

Arch  
# 378.755  
R552  
V. 107  
no. 26  
C. 2

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

# THE RING-TUM PHI.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005

BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS SINCE 1897

VOLUME 107, NUMBER 25

## HOT TICKET

### Acting out

Opening night has come and gone and the One Acts have proved to be a raving success. But you haven't missed your chance to catch a show in the Johnson theater! Come Monday and Wednesday, March 28 and 29, at 8:00 p.m. and see "The Night No One Died," "The Bone Violin," and "Porcelain and Pink." Or show for an outrageous night on Tuesday, March 29, at 9:00 p.m. and watch "Bunnies," "American Tropical," and "Intervention."

### Focking hilarious

Ready for a laugh? "Meet the Fockers" will run in the Commons theater at 7 p.m. on Mon. March 28, and at 9:30 p.m. on Tues. March 29 and Thurs. March 31.



## WHAT'S INSIDE

### Phi Phizzles

Notice some sarcasm and lies in this week's news? It's that time of year where we include a special feature section devoted to April Fool's Day. We took our name this year from a 1923 Calyx reference to the Phi, calling us The Ring-Tum Phizzle. Just remember, it's all in good fun! President Burish, Dean Watkins, Burr Datz, and all of our hundreds of lovely vice presidents, please don't sue for libel! See page 3-4.

## SIMPLE LIFE

Don't let exam week sneak up on you! Follow our simple tips so you can make an easy getaway the minute your last exam is over.

**Stock up on blue books** if you'll need them for exams. You'll have unneeded stress if you're running like a maniac to the bookstore in the last three minutes before your politics exam.

**Do laundry.** You don't want to have to worry about making sure you have enough clean clothes in the middle of stressful finals.

**Refrigerator getting low?** Time to restock on good healthy brain foods before things get more hectic! If you're hungry and running out the door, you can grab an energy bar and an orange juice, and you'll be good to go.

**Pack light.** Make your packing list way ahead of time if you're heading out so you can just throw things in the suitcase and haul it when your last exam is over. And be sure to double-check the weather conditions where you're going so some unexpected cold front doesn't ruin your fun.

**Confirm your travel details.** Check with your ride to the airport, get online and make sure you have a flight reservation and seat assignment, call the hotel in Destin and make sure you do indeed have that room with a view of the beach under your name.

**Prep your room.** Take out the trash, make babysitting arrangements for your goldfish, wash the dishes.

**Road trip!** Gas up the car, get oil checked, and clean out the trunk because you're about to attempt the impossible: packing your suitcase and those of your three best friends in that tiny little space.

**Stay healthy!** Keep those pockets full of Halls Defense supplement drops with Vitamin C. The last thing you need is to be sick for exams.

## Softer lines in store for trident

By Katherine Shell  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

January's Strategic Planning report stated that one of the University's goals would be to reevaluate the trident as a symbol and look into the possibility of altering the symbol to avoid misrepresenting what the trident stands for. Tim Kolly, Vice President of Public Affairs and Communication, said that this is a response to numerous people feeling that the trident "looked harsh, looked ominous, or reminded them of the swastika."

The trident was created in the early 1900s by a student, and later adopted by the University as a symbol. Today, the trident remains recognizable as a symbol of the W&L community, a symbol not changed for over seventy-five years. However, Kolly said that he felt the symbol would have originally been created differently had the 1930s been a question. "People have commented on it for as least

*"We create traditions all the time."*

— TIM KOLLY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

as long as I have been here," said Kolly, who has been part of the W&L Communications department for eight months. Though the controversy surrounding the trident is usually limited to people who do not know the history of the symbol or W&L, it is clear that the University is concerned about outsider perceptions of W&L's symbols.

"If we're getting substantial feedback," said Kolly, the University should look into what the trident represents to the public.

However, though looking into changing the trident is a possibility in the near future, the time-honored symbol will remain part of the school. "Nobody is suggesting that we replace it. People like

the trident as a symbol. Suggestions have been to soften the lines of it," said Kolly.

Changes could possibly include straightening the lines of the prongs to separate from the Nazi swastika. The trident will remain no matter the outcome of the task force's reports, but may no longer be recognizable as the past trident.

Should W&L students be concerned that one of W&L's favored traditions may be sinking into the past?

No, said Kolly, "we create traditions all the time."

Students can look forward to a modernized trident to replace the one that has been used since the early twentieth century.

However, Kolly also added that

"nothing has been decided." Students and the W&L community are invited to share their opinions about the trident and the other issues up for discussing in the Strategic Planning sessions continuing through the summer. There is an online drop-box that provides questions with answer space. It does not, however, leave room for specific ideas that the contributor feels needs to be focused on. If a student or faculty member has opinions that do not fit into the space available online, please contact members of the individual task forces.

Kolly stated that it is "important for students to weigh in and give our opinions," and students should share those with the task forces during the current comment period, which will last until summer.

For more information, students and faculty should feel free to email Provost Williams at williams@wlu.edu or Tim Kolly at kolly@wlu.edu.

## W&L imports long-time Ivy Dean

By Chris Lauderman  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The search for the new Dean of the College is complete and the new dean, believing the university is in "very good shape"; does not feel the need to "shake things up."

Washington and Lee hired Hank Dobin, Associate Dean of the College at Princeton, to fill the post currently held by Interim Dean Jeanine Stewart last week.

Dobin said the biggest challenge to coming to a new institution is understanding the culture.

"You really have to go in with the expectation you have a lot to learn; that's the key challenge," Dobin said.

Provost Thomas Williams said that the applicant pool was very strong and the search committee was "comparing strengths to strengths."

Dobin began his teaching career at University of Maryland-College Park after graduating from Stanford. He taught for 13 years and was Associate Chairman of the English Department, which had 70 members. He was elected chair of the College Park Senate and two years later he became the Associate Dean of the College at Princeton. He has served in that capacity for the last nine years.

Williams, who had the final call in who was hired, said that Dobin brought significant administrative skills with an undergraduate emphasis to the table. While at Princeton, he structured General Education requirements, ran the undergraduate writing program and freshman seminar program, guided Princeton through its reaccreditation process, and was an award winning teacher.

Dobin said he ended up at Princeton

because of the attention they show undergraduates combined with the strengths of large research university.

"I wanted to be at a school where everyone agreed undergraduate education is the top priority," said Dobin. "W&L is among the best and I immediately jumped."

Dobin acknowledged that there is much planning occurring on campus. He said that he needs to find his place, but to do that he needs to sit back, listen, and learn much in the beginning.

"[Dobin] is wise enough to know that W&L is different from Princeton," Williams said.

His ideas, "in very broad terms," include working closely with college faculty to strengthen the breadth and depth of the curriculum, developing new areas and strengthening current departments, and creating new programs for the freshman year and new interdisciplinary

programs.

"It would be foolish to be specific at this point," Dobin said. "I won't be shy once I get to campus and realize how things are going."

While visiting W&L, he did not see anything that he believed required immediate change.

That sentiment includes the current Associate Deans. He said that he liked them both very much and that if they wanted to stay, they would be on his staff.

Provost Williams said that both Associate Deans, Dean Bent and Dean Mayock, are completing their appointments. Interim Dean Stewart is a tenured member of the faculty and can return to her post in the Psychology Department.

Dobin said that he would like to teach as early as his second year in the English Department. His specialty is Shakespeare.

## Settle wins major award

By Katherine Shell  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On March 17, 2005, Professor Frank Settle was awarded the Calvin Giddings Award for Excellence in Education. Settle will be given the award at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society next fall in D.C.

Out of the fifty to sixty thousand chemists in America, Settle was chosen for this award based on his continuing contributions to chemistry in the classroom and research as a whole. According to the W&L Press Release, "With over forty publications to his name, including the best-selling textbook 'Instrumental Methods of Analysis' (6th edition), numerous awards for both teaching and research, a record of classroom innovation and an impressive roster of former students who are now respected chemists, Settle exemplifies the qualities looked for in recipients of the J. Calvin Giddings Award." Settle has been a professor at W&L since 1998, and worked at VMI for twenty-eight years before that.

