

Herman & Herd: a sound of today

by JAY TAYLOR

His band plays tunes by John Fogerty, Carole King, Frank Zappa and Stanley Clarke. He cut an album featuring blockbuster guitarist Mike Bloomfield, who has been associated with many major rock artists including Dylan and Stephen Stills. His band is young and he is playing at Fancy Dress.

Who is this guy?
John Mayall? Eric Clapton? Elvis? Al Black?

It's Woody Herman. And you probably thought he still plays "Laura," with its dripping sentimentality and suave saxophones. Not Woody. Not the Thundering Herd.

If Herman sounds anything like his records, and anything like what the critics say about him, the music is going to make disco sound mighty thin. Herman and the Thundering Herd have incorporated rock rhythms with the musical idiom he grew up with, the same music that most of rock and roll emulates, the black blues.

Now this is beginning to sound like a press release for the SAB. But I was highly skeptical at the first announcement of the Herman show. "Another one of those," I thought. "Everybody trying to act like Mom and Dad with this dated crap."

But after listening to a few Herman cuts, I realized what the man is trying to do. He has assembled fine young musicians and has given them "coaching" as he puts it. In turn, they have contributed rock culture and its liveliness. Herman is too creative to stagnate in any one sound.

This is the forty-first year that Herman has been involved with big bands. He started in 1936 with the disbanded members of the Isham Jones orchestra. While the

jazz scene was overflowing with Benny Goodman-ish swing, Herman's band played the blues, and called itself "The Band That Plays the Blues." The band dissolved during the war, and the Herman Herds lineage began.

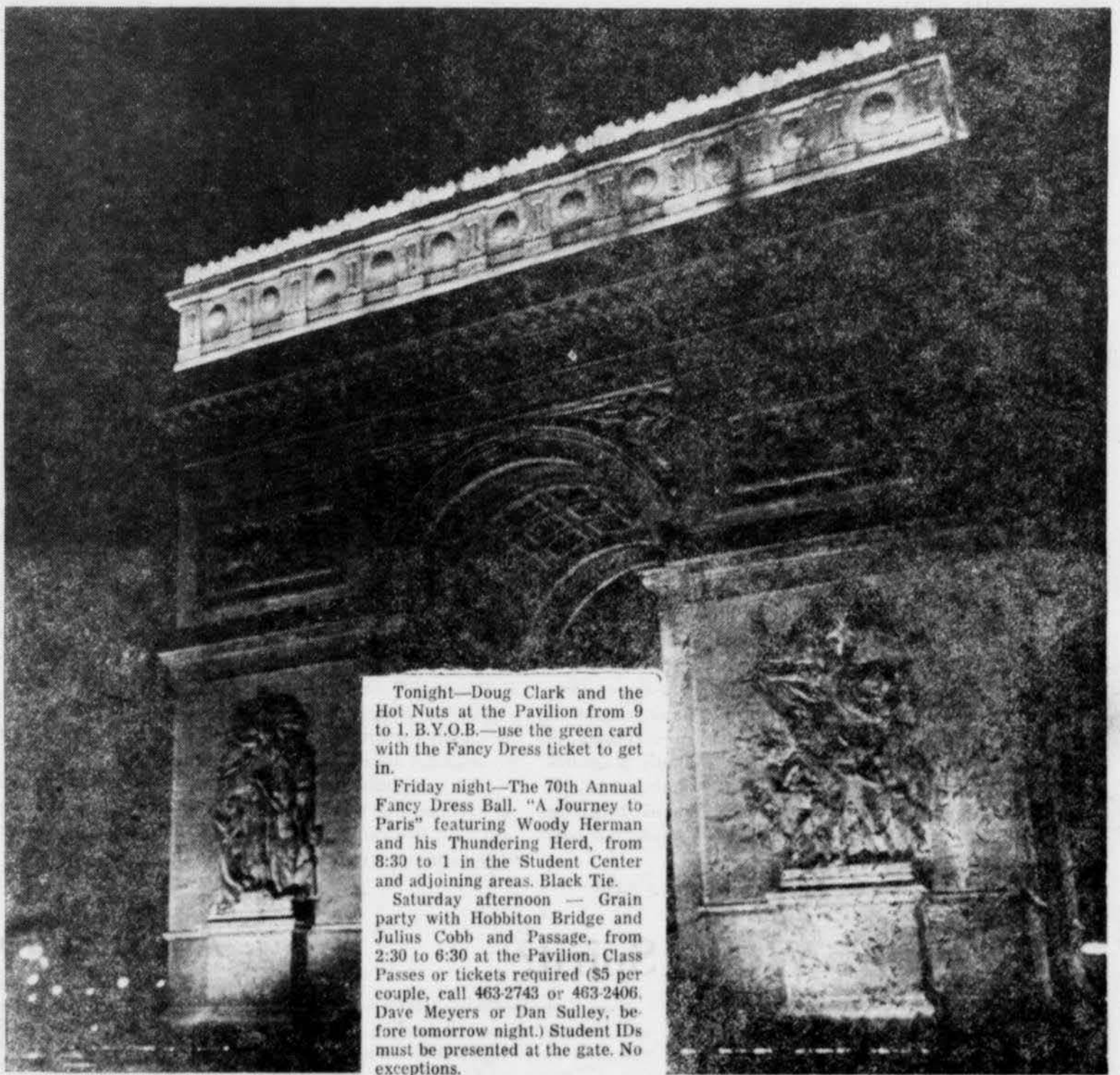
The First Herd had its biggest hit with "Caledonia." Igor Stravinsky wrote "Ebony Concerto" for the Herd. "The First Herd was perhaps the most vital white jazz band ever," according to the **Jazz Book** by Joachim Berendt.

