation, and it is not uncommon to find that there are many misconceptions about its meaning. Feminism is not about women receiving preferential treatment, men being degraded, men and women being equal in every way, or any other absurd idea that it is often associated with. As made clear by its definition, it is about men and women being treated equally socially, politically, and economically. It is my opinion that upon honest consideration, we will find nothing about this belief that is so unbelievably radical. After all, everyone, I hope, will agree that women and men should have equal political rights, that members of both genders be paid fairly for equal work, etc.

However, the most controversial aspect of the theory of feminism does not seem to deal with politics or economics: it is the demand for social equality that divides the population. I will be the first to admit that it is unreasonable to claim that men and women are identical in every way. No one will logically deny obvious differences between the two genders; however, I do not find it at all unwarranted to ask that men and women be treated equally. I find that this is the goal that is most difficult to realize in a society that insists on sustaining old-fashioned stereotypes. Both males and females seem to be obstinately set on keeping things the way they are at present.

A simple example will prove this point quite clearly. Everyone is familiar with the idea that it is considered "gentlemanly" for a man to hold the door for a woman, but I ask, is it believed to be "ladylike" if a woman does the same for a man? Why is it thought polite or dutiful for a man to hold the door but unusual or rare for women to do the same?

This kind of double standard applies to many social customs that exist to this day. Practices like men paying for dinner, men being the ones who ask women out, and men buying gifts for women, etc. are basically continuations of a paternalistic tradition that obligates men to "take care" of women. I am not saying that it is wrong for someone to treat someone else to dinner, but it is wrong for us to believe that a man has an obligation to act in this way. It is also wrong to think that it is somehow odd or bizarre for a woman to do the same.

What it comes down to is the motive behind such actions. I think it is obvious that a skewed idea of duty should not motivate polite actions like holding a door for someone or treating someone to a meal. It would be wonderful if everyone did these things out of a personal desire to be nice, but this is unfortunately not always true. At first, the social customs I have used as examples may seem trivial, but when one further delves into their rationale, it becomes clear that they contribute significantly to the existing order of social inequality between the sexes. If we want this aspect of society to change, we must begin with by re-evaluating how our very own actions contribute to its subsistence.

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"You've done a great job decorating the White House."

~Jessica Simpson to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton

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Ring-tum Phi Quick Poll Hazing

Today's Question - Do you support the actions taken by the administration this year as regards pledgship and hazing?

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6%

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34 students were polled, giving this poll 95% confidence in a plus or minus 5% margin of error. 19 of the polled students were male, 15 were female.

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Letters to the Editor

EC concerned about Trident content *Anger over Honor System cynicism* *W&L Girls easy on the eyes*

An Open Letter to the Editorial Board of *The Trident*:

The Executive Committee believes that *The Trident's* content has recently teetered on the edge of common decency.

While we understand your First Amendment right to print whatever you wish, we believe that student publications at Washington and Lee must hold themselves to a higher and more respectable standard. Recent sharp and specific attacks have caused concern throughout the Student Body.

Printing hurtful commentary accomplishes nothing. The choice to run such articles exemplifies poor decision-making and judgment. Such content emphasizes preexisting insecurities of those whom you call out and makes public the personal aspects of the lives of innocent students.

Further, your publication is starting to embarrass and tarnish the good name of Washington and Lee University. Many of us are proud of our community. The content of your publication often degrades what we hold most dear and is a poor representation of Washington and Lee. Alumni, faculty, parents, grandparents and – given the timing of your most recent issue – prospective students, see what you print and take it as absolute truth.

A disclaimer at the bottom of an article is not sufficient. Believing that a disclaimer makes it possible to print whatever you want is simply not just or right.

We ask you to carefully consider what you publish in a community as small as ours. Washington and Lee student publications are called to a higher principle than what we have recently seen.

Please put more thought into what you print in the future.

Sincerely,
The Executive Committee of the Student Body

Dear Editor,

Last night, while at Pi Phi fraternity, various people encouraged me to sign a petition. Upon reading this sheet of paper covered in signatures, I was first confused and then angered. Ms. Brenda Hartless, whom I suppose Pi Phi hired as their sober official as they often do, elicited signatures from many of the students at the party. Now, this petition read something like this, "I have lied or been lied to while a student at Washington and Lee." My first complaint lies in the manner that Ms. Hartless carried out this petitioning. Personally, I believe that something as potentially important as this petition has absolutely no place at a band party at a fraternity house, and especially when she requests the signatures of drunk people. My second objection lies in the principle for which this petition circulated. I believe in Washington and Lee's Honor Code. Call me naïve, but I still believe what my tour guide, interviewers, and the alumni told me made W&L so wonderful, that the Honor Code governs the school. At a time when the administration has proven its powers to govern student life are wider than we ever imagined (boys, how was hell week...?), I believe we should think twice before questioning one of the only institutions that remains completely student run. Do we really want to tell them that we, as students of Washington and Lee, are not trustworthy? Please think again. I desperately hope that this poorly carried out petition carries no weight, and that our faith in the Honor System is renewed.

Sincerely,
Tippins Stone, '07

Dear Editor,

Every week we at W&L are titillated by the *Phi's* Quick Hits. I can't imagine a better way of displaying journalistic excellence than having a section for random shout-outs and insults.

I was particularly titillated by the editor's decision to print not one, not two, no, *five* Quick Hits last week lashing out at the "terrible girls" of W&L. Unfortunately, the writer of said Hits neglected to realize that nearly every female at W&L is over 18—giving her the right to buy cigarettes, consent to sex with frat guys, and be called a woman. The Quick Hits claim that Tim Smith has "missed the little man running rampant with the ugly stick." Hmm, I must not have been paying attention, because I missed him too. Maybe I should go look for him in Red Square or Davidson Park, because I haven't seen him around Sorority Row lately. Anyone who looks through the W&L Facebook or the Calyx will realize that we at W&L are blessed with one of the most attractive female student bodies on the East Coast and probably anywhere. Not only are women here attractive, they are about 95 percent more likely to practice such habits as daily grooming, showering, getting regular haircuts, laundering clothes, and actually paying attention to style than fraternity men at W&L. If you think women here are unattractive, please, try visiting some other campuses in the area. I've been to Richmond, Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, NC State University, Davidson College—frankly, no one compares.

Although the writer dreads the day he "will be stuck in a room with three W&L girls," I seriously doubt that that will ever happen if this is his attitude towards women in general.

Let's face it—no woman likes to be told she is terrible or annoying. I could say that all men here suck, but I truly believe that buried beneath that frat hair are some great minds, and buried underneath that North Face there are some hotties. Making gender generalizations is never cool or tough, especially when such generalizations only serve to enrage Srats Lords. The self-proclaimed judge of women at W&L obviously hasn't realized that most of the Big Men on Campus here date W&L women. What does that make our friendly Quick Hits writer? My sources say JEALOUS.

Sincerely,
Susan Somers '05

Letters to the Editor

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Concept of female virginity reveals gender double standard

I just read an article that simply made me cringe. There is a fairly new procedure out called hymenoplasty, which is a surgical procedure that reconstructs the hymen in a woman's body in order to restore her virginity. There are several bothersome things about the existence of such a procedure.

