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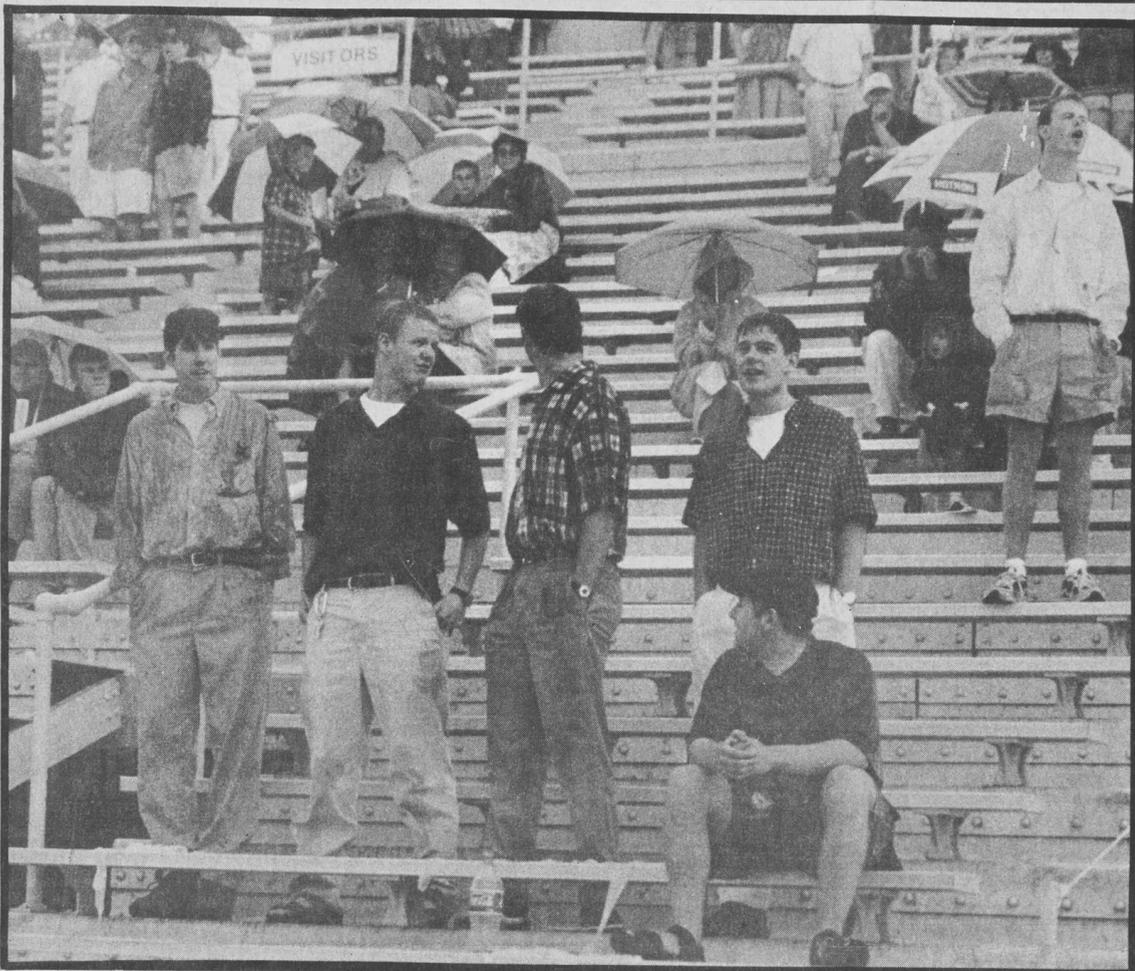
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## Wet, but victorious at Wilson Field

Following a violent cloudburst, alumni and students stand soaked at the Lee-Jackson Classic. When the sun finally came out again, the men's lacrosse team had shut down the VMI Keydets 17-10. The victory marks the 10th time in a row that the Generals have won the annual game between the neighboring institutions. HOLLISTER HOVEY/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

## Six VMI cadets convicted by Honor Court

Hazing charges brought against mentors of three freshmen lead to conflict between honor and self-incrimination

By POLLY DOIG NEWS EDITOR

Drums rolled early Saturday morning as six Virginia Military Institute cadets were escorted off campus, immediately following an Honor Court conviction for lying.

Amidst charges of beating freshmen, seniors Donald Evans and Phantamith Prompol of Alexandria, Va., and Jason Roderiques of North Dartmouth, Mass. were expelled as a result of lying about their involvement in a "whack system."

The seniors allegedly posted a list of offenses such as receiving bad grades or listening to country music that would earn freshmen "whacks" on the buttocks.

Freshmen Brandon Crane of Evansville, Ind., Terence Redmond of Hockessin, Del. and Arnold Gore of Richmond, Va. were expelled for falsely denying that the battering occurred.

Much like neighboring institution Washington and Lee University, VMI's Honor Code calls for a single sanction for lying, cheating or stealing—immediate expulsion from the school.

The Honor Court is made up of seven members, two faculty representatives and five students. It is completely run by cadets, according to VMI spokesman Colonel Michael Strickler, and a jury is selected at random from the cadet corps. Defendants are also allowed to be represented by outside counsel.

The Honor Court trial commenced Wednesday morning, with defense lawyers attempting to suppress the original statements of the cadets, claiming that they were coerced. According to the cadets, they were dragged out of bed in the middle of the night by student investigators.

The Honor Court returned with a decision late Friday night following two days of intense proceedings and five hours of deliberations.

