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Mock Convention Plans Continue

18 State Chairmen Appointed

The 17th W&L Mock Convention will be held May 9 and 10, 1980, the steering committee announced Monday. Chairmen Sidney Simmons, Craig Cornett, and Dick Schoenfeld called the convention "the most prominent of all collegiate political experiences" in their announcement.

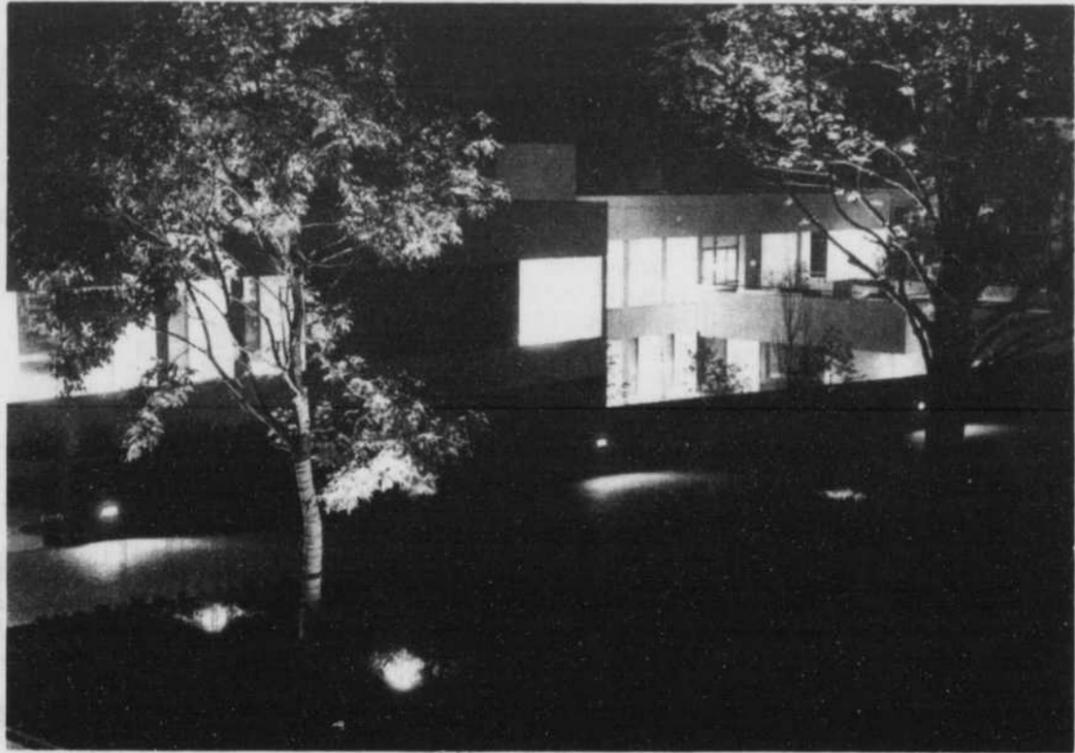
The quadrennial event, correct 11 out of 16 times (including the surprise nomination of Democrat and W&L alumnus John Davis in 1924) will model itself along Republican lines, in

keeping with its tradition of predicting the nominee of the party currently out of the White House.

In other Mock Convention news, the committee has appointed 18 additional state chairmen for the 1980 conclave, bringing the total to 65. Only West Virginia remains unfilled, making this year's the most progress ever seen in assembling a staff before "convention year."

The state chairmen recently appointed are: Alaska, Kelly Niernberger and Daniel Weiss; Connecticut, A. William Mackie; Idaho, H. Christopher Peacock; Kansas, Todd L. Sutherland; Maine, Christopher Wolf; Nevada, Bruce K. Young; North Dakota, Andrew F. Trotter; New Jersey, Joe Robles; Rhode Island, Mark J. McLaughlin; South Dakota, James D. Guffen; Utah, Timothy J. Stuart; Wahington, Michael B. Van Amburgh; Wisconsin, Peter D. Eliades; District of Columbia, Thomas E. Martin; Guam, Edward L. Bowie; Puerto Rico, Ricardo Casellass; and Virgin Islands, J. Bruce Moore.

(For analyses of candidates Reagan, Connally and Baker, see page 2.)



Night view of completed library exterior. Lighting on the malls is cleverly concealed underground, yet gives sufficient illumination for federal rules.

Photo by David Favrot

118 To Receive Degrees In Law Graduation

Separate Ceremony Set For Sunday

Washington and Lee University's School of Law will award 118 juris doctor degrees during special commencement exercises this Sunday, May 27, at 4:30 p.m. on the university campus.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend the ceremony — which will take place under the trees in front of Robert E. Lee's home, weather permitting. (If it should rain, the ceremony will take place in Lee Chapel.)

until June 4.)

The speaker at Sunday's law commencement ceremony will be W&L President Robert E. R. Huntley. By long-standing tradition at Washington and Lee, the president delivers the principal address at all graduation ceremonies.

A reception for the law graduates, their family and guests, faculty and alumni, will follow the graduation ceremony.

Washington and Lee's undergraduate commencement will take place June 7. The reason for the earlier law graduation this year — which is a departure from custom — is the difference in the academic calendars between the law school and the undergraduate divisions. (The law school remains on a two-semester system, and its second semester ended Tuesday. The undergraduate schools are on a three-term, 12-week-12week-6-week system, and Spring Term examinations do not conclude

Ariel To Arrive June 1

Thirty-two pages of prose and poetry fill the spring issue of Ariel, Washington and Lee's student literary magazine, which will be available in the bookstore June 1st.

According to editor Ben Keesee the content of this issue is the best offered to W&L students in quite a while. The issue contains no photographs to allow maximum space for "literary" material.

Asked about the late date of distribution Keesee replied, "Well, although printing and other problems did delay publication a bit, it was my intention to delay publication as long as possible in order to include the best possible material. We certainly didn't intend to leave law students out in the cold, though, and steps are being taken to insure that any law student who wants a copy of the second issue gets one."

