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'Foreign Student' film crew scouts W&L



Photo by Richard Peltz, *The Ring-tum Phi*

W&L Communications Director Brian Shaw (far right) escorts (l to r) "The Foreign Student" Executive Producer Mark Lombardo, Director Eva Sereny and Virginia Film Office Representative Catherine Council, '89, around campus Tuesday.

By GREGORY PATTERSON
Phi News Editor

A team of movie producers scouted W&L Tuesday as a possible location for the film version of *The Foreign Student*.

"This is the most preliminary of preliminary steps," W&L Communications Director Brian Shaw said. "It was an exploratory visit."

The movie's executive producer and director, along with Virginia Film Office representatives, toured the campus and Lexington and took pictures.

The Foreign Student is an autobiographical novel by Phillippe Labro about his experiences as an exchange student at Washington and Lee in the 1950s.

Executive Producer Mark Lombardo said German actor Marco

Hofschneider will star in the film, which will also include American actress Robin Givens. Hofschneider starred in the German movie "Europa, Europa."

The film will be directed by Eva Sereny, Shaw said.

Lombardo, who works for Cathargo Films in Paris, said the film will be a European production but will be in English.

Lombardo said he would like to shoot as much of the film as possible at W&L.

If the company selects W&L, filming will occur in March and April, he said.

"We would like to do as much as possible here," Lombardo said. "We could do a lot."

Shaw stressed that W&L is only one of several locations being considered and that the university would

not automatically approve plans to shoot the film here.

"A whole lot more information has to be gathered before we can evaluate this possibility," Shaw said. "The university always has the right to accept or reject such an offer."

Shaw said the university had little notice that the scouting crew was coming.

"We had gotten word about a week and a half ago that W&L was being considered as a location," Shaw said. "Then they sent us a fax Monday saying they were coming. That's just the way these people work."

Shaw said the producers should decide whether they want to shoot at W&L in about a month, after the script is finalized and a production director is chosen and visits possible locations.

Journalism Professor John

Jennings, '56, had lunch with the film representatives. Jennings said they asked him about what the campus and city were like in the 1950s.

"We talked about the relations between faculty and students, about fraternity life and about what the college and town were like physically," Jennings said. "They were concerned about whether things look the same now as they did back then."

Jennings said he got the impression that the group would prefer to film at W&L rather than at another campus.

"They seemed to be struck by the beauty of the place," Jennings said.

Though they might be at W&L in March, Lombardo said there would be no plans to film at Fancy Dress, an event that appears in the book.

"There's nothing like that in the script," Lombardo said.

Econ prof Griffith dies at 77

From the W&L News Office

Funeral services were held Monday for former W&L economics professor E. Claybrook Griffith. Griffith died Nov. 21 in Lexington. He was 77 years old.

Griffith came to W&L in 1946 and taught until 1980, specializing in comparative economic systems, labor problems and labor organizations.

Griffith was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Griffith authored many articles and monographs and assisted in the arbitration of several labor disputes.

Griffith was a member of the Lexington City School Board from 1960 to 1971, serving as chairman from 1968 to 1971. He was also a member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Griffith is survived by his wife, Mary Owen Hill Griffith of Lexington; a son, Richard Lee Griffith III of Allendale, N.J.; a daughter, Martha Griffith Kelley of Annandale, Va.; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington or to the Ronald McDonald House in Roanoke.



Publicity photo

Spinning into the top 10

The Spin Doctors (l to r), singer Christopher Barron, drummer Aaron Comess, guitarist Eric Schenkman and bassist Mark White, will bring their "funky, reggae-inflected pop" to the Pavilion Friday night. The band's album, "Pocketful of Kryptonite," is expected to break into the top-10 album list next week.

IFC approves alcohol mentors

By JUSTIN MCNAUL
Phi Staff Writer

The IFC Tuesday approved a program to give each fraternity an in-house alcohol abuse expert, but training might not start until spring.

After houses elect new officers for spring term, each fraternity vice president will attend an initial five-hour training session in the Student Alcohol Mentor (SAM) program, Interfraternity Council President Sam Rock said.

University Psychologist James Worth said he hopes the program will train a member of each fraternity and sorority to be a resource on drug and alcohol abuse issues. The SAM program encourages responsible drinking and decision making.

