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Two convicted on drug charges

By RICK SWAGLER
Chief Editor

A Washington and Lee University senior and a former W&L student have been ordered jailed until presentence reports are completed after they were convicted Friday of selling drugs to fellow students.

Thomas J. Rohrig of Michigan, a W&L senior, was convicted in Lexington Circuit Court of selling marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years.

"(The maximum sentence) is not a reality...it's not practical," Rohrig said. Rohrig is currently on a work-release program, which allows him to attend classes during the days and requires him to return to jail at night and on weekends.

"I really want to finish my last year here," Rohrig said. "People make mistakes every day of their lives — maybe not as serious as mine — but we all deserve a chance to come back."



Tom Rohrig

Rohrig said that the small size of the campus has added to the embarrassment because, "everyone's pointing their finger."

William L. Dederick of New York, whose W&L diploma was withheld after his arrest in May, was convicted of selling

cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana seeds and plants with intent to grow the drug. He faces up to 40 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read. Dederick is to report to jail tomorrow at noon, the Lexington Circuit Court Clerk said.

Read said he asked that the two be jailed until presentence reports are completed to "serve as a deterrent to those who've been selling marijuana and cocaine...It's the only deterrent we have to pushers. For that type of person, strong action has to be taken."

The presentence reports were requested by the defendants' attorney and are designed to give the judge a more thorough knowledge of the defendant's background, aiding his decisions regarding sentencing. The reports will take four to six weeks to complete because the men are from other states. Read has said he will ask for stiff sentences.

On the W&L campus, the fate of the two is up to the Student Control Committee, which is composed of class officers. The committee's decision may be appealed.

Read said student informants whose names were not revealed in court were used in what he called an "ongoing" investigation into drug distribution at the university.

A third man, also a former W&L student, Marc Ham, is scheduled to be tried for possession of cocaine and sale of cocaine on Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. in Lexington Circuit Court. Ham was arrested April 16 and three ounces of cocaine were confiscated from his house.



Rush — Michael Black of Beta Theta Pi yells for freshmen in the Davis quad Monday night. (Staff photo by Charles Mason)

New grade system begins

Some students are unaware of many of the changes

By MIKE ALLEN
Staff Reporter

The introduction this fall of plus/minus grading to replace straight letter grades for course work has provoked little response from the university community, with students and faculty alike taking a "wait-and-see" attitude.

Opinion is essentially divided as to whether the new system will help or hurt students overall, and several university officials, while conceding that the change likely will have some effect, expect the impact on students to be minimal.

Many students interviewed were under the impression that the plus/minus grades would apply only to the 1987 entering class but, as stated in the university catalog, the new

system will be used for all enrolled students.

In response to the misconception, Lewis G. John, Dean of Students, said, "Distribution requirements and general education requirements should be phased in because students should have to meet the requirements of the catalog that was current when they entered."

"This, though, is really only a refinement in the method of grading, so the feeling was that it should be applied to all classes as of a certain date."

The shift in grading procedure was approved by the faculty at its May 1982 meeting. The proposal was submitted to it without a recommendation by the Faculty Committee on Courses and Degrees, which is headed by William J. Watt, Dean of the College.

Dean Watt said that his committee submitted the proposal at the request of the faculty, which then adopted it by what he called a "significant majority."

The presentation was made without an accompanying opinion, he said, because "there was no feeling on the committee as a whole that a recommendation was needed."

The research for the proposal was done in 1976, when the committee, again at the direction of the faculty, investigated a wide range of alternative grading systems.

At that time, Dean Watt said, many of the faculty members were concerned about grade inflation. Any change in the marking system was rejected, partly due to disagreement

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Review and Outlook

A Forum

According to the W&L handbook, the Ring-tum Phi is the university newspaper which reports on all student matters and provides a "forum" for student opinion. While we strive to execute the first adequately, we question the remaining accuracy in the forum description. On the brink of a new year, the 1983-84 staff seeks to re-establish the Phi as an active and reflective bulletin board for the student body.

Too quickly come to mind the memories of irresponsibly written editorials and the consequent shower of letters berating the editors for the "shallow-mindedness" or inaccuracy. Such confrontation often transformed the editorial page into a battle field for written blows between the student body and the paper.

With the shadow of such confrontation still lingering in some of our minds, we have planned measures to reform the editorial page into an opinion forum.

Next week two features will debut which are aimed at cultivating opinion. Next Thursday the Phi will include the top national and international news stories of the week. In addition, we will interview faculty and publish their opinions on news and trends both domestic and foreign.

These features, in addition to guest editorials and our own opinions, we hope will spur your response. Whether this response is favorable or critical, our aim is to increase weekly correspondence and decrease campus apathy.

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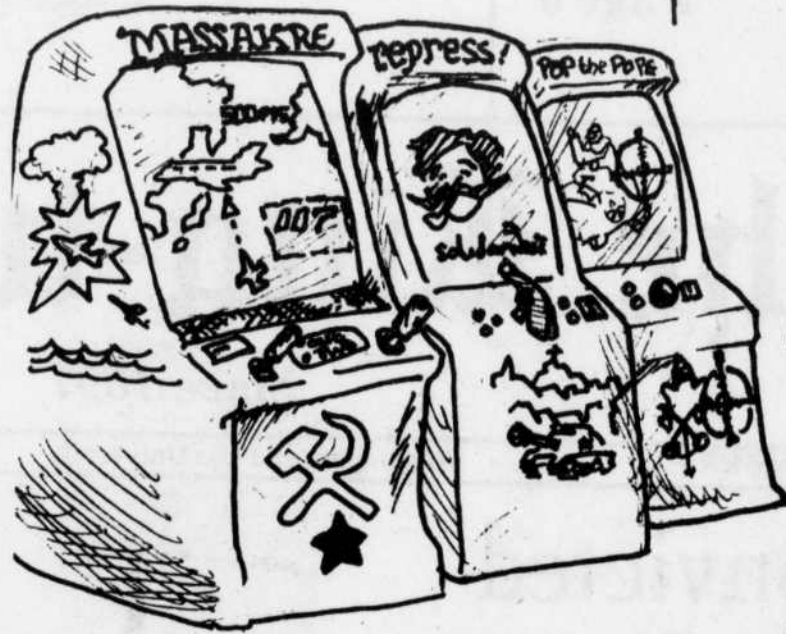
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Letters to the Editor and submissions must be in the Ring-tum Phi office, room 206 of the Student Center, by 5 p.m. Monday of the week they are to be run. This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.

On Yuri....



"Whaddya mean they're bad f'yer health?"



You and the ABC laws

Students will have to step carefully

By JOHN CLEGHORN
Chief Editor

Freshmen and the members of the 17 fraternities at Washington and Lee face several threatening changes in the 1983 Rush. With the imposition of the new drinking law, the arrival of a new police chief facing his first Rush season and a new Alcoholic Beverage Control officer in Lexington, those participating in Rush will have to step quietly and carefully.

News Analysis

For the first time in over 20 years, W&L men will take part in a dry Rush, as a result of a law passed last year in the Virginia legislature that raised the minimum drinking age to 19. The Interfraternity Council, in conjunction with the university, has in turn, designed a Rush schedule that still allows for a realistic view of the fraternity system.

The calendar maintains dry Rush Dates and Open Houses while simultaneously sustaining times for fraternities to hold more characteristic beer parties. For rushing freshmen to see fraternities in both atmospheres is essential.

But in sponsoring beer parties,

even more responsibility falls on the leaders of the fraternities. During parties, fraternities must stay within the moderate limits of the law or face criminal charges.

According to the ABC regional supervising officer, the fraternities will be trusted to extents.

'Reasonableness in enforcement is important, but enforcement there will be'

Stoneman said that the same enforcement policies for a dry Rush that the ABC applied to Virginia Tech this fall would be used in Lexington.

"We are going to rely on the fraternities to provide security," Stoneman said. "We are not out to get them," he continued.