First of all, the selling point is that this procedure will magically give you back your virginity just like a bottle of expensive skin cream

would restore your skin to its former youthful appearance. Though I am somewhat skeptical of the skin creams being able to do this, I am absolutely skeptical of hymenoplasty restoring a woman's virginity.

Yes, you do get your hymen back, but do you really have your virginity back? It's just plastic surgery, and virginity is much more than the breakage of a hymen. It's a state of mind. Once you have lost your virginity, you in essence have blossomed into an adult (at least I hope so) and are now a mature young person. It is an experience that you do not want to forget, and once it is done, it is done forever.

Though hymenoplasty will give you a new and some say better hymen, you can never alter your memory of that moment in which you lost your virginity. You can't take your loss of virginity back. It's like an ill-

spoken word: once you've said it, you can't take it back, regardless of how much you apologize. Hymenoplasty simply creates a fantasy world in which you think you are a virgin, but in reality, you're really not.

But the more pressing concern is why are these women performing this surgery? The main reason seems to be that they are ashamed of having had a sexual en-

counter before marriage and feel as if they have depreciated in value like a stock in Enron. I didn't think this mentality still existed, but the fact that such a procedure exists to restore a woman's virginity proves me wrong. Indeed, our society has not progressed as much as I thought. Women have finally attained their deserved place in politics, business, and education, but they are still restrained in the bedroom.

Sexuality is a natural human characteristic for both men and women, and both men and women have equal rights to express their sexuality in whatever way they wish. Society seems to think that men somehow have more range in the sexual arena, but that was so seventeenth century. This is the twenty-first century in which women can be as sexual as the man next

to them, and there should not be any criticisms towards their behavior. If you are one of those people who criticize women for being sexually active but not men for similar behaviors, you are a hypocrite. What gives a man more right to go around the block than a woman? The existence of a penis is not a valid reason because I will trump that argument with the existence of breasts. I have also heard the argument that is what guys are like. Well my response is well that's what women are like as well. Men may have testosterone but women have estrogen. I think you're getting my point. So this belief that women should be so ashamed if they're not virgins that they've got to undergo surgery to hide their actions needs to change. First of all, shamefulness is merely a state of mind. You are only as shameful as you feel ashamed. In everything you do, if you do it with conviction, then people will seldom criticize you.

People are quick to criticize others not because of what they do but how they do it and how they act after doing it. If you act weak and appeared ashamed, then you will undoubtedly attract shameful reactions from your peers. I have done many stupid and embarrassing things in my life, but I have never felt ashamed or embarrassed because the things I do define

who I am. I am known for being outspoken and stubborn by my friends and I do and say things they may feel embarrassed about if they had done it themselves, but I do not because of a little thing called conviction.

For the most part, people have no idea why they're criticizing you and just do it because society would do the same, but if you act with a sense of conviction and are convinced that what you do is perfectly fine, your peers will also be convinced. It's all about marketing. Second of all, you should feel ashamed because of your own values not because of other people's values. If you value your virginity and you lose it haphazardly, then yes, maybe you should feel bad because you are betraying yourself. But if you wanted to have sex and you feel good about having had it, then don't let other people rain on your parade.

To allow them to cast shame on you is a surrender of power. You no longer have control over your self-worth because someone else has determined how valuable you are as a person. Each of us is valuable simply because. We do not earn value points as we do certain things like you earn mileage points on a credit card. You should live for yourself and by your own values. Living by anyone else's moral standards is to not live as the person you were created to be.

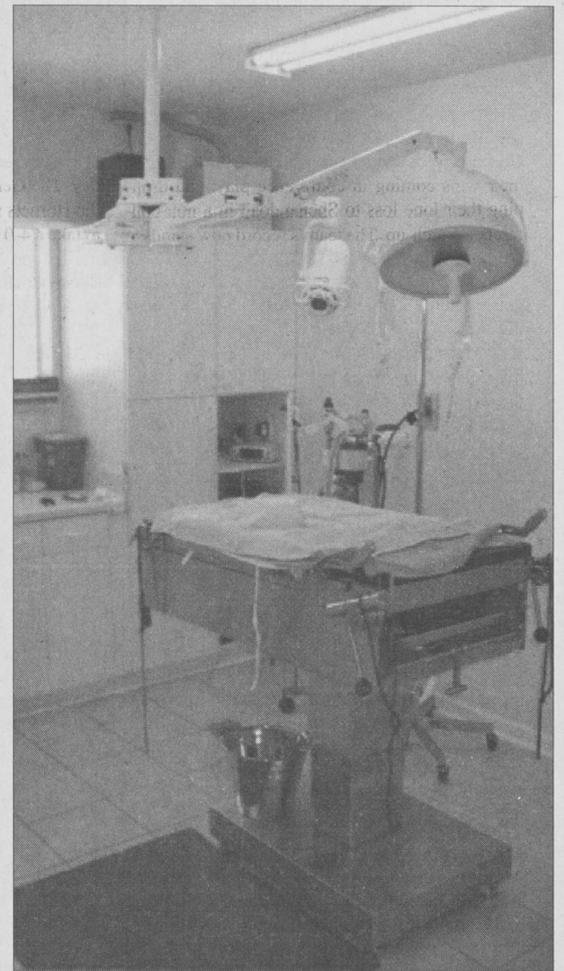
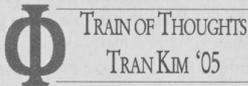


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THE RIGHT ANSWER? Can surgery really restore a woman's virginity? The controversial surgery promises a new start for women, but questions about different standards for men and women remain unanswered.

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Men's lacrosse gets two doses of much-needed confidence

By CAMERON GARNER
 STAFF WRITER

Finally, the scoring touch has returned. After scoring a combined 12 goals in their last three games, the Generals needed a rout to get them fired up in the early stages of the season. The men played Colorado College on Wednesday, more than doubling their output in the last two games. Ok, Colorado College isn't exactly top-10, but I think everyone will agree with me when I ask, "who cares?"

The Generals were led by senior midfielder Dustin Martin, who scored three goals and had an assist, and his linemate senior Mark McLewee, who notched two goals and an assist. The end of the first half indicated the strides the team has made in just a week, as they scored two goals in the final 11 seconds of the first half. The first tally came from Renaissance man, senior Rich Williams, off a great feed from McLewee. Immediately after Williams' goal, junior midfielder Mike Barracco won the draw cleanly and, with the help of junior attackman Bah "I take it strong to the rack" Dy, exhibited what is often called "the give-and-go." The Generals also got some much needed scoring help from seniors

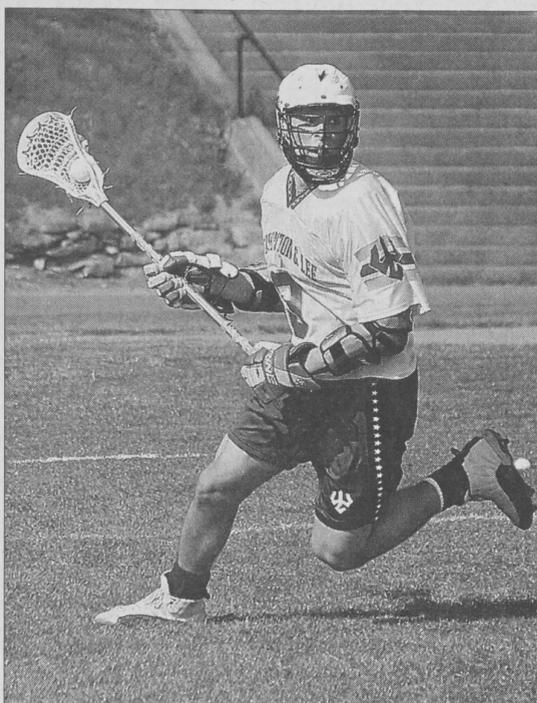


GETTING BACK ON TRACK. After a disappointing start to the season, the men's lacrosse team began rebuilding its confidence with two wins this past week. On Wednesday, the team easily defeated Colorado College 12-4, and on Saturday, the team won a tight won, 9-8, against Mary Washington.

