

EC needs to read the constitution

Last week the Executive Committee-elect voted 6-5 not to open to the public deliberations on committee appointments and went into executive session. The Student Body Constitution states that executive sessions — defined as a “private meeting of the EC” in which the “door is to be closed at all times” — are to be called only in cases of honor violations. Something is wrong with this picture.

This action by the EC could not have come at a better time for the Constitutional Revisions Committee to prove its point.

According to the proposals for change to the constitution submitted by the committee Monday night the EC has “chosen to disregard the constitution” on the issue of executive session.

The proposals refer to last fall when the EC granted to Alex Hitz, then Fancy Dress chairman, an executive session to present the FD budget. Budget hearings are not to be held in private. All members of the W&L community have the right to know how its committees are spending their money.

When the EC voted to close deliberations last week it acted against the constitution. A vote to open the deliberations should not have been taken. Such a meeting should be assumed open. The proposal clearly defines which meetings are to be private and which are to be public. The only meetings that could be held behind closed doors are: honor violations and investigations, disciplinary hearings and interviews for committee appointments, and these only on a two-thirds vote.

Deliberations on appointments, budget hearings and budget deliberations could never be held in Executive Session, as it should be.

The members of the EC who last week voted to keep the deliberations closed ought to read the constitution. The committee needs to be congratulated for its effort to remind the EC that they are not separate, but are a part of, the student body. And they, too, have rules to follow.

Welcome back home, y'all

This weekend, a whole ton of alumni are coming back to W&L to visit. Ladies and gentlemen, glad to have you here.

Without doubt, W&L is a different place than the one you attended. For better or worse, however, we think you'll notice a lot has remained the same.

On the front page, we ran a story about how some people think the EC is behaving incorrectly. If you ask around, you'll probably find out that fraternities feel harassed by the administration, and the faculty think fraternities destroy academic integrity.

Students think the Lexington police are fascists, and the cops think we're overbearing, spoiled brats.

During the class registration period, the line outside Prof. Futch's office is longer than the football field and, the philosophy department is almost empty.

C-School majors think everyone else is slack. Everyone else thinks C-School majors are overrated.

The current editorial board of *The Ring-tum Phi* has been in place for only three weeks, and we've already had to issue two corrections.

Sound familiar? We hope so. Welcome back to W&L.

Quote of the Week

We go to a private institution, so we don't have all of our constitutional rights.

— EC President Willard Dumas, valiantly trying to explain on a recent call-in show why some campus organizations can be closely regulated by the EC, in seeming contradiction to the U.S. Constitution.

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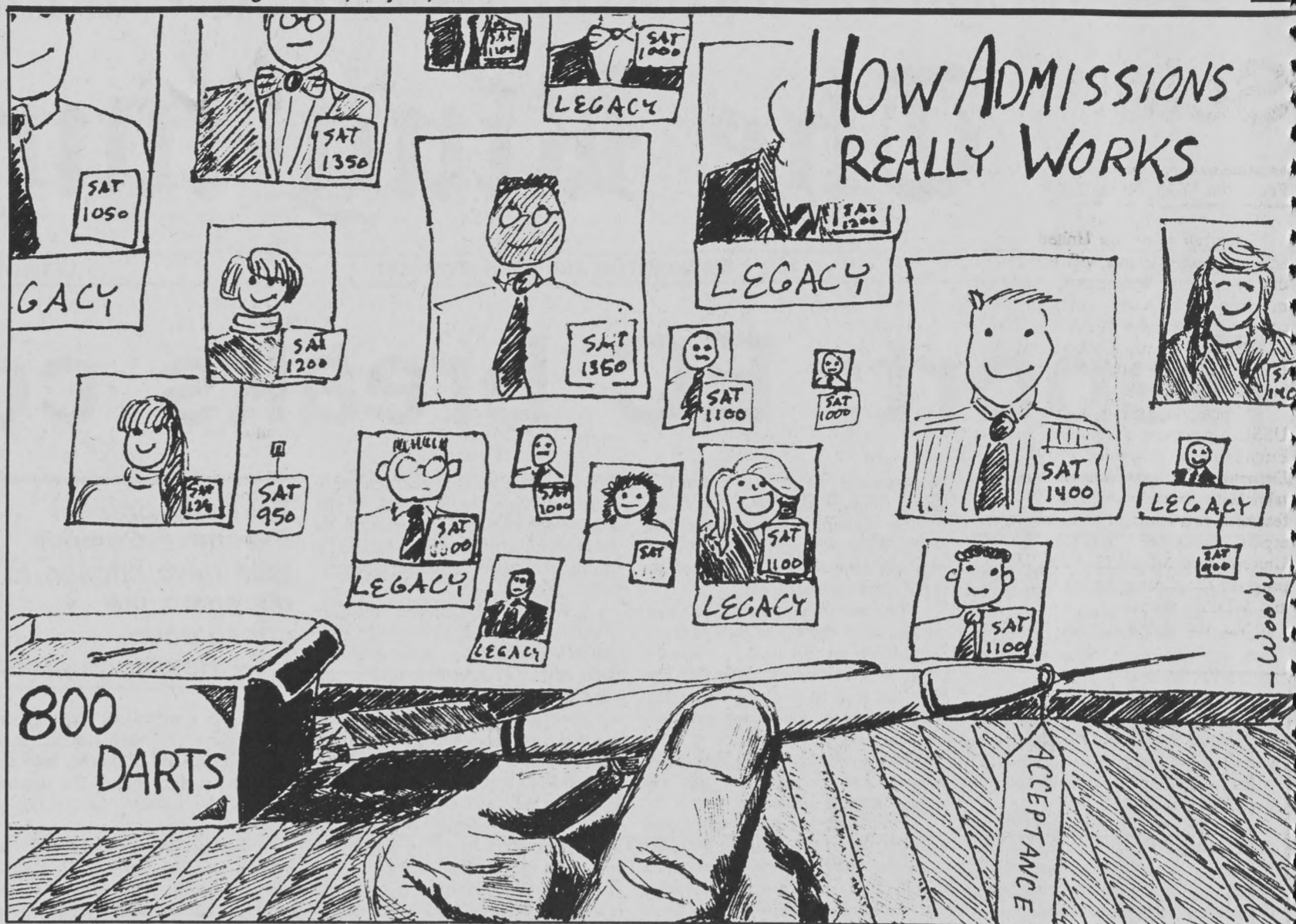
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An old bear learns new tricks

MY VIEW
By J. Cameron Humphries

The times, indeed, they are a changin'. Who, for instance, would ever have guessed that *The Ring-Tum Phi* would ask me to write for them, or that a republican, God-fearing President could be soft on a communist. And yet, while the *Phi* may have its reservations in asking me to write this article, it seems that George Bush has no reservations whatsoever in embracing that un-commie communist, Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mikhail Gorbachev, or Mickey (Mickey Mouse?) for short, has become the most ironic of world leaders — almost every claim or promise he has made serves as little more than an ironic reminder of communism's breakdown. Not long ago Gorbachev stated that the communists would never relinquish their monopoly of power in the U.S.S.R., today Article Six of their constitution has been abolished. He firmly asserted that German reunification was “not part of the historical agenda”; it is now historical reality. And Gorbachev once rejected the idea of the united Germany joining NATO; the Soviets now say that Europe will be much safer with Germany inside NATO instead of outside it. Oh, the times they are changing, and very quickly.

