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SPEAKING TRADITION:

Personal Reflections from the Commander-in-Chief

One day last semester I was walking from Red Square to the Williams School for class, as I do when possible, I tried to greet all those who passed by, but I got very few responses. At first I thought, my fly must be down and these people are

taking mercy on me by not responding. Then I thought that no self-respecting General would say "hi" to another who was wearing his backpack on one strap. After inspecting myself and adjusting my Jansport™ Backpack accordingly, I made it my personal quest to personally reinstate the speaking tra-

dition. I have not stopped trying.

When I came to Washington and Lee back in the good old days of the fall of 1994, there seemed to be a lot more "speaking" going on. Perhaps that is because I had not yet gained the "sophomore 90" or maybe it was because students honored the tradition more so than they do now. It seems that a little bit of Washington and Lee is lost every year. Whether it is winter rush, decreased student autonomy, sophomore residence requirements, or 356 committees wanting to regulate student life, we are losing the unique character of our university.

After three years of inexcusable laziness, I was "red-shirted" by my parents. I spent a very boring and arduous year fetching coffee and hotdogs for people far

higher on the totem pole than I. I learned to appreciate our unequaled institution more and more each day I was gone. While my friends were enjoying their senior year living in Estate Munster, I was suffering through sweaty rides on the subway with

panhandlers that served as the only ambassadors of Manhattan's world-famous speaking tradition.

I realized last year what an incredible school we are lucky enough to attend. People like me who are not exactly Phi Beta Kappa material many times overlook

the greatness of this institution. We are lucky to be here in the 250th year, but we are even more privileged to be affiliated with this school. We should honor one of the many traditions that places Washington and Lee at the top of universities as a giant amongst midgets.

I know what it is like to be out of college and begging to get back. Why not take advantage of Washington and Lee's best tradition while you are still here? No matter what type of day you are having, you can certainly find the time to speak. Say hello to your classmate even if he wears his backpack on one strap.

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Patrick O'Connell

If We Let The President Off

By John Power

In its coverage of the Tail-Gate scandal, the liberal media has circulated numerous myths as to the lasting problems and imminent results of Clinton's affairs in the Oral Office and the investigation of Judge Kenneth Starr Search.

Now that we've let the President off, how can we prevent other people from committing perjury? This is simple enough, we can not. We could not before. If people are going to lie under oath, then so be it; but if Clinton should walk on this one, as far as I know the perjury laws haven't changed as a result. Does anyone possibly believe that the incidence of perjury will change because of this outcome? If Richard Nixon had been allowed to finish out his term, would prosecuting breaking and entering cases have gone by the way-side? Would my Dad have to take turns with the other members of his office guarding the file cabinet nights? I certainly hope not, because there are a lot of people who have enough trouble working the copier, let alone the company handgun.

"It's okay to lie about sex." Are you kidding me? Who made this proclamation? I seriously doubt that there is even one person who has ever received instructions as to acceptable lying behavior. I suppose it is possible that God's modem had a transmission error and he really meant to say "Thou shalt not he unless you have coveted your neighbor's wife," but until some higher authority than John Conyers confirms this, I'll stick to the original Ten Commandments.

And my personal favorite. "What about my tenyear-old?" Has anyone noticed that every person speaking out on either side of the issue has a ten-yearold child? Is that some kind of prerequisite to being an expert on the Stan Report? There are sixty-eight-yearold men upset and worned about how they are going to explain this to their ten-year-old. I mean what the hell is going on here and what the hell happened in 1988? Nationally, is there a shortage of mne and eleven-year-olds. And why is it that only little Republicans were upset by what the President did with Monica and only little Democrats were embarrassed by the release of the President's Grand Jury testimony? If these people are so worried about their kids, why don't they get off TV, go home, and be a parent. It's then job; they signed up back in 1988.

The President is the moral authority of our country. I feel sorry for these people. The church has been separate from the state now for a good 2004 years and when I'm feeling down or I need some guidance, I am certainly not headed for 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The White House is not a place of worship, and President Clinton will not be presenting Congress with any Bills concerning the legitimacy of poly-genesis. The President doesn't sign Bulls: he signs, Bills.