The law students' term ends and graduation will be held before the distribution date. Graduating law students can have copies mailed to them by signing a request sheet at the

circulation desk of the law library. A number of copies will be reserved for distribution to law students next fall.

Keesee said his biggest problem with the second issue was deciding which pieces to leave out. "The response in contributions for the second issue was really terrific. We could have easily run 42 pages of copy plus pictures if the budget had permitted," he said. He added that efforts to include as much material as possible may give a

crowded appearance to the magazine in some spots.

There will be no color cover on this issue as there was in the fall. Keesee said although the color cover played a big part in the success of the first issue, funds were limited and he felt it best to print as much copy as possible.

He attributed the general success of Ariel this year to the support of the Executive Committee, Parker Potter, the Ariel staff and contributors.

Bulldozer Thieves Strike Lex.

by David Greer

Carole Chappell called university proctor Charles "Murph" Murray Wednesday morning to report a vehicle that was improperly parked.

Murph arrived at the scene, anticipating a vehicle parked on university property in a place it shouldn't be. He found, though, that he could not slap a ticket on the windshield.

The vehicle was not on university property; it was in the middle of the street.

Besides, there were no windshield wipers to put a ticket under. In fact, there wasn't even a windshield.

It was a bulldozer, parked in the middle of the street in front of the student center.

Murph said that three people wearing fatigues drove the bulldozer from behind the ROTC building at about 3:15 a.m. Wednesday. They apparently abandoned the vehicle in front of the student center when they saw an approaching

police car.

Murph said whoever took the bulldozer obviously knew how to drive one. He also said the the culprits took the keys to the bulldozer, and the keys they took are the only set the construction company has here in Lexington.

The company does not plan to prosecute, Murph said, as long as the keys are returned. The bulldozer had to be hot-wired to be returned to the construction site.

Nader Speaks Tonight!

Once again, a reminder that Ralph Nader, consumer crusader, is scheduled to speak on campus tonight at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The lecture is sponsored by Contact, W & L's student symposium.

Called "The U.S.'s Toughest Customer" by Time, Nader will probably speak on corporate power in America and the workings of economic governments.

Nader will be greeted at the Mock Convention cookout this afternoon at Dr. Milton Colvin's house, rather than a reception at a fraternity.

Contact Applications

Applications are now being taken for the positions of Contact co-chairmen for the 1979-80 school year. Hosting such celebrities over the years as Charles Kurault, Vincent Bugliosi (Helter Skelter), Truman Capote, Bruce Jenner, and the heads of Scotland Yard and Exxon International, Contact is the central means by which major speakers visit W&L.

Anyone interested in chairing the committee should submit a letter in Carole Chappell's office (University Center) by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 25. Interviews will be conducted Monday, May 28 in the EC Room at 8 p.m.

Who Will The Convention Pick In 1980?

Reagan, Connally, Baker Are Among The Faces In Cluttered GOP Field

Ronald Reagan

by Ed Taylor

Despite the fact he'd be nearly 70 when he took office in the White House, a recent *Time* magazine poll shows Ronald Reagan as the front-runner for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination.

The former governor of California and onetime liberal Democrat turned conservative Republican looms as the early GOP favorite to assume the presidency in 1980. In the latest Gallup Poll of Republican voters, Reagan led with 31 percent followed by former President Gerald Ford with 26 percent. Former Texas Governor John Connally was third with 12 of the votes pursued by Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee with 8 percent.

However, should Ford choose not to run — and he has made an inclination toward this — then Reagan's lead jumps to 43 percent followed by Connally with 16 percent.

These early patterns are a far cry from the 1976 race for the candidacy when Reagan started slowly, then came on strong only to narrowly lose to the incumbent President Ford. Had he defeated Ford, Reagan then would have been the first candidate in 92 years to take the nomination away from an incumbent president.

Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Ill. As a child he became fond of acting and later attended Eureka College, a small Christian Church School near Peoria. He graduated in 1932 and took a sports announcing job in Des Moines, Iowa at WHO, where he became known as "Dutch" Reagan.

While covering the Chicago Cubs at spring training in California, he was asked to take a screen test and from this his movie career began. He starred in such films as "Knutie

Rockne—All American" and "King's Row." Although he didn't win any Academy Awards, Reagan utilized his acting career to sharpen a stage presence that became a tremendous asset for him in politics.

During his acting career, Reagan was a liberal Democrat but he later gained fame as an energetic spokesman proclaiming opposition to centralized government and support for a hard-nosed stance by the United States in foreign affairs. He strongly supported the free-enterprise system and vigorously opposed big government.

In 1966, persuaded by friends from the movie industry, Reagan ran for governor of California. He was not given much chance in the race, but when the votes were tallied he had swamped incumbent Democrat Edmund G. Brown by nearly 845,000 votes.

To put to rest the belief that his election was a fluke, Reagan won re-election in 1970 by nearly 500,000 votes.

Reagan left the governor's office in 1974 and in addition to his unsuccessful presidential campaign in 1976 he has prospered as a lecturer, radio commentator and syndicated columnist. He now lives in Pacific Palisades, California with his wife, Nancy. They have two children; a daughter, Patricia, 26, and a son, Ronald, 20.

As a front-runner in the 1980 Republican presidential nomination Reagan's strategists feel he must start off winning or he will quickly fade from the public's favor. Therefore, a few early primary victories seem to be a necessity for Reagan if he expects to win the Republican nomination at the 1980 convention in Detroit.

As for the age issue, one supporter said "If we win a few early primaries, it'll disappear. If we lose a few, it'll kill us."



Students at 1976 Democratic Convention show true sympathies via bumper sticker. Can Reagan do it in 1980?

Howard Baker

by Norman Ball

Tennessee Senator Howard Baker all but formally announced his bid for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination in a TV appearance May 6. Responding to inquiries about his possible candidacy on "Face the Nation," Baker replied, "You know I am a candidate...I'm running hard, I have a good organization and I plan to win."

This announcement by the 55-year-old Senate Minority Leader casts him into an already cluttered field of GOP presidential hopefuls, among them John Connally, George Bush, Philip Crane, Bob Dole and, although he has yet to declare his candidacy, Ronald Reagan. In recent polls, though, Baker has emerged reasonably well, often placing behind Reagan, Ford and Connally as the most desirable Republican presidential candidate.