The verdict was followed a few hours later by a "drum-out" ceremony, in which the guilty cadets are led out as their names and crimes are announced to the rest of the cadet corps.

Shortly thereafter, at 3 a.m. Saturday morning, a fire broke out in an unoccupied basement room of the

VMI barracks.

The fire was quickly noticed by students studying nearby, but the room was damaged and rendered inhabitable. Strickler declined to say whether the incident was related to the convictions, or whether the room was that of the three expelled seniors.

The seniors claimed a conflict between the Fifth Amendment, the right against self-incrimination, and the VMI Honor Code, which explicitly forbids lying. The seniors were told that they did not have to incriminate themselves, yet were asked if they had beaten the freshmen. Thus, according to the cadets, the choice was either lying or self-incrimination.

Lawyers for the freshmen involved stated that their clients were under pressure to cover for the seniors, who were their mentors (or "dykes"). VMI tradition mandates that freshman be loyal to their senior mentors.

"The Honor Code is held before loyalty to oneself or to one's fellow cadets. It is held above all other systems," Strickler said.

The trial was postponed from its originally scheduled date of April 8, so that the constitutional issues raised by the cadets could be addressed.

All six cadets involved filed motions with the 4th U.S. District Court of Appeals to expedite their appeal and delay the trial. The Appeals Court judge questioned his jurisdiction in an Honor Court matter, and the cadets' motions were subsequently rejected by the Appeals Court.

The three seniors involved would have begun final exams this week, and subsequently graduated on May 16.

Following the verdict, the cadets plan to request a temporary restraining order Monday, which would postpone the expulsions and make it possible for the cadets to return to campus in time to take their final exams.

The original Appeals Court judge has been notified of this intent, and has scheduled a hearing for 8:30 a.m. Monday.

"Whatever the court, the law of the land, decides, we will certainly abide by it," Strickler said.

## Class of '73 gives largest gift in school history

By HOLLISTER HOVEY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The class of 1973 presented the university with the largest 25th reunion gift in the history of the institution at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association Saturday. The gift of over a million dollars will create an honor scholarship in the name of the class and support the annual fund over a five-year period.

The fundraising process began last June when John W. Folsom took over the reigns of the Class of '73 Alumni Committee. By a follow-up meeting in October, Folsom and members of the class set the goal of \$1 million.

The class came to Alumni Weekend on Thursday nearly \$200 thou-

sand short of their goal, but they were able to exceed their planned numbers by Saturday morning when they presented the gift to President John Elrod. Individual gifts ranged from \$25 to \$125,000.

"It raises the bar for all 25th reunion gifts," Elrod said. "It's a magnificent gift from a wonderful class. We're greatly indebted to the Class of '73...It's a cause for celebration all over the university."

The Class of '73 not only showed financial support during Alumni Weekend, but they also won the Reunion Bowl for most attendance with 96 registered alumni at the reunion. The Class of '58 also made a large donation in the half-million dollar range.

## Student attacked near Staircase

By POLLY DOIG NEWS EDITOR

A Lexington man is currently facing three charges for an incident involving an attack on a

Washington and Lee student.

Twenty-one year-old Keith Stokes of 310 High Street is accused of attacking Marc A. Granger of Midlothian outside the Staircase Bar & Grill early last Sunday morning.

According to Officer F.W. Smith, Stokes punched Granger various times in the face. Granger fell down, and Stokes kicked him

twice in the head as he was attempting to rise. Paramedics were called to the scene to tend to Granger's injuries.

Police arrived and discovered that Stokes had fled the scene. Approximately a half hour later, police located and matched Stokes to a description of the suspect. When confronted, Stokes again attempted to flee, but was apprehended and arrested. After being placed in a police cruiser, Stokes kicked out the rear driver's side window, and caused damage to the radar and police radio.

Stokes faces charges of malicious wounding, resisting arrest, and destruction of property, a felony because the damage to the cruiser was over \$1,000. Stokes' court date has been set for May 26th.



Granger

## Pavilion goes to the dogs

Three years ago, Alex Christensen saw freshman (now junior) Tom Wadlow smoking cigarettes and "acting like a jerk" in the Lenfest's production of *Butterflies are Free*, and immedi-

ately thought of Steve Buscemi in *Reservoir Dogs*. At that special moment, the aspiring producer/director started thinking about doing a stage version of the Quentin Tarantino film at Washington and Lee.

This Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m., Washington and Lee University's Student Pavilion will serve as a hideout for the seven professionals who were supposed to commit the perfect crime: freshman Kevin Dean as Mr. Orange, senior Brugh Foster as Mr. White, Wadlow as Mr. Pink, junior John Flournoy as Mr. Blonde, sophomore Greg Pleasants as Nice Guy Eddie, freshman Phelps

Harmon as Joe, senior Dave Howard as Holdaway, Christensen as Mr. Brown, and freshman Ryan Truax as the unfortunate policeman Marvin Nash.

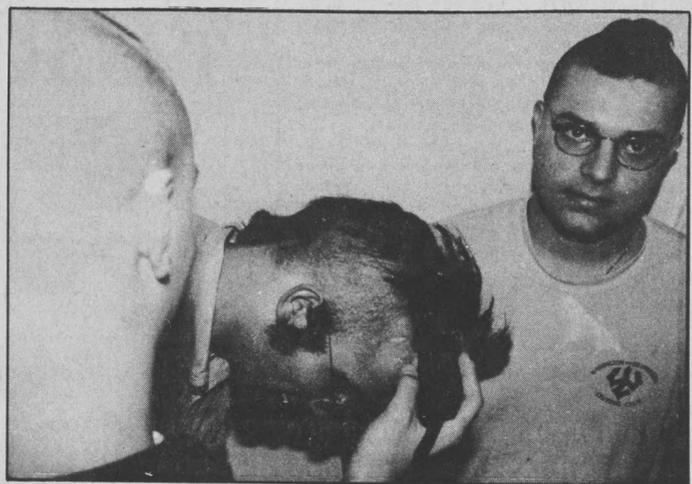
After their simple robbery turns into a bloody ambush, they rendezvous in a warehouse to figure out who is the 'rat.'