Worth spoke to a November IFC meeting advocating the program, which has been implemented by all four sororities.

"If this program would work, the Hill doesn't have to put heat on you," Worth said. "It will be a way to take responsibility for yourselves."

Worth said the program began in the University of Virginia athletic department's program and it has expanded to nearly all of UVA's 29 fraternities.

The W&L athletic department joined the program this fall and Worth said he hopes to begin training fraternity and sorority officers as soon as possible.

UVA students, W&L Health Educator Jan Kaufman and members of the athletic department SAM program will probably help with the first training session, Worth said.

Worth said he hoped to begin the program after sorority elections in January.

He must now determine whether to start the women's program in the winter, or wait and train both groups after fraternities elect officers at the end of winter term, he said.

Worth promised that the program will be tailored to W&L's tradition of student programs without interference by the administration.

"We hope SAMs will be a valuable resource that will maintain itself through its successes," Worth said.

Sigma Chi Kevin Batte, '95, voiced support at Tuesday's meeting for the way the program allows fraternities to work out their own problems.

"Part of brotherhood is to watch out for one another," he said, "and to handle things internally."

Student groups give gift of holiday spirit

By JUSTIN MCNAUL
Phi Staff Writer

It may not look like Christmas yet, but the giving spirit has already touched much of the Washington and Lee community.

Children's Christmas parties, Project Angel Tree and a large Christmas basket program highlight the next week for fraternities and sororities.

Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins empha-

sizes the importance of maintaining community involvement at Tuesday's Interfraternity Council meeting.

"It's really critical to not let programs that have done so much for the community and your reputations fall by the wayside," Atkins said.

Atkins reminded the IFC of its strong role in the Rockbridge Christmas basket program. The program collects food, toys and money from community organizations and distributes them to

needy families.

"I can remember when no one outside W&L had respect for fraternities," Atkins said. He credits the improved relations to "a room full of food, toys and checks that was being donated to the community."

Not to be outdone, W&L's sororities also joined community holiday programs.

Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta members donated toys and clothing to needy children through Project Angel Tree.

"We get a list of 180 kids with their names, age, and clothes size then buy them presents," said senior Liz Randol, Theta community service chairman.

Kappa Kappa Gamma will bring Santa Claus to the Co-op on Wednesday for holiday pictures. For a donation to needy neighbors, students and children can sit with Santa for a photo opportunity.

While several other fraternities host faculty cocktail parties, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi will

sing carols, eat cookies and give gifts to a throng of Lexington children. Junior Pi Phi Doug Matia expects up to 80 kids from kindergarten through fifth grade to fill the house tomorrow.

The Phi Delta Theta House Corporation, playing grinch this year, canceled the liveliest children's Christmas party on campus. Santa, Mrs. Claus and nearly 40 children from Lexington's Diamond Hill area won't be stopping by for gifts and good times.

Foote: History needs imagination, emotion

By LEIGH ALLEN
Phi News Editor

Distinguished Civil War historian and author Shelby Foote gave a rare speech to a capacity crowd in Lee Chapel Tuesday night.

Foote revealed some of the theories behind his unique literary style that made his three-volume series on the Civil War famous.

"A fact becomes truth only when you love it," Foote said. "I love the Civil War. It is a part of me."

Foote criticized most modern historians as being dry as dust. He said many historians lack the imagination to add the life to their works necessary to make them entertaining as well as informative.

Foote said writers should turn their prose into art by adding emotion to their

works in the same manner as painters and musicians.

Good historians should make their works into good literature, he said.

After his speech, Foote answered questions for more than one hour on topics from modern literature to the Civil War, the area in which he is most famous.

Often referring to the Confederacy as "we," the Greenville, Miss., native said he believes the most important campaigns of the Civil War were along the Mississippi River.

Foote said many people in Virginia believe the most important battles of the war were fought between Richmond and Washington and that all other battles were insignificant. Foote said he believes the opposite is true.

"Of all the people in the nation who know the least about the Civil War, Virginians are the worst," Foote said,

drawing laughter from the audience.