No stranger to Washington, Baker first served as a Senator in 1966, winning handily over longtime Tennessee governor Frank Clement. In 1972, he won re-election with an impressive 62% of the vote, carrying all eight of the state's congressional districts, and his '78 election was equally decisive. Baker's struggle to grasp Senate Minority Leader was just that. He managed to pull one more vote than Robert Griffin, his opponent in a heated contest. Baker had tried for the position two times before without success.

The Senator first received national exposure as the ranking Republican on the Senate Watergate Committee, and his name was brought up frequently as Ford's most probable running mate on the '76 GOP ticket (although, of course, Robert Dole was eventually chosen). Later on this year when Congress considers SALT II, Baker's positions on the Foreign Relations Committee and the Arms Control Subcommittee will offer him added national recognition.

Ideologically, Baker is hard to define. He has opposed many of the traditionally held conservative views during his career, his most recent defection being support of the Panama Canal Treaties — a position which many Republicans claim will seriously damage his nomination chances. During the great

John Connally

by Craig Cornett

Although he became a Republican only six years ago, former Texas governor John B. Connally is now running hard for his party's presidential nomination and early polls show him to be a strong contender. The 61-year-old Houston lawyer became the fourth declared candidate for the GOP nomination on January 23 and has been drawing overflow crowds on speaking tours ever since.

Known for a certain self-confidence and swashbuckling style, Connally took his lessons in politics from his mentor: Lyndon B. Johnson, whom Connally served as a congressional aide, campaign manager, and Secretary of the Navy. More recently, Connally served President Richard Nixon as Treasury Secretary for 16 months and later as chairman of "Democrats for Nixon" in the 1972 presidential election.

A staunch political conservative, Connally offers himself to the nation and his adopted

party as the healer for what he calls a "major period of crisis in our history." He supports a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget, eased environmental controls, incentives for energy production, and more leeway for the CIA and FBI.

Connally's association with Nixon promises to haunt him during the campaign, but he brushes aside criticism by saying: "My relations with him (Nixon) were decent and honest. I served not him, but the nation. I have no apologies to make for serving in the Nixon Administration." But heavy criticism abounds. Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), the man Nixon defeated in 1972, has a more caustic tone. "I wouldn't trust Connally within a mile of the White House," McGovern has said. "John Connally combines the worst of both Watergate and Vietnam. He's the perfect symbol of the double-talking, double-crossing politician. He doesn't even know what party he belongs to."

Many of McGovern's statements stem from Connally's 1975 trial on charges that he accepted two \$5,000 payoffs from dairy industry producers for supporting a price increase while he was Secretary of the Treasury. Connally was acquitted on all charges.

While Connally has done remarkably well in campaign trips since his announcement, his home state of Texas could

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Crowds at the last convention.

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Theatre Brings Hot Comedy To Boiler Room

by Ben Keese

A comedy of confusion and hidden identities characterizes *What The Butler Saw*, says senior drama major and director Phil Heldrich. The University Theatre's production of the Joe Orton play is scheduled to run next Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, May 29 and June 1-2, at 8 p.m. in the Boiler Room Theatre as part of the annual spring Total Theatre program.

The confusion begins with a psychiatrist's attempt to seduce a young woman applying for the secretary's job in his office. Once she is convinced to strip down for a "physical examination," by Dr. Prentiss (Mike Moore), the doctor's wife stumbles in on the action in the office — totally unaware of the girl's presence. The naked lady is hidden until Mrs. Prentiss (Anne Secor) brings in a young man who stripped her, attempted a rape and took pictures of her the night before — and now intends to blackmail her!

The doctor derives a scheme which involves switching the identities of the applicant (Kim Baker) and the young man, known as Nick (Charlie Prioleau) — who dons women's garb to aid in the cover-up. Added to the confusion is police surveillance and many other complications before the final plot twist at the end.

The play is evidently quite sexual in nature, and much of its comic effect relies on sexually-oriented humor. But it was a smash success in its original presentation, though playwright Orton was killed before getting a chance to witness his creation in its final form.

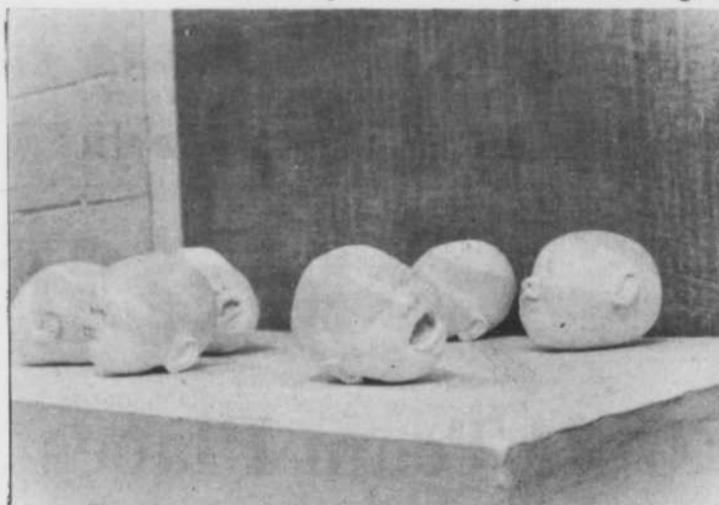
The script is so liberal, in fact, that Heldrich said his biggest production problem was obtaining an actress to play the part of the applicant, Geraldine Barclay. Originally cast in the part was a Lexington High School student. However, when her father read the script, he

decided, "No daughter of mine..." etc.

Kim Baker, a Mary Baldwin student, is now cast in the part. And though she claims that Heldrich offered her the role "when I was drunk," she has stood by her acceptance.

Heldrich said the show should prove very entertaining. Its "pseudo-nudity" will draw a great deal of attention, he predicted.

Tonight in the Troubadour Theatre, a series of four one-man shows will be offered, starting at 7 p.m. Original films featuring animation, modern dance, ballet, Shakespearean spoofs, and an expressionistic portrayal of life at W&L will be screened Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Troubadour.