He explained that parties at VPI were not closely monitored. Only when complaints were filed with the ABC was action taken, he said. If complaints were filed, an undercover agent was sent into the party to investigate. If alcohol was being served to those under age, the party was closed and charges were pressed against

the officers of the fraternity as well as any persons under 19 found consuming alcohol, Stoneman explained.

A similar tone of moderation and authority will be applied locally by the Lexington police force. In a meeting with the fraternity presidents and Rush chairmen last week Police Chief L.O. Sutton explained his policies.

"I like to think of myself as being reasonable," Sutton told the fraternity officers. "Reasonableness in enforcement is important, but enforcement there will be."

"I'm not going to be going around smelling everybody's cups," he continued, "but if there are 17- and 18-year-olds getting crocked and stumbling around, I'm going to do something about it."

And so it seems that the fraternities have been given enough rope to either rescue or hang themselves. Which will happen depends entirely on their ability to walk the straight and narrow line of "reasonable" security.

Paper is starting on shaky ground

By SCOTT MASON

Spring term seems just a short time ago. The front lawn of the Colonnade was littered with would-be lacrosse players, shirtless frisbee throwers, and sun-bathers greased with body oil.

Summer has breezed by. Last year's seniors are gone, this year's freshmen have arrived, new professors have replaced old, and the Ring-tum Phi has changed hands.

Chief Editors Rick Swagler and John Cleghorn are seeking changes in the Phi — upgrading the writing, offering a wider variety of articles, improving the way the Phi looks and reads. But the new editors begin their job on shaky ground.

Generally, the purpose of any newspaper is to accurately inform its readers of what's going on around them. When a newspaper fails to report meaningful events, its readers are cheated out of news which may affect them.

It's essential that Swagler and Cleghorn ensure that the Phi properly covers the news, especially in light of an incident last May.

It's been the policy of the Phi

to cover weekly Executive Committee meetings no matter how boring or how trivial the agenda. And so it should. The Executive Committee is the voice of the student body, composed of at least one representative from each class.

Few realize the enormous power and responsibility of the EC. In addition to handling disciplinary matters, it controls the purse strings of nearly every university subcommittee. It could, for example, take

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away all funds from the Student Activities Board. That would mean no Tuesdays in the Pit, no Fancy Dress, no Homecoming or Spring weekends.

Last May, Bill Roberts, then editor-in-chief, decided the Phi would not cover an Executive Committee meeting involving White Book revisions (rule changes). At that meeting, the Committee discussed the definition of an honor violation. Ac-

ording to the White Book, an honor violation is committed when a person lies, cheats or steals. The EC debated extending that definition to include lying, cheating, stealing, and other actions generally thought



Scott Mason

to be disreputable. This, for example, would have made using drugs an honor violation. As it stands now, using or selling drugs is "legal" in the eyes of the university.

Roberts did show up at the Committee's next meeting and was asked why the Phi wasn't present the week before. Roberts reply was "Who cares?" A heated argument ensued between Roberts and the

Committee over what the Phi should and should not be responsible for printing. Insults flew, and at least one member of the EC voted to reprimand Roberts.

Also present was Rick Swagler. Swagler, already named as one of next year's editors, was asked what he thought of the Phi's absence at the meeting held the week earlier. His reply was that the

Phi will cover what it deems is news, that it will cover EC meetings if the Committee stops looking over the Phi's shoulder and telling the Phi what it should print.

The Ring-tum Phi has a duty to cover every Executive Committee whether the EC "looks over its shoulder" or not. The EC often makes important decisions which affect students, and it's the Phi's responsibility to provide this information so that students are aware of what decisions do affect them and how they affect them.

People do care about what goes on inside the EC room. But, if the Phi doesn't cover EC meetings people won't be allowed the opportunity to care and

will be cheated out of news which could have an impact on them.

This year the Phi may find other committees "looking over its shoulder." Those in charge of Mock Convention may, for example, press the Phi for coverage or point out convention events it deems important to print. That's no reason for the Phi to retaliate by not giving any coverage of the event. It's news, and failure to cover the event would be irresponsible.

The meeting the Phi missed last May involved a controversial subject and was one of the most important EC meetings of the year. The Phi, however, didn't just fail to carry out its responsibility as a newspaper; it missed an opportunity to capitalize on a delicate topic affecting all W&L students and to editorialize or provide its own opinion on the matter.

It's important for Swagler and Cleghorn to realize their responsibilities from the start and to cover the news no matter who's looking over the Phi's shoulder. The ground they begin on is shaky. It's up to them to smooth the road ahead.

Behind the Readers' Advocate

By RICK SWAGLER
Chief Editor

This year's Ring-tum Phi will include a forum for students to praise or criticize the paper edited by senior Scott Mason.

As the "Readers' Advocate," Mason will criticize or praise the Phi's coverage and if necessary explain the reasoning behind editorial decisions. Mason will also make suggestions for correcting any inaccuracies or imbalances. In short, he will voice the concerns of the readers.

By way of introduction, Mason is a senior from South Dartmouth, Mass., majoring in

journalism. Last year, he served as junior representative on the Executive Committee.

Last spring, he worked as a reporter at the Roanoke World-Times and during the summer he was a reporter for the CBS television affiliate in Richmond, WTVR-TV.

At W&L, he has been a reporter for the Phi, an anchor and producer of the WLUR-FM news program "Meridian" and a news anchor for the evening news on W&L's cable television station, Cable 9.

Mason was chosen for the position because of his variety of experience in both W&L stu-

dent government and journalism. We hope this will give him a unique perspective from which to comment.

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Superdance head goes to Las Vegas

By ANDY HOPPE
Staff Reporter

Townsend Oast, the chairman of the 1983 W&L Muscular Dystrophy Superdance, presented a check for \$23,900 at the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon in Las Vegas over the Labor Day Weekend.

The presentation was the final reward for a year-long effort by the 1983 Superdance staff.

Washington and Lee's 1983 Superdance raised more money per capita for the Muscular Dystrophy Association this year than any other collegiate fund raiser, according to 1984 Super-

dance Chairman Ben St. Clair. W&L's total contribution of \$23,900 ranked twelfth in total funds raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, St. Clair said. By comparison, Virginia Tech with a much larger enrollment than W&L ranked 16th out of 16 schools at the telethon in total funds raised.

St. Clair noted that W&L increased its donation to MDA by almost \$10,000 over 1982. Seventy percent of all money pledged was collected, said St. Clair.

St. Clair and Superdance committee member John Dindinger also helped take pledges and donations for the Muscular



A break in the action at last year's Superdance. (W&L photo by Pat Hinely)

Dystrophy Association at the regional MDA telethon in Lynchburg.

"People really went out aggressively to raise money for MD," stated St. Clair.

St. Clair said that the 150 dancers deserved a great deal of the credit for the Superdance's success. Students from W&L, Hollins College, Southern Seminary, Sweet Briar College, Mary Baldwin College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Virginia Military Institute danced in the Superdance.

The people who sponsored the dancers, the W&L fraternity

system, area merchants who made contributions and Jerry Darrell, who allowed Evans Dining Hall to be used for the Superdance, also deserved credit for the event's success, St. Clair stated.

St. Clair said that the people from other schools in Virginia also have remarked that W&L's Superdance is a great social event.

St. Clair reported that the 1984 Superdance Committee will have an organizational meeting late in September to begin preparations for the next Superdance.

WLUR is on the air

By DAVID W. JOHNSTON
Phi Staff Reporter

WLUR, Washington and Lee's radio station, resumed its full broadcast schedule this morning. Run and managed by students, WLUR, 91.5 FM, offers a wide range of music and news.

Morning Magazine from 6:45 until 9:00 offers light rock and news. Following that, AM On FM features rock Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Classics Tuesday and Thursday.

The rock schedule is filled out by Afternoon Rock from 3:00 to 5:30 and The Eclectic Third Ear at 11:30.