Starr's conduct somehow lessens Clinton's accountability. Clinton's guilt and Starr's conduct may both be travesties, but they are independent. Whether or not you like Clinton, Starr cannot be blamed for his actions. Each is accountable for his own wrongdoing. I'm sure all the Clinton supporters would like the public to scrutinize Starr, and divert attention from the misdeeds of the President. The faults of your adversary should not be mistaken for your allies' virtues.

Myths are fine when they deal in fleece and heal and not the initiatives of the liberal media.



In Defense of Drinking Too Much: An Open Letter to the W&L Community

By Zeke Roeser

Drinking has become the subject of much debate on campus, as the W&L community continues to reel over stories of alcohol-related deaths and other instances of malfeasance. An inappropriately foul-mouthed delegation from the Board of Trustees even paid visits to various Greek organizations on campus to make their intentions known. The gist of their lecture was that the Board is increasingly hostile to the Greek system, which has been deemed the cause of these alcohol-related injuries.

This subject is once again at the forefront of our consciousness, due to the theft of two cars from an auto-body shop over Homecoming Weekend. The culprits? Two W&L sophomores. We, as a student body, can be proud that we attend an institution that offered admission to two girls who are arguably the brightest human beings on this planet. But so it goes.

We are forced now to consider the effects and ramifications of a social system that stresses insobriety over almost everything else. We are forced to come to terms with the fact that the University, in these strange and litigious times, can be held accountable for the actions of mindless simpletons who show no regard for themselves or their families.

If this sounds cold or insensitive, it is probably because the above sentiments are both cold and insensitive. But we as a community have something to lose from these frequent incidents. We could conceivably lose the benefits reaped from our great

Greek system, as the Trustees warned ominously. Those of us who choose to drink, even to drink heavily, make conscious choices not to steal cars or take risky chances.

But even the most base of obscenities that slipped from the Trustees' lips cannot divert our collective attention from the true issue at hand. The Board of Trustees wants to keep fraternities at Washington and Lee. However, a growing number of them are looking at the actions of fraternity members with disdain. It is fundamentally unfair to blame an entire social organization for the actions of one of its members. Unfortunately, to many this distinction is impossible. Members of fraternities must look at their own lives and take responsibility for their own actions. This is the issue of personal accountability. Those doddering fools who made off with Corvettes and are now under indictment for felony charges cannot claim ignorance or passivity. They were active and enthusiastic participants in a plot to relieve the auto-body shop of two of their more expensive cars.

Many of us know people who have made stupid choices while drunk or other wise intoxicated. But this shall not sway us from understanding the truth we have no one to blame but ourselves for choices that we have made. The reason for the litigious atmosphere that dominates the minds of the Trustees is the simple fact that personal accountability has given way to dishonesty and self-serving shiftiness on a grand scale.

So, go now. Drink yourselves silly. But when you end up in a motel in

Buena Vista with a dead prostitute and blood on your hands, don't blame SAE. Don't even blame the firewater that the man at Harris Teeter sold you. Do the honorable thing and blame yourself. Accept the consequences of your own actions, and leave the University and the rest of us out of it. When that dark day comes, I know I will.



Go Back From Whence Thee Came

Hillary Clinton For Senate

By John Power

By now you have probably heard that many people are urging Hillary Clinton to run for the Senate seat that once belonged to the venerable Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York. This is absurd. Mrs. Clinton is most definitely not a New Yorker. While I recognize that carpetbagging is not a new phenomenon in American politics, it most certainly does not benefit local yoters.

To begin with, like it or not, a large part of the job of Congressmen and

Senators is to bring back the bacon to their local district. Everyone complains about the pork that is added to legislation because Representatives

are always trying to grease the palm of the hand that feeds them but, quite frankly, that's what Representatives are there for. The federal government doles out huge wads of cash for all kinds of programs in different areas. Representatives are supposed to fight to make sure that their area gets its fair share of dough. This requires an intense understanding of the place you represent. You need to know what the people need, what they want, and what they can use. A passerby can not adequately measure these needs. Mrs. Clinton, who as Senator Moynihan said in an indirect quote, is "a yokel from Illinois who lives in Arkansas" [italics added on yokel]. She is from not New York and, except for a few nights spent in the Hamptons with Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin, has not spent any amount of time in New York that would give her an intense understanding of the people and the land. She will not be able to understand just how much green New York deserves. It will be unfair to every New Yorker who is forced to sit back and watch as New Jersey and Connecticut are granted Federal Highway funds while New York is given a bucket of asphalt and told to repave its roads by its own damn self.

