

**WEEKEND WEATHER**  
Tonight: Increasing cloudiness, with chance of showers. Low 32-40.  
Tomorrow: Fair and cooler, high 48-56. Sunday: Fair and cool.

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## Florida Governor Claude Kirk To Keynote Republican Mock Convention In May

Florida's colorful Gov. Claude Kirk Jr. will deliver the keynote speech at W&L's 1968 Mock Republican National Convention next May 3.

Mock Convention Chairman Steve Saunders announced that a tentative schedule for the two-day event includes a luncheon in Gov. Kirk's honor, followed by the traditional Convention parade from 1-2 p.m. The parade will include floats representing each delegation, which Gov. Kirk will review.

The governor will then deliver his speech at the opening session of the Convention, to be held in Doremus Gymnasium.

His selection retains the tradition of having nationally prominent leaders kick off the Convention. Past keynoters have included former president Harry S. Truman, Dr. Walter Judd (who keynoted the real GOP Convention in 1960), and former vice-

president Alben W. Barkley, who collapsed and died while speaking at the 1956 Mock Convention.

In the meeting of state chairmen and Secretariat members held Wednesday, Saunders discussed more recent events on the Convention agenda, as well as several money-raising methods.

The Mock Convention Headquarters, in the Main Lounge of the Dutch Inn, will open officially on Saturday, November 11, after the Homecoming football game. Guests, alumni, and Convention officials may attend. This is also the date that delegates must file with the chairman of the state of their choice.

It was also announced that any chairman needing additional delegates could run a free notice in next Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi, provided it runs 40 words or less, and is typed, double-spaced, and turned in by Noon Monday.

Each chairman is asked to file a list of his delegation officers along with their hometowns and newspapers. These lists will be into John Hughes of Information Services in Washington Annex I and sent out to their respective cities. Saunders said this should make money from back home easier to get.

Concerning finances, Saunders said that his speech on Parents' Weekend had secured some contributions, and that letters would be sent to all parents by mid-December.

Honorary delegate memberships are available for \$5.00 each. Jeff Wainwright announced that the Illinois delegation is selling Booster Club memberships, which will include a subscription to the Journal to help cover their expenses.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Kirk has attained a degree of no-

tority among politicians today for his unorthodox conduct of state affairs and flamboyance.

As governor, he flies around the state in a Lear jet, and appeared almost alone at a Black Power rally in Jacksonville last summer.

His unorthodox methods have included calling a constitutional revision session of the state legislature in his inaugural address, retaining a private police agency in his highly publicized anti-crime war, and a third marriage shortly following his inauguration as governor.

The prospect of the 1968 Republican convention in Miami, a site actively pushed by the governor, and talk of Kirk as a ticket balancer against a Romney, Percy or Rockefeller, and the prospect of a wide-open convention, leave possibilities to open imagination and long-shot speculation.



GOV. CLAUDE KIRK OF FLORIDA

## Unsatisfactory Freshman Marks Establish New Record Of 163

Freshmen called on their faculty advisors Wednesday, Thursday, and today for their satisfactory and unsatisfactory grades. These S's and U's are indications as to how freshmen are meeting the requirements of their respective courses.

This year, the freshmen compiled 163 unsatisfactory grades. This included 107 freshmen with one U, 25 freshmen with two U's, and 2 freshmen with three U's. No freshman received four or more unsatisfactory grades.

Below are listed the records of the unsatisfactory grades for the last five years.

Unsatisfactory Reports—Oct. 1967					
1. No. of unsatisfactory grades:					
1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	
163	133	119	122	142	
2. No. of freshmen receiving unsatisfactory grades:					
1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	
134	113	101	96	107	
3. Distribution of unsatisfactory grades:					
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
1 U	107	77	86	73	77
2 U's	25	23	12	20	26
3 U's	2	2	3	3	3
4 U's	0	1	0	0	1

## Hermits, Others Lecture Topic

R. Wayne Kernodle, head of the department of sociology and anthropology at the College of William and Mary, will speak here Tuesday, sponsored by the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Kernodle will talk on "Hermits and Other Social Types in Appalachia" at 7:30 p.m. in duPont Auditorium. In his talk he has promised to delve into some of the more spicy elements of life in the mountains.

A native North Carolinian, Dr. Kernodle received his A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from University of North Carolina. He is the author of the article, "Last of the Rugged Individualists" which appeared in Harpers and has written one book and edited two others ("Sixth Decade of Our Century" and "Unsolved Issues in American Society").

## W&L Receives Grant From Assurance Society

Washington and Lee has received an unrestricted grant of \$1,000 from The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States under its program of aid to independent, liberal arts colleges.

W&L is one of 160 independent institutions of higher learning throughout the U. S. to receive grants under the Equitable program, begun in 1955. An advisory committee of nationally-prominent educators selected the recipients.