"There's lots of swearing, violence and blood," Christensen said. "We're trying to bring theatre to the people. The people who like lots of swearing, violence and blood." He wrote the script for the play, adapting parts from Tarantino's first draft, the published draft and the movie. Props for the play include two cars, a straight razor, several guns and many pints of stage blood.

—from staff reports

### What would Mr. T say?

Phi Gamma  
Delta freshman  
Adam  
Santosoosso  
shaves Mike  
Crittenden's  
head while Tim  
Cormier stands  
guard. Observing  
the annual  
tradition, the Fiji  
freshmen don  
mohawks a week  
before their  
biggest party of  
the year: the Fiji  
Island Party.  
PHOTO BY HOVEY



# Opinion & Editorial

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## Alumni Weekend: Return to the good ol' days

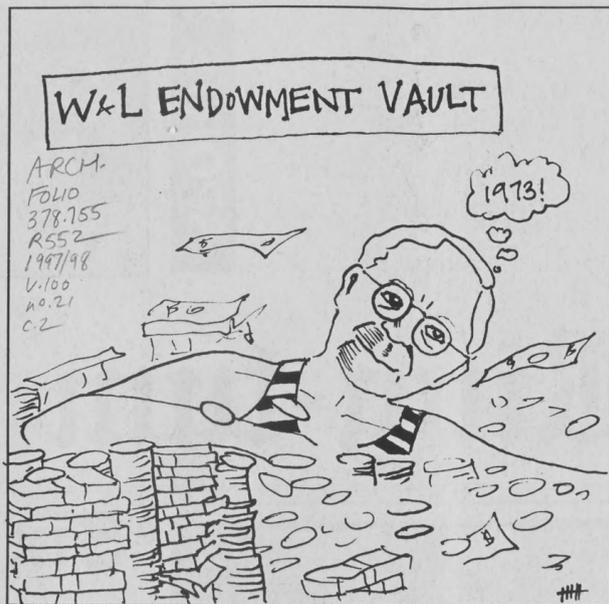
Does Alumni Weekend just provide a short break from the daily grind of being a corporate mogul by inducing the nostalgia of a better time when the priorities were drinking, studying, fraternizing and wearing the best khaki? Or is it just more of the same in the life of a Washington & Lee grad in corporate mogul form?

Maybe the alumni just strap on their W&L insignia belts for this one special weekend a year, but we doubt it. We become a cult of preppy clones after graduation. We behave the same, drink the same, dress the same, speak the same and move on to associate with people just like the ones we met in college.

This is not necessarily a bad thing, though. If anything, W&L teaches us how to survive in the country club society where we belong. The connections propel us to the top of the corporate world. The speaking tradition helps us stay there by making us suck up to all and appear to care about others. And the "fashion" hasn't changed since Bob Dole was born, so there's absolutely no fear of being out of "prep-a-porter." Yup, we go to a charm school. There's just lots of extra homework.

It's obvious that many of the alumni definitely did *their* homework when it came to binge drinking. You'd think that some of the good ol' boys would have grown out of the *Animal House* mentality, but old habits die hard. Years of work, child rearing and middle-aged maturity don't put a wet blanket on W&L alumni fun. Once they smell the clear Lexington air, they're taken back to their 20s.

A W&L reunion is a great remedy for a mid-life crisis. Despite the mortification that might ensue from a night of alumni revelry, a reunion could actually be very good for one's mental health.



## Time to take action against troublemakers

In the three weeks since the allegations of hazing against the Chi Psi and Kappa Alpha fraternities first came to light, several pressing issues have remained unresolved. Many of the individuals with whom I have spoken are convinced that the investigative and judicial proceedings for both cases demonstrate an institutional disregard for the rights of students, and many more are frustrated with the degree to which our faculty and staff seem ex-cused to account for propriety. Without one might community of trust at University is being replaced by one of mutual suspicion between the administration and students.

Granted, there has always been some level of tension between those on opposite sides of The Hill. On one side are those who argue that the autocratic tendencies of the administration have been apparent in every decision from Winter Rush to the smoking ban. On the other end are those who view student organizations such as the IFC as beyond contempt, as they continuously pass regulations without the means or desire to see them enforced. While on some level this conflict might be viewed as natural, there are two reasons why I believe that the current situation merits immediate attention.

My first reason is the dissatisfaction in this instance is far more intense and more widespread than anything I have seen in my three years at W&L. As I acknowledged above, there have always been some unhappy elements on campus—but when was the last time one of our newspapers felt it necessary to devote an entire issue to a single story? I fear that, should we as a community fail to reach a more satisfactory conclusion to these events, the lingering resentment will continue to weaken whatever remains of the once strong faculty/student relationship.

The second reason I believe this situation warrants further action is the fact that the student judiciary system seems to have broken down. In the case of KA, an anonymous student submitted a complaint not to the IFC, SJC or even the EC, but to the director of security. What sort of resolution might have been reached if that student had trusted his peers enough to submit to their jurisdiction? How can we expect the faculty to trust us to direct our own affairs if we lack the confidence of one of our own?

