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Executive Committee Freezes SBA Funds

by Ben Jarratt

The Student Bar Association had its funds frozen by the Executive Committee Monday night, when an SBA subcommittee failed to appear before the E.C. to give its monthly report.

During the fall, the E.C. adopted a proposal to freeze funds if a subcommittee did not appear before the E.C.

Morgan Griffith, Third-year Law Rep., said the SBA would not be able to present its report, as the officers are currently undertaking an extensive bar preparation course. He motioned that the E.C. suspend the requirement for this month's report and let the SBA present a double report in March.

Ken Lang, '82 Rep., stated the officers should have made contact with the E.C. There is a requirement that a subcommittee should contact the E.C., if it would not be able to send a representative.

"I'm perfectly sympathetic with the SBA," stated Ben Hale, '84 Rep., "but we agreed earlier in the year a subcommittee should call us. We are bound by that vote."

Tom Booher, First-year Law Rep., expressed concern that freezing funds would hinder the SBA. He said the SBA was planning a Valentine's Party this weekend and would not be able to pay expenses.

"I think it's going to ruffle feathers across the creek," stated E.C. Vice-president Jim Averett. According to Averett, Griffith's motion that the SBA be given an extension to March was defeated 4-8. Griffith, Booher, Averett and John Vlahoplus, '84 Rep., voted in favor of the motion.

Hale then moved that the SBA funds be frozen until E.C. President Eric Myers talks to the officers. Myers can unfreeze the funds, if he receives a satisfactory reply. The motion passed 9-3. Griffith, Booher and Vlahoplus opposed. Myers said he would try to clear this matter up immediately.

Contact

Contact Co-chairmen R.D. McLean and Mike Drinkwater said the honorarium for F. Lee Bailey cost \$4,750. The other speakers had averaged \$2,500 this year. "With someone with a name that Bailey has," stated Drinkwater, "you're going to have to pay that kind of figure."

Lang suggested the co-chairmen talk to Henry Feuerstein of Focus about getting congressmen to speak during Spring term. Feuerstein reported to the E.C. last week that he could bring several congressmen to W&L at minimal costs.

Student Health

Thad Ellis reported the Student Health Committee was concerned that not enough students were aware of the insurance policies at W&L. The Student Handbook publishes this information.

The committee also looked into emergency procedures at the athletic facilities. The athletic department cannot afford a full-time doctor to be present during games. According to Ellis, if an accident occurred, the biggest problem is the legal aspect. School Trainer Tom Jones would be capable of handling emergencies, but he is not a



E.C. member Ben Hale.

doctor.

Ellis said there may be a problem with the training room during the Washington holiday when two trainers will be out of town. The athletic department said it would handle this problem.

The school infirmary will have restricted hours, but these hours will be posted. Ellis said W&L students have 24-hour access to the emergency room at

Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

Courses and Degrees

Mike Skardon reported that he and Brian Gibson are relatively ineffective on the Committee of Courses and Degrees. They are not informed on what is being brought up for consideration.

"There are a few incidents where they try to slip stuff through the back door," stated Skardon. The committee once

considered dropping the Dean's List. "A lot of faculty members think the Dean's List is a farce."

Colt Puryear reported the Freshmen Admissions Committee discussed the policy of accepting sons of alumni to W&L as a rule. There was a question of whether one student had acceptable grades and SAT scores in high school.

International Club

Henry Baey reported the International Club will sponsor an International Day in the spring. Tentative plans include an International Childrens' Art Exhibit, a Chinese opera and a special meal in Evans Dining Hall.

Outing Club

Mike Gregory said the Outing Club had one ski trip to Wintergreen cancelled because of weather. It seems the club was involved in a three-car accident on the way to the slopes.

Fencing Club

The Fencing Club will be participating in the Va. State Tournament this Saturday, according to club captain David Hepler. The meet will be held at William and Mary.

Myers announced the Big Three Elections will be held on Monday, Mar. 8. Petitions for President, Vice-president and Secretary are due in the E.C. office on Mar. 1.

12 Law Students Work In VITA Program

Twelve Washington and Lee University law students will get an opportunity to help low-income residents of Rockbridge County while learning more about federal tax laws during the next several weeks.

The students will participate in VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), a free tax preparation program sponsored by the Taxpayer Assistance Division of the Internal Revenue Service. IRS provides materials, training, and advice to volunteer tax form preparers through VITA.

"This service is really needed by low-income people. If a program like this weren't available, they would end up going to a commercial tax preparer and getting charged," said Alan Munro, the second-year law student who initiated the VITA program here.

The service will be offered Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from 13 until April 13. It will be located at the Legal Aid Society office at 203 N. Main St. in Lexington.

The volunteers, who include several Lexington residents as well as the law students, have been trained by IRS personnel to complete 1040 and 1040A federal income tax forms.

Participants in VITA are encouraged to bring their new tax form, last year's completed return, all W-2 forms issued to them, and other relevant financial data.

Though the volunteer tax preparers will check all of the returns they help complete for mistakes in mathematics and

substance, persons who use VITA are responsible for the contents of their returns.

Elderly, low-income, and handicapped people are especially encouraged to take advantage of this free service.

The other W&L law students who are involved in VITA, in addition to Munro, are Jamie Canup, Donna Gray, Fred Earley, Cindy Harrington, Ted Loper, C. Jay Robbins, Doug Payne, Lynn Hoshall, John Kent, Mike Farr, and Linda Klein.

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Selective Enforcement Of Noise Violations Alleged

by Scott Mason

In recent years, Washington and Lee fraternities have become greatly restricted with the formation and enforcement of strict University rules and procedures. Of late, however, the butt of these restrictions has come not from the University but from the Lexington Police Department in the form of noise violations.

Nevertheless, evidence suggests that the Lexington Police Department has been deviating from written laws specifically stated in the *Lexington, Virginia, Charter and Code of Laws* regarding noise and the amplification of sound.

According to the Lexington code (section 15-33), it is "unlawful for any person to make use of sound-amplifying equipment or loudspeakers, in such a manner and that the sound or noise thereof is audible to the public, without a written permit from the city manager." Lexington Chief of Police, James A. Kirby, states that anyone amplifying music must have a permit and that this procedure "applies to everyone in the city."

The "permit to amplify music" enables music to be played for a period of no longer than three hours Monday through Thursday or beyond 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday the permit allows music to be played for a period of no more than four hours or beyond midnight.

According to an employee of the Old Main Street Shopping Mall, a group named the Down Home Band had been practicing for approximately one year in a vacant room located above the Mall. Practice sessions usually took place every Tuesday and Thursday evening between 5:30 and 6 p.m. The band had never filed for a permit.

Approximately four weeks ago, Lexington police received a complaint in regard to excessive noise at the Old Main Street Shopping Mall. Edwin J. Curran, a sophomore residing at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house, a block from the Mall, said he witnessed police officers arrive at the scene, only to call up to a window of the Mall, asking the band members to tone down the music.

Curran said the noise was excessively loud and had been on previous occasions as well. Kirby initially denied knowing anything about the incident. Later, however, he recalled that a complaint had come in regarding a disturbance at the Old Main Street Mall, but he had no further knowledge of the details involved.

Kirby acknowledged that under the Lexington code, the band was required to file for a permit to amplify music. Dur-

ing that year-long period, however, no permit was ever issued and no violation was ever issued.

Employees of the White Column Inn said that bards hired for Friday and Saturday nights usually perform from approximately 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., or until closing. The White Column Inn only once has filed for a permit to amplify music.

Ironically, Lexington police have issued only one noise violation to The White Column Inn and that violation was given the very date that the Inn's lone permit was filed. Contrary to statements made by White Column Inn employees, Chief Kirby remarked that The White Column Inn "has gotten permits in the past."

Under the Lexington code of laws, The White Column Inn is required to file for permits to amplify music whenever bands play there.

Records indicate that during the months of September 1981 through January 1982, 175 noise permits were granted by the Lexington Police Department, 174 of which were issued to Washington and Lee fraternity houses.