Dave Tough drummed in that First Herd, and is considered to be on par with Gene Krupa. "He helped pave the way for modern drumming" according to the **Jazz Book**.

When many people are trumpeting the return of the big band sound, Woody Herman has always been here. He disdains the nostalgia craze though, in the music of the forties. "I can hardly bear the whole scene. It's a great sadness to see some of these people who've been in retirement for years, and they pump them up for a minute and bring them back to life for a minute."

A press release describes Herman's experience with the blues. "Ironically, young people today seem to think they discovered the Black man's blues when actually over thirty years ago Woody and Jack Teagarden were the only two whites accepted as true blues singers along with such black artists as Big Bill Bronzy, Jimmy Fushing, T-Bone Walker and Leadbelly."

A SPE from Marquette University, Woody has said "I've always had a 'sound' but never a style. My approach to the music I am involved in always has been let it be tasteful, let it be exciting, and always let it swing."



Tonight—Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts at the Pavilion from 9 to 1. B.Y.O.B.—use the green card with the Fancy Dress ticket to get in.

Friday night—The 70th Annual Fancy Dress Ball. "A Journey to Paris" featuring Woody Herman and his Thundering Herd, from 8:30 to 1 in the Student Center and adjoining areas. Black Tie.

Saturday afternoon — Grain party with Hobbiton Bridge and Julius Cobb and Passage, from 2:30 to 6:30 at the Pavilion. Class Passes or tickets required (\$5 per couple, call 463-2743 or 463-2406. Dave Meyers or Dan Sulley, before tomorrow night.) Student IDs must be presented at the gate. No exceptions.

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SAB: Six turndowns for Springs

by LEE HOWARD

The Student Activities Board is "having difficulty getting anything" for Springs Weekend; Bozz Scaggs, Bruce Springsteen and Jimmy Buffet have all declined invitations, said Mike Armstrong at Monday's Executive Committee meeting.

Armstrong, co-chairman of the SAB, said many groups are in recording studios in April to put out their summer albums, and six

groups have rejected offers for that reason, not because of the inability of the SAB to come up with enough money.

He said money is still an important factor. Bozz Scaggs must receive at least \$15,000 and have a building with a seating capacity of 6,000 before he even thinks about performing, according to Armstrong. He added that the SAB is not able to spend that much money, and the new gym only has

a 3,500 seating capacity.

Armstrong also said he was not ruling out the possibility of having a soul group perform at Springs Weekend. "We had three rock groups for Winter Weekend. We are trying to satisfy a broad spectrum of the student body."

Armstrong promised the financial report from Winter Weekend would be itemized "in a couple of weeks", and estimated the total cost of the weekend at about \$12,000 with roughly \$6,000 taken in.

The net loss of about \$6,000 was about \$1,000 more than budgeted, but that will be made up for by the \$1,000 the SAB has made on films this year, he said.

The last order of business in the 2½ hour EC meeting was revision of the White Book, the book of honor trial procedures.

The key changes in the White Book that the EC voted to make are as follows:

—Students will from now on be given at least 24 hours notice before an honor trial can be held. Before, the EC could call an honor

trial with as little as three hours warning. Students may request to have the honor trial sooner if they wish.

—The accused must be given an explanation of his rights and of the charges against him both orally and in writing at the time he is told of his honor trial.

—The accused must sign a statement at the time of his notification saying he understands the charges and his rights. He must sign a similar statement just prior to his hearing.

—It is the accused's responsibility to summon witnesses "bearing pertinent information." This was put in to avoid stalling tactics by the accused.

—A student hearing is closed to advisors except students and faculty of Washington and Lee. This was designed to keep out professional advisors for either the E.C. or the accused.

—E.C. advocates, members of the EC who serve as prosecutors, can no longer vote in administrative matters concerning public honor trials.

Mermen defeat ODU; 2 qualify for Nationals

by BOB LYFORD

Although the Washington and Lee aquamen completed their dual meet season by humiliating Old Dominion University 73-47, for many of the swimmers the season has just begun, at least so far as the payoff is concerned.

Commenting on the State meet to be held this coming Fancy Dress Weekend in Richmond, Coach Stearns said, "the State meet should be tougher than the National meet." W&L will face Division I and Division II teams in the State meet, while facing only

Division III teams in the Nationals.

Highlights of Saturday's meet against ODU include co-captain John Hudson qualifying for the Nationals in the 200yd. freestyle event, and Chip Hoke qualifying for the Nationals in the 500yd. freestyle event. Bob Newcomb just missed qualifying for the Nationals in the 50yd. free, and Keith Romich also registered his first and finest time in the same event.