Mike McNamara, Matt Fink, Baracco, and junior midfielder Pat Collins.

Senior Goalie Ansel Sanders played another...ok you know what, everyone knows he played

great game, so I'll spare the art here. As usual, Ansel turned away shot after shot, totalling 9 saves on 12 shots (for you English majors, that's a .750 save percentage - very very good).



STEVEN MARINOS / The Ring-tum Phi

Lost in a myriad of great stories - yet another great performance from Ansel, renewed scoring confidence bolstered by Dustin and McLewee's goals - there is but one story left to tell. Perhaps the

greatest story of the Colorado game was the triumphant return of former Feb-break all-star and junior goalie Pat Casey. As we all expected, when Pat was called upon, he responded. With his

cat-like reflexes that are often referred to as "the best in the game" and his incredible celebratory gestures, he racked up 2 saves en route to a .667 save percentage. That dirt, Pat, is off your shoulders for good.

On Saturday, the Generals hosted Mary Washington, the last game before conference play starts this upcoming Saturday. The Generals, tied at 2 at halftime, got out of the gates early in the second half, roaring to a 5 goal lead, only to see it shrink to one as time expired. W&L scored 5 unanswered in the first 4:16 of the game, but couldn't respond as Mary Washington notched 3 of their own, bringing the game unnecessarily close at 7-5. From here, Martin scored off a feed from McLewee, but the Eagles (3-2) got two in extra-man situations to close the lead to one goal. After another goal from senior attackman Matt Fink, the Eagles closed out the scoring with 23 seconds left. Ultimately, the Generals ran out the clock and escaped with a 9-8 win.

Fink paced the Generals with 4 goals and an assist, while senior middle Mike Macnamara had a goal and dished out 4 assists. The Generals need to maintain this momentum as they look ahead to their first conference game at Lynchburg on Saturday.

Baseball team remains undefeated in ODAC with three victories Dean breaks another ODAC record

By JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The W&L baseball team was busy last week, playing four games in four days. However, the Generals were up to the task, going 3-1, with all of their wins coming in conference play, and dropping their lone loss to Shenandoah in a non-conference match-up. The team's record now stands at an impressive 13-5, 7-0 ODAC.

The Generals began their week with a home game against Roanoke on Wednesday. The turning point in the game came in the bottom of the sixth inning when starting pitcher Bryan Mulhern helped his own cause by blasting a two-run homer to centerfield to give the Generals the lead. It was the senior's fourth team-leading homer of the season. W&L would get the eventual game winning run later in the inning with sophomore first baseman Taylor McConnell's solo home run to give his team

a 4-1 lead. Mulhern did the rest from the mound, allowing two runs over seven innings to earn a 6-3 victory. Mulhern also led the way offensively, finishing the game 2 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

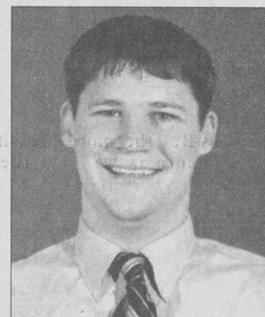
The team travelled to Shenandoah on Thursday. The Generals again trailed in this game after the Hornets scored in four of the first five innings to take a 4-0 lead, but the only offense W&L could muster was Mulhern's two run single in the sixth. Shenandoah scored three more runs in the eighth to seal their third straight victory by the score of 7-2. Junior catcher Zach Bausch and senior shortstop Austin Allain had two hits a piece, but the Generals mustered little additional offense. Senior righthander Mike Wert suffered the loss to drop his record to 2-3 on the year.

The Generals got back on track in Saturday's doubleheader against ODAC foe Eastern Mennonite at Cap'n Dick Smith Field. In the first game, the

Generals sent out senior pitcher Peter Dean, who earlier in the year had become W&L's career leader in wins and was looking to become the ODAC's career leader. Dean did not leave the record in doubt. The southpaw scattered six hits and four strikeouts over the complete seven innings and did not allow a run.

It was his second shutout and fourth complete game of the season improving his record to an impressive 6-0. Yet, the Generals held a slim 1-0 lead entering the fifth inning, but the team scored twice in the fifth and once in the sixth to give Deam a little breathing room, with the final score being 4-0. Offensively, the Generals were led by sophomore second baseman Scott Gosselink who went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored. Senior leftfielder Dan Kagey went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, the Generals were once again involved in a close game in the early innings. W&L held a 1-0 lead when freshman leftfielder belted his second home run of the year to spark a four run inning, en route to a 5-0 win. Once again, the Generals got a superb effort from the mound as Kagey, an offensive hero in Game 1, pitched a three-hitter and earned his first shutout and complete game of the season. The righthander fanned six to improve his record to 4-0 on the year. Garland finished the game 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run. He was aided by his classmate, designated hitter David Miller, who went 2 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored. The first place Generals will get their best ODAC test of the season when they travel to perennial power Bridgewater on Wednesday.



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 SENIOR PETER DEAN.

Ritter, Ginder named All-Americans

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

ST. PETERS, Mo. — Senior Eric Ritter (Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook) and freshman Michael Ginder (Jacksonville, Fla./Episcopal) both earned All-America honors on Friday at the NCAA Division III Swim Championships held at Principia College.

Ritter, seeded seventh in the 100-Back after setting a school record in the morning preliminaries with a 51.32 clocking, touched the wall in 51.07 in the finals to finish seventh and earn All-

America recognition for the third straight season.

Ginder, seeded fifth in the 200-Free after the morning preliminaries, finished fourth in the finals with a school record time of 1:41.13 to earn All-America honors in his first season as a General.

On Thursday Ritter placed 45th in the 50-Free preliminaries with a time of 21.68 and Ginder placed 32nd in the 500-Free preliminaries with a time of 4:43.50.

Both swimmers return to action tomorrow as Ritter competes in the 200-Back and Ginder competes in the 100-Free.



MICHAEL GINDER.



ERIC RITTER.

Track competes at VCU Invitational

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

RICHMOND, Va. — The Washington and Lee men's and women's track and field teams were in action on Saturday afternoon at the VCU Ram Invitational where they competed against Division I, II and III Competition.