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Orientation called ragged

By NELSON PATTERSON
Staff Reporter

The freshman class underwent a "ragged" orientation last week, according to the Dean of Freshmen, H. Robert Huntley.

"Orientation (this year) was ragged," Huntley said, blaming the uneasy period on late or forgetful speakers, not students.

"There was a problem with two many athletic tests at different times which rushed freshmen meetings with advisers," Huntley added.

This year's orientation schedule had several changes. Freshmen met their advisers for the first time on an "academic" basis, a change preferred by the majority of advisers according to Huntley. In the past, freshmen had a more social first meeting with their advisers highlighted by dinner together and dessert at the ad-

viser's home. Though freshmen still went to the advisers' homes after the first meeting, numerous events on campus cut short most of the meetings and led to many faculty complaints.

While the schedule may have appeared "ragged" to Huntley, he spoke highly of their cooperation and courtesy during the week.

One freshman counselor, Chris Cartmill, also had high marks for the freshmen's first week and the class as a whole.

"They seem to be more mature than last year's class," noted Cartmill, a second-year counselor.

Cartmill also felt the orientation process had several loopholes, especially when it came to the explanation of fraternities and the Rush system.

"Who is there to really help them in the decision process? Rush questions abound," Cartmill said.

Craig Spear, a freshman from

New Jersey, also felt the Rush orientation left many questions unanswered.

"At the Rush meeting, they talked about nothing we didn't already know or had already thought about," Spear said.

Spear's classmate, Jeff Duke, agreed, noting that rush vocabulary — 'rush date,' 'bid,' etc. — had never been adequately explained.

Dean Dan Murphy, Interfraternity Council adviser, believed this year's Rush orientation had gone better than in previous years.

"About two-thirds to three-quarters of the freshmen attended Rush orientation," Murphy estimated. "Some freshmen had conflicts due to athletic meetings."

Murphy also believed the Rush presentation was "clearly presented and understood."

Confusion abounded not only in the area of Rush and fraternities, but also in freshmen questions about the Honor Code. Len Howard, secretary of the EC, thought this year's session with the freshmen went smoothly, though he thought freshmen's fear of the Honor System was unfounded and often turned to the humorous side.

"One freshman wondered if sleeping over at Sweet Briar was an H.V.," Howard joked.



The matriculation line in a lull. (Staff photo by Charles Mason)

The numbers on the frosh

Peter Wright
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's freshman class "just might be a unique bunch," according to Robert Huntley, dean of W&L freshmen.

Statistically, this year's 360 entering freshmen are very similar to those of previous years, yet Huntley adds that they seem to be more compatible.

"When they're walking around the campus in groups of six or eight, two or more of them will always speak. Ordinarily peer pressure doesn't permit that sort of thing," Huntley said.

Huntley also added that he was surprised at how well the freshmen coped with "one of

the most miserably hot orientation weeks in living memory."

This year's freshman class was chosen from a pool of 1,562 applications and include 14 students who finished first or second in their graduating class. Twelve incoming freshmen were National Merit Scholarship finalists and six freshmen received W&L honor scholarships. The average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for the new students were 555 verbal and 595 math.

Members of the class of 1987 come from 280 secondary schools and represent 32 states and 7 foreign countries. The largest group (61) comes from the commonwealth of Virginia. New York was second with 43, followed by New Jersey (30), Maryland (28), Pennsylvania (22), Texas (21) and Florida (18).

Similar to last year, 60 percent of the freshmen attended public or parochial high schools while the remaining 40 percent came from independent schools.

Washington and Lee awarded some sort of financial aid to 109 new freshmen, of which 42 were ranked in the top tenth of their class.

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Summertime: when business is slow

By G. BRUCE POTTER
News Editor

If you think Lexington curls up and goes to sleep during the summer as might be expected in a city of 7,300 people — when nearly 3,000 students head home for the summer — you're only partially correct.

According to area merchants, business is not that bad during the summer. Lexington's tourist trade, summer school at Virginia Military Institute and the various alumni programs at Washington and Lee pick up the slack during the summer.

Estimates of the drop in sales ranged from 35 to 40 percent at Spanky's restaurant to no drop at all at the College Town Shop clothing store, according to an informal Ring-tum Phi survey.

Jayne Plogger, assistant manager of Spanky's, described the summer drop in business as "quite a bit." She added, though, that "this summer was stronger than usual." The restaurant still had an estimated 40 percent drop in sales.

At the other extreme is the College Town Shop, where co-owner Martha Derrick said, "It's a strange phenomenon...business doesn't drop off."

"It's a different business (during the summer). It changes as far as the customer and what they purchase, but it doesn't change in volume due to the conferences at the schools, the tourist season and the local people going on vacation who want new clothes."

Only two afternoons this summer were absolutely dead," Ms. Derrick said.

The College Town Shop, along with several other merchants in town, including Alvin-Dennis, decided several years ago to shorten their hours slightly during the summer. The stores

close a half-hour earlier during the week and at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

While business at the College Town Shop is not hurt that much during the summer, business at Alvin-Dennis "drops off a lot," Alvin Carter said.

"We do miss the students in the summer," Carter continued. "You wonder some days in the summer what you're going to do. But we're still moving merchandise."

Carter said the slowest period of the summer is the end of July and the beginning of August, but the store still manages to pick up some of the local trade and tourism.

Alvin-Dennis' sales, nevertheless, drop between five and 30 percent during the summer, Carter said.

Business at the Palms restaurant "actually doesn't drop off that much because we do a good tourism business,"

owner Jay Korn said. However the restaurant does see about a 15 percent decrease in business.

"If we were not a college town, I could survive," Korn added.

Although the absence of students is felt at McCrum's drugstore, another factor contributes to a decline in business there during the summer — people just don't get as sick as often according to Jerry Robinson, manager.

"The business is slow in the summer, and then it does pick up in the fall," Robinson said. "The students are gone and the people are on vacation and out swimming and enjoying the weather."

Sam Moore, owner of the White Front Grocery, said his business drops about 20 percent during the summer. "It's a nine-month business town. Any

time volume's down 20 percent, it hurts. But you get used to the ebbs and flows."

Lexington's tourism trade does help businesses during the summer, said Martha Doss, director of tourism for the city. During the summer of 1981, 17,697 visitors passed through the visitor's center.

That number increased 6.5 percent to 18,856 in the summer of 1982 when the World's Fair in Knoxville brought many tourists down Interstate 81, and through the town.

The number of visitors this summer was down slightly to 18,779.

Ms. Doss is one Lexingtonian who enjoys the peace and quiet of Lexington in the summer. "During the summer, it's so delightful around here," she said. "even parking is very easy."



One of the casualties of the summer business lag is the White Column Inn, which closed July 3, 1983, one month after W&L let out. (Swagler photo)

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Prof. Jeans to direct East Asian Studies courses

Roger B. Jeans, associate professor of history has been appointed to a three-year term as director of the East Asian Studies Program at Washington and Lee.

Jeans succeeds Minor L. Rogers, associates professor of

religion.

W&L instituted the East Asian Studies Program in 1972 with a grant of \$30,000 from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation. Subsequent grants from the Jock A.R. Stewart Fund and the Japan Foundation along

with a gift of more than 1,000 books on Chinese art and literature from the Chinese Writers and Artists Association and the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, have enabled the university to expand the program.

The program draws together course offerings of several fields, including art, Chinese language, comparative literature, history, Japanese language, philosophy, politics, and religion. In addition to courses on the campus, students can participate in six-week courses in Taiwan and in Japan.

Jeans, who joined the faculty at Washington and Lee in 1974, is a specialist in Asian history and has conducted research in China. He is currently writing a biography of a 20th-century Chinese philosopher and politician named Carsun Chang.

Mock Convention slated for May

The Washington and Lee 1984 Mock Democratic Convention will be held May 11 and 12 on the Washington and Lee University campus.