Baby heads by sculptress Isabel McIlvain, on exhibit in duPont through June 7.

History Lecture

Dr. Robert J. C. Butow will deliver his lecture, "In Search of the Japanese Past: The Historian as Detective," Thursday, May 31, at 3 p.m. in the new University Library auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

Butow, who received his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in 1953, is a history

professor at the University of Washington's school of international studies in Seattle.

The author of a number of articles on Japan and the Second World War, Butow is currently working on two books, one on Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Far Eastern crisis of 1933-41 and another on Japanese-American relations from Perry to MacArthur.

Italian Comedy To Be Screened

by Carren O. Kaston

The last W&L Film Society movie of the season will be Ettore Scola's 1978 Italian comedy *We All Loved Each Other So Much*, in color. It will be shown free of charge in classroom "C" of the Law School on Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th, at 8 P.M. An end-of-the-year reception will follow the movie on both nights in the Lewis Hall lounge. Everyone is invited.

Scola's movie pays tribute to the Italian Neo-Realist school of film-making and to one of its greatest directors, Vittorio De Sica, who is best known for *The Bicycle Thief*, *Umberto D.*, *Two Women*, and *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*. Italian Neo-Realism channeled the energies released after W. W. II into a cinema of social conscience and concern for the ordinary man. It believed in the documentary power of the everyday surfaces of life to reveal what was meaningful and "real" about experience. It sought to define the possibilities of cinema apart from the theatre, and it moved away from the ostentatious experimentation in camera and editing techniques to which the theatrical background of directors like Murnau and Eisenstein had led. Instead, it emphasized the dignity and value of human

life as revealed in unobtrusive camera work and minimal editing.

As ideas about what was "real" became less sure (particularly apparent in the rise of French New Wave films), however, the Neo-Realist sense that "reality" resided in surfaces and external appearances, the look of things, came to seem inadequate. Scola's tribute to the Neo-Realist movement, therefore, both celebrates its humanity, and reveals the limitations of its assumptions about what constitutes "real" human ex-

perience. Scola is interested in inner reality, those moments in which characters' emotions are so intense that they feel as though they have transcended the everyday world. With wonderful delicacy and fondness, the movie explores the complex relationship of a woman and two men who "all love each other so much" over a period of many years. They experience each other in moments of magical intensity, ultimately make painful compromises, and manage to end up not only with their dignity, but with a measure of happiness.

We have very much enjoyed bringing movies to the W&L campus this year, and are planning a new schedule for next season. If you have suggestions, please communicate them to Carren Kaston, the Film Society Faculty Advisor, English Department (ext. 367), or to Jay Diesing, Film Society President, 463-2310. The next meeting of the Society will be announced in early fall.

Entertainment



Rehearsal in progress for "What The Butler Saw."

Photo by Frank Jones

Dodge d'Art In Pit

This Friday at 8:30 p.m. the featured band in the Cockpit will be Dodge d'Art, from Charlottesville. This will be their second appearance on campus since their overwhelming performance at the MD Danceathon last March.

Dodge d'Art is Jimmy Eau, Chris Halpin, and John Young, on lead guitar, bass and drums, respectively. It is hard to believe that only three people can put out such a good sound, but they do it song after song. Jimmy and Chris do all the arranging of hits from the Sixties,

from such groups as the Stones, Byrds, and Animals. Jimmy also writes many of the original tunes that the band performs — and they will use half of their own material in each gig.

The guys are very confident that their music will be accepted by enthusiastic audiences as they continue to play throughout the state of Virginia, and other states as well.

There will be a cover charge of \$1.00 for W&L students, \$2.00 for non-W&L students. Showtime is at 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 25.

"8 1/2"

Fellini's *8 1/2* will be shown at the Lyric Theatre on Main Street, next Monday, May 28, at 1:30 p.m. The Lyric has agreed to show their print of the movie for the English department's annual spring film seminar, conducted by Professor Carren Kaston.

Thanks are especially due to manager Dale Tomlin for this community-minded gesture. The presentation is open to anyone in the town and university communities. Admission will be \$2.50.

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Sally Field (PG)

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Sports

Golf Team Places 11th In Nationals

The Washington and Lee golf team finished eleventh in The Division III National Championships held at the Brandermill Country Club in Richmond, Va.

W&L was one of twenty teams selected on the basis of regular season play. The Generals finished earlier this month with a 14-2 overall record.

The four-day tournament, held May 15-18, saw the golfers move from a disappointing 19th place slot after the first round, and go steadily upward. However, their advance was halted just short of the top ten level.

Five W&L golfers participated in the event: Dave

Leunig, Gerry Barousse, Andy Fitzgerald, Bill Alfano, and Jim Kaplan. Barousse, a sophomore from New Orleans, gained second-team All-American honors in finishing at a tie for eleventh place overall.

Emerging as 1979 team champions were the golfers from University of California — Stainslaus, who placed five men on the three All-American teams.

W&L coach Buck Leslie was pleased with the team's progress during each round of the tournament; still, he cited the difficult Brandermill course as one reason for his team's high scores.

Jackson Leads Netmen To Fourth In Nationals

The Washington and Lee tennis team finished in a tie for fourth place in the Division III National Championships which were held May 16-19 at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

The University of Redlands (California) captured first place honors followed by Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), Millsaps, Washington and Lee and Swarthmore (Pa).

The Generals were paced by junior Stewart Jackson of Lake

Forest, Illinois who received All-American honors in the singles competition. Jackson is the 1979 Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year, and is the ODAC singles and doubles first flight champion. In 1977 Jackson teamed with now graduated Ben Johns (W&L '78) to win the national doubles championship, being named All-Americans in the process. Jackson and Johns finished second in the 1978 national doubles play.

Freshman Shaw Cranfield of Houston, Texas finished an outstanding freshman season by reaching the final sixteen in the singles competition. Cranfield is an all-ODAC singles and doubles performer.