In accepting the grant from James F. Oates Jr., chairman of the board of Equitable, Washington and Lee acting president Dr. William W. Pusey III commented that "it is heartening for the liberal arts colleges and universities to receive such generous support."

## Schechner's Talk Will Investigate Departure In Art

The departments of English and Fine Arts and Seminar in Literature present Richard Schechner, professor of theatre at Tulane, director and will speak on "Intermedia: A New Departure in Performing Art" at 8:15 p.m., Monday in duPont Auditorium.

Schechner, who is editor of "The Drama Review," received his Ph.D. from Tulane University. His former positions include associate professor of theatre at Tulane, director and theatre critic, and co-director of the New Orleans Group. His professional activities and organizations include being a member of the Board of Directors of Free Southern Theatre and advisor to the U. S. Office of Education, Arts, and Humanities Program. He is also the author of "Approaches to Theory/Criticism," "Theatre and Revolution," and "Ford, Rockefeller, and Theatre."



SCHECHNER

## Lambda Chi Alpha Series Hears Major General Shell

As part of a biweekly series of informal talks on the community, Lambda Chi Alpha has host Tuesday to Major General George Shell, Superintendent of VMI.

Shell praised the excellent educational opportunities presented by the proximity of the two schools. He described a life in the day of a cadet and also went into some of the joint-study operations for the two adjoining schools. Shell, a KA from VMI, also praised the fraternity system's attempts to improve community relations.

The first speaker in the series was Mayor Pat Brady of Lexington. He spoke on the University's relationships to the city.

## Mu Beta Psi Officers

Law student Jeff Twardy was elected president of the W&L chapter of Mu Beta Psi national honorary music society at a meeting Tuesday afternoon.



The Coasters "In Action"

## Troubs Present First Play Of New Season Next Week

The Troubadours will present Boris Vian's "The Empire Builders" as their first theatrical production of the 1967-68 season on Wednesday. The play will run through Saturday.

The play, from the absurdist school, has been performed only once before in the United States since it was written in 1956 just before the author's death.

Vian's plays currently are very popular in his native France.

Like all absurdist plays, "The Empire Builders" deals with man being destroyed by the society in which he lives, knowing that something is wrong but being unable to do anything about it.

Troubadour director Lee Kahn says the play is "very moving" and "unusual in several respects—there is one character who has no lines, but is constantly abused physically by the other characters, since he represents everything they fear but do not understand."

The entire third act of the play is a monologue, Kahn notes.

## Lehman To Speak About Reformation At Sunday Supper

Dr. Paul L. Lehman, professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, will speak at a student-faculty supper Sunday honoring the 450th anniversary of the Reformation.

Dr. Lehman will speak on "The Heritage of the Reformation in Christian Ethics" at 7:15 p.m. in Evans Dining Hall.

A supper, which will be free but for which reservations must be made in advance, will precede Dr. Lehman's talk at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Dr. David W. Sprunt, University Chaplain.

Dr. Lehman is a former professor at Wellesley, Princeton Theological Seminary and the Harvard Divinity School. He is the author of the influential book, "Ethics In a Christian Context."

His appearance here is being sponsored by the University Federation of Christian Concern at W&L.

Members of the cast include freshman Lawrence McConnell; senior Noel Cline; two wives of W&L professors, Mrs. Severn Duvall and Mrs. Millard Dunn, and Lexingtonian Mrs. Royster Lyle.

Curtain time for each performance will be 8:30 p.m. at the Troubadour Theater.



Mrs. Nan Duvall peers up at Lawrence McConnell in a scene from Troubs' production of "The Empire Builders."

## Openings Combos

- Friday (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)
- Phi Psi—The Wonder Whos
- Pi Phi—not reported
- KA—Dynamics and Interpreters
- Saturday (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)
- Beta, Phi Delta—Clifford Curry
- PIKA, Phi Kap—Showmen and Fabulous Five (closed)
- ZBT, Sigma Chi—Bobby Moore and Rhythm Aces
- Delta, Kappa Sig—Thornton Sisters (closed)
- Sigma Nu—Willie and Hand Jives
- KA—Little Boys
- Phi Ep—Rhythm Makers
- Pi Phi—Jokers Wild
- SAE—Upsetters
- DU—Legends
- Lambda Chi Alpha—Nancy and Attractions
- SPE—not reported
- Phi Gam—Delcardos

## Openings Weekend Mixes Gin Fizzes And Concerts

By REED BYRUM

As you are sipping on your gin fizz at the cocktail party and reading this article (hopefully still being able to read this article by that time), you will realize that the W&L social season is in full swing.

Openings has arrived!!! Redemption from the classes, quizzes and quirks of academia has come and rescued the student from the syndrome of monotonous study.

### Cocktail Party

The weekend will be christened by gin fizzes at the cocktail party sponsored by the Sophomore Class in Red Square from 4 to 6 p.m. As part of the W&L tradition, the Fabulous Five will return to furnish entertainment at the cocktail party. "The Five," of North Carolina, are known best for their renditions of "Juke Box" and "I've Been Hurt." In the

case of inclement weather, the party will be held at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion.