But more than the old Bob Dylan song, the current events in Europe and the Soviet Union invite comparison with the events occurring in France two hundred years earlier. At this time a young leader, whose distinguishing characteristic was not a spot on his head, but his shortness in height, was all the rave among the liberals in Europe. That liberal among liberals, Ludwig van

Beethoven, even composed a symphony in his honor. All of Europe hoped that the revolution would establish the freedoms France's and England's philosophers had espoused. And all of Europe looked to Napoleon to extend them across the continent. Were *Time* magazine in print in 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte (not George Washington or Benjamin Franklin) most likely would have been their Man of the Century.

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Yet he did not remain in the liberals' favor for long. He centralized power under his authority, then marched his formidable army east to Moscow. Though he did codify laws and remove hundreds of tiny monarchies, he did very little to spread liberalism throughout Europe. Instead, he sat in Moscow for one long, hot summer and waited for the Russian people to surrender to his will.

They did not.
Now, two hundred years later, the people of Europe believe that Mikhail Gorbachev will extend the rights and freedoms of the French and English philosophers into a nation whose people have never known them. Gorbachev's centralization of

power remains largely ignored — crowning himself emperor cost Napoleon his symphony. While in the United States, our Congress is planning to dismantle the world's most powerful armed forces (our own). NATO's members now question the purpose of NATO's existence. And the world is dancing in the street, rejoicing in Soviet Union's goodwill. All this while the little communist, Gorbachev, continues to sit in Moscow, not acting, but waiting.

Sure, Gorby has pulled a few troops out of Hungary, but now they sit closer to home (where they are needed) in such pro-Soviet regions as Armenia and Lithuania. Once he did promise to dismantle his governments' control of the Soviet economy, but today he preaches not *glasnost*, but “gradualism.” No shots were fired when Soviet tanks rolled through the streets of Vilnius, but then neither were they rolled through the streets of Prague. Mickey knows that one does not have to fire a gun to effectively threaten another with it. Furthermore, though a summit with President Bush is scheduled for later next month, Gorbachev has already rescinded his offer of certain arms control concessions with the United States. We in the United States look to Mikhail for action and progress. And all the while, Gorby sits in Moscow, merely waiting as his promises of liberalism stand idly by.

If he continues to wait, and we continue to act, in this present capacity of unilateral disarmament, Gorbachev may find that he need not retreat from Moscow, nor that he need succeed in bringing the West, east. He may instead find the great plains of Europe lie open, sans any deterrent from his, or more likely some other Soviet's, extending that great protectorate freedom, communism, westward. While we in the U.S. are left watching idly by.

Today's marxist knows no Marx

MY VIEW
By John P. Roche

To say there are more Marxists at an annual meeting of the American Sociological Association than there are now in Eastern Europe is merely to utter a truism. But the closer you look at the views of these self-styled American radicals, the more you have to wonder about two crucial questions. First, what precisely do they mean when they call themselves “Marxists?” Second, what has led them to worship at the shrine of a minor 19th century social and economic thinker?

When I was young in the late 1930's and first entered rhetorical combat with the Marxists, one thing could surely be said: these characters had read Marx and read him closely. Nevertheless, they disagreed about most things. There was a basic consensus about one item however: Marx (as Engels put it in 1833 while

speaking at Marx's grave) was the Charles Darwin of social science, the man who had discovered the fundamental laws of historical change.

These laws doomed the capitalist to destruction as inexorably as Darwin's “survival of the fittest” prescription doomed the dinosaurs. This vision was not based on personal animosity — after all, Marx and Engels had nothing but praise for the capitalist mission in the *Manifesto* — but rather on a belief that history was a script in five acts which human decisions could in no way alter or rewrite.

The contemporary Marxists who are ensconced in the faculties of all the major universities in the country are anything but clinicians. Indeed my experience suggests that their knowledge of Marx's career and writings is virtually nonexistent. For example, they seem to think that Marx was a great force in his time for social justice, when in fact he was practically unknown except among German radicals. John Stuart Mill, the great

political economist who was a contemporary, does not once refer to Marx in his enormous body of writings, including all his letters.

What then do today's radicals mean when they call themselves Marxists. Most of all, they mean to express their dissatisfaction with the status quo, finding any status quo heartless. The fact that this has little or nothing to do with what Marx actually believed does not seem to pose a problem. That Marx admired what has come to be known as “cultural genocide” and looked forward to Westernizing the natives has been all but forgotten. Marxism has become the repository of all ill-feeling about contemporary society.

This leads to my second question: if Marxists today do not study or even understand the life or teachings of the god, why is it that they call themselves Marxists? Here I think the answer is quite simple. American radicals in the academy are for various reasons anti-American and they think, quite naively, that the specter

of Marxism haunts the “American Establishment.” Over the years, there has been a lot of fiery “anti-Marxist” rhetoric that could provide evidence for this view. But today, the average American business is more terrified by the Internal Revenue Service than he is by the threat of workers' revolution.

The “good news” is that most American academicians are non-political. Only a small minority are activists. The vast majority are inert, not because they are scared, but because they find academic politics a waste of time. Thus, while administrators begin their ritualistic preemptive capitulation to some noisy activist just as soon as the first blank round is fired, the bulk of American professors, unfortunately say: “To hell with it — let the dean deal with those clowns.”

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Curbing speech to fight racism

MY VIEW
By John Zipperer

Students returning to school this past fall at the University of Wisconsin received a disturbing lesson from their teachers. In response to numerous incidents of racial misconduct in recent years, the university administration instituted a ban on speech that “created a hostile environment” for other students. The administration claimed that racism had grown to such proportions that it demanded immediate and drastic action — even if this involved the extraordinary step of restricting speech. Interestingly, in the first semester in which the university was armed with such a strong weapon against racism, UW officials failed to use it. Unfortunately for the school, however, the mere presence of a rule banning racially offensive

speech creates “a hostile environment” for the teachers and students within it, and ultimately makes the problem of racism worse.

Attempting to deal with the problem of racism on our college campuses by restricting free speech is destined to fail: most of what we value will be destroyed in the process, while racism will inevitably survive. And yet at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Berkeley, and Michigan, administrators have adopted bans on racial speech similar to the one in place at Wisconsin — and many other colleges and universities are considering adopting such rules soon.