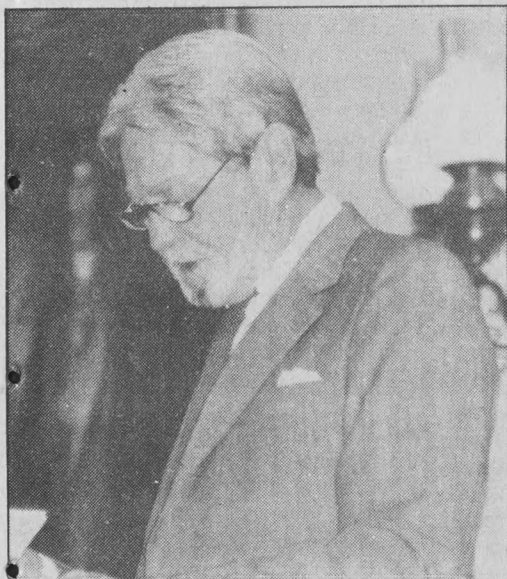
Foote said he avoids naming favorite or most important men or events from the Civil War. But he said he believes the war revealed two military geniuses, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

"Lincoln was the only one on the Union side who had precise ideas on what the war meant and how it should be fought," Foote said.

Forrest, he said, was a natural soldier who could read the mind of his opponents with deadly accuracy.

Foote spent three days at Washington and Lee lecturing and speaking to history classes before he left today.

The Robert L. Telford Distinguished Lecturer Series sponsored Foote's visit. Other Telford lecturers have included Nobel Peace Prize-winner Oscar Arias and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.



Foote



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The Sbar Side returns

John Sbar, '91, greets senior Benjamin Plummer while signing copies of his humorous account of W&L life, *The Undergraduate Almanac*, in the bookstore Wednesday.

Cadet dies in crash

From Staff Reports

A VMI cadet and a UVA student died in an auto accident last week moments after leaving Lexington for the Thanksgiving break.

Third-year cadet James Samuel Gillespie III was driving on U.S. 11 one mile south of Lexington on the morning of Nov. 26 when he veered into the path of a cement truck in the opposing lane.

Gillespie and University of Virginia junior Heather Altizer, who was riding in the car, died

at the scene of the accident.

The two students, both 20 and both of Pounding Mill, Va., were driving home for Thanksgiving in Gillespie's 1980 Pontiac when the accident occurred.

The News Gazette reported Dec. 2 that a witness driving behind Gillespie said his car appeared to suddenly veer into the path of the truck.

Gillespie was a defensive end on the VMI football team and a civil engineering major.

A memorial service will be held Friday at noon in Jackson Memorial Hall at VMI.

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Mail call?

Neither rain nor snow, nor dark of night will keep the postman from making his rounds. Except in Lexington. Missed issues in magazine subscriptions, letters that take a week to come from Baltimore, followed by ones that arrive in three days from Denver, and letters mailed that never see their destinations: these are the problems that plague our small-town branch of the U.S. Post Office. Yet when we lick the back of our stamps, they taste the same as they do in Charlottesville, Washington and Los Angeles. And they cost as much. Phi subscription delivery, which might be described as spotty at best, drew our attention to the post office scene. After countless complaints of irregular out-of-town receipt of the Phi, we thoroughly checked our operation. But the Phis are dropped off with the Lex post office on a regular, weekly schedule. From there, we just don't know what happens to them. And neither, it seems, does the post office. We've called post office officials high and low, and everyone denies fault. If you are a subscriber, and by some miracle you read this paper, please let us know, specifically, of any problems in your delivery cycle. Also, please contact Lexington Postmaster Larry Creamer at 703-463-2822, Mrs. Beard at the Charlottesville post office at 804-978-7610, and your local post office, so they know we're not making this up. But call them. Don't risk 29 cents on letters.

Stocking stuffers

The season of giving is upon us, and my how we have been giving. Thanks to the generosity of Washington and Lee students and administrators, the City of Lexington has a shiny, new fire truck to roll down the newly paved streets decked out with properly secular holiday wreaths. Alas, in this apparent sea of prosperity, we poor, starving students can't afford presents for everyone on our list. But in the spirit of the season, we will at least present our annual list of what we would like everyone to have. Or maybe what they really want. Or maybe what they really need. Or maybe what they really deserve. We hope they accept our "gifts" with a jolly ho-ho. Or whatever the Hanukkah bunny says.