Eight fraternities, including Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon were in violation of the Lexington sound-amplifying code since that time and were placed on two weeks social probation by the University.

Chief Kirby stated that at the start of the academic year, fraternities are first given one warning before any violations are issued. Officer W.F. Knick Jr. confirmed the one-warning procedure.

Nonetheless, presidents of the

eight fraternities in violation of the noise code since September each specifically stated that they had never received any warning prior to the violations bestowed by Lexington police.

Though Lexington police did administer a warning to the band members of the Old Main Street Shopping Mall, no warning, according to the eight fraternity presidents, was ever given in any of the incidents since September involving a violation of the noise code.

Almost one year ago, members of the Washington and Lee Law School rented the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house during the undergraduate Washington Holiday in mid-February. The students never applied for a permit to amplify music nor were they ever issued a violation of the Lexington

sound-amplifying code. Chief Kirby remarked that the law students would, indeed, need a permit but had no knowledge of the incident.

When questioned whether church bells or the sounding of the Virginia Military Institute cannon would fall under section 15-31 of the Lexington code of laws as "noise generally," Chief Kirby said that the V.M.I. cannon would qualify, but that because V.M.I. is a military, state-owned school, "they have certain things they can do."

Kirby added that church bells would not fall under the code but gave no further explanation.

Evidence has arisen that may show that certain private groups in Lexington have not had to comply with the same amplified noise restrictions that

police impose on fraternities.

Although fraternities are required to obtain noise permits before parties, a local band has regularly practiced in town, and the White Column Inn has had bands without obtaining the permits.

Also, the police have issued at least a warning to that local band, despite a policy of no warnings for the fraternities.

Chief Kirby flatly stated that the Lexington Police Department is "not discriminating against students" with regard to permits and violations of the Lexington noise code. Kirby said that the "same guidelines" apply to fraternities as well as to Lexington citizens. Yet, says Kirby, "Fraternities are lucky to get as many permits as they do," and he charges fraternities of having "wild parties."

Fowler Promoted To Lt. Col.

David F. Fowler Jr., professor of military science at Washington and Lee University, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

At a Feb. 1 ceremony, W&L president Robert E.R. Huntley and Fowler's wife, Patricia, pinned the silver oak leaves of his new rank to Fowler's epaulets.

The ceremony was followed by a luncheon hosted by Col. George F. Peters Jr., the Army ROTC Area IV Commander.

Fowler was commissioned an officer in the Army after more than two years of enlisted service in Europe. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and an additional tour of duty in Europe.

Included among the positions

Fowler has held are command of an Armored Cavalry unit, command of a criminal investigation district, service as instructor in armored cavalry tactics, and advisory duty with Virginia National Guard and Reserve units.

Fowler is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and earned his master's degree in administration of criminal justice from Wichita State University. His military education includes airborne qualification, graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and graduation from the Army's Advanced Course and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and graduation from the

Army's Advanced Criminal Investigation Management Course.

Fowler's military awards include the Silver Star, Bronze Star with first oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (seven awards, two for valor), Purple Heart with first oak leaf cluster, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and a variety of service and campaign medals.

At Washington and Lee, Fowler instructs both junior and senior students in leadership and executive responsibilities within the military. He will serve as the university's professor of military science through June 1984.

Fowler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fowler Sr. of Susan, Va.

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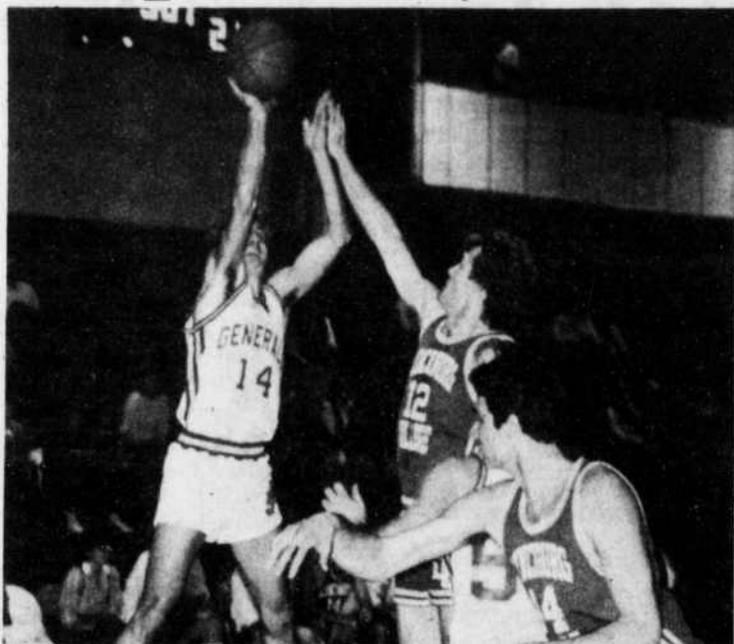
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Generals Uphold Streak With Three Wins

by G. Bruce Potter

"Bridgewater will have fire coming out of their nostrils," Washington and Lee head basketball coach Verne Canfield had warned. "But I think our guys will be ready for them."

His Generals were more than



Guard George Spears launches a shot.

Sports

ready as they quickly extinguished the Eagles 85-56 in a Warner Center matchup Tuesday night to clinch a home court advantage for the first round of the Old Dominion Athletic Con-

ference tournament and revenge a 55-53 setback to Bridgewater earlier in the season.

Two other relatively easy victories, a 75-60 defeat of Catholic University and a 72-46 crushing of Lynchburg College, upped the Generals' record to 16-5, and they maintained their grasp on first place in the ODAC with a 9-2 conference mark.

You name it, Bridgewater used it to try to stop the Generals high-powered offensive attack. They opened in a simple 2-3 zone, but senior guard George Spears scored six points in the early going to propel W&L to a quick 14-3 lead. The Eagles then switched to a man-to-man, but that didn't fare much better as the Generals steadily increased their lead and stopped Bridgewater cold on offense.

Brian Hanson's basket at the halftime buzzer gave the Generals a 41-19 lead going into the locker room. Bridgewater shot a miserable 26.9% from the floor in the half to the Generals' 51.6%.

The teams exchanged baskets to open the second period, and the Eagles appeared to be pulling back into the affair when

they cut the W&L lead to 19 at 49-30 with 16 minutes to play. However, the Generals were extremely patient on offense the next time down the floor and finally worked the ball around to John Lee Graves, who led the squad with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Graves soft jumper from the lane was followed by a W&L run of six points a minute later that ended any hope Bridgewater had.

The game then turned sloppy, and the final score would have been worse except that the Generals only hit 6 of 14 free throws in the second half, many of those misses coming on the front ends of one-and-ones.

Lex Fitzenhagen's drive down the middle for a layup with 32 seconds left gave W&L their biggest lead of the game at 85-54 before Bridgewater scored at the buzzer to produce the final outcome.

Junior center Frank Eppes added 16 points for the Generals and Hanson 14. As well as dominating the scoreboard, W&L also dominated the boards by outrebounding the Eagles 44-28. The Generals shot better from the floor (59.3%) than they

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Indoor Tracksters Gain Experience

by Charlie Alcorn

The W&L indoor track team now has one meet's experience under its belt and as it ventures to Lynchburg College this Saturday for the annual Lynchburg indoor relays. This meet, which includes a number of ODAC teams, will serve as a final tune-up for the tracksters before the upcoming ODAC indoor championship on Feb. 27 in Lexington (V.M.I.).

The Generals' showing at last weekend's VMI relays did not prove to be decisive in terms of total scoring, but the team gained valuable input. Highlighting the meet for the Generals was the hurdle relay team which

finished sixth overall and only three seconds off the winning time.

Shot putter John McKee had an indoor personal-best effort with a heave of 42'-11". The toss should rank him among the leaders in the ODAC this season.

The rest of the General squad participated in its respective events and Head Coach Norris Aldridge was pleased with his team's performances and progress.

