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HOT TICKET

He's coming... finally

The time's finally here! And talk about a hot ticket! Tickets are definitely hard to come by, but if you can, by some miracle, manage to go, it promises to be a memorable experience! Come hear Ralph Nader in Lee Chapel at 7:30 p.m. on May 5 or get in on the live broadcast in the Commons. Everyone is welcome afterwards at the reception in the Great Hall of the Science Center.

Get in on the scoop

You have another chance to cash in on that free ice cream on the Café 77 patio from 3-5 p.m. on Wed. May 4. Don't miss it!

Sword play

Our very own W&L theater department presents "Dreaming and Duelling," a film starring our students that will run in the Commons theater at 8 p.m. on Fri. May 6 and Sat. May 7, and at 7 p.m. on Sun. May 8. Call the Lenfest box office for tickets.

Date-night on Daddy

Gender relations take the spotlight this week, allowing us to swipe-charges for dinner and a movie! The perfect opportunity to get to know someone better in a non-frat-environment, and Daddy's paying! For more info, see page 5.

LOOKING BACK

This week is Holocaust Remembrance Week, and W&L is hosting several events to honor the victims of such tragedy.



■ The deeply moving "Schindler's List" will run in the Commons theater on Mon. May 2 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tues. May 3, Thurs. May 5 and Fri. May 6 at 9:30 p.m. Bring a box of Kleenex.

■ If you can't stomach "Schindler's List," show up anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Commons atrium to sign a scroll for one of the victims. You'll receive a photo and remembrance clip to honor those who suffered.

■ Holocaust survivor Elizabeth Strassburger will speak about her experiences on Mon. May 2 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Commons theater.

■ Laurel Leff will speak on her book, *Buried by 'The Times': The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper* on Thurs. May 5 at 4:30 p.m.

■ A special Yom HaShoah service will be held in the Alumni House on Fri. May 6 at 5 p.m. Students of all faiths may participate, the Rabbi will speak, and a Holocaust survivor will lead a prayer for the victims.

QUICK POLL

Q: Is Derby Days in need of change?

14% Yes
86% No

50 students polled, 24 male, 26 female. Poll has 90% confidence in a +/- 5% margin of error.

WLUR show hosts live bands

By Kate Shellnutt
STAFF WRITER

WLUR's "House Mountain Radio" brings the sounds of coffee shops, concert halls and musical venues to your car, your room, or...anywhere with a radio, really. By broadcasting "live acoustic music from your own backyard," this new campus radio show hooks local musicians up to the airways from 7 to 7:30 every Tuesday night.

House Mountain Radio serves as WLUR 91.5's first show featuring only live music. Senior Elizabeth Wilson, former host of "Back Roads and Rainy Days," put the show together to provide a "mountain stage" for her favorite strumming and drumming artists.

Bluegrass band Rooster's Ruckus started off the show's season, and the blues-jazz-folk combination of Washington and Lee's Chris Kimmel and Lexington's Arum Rae performed last week.

"I know how amazing the Rockbridge music scene is, and I just wanted to share it with everyone else," said Wilson, ready to feature Grammy-nominated folk singer Mike Seeger on this week's show and artists such as Larry Keel and W&L's Jacob's Ladder later in the term. "I've had a great response to the show, and that's a good feeling."

Although Wilson knows of Lexington listeners who have called and visited the studio, she wants the show's audience to expand.

"I'm hoping [the show] is going to bring in people who wouldn't ordinarily

listen to college radio. Generally people are scared of innovative or different music that doesn't get played on commercial radio," said Wilson, also the Public Relations Manager for WLUR.

"People tell me they've made a point to listen to it at City Steaks or as they were driving into town... why isn't it playing in the Commons where people eat? Why isn't it the backdrop to the campus TV station?"

The show has yet to schedule featured artists for its last few weeks. To offer or recommend a band, email Elizabeth Wilson at wilsonec@wlu.edu. More information, the station's schedule and archived House Mountain Radio shows can be found on WLUR's newly launched website, wlu.wlu.edu, this Wednesday.

Buffalo Creek returns

GAB spearheads event this year

By Sarah Murray
STAFF WRITER

Despite last year's fears of cancellation, the Buffalo Creek Music Festival will return to Lexington in two weeks under the stewardship of the General Activities Board.

The event's promoters have worked to ensure that the traditional festival adapts with the times while retaining its low-key atmosphere.

Though the spirit of the festival is the same, some changes have been made so that the event conforms to GAB rules. Security will check tickets and ID's at the front gate and issue wristbands.

Festival-goers who are over 21 years old may bring as much alcohol as they can carry, but may not bring it inside Zollman's Pavilion. In an attempt to regulate drinking, security will not allow kegs past the gate.

To ensure student safety, the festival's producers are providing sober rides as well as free drinking water. Smokin' Jim's B-B-Q will be on-site to cater the event.

Tea Leaf Green, an alternative rock group, is headlining this year's lineup. The *Boston Globe* recently reported that "devilishly fast guitar solos, jazziily lurching keyboards, and a funkified, happy-go-lucky image" characterize the San Francisco-based band.

"For the most part the bands are on the smaller side like they have been in years past, but for those that enjoy live music they should be entertaining," festival producer Cameron Wick said.

The festival will take place on May 13 and 14.