The next problem with Mrs. Clinton's candidacy is that she has been given a guarantee by the State Democratic Committee that she will not face any inhouse opposition and will be able to avoid

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> a costly primary. Beautiful. Removing democracy from elections is always a good idea. The Democrats (the actual voters) of the state should be able to select who they want to represent them in an election. It is one thing for some candidates to withdraw because they don't think they could beat Mrs. Clinton, but it is quite another entirely for the New York State Democratic Committee to issue such a promise to Mrs. Clinton. No other Democratic candidate would even dare to dream of opposing her because it would mean an end to all Democratic support for any future race that the candidate ever attempts to mount. This is a return to the Boss politics of the Gilded Age when a small group of powerful people decided who would run and who wouldn't. Rather than allowing registered Democrats to decide on their candidate, this race has already become a most undemocratic

event. This promise of no primary allows Mrs. Clinton to save the money in her war chest for the actual election and to avoid negative ads from primary opponents that could hurt her standing.

Thirdly, there is a certain flavor to every state and district that sets it apart from every other state and district around it. There exists a set of shared experiences that bind people of the same place together. A representative of those people is supposed to be just that, representative of those people. Someone who grew up

in Illinois, has spent a lot of time in Arkansas, and has most recently lived in Washington, D.C., does not share common experiences with New Yorkers and is not representative of them. I understand that people

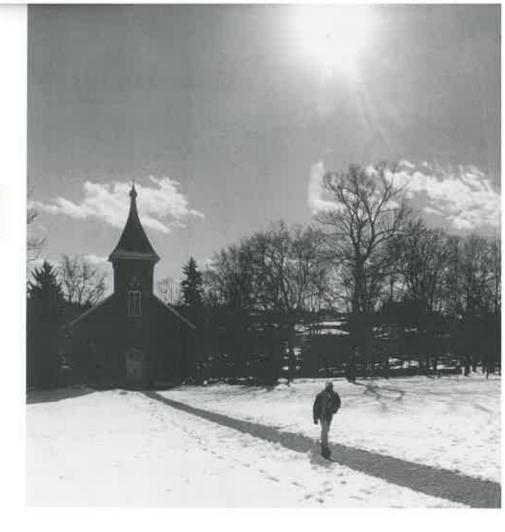
move and that you should be able to be a candidate in any new state that you move to, but some serious residency requirements should be initiated. New York does have residency requirements, but they are clearly inadequate. The fact that Mrs. Clinton could be considered a resident of a place she doesn't yet live in in time for an election little more than a year away is ludicrous. Nothing can make me believe that there isn't a single Democrat in all of New York who wouldn't better represent fellow New Yorkers. I would have no problem with Mrs. Clinton running as a candidate from Arkansas or Illinois, people who she understands and could aptly represent, but a New Yorker she isn't.

To sum up, Mrs. Clinton has no right setting foot in New York state as a candidate for Senate. Thank you for your time.

Just so that readers will not think The W&L Spectator to be an intolerant rag that presents only one side of every issue, we have decided to show how open-minded we can be.

THE WRONG VIEW:

Bill Clinton is a courageous and noble leader who has the political experience and personal charm necessary to bring America into the 21st Century. While he may have personal faults, he has single-handedly brought the economy out of the doldrums of the Bush years and into the ripe bloom of prosperity that we witness today. He has lowered national crime rates and has successfully fought the mean-spirited Republicans who ruthlessly conquered Congress in 1994. Overall, he is a fine leader and an upstanding citizen.



THE RIGHT VIEW:

Bill Clinton is a greasy reprobate who believes that scruples are Russian currency and morals are paintings on walls. His personal faults pervade every aspect of his life. In addition to grabbing more breast than Colonel Sanders, he has single-handedly ridden the wave of economic prosperity that the GOP Congress initiated through tax cuts and deficit reduction. The lowered crime rate is not due to Clinton's stances, but to the fact that most of Clinton's crimes have been successfully covered up in a manner that would make John D. Ehrlichman proud. Overall, he is an international joke, and the only reason why he was elected is because the Birkenstock Generation is as softheaded as he.