Washington and Lee finished second in both the 1977 and 1978 NCAA Division III National Championships, and with six lettermen returning, the prospects look excellent for continued success in 1980.



STEWART JACKSON



SHAW CRANFIELD

Fall Schedules: Football, Soccer

Football

Sept. 8 Delaware Valley	Away
Sept. 15 Emory & Henry*	Away
Sept. 22 Centre College	Home
Sept. 29 Randolph-Macon*	Away
Oct. 6 Fordham	Home
Oct. 13 Hampden-Sydney*	Away
Oct. 20 U. of the South	Away
Oct. 27 Bridgewater*	Home
Nov. 3 Maryville	Home
Nov. 10 Georgetown	Home

* — ODAC Contests

Soccer

Sept. 7-8 Washington College Tournament	Away
Sept. 15 Hampden-Sydney*	Home
Sept. 19 West Virginia Wesleyan	Home
Sept. 26 Richmond	Away
Sept. 29 Eastern Mennonite*	Home
Oct. 3 Davidson	Away
Oct. 7 Averett	Home
Oct. 9 Radford	Away
Oct. 13 U. S. Naval Academy	Home
Oct. 20 Mary Washington	Home
Oct. 24 Roanoke*	Home
Oct. 27 Lynchburg*	Away
Oct. 30 Virginia Wesleyan	Away
Nov. 4 V.M.I.	Home

* — ODAC contests

Alumni, Varsity Tie 0-0

On Sunday May 13, the second-annual Varsity-Alumni Soccer game was held in a torrential downpour. An experienced, talented alumni team, captained by John Buckley '73, threatened continually during the game, with the varsity defense holding

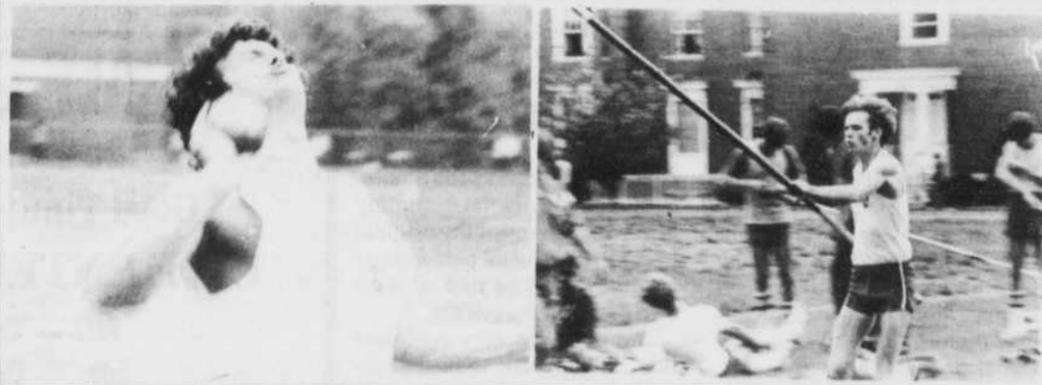
when it counted.

The varsity came up with several scoring chances of its own, only to meet with frustration as the scoreless game had to be called with fifteen minutes remaining because of the dangerous playing conditions.

Lacrosse '79 Final Statistics

INDIVIDUAL SCORING	GP	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOT. POINTS	SHOTS	GR. BALLS
John Black	13	29	14	43	92	56
Jeff Fritz	13	25	12	37	110	47
John Kemp	13	25	8	33	84	39
Jay Foster	12	18	8	26	49	37
Rob Staugaitis	12	0	16	16	11	26
Sandy McDonald	13	10	2	12	36	39
George Santos	13	10	2	12	45	21
Geoff Brent	13	6	4	10	39	21
Mike Pressler	12	3	6	9	14	17
John Hooper	13	8	0	8	29	31
Jerry Broccoli	12	3	0	3	7	30
Art Caltrider	12	3	0	3	7	13
Roman Kupecky	11	1	1	2	9	5

W&L Track '79



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Fraternities: On Those "Good Old Days"

by David Greer

Many students are complaining about the harsh treatment the faculty has threatened the fraternities with for misconduct. Before they begin yearning for the good old days, though, they should consider how it used to be.

A glance through a file of IFC Judicial Board minutes reveals that in the mid to late sixties fraternities were punished severely for what was then called misconduct and what is now standard operating procedure.

The biggest problems came from rules prohibiting females in the fraternity houses after 2 a.m. every night except Friday and Saturday nights of Dance Weekends, when they could stay until 3 a.m.

Here are some examples of misconduct in connection with this rule and the subsequent punishments:

In 1969, several girls were seen above the ground floor of a fraternity and some girls spent the night, claiming their rides had left them. The fraternity was placed on social probation for a month.

In 1966, a housemother saw a senior come down from the second floor with his date. He was reminded that this was against the rules. He and his date were discovered the next morning sleeping on the couch downstairs. The IFC did not prosecute the fraternity because the offense was of an individual nature, but the Student Affairs Committee put the student on a week's social probation. He had to move out of the house during that period.

In 1966, Murph reported seeing several dates leave a fraternity after curfew. Because the house had appeared before the IFC three times previously, it was placed on a month's social probation.

The IFC heard a case in 1965 where a fraternity had girls on its premises without a housemother or chaperone. The fraternity claimed that the girls were kept outside on the porch (where they were given dinner) and therefore were not in the house. The IFC clarified the rule that girls were not allowed on premises, including the outside property, without proper chaperoning.

The IFC put another house on social probation for two weeks for having girls on premises at 4 a.m. in 1970. Another was put on

social probation for a month for two violations in one weekend.

Rumors in "epithetical proportion" of destruction in a fraternity caused enough consternation on the Hill that the president of the IFC wrote the house president, warning him that his house was putting the availability of university loans to fraternities in jeopardy. This was in 1969.

Rules about hazing and pledging were enforced by the IFC when complaints came to its attention.

A fraternity in 1969 held a pledge activity after the curfew of 11 p.m. for such activities. The house was fined \$75 and placed on Conduct Probation

for a year in areas dealing with pledging.

