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Candidates for UC announced, relations with Lexington discussed at EC meeting

By JOE FITZGERALD
The Phi News Staff

Two juniors, two sophomores, and six freshmen announced their candidacy for next year's University Council at the Executive Committee meeting Monday night.

The rising seniors seeking seats on the council are Keith Crocker and Scott Stevenson. The class is allotted three seats on that body.

The rising juniors running for the U.C. are Woody Woodell and Ken Voelker. Sophomore candidates include George Griffin, Doug Jackson, John Wheatley, David Low, Steve Marzo, and Howard Rubel.

The elections will be held on Monday, May 5, with run-offs on the following Thursday if necessary.

The candidates will be limited to 25 posters. Upperclass candidates may not put posters in the dorms and Commons, while freshmen are restricted to these two locations. Candidates may spend only \$5 during the campaign preceding the general election and only \$2.50 between then and the run-off. Unlimited spending was proposed but voted down by the E.C.

Executive Committee President-elect Leland McCullough announced plans Monday night for a seminar the week of May 12 to discuss University-Community or "Town-Gown" relations.

Keynote speakers for the

event will be W&L President Huntley and Lexington Mayor Charles Phillips. The speeches will be followed by meetings of student leaders and school administrators with town officials, cultural leaders, merchants and W&L alumni from Lexington.

Possible topics for discussion include police activity and parking regulations, the city tax, student misconduct, check-cashing policies and problems, benefits of the university and the town for each other, the financial need of the school, ways to improve relations between the town and the school, and athletic events.

These problems will be discussed by three groups of students, administrators and local residents. Each group will number 15 people.

In other business, the E.C. members present at the meeting agreed to contribute ten dollars toward the publication of a lacrosse yearbook to supplement the programs now being handed out at the games.

The members donated the money out of their own pockets to avoid further depleting their beleaguered treasury.

In other business, next year's E.C. appointed Terry Atwood and Clark Thompson co-chairman of the Student Activities Board for next year.

The meeting began with a discussion of whether a student would be allowed to sit in on the interviews of prospective chairmen.

The new E.C. at first agreed

that it was E.C. policy to open interviews to the student body but to hold executive sessions when it came time for discussion of the applicants. Later Scott Franklin brought up the fact that personalities were likely to be discussed by the applicants and this should not be open to the student body.

The issue was resolved for the present when the student in question left the meeting. The E.C. is still not sure about the meaning of an amendment that says they can only hold executive sessions for discussions of matters of honor. According to Bob Pugh, the E.C. has "managed to get around" the amendment so far.

Also, at a meeting last week, the new E.C. appointed Bill Kerr head of the Voting Regulations

Board for next year and renamed David Braun chairman of the Recruitment Committee.

This reporter would like to apologize to the chairman and members of the Curriculum Committee for accidental maligning of certain persons as a result of a misunderstanding over Mr. Lyles' remarks during the April 21 Executive Committee meeting. The story stated that "Lyles reported that the 'shitty response' as he described it was due to members of his committee not doing their jobs as far as collecting he form" for the winter term curriculum survey. But according to Lyles, only about 100 of 1500 missing forms could be blamed on his committee, while the rest could be traced to "faculty confusion" or lack of cooperation by several faculty members.

Liberty Hall linen to be used in White House

"Porcelain Butterfly," one of three linen designs manufactured by Wamsutta Mills and derived from Washington and Lee University's Reeves Collection of Chinese Export porcelain, has been selected for ceremonial use at the White House.

The bright-blue-on-white pattern was used to make table linens for a luncheon to be given May 5 by Mrs. Gerald R. Ford in honor of the U.S. Senate wives.

The three porcelain-inspired designs—"Garden" and "Medallion" in addition to "Butterfly"—are marketed by Wamsutta as the "Liberty Hall Collection," taking the name of W&L's Revolutionary War-era predecessor institution. That name was adopted by trustees of the little valley school May 13, 1776, as an official endorsement of independence from England.

Washington and Lee receives a royalty for its educational budget from each item sold by Wamsutta in the Liberty Hall Collection.

Each of the designs was taken from pieces of late 18th-century porcelain, part of W&L's 2,000-piece Reeves Collection, bequeathed to the university in 1967 by Mr. and Mrs. Euchlin D. Reeves of Providence, R.I.