The W&L women's team was paced by three athletes who placed first among Division III competitors at the meet. Junior Emily Barker (Clifton, Va./Mount Vernon) took home first place honors in the shot put with a toss of 37 feet 0.01 inches, a new personal record. Senior Angel Daniels (Charleston, S.C./Porter-Gaud) took top honors in the high jump with a leap of 4 feet 10 inches, while freshman Sara Behmerwohld (San Juan

Capistrano, Calif./Dana Hills) placed first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16:40. Sophomore Mary Christopher (Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons) rounded out the W&L leaders with a second place showing in the 1,500 meters (5:02.20).

On the men's side, junior Nathan Johnson (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) placed third among Division III competitor's and fourth overall in the 5,000 meters with a 15:16.31 clocking. Junior Chris Walker (Franklin, Mass./Paul VI) was second among Division III athletes in the shot put with a toss of 11.93 meters, while senior Jonathan Brimer (Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson County) finished second against D-III competition in the 100 meters (11.67).

Washington and Lee returns to action on Saturday as it competes in the Bridgewater Invitational.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 23	Wednesday, March 24	Thursday, March 25	Friday, March 26	Saturday, March 27	Sunday, March 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball at Bridgewater--3:00 • W Lax at Bridgewater--4:00 • W Tennis vs. Santa Cruz--4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W Tennis vs. DePauw--4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf at Camp Lejeune--TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball at Virginia Wesleyan (DH)--12:00 • M Lax at Lynchburg--2:00 • W Lax vs. Catholic--2:00 • M Tennis at Swarthmore--11:00 • W Tennis vs. Redlands--10:00 • Track at VCU Invitational--TBA • Golf at Camp Lejeune--TBA • Track at Bridgewater Invitational--TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W Tennis vs. Rhodes--12:00 • M Tennis at Washington College--10:30 • Golf at Camp Lejeune--TBA

Tennis teams rack up wins to keep up ODAC records

Women's tennis extends near perfect record

BY JANE BEALL
STAFF WRITER

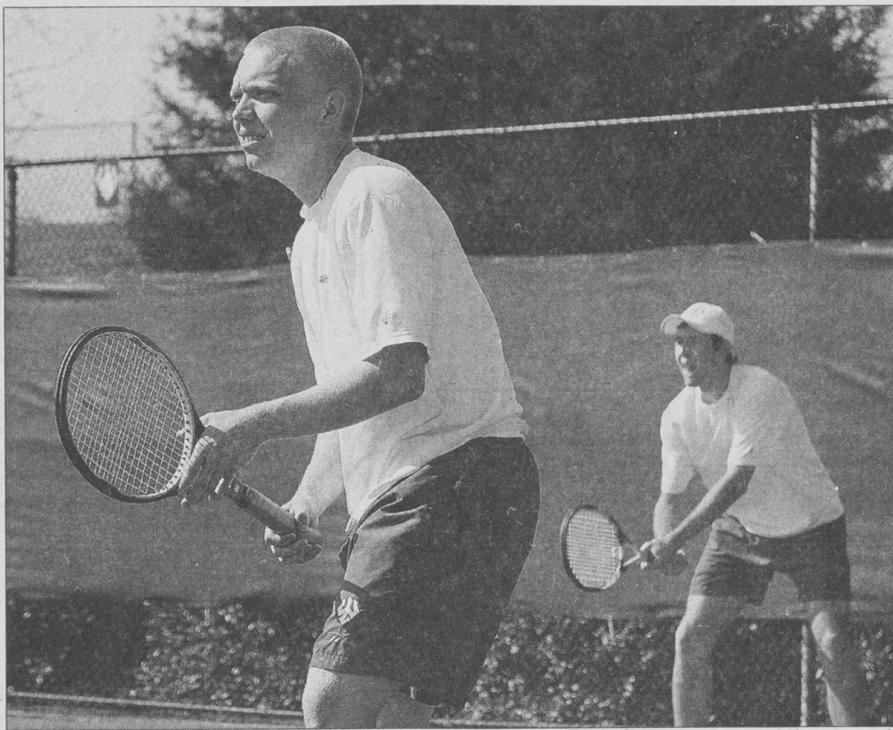
The Generals, rebounding from their heartbreaking 4-5 loss to fifth-ranked Denison University on Sunday, swept their three ODAC opponents this week, extending their conference record to 10-0.

The Generals easily handled Randolph-Macon Women's College 9-0 at home this past Tuesday, with Liz Law, Ingrid Easton, Catherine Torrey Stroud, and Laura Neller shutting down their respective opponents without dropping a game. The squad split on Thursday, taking on Randolph Macon away while hosting Sweet Briar.

Neither opponent put up much of a fight, both falling to the Generals 9-0. Despite the team's steadfast first-place ranking in the ODAC, sophomore Patty Roberts noted that the in-conference matches are often the hardest to play. "It's easy to lose focus and take these other teams for granted," Roberts said, "but I was impressed at the team's support and enthusiasm throughout the entire week."

On Saturday, the Generals played host to three out of conference teams, overcoming all three with little resistance. Patricia Brooks of Agnes Scott College defeated junior Liz McCracken, playing in the number one slot, wrestling away the only match given up by the Generals the entire weekend. With three forfeits, the Generals took the win 8-1. Kalamazoo College fell next, 9-0. Number one Lindsay Hagerman took her match 6-1, 6-0 and then, with freshman partner Ginny Wortham won a close doubles match 8-6.

In their final and most important competition of the day, the Generals faced Mary Washington College. A victory in this match was crucial to have



GETTING SET. Chris Kimmel, right, and K.C. Schaefer prepare for a serve in their 8-3 victory over Mary Washington opponents. Although the mens' tennis team lost to Mary Washington, it still remains undefeated in the ODAC.

a chance to host the regional round of NCAA's, and stepping up to the challenge, the Generals swept the 30th-ranked Eagles.

Looking ahead, Washington and Lee will host the Fab Five tournament beginning this Wednesday at 4:00. Six top-twenty teams will come from as

far as California and Massachusetts in this week-long event. Sophomore Lisa Mabry commented, "We're really looking forward to the Fab Five. It's a really unique opportunity to play some of the best competition from all over the nation and see how you match up."

Men's tennis beats Lynchburg, loses to Mary Washington

BY JANE BEALL
STAFF WRITER

Ranked 8th in the nation and first in the ODAC, the men's tennis team extended its undefeated conference record to 5-0, sweeping Lynchburg College away last Thursday. Washington and Lee's athlete of the week Paul McClure won both his singles and doubles matches, giving up only two games in each. Sophomore Charles Anderson defeated Lynchburg's Matt Greene in two sets, 6-0, 6-0.

Saturday's match against the Eagles from Mary Washington College proved to be much more difficult. Ranked 9th, a place behind the Generals, the Eagles won four of the six singles matches and one of the three doubles matches. Sophomore David Shay and senior Austin Kim were the only Generals to chalk up singles victories.