- Our friends on the Hill:
- President Wilson: a free, fluffy newsletter to replace the Phi
 - Mrs. Watson: an \$8 million china cabinet
 - Dean Howison: a portable heater for the auxiliary office
 - Dean Schroer-Lamont: a back rub
 - Dean Buddy: scales of justice... or a puddle
 - Brian Shaw: a real secret
 - the charming ladies in the Registrar's Office: pleasant personalities
 - Carol Calkins: submission
 - Professor Hodges: a stocking full of coal to power him to the Co-op
 - Melissa Cox: tenure
 - the j-profs: everything Melissa knows
 - Professor Rush: more E-mail... or a new last name
- Our friends in MetroLex:
- R.D. Clark: a transfer
 - Mayor Buddy: caller ID... and more (taxable) land for Lex
 - the Lex Post Office: a clue
 - "Cadet Benjamin": ooooo, we're too scared to give you anything
- Our lost but not(?) forgotten editor:
- Tom Eisenhower: a B.A. ...and no more Clinton scandals
- Our friends in the EC:
- Josh MacFarland: lessons on how to really kiss a Homecoming queen
 - Jimmy Kull: a homeless person to take in, to work off your car tax
 - Ashby Hackney and Susan Moseley: a brain each, so they don't have to share anymore

Quote of the Week

You mean like, 'do cheat, don't get caught'?

— Junior EC Rep. Ashby Hackney, presumably joking, about the EC's do's and don'ts for freshmen taking exams

Seven weeks is not 49 days.

— Senior EC Rep. Susan Moseley, checking the validity of a suggestion that students park their cars at Kmart to avoid the car tax

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OPINION



Mortality forces a student to forget

My View
By Rick J. Peltz, '93

It's always hard to accept that someone has died. In M.'s case in particular. He was 37, married, with a one-year-old child. He had plans, and he was going places. Just where I might be one day. Not expecting to die. It's hard to accept that the living intelligence that sat in our living room, with which I carried on a conversation on more than one occasion, is gone, extinguished. M. lived, just like I live. He had memories. He had favorite things. He liked to laugh and to have fun. He knew the wet, juicy taste of an apple when your teeth crunch into it. He liked to watch television. On the night he died, he fell asleep watching television. And T. She woke up, and her husband didn't. That night he took off his clothes and put on his bed clothes. He climbed under the sheets and felt the smoothness of cotton on bare feet. He propped up his pillow to watch TV. He probably

thought about what he would do the next day. He probably held T.'s hand awhile. He probably thought of his daughter with whom he had played that night. He closed his eyes, and his mind drifted off to sleep, to dream, to heal, just as it did every night, just as I do every night. And something happened. Who knows if his sleeping brain even had a moment to be alarmed, if his subconscious mind reacted, maybe with violent dream images, or maybe by jerking a hand and an arm, demanding some physical response from the body, maybe not understanding exactly what was happening. And then oblivion. M. grew up. He remembered his parents. He remembered school. He made friends. He loved people. He probably hated some people. He made jokes. He argued about politics. He remembered everything with the amazing efficiency of the human brain. And then it was all gone. T. and everyone will comfort themselves by thinking of the immortal soul, even if there is no such thing, even if they wouldn't otherwise believe in it. They'll talk about the life M. had, rather

than the life he didn't, despite the fact that all he was is gone now. They'll talk about what he contributed to their lives, even though they will eventually die too. M. didn't build a building. He didn't write a book. We comfort ourselves by saying that what he gave to us and to the world will endure, his spirit, but a hundred years from now, no one will remember him. Even his descendants, his daughter's children's children, will know nothing more about him than some very old, two-dimensional photographs of somebody who eerily resembles uncle so-and-so. Or maybe not. All that he was is gone. His chance to guide humanity is gone. Mine likely will be one day too. So it will probably be for everyone I love. There isn't enough immortality to go around. How can we possibly deal with that? How can we deal with that when it's thrust in our faces like this? How can we maintain our will to live? I guess we forget it. Everyone thinks about it now. But what am I going to do when I'm done writing this? I'm going to go take notes for a history paper,