The butterfly pattern is adapted from a design on the edge of an octagonal platter made about 1785. The plate, similar to another in the Reeves Collection that was owned by George Washington, is of the Fitzhugh design, and butterflies were used to "turn" the corners.

Wamsutta designer Peter Neal used other details from the same

platter elsewhere in the Liberty Hall Collection. The porcelain Medallion pattern, as an example, combines a scallop on the platter with a floral design on a porcelain service believed to have been owned by Paul Revere and now a part of the Reeves Collection.

W&L calendar compared with schedules at other universities

By the Phi News Staff

Next year classes begin on September 10, and spring term exams end on May 31. On the proposed calendar for the coming years, examinations end as late as June 4 (in the proposed calendar year for 1978-79). As W&L men seem to spend longer and longer periods of time on vacation, thus lengthening the academic year, we thought it would be interesting to compare calendars with several other schools in the region.

At W&L next year, classes begin on September 10 for the twelve-week long Fall Term. With a five day break for Thanksgiving, the University closes for Christmas on December 12. Classes resume on January 5 for the second twelve-week stretch, and with a nine day break in February (known as Washington Holiday), exams are not finished until April 9.

After another nine day breath-



Brothers and friends of Pi Kappa Alpha conduct annual seminar in good grooming and manners at infamous Mud Slide.

—Photo by Doug Foster

The Syllabus

THURSDAY

Lacrosse—W&L vs. William and Mary, here, 3 p.m.
Lecture—Helen Lowenthal, "The East India Company and Its Influence on Western Taste," with special attention to the Reeves Collection of porcelain, duPont Auditorium, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Veterans Administration—Bill Burnham of the VA will be in Washington Hall lobby from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Baseball—W&L vs. Apprentice (doubleheader), here, 1 p.m.
Golf—W&L vs. Emory and Henry, and Madison, here, 1 p.m.
Track—W&L vs. Bridgewater, here, 3 p.m.
Film—"Casablanca," with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, duPont, 7 and 9 p.m., \$1.

SATURDAY

Lacrosse—W&L vs. Washington College, away.
JV Lacrosse—W&L vs. Norfolk Lacrosse Club, here, 3:30 p.m.
Film—"Casablanca," duPont, 7 and 9 p.m., \$1.

SUNDAY

Chapel Service—Coach Verne Canfield will speak, Lee Chapel, 11 a.m.

MONDAY

Golf—W&L vs. Gettysburg, here, 1 p.m.
Faculty Meeting—Pamly Hall 305, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Tennis—W&L vs. Randolph-Macon, in Ashland.

WEDNESDAY

Lacrosse—W&L vs. Roanoke College, in Roanoke.
Tennis—W&L vs. Emory and Henry, here, 2 p.m.



Washington and Lee put up a fine effort for their first polo match, a round-robin event played with Farmington Polo Club

and the polo team from the University of Virginia.

—Photo by G. Dulken

Alumni to hold reception

By The Phi News Staff

The Washington and Lee Alumni Association will hold its annual reception in honor of the graduating seniors from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Alumni House. All Academic and Law Seniors, as well as those who will graduate in the fall and winter of 1975 or in January 1976, are invited to attend.

Emphasis is made on the fact that all Academic and Law seniors who expect to graduate in the fall or winter of 1975 or in January 1976 are cordially invited.

Conventional dress is in order for the occasion.

Mr. Washburn, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, stated that the reception is given

by the Alumni Association to honor the seniors and to welcome them into the membership.

Also, all members of the class of 1975 are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, in Lee Chapel.

Several seniors, upset by the omission of the Senior Banquet for this year, normally held in conjunction with the reception, began circulating petitions to that effect. Tuesday morning in the Co-op, in about three hours, signatures of over 70 seniors were obtained, and will be forwarded to the Alumni Association. The petition recognizes the displeasure seniors feel at not being consulted on the decision to drop the banquet.

REVIEW and OUTLOOK

The proposed calendar

After seeing a copy of the tentative five-year calendar proposed for the University (see related article, page one), we are distressed. Next year spring term examinations end on May 31, the following year on May 30, then on May 29, and in 1979 on June 4.

With the increase of Washington Holiday to a full week's break in February, in addition to the normal Spring Break in April, the academic year has become so long that in coming years students will still be studying in the library during the first days of June.

Admittedly, it is nice to be able to take a week's vacation in the doldrums of the winter months, but when such an extension of recesses forces the encroachment of scheduled classes into the summer months, perhaps some reconsideration should be made.