The J. Calvin Giddings Award is given to the person best exemplifying various qualities, including "authorship of influential books or courses; creation and use of innovative techniques in teaching analytical chemistry; encouraging student's pursuits of professional careers in chemistry through research, mentorship or teaching and designing improved lab equipment," stated the March 23 Press Release. At VMI, Settle received three faculty awards and was selected as an outstanding faculty by the Virginia Council of Higher Education.

According to the Press Release, Settle's response to the award was to say that "one of the most gratifying aspects of my career has been the opportunity to work with bright, interested students for 28 years at VMI and most recently, six years at W&L. It has been rewarding to follow their careers in industry, business and academics."



Soulful Sounds heard Tuesday night came from Evans Hall where the Harlem Gospel Choir performed.

## Law students win mediation competition

Press Release  
WASHINGTON & LEE

Tim McKeen and Chris Bullard, both second-year students at Washington and Lee University's School of Law, have won first place in the 2005 American Bar Association (ABA) Regional Mediation Competition held at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Va., on Feb. 26-27.

As regional champions, McKeen

and Bullard will go on to represent Washington and Lee at the ABA National Mediation Competition on April 13-14 in Los Angeles. The competition will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the association's Section of Dispute Resolution.

Their win also gives W&L the opportunity to host the 2006 regional competition.

Also representing Washington and Lee at the regional competition were Brian Wilberg and Kelly Behre, both third-year

law students.

The Washington and Lee Mediation Competition is an ABA Section of Dispute Resolution-sponsored forum offered to help develop practical legal skills. The competition, in which law students act as advocates and clients in a mediation setting, measures how well students model appropriate preparation for and representation of a client in mediation, and provides students valuable experience in the mediation process.

# sports

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

■ Men's Tennis at Roanoke 3:00

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

■ Baseball vs. Bridgewater 3:00  
■ Men's LAX vs. RMC 3:30  
■ Women's LAX vs. Hollins 4:30

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

■ Track at Duke TBA  
■ Riding at Zones TBA

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

■ Base vs. Lynchburg; 12:00  
■ Men's Lax at Roanoke; 1:00  
■ Women's Lax at Sweet Briar; 2:00  
■ Track at Duke; TBA

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### W&L Women's Tennis Defeats Trinity (Texas), 7-2 (3/25)

The third-ranked Washington and Lee women's tennis team improved to a perfect 14-0 with a 7-2 victory over fifth-ranked Trinity (Texas) at the Fab Five Tournament on Friday afternoon in Pomona, Calif.

### W&L Men's Tennis Defeats Mary Washington, 5-2 (3/24)

The 10th-ranked Washington and Lee men's tennis team improved to 11-4 on the season with a 5-2 victory over eighth-ranked Mary Washington on Thursday afternoon in Fredericksburg, Va.

### W&L Baseball Defeats Bridgewater, 11-8 (3/24)

Junior first baseman Taylor McConnell (Vestal, N.Y./Vestal) smacked a three-run double in the fifth inning to give Washington and Lee a 7-6 lead en route to an 11-8 victory over Bridgewater in ODAC baseball action on Thursday afternoon in Bridgewater, Va.

### W&L Golf Ties for Fifth at Golden Isle Invitational (3/20)

The Washington and Lee golf team tied for fifth out of 24 teams at the Golden Isle Invitational in Jekyll Island, Ga. The Generals fired a 302-294-303-899 overall and were led by freshman Steven Spivey (Martinsville, Va./Martinsville), who placed third overall with a 69-72-75-216.

### Third Annual University 'George Ray' Squashball Tournament

Roderick Dowling took home men's champion by defeating Mike Fisher, while Rachel Chisolm was able to defeat Nike Tsiknakis for the women's championship.

## Women's lax has good week of play

By Sarah Bloom  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Three games in one week didn't faze the women's Lacrosse team. Currently undefeated in the ODAC conference, the team has charged the field with an obvious passion for the game and for victory.

The Generals played a perfect game Tuesday against Bridgewater, defeating the ODAC team 18-0, but suffered a heartbreaking loss to Williams Wednesday (5-7).

Twelve Generals scored in the game including Kelly Evans who led the team with three goals. Mallory Lobisser, Louisa Feve, and Megan Slosson each also added two goals.

Amanda Strickler also added three assists in the game. Six other Generals' players also tallied an assist.

Junior Kate Lester pulled the Generals out of a slump to a tied game shortly before half-time, but Williams scored with only a little over a minute left

in the half to give Williams a 4-3 lead.

In the second half, Williams pulled into the lead, but Lester again narrowed the gap and put the Generals back in the game.

Unfortunately scores by freshman Sarah Adkins and senior Natalya Hoobchaak were not enough in the end to put the Generals back in the lead.

Freshman Sarah Tilbor manned the goal for the Generals, making six saves. Freshmen additions Tilbor and Christine Bender have been essential elements to the women's lacrosse force.

Named rookie and scholar of the week by womenslacrosse.com., Tilbor has started as goalie for the Generals and claimed the best save record in the ODAC.

Bender was named rookie of the week, having scored three crucial goals to help defeat rival Franklin and Marshall last Saturday. Bender is also and is currently ranked second on the team.

The Generals continue their season next Wednesday when they take Hollins on at home.



JON ROGERS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Women's lax team hopes to keep the winning going to the end of the season

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



CORBIN BLACKFORD / PHOTO EDITOR

The Generals baseball team extended its record to 21-4 after defeating Bridgewater 11-8 Thursday afternoon. Adam Bullock got things started off with a three-run homerun in the second inning to take the lead 3-0. After losing the early lead Taylor McConnell's three-run double regained it in the fifth inning. Dave Miller and Scott Gosselink each added RBI singles. Miller went 3-5 in the batters box, as did teammate Jordan Wesley. Freshman lefty John Parker allowed five earned runs off 10 hits in six innings. The win against Bridgewater comes after an extra-inning victory over Shenandoah on Tuesday. Gosselink hit a game winning RBI single in the bottom of the thirteenth inning to get the win. Gosselink hit 4-6 in the game, and McConnell tallied three hits off of six at bats. A rematch with Bridgewater is set for Wednesday, March 30 at home.

## Tennis teams still rolling

By Marshall Rule  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Men's and Women's tennis teams continued to roll last week with two wins.

The tenth ranked Men's team defeated eighth ranked Mary Washington 5-2 last Thursday, losing only one singles match.

1. Paul McClure (W&L) def. Paul Bristow (UMW) 6-1, 6-2
2. Jon Clair (UMW) def. David Shay (W&L) 2-6, 6-1, 7-5
3. Jon Malooly (W&L) def. Matt Rogers (UMW) 6-3, 7-6
4. Jeff Lusk (W&L) def. Nate Hathaway (UMW) 6-2, 6-2
5. Jordan Eichenberger (W&L) def. Jon Pollak (UMW) 6-2, 6-4
6. Charles Anderson (W&L) def. Erik Thorell (UMW) 6-3, 6-1

Meanwhile, the Women's team (#3) defeated Trinity (Texas, #5) 7-2 winning all of its singles competitions on Friday afternoon.

1. Lindsay Hagerman (W&L) def. Jackie Mendillo (TU) 6-2, 6-0
2. Emily Applegate (W&L) def. Alicia Hunt (TU) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
3. Ginny Wortham (W&L) def. Laura Steinmetz (TU) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4
4. Kristen McClung (W&L) def. Megan Suarez (TU) 6-1, 6-0
5. Leah Weston (W&L) def. Christy Austin (TU) 4-6, 6-0, 7-5
6. Katie Kingsbury (W&L) def. Leigh Pankonien (TU) 6-1, 6-1

In doubles competition Trinity was able to win two of the three matches.

1. Christy Austin/Laura Steinmetz (TU) def. Lindsay Hagerman/Ginny Wortham (W&L) 9-8 (7-4)
2. Emily Applegate/Kristen McClung (W&L) def. Jackie Mendillo/Megan Suarez (TU) 8-1
3. Leigh Pankonien/Alicia Hunt (TU) def. Lora Farris/Leah Weston (W&L) 8-5

With the win, the Generals women remain undefeated at 14-0.

