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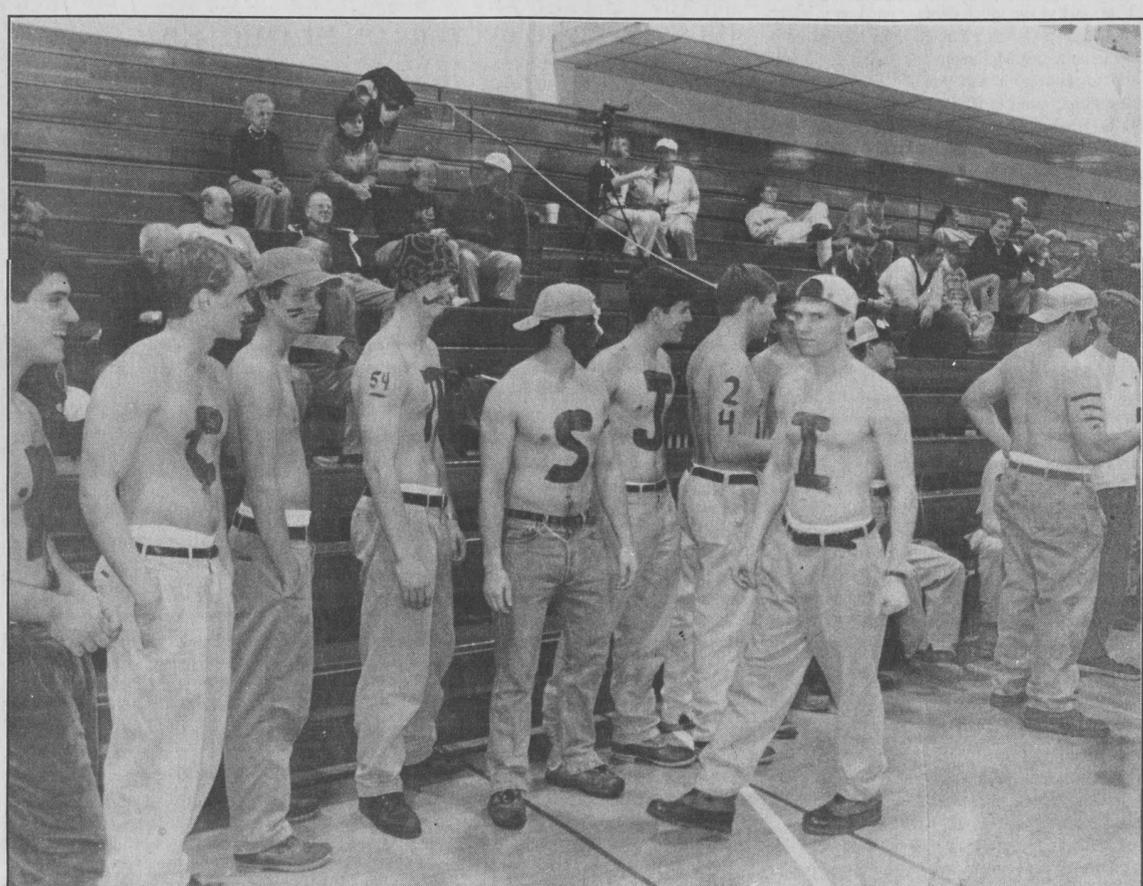
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# The Ring-tum Phi

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**BARING IT FOR THE BROTHERS...**  
Phi Delta Theta pledges show their support for sophomore Phi Delt

Matt Jackson and Brian Ricketts, who played for the Generals in Wednesday night's basketball game against Hampton-Sydney.  
HOLLISTER HOVEY/PHOTO EDITOR

## Senior drives off 20-foot-cliff, flips into creek

BY LIZ DETTER

W&LIFE EDITOR

Upside down, hanging suspended by the seat belt as his car filled with water, senior Andrew Ruppap had enough presence of mind to grab his backpack and his interview suit before kicking open the rear passenger-side door and climbing out into the snow.

Ruppap was one of the many casualties of the icy and snowy road conditions caused by the winter storm on Jan. 27. That Tuesday night, he was heading home on Route 11 South. The three-lane alternating highway had been plowed, but the continuing snow produced treacherous conditions and limited visibility.

As he neared Possum Hollow Road, a few miles outside Lexington, Ruppap lost control of his 1990 Mercury Topaz and drove off of the road.

"I was doing about 20, 25 [mph], and being from Texas I'm not sure if that's good for snow or not," said Ruppap. "Right as I started to slow down to brake before the turn, all the wheels locked up and the car just slid forward. There was a little road sign, and the worst thing I was thinking was, 'oh, no, I'm going to hit the sign and it's going to scratch my car.'"

On that stretch of Route 11, the southbound lane is flanked by a steep

drop-off above Buffalo Creek. Ruppap's car plunged into the ravine, fell about 20 feet, plowed through trees and brush and landed upside down in the frigid creek.

"The car filled up with water immediately, like a half a foot ... I had no idea [how deep the creek was] so I tried to look out the windows to see how much time I had. At this point, I was thinking the worst — you know, like rescue 911 where you have a little air pocket to survive."

Ruppap's power windows did not work once he had cut off the engine, and three of the four doors were blocked by boulders in the creek.

"That was the worst part ... you're disoriented because your car just got into an accident and flipped over, it's pitch black outside and the car's filling up with water ... I was trying to not freak out until I got out of the car."

Ruppap tried to salvage what he could before getting out. "My accounting textbook started floating past me, [and I] grabbed my book-bag with all those expensive textbooks, and threw that out by the ravine. I'd had an interview that morning so I had my interview suit — my one interview suit with my nice shirt and tie that I always wear to the first interview — in the back seat, and for some reason it seemed completely logical to go back into the car to grab the suit."

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## Lab swiping?

BY HEATHER McDONALD  
NEWS EDITOR

Following recent thefts from computer labs, student computing is asking for card readers to be installed on the doors of campus computer labs.

Memory has been stolen out of three computers, and an Ethernet card was taken from another. An entire Macintosh computer was stolen from a lab last summer.

The card readers would require that users swipe their university card to get into the computer labs, much like getting into a dormitory or residence hall. The plan, which is still subject to approval, would not be budgeted for the next academic year, but the 1999-2000 academic year.

"The library is open 24 hours a day, and people can just walk in and take out memory or a machine," said Dirk van Assendelft, Student Computing Coordinator.

However, the card system would further restrict public access to W&L's computer labs. The guest account was discontinued at the beginning of the winter term.

"At the end of the fall term, the guest account was being abused by area high school students. The library staff asked us to disable [it]," van Assendelft said.

## Plan seeks to solve issues

BY KATHIE SOROKA  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone with six million dollars to spare and a plan to solve Washington and Lee's parking problem, please see Vice President of Finance Lawrence Broomall.

A public forum met Thursday to discuss W&L's "Master Plan," which includes a six million dollar parking garage. The Master Plan is a five-year, long-term, "big picture" construction plan targeting problems and adding new features to campus.

Other features of the plan include sorority housing, a university commons, improvements to the athletic fields and a music and arts building. Joel Spaeth, of the Hillier Group of Princeton, N.J., presented the plan at the forum. Frank Parsons, W&L Facilities Planning Coordinator, and Broomall also attended.

"Parking, parking, parking. Every campus we look at, parking is a problem," Spaeth said.

In accordance with Board of Trustee wishes, the first priority of the plan is sorority housing.

However, at the forum, town residents and students as well as Spaeth, Parsons, and Broomall expressed desires for a parking garage to be constructed simultaneously.

The problem is funding. Funding will be raised through traditional methods, however, with no plan to raise tuition to cover expenses.

Since W&L's enrollment is fixed, there is expected growth, the plan focuses on making better use of existing facilities. For example, according to Spaeth, the DuPont Building does not adequately support either music or art programs. A new music and arts building would be attached to the wall of the Warren Center, leaving DuPont free.

This would mean lesser administration offices could be moved out of Washington Hall and replaced with academic rooms. The President's office would remain in Washington Hall.

Another possible location for administration offices would be the new University Commons. Spaeth said the commons would be the social hub of the campus. It would be located behind the Commerce School, replacing the parking lots and built into the like the library and science buildings.

The Co-op, bookstore, GHQ, club offices, and recreational areas would be housed there. One advantage to moving the Co-Op and bookstore there would be an end to the traffic hazard and noise disturbance created by morning delivery trucks backing into the alley next to Graham-Lees Dormitory.

Yet, because the commons eliminates parking lots, Spaeth said, "We cannot build the University Commons without the parking garage."

The four-level parking garage, which will accommodate about 440 cars, is currently planned for the area behind Doremus Gymnasium.

The five sorority houses will be built in the area upstream of Woods Creek Apartments, with room for one more. They would be similar to fraternity houses and would each house about 20 women.

"They'll be ready August 2000," Broomall said.

The Board of Trustees will take a look at the Master Plan on Feb. 13 and 14.

Spaeth stressed that current plans are just "concepts" and that some changes in location and detail are still possible.

## Wu takes stand in lecture

BY SARAH MELDRUM  
STAFF WRITER

When the Soviet army invaded Budapest, Hungary, in 1956, Harry Wu was a geology student at the University of Beijing. He played shortstop on a baseball team and had a girlfriend. Four years later, he was in the laogai Chinese prison system for life in prison. His crime? Speaking against communism during the Hundred Flowers Campaign.

Wu's lecture on Thursday culminated Captive Nations Week, sponsored by the Contact Committee. Some members of the audience in Northern Auditorium had to sit on the floor and in the aisles.

People began to trickle into the room an hour before Wu was sched-

uled to speak, figuring correctly that the combination of an important speaker and a small room would leave no empty seats.

Wu described his years in the laogai, occasionally pausing as if recounting his experiences was opening old emotional wounds. He told of one of his fellow prisoners, who was so obsessed with sex that he eventually went mad and committed suicide. Wu's family renounced him after the government declared him a Counter-revolutionary Rightist. In the end, Wu's father was tortured and died, his mother committed suicide and his younger brother was killed.

Wu was freed in 1979 at the age of 42, and came to the United States in 1985. He founded the Laogai Research

Foundation in 1992 to investigate the laogai, the Chinese prison system Wu compared to the Nazi concentration camps and the Soviet gulag. Wu explained how the government uses laogai prisoners to mass-produce products for export to the United States.

"We impose our values on China over copyright law to protect products, but will not [impose our values] to save human lives," said Wu. He explained that there was an executive order in 1993 to stop the import of forced labor products to the United States.

China did not stop, and President Clinton withdrew the order. The Chinese Embassy spent \$5 million in 1992 lobbying Congress. However, in 1995 and 1996, the embassy did not need to lobby Congress; 800 American companies lobbied for trade with China instead.

