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Basketball Season In Doubt



A preseason picture of the varsity basketball team — seven of those pictured are no longer associated with the team.

This Week

Players Fail In Reinstatement Bid

University President Robert E.R. Huntley has formally and officially ruled out all possibilities that any of the students involved in damage to 37 of Washington and Lee's English boxwoods will be allowed to participate on W&L athletic teams this year.

(The University Athletic Committee, in a meeting before Christmas break, recommended to the president that all 10 W&L students involved in the damage to the boxwoods not be permitted to represent the university in intercollegiate athletic contests for one year. President Huntley adopted the committee's recommendations.)

Varsity basketball team captain Pete Farrell and teammate Carby Hoy went before the Athletic Committee Tuesday reportedly to see if they could be reinstated on the team.

The committee reaffirmed its earlier decision of suspension Tuesday, a ruling that applies regardless of the exact extent of any individual student's involvement in the incident.

President Huntley backed the Athletic Committee's latest decision on the case: "I agree also that the athletic suspension for the remainder of this academic year should not be lifted as to any student who was

involved in the incident."

The committee apparently left the door open for an appeal of the suspensions later this year, possibly in April.

The meeting Tuesday between Farrell and Hoy and the Athletic Committee is the latest in a series of actions taken by several of the students and their families in an attempt to appeal the suspensions and get the students back on the team.

A number of parents had conversations with administration officials over the vacation.

The original punishments handed out by the Student Control Committee Dec. 10 found all 10 W&L students involved in the incident to be equally guilty in damaging the boxwoods. The SCC is the only committee to have reviewed all the facts and evidence in the case.

The University Athletic Committee "uncritically" accepted the SCC's findings and recommended adding the one-year suspensions to the list of punishments for the students involved.

One of the students involved in the incident, Chris Cahill, has taken a leave of absence from the university.

Several of the other students are said to be considering taking a leave of absence or transferring to another school.

Before Break

What Really Happened To The W&L 10?

by Randy Smith

Saturday, Dec. 8

Four members of Washington and Lee's varsity basketball team are suspended by Coach Verne Canfield for their role in the damage to 37 of the school's English boxwood bushes.

Team captain Pete Farrell and the Generals' leading scorer, Carby Hoy, are suspended for "disciplinary reasons" along with teammates Rob McDevitt and Chris

Schrauth. The four sat in the crowd for the game that night graduated from the University in 1962.

a chronology

Monday, Dec. 10

There are little more than rumors floating around campus about the so-called boxwood incident until the Richmond Times-Dispatch comes out with the story Monday morning, trig-

gering the first of a flood of state-wide publicity.

That night, the Student Control Committee, an all-student disciplinary body which has the power to impose penalties and can recommend expulsion, meets for what will be a six-hour session to hear the case of the 10 W&L students involved in the boxwood damage.

Also involved, they admit to the committee, are Brad Lewis, the basketball team's manager, Brian Murphy, a junior varsity basketball player, Chris Cahill, a member of the lacrosse team, Ken Manganiello, a football player, Tracy Hodge, an assistant to the j.v. basketball team, and Dave Leunig, an assistant to the varsity team.

(Four Longwood College students were also involved in the damage but were beyond SCC's jurisdiction.)

Before the committee, the 10 decide to be tried as a group—they are all equally guilty, they say.

According to testimony given by the 10 during their hearing, they were celebrating after the basketball team's one-point

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8 Damaged Boxwoods Don't Belong to W&L

by Joe Scott

Eight out of twelve English boxwoods, mistaken as a Washington and Lee University gift, were damaged on December 5.

The boxwoods, planted in a line stretching from Tucker

Hall to Tucker Annex, are in the process of being assessed.

Approximately 210 bushes were donated in three installments by the late Wilmer S. Poyner, a former agent for the New York Life Insurance Co. His son, Dr. John S. Poyner, graduated for the University in 1962.

The first installment of 32 bushes was donated in 1972. The College arranged for shipping

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Notice

The Ring-tum Phi will appear in its usual form Thursday.

The Team's Future

by Bill Whalen

The bulletin board outside of W&L Basketball Coach Verne Canfield's office seems to best reflect what has happened to his squad in the past month. Gone are the individual pictures of his players and the plans for the team's ill-fated trip to Europe. Tacked up in their place is a simple piece of paper bearing a message:

Life is 100 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to what happens to you. Positive thinking people never quit or compromise. They simply adjust and find a way.

This philosophy, undoubtedly posted and probably written by

Canfield himself, is the guideline for the rest of the Generals' season. With the loss of four players, including both

an analysis

starting guards, W&L will now face the hardest part of its schedule with what is basically a makeshift team.