### Position Announcement:

### Possible Opening for an Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

The Washington and Lee Undergraduate Office of Admissions wishes to announce a possible opening for an Admissions Counselor. Responsibilities include extensive recruitment travel, conducting student interviews and group information sessions, and evaluating applications. Strong communication skills and demonstrated organizational abilities are expected. The successful candidate will be willing and able to work as part of a highly successful admissions team, yet will be capable of creative self-direction.

Some evening and weekend work is necessary. Candidates should be willing to commit to two years in the position.

Bachelor's degree is required, as is a valid driver's license. All interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé, including two references, no later than Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. All materials should be sent to:

Jonathan Webster

Associate Dean of Admissions

Office of Admissions Lexington, VA 24450

**ANN MAYS**  
Certified Massage Therapist  
Lexington, VA  
540-570-4780  
Swedish, Deep Tissue, and Hot Stone Massage  
Reflexology, and Reiki  
1 Hour Massage - \$35.00

**\$450 Group Fundraiser Scheduling Bonus**  
4 hours of your group's time PLUS our free (yes, free) fundraising solutions EQUALS \$1,000-\$2,000 in earnings for your group. **Call TODAY for a \$450 bonus** when you schedule your non-sales fundraiser with CampusFundraiser. Contact CampusFundraiser, (888) 923-3238.

**1999 Audi A4 Quattro**  
XM radio, 12 CD changer, good condition,  
**\$11,500. Call 261-5598.**

**LIFEGUARDS/POOL MANAGERS**  
Now hiring for summer 2005 NoVa areas!  
Competitive Pay! Call now or visit website!  
www.premier411.com  
1 877 SEE POOL

  
**Orchardside Yarn Shop**  
Knitting Specialty Shop  
273 Raphine Road  
Raphine, VA 24472  
540-348-5220 • 1-877-NIT-YARN  
Knitting cottage nestled along the creek which carries a fabulous selection of basic and novelty yarns, kits, needles and accessories. Customer service from start to finish with your projects. Mail order and Internet accessibility made easy.  
Call for workshop & class information.  
Halfway between Lexington and Staunton  
On I-81 / I-64 at exit 205, Raphine. 4 miles west on Route 606, Raphine Road. Located on a working farm that offers "U-PICK" opportunities for fresh fruit when in season.  
Tues - Sat 10:00 - 5:00, Wed until 8:00  
www.ovsvyarnshop.com

# THE RING-TUM PHIZZLE.

BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND FOR THE STUDENTS SINCE 2002

## briefly news...

**Jeb Brooks** has purchased the Traveler safe ride system from the University. "Pardon the pun, but I thought it was going nowhere under University ownership," said Brooks. He immediately added seven buses to the system, and has introduced stewardesses and a complete line of Jeb Brooks Sportswear that will be sold in the "Back of the Bus Boutique." Full meals will be served on country runs, but only beverages and peanuts on the intra-city runs.

The final report of the strategic planning process was made available today. Several surprises were included. For instance, the two student newspapers will be merged to form the Ring Tum Tri. However, the biggest surprise was the decision to locate an oil refinery on the site of the old student co-op. Joe Grasso, Vice President for Administration, said that it was a great investment for the University and will produce up to ten new work/study positions. "This will be so unobtrusive. Aside from a slight odor, students will hardly know it's there," said Grasso. "Parking is bound to get tighter but we're hoping Brooks can expand the Traveller system to shuttle refinery workers from satellite lots."

Seven professors from the School of Law have sued the University. No particular reason; they just had a little extra time. Brian Murchison, spokesman for the group, said, "People don't realize that

when attorneys haven't sued for a while, they can get out of shape. This is just a great effort to keep our skills sharp."

**Former Harvard president** Lawrence Summers was today named to head the Washington and Lee science department. In what may be a related incident, twenty-three female science majors withdraw from the University. Spokesperson Tim Kolly downplayed any connection. "There is no connection whatsoever. Female science majors withdraw from the University en masse all the time. It's only because of this Summers thing that you've even noticed."

**University officials today unveiled** plans for a replacement for DuPont Hall. Vice President for University Advancement Dennis Cross said that the University was unable to secure a single large donation for construction and instead has had to string together a number of smaller donations. "The building will be named Office Max-Microsoft-Rennie's-Taco Bell Hall," said Cross. "We had a lot of donors but decided to limit the naming opportunities to those that gave more than \$100."

**Senior Marie Trimble**, in a stunning consolidation of power, has been elected President of Everything. She immediately left for Tibet and Sierra Leone to visit with her subjects. "I don't know how I'm going to do it all," Trimble said. "I hope that I don't have to drop a class."

## Greek Bust Claims another Victim

*In its quest to rise in the rankings, has the school gone too far?*

By ZORBA  
never been fraternized

The university administration took another giant step towards erasing any doubt that their ultimate goal is to destroy the Greek System on the W&L campus. Despite repeated claims that "we want to make the system strong" and "we have no intention in erasing the Greek culture," the latest move by those in the rarified air (apparently all-too-rarified) of Washington Hall second floor seems a direct indication of their true motive.

Gamma of Virginia chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been put on the severest form of social probation: after their tear-night celebration of two weeks ago, the chapter will not be allowed to sponsor any functions, social or otherwise, for the next twelve months.

"This came out of nowhere," said chapter president Brian Richardson. "We had made our plans for the initiation evening, then University Catering stepped in and the next thing I know the only options for the evening were regular or de-caf." "I pressed for reasons," indicated Richardson, "and the only reply I got was something about debauchery at a similar event at the College of William and Mary in 1776."

"It is well known that W&L Phi Beta Kappas can hold their booze far better than their colleagues to the east," lamented Richardson, "so it is beyond me

how they can clamp down on us for behavior over which we had no control."

Other sources, who prefer to remain anonymous, point to a series of celebrations far into the night after the end of the formal ceremonies held Thursday evening, March 3, involving numerous new initiates. These events were reported to have taken place in a student lounge in the Chemistry Department, in the reference room in Leyburn Library, and at the Liberty Hall Ruins. This latter event involved a variety of small implements - trowels and paintbrushes, for example - used for purposes about which it would be unwise to speculate.

As a result of each of these gatherings, several students were taken to student health by security. Due to the "safe haven" policy, it was not possible to learn from officials the nature of the injuries treated, but a source in a position to know said that there were a series of dislocated fingers treated that evening.

"Something about a secret handshake" said the source.

"This is not good news for Greek organizations on campus," said chapter secretary-treasurer Marcia France. "In my opinion, we have always behaved in an exemplary fashion, and this kind of interference in the privilege of young adults to create their own social life suggests a dark side to the current university trajectory." "I should have known something was afoot when we had to go so long without a chapter house."

Classics department head and Professor of Greek Kevin Crotty indicated "we are keeping a close eye on this development." "Should the severe pressure on Greek organizations on campus continue, we will be forced to take drastic action." Teaching Greek in translation, or substituting Aramaic in place of Greek in the curriculum are among the possibilities under discussion, indicated Crotty

*"It is well known that W&L Phi Beta Kappas can hold their booze far better than their colleagues to the east, so it is beyond me how they can clamp down on us for behavior over which we had no control."*

Brian Richardson, Phi Beta Kappa President

## School Ends Its Co-Educational Years, feminazis take over

*The "Good Ole Boy Network" is in jeopardy. What would Bobby Lee say about an all-female campus?*

By Klassy Komedian  
best little litle everrr

For the last twenty years, Washington and Lee University has admitted both male and female students to its undergraduate liberal arts college. However, the school was entirely male during the years prior, from 1749 to 1985. Since becoming co-ed, the male to female ratio has finally reached a near-perfect balance.

Recent statistics on the incoming class of 2009 confirm this ratio. While some may think equality between male and female students has been achieved, administrators and the board of trustees realize the women are at a 236-year disadvantage.

To recompense, they have decided to stop admitting male students, beginning with the class of 2010, and allow the school to convert to an all-female school through the year 2246.

"We owe this to an entire gender," said Philip Norwood, Rector of the Board of Trustees. "Washington and Lee defines itself with honor and integrity. It is impossible to continue to uphold those things while ignoring this massive injustice to the female population."