I recommend a systemic overhaul of the current judicial process, in accordance with the directive of the Board of Trustees regarding the simplification and affirmation of student self-governance. We need to devise a process that will meet the expectations of both faculty and students alike.

On The Hill  
Patrick McCormack '99

"We need to devise a process that will meet the expectations of both faculty and students alike."

## Quote of the week:

The 50-year-olds didn't act 50. They were college guys trapped in balder, older, fatter bodies; and they didn't tip.  
—Anonymous bartender at Alumni Drunkfest

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## W&L jumps toward Online Pre-registration

I have not heard many hopeful things said about online registration. In fact, I am not sure that I have heard any. So I thought I would say some myself. Here is my sales pitch for online registration:

"Hey kids! Are you frustrated with class registration? Tired of camping out in clunky old hallways so you can be there when the departmental secretary shows up? Sick of running all over campus, only to find that the one course you can take is the one you want the least?"

Red Brick Row  
David Balsley '99

Then try our new Online Registration! Yes, new Online Registration—the super duper hassle-remover guaranteed to get you out of line and into the class you want!

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Okay, Online Registration will not make life so whiz-bang wonderful. Despite its naysayers, however, the new system offers reason to hope that signing up for courses will become easier.

The electronic pre-registration associated with the new system wins me over. I had been skeptical of Online Registration, but the idea of communicating to professors before we sign up for classes which and how many courses are needed, makes so much sense that the whole system seems worth it.

The skeptic in me, however, worries that pre-registration may not have a significant impact. First, it seems safe to assume that, having been in business for 250 years, the faculty already knows which classes students need and want.

If the professors have not met these needs and desires in the past, then it's probably because they lacked sufficient resources. In this case, pre-registration will not tell professors anything they do not know and it will not help them offer more courses.

Secondly, pre-registration may be no match for W&L students' will to make things harder than they need to be.

At the very least, though, electronic pre-registration can only make things better. How much better remains to be seen, but it certainly cannot make registration worse.

I hope pre-registration will cut back on the fighting associated with signing up for classes: camping out, posting fake sign-up sheets, etc. We would not have to fight for courses if we knew there were enough places.

"Hey kids! Are you frustrated with class registration? ... Then try new Online Registration."

## Letters to The Ring-tum Phi

### A challenge for true student autonomy

Editor:

I've heard many students complaining recently about the erosion of student autonomy at W&L and the rough treatment they and their peers have suffered at the hands of "The Media."

Don't you just hate it when, simply because some of your buddies commit repeated aggravated assault with a cattle prod or abduct a couple of women with intent to commit sexual assault, "The Media" jump all over it and blow it out of proportion? And isn't it equally maddening when, just because the entire student judicial system ignores an ongoing pattern of unlawful behavior, some troglodytes in the Administration trample all over student autonomy?

Don't despair. Here are a couple of handy household hints to help you get that stubborn media tarnish off your reputation and restore that autonomous lustre:

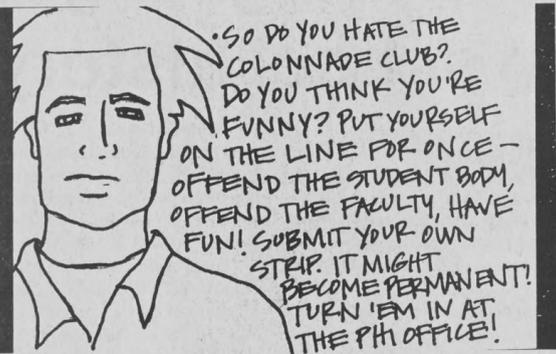
Hint 1: Do not commit aggravated assault, on pledges or anybody, using a cattle prod or anything else.

Hint 2: Do not abduct people, with sexual assault in mind or for any other reason.

These simple, economical, autonomous solutions can be carried out in less than a week-end, using tools you probably have lying around your own brain. Try them; I guarantee they'll work.

Brian Richardson  
Journalism Department

The Ring-tum Phi  
comic strip search

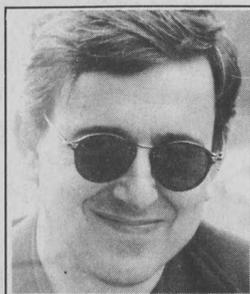


## The Ring-tum Phi Award

Has someone made your days at W&L a little bit happier? *The Ring-tum Phi* would like professors and students to nominate seniors for our annual Ring-tum Phi Award. The Ring-tum Phi Award honors a graduating senior who hasn't made the headlines but has contributed significantly to Washington and Lee University.

Take a moment and write a paragraph about a special someone. E-mail it to phi@wlu.edu.

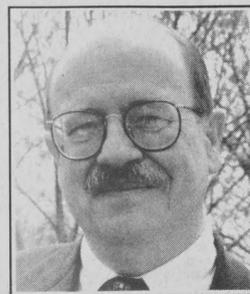
## TALKback: When you were in college, did you expect to be where you are today?



"No, I did not."  
—Jason Matthews, '73  
Foreign Service Officer  
for the State Dept.