Weight and event Coach Frank Miriello was quoted as saying, "at a big meet like VMI, one has to set a goal and stick with it. Anything beyond that is

gravy. "The Division I competitions negates the possibility, in many cases, of our athletes placing which might breed a negative attitude," said Miriello. "At W&L we realize the athlete's potential and go with reasonable standards for them no matter what kind of competition they're in."

The indoor season is coming down to the wire and this week's meet at Lynchburg looms large. If the Generals make a good showing their chances for an indoor title could be strong. This will be the team's first test against comparable opponents, a factor the Generals have been anticipating all winter long.

Wrestlers Pin Hampsters

by John Harrison

The Washington and Lee wrestling team raised its record Saturday to 4-6 after competing in the Davidson College Invitational. The wins came against Hampden-Sydney (22-19) and Lynchburg College (33-17). The Generals' lone setback of the day came in the first round, in which Catawba College took a 24-16 decision.

Captain Tim Valliere (158 pounds), Carlton Peebles (heavyweight), and freshman Jeff Dixon sustained the solid performances that they have given during the season by winning all three of their matches. The total scores for Valliere were 16-9, 17-2 for Peebles

(along with a pin against Lynchburg), and 11-3 for Dixon (plus a win by forfeit). Freshman Joe O'Neill scored a 21-0 margin in his two victories.

Head Coach Gary Franke was satisfied with the work in the upper weight classes but believes that the lower classes should have done better. Said the coach, "I was a little disappointed with the lower weights, but at the same time the four guys in the upper weights did well."

Tonight the Generals will be away for the last time this season as they take on the University of Richmond. Judging from what happened the last

time the same two teams met, the Generals will have to be well-prepared for the match.

"They have a good 126 pounder and a good heavy-weight and their 158 man beat Tim back in December," Franke noted.

The season will end with a 1:30 p.m. duel meet Saturday against Lynchburg and Hampden-Sydney and a 7:30 p.m. match Tuesday against Longwood. Both matches will be held in the Warner Center.

On Wednesday, Franke will determine who will represent W&L in the NCAA Eastern Regionals which will be held on Sat., Feb. 20.

General Facts

The Columbia blue team defeated the Navy blue team this past Saturday in the second annual Alumni basketball game 92-88. The teams, comprised of former W&L basketball players both included graduates as far back as 1968.

The final cuts have been made on the Washington and Lee lacrosse team. The roster now numbers 32 players. The team will travel to Biscayne College in Miami, Fla. The lax season opens Mar. 2 at Duke University.

The sixth annual ODAC Basketball Championship Tournament will begin on Thurs., Feb. 25 with quarterfinal games at four colleges as determined by the final regular-season standings, which will be finalized following play on Sat., Feb. 20.

Tournament semi-finals will take place Sat., Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Salem Civic Center. For the second con-

secutive year, The Salem Rotary Club is sponsoring action in the Civic Center.

This winter marks the first time, however, that the split-site arrangement has been used.

As the season approaches its close, the conference record illustrates the bad luck found on the road. Of the eight teams in the ODAC, five show obvious favoritism for their home courts. Currently W&L holds a 14-1 record at home and a 2-4 mark on the road. Similarly Roanoke is 12-0 at home and 6-2 on the road. Bridgewater is 7-3 at home and 1-10 away, Lynchburg 6-3 and 2-7 and Hampden Sydney 7-1 and 4-8 away.

An average of 334.6 spectators attended the Generals' 15 regular-season home basketball games this year. That's up slightly from last year's average of 329.1. There is a marked difference on the road, however. At this point last season (five road games), the average was 385. This season (six road games so far with four to go), 475 people have turned up for each contest, an increase of 90 per game.

Last week's VMI relays sported one of the nation's finest mile relay teams. The hometown Keydets' mile relay squad comprised of four freshmen turned in a winning time of 3:10.09 good enough for 1st place and the overall team championship.

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Swimmers Face Glassboro State

by Andrew P. Hoppes

W&L's swimming team evened its season record at 4-4 with a 68-44 swamping of Sheperd College over the weekend at Sweet Briar.

Two W&L swimmers established noteworthy personal marks against Sheperd. Freshman George Seavy clocked a personal best time in the 200-yard backstroke and sophomore Gary Meyer posted his best time for the season in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other W&L swimmers continued to improve on their already superb seasons. W&L's

All-Americans, Mike Bernot and Tim Rock, won both events they competed in while junior Rob Crawford and sophomore Jeff Gee maintained unbeaten dual-meet records in the 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard backstroke respectively.

With plenty of momentum from the win over Sheperd, the Generals take on Virginia Commonwealth this Friday in Lexington.

Coach Page Remillard noted that, "Our diverse line-up could win it for us. We need to win both relays."

Although W&L will host the

nationals this year, the Virginia Commonwealth meet will be the last regular season home meet for senior co-captains Mike Bernot and Herb Gresens.

Gresens summed up his feelings about the final meet when he noted "I've been swimming since I was seven or so, and I've put a lot of effort into it. So in a way it'll be a relief and in a way it'll be kind of sad."

Although the VCU meet will be the last home meet, the Generals still will compete in several road meets starting with a Sat., Feb. 13 encounter with Georgetown and Glassboro State.

"We want to come out of that meet with a split," said Remillard.

The Glassboro meet offers the possibility of a battle of champions in the 50-yard freestyle event. W&L boasts the swimmers with the first and fourth best times nationally in the event while Glassboro State swimmers occupy the second and third positions.

"We're going to swim to win the meet, not to win the 50 freestyle at the expense of the meet," indicated Remillard, who downplayed the importance of any single event.

Over the Washington holiday break, the Generals compete in the U.N.C.-Wilmington Invitational on Feb. 18, 19 and 20.

"Last year we were 7th in the meet. This year we want to break into the top three," Remillard said.

"The majority of our swimmers will try to qualify for Nationals at this meet," Remillard added. Remillard expects both relay teams to qualify for the Nationals, along with W&L swimmers placing in the top 10 national times nationally in every event.

Peterson, McClain Earn A-A Honors

Washington and Lee water polo standouts Erik Peterson and Rand McClain, both residents of Miami, Florida, have been selected to the Division III All-America teams announced this month by the American Water Polo Coaches' Association.

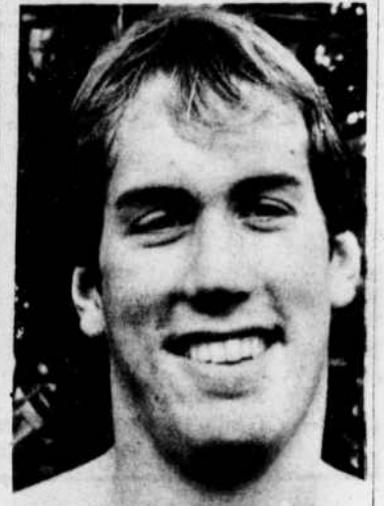
Peterson, a junior, received recognition on the seven-member first team while McClain, a sophomore, was named to the seven member second team. Their selection marks the

ship. "And, as all four of these athletes will be on the 1982 team, we look for continued success."

Whereas Rock and Smith proved themselves primarily on defense, Peterson and McClain were offensive mainstays for the Generals. Peterson collected a season record 152 goals while McClain led the team in assists. "Eric's scoring figure speaks for itself; however, he would not have had nearly that number without Rand passing



Rand McClain



Erik Peterson

second consecutive year the Association has honored two W&L players. Last winter current sophomore Don Smith received first team laurels and classmate Tim Rock second-team mention.

"These All-America honors are true signs of our program's progress and the player's progress," relates Head Coach Page Remillard, whose 1981 team posted an impressive 31-5 record and claimed the Southern League champion-

to him. Conversely, Rand's assist capabilities were indeed due partly to Erik's scoring abilities," explains Remillard.

Peterson, who earned his first W&L polo letter this past season after transferring to the University, served along with Rock as the team co-captain. McClain, a two-year letterman, is currently a key freestyle sprinter on the Generals' swimming team, where he has the chance to earn another All-America award," according to the coach.

Fencing Club Triumphs

by John M. Cleghorn

"A real trouncing" are the words W&L fencing club captain David Hepler used to describe their victory over The Citadel this past Saturday at Warner Center. Virginia Military Academy also defeated The Citadel in the same competition.