The W&L convention will forecast the presidential and vice-presidential nominees of the Democratic party two months before the Democrats' San Francisco convention.

Washington and Lee's Mock Convention has correctly predicted the presidential nominee of the party out of the White House 12 times in 17 attempts since 1908. The W&L students accurately forecast Ronald Reagan in 1980 and Jimmy Carter in 1976.

The selection of Edward Kennedy over George McGovern in 1972 has been the convention's

only mistake since 1948.

Past keynote speakers for the Mock Convention have included Harry Truman, Jimmy Carter, and Barry Goldwater. Convention officials expect to attract a leading Democrat in 1984. Other high-ranking Democrats on both the national and state levels will also be in attendance to deliver the opening, the platform and the welcoming addresses.

Called the "biggest and boomingest" of its kind of Time magazine, the Mock Convention will be covered by national, state and local media.

W&L sponsors Institute for Executives

Executives of 17 major corporations participated in Washington and Lee University's third Institute for Executives during June.

The program is designed to relate the humanities to contemporary business issues and the ethical implications of those issues.

The participants represented a wide range of corporations and came from nine different states, including California, Florida, Wisconsin, Alabama and New York. Among the corporations represented in the institute are Philip Morris USA, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., IBM Corp., Bank of America, and Newport News Shipbuilding.

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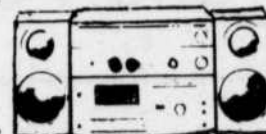
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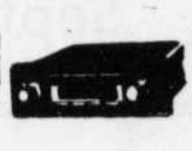
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Sigma Nu returns to W&L with help from headquarters

By TORI RICHARDSON
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee community began its 1983-84 year by welcoming one of its oldest institutions back on campus, the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Having had its Charter suspended in the Fall of 1981 after accumulating \$10,000 in debts and failing to repay loans made by the national fraternity, the Sigma Nu fraternity was able to obtain the permission and funds needed to reorganize the house and to repair damages.

Chris John, president of the W&L chapter, said the Sigma Nu headquarters, located in Lexington, played a major part

in the re-establishment of the campus chapter. "This past April the W&L chapter of Sigma Nu celebrated its centennial. At that time, the national reactivated the chapter's charter and informed us of the money being raised to finance the renovation of the house," John said.

Two representatives from the national headquarters had initiated John and three others during the Fall of 1982 rush period. Seven other members were initiated later in the year.

According to John, the plans to re-establish the house started in the summer of 1982.

"Daniel Rodriguez, the former associate-executive

director of the Sigma Nu national and a good friend of mine, had asked if I would be interested in working to rebuild the chapter on campus. He mentioned the importance of having the house reorganized for the centennial celebration. And I saw this as a good opportunity to have a new fraternity on campus that would have a positive influence on the rest of the houses."

Sigma Nu had its charter

suspended after the university stopped recognizing it as a fraternity. The house also had problems with its neighbors and had violated many standards and warnings set by the university.

The house, which was extensively damaged by a mysterious fire set a year ago, required extensive restoration. According to Mo Littlefield, executive director of the Sigma Nu national, much of the money was obtained from money raised by Sigma Nu alumni, the national chapter, and Washington and Lee.

"The University and the national chapter were very supportive in helping the house to

re-establish ground on campus out of the \$50,000 given to the W&L chapter, about one-third of it came from the university and the other two-thirds from alumni and the national."

Sigma Nu, which now has 11 members living in the house, is now financially solvent, according to John.

"We got about 60 guys to sign up for open house this week. I am sure that the present state of the house may deter some guys from pledging our house. However, the new Sigma Nu isn't looking for numbers, we're looking for a diverse group of guys who can add plenty to the house. We don't want the same problems to reoccur."

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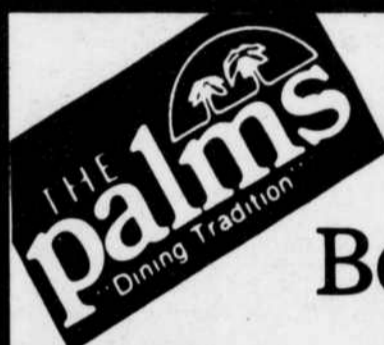
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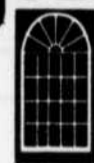
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Eight teachers join W&L faculty

By DAVID W. JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

With the start of classes this week eight teachers joined Washington and Lee's undergraduate faculty, and the law school gained two.

Joining the undergraduate faculty were: Joseph Martinez, assistant professor of drama; Capt. John D. Smith, assistant professor of military science; Lyn F. Wheeler, assistant professor of accounting; Jean C. Dunbar, assistant professor of English; Robert I. Tharp, instructor in art; Ann Taylor Thornton, part time instructor

in music; Henry Sharp Jr., professor of mathematics, Peggy Hays, assistant professor and reference and public services librarian; and Dennis Daly, assistant professor of physical education and head lacrosse coach.

Martha I. Morgan, visiting associate professor of law, and Joan M. Shaughnessy, assistant professor of law were the additions to the law school faculty.

Martinez plans to "[revamp] the entire acting program." During the next five years he hopes to increase the number of drama majors, build a new theatre, initiate exchange programs with nearby women's

colleges, and produce plays that will be more popular with both drama students and their audience.

Some of the changes will be apparent in the first production this year, which will include a number of samurai sword fights; stage fighting being one of Martinez' specialties. Stuntmen's unions have prevented him from practicing this in the United States, but he has been involved in shows that have toured Europe. Martinez feels this European experience is important because it gives a "different perspective of the theatre."

Increasing the number of drama majors to about fifty — W&L has about 20 now — is high on Martinez' list of priorities. However, at the same time he wants to keep the size of the department small enough to allow a maximum amount of personal contact, which he says is one of W&L's strong points.

One major weakness, though, is the lack of women to play leading roles. By starting an exchange program with neighboring women's schools (with whom he has already started talks) he hopes to remedy this problem. In addition to increasing the involvement of college women, Martinez says increasing participation by community residents, especially in roles unsuited for college men, is high on his agenda.

One of the more difficult projects Martinez has assigned himself is the construction of a new theatre. Here he has a powerful ally in President Wilson, who has pointed out the shortcomings in W&L's theatre facilities. Plans for a "very functional" new theatre, possibly to be built at the site of the old train station, have already drawn up, and Martinez says he hopes construction can start as soon as possible.

To go with the new theatre the former University of Illinois teacher hopes to initiate a new line of plays, using surveys of faculty and students to determine which plays will have the most appeal and benefit. However, he hastens to add, the program will still cover all the genres of theatre every four years, so students can be exposed to the full range of the theatrical experience.

First meeting

Executive Committee sworn-in

By G. BRUCE POTTER
News Editor

Nine executive committee members, including student body president Bob Jenevein, were sworn in Monday night by Dean Lewis John during the EC's first meeting of the school year.

After the swearing-in, the meeting was devoted to announcements and reports from the Cold Check Committee, the Emergency Student Loan Committee and the Student Telephone Union.

A topic of discussion for each of the three organizations was collection of money from graduated students.