Wu said the laogai also sells death row prisoners organs, sometimes before

## Error in phone charge notice has phones ringing

BY SARAH MELDRUM

STAFF WRITER

A decimal makes a big difference. Students with campus phones were told last week that they could make long-distance calls at the cheapest rate in the nation, a quarter of a penny per minute.

Unfortunately for them, this was a typographical error.

"We'd be making the national news if we'd found a way to do that," said Flash Floyd, manager of University Services.

A flyer announced new flat rate prices for long distance calls inside the United States. It said "Flat Rates = Savings!"

The box below that bold statement gave great rates. It advertised .25 cents per minute during weekday calling hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In other words, one penny for every four minutes of a long distance call during peak hours. The prices given for night-time calls, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and weekend hours were both .12 cents a minute.

Unfortunately, all three were typographical errors. The box should have read 25 cents per minute for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 12 cents for the other times. A decimal makes a big difference.

The flyer, which came from the W&L Telecommunications department, warns students to read the fine print of all agreements. It advises students not to fall for calling card tricks, saying that many calling cards include per-call surcharges or monthly fees.

"If a student is able to find a ten-cent-a-minute deal with no surcharge or fee, they'll have found a great deal," Floyd said. He said calling card advertisements are "a little deceptive in that there are hidden fees." If a student figures out the effective rate of each call, the price will probably be higher than the publicized rate.

MCI is Washington and Lee's carrier for direct dial long distance services. Floyd explained that the school belongs to a consortium of more than twenty schools that buy a long distance carrier in bulk. MCI was the lowest bidder. The new flat rates will take effect Feb. 1.

The MCI system breaks the rates into standard blocks of 12 hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It also charges a flat rate, instead of billing according to the time and distance of a call. Students who live on campus receive a 7-digit authorization code to use when making long distance calls. Some students opt to use a calling card instead.

Matt Mills, sophomore, uses Sprint's ten-cent a minute plan when he calls his friends at other schools. "It's cheaper," he said. He uses the school's system when he calls home, and his parents pay that phone bill. "I can keep things separate this way, and my father doesn't have to pay for my personal calls."

The new flat rates affect only calls within the United States. The old system, which charged students according to the time calls were made and the distance of those calls, will remain in effect for international calls.

"So when my parents move to South Korea, that's just gonna suck," junior James Sammons said.

Heather McDonald contributed to this article.

# Q and A

By Dan Birdwhistell

**Much happens between the Freshman and Senior years. We at the Phi are taking this week to highlight the differences between these two classes.**

**Freshman:** Goes out Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

**Senior:** May stop by The Palms for a little while.

**Freshman:** Is excited about life, learning, and the many intellectual and social opportunities that Washington and Lee has to offer.

**Senior:** Is excited about the new cookies in the GHQ.

**Freshman:** Spends the night in Newcomb hall to get that Philosophy course.

**Senior:** Calls the professor a few days later to get that Philosophy course.

**Freshman:** Studies in those closed rooms in the library.

**Senior:** Finds "other" uses for them.

**Freshman:** Goes to Stop-In when he needs something.

**Senior:** Calls a freshman to go to Stop-In when he needs something.

**Freshman:** Gets a box of cookies and a birthday card from mom in the mail.

**Senior:** Gets a warning from the IRS in the mail.

**Freshman (girl):** Wears stretch pants, a nice sweater, and heels on a Geology Field trip.

**Senior:** Shows up in jeans from the last three field trips.

## Cadets pay price for ring figure riot

By WILL HARDIE

NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, Nov. 8, VMI cadets partied hard to celebrate their Ring Figure ceremony, and, just as importantly, the chance to spend a night out of the barracks.

Wednesday, three of them shuffled uncomfortably in Rockbridge County Court as police described just what they had done in that exuberant haze of drink.

William Meyers and Anthony Kasprzyk, both 19, sat stiffly in regulation ill-fitting gray uniforms; Robert Hunt, already suspended from VMI following his conduct that night, slouched in jeans and a bomber jacket.

Rockbridge County Deputy Sheriff T. A. McFaddin told the court how he had spent most of that night herding rebellious cadets into their motel rooms and trying to stop them causing too much damage and commotion. At the Red Oak Inns he found Kasprzyk being carried along by two other cadets, who dropped him when they saw McFaddin.

"When he saw us he started shouting at us, 'you a\*\*holes,' this and that, then he took off up the stairs," said McFaddin. He caught up with Kasprzyk on the second floor, where they "had a little conversation." The officer said he smelled alcohol on Kasprzyk's breath and gave him a Breathalyzer test, which registered 0.20. He arrested him for underage possession of alcohol.

But McFaddin's night was not over. Just after 3 a.m., he told the court, he saw a stationary green Cadillac straddling the dotted line on Route 11, with its left indicator blinking. He said it pulled off right and drifted erratically between the lanes, then ran a red light making the left turn into the Econo Lodge parking lot. McFaddin pulled it over and peered through the window at cadets Meyers and Hunt, who was driving. He gave Meyers a Breathalyzer test because he looked "glassy-eyed": it registered 0.07. Meyers said in court he had had 10 drinks over the course of eight hours at Ring Figure.

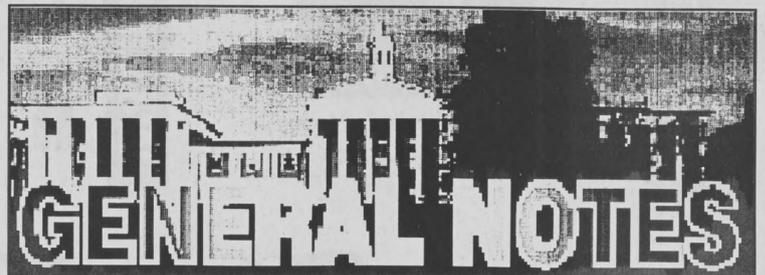
But Hunt refused the test. He told the court that he had drunk two and a half cans of Budweiser between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. "I was worried that the beers would show up," he said. So McFaddin administered a field alcohol test. Hunt missed two numbers while trying to count to 30, swayed and raised his arms while attempting to stand on one leg, turned left when told to turn right, and failed to touch heel to toe while trying to walk in a straight line. He told the court that he had not driven erratically or ran the red light, and that he wasn't drunk. "I felt fine," he said.

Assistant Director of Cadet Affairs Captain Julianne Faltz saw McFaddin pull the cadets over and followed the cars into the Econo Lodge parking lot. She offered to take them back to VMI, but McFaddin said he would have to arrest them. Meyers was charged with under age drinking, Hunt with driving under the influence of alcohol.

All three pleaded not guilty to the charges; Judge Joseph E Hess found them all guilty. Kasprzyk and Meyers were ordered to attend an alcohol awareness class, with a \$75 fee. Kasprzyk was also sentenced to 41 hours' community service. Hunt is appealing his verdict.

VMI has inflicted its own punishment. Hunt, already in disciplinary trouble, was suspended. Meyers is serving four months' barracks confinement, two months' social probation and has been sweating out 110 hours of marching.

The annual Ring Figure celebration, at which VMI juniors receive a hefty 40 pennyweight ring commemorating their class, is typically a riotous affair. It is one of the few occasions when cadets are allowed to spend the night outside the barracks. Tent parties with kegs of beer were held at the Red Oak Inns on Nov. 7 and 8., when most cadets stayed at motels.



### CCM SPONSORS LOVE TALK TONIGHT

Listen to voices of experience as you prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day, the holiday of romance and of hope. "Falling in Love... Forever!" presenting true love stories from President and Mrs. Elrod, Captain and Mrs. Peniston, and Jan Kaufman and Art Goldsmith, will be held at the Gaines Gatehouse on Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. The discussion is sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry. Everyone is welcome.

### BLACKMER TO LECTURE ON ISLAMIC MUSIC

Hugh Blackmer, Science Librarian at W&L, will give a talk entitled "Music in Muslim Lands" on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be given in Room 114 of the Science Center. Blackmer served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malaysia in the mid-'60s, where he assisted in community development and filmmaking. He received his Ph.D in anthropology from Stanford University, and taught anthropology courses at Acadia University in Nova Scotia for 18 years. The lecture is sponsored by the department of religion, in coordination with a seminar on Islam, and is open to the public.

### CRIMES OF THE HEART OPENS FRIDAY

The theater department at W&L presents *Crimes of the Heart*, opening Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Johnson Theater. This Pulitzer prize-winning play by Beth Henley centers around three passionate, eccentric southern women who harbor secrets they are afraid to share. The show continues with performances on Feb. 7, 9 and 10 at 8:00 p.m., and on Feb. 8 at 2:00 p.m. For information or reservations, please call the Lenfest box office at 463-8000.

### FILM SOCIETY SHOWING "THE PILLOW BOOK"

The next presentation of the W&L Film Society will be the exotic drama "The Pillow Book" (England/Hong Kong, 1996), directed by Peter Greenaway. The film is in English, Japanese and Mandarin. Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Troubadour Cinema. There is no charge for admission.

### USAF HERITAGE OF AMERICA BAND TO PERFORM

The United States Air Force Heritage of American Band will be performing on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:00. Admission is free, and the concert is open to the public. They have performed before the Queen of England, the President of France, and several U.S. presidents. The performance will include John Williams' *Winter Games Fanfare*, *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* by J. S. Bach, *The Black Horse Troop* by John Philip Sousa, and selections from the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

### POLISH SOCIOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT W&L

Aleksander Lutyk of the Polish Academy of Sciences will present a lecture on "Private Entrepreneurs and Peasants: Social Change in Polish Agriculture after 1989." The lecture will be given on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. It will be open to the public. His visit is sponsored by the Shepherd Program in the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty, the university lectures committee and the department of sociology and anthropology.



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### CRASH

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Once Ruppap got out of the vehicle, he realized that the creek was only a foot deep. He climbed out of the ravine and started walking toward Lexington. He caught a ride with a family in a truck to the Stop-In Texaco Station on Route 11. The family outfitted him with a turquoise woman's coat.

"They had a coat in the back of the car that they were going to drop off at Goodwill, so they gave it to me instead," he said.

Ruppap called the state police and a tow truck from the Shell Station in Natural Bridge.

"I saw Andrew, he was soaking wet," said Heather Clark, who was working at the Shell Station that night.

"He was cold and wet. He was drenched, with soaking wet feet and soaking wet pants. He was in a little bit of

shock that he ended up in a creek."

According to Clark, the tow truck driver said Ruppap was "lucky to be alive."

"[The car] was totaled, that's for sure," said Clark. "It didn't look so good. It had been upside down in a creek."