Other personal bests were re-
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Huntley makes report; ODK taps 15

by BOB RATHBUN

A State of the University Address by President R.E.R. Huntley and the tapping of 15 students into the honorary leadership fraternity Omicron Delta Kappa highlighted the annual Founders Day ceremony held Monday in Evans Hall.

Huntley announced that the university has raised nearly \$37.5 million in the first half of its development program for the 1970's. The original estimate announced at a similar convocation five years ago was \$36 million.

Breaking down this total shows nearly \$5.8 million donated to the university in annual funds for day-to-day operating costs, \$10 million contributed to the permanent endowment and \$21.6 million contributed toward construction projects and general campus renovation.

But Huntley said the money

raised thus far will not go as far as had originally been hoped.

Inflation has been a major problem for the university, driving up construction costs, and making original cost estimates "virtually obsolete". This is particularly evident with regard to construction of the undergraduate library which was begun last summer.

Along with this, he said, the \$10 million raised for endowment came up short of its 1972 estimate by \$4 million dollars. This was partially because some undesignated gifts, originally slated for endowment, had to be transferred in order to cover construction costs.

Therefore a \$1 million gap still remains between contributions for capital construction and the cost of projects already completed or just begun. That discrepancy must be corrected in the immediate future, Huntley said.

Looking toward the second half

of the development program, Huntley said the board of trustees had decided at its most recent meeting to make a new evaluation of the academic and physical requirements of the university and determine the financial goals that will be necessary to achieve them.

Following the President's speech the Alpha Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa added five alumni, three law students and 12 undergraduates to its list of members. O.D.K., which was founded at Washington and Lee more than 60 years ago, requires that its members possess certain academic and leadership qualifications. They traditionally make the announcement of their annual selections at the Founders Day Convocation.

The 15 students inducted into the Alpha Chapter of ODK are William John Braaksma, John L. Bruch III, William E. Craver III, Thomas H. Hunter III, Thomas N.

Keigler, Walter D. Kelley Jr., Paul J. Larkin, David J. McLean, Jeffrey William Morris, James Edwin Nicholson, Jesse C. O'Neal, W. Kirkland Ruffin, John Daniel Scott III, Jeffrey L. Slatoff, and James W. Underhill.

Notices

The next regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council will be Tuesday, March 1, at 6:45 p.m. Rooms 112-13 of the University Center. Nominations for the offices of president and vice-president of the IFC will be taken at this time. If you wish to be a candidate for either position, please be in attendance.

The Weightlifting Club will sponsor a power meet with VMI Friday, March 4. Entries are open to the public. Anyone interested should contact Ed Wick, 463-7808.



Fancy Dress festivities began early as Ole George announced he had his invitation and his tux. However he had no comment on what Mariha was going to wear to the grand event, set in the stomping grounds of his old friend Ben Franklin.

Photo by Dewing

Fire evicts two from dwelling

A fire raged at the Mountainview Apartments near Lexington early Sunday morning, forcing two Washington and Lee students to move out and incurring more than \$5000 worth of damage.

Rob Daniels and Bob Campbell were returning from a party at Phi Kappa Psi at 2 a.m. Sunday morning when they smelled smoke in the apartments. Thinking it was Daniels' heater, they went to bed. Fifteen minutes later they were awakened by Lexington resident James Agnor—who lives in an ad-

joining apartment—with the news that the apartment below them was on fire.

Campbell called the fire department while Daniels and Agnor filled buckets to fight the fire. However, the fire grew and all three men were forced to flee the building. The Lexington Fire Department arrived and put out the fire.

What appears to have happened was that a mattress had caught on fire in the apartment below Dan-
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Good-bye old friend

Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

The University has taken a step. Whether forward or backward, we're not quite sure.

Acting in the name of efficiency, economy, and progress, the University has decided to reduce sharply the amount of space and equipment allotted to the Journalism Laboratory Press, otherwise known as the Print Shop. The immediate and short-term effect of this action will be a significant reduction in the capacity of the Print Shop for service to the University. The long-term effects are difficult to predict.

"The University" in this case is represented by President R.E.R. Huntley, his assistant Frank Parsons, Treasurer James Whitehead, Publications Director Romulus Weatherman, Dean of the College William Watt, News Information Director Bob Keefe, and Journalism Department Head Ron MacDonald, with an assist from Scheid Associates, a Pittsburgh-based consulting firm which specializes in academic print operations management.

Based partially on the Scheid study and partially on their own observations and ideas, this University committee's decisions include: consolidation of Copy Center and Print Shop operations into a "Printing Center" occupying two-thirds or less of the space now occupied by the Print Shop alone; elimination of the Shop's most advanced press; elimination of all hot-type equipment (currently used for almost everything, including the Ring-tum Phi, Shenandoah, Alumni Magazine, and many others); "vendoring" of major printing jobs (including the Ring-tum Phi, Shenandoah, Alumni Magazine, and many others) to commercial printers outside the community.

The University takes the position that these changes will

have only a minor impact on the University community, while admitting that people will be forced to adjust themselves to some new ways of doing things. This may prove to be quite an understatement. Without going into technical detail: the outmoded hot-type equipment is being slowly replaced with modern offset equipment. Unfortunately, there is not yet enough offset equipment to handle all the work now done with hot-type; a gap in the Shop's services is the inevitable result, at least until the new set-up is more complete.