"No"  
—Corbet Bryant, '68  
Attorney



"No, I did not expect to be where I am now."  
—Phil Cottell, '68  
Professor at Miami of Ohio



"I didn't really think about things after college when I was in college."  
—Susan Moseley, '93  
Graduate Student

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**AMONG THE EXOTIC** and interesting animals offered for sale at Fur, Fins, and Feathers is the sugar glider. This marsupial, which eats fruit and fits snugly into the palm of your hand, can cost up to several hundred dollars. Still, for the expense, you're getting a lovable new best friend. For the less financially sound or for those looking to buy something a bit more mainstream, dogs, cats, fish and other animals are also available for purchase. Be wary of the W&L pet policies, though; this little cutie could get you into big trouble. *COURTESY OF THERESA PROSSER*

## Where the WILD things are

Φ Campus pets aren't just dogs anymore; in fact, they're scarier

By CHRISTINA JULIAN

PHI STAFF WRITER

It has been said that a dog is a man's best friend, but what about all those other animals?

For some Washington and Lee students, unusual pets provide similar companionship and offer more excitement than the average canine. Some interesting specimens even turn up in the freshman dorms, where pets are forbidden.

One freshman said that his turtle, Beta, has been a great pet. Turtles require little care and, according to Beta's owner, just have to be fed. It might seem strange to have a turtle, but this student has a blast with his reptilian pal.

"[It's fun] watching Beta run around," he said. Watching the unique movements of pets seems to be a common feature among owners. Another freshman owns a tarantula, and he is fascinated when the spider hunts for food. The tarantula, which has yet to be named, feeds on large crickets and stalks to capture his meal.

The owner wanted a tarantula because he is a biology major and is interested in watching it grow. His furry friend was ordered from the Carolina Biological Supply Company and is only about three weeks old.

One W&L junior had hermit crabs when he was a freshman. The shelled critters were not cuddly, but they were entertaining, he said. That is, until he left the window open during the winter.

"The crabs were in their cage right in front of the window," he said. "It got cold that night. When I woke up, they both just fell out of their shells. I guess they couldn't handle the temperature." His pets were dead, but he was eager to get more.

"They were fun," he said. "There was always the chance that they would pinch you, but they were still pretty cool."

Several freshmen experience unwanted pets their first year in the dorms. Various insects, mostly cockroaches, make themselves at home in the freshmen rooms, to the disgust of the students. Roaches crawl down the walls, flutter across computer keyboards and infiltrate packages of cookies by the end of the year.

"It is gross," one girl said. "The roaches are so big that

it doesn't look like you can kill them with just a shoe."

Luckily, Buildings and Grounds personnel can drop piles of white powder in the corners of each room and scare the bugs away. These "pets" are unwelcome squatters, but other animals are very welcome by the students.

Although many W&L students have pets, the University prohibits pets of any kind in the dormitories or residence halls. Bonnie Walker, secretary to Dean of Freshman Dennis Manning, handles housing arrangements at W&L. She said that pets are not allowed because of the problems they could represent.

"The policies regarding pets are printed in the housing contracts that the students sign," she said. Fraternities houses are also prohibited from having pets because they are owned by the university.

Mike Young, Director of Security, said that the problems pets create can be damaging to W&L students and property.

"Pets can bring fleas and can soil the rugs or chew furniture," he said. Bill Messerle, a residence assistant in Gaines last year, busted a sophomore who kept gerbils in her suite because he said that pet hair can linger and cause allergic reactions in other students.

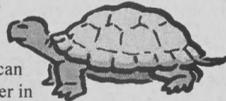
Such reasoning does not seem to apply to animals without fur or teeth, though, and contraband pets are steadily becoming companions to dormitory residents.

Despite the no-pet policy in the dorms, pets are allowed in academic buildings, and many professors and students bring four-legged friends to class.

If you suddenly have a craving for something to love, dogs and other not-so-ordinary pets can be purchased at the Fur, Fins, and Feathers pet shop on South Randolph Street. The most common pets sold there are fish and ferrets, but employee Anne Reid said that uncommon animals are also popular.

"We carry unusual pets like snakes, African hedgehogs and sugar gliders, which look like a cross between a flying squirrel and a monkey," she said.

What sort of pet should you rush out and buy now? Reid recommended hamsters and gerbils, which are small and easy to care for, as great college pets. But if you live in the dorms, think twice: your pet could get you in trouble.



## It's Travel Time!

It's spring, and that means it's time to relax, kick bac, and travel to exotic and fun-filled locations. But in our little corner of Virginia, there isn't that much to do close by (no, really?!). So here's a guide to interesting destinations just a few hours away from good old Lex. This week, the end of the trail is at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.



Suddenly, you look down and realize that the ground is over 195 feet away. Your palms are sweaty and you scream, but nothing can help you now as you plummet to the ground at 67 miles per hour. Just after you resign yourself to the fact that the end is near, you realize that you are riding Alpenggeist, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster.

Alpenggeist and more than 35 other thrilling rides can be found at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. A trip to Busch Gardens is the perfect opportunity for a weekend getaway with friends. While the suspenseful and extremely popular Alpenggeist is the major attraction this season, Busch Gardens has tons of other world renowned rides like Drachen Fire and the Loch Ness Monster.

While Busch Gardens is only three hours away, you may feel like you have traveled all the way to Europe. Besides the fabulous rides, the theme park also boasts a replica of a European community. You can travel through picturesque Aquitaine, France and Hastings, England or eat delicious pasta in San Marco, Italy.

A single-day pass to Busch Gardens is \$33, but if you have more time, a two-day pass is \$43.95. Luck is on your side, however, because all college students receive a \$6 discount with their university identification. The directions are easy. Just take I-64S to I-295S for about 150 miles until you reach I-64E. Then go 36 miles to State Rte. 143 and you are almost there. Whatever the price, the fun you will have at Busch Gardens will be worth every dollar. So take a ride on the wild side — jump in the car and go to Busch Gardens!!