### Concerts

The Doremus Gymnasium decorated in "Psychedelic Soul" theme, will host on Friday night the Coasters and Jimmy Ruffin, both being backed

Openings Weekend will last one hour longer this year due to the end of Daylight Savings Time Sunday morning.

Eastern Standard Time begins 2 a.m. Sunday morning. This means that before going to bed Saturday night, all clocks should be turned BACK one hour.

by the Impact. On Saturday night Wilson Pickett and Jr. Walker and

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Today

- 3:15 p.m.—Varsity soccer, W&L vs. Roanoke College.
- 4-6 p.m.—Openings Cocktail Party, Red Square.
- 8-10 p.m.—Openings Concert, Jimmy Ruffin and The Coasters, Doremus Gymnasium.
- 10-2 p.m.—Combo parties.

### Tomorrow

- Noon—WLUR will start broadcasting music and news leading into the Bridgewater game at 1:55, 91.5 FM.
- 8-10 p.m.—Openings Concert, Junior Walker and the All-Stars and Wilson Pickett, Doremus Gymnasium.
- 10-2 a.m.—Combo parties.

### Sunday

- 6:20 p.m.—University Federation of Christian Concern and the Wesley Foundation present Capt. Robert L. Padgett, Officer Selection Officer, U. S. Marine Corps, with film and discussion on "The American Involvement in Viet Nam." Supper at 5:20 p.m. Wesley House.
- 7:15 p.m.—University Federation of Christian Concern presents Dr. Paul Lehman, professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York will speak on "The Heritage of the Reformation in Christian Ethics." Evans Dining Hall. Supper at 6:30 p.m.

### Monday

- 2:00 p.m.—Mr. Barber Conable, Republican Congressman from New York, will speak in a seminar in Newcomb 8 and at 8:00 p.m. on "American Foreign Policy in the Middle East." Lee Chapel.

### Tuesday

- 5:00 p.m.—Dr. Dietrich Bodenstien, chairman of the biology department at U. Va., will speak "On Some Problems of Regeneration of Insects." Room 305, New Science Building.
- 7:30 p.m.—Dr. R. Wayne Kernodle, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology at the College of William and Mary, will speak on "Hermits and Other Social Types in Appalachia." duPont Auditorium.

### Wednesday

- 8:15 p.m.—Rockbridge Concert Theater Series presents the National Symphony, VMI Gymnasium.
- 8:30 p.m.—First production of "The Empire Builders" by the Troubadours, Troubadour Theater.

### Thursday

- 8:30 p.m.—"The Empire Builders." Troubadour Theater.

# The Ring-tum Phi

Washington and Lee University's Twice-Weekly Newspaper

Friday, October 27, 1967

## Not Slander

In our last issue we published an article entitled "Sophomore At Baylor University Dies Due To Initiation Hazing," containing the account of the death of a nineteen-year-old student there following an initiation ceremony in which he was compelled to do rigorous calisthenics after swallowing a concoction of laxatives and garlic.

In this week's Tuesday Edition a letter appeared which suggested that the article was "very misleading" and that "it would have been better if it had never been reprinted."

"This article could have been taken two ways that are relevant to Washington and Lee (the letter continued). Most people read into it a subtle reference to the "evil" fraternity system at W&L. But it is equally possible to see that fraternities are not the only organizations which conduct hazing practices.

"This was a 'prestigious campus organization' and the moral was that even if fraternities don't exist, the hazing continues. Both lines of thought lead to the moral that extreme hazing is dangerous, and everyone would agree with this. But most readers at W&L would come by the first line and see a malicious cut at fraternities."

As the writer of the letter observed, we printed the article because we felt it was relevant to certain conditions existing on the Washington and Lee campus. The article was not, however, a reference to the "evil" fraternity system. It was very definitely a reference to hazing. And to argue that "fraternities are not the only organizations which conduct hazing practices," and that "even if fraternities don't exist, the hazing continues," is to miss the point altogether.

The fact has been and remains that brutal hazing has been widely conducted on this campus as recently as eight months ago. It has been conducted by organizations which claim publicly that they do not conduct hazing. It has been conducted in spite of the fact that the constitution of the council to which those organizations all belong clearly forbids unnecessarily harsh hazing practices. "Extreme hazing is dangerous," says the letter, "and everyone would agree with this." But at W&L everyone does not agree with this. And they subject freshmen to mental humiliations and physical ordeals which in many cases equal those which led to the death at Baylor. The question of whether it is a fraternity or a "prestigious campus organization" which permits the hazing is utterly unimportant; the question of whether hazing would exist without fraternities is equally so; what is important is that extreme hazing does exist, and that it exists at W&L.