The victims of this reduction in services will be numerous; administrators, faculty, and students will all have to reckon with the changes effected by the University decision. The volume of work done by the Print Shop and Copy Center is enormous; few people realize the extent to which this University is dependent upon the countless reams of high-quality printed material produced by these services. We never know how much we have until we lose it.

The effects of this move will be felt most directly by the Print Shop and Copy Center staffs, who were not consulted about these decisions until after they were made. The printers at the Shop are professional craftsmen who take great pride in the quality of their award-winning work. While the University has promised that no jobs will be eliminated, they wonder about the future of a Shop with but little work requiring professional attention.

Not many universities operate full high-quality print shops on campus. But then, not many are as special as Washington and Lee. We can only note in sorrow the passing of one of W&L's unique traditions.

—RDL

W&L Spirit?

Scenario: It's Friday night of Fancy Dress weekend in Doremus Gymnasium. The event is the ODAC tournament which determines what teams will go on to compete in the NCAA regional playoffs. The host of the tournament, conference leading Washington and Lee, is on the floor against Bridgewater in the opening game. The stands on the opponents' side are packed. There are 43 people on W&L's side.

The picture painted above could become a reality unless our students do something about it. How many of you have plans to attend the game Friday night? Too busy, huh? That's right, I forgot. Got to start drinking at 5:05 p.m. right after classes. No time to take a breather and cheer on our team on their way to the conference championship. Fancy Dress is tonight. The game can be played without me there, right?

Sure it can. The other 16 home games have been. I guess around 9 p.m. most of W&L will be asking, "I wonder who won the game tonight?" More than likely, the response will be "Oh, I forgot there was a game."

What is wrong with us, people? Our basketball team is ranked 4th in the nation, and nobody gives a damn. That means, of all the hundreds of schools in Division III only three are better than we are! Attendance at home games wouldn't show it though. You'd think we were in the bottom 10 instead of the top 10.

It's not a fluke either. This team is the best ever in W&L history. It holds the longest winning streak in the school's history. As of Saturday, the 1976-77 team has won more games in one season than any other team. They have the best record in Division III and are close to leading the Division in scoring margin, free throw percentage, and scoring average.

The Generals' brand of basketball is exciting. Good ball control, excellent field goal percentage, good defense and offense. The team has its ball wizard (Mike Wenke), and fiery shooter (Pat Dennis). Any other student body would be busting their buttons with pride at having a team like this. Too bad they play at W&L.

Yes, here at W&L, we don't have time for athletics—too many conflicts. We can't go to the games during the week because we are too busy studying so we can party on the weekend. We can't go to the games on the weekend because we are too busy partying. Another important excuse for not going to games—W&L always loses. "If ever W&L started winning," we tell ourselves, "the crowds would pick up." Who are we trying to fool?

Look at swimming. Year after year, W&L has All-American swimmers who go to compete in the Nationals. Time after time we beat first class Division I teams. It seems as though we have a first class swimming program. How many of you have been to a swimming meet?

How about football? After a lousy half season, the team started beating people they shouldn't have. It looked as though we might have our first non-losing season in a decade. "Ho-hum," was the reaction. The only game that drew was the Homecoming game, and that was because it was something to do before the grain party.

Where else, but at W&L, could the home team be first-and-goal in their opponent's territory and the fans act as though they were about to punt?

Where else, but at W&L, could the Homecoming dance be held on a Friday night so the football players couldn't attend? Homecoming is a celebration for the special occasion when a group of people return to the place they regard as home. So, I ask you, isn't it a bit odd to have a party when the guest of honor can't be there? SAB co-chairman, John Berley, remarked, "No one cares about football. We'd still have a 'homecoming' even if we didn't have a football team. It would just be called something else." We seem to have misplaced our motives somewhere over the years, don't you think?

Maybe legitimate excuses exist for poor attendance in the above mentioned sports. Swimming and similar sports are not what you would call "big" sports. The football team hasn't been what it used to be, that's for sure. But, what is the excuse for basketball? None exists. The b-ball Generals have had 11 straight winning teams and still can't draw the crowds. Don't tell me the students here aren't basketball fans. They must like basketball enough to pay to see VMI play some of the same teams W&L does.

The problem is, W&L doesn't mean the same thing to us that it meant to the men before us. It seems as though we are enduring this college experience, rather than enjoying it. This is evidenced by the calibre of partying carried on here. There is no unity here at W&L. There are too many opposing factions; independent vs. frats; frats vs. frats; rock vs. soul; athletics vs. scholastics. The sad thing is, no one cares about anyone else. Everyone for himself. In the system that now exists, there are too many takers, and not enough givers. Whatever happened to the close-knit small college atmosphere?

After you graduate, what would you rather remember about your college experience—how many times you got drunk, or the excitement of coming together as a student body and cheering your 4th-ranked basketball team on to the national championship? You can get drunk anytime, but how many chances will you get to be caught up in the crowd enthusiasm and maybe see W&L go all the way? The Generals have never done it before, and they may never get the chance to do it again. This is the first time in their 71-year history they have been nationally ranked, and 4th at that! It's too bad they haven't had our support along the way,—up to now.