Is a full week of vacation really necessary in the middle of the winter term? Students seem to manage without one in the first term. Should the break be continued at its planned length if it poses too much of a hardship on those students who are obligated by their finances to seek summer employment? The extension of the calendar beyond Memorial Day puts W&L students at a severe disadvantage in the summer job market, where they must compete with students from other schools who finish before the end of May.

We feel that the University Council and the faculty should review its proposed calendar carefully, and consider all the ramifications of requiring the students of W&L to remain on campus for such a long time in the late spring because of too much vacation in the early spring. Perhaps even a referendum of sorts could be organized, and all students could express their opinion in the matter by voting for or against the extended Washington Holiday.

—SCY

Students and concerts

We would like to thank the members of the W&L student body, their dates and friends, and anyone else who attended the Four Tops concert this past Friday night—they helped to make possible one of the more successful concerts in several years.

The Student Activities Board has been plagued by poor attendance at many of the concerts it has organized for the students in Lexington over the past few years. At the announcement of each, various groups of students with musical tastes not expressly served by the given concert could be heard complaining about the lack of concerts that would satisfy their own tastes.

And so attendance has lagged at nearly every scheduled concert. The SAB, in attempting to satisfy the majority of the students, has evidently been able to appeal only to musical minorities.

Friday night's concert appeared to show a change of heart on both sides. SAB scheduled three bands (if the first could be called a performing group), each of which had appeal to different musical tastes. And the student body supported the effort, attending in numbers sufficient enough to enable the SAB to break even.

The relative success of the concert might encourage the SAB to schedule more and better concerts next year. For only with the support of most of the students can the Board continue to attempt to bring performers of some quality to Washington and Lee.

—SCY

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W&L's fraternity system: where does it now stand?

By DAVID URANO

Fraternities are an age-old institution at W&L and like all institutions, they have had their ups and downs. Several uppers and downers have been swallowed in the past 10 years.

Ten years ago between 80 and 85 per cent of the undergraduates were members of fraternities. Way back then, frats were very important to a student's social life. David Braun, Rush Chairman for the Interfraternity Council, said that all frat parties were closed with the exception of Homecoming weekend and Springs weekend.

Fraternities adhered to stringent rules a decade ago. For example, girls, women if you prefer, were not allowed above the first floor—probably because there were beds on the second and third floors. As a result, many of the Greeks resorted to "make out rooms," according to Braun—those smart fraternity men figured out that a couch was as good as a bed.

The 15 or 20 per cent of the students on campus who were independents were not left off of the couch as it were. Two independent organizations were formed, the Gaines Society for the socially inclined and the Independent Union for the athletically inclined. The Independent Union leaned towards intramurals and contact sports while the Gaines Society sponsored parties and contact sports.

Alas, social fraternities became more liberal with open parties and an addition to the Student Union including the Cockpit, TV rooms and a pinball room put a

dampener on the Gaines Society's activities. Besides, independents were independents because they wanted to be independent and they didn't want organized functions; so, because of a lack of support, the Gaines Society fizzled out four or five years ago and hasn't been heard from since.

In early 1970, the market crashed. Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha were no more and the percentage of undergrads in frats fell as low as 55 per cent. Several houses ran into trouble, financially and membershipwise. In 1970, Sigma Phi Epsilon dropped from 50 members to three because the upperclassmen became perturbed at the underclassmen and, in classic W&L form, bagged it. In the fall term of 1973, Zeta Beta Tau was almost closed by the trustees because of financial difficulties.

These situations are looking up now, however. According to Dennis Oakley, SPE president, there are now 25 members in the SPE house. Ricky Lovegrove, a ZBT sophomore, said that his house has 32 members now and is breaking even financially.

Last year, five black students organized Alpha Phi Alpha, and nobody has heard from or about them since. They have not been attending IFC meetings and therefore are not recognized as a fraternity by the IFC, said Dean John. According to Braun, Alpha Phi Alpha is going to try to rush next year.

The 1974-75 academic year is proving to be a busy one in the fraternity world.

In the fall term, W&L lost a
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Kappa Alpha's last home, located behind the Post Office, and now a private residence. —Photo by Bill Robinson

Those old grey professors ain't what they used to be . . .