Tickets (\$10) and merchandise will be available next week in front of the Commons; all purchases may be swiped home.

Theater dept. releases first ever W&L film

By Kate Shellnutt
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee is proud to present its first ever film *Dreaming and Duelling*. The movie should prove to be very exciting. There's romance, drama, swordfights - what more could you ask for?

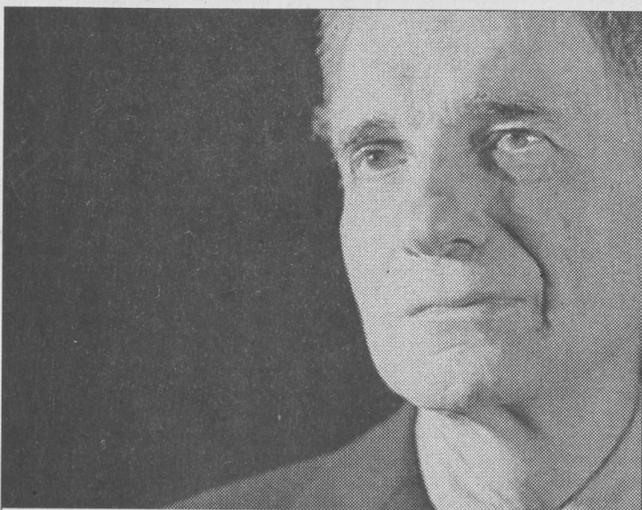
It stars sophomore Michael Wagoner, senior Sarah Orvin, junior Paige Smith, senior John Barnwell, and new to W&L theatre, first year law student Adam West Lee.

The movie is adapted from the play by Canadian playwright Jon Lazarus of the same name. It tells the tragic coming-of-age story of a high schooler and his friend who share a passion for fencing.

Joseph Martinez, chair of the theatre department and world-renowned armed and unarmed stage combat expert, directed the film. One of his past students, Aaron Anderson who is the fencing director of VCU, choreographed the swordfights.

Nicole Risey, the production manager, said of the movie, "It's been a learning experience in all the aspects of film-making from acting to directing to cinematography to sound."

These showtimes are the only opportunities to watch *Dreaming and Duelling*. The movie will only be shown three times, so don't miss your chance.



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Nader speaks Thursday

By Erin Julius
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two-time Presidential candidate Ralph Nader will speak in Lee Chapel this Thursday. Sponsored by CONTACT, Nader's talk will focus on the "American duopoly," or the two-party system, and American capitalism.

Nader rose to prominence in 1965, when his book, "Unsafe at Any Speed" attacked the auto industry's

disregard for its customers' safety. He is also responsible for motor vehicle safety laws, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the launch of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Most recently, Nader organized the Green Party's first presidential campaign in 1996, when he won 700,000 votes. When he ran again in 2000, he received 2.8 million votes.

TIME Magazine called Nader the "U.S.'s toughest customer."

Sharing faith brings fellowship to W&L and VMI

VMI Chapel, GCF, Young Life encourage students from two schools to interact

By Stephanie Wiechmann
STAFF WRITER

Two small stone pillars with brass plaques stand on both sides of Letcher Avenue to mark off the split between the properties of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. This is "Limit's Gate." This, for years, also marked the spot that the two bodies of students stopped, one on each side of the line.

"Limit's Gate is where cadets stopped and where W&L [students] didn't enter," said VMI chaplain James Park. "When cadets go outside the gate, there is a feeling they are on some sort of privilege to be off campus."

But, now, Sundays are an exception. On Sunday mornings, amid the mass of gray and black cadet uniforms in Jackson Memorial Hall during VMI chapel services, W&L students can be seen. They're not hard to spot - they're wearing the "civilian clothing." The very same night, those gray and black uniforms are the minority - a few hundred yards away. They appear on the campus next door, at a student-led fellowship group, among a sea of W&L students.

VMI cadets and W&L students have been using their belief in a higher power to come together to worship as one. "Faith is the common ground that has begun bridging the gap," said Park.

W&L acting chaplain Burr Datz agrees. He believes there are two aspects of a religious life. "We gather in worship, community, faith, and then we are sent out to heal the world," he said.

Some VMI cadets and W&L

students have set out to do that together.

The two campuses have been stereotyped and compared throughout history, and those preconceived notions usually lead to tense or no interaction between the two schools.

Datz, a 1975 graduate of W&L, explains that the two bodies of students share more than they think - things like home sickness, exam periods, and hometown relationships that sometimes disintegrate over time. "What is common [with college life] is immense," he said. "What is different gets a lot more attention."

Robin Davis, a W&L sophomore, sees these stereotypes as misleading. "I can honestly say that I found some of my closest friends in college through church activities with [cadets]," she said. "At first, it felt like a violation of one of the greatest social taboos of W&L - interacting with VMI. What most people don't realize is that the majority of cadets are amazing young men that no one bothers to get to know because their lifestyle is so different from ours.... Most cadets will tell you that they are thrilled when someone wants to find out what VMI is actually all about instead of listening to rumors."

"Fellowship is a crucial part of Christian life and is definitely beneficial with W&L students," said Jeff Dudas, a VMI third classman. "Being able to share this experience with W&L students is awesome especially since the relationship with VMI and W&L hasn't always been in the positive spotlight."