Despite Saturday's 3-4 loss, Shay is optimistic. "Over the next few weekends we have several really important matches against teams like Swarthmore and Washington College," he said. "I think the team, as a whole, is playing really well right now and with confidence. Hopefully, we will be able to continue playing well and win these big matches." The Generals will take a week off of match play before traveling north to Swarthmore to take on the Garnet.

Women's lacrosse falls to Mary Washington

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

LEXINGTON, Va. — Eighth-ranked Mary Washington used a 5-3 half time advantage to outlast 10th-ranked Washington and Lee, 7-6, in non-conference women's lacrosse on Saturday afternoon.

Following the mid-game break, the Generals (6-2) were first to find the net as senior midfielder Lee Wheeler (Baltimore, Md./Bryn Mawr) scored her second goal of the game off an assist by senior attacker Kelly Taffe (Charlottesville, Va./Albemarle) at 26:58 to make it 5-4 in MWC's favor.

The Eagles (4-2) responded at 19:19 when freshman midfielder Jackie Rose (Medford, N.J./Shawnee) found the net for her third goal of the day, this time off an assist by junior attacker Britt Gottlieb (Middlebury, Vt./Phillips Academy) to give MWC a 6-4 lead.

The Generals countered with a free position goal by freshman midfielder Kelly Evans (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) at 18:51, but freshman midfielder Stephanie Hearn (Kennebunk, Maine/Kennebunk) pushed the Eagles' lead back to 7-5 with a goal at 10:01.

Taffe converted an assist by Wheeler to pull W&L back within 7-6 with 1:06 remaining, but the Generals were unable to find the goal again.

Wheeler and Taffe both recorded two goals and an assist for W&L, while sophomore attacker Amanda Strickler (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) and Evans each added one goal in the loss. Senior Joanna Perini (Huntington, N.Y./Huntington) recorded eight saves in goal for the Generals.

Rose led the Eagles with three goals, while Gottlieb scored two goals and dished out one assist. Sophomore Robyn Lankford (Fairfax, Va./Fairfax) made 14 saves for MWC.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION



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Gritter offers picks for this season's top fantasy baseball sleepers

BY RYAN GRITTER
STAFF WRITER

Fantasy baseball is rather unique from its football and basketball counterparts because of player development. The fact that certain players blossom while others do not is part of what makes the beginning of the season so exciting. This fact is also what ultimately determines the winners of fantasy leagues across the nation. With the amount of positions and players out there, fantasy baseball requires one to pick the players on the verge of breaking out (a.k.a. "sleepers") for those of you who have no idea what that is). Anyone can pick a Pujols, Bonds, or A-rod. These picks are obvious, but finding the productive starter in the 12th round of the draft is significantly more challenging. There are far too many sleepers out there for all of them to be named, but I will highlight a few names at each position to look for in your time of need late in the draft....picks that will get you laughed at initially and then praises (and paid?) at the end of the season.

Catcher — At the catcher position there are several producers, but because the list drops off sharply it would not be a bad idea to take a guy like Posada in the early rounds. If looking for one in late rounds, have a look at Ben Molina of the Angels (.281-14-71) and Victor Martinez of the Indians. Martinez batted .289 in limited time last year but will be the everyday starter this year and should

put up solid numbers. Also Greg Myers of the Blue Jays (.307-15-52) will, at the least, hit for a solid average. All three of these guys should last until very late in the draft but should be fine for starting.

First Base — First base is not a position where you particularly want to wait and hope for a sleeper. Try to get one of the many run-producing machines at this position. If you are forced to make do with a sleeper, you would be surprised how late David Ortiz (that's right...the MVP Candidate) has been going. Going one step down, Nick Johnson won't go high because of his lack of power, but he was among the leaders in the league in OBP last season while healthy. Mark Teixeira will also be available, but would really be more valuable as a third baseman. (For more on Teixeira see Third Base)

Second Base — At second base there is surprising depth this year. Marcus Giles, who is clearly one of the top three offensive second basemen could be left as late as the tenth round, with Michael Young of the Rangers (.306-14-72) available even later. For the late-round backups, have a look at D'Angelo Jimenez of the Reds and Orlando Hudson of the Blue Jays, both of whom should build on their successful breakouts last year.

Third Base — At third base is the greatest sleeper in the draft in my opinion, Mark Teixeira. Teixeira had very solid numbers last year (.259-26-84) for a rookie with minimal time in the minors.

What makes Teixeira even more attractive is his steady improvement throughout the season. For much of the year he sat around the .240 mark, but seemed to figure out major league pitching in the last month or so, raising his average and power production dramatically. Teixeira has dominated each level he's been in quickly and there is no reason to think that things should be any different in the majors. Beyond Teixeira there aren't many quality sleepers. Sean Burroughs of the Padres (and the 1991 and 1992 Little League World Series Champs) could be a great pickup if his power continues to develop. Eric Munson of the Tigers will only be improving as the lineup strengthens and gains experience.

Shortstop — Many quality, young shortstops will be available in late rounds and will provide a solid solution if you don't happen to be fortunate enough to get one of the top four or five. Angel Berroa had a spectacular rookie season (.287-17-73) and should become one of the top offensive shortstops next year. Alex Cintron had a breakout year (.317-13-51) for the Diamondbacks and can also be played at third, which makes him a great late pick as a backup, if not as a starter. Jose Reyes is hardly a sleeper anymore but would be a good pick if still available late. If you get really desperate, rookies Bobby Crosby of the A's and Tyler Greene of the Padres should provide solid production in a backup role.

Outfield — Some of the sleepers this year in the outfield will come in the form of big names looking for comeback years, such as Shawn Green, Lance Berkman, and Juan Gonzalez. As for lesser known players, Milton Bradley (.321-10-56) will be

available late and is a budding superstar, as is Corey Patterson (.298-13-55). Marlon Byrd will be solid as he hits for more power, and look for Jody Gerut and Austin Kearns to drop to late rounds as well.

Starting Pitcher — It isn't necessary to dip into the average starters this year as plenty will be available late to build a solid staff. Roy Oswalt of the Astros has been going much later than he should, and his teammate Tim Lincecum is also a solid pick. A.J. Burnett seems to be back to full strength for the Marlins, and C.C. Sabathia has gone surprisingly late for a young, hard throwing ace. Joel Piniro of the Mariners and Brian Anderson of the Royals should both be very solid starters available after the 10th round. Look at Jeremy Bonderman of the Tigers, who developed well last season while getting pounded, and Matt Riley, who should win the 4th slot in the Orioles rotation.

Relief Pitchers — The closer position can get people into trouble, since there simply aren't that many available. Danny Kolb of the Brewers and Mike MacDougal of the Royals both will be late picks that should get plenty of saves. One must also remember that Shawn Chacon of the Rockies will become their closer, and after fifteen days will be listed as one, so if you have that sort of time he would be a fantastic pick up in late rounds. Chacon might even be available with your last pick so look for him if you need pitching. Jorge Julio of the Orioles should also get plenty of saves, as he did last year collecting 36. Danys Baez of the Devil Rays is playing for a crappy team, which should make his save count all the more plentiful.

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Students deal with terrorism as they prepare to travel abroad

BY SARAH MURRAY
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With terrorism appearing to be on the rise across the world, government agencies are advocating caution in traveling overseas. But Washington and Lee students going abroad this spring term refuse to be daunted by the threat of a possible terrorism attack.