Ruppap's car was insured, and he hopes to be able to replace it soon.

"The worst part of it is that I've been trying to do really well in my classes this term, and I've been super-anal about my notes," said Ruppap. Although his notes and books were ruined by the accident, Ruppap said that his professors have been very understanding.

At least two other students were involved in auto accidents the same night; both escaped without injury. Kelsay Berland, senior, drove off of the road to avoid hitting a car as it spun out of control on I-81 northbound a few miles from Lexington. Freshman Aaron Knoll damaged the frame of his '94 Ford Explorer 12 miles north of Roanoke on I-81 on the way home from an Aerosmith concert.

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Wed. Hampden-Sydney  
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Sat. Guilford  
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### Women's Basketball

(8-9)

Mon. Emory & Henry  
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Thu. at RMWC  
L 42-53  
Sat. Guilford  
L 59-77

### Wrestling (2-7)

Sat. Swarthmore  
L 27-15  
Western Maryland  
L 46-4  
Ursinus  
L 24-12

## AHEAD

### Monday, February 2

Men's Basketball —  
at Bridgewater

### Tuesday, February 3

Women's Basketball —  
at Emory & Henry

### Wednesday, February 4

Men's Basketball —  
at Va. Wesleyan

### Thursday, February 5

Women's Basketball —  
at Va. Wesleyan

### Saturday, February 7

Men's Basketball —  
at Eastern Mennonite

Women's Basketball —  
Lynchburg, at 2:00,  
Warner Center

M&W Track —  
at VMI Relays

### Sunday, February 8

Wrestling —  
at Va. State Tourny

## Men's b-ball loses to first and worst teams in conference

By BRENDAN HARRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

It was a rough week for the men's basketball team: they lost to both the first place team and the last place team in the conference.

The Generals went down to first-place Hampden-Sydney 68-61 on Wednesday night at the Warner Center in front of a large home crowd. They had beaten the ODAC leading Tigers 44-42 earlier this season at Hampden-Sydney. But they just couldn't get the job done that night. Four Tigers finished in double digits and a late W&L rally fell short.

On Saturday afternoon, the Generals played a sluggish game in which they seemed to overlook last place Guilford College and went on to lose to the 58-55. Kevin Cobbin's last-second three-pointer, which would have sent the game into overtime, came up short. The Generals now stand at 8-8 overall and 5-5 in the ODAC.

On Wednesday night, Hampden-Sydney used a 14-0 run over the end of the first half and the start of the second half to put themselves in position for the victory. W&L trailed 24-20 with 3:45 to go in the half after Matt Jackson hit a desperation three-pointer as the shot clock expired. Hampden-Sydney then went on a 7-0 run to close out the half and make the score 31-20.

In the second half they picked up where they left off and went on another 7-0 run to expand their lead to 38-20 early in the second half. The Generals trailed by double digits for most of the second half but put together a late rally, pulling back with a Rich Peterson lay-up to 66-61 with 29 seconds left. Following Peterson's basket, Cobbin came up with a great steal and had a chance to bring the Generals within two, but his three-pointer drew iron and the Tigers put the game away at the free-throw line. Sophomore guard T. J. Grimes led

the way for the Tigers, finishing with 21 points. Joining Grimes in double figures were sophomore center Jeremy Harris with 13, sophomore guard Chris Fox with 12, and junior guard Alex Robbins with 10. For the Generals, Peterson had a double-double, finishing with 19 points and a career-high 11 boards. Freshman guard Will Ballard added 13 and senior Kelly Dyer had 10.

Hampden-Sydney shot a solid 9-17 from behind the arc in route to the victory, including a 4-6 performance from Grimes. When these teams met earlier this year, Hampden-Sydney shot 1-15 from three-point land and the Generals went on to win 44-42. The win improved the Tigers to 15-2 overall and 9-2 in the ODAC.

On Saturday afternoon, the Generals showed a lack of intensity and were plagued by poor foul shooting as Guilford pulled off the three-point upset, 58-55. The Generals led by five at halftime, 26-21, and continued to lead the Quakers for most of the second half. But the Quakers put together a late rally, which was capped off by a key steal and basket by freshman guard Jaron Randall, which gave the Quakers a 50-46 lead with 2:32 left in the game. Randall was the high scorer for Guilford: he scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half to lead the comeback effort for the Quakers.

The Generals trailed by seven with less than a minute remaining and the game looked all but over. But following a quick lay-up by Peterson, the Generals got the ball back under their own basket after a Quaker in-bounds pass went flying out of bounds without anyone touching it. Dyer then hit a three-pointer to make the score 57-55 and the Generals then fouled Guilford's Kenyatta Ramsey with only eight seconds remaining. Ramsey hit the first shot to extend it to a three-point



HOLLISTER HOVEY/PHOTO EDITOR

**DIVING FOR THE BALL**, junior Rich Peterson crushes his opponent's leg. Despite his 15 points and 10 rebounds, the Generals dropped a close one to Guilford, 58-55

lead but missed the second shot to give the Generals a final chance to tie the game. Junior guard Cobbin dribbled the length of the court and got off a good three point look after spinning out of trouble, but it came up a bit short and the Quakers walked off the court with the upset victory.

Randall finished with 14 for the

Quakers and fellow freshman Jon Evans finished with 12. For the Generals, Peterson finished with his second double-double of the week, having poured in 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Dyer added 11 and sophomore center Scott Hudson added 10. The Generals were only 9-20 from the free throw line while the Quakers converted on nine of their

last 11 attempts in the last five minutes of the game. The win moved Guilford to 5-14 overall and 3-11 in the ODAC. The Generals next travel to Bridgewater College on Monday where they will face the Eagles for the first time this year. The next home game for the Generals will be next Monday night, Feb. 9, against Randolph-Macon.

## The Sports Junkie

By  
Brendan  
Harrington

Well even though it's been a week, I feel I have to talk about Super Bowl XXXII and the crowning of the Denver Broncos as World Champions in professional football. It was pretty hard not to smile as John Elway was carried off the field by his teammates following what many are calling the best Super Bowl ever. It's the great American story of rejection, determination, and finally vindication. But as happy as I am for Elway and his long-awaited Super Bowl championship, somebody's getting overlooked here. Ever heard of Terrell Davis? He's that big guy who runs the ball a lot and wears uniform number 30 for the Broncos. He happened to rack up 157 yards and three touchdowns and pick up MVP honors during last Sunday's Super Bowl. As I watched the post-game festivities on NBC I don't think I heard his name mentioned until at least 20 minutes after the game ended and John Elway's name had been mentioned a thousand times. Now don't get me wrong, I love

John Elway and he deserves all the credit in the world for finally getting the ring. But if it wasn't for Davis, the Broncos wouldn't even have made it to San Diego. For the first time in 13 years the AFC had a dominant running game, and for the first time in 13 years the AFC won. That is no coincidence.

During the regular season Davis was also placed in the shadow of another great veteran, Barry Sanders, who this year became only the third man in NFL history to rush for over 2,000 yards in one season. While Sanders had an incredible year, Davis also had stellar numbers, with 1,750 yards and 15 touchdowns during the regular season. Davis also was playing in a Super Bowl which took place in his own home town. He led his team to victory in the best version ever of the biggest sporting event in the world and he did all this in his own back yard. That makes for quite a story.

So now, as the football season has come to an end, it's time to focus on college hoops and nobody

loves college hoops more than the Sports Junkie. And there's no better place to start than the ACC, the best conference in basketball. On Thursday #1 Duke and #2 North Carolina will square off at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill in what many think will be a preview of the National Championship game on March 30 in San Antonio.

There is no single rivalry in all of sports that compares to a Duke-Carolina game, and this year is even more special because the teams are ranked 1-2 in the nation. Even in years when Duke and Carolina are struggling, which isn't very often, this game still has some of the most intense action you'll ever see. But despite the rankings, something will be missing this year, as retired Tar Heels coach Dean Smith will not be walking the sidelines in a prolific coaching duel with Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Both teams have only one loss and the winner will get an inside track to the #1 seed in the East Regional, which will take place in neighboring Greensboro. So, as for me, I'll be setting up the VCR to record NBC's Thursday night TV while I tune into ESPN2 and sit down with Dicky V. to watch the best college hoops has to offer.

As for other happenings in college hoops, we stay right in the ACC as there was a rare sight at the Dean

Dome last Wednesday night during #2 North Carolina's 88-79 victory over Clemson. The Tigers were called for a record 41 fouls and finished the game with only four players on the court because their other six had fouled out. Clemson coach Rick Barnes jokingly took off his suit jacket and reported to the scorer's table in a humorous effort to take the floor for the Tigers. The next night there was another foul-fest in Durham, as Maryland committed four technical fouls during a crucial 1:30 period of the ball game in their 86-59 loss to #1 Duke. Following the events in these games, ACC officials sent a memo to all the coaches in the conference in an effort to cut down on the excessive fouls and unsportsmanlike behavior.

Finally, in another interesting story in the ACC, N.C. State has lost four players due to foot injuries this season and has decided that "it's gotta be da shoes." Sports Illustrated has reported that the Wolfpack have decided to terminate their contract with Adidas and to switch to Nike. Though N.C. State athletic director Les Robinson could find no correlation between the use of Adidas shoes and foot injury in other athletic programs, he thought the decision would be in the best interest of the program. The Wolfpack and their new sneaks managed to knock off Clemson 82-80 on Saturday night. It must have been da shoes.

## Quakers crush women's hoop squad like rice cakes

By BRENDAN HARRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Generals had yet another up-and-down week: they went 1-2 with a win over Emory & Henry and losses to both Randolph-Macon Women's College and Guilford College.

They are now 8-9 overall and 5-9 in the ODAC.

Washington and Lee started off the week with a win on Tuesday night at the Warner Center, downing the Emory & Henry Wasps 60-56. W&L centers junior Amber Hinkle and freshman Leah Sawyer scored 30 points and grabbed 18 rebounds between them, en route to victory. Hinkle finished the match with a game-high 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Sawyer finished with 14 points and eight rebounds. Sawyer came into the game averaging just 3.5 points per game. Junior forward Chrissy Burghardt added 13 points for the Lady Generals.

For the Wasps, junior guard Jaclyn Dickens led the way with 14 points and senior guard Angie Simpkins had 10 points and seven assists. Dickens hit four three-pointers in the second half and the Wasps shot 5-11 from behind the arc for the game.

The Generals led by as many as eight points in the second half but needed to overcome a late rally which brought the Wasps within two points, 58-56, with less than 30 seconds remaining. Soon after, senior Tania Dean put the game out of their reach by putting in two free throws. Their loss dropped E&H to 6-9 overall and 3-8 in the ODAC.