putting M. and T. out of my mind. And next week, our family will have Thanksgiving, and we'll laugh and talk and divert one another's thoughts from Aunt Renée and M. We'll go so far as to help each other forget. Even T. will at some point decide to "go on" with her life, which is just a euphemism for deliberately forgetting. She'll backslide sometimes, but she'll eventually "accept" what happened and "go on." My great grandmother advocates the same strategy with a more positive tone. She says we should seize the day. It's a noble sentiment, one I value, to an extent. Often not to a sufficient extent, but I try. And at times like this I try all the more, because tragedy reminds me of it. But isn't this strategy just another euphemism for deliberately forgetting? Doesn't it essentially say, "Live now, because the only alternative is to die, which you'll have to do one day anyway"? Isn't "seize the day" appealing for the same reason as a Ziggy cartoon that encourages us to procrastinate? I suppose forgetting is all we can do. I'm going to forget about you, M. I'm going to put you out of my mind. Please forgive me.

LETTERS

Cadet fires back at Phi editorial

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 5 issue of The Ring-tum Phi, an editorial was published which was a direct attack on the VMI Corps of Cadets and the Commandant, Colonel Mike Bissell.

The editorial began by describing cadets in the following manner. "Like wives in the Bible, they seem to be most active before dawn. Fists clenched, shoulders back, staggering with bloodshot eyes and smelling of vomit and stale beer, roving bands of them come to invade late-night Lexington gatherings." The paper further declares that "The cadets will make adequate officers, but will they also be gentlemen?"

The article continues by offering descriptions of recent cadet actions uptown, including several recent fights. The article was written in a very slanted manner, and it does not include adequate explanations of the incidents. Included is the following description of Col. Bissell. "Bissell's defense of his students goes beyond mere blind faith and enters the realm of blatant stupidity. Bissell's apparent 'us against them' mentality, which prevents him from punishing his beloved cadets, only allows them to discard responsibility for their actions."

I would like to begin my response to this commentary by expressing my disappointment in The Ring-tum Phi for printing this article. Had the piece been written in a humorous tone, I would understand picking on cadets, but in a serious article, there is no excuse for this type of name-calling and generalization.

Secondly, I am disappointed that such a stereotype would be applied in a serious journalistic newspaper. If the Ring-tum Phi had printed stereotypes about minorities, homosexuals, or any group other than cadets, I'm sure they could expect quite a reaction. If The Ring-tum Phi wants to discourage "W&L students from provoking conflict," then perhaps the paper should take a dose of its own medicine and refrain from uncomplimentary blanket remarks about cadets.

Personally, I can vouch for the fact that not every W&L student is an example of good citizenship, or even pleasant company for that matter. I know a couple of W&L students who I have long considered to be the most pompous, self-important, horses' southsides I have ever met. On the other hand, I have had the opportunity to meet some really nice individuals who were friendly and congenial.

Let me use as examples a few of my experiences in the past year. Last spring, I was invited, along with several other cadets, to a W&L fraternity party. I had a great time, met a lot of affable W&L students, and enjoyed a good band. I was very impressed by the fraternity and the brothers, and I can say without reservation that every single one was friendly and pleasant.

Not that I'm passing any judgment, but I also saw some W&L students who were completely drunk, and who were all too eager to relieve themselves outside and vomit wherever the urge struck them. That weekend, one of the brothers got arrested two nights in a row on the same street by the same officer for being drunk in public. Ironically, this individual was also one of the students that I enjoyed meeting and hoped to run into again some time.

I also had to go to court in Lexington this fall where I was convicted of speeding. Although I was the only cadet in the courtroom, there were more W&L students present than I can count on both hands. The first one was convicted of public drunkenness, drunk driving, and possession of marijuana. The last one was also convicted of drunk driving.

The point by now should be obvious. First, W&L students are not a flock of innocent little lambs. Second, I have not based my opinions of W&L students on the actions of a few miscreants, and

would have to argue with anyone who claimed that all W&L students were pot smoking, drunk-driving winos.