Almost uniformly these rules prohibit students from making derogatory comments about another student's race. While rules also ban insults based on a person's age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, handicap, and veteran status, the rules' main focus is racism. Penalties for violation include a reprimand, “sensitivity reeducation,” and

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expulsion from school. Even those who would never offend another person will still suffer from the mere presence of racial speech rules. They will find themselves getting an incomplete education as their professors avoid harassment by watering down controversial subjects or avoiding them altogether. The reality is that in order to teach, sometimes one must

Scientists to gather at W&L

From the W&L News Office

Scientists from the United States and the Soviet Union will gather on the campus of Washington and Lee in June to discuss environmental conservation for the 1990s.

The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be held June 17-22.

"Since the signing of the U.S. - USSR Agreement on Cooperation in Environmental Protection in 1972, the Department of the Interior has established and maintained active professional relationships with its counterpart ministries in the Soviet Union," said Steven G. Kohl, USSR program coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"As the 1990s begin, the two

sides have decided to take stock of ongoing activities and define their joint conservation priorities for the coming decade.

"The goal of this conference is to bring together young scientists from each country who are likely to play a leading role in the formulation and implementation of conservation policy in the 21st century."

Approximately 40 scientists from each country are expected to participate in the week-long conference. It is expected that William Riley, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and other U.S. and Soviet officials will participate.

The participants will arrive in Lexington on Saturday, June 16. A banquet and keynote speaker will highlight Sunday evening's activities.

The working sessions of the con-

ference will begin on Monday and continue through Friday. Each day will include plenary sessions and general discussions, followed by evening activities, such as lectures, slide shows, and panel discussions.

The conference will conclude on Friday with a final plenary session on recommendations by the conference participants and a news conference.

"The agreement in 1972 between the two countries led to the creation of joint conservation projects in the areas of rare and endangered species of fauna and flora, migratory birds, marine mammals and fish husbandry that have contributed significantly to the protection and management of shared wildlife resources," Kohl said.

"It is our hope that the evolving process of *perestroika* in the Soviet

Union, combined with this conference, will bring unprecedented opportunities for American and Soviet scientists to travel and work together in some of the most remote regions of both countries," he said.

Among the topics scheduled to be discussed at the conference are conservation research and management in the U.S. and the USSR in 1990; balancing resource development with conservation needs; and conservation planning for the twenty-first century.

The final plenary session will be devoted to recommendation for future cooperation in conservation research and management.

Conference participants will be housed in Gaines Hall. The plenary sessions and other events will take place at various locations across the campus.

GENERAL NOTES

Old Footprints

The Virginia Museum of Natural History is conducting tours into the Culpepper Stone Quarry to see dinosaur footprints that are over 200 million years old. The tours are on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, May 19 and 20, and June 2 and 3. For reservations, call (703) 666-8600. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the quarry.

PiKA run

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is holding a charity run to benefit the Lexington SPCA Shelter's Capital Fund. The race will be Saturday, May 19. PiKA brothers are now accepting donations for the run. Donations and questions should be directed to Doug Denby at 463-7590.

Fishing

The Outing Club will sponsor fly-casting instruction with Prof. John McDaniel every Thursday at 4 p.m. Equipment will be provided. Meet at Liberty Hall runs.

Final film

The Washington and Lee Film Society's final presentation of the season will be the very off-beat comedy *Down By Law* (USA, 1986). The film is a story of two born-to-lose guys who, while in jail, meet up with a guileless French tourist who leads his cellmates in an unlikely breakout inspired by the prison movies he has seen. The film will be shown Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. in Lewis Hall Classroom "A". Admission is free.

Library show

The second in a series of library automation demonstration will be held in Northern Auditorium on Monday, May 14. This will be a presentation of the Virginia Tech Library system. Sessions devoted to the online catalog module will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Help Springfest

Washington and Lee Springfest, sponsored by the 16 fraternities, 3 sororities, Independent Union, Minority Student Association, and Trident will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the University Center. Anyone interested in helping with any aspect of the organization contact Goodloe Lewis.

Get noticed

Any new organization on campus that wishes to be included in next year's Student Handbook should submit a brief summary of its activities and next year's officers to the Student Handbook box in Payne Hall, next to Dean of Student's office.

Earth club

The environmental section of the Outing Club will have its next meeting on Monday, May 14 at 5 p.m. in Room 113 of the University Center.

Debtors

The following students have bad debts and need to attend the Cold Check Committee meeting Wednesday, May 9 in Room 108 of the University Center at 8 p.m.: Edward Eullagher, Ali Goala, David McGraw, Randolph R. Smith, Nicholas Thompson, Leslyn Weekes, Curtis Joeseeph, James Allen Cadranell, and Wilbert Broussard.

Canoeing

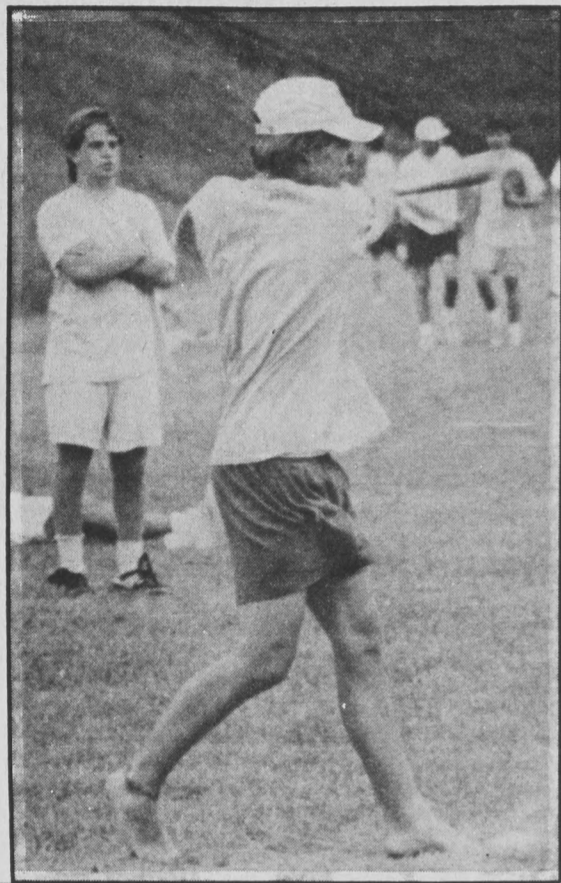
The padding section of the Outing Club will hold a basic canoeing session on the Maury River on Friday, May 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. Attendance to a session is required before being allowed to use an Outing Club canoe. Sign up and meet for the session at Baker 109.

Horse lovers

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in forming an equestrian team for W & L on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 113 in the University Center. Contact 464-3698 for more information.

Bike rides

Come out and join the Outing Club for weekly bicycle road rides, Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Meet in front of Baker Dorm. For bicycle repair or service, tools and equipment will be available in the Outing Club equipment room (Baker 109) on Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. For additional bicycling information, contact Jason at 464-4665.