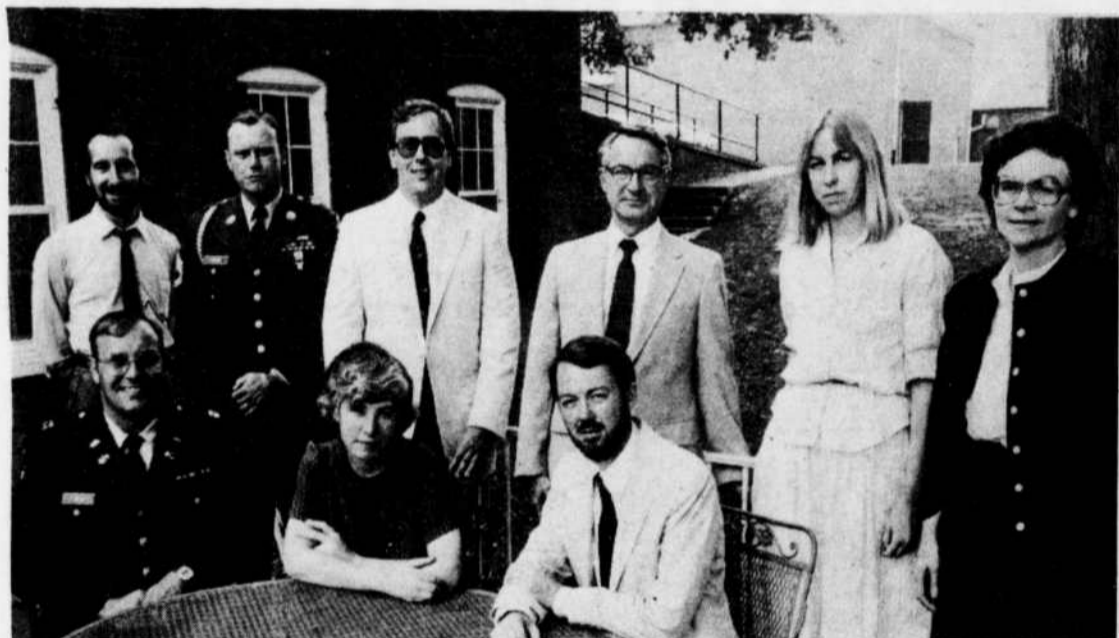
Each committee has sent letters to these alumni and is holding their transcripts until the money is repaid.

Additional methods for collecting the money were suggested by EC members. These included sending letters to the parents and having the EC's attorney write letters to the students.

Jenevein announced the formation of a finance subcommittee to "review all requests for all student organization funds in a more intensive way." Vice-president Dave Judge, sophomore rep James White, upperclass law rep Jim Green, secretary Len Howard and senior rep Jim Messer will serve on that subcommittee.

Requests for funds from the EC must be submitted by 7 p.m. Monday, Jenevein said, and budget hearings will be held Tuesday and Thursday of the following week.

Elections for freshman class and first-year law representatives are tentatively slated for the first week in October.



New faculty members at Washington and Lee University this fall include (seated from left), Capt. John D. Smith, assistant professor of military science; Joan M. Shaughnessy, assistant professor of law; Lyn F. Wheeler, assistant professor of accounting; (standing from left), Joseph Martinez, assistant professor of drama; Sgt. Ray Kuper, operations sergeant in the university's ROTC detachment; Dennis Daly, assistant professor of physical education and head lacrosse coach; Henry Sharpe Jr., professor of mathematics; Jean C. Dunbar, assistant professor of English; and, Martha I. Morgan, visiting associate professor of law.

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James Cook Jr., music professor, dies at age 51

By MIKE ALLEN
Staff Reporter

James Tucker Cook Jr., assistant professor of music at Washington and Lee, died at the age of 51 this summer.

The death on July 5 in a Waynesboro hospital was reportedly the result of lung cancer.

In August, the university received a gift of \$25,000 from

an anonymous donor to establish an endowed scholarship in his memory.

According to university officials, the James Tucker Cook Jr. Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a W&L student who has demonstrated financial need and is an active participant in the music curriculum of the Fine Arts department.

Cook, a 1954 graduate of W&L, received his master's degree from Columbia. He taught music at a number of institutions, including Mary Baldwin College, before returning to his alma mater in 1968.

An accomplished organist and pianist, Cook's specialty was the music of the Renaissance. He also conducted extensive research on English string chamber music of the 17th century.

Robert Stewart, head of the music department, said that Cook was "a thorough, complete musician" whose "first love was his studio."

"He always had a solid outlook," Stewart said. "He was not, like most musicians, moody."

Stewart remembers Cook as "an inspirational teacher" who "was always interested in his students' welfare."

The music history courses Cook taught will not be offered again until next fall, when a full-time replacement for him will be hired. According to Stewart, the selection process is already underway.

Ann Thornton, who has studied at the Julliard Conservatory, has been hired as an instructor to teach Cook's twelve piano students.



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By MIKE ALLEN
Staff Reporter

Jarrett named department head

H. Marshall Jarrett, a professor at Washington and Lee since 1963, was named by the University Board of Trustees this summer to succeed William A. Jenks as head of the department of history.

Jenks, who served the university beginning in 1946, retired in May after chairing the department for twelve years. Jarrett assumed his position on July 1.

William J. Watt, Dean of the College, said that Jarrett was chosen by the Trustees on the advice of University President John D. Wilson. Jarrett had been recommended to Wilson by the President's Advisory Committee, which consists of the three academic deans and three elected professors.

Watt said that all members of the history department were consulted during the selection process.

A graduate of Washington and Lee, Jarrett received his master's degree and Ph.D. from Duke University, where he concentrated his studies in the French Revolution and the

intellectual history of the 18th and 19th centuries.

The Oklahoma native, who has conducted historical research in Europe, taught at Duke and at Westminster College in Maryland before joining the W&L faculty.

Jenks was quite enthusiastic regarding the appointment of Jarrett. "He is an extremely competent colleague," Jenks said. "He has been at my right hand all the years I chaired the department...I'm delighted he got the job."

Jenks, who said that he could always depend on Jarrett for "good advice," said that Jarrett did an excellent job of filling in for him as department head when Jenks's work took him abroad.

"I really have retired," Jenks said following a vacation to Mexico. "I make it a point to not even go into the office to pick up my mail. The department needs

a clean transfer of administration."

Jarrett stated that his predecessors have given him a "hard act to follow." "I hope at minimum to keep it like it is," he said with a short laugh.

"Since I was a student here," he said, "we've had four department heads. Throughout that period, the quality of the department has been very high...Those men are responsible for building a strong department. It is that tradition of leadership that I hope to uphold."

"The department at the moment is very strong," he continued, "but we don't want to seem self-satisfied or rest on our laurels. My goal is to maintain our present strength and look to the future with optimism."

According to Jarrett, all of the department's "bases are covered," except for an Islamic

history course which Jenks taught. Jarrett said that although this field is "certainly important," the class will temporarily not be offered.

The immediate concern confronting the department, Jarrett said, is the curriculum change approved last spring. He said that some adjustments will have to be made, and that the department would be watching to see how the alterations "will affect our position and

Auditions for fall theatre production set for Wednesday

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, for the Washington and Lee University Theatre production of "Rashomon."

The play by Fay and Michael Kanin is based on the stories by Ryunosuke Akutagawa and

teaching mission. We've been flexible in the past, and we plan to continue in that direction."