The Citadel was W&L's third match of the season after an 18-9 loss Navy and a 13-14 loss to VMI, a match described by Hepler as "about as close as you can get."

A fencing match is made up of 27 bouts, the winner of the majority being the match victor. Competition is divided into three weapon categories, the sabre, the foil, and the epee. In each category there are three team members who compete against the other team in a round-robin event making 27 bouts.

Against The Citadel, W&L's sabre team members scored the bulk of the wins. Clyde

Harkrader, Pat Berg, an Chuck Depois won each of their bouts to give W&L nine wins.

Each weapon carries its own set of rules. The epee competition counts a touch for any contact to the body as a score. The sabre scoring zone is limited to the upper body and the foil is further limited to the torso only. The winner of the bout is the first to score five touches.

A touch in both the foil and epee categories can be scored with the point of the weapon only. The sabre touch can be scored with a slashing motion. These differences are traceable to the weapons' origins, the foil and epee being used for actual fencing while sabres resembled those used by mounted cavaliers.

The Washington and Lee fencing club is advised by Dr. James Worth. "Dr. Worth has been very enthusiastic and has helped the team a lot," said Hepler.

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Basketball

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did from the charity stripe (57.8%) while holding Bridgewater to a 37.7% performance from the floor.

"It was our best team defensive effort of the year," was the phrase Canfield used to describe the Lynchburg victory. The Generals forced 18 turnovers, and saw the Hornets shoot 35.1% from the floor and 27.3% from the foul line.

The only thing Lynchburg could do right was a lob pass to their center, 6-9 sophomore Jeff Bryant, who was 5-7 from the field in the first half. After having both Eppes and freshman Jackson MacFarlane guard him, Canfield switched Hanson to the duty. The junior guard

responded by making four steals (he had previously only had 16 the whole season) and taking away that facet of the Lynchburg offense.

Down 30-22 at the half and 34-24 early in the second stanza, the Hornets rallied to pull within three at 34-31 with 15:05 remaining. Then Canfield called one of his patented timeouts. "I had to get a few things across

to the guys, and they responded well," he said.

Considering W&L proceeded to outscore Lynchburg 30-8 over the next 13 minutes, I guess you could say the team responded in grand style.

Perhaps the spark of the rally occurred with the Generals up 42-35 at the 9:53 mark. Junior Jay Fechtel was fouled, hit the first of his one-and-one but

missed the second. Henry Bond pulled down the rebound but his shot went awry and appeared to be heading out of bounds before he made an incredible save.

Flying through the air, he first appeared as if he would toss the ball back in underneath the basket, but he saw Spears open at the top of the key, pumped, and fired a completed pass. First down.

Graves was then fouled, but he, too, missed his second free throw, and, once again, W&L came up with the rebound and worked the ball around to Hanson, whose basket concluded the four point play. Now, did you get all that or shall I try again?

The Generals were 12 of 15 from the charity stripe over the last eight minutes to Lynchburg's disastrous 1 of 12 to (continued on page 12)

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In the six months since the academic year began, the Executive Committee has watched student body funds efficiently, preserved the honor system diligently, dealt with the press honestly and been more straightforward with the student body than any E.C. in recent memory. And yet, something is missing.



Ken Lang, Senior Rep., during Monday's Executive Committee meeting, debates Contact's expenditures on F. Lee Bailey. To his left are representatives Frank Smith, Ted McQuiston, and Cole Dawson.

by Todd Smith

If one were to make a policy of what the E.C. has done this year it would be very much like Ronald Reagan's Voluntarism: "The government that governs best, governs least."

To do so, however, would be to assign a policy where there is none.

The Executive Committee waits for people and problems to gravitate towards it, then quickly and efficiently, honestly and straightforwardly probes and brightens the issues.

Then it waits for the next issue.

E.C. representatives and others can quickly point out: (1) that they are too busy with the honor system to increase their workload, (2) that they are elected as mediators, facilitators and budgeters, not legislative super-heroes, (3) that there are no real problems for them to address, and (4) that the criticism is unjust and they do initiate solutions to problems without being prodded.

Morgan Griffith, Third-year Law Rep., certainly needs no prodding, having brought in for debate two of the largest issues of the year: a possible tele-

phone cooperative that would eliminate deposit payments for students, and the possible addition of two members to the committee.

But with these two issues spoken for, the remainder of the year's activities seems to be reaction to subcommittee reports.

The E.C. can proudly point to three revisions students made in the constitution in mid-October. One of the revisions allows for more fair representation for law students and would not have passed without the E.C.'s effort, particularly the door-to-door campaign of President Eric Myers.

Whatever is missing is small. It is hard to pinpoint blame. Several representatives have felt something lacking themselves and expressed off-the-record dissatisfaction.

To take Myers to the woodshed for his leadership is wrong. The E.C. is a group of leaders, not a train of circus elephants. Remember that the off-the-record dissatisfaction last year was that then-President Bob Willis and Vice President Willie Mackie domineered the E.C. While



Putting the student body to use, in September the E.C. interviews applicants for membership on faculty committees.

Myers has not been any great inspiration, he has worked hard and performed well the role assigned him.

Assume that we cannot blame mankind in general, or the student body, which is so disinterested that large chunks of it offer themselves each spring for election as representatives.

The burden of responsibility, then, for what has been a mediocre year for debate, initiative and effective programs from the E.C. must rest on each member's shoulders. It is a small burden, because they are one of the most honest and diligent E.C.'s in a long time. They could be better, that's all.

The members could pursue the idea of an alternative social program, which was brought up

at budget hearings in September, though no one will remember. They could pursue the idea of alcohol counseling, which Myers investigated as a junior representative. They could make use of the people who turn out for work on advisory committees and are not appointed, especially freshmen. They could do a little more work on the subcommittees they are assigned to (subcommittees monitor groups like the SAB, Contact, etc.)

In an October interview Myers said, "I think I'd like to decentralize things a little more." With that he threw the ball to the rest of the committee. Now, if more people would just stop standing around looking at it.

MORGAN GRIFFITH Law Representative

Morgan Griffith takes the Executive Committee home with him to the law school after the meeting, and is thereby the most valuable member of the year. He proposed a telephone cooperative to lower costs and brought up the problem of under-representation of freshmen and law students. Griffith reminds the E.C. of law student opinions and needs, and chastises in his apologetic way the subcommittees like Contact which overlook the law school schedule.

Griffith's knowledge of law

school problems makes Lewis Hall the best represented lobby in student government. But he is fair with undergraduate concerns, too. He speaks when he has something to say, which is often. Outside of the E.C. room, he plugs the organizations he knows need help. He has even solicited writers for the Ring-tum Phi, and has once come by himself to help with layout.

Griffith obviously cares about the job he is doing and the student body will watch hopefully to see if he runs for re-election.



KEN LANG Senior Representative

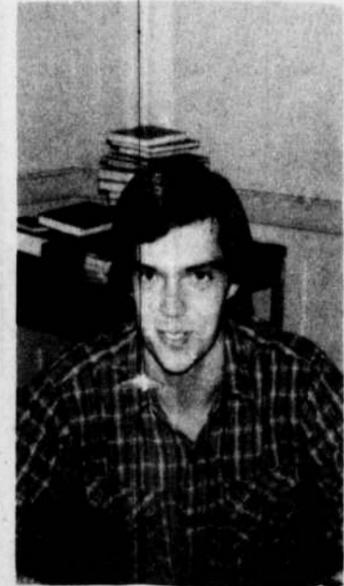
Ken Lang never lets a budget slip through his fingers without understanding and approving it. His comments are sharp at the meetings, which are usually given over to the questioning of subcommittees on their spending.

Lang represents a different side of many arguments and this is important. Lang seems motivated by a genuine sense of service, speaking not just to hear himself speak. He fought a measure that would have rescinded two students appointed by the E.C. to the Publications Board on the grounds that people mattered more than an ambiguous phrase in the constitu-

tion. He lost, but worked out a compromise that put the two back into the meetings.