During the 2003 school year, W&L's Religious Life Committee did a

study on religious life on the campus. The study found that about 50 percent of students "considered themselves 'religious' or 'spiritual.'" Over 40 percent of students "considered themselves 'committed to a faith tradition.'"

On one of the survey's open-ended questions, the committee asked for suggestions on how to improve religious life on W&L's campus. All the responses were anonymous, so students were free to write what they felt.

One student hit on the idea of cross-campus fellowship. The student wrote, "Due to the close proximity of our campus to that of VMI, it seems that W&L (students especially) would benefit from interaction with cadets that could be organized between the two schools."

What this student didn't know is that religious interaction between the two campuses had grown immensely from what it had been in the past.

When Datz was a student at W&L, he said that there was no interaction. "The cadets used to parade down on Sunday to religious services in town," he said.

In the 1970's, religious services were mandatory for VMI cadets. During one of these marches, a legend was born.

"The cadets were marching down the street or on the sidewalk, on the way to mass at St. Pat's," Chaplain Park said. They marched by Red Square as some W&L fraternity members were awake - the specific frat has been conveniently forgotten. The frat members started "chucking beer cans and beer bottles" at the cadets, said Park.

"The platoon leader stopped the formation," said Park, "called an about

face towards the fraternity, then yelled 'Charge!'"

The cadets rushed the fraternity. "There was a brawl inside," said Park. Who was triumphant has also been conveniently forgotten. The cadets soon came out, returned to formation, and marched to church.

Today, things have calmed down between the two schools. Now, students are venturing onto each other's campuses for new experiences in worship and fellowship.

According to Park, VMI chapel is attended by 20 to 25 W&L students each Sunday. "Washington and Lee students bring some freedom to our worship service," he said. "It's kind of hard to be free when you're wearing a uniform.... Their momentum and excitement is encouraging to the cadets."

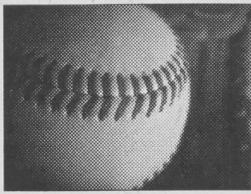
Park said that at first, the campus lines were drawn even in Jackson Memorial Hall. "W&L kids sit on one side [of the aisle] and cadets sit on the other," he said. He is now seeing the students "crossing the aisle."

"I attend VMI chapel because it is the style of worship that I enjoy the most of the churches I have visited in the Lexington area," said W&L freshman Jenny Sproul, "and I believe God is speaking through Chap. I enjoy hearing [the cadets] speak so openly... about what God is doing in their lives and how he's shown them when they screw up."

On W&L's campus, cadets frequent many programs, including General's Christian Fellowship and Young Life.

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sports



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 5

■ Track at Liberty; 4:00

SATURDAY, MAY 7

■ Men's Tennis at NCAA's TBA
■ Women's Tennis NCAA's TBA

SUNDAY, MAY 8

■ Men's Tennis at NCAA's TBA
■ Women's Tennis NCAA's TBA
■ Track at Duke

SPORTS BRIEFS

W&L's Johnson Competes at Penn Relays (4/28)

Washington and Lee senior Nathan Johnson (Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County) competed at the Penn Relays on Thursday evening in Philadelphia, Pa.

W&L Men's Lacrosse Falls to Lynchburg, 10-6, in ODAC Semis (4/26)

Third-seeded Lynchburg scored four goals in the first and third quarters en route to a 10-6 win over second-seeded Washington and Lee in the ODAC men's lacrosse tournament semifinals on Tuesday afternoon at Wilson Field.

W&L Women's Lacrosse Edges Randolph-Macon, 6-5, for ODAC Title (4/24)

Top-seeded Washington and Lee overcame a 5-2 deficit late in the second half to post a 6-5 win over third-seeded Randolph-Macon in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship game. For the 12th-ranked Generals, it was their third consecutive conference crown.

W&L Women's Tennis Wins ODAC Championships (4/24)

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team won its 14th ODAC Championship in the last 15 years by taking all six singles flights and all three doubles flights in the three-day tournament hosted by Hollins University.



Seven W&L Women's Lacrosse Players Named to All-ODAC Team (4/28)

Three-time defending ODAC women's lacrosse champion Washington and Lee had seven players named to the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference team. Additionally, senior midfielder Kristen Brown (Baltimore, Md./Catonsville) was named the Player of the Year, while head coach Jan Hathorn earned Coach of the Year honors.

W&L Golf Claims Two All-ODAC Selections (4/25)

Washington and Lee freshman Nathaniel James (Keller, Texas/Keller) and senior Ged Johnson (Darien, Conn./Taft School) have been named to the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference golf team.

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Generals riders have good showing at ODAC's

By Sarah Bloom
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Four competitors led the Washington and Lee University riding team to a close second place finish two weeks ago at the ODAC Championships at Hollins University.

Caitlin Lane, Nina Coolidge, Katie Goodrich teamed up with senior Megan Brooks to represent the Generals, who fell just two points short of first-place Randolph-Macon Women's College. Bridgewater and Hollins tied for third, trailing the Generals by seven points.

Riders each competed in two jumping rounds and one "under saddle" round. In jumping rounds, riders are judged on their technique over a series of fences while the under saddle round highlights the rider's ability to control and communicate with the horse while maintaining composure.