Darrell plans changes for Cockpit-game room

by BILL THOMSON

Gerald Darrell, manager of Evans Dining Hall, was named head manager of the Cockpit following the Feb. 11 death of Marshall Sumner, who managed the Cockpit for the last year and a half. Darrell's additional duties are part of a Washington Hall-directed move to consolidate the food services in the Early-Fielding University Center.

"I'm working closely with the University Center Committee in order to find out what the students want to do with the Cockpit," Darrell said. The University Center Committee, with the help of student suggestions, will concentrate on improving the efficiency and flexibility of the Cockpit and game room facilities. The committee will hold an open meeting in the Cockpit on Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. Darrell and Mike Caputo, W&L placement director, are the committee's administration members; the student members are Doug Jackson, Charles Hulfish, Bob Chiavellio and Bill Thomson.

"We have to find out things," said Darrell. "The Cockpit has been more like a 'nice Co-op' than a student rathskeller." He said that the Cockpit should have either a 'club atmosphere' or a 'snack bar atmosphere'—depending on what the students prefer.

The University Center Committee will consider measures to deal with several problems associated with the Cockpit and the adjoining game room: difficulty filling large numbers of diverse orders and the corresponding slow service during busy periods; controlling people who carry their own alcoholic beverages into the student center; making sure that customers pay for their meals; keeping local teenagers out of the student center; and allowing student talent to perform in the Cockpit more frequently.

Possible measures under consideration by the committee are:

1. Thinning down the menu "to five or six popular sandwiches" by eliminating items that are slow sellers (baked potato, etc.) so that orders will be less complicated and service will be more efficient. Customer tickets will be collected for a week or two in order to determine the most popular items on the Cockpit menu.

2. Hiring students in the work-study program to "patrol" the student center and game room in order to cut down on the amount of illegal alcohol carried into the building and the number of troublesome teenagers in the building (recent incidents: pool table flipped upside down, skateboarding in the halls, Cockpit employee hit with pool cue). Darrell said the alcohol problem was "serious" and that the law has been "flagrantly violated." When the game room first opened, students were hired to keep trouble from starting around the pinball machines.

3. Giving students who would like to perform in the Cockpit the opportunity to arrange performance times and receive SAB sound equipment. Darrell is "definitely in favor of student entertainment—there's a lot of talent that hasn't been touched."

4. Requiring payment when a meal order is taken so that customers do not walk away without paying for their food. This procedure has already been adopted at night (Cockpit employees often find crumpled order tickets when they are cleaning tables).

It is the nicest facility in Lexington," Darrell said. "We want to make better use of the facilities."

For those who are concerned about possible changes in Ye Olde Cockpit, Darrell has encouraging words. "We are not going to turn the Cockpit into a McDonald's," he said. "We want to do a professional job, and to do this we have to use the available systems to best suit the needs of the students."

Applications for editor and business manager of all student publications are due soon. Contact Bill Thomson for details. Open to all students.

Ambassador opens exhibit

A bequest of reproductions of selected works from the National Museum of History of the Republic of China, Taipei, Taiwan, and of paintings from the Art Society of China, to W&L's permanent art collection will be on exhibit for the first time in duPont Gallery from March 1 through 25.

On display will be reproductions of Chinese bronzes, porcelains, ceramics, and prints of traditional brush paintings by ancient masters. Contemporary oil paintings, watercolors, graphics, and brush paintings, donated to W&L by members of the Art Society of China will also be exhibited at this time. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; there is no admission charge.

His Excellency Dr. James C. H. Shen, Ambassador of the Republic of China, and Mrs. Shen will be here March 1 at 8 p.m. to open the exhibit to the general public, and to officially present the set of reproductions from the National Museum to W&L. After the presentation, Dr. Shen will give a brief talk in duPont auditorium. A reception will immediately follow.

The bequest of the reproductions is the result of a campaign initiated last Spring to secure them for W&L's permanent collection by I-Hsiung Ju, Artist-in-Residence, and coordinator of the East Asian Study Abroad Program: Art in Taiwan. While in Taiwan last Spring, Professor Ju and his W&L students participated in several activities sponsored by the National Museum, a center for the learning of Chinese culture and art. A close relationship developed between members of the W&L community and members of the Museum staff, who, under the direction of Hao-tien Ho, produce replicas of their permanent collection.

Professor Ju emphasized to Mr. Ho W&L's need for such replicas, which are produced not for profit but for research and exchange purposes, for its newly established East Asian Studies Program. As Professor Ju explained to Mr. Ho,

this collection could prove universally beneficial to W&L: "As a teacher of Oriental art and art history, of course, I need them for my classes. And I believe that other professors in language, history, religion, and philosophy of our East Asian Program will also find this collection very useful."

Professor Ju and Mr. Ho appealed for financial aid to the Minister of Education of Taipei, who granted 170,000 New Taiwanese Dollars (4,250 U.S. dollars) for materials, plus labor, shipping expenses, and insurance, so that the Museum staff could produce a set of replicas as a gift to W&L.

Taking the National Museum's action as an example, members of the Art Society of China voluntarily contributed many of their own works to form another part of W&L's permanent collection.