## Attention, Bookstore shoppers....

Φ Where you buy your notebooks may affect your pocketbook

By ERICA PROSSER

PHI FEATURES EDITOR

When it comes to buying supplies for the term, Washington and Lee University students might find themselves in a dilemma.

Where do smart shoppers go to find the deals? Clearly, stores like Wal-Mart have lower prices on necessities like notebooks and pens, but just how much lower? Is it worth staying on campus and shopping at the University Bookstore for these much-needed items? We compared the prices of several school supplies from both the Bookstore and Wal-Mart, and the results might surprise you.

An average 70-page single-subject notebook with one pocket is \$2.67 at Wal-Mart and \$2.95 at the Bookstore, but the discrepancy increased when the notebook style changed. A recycled single-subject notebook is \$2.10 at the Bookstore, but it's only \$0.97 at Wal-Mart. That makes a difference of \$1.13, and the list has only just begun.

A four-ounce bottle of Elmer's Glue™ is \$1.69 at the Bookstore and \$0.78 at Wal-Mart. You don't use Elmer's Glue™ anymore, you say? You probably still use pens, right? The Bookstore sells most pens and pencils individually at a cost of at least \$0.50 each; the same Bic® pens in a 10-pack cost \$0.96 at Wal-Mart.

Pencils cost at least \$0.20 each at the Bookstore, while a 24-pack of the same pencils at Wal-Mart costs \$1.37. Do you use tape? Well, a 300-inch roll of Scotch® tape costs \$1.25 at the Bookstore, while a 450-inch roll (the smallest one available) costs only \$0.72 at Wal-Mart. And for all you lawyer types, a 50-sheet legal pad is \$1.15 at the Bookstore. A 100-sheet pad is \$1.97 at Wal-Mart.

Even art supplies vary drastically. An eight-pack of Crayola® classic markers costs \$2.97 at Wal-Mart; the same markers are a whopping \$4.10 on campus. A 12-pack of Crayola® colored pencils is \$2.84 at the Bookstore, but that price drops to \$1.97 at Wal-Mart.

Don't get the wrong idea; some things don't vary that much in price. A bottle of Wite-Out™ costs \$1.89 at the Bookstore and \$1.28 at Wal-Mart. A box of staples is \$1.30 at the Bookstore and \$1.24 at Wal-Mart.

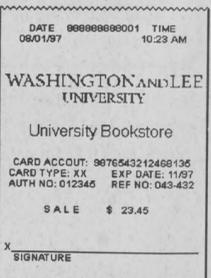
Paper clips were actually more expensive at Wal-Mart than on campus, with a 55-count box costing \$0.82 at the SuperCenter and a 100-count box costing \$1.25 at W&L. To put it in more comparable terms, that's about 1.5 cents per clip at Wal-Mart and 1.25 cents per clip at the Bookstore.

Now let's go shopping. Suppose we buy two notebooks (one recycled), ten pens, a roll of tape, glue, 24 pencils, a 100-sheet legal pad, Crayola® markers, Crayola® pencils and Wite-Out™. Including the 4.5% Virginia sales tax, the bill at the Bookstore comes to about \$30.22, while the same items at Wal-Mart come to about \$16.36. The Wal-Mart bill is just a little more than half the Bookstore bill. How can this be? The main reason is that Wal-Mart is big enough to buy in bulk at a lower cost, while the Bookstore is simply too small to do that. Before you start abandoning the campus supply outlet, though, consider the other factors involved.

For one thing, a trip to Wal-Mart involves more costs than just money. Gas for the car, time spent getting out there and back (especially if you must park in the freshman lot) and the crowds you will definitely find at the SuperCenter are all marks against shopping big.

The Bookstore, by contrast, is closer, and purchases can be charged home. Quality is about the same between spots, and while the selection is better at Wal-Mart, you might find yourself buying more than you need because it's all so cheap.

In the end, you must weigh the factors yourself. Don't forget, though: the most important item on your list cannot be bought at Wal-Mart. Blue books are available only in the Bookstore.



## Some highs, some lows in new music

By HENRY GOLA

PHI STAFF WRITER

[Rating system: 0 = terrible; 1 = poor; 2 = fair; 3 = good; 4 = excellent; 5 = classic]

### Rammstein "Sehnsucht"

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It is very strange just how good the German language sounds over techno-metal. Taking the lead from industrial leader KMFDM, who employs the same technique, Rammstein screams in a deep voice basic German phrases like a military officer.

Unlike KMFDM, the music combines catchy metal power chords with bleeps and bloops heard more in rave-dance and drum and bass tunes. The American market has taken a liking to the first single "Du hast," making it the #1 most requested song on New York City's K-Rock (92.3 FM).

Rammstein says, as only he can, in the song, "Du, du hast, du hast mich," which conveniently translates both to "you have me" and "you hate me." Ironically, underneath the German toughness, this sentiment of longing and being neglected is reflected in other songs on the album. In "Klavier," Rammstein wishes for a piano on which his love can play.

Nothing quite like intense music with a wussy message.



### Jerry Cantrell "Boggy Depot"

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Jerry Cantrell, guitarist for the today-we're-broken-up-tomorrow-we're-not group Alice in Chains, picks up right where his band left off on its last self-titled album. Cantrell goes with a neo-grunge edge that ends up sounding tired and slow.