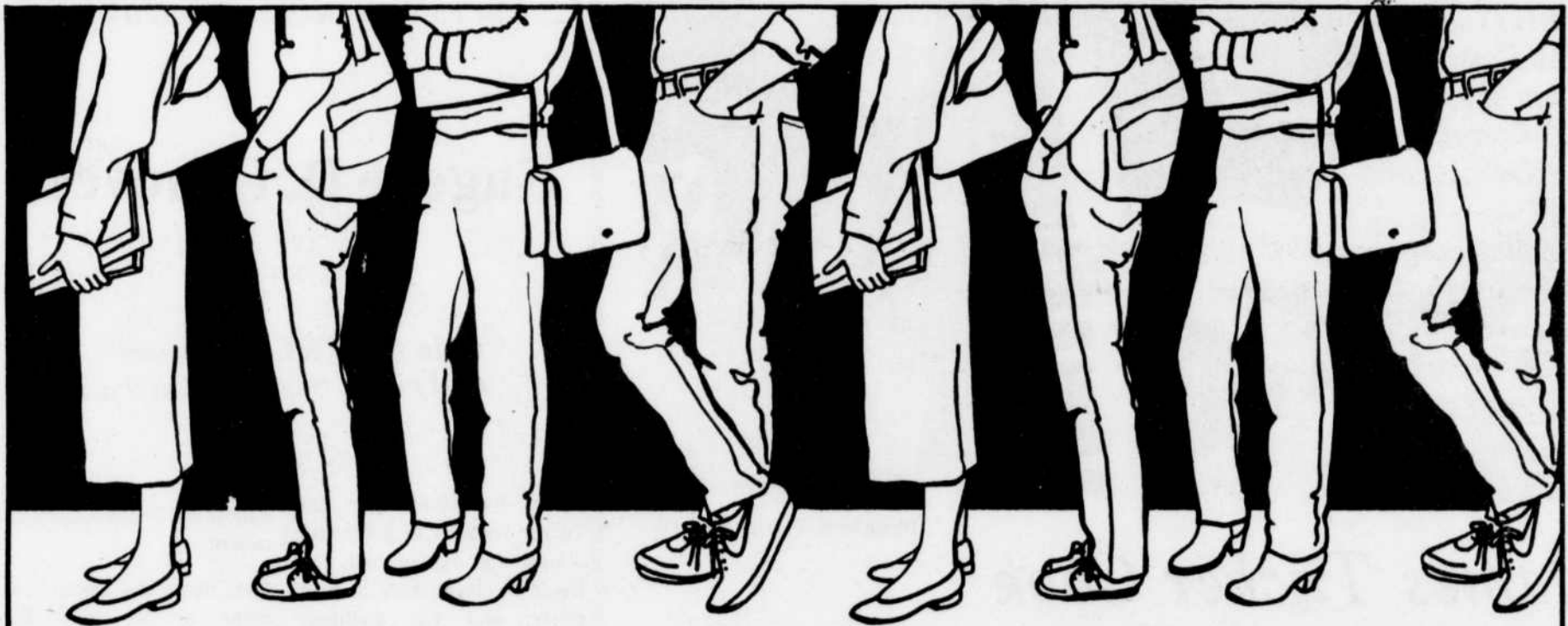
Jarrett said it's "very exciting" to work with professionals like those in the history department. "There is good variety among our faculty," he said. "They're very active and productive, and our new members have made a big contribution to the department."

He cites as key strengths the use of "innovative, creative teaching methods" and the wide range of available classes.

"We cover not only the traditional European and American history, but also Latin American, Far Eastern, African, and Indian history as well," he continued.

starred Claire Bloom and Rod Steiger in an award-winning Broadway production.

Auditions will be held in the Troubadour Theatre. The play will be directed by W&L drama professor Joseph Martinez.



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Progress pleases Fallon

By MIKE STACHURA
Sports Editor

After losing two veteran quarterbacks whom he thought would be returning, head coach Gary Fallon is now starting a sophomore who has yet to take a college snap from center. You'd think he'd be a little bit worried about his chances. On the contrary, the Generals sixth-year leader has nothing but praise for his new signal caller, Bobby Wilson, and says of the entire squad, "This is the hardest working group I've ever had."

The 1983 Generals are solid everywhere, but their greatest strength most certainly is the veteran offensive line. "No question about it," notes Fallon, "that (the offensive line) is the strength. They led our offense in pre-season. They make no mistakes."

The line is anchored by two time All-ODAC first team center, senior Glenn Kirschner. Kirschner is flanked by two All-ODAC second team guards, seniors Dan Seal and Craig Reilly. Rounding out W&L's

five blocks of granite are veteran tackles Jim Koenig, a senior, and Pat O'Connell, a junior.

The Generals' backfield was hurt by graduation and the departure of quarterbacks Al Paradise and John Thompson. Gone are standout performers Ken Robinson and All-ODAC first team tailback Chris Cavalline. Coach Fallon has these shoes filled quite well already, commenting, "It's as strong a backfield as we've ever had."

Wilson, who Fallon calls "the quarterback's quarterback," has all of the head coach's confidence. "Bobby has been most impressive. He has taken over the leadership role quite well." Completing the W&L backfield will be Fallon's "runaway truck," sophomore Frank Surface and getting the nod at tailback will be junior Gene Girard, who will be followed by sophomore Chris Bleggi and freshman pleasant surprise Michael Weaver, as Fallon hopes to utilize "fresh legs as often as we can."

Catching passes for W&L are

tight ends Ian Banwell, a junior, and sophomore Rob Brown, junior split end Dave Sizemore, and junior flanker Tom Wiser who replaces the graduated All-ODAC second team Jerry Thompson.

On defense W&L will be led by senior Marty Manasco who was in on 50 tackles last year. In the middle will be junior nose guard Jim Lyall. "Marty has a phenomenal attitude...and Jim has come of age this year," comments Fallon.

Leading the linebacker corps for the Generals will be seniors John Cole and Bill Foster. However, it was in the defensive secondary where Fallon was in need of some help. Help arrived in Barry Thompson, an All-ODAC defensive back from two seasons ago. The secondary is solidified with senior Bob Jenevein and sophomores Kelvin Newsome and Tim Janynska.

That secondary will get its first big test this Saturday as



Sophomore quarterback Bobby Wilson throws downfield in last Saturday's Blue-White scrimmage. W&L opens its season Saturday against Emory & Henry in Emory, Va. (Staff photo by Bart Smith)

W&L travels to Emory & Henry. E&H is fresh from a win at Catholic last weekend.

"I'm not sure how this team will react on the road," he said. "We will get a good effort,

though," promised Fallon. It will be the 14th meeting between the two schools, dating back to 1921. The series is tied at 6-6-1.

Host Invitational

Water polo to defend title

By DAVE NAVE
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee water polo team looks forward to winning its third consecutive Southern League Championship as head coach Page Remillard nears his 100th victory as a water polo coach at W&L. The Generals begin their 1983 tournament schedule Friday September 16 at 7:30 p.m. when they play the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in the W&L Fall Classic. The tournament will be played at the Warner Center and will also include teams from Navy, Bucknell, Johns-Hopkins, UNC Wilmington, Richmond, and a W&L B team.

Evaluating the 1983 season Remillard said, "We'll take our lumps at the beginning of the season, but we will play very well at tournament time." The starting line-up for this year's team is stronger than last year's, but this year's team lacks depth. According to Coach Remillard, "This year's starting lineup would beat last year's, but last year's bench

would rip this year's apart." He believes, however, that the depth of the team will improve as the 14 freshmen improve.

Coach Remillard does not believe that this year's team will win as many games as last year's team (26-9) saying, "We play a much tougher schedule this year." W&L's 1983 schedule includes several encounters with Navy, Bucknell, Brown, Slippery Rock and Richmond. Coach Remillard also states, "We've added two weekend dates to our schedule which involve several of the top ten teams on the East coast.

The loss of All-American Erik Peterson will be offset by a very strong starting line-up. The 1983 team will feature a team that revolves around a team concept instead of revolving around a single player. "I am very excited about the starting line-up. We have six players who complement each other and want to help each other win," said Remillard.

Three co-captains will be leading the Generals this year.

they are seniors Matt Raven-craft, Tim Rock and Don Smith. Raven-craft was tied for second as a leading scorer and led the team in assists last year. Bobby Pearson, who Remillard says is a very smart player and the real thinker in the offense, will also make a significant contribution to the starting line-up. Much improved sophomores Ken Johnstone and Tim Stanford are also members of the starting line-up.

Washington and Lee will enter a B team in the Fall Classic this weekend. The team will primarily consist of freshmen. The B team plays their first match of the tournament against Navy at 5 p.m. Friday. The purpose of the B team's participation is that the freshmen will acquire some of the experience needed to help the entire water polo team improve. Remillard is confident that his team will improve as the season progresses. He stated: "Among East coast teams W&L has a reputation of improving a great deal from the beginning of the season to the end."