An Unconventional Justific

by Andrew H. M. Nash

Since the announcement several months ago of Dartmouth College President John Wright that single-sex Greek institutions would be phased out of existence at the New Hampshire school, much attention has been focused on the role played by fraternities and sororities in America's colleges and universities. Critics have long suggested that Greek systems - and fraternities in particular - divert students' attentions away from the classroom to the keg and foster social environments balkanized into small, polarized groups. Additionally, with the rise of increasingly diverse student bodies, Greek organizations have remained harbors of homogeneity, critics charge. Finally, many feel the nature of Greek societies is such that they encourage division by prejudicial rush strategies which place high premiums - especially sororities - on personal vanity and exclude participation for those who are not in alignment with conventional standards of beauty or are not out-going enough socially.

Fine. These criticisms may all be true; in fact, most of them are to one extent or another. But attempting to rationalize fraternities and sororities in such imposed frameworks will never render a complete understanding as to why they exist. Conventional criticisms and defenses of the Greek system miss this point for the most part and fail almost totally to account for the intrinsic justifications of why people year after year enter the rush process. The system is worth more than the sum of its parts, a fact skipped over by too much careless analysis.

I: SHAKY GROUND

Defenders of the Greek system often retort that these organizations are not the bastions of Bacchanalian debauchery alleged by critics, but rather socially coordinated bands of friends who benefit their communities as much as they damage their members' livers. Washington & Lee campus supporters can point to the IFC-mandated wilderness clean-up days last fall and the involvement of fraternities in LIFE's alcohol-free "A Night to Remember," as well as the voluntary philanthropic roles assumed by many Greek societies here in Lexington. Arguments of this sort contend that since the Greek organizations benefit the campus as a whole as well as the community, their overall effect is benign at worst and possibly even marginally constructive. Justifying their existence to the world, fraternities and sororities can point to a list of accomplishments as a way to offset criticisms of the heavy hand of alcohol in their functioning.

But, taking the long view, we can easily see why these conten-

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tions are assailable. Fraternities may volunteer for service projects but their membership rosters typically must be coerced into individual involvement, and the impact of these occasional ventures into "do gooding" is, at best, small. Inherent in such arguments is the idea that if an objective tally sheet were drawn up taking record

of the Greek system, the long list of pros would overshadow the appearance of cons. Such punditry is ridiculous though; the Greek system at Washington & Lee is the very harbor of low-grade alcoholism that critics suggest it is and, if such an imaginary list of benefits and liabilities were every seriously assembled, the conclusion would be none other than the overwhelming logical condemnation of the existence of Greek organizations, confirming a trend sweeping college campuses all around our nation.

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So, why do we have Greek societies at all? Are our present fourteen fraternities and five sororities merely the antiquated holdovers from an earlier era, institutions which should have died natural deaths years ago? Or does the existence of these establishments suggest a more sinister issue, that of a system whose dominant social mechanism is racist, sexist, and homophobic - in a phrase, improperly exclusionary? While traditional arguments on behalf of the Greek system can lay to rest some criticism by pointing to a list of philanthropic assumptions, they can never overcome the burden of exclusionary criticisms with these modest accomplishments alone. The minute that the Greek system's brokers attempt to justify their continuance by debating these points is the moment that they lose. The Greek system - and again, especially the fraternities - are exclusionary. Racist is assuredly too strong a label, and sexist is a misnomer, but the system is homophobic, and its cardinal principal is exclusion. Indeed, it is the very existence of "ball sessions" that give houses their unique identities and establish maintainable characters. When campus proponents claim these associations are in accordance with prevailing politically correct social visions, they do little more than pawn

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their own credibility to the merchant of blanket liberal ideology.