Professor Ju commented for members of the Art Society, for members of the Museum staff, and for himself as well that "This occasion is the prelude of a greater understanding of Chinese culture; in the future, there will be more valuable cultural activities to come to our area, promoting East Asian Studies, which are the stepping stones toward closer friendship between the Chinese and American peoples."

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Now we have a golden opportunity to change things. Now is the time for Washington and Lee's men to "fall in line" behind our basketball team. The team needs the "home court advantage" now more than ever. Fans can make the difference. They can push a team over a goal line. They can yell the ball through the hoop (as evidence—the Randolph-Macon game). With a regional berth at stake, with a national ranking on the line, with everyone out to knock them down, they need their friends at their side.

It amazes me how the SAB, which is supposed to coordinate student activities, continues to schedule events which conflict with other planned events, and force students to make a choice. Even so, no one expects you to miss Fancy Dress. In fact, the Athletic Department has moved the W&L game up to 7

p.m. Friday so students can attend both events. The decision is now yours. You can arrange it, if you want to see the ole W&L spirit rediscovered.

Are we going to forsake our friends in their time of need; or are we going to be the kind of men the school brochures say we are and exhibit the kind of enthusiasm and school spirit we are supposed to possess? Let's give it a go, and pull the W&L spirit out of the closet of the past and make it a fixture of the present. Wouldn't it be a great way to begin the evening, in a packed gym, cheering our team on to victory? Wouldn't Fancy Dress be a more festive party, if it were a victory celebration? Isn't this what W&L is supposed to be?

Men, I'll see you at the game.

—J.M.G.

The Triumphs and the Challenge

by JERRY HARRIS

The Triumphs

After wins over Bridgewater and UNC-Greensboro, the W&L basketball Generals have something every collegiate athlete dreams of—being able to say his team is the best in school history. The Generals outscored UNC-G Wednesday night 101-94 and hammered Bridgewater 103-96 Saturday.

W&L has now played 15 consecutive games without a loss—a school record. They are only the third team in the 71-year history of W&L basketball to win 20 games in a season and they are the only club to earn 21 victories. In addition to that impressive 21-2 record, the Generals are the number four team in the nation in Division III while commanding the best winning percentage in the nation (.913).

The list of personal and team superlatives could continue almost indefinitely but the point has been made—this is the best basketball team in W&L's history. And they played the part well in defeating UNC-G and Bridgewater.

W&L had played the Greensboro Spartans earlier this season in Lexington, having no problems in winning. The Generals had no problems in the rematch, either, even though it was played at UNC-G. W&L utilized their offense to near perfection in racking up 101 points but in the end it was their checking defense that held off a Spartans rally.

Pat Dennis led the W&L scoring with a whopping 32 points, another big night for the hot-shooting junior from Baltimore, Maryland. He received ample support from senior Chris Larson who came off the bench to pop in 25 markers. As usual, seniors Bob Flint and Don Berlin controlled the boards while sophomore guard Mike Wenke continued to dish out assists at his record breaking pace.

The win over UNC-G marked several milestones. It was W&L's 14th straight victory which tied a school record. It also gave W&L a 20-victory season (only the third team in the school's history to earn that honor) and Coach Verne Canfield his 200th career coaching victory.

Saturday night capped the culmination of a successful season in

the Old Dominion Athletic Conference as the Generals blasted conference foe Bridgewater. The home-standing Eagles were never in it, falling behind by 11 points in the first half and never catching up.

Once again, the big gun for the Generals was Pat Dennis who garnered a season-high 33 points. Dennis connected on 15 of 23 shots for a blistering field goal percentage of 65 per cent. In fact, the entire team shot well, converting 48 per cent of their field goal attempts.

While Dennis was providing the bulk of the scoring, Bob Flint, Don Berlin and Dave Leunig were turning in a strong game on the boards as well as scoring. Berlin pumped in 17 points and pulled off 10 rebounds. Both Flint and Leunig grabbed 13 errant shots while they scored 16 and 13 points respectively.

The two victories increased the Generals winning percentage, already the best in the nation. And

they stand a good chance of moving up a couple more notches in the national poll. The last regular season contest will be March 2 against Madison College. The ODAC tournament will be held at W&L this week to determine who receives a regional berth.

The Challenge

Much has been said about the Generals brilliant 21-2 record, national ranking and ODAC regular season championship. But you can throw all those records out the window when the First Annual Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament is played this week.

Washington and Lee won the ODAC regular season title handily, compiling a near perfect 9-1 record. Ironically, the only loss was at home to third place Hampden-Sydney. Close behind the Generals was Lynchburg College at 8-2. H-S was third with a 7-3 mark while Bridgewater placed a distant fourth with an unimpressive record of 3-7.

Even though the Generals would appear to be the superior team in the conference, everybody knows that tournament time has a long history of upsets. However, a couple of underlying factors might give W&L an edge that could lead them to the tournament championship.

Probably the most important influence is the location of the tournament games—Doremus Gymnasium. In effect, the Generals will hold a strong home court advantage, especially if the W&L students show up in mass.