As a team, the Generals were awarded second place in the jumping rounds and first in the undersaddle round. Lane and Goodrich each placed in the top five individual positions in each of the classes, or competition rounds. The duo also earned First-Team All-Conference honors for excellence in competition for the third year in a row.

"Without people willing to lend us horses to compete on, we wouldn't have

been able to experience the level of success that we did," said Goodrich. For ODAC competition, the team is required to provide its own horses, which is different from most shows where horses are provided for competitors by the host school.

"We had a lot of support and that made it more exciting to do as well as we did," said Goodrich. "The women's tennis team and several house mothers came to support us, and it was nice to have a home town crowd since we don't usually have General fans in the crowd."

Lane and junior Natalia Maxwell will continue to train and represent the Generals in May at the Intercollegiate Nationals in Sunbury, Ohio. This national competition requires riders to meet several difficult requirements throughout the season in order to qualify.

Lane and Maxwell will each show within competition levels assigned by the rider's experience. Maxwell will compete in only the under saddle competition, while Lane will compete in both a jumping and under saddle round.

This will be Lane's third time representing the Generals at nationals.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



STEVEN MARINOS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Zach Bausch and Taylor McConnell hit back to back homeruns in a losing effort against West Virginia Tech on Wednesday. The Generals finished their season on Sunday against Mary Washington.

2005 Hall of Fame class announced

Sports Release
SPORTS INFORMATION

Washington and Lee University has announced the 18th class to be inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame. The class includes William Seaton '36, Junie Bishop '41, Jim Fahey '50, Harry Broadbent, Don Eavenson '73, John Embree '75, Dave Leunig '80 and Angie Carrington Murphy '94. All eight will be recognized at the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner on Fri., Sept. 9 and at the Generals' football game against Alfred University on Sat., Sept. 10. However, Seaton, Bishop, Fahey and Broadbent will be officially inducted among their peers at the University's Five-Star General Dinner on Fri., Sept. 23.

William Seaton '36 competed in baseball, boxing and track, but most notably was a four-year letterwinner for the football team. Seaton quarterbacked the Generals to a Southern Conference and State Championship in 1934 and was named an Honorable Mention All-America following his senior campaign.

Junie Bishop '41 was an outstanding running back for the football teams of 1937-49. He was named to the freshman All-State team in 1937.

Jim Fahey '50 was a tremendous three-sport athlete for the Generals, lettering for the football, baseball and basketball teams. Fahey was the first post-WWII athlete to be awarded three varsity monograms and he was tabbed the school's senior athlete of the year by the Ring Tum Phi.

Harry Broadbent served as the head wrestling coach at Washington and Lee from 1946-49, compiling a record of 29-5. He led the Generals to Southern Conference Championships in 1948 and 1949.

Don Eavenson '73 lettered for both the football and lacrosse teams at W&L. In football, Eavenson was elected team captain as a senior, earning All-College Athletic Conference accolades as a guard.

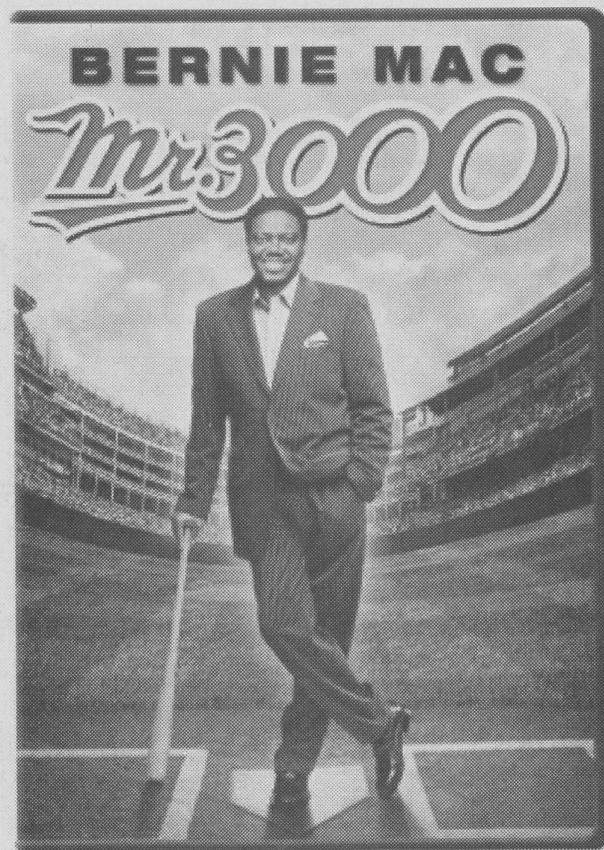
John Embree '75 was a four-year letterwinner for both the tennis and soccer teams at W&L. He earned Second Team All-State accolades in soccer following his junior season when he led the team in assists and was second in scoring. In tennis, Embree was a two-year captain and three-time Team MVP.

Dave Leunig '80 was a four-year letterwinner for both the basketball and golf teams, serving as a team captain in golf as a senior.

Angie Carrington Murphy '94 was a four-year letterwinner and two-time captain for both the women's lacrosse and soccer teams.

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"If you really want to end tyranny in the world, you're going to have to stay up later."

— QUOTE OF THE WEEK Laura Bush, teasing her husband about his early bedtime at a dinner for White House press correspondents.