"Tragedy should make us aware, not afraid," said junior Timothy Waddell.

In an email to students going abroad, Director of International Education William Klingelhofer called the events a "grim reminder that terrorist attacks can occur anywhere, at any time, despite the vigilance of our own or other countries." Klingelhofer assured students that they "anticipate no significant changes in the program's itinerary or activities."

Sophomore Kristin Evans was relieved to hear that her trip to London has been arranged so that students will not take the Underground during rush hour. As a result, Evans, who is studying theater, will see plays during the day and on weekdays. But while the precautions have eased her anxiety, it doesn't completely erase the possibilities of an attack.

"What if I walk into a train station and it blows up? What do I do?" asked Evans. Evans had planned to visit Spain during

her stay in England, but has decided in the wake of the Madrid attack to visit only Paris and Ireland.

Kate Zawyrucha, a sophomore bound for Spain, isn't as concerned. Zawyrucha lives near New York City and has faced more than just a slight threat of terrorist attack. "I guess I'm kind of desensitized...it's not going to faze me," said Zawyrucha.

Zawyrucha also plans to travel to Russia over spring break with the wind ensemble and to Denmark next fall. Several of the areas she will visit have been bombed in the past year, but she has no trouble keeping her sense of humor, saying, "I guess it's a good thing they make us get insurance!"

Sophomore Courtney Harrison received a shock when she heard about the bombing in Madrid—her group had planned to meet outside the train station that was bombed. Harrison doesn't believe that an event of that magnitude will happen again while they're there, but the coincidence made her "more conscious of the possibility."

For Waddell, the tragedies throw into sharper relief the politics of the situation. Waddell is not concerned with the possibility of an attack during his trip to England, but he is "more aware of what I'd like to see change in the way that our country works and the way that we are viewed around the world."



STUDY A BROAD? W&L students pose for a picture in front of Madrid's Palace Real during a 1999.

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"I don't think it is necessary for us to be frightened in the least by terrorism," said Waddell. "It is far more likely that a bee sting will kill you."

The political effects also interest Professor Troy Prinkey, who is leading the group to Spain this term along with Professor Cecile West-Settle. "The country has suffered its most significant brush with terrorism, and...has experienced a

major political shift," said Prinkey, referring to the Madrid bombing and the following change of power between major political parties. "It will be interesting to gauge the everyday Spaniard's opinion on both issues."

"This is going to be an exceptional moment for us to be in Spain, and I hope our students are looking forward to it as much as I am," Prinkey said.

Hull's Drive-in Theatre celebrates fifth season

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN
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The year 2004 marks the fifth season for Lexington's Hull's Drive-In Theatre. Hull's is the first community owned, non-profit drive-in in the country.

The drive-in originally opened on August 5, 1950. In 1957, the Hull family bought the drive-in and ran it for the next forty years.

With the death of Sebert Hull in 1998, came the death of the drive-in. A group of Rockbridge citizens, led by Eric and Elise Sheffield, formed the non-profit group, Hull's Angels in 1999. The only requirement to becoming a Hull's Angel and part owner of the drive-in is to pay an annual fee of \$5.

In commemoration of five years in business, a three minute film will be shown at the beginning of each night. It will show the history of the drive-in and then acknowl-

edge the Angels. Last season there were 640 Angels. The drive-in wants people to be aware of who makes the drive-in work.

On Saturday, March 27, Hull's Drive-In will show its annual sneak preview to all Angels at 7 p.m. This year, *Finding Nemo* will be shown. "This is the test run of the sea-

clubs to Lexington to participate in the parade, but any car is welcome.

During the first three years of operation, Hull's drive-in did well and made extra money. Last year, however, Hull's took in a loss. Sheffield attributes the lower attendance to the large amount of rain. The number of rainy weekends in 2002 was eight, but in 2003 it rose to eighteen. As a result of the loss of revenue, Hull's will be raising ticket prices this season to \$5 for a double feature.

Opening night is April 2. Hull's will be showing *Cheaper by the Dozen* followed by *Master and Commander*.

Sheffield said that she was unsure if *The Passion of the Christ* would be coming to the drive-in, but she believes that it will come to the screen, if not from the Angels, then by a church group.

Hull's would love for students to get involved with the drive-in. To become a Hull's Angel or to check out what will be playing at the drive-in, go to www.hulldrivein.com.



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son, so nothing is guaranteed," said Elise Sheffield, Secretary of the Hull's Angels Board of Directors.

The third annual Opening Weekend Car Parade, hosted by Hull's, will kick off season five on Saturday, April 3. "In Spain, there is the running of the bulls, in Lexington, there is the running of the Chevrolets," said Sheffield. Hull's wants to bring in car

Parking a problem for W&L students

Administration must take steps to make parking easier and safer

BY KATE GUY
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It's 9:45 on a weekday morning. Fifteen cars with C stickers are circling the floors of the Parking Garage like vultures, hoping to catch one person leaving a spot open. As usual, no spots open, and the circling cars are forced to park outside of the Garage.

Back when the Lenfest lots were available, this was not a serious problem. However, with the continuing removal of countless parking spots around campus, students are forced to park in residential areas of town. They then have to walk to class, which would not have been a problem had they left 15 minutes earlier. But as they don't find a place to park until 10:00, they arrive ten minutes late, disrupting their teachers and fellow students. The lack of spots in the Parking Garage is a problem that needs to stop.

The most important issue in the Parking Garage is the lack of enforcement. People with no stickers or with stickers that don't allow Parking Garage access park there regularly. If Security would enforce its own rules and ticket or tow those who are illegally parked during peak class hours, illegal parking would decrease.

People who live in town, or in the fraternity houses are not supposed to park in the Parking Garage. While I understand that bad weather or oversleeping can make a morning walk to the hill less than a desirable prospect, keep in mind that by driving to class you are taking spots from people who need them since they cannot walk to class.

By allowing students who live in town and people unaffiliated with the University who use the gym to park in the Parking Garage, Security is contributing to the problem. Simple enforcement would cause an immediate decline in illegal parking, since no one wants to pay a ticket or, even worse, towing fee. Also, those who illegally park in Handicapped spots should be ticketed/towed as well. People who need Handicapped spots can't have them.

One of the basic laws of algebra states that what you do to one side of an equation you must do to the other in order to maintain equilibrium. This being said, you can't take away parking spots without providing new ones. With the closure of the Gaines overflow lot came an influx of new people into the Parking Garage. Now the closure of the Lenfest lots and the train station have taken away the convenient spots for those students who are unable to park in the Garage. There are still just as many students with cars who need places to park, but there are not as many spots available.

Another concern in the Parking Garage is safety. How many of us have narrowly avoided head-on collisions with other students as we both come

speeding along in opposite directions? It's a miracle that no one has been seriously injured yet. The simple installation of mirrors or traffic lights could prevent crashes inside the Garage. Are there any solutions to these problems? Of course there are. A simple solution would be to relocate the University vans that eat up spots on the top floor. Why do they need to live in the Garage? Move them out to the Duchossois/Ruins lot. This way they are still on campus and accessible to those who need them, but are not taking up spots needed for student parking.