"This space could have been better used with a story of local news which couldn't be taken as slander," continued the letter, noting that Lambda Chi Alpha had conducted a symposium last week in which both VMI's General Shell and W&L's Dean Pusey participated, and which was not reported in the Ring-tum Phi. (We would have been glad to run an article on this very worthwhile symposium; however, the Lambda Chi's made no attempt either before or after to tell us anything about it.) "This outstanding example of local public service did not appear anywhere in the paper," it continued, "but there was the story about a hazing death at a university two thousand miles away."

That hazing death—we did not, incidentally, publish the details of that death; they are particularly gruesome—did, indeed, occur two thousand miles away. The conditions and attitudes which caused it exist here on this campus. That is not "slander." Those who really fear for the future of fraternities would do well to consider what would happen to them if just one death or serious injury occurred on this campus.

We are not anti-fraternity. We are very much pro-fraternity. We believe that the present fraternity system is extremely valuable to the education of the students of this university. We deplore the kind of uninformed and fanatical attacks which have been made upon fraternities in the past year or so. But we also deplore the hypocrisy and brutality which lie behind the hazing which occurs on this campus, and we will continue to publish articles which illustrate the effects and practices of hazing both here and elsewhere. And that is not "slander."



SIDNEY POITIER wards off an attacker in a scene from IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT, playing at the State through Saturday.

## Convention Keynote Speaker Claude Roy Kirk

# Kirk Breaks Florida One-Party System

By PATRICK AREY  
Senior Staff Writer

Gov. Claude Roy Kirk, Jr., of Florida will be the keynote speaker of the 1968 Mock Republican Convention next May 3.

The first Republican governor of Florida since 1877, Kirk defeated Miami Mayor Robert King High last November in a conservative-liberal party struggle for the governorship.

As governor, Kirk has been heavily criticized for his employment of a private security agency to fight crime in the state and his third marriage shortly following his inauguration.

As a Republican governor in a Democratic state, Kirk has been instrumental in revitalizing the state GOP in a very real sense.

Following his election, Kirk installed a new, effective state Republican chairman and initiated a successful fund-raising campaign. In state legislative elections the following spring, the GOP scored significant gains.

Said Time magazine of Kirk, "He succeeded at least in providing the closest thing to a two-party state that the South has today."

Florida had supported Republican presidential candidates in 1952, 1956, and 1960, but failed to endorse the Goldwater candidacy by 42,600 votes in 1964. In that election, Kirk polled only about 36 per cent of the vote in his campaign against incumbent Democratic Senator Spessard Holland.

In 1966, the upset of incumbent Gov. Hayden Burns by Robert King High in the Democratic primary, and Hayden's subsequent refusal to endorse High, set the stage for a Republican victory in November.

Kirk's campaign message showed conservative leanings.

He promised to clean up crime in the state, to increase state revenues by luring in new business through tax incentives, and said there would be no rise in taxes. The no-tax-raise promise was of obvious appeal to the many retired, fixed-income residents of the state.

Kirk's campaign was reportedly tainted with a sophisticated racist appeal. Once Kirk took up the epigram



CLAUDE R. KIRK JR.  
Governor of Florida

of Maryland Democratic gubernatorial candidate George Mahoney (who incidentally lost). "Your home is your castle," on the open housing question.

In his inauguration address, Kirk declared his war on crime, to be directed by himself, and demanded a special session of the Florida legislature within seven days to rewrite the state constitution.

Commented one legislator, "It took Jehovah almost seven days to make the universe, much less prepare for it."

That same evening, Kirk, a divorcee appeared at his inaugural ball with a dark-tanned blonde at his side, whom he introduced as Madame X.

Following the ball, Kirk went on a five-day yacht cruise with her, and announced their engagement on his return. The girl was German-born divorcee Erika Mattfeld.

In his war on crime, Kirk hired the Wackenhut Corp., the nation's third largest security agency. This action brought many protests of police power. State legislators and political appointees complained of bugged telephones and being followed by security agents.

Having been described by the Wall Street Journal as the "governor a go," one official cynically dubbed Kirk the "Fuhrer a go go."

Florida, according to the Saturday Evening Post, hosts the single greatest community of mobsters in the U. S., some 45 "celebrities" in all. This fact, says the Post, was accompanied by massive corruption within the state.

Florida, lacking a statewide police agency, is virtually powerless to meet this problem. The Wackenhut Corp. is directly responsible to the governor.

The Wackenhut Corp. was originally hired at the token fee of one dollar per year, the rest of the costs to be financed by private contributions. But contributions have not materialized, and the program has had to ask for state assistance.

What is the value of the program? Some say it has been used to harass or force resignation of state employees, but a final judgement on its effectiveness in fighting Florida crime remains to be seen.

During the winter, the Florida state legislature was reapportioned. Elections in the following spring greatly boosted Republican representation in the state assemblies.

Although the Democrats control both houses, the Republicans gained enough seats to deny the Democrats two-thirds of the vote in each house, which is needed to override gubernatorial veto.