Lang fought the motion by Frank Smith to recommend that the IFC examine the issue of delayed Rush. He fought it because he was genuinely afraid of invading the IFC's turf, a legitimate fear, not because of disinterest in the plight of freshmen.

Lang is not afraid to say what he thinks, although he is afraid of saying and doing too much. He is a good representative, though he might realize that almost any concerned thoughtful action by the E.C. is likely to be beneficial.



TRIP Senior

Brower has asserted on the committee this year has performed well. He has five in debate. Where year he was accused Phi's midterm report for little because of his ment in the Muscular phy Dance, he has both tasks well this year.

Brower has provided contacts to the student ing on the Intellectual posium (Focus), and has ten a letter to the Phi t up support for the idea fully, his interest will project through this year.

BEN HALE Sophomore Representative

Ben Hale is by far the wittiest of the E.C. representatives. He is smart, honest, diligent and sensitive to students' needs. But he has gone downhill this year.

Hale was a tremendous presence during the budget hearings. He filled in the gaps and asked the necessary questions and then put the budget request into motion form. He probably did this to make things move quickly, not to affix his name to the minutes. For the next two months, Hale took major roles in discussions. Hale was primarily answerable for the Intellectual Symposium, which was later picked up and

developed by students. Hale's concerns about the Contact Speakers program were clearly and convincingly voiced.

Yet, Hale seemed to run out of steam and now takes a smaller role in debate. It was a case of the irresistible force being sat upon by the immovable object — in this case, the lack of substantial issues and enlightened, enthusiastic causes. Or perhaps his studies piled up. Whatever the reason, Hale moved down to the level of the rest of the E.C. somewhere during the year; he is smart, honest, etc.



FRANK SMITH Junior Representative

Frank Smith is serving his second term on the E.C. but has not seemed to warm up to the job. In fact, he probably dislikes it. Smith has already announced that he will not run again. His silence is sometimes conspicuous.

He has spoken on several important issues, however. Smith brought up the subject of a delayed fraternity Rush when others on the Committee would not. He is sometimes adamant in defending the constitution (as when he argued for rescinding

the two E.C. pub board members). Smith has done a good job following the SAB.

Unfortunately these are the exceptions and Smith rarely enters debate. Perhaps, he can be excused for judging the debates useless. One recalls one member's speech to the Student Control Committee last spring about how the E.C. was like the federal government and S.C.C. was like the states. Smith should realize that his comments, and his actions, can only improve the situation.





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ERIC MYERS

Myers has been a good president, bringing experience and hard work to the job, along with a knowledge of how things were run in the past that could be taken too easily for granted.

The president is not skilled, however, in parliamentarian's tricks and the meetings could be run more efficiently. Myers allows each E.C. member to speak in turn, although he has slipped into the habit of answering everyone's statements with his own opinions. That drags.

Myers discourages members from speaking because they do not want to prolong discussion. He seems genuinely interested in others' points of view and is very open to suggestions, even if he sometimes is unable to draw those views out of everyone on the committee.

Myers labors to enact the constitutional revisions bequeathed him by last year's E.C. have not been duly noted by this newspaper, and he knows it. Myers paired up with other E.C. members to talk to anyone they could in Woods Creek, Davis, Baker and Gilliam dorms. Myers had cited the passage of some of the revisions as his major goal for the year. Perhaps their having passed on the first



The Big Three: Vice President Jim Averett, President Eric Myers, and Secretary Bennett Ross.

attempt (last year the E.C. tried several times) robbed him of an issue and a theme for the year.

Past presidents of the E.C. have been slick and talented politicians, which Myers is not. As a result, meetings are sometimes poorly organized, debates sometimes dull and repetitive, and the questioning of subcommittees sometimes pointless and uninformative.

Myers is fair and selfless. He is willing to do the work.

JIM AVERETT

Jim Averett as vice president is in charge of the E.C.'s finances, a job which is intensive only during the budget hearings. Averett will probably contend with Bennett Ross for the president's spot in the upcoming elections.

Averett has introduced no important legislation, but that puts him in the majority. More, however, is expected of the vice president than of the average member. Averett has a low intensity approach to almost cynical debate and enters often. His comments are generally informed and reveal that he has many contacts with deans, administrators, and law students.

Averett seems to perform his office adequately.

BENNETTROSS

Bennett Ross has less responsibility than Averett but seems to match him in accomplishments. His comments during debate have always been enlightening and reflective of a keen sense of the students' needs. When the Executive Committee rejected the budget

request of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Ross noted that the question was not so much of whether to support religious propagation, but whether to support alternative social groups and non-fraternity lifestyles.

Ross served on a committee that led to an important clarification of the E.C.'s relation to the Publications Board. The letter Ross wrote on behalf of the E.C. to the Inter-Fraternity Council, asking the IFC to address the problem of a delayed rush, has been praised by other representatives and was taken well by the IFC

Ross has done much more than the average secretary, and done it much better than the average E.C. member.

TRIPP BROWER
Senior Representative

Brower has asserted himself on the committee this year and has performed well. He is effective in debate. Whereas last year he was accused by the Phi's midterm report for doing little because of his involvement in the Muscular Dystrophy Dance, he has managed both tasks well this year.

Brower has provided good contacts to the students working on the Intellectual Symposium (Focus), and has written a letter to the Phi to drum up support for the idea. Hopefully, his interest will see the project through this its first year.



TOM BOOHER
Law Representative

Tom Booher won a highly contested law school election to come to the E.C. Much is expected of him, but Booher seems stymied by the system,

as if he had very little from his Dartmouth experience to tell, and that is unlikely. It should be easier for a new member with new ideas to speak on the committee than it is.



COLE DAWSON
Freshman Representative

Cole Dawson has yet to be really tested in the E.C. A typical freshman representative is elected and expects to

have work given to him. But he cannot expect to be told what the needs of his class are — he must search them out. Dawson is intelligent and has potential.



JOHN VLAHOPLUS
Junior Representative

John Vlahoplus began the year vociferously but has turned into quite a good E.C. member. He is effective in debate and his clear reasoning facilitates his work with the Student Bar Association, to which is an ad-hoc member.

Vlahoplus has spent a good deal of time researching the judicial precedents for the honor system and seems to have more interest in the honor system's procedure than other E.C. members. Whether this is worthwhile or just so much philosophical rabbit chasing, one cannot tell. Vlahoplus'

November suggestion that a subcommittee be formed to investigate improving the honor system through upperclassman orientations and other methods shows that he can find practical uses for his ideas.

The junior representative seems to grasp the idea of reacting less to issues and acting more on them. He spoke at length to this effect during a debate on whether to discuss a delayed fraternity Rush. There is, of course, a difference between good intentions and accomplishments.

TED McQUISTON
Sophomore Representative

Ted McQuiston suffers in a comparison with Hale, but the former has done a good job, and is unafraid to speak his mind. He was the first on the E.C. to challenge the feasibility of an Intellectual Symposium. Other members were too polite or too uninformed to ask "whether the thing would fly." McQuiston is also on the record for challenging the effectiveness of the University Council.

The role of dissenter is valuable, and McQuiston speaks too rarely. He enters debate often, but hardly ever directly challenges elder members. McQuiston has done good work and seems to be learning and gathering experience.



Entertainment

Review:

'Stunt Man' Is Quite A Feat

by Todd Jones

The Stunt Man deals with a man wanted by the police. While being chased, he stumbles onto a movie set and becomes a member of that troupe to evade the police. An interesting script with interesting characters makes this movie a winner.

Steve Raisbeck is being chased by the police. He evades them and is walking alone on a

bridge when he sees an old Mercedes Benz coming right at him. He throws a piece of iron at the car and it goes crashing into the river below him. He notices a helicopter with people who saw him, so he runs away.

Later on, Raisbeck is on the beach when the man in the helicopter talks to him. The man in the helicopter is actually Peter O'Toole and he is directing a movie on location at the

beach. The man in the ill-fated car died, so O'Toole wants Raisbeck to assume the dead man's identity so that O'Toole won't get in trouble with the police.