U.S. could benefit from drug policy reconsideration

By Becky LeMoine
THE LIBERAL VIEW

Attention everyone! I know this may come as a shock to you, but I feel that it is my duty to report it:

There are students at W&L who use illegal drugs.

Yes, shocking, but true. In fact, it seems that *all over the country* there are people using illegal drugs.

So, here is the most shocking assertion yet (especially coming from a liberal):

The U.S. should seriously reconsider its drug policy.

From a philosophical standpoint, the reason why drugs are outlawed in the first place is because the government feels it has a duty to protect the public from harm. Yet, this assumed duty is in direct contention with individual liberty.

If we agree with John Stuart Mill's Harm Principle, which states that "the only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized

community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others," then we are compelled to decide whether the use of drugs harms only the user or if it inflicts harm on others as well.

Yes, there are instances in which the abuse of drugs can interfere with a person's ability to function and to thereby contribute effectively to society.

However, I do not feel that we can justifiably apply this to every case. It would be unjust to condemn the use of a drug simply because some people choose to abuse it; this restricts the liberty of the individual who responsibly uses a drug.

For example, if a man chooses to smoke marijuana in the privacy of his own home one night a week, when he has no obligations to fulfill towards any other individual, can we truly assert that his action is inflicting harm on another?

Opponents will argue that by using drugs, the man is physically harming himself and that, in the long-run, he will not be able to effectively contribute to society, and may even become a burden

on the state.

However, how many people become burdens even with drugs outlawed? The current "war on drugs" has not deterred people from using drugs. Instead, the war on drugs has induced many other "evils" into society.

In a system where drugs were legal, our money, time, and energy could be spent to educate about the harmful effects of drugs and to protect consumers from the misuse of drugs.

This would bring about a multitude of other benefits for society, and could possibly reduce the negative effects that drug use may have on society, when used improperly by certain individuals.

Today, federal and state governments spend between \$40 and \$60 billion per year to fight the war on drugs, about ten times the amount spent in 1980. Our prison population has even increased by 400 percent since 1980, while the general population has increased just 20 percent.

Yet, despite all of these efforts, the

illicit drug trade is thriving, with drugs becoming cheaper and more available.

In addition, annual surveys of high school students indicate that heroin and marijuana are as available today as they were in 1975. The fact is that the "war on drugs" has been highly inefficient, costly, and futile.

Conversely, if drugs were legalized, the negative effects of the war on drugs would be reversed. Since consumers would be able to obtain drugs from within the U.S., the prices would decrease and so would drug-related motivations to commit crime, as consumers would no longer rely on stealing to support their habits.

In addition, the legalization of drugs in the U.S. could greatly diminish the sale of drugs in the U.S. from markets that are financially supporting terrorist operations. As it stands now, the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention believes that up to 65 percent of Afghan opiates are entering the Western market through central Asian republics.

If retail markets in the U.S. opened up, more Western consumers would purchase drugs from within the country rather than outside the country because drugs would be cheaper and easier to obtain from the U.S. markets.

There are numerous other benefits from the legalization of drugs, including: halting the spread of AIDS and other diseases by eliminating the motivation to restrict the sale of hypodermic needles, reducing the over-sized prison population, clearing up the courts, and saving tax dollars spent on unsuccessful programs and initiatives to halt drug trafficking.

Thus, while some may consider drug use a moral wrong, is it really a liberty that we can justly restrict through legal means?

And, if we do continue to restrict this liberty, are we really doing so for the benefit of society? I think that before we continue to shut the door on ever legalizing drugs, we should consider what is at stake here: individual liberty and the common good.



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Honor Forum

This week in Honor Forum, we consider the following case-

John is an 18-year-old freshman. He goes to "The Oasis," a local Lexington bar, and orders alcoholic beverages. The bartender demands to see his ID. John produces a forged ID which puts his age at 21. The bartender is somewhat skeptical of the ID. Knowing of the W&L Honor System, he asks John "Do you pledge on your honor that you're 21 years-old?" John says yes, and the bartender somewhat hesitantly agrees to serve him alcohol.

Roy, a 21-year-old W&L senior, also happens to be in the bar. He sees and hears the entire exchange between John and the bartender, and knows that John is only 18. As the bartender is pouring John's first drink, Roy stops him and tells him that John is underage. The bartender immediately stops pouring the drink and kicks John out of the bar. Roy reports John's behavior to the EC President. The EC decides to charge John with an Honor violation.

At his closed hearing, John confesses to both producing a fake ID and to lying to the bartender, but he argues that such behavior does not comprise an Honor Violation.

You are a sitting member of the Executive Committee, and must decide John's fate. Send your thoughts to phi@wlu.edu

My two cents-

John is guilty of an honor violation. One might be able to quibble if he had just produced the fake ID, or even if he had just said "Yeah, I'm 21" without the bartender directly referring to Honor.

One must concede, however, that when you agree to an affirmative pledge, on your honor (in those words), you're guilty of an Honor violation, even if it's for a relatively non-offensive reason like obtaining alcohol when underage.

Students on this campus represent falsehoods to other students all the time (wearing wristbands when they shouldn't be, etc.), and do so with the knowledge that their peers will generally know of the deception and turn a blind eye. But whether that's honorable or not, when an outsider whose livelihood depends on your honest answer demands one on your honor, you're obligated to provide one, or at least to remain silent.