A second influence is the tournament schedule. By virtue of its regular season record, W&L has been top-seeded which means they will play Bridgewater at 7 p.m. Friday. Bridgewater is the weakest of the tournament teams while the 7 p.m. starting time avoids a conflict with the Fancy Dress Ball that night. Lynchburg plays Hampden-Sydney Friday at 9 p.m. with the two winners advancing

to the championship game Saturday night.

The third influencing factor is the Division III national regional bid. If W&L lost in the tournament it might still receive an at-large bid for the regionals but it can not be counted on. However, if W&L should win the tournament title it would automatically become one of the four teams in the regionals. Furthermore, two tournament victories would give W&L an added advantage—a very strong possibility of hosting the regionals within the friendly confines of Doremus Gymnasium. In summary, the combination of a big crowd and two tournament victories might give W&L a home court advantage through the regionals.

The fourth and final factor is the superiority of W&L on paper when compared to the other tournament contestants. The Generals have beaten Bridgewater twice this year; both by large margins. The Eagles are very young and in-

experienced while depending on two players, Reiley and Hayes, for their scoring. W&L shot well against the Eagles in both meetings while totally controlling the boards. The same should take place in the tournament unless Bridgewater utilizes a stall. But the Generals pressure defense and patient offense should be able to handle the stall just as easily.

Winning the championship game won't be so easy. W&L has beaten Lynchburg twice this year but both games were closely contested. The Hornets possess two outstanding players in high-scoring forward Jim Crawford and center E. D. Schecterly. Both players have performed well against W&L but the Generals have won on team depth. Hampden-Sydney is another club that has given the Generals trouble. The Tigers beat W&L by two points and lost on a shot at the buzzer by Chris Larson. The Tigers are tall while forward Ed Tieran is a prolific scorer. As Tieran goes, so goes H-S.

REPORTER'S PREDICTIONS:

The Generals will easily defeat Bridgewater with Bob Flint leading the way. The Eagles will not stall but look for them to blow the tempo down. In the other semifinal game, I pick Lynchburg as Crawford and Schecterly are better than just Tieran. However, Lynchburg has beaten H-S twice and everybody knows it is hard to beat a team three times. Look for a close game. In the championship tilt I tap W&L to slip by the Hornets on team depth and, hopefully, a large W&L crowd with the usual vocal support that comes with it. Look for Flint, Dennis and Leunig to star. With those two victories, the Generals should receive a regional bid and the host court.

Trackers finish 2nd

W&L's indoor track and field team ended their abbreviated dual meet season at 2-1, and finished in 2nd place in last Saturday's Lynchburg Relays. The team will participate in this weekend's ODAC Championship Meet in Lynchburg, along with the host Hornets, Bridgewater, EMC, Emory and Henry, and Roanoke.

Field leader Phil Dunley finished in first in the 35 lb. weight event and the shot put last Saturday, while the Generals entries in the 440 and 880 relays also took top honors. W&L has the potential to capture the title in this Saturday's ODAC Championship Meet.

Winning is the only thing he knows

by J. MICHAEL GALLAGHER

What does the coach of the nation's 4th ranked Division III team have to say after W&L obtained their 20th victory this season and his 200th career victory? Not much! At least not much about himself.

Vern Canfield, for the 11 of 13 winning seasons he has been here, has had very little to say about himself. But ask him about his team and he'll talk your ear off.

"I'm extremely proud of this team. They have played well this year and their success is due to their own efforts. All I do is teach them to believe in themselves, and believe in their fellow teammates. My program emphasizes teamwork, and unless a young man is willing to give 110% of himself towards accomplishing that goal, he can't play for me."

Canfield's coaching colleagues have given him much of the credit for W&L's successes, but he has no personal accolades about himself. In fact, he rarely uses the pronouns I, my, mine, or me, but rather we, our, ours, and us. He will take credit for one thing though.

"We have a program here at W&L that promotes winning, which I only coordinate. The team takes the credit for all our wins. I am responsible for our losses."

Maybe that is why the Generals rarely lose. Canfield is the winningest coach in W&L history and also in this year's Division III. For his career, a 201-117 record for a .632 percentage, and this year a 21-2 record for a .913 percentage. No other basketball coach at W&L has won over 100 games, and Canfield is also responsible for 2 out of the 3 seasons a W&L team has finished with 20 or more wins (the last was 1966-67). His teams have had 11 straight winning seasons.

About this year's team: "I've never had a team that I believed in more, and not because they are great basketball players, because they're not. The kids on this team are the kind of people who will be successful in life. Each and every one of them has good character, personality, and intelligence. But most important, the kids this year are totally unselfish. They try to make their teammates look good, rather than themselves."

"It is true that I have pushed them hard in practice, more so than past teams. That is because they are good basketball players, and 100% for them is 110% for anyone else. However, the real reason this team wins is because it is made up of beautiful people who care about one another."

Why doesn't a man who obviously knows his basketball, and knows it well, move on to "higher ground"?

"The job here has many pluses. I get total support from the Ath-

letic Department and the school administration for my programs. Hence, I run them my way and get what I want for my team. What coach could complain about a system like that? Next, are the faculty benefits, and W&L has plenty to offer. Most important to me though, is that coaching at W&L is a challenge. We don't give scholarships here, so we don't have any 'blue chippers' and consequently I have to teach basketball rather than coach it."