The four players who are off the team, Captain Pete Farrell, Carby Hoy, Chris Schrauth, and Rob McDevitt, have left a huge void in the squad's backcourt depth, as all of the players involved were guards. Moreover, Hoy and Farrell were the Generals' first and third

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Concert Pianist To Perform Tuesday

Washington and Lee University's Concert Guild will present its third program of the season next Tuesday (Jan. 15) at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel, with a performance by contemporary pianist Joshua Pierce.

His W&L performance will include a broad variety of musical styles and figures — from Mozart and Beethoven through Chopin and Liszt, concluding with pieces by Gottschalk and Persichetti.

A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, Pierce has performed new compositions by Josef Alexander, Giampaolo Bracali, Doris Hays, and W&L music professor Robert Stewart.

Also a student of the well-known music director Dorothy Taubman, Pierce has assisted

her for the past three summers as artist-in residence and faculty member at the Taubman School in Amherst, Mass. and Rensselaerville, N.Y.

The artist's touring career dates from 1976, when he completed a highly successful visit to southern Spain in solo and chamber music recitals with the American Festival Orchestra, part of cultural festivities honoring America's bicentennial celebrations. Most recently, Pierce performed in a concert for Mrs. Joan Mondale, wife of the Vice President and a contemporary music enthusiast in her own right.

A recording by Pierce of John Cage's "Sonatas and Interludes for Prepared Piano" was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1977 as best classical-

contemporary album. This record, as well as a second, received the highest rating from the prestigious Downbeat Magazine. Still to be released on Serenus Records are works by Josef Alexander in collaboration with soprano Rosalyn Reese and the Paul Price Percussion Ensemble.

Though the concert is free for members of the W&L community, admission is \$3 for the general public. Tickets will be available at Lee Chapel on the evening of the performance.

As the Concert Guild's first winter-term performer, Pierce is the initial attraction in a busy season. He will be followed by two popular groups — the Clarion Wind Quintet on Feb. 10 and the Annapolis Brass Quintet on March 5.



Joshua Pierce

Diplomatic Correspondent To Lecture



Richard Valeriani

The 1980 Contact program will present its first speaker on Thursday, Jan. 17. Richard Valeriani, NBC News Diplomatic Correspondent, will speak in Lee Chapel at 8 p.m. on the foreign policy crisis currently facing the United States and its implication for the future.

Contact, a student-run committee, brings selected speakers to the W&L campus each year. This year, Contact is sponsoring a symposium dealing with foreign relations problems facing the United States in the 1980's.

Valeriani, a journalist for 25 years, has recently been involved in covering various aspects of the crises in Iran and Afghanistan. His past endeavors include acting as a newsman-panelist in the 1976 Ford-Carter Foreign Policy debate. He also covered the

White House during the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon.

Other speakers will appear on campus in the early part of the winter semester. Among them are General William Westmoreland and Rober Evans, former CBS Moscow Bureau Chief.

Marathon Registration

Register NOW for W&L's Second annual Muscular Dystrophy Dance-a-thon.

We currently have 120 girls signed up who need partners!

Register in the Co-op or with Carole Chappell in the University Center building.

Registration deadline—Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Dorm Counselor Openings

Applications are invited for the positions of Freshman and Upperclass Dormitory Counselors for the 1980-81 academic year. These positions are among the most responsible entrusted to Washington and Lee students.

Applicants must be at least current sophomores, and should not have commitments after 8 p.m. which would routinely take them away from the dormitory for any appreciable time.

(More information is available from the office of the Dean of Students.)

Students who are presently dorm counselors and who wish to reapply for next year should submit letters to this effect to the office of the Dean of Students, Payne Hall 6, by 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, JAN. 18. Returning candidates should also indicate if they wish to apply for Head Counselor or Assistant Head Counselor.

New applicants for counselor positions should also have their letters into the office of the Dean of Students by FRIDAY, JAN. 18.

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REVIEW and OUTLOOK

Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

The Boxwood Incident

There can be no doubt that the so-called boxwood incident was a disgrace and embarrassment to the varsity basketball team, to Washington and Lee's athletic program, and to the university as a whole. The destructive acts of 10 W&L students and their four Longwood College companions can never be condoned or justified.

We will not, however, cast judgment on the individuals involved. It seems unreasonable to us to castigate and recommend punishment when all of the facts about the incident are not available for our examination. (How, then, can we make an informed judgment?)

We find it astonishing that so many members of the W&L community jumped to impulsive, emotional and uninformed judgments. As soon as the Student Control Committee's punishments of the 10 students involved became known, there was an outpouring of grumbling throughout the campus that the penalties weren't "harsh enough" and amounted to merely "a slap on the wrist." All of this second-guessing was done by those who had not attended the marathon six-hour SCC session and, therefore, did not have access to the evidence and circumstances upon which Student Control had based its decision. And the SCC judgment was reportedly a unanimous one.