Saaaawing batter!

Rich Pains (left) swings his bat during an intramural softball game yesterday. Softball is the last IM event of the year and does not count the final standings. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

SPEECH

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offend. And in order to learn, sometimes one must be offended.

By attempting to teach history without dealing with racially offensive material, we may create a situation in which, perversely, those same racial beliefs we are fighting are able to find a receptive audience. For example, when teaching about slavery or the Holocaust, students must get an understanding of how millions of people could believe in the racist ideologies behind such events. Professors will find it easier to just exclude any material, such as Nazi speeches or slave owner's defenses of slavery, than to go head to head with the institu-

tionalized intolerance created by racial speech rules. By creating an environment that limits the material a professor may use in teaching, we thus face the danger of producing a generation of students who are so poorly educated about history that they threaten to repeat its worst nightmares through a combination of ignorance and moral arrogance.

Most of us would feel very uncomfortable being forced underground because of our beliefs, but racism actually flourishes in the dark recesses of our society. If racial comments are barred from college conversations between fellow racists. By replanting racism

in its most fertile soil, the racial speech rules spreading across American campuses will prove worse than ineffectual; they will prove counterproductive.

Using universities to restrict free speech is a sad reflection of our times. Universities act as the caretakers of our society, transmitting and, we hope, improving our values from generation to generation. In attempting to deal with racism by expelling students who say things construed to be racist, the current generation of academic leaders are forsaking one of the most important roles of the university. By their punishment, they force those who

may be racists to clam up, and thus take them out of the discussions in which their racist beliefs might be challenged and changed by other students.

Curbing racist speech on our college campuses does not solve the problem of racism, it only hides it. History, while it is still allowed to be taught, should teach us that burying our heads in the sand proves ineffective in making problems disappear.

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By Karsten Amlie

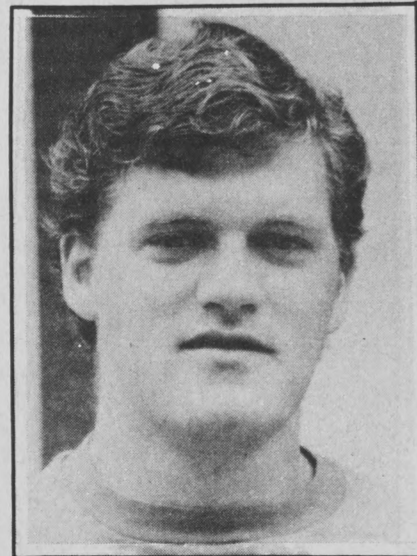
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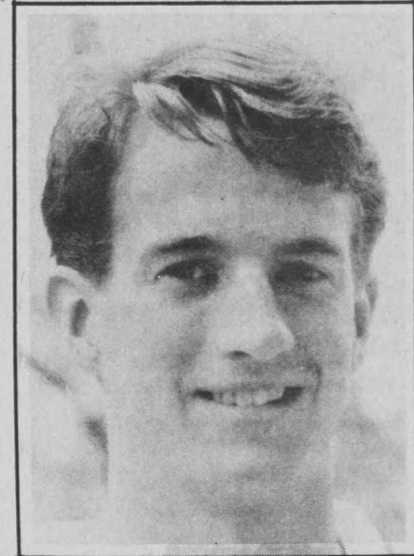
If you were on the Board of Trustees, who would be the first person you would fire?



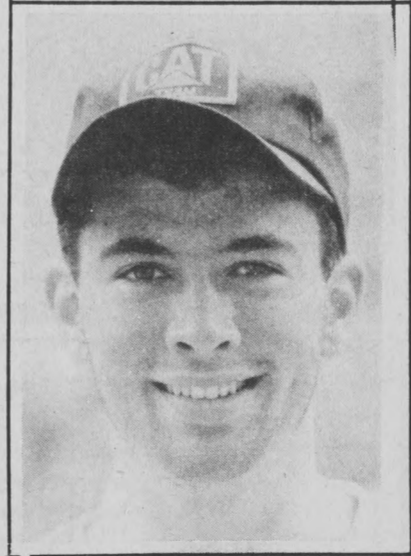
Wes Boyd, '90, Dallas, TX - "Shawn Copeland, even though his job doesn't start until next year. Because he has a distinct bias to giving admissions to girls from South Carolina."



Mike Meers, '90, Bethesda, MD - "I don't know, but fish rots at the head."



Ryan Kull, '92, Rumson, NJ - "The talkback reporters for asking this question."



Jon Hesse, '93, Centerville, MS - "Coach Stuckley because we should have had a much better team this year."



Lee Fleming, '90, Houston, TX - "The dean of processed cheese. We have one of those, don't we?"



John Doe, '90, Anystate, USA - "Dean Atkins, but I heard that he's going to be fired anyway so I wouldn't waste my vote."

Grads to join staff in July

From Staff Reports

Three graduates from the class of 1990 will be turning the tables and joining Washington and Lee's administration next year.

Shawn Copeland and Nancy Hickam will work as admissions counselors and Joel Smith will be an alumni staff associate starting July 2.

"I see this job as an attractive and rare opportunity for me to play a role in a very important aspect of the life of the university," Copeland said.

"I'm really looking forward to being able to work with different kinds of people every day," Hickam said. "I think I'll like the job."

Each job is only a one-year commitment, but Copeland and Hickam will have the option of applying for another year or two.

"I'm not sure exactly what I want to do, and I thought this would be a good experience," Smith said. "I have some interest in public relations and this seemed like a good stepping stone. It's a good job without the long-term commitment."

Both Copeland and Smith said they have no aspirations to move up in the administration but are open to possibilities. Hickam said she hopes to return to W&L after having earned a doctorate degree.

"At this point, I plan to attend

law school after this job," Copeland said. "But who knows? A lot can happen in one or two years."