The Board has set out several goals for its women-only period. These include: taking hundreds of black and white photos of smiling female students to hang in buildings on campus, establishing exclusive, feminine traditions, and perhaps finding a matriarch to work integrally with the school, so that her name be added to the official name (which was changed often in its early years, but

has remained Washington and Lee since 1871).

The "de-coeducationization" of the University is not anticipated to effect the quality of education at W & L, although the effects on campus social life are inevitable.

With an all-female student body, the school will be able to refurbish all men's fraternity houses into sorority houses, expanding Greek opportunities for new generations of Generals.

"I'd say it's a good thing," said Kristin Powell, adviser of Panhellenic. "Ideally, over the next 200-years, W & L should be able to obtain chapters of each of the 26 national sororities."

Current female students also support the idea.

"Virginia's got a bunch of liberal arts colleges for women. We'll just be another one of them, the best of them," said freshman Amy Roberson. "I guess it will disappoint boys who consider Washington and Lee in the future, but not too much."

They can always revel in the all-male history of the school and nearly every other school in the country."

During the time when the school admits only women, it will still accept, and expect, donations from all alumni, male and female.

A committee has been formed to strategically plan changes in campus buildings and programs to better suit the new, solely female generation, and they require funding.

For more information about the University's plans or to make a contribution, please contact Dean Dawn Watkins.

## Science Center departments to secede from The College

*After a breakdown in negotiations, Burish worries for admissions numbers.*

By Billiete Murray  
keeperess of the groundhogs

In a not-unforeseen move, the science-oriented academic departments seceded from Washington and Lee University Saturday, declaring themselves to constitute a separate and independent university.

The departments involved—Physics, Biology, Psychology, Computer Science, Chemistry, Geology and Neuroscience—will remain in the Science Center.

For these departments, the secession is seen as an escape from the overbearing presence of Washington Hall. Science professors have long condemned irksome University regulations of semester credit maximums, hiring autonomy, and corporal punishment.

President Thomas G. Burish issued a passionate statement from Lee House Sunday afternoon, warning that "a university divided cannot hope to increase its endowment." He went on to say that he sincerely hoped that the science center would fully cooperate with the university's attempts to make amends.

Some read the statement as an honest effort for conciliation from an affable, caring member of the administration; others saw it as a clear threat and a sign of impending conflict.

"I don't know how they think they're going to survive," said

Richard Worthington '07, an Economics and Management double major. "I mean, they don't have a bookstore or a dining hall or anything."

"On the other hand," Worthington mused, "now that the rest of the school is all-women, they might have an advantage. I wish someone had sent out a Campus Notice about that. I mean, do I have to go to class today?"

All communication is to be cut off between the science center and the university. The science departments will cease using all facilities outside the science center, and there will be no correspondence between members of either group. The only exception will be LIFE head Jan Kaufman, who has announced that she will continue her missionary work of distributing vats of condoms to students in need everywhere.

Estrangement between the science departments and the liberal arts departments is nothing new. Science students have always been somewhat isolated from the rest of the university, due to excessive hours spent in the science library. Many students from other departments do not quite understand what goes on there, since the science students never actually interact with other parts of the campus. Misunderstandings often result.

"My roommate was pre-med freshman year," said Donna Michaelson '08, who is thinking of pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism. "She was really weird. She would disappear for like five hours at a time and be like, 'I was at class.' I was like, yeah, right. Nobody's in class for that long. She

must have been doing drugs or something."

But here and there, you see former science students walking around in Newcomb, Tucker, or Huntley Hall. Their numbers are small; their escapes were difficult. These rare few tell ghastly tales of oppression, pain, and privation. Twenty-hour days of studying are commonplace. Professors have free rein to make unreasonable demands and give harsh punishments for mistakes on tests and quizzes, with no recourse to advisers, administrators, or caring parents. Students are often separated for long periods of time from family and friends.

Sara Duckworth '06 is no exception. Raised in a family of doctors, Duckworth came to Washington and Lee with the intention of preparing for medical school. But after two years of hard labor in the stacks of the science library, she made a break for freedom.

"I never thought I was going to get out," she confessed. "When I first stepped into DuPont Hall, I had tears in my eyes. It seemed too good to be true."

"I'm just lucky that I'm not one of the poor kids left behind," Duckworth said.

Another reason for the rift may be the science students' strange attachment to their advisers and professors. With some difficulty, this reporter tracked down one of the elusive bunch to comment on the science lifestyle.

"We're all doing fine," she said, despite her haggard appearance. "Professor France loves us. That's why she makes us work so hard. It's for our own good. Sorry, what? My name? I don't remember."

Meanwhile, tensions build as students and faculty alike await the clash of the two colleges.

"Let Burish threaten all he wants," Dr. Larry Hurd, head of the Biology Department, said at a Parnly Hall rally earlier today. "We are committed to our scientific heritage and we will not back down! We're going to the Williams School and DuPont and Robinson and then we're going to Washington Hall to take back the school! Yiiiiiaaaarrrrgh!"

boycott leyburn  
studying is overrated.

*Estrangement between the science departments and the liberal arts departments is nothing new. Science students have always been somewhat isolated from the rest of the university, due to excessive hours spent in the science library.*

# We wanna be an Ivy

## Vice President-to-student ratio now 1:1

By C to the L man  
HE NEEDS TO FIND HIS OWN BED

Vice Presidents #1760 and #1761 were hired earlier this week allowing Washington and Lee to finally achieve its one to one vice president to student ratio.

But the big surprise of the day was the fight over the Beta and SPE houses. Provost Thomas Williams announced that Peter Prodigy, Vice President for Early North Dakotan Recruitment, will be living in the SPE house while Sam Silla, Vice President for Fraternity Dining Room Chair Violations, will be moving into Beta.

"We are very excited and pleased with our two newest employees," said Williams.

Peter Prodigy, age 8, comes to Washington and Lee from a remote elementary school in North Dakota. Peter was hired to figure out how to recruit students from the only state not represented at W&L.

"Peter will bring much to the table," William Hartog, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, said. "We have been trying to crack into North Dakota for years."

But Peter acknowledges that W&L is going to have a hard time recruiting in North Dakota.

"It's going to be a huge challenge," Peter said. "We plan on using all kinds of cool strategies to bring lots of geographic diversity to the school like pizza parties for the gifted classes and free trident belts to students across the state."

Silla was previously employed by the Lexington police department where he wrote parking tickets for a living.

"There are so many ways to get a

violation," Silla said. "I can't wait to start writing up fines."

Fraternities who move a chair onto their porch, into another room, or more than a foot from where it is supposed to be will be fined.

"This is an outrage!" Fratty McFratterson, President of Kappa Epsilon Gamma said. "How are we supposed to sit around as a brotherhood and talk? Is the school going to buy us more chairs for our porch?"

The school said it cannot afford to buy more chairs as a result of hiring the last two Vice Presidents.

"We have drained the most recent capital campaign and tuition, room, and board will all be increasing by at least 40 percent per year," Steve McAllister, Vice President for Finance, said. "Of course, these tuition raises are only to keep up with our peer institutions."

"Dean Watkins gets Stonewall Jackson's house, even the Dean of Freshman gets a house," Joe Grasso, Vice President for Administration said. "Why can't I have a house?"

Tim Kolly, Vice President of Public Affairs, echoed Grasso's comment.