Again, we cannot and will not condone the destructive acts of these 14 individuals. But it is also wrong for those without access to *all the facts* to cast judgment and recommend alternate penalties.

What we really lack is information. Although we have done our best to fill in the gaps about what happened during a series of closed meetings on the boxwood incident, our information is still sketchy and incomplete. Rumors provided the only information many people had—and the rumors proved to be predictably unreliable.

One possible solution is to allow press access to important disciplinary hearings in which the university community clearly has an interest—the boxwood incident would fall into such a category. This incident demonstrates the dangers inherent when a society lacks the vital information it needs to formulate informed judgments. We recommend that in the future a member of the campus press be granted access to what have traditionally been closed hearings so that the information needed by the community can be disseminated.

We were shocked by the reactions of some, by the bitter contempt several members of the W&L community—faculty and students alike—expressed toward the 10 students involved and toward Student Control and what was perceived to be a lenient form of punishment. Some of this hostile reaction might possibly have been alleviated somewhat if the facts had been available for the community to inspect. We all have a right to know in what manner and why a certain disciplinary action was taken in an incident which has such a profound affect upon our entire community.

The Ring-tum Phi views its role as a responsibility to convey as much information as possible to the W&L community about matters which directly affect it. We will continue to disseminate information, when possible, and serve as a forum for the responsible views of members of the W&L community.

Again, we feel duty-bound to warn against hastily conceived judgments based only upon incomplete information.

Generals Need Us

Dear Students,

As we all return to Lexington to begin a new term and a new decade, I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and hopes that the holidays were joyous for all.

I am sure that you are all aware of the unforeseen problems and pressures which have befallen the Basketball Generals.

The team entered this season with high hopes for an ODAC Championship. Three of the five original starting players remain on the team, and a strong bench is now filling the vacancies created by the unfortunate incident involving the boxwoods.

However, no matter how much talent this team possesses, it cannot regain its confidence and pride without support. The Generals need us, the STUDENT BODY, to show them that we care and that we are behind them.

Steve Abraham
Student Body President

The Ring-tum Phi welcomes letters to the editor but will accept no letters after Tuesday, 4 p.m., for the next edition.

Team's Future In Doubt

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leading scorers, respectively.

Before and after the boxwood incident, W&L has played like two entirely different teams. Before the loss of the four players, the Generals had a record of three wins and two losses and were outscoring their opponents by an average of eight points in each of their victories. In the last three games, however, the Generals are 1-2, including two losses at the Suncoast Classic in St. Petersburg, Florida.

But the worse seems yet to come. In a nine-day period, the Generals will play five games. The first two games are at home in the Washington and Lee Tournament this weekend. Then come the three most important games of the year.

The first of these three encounters is a rematch with Hampden-Sydney on the Tigers' home court. Two days later, the Generals must play Eastern Mennonite, a vastly improved team, in another away game.

Finally, W&L will be at home to take on the Lynchburg Hornets, who at this moment seem to be the best team in the ODAC. It will be in these three games that much of the pairings for the ODAC Tournament will be decided.

Replacing Farrell and Hoy in the backcourt are a pair of sophomores, George Spears and Clark New. Both Spears and New saw limited playing time last year but have been improving with each game. New has already hit for 21 points in one game and Spears has had two 16-point efforts as a starter.

Where the Generals have been hurt the most is on their bench. With the movement of New and Spears to the starting



Defense Reporter To Speak On Monday

Charles Corrdry, defense and foreign policy reporter for the Baltimore Sun and panelist on the television series "Washington Week in Review," will speak at Washington and Lee University next Monday (Jan. 14) as part of a week-long visit to the campus sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellowship.

Scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Northern Auditorium of W&L's undergraduate library, Corrdry's lecture is entitled "Iran, Afganistan, Pakistan: There Goes the Whole Neighborhood?"

The confused state of Mideast news events is a natural subject for Corrdry, who has nearly 40 years of reporting experience to his credit. He joined the Sun's Washington Bureau in 1967, after 25 years on the reporting staff of United Press International. And he has appeared on "Washington Week in Review" since that series began more than 12 years ago.

Corrdry specializes in military and foreign affairs and has reported on NATO for most of its 30-year history. Other assignments have taken him from Berlin, including a visit when "the wall" was erected, in 1961 to Cape Canaveral for the early missile and space activities.

He was sent to Korea upon the outbreak of war there in 1950 and returned in 1977 to cover U.S.-South Korean defense negotiations during a reporting trip through the Pacific. He covered Senate debates over SALT I and II in 1972 and 1979 and American responses to the 1973 Middle East war.

While at W&L, Corrdry will address selected classes in history, journalism, politics and military science. Informal meetings with professors and students will continue through the week.