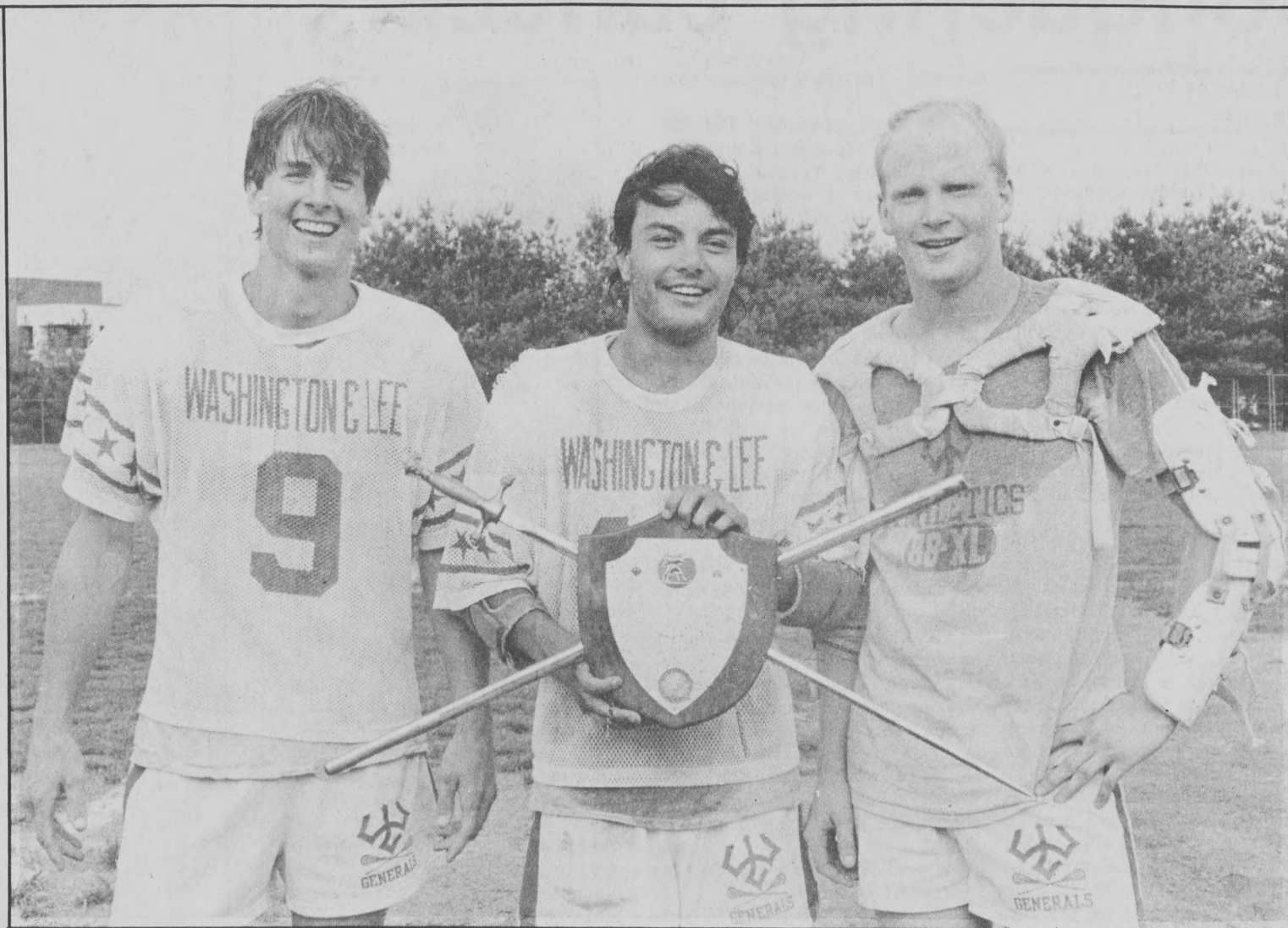
While all three said they are enthused about staying in Lexington for a fifth year, they also said they are a little concerned about the social situation.

"My position as a recent graduate and employee of the university puts me in a peculiar social situation," Copeland said. "While I'm still friends with a lot of students, I won't be living the typical student life. At the same time, I won't be a typical member of the faculty and staff social circles."

"I think it's going to be really different next year, because I'm going to be working here, and as an administrator I won't be able to do the kinds of things I want to do," Hickam said.

"I guess the only foreseeable drawback with this job would be getting bored with Lexington, but I don't see that happening," Smith said. "I enjoy the outdoors and this is a great place for fishing and hiking."

Copeland said, "I'm excited about spending another year or two in Lexington. There are a lot of opportunities that as students we either pass up or ignore that I'm looking forward to taking advantage of as a Lexingtonian."



The spoils of victory

Three of W&L's six senior lacrosse players, (from left) Mike Nunan, Carlos Millan and Reid Campbell pose with the Lee-Jackson Trophy, which W&L by defeating VMI last Saturday. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

DELTA GAMMA

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sororities during rush that they did not wish to be extended them.

Besenfelder said "When DG left, it almost devastated us." She also said the interest group "had to spend a lot of time getting them to come back."

Besenfelder said that right now the interest group is making plans for the future. In particular the interest group looks forward to participation in DG's philanthropy, the Delta Gamma Foundation for the Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind.

She encourages any females who are interested to meet the interest group, which meets in The Arlington Women's Center on Tuesdays at 7:30.

Beatty said that DG representatives will form a colonization team to conduct the fall rush and that the representatives may include alumnae, national officers, and active members at one of the seven DG chapters in Virginia.

Beatty said that although no plans or goals for the colonization had been established thus far, she knows there is support at W&L for DG. Two of DG's main concerns are attracting a competitive number of women and making its presence at W&L a positive experience for its new members, she said.

Beatty cited that concern as a reason for delaying its colonization until fall. "The numbers just were

not there," she said of their winter attempt. She cited one of their biggest problems at the time as an over-estimation of the females who would be willing to hold out for a new group by Panhellenic. She was quick to add that the circumstances were out of their control.

Beatty said DG waited until now to accept W&L's invitation to colonize because it had to be sure that there were enough women interested and that it would be in the best interest of those women.

"Once they pledge, if the chapter doesn't make it, they're out in the cold. There's nothing worse than to make a big splash and it doesn't work," she said.

Triathlon challenges athletes

By Joshua Manning
Staff Reporter

Thirty-nine entries ran, swam and biked for charity in the second annual Kappa Alpha Theta Triathlon, held Sunday, April 29.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the event included a run of 3.1 miles, 13 miles of bicycling, and finally 36 laps in the gymnasium pool.

The competition included both individual and team entries.

Randall K. Ellis, '92, won the men's individual competition with a time of 1:20:06, and Laura Dodge '91 led the women with 1:30:56.

"I'm very happy to have won," said Ellis.

This year's triathlon attracted a more diverse group of athletes, said the event's coordinator, senior Heather Logan.

Besides male and female entries from W&L, there were also several competitors from VMI and the W&L Law School.

The winners of the team relay competition was composed of law students Josh Van Hulst, Ken Woodrow, and Chris McCool, finishing with a combined time of 1:06:37.

The triathlon was originated seven years ago as an exercise for the ROTC department. Two years ago, the event was run by Executive Committee members Tim Phalen and Bill Gottwals.

Finally, Kappa Alpha Theta adopted the triathlon as its pledge project last year.

According to Logan, the triathlon is a key step in forging the sorority as a positive and important force on campus.

Logan said all profits made from

the entrance fees and t-shirt sales will go to Theta's national philanthropy project, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

According to Logan, CASA's goal is to aid abused children in the court system.

Besides Logan, 22 other members of Kappa Alpha Theta participated in the event. They worked throughout the day setting the course up and seeing that everything went smoothly. Thetas served in various posts as safety guards and trail workers.