Republican state senate seats increased from 11 to 20, opposing the Democrats' 28. In the state house, Republicans gained 13 seats for a total of 39, as opposed to 91 Democratic seats.

As to the call for state constitutional revision, this effort seems to have quietly died.

Kirk has been criticized for his flamboyance and flair for publicity. He flies around Florida in a Lear jet, and his self appraisals are unembarrassed.

"You know," Kirk said once, "Bobby Kennedy, Fidel Castro, and I are all about the same age. The three of us, now, represent the three alternatives of the world in the future. And you know what? I'm the only one of us who's for free enterprise."

Immediately following his election, speculation arose as to his possible

candidacy for the vice presidency. Kirk has made no efforts to deny the allegation.

"I'm going to be the counterpoint to the Kennedys, the Humphreys, the Johnsons," he has said. "I've got to live in this country of ours for the next 40 years, and I don't plan to let them run it."

More realistically, Kirk has been assessed as the one Republican who could offset the effects of a George Wallace candidacy in the South in the 1968 elections.

Born in San Bernardino, Calif., Kirk served in both the Second World War and the Korean conflict. He attended the University of Alabama to study law following World War II.

Following the Korean War, Kirk helped to form a highly successful insurance company. He later sold out of the insurance business and entered investment banking.

Whatever can be said against Gov. Kirk, it can't be denied that he does have a flair for publicity and a personal style of politics.

One such incident occurred this past summer at a Jacksonville Black Power rally.

H. Rap Brown, chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, was preparing to address about 200 Negroes in a baseball park.

Brown suddenly found himself confronted by the governor at home base. The conversation was reported as this:

**Kirk:** "Welcome to Florida." Brown stared blankly at the governor.

**Kirk:** (offering his hand) "You are welcome here if you came here in good faith and in spirit. We don't want any talk about guns."

**Brown:** (ignoring Kirk) "Let me have the microphone. I didn't ask you to come here."

**Kirk:** "Mr. Brown, we welcome you to Florida. If you are here in good spirits, I'm glad you are here. Are you here in good spirits?"

**Brown:** "I'll speak without the mike then."

**Crowd:** "We want Rap. We want Rap."

**Brown:** "If we can't hold the rally here, we'll hold it somewhere else, man..."

## Letters To The Editor . . .

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi  
Dear Sir:

I read with interest the column of Mr. Bernie Feld in your edition of Friday, October 13, 1967, and noted that although he quoted one representative of the Administration, and apparently two students, he did not quote any of the Alumni who were attending the meetings. I am certain that in the interest of good journalism he did inquire of some of the Alumni as to their apparent lack of interest in the Academic side of the University.

As one Alumnus who was present for all sessions, and who was not approached by Mr. Feld, I wish to state that, since I am not an Academician, nor a Scholar, nor even a member of the Teaching Profession, I feel it would have been very presumptuous of me to challenge or even question the strength of the Faculty. We were given what I considered a very good picture of the faculty, and of the problems of obtaining and retaining good Faculty members. If I were not convinced of the merits of the University in this respect, I would not have a son on the campus, which I do. I am not quite so naive as to believe there are no weaknesses, but I am convinced that all possible steps are being taken to correct these.

To go a step further, yes, there was more discussion on such mundane topics as Fraternities and Conventional Dress than on the quality of the Faculty. There was practically no discussion on the Honor System, be-

cause we were assured that it was solid and not in any danger. We were not only an Alumni Group spanning a wide range of ages, but we were also a group of business and professional men representing, I believe, a wide range of interests, and we were interested in all aspects of Washington and Lee.

I, for one, have never believed there was such a thing as a "W&L Man," as was mentioned in the column, quite the contrary, I have always felt that W&L men were individuals and that this has been one of the assets of the school. I gladly admit to being a conservative, but I don't believe any undergraduate, no matter how erudite he may be, is qualified to classify me as "hopelessly outdated." If he means that my viewpoint, my philosophy, and my opinions differ from his, then I would presume that this is true, but I do not agree that this "dates" either of us.

I also doubt that we, all of whom are former students of W&L, are so ignorant, unintelligent, uninformed and uneducated that "most of the speeches on academic excellence and the problems of maintaining a good faculty seemed to go over the heads of most of our alumni." For Mr. Feld's information, we were on a very tight schedule and were attempting to cover a great deal of territory in what proved to be too little time. I for one have always attempted to avoid, at meetings such as this, asking redundant questions for rhetorical effect.