On Thursday the Lady Generals hit the road and traveled to Randolph-Macon Women's College where they suffered a disappointing 53-42 defeat. The Lady Generals led 26-21 at the half but could only muster up 16 points in the second half. They shot a lowly 25 percent from the field.

Tara Carelton was the high scorer for the Wildcats, pouring in 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Team-

mate Kai Felton scored 14 as she went 4-4 from three-point land; Jennifer Baptist finished with a double-double with 11 points and 14 points for the Wildcats.

Their win improved the lady Wildcats to 8-7 overall and 6-6 in the ODAC.

For the Generals, Burghardt led the way with 11 points and sophomore Ansley Miller added 10. Once again both of the W&L centers played strong games. Hinkle had eight points and a career-high 15 rebounds while Sawyer had nine points and 13 rebounds.

The Lady Generals, who came into the game ranked #2 in the nation for free throw shooting, were only 3-7 from the charity stripe.

On Saturday, turnovers plagued the Generals in their loss to the Guilford College Quakers, 77-59. W&L turned the ball over 18 times in the first half and finished the game with 27 turnovers. They had lost to Guilford in Greensboro just 10 days previously. The Lady Quakers now stand at 10-7 overall and 9-5 in the ODAC.

Marija Primats had a huge game for the Quakers: she finished with 25 points, five assists, and five steals and was 5-6 from three-point land. Laura Haynes, #3 scorer in the nation, finished with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

For the Generals, Sawyer recorded the first double-double of her career and completed a great week with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Hinkle also recorded a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

For the week, the combination of Hinkle and Sawyer averaged 24.7 points and 22.7 rebounds per game. The Lady Generals travel to E&H on Tuesday for a rematch with the Wasps and then travel to Virginia Wesleyan on Thursday.

Their next home game will be next Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Warner, when the Lady Generals will host Lynchburg.

## Jock Short

• Wrestling drops three •

Washington and Lee hosted three Centennial Conference teams in a wrestling quad meet on Saturday and came away with losses to Swarthmore, Western Maryland and Ursinus. Leading the Generals effort was sopho-

more 126-pounder who went 2-0 before sitting out the final match. Sophomore heavyweight John Sensing went 2-1 with both of his wins coming by pin and junior 150-pounder John Grumbine had two wins. -from staff reports

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# On Campus

In the shadows of white columns a taboo topic hides.

It is a crime at Washington and Lee that rarely goes reported, and it is a crime that violates everything this school holds dear — it is lying, cheating and stealing in one package.

Rape on college campuses is a serious national crime. It has reared its ugly head at the little school in the Shenandoah Valley where parents send their daughter. When you are in that dreaded Commerce School class, look around you. National averages state that nearly one out of every six women in that class has been raped. "Unfortunately, our statistics are not far off national averages," Nancy Margand, President of the Student-Faculty Hearing Board, said.

One out of every three American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime • 22% of all rape victims are between the ages of 18 and 24 • 1 in four college women have either been raped or suffered attempted rape • 1 in 12 male students have committed acts that meet the legal definition of rape • 75% of students and 55% of female students involved in an acquaintance rape had been drinking or using drugs  
Source: Sexual Assault Information Page

While there have been no official rapes on campus in several years, W&L has reported five "forcible sex offenses" between Aug. 1, 1994 and July 31, 1997. The last "stranger rape" occurred nearly seven years ago.

The Campus Security Act of 1990, defines rape as: "sexual intercourse against the will of another person by using force, the threat of force, intimidation or victim incapacitation." A forcible sex offense is defined as any sexual act against another person against the person's will when the victim is incapable of giving consent.

The numbers seem low, but national surveys of college women show that only 1 in every 25 reports being assaulted to the authorities. The University only reports those offenses that are confirmed by criminal or university judicial action.

"Date rape is the most underreported crime in the country," Michael Young, Director of University Security said.

Dean of Students David Howison agrees. "It is a significant problem to get people to report."

This problem is amplified in a smaller community. Often, victims who report their crimes are subjected to rigorous questioning and have their stories ridiculed. Dr. James Worth, University Psychologist, thinks that the size of the school contributes to the problem.

"This is a small enough community where the victim fears being shunned, exposed or ridiculed. There is little anonymity at this school," he said.

The fears a victim might have of being exposed or ridiculed are not simply a W&L phenomenon.

"One problem is our society doesn't look at rape as a crime," Young said. "Like every other crime, if your car is stolen, you'd report it. If you are raped, unfortunately, there is a stigma attached."

W&L women feel that the stigma is amplified on this campus.

"I think women would be afraid to report a rape," said senior Emily Framptom. "People here would not see her as 'the girl who was raped,' but rather as, 'the girl who turned so-and-so in'."

For some W&L men, the thought of women feeling unsafe on this campus is against everything for which this school stands.

"There should be absolutely no reason for any W&L female to feel like she must take a self defense course for PE so that she can safely attend a frat party without an army of her sorority sisters," said freshman Thomas Wood.

In a national survey of college students conducted earlier this decade, 35 percent of the men surveyed indicated that they would commit a violent rape of a woman if they were assured that they could get away with it. This creates a dangerous situation when this attitude is combined with alcohol use and the assumption that W&L is a completely safe environment.

According to the National Victim Center, 75 percent of all men and 55

percent of all women involved in an acquaintance rape had been using alcohol. Drug use impairs a woman's ability to communicate her decision about sex, and to judge a woman's response. Despite the fact that a woman might not have her intentions obvious, it still does not justify any "accidental" sexual assault.

"Men should never take advantage of a drunk woman," Young said.

Though officials say that there is no way to prevent a rape, there are ways to prevent it. "There are people out there looking to harm women. It's a control thing. You need to be aware of what you are doing and who you are with."

Rape counselors and psychologists stress several steps that can be taken to prevent a woman from putting herself in a bad situation:

- **Set sexual limits.** It's your body, and if you don't want to continue sexual intercourse, say nothing wrong with you. If you know how far you are willing to go before having sex, make that decision stronger.
- **Be independent and aware on dates and at fraternity parties.** Don't go to someone's house if you asked to go to the dorms. Make sure you still have your own keys and make sure you get your own drinks.
- **Be forceful and firm.** If you are sure of yourself, your message will be heard.
- **Trust your gut-level feelings.** They do not lie to you. If you think you are in a bad situation, you probably are.
- **Avoid falling for lines like, "You would if you loved me."** If he loved you, he would respect your decision and would not pressure you into doing anything you do not want to do.
- **Be careful when you invite someone back to your home or room.** Many rapes occur in private places for a rape to occur.
- **Have your own transportation.** Many parties have sober drivers, and if you don't have one on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, Live Drive can be contacted at 463-2111.
- **Avoid excessive use of alcohol or drugs.**

Often, rape victims worry about making a scene and will not make their situation public, but if a woman waits until they are both in her room, it is a private place and she can be anyone to help her.

"Be very aware of what you do and do not want to happen," Margand said about offending the person.

Worth offers some advice to males:

"Imagine yourself having gotten arrested on a drunk in public charge. If someone else gets thrown in there with you. He is much bigger than you, he has the force to hold you down and sodomize you. Imagine how you would feel."

## account #1: her story

February 4, 1995. The night of the Samples concert, the first snow of the year, five days until my 19th birthday, the night my best friend raped me. I had bronchitis, and uninformed about the effects of mixing alcohol and antibiotics, I drank that night. Returning to my dorm room alone, I talked to a girl on my hall until I received his phone call.

He was coming over despite my excuses that I was going to bed. He arrived, and I let him in. He was my best friend. I trusted him. There was nothing unusual — until he lay down on my bed and would not leave when I asked.

He said he would give me a back massage to alleviate my coughing and to help me fall asleep.

I awoke, face down, naked in my own bed, with him upon me. Only the word "no" came from my lips as he entered me. It was over in a few minutes. I buried my head in my pillows and cried. I couldn't do anything else, for I was numb with confusion, shock and disgust. Finally, he left my room.

I was lost. I went to the school doctor; they told me that I had an alcohol problem. I went to a peer counselor; he just wanted details as to which position the act occurred in. Then, through the advice and help of five of my closest friends, I brought charges against him through the Student-Faculty Hearing Board. In a unanimous verdict, he was found guilty of "sexual exploitation through manipulative and predatory behavior."

His punishment entailed counseling by a school psychologist, prohibition from entering the freshmen dorms and social probation through the end of the year. A week after his appeal against these sanctions was denied, he was caught out at a fraternity party.

Given the opportunity to withdraw from the university or go before a disciplinary committee, he chose the former and transferred to a nearby University, continuing to return to campus quite frequently for the next two years.

It has taken me a long time to put that night behind me. I am comforted with the knowledge that I was supported by my friends, and that I may help others to heal through my own experience. However, I will never forget those minutes, when I lay helpless and immobile, before he who was my best friend.

“ He was my best friend. I trusted him. There was nothing unusual — until he lay down on my bed and would not leave when I asked. ”



## local rape hotline

463-RAPE (24 hours)

## counseling

Dr. Anne Schorer-Lamont:

463-8750 (office) 463-5478 (home)

Dr. James Worth:

463-8592 (office) 463-4000 (home)

get help

police

student help

campus

## website:

Sexual Assault Information Page

<http://www.cs.utk.edu/~bartley/saInfoPage.html>

## sex survey

On Wednesday, May 14, 1997, A professor initiated an innocent discussion of gender roles at Washington and Lee based on "The Colonnade Club" cartoon that had appeared in the *Ring-tum Phi* that week. The professor was astonished when the students requested that they conduct an anonymous survey to determine some sexual facts about the 24 members of the class. The professor wrote the following four questions on the board, the students wrote their answers on slips of paper which were collected, and the results tabulated as follows:

Have you ever had sexual intercourse?	yes: 71%	no: 29%		
Have you ever given oral sex?	yes: 83%	no: 17%		
Have you ever received oral sex?	yes: 75%	no: 21%		no answer: 4%
How many partners have you had in sexual intercourse?	zero: 29%	one: 13%	two: 13%	three: 17%
	four: 8%	five: 4%	six: 8%	no answer: 8%

This class, being a general education class, contained many students with different backgrounds and majors. During an after class discussion a student said that he believed the two biggest extracurricular activities on this campus are drinking and sex.

"The power which the strong have over the weak, the magistrates over the unlettered, the experienced over the confident, the clever over the silly — the forbearing or inoffensive use of all this, or a total absence from it when the case admits it, will show plain light."