"I was really honored that Theta put enough confidence in me to let me coordinate it," Logan said. "The comment that I got from everyone was that they had a lot of fun, and that is what it is all about. It is a very admirable accomplishment."

Logan said the triathlon will be held again next spring under the coordination of junior Susan Reil.

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Generals embarrass VMI in L-J Classic



Senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni beats his defender toward the goal in Saturday's 18-7 win over VMI on Wilson Field. Mastro scored two goals to run his season total to 38. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

For one half of play Saturday on Wilson Field, the Third Annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic resembled the Second Annual Classic.

But the first half between Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee was the only part of this year's contest that resembled last year's game.

After jumping out to a 6-2 lead, like they did last year, W&L then allowed a late first half run by VMI to cut the lead to 6-5 at intermission. Last season VMI tied the game at 6-6 at halftime.

Said senior defenseman Mike Nunan, "We knew going into the

game that we were the better team if we played four quarters. We didn't play a good second quarter, and that scared us a little."

Unlike last season's thriller that W&L won 10-9 in overtime on a goal from then-freshman Wiemi Douoguih, the Generals took control early in the third quarter and never let up.

"We came out in the second half and got some quick goals, and that made us feel more comfortable," said Nunan.

After an unnecessary roughness call on VMI's Pat Poon with 13:01 left in the third quarter, W&L went on a 9-1 run over the next 22 minutes to break the game open. Junior attackman Mike Moseman lit the fuse with a quick shot just nine seconds into the penalty that found its mark.

Sophomore Jeff Roberts beat his man and goalie Matt Ott with 6:18 left for his third goal of the day, and senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni got his first goal with 4:58 left in the third quarter.

When junior midfielder and defensive specialist Andy Guida scored his first goal of the season with 2:34 left in the period off a feed from freshman Derek Hutton, VMI took time out to stop the rally.

Said W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta, "Andy has been solid on defense all season long, and we've always said he can play with the ball after he gets it into his stick. He and [junior midfielder] Mike Pardo have gotten better all year. They are the unsung heroes. They aren't very flashy, but they're effective."

After VMI scored first in the

fourth quarter, senior midfielder Jim Jones turned up the heat in the Generals' oven. Two straight goals in under a minute made it 12-6, and when Mastrogiovanni and junior midfielder Todd Garliss each scored within a minute the score was 14-6.

When Jones scored his third goal of the quarter with 4:56 left, the contest was all but officially over. W&L got three more goals from its freshman class of Rhett Hancock, John Hunter and Jay West to close out the 18-7 win.

It was the first win by a home team in the Lee-Jackson Classic and also the first time that City Manager Joe King was wrong in picking the outcome. He picked VMI.

In the first half, W&L was sparked by two goals from Roberts and one each from Garliss, junior Clark Wight, Douoguih and Nunan.

Said Nunan, a long-stick defenseman, "I wanted to shoot low, but it went high. But it still counts as my one and only career goal."

"With all the hype around town with the game, we just tried to take it like any other game," said Stagnitta. "We cut back on practice and tried to keep our legs fresh. We just did the things we had to do. Most of our shots were lay-ups. We had some penalties, but the defense did a good job of keeping them in check all day long."

On the afternoon, twelve different players scored goals for the Generals, led by Jones and Roberts with three each. Garliss and Mastrogiovanni scored twice. Moseman had a goal and two assists. Junior Tom Costello was strong in goal again, making 12 saves while stopping all six of VMI's extra-man chances.

"Balance has been the key for us all year," said Stagnitta. "We've been getting five people in the scoring column each game. Mastro isn't scoring like he was earlier because people are keying more on him, which helps everyone else. They don't slide off him, and other players like Wight, Jones, Wiemi and Roberts are able to pick up the slack."

After the win, their sixth in their last seven games, the Generals, 9-4, were ranked 11th in the final Division III poll after two straight losing seasons.

Despite not qualifying for the

tournament, the players and first year coach alike are not disappointed.

"We knew we always had lots of talent, especially on defense," said Mastrogiovanni. "At first it was disappointing, not getting invited, but now we are realizing that we had a great season. We felt we had a shot at the tournament and did everything we could to get in, and when the committee took over, we couldn't control anything."

"We are just now starting to put it all together," said Stagnitta. "It only makes me think, what if we had had a fall season? Where would we be now?"

"This team has done everything I've asked from day one. They've worked hard and come to practice every day, and they were not easy practices. They put themselves in a position to get into the playoffs. People told me before the season that we wouldn't win two games - but we did. I'd be an idiot to be disappointed."

"Getting into the tournament

would have been a great way to finish the season," said Nunan. "It was no great disappointment. We still had a great finish, beating Hampden-Sydney for the first time in two years and whipping VMI."

Although the loss of the seniors will leave some holes to fill, Stagnitta is confident that those holes will be filled. "Roberts, Wiemi, Garliss and Clark Wight all played well at the end of this year, and they are all getting better each day."

Along with Moseman, the offense that will return scored 73 goals and handed out 59 assists. Costello will return after making 153 saves in 12 games. The defense will be led by junior David Farace and freshman Kirk Olsen, who saw valuable playing time in his first season.

Said Stagnitta, "We had a great year. If we finish 9-4 any other year, we make the playoffs. It just so happens that this year there were other teams who had great seasons. I'd be an idiot to be disappointed with our season."



Senior Mike Nunan makes the final approach on the way to a goal in Saturday's Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic. Nunan, a four-year starter on defense, scored the lone goal of his career on the play. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

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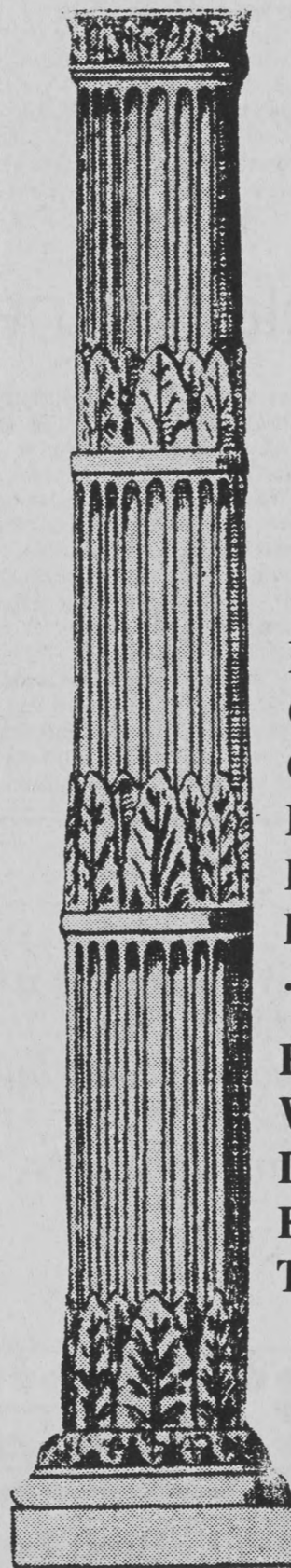
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W&L golf exemplified in coach

By John Laney Associate Sports Editor

After winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title last week, the Washington and Lee golf team has continued to practice every day, assuming it will compete in the Division III national championships.