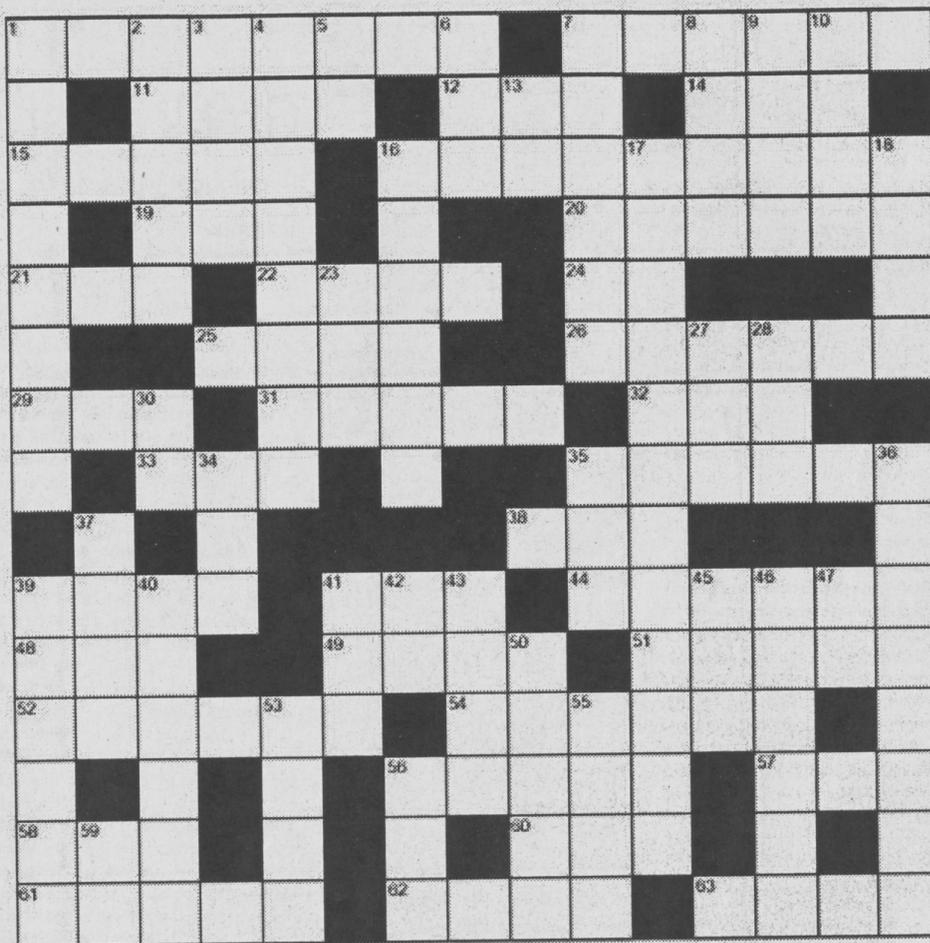
"I have spent months spinning the Greek news to the alums so that Beta could not have the support to return to campus," Kolly said. "I think I deserve that house more than anyone."

The Vice President for University Advancement Dennis Cross and Associate Provost George Carras are expected to duel over who will residence in the Morris House next week. Admission is free with student ID.

*"I have spent months spinning the Greek news to the alums so that Beta could not have the support to return to campus. I think I deserve that house more than anyone."*

TIM KOLLY, VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

IF YOU DO THIS, YOU ARE AN IDIOT



### ACROSS

- 1 reading placekeeper
- 7 survival
- 11 little spoon
- 12 Jerry's partner
- 14 leftover
- 15 storyteller
- 16 bulb flower
- 19 taters
- 20 east wind
- 21 corn units
- 22 dog noise
- 24 shoe \_\_\_\_
- 25 poker hand
- 26 wish
- 29 car organization
- 31 lizard
- 32 not young
- 33 searching tool
- 35 president
- 38 with ease
- 39 lost
- 41 foot extremity
- 44 mr.

- 48 Spanish dance
- 49 bristle
- 51 kind of kiss
- 52 bicycle part
- 54 snap
- 56 rewind
- 57 right on \_\_\_\_
- 58 famous Matt
- 60 not in
- 61 shuffle
- 62 remote island
- 63 entertain

### DOWN

- 1 pillow home
- 2 finder
- 3 taxi
- 4 swingset
- 5 growl
- 6 metal
- 7 acoustic \_\_\_\_
- 8 not a meter
- 9 incredulous
- 10 as well

- 13 1000 bytes
- 16 battle cry
- 17 free-spirit award winner
- 18 shake
- 23 plant holder
- 27 misunderstood
- 28 now I know my \_\_\_\_s
- 30 underappreciated state
- 34 terry cloth
- 35 clock
- 36 weather phenom
- 37 Dorothy's shoe color
- 39 paralegal
- 40 q-tip residue
- 41 low voice
- 42 odor
- 43 insanity
- 45 sport with sticks
- 46 Italian dessert
- 47 Fox hit show
- 50 whistle
- 53 chalkish
- 55 follicle folly
- 56 child's game
- 59 yoga mantra

## Administration unveils proposed changes to the offensive Trident logo



## W&L administration invades the Institute

By Lord of the Swords  
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A KEY DET

Dean Watkins and President Burish announced yesterday that they plan to end the ratline at the Virginia Military Institute.

"We found that the ratline was not an institution that promoted constructive dialogue and enduring bonds between cadets," said Watkins, "the first year at the Institute should be about forming healthy bonds, and we do not feel that forcing 5-mile, 4 a.m. marches through the snow facilitates this process."

The decision was announced following the presentation of a study by Kim Tolly, recently hired Vice President of Coercion of Other Lexington Liberal Arts Institutions.

"My investigations at VMI turned up some very disturbing behavior," said Tolly. "New students were made to exercise repeatedly, and were denied access to music. It's absolutely sickening, and I suspect that many of the poor individuals who have been exposed to this treatment will be scarred for life. How

*"We found that the ratline was not an institution that promoted constructive dialogue and enduring bonds between cadets"*

-DAWN WATKINS, DEAN OF STUDENTS

can new cadets build positive self-valuation when other cadets habitually refer to them as rats? It's like they're not even a real class there."

Part of Tolly's study recommends a change in several rat-related terms. For instance, the term "rats" itself will be changed to "New Cadets," while the infamous, drill-sergeant-like rat-training group, the Cadre, will become "New Cadet Educators."

In the grand strategic plan for the Institute, Burish plans to replace Breakout, the strenuous physical activity preceding the end of the ratline, with Talkout, a time where the New Cadets are encouraged to talk about their feelings while sitting on

cushions sipping fruit punch and munching on Girl Scout cookies.

Additionally, the strategic plan calls for removing rank from the Institute's hierarchy and instead allowing outstanding Cadets to serve as Residential Life staff. The most important task of the Residential Life staff will be to ensure healthy communication and high self-esteem among Cadets.

"These changes will allow VMI to let go of its old culture of abuse," said Burish. "Our new program will allow them to focus on building real human connections."

Phi editor-in-chief Erin Julius (gussied up in a pink blouse and a plaid skirt like the tawdry Catholic schoolgirl that she is) asked the administrators how they planned to force the Institute into compliance with their planned changes.

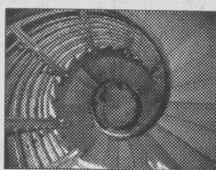
"Dare not, ye fools, to question me," thundered Burish in response. "For lo, I have a psychology doctorate from the University of Kansas and have powers unto a god's! The pathetic mortals of VMI will obey or they will be cast into the 13<sup>th</sup> level of hell, an eternity of team-building seminars with Burr Datz!"

VMI immediately complied.

*"Dare not, ye fools, to question me. ... The pathetic mortals of VMI will obey or they will be cast into the 13<sup>th</sup> level of hell, an eternity of team-building seminars with Burr Datz!"*

-TOMBURISH, W&L PRESIDENT

# opinions



## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Campus' secret societies damage grounds

Lately crude graffiti has been appearing throughout our lovely campus. A new secret society, Gamma Rho, is following the Cadavers' lead and is now blemishing our beautiful campus with 3rd-grade-style chalk artwork.

It is our understanding that security is currently investigating the Cadavers' last romp through campus, and have close-up footage of individuals vandalizing.

Now don't get us wrong, we love the concept of secret societies. If the Cadavers want to dress in black robes and run around the campus screaming in high-pitched voices, that is fine with us. And we thank Cadavers of the past for donating enough money to build our illustrious Cadaver Bridge, the longest concrete suspension bridge in the world.

Cadavers of late, however, have not improved our school but instead are deteriorating its image. And not to overemphasize the Honor System, but vandalism is a crime and as such, members of Washington and Lee's student body should not engage in such behavior.

Preaching about chalk drawings may seem like a mindless rant, but Buildings and Grounds cannot remove the chalk. These ridiculous-looking semi-permanent drawings cost the University real dollars in damage. Honestly, it would be more funny and less damaging if the Cadavers went back to leaving paper handouts all over campus.