Another solution would be to reopen the Woods Creek parking lot. The trailers there are no longer necessary, as Mock Con is over and Reid Hall is completely refurbished. Move them out, and move the Woods Creek residents in. Not only is this a shorter walk for them, it also opens up a large number of spots in the Parking Garage. Similarly, Sorority House staff members should use the Freshman Lot, as it is about the same distance from the houses and would open up several spots in the morning.

It is hard to imagine what life on campus was like prior to the construction of the Parking Garage just four years ago. I appreciate that its construction has done wonders for the parking situation on campus. However, these are serious problems that need to be addressed and changed for the physical and academic well-being of students on campus.

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THE LAST WORD

Social criticisms and confessions from a nude model

The naked truth part II: lessons on learning how to maintain a basic conversation and why it can greatly enhance your luck with Washington and Lee women

Don't be an a-hole. As many of the girls that live with me in the sorority house well know, this has become one of my favorite mottos by which one should live. Think about it. It is the perfect combination of the two golden rules: 'Treat others as you would wish to be treated,' and 'Don't treat others as you would not wish to be treated,' or, in short, just don't be an a-hole.

Having said this much, there is a particular kind of a-holery that has come to my attention, which I would like to address. Here's the situation: boy B meets girl G at fraternity X. Boy B and girl G are obviously expressing an interest in each other that may lead to further activities later on in the evening. However, the process is interrupted by boy B's rude, inappropriate, drunken fraternity brothers who have made the decision to loudly tease and heckle the couple, graphically describing the instinctual process of fornication in the most demeaning and disrespectful way possible. I fail to understand why anyone would think this is a good idea. The only explanation I could come up with, was that people just don't think before they speak or act. Therefore, it is my duty to enlighten all the frat boys that have ever engaged or thought to engage in such dis-

tasteful behavior, as to what sorts of consequences may be expected. Then you may judge for yourself as to whether or not this action is a good idea.

Plainly put, such offensive remarks are going to either infuriate or embarrass girl G. This will, in turn, reflect unpleasantly on boy B and severely decrease the likelihood of his furthering their relationship, intimately or otherwise. Boy B is then going to get pissed at said fraternity brothers for not only destroying his chances of satisfaction (from stimulating conversation, of course), but surely for embarrassing him by association. After all, who would wish to be part of an organization that outwardly displays such exhibitions of crassness? And, if girl G is mortified enough, she may not return to fraternity X, taking her friends with her. And everyone knows there's nothing less cool than a frat party with no girls.

Sadly, this is just one of infinitely many examples of fraternity a-holery. I feel as though I am constantly surrounded with men complaining about women and how awful and complicated they are. Here's a hint: women are not stuck-up, prudish and cold. They are stuck-up, prudish and cold

to you. And you wonder why with such aforementioned behavior? But, fear not—your situation can be exponentially improved. Rather than sitting at home, pondering women and why they won't go out with you, or getting angry about it and sending childish Quick Hits to the *Phi* about how awful girls are and implicitly expressing your blatant sexual frustration and loneliness to the entire campus, here is my suggestion: why don't you try being pleasant?

Start by talking to your love interest—the key is to do so with no ulterior motives, but rather because you enjoy her conversation. There are some hysterical women on this campus whose quick wit and sharp intellect offer greater and longer lasting enjoyment than any one night stand. Besides, if you don't expect anything, you may be pleasantly surprised. And if you would like for her to be equally surprised by you, then perhaps you might work on improving your persona. Throw some humor in the conversation. Find some common interests. And for heaven's sake at

least feign some modesty! If you are uncontrollably compelled to boast of your own achievements to a female audience, save it for your mother. On the contrary, flatter your potential partner by expressing a curiosity in her achievements, interests or background. Be courteous and polite and she will react positively. Be interesting and engaging and she will react attentively with an incited interest.

Of course, the necessary disclaimer here must acknowledge that, yes, in fact, there are some wretched people out there of both the male and female sexes who will not react positively no matter how kind or friendly one tries to be. And, yes, there are plenty of "nice guys" who have done their best to maximize their appeal and have yet to find female affection. All I can say to this is that wretched people are not worth the time of decent people, and decent people will eventually find other decent people with whom they may couple, even if it takes some time. No one is perfect, but some are closer than others. Ideals of perfection can be subjective, but there is one form to which we can all strive: don't be an a-hole.

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Φ THE NAKED TRUTH COURTNEY PERRY '04

What the Hell's a Ring-tum Phi?

(Reprinted from Sept. 20, 1979 the *Ring-tum Phi*, reprinted from the Dec. 5, 1967 issue)

Back in the days when telephones (all 68 of them in Lexington, an advertisement boasted) were known as "up-to-date electric call bells," back when stealing a bell-clapper was called "a naughty-one's frolic," in the same year that the *New York Post* conferred on this city (really) the title "Athens of the South," 1897—there came into being a little newspaper published weekly, "by the students for the Washington and Lee community," and named after the most popular of that University's football cheers: "Ring-tum Phi."

"Coincident with the administration of President Wilson begins the career of a new publication at Washington and Lee, the *Ring-tum Phi*. The *Ring-tum Phi* is a weekly journal and presents a pleasing appearance. It meets a distinct need in the University and relieves the Collegian of what formerly has tended only to clog and retard."

Eighteen and ninety-seven. The year of the Great Hell Scandal. It seems the very first editor-in-chief, George Houston, in the fourth issue of the neophyte newspaper, published a column of "Football Songs," one of which concluded with this verse:

"Each other's back, boys,
"Has got a knack, boys,
"For making the gains, sir,
"Round the end,
"And it's a sin, sir,
"For Oberlin [a W&L player], sir,
"To buck the VMI boys' line so awful hard.
"Then join the yell, boys,
"And yell like hell, boys,
"Sure enough,
"To W&L U., boys,
"And foot-ball, too, boys,

"Let's give a rousing, rumbling, roaring football yell.

"Ring-tum Phi, sticker bum,
"&c. &c."

Well, hell broke loose. The next issue, an incensed letter-to-the-editor writer (we told you things haven't changed much) said:

"There appeared in the columns of the *Ring-tum Phi*, last week, a song which, to the thoughtful person had very little to recommend it. . . . The only thing that I can see that would have recommended it to the editorial eye is the little smack of naughtiness which makes the first rhyme in the last verse.