II: A DIFFERENT STRAIN

Washington & Lee possesses a rich history of Greek life, with fraternities first arriving in Lexington in 1854, a one-hun-

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dred-and-forty-five-year history dating to the presidency of Franklin Pierce and predating by more than a decade the Honor System. In those one-and-one-half centuries young men have arrived on this campus and chosen to join fraternities because they recognized a value in doing so. Every four years an entirely new roster of members appears amongst each house's ranks, yet somehow throughout the decades these institutions have been able to preserve their basic natures. As waves of

alumni coming back on special weekends connect with young men passing through the same halls and occupying the same old bedrooms as they once did – in some cases even contributing generously to the financial well-being of their alma mater houses — they reaffirm the ties of loyalty to which they committed themselves as undergraduates. Essentially then, we are discussing a system of voluntary membership enriched by a network of voluntary support. After choosing to enter Washington & Lee, students elect to join houses and often continue those relationships for the duration of their lives.

That we are approaching the sesquicentennial of our Greek system with 80% involvement should in itself indicate the enduring value of such participation. Coupled with the simultaneous rise of freshman grade point averages to unprecedented levels and the Princeton Review's analysis that we are the "happiest students" amongst the 310 best colleges in America, it would appear that our current social arrangements are ones of continuing success built upon a solid foundation of tradition.

Our system is based on a concept of personal prerogative. We assume correctly that, with high admissions standards, our student body will be populated with intelligent and discriminating indi-

viduals. That students could maintain an autonomous Executive Committee, continually shatter existing academic standards, be empowered with the general freedom of membership in the Washington & Lee community, yet not be able to make prudent decisions over whether or not to join a Greek organization, is contradicting. Greek institutions continue to exist and burst with members because they are valuable institutions worth maintaining. They are worth maintaining because they please their members – even if they detract from the serenity of Lexington or aggravate other students.

A democratic culture is one in which citizens possess rights such as the freedoms of speech, worship, assembly, and due process. People also have the right to form organizations, or as the case may be, to join them. If people want to belong to such associations, they should be allowed to, provided that any negative repercussions of such groups are kept to a minimum. Thus, the strongest argument in favor of the Greek system is that students, speaking through their actions, want one.

III: WINDS OF CHANGE

Speaking with the fraternities last fall, select members of the Board of Trustees suggested that support for the Greek system is eroding amongst that body and that, if the Greek system's participants do not make more intelligent decisions, we may eventually see the abolishment of the houses. While they appeared genuinely interested in maintaining the established system, they indicated that with any more slip ups – such as the Kappa Alpha hazing controversy last year – the system may have to be scrapped. Legal liabilities aside, the social presence of the Greek system may have grown to be a detriment to academic life and healthy living.

There may come a point in the future when iconoclastic administrators or zealous Trustees will choose to phase out the Greek system, in favor of Princeton-style Eating Clubs or even the total disbanding of formal live-together social groups. Such would be a tragedy. There may come a point in the imaginable future when entering students find fraternities and sororities distasteful, or simply when the completed construction of the new student activities center and the expansion of Outing Club capabilities leaves the Greek system unpopular with the student body. If this happens we would have sadly bid farewell to the remaining presence of our halcyon memories in Red Square, Davidson Park, and the eventual sorority park. But it should be we who take the action of bidding farewell and not the higher-ups.



Clinton's Woes

By Bryson Datt &Patrick O'Connell

service?

(Editors Note – This was written on days three through five of the air strikes.)

How can they put our boys in harm's way as

they hit the links without a memory of military

The primary goal of all nations in the anarchic system of states is independence. A state's independence is threatened when its national security or the

national security of its allies is in jeopardy. While the recent actions of the Serbs are despicable, NATO security remains unthreatened. The end result of a civil war in Kosovo will not tip the balance of power against U.S. strategic interest. Unlike Iraq, which threatened the free flow of oil and the freedom of our allies Israel and Saudi Arabia, the case is not the same in the Balkans.

Both the KLA and Serbian Army have committed atrocities, and humanitarian reasons are cited as the justification for NATO action. However, if the NATO effort were truly humanitarian it would not be using smart bombs and cruise missiles, but rather 10 Marine divisions and weapons that end ethnic aggression, rather than incite it. If genocide were the unmistakable reality, a massive U.S. force would be the only solution. The accusation of genocide

is a large one and, if genocide has gone on and continues to go on, we must act. If the United States must be the world's policeman, the only solution is the declaration of war followed by the mobilization and deployment of 500,000 fighting men in Kosovo, which would undoubtedly begin World War Three.