And to Gamma Rho: who are you? what is your point? at least everyone knows what the Cadavers are, pre-med students. for the most part. Gamma Rho needs to explain itself.

## UPS & DOWNS

*Opinions Editor Caley Anderson has finished sucking up to his profs to give you his take on what rose and fell this week at W&L and around the world.*

### Election!

Get out there and vote, dammit. You don't have to vote for a certain Opinions editor and author of Ups and Downs, but let's actually have a decent turnout this time, eh?

### Terri Schiavo incident

Parents: make mockery of the courts before just giving up. Husband: Extremely poor guardian who's probably doing this for wrong reasons. Congress: Don't you have anything better to do?

### Jesus

Get it? He's "up." Hahaha...ahhh, I'm so going to Hell for that.

### Tom Wolfe

The man is just extremely classy. TWO book signings in the space of about a month at the ol' alma mater.

### Black Licorice

I used to hate it, but now my palate has grown more refined. Also, on a side note, doesn't the simple USE of the word "palate" automatically make you pretentious?

### Soy Sauce

Does anyone else think it's overrated? I mean, I think rice is better WITHOUT it, to tell you the truth.

### Spam (the e-mail)

I mean, really, you'd think that they'd have figured out that I don't WANT to refinance at today's low rates already.

### Spam (the food)

Eggs, tortilla, grill-cooked Spam. That, my collegiate friends, is the height of college dorm cuisine.

### Last week of classes

So here's my idea- exams are done over the last week of class and we cut three weeks off the school year, saving us valuable tuition dollars.

## A plague o'er everyone's house- W&L's sick year

By Anne Finley  
THEBIGPICTURE

I think one of the hardest things about being away from home at college is when you get sick. Especially when you are in the phase where you know you're sick but you can't figure out exactly what's wrong with you. I'm the queen of self diagnosis; I like to go to a website called ecare.com where you just type in your symptoms and it generates a completely unreliable response.

The internet or my parents are always my first resource because I like to be informed and get my mind around things rather than just going and being totally surprised with a diagnosis. And let's be honest, if you go to the health center the chances are fairly good that they won't know what's wrong with you either, even if they say they do. (I've had pretty good experiences over there, but I've heard enough stories about misdiagnoses to be on my guard.)

It's starting to dawn on me that college is terrible for students' health. Honestly, we shouldn't even be allowed to go. For starters it cannot be denied that the lifestyle is very unhealthy at times: too much drinking, not enough sleep, too much stress. Multiply by 100 to account for Washington and Lee's special stresses and pressures. Add that little factor that we are all in communal housing for at least the first two years. And choosing between the fried and fried foods that we are served in d-hall or sorority dining. And then not only are you much more likely to get mono and some other infectious diseases than at any other time of your life, but you are

also less likely to get treatment.

I've seen it happen and I've certainly done it myself. You know if you were at home you would tell your mother you were sick. She would call and make you an appointment with the appropriate doctor (which is huge considering most college students are too lazy to dial a phone) and take you out of classes so you could go. Now, we just hope it will go away and ask everyone we meet what they think is wrong with us. When it gets unmanageable or enough people tell you they think you should "get that checked out," you may finally go to the health center. But personally, I know I've started accumulating a short list of things to ask my PCP the next thing I'm at home in Dallas.

So here's what I'd like to see happen, even though I know I'll probably be a giant hypocrite and not do them myself. People need to get at least seven or eight hours of sleep a day. Without enough sleep you cannot function, are in a bad mood, are so much more likely to catch the cold that's going around and in turn spread it to your friends, and have ugly circles under your eyes. I thought I'd add a cosmetic reason just like all of the effective smoking campaigns nowadays focus on how you'll smell bad and no one will want to kiss you. And ask yourself: if you're really run down after a long week of classes, is staying out till 4 am and getting drunk really the best plan?

And, as simple as it sounds, take care of yourself when you're sick. Do a little internet research if you want, but sooner than later go see someone who can actually say what's wrong with you. College is too short to be sick all the time.

*It's starting to dawn on me that college is terrible for students' health. Honestly, we shouldn't even be allowed to go...the lifestyle is very unhealthy at times: too much drinking, not enough sleep, too much stress. Multiply by 100 to account for Washington & Lee's special stresses...*

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

## THE RING-TUM PHI.

<p>EDITORS-IN-CHIEF</p> <p>MANAGING EDITOR</p> <p>NEWS EDITOR</p> <p>ASST. NEWS EDITOR</p> <p>OPINIONS EDITOR</p> <p>ASST. OPINIONS EDITOR</p> <p>ARTS &amp; LIFE EDITOR</p> <p>PHOTO EDITOR</p> <p>LAYOUT EDITORS</p> <p>BUSINESS MANAGER</p> <p>CIRCULATION DIRECTOR</p> <p>COPY EDITORS</p>	<p>ERIN ELIZABETH JULIUS</p> <p>CHRIS LAUDERMAN</p> <p>MARSHALL RULE</p> <p>SARAH MURRAY</p> <p>KATHERINE SHELL</p> <p>CALEY ANDERSON</p> <p>ANNE FINLEY</p> <p>EMILY EDWARDS</p> <p>CORBIN BLACKFORD</p> <p>CHAD KIEWIET DE JONGE</p> <p>EMILY HULEN</p> <p>DAVID SEIFERT</p> <p>YINYAN LI</p> <p>ROHAN POOJARA</p> <p>AMANDA THOLKE</p> <p>VANESSA AARNESS</p>
--	--

The Ring-tum Phi is published Mondays during the undergraduate school year at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.  
The Ring-tum Phi is a member of The Publications Board, but is otherwise independent.  
The Ring-tum Phi welcomes all responsible submissions and letters.  
All submissions must be e-mailed to phi@wu.edu or in the University Center mailbox by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following week's edition.  
The Ring-tum Phi reserves the right to edit submissions for content and length.  
Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Board.  
Advertising does not reflect the opinions of The Ring-tum Phi or its staff.  
This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.

The Ring-tum Phi  
University Commons Room, 341  
Washington and Lee University  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
Telephone: (540) 458-4060  
Fax: (540) 458-4069  
Email: phi@wu.edu  
Subscription rate \$40

## Procrastination- as deadlines loom, two Phi writers weigh in on putting things off

By Sara Duckworth  
FLUBBERDUCKE

As exams near I find it helpful to think about all the things you could possibly do to keep from studying. That's right I'm talking the big P, now don't let your dirty mind go there, procrastination. The amazing little word that incorporates the things that seem important at the time, but in actuality keep you from doing what would be more academically correct.

My apartment is currently as clean as it ever has been. Write a paper or scrub the kitchen? Once the procrastination move has been decided upon it must be rationalized in order to strikeout guilt. The rationalization for cleaning would be something like: I cook in that kitchen and if it isn't clean then I could get sick, which in the future will really keep me from writing that paper. Checking one's e-mail always seems to be at the utmost importance when there is a word document with a grand total of a paragraph on it. I mean there may be an incredibly important message that has to be replied to right away. Laundry is always a fair option when trying to keep from that biology textbook. See if you don't have the proper clothing, which are of course at the bottom of the hamper, then you could not possibly do as well on that test. It's your lucky sweater, or what not. Watching the news or reading the newspaper always seems to be a legitimate excuse to see if that nasty paper actually ends up writing itself. While you maybe up until 4am it always seems to be a good idea to be caught up on the world outside of Big Lex, even if you do only read the Extra Section/ Travel and Leisure. When researching it can seem extremely important to read other chapters in the book, because you need a better feel for what the author is trying to say. If the book is an anthology and

the chapter is on a completely different subject than the one you are actually researching this can be a little trickier. Of course trying to justify the reason for doing the procrastinating act can always be enough of a time stealer to be worthwhile.