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coping

by Jason Zacher

Coping with a rape can be very hard on a small campus. The personal atmosphere and closeness that Washington and Lee students share often make concealing traumatic events difficult. There are many ways to get help while keeping the assault a secret.

There are some immediate concerns that victims need to consider after an assault. The Virginia State Crime Commission tells victims of a sexual assault not to: shower or bathe, brush or comb your hair, change clothes, eat or drink anything, brush or rinse your teeth, touch things where the incident happened or put on makeup.

If the attack took place in a dorm or in a fraternity house, the victim should call campus security immediately. The victim should be taken to the infirmary as soon as possible.

Any person who is a victim of a sexual assault should also call a friend or relative and get to a safe place. She should keep warm and write down all of the details she can remember. This will make any future prosecution or University judicial proceedings easier.

According to rape counselors, many rape victims are severely affected psychologically after the incident. Several studies have shown that there are several specific stages that rape victims go through during their recovery.

The first is the **crisis stage**. A victim is shocked that the assault really happened, and might appear visibly disturbed, cry, shake or even faint. The most common emotion is fear, fear of the attacker returning, fear of the place the attack occurred, fear of people who remind her of the attacker. There are so many different feelings a victim might feel during this stage—all of them are normal. She might not want to be touched, or she might want physical affection from someone she trusts. She may talk about the attack, or she could be completely quiet for a long time.

Counselors define the second stage as the **denial stage**. The victim will try to assure their friends that she is okay, but she probably feels that her friends are tired of hearing about the incident. This stage can be very brief or it can last for years. She might try some harmful things during this stage like: overeating, not eating, overworking, as well as severe alcohol or drug abuse.

The **suffering stage** is when the assault finally sinks in for the victim. There is typically a feeling of loss, and the victim might experience depression. Other common reactions include: fear, nightmares, changes in eating or sleeping, sexual problems, anger, guilt and shame. She might also have flashbacks and have frequent, disturbing memories of the assault.

When a victim becomes a "survivor" rather than a victim, she is in the **resolution stage**. The assault becomes an accepted, if painful, part of her life.

While almost every victim of a sexual assault goes through these stages of recovery, there is no timetable in which she will complete them. Every sexual assault victim

is different, but all will go through the same stages. Services such as University Counseling are critical for helping a woman progress smoothly through these stages.

"We are available to both women and men," said Dr. James Worth, University Psychologist. "We have done counseling for both."

Rape can also be very traumatic for friends of the victim. It is common for friends to have strong feelings of anger and rage against the assailant, but as a friend, there are several things you can do to help a rape victim.

- **Listen, do not judge.** Do not make her prove her story. Accept her version of the facts and be supportive.
- **Be available.** She may need to talk at odd hours. She might not tell many people and she might rely strictly on one person.
- **Give comfort and offer shelter.** She may not want to be alone. Stay with her or let her stay with you.
- **Don't ever tell her what she could have done to prevent the rape.** The only person who can prevent a rape is the rapist. Let her know she is not to blame.
- **Do not be overly protective.** She needs to feel control in her life.
- **Deal with your feelings somewhere else.** Don't discuss your feelings with her. Call a hotline or talk to another friend.

"We encourage all victims to report it to the police department and prosecute," said Michael Young, Director of University Security.

Even if a victim does not want to press charges with the police, she can petition the Student-Faculty Hearing Board.

The SFHB's purpose is to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct at W&L. The board consists of four students elected by the Executive Committee and four faculty members. There are also two alternate students and two alternate faculty members in case of a conflict of interest.

A victim can submit a complaint to either the Dean of Students, David Howison, or the University Mediator, Dean Anece McCloud. McCloud will also present all of the alternatives available to the student.

"An investigation does not occur in the sense of an EC investigation," SFHB President Nancy Margand said. "If the case comes to SFHB each student tells their side of the story, can call witnesses to corroborate and turn in "evidence" they think will support their view. Students receive help from advocates from the law school."

Confidentiality is stressed throughout the process to all parties. The SFHB can hand down punishments ranging from counseling and social probation to suspension and expulsion from the University.

University officials stress that no matter what course of action a victim wants to pursue, it is important to seek out help to recover from the incident.

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# the silent crime

## account #2: her story

Where do I start?

The weirdest thing is that freshman year he told people that we slept together, and now he refuses to admit that we ever hooked up. Last week I found out one of his friends saw me that night with Scott\*. I was plastered. I thought, God, why didn't you help me? And he said, it didn't look like you needed help.

I was totally freaked out. I was a mess. I've blamed myself for three years, so I didn't tell anyone. I thought, I was too drunk and I should have known better and all the typical things; I should have controlled myself. Obviously I was hooking up with him beforehand, voluntarily. He was my best guy friend. I didn't know anybody when I came here, except him. So I had all this trust in him. He was going to take care of me. He's gonna be my big brother and watch out for me and make sure no one hurts me. And he was the one that ended up doing it.

It was during orientation. The whole thing was awkward. I didn't want it to happen. I didn't plan on it. We went to a fraternity house and it was late. I really trusted the kid. I really liked him. I was always on his hall, hanging out and I felt really comfortable with his friends.

We all got really sh\*\*-faced. My mom, on this day, refuses to believe that my drink wasn't spiked, because I absolutely blacked out. But I think it was just the beginning of a series of blackouts for me. I think I had a drinking problem... after that.

I had never drank that much before so it was my first blackout. And that's the worst part of the whole thing: I can't tell you every detail of what happened. All I can tell you is that I remember being with him. I remember being at the fraternity. I remember a whole bunch of us saying we were going back to the dorms and it was so normal for me to be on his hall. Hanging out with them. I didn't think twice about it. For a while his friends were there and I remember we were eating, watching TV in Scott's room. I guess they all left. And we started hooking up.

I just thought it was really strange, because it kind of broke the boundary of our friendship. It was weird. I was so drunk and I said, Scott, maybe we shouldn't do this, and he just kept kissing my neck and I was trying to talk about it and obviously he wasn't participating in the conversation. I would get up and sit back down, the whole time wondering what I was doing there. All I know is that I remember kissing him

and talking about it. I remember laying down, just passing out. When I passed out, I had my clothes on, or when I remember nothing else, I had my clothes on and I was not in danger.

And when I woke up, really early, five in the morning or something, he was next to me and all my clothes were on the floor. I freaked. I had no idea what had happened. I got up, put my clothes on without talking to him. I left.

Before this I would see him every day without fail. Four days go by and I didn't even hear from him. No contact. I was so scared. I didn't tell anyone. I felt like something was wrong and I was sure I'd had sex. I felt weird because I hadn't had sex in a really long time. It was the first time at college that it had happened to me and obviously it wasn't in any way that I'd planned. I was a naive little girl who thought sex was important and you had it with the people you love. He crushed those expectations.

The next day, I remember trying to find out... I asked a friend of his, "So have you talked to Scott?"

He said, "Yeah, Scott says that you guys slept together."

"Oh, he did?"

And that's how I found out — through

a friend of his. I didn't know what to do. I didn't tell anyone. I felt stupid. I guess I internalized it all. I'm just an idiot. This will go away. We don't have to talk any more.

Forme, drinking helped me forget. That has been my main fault in the whole ordeal. I handled

it the wrong way. I've read a lot about it. There are two basic reactions. Some people shut themselves off to all men: cold, afraid of everything. Or like me: No big deal! A lot of women that get raped become alcoholics. It's sad because I know college would have been so different if this hadn't happened to me. I believe that.

I think about confronting him. Perhaps I will... when I'm ready. Now it would cause too much pain. Who would believe me? I had a bad past. My freshman year just got worse and worse. It would be hard for anyone to remember me the way I was before it all happened and believe what I said. Most people would say, whatever, you were just drunk. And you regretted it the next day. And that's just not the case. I've experienced those feelings too. This was different. This was wrong. Something happened that night that made me feel terrible about myself. Nothing else was like this. That's how I know it was rape.

It wasn't a violent thing, but I know that I didn't consent and that I wasn't conscious. I was probably just dead weight. Like a fish. It's sick to think that he proceeded. It's really sick. I try to sit and re-

member details of what he did to me, what happened. And I can't remember anything. And I think part of it is that I blocked it out, emotionally, for so long that it's not something that I can think about.

This summer I finally talked to some people about it. I told my mom for the first time. She knew the summer after freshman year that something was wrong. She kept asking, Why are you behaving like this? What is wrong with you? She tried to pull me out of school. She's still mad at herself for not doing that. I guess she's trying to take responsibility and she can't.

I convinced her to let me come back. So this summer, I told her and of course she lost it again. I told her I've dealt with it. I've been dealing with it for three years. I'm more stable about it now. I can talk about it. For her, she just found out, so it was like me, freshman year. She wanted to help me and tried to pull me out of school again. I almost let her. I thought, I'll stay home for a year, get myself together. I don't want to go back and have this pattern of behavior continue and she said, well you shouldn't drink. For a while I didn't, and then just with my roommates. And now I drink, but it's better. I feel like I have finally gained some control over my life again.

It's sad, because I see a friend going through the same thing this year, the same pattern of behavior, and I just found out, last week, she was raped. It's everywhere. You have no idea. At the time it happened to me, I didn't know it was rape. You know, this was my first experience in college. So I'm thinking, this is how it works, you

get drunk and sometimes you do stuff you don't want to do — and you have to get over it. Then it started affecting my mentality, my drinking, I was a different person freshman year, I had to be the party girl who could go out until five in the morning and out-drink the guys. That's just not me. I'm finally starting to feel like my normal self. I'm trying to regain some stability in my life, some security, peace.

A lot of girls just aren't aware, they think it's OK and that shows guys get away with it. The girl that talked to me recently that said she was raped said, "Listen, it's no big deal. You just have to get over it." And I told her, "this happened to you recently and you tell me it's no big deal and you sound just like me three years ago."

They were both drunk, but he was violent with her. He held her down, was hurting her. It's so sad, I want everyone to know who he is, because I don't want anyone to be around him. It scares me. At this school, you're trapped. Nobody's going to believe you. I want everyone to be aware. People aren't reporting this sh\*\*. And it goes on. A lot. So many women here have probably been through this. My mom is so angry,

she wants me to take revenge and post these guys' names all over campus. I would get crushed. That's why no one reports it.

Nobody wants to go to a counselor here. You're trapped. I want to warn freshman girls. It's not enough what they did for us freshman year. Looking back on that thing we went to, the video on rape, we were joking around the whole time. This isn't going to happen to us. We just were not thinking. It happened to me that week.

We were so naive. We trusted everybody. And the one person I trusted the most screwed me over. Now I think twice about every guy... I just wish people knew. I want to graduate in peace.