As for the accusation that anything prevents Col. Bissell from "punishing his beloved cadets," this is simply not true. I can assure The Ring-tum Phi that Col. Bissell has no qualms whatsoever about leveling serious and harsh punishments on cadets who run afoul of the rules either on post or in Lexington. As an example, I asked the deputy commandant what penalty a cadet would get if he was seen leaving a frat house after 11 p.m. on a weeknight in civilian clothes while he was not on official leave. Even if the cadet had a verbal invitation and there was no trouble whatsoever involved, the cadet would get 20 demerits, four months of post confinement, and 80 penalty tours.

As any cadet can attest, neither 16 weekends spent at VMI nor 80 hours of marching are anyone's idea of a picnic. A cadet who starts a fight can be placed on report for "conduct unbecoming a cadet," which, depending on the offense, carries penalties up to dismissal. The only reason a cadet might not be penalized by the Institute is if he has had charges pressed by the police for the same incident. In this way, the cadet is not penalized twice for the same offense.

One point that The Ring-tum Phi failed to address (or admit) is the fact that most if not all of these fights seem to have been started by W&L students. (The researched details of these incidents are outlined on the front page of the Oct. 13 issue of The VMI Cadet.) While I won't defend cadets who start fights at fraternity houses, I will certainly stand behind those who defend themselves, and I think the rest of the VMI community will agree.

Charles V. Hardenbergh
Editorial Editor, The VMI Cadet

Last year's open honor trial raises question

To the Editor:

This letter comes in response to The Ring-tum Phi editorial "Leave honor to the students." I would like to first of all clarify what went on at the Board of Trustees meeting three weeks ago in Atlanta. Following procedure, I gave an update on the Honor System with regard to our caseload and the various honor orientations. I did mention the fact that there was an Open Hearing last May, the first in two years. Let me now say for the record that there was absolutely no discussion about the specifics of the case nor any attempt to reinstate the dismissed student, period. However, following the Open Hearing last May there was some discussion among some alumni of the University, as there always is after one of these, about the Honor System. As a result, a few letters were written, including one from the father of the dismissed student, an alumnus, to specific members of the Board, citing what they thought were problems with the system. So, prior to the Board meeting, the Rector of the University, A. Stevens Miles, wrote me a letter acknowledg-

ing that he had received these letters, one of which called for a review of the Honor System by a committee of the Board of Trustees. His response to that idea was as follows:

"In view of the fact that the by-laws of the university clearly state that responsibility for the Honor System resides with the students, I believe that it would be more appropriate for the Executive Committee to conduct the review and decide what changes, if any, should be made. You may feel free to call on me if you would like to have any input from the Board, but the responsibility is yours."

To me that is a supreme affirmation of the Board's commitment to student control of the Honor System. This feeling was reiterated to me at the Board meeting in Atlanta. There was no discussion of the points brought up in any of the letters, it was simply left up to me what, if anything, the Executive Committee should do with them. The minutes of the Board meeting and anyone in attendance will attest to the aforementioned facts.

Had the Phi done any research into this matter, i.e. talk to those who were at the meeting, or believed what I had told them, the facts that I outlined above, this editorial would never have been written. It is my opinion that the Phi owes an apology to the Board of Trustees to whom, because of their commitment to the Honor System, student autonomy, and the University as a whole, we are deeply indebted.

Sincerely,
Josh MacFarland, '93
President of the Student EC

To the Editor:

In reference to the editorial [Nov. 12] "Leave Honor to the Students", I would simply like to reiterate a few points. First I want to commend. The Phi for keeping such a vigilant watch on a system which seems to be suffering from the illness of politics. It is only through awareness that the students of this school can actively protect a tradition which has been revered for more than a century.

Specifically with regard to last year's

honor trial, it is important to address certain concerns. A student was charged, tried and found guilty, not by some elite, but by a jury of peers. Representative students of this school concluded that this student was guilty, both in closed and open forums. The issue is no longer one of guilt or innocence. The issue now is the future, or rather the present of the Honor Code. To even consider allowing an openly and judiciously convicted student to return to W&L is an outrage. It is tantamount to saying that money and influence (and perhaps a relative on the Board of Trustees) give one license to extend the boundaries of the Honor Code. For a community which so cherishes the memory of Lee, and the standards of honorable conduct, this assault on Washington and Lee would be disastrous. Its effects on the character of W&L, and on its reputation would be irreparable.