The NATO strike serves the ethnocentric goals of Yugoslavian Serbs. NATO wants Serbs to quit murdering innocent Albanians, and the Serbs want the Albanians

out of Kosovo. With 500,000 Albanian refugees fleeing Kosovo, the U.S. has done exactly what Milosevic couldn't do himself, rid Kosovo of ethnic Albanians.

There are about 33,000 holes in the argument as to why we are striking against Yugoslavia; we have pointed out merely a few and will close with two more. The military experience of our Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, the National Security Advisor, and the Commander-in-Chief is – and we're not joking – a combined zero years. How can they put our boys in harm's way as they hit the links without a memory of military service? If the author on the other side of this argument believes this NATO aggression is worth one American life, let it begin with his.



Top Ten Ways to Get Kicked out of School:

- 10. Stealing kisses from Mimi Elrod
- 9. Exposing the secret embezzlement of financial aid dollars by the Science Center for construction of a time machine
- 8. Disagreeing with any one of the 95 Theses
- 7. Working for The W&L Spectator
- 6. Requiring a pledge to speak slowly and distinctly
- 5. Exercising constitutional rights of free speech
- 4. Exhuming Traveler for your Biology paper on Mad Cow Disease
- 3. Requesting that the overpaid professors work at least 14 hours a week
- 2. Dodging the condoms hurled by LIFE brownshirts
- 1. Perpetuating the myth of student autonomy

The Worst Side Effects of the Y2K Problem:

- A small town in the Sahara loses heat for a day
- Luxembourg transportation squashed
- Buddy Atkins does not get January 2000 issue of ManDate
- D-Hall serves diseased shrimp instead of diseased chicken
- Cannibals worldwide forced to eat raw flesh
- Third World reduced to poverty and chaos
- First World empowered with wealth and luxury
- Haitian plumbing on the fritz
- Electric scales malfunction freshmen believe they've lost twelve pounds
- Wheel of Fortune messages accidentally spell out Pat Sajack's messianic visions of hate
- One-hundred-year-olds reduced to state of mental infancy
- Surgeon General's warnings are left off packs of cigarettes, inciting children everywhere to demand class trips to "Marlboro Country"
- Through computer glitch, The Spectator informs and entertains



CHINESE MOLE WILLIAM JIANGXI CLINTON

Campaigning on his pseudo platform in 1992, then-candidate Clinton made vociferous and frequent attacks on President Bush for his supposedly soft Riding the wave of the mindless Tibetan Freedom Concert liberals, Clinton found it easy to point to Bush's policies as "coddling the butchers of Beijing."

foreign policy which allowed for continued economic contacts in a hostile human rights environment.

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In his second administration boosted from another overwhelming plurality, Clinton has once again found his way back to the Chinese front, this time by going soft on the Los Alamos sellouts that siphoned American national security secrets. The People's Republic of China is the greatest geopolitical threat of the twenty-first century, and it is not in America's interest to throw a plutonium-laden bone to its potential enemy. The Clinton Administration betrayed the memory of those student patriots who died in Tiananmen by allowing state-of-the art missile technology to be obtained by these culprits of Communism. In addition, Clinton has breached an unspoken code of etiquette; when entertaining his foreign contributors with John Huang and Charlie Trie, wouldn't it have been polite to offer an invitation to the Rosenbergs and Alger Hiss?

A RESPECTFUL TRIBUTE TO THE OLD SOLDIERS OF W&L

In these times of reflection and contemplation of W&L's great tradition of honor and integrity, it is important not to overlook those who have carried this institution through the vast majority of its years. I refer not to the hard-working members of G&L and the PRIDE committee, but to the good old boys who built the reputation, character, and swagger that epitomize the true W&L gentleman. When one thinks wistfully of this school, one does not think about the membership of Kappa Kappa Gamma. One thinks about the musty black-and-white photographs peppered by square jaws, blue blazers, and the cold, confident glare of men who know that they're about to inherit the world's businesses and governments.