It's possible that he was too drunk to know what he was doing. I don't think he did it with malice. He probably didn't know what was going on. After that he tried his damndest to be my friend. Every fall, he starts getting friendly, calling, dropping by. I think he wants my reassurance that he did nothing wrong. He must know it isn't all right. When I see him now, I don't acknowledge his existence.

Now I want to talk to people, freshmen, I guess. If someone in my sorority had said, this happened to me, if you need anyone to talk to... I would have gone to them. I was so convinced that I was the only one this happened to and didn't know who to talk to. I didn't even know we had a peer counseling system.

I didn't know about the rape recovery group, either. I'd like to go, now. Everyone recovers in different phases. I feel like now I could help other people. Its taken me three years, but now I can deal with it, confront it. It seems like the next step is using this in some positive way, to help other people. It's horrible that I thought there was no one I could talk to. I didn't even tell my mother. I tell her everything. It was a

hard year for me. People talk about how much fun freshman year was. I think: "Oh, my bad year." I didn't care about anything. I didn't care about myself. At all. I let myself go, with anyone.

One of my friends came to me about the drinking — which was about half the problem. But I didn't think anything was wrong. C'mon

look around, everybody's drinking! I was different. I wasn't just drunk and coming home; I was drunk and going home with whoever. It was bad. God, the trauma of answering the questions. I think I'm most defensive about people not believing me.

The worst part is, this girl I talked with told me the same kind of story. She was drunk, she blacked out. I didn't believe her. The first thing that came into my head was: "Yeah right." And I caught myself and thought, "Jesus, what are you doing, you have to believe her. Why would she be making this sh\*\* up?" I think it's rare that girls make this stuff up. It's not fun to go through, or to pre-

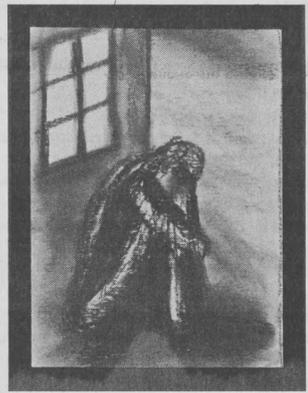
tend to go through. I want to know what he thinks happened. But I don't want to talk to him. I just want to say, you know, you are a horrible person. This is a terrible thing to do. You hurt me and it will be with me for the rest of my life. This is not acceptable. And then I want to walk away. I don't ever want to talk to him again. I don't think he remembers that night and thinks, 'I raped that girl.' I'm sure he doesn't put that label on it. He probably thinks it was a drunken night gone wrong. Maybe not even that. Who knows?

The worst thing is, I don't remember. Maybe I'm lucky, I don't know how it felt, physically, you know. It's so frustrating that I can't remember exactly what happened. People told me we had sex. I woke up without my clothes on. I can't ignore the fact that it happened.

I'd never been to a psychologist. I went on my lunch hour and I start bawling crying, couldn't go back to work. She said its so common, that it happens to so many young women. Society makes women into the guilty party. We have to accuse the men; they become 'the victims' and everyone is second-guessing and judging you.

It's such a fu\*\*ed-up system. We've been raised to make ourselves desirable to men. Men are raised in a subtle way so that its okay for them to look at us like objects. Now I have people to talk to. I always wonder if I am the only one who was raped by Scott. I wonder if

there is something I could have done to have stopped it if I wasn't.



## GENERAL NOTES

### DUPONT TO HOST TALK BY SCHAPIRO

An opening reception and talk by exhibiting artist Miriam Schapiro will be held in the duPont Gallery on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"A Seamless Life," works by Schapiro from 1961 to 1966 are currently on exhibit in the duPont Gallery until March 31. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Schapiro will be spending three days on the W&L campus where she will be visiting art classes in addition to presenting the public lecture in conjunction with the reception for the exhibit on Tuesday.

Her visit to the university is being sponsored by the department of fine arts, the Glasgow Endowment Program, the visiting lecturers committee and endowments from the W&L Classes of '63 and '65.

### EMINENT HISTORIAN TO LECTURE

Dr. Eugene D. Genovese will lecture at the Lenfest Center on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. He will talk about his new book, *A Consuming Fire: The White Christian Response to the Fall of the Confederacy*, which focuses on how white Southerners came to terms with their defeat through religion.

Dr. Genovese is the president of the Historical Society and the retired scholar-in-residence of the Atlanta University Center. This lecture is sponsored by The Contact Committee. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

### CHORAL GROUPS' PRESENT "SCIENCE CENTER SERENADE"

The Great Hall of W&L's new Science Center will be the setting for an evening of choral music presented by the university's choral groups on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Renaissance music, as well as pieces from other various period that were written to be performed in large cathedrals, will be offered by the University Chamber Singers, directed by Gordon Spice, and the University Chorus, directed by Scott Williamson and accompanied by Joshua Harvey.

The groups will combine under the direction of guest conductor Donald Nally to perform pieces by Mendelssohn, Schütz, Barber, Beibl, and Lauridsen. The ensembles will offer a program of song that span five centuries, from the 15th to the 20th centuries, that take advantage of the acoustical properties of the science building's Great Hall.

The "Science Center Serenade" is presented by W&L's department of music.

— Compiled by Heather McDonald

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academic performance of a pledge. 2. No pledge activities except community service projects may be scheduled to occur outside the Lexington city limits. 3. Pledge activities are only permitted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. 4. Pledge activities other than study hall shall be permitted only on one night during the academic week, Sunday through Thursday. 5. A chapter will not ask pledges to spend more than four hours total during the academic week or five hours on a week-end engaged in pledge or initiation activities.

Before the start of the pledgship period, all fraternities are required to submit pledge education programs to the IFC Judicial Board. These programs, which list the schedule of pledge activities and the goals of pledgship, are subject to approval by the Dean of Greek Affairs. All fifteen fraternity presidents and pledge trainers have put significant amounts of time and effort into designing programs which adhere to all of the above regulations. Fraternity presidents have also shown positive initiative in voting to end all pledgship activity one week early this year. By March 22, 1998, all pledgship programs must be completed and all pledges must be initiated.

Activities such as the compelled consumption of alcoholic beverages, physical abuse, sleep deprivation, paddling, and other activities deemed as hazing will in no way be tolerated. Individuals suspected of hazing will be referred to the Student Affairs Committee Hearing Board and will face possible suspension or expulsion. These individuals may face criminal charges as well.

An effective pledgship period depends upon cooperation between three elements in a fraternity: the fraternity leadership, the brotherhood, and the pledges. Washington and Lee's fraternity leaders have designed fifteen safe and effective pledgship programs. Brothers in every house must adhere strictly to these programs when conducting pledgship activities. Pledges must understand the general regulations for governing pledgship and not tolerate hazing.

Sincerely,  
IFC

## Norval warns of new threats

BY SARAH MELDRUM

STAFF WRITER

What should we do with terrorists? "Hunt 'em down and kill 'em like rabid dogs," Morgan Norval advised, not entirely joking.

Norval, who spent ten years in southern Africa fighting terrorism, spoke Tuesday evening as part of Contact's Captive Nations Week.

He said the new world order is bringing new terrorists threats. "The world is more volatile, more uncertain than it was in the Cold War." He said former communist nations are now afflicted by "debilitating fear, chaos, and social disorder."

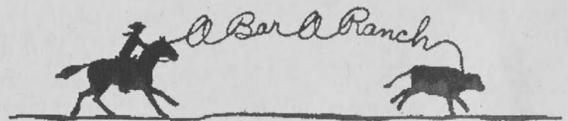
The rise of the information superhighway, while making it possible for nations of the world to communicate and work together, has facilitated the dissemination of propaganda by terrorist groups.

The rapidly expanding population, especially of the

Third World, will increase competition for scarce resources. Norval predicted that would lead to mass migrations, which heighten ethnic tensions, and to wars between countries over dwindling resources. And the United States is equally at risk. "When there's nothing to lose, there's nothing to fear," he said.

He warned that the United States is not adequately prepared to fight small groups of terrorists, which have gained increasing military effectiveness. Some even possess weapons of mass destruction, and are prepared to use them. He pointed to the Tokyo subway attack by Aum Shinri Kyo, the Supreme Truth Sect, which released sarin nerve gas on five subway trains on March 20, 1995, killing 11 and hurting about 5,500.

Norval said that even though the United States has the most efficient military in the world, its unprepared response to such attacks would be like the "redcoats" marching through the forests of North America.



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## Nutrition workshop

BY ERICA PROSSER

STAFF WRITER

Students who don't know the first thing about eating healthy may learn something Thursday night.

The Lifestyle Information For Everyone Wellness Group is sponsoring a nutrition lecture and cooking demonstration at 7 p.m. in the dining area of the Delta Tau Delta House. Admission is free, and the Washington and Lee community is welcome.

"This is for busy college students," said Wellness Group Chairwoman Cathy Moore. "There will be snacks afterwards and a booklet handout as a follow-up."

The session will be led by L.I.F.E. members, and the cooking demo and health tips will target nutrition and proper eating among students.

L.I.F.E. members came up with the idea while brainstorming ideas for a new program.

"We always do things on substance abuse, etc.," said Moore. She said that nutrition programs are almost never done, but that they are still very important to health.

If L.I.F.E. gets positive feedback on this program, Moore said that the group will consider expanding with more lectures and demonstrations. Until then, healthy cooking is just a free seminar away.

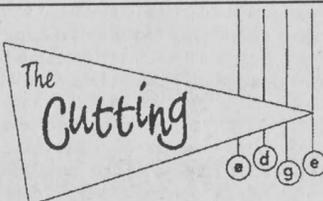


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## Time for another action to be single sanction

During the year that it took for the *Phi* to put together the Campus Rape package on pages four and five, one point kept coming up. Why is rape not considered a single-sanction offense?

There are rumors of a petition to make rape a single-sanction offense at Washington and Lee. If these rumors are true, this newspaper is behind that petition 100 percent.

The national statistics are frightening. Thirty-five percent of college men would rape a woman if they could get away with it. One in every six women at this University will be raped. One in four will have rape attempted.

Honor is the cornerstone of this institution. It is one of the main reasons that many of us chose W&L as the place to continue our education.

While gaining book knowledge, we would also learn how to live honorably and become better members of society.

Theft of material items is minor — those things in life can be replaced easily. Cheating in class is wrong, but also relatively minor compared to the life-long trauma of rape.

If the Executive Committee is correct in saying that there is no degree to honor, then why is rape still something for which an individual receives only social probation?

Not only is rape the theft of everything women hold dear, trust, hope, and control, but it is an outright lie by the perpetrator to deny that he committed the act. Is raping a woman really behaving like a gentleman?