Although the team must wait until May 14 to learn if it received a bid to the championships, which will be held at Jekyll Island, Ga., May 22-25, the Generals have good reason to expect an invitation.

Four teams will be invited from the South Region. Host Emory and Methodist appear to have two spots. Christopher Newport, Lynchburg, Roanoke and W&L are candidates for the other two. Winning the ODAC should go a long way in helping the Generals.

"I can't see us not going," said sophomore Clay Thomas, the ODAC Golfer-of-the-Year.

"I feel very strongly we'll get a chance to go," said co-head coach Mike Piatt. "Only 20 teams are invited nationwide, so just to go is an honor. We'll go down there and see what happens."

"Our strength this season was our depth. That was the key. In college golf, you count the four top finishers in each match. We counted a different four each match," Piatt continued. "We're fortunate to have so many good golfers here. Most teams only have one or two."

This season's success is not a new experience for W&L golf. In 15 years as head coach, E.G. "Buck" Leslie has led his teams to an astonishing 139-24-2 record. He has coached three teams into the national championships, two All-Americans, six individual ODAC medalists, including this year's champion, sophomore Jay McKnight, and 28 all-ODAC golfers (Thomas and McKnight were all-ODAC this season). Leslie has also been the conference Coach-of-the-Year in 1977, 1978, 1983 and 1988.

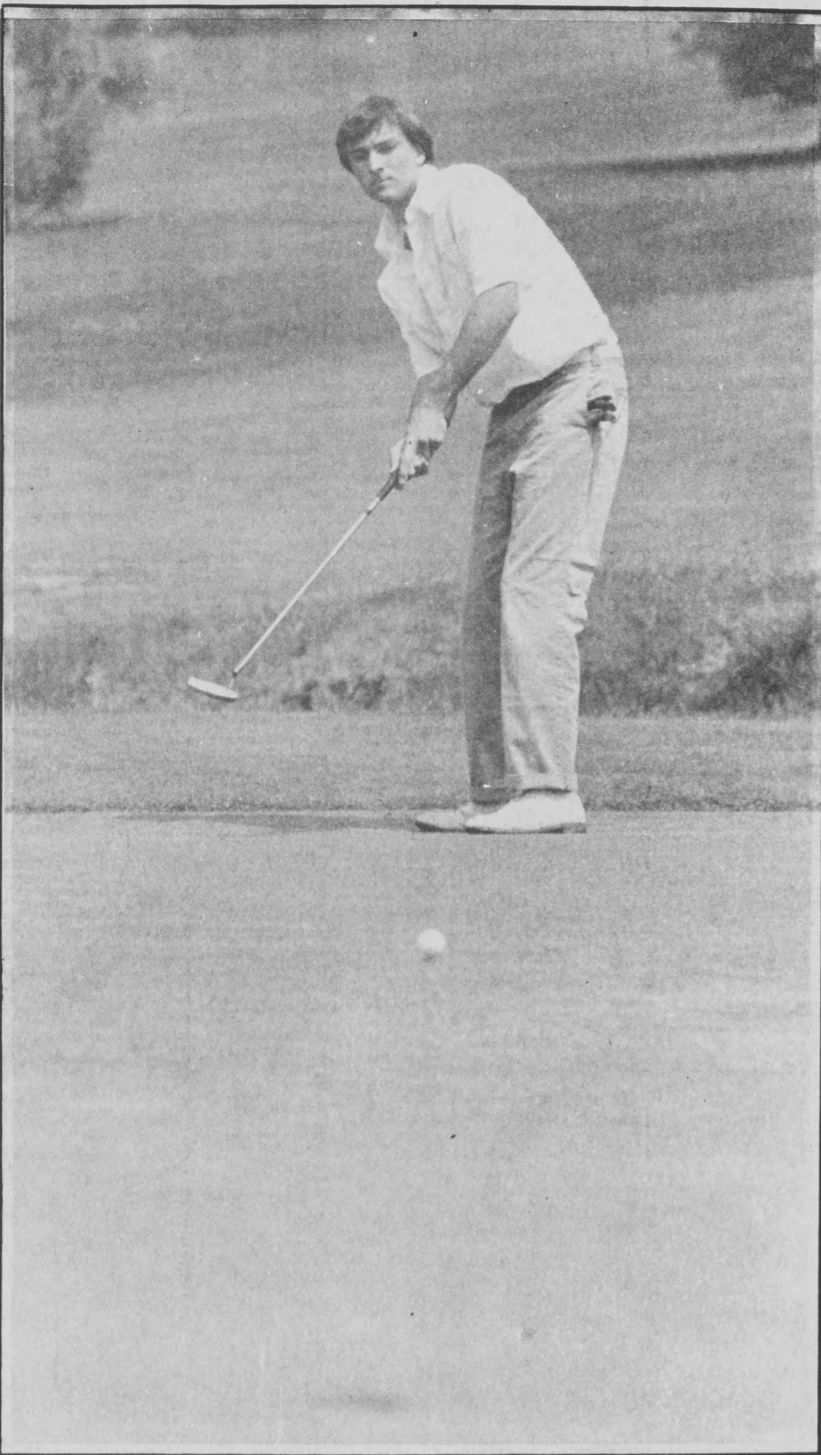
Thomas is the fourth conference Player-of-the-Year in Leslie's tenure.

"I'm very pleased with my season," Thomas said. "I played real solid golf all year. I had a lot of good days."

Yet, this season has been a new experience for the Generals. Although the W&L coach was ODAC Coach-of-the-Year, his name was not Leslie.

In late December, Leslie was diagnosed as having leukemia and was in and out of the hospital in January, February and March.

"The type I have is not the worst - it isn't the best, but it's not



Sophomore Jay McKnight watches a putt head for the hole in last year's ODAC tournament. McKnight and the Generals are waiting to see if they will be included in the NCAA tournament field. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

the worst," Leslie said.

Leslie's six-month cycle of treatment ends in June and then he goes for routine checkups.

"Hopefully my condition will be stabilized in a couple of months," Leslie said. "With the doctors and the Good Lord willing, I'll be back to my normal workload in the fall."

When Athletic Director Mike Walsh approached Leslie for someone to work with the team, Leslie recommended Piatt, who just finished his first year as an assistant coach for

W&L's basketball team. Piatt has played golf since the age of 12 and golfed with Leslie last summer, but he had never coached the game.

"I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know if it would be for a week, a month or the whole season," Piatt said. "I had to do the budgeting and everything, but it's been a great experience."

Leslie would talk with Piatt every day about how the team was playing and planning the schedule. Leslie also called the players to congratulate

them when they did well, and when he could, he would go to matches and watch the players warm up.