BIG SISTER IS WATCHING YOU

As the hijacking of Washington and Lee's judicial system continues, those loyal to the rights of the innocent must be heard. We are, of course, referring to the Student Faculty Hearing Board that judges cases that deal with sexual assault and rape on our campus. By definition, the SFHB runs contrary to the ideal of student self-governance that is exemplified by the Executive Committee and represents a grievous conflict of interest. Is this a true collaboration between faculty and students? Or is this merely a way for a liberal faculty to steer the decisions inevitably made by this kangaroo court away from sensible student verdicts and closer to the cookie-cutter prejudices of leftist adults who have decided that the man is always

guilty and the woman is never wrong? It is our humble proposition that any organization that would stack a jury would surely dictate its conclusions.

OUTRAGE AT MCMANUS !!!!

The recent uproar over a Trident Backpage column written by Sean McManus showed the campus that we are blessed with defenders of tolerance. But strangely, these same soldiers of diversity were noticeably silent when two-bit pipsqueak Kevin McManimen spat all over orthodox Christians, namely Catholics. Are these outraged students textbook hypocrites or just card-carrying liberals?

95 THESES

The Spectator respects and commends the efforts of all those trying to enact positive changes on campus, but has serious issues with the process used by the 95 Theses. The Theses uses anonymous quotes to serve as the catalyst for change, and this is fundamentally wrong. Those who have a problem with the school or its policies should have the courage to speak out and not hide behind some mass list of vague and unverifiable grievances. Our Editor in Chief/Voice of Reason is responsible for all the kernels of truth that make The Spectator the award-winning publication it is. He would never hide behind nameless and nebulous criticisms, and neither should the architects of the 95 Theses.

Pros/Cons of Being a Washington & Lee Student:

PROS:

High-Maintenance Chicks

Hollins Girls

Co-Education .

Lots Of Drinking

Greek System

House Mothers

Peaceful Community

Honor System

Everyone Looks Just Like You

Costume Ball FD Theme

Campus Is A National Landmark

College Democrats Number Fewer Than Eight

CONS:

High-maintenance Male Grooming

Long-Distance Phone Rates

Fat Chicks

Drunk Fat Chicks

Dartmouth College Movement

Drunken Hook-Ups

Marred By Hayseed Cowboy Cops

E.C. Members Think They're Charles Bronson

You Could Stand To Lose A Couple Pounds

Homely Date Unmasks At Midnight

Can't Drive Car On Front Lawn

Another Eight Geeks To Bounce From W&L

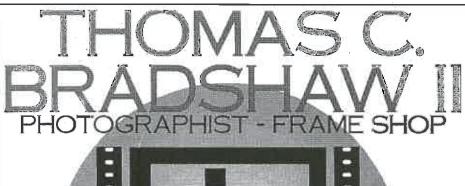
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-Noel Coward

"If voting changed anything, they would make it illegal."
-Graffiti

Viscountess Astor:

"If I were married to you, I'd put poison in your coffee."

Sir Winston Churchill:

"If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

"To be the man, you gotta beat the man."
-"Nature Boy" Ric Flair

"Before I left home my father told me: 1. Never trust some one who won't look you straight in the eye; 2. Never talk when you can listen; 3. Never engage in a financial agreement of venture capital without a detailed, analytical fiduciary prospectus."

-Woody from "Cheers"

"A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood."

-Gen. George Patton

"She's thinkin' lobster, huh,

I'm thinkin' Burger King."

-Ice Cube, N.W.A.

"No man's life, liberty, and property are safe while the legislature is in session."

-Judge Gideon Tucker

"If any New Yorkers feel like storming the Shea Stadium field, the dogs will bite you, the horses will kick you, the police will shoot you and you will spend the night in jail."

-Mayor Koch before Game 7 1986 World Series

"We will win the game, I guarantee it."

-"Broadway" Joe Namath

"A girl can never be too rich, too thin or too conservative."

-Sarah Jane O'Connell

"A professor is someone who talks in someone else's sleep."

-W.H. Auden

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the unequal sharing of miseries."

-Sir Winston Churchill

"Best use head as something other than target."

-Mr. Myagi

"Chicks dig me because I rarely wear underwear."

-Bill Murray

"I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

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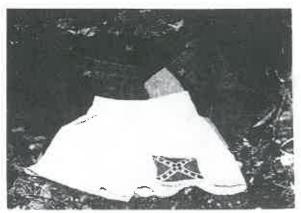
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