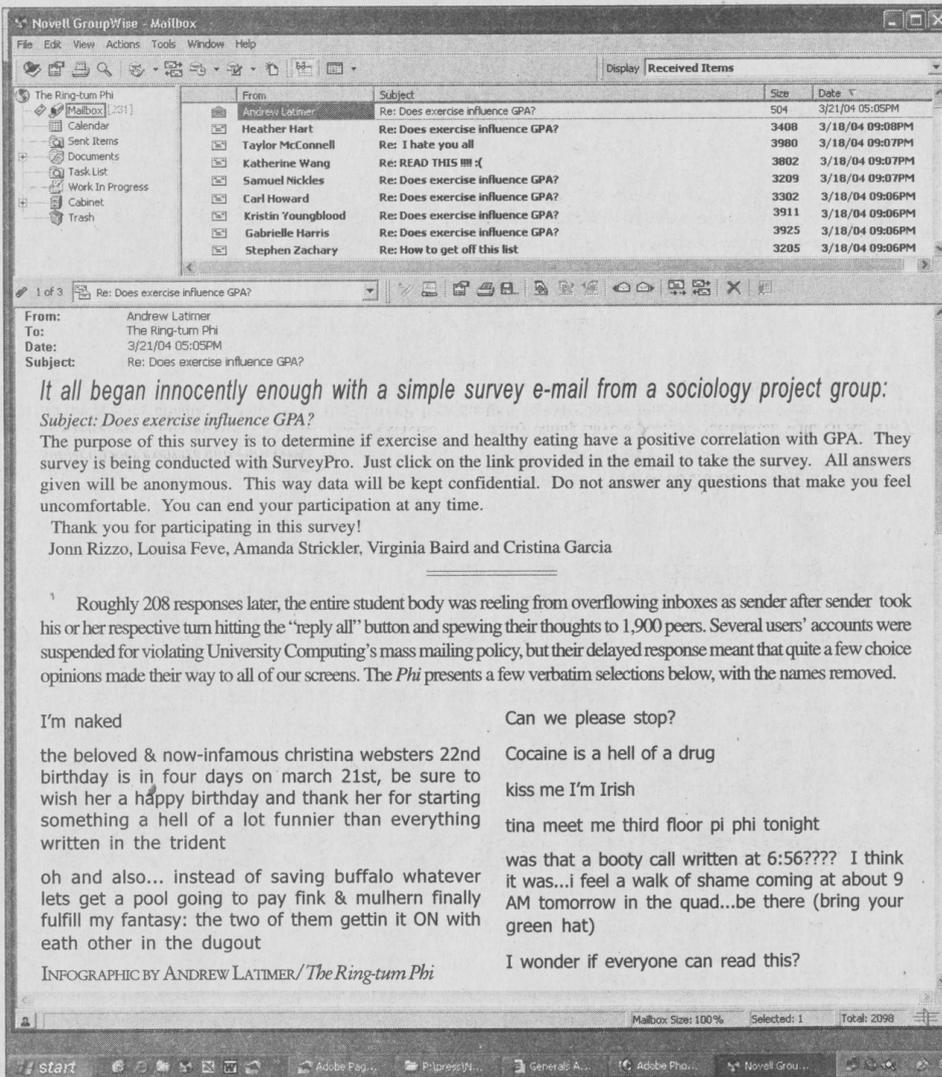
"The Editor seems to be filled with pride to even know that author; he puts the verse in the first column of his newspaper and writes an editorial commending it as 'especially good.' He says the words tire the voice very little.

"Now everyone, who knows anything of the subject, knows that the sound of that 'h' has a very rasping effect on the vocal chords. How much better would have been had the line read: 'And yell right well, boys.' It would have sounded better, been easier on the voice, and would have saved the writer and Editor from showing off their weakness.

"It can be admitted that, to some eyes, there is something worthy of admiration in a dark, purple crime, but to bow before a sinlet like this is weakness personified.

"In the future let me suggest that the Editor follow the path of virtue. He will not only find it pleasant, but may keep himself from showing his lack of taste. — R."

Well, "R." intimidated Mr. Houston. Who wouldn't be intimidated if he were editing a brand-new paper that nobody, not even students, had ever heard of, named the *Ring-tum Phi*; and somebody came along and accused him of printing sinlets right on his front page?



QUICK HITS

Φ It's only a matter of time the Cadavers give in to the pressure of springtime in the South and paint the entire campus pink and green.

Φ I'm planning an Ignorance-is-Bliss Campaign. My ultimate goal is to create a monologue.

Φ Would the person who keeps the box of Nilla Wafers in the English Lounge like to share?

Φ I don't care what anyone says, keep wearing those muscle shirts, boys. I love seeing you in them, especially you, Matt Watson.

Φ I love Natalia Maxwell. She is the best girlfriend ever.

Φ Hats off to all the pledges of Pi Kappa Phi and Mother Alpha who actually stuck out all eight weeks without complaining like a little girl.

Φ If the *Phi* is going to be including articles from porn stars, can't it at least get Jenna Jameson?

Φ To the couple talking every weeknight in the Gilliam stariwell at 4:00 a.m., please find a new place to chat, or learn sign language. —the kid in boxers with a hairy chest

Φ When will the *Trident* stop running that stupid "frat of the Week" column, which has yet to name a single frat.

Φ Reason #3 Gilliam is better than Graham-Lees: Steve Martinenza is rumored to live here, although it hasn't been confirmed.

Φ More reasons Gilliam is better than Graham-Lees: #4- Steve Martinenza is rumored to be a dorm counselor in Gilliam. #5- Navigation through hallways doesn't require a map and compass.

Φ Still more reasons Gilliam is better than Graham-Lees: #6- When we drink too much, the Health Center is right below us. #7- We have Andrew Gulotta.

Φ Is the Juice worth the squeeze?

Φ Boo hoo . . . I can't get laid so I'm complaining about the girls.

Φ Who will the Sigmas initiate if all the Big 4 disappear?

Φ Just to clarify, Lalli and the rest of the skull pledges suck. Quit writing yourselves into Quick Hits every week. Losers. Go cry to Mama.

Φ My friend asked me if I wanted a frozen banana, and I was like, "No, but I want a regular banana later so, yeah."

Φ www.goshentheband.com —Enough said.

Φ The Karl Denson concert this year was more enjoyable for me than anything I have ever read in the *Phi*.

Φ Will Scott Pittman please stop submitting self-flattering Quick Hits?

Φ If you cannot take a little hazing, why would you join a fraternity? And who turns his frat in? I mean, honestly, all you have to do is quit. Don't screw the rest of the frat that is man enough to take it.

Φ The Co-op should open at noon on Sunday.

Φ Kudos to all the sports teams that were so successful Saturday afternoon. Mary Washington stinks!

Φ Today in Virginia history: In 1622, 347 English settlers were killed by Algonquian Indians near Jamestown in what has since been labeled the Jamestown Massacre.

Φ Don't forget, this Friday, the 26th, to come to Lambda Chi to celebrate Jeb Brooks' 21st birthday with Monticello Road.

Φ Similarly: Happy Birthday to W&L alumnus Pat Robertson who turns 74 today.

Φ Quick Hits is dead, long live the Quick Hits.

Φ If you didn't go to see Jonah Goldberg, you really missed out. He was spectacular.

Φ Congratulations to Laura Byrne for her appointment to student head of the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Φ Stay away from our parties. Townies, go home! Oh wait, never mind.

Φ Keep your damn e-mails to yourself. Learn the *%#@*! difference between "Reply to Sender" and "Reply to All" already.

Φ Get well soon, Paris. All of us at the *Phi* are pulling for you. Send that horse off to the glue factory.

Φ This is not the only Quick Hit written by Jeb and Brett this week.

Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits and complaints about exams and term papers to phi@wlu.edu.