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## 'Heat Of The Night' Full Of Mythology

By STEPHEN JOHNSON

It is to be confessed first off that I am unsure into what perspective "In The Heat Of The Night" is to be put. It is tempting to see the movie as evincing some form of racial guilt in the national unconscious. But self-flagellation being the unpleasant thing it is, another approach is required to explain the popularity and prestige of a movie as poor as this one. In the first place it presents the American South in terms of a mythology that is already ingrained in the American consciousness and is therefore easy to deal with. We are shown the popular South of swamps, poverty, decay, corruption, bigotry and helplessness before the causes of that bigotry, white trash; a regional culture override and ready to drop from the bough. Any fool



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can talk about the South in those terms and be understood by good people everywhere who presumably already know where they stand on the issue of the American South. Nice people don't laugh at a comedian with a Jewish accent but anyone can get an easy laugh if he talks as if he's from Mississippi.

### Comic Figure?

There is a scene in the movie in which a poor white, chased by policemen, is almost ready to drop from exhaustion. The audience found the spectacle of his extremity very amusing, as if he were a comic figure. The entire South as presented in "In The Heat Of The Night" is peopled with comic figures, that is, those who are less than life size. At home in Maine audiences accepted this portrayal of the South and, what is even more sickening, I believe there are many good Southerners who conceive of their home as being the spiritual no-man's-land that this movie claims it is. There is considerable doubt these days that Mississippi is really inhabited

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# Generals Eye Small-College Title At Bridgewater Homecoming

By THUNDER THORNTON

There should be plenty of enthusiasm in old Lexington this weekend, and Washington and Lee's traveling gridiron Generals will try to generate some excitement of their own at Bridgewater College Saturday. The home team will put forth a 2-3 record to oppose the visitor's 3-2 mark.

The Eagles have lost high scoring debacles to Randolph-Macon and

Hampden-Sydney, but this fact does not overly please Coach Mac and his boys. The fact remains that 1) Bridgewater will be playing before a Homecoming crowd, 2) the Eagles never seem to play badly against W&L, and 3) last year's score, under similar conditions, was a tight 14-6 victory for the Generals.

Coach Kenneth Day has assembled a team that features the tough running

of big fullback Tom Glasgow and the receiving of rangy end Mike McDonald. Newcomer Marshall Flora presents a challenge to the General flanks, as he possesses the kind of speed ideal for turning the corner. He can also be dangerous coming out of the backfield and grabbing passes, as he did for a 57-yard touchdown scamper against Frostburg.

Following a trend in college football today, the Eagles will run from the Wing-I formation primarily, and also revert to the Wing-T occasionally. With this offense they rolled up four touchdowns in nailing down their second victory last week.

### Multiple Defenses

Bridgewater on defense will present a change from the pro-style 4-4 that the Big Blue faced last week against H-SC. The Eagles will use a multitude of defenses and try to play "games" involving stunts by the interior linemen, led by middle guard Barry Mayers, and the linebacking corps, spearheaded by Bob Prater. The General offensive line can count on seeing from four to eight men across the line from them on each offensive play, for the Bridgewater  
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We wonder if Bridgewater's quarterback will want to throw so many passes if he sees this picture of General HANK WILSON moving in to maul Hampden-Sydney's Mike King.

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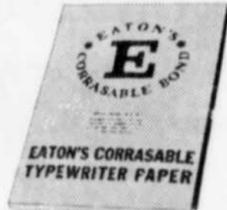
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### View From The Footbridge

## A Vote of Endorsement For The Real Amateurs



By JERRY PERELMAN  
Friday Sports Editor

Is your date for Openings a rugger hugger? If she is a rugger hugger, and you are not a rugger, will you slug her? Are you confused?

For the edification of the heathen, a rugger is someone who plays rugby, that wild, weird game that's somewhat a mixture of football, soccer, and bull-in-the-ring. It's fast-moving, exciting,

and if you enjoy knocking heads, fun to play.

The bastion of rugbydom in Lexington, Buena Vista, and world-famous Rockbridge County is the Washington and Lee Rugby Club. The club has been in the news recently because of an EC investigation into the possibility of the latter organization subsidizing the former. Then the University Athletic Committee entered the picture when its chairman declared that the Committee did not want the responsibility of the Rugby Club. A little note to the Committee: gentlemen, I don't think the  
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### Booters Clip Gobblers 3-2; Fechnay, Craig Pace Win

Scott Fechnay and Allen Craig sparked Washington and Lee's soccermen to a 3-2 victory over VPI Tuesday. Fechnay tallied twice and Craig once as the Big Blue posted its third win in a row, following consecutive losses to Randolph-Macon and Lynchburg. The Generals took a 4-2 record into this afternoon's contest with small-college powerhouse Roanoke College, whose 6-1 record as of game time was the best in Virginia.

### A Little Tip For Openings; Take A Drive To B'water

By LEE McLAUGHLIN  
Head Football Coach

It was a great day last Saturday. We were right proud of our Generals for holding the high scoring "Tigers" scoreless. This time the Captains presented the game ball to defensive Coach Boyd Williams. Our venerable defensive coach demurred protesting that he was "too old to play with a ball." Our captains and the squad insisted, so Coach Boyd took his trophy home rather proud, and justly so.