"I was basically an extension of Buck," Piatt said. "It's Buck's team. He built the ship and I just tried to keep it going in the right direction. I'm just glad I was able to have helped him out."

Piatt gave his Coach-of-the-Year plaque to Leslie, but Leslie returned it to him. Now there are plans to have another plaque made for Leslie.

"He [Piatt] did an excellent job. I wish I had Mike back with me for next year," Leslie said, referring to Piatt's plans to seek other opportunities in coaching.

"We all got along real well with Coach Piatt," Thomas said. "He's only a couple of years older than us."

"The transition from Leslie to him wasn't a problem," said senior co-captain Ted Fox. "We all felt comfortable around Piatt. Everything worked out for the best."

Fox, who has known Leslie for four years, described his coach as an "all-around good guy," while Thomas said Leslie was a great influence and a great person.

Perhaps Piatt said it best. "Buck is W&L golf. They don't come any better than him. He's the epitome of first class," he said. "He's kind of a legend around Rockbridge County."

A native of Rockbridge County, Leslie was an all-star quarterback at Lexington High School in the early 1940s, before joining the navy in World War II. Leslie received six battle stars during his service as a gun captain in the Pacific Ocean.

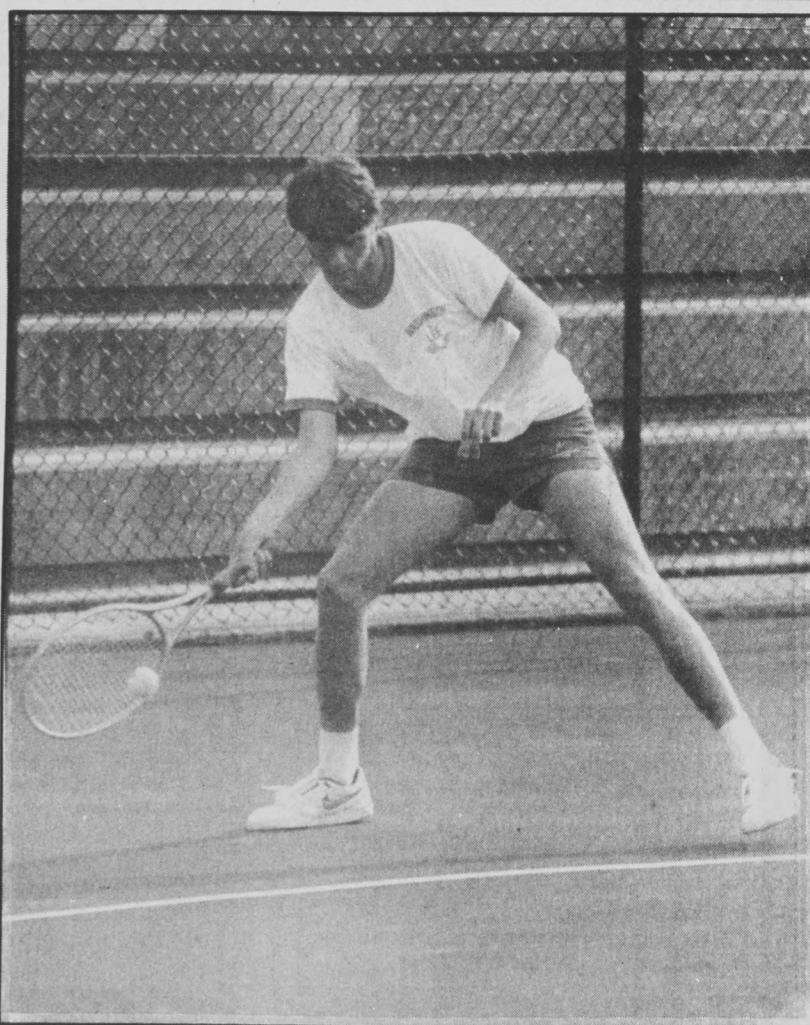
Leslie was graduated from W&L in 1949 with a degree in politics. As an undergraduate he was an outstanding pitcher and outfielder for the baseball team. The team's annual most valuable pitcher award is now named for Leslie.

Leslie became the golf coach in 1975 after the death of Cy Twombly, who had directed the team since its start at W&L in 1927. Leslie had been an assistant to Twombly for 12 seasons.

Leslie, who plays a lot of golf in the summer and still shoots in the 70s, said the highlights of coaching golf at W&L have been the team's NCAA appearances and the ODAC championships.

"But the nicest thing is the young men that we have to work with," he said.

"Actually, I'm an old baseball player at heart," Leslie added. "I once had the chance to be the W&L baseball coach, but I stuck with golf. I don't know. You figure it out."



Senior John Morris in action earlier this season. Morris will look to defend his NCAA Division III singles and doubles titles next week at Swarthmore College. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

Morris, Meadows look to bring home NCAA titles

By Jay Plotkin Sports Editor

On Sunday, the NCAA Division III men's tennis championships will begin on the campus of Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Washington and Lee, which finished 7-7 on the season, was selected as an alternate but will miss the post season for the first time in five years. Despite not going as a team, W&L will be well represented nonetheless.

When the twelve bids went out last Sunday, W&L was selected as an alternate to go if one team could not participate. On Monday, an eligibility question was raised by Washington College, one of the invited teams, which would have affected W&L.

Head coach Gary Franke explained that one player from Washington College unknowingly played in more matches than the NCAA allows for one season.

Once this infraction was found, WC officials immediately declared the player ineligible and notified the NCAA. The school appealed successfully to have the player's eligibility reinstated.

Despite not going as a team, W&L will be represented in both singles and doubles by the defending champion. In singles, senior John Morris will look to become the first player to win back to back NCAA Division III singles titles.

Morris has been ranked No. 1 all season after winning the title last season with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 win in

the finals. This season, Morris is 18-5 in singles play and was named Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year for the second straight year.

"John has adjusted to the pressure of being No. 1 very well. He has accepted the fact that every time he goes out on the court, people are shooting at him," said Franke. "If John plays the way he is capable of playing, then he can defend his title. If he plays one bad match, it could all be over."

"I know I'm capable of winning it again. If I'm playing really well and get some lucky breaks, then I think I will do it again," said Morris. "I'm feeling a lot of pressure, more than I thought I would after I won it last year, but I'm hoping the pressure will help me play better. But it's still a lot of pressure."

In doubles, Morris, along with junior Bill Meadows are ranked 10th in the nation and will also be participating in the individual tournament. Morris teamed with Bobby Matthews to win the doubles title last year as well. Morris and Meadows are currently 16-6 on the season.

"Bill and I have gotten more comfortable with each other as the year has gone on," said Morris. "We've improved every match, and I think we've got a definite shot at winning it all."

Said Franke, "John is a dominant doubles player, and Bill is a fighter. If they both are playing as well as they are able, they could go a long way."

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