Two months social probation was the punishment for one house who, in 1968, violated "the basic principles of good taste." The pledges put on a skit in the nude when dates were present. The president said he warned the girls of potential "grossness" and asked them to leave. A fight broke out when a date was hit on the leg with a trophy. The Fraternity testified that there were no references made to the housemother or her daughter. Nonetheless, the IFC took into account complaints from girls schools and indecent exposure by two members at a girls school, when reaching the

decision.

For violating the same rule of violating the principles of good taste, a house was put on three week's social probation. That house had topless dancers at a party, who eventually "took it all off."

Charges of hazing were often brought before the IFC. A house was fined \$100 for branding its pledges. The pledges had had their sides smeared with butter, and a heated bottle was placed on the butter. (The mark usually disappeared within three days and the pledges testified that the process did not hurt.)

Student Affairs Committee imposed a \$100 fine on a house

for paddling. In the incident involved, the fraternity claimed that only one swat with the paddle was administered, and that was by the pledges' big brother as part of a tradition. No pledges complained of any pain lasting after the swat.

Another house "violated the principles of good taste" when its pledges were across the street from the house and the pledge trainer yelled, "Let me see 16 moons." Because the IFC felt this could be damaging to the fraternity, the fraternity system, and the University if witnessed, the house was placed on six weeks social probation. This was in 1967.

Admissions Info Encouraging

Fifty-six percent of the applicants to whom Washington and Lee University offered admission for September have confirmed their decision of coming to W&L, according to a summary admissions report by the university released since last week's Ring-tum Phi report.

The 56 percent figure is an extraordinarily high "yield" for any college, according to W&L admissions director William M. Hartog, and equals the best "yield" figure in recent W&L memory, he said.

Other statistics for the freshman class that will enroll in September are even more impressive in many respects, Hartog said.

For example, the university has had a sharp jump this year

in the proportion of "top-ten-percent" students who chose W&L this year, he said.

Of next fall's total of 369 entering students, 27 percent rank in the top tenth of their secondary-school graduating classes. Last year the comparable statistic was 22 percent.

And among next fall's freshmen from public high schools, the "top-20-percent" figure shows an even more dramatic jump — to 67 percent from this past year's 56 percent.

Of the members of the 1979 entering class, 16 at Washington and Lee will have been valedictorians or salutatorians of their secondary-school classes, Hartog reported, and the class will include five National Merit Scholars.

All the statistics are unusual for a college with as small an entering class as Washington and Lee's, Hartog said.

College Board scores remained almost exactly the same as they have at W&L for the past several years — at an average of 540 on the verbal test for next fall's freshmen and 585 on the mathematics test, Hartog said. The combined College Board score average of 1,125 is within two percent of the comparable W&L figures for each year in the 1970s.

He said there appears to have been no dramatic shift in next fall's freshmen either in terms of public-school/private-school breakdown or in state of residence.

Of next fall's freshmen, a bare majority, 51 percent, will enter from public schools. The public-school figure has



WILLIAM M. HARTOG

hovered between 50 and 55 percent in each recent year. Last year it was 54 percent of the freshman class.

Of the eight most heavily represented states in W&L's 1979 freshman class, four are southern and four are northern.

As usual, Virginia is the leading state of residence of entering freshmen, with 23 percent (continued on page 8)



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Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

Beware of confusion...

The faculty's special meeting on fraternities is scheduled for Monday — and confusion is the order of the day. Proposals, counter-proposals, and amendments fill the air and the faculty mailboxes. Some professors, seeing that this may be "one of those meetings", are wondering if attendance is to be taken. And several others have little or no idea what they will be expected to vote for or against next week.

It would have been our pleasure to print the various options already presented by the faculty and student committees, in order to clear some of the fog. But for the first time this year, nobody's talking. Evidently it's just "too complex" for the Phi to print. Well, this may be true — and as I remain deeply convinced of the worth of fraternity self-government, I will certainly refrain from clouding the issue further.

Still, the fact that many professors are themselves unsure of the proposals and what is to be gained disturbs me deeply. I would urge (even implore) the entire faculty to research the matter and give it serious thought. It was only two years ago that the faculty — again in a confused meeting — could come to no decision over when to have the Washington holiday break, and ended the marathon session by eliminating the break altogether! What a shame if the fraternities fall prey to an equally rash decision, made in the midst of confusion and in the interests of "getting everybody home in time for dinner..."

MGC

With next week's issue, The Ring-tum Phi completes another publication year. Anyone with notices or announcements pertaining to early summer events should turn them in by next Tuesday, in order to include as much information as possible.

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SUNDAY, MAY 27

- 1 p.m. Luncheon for graduates, their families, and guests, faculty, and alumni — sponsored by the Washington and Lee University Alumni Association. On the Front Campus Lawn.
- 4:30 p.m. Graduation ceremony. Speaker: President Robert E. R. Huntley. Lee Chapel.
- 5:30 — 7 p.m. Reception for graduates, their families and guests, faculty, and alumni. W&L Alumni House.



Journalism Professor Uncovers Forgotten Radio Inventor

Every schoolchild knows that radio was "invented" by an Italian named Guglielmo Marconi, right? It's there in black-and-white in the World Almanac, isn't it, and haven't there been government postage stamps saying as much, and what could be proof more positive than that?

There's a spot of a problem, though, with the conventional wisdom. The fact, you see, is that radio was invented — that is to say: intelligible electromagnetic impulses were transmitted from one place to another place without benefit of connecting wires — considerably before Marconi was even born.

The true story has been there in the records, in archives here and there, in scattered bits and pieces, for more than a hundred years. But until now it just never all got pieced together. And in instances like that, legends conjure themselves up, and everyone knows that fanciful stories die hard or not at all, like the one Mencken started about Millard Fillmore's installing the first bathtub in the White House. "Tain't so, McGee, but you can't stop people from thinking so anyway.

Make no mistake about it; Marconi's contributions to the development of practical radio technology were monumental, and he deserves all the postage stamps and all the entries in all the almanacs.

But he didn't invent radio. He brought it up, but he wasn't its father. He was its nanny.