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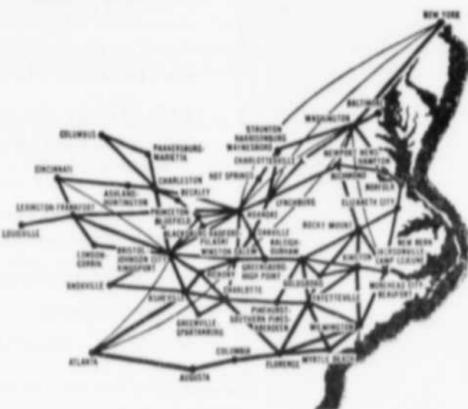


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### Heat of The Night

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by psychopaths and cretins. But apparently many Americans think that it is and what cleverness there is behind the movie lies in someone having perceived this rather stupid but nonetheless persistent belief and then having exploited it (and the audience) for his own purposes.

#### Predigested Ideas

Of course any movie about a Negro is bound to carry with it certain predigested feelings and ideas. In the middle of the twentieth century intelligent people will realize that these feelings are stacked in favor of the Negro, particularly if he is played by

someone as appealing as Sidney Poitier. We know what the South is like and we also know all about Poitier. Combine these two facile prejudices and you have a movie that will entail their development along predetermined lines with a minimum of effort on the part of the audience.

It may be that American audiences do not want to feel or understand anything that requires any effort on their part. If this is true then there will always be a market for movies like "In The Heat Of The Night" in which all the feeling and understanding is done for us. There is nothing more for us to do than to compare the miscreants which the movie tells us are the inhabitants of a small town in Mississippi with cool, intelligent, well-dressed Sidney Poitier to tell us with whom our interests and good wishes lie.

To call the movie "commercial" and to talk about lack of taste and intelligence is, I think, to miss the mark. The attitude of the filmmakers toward the all but fatally spoiled child of the fatally misguided parent toward the all but fatally spoiled child. No one connected with the film believes for a minute that we, the audience, can feel or comprehend intelligently; any attempt to use a reality brings forth a type of cardboard romanticism and the annihilation of any possible reality.

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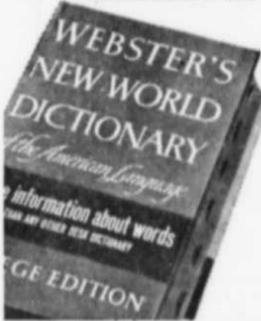
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This weekend the Lee Chapel Museum begins the sale of W&L Stamp Collections. The collections will include the W&L commemorative stamp and four other stamps associated with Washington and Lee, all displayed around the University Seal. According to Museum officials the Collections may be bought separately or mounted in frames. Interested persons may see and purchase the Collections in the Lee Chapel Gift Shop or in the University Supply store.

### Concerts, Combos Highlight Openings

(Continued from page 1) the All-Stars will make their premiere performance at Washington and Lee. Both concerts will begin at 8 p.m. with conventional dress being required.

Pickett has become famous for such songs as "Midnight Hour," "Land of a Thousand Dances," and most recently "Funky Broadway." The Coasters have gained their fame from "Poison Ivy" and "Searchin'." Ruffin became well known this past winter for "I've Passed This Way Before" and "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted" and Jr. Walker for "Shotgun" and "Road Runner."

Tickets are on sale at the University Supply Store until this afternoon, when solicitation of dance plans for the whole year will cease. Guest tickets can be purchased for eight dollars per couple for each night at the Co-op Friday and will not be sold at the door.

In regard to dance plans, Paul Brower, President of the Dance Board, stated, "Dance Plans are not transferable and, if any unauthorized person uses a plan, it will be torn up at the door and the person refused ad-

mission." Tickets are on sale at the University Supply Store until this afternoon, when solicitation of dance plans for the whole year will cease. Guest tickets can be purchased for eight dollars per couple for each night at the Co-op Friday and will not be sold at the door.

### Art Membership Deadline

The deadline for obtaining membership in the Museum of Modern Art's student membership plan is Monday.

For \$12.50, instead of the regular \$20, the student member is entitled to four Museum publications which are esteemed as some of the world's most significant and authoritative books on the subject of modern art and the elements influencing its development.

Many other benefits are available with membership in the Museum. Any interested students should contact Dr. Sterling Boyd in duPont Hall by Monday.

### Rep. Conable Here Monday

New York Congressman Barber B. Conable Jr. will visit the W&L campus all day Monday under sponsorship of the Political Science Club and International Relations Association and the Young Republicans.

Conable will speak on American foreign policy and the Middle East in Lee Chapel at 8 p.m. Monday.

During the day, Conable will be in the 10:15 a.m. Political Science 101 class and the 11:10 a.m. American Government class. An open seminar for all students will be conducted at 2 p.m. in Newcomb 8.

Conable will be interviewed by WLUR-FM Monday afternoon.