Profs: There's One Born Every Minute

Editor's note — the following article originally appeared in the November 17, 1967 issue of the Ring-tum Phi. Now, during Spring Term, when students have time to reflect on the glories of ages past, it should be amusing to catch a glimpse of some of the professors that Washington and Lee attracted more than a century ago.

By MIKE DUNN

"Because of Washington and Lee's emphasis upon undergraduate education," proclaims our catalogue on p. 35, "its faculty is essentially a body of highly qualified, highly-trained men whose first interest and first responsibility is teaching." Hm. Everyone's heard about the great teachers and administrators of W&L's past, it seems to us, but who ever hears anything about

the not-so-successful, the losers? Fortunately, their stories are preserved in the reference room of McCormick Library, in a volume entitled "Historical Papers," a collection of historical and memoirs published between 1890 and 1904. For example . . .

JAHAB GRAHAM, Instructor, c. 1805. When prankster students put the saddle on his horse backwards, "he mounted in all seriousness, with his face toward the tail of the horse, and for a time was at a loss to comprehend the peculiarity of the situation."

JOHN (JOCKEY) ROBINSON, Horse trader, whiskey manufacturer, Trustee of the College (1819-1826). Made his fortune biking numerous Revolutionary War veterans out of what they thought were useless pay certifi-

cates. On the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of Washington Hall in 1824, he unexpectedly arrived with a 40-gallon barrel of 15-year-old whiskey, which he broke open on the lawn for the delight and entertainment of the spectators, who reveled until two gentlemen, "rolling on the ground like swine," knocked over the barrel.

DR. GEORGE BAXTER, Although a remarkably successful and much-beloved president, had "an aversion to details of all sorts," a phrase today translated as "out to lunch."

"His normal conditions," states the *Historical Papers* was that of abstract thought, in which he was unobservant and oblivious of college regulations, bad recitations, and mischievous boys. He was just one of those grand, supramundane men who deserve to be released from the carking cares of earth . . . He is said to have lost a large landed estate simply by forgetting about it for long periods of time.

COL. J. T. L. PRESTON, Professor of Belles Lettres at W&L (1884-85) and VMI. Before the Civil War, always refused to own slaves. Was so impressed by *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, he immediately bought a number of slaves, just in time to lose them all in the war.

MR. HENRY VETHAKE, Became president, Feb. 1835. Of German origin, he typified the absent-minded professor. On an arithmetic exam he asked the question: "If 20 turkeys cost 50 cents apiece, what would be the cost of a hoghead of tobacco?" He was later attacked in his office by a disgruntled student, sent a friend to announce his resignation. Total term of office: 18 months.

DR. LOUIS MARSHALL, Brother of the famous Chief Justice, John Marshall, he was named president in November, 1830. Inaugurated extremely modern educational ideas by abolishing classes. Students were told to study individually or in groups, as they wished. Also took to playing marbles with his Latin pupils. Since students were allowed to wander in and out of class all day long, "his class room was furnished with a large arm chair and also a bed, which enabled him to assume a great variety of comfortable postures" while lecturing for hours on end. He became obsessed with the subject of biblical prophecy, eventually announced to his admiring students the imminent end of the world. Disappeared during summer vacation, 1834, without resignation or explanation. The college survived.

Ask Traveller

DEAR TRAVELLER—What do you do when you are about to flag your one and only Spring Term course because of too many road trips and other vitally important stuff, like drinking beer at Goshen and trying very hard to kill yourself at Twin Falls? (Signed) Real Slim

DEAR SLIM—The only possible solution of your problem is to practice the fine art of brown-nosing your professor. It's a bachelor and under 50 (in mind, not body) the best thing to do is offer to get him a date. Your grade in the course will then be dependent on how good-looking she (or he) is, and how far he got with her (or him). You can also try complimenting him on his new ratty looking sport jackets, and raising your hand a lot in class and hoping he doesn't call on you. (This also helps you keep awake in class.) Staying after class and explaining to him how you can't make out his handwriting on the blackboard always helps to show your serious approach to the subject.

One of the most dependable techniques to get on the good side of your professor (if he has one) is to invite him out to dinner. If you are a member of a fraternity this is the most convenient method for you. At the house, your now slightly ill at ease instructor can converse endlessly with you over delicious food about things of common interest, like why your housemother is so young, and why the "meat" tastes so funny. If he ever recovers, the best thing left to do is to venture a "good-morning" to him in church on Sundays. And if all else fails, the only option remaining is to bring out the heavy artillery; buy him an apple, and then you'll be real fat.