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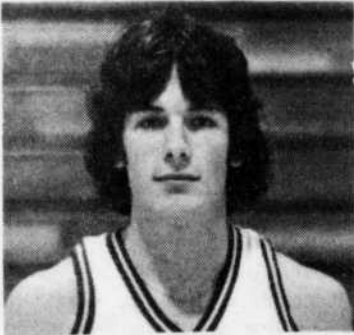
SCC Hears Case

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overtime victory over Hampden-Sydney the previous Wednesday and decided to go "bush waste." All 10 readily admitted their guilt for the destruction and said they knew they were doing something wrong.

Members of the group told the committee that they did not realize the extent or the cost of the damage while they were doing it, but that there was no malicious intent in their actions.

(The cost of the damage still has not been determined by the university.)



Carby Hoy

Basketball coach Verne Canfield and football head coach Gary Fallon spoke on the group's behalf. Canfield stressed the "family" type relationship he has with his players and said they had told him the whole story before he suspended the four players prior to the Shenandoah game.

In his testimony before the SCC, Canfield emphasized that the students had learned from

their mistakes and asked that the SCC not recommend expulsion for this "one mistake." He offered an alternative: a work program of some kind; he even offered to supervise the work.

"No one on the committee really wanted to kick them out and nothing would have been solved by it," a participant in the meeting, who asked not to be named, told the Ring-tum Phi.

The SCC places all 10 students on social probation for the remainder of the school year (which forbids them to partake in any fraternity function or to use some of the university's recreational facilities), conduct probation (a "severe warning" for misconduct) for the remainder of their enrollment at W&L, and that each must work eight hours a week in the community for the remainder of the school year under the supervision of the SCC.

The committee also recommends that all ten make arrangements with the university to pay for the damages. (The SCC does not have the power to interfere with athletics.)

After the meeting, Tim Brooks, chairman of the SCC, told the Ring-tum Phi his committee "feels that this punishment is one which is not merely punitive but constructive. After lengthy deliberations, the committee decided that of those penalties available, these penalties would best serve the interests of the whole W&L



This picture shows some of the damage done to 37 of W&L's English boxwood bushes.

photo by Frank Jones

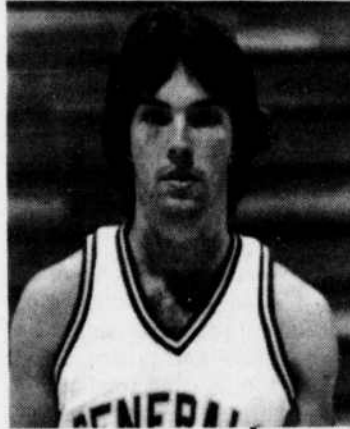
community. This penalty does not preclude any legal action by the university nor any independent disciplinary action taken by the athletic department."

Student Body President Steve Abraham said that, "the students shouldn't be so quick to prejudge the punishment in this case without knowing the facts."

However, the facts of the case are known only to those few who had attended the SCC meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

The campus slowly learns of the SCC's ruling on the boxwood incident. Many students and faculty members are outraged



Pete Farrell

Parsons. The six heirs to the "Weeks Estate" disagreed.

The question of ownership eventually went to court. At one time the litigation went to a federal court in Alexandria, Va. but was returned to the Virginia state courts. Both sides of the case, Washington and Lee being the defendant, settled the case out of court with the University agreeing to return 12 boxwoods.

"We are keeping them informed," said Parsons referring to the damaged plants. "Nothing is decided yet."

Boxwood Problems

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of the boxwoods from Wytheville, Va.

Another group of bushes totalling 179 would arrive from a Floyd, Va. estate beginning in 1975. "For tax purposes, he was giving the bushes to us as yearly gifts," said Frank Parsons, Assistant to the President.

Poyner died before the third installment arrived but left instructions in his will to remove the remaining bushes from the "Weeks Estate." The bushes, according to Parsons, were already numbered and cataloged by University representatives.

"We took the bushes that we understood he bought," said

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by what they consider to be "a slap on the wrist." The boxwood incident dominates conversations on the colonnade, even though final exams begin the next day.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

The University Athletic Committee meets at "the direction of" University President Robert E.R. Huntley (who is in New York) at noon.

In an hour and a half-long meeting, the committee accepts "uncritically" the findings of the SCC and votes to recommend to the president that all 10 be suspended for one year from positions in which they would represent the university in athletics.

The vote for suspension is unanimous and the committee's consensus is that the 10 students involved in the bush destruction were not given sufficient punishment by Student Control.

(The Athletic Committee is an advisory group with no direct powers.)

The committee did not have the opportunity to examine any of the evidence considered by the SCC.

After he has been informed of the Athletic Committee's ruling, President Huntley then reportedly calls Athletic Director William McHenry and instructs him to implement the committee's instructions.

There the matter rests until Christmas break.

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