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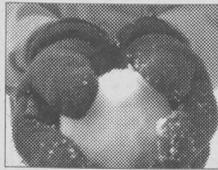
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Dinner and a movie on Daddy

By Bree Melton
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

Dating is back, or at least the Gender Relations Committee is trying to bring it back.

You had better keep May 12 open because next Thursday, you can paint the town on daddy's dime. This week the GRC is setting up in the Commons to sell vouchers to select Lexington restaurants and Hull's Drive-In theatre.

The vouchers can be purchased by check or cash or by swiping it home, and I'm sure your parents would support a nice, healthy date (or a better dinner than d-hall!).

The vouchers come in denominations of 5, 10, and 20, so there will be a variety of price ranges to choose from depending on what kind of date you would like. You can get dinner at a nice restaurant and then drive over to Hull's for a fun romantic comedy.

The GRC has four subcommittees each seeking a different way to promote positive gender interactions.

The proposed date night is only one

such option, so the campus can look forward to other activities in the future. So many people keep friends of the opposite sex when they are freshmen, it seems strange that those friendships should fall apart after the first year. Perhaps it is because it's far easier to maintain those friendships when we all live together in the freshmen dorms.

Regardless of what the cause is, the GRC is hoping to encourage the cultivation and preservation of relationships between men and women.

It's often difficult to meet people at fraternity parties and develop a relationship from a one night thing filled with loud music and alcohol. The GRC wants to provide other situations in which men and women can interact in order to normalize gender relations.

So gentlemen, call up that cute girl from economics class and invite her to dinner and a movie.

Ladies, don't be afraid to shoot an e-mail to that cute boy you met in the co-op the other day because you can take him out, too.

And remember, flowers are always a nice touch.

Religion bridges campus gap

Continued from the Front Page

"The GCF Leadership for W&L does a great job bringing in speakers that talk on issues that are critical to a Christian's growth and development," said VMI cadet Dudas, which is why he attends the function most Sunday evenings.

W&L sophomore Ryan Gritter has had a great experience fellowshiping with cadets. "There are not a lot of Christian guys on campus here," he said, "so it was refreshing to make new Christian friends... [They] have encouraged me to stay strong in temptations here and have a different perspective on things that can be helpful and refreshing."

Cadets have been a part of GCF for a number of years, Park said. Before the Commons was built, GCF was held in Lee Chapel. "They were attracting 125 to 150 students on a Sunday night - and 20 to 25 were cadets. They even put a cadet on their leadership committee to have a voice from our side," said Park.

Local churches in the area also hold youth groups where students can intermingle. Matt Williams, a VMI third

classman, attends Trinity Methodist's college group.

"I like fellowship with anybody, and it's always nice to see a break in the sea of uniforms and buzz-cuts," he said. "I get a better feel of 'how the other half lives' by talking with them."

Davis, who also attends, thinks that cadets have been a positive presence in her religious growth. "College isn't really a time when people think about going to church or continuing religious traditions they upheld while still at home with their parents," she said. "Those of us that still wake up on Sundays, no matter what happened the night before, or give up part of our Sunday afternoons for college group often get funny looks and many questions. A lot of the cadets have set a fine example of the fact that continuing your faith in college isn't an abnormal thing to do, and it can in fact be great. They've been so supportive."

Datz respects the religious community of both universities. "A group of faith-filled folks get together and ask 'What can we offer up to prayer for you?' It takes a lot of trust to be that vulnerable."

W&L Bookstore Presents...

STUDENT BOOK OF THE WEEK

(Co-sponsored by Hillel for National Holocaust Remembrance Week)

Buried by The Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper is an in-depth look at how The New York Times failed in its coverage of the fate of European Jews from 1939-1945. It examines how the decisions that were made at The Times ultimately resulted in the minimizing and misunderstanding of modern history's worst genocide. Laurel Leff, a veteran journalist and professor of journalism, recounts how personal relationships at the newspaper, the assimilationist tendencies of The Times' Jewish owner, and the ethos of mid-century America all led the Times to consistently downplay news of the Holocaust.

Ms. Leff will be on campus this Thursday to give a talk in the commons theater and sign copies of her book.

last word



A W & L education will destroy your future

By Marshall Rule
THE POTATO MAN

I am convinced that Washington and Lee University does not want me to succeed in life. It continually puts me down, lowers my self confidence, and eliminates any chance of getting an edge on my peers.

You may think that I am being melodramatic about the conspiracy of Robert E. Lee, George Washington, President Burish, and the rest of the administration, but I assure you, this is no laughing matter.

The first way that the school has eliminated any chance of my future success was making a semester schedule that allows every other college student in the country to get good summer jobs before I do.

Hampden Sydney College students are taking finals right now. Then they are off to their internships and decent summer gigs. Meanwhile, because we still have four more weeks left of school, no company can hire me because they need people now, not in four weeks.

So while my friends from other schools will all be working at a law firm or some real business, I will be making 250 phone calls a day as a telemarketer getting paid 7 bucks an hour.

I know that most of the W&L population doesn't really care about getting a summer job because they don't need the money, but there are a few of us "normal" college students out there.

It also doesn't exactly help that there

is no grade inflation at this school whatsoever. Don't get me wrong, I'm not looking for an easy A in every class, but the occasional easy C wouldn't be too much to ask would it?