It is time to move the honor system from its rigid, academically-based foundation. If we are to learn to be "gentlemen" (in Robert E. Lee's eyes), how can we allow such amazing social wrongs to continue at this school? The honor system needs to be expanded to include all aspects of W&L life.

Lee was a progressive. He would have loved to see women at his school. He would be appalled to know that a W&L man would rape any woman and receive only probation.

To be honorable, this campus needs to recognize that this is happening. To be honorable, fraternity brothers should turn each other in for rape. To be honorable, this school needs to stop denying that this happens.

There is no honor violation that anyone at this school could commit that would be more severe.

Quote of the week:

"Cow-tipping is better than sex.."

— Anonymous

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## Stiff competition for White House internships

For this week's Looney Bin I'll be discussing the latest presidential sex scandal, partly because it's an issue that a lot of people are talking about, but mostly because I can't think of a single original topic (like that's stopped me before...).

Now there are probably four or five of you out there who think that Clinton didn't do it. Well, this is the opinion page, which means we're not constrained by the facts.

We go by my opinion, and my personal opinion is that it's really irrelevant whether or not he did it. The whole thing makes for damned good comic material, and comedy is more important than truth, so I say let the oral sex innuendos commence.

The Looney Bin  
Kevin McManemin '00

Sure, Clinton has really blown it. His political career is going down. It's going to be hard for him to come up with a rock solid alibi. Yet as much as this scandal must suck for Bill, the media is practically having an orgasm over the story.

I for one think that the media is completely off the mark. They're focusing on aspects of the scandal that no one cares about — such as the possibility that El Presidente may be impeached.

Look, John Q. Multinationalmediaconglomerate, most Americans haven't the foggiest idea what impeachment is. They can't even spell impeachment. So keep your 25 cent fancy book-learnin' words to yourselves and just stick to the basics: who, what, where, how many times a night, and in which positions.

The media should focus on the shame and outrage all Americans feel due to the simple fact that *Monica Lewinski is not remotely attractive!*

She's the kind of girl that friends probably try to set up with blind dates using the line, "well, she's got a great personality." As an American in good standing, I find it disgraceful that the most powerful man in the world (next to Bill Gates and maybe Dean Manning) can't find a better looking woman to cheat with. I mean, Paula Jones was no prize either, but now ol' Billy Boy's really scraping the bottom of the nasty barrel.

Perhaps I shouldn't be so critical. I suppose if I was from Arkansas my standards wouldn't be all that high either. "Hey, at least she's not my cousin" was probably the only concern on Slick Willie's mind as he unzipped his trousers and began polling the constituents.

I must confess, though, that being a guy, I can under-

stand. Admit it, fellas. If we talk about this subject in mixed company we'll all come down very harshly on Bill. "Oh, no, infidelity is monstrous! Impeach him!" But deep down, we all know we would have done the exact same thing if we had a powerful political office, a wife that was out of town, and an intern ready and willing to go for it.

I'm sorry, ladies, but there's something buried deep within the male psyche that will cause us to throw away everything for a quick lick to the [expletive deleted]. It seems that the Y chromosome carries with it a certain genetic deficiency — called Hugh Grant syndrome — which can temporarily impair reasoning functions. (This opposed to women, who simply have no reasoning functions).

You see, when a man gets aroused and the blood rushes into Mr. Happy, it's arriving from a tube connected straight to the brain. Without this blood, the brain starts forgetting little details, like "you're not my wife" or "you're not attractive" or "you're my adopted daughter" (Woody Allen syndrome).

Bill has got to learn to veto his hormones. If he doesn't, his political career is going to bite the big one. Much like Monica did...

"You see, when a man gets aroused and the blood rushes into Mr. Happy, it's arriving from a tube connected straight to the brain."

## 15 Minutes of Shame

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## 'Camaraderie of the Doomed'

Crisis brings people together. True story:

A few weeks ago, everything was scheduled for Friday. A Computer Science 312 project and a CS 211 project were both due that day. A multivariable calculus test and a geology test were lined up for noon and 1 o'clock, both on Friday.

Red Brick Row  
David Balsley '99

I knew that I should have worked harder earlier in the week to get everything done — or even better, the week before, or possibly sometime during Fall semester. I had worked hard and put in a lot of hours. Had I worked even more, though, I would not have had so much left to finish, I told myself. But there I was, on Thursday night, with two unfinished projects left to do. Time was running out. It was the type of situation which makes you think, when Joe So-and-So dropped out for a semester, they knew what they were doing.

I ate dinner, then dutifully marched to the Science Building about 6:30 p.m. I gathered my books, a pen, some paper and my last dying conviction that everything would be alright. It was going to be a long evening.

A dozen other people had beat me there. When I sat down to get to work, I sat down among a crowd of people, all racing to finish the same work I was about to

do. They were quiet and anxious, as though they all expected to have long evenings, too.

Then a funny thing happened. I'm not sure what it was, but it could be called the Camaraderie of the Doomed.

Someone joked about how much work he had to do. Someone else said there was no way she would get to bed that night. A third said he would not only stay up all night, but probably fail anyway as well.

Soon there was a chorus of people all talking about how much they had to do and how little time they had to do it and how they had promised themselves that this semester would not be this way but already it was and so on.

We worked, moaned, worked, bitched, worked, complained. All in all, if we had worked as much as we complained, we would have finished twice the work in half the time. We whined anyway. The amount of work I had to do still frightened me. But somehow it seemed funny. It was amusing that I could not have finished everything that night, no matter what I did. It was comic that I was desperate.

Realizing that other people were in the same boat that I was, and complaining with them that the boat was sinking, helped me to make light of a bad situation. We seemed to band together in our hopelessness. We were doomed, but we were doomed together.

We worked well into the night, laughing and complaining and carrying on, even though we should have cried — the Camaraderie of the Doomed.

## More fun than Jerry Springer

I realize that loyal readers of this column have come to expect Swensen on a soapbox, tilting at various windmills on campus with my mix of sarcasm and idealism.

In a move that I'm sure will greatly sadden all of you, I am on no great moral crusade this week. Instead of asking you to change deeply held beliefs and attitudes, I just want you to see a play this weekend.

From a Bar Stool  
Eric Swensen '98

I'll admit it: I am no great patron of the arts. While it doesn't fill me with pride to say this, college basketball, "Must See TV" on NBC, the Jerry Springer show and the Friday night movies on Cinemax are generally higher on my viewing list than the average theater production.

Of course, this is no average theatre production. First and foremost, my friend Cassie Ritter is starring in the play, a comedy by Beth Henley entitled "Crimes of the Heart." At the very least, she's featured on the poster that has been plastered all around campus (that's her on the far left of the poster).

She asked me to plug her play in my column, expecting only a few sentences at the end. Little did she know her request would give me an excuse not to think of an actual column topic this week. When I called her to say I was stopping by her room for an interview, her reaction was something along the lines of, "You're doing what?" Once I got there, she warmed up to the task. Slightly.

It turns out that this play has many of the elements I enjoy in the Jerry Springer show. For example, Cassie's character, Babe Magrath, is beaten by her husband, whom she later shoots. Meanwhile, Babe, who is 24, is having an affair with a 15-year-old and attempts to kill herself twice, once by sticking her head in a gas oven. Apparently, Babe and her two sisters have never gotten over the death of their mother, who hanged herself in a closet 16 years ago — along with the family cat.

Now if that doesn't sound like an episode of the Jerry Springer show (minus the catfights, the burly security guards and Springer's "Final Thought"), I don't know what does. And that's only one of the three sisters.

Unlike the Springer show, however, "Crimes of the Heart" is actually well written; it won a Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 1981.

Also, unlike Springer, the play is intentionally funny, and every second word isn't bleeped out.

Not actually having seen the play, I can't promise that it will be funny. However, I have been promised a slow death if I don't show up and watch the play at least once. What better advertisement could you ask for than that?

## Letters to the Ring-tum Phi

Pledgeship rules have been established by the IFC

Dear Ring-tum Phi,

With the start of winter term, the Interfraternity Council wishes to help foster a better understanding of the rules governing fraternity pledgeship. The general regulations are clearly outlined in the 1997-98 Interfraternity Council Constitution and are as follows: 1. No pledgeship activities may take place in the dormitories or dining hall. These activities cannot hinder the

See IFC page 6

## TALKback:

What's the strangest thing that's ever happened to you in the snow?



"Never eat yellow snow."

— Keenan Weston '01



"I stepped into a big pile of snow, my foot sunk in, and I couldn't find my shoe!"

— Junko Ota, exchange student



"When Ashley Marano raced for 'shotgun' and wiped out on a patch of snow."

— Haley Hall '00



"While snowboarding, the fence I was holding on to gave way and I dragged it all the way down the mountain."

— Jeff Wehner '00

# WAG THE DOG: FICTION MIRRORING REALITY?



**The pitch: "It'll be like 'Speed-the-Plow' meets 'Death of a Salesman' meets 'Dr. Strangelove'."**

By Alex Christensen

Phi Movie Critic

A little update to start off: "Titanic" still sucks. And it's about to beat "E.T." to become the biggest-grossing film of all time, excluding re-release profits. I'm OK with that.

There is really an entertaining and thought-provoking film playing in town. Barry Levinson's "Wag the Dog," adapted for the screen by David Mamet, has been getting a lot of press lately with this whole Clinton porn scandal or whatever that is. Ever since the story broke, the box office takings on "Wag the Dog" have gone up and up, which never happens.

It seems the film resembles real life a little too closely. In fact, it is real life, in the sense that whether or not it's true, it's true enough that we can't know just how true it might really be. Catch my drift? I know it's a bit of a brain-teaser, but nevertheless, as George Bush would say, "Nevertheless." That's all he would say. Creepy.

In "Wag the Dog," the President is just a few days away from the election when a scandal breaks: a little Firefly girl accuses the President of taking liberties with her in the Oval Office. This, as we say, could be bad. Who gets the call? Conrad Brean (Robert De Niro), a shadowy political fixer who immediately comes up with the perfect plan. If the nation can be distracted by something really big, like a war, the President could coast into his second term and then deal with all of the messy sex stuff.