Raisbeck has never done any stunts, but is now the leading man's double in the picture. Needless to say, he must attempt some incredibly dangerous stunts. O'Toole becomes fascinated with the determination this man has, but feels that he is being driven to the point where he no longer cares for his own safety.

O'Toole is obsessed with what crime Raisbeck has committed and allows him to continue on his job rather than be turned over to the police. Unfortunately, the stunts become more dangerous until finally O'Toole wants Raisbeck to drive a car off the same bridge that the original stunt man was killed on.

Raisbeck gives a fine performance. His character is somewhat thin, but he develops it well when he explains that the police want him for attempted murder. It ends up that the murder was unintentional. You see his character develop from a man on the run to a professional.

O'Toole is tremendous. He was nominated for Best Actor at the Oscar ceremonies for his performance in this movie and it is easy to see why. O'Toole's character is melodramatic, sensitive. He plays a somewhat homosexual director who is obsessed with making a wonderful movie on war with a deep statement. In the film, everyone jumps the moment O'Toole speaks. It is easy to see why.



CONTACT SPEAKER
F. LEE BAILEY

Last Thursday night, Contact speaker F. Lee Bailey spoke to a packed Lee Chapel about America's insufficient justice system. Contact's biggest name of the year cited political corruption, drug trafficking, and robbery as issues that affect every American. To remedy this, he proposes to outlaw the possession of more than \$500 in cash.

Weekly Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
REGISTRATION FOR SPRING TERM
5 p.m. — CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: "Crystal Chemistry," by C. William Sharp III, '83. Howe 401; preceded by tea at 4:30 in Howe 402.
7-10 p.m. — English Department Writing Clinic. Payne 2B.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: WRESTLING — Richmond. BASKETBALL — Shenandoah.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
WASHINGTON HOLIDAY BEGINS (undergraduates)
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9-11 a.m. — PLACEMENT INTERVIEW: Rutgers University Graduate School of Business. University Center.
4 p.m. — SWIMMING: Generals vs. Virginia Commonwealth University. Twombly Pool.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
1:30 p.m. — WRESTLING: Generals vs. Lynchburg, Hampden-Sydney. Warner Center.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: TRACK — Lynchburg. BASKETBALL — Roanoke College. SWIMMING — Georgetown, Glassboro State.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE
MID-TERM REPORTS FOR FRESHMEN DUE
7-9 p.m. — OPEN TRYOUTS: "The Wives of Utah," (Joe Taylor Ford). Chandler Hall, Southern Seminary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7-9 p.m. — OPEN TRYOUTS: "The Wives of Utah," (Joe Taylor Ford). Chandler Hall, Southern Seminary.
7:30 p.m. — WRESTLING: Generals vs. Longwood. Warner Center.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: BASKETBALL — Eastern Mennonite College.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: SWIMMING — UNC-Wilmington Invitational.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: BASKETBALL — Maryville. SWIMMING — UNC-Wilmington Invitational.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 a.m. — LSAT Testing. Newcomb Hall.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: WRESTLING — NCAA Eastern Regionals. SWIMMING — UNC-Wilmington Invitational.

O'Toole is also ruthless when the leading lady has her parents watch a screening of part of the film. In the screening, the parents see a nude scene the

girl performs. Just before the cameras roll, however, he tells the leading lady about the incident. The result is that the girl cries not at the supposed destruction around her, but out of honest shame.

The music is likewise perfect. It adds to the film's concept of a lack of reality. One especially carnivalesque theme is constantly repeated and is very effective.

The Stunt Man is an excellent film. O'Toole's performance is not to be missed. He is dazzling in a film that has an excellent cast. The imaginative script makes this film one of the best best in recent times.

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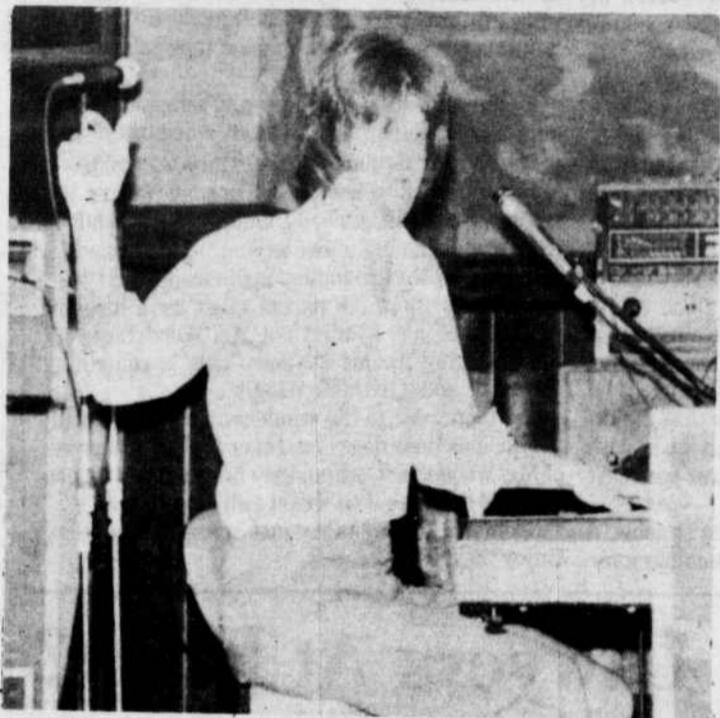
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REVIEW and OUTLOOK

Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

Midterms

A good deal of our readership's curiosity will be satisfied this week after it reads the Phi's review of the Executive Committee. It seems that most of our readers anticipate not excellent stories or insightful analyses, but good old-fashioned roastings.

Well, for those who enjoy seeing the Executive Committee squirm, we are likely to seem a failure. Our assessment was not that the E.C. is full of losers, but that it has done an adequate job. The only thing we find wrong about this is the ambiguous meaning of the term "adequate."

Mr. Webster defines adequate as "equal to the requirement or occasion." In the case of the E.C., this seems true. The 1981-82 Executive Committee does a satisfactory job on the matters brought before it. The area in which the E.C. may be criticized is its lack of initiative. To its credit, the E.C. has brought forth action on several problems. Unfortunately, it seems to discuss the problem and then sit back and wait for another to occur.

In retrospect, the E.C. may suffer from a quality that plagues most governmental institutions — mediocrity. Debate among committee members has been mediocre at best. Initiative can be described as mediocre. The group as a whole is intelligent but, unfortunately, mediocre.

To dress down individual members seems to us to be both pointless and unnecessarily malicious. Certainly some members have outperformed others. If the committee's performance is to improve, however, it must be a group effort.

We are not labeling this year's E.C. a failure. In addition, we do not want to commend it excessively. We believe that it is an honest and diligent group of people. It could be better, however.

Ground Hog Day, If You Care

(Author's Note: This was written for last week's Phi which, you may know, came out two days after Groundhog Day. The Editors did not have room for it, so they must be forgiven for killing the timeliness which was intended.)

Does anybody not know that Tues., Feb. 2, was Groundhog Day?

According to legend, you know, the rotund little rodent is roused from winter's sleep on Feb. 2 of each calendar year. He pops out of his hole and if he sees his shadow it means six more weeks of crummy weather, if he doesn't, etc.

Now I always figured this was a localized set-up — in other words the local groundhogs might not see their shadows (as I presume they did not Tuesday unless they only looked for a few minutes around 10:30) meaning we're home free even if, say, a New Jersey woodchuck saw his shadow. Well, no.

Apparently there is an official groundhog, with an idiotic name I don't remember, in some obscure Pennsylvania town. It is the presence of his shadow alone which determines meteorological patterns for the nation.

This particular animal's emergence is a media event. Instead of a hole in the ground, he lives in a white box that resembles a portable dishwasher. And he doesn't crawl out quietly, let alone voluntarily, or with any dignity. A silly little man in a top hat drags the terrified creature from the box and holds him, prostrate, before a gawking crowd of reporters. The man then announces that the little beast saw his shadow and all that goes with that. He didn't point out that the shadow was cast with the help of glaring klieg lights.