The social scene isn't exactly preparing me for real life either. Dating is something that just doesn't occur at this school. The only dating scene at this school is a random hookup or a marriage. There doesn't seem to be much gray area.

Adding to this fact is the idea that a typical W&L date consists of meeting up at a party to play some Beirut for an hour or so and then go to a sweaty basement to dance to an 80's cover band while trying to avoid the pools of beer and other unidentifiable liquids all over the concrete floor. Very romantic.

In between avoiding the hookup from the night before and trying to pull out a C+ in your Discrete Math class, there isn't much to do in the metropolis called Lexington.

So you are inevitably forced to drink to make the time go by. Next thing you know, you wake up a senior in spring term that has cocktail hour at 10 o'clock in the morning every day.

That's right; I'm going out on a limb in saying that this school breeds alcoholics.

So by the time I graduate from W&L (in another seven years), I will have become an alcoholic that is dating impaired and tears movie tickets for a living (no offense Mr. Movie Ticket Tearer, you do great work).

Don't worry Mom, at least I am having \$120,000 worth of fun.

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Seersucker, horses

Breka recaps Foxfields and offers up a little advice for future races

By Bree Melton
BREKA

Foxfields. Wow, what a fun, muddy, interesting experience. It was great seeing everyone at the pinnacle of their frat- and sratdom. This being my first Foxfields experience, I learned that there are some key things that make your day complete.

The gentlemen must be wearing a Vineyard Vines tie, plaid or seersucker pants, and toting no less than three handles of alcohol, one of which must be Beam.

The ladies, of course, must be in their finest Lily dresses, a giant hat (I've been waiting all year to wear mine), and a huge smile because we *do not* pay for alcohol.

I personally was thrilled to see at least three seersucker suits. If it's reasonable to be obsessed with a fabric, I might just be seersucker's biggest fan. I also had to turn and follow when I saw a car drive by with two Beirut tables strapped to it. I later found them under an SAE and a VA Tech flag. I went to introduce myself and see if they knew my friends, but a fight broke out and I had to duck out of the way of flying mud.

Earlier in the day, I had tried to instigate some friendly mud-wrestling, which in retrospect probably isn't very lady-like, but luckily no one would take me up on it.

Some of my friends were actually interested in betting on the race, but that's certainly not a thing necessary to the validation of your experience. Because really - horses? What horses?

However, there are some definite things *not* to do while enjoying the races and the company of your friends. Do not get arrested. As much as I was delighted by the sight of the seersucker suits, I was incredibly saddened to later see one of them carted away by the police. He was

not only cuffed, but one of the policemen sat in the back of the truck with his arms around the poor guy - I guess to keep him from jumping out of the bed and running away. Which would have been a problem considering their golf carts only went about two miles an hour. Why even bother to put the siren on? It's not like people need to leap out of the way of your speeding vehicle.

You might also want to avoid using the port-a-potties. Those mobile johns were simply just foul. As one friend told me, the key to using them is to get in line twenty minutes before you actually have to go and to *not touch anything*.

I suppose you could always go the alternate route and pop a squat or whip it out, whatever the case may be, but I really don't suggest that. It's a little rude and nobody is interested in witnessing it.

Also, you'll want to avoid falling in the mud. I don't know how many people I saw their feet go out from under them and landing in a big pile of muck.

It's one thing to have it covering your feet (kudos to the girls in boots - that was a wise choice); it's another to have it all down the back of your seersucker suit. And we all know how much I love my seersucker, it's a crime to get it covered in mud! I suppose I would have arrested that guy too.

And make sure you have a ride home. You don't want to be the random guy on the sorority bus. It gets kind of crazy and puts you in an awkward position, but at least you get to meet some nice ladies.

And speaking of rides, the appropriate car, if you drive yourself, is not a Porsche. Yeah, it's a nice car, but it's almost definitely going to get stuck in the mud, and you can't pop open the trunk and generously serve alcohol to smiling, big-hatted, Lily-wearing girls!

Because we all know that Foxfields is most certainly *not* about the races.

Trout shares his secret with girls: A 1993 Station Wagon

The Fisherman says that girls dig a good ride like his

By Hugh Trout
THE FISHERMAN

You might catch me thuggin' on the streets or hustling in da clubs, but I'm never too far away from my sweet ride: a brown, 1993 Volvo station wagon.

Yeah, I know...I'm rad. I chose the Volvo over other cars for various reasons. First, while some guys think that girls go after a guy who has a sense of fun or adventure, I know what the ladies are really looking for: transportation in unparalleled safety.

That's right, while some guys talk game about how fast they can get to 60 or great steering, I've got something that makes all the girls get all hot and bothered: side air bags and well-designed seat belts.

Other cars may scream "slick" or "sporty"; my ride says "hey girls...this guy likes to play it safe and use his turn signals even in parking lots." I opted for the station wagon because I said to myself, "Hey Hugh, if your gonna get such a dope ride, might as well make room for all the women that are going to be trying to grab a piece of the hotness of the car and yourself."

Damn I'm sweet. But that's just one part of the look. What good is a Volvo without the hot tunes? No good Hugh, is what your probably thinking.