"All this means is that a special type of man plays basketball at W&L. I want a guy who comes out to play because he enjoys it, not because he is 'bound for glory.' My men play because they want to. They could be doing other things like partying, but they chose to play basketball."

Putting aside all the victories in his career, all the school records about to be broken, the high national recognition finally achieved, Vern Canfield still lacks one important element characteristic of a winning sports program.

"Ever since I have been here, the school has never had the kind of support this type of program needs. The support we have received hasn't been consistent. This is true for all the sports here at W&L."

"If you are winning, everything is 'rah, rah'. If your team is having a mediocre season, you can give up all hopes for a good crowd turnout for a home game."

"A crowd can make a difference. Take this past Randolph-Macon game. The fans helped us win that ball game. The players need the home fans support. Remember, they are supposed to be

playing for 'the school.'"

"Students say they can't make the games because they have to study. Well, the basketball players have to study also, besides giving up much of their social life during the season. Why couldn't some of those students give up a portion of their social life to watch their team?"

"In the past, we have treid cheerleaders, pep rallies, and free beer as gimmicks to draw crowds (not to mention always free admission). Now we have a team that is on the verge of greatness, and an average home game draws a crowd of only 200 students. Yet, when VMI plays Hampden-Sydney in our gym and packs it, 200 W&L students pay to see them beat H-S by fewer points than when we beat them here."

"If I sound embittered, it's just because I'm fighting for my guys. It is just not fair to the boys who get out on that court and make a name for this school to be ignored by the school. The student body, and the faculty, should be proud of this group of guys. They should give them some recognition every once in a while by slapping them on the back and saying 'Good job'. But they don't—and it's a shame."

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Wrestlers should dominate ODAC

by BOB ROGERS

As the wrestling Generals near the end of their schedule, it seems certain that they will close out their season with the utter domination of the ODAC conference tournament. After all, any team with a 3-0 dual meet record and 23-4-2 combined individual mark in conference competition, should have no trouble getting to sleep the night before the tournament. Indeed, the grapplers have not really been challenged by the other three ODAC teams and each man on the W&L squad looks forward eagerly to the prestigious gold plated pat on the back given to each conference Champ. The injury plagued light weights of the W&L team seem to have pulled themselves together and

are now giving some of their finest performances of the season. At 118 Boyd Breeding has pinned his last three opponents as his quickness on his feet and his aggressiveness on the mat continue to improve. Veteran Howdy Knipp at 126 should also bring in a first for the Generals as he has returned to his old form after being sidelined with a thumb injury for the better part of January. At 136, a spot which has been hotly contested all year, Ed Johnson will battle with Mike Dieghen for the starting nod.

In the middle weights, the Generals just simply outclass the rest of the ODAC competition. Ray "Do-da" Gross, Ed "Stork" Rodgers, and "King" Jim Crytzer are all undefeated in ODAC competition, and if they continue to wrestle the way they have so far

this season, it would appear that none in the conference can offer them more than token resistance.

The upper weights also have victory within their grasp, but must wrestle well to achieve it. Todd Wohler and Tom Oxadine are both first year wrestlers but have wrestled well this year and each has a chance for a first. At 190 the projected meeting of W&L's Bill Cole and EMC's Jim Hostetter may be the most hotly contested match of the entire tournament. Cole was narrowly defeated in the closing seconds of his match with Hostetter at the beginning of this year and revenge is sure to be a factor on Wednesday night. Heavyweight Dan Kniffen will be another heavy favorite as he takes an undefeated ODAC record into the tournament. At the close of an impressive

season in which the Generals have done well against tough competition, each member of the squad has a chance for a first in this tournament. Indeed, on Wednesday night the grapplers will enter Doremus gym intent on the only victory that will satisfy them, a ten man sweep of the ODAC. By the time this article is printed it is almost certain that they will have done just that.

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corded by David Scott in the 200 yd. breaststroke, and Peter "Boots" Meem in the 200yd. Individual Medley event. Mike Carey won the three meter diving event in his best performance of the year, and fellow diver Gordon Ross also performed well in the 10 meter dive.

In the 400yd. Individual-Medley relay Keith Romich, Harry Wright, and Bill Meyer recorded their best times. The 200yd. free-style event featured Scott Duff and Charles Moon setting personal bests. Drew Pillsbury also fared well in his 200yd. backstroke victory.

Appropriately, it was the seniors who set the stage for this barrage of personal bests. Responding to their last dual meet at W&L senior Bill Gregg set a personal best

in the 500yd. free, followed by fellow senior and team manager Howard Sklaroff's "all-out" effort in the 1000yd. free, bettering his previous performance by over a minute. Senior co-captain Tad Van Leer completed his outstanding dual meet career by winning the 200yd. individual-medley event, a race to which he is normally unaccustomed.

Notice

Professor Milton Colvin (Politics) will offer a special evening session, Monday, Feb. 28th from 8 to 9:30 PM on **Fundamentals of English Grammar**. No test. No names. Just Grammar. All students from all fields welcome. Meeting Place: Newcomb Hall - Room 9.

Fire evicts two

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iels and Campbell. The fire apparently came through the back wall of the apartment and spread upstairs.

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