A dinner for Congressman Conable will be at 6:30 p.m. in Evans Dining Hall. Students interested in attending should contact Hal Clark at 463-7791, or Reeve Kelsey or John Molsinger at 463-6032.

Conable was elected to the House in 1964, and re-elected in 1966. He is a member of the House Administration and the Space and Aeronautics committees.

Following the speech in Lee Chapel, the Young Republicans will sponsor a mixer with girls from Mary Baldwin, Hollins, Sweet Briar, Randolph-Macon and Southern Seminary for YR's in the Sigma Nu basement.

### A View of Rugby From The Footbridge

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Rugby Club wants anything to do with you, either.

Rugby, unlike most other team sports, is keynoted by its informality. As any enthusiastic rugger will tell you, half the fun of the game is the keg party afterwards. Any attempt by the Athletic Department, acting under the auspices of the Committee on Athletics, to take over rugby as

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an official intercollegiate sport at W&L would be, I feel, a violation of the spirit of the game. Norm Lord and keg parties just don't mix.

Nevertheless, the Rugby Club needs money. It wants team uniforms (the players have so far been buying their own) and it needs money for travel expenses. Its own fund-raising drives have not produced as much as is required, and the club has appealed to the EC for financial help. Joe Matthews, senior EC member, has stated that in this matter, the EC "has three potential avenues of action": to do nothing; to go through the Student Finance Committee and obtain a portion of the student activities fee; or grant a direct, year-to-year EC subsidy.

I feel the choice of either of the first two alternatives would be a mistake. The Rugby Club adds something to the University, and the EC cannot let it fold. Anyone who has attended games understands what I mean. On a campus where the word "amateur" in "amateur athletics" is taken seriously (as opposed to the professional athletics played at many other colleges) the Rugby Club is amateurism par excellence. The players go out and knock heads because they like it. They don't even have the recognition of being able to wear a W&L monogram. But don't be upset: they'd rather tap that keg.

The second proposal is, I think, also inappropriate. It would involve financing directly through the University, and it is hard to believe that there would be no strings attached. Also, money taken from the student activities fee for an activity in which only a small number of students directly participate seems to be a bit unfair to the student majority.

The third of Mr. Matthews' suggestions has a great deal more merit. An EC one-year grant would give the club both the funds it needs and the freedom it deserves. Perhaps some

### Generals vs. Eagles Saturday

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defense will use a lot of different alignments to counter the various sets of the W&L backfield.

In preparation for this week's game, there has been a notable absence of the usual pre-Openings tomfoolery at the Wilson Field practice area. The Generals are gunning to extend their record to 4-2 before entering the crucial season-closing conference games.

Last week's victory over the Tigers from Farmville left Washington and Lee perched atop the standings of the mythical Virginia Small-College Conference. A victory over Bridgewater's Eagles would give the Generals a perfect 3-0 slate with no Old Dominion small colleges left to play. With the state title (not to mention the redemption of the lately tarnished W&L football reputation) on the line Saturday, both the offense and defensive squads have prepared diligently. In addition, the J-V squad has been working for their first appearance as a unit against Augusta Military Academy.

### Letters To The Editor . . .

(Continued from page 2) ergo, I asked no questions in the meetings, but feel that I learned a great deal.

I think it is unfortunate that Mr. Feld wrote this column without looking into both sides, if he did not, and it is rather apparent to me that he did not. It strikes me as being in poor taste, if not poor journalism. It is the only act or statement approaching rancor that I perceived during those several thoroughly enjoyable and informative days in Lexington.

Sincerely,  
J. H. McMillan '42

(Columnist Feld answers, "The column was intended as just that, a column, and not a new analysis dealing with all 'sides' of the questions discussed. The purpose was to underline what the writer [and a number of others who attended the conference] felt was a major deficiency on the part of the alumni—a lack of interest in the academic and intellectual aspects of W&L in favor of 'such mundane topics as Fraternities and Conventional Dress.'")

"The alumni need not have asked 'redundant questions for rhetorical effect' or 'challenged' the faculty. However, there are areas of the academic program [which is after all the most important aspect of the university] in which W&L could stand improvement and with which the alumni would do well to be concerned.

"It is regrettable that the letter-writer found 'rancor' in the article and ignored its more positive aspects.")

sort of arrangement could be worked out by which the EC agreed to match whatever the Rugby Club is able to raise on its own, with the idea that the club would eventually be able to pay its own way and eliminate the grant.

The students of W&L should not allow the Rugby Club to run the risk of folding, if only because the club represents the essence of athletics at this University. When a bunch of boys go out on their own, work up a sweat, fight to win, and enjoy the companionship of their opponents over a beer after the game, isn't that what athletics is really all about?

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a little more than an hour to drive to Bridgewater (observing the speed limit). The tickets are only a buck apiece. We could enjoy a little home field advantage if enough of you drove up for the game. I hope to see many of you there. Last year's game was in doubt to the end. This one shapes up as another interesting encounter.

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