On another note: How do people really study with a movie on? I feel like I may have developed ADD once starting W&L and honestly can't handle having a movie playing in the background. But don't worry, I'm going to keep on trying to see if maybe, this time, it really will work. All things considered I have enough distracting noise coming from the drunk people on the street below my apartment. My favorites are the kids that just sit under my window and sing or the guys you simply can't scream enough F-Yous and try to get in a fight. Oh yeah, fun times. These ladies and gentlemen have managed to find the prime procrastination tool: getting drunk enough to simply not care that there is work due tomorrow morning at 11am. It's always a comfort to know that even if I'm going to be up obscenely late, at least I'll hand in that paper without a hangover.

Even the best students I know have some sort of distraction, which lets me rationalize with "if they can do it and still be Phi Beta Kappa, then I can do it too". Speaking of, The MCATs are quickly coming and these kids need a shout out like wow. I mean anyone who takes those damn 3 hour practice tests and actually wants to go to medical school should get mad props. Jess, Shane, Rae, Matt, Katie, and the rest of you are going to do great! Hey you made it a lot farther than I did.

Alright, enough of my rambling, as I actually do have to go write a paper now. I wish you all a safe and semi-productive exam week. Shoot me an e-mail if you get bored, as I will mostly be checking it on a fifteen minute basis.

## Shipley's procrastination motivated by fear, sleep

By Carissa Shipley  
INTHEFRONS

I don't know why I procrastinate, I really don't. Things are so much easier when I just sit down and get my homework done right after its assigned. I don't want to procrastinate and certainly don't take pride in it. I'm usually pretty good about getting things done on a reasonable time scale. I get rough drafts of essays done a day or two before the final draft is due so I have plenty of time to meet with my professor and get any editing done.

I try to get projects done a little early and read ahead in class, but nonetheless I always end up procrastinating on something. There are so many reasons why I shouldn't procrastinate, so why do I?

1) Fear, pure fear. I know that the 12 page paper is going to be hard to write and I know that once I start writing it, I'm going to realize exactly how much time its going to take and exactly how hard its going to be.

But if I don't start it yet, I don't really have to think about it or worry about it for a while.

2) Apathy. Do I really care about some random information? Probably not, so why read it? I especially have this problem in classes that are general requirements. In classes for my major or in the electives that I get to pick, the reading is usually interesting enough for me to actually want to read it.

But occasionally you get those text books that just put you to sleep. You know that reading will help you, but why not just get the information from the lectures?

3) Time. There are always those weeks where there is just too much to do and not enough time. You have to put off reading or little assignments just to make sure that there is enough time to get the essays written and tests studied for. After all the big assignments are done, it's a race against the clock to do the little ones.

4) Sleep. Ok, so maybe this doesn't happen too often, but it still does occasionally.

Sometimes your working your way through a huge stack of reading and its really early and you know that if you went to sleep right then, you'd get about four hours before you have to get up.

While this may not be a lot, you realize that you just spent the last 45 minutes reading the same paragraph over and over again and still have no idea what you said. This is the only case that I can think of where procrastination actually becomes productive.

Sometimes getting a little sleep then waking up early to finish working can be just what you need to get things done.

5) This one is probably responsible for most of the procrastinating that every happens and is best explained by the Motivator poster which reads "Procrastination: Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness pays off now." I have plenty of distractions around here.

Why would I work when I can be looking at the Facebook, watching tv, or playing the guitar. When all these fun things are calling my name, why work now when I can put it off until later?

# last word



## QUICK HITS

### This week's topic: Why you're ready for Spring Term

■ Two words -- Professor Mahon.

■ Why I'm looking forward to Spring: More opportunities for the Trident to steal features such as Ups and Downs from the Phi.

■ The Masters, Destin, and I'll be in England, on ly for the week though, Buffalo Creek...awesome...Tubing in Goshen.

■ Girls in skirts.

■ Why is the dig taking place on the Colonnade this year?

■ Easter is the best day of the year EVER!

■ Thank you Board of Trustees for siding with Burish and saving Spring Term.

■ I'll need to recover from overexposure to Euro trash.

■ Panic is playing a 4/20 show in Salem. I wonder if tickets are still available?

■ Weekend trips!

■ Because I have canoeing with Elizabeth Robinson.

■ I'm sick of being shot down by Austrian ski instructors.

■ Let's see. I won't be writing any 25 page research papers in the Spring Term.

■ I'm looking forward to three weeks off from writing all these Quick Hits.

### Next time's topic: Spring Break 2005 stories

## Marshall tells what gives him the warm fuzzies

By Marshall Rule  
POTATOMAN

Some things in life give you a warm fuzzy feeling, while other things make you feel gross/disgusting/poor/ignorant/smelly/etc, etc, etc. I have compiled a list to differentiate between the good feelings and the bad feelings.

Things that give you a warm fuzzy feeling — Getting into an elevator and noticing that it has been serviced recently.

Things that don't — Getting into a full elevator and smelling something terrible... then realizing it was you.

Things that give me a warm fuzzy feeling — Waking up in the middle of the night fully expecting it to be 9:00, realizing it is only 4:00 and that you have 5 more hours of sleep.

Things that don't — Waking up nine minutes before your class is supposed to start. Deciding to just skip the class you roll over to see a girl that slightly resembles Michael Moore. Choosing the less awkward event, you run to class just to avoid being there when she wakes up.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Getting a check in the mail from a relative for some ridiculous holiday.

Bad feeling — Overdrawing on your account because you are expecting a big check to come, but the birthday card is empty, forcing you to pay the 50 dollar overdraft charge with money you still don't have.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Getting all you work done a few days before it is due.

Bad feeling — Getting your work done two weeks after it is due.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Watching Duke lose and Kentucky win.

Bad feeling — Knowing that your bracket is so FUBAR that you won't come close to getting your money back.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Having a class cancelled for no reason.

Bad feeling — Having an additional class thrown in on the last week... and a speaker... and a paper.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Knowing that

you are going home in two weeks.

Bad feeling — Knowing that grades are coming home with you.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Finding *Saved by the Bell* on TV in the middle of the day.

Bad feeling — It turns out to be *Saved by the Bell College Years*.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Getting into the spring term classes you want.

Bad feeling — Forgetting to register on time and having to take a class on feminism.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Showering while smoking a cigarette.

Bad feeling — Running out of soap and shampoo in the shower, and forgetting to get some at Walmart, so instead you wash with shaving cream and toothpaste.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Looking in your backpack and knowing that you came to class prepared with a pen and paper to take notes.

Bad feeling — Having to take notes with a piece of construction paper and a crayon (don't ask why I have crayons in my backpack and not a pen).

Warm fuzzy feeling — As a freshman you are done with pledgeship.

Bad feeling — As an upperclassman, pledgeship is done.

Warm Fuzzy feeling — Figuring out your major.

Bad feeling — Having your academic advisor tell you that you are not smart enough to major in that field.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Going home for spring break to your old bed.

Bad feeling — Finding out that your old room is now the new den and you have to sleep on the couch.

Warm fuzzy feeling — Having clean underwear and socks that match.

Bad feeling — Having to wear one dress sock and one ankle sock, and then realizing you are out of clean underwear so you have to go commando until you go to Walmart to buy new underwear rather than washing your dirty pairs (side note: you forget to pick up soap and shampoo while at Walmart).

## Shaq, MTV. Simpson anger Trout

By Hugh Trout  
THESEEFMAN

In his infinite wisdom, basketball superstar Shaquille O'Neal has realized that because eventually his NBA days will end, he must pursue higher education. But beyond just taking random classes at the University of Phoenix Online, Shaq has found a passion for criminal justice. He even sees a future career in it: "I want to go to the Police Academy. I want to actually go out and make a couple of arrests and I want to go undercover." I did not make that up, those are his words.

Now, please take ample time to appreciate that Shaq is honestly expecting to become an UNDERCOVER police officer. It's one of those things that gets funnier the more you think about it. I mean, how dumb are you going to feel when you are busted by an undercover Shaquille O'Neal? That's punishment enough in my mind, regardless of the crime. I also would like to point out that Shaq has clearly surrounded himself with such kiss-ass friends that none of them have had the heart/balls to explain to him why a 7'1" basketball super-star isn't exactly undercover police officer material. But all this brings me to the subject of this week's article: really dumb ideas.