Cantrell shows little of the versatility or songwriting ability he showed with Alice in Chains — he is credited with writing AIC hits "Down in a Hole," "Rooster" and "Heaven Beside You." Instead, he does some strange experimentation by ineffectively throwing horns in on "Cut You In" and a piano on "Settling Down," a song fit for a hotel lobby.

The biggest disappointment is that Cantrell, one of the best guitarists in the business, doesn't show off his skills on this album.

### Silkk the Shocker "Charge it To 2 Da Game"

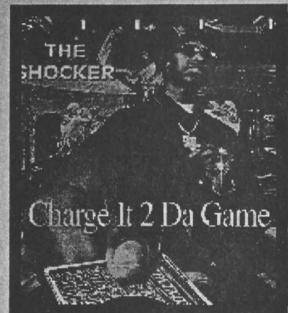
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Silkk the Shocker, Master P's newest protégé, toots his own horn and the values of being part of the "No Limit Family" (P's label/posse) on his first album.

P's beats do well with Silkk's choppy and loud style. The problem is that the appearance of Silkk and his main back-up Mystikal does not back up their machismo sound.

Silkk's rhymes also come off as being unoriginal. "I'd still be sellin' drugs if I wasn't wit No Limit," says Silkk in "No Limit Soldier." Yes, you're supposed to rap what you know, but c'mon Silkk — join the club of rappers saved by record company execs.

Master P has a Southern rap style that takes getting used to and can eventually grow on you — if you can get past the lyrics.



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## Men's lax beats up on VMI

By BRENDAN HARRINGTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Generals fell behind early but used a ten-goal run to down VMI 17-10 in the eleventh annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field. An estimated crowd of 4,200 watched the Generals down the Keydets and claim the city championship for the tenth straight year.

The Keydets (4-10) took an early 3-1 lead and used back-to-back goals at the end of the first quarter to make it 6-3. Steve Schwanke's goal with 11:24 left in the second quarter gave the Keydets a 7-4 lead, and it looked as though the Generals ten-year streak might be in jeopardy. But the Generals (12-2, 5-1 ODAC) heard the wake-up call and held the Keydets scoreless for over 18 minutes to take a commanding 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter.

"They came out fired up," said senior captain Paul Stanley. "We knew they were good and that they wanted this game; this was their championship game."

"They came out ready to play and it took us a while to get going," said freshman midfielder Pope Hackney. "It's such a big rivalry and with so many people in the stands; it's a really fun game to play in. A lot of us know players on the other team too, so that makes it all the more intense."

Things got ugly late in the game, once the Generals had the victory in hand and VMI began to feel the frustration of losing to the Generals for the tenth straight season. Fights nearly broke out on several occasions but cooler heads prevailed.

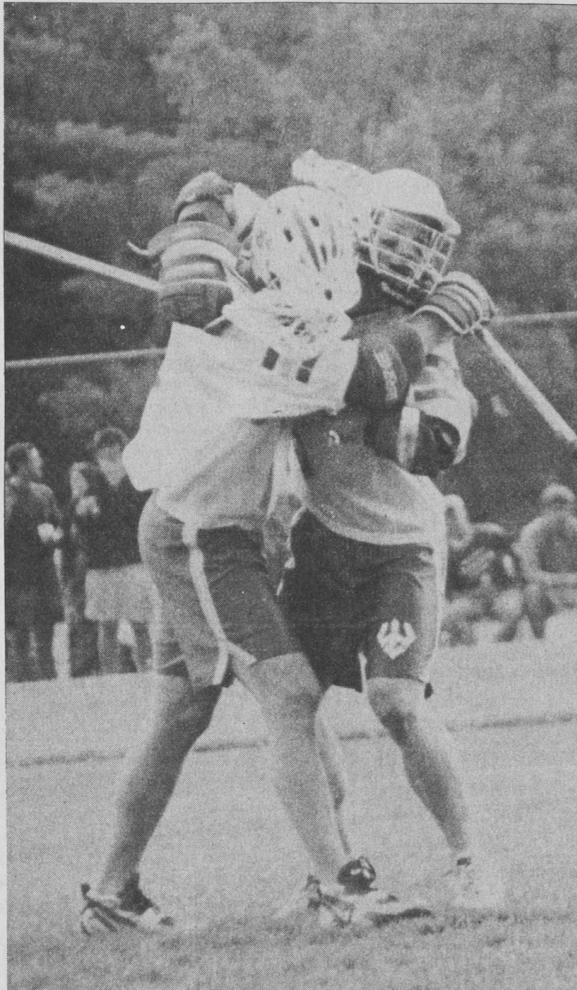
"We took some cheap shots from them in the third and fourth quarters," said Hackney, but we're proud we kept our composure and didn't retaliate."

Freshman attackman Matt Dugan had four goals and one assist for the Generals and was named W&L's recipient of the Worell-Fallon Award as the team's most outstanding player. Junior attackman Mayson Ayers was VMI's recipient of the Worell-Fallon Award as he led the Keydets with three goals and three assists. Mayson's older brother Charles won the award last year for VMI after he set a Lee-Jackson record with 28 saves.

Sophomore attackman Colin Dougherty reached a milestone for the Generals, scoring three goals and adding two assists to go over the 100-point mark for his career.

Colin Dougherty set a record by reaching the 100-point plateau in only 28 games, faster than any other player in school history. Don Carroll, the Generals' all-time leading scorer, reached 100 career points in his 31st game.

Hackney and seniors Tom Fallace and Ed Dougherty each had two goals for the Generals and Stanley had one goal and three assists. Matt Gallienne, Tony Seraceni and Andrew Rogers each had two goals for VMI.