Almost nobody has heard of a dentist named Mahlon Loomis; he's never been commemorated on a postage stamp, and if you want to see a memorial to him you have to pull off Virginia State Route 7 east of Berryville and read one of those little roadside markers.

And that — as Mahlon Loomis's pioneering experimentation enables Walter Cronkite to aver each evening a hundred and eleven years later — that is the way it really is.

The saga is told in the new issue of *Iron Worker*, an excellent, but undeservedly obscure, quarterly journal published by the Lynchburg (Va.) Foundry, devoted largely to details and sidelights of Virginia history.

The article is by R. H. MacDonald, a veteran broadcaster himself and now professor and head of the Department of Journalism and Communications at Washington and Lee University. It's the result of several years' research and an obsession of modest proportion to set the record straight that MacDonald has never quite been able to overcome.

Mahlon Loomis's "inventive mind never stayed quiet long," MacDonald observes with understatement. Early in his career he developed a new kind of porcelain compound for the manufacture of false teeth. In 1881 he received a patent for a combination briefcase and miniature Morris chair that you took along on the train and it converted into a desk.

That, though, came after he had succeeded in developing the principle of radio communication and making it work. He formed a company, but his luck was like Joe Bptfslk's in the old Li'l Abner strip. His first investors lost everything in 1869's Black Friday market crash. A couple of years later the Chicago fire wiped out his second set of backers' assets. "Finally, the company was put to rest forever by the Wall Street panic of 1873."

Loomis lived just about everywhere at one point or another. He was born in upstate New York and grew up in what

today is considered suburban Washington, D.C. He learned dentistry in Cleveland, practiced for a time in New York, then soon afterwards moved to Massachusetts. In the 1870s he lived near Lynchburg, where, incidentally, he invented a collar-cuff stay. Chicago was the site of the series of collapses of his financial ventures. (None of this is to suggest that he was a drifter, of course. After all, Loomis was an inventor and possessed an education. So let it be said simply that he was eccentric and very, very mobile.)

He died in 1886 (and, peripatetic to the end, was buried in West Virginia). It was nine years later that Marconi received his patent for a system of transmitting radio signals.

In 1922 *Literary Digest*, then preeminent in its field but today, come to think of it, of memory only slightly more blessed than Mahlon Loomis's, noted with a touch of sadness that "plaudits are reserved for the man who succeeds in making the principle or method or mechanism known to the world, rather than for the original investigator. So there is not the slightest probability that the name of Mahlon Loomis will ever supplant that of Marconi as 'the father of the radio.'"

But *Iron Worker* has lasted longer than *Literary Digest*, and so, as a matter of fact, has Ron MacDonald. There may be hope yet.



Washington and Lee's Ron MacDonald, chronicler of the Loomis story, has been hither and thither himself, too. He began his career in radio at Boston (Mass.) University. Subsequently he went a little way north, to Waterbury, Vt., but eventually meandered south and went to work for

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Weekly Calendar

Thursday, May 24

7 p.m. — A presentation of four one-man shows by students in W&L's Total Theatre program. Troubadour Theatre. Open to the public without charge.

Friday, May 25

7 & 9 p.m. — Film: "Smokey and the Bandit." duPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

8 p.m. — Film: "We All Loved Each Other So Much." Directed by Ettore Scola. Sponsored by the W&L Film Society. Lewis Hall, classroom C. Open to the public without charge.

Saturday, May 26

7 & 9 p.m. — Film: "Smokey and the Bandit." duPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

7:30 p.m. — A presentation of films by students in W&L's Total Theatre program. Troubadour Theatre. Open to the public without charge.

7:30 p.m. — Pops Concert. The Rockbridge Chorus and Orchestra. Lexington High School.

8 p.m. — Film: "We All Loved Each Other So Much." Directed by Ettore Scola. Sponsored by the W&L Film Society. Lewis Hall, classroom C. Open to the public without charge.

Sunday, May 27

1 p.m. — A luncheon for law graduates, their families and guests. Sponsored by the W&L Alumni Association. Front Lawn.

2 p.m. — Film: "Smokey and the Bandit." duPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

4:30 p.m. — Law School Graduation Exercises. Speaker for the occasion is University President Robert E. R. Huntley. (A reception will take place at the Alumni House immediately following the ceremony.)

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Monday, May 28

7:30 p.m. — A presentation of films by students in W&L's Total Theatre program. Troubadour Theatre. Open to the public without charge.

Tuesday, May 29

7 & 9 p.m. — Film: "Amarcord." Reid 203. Open to the public without charge.

7:30 p.m. — Play: "What the Butler Saw." Boiler Room. Open to the public without charge. Plays through Thursday, May 31.

Students And Faculty Attend Science Meeting

Seven faculty members and 13 students from Washington and Lee University participated in the 57th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science in Richmond last week.

In the field of chemistry they included Dr. Michael A. Pleva, associate professor of chemistry; Daniel J. Carucci, a junior from Pound Ridge, N.Y.; David H. Harpole Jr., a junior from Roanoke; Jerome E. Kahn, a junior from Lexington; John C. Kisalus, a junior from Dublin, Ga.; Edward U. Kissell III, a senior from Birmingham; William H. Matthai Jr., a junior from Baltimore; Lucien T. Megna, a junior from Lawrenceville, N.J.; Dr. James K. Shillington, professor of chemistry, and Dr. John H. Wise, professor of chemistry.

Participating in the psychology section were Dr. Joseph B. Thompson, professor of chemistry; Robert S. Bates, a senior from Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.; Andrew D. King, a junior from Buena Vista; Jay Allan Lutins, a senior from Roanoke; Daniel C. Martin, a senior from Roanoke; Paul A. Nathan, a junior from Memphis, and William T. Thistlethwaite, a senior from Washington, D.C.

Dr. David G. Elmes, pro-

fessor of psychology, was chairman of a psychology panel which included a speech, "Psychomotor Speed as an Index of Organismic Integrity," by Dr. H. Eugene King, also a professor of psychology at

W&L.

Representing Washington and Lee at the meeting in biology was Jay B. Labov, instructor in biology.