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Lacrosse Generals still hope to gain playoff slot

By BILL FLESHER

Whatever Washington and Lee's lacrosse Generals did to get Lady Luck back on their side, it happened just in the nick of time to avert an end to any post season hopes.

After losing three games by a one-goal margin, including a 13-12 sudden death setback at the hands of North Carolina on Wednesday, W&L turned the tables Saturday, as freshman midfielder Scott Baugher scored his only goal of the game with five seconds left to give the Generals a 15-14 win over Towson State, the nation's top-ranked college division team.

The win revived the Generals' hopes for a fourth straight trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Lacrosse Championship Tournament, hopes that would have been greatly dimmed by a loss to the Tigers.

It was a week full of thrills, spills, and chills, but most of all, it was a week in which two superb lacrosse games were played. One could write on them for several pages; we'll try to hold it down a bit.

The week in review: North Carolina's 5-7 record entering their game with W&L was unimpressive enough to hint an easy Generals' win until one

looked at which teams made up the seven.

The Tar Heels' losses had come at the hands of Maryland (13-9), Princeton (12-11), Navy (11-4), Towson State (12-7), UMBC (12-9), Virginia (10-6), and Washington College (12-9).

After seven close losses to teams of that caliber, it would seem that UNC was due for a big game, right?

So who would they happen to have their big game against?

It's not that the Generals didn't have their chances to win the game, which lasted four regulation, two overtime, and two-and-a-half sudden death periods — over 78 minutes in all.

But it was the Tar Heels who took advantage of that one break to score the winning goal. Freshman midfielder Paul Worstell picked up a loose ball at mid-field, carried the ball through two W&L defenders, and fired a bounce shot past goalie Malcolm Hastings for the game-winner at 10:06 of sudden death.

The game had been a nip-and-tuck affair throughout regulation play, with neither team holding more than a two-goal lead.

The score was deadlocked at the end of all four periods at 2-2, 5-5 at intermission, 9-9, and 11-11 after four quarters.

W&L's Ken Miller scored the

first goal in overtime off a Dave Warfield feed to put W&L up 12-11. The Generals held that lead throughout the overtime periods until North Carolina's Peter Miller tallied with 1:23 left to knot the score again.

Both teams had several opportunities for winning goals in the early minutes of sudden death, but NC goalie Chuck Weinstein and W&L's Hastings came up with key saves to keep the game going.

But then Worstell, held in check throughout the game, came up with the big play to hand W&L its second sudden death loss of the year.

All-American Bert Fett, stopped cold in even-up situations by W&L's Bob Lindsey, got three extra-men goals to lead the Tar Heels' scoring.

Miller, Charlie Brown, Chris Larson, and Don Carroll each had two goals for the Generals, while Dave Warfield added a goal and four assists.

It was obvious what the Towson State game meant to the Generals after the North Carolina loss. Another loss and the players could count on studying for exams rather than play in the NCAA tournament in late May. A win, however, would put them back in the race.

For the Tigers, the nation's number one college division team, the game provided a chance to further solidify their hold on the top spot, with a 15-12 win over Virginia earlier in the week under their belt.

And it was a grudge match with the only team to beat the Tigers (19-17 in overtime) in 1974.

Like the W&L-Towson games of 1973 (a 13-12 General win) and 1974, this one was another free-wheeling, high-scoring affair.

And, though it was midfielder Scott Baugher who got the game-winning goal, it was the Generals' attack trio which made the

difference.

Senior Dave Warfield and juniors Don Rob Morgan and Don Carroll combined for 13 goals and nine assists. Warfield, fully recovered from his early-season knee injury, had seven goals and four assists. Morgan went four and three, Carroll, two and two.

Meanwhile the Tigers' attack unit, the source of 18 points (goals and assists) a game, was stymied by another superb effort by W&L defenseman Lindsey, Tom Keigler, and John Strook.

Lindsey stopped high-scoring attackman Wayne Eisenhut at two goals, while the Tigers' Bob Griebel managed only two assists against Keigler.

After Towson State jumped out to a 3-1 first quarter lead, the Generals quickly got on track with five of the next six goals to go ahead 6-4. But the Tigers, who may be the most explosive team in college lacrosse today, duplicated the feat in the final four minutes of the half to gain move ahead 9-7.