There are a bunch of little ones: Fox getting rid of Family Guy (only to crawl back), the XFL, and Ashlee Simpson (not any particular career move, but her as a person was just a really bad idea in general). Then there are those amazingly huge disasters that everyone loves to watch and talk about: Michael Jackson since Thriller. First of all, let me make my Michael Jackson position clear: When I

hear about the Michael Jackson controversy, I think of the gross lack of play-time he gets at W&L frat parties, especially those which are 80s themed. Claiming to enjoy 80s music and not listening to Michael Jackson makes as much sense as saying you're a Vince Vaughn fan and haven't seen Swingers or Made. For those ladies out there who haven't had the pleasure to witness first hand, I am able to do all the dance moves from every music video of the Thriller album. And if you give me a few hours, I can dig around my dorm room and find my shiny glove...and yes, it's monogrammed. My favorite song would have to be, "The way you make me feel." Does it make me feel a little awkward looking back and realizing that the song is probably written about a little boy? Yes, of course it does, but I over come that uncomfortable thought through the busting of my sweet moves and a drink or six.

But that's just how I roll, son. Despite my admiration for the king of pop, I will admit he isn't exactly doing his fans a lot of favors with his behavior. It sort of sucks being an MJ fan because he made the album which was the "no matter what happens with him after this he will always be cool" CD, and then has proceeded to test to see if that was really true.

But then again, I think the media has given him some unfair coverage; I know a fair number of people who have switched skin-color, had tons of plastic surgery and picked up a nasty coke habit to go along with sick sexual addictions. Ok, that was an HV...I don't know anybody like that, but I still think understanding is called for.

In all this talk of sex crimes and

criminal behavior people lose track of what is really important in the situation: he is Michael Jackson and we're not. He made Thriller, we didn't. As far as I'm concerned, the man should be excused from all taxes and most felonies. The man is a hero...sort of. I also want people to stop giving him crap for his animals, because I don't care who you are or what your reasons, anyone who was ever 8 years old has dreamed of owning his own monkey. Just cause Michael Jackson followed through on it doesn't make him strange...it just means he has dedication.

But even more amazingly bad than everything Michael Jackson has done since Thriller has got to be who ever decided that MTV should just stop playing music videos. I don't want to watch a bunch of neurotic kids get drunk and have fights/sex...I live in Graham-Lees (I'm not excusing myself, either). I also really don't want to see whatever new way MTV has managed to turn dating into some sort of sport in which rejection and pain is even more dramatized. That's just cruel. I have come to the sad realization that I receive more comedic entertainment from Fitness Made Simple ads featuring John Basedow than anything on MTV (rumors are flying that he died in the Tsunami, so if you know anything please e-mail me or the Phi cause I want to know for sure). Well, that's all for this week, and I hope everyone had an amazing Eater Egg hunt and that exams go well. Finally, if things are going Bad, just remember that when it comes to studying, Don't Stop 'till You Get Enough because it don't matter if you're Black or White, if your goal for a test is to Beat It, you need to start with The Man in the Mirror because even a Smooth Criminal can't wing it.

## Succumb to the magnetism of facebook

By Bree Melton  
Beka

Facebook. You know about it, even if you aren't on it, and don't worry eventually you will succumb to its magnetism. And when you do, you'll know how to make your facebook profile perfect, reflecting your utter coolness. Well, at least that's what you *want* people to think.

So is your profile dominant? What are the hidden messages it's relaying to the rest of the world? Let's break it down. First off, how many friends do you have? If it's less than a hundred, that is a poor showing. This is a small school people, you should have a hundred friends — you've at least had class with as many. Who are your friends? I hope you're not saying that they're all your sorority sisters. You should have at least a few friends from every sorority, fraternity, and independents. We're trying to promote interfraternity love here. Plus this shows the profile viewer that you don't hate and that you're friendly and open to relationships with all types. What about your friends at other schools? Well, I should hope that you have a good representation from the Ivies. I mean, we're nerdy, the friends we hung out with in high school were nerdy, we just happened to come to W&L and gained a million cool points just by the sheer awesomeness that is — was our school. Maybe you have a lot of friends from other schools, maybe not so much, but this is really contingent on whether you went to a public or private school. It may be that you just have a smaller pool from which you can draw friends. I, on the other hand, graduated with 450 others and was in the unique position to know a good many of them. Most of them went to JMU, the people I like went to Tech.

Now, let's look at your picture. Is it posed? You mid crazy caper? With friends, by yourself? Something random and hilarious? You want the picture to reflect your personality. And that may mean that you want to draw out a laugh from the viewers of your profile. It may mean that you want your boyfriend or your particularly hot friend in the picture. Now ladies, there is a double standard here that you have to watch out for. You may want to have your boyfriend in the picture, and while that is sweet on a boy's profile, on the girl's, it is not always so cute. You

don't want the picture to look like you're putting your boyfriend on display for approval. Being an independent, strong woman with an identity separate from her boytoy is very acceptable and highly encouraged.

What next? How about the information you actually provide the profile viewer? What major did you list? I hope it's your actual one because I can hardly believe so many boys are truly hoping to graduate with a degree in women studies. I know you thought it was cute because you like to "study women" but really, it just looks silly. I wish as much as the next person that sociology meant studying the social scene. I'm graduating magnum cum laude in that! What about your contact info? You should include the information that will help people to locate and or contact you. Cell phone, screen name, e-mail address, house address, you know, the essentials. But don't feel the need to include the address to which you return in the summer. That's a little bit of an over-share and just gives the creepy facebook stalkers an easy in.

Now the extended information section is where you get to be really creative. This next section is very telling, so be honest with yourself. Do you really want a relationship? Probably not. That is why it is perfectly acceptable to put that all you're looking for is random play — it prevents people from getting their hopes up. It's also fun to be in a relationship with a close friend, but make sure you define it. Open relationship means that the two partners are allowed to hook up with other people and not get jealous or hurt. Relationship and marriage, well you're set. You're not allowed to fool around, so just be careful.

What about your favorites? Please do not list every book you've ever read, every band you've ever listened to, every movie you've ever watched, every quote you've ever heard. That's ridiculous, no one will read that. It makes your profile unnecessarily long and you *want* people to read your profile and learn about you. So give us a sample of your favorite things, or a genre. If you look at my profile, you'll notice my favorite movies are funny movies, movies that make you think, and stoner flicks. Go figure, but it definitely reflects my personality.

Clubs and jobs and interests. I hope you've at least listed something clever, and I hope you're involved. There's no excuse for people being

uninvolved on this campus. Granted I'm a cheerleader and school spirit is my job, but really people, let's have a little bit of pride. If you're in a facebook group, you've got some kind of interest. Which brings us to groups: be in them, they're fun. They also tell a lot about you. How many groups are you in and what is their nature? How many of them did you make yourself? Again, be honest with yourself. If you are a group-joining whore, announce that by joining that group. That way you tell people that you do recognize you have a problem, and you don't want to do anything about it. But really, don't go crazy. I've seen profiles where the little box doesn't hold all the groups the person is in. That's out of control, y'all.

Courses, list them. Again with the contact info, the facebook is a tool to be used to locate and learn about a person. Plus it's nice to know who's in your classes, or figure out who the cute boy in the third row of your chemistry class is and give you a reason to friend him! And your electives will also reveal where some of your other interests lie. Then there's the wall. Has anyone posted on your wall? What has been said? If you want people to post on your wall, post on theirs. They'll appreciate it and both of you will look cooler. However, there are those among us who are just that awesome that they solicit postings simply by existing and doing how they do. We all wish we could be those people, but unfortunately we can't.

So to wrap up, let's review. The way to pull off looking suave and to state your amazement without actually saying it through the facebook profile:

1. Keep it relatively short. Say what you need to say, but be concise.

2. Be honest. W&L put the honor code in place and we should live by it in all aspects of our lives.

3. But be funny and clever. No one likes a boring profile.

4. Make sure everything reflects something about you. The picture, where you live, the groups you're in. There are ways of saying things without saying them. Understating is crucial.

5. Be diverse in your friends. That's the ultimate way to say you're cool. When you are liked by people in all walks of life, you have truly achieved awesome. This says to the facebook viewer, "This person is chill. People like to hang out with her and she doesn't hate." So y'all don't hate.