Solons Hear Year-end Reports

by David Greer

The Student Body Executive Committee heard year-end reports from many of the campus organizations it provides funds for.

Dick Schoenfeld of the Cold Check Committee said the committee has processed over \$4,000 worth of student's bad checks this year. He said students at the university owe \$381 and students who have left the university owe \$234.

The Student Activities Board reported that it has set aside \$1,000 for legal fees for the lawyer handling the contract dispute with Firefall's agents. When accounting for low revenues from the movies, it was suggested that perhaps attendance was low due to tighter security at the door concerning students smuggling in beer. The SAB pointed out that many of this year's films were very expensive, and that there was not sufficient increase in audience size to justify the expense.

A Calyx spokesman said that final bills are not in yet, and that many seniors have not picked up their pictures or paid for their sittings. The yearbooks are expected to be distributed today or tomorrow.

Contact co-chairman Tom Wall said that because Ralph Nader, scheduled to speak tonight, will be arriving so late

a reception at a fraternity house will not be held; instead, Nader will be greeted at the mock convention cookout this afternoon at Dr. Colvin's house.

Wall also suggested that the IFC draw up a standing list of fraternity houses for the rotation of receptions, rather than have random drawings for each speaker. He said this might alleviate problems experienced earlier this year.

The EC voted to have a party for the EC members at Beau Dudley's house Monday. The EC originally voted to use \$75 of student funds for this, but representatives Calvert and Willis disagreed with the principle of using student body funds for something the entire student body could not benefit from. The EC changed its decision and Willis offered to buy a keg or liquor for the affair. Dudley and Charlie Scott were appointed purchasing agents for the party. Neither of them were present at the meeting.

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Connally's Bumpy Campaign

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provide the key. The Texas primary will be crucial for Connally, and he faces stiff competition from fellow-Texan and former Congressman and CIA Director George Bush as well as from former California governor Ronald Reagan, who did well in Texas in 1976. Texas' Republican Gov. William P. Clements has repeatedly said that he is committed to seeing Jimmy Carter lose Texas in the 1980 election and Clements promises to be a GOP power

broker. The Texas state legislature is currently debating whether to have a presidential preference primary in March and a regular state and local primary in July, which is thought to be greatly to Connally's advantage because of his old-line conservative Democratic support. But 12 liberal state senators were absent from the legislature for close to a week and the Texas Senate had no quorum. The Lt. Governor finally ordered warrants for the arrest and return of the truant senators.

Connally, also considered to be the wealthiest GOP candidate, has said he is undecided on which primaries to enter, but will probably start in New Hampshire and enter only primaries in states that earn convention delegates rather than states that only have popularity contest primaries.

Baker

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racial tensions of the 60's, Baker was one of the few southern politicians who chose not to exploit the situation, although he could have preached racism effectively in predominantly white Tennessee.

It is expected that much of Baker's support will come from moderate Republicans, particularly Ford's old supporters. He has few enemies in the party and in the case of a deadlocked convention, he might be advanced as a compromise candidate. As Baker himself said, "Republican presidential chances haven't been better since 1952...the country's singing our song." If so, it remains to be seen whether the Republican Party thinks Baker can carry the tune.

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Local Radio Inventor?

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WDBJ-TV News in Roanoke, and was news director there when he was appointed to the journalism faculty at Washington and Lee in 1969. To

be fair to MacDonald, his article in Iron Worker is a serious, scrupulously researched and meticulously documented work of first-rate scholarship. The present embellishments and ir-

reverencies are chargeable solely to Bob Keefe who, alas, may soon be available for new employment.

The University

Admissions

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cent of the total. The next states are, in order, Maryland (9.5 percent), New York (8 percent), Pennsylvania (7.8 percent), New Jersey and South Carolina (5.4 percent each), Texas (4.6 percent), and Connecticut (4 percent).

Hartog announced in last week's Phi that the number of completed applications W&L received for 1979 admission was 1,085, up 11.2 percent from last year's figure, which had been the lowest in years. The latest admissions report continues to attribute last year's decline to the addition of a formidable essay requirement as part of the W&L application process.

But the university later concluded that the essay requirement had a negligible effect

either on the size or on the academic talent of the class that actually enrolled.

Despite last year's smaller "pool" of applications, W&L achieved a class that was actually larger than the 350 it has fixed as its annual freshman goal, and the credentials remained as strong as they had been in recent years when larger numbers of applications were received.

W&L officials speculated that the essay requirement served primarily to discourage students whose writing ability was inferior.

This year, the university again included an essay requirement — in modified form — as part of the application procedure.

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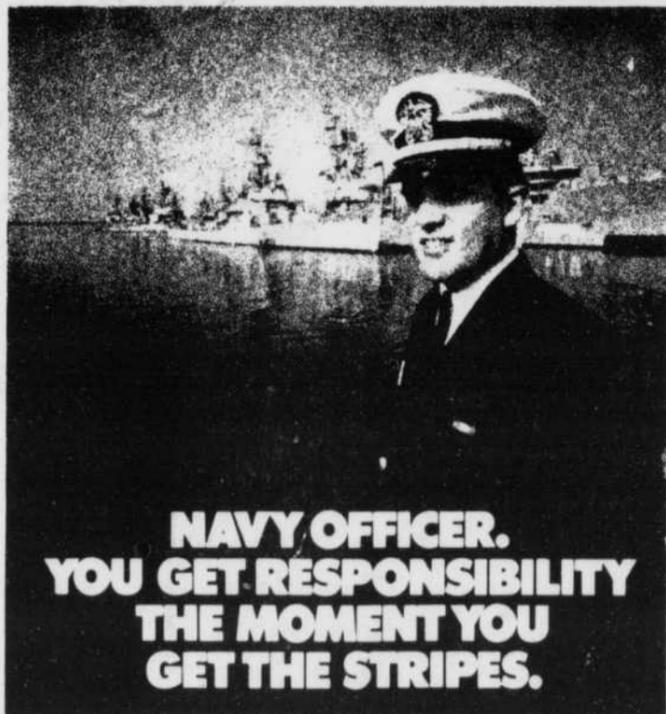
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