So, even if a local groundhog saw no shadow, a promise of awful weather pervades because some

Pennsylvania specimen called Woodrow C. Chuck or something spent a few agonizing seconds dangling in front of T.V. cameras.

One wonders why, in the first place, a more noble animal was not chosen to be forever associated with the weather map. But, were it not for this day, what possible distinction could be afforded the groundhog? Unlike beavers they don't have neat tails, nor do they fell trees or do anything even remotely useful. They don't even bother to wash their food properly like raccoons. They are bulbous and unattractive, resembling dirty, helium-inflated rats. And there is no grosser roadside spectacle than a fat groundhog squashed by a car, lying there to the delight only of buzzards and the swarms of flies which accompany summer. Take Feb. 2 away from them and they'd be immortalized only in the childhood ditty about how much wood they can chuck if they could chuck it.

Another question which pops to mind is who has kept a track record of the beast's accuracy?

My favorite Groundhog Day story was told by a W&L professor to her class Tuesday. Seems her five-year-old son, already steeped in groundhog lore, came running to her saying "Oooh mommie, come look at the groundhog in the front yard!"

How charming, the parent must have thought, little Junior has spotted old Mr. Woodchuck out there looking for his shadow. This is something one reads about in Uncle Wiggly.

She then went to the window and watched with the child as their dogs stood over the bloody corpse of Mr. Woodchuck, whom they had savaged before he could even see if he'd cast a shadow or not.

No moral to that tale — just senseless violence. Enjoy the next six weeks.

W&L Men: Lawyers At Heart?

A survey of freshmen at Washington and Lee University indicates that more than 30 percent of the Class of 1985 plans a career in law.

Asked to indicate their "probable career occupation," 30.9 percent of the W&L freshmen participating in the survey selected the category "lawyer (attorney) or judge."

In recent years, law has been the leading career choice among W&L freshmen by a significant margin. A year ago, for instance, 29.9 percent of the members of W&L's freshman class planned a career in law.

By comparison, 4.5 percent of all freshman men taking part in the nationwide survey indicated law as a probable career while 11.1 percent of the freshman men at private universities chose law as a probable career.

The annual survey is part of the Cooperative Institutional Research Program conducted jointly by the American Council on Education and UCLA. The survey is based on a questionnaire completed by freshmen at 368 institutions (73 two-year colleges, 250 four-year colleges, and 45 universities) throughout the nation, including Washington and Lee.

The second most popular career choice of the W&L freshmen was "business executive," which was the choice of 19.4 percent as compared with 11.2 percent of all freshman men and 10.8 percent of freshman men at private universities.

Third among career choices was "physician," selected as a probable career by 14 percent of the W&L freshmen compared

with 4.0 percent of all freshman men and 14.5 percent of freshman men at private universities. That was followed, in order, by "engineer" (7.1 percent) and "writer or journalist" (4.9 percent). Of the W&L freshmen surveyed, 6.6 percent indicated that they were undecided about a career.

Asked in the survey to indicate reasons "noted as very important" in their decision to attend college, 81.7 percent of the W&L freshmen said they hoped to "gain a general education" while 78 percent said their reason was to "prepare for graduate school."

As for their choice of Washington and Lee, in particular, 89.8 percent indicated that W&L's "good academic reputation" was "very important" in their decision to enroll in the university. Nationally, 49.3 percent of freshman men cited "good academic reputation" as their reason for choosing their college or university.

Asked to indicate "objectives considered to be essential or very important," 78.7 percent of the W&L freshmen chose "to be an authority in my field" as an essential objective.

In response to a series of questions about current affairs, 95 percent of the W&L freshmen said they agree (strongly or somewhat) that all college graduates should be able to demonstrate minimal competency in written English and mathematics; 72.7 percent said

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Bellini's 'Norma' Aired By LUR

Vincenzo Bellini's "Norma," a tragic drama of illicit passion set in Roman-occupied Gaul, will be broadcast live from the Metropolitan Opera House at 1 p.m. Saturday over campus radio station WLUR-FM.

The cast for the broadcast will feature Renta Scotto in the title role of Norma, the Druid High Priestess who has broken her religious vows for love; Tatiana Troyanos as Adalgisa, a virgin of the Temple; Placido Domingo as the Roman Pro-consul Pollione; and John Cheek as Norma's father, Oroveso. James Levine conducts.

During the single intermission "Opera News on the Air," Edward Downes, quizmaster for "Texaco's Opera Quiz" will discuss the music and story of "Norma" with Warren Jones, an assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera, at the piano.

Based on a play by Alexandre Soumet, "Norma" embodies the early nineteenth century's spirit of romanticism. Bellini's musical writing is at its most dramatic and expressive, always moving the story towards its final, inevitable tragedy.

Court Rules W&L SNU Debts Liability Of SNU House Corp.

by Bill Roberts

In a General District Court hearing Wed., Jan. 27, Judge Joseph E. Hess ruled that the \$488.62 still owed to Green Valley Rent Alls by the now defunct Sigma Nu fraternity is the liability of the Sigma Nu House Corp.

Green Valley Rent Alls was suing the former president of the fraternity, William Dederick, for \$488.62 in rental fees. Dederick had signed a rental contract for some floor-sanding equipment in September, 1981, and the fraternity has not paid the bill.

Judge Hess ruled that Dederick had signed the rental contract as an officer of a corporation and could not be held liable for debts incurred by the fraternity. Judge Hess ruled that the Sigma Nu House Corp. is legally responsible for the chapter's debts.

The Sigma Nu House Corp. acts as a legal umbrella for the chapter. The House Corp. holds the insurance policy and mortgage on the fraternity building.

According to the executive director of the Sigma Nu National Fraternity, Maurice E. Littlefield, approximately \$8,500 is still owed to local businesses which had extended credit to the chapter.

The national organization, which has its headquarters in Lexington, holds the charter of every Sigma Nu chapter in the country.

Littlefield said that the national fraternity has been paying the chapter's debts to Washington and Lee. The University made several loans to the chapter in the past. These loans are still current, and the national fraternity has been covering the payments for the chapter. But the national fraternity cannot pay the chapter's debts to local businesses.

The coordinator of fraternity affairs at Washington and Lee, Dan Murphy, said, "The legal entity responsible for those debts is the house corporation."

But the president of the Sigma Nu House Corp., Jay Denny, said, "There seems to be some difference of opinion here."

"I do not think the house corporation is responsible for those debts," said Denny.

Denny said that he would be meeting with Littlefield to decide on a strategy for collecting from the former chapter members. According to Denny, the house corporation and the national fraternity are planning to hold the former chapter members responsible for the debts to local businesses.

The problem is that the chapter's financial records were stolen on Nov. 12, 1981. The former chapter treasurer, John Solitario, said that he had kept the books in his apartment at 114 E. Nelson St. Solitario noticed that the accounts were missing and contacted Dan Murphy about the disappearance the following day.

This occurred only 24 hours before a fire caused damage to the basement and first floor of the fraternity building. According to Littlefield, State Arson Bureau investigators have determined that the cause of the fire was arson.

Littlefield said that since the records of which former members still owe the chapter were stolen, they will now have to divide the \$8,500 between the students who were active members at the time the debts were incurred. Although the records are missing, it is known that several of the members were not paying their dues.

"Once we have determined exactly how much is owed, we will determine who was on cam-

pus last year and divide it into equal shares," said Littlefield.

But he added, "It is unfortunate, because now these people who were paid up will have to bear an unequal share of the burden."

Solitario said, "I am not going to do anything about it." He said that the general feeling among the members is that they are not responsible for the debts.

"Those who were paid up feel they do not owe any more money, and those who were not are not ready to admit that they owe anything," said Solitario.