Don't worry reader, I've got this music thing on lock down. First of all, coming from D.C. I hear a lot of

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rap (and Go Go...but that's a bit out of place if your not actually at a Go Go) and hip-hop, so I know what is legit as oppose to what is just top 40 crap that is only listened in suburbia.

So let's start out with the hardcore stuff that only true insiders know about. First off, there is the newest and hardest album yet from Will Smith, *Lost and Found*.

While many may think that the most dangerous rival to 50 Cent is Jadakiss, in fact it's Will Smith. Will Smith is so street that I am going to stop talking about him out of fear of retaliation.

However, when I'm cruising the streets I love to keep it real with *Lost and Found* or even some of the old school stuff, *Willenium* and *Big Willie Style*.

When I've got a lady in the car, I like to kick things a little bit differently. Some good National Public Radio is always a good way to say, "Hey, I want to set the mood but keep up with current events". The NPR is what I like to call "The Deal Sealer" when a girl is riding with me it drives them crazy.

Sometimes on a date I like to drive girls to some amazing view, crank open my manual sunroof and start talking some

deep philosophical topic that I saw on *Saved By the Bell*.

Yeah, I'm awesome to the max.

If I feel like things are going to get a little crazy, I like to keep some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a soccer ball in the back just to complete the whole soccer-mom look. And you may feel like I'm the only guy on the street who rocks it Volvo style (I've got more game than Milton Bradley), but I heard through the grapevine that Colin Farrell and the entire cast of *The O.C.* drives Volvos.

I'm not sayin' I know that for sure, I'm just saying that its word on the street that Volvos are very Hollywood right now...so hot.

Some other good additions to those who are working the Volvo game would be a fanny pack (wear it off to the side for a more-hip look) or if you have some four or five-year-old that you can put in the back seat it completes the whole gangsta look.

Let me tell you, there is nothing more hood than a brown Volvo wagon with kids in the back. Well, that's all for this week, hope everyone had a blast at Foxfields and remember to keep on keepin' on.

Show "Sex and The City" teaches lessons to women

Even after final episode, women can still learn valuable lessons about dating and love from DVD set

By Kristine Early
THE MILK AND CHEESE GIRL

This article is for my fellow ladies.

Sex and the City... It has fashion. It has hot men (Aidan, I want your babies). It has the streets, clubs, cafes of NYC, and it has heart.

Why am I writing about a television show long after its final episode reduced millions of us gals (and Stanford fans) to tears? Because some things never get old.

Sex and the City broke boundaries. It took risks. It opened the door for shows like the OC and Desperate Housewives. It redefined good television. So what if Sarah Jessica Parker sold out and signed a contract with Gap as the final credits rolled? I for one will never stop worshiping Carrie Bradshaw's collection of Manolo Blahniks and Dolce and Gabbana heels.

Every one of us dreams of being the outgoing, confident Samantha, the innocent, extremely sraty Charlotte or the ill-dressed New York columnist herself. (Poor Miranda. No one wants to be ugly *and* bitter). We all wish for a man as sweet as Steve, as dedicated and as GORGEOUS as Smith Jerrod and as mysterious as Mr. Big. And we all lust after Charlotte's wardrobe (or the real risk-takers among us: Samantha's).

Not only is Sex and the City entertaining, capturing our imaginations and filling our heads with unattainable goals (Face it: Smith

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Jarrod doesn't exist.), it's also a valuable educational tool. Since not everyone has the time and dedication to be a true S & C fan like your favorite Ring Tum Phi writer (You can admit it. I won't tell. I promise.), I have taken it on myself to watch all six seasons and compile their most important lessons for you:

1) Your boyfriend just called to tell you "it's not you; it's me?" Don't complain about his inability to break up with you face-to-face. Feel lucky. He could have dumped you via a post-it-note a la Burger.

2) Every single girl needs an Anthony or a Stanford. A man who likes to shop and can always be called upon last minute to escort you on a date function...what more could you ask for?

3) There are plenty of fish and the sea. They may be mental cases (Ray King), arrogant assholes (Petrovsky), or cheats (Richard), but there are plenty of 'em out there. And once and awhile you might get lucky and find a bass worth keeping (Steve).

4) Pay special attention to this one: Marrying for money and status can backfire (Charlotte to Trey). Mr. Moneybags may have an overbearing and intrusive mother. Or have ED. I guess Trey never saw Bob Dole's ads...

5) Occasionally love comes in a

unique package. Harry may be short, fat, and bald, but he's adorable all the same.

6) Males are confusing. But it's always fun to meet at the local bar or coffee shop with a group of friends and attempt to figure them out.

7) As Miranda so adequately demonstrates, in the end, all a girl needs is cake and TiVo.

8) You can recover from any embarrassing situation, so long as you remain confident. You can even survive tripping on a runway.

9) Things don't always happen as planned (Miranda's pregnancy, Samantha's bout with cancer). But in the end, everything will turn out.

10) Real friends will always be there for you. When you get cheated on (Samantha). When you go through a divorce (Charlotte). When you need to complain about last night's date.

11) Try everything once. Like seducing an Amish artist (Char). After all, you only have one life to live.

12) Nothing is better than a night out with friends. Take this one to heart. Next Friday evening, invite pals over, plopp down in front of the TV with cocktails, and enjoy learning life's lessons from a few of the most talented actresses in town. It's almost as fun as a sketchy DJ party.