Senior Matt Raven-craft will lead the W&L water polo squad this weekend as they play host for the W&L Fall Invitational. Play begins Friday night and concludes with the championship game Sunday afternoon. (Photo by Ken Reis)



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Senior co-captain Roland Simon will lead the W&L soccer squad as they open their 1983 campaign against Eastern Mennonite on Tuesday. The Generals look to improve upon last season's 8-3-2 mark and are pointing toward an NCAA berth. (Photo by Ken Ries)

Piranian thinking big

By RICK PIERCE
Staff Writer

The 1983 edition of Generals' soccer is about to unfold as the booters open their season on Tuesday against the rival Royals of Eastern Mennonite. Game time is 3:30 at Wilson Field.

The Generals, who finished a close second in the ODAC (3-1-2 in the conference, and 8-3-2 overall) a year ago, will aim to better last season's performance. Under the direction of sixth-year head coach Rolf Piranian, the Generals will aim for the NCAA playoffs, a goal that eluded them last season.

The Generals will have strong leadership on the field in the presence of senior co-captain Roland Simon at center forward and junior co-captain Rob Coleman at sweeper back. W&L's soccer program is also pleased with the return of junior Mark Sullivan at center midfielder after a year's absence. Sullivan was All-ODAC two seasons ago.

The talent does not stop there, however, Coach Piranian, who must replace six starters lost through graduation, feels, "Last season we were deep and now this season those that played on the B team are ready to step right in. We also have a fine crop of freshmen who will

add to our depth."

During preseason practices Piranian felt that they were very strong offensively. "We are going to be exciting on offense and we will score a lot of goals," Piranian noted. He also commented that defensively the Generals will need some work.

The Generals in pre-season polls were picked to finish third this season in the ODAC behind Lynchburg and Roanoke. However, Piranian feels differently, "I believe this is the year that we can emerge from the pack and win the conference title." The Generals will be hoping to better last season's 1-1 overtime tie with the Royals.

Athletics fills new posts

Long helps lax

Jeffrey J. Long, an All-America lacrosse player at the U.S. Naval Academy in the mid-1970's has joined the Washington and Lee University athletic department as an assistant lacrosse coach.

Long, 27, will work with new head coach Dennis Daly to direct the Generals' program.

A native of Rochester, New York, Long comes to W&L after serving one year as graduate assistant lacrosse and soccer coach at Alfred University in upstate New York, where he received his Master's degree in education.

He earned USILA All-America honors in 1975, 1976 and 1977 as a record-setting attack-man at Navy, where he received his undergraduate degree in political science. He was first-team All-America as a senior in 1977 when he scored 22 goals and handed out a school record 53 assists.

In addition to the single-season assist record Long holds Navy marks for career assists (149), career points (233), and most assists in one game (nine

vs. Hofstra in 1976).

He played in the 1977 North-South All-Star Game and on the U.S. team in the 1978 World Games.

O'Connell promoted

Chuck O'Connell, a member of the Washington and Lee athletic department coaching staff since 1973, has been promoted to assistant athletic director with responsibility for the department's financial matters.

"The fine administrative skills Chuck demonstrated during his coaching tenure made him the natural candidate for this position," stated W&L Director of Athletics Bill McHenry, who announced the promotion on Sept. 1. "We have full confidence he will handle his new responsibilities effectively and accurately."

O'Connell, who will continue as an assistant football coach and assistant professor of physical education, takes the new reins from Jack Emmer, who in July resigned to become head lacrosse coach and assistant athletic director at Army. An eleven-year member of the

W&L department, Emmer had been assistant athletic director since 1978.

O'Connell joined the W&L staff in the summer of 1973 as offensive line coach for the football team. He switched to defense beginning with the 1975 season and became defensive coordinator in 1978. He was also an assistant lacrosse coach for the 1974 through 1983 seasons.

Grad named assistant

Washington and Lee graduate Robert S. Newcomb of Barnardville, N.J., has returned to the University to serve as a graduate assistant coach for the swimming and water polo teams.

He joins fifth-year aquatics director Page Remillard, who coached him during his senior year.

Newcomb, who holds a 1980 degree in natural science, earned four W&L letters in swimming and three in water polo. As a senior he won All-Southern League water polo honors, served as swim team captain, and received the Twombly-East-

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Drugs 'R' Us

By MIKE STACHURA
Sports Editor

...If I'm not mistaken it's that time of year again when the leaves begin to change colors and the aroma of cocaine is in the air. Yes' that's right it's time for the National Football League (with an "N," as opposed to "U.S.") A drug problem in the NFL? Well, at least now we know why the big boys keep holding out for the money. Actually, I'm rather nauseated by the "Athletes are people, too" excuse. That only goes so far. No amount of stress justifies drug use. What's more, the damage to the NFL caused by this problem has for all intents and purposes gone by unchecked. Sure, there will be fines and suspensions, but after rehabilitation many offenders will be back. I'd like to believe the athlete had earned the right to be put on a pedestal and respected. But these involved in the drug scandal have forfeited that right and it's not something they deserve to reclaim...

...Now, on to some more good news. Speaking of the summer there were two stories worth a second look. First, in late June we learned of a problem in the tennis world as Guillermo Vilas was charged with accepting a guaranteed sum of money for appearing in a tennis tournament. The case has yet to be resolved, and whatever decision is reached, no one will be satisfied. However, the point is that everyone in men's tennis freely admits to the existence of guarantees in the game. Given, they are not necessary. On the other hand, we are dealing with professionals, people whose livelihood is this sport. Why not try to make as much as you are worth? Also, it would seem that the "guarantee" is actually a reward in that only those whose appearance in the tournament would be beneficial to the tournament are paid guarantees. Therefore, are these "guarantees" much different than bonuses paid to football and baseball players? Think about it...

...The other topic of interest of the summer of '83 was, of course, the use of anabolic steroids. Are 80 percent of the world's athletes so stupid? Very

sad and, unfortunately, very true. The people who use these drugs, which aid in muscle development, deserve no mercy. The reason? These kinds of drugs irreparably tarnish any athletic contest because they remove the essential element of fairness by lending an unfair, as well as unchallengeable, advantage to the user. I always say athletic contests are pure tests of relative athletic skill. Steroids and the like cause me to wonder if they will ever be that again...

Time out...

...Our Prognosticator of Plenty from that splotch on the continent of North America has returned, lauding his forecasting prowess. Yes, the Prince of Jersey is back. The royal word is thus: "Too early for NFL predictions, you'll have to wait a week. I'll remind you that my baseball predictions (White Sox, Brewers, Dodgers, and Expos) are (for the most part) bearing out — and my rookie phenom pick, Ron Kittle, has 32 homers..." Ever since he picked the Derby winner, we haven't been able to calm him down...

...Turning to the Colonnade and W&L's fall lineup, I see some pretty favorable seasons. Water polo under head man Page Remillard is stacked once again and should be able to make up last year's "nine seconds" with time to spare. Another conference title is there for the asking for Coach Dick Miller's strong harriers. And if soccer boss Rolf Piranian finds a goalie by the Sept. 20 opener, the Generals have enough material for a fine season. The only question mark this autumn is football, where Coach Gary Fallon was stood up twice by his veteran QB's. However, sophomore Bobby Wilson looks confident at signal caller, and with the Generals' awesome offensive line as a foundation, I look for Coach Fallon to have his fourth straight winning season...

...I'll leave you with this U.S. Open quip: Jimmy Connors is perhaps the greatest clutch performer in the game. Ivan Lendl is most certainly the worst...

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Grades

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about how it would be implemented.

The newly-adopted plus/minus system was suggested last year because, he said, "If the faculty wanted a proposal, this was the best and most appropriate one."

According to Dean Watt, the principal argument for moving to plus/minus was that it offers 13 categories for grades instead of just five.

"Many faculty members were concerned that there were more levels of accomplishment than available grades," he said. "They wanted to be able to be more precise."

"The B and C categories especially were thought to be too broad, but they were willing to expand the greater distinction to A and D as well."

Dean John concurred: "The belief was that letter grades are too gross measures of achievement. Grading is such a subjective thing anyway."