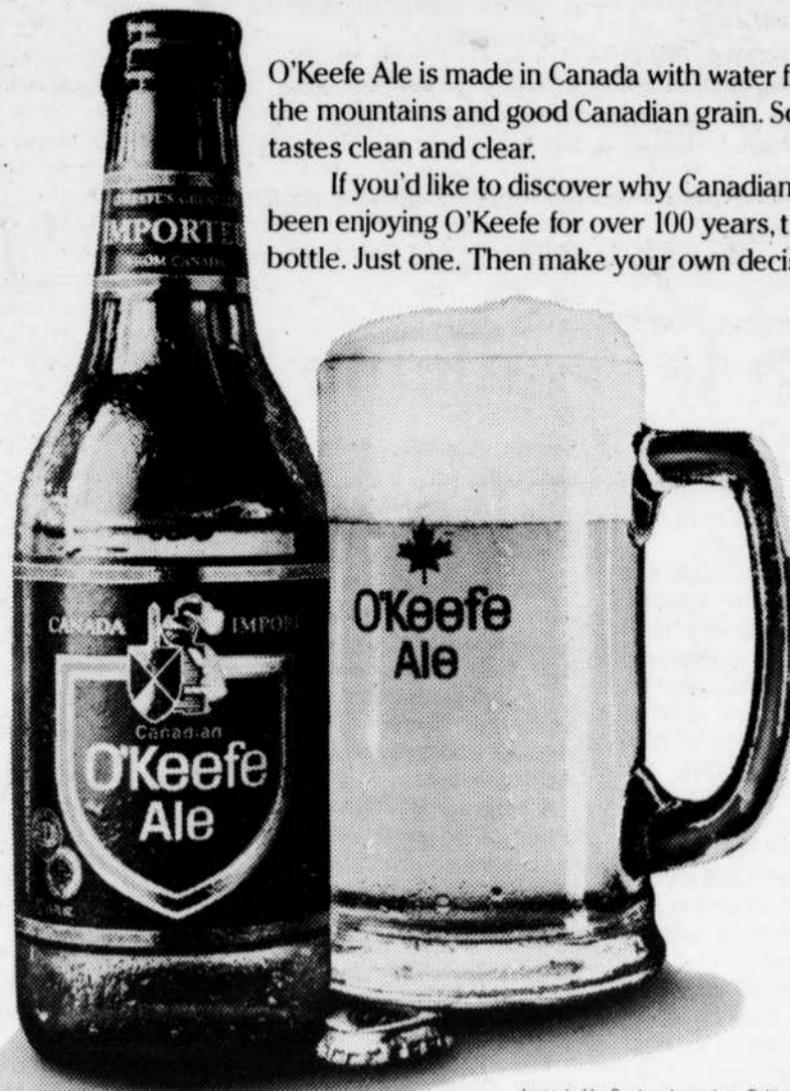
The Sigma Nu fraternity was placed on probation last spring because of financial irresponsibility.

The University prohibited members from living or eating in the fraternity building. Finally, on Nov. 10, 1981, the University withdrew recognition of the chapter.



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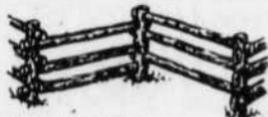
clinch the victory. "We took away their transition game," said Canfield. "The only way to win in February—both home and away—is to play good team defense."

Eppes, who had dished out nine assists the entire season, contributed four against Lynchburg, and two guards, Spears and Bond, pulled down four rebounds apiece. Graves led the

Generals' attack with 15 points and Billy Yates added 14.

All five W&L starters scored within two points of each other, Eppes leading the charge with 14, Yates adding 13 and Spears, and Hanson 12, in the 75-60 win over Catholic University Thursday night in the Warner Center. "The balanced scoring is an indication of some offensive effectiveness," commented Canfield.

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Law Colloquium Held On Aircraft Disasters

The question of which state's laws should be applied in cases involving aircraft disasters was addressed in a two-day colloquium at Washington and Lee University's Frances Lewis Law Center last week.

Participants in the collo-

quium included Willis Reese, professor of law at Columbia University and author of the most widely used volume on conflict of law issues; Andreas Lowenfeld, an authority on aircraft law and professor at the New York University law

school; Lee Kreindler, a New York attorney who has represented plaintiffs in aircraft disaster cases; and, George Tompkins, a New York attorney who has represented airlines in the cases.

Frederic L. Kirgis Jr., director of the Lewis Law Center, coordinated the event, which involved a series of informal roundtable discussions as well as a two-hour session in which the participants were joined by members of the Washington and Lee law school faculty.

Reese presented a paper that served as the basis for the discussions. In his paper, Reese proposed that plaintiffs be allowed to select which state's laws they want to apply in cases against airlines.

"As it now stands, the court has the choice of which state's laws to apply, and the law is very, very unclear on the subject," explained Kirgis.

"Generally, everyone agreed with Mr. Reese that the plaintiff ought to have a choice. But there was considerable disagreement in the group over which choices should be available."

Some of the options, explained Kirgis, would be the laws of the home state of the plaintiff, of the state where the aircraft was manufactured, of the principle place of business of the airline, of the state from which the airplane departed, or of the state to which the airplane was bound.

"It is an extremely com-

plicated situation," Kirgis added. "In the case of the recent

Air Florida tragedy, for instance, which state's laws should be applied in the cases? The airplane departed from a Virginia airport, but its crash site is apparently in the District of Columbia. The airline is headquartered in Florida. But you might also consider the state in which the aircraft is manufactured as well as the individual states of the passengers."

Two of the participants in last week's colloquium are directly involved in the litigation that has already begun over the Air Florida disaster — Tompkins represents the airline while Kreindler represents some of the plaintiffs.

Freshmen

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inflation was the biggest domestic problem; 67.6 percent felt high school grading is too easy; and, 67.9 percent said students should help evaluate faculty.

Asked to indicate their "political orientation," 51.8 percent selected "conservative," 29.6 percent "middle-of-the-road," and 14.4 percent "liberal." The W&L freshmen thereby characterized themselves as more conservative than their counterparts at other colleges and universities.

For instance, data from freshman men at all other colleges showed that 55 percent selected "middle-of-the-road"

and 18.1 percent chose "liberal." At private universities, 49.5 percent of the freshman men were "middle-of-the-road," 28.8 percent were "conservative," and 23.5 percent were "liberal."

As for their expectations of college, 67.4 percent estimated the chances are "very good" that they will be satisfied with college; 13 percent said they will likely change their career choice; 66.3 percent said they expect to find a job in a "preferred field"; 57.6 percent said they are likely to join a social fraternity; and, 50.8 percent expect to make at least a B average.

Fencing

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Fencing was a varsity sport at W&L until 1942 when it was dropped during the World War II period. E.S. Humphreys, Business Manager of the Lexington News-Gazette and Head Coach of the VMI fencing team, revived the fencing program at W&L in 1976.

Commenting on the nature of the sport, Hepler, a senior, says, "It takes many years to become totally reflexive. It's a game of physical chess, thinking a couple of moves ahead of

your opponent and planning your defensive strategy."

This weekend the fencing club will compete in the Virginia Cup, which features action between six teams, all from the state of Virginia.

"We're hoping for about a fourth place finish," said Hepler. "There will be several schools that bring teams and who will have a lot of discipline. However, we will have several individuals that finish high in the state."

SOAS Is Available

by Bruce Jones

An exciting and challenging opportunity awaits one or two W&L students interested in African or Asian studies.

The School of Oriental and African Studies in London, probably the world's very finest school for African studies and renowned for Asian studies, will accept a few students, selected by W&L, for junior year abroad or postgraduate programs.

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Korean, Sanskrit, Shona, Thai and Zulu.

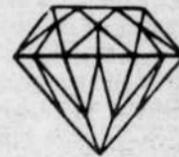
The SAS library boasts the world's most comprehensive collection of printed materials in Oriental and African studies; this resource is supplemented by an expert faculty. The student body itself, drawn from more than 80 countries, is also a wonderful source of intercultural education for the visiting student.

A program of study at SOAS would be of great value to a W&L student interested either in gaining an advantage over the competition for foreign affairs, international business or academic careers, or in expanding his intellectual horizons.

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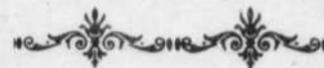
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