**SENIOR ED DOUGHERTY** and freshman Pope Hackney celebrate after winning the eleventh annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic. HOLLISTER HOVEY/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

## Men's, women's lax get NCAA bid

By JASON ZACHER  
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Sunday was a banner day for the Washington and Lee lacrosse program. Both the men's and women's teams received bids for the NCAA Division III tournament and will play at home on Wednesday.

The men host Denison College at 1 p.m. on Wilson Field. For the Generals (12-2, 5-1 ODAC), it will be their fourth Division III tournament appearance. W&L also received seven Division I tournament bids in the 1970's.

The Generals are 1-4 lifetime against the Big Red. The last match-up between the two teams was in 1996 when W&L lost 10-9 in overtime. Denison (7-5) is 0-5 against tournament teams this year.

"We don't know too much about them," sophomore Colin Dougherty

said. "We lost to them the last two times, but we're looking forward to beating them."

If the Generals get by Denison, they will play No. 1 Ohio Wesleyan Saturday at Wilson Field. Ohio Wesleyan cannot host NCAA tournament games because of NCAA probation.

The women's lacrosse team (13-2, 10-0 ODAC) drew a home game against St. Mary's (Md.) (12-2, 2-2 CAC). The women are making their first trip since 1993, and play Wednesday at 4 p.m. on the Liberty Hall Fields.

St. Mary's beat the Generals 13-1 on April 13. The Generals were held scoreless for the first 48 minutes of the game. Senior captain Whitney Parker was injured during the previous game with a torn hamstring.

"We're really looking forward to

## Women's tennis to host NCAA's



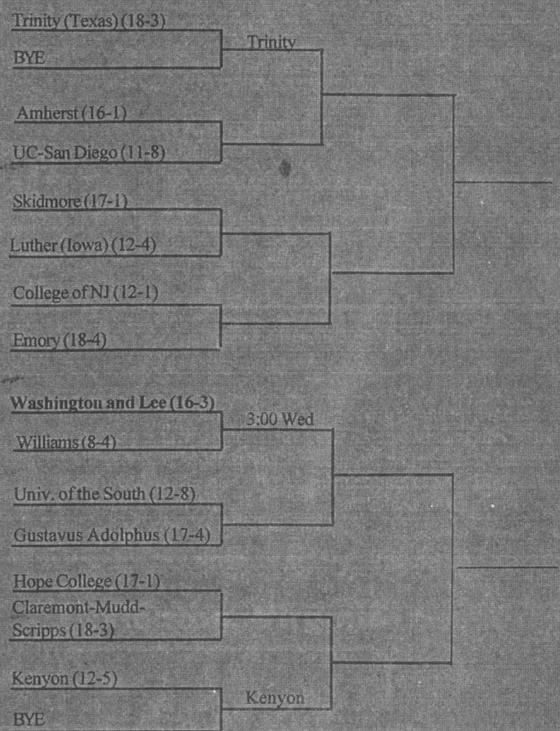
Washington and Lee University will host the 1998 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championships from May 5-11. The Generals are among the 14 schools selected to compete in the team championship.

The tournament begins Tuesday with the first round of the team competition. The championship match will be played on Friday, May 8 at noon. The individual singles and doubles competition begins on Saturday, May 9, and the championships will be played on Monday, May 11. There are 32 singles players and 16 doubles teams competing for titles.

W&L has advanced to at least the semifinals each of the last three seasons and brings a 16-3 record into the tournament. The Generals take on Williams College Wednesday, 3 p.m. on the upper courts.

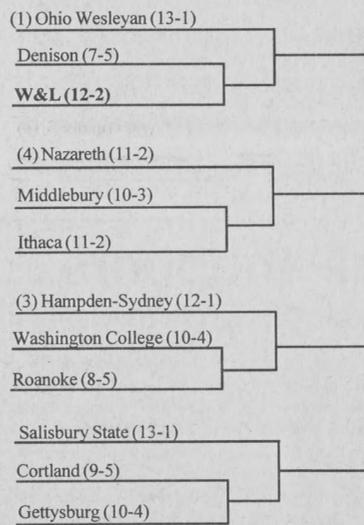
Senior Ericka Shapard and Sophomore Brook Hartzell will compete in the individual singles competition for W&L, and the teams of Shapard/Berry Blankinship and Hartzell/Erin Eggers will compete in the individual doubles tournament.

First Round Tuesday, May 5    Quarterfinals Wed., May 6    Semifinals Thurs., May 7    Finals Friday, May 8



### MEN'S DIVISION III LACROSSE PAIRINGS

First Round Wed., May 6    Quarterfinals Sat., May 9  
Semifinals Sat., May 16    Finals Sun., May 24



### WOMEN'S DIVISION III LACROSSE PAIRINGS

First Round Wed., May 6    Quarterfinals Sat., May 9  
Semifinals Sat., May 16    Finals Sun., May 17



playing them," Parker said. "Sweet! There is a God," coach Jan Hathorn exclaimed. "We can get that game back. The last time we played, a lot of things went wrong — everyone was at fault."

If the women exact their revenge against St. Mary's, they will travel to No. 1 College of New Jersey on Saturday. The Generals played the College of N.J. last year, and only lost 8-6. Unlike other W&L home games,

tickets will be sold for the games. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, and will be on sale at the athletic offices and various other locations around campus. Admission charges are mandated by the NCAA.

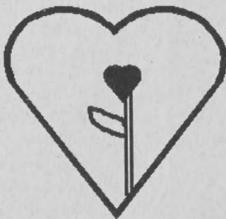
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