Under the new system, a "plus" and "minus" differentiation is available for each letter grade except F. The numerical equivalent on a 4.00 scale is found by simply adding .33 to or subtracting .33 from the figure for the straight letter grade.

One of the most controversial aspects of the new system is that it makes an A-plus, or 4.33, grade available, where 4.00 was previously the highest possible grade.

Dean Watt says this was done for reasons of symmetry: "If you have an A-minus, you must have an A-plus."

Also, the Committee on

Courses and Degrees proposal to the faculty stated that an A-plus, or 4.33, grading system is recognized by the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), meaning that some students could be at a comparative disadvantage under the straight letter scheme.

It is this part of the new grading procedure that causes Bennett L. Ross ('83), president of the student body last year, to offer the assessment that "my personal feeling is that plus/minus will slightly hurt grades overall."

"I don't personally know many students who get A-plus'. Most of your A's are going to be A-minuses."

Col. Harold Head, University Registrar, said that while last year there were three graduating seniors with 4.00 averages he doubts there will be any 4.33 final averages.

Head says that from his point of view, implementation of the system shouldn't present any complications. He foresees only one potential difficulty, the entry of grades into the computer by the Registrar's office.

"Any time you have a mechanical operation and you add one more step — the pushing of the plus mark or minus mark key — you have another chance to make a human error, but I don't see that that should be a problem."

There appears to be no consensus as to the significance plus/minus will have in overall averages, but a number of professors agree with Dean John, who said, "Most of the studies I've seen show that overall

there isn't much change."

There is some disagreement about the validity of determining the effect statistically by looking at overall averages. Some, like Col. Head, say that because of other potential interfering factors, it won't be possible to state the exact effect of the plus/minus grading.

any large change in the university's overall grade point average can be directly attributed to plus/minus.

"The statistics on the students who are coming and those who are leaving are basically the same," he said

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tration show that over the last ten years, the university GPA has had a standard deviation (a statistical measure of variation) of .04 from a mean, or average, of 2.6807.

deviation of the mean. In this instance, that would be a fluctuation of .04 in either direction. There is, however, only one chance in 20 that the GPA would vary by as much as two stand-

ard deviations, or .08. That is, such a large change would occur randomly only one year out

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Dean John also doubts that it will be possible to state the effect with any degree of precision, but says that the change in the average should give you "a rough idea."

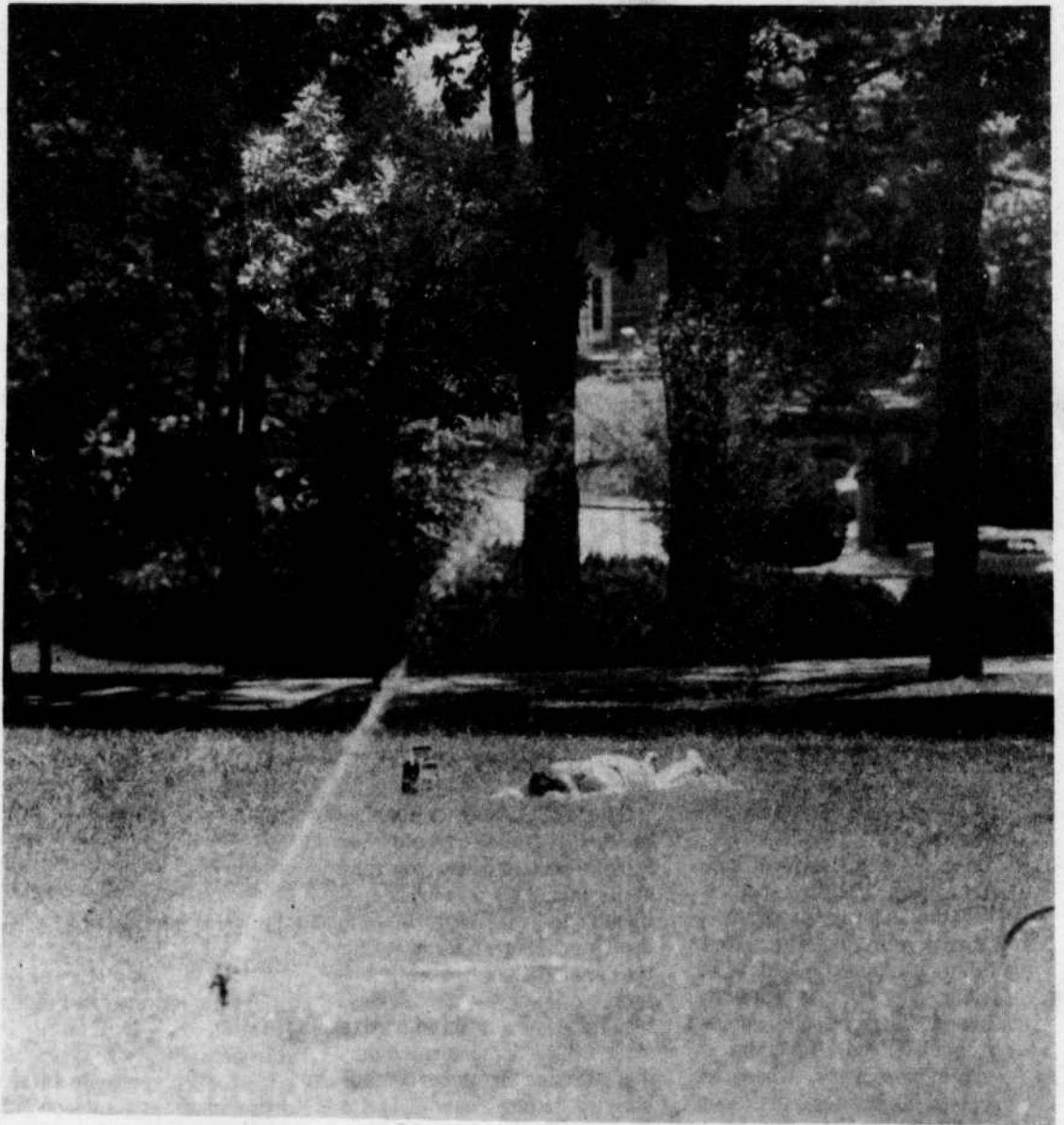
Dean Watt, however, said that since "the student body is always more or less the same,"

William Buchanan, head of the W&L politics department and author of "Understanding Political Variables," explains that statistical theory tells us that there are two chances in three that the GPA next year will fall within one standard

of twenty. Buchanan says that the odds of the figure varying by three standard deviations, or .12, are roughly one in 100.

"If the average varies by more than one standard deviation, then we'll know this seems to be having an effect. You will be able to say, 'This is so unusual that it must be due to plus/minus grading...'

"That would be almost absolutely certain."



Lawn shark — A W&L student accompanied only by his radio and towel stretches out on the campus' front lawn after making sure to stay out of range of the sprinkler. (Staff photo by Charles Mason)

Sports

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man Swimming Award for outstanding teamwork.

As a sophomore he earned All-America honors as a member of the Generals' 800-yard freestyle relay team which placed fifth at the 1978 NCAA Division III Championships and set a W&L school record which still stands.

McDonald to help hoops

Timothy R. McDonald, a native of Bristol, Pa., and a 1979 graduate of West Chester University, will join the Washington and Lee University athletic staff Sept. 1 as an assistant basketball coach.

McDonald, 26, comes to the Generals' program following four years as a Pennsylvania high school coach and teacher. During the 1979-80 school year

he was women's basketball coach and physical education instructor at New Hope-Solebury High in Hew Hope. The past three years he has been assistant men's basketball coach and physical education teacher at his alma mater, Neshaminy High School in Langhorne.

"Tim appears to have the tools to be a quality college coach," said W&L head coach Verne Canfield. "We look forward to his input and contributions, especially to our inside game where we will need intense instruction and development to prepare for the coming season."

McDonald holds his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from West Chester, where he played two years of basketball and served in the student government.

International Club meeting Saturday

at 1:30 at the International House.

Everyone is welcome.