The third quarter belonged to W&L. Warfield scored goals three, four, and five to go with Carroll's second to boost the Generals to an 11-10 third quarter lead.

But the Tigers again exploded, this time for four of the next five goals to regain the lead at 14-12 with 8:32 left.

Warfield then scored twice, once on a feed from defenseman

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Sports Shorts

Now boasting a 10-1 season record, Washington and Lee's golf team will close out the season this week with home matches against three opponents.

Coach Buck Leslie's Generals will entertain Emory & Henry and Madison Friday, beginning at 1:00 p.m., and be host to Gettysburg next Monday (May 5) at 1:00 p.m., both at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

The Generals have been idle since finishing third in the Virginia College Athletic Association meet on April 21.

Freshman Ray Scott recorded four first-place finishes to lead Washington and Lee University to a 103-41 track victory over Roanoke College last week, upping the Generals' season record to 3-4.

Scott posted his best times of the year in winning the 100-yard dash in 9.9 and 220 in :22.6. He also ran legs on the winning 440- and mile-relay teams.

John Tucker of Lexington ran on both winning relay teams and won the 440-yard dash with a :51.5 clocking.

Over the weekend, W&L shot-putter Steve Schweizerhof broke the Virginia College Athletic Association record by almost three feet, winning the event with a toss of 46-3 feet. W&L tied for fifth place in the VCAA meet.

Coach Norris Aldridge's track team will be host to Bridgewater Friday in a meet beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Wilson Field.

Washington and Lee's baseball game with VMI was rained out Tuesday and has been rescheduled for Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at Smith Field. The Generals' record slipped to 2-17 after a 4-2 setback at Madison last week.

After VMI, W&L's next appearance will be a double-header Friday against Newport News Apprentice, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Smith Field.



Don Caffery lets fly another backhand shot in the VCAA Tournament last Saturday.

—Photo by G. Pouch

Netters place second in tourney

Phi Sport Staff

Washington and Lee senior John Embree scored a 6-4, 6-4 upset win over defending Virginia College Athletic Association (VCAA) champion Rogers deSantis Guides of Hampton Institute in the number one singles to lead the Generals to a second

place finish in the VCAA tennis tournament over the weekend.

Embree, who lost in the finals to Guides last year, rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the second set, breaking his opponent's final two services.

Hampton Institute successfully defended its team title by winning the other eight individual crowns. Seven of the Pirates' wins in the finals came over W&L

players.

General coach Dennis Bussard was voted VCAA Coach of the Year by his colleagues.

Embree was named the tournament's outstanding performer.

Team scores: Hampton Institute, 77; W&L, 46; Emory and Henry, 17; Hampden-Sydney, 14; George Mason, Eastern Mennonite, Lynchburg, and Bridgewater, all 4; Madison 2.

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He must be singing "Reach out—I'll be there," as the audience responds to the showmanship and musical flair of one of the Four Tops. The crowd of over 800 in New Doremus Gym

last Friday night was so enthusiastic that those persons directly in front of the stage received many bruises from being shoved into the platform. —Photo by Sally Mann

The rise and fall of fraternities

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 fraternity. Everyone paid their respects when Psi Upsilon, the house with the rock, folded. Doug Dewing, the last president of Psi U, said that in the course of two weeks, all but one or two junior and senior members deactivated because of internal conflicts and financial difficulties. Officials from the Psi Upsilon National Fraternity and the President of the Alumni Association of Psi U in Virginia, which is the legal entity which holds title to the house, talked to some exPsi U's Friday to determine if there is any chance left to reorganize. On the resurrection front, Hale Delevan and David Franklin have been trying to reorganize Kappa Alpha, one of the fra-

ternities that bowed out in the spring of 1970. Braun said that the KA National has granted the 11 member organization a provisional charter and KA will become a regular chapter when they scrounge up four additional members. Dean John said that the KA members are arranging with Psi U officials to lease the defunct Psi U's house for next year.

Some other houses are becoming increasingly disenchanted with their National Fraternities because they feel that they are not getting enough benefits from them. For all the money they shovel in, to make the affiliation worth anybody's while. (Except, of course, the National Frats who hoard all the money.) A committee has been formed to investigate the idea of W&L's fraternities dropping Nationals. Including Alpha Phi Alpha and Psi U and not counting KA, there are 16 fraternities currently

on campus. Dean John believes that there is a resurgence in fraternities because frats have fewer regulations governing them than in recent memory. This year, about 68 per cent of the freshmen pledged various houses and of the undergrads, about 60 per cent are members. Dean John thinks that fraternity membership will plateau at 60-65 per cent of the student body. He believes that this is an improvement of 10 years ago because freshmen will have a chance to see and decide for themselves which is better: fraternity life or independent life.