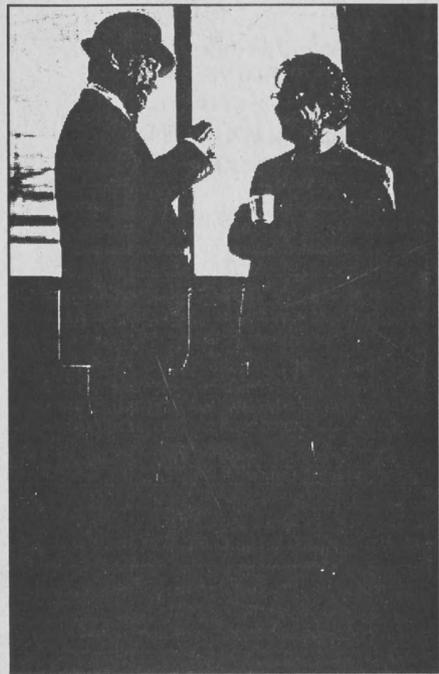
A war? That means we need an enemy, a theme song, a backstory. Enter Stanley R. Motss (Dustin Hoffman), a Hollywood producer who specializes in making problems go away. "This is nothing," is his motto. Brean hires Motss to produce the "pageant," and the thing kicks into high gear.

The idea of creating a war out of thin air may seem implausible for some, and that's why the movie was made. It's not just a fantasy, as I said before. It's the way things work, with a dark, cynical, and hilarious twist: this time it's not "true." Of course this raises the question of what is really true about any media phe-

nomenon, which is what major news stories have become in our day and age. (I don't like to think of myself as a wacko conspiracy theorist. In fact, I resent the way that the press has turned the very word "conspiracy," which simply means a scheme involving more than one person, into

a code word for "crazy." Anybody who believes a scheme involving more than one person could exist and affect the world is crazy? When did this become the accepted wisdom?)

The point is, all the American people need to go along with anything — a really spectacular murder, a war, a re-election — are full stomachs, a few compelling images, and a plausible storyline. If we've got all that,



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we don't ask questions. There are still a few people out there who get disturbed when things fall into place a little too well, but just let them stick their heads up, like Hillary Rodham Clinton did on the "Today" show last week, and look out. Everybody yells "Nut!" and that's the end of the inquiry.

We don't want to hear that "there is a group of people — maybe not the same people, maybe not well organized, maybe not permanent — but a group of people that invents our national life for us, and we really have no say except at the ballot box, and who votes any more anyway?" Those booths are so claustrophobic. I can't vote in confined spaces."

Mamet and Levinson provide a quick, witty script, which is memorably acted with impeccable timing by Hoffman, De Niro, Anne Heche as the President's chief

of staff, Willie Nelson as a country impresario, William H. Macy (of "Fargo") as a CIA operative, Woody Harrelson as an American hero, and Denis Leary as the on-top-of-everything Fad King. Just watching them talk to each other is the chief pleasure of the film. Listen closely, you might miss something. My favorite line is Willie Nelson's: "Jim Belushi is Albanian." A close second is De Niro's: "Well, you get some time, you could read the cover." You can pick your own.

A special mention should be made of the music. The film is practically a musical; the songs and Mark Knopfler's guitar score are characters of their own in a way that is rare on film today, but completely in context in the story. It's a joy.

It seems that the film resembles real life a little too closely ... with the whole Clinton scandal going on.

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MONDAY \* 11:30 a.m. Monotony broken only by the latest scintillating issue of the *Phi*  
 \* TUESDAY \* 7:30 p.m. "Music in Muslim Lands" lecture in Science Center by Hugh Blackmer, obscure music guru. \* WEDNESDAY \* 7:30 p.m. Lecture in Northern Auditorium: "The Problem of Biological Individuality," by Associate Professor Jack Wilson \* 7:30 p.m. SAB presents hypnotist Tom Delucca in Doremus Gymnasium \* THURSDAY \* 7:30 p.m. Class of '62 lecture in Northern Au-

ditorium — "Britain 2000: The Millenium is the Message," with Associate Professor Brian Richardson. \* FRIDAY \* 7:30 p.m. Film Society presents "Pillow Book" at the Troubadour. \* 8 p.m. Theatre Series: "Crimes of the Heart," in Lenfest's Johnson Theatre \* German Play: "Hin und Her," (German with English synopsis provided) in Lenfest's Keller Theatre. \* SAB Concert, "The Voltage Brothers" in the Pavilion. \* Deep Banana Blackout at Sigma Nu \* Bomb-Ass Valentines Day DJ Party at Phi Kap \* SATURDAY \* 2 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Lynchburg in the Warner Center \* 7:30 p.m. "Pillow Book" \* 8 p.m. "Crimes of the Heart" in the Lenfest's Johnson Theatre \* "Hin und Her" in the Lenfest's Keller Theatre \* DJ Party at the International House \* Right On! at Kappa Sig \* Uncle Mingo at Pika \* Lambda Chi's Nuclear Waste Party, featuring Rarely Heard

## THE TROUBLE WITH WHINERS

By Polly Doig

Last Word Editor

Lexington is, admittedly, a small place. The social scene here is not exactly a hotbed of action. There are fraternity parties, but if you've seen one, you've seen 'em all (unless something really cool and exciting happens like some drunk guy pulling a pipe down). If you want to listen to a local radio station that doesn't have frequent Hank Williams Flashback Hours, well, good luck to you. Even the *Phi*'s own restaurant reviewers ran out of local places to review in an embarrassingly short period of time, and were forced to move on to bigger towns.

I was abruptly reminded of this when I passed five Virginia Military Institute cadets returning home early one recent Saturday night. Not that simply passing them caused me to remember, but when one of them shouted repeatedly, "I HATE THIS (choice words deleted here because we're running a family show) PLACE!" and proceeded to punch a sign with the silhouettes of Bob and George on it, I began to wonder about the social scene here. (We'll ignore the potential issues of disrespect and childish displays of anger for the time being.)

There are several constants I've noticed in my short time at Washington and Lee.

The university-wide trend toward supporting the struggling sport utility vehicle industry, for one. The amazing number of women with surnames as first names, and men with roman numerals after theirs, for another. That khaki thing. The disturbingly high proportion of students' time spent desperately typing in the computer lab as opposed to sleeping. And the unanimous and oft-repeated complaint that there is simply nothing to do.

Nothing to do but complain about how there's nothing to do. It's become ritual. I have lived in towns with

populations ranging from under 500 to somewhere in the millions. And though some might be hard pressed to believe it, there were activities in that town of 500 that did not involve cow-tipping. But I have come to the conclusion that kids will always complain about the lack of stimulating activities available in their place of residence. It doesn't matter whether they speak from New York city or the thriving metropolis of Lexington.

And this is precisely the problem with whiners. I have to spend time I could be passing in any of the soon-to-be-mentioned-funner-'n-heck ways listening to them do what they do best. Don't get me wrong, I myself am prone to complaining every once in a while. However the fact remains that we are privileged enough to be spending four years on one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation which, conveniently for our future incomes, is also ranked eighth academically. We're learning (albeit at the cost of much blood and sweat) skills that are going to help us out in the real world. This ain't state school anymore, Toto.

W&L is certainly not a perfect place, nor am I turning a blind eye to its' imperfections. There are not a zillion exciting things happening every minute. But get over it. It's become tiresome. Really, go take a spin in your (sport utility) vehicle, crank your (louder-than-God) stereo system and drive around in a very (loudly) unspoken statement of how great it is to simply be (you). Gosh, what I meant to say is there's just nothing like a nice Friday night game of (strip) Twister, accompanied by (rum and) Coke and a lively intellectual discussion (on the merits of your favorite Spice Girl). Or God forbid, just go to sleep.

See? There's always something to do, even in Lex. And even if there's not, don't let on because who knows what would happen if professors were to suspect that we didn't have enough to do?

## The frightening reality of our campus conspiracy theories

By Kathryn Mayurnik

Managing Editor

This week the *Phi* received an anonymous letter from an individual who claims that the Washington and Lee administration is behind a massive and elaborate conspiracy. The author threw around terms like "secretive" and "masterful puppeteers" but didn't really seem to know or understand the intricacies that are at the heart of the conspiracy.

As a journalist at this school, I'd like to think that I've found out a little more about this administration in the past four years than the average student, and feel that it is my duty to inform. I actually have been investigating this very conspiracy for the better part of two years, and now, in light of this illuminating letter from this exceptional, if a bit confused, student, I have finally decided to go public with my research. (If you've ever spotted a woman dressed in a brown bear costume, wearing infrared glasses, lumbering around campus at 3 a.m., that was me in my disguise.)

Well, here's what I found out:  
 From the minute that you received your acceptance letter in the mail, you have been an unwilling participant in an elaborate conspiracy. Within days of your happy news, several undercover W&L operatives posed as high school students and attended classes with you. They wore wrinkled khakis and beer-stained blue blazers. They told you that you'd be "the bomb" if you bought a hunter green Grand Cherokee and stacked heel loafers. They bugged your house and your phone, finding out all of your pet peeves and matching you up with a roommate that they know will drive you to drink and eat incessantly,

resulting in an average 80-pound weight gain by the end of Fall Term. They knew this would drive you so insane that you would have to join a fraternity to escape.

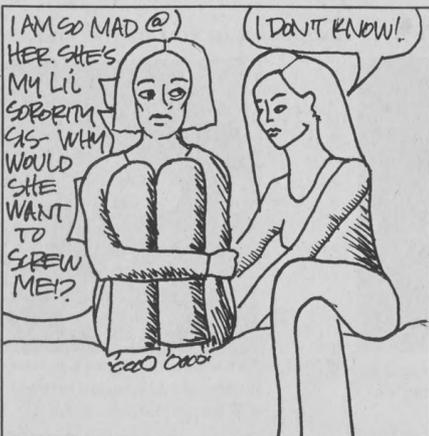
They convince you that cash is bad, and that university card debit points are really good. Since most people here charge it all home to Mummy and Daddy, it's no skin off your teeth to throw \$100 on General Debit. On Monday you go to the Co-op and buy one Tootsie Roll and a mini-packet of Advil. On Tuesday you buy a bag of Milano cookies and some frozen yogurt. On Wednesday you attempt to buy a pack of cigarettes and the Co-op lady says, "Sorry, you're out of money. Stop by the business office." Enough said.

Then there's BYOB. Seems like a nice way to get us all to drink a little less. Oh, but it really couldn't be that simple, could it? In fact, BYOB is all an elaborate conspiracy headed up by NAFTA to promote the Mexican Pot Growers Association and to ensure that W&L students increase their weed intake.

Then there's the University's plan to build a student center, a parking garage and sorority housing. They subversively call it "The Master Plan." Through many long nights of slinking around Lee House in a B&G uniform, I have discovered that it is actually President Elrod's master plan to become master of the universe.

If this all seems really hard to believe, consider this. What is more probable, that hazing is a conspiracy headed up by the Cat-o-Nine Tails and Whips Association of America or that Monica Lewinsky is involved in a conspiracy run by radical conservatives trying to ruin Bill Clinton's pristine reputation?

## Colonnade Club



## By Hollister Hovey