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Grade inflation: is it at a standstill?

By STEVE YEVICH
 Phi Feature Editor

Preliminary results indicate that the much-proclaimed phenomenon of "grade inflation" has slowed even more on the W&L campus than the figures for fall term indicate.

The Ring-tum Phi staff has compiled its own departmental grade point ratios (GPR) for thirty-five departments and disciplines. By these compilations, twenty departments showed gains in their GPR, fourteen registered declines, and one remained stable.

Departments which showed significant increases in GPR from the winter term of 1974 to that of 1975 were Chinese and Russian. The GPR for Chinese rose by .667 to 3.333. The Russian department average rose .510 to 3.125. (These figures were computed only from grades of A, B, C, D, E, and F. Incompletes and passing grades were not counted.) These two disciplines have two of the highest GPR's on campus.

Those departments registering significant declines in GPR include Spanish, dropping .483 to 2.731, Greek, down .667 to 2.923, and courses in computer science, which declined .458 to 2.37. Computer science, by these unofficial figures, has one of the lowest GPR's in the university, with only the English department lower on the scale.

Other departments which experienced increases in their GPR were: Military science, up .273 to 3.596, the highest rating on campus; German, up .268; public speaking, up .130; mathematics, up .147; administration, up .173; psychology, up .160; philosophy, up .125; accounting, up .131; and religion, up .121.

Disciplines which registered only modest gains of less than .100 include drama, music, comparative literature, art, engineering, physics, geology, anthropology, and economics.

Departments experiencing minor declines for the winter term include Latin, biology, his-

tory, journalism, sociology and politics. French, classics, chemistry, Italian, and English posted moderate declines of between .100 and .400.

The one discipline to have a stable GPR is Interdepartmental, constant at a perfect 3.0.

The ten departments or disciplines with the highest apparent GPR's are, in descending order, military science, drama, Chinese, public speaking, Russian, music, German, comparative literature, Interdepartmental, and Latin. Those departments with the lowest grades include, from the bottom, English, computer science, politics, sociology, economics, Italian, anthropology, geology, accounting and philosophy.

Although no exact figure is yet available for the University as a whole, it would appear that grade inflation has about halted, for the declines and increases are fairly balanced. What is notable is that those departments on the lower end of the scale seem to have gone lower, while those ranked in the upper register appear to have gone up in general.

These preliminary results follow those results tabulated for the fall term in their general trend. Grade inflation, if there ever really was such a thing at W&L, has slowed to an almost imperceptible rate. As was found with the first term grades, however, the wide range of GPR's registered by various departments is startling.

NOTICE

On May 8th at 7 p.m. the Executive Committee will discuss the \$5-proposal, a suggestion that every student be allowed to designate five dollars of his student tax to the group or activity of his choosing. All students are invited and encouraged to attend. Also, persons who wish to be on the Student Activities Board next year must have applications in the E.C. room by 7 p.m. Monday.

Sports news

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Strock, to even things up at 14-all with 4:30 to play.

Things stayed the same until Keigler was penalized for playing without a stick with 1:26 left (the stick broke in half as Keigler guarded Griebe).

Goalie Charlie Brown, who had been in the cage all game as Hastings rested a bad ankle, stopped Griebe's hard shot with 1:07 left. However, as Brown cleared the ball, W&L was caught offside, thus giving the ball back to the Tigers.

Still a man up, Towson set up another play, but lost the ball. Defenseman Dave Eubank came up with possession, and Generals' coach Jack Emmer called time-out to set up a final play.

Originally the play was designed to let Carroll isolate on a defenseman from behind the goal. Instead, Carroll tried to pass off to an open man in front of the cage, but the pass missed and the ball was mid-field-bound.

After one Towson player missed the ball Baugher picked it up, dodged one defender near the midfield stripe, avoided another Tiger just inside the attack box, spun around a third Towson man, then let loose with a bounce shot that just stayed under the crossbar.

As soon as the ball hit the net the W&L bench exploded, and for a playoff berth were very, once again the Generals' hopes very real.

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