What was reported last week is confusing. However, amidst the confusion, there is truth. EC President Josh

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MacFarland deserves our gratitude for shielding the Honor System in the face of administrative and alumni opposition. Likewise, those attempting to circumvent the Honor System should be severely chastised, and reminded that as the "leaders" of the school, it is they who should be setting the fine examples. It would be sad to admit that the school's students are morally superior to certain members of alumni, the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Honor is this University's most distinctive characteristic. Boards and administrations have come and gone; honor has remained. It is rare in today's society that one can find a community of such high standards. I implore everyone to remember this fact, and to act vigorously to insure that nothing will tarnish this precious place, which so many have called home.

Sincerely,
Cynthia J. Kowalyk, '93

Student chides humor columnist

To the Editor:

I'm writing in reaction to Tom Hespos' article, which the editors of the Phi decided to include in their November 19 issue. First, on a general note, Tom, I know that you're "Spos" to be funny, but then again the editors of this illustrious newspaper are "Spos" to choose a funny person to write these articles, so I guess it's not entirely your fault that you've been encouraged to make a fool of yourself in print once every two weeks.

Your inability to write anything humorous, however, was never enough reason for me to write to the Phi. After all, this year we've become used to humor columnists failing miserably.

I was finally moved to write because your column last week took tastelessness to a new level of which you were (I hope) completely unaware when you wrote the filth. So let me fill you in.

Four years ago, a Washington and Lee student, Ashley Scarborough, was killed by another student who was driving drunk. One of the pieces of evidence in the conviction of Blake Comer involved a "few front-end paint chips" which were found embedded in Ashley's body.

Start to get the picture? Evidently, your "Uncle Vito" never heard of the incident, but I would think that at some

point you had. Yet you decided to write your "humor" column anyway, suggesting that we should all begin to run over VMI cadets with our cars.

Advocating "vehicular homicide" to W&L students is about as funny as telling jokes about ovens to survivors of the Holocaust. For their sake, I hope Ashley's parents do not continue to subscribe to the Phi, but whether they do or not, I hope you realize that some sort of printed apology is in order.

Two last suggestions, Tom. First, please leave the third-person references to the sports figures and the politicians. Second, I'm sure the VMI cadets are *really* scared of your Uncle Vito, so don't worry if a few of them trap you in the Delt house (oops...sorry Tom) or in a dark alley late at night. I'm sure if you just *mention* his name they'll back off right away.

To the editors of the Phi, I send my warmest congratulations. I didn't think that it was possible for your consciences to ever allow you to print anything more tasteless than "Erection Man," but you've outdone yourselves once again. Nice job, guys. Keep up the good work.

(Not entirely) Sincerely,
Scott A. Smith '93

GENERAL NOTES

Film Society

The W&L Film Society is pleased to announce its next presentation, "Europa, Europa" (Poland/Germany, 1991) at 8:05 p.m. on Friday, and Saturday, in the Troubadour Cinema, at the corner of Main and Henry streets. As always, there is no charge for admission, and all are encouraged to attend.

Live Drive

If you're drinking, don't drive. Please call Live Drive at 463-8947 for a safe, sober ride. Live Drive operates Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. We're also looking for volunteers to help drive. If interested call Melissa or Jess at 464-4017.

Amnesty

Do you have any spare holiday greeting cards? W&L's Amnesty International chapter will be sending cards to political prisoners in jail around the world and would appreciate your donations. Any cards you can spare should be left in the Amnesty Card Collection Box on the main floor of the library.

Housing

Students interested in living in Gaines or Woods Creek Apartments for the 1993-94 academic year should stop by the Housing Office (Payne 4) and pick up an application. Applications may be submitted anytime after Dec. 10, 1992.

DC/RA Positions

The application process for students interested in being a Dorm Counselor (Freshman Dorms) or Resident Assistant (Gaines Hall) is now open. Applications and information are available in Payne 4; completed applications are due by Jan. 15, 1993. Specific questions about the application process or the DC/RA program should be referred to Dean Manning, Payne 4A, 463-8752.

Ski Club

Anyone of any skill level who is interested in joining the ski club/team should come to an important organizational meeting Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in Newcomb 10. Officers will be elected. Questions? Call John at 463-9495.

Model EC

Professors or students interested in either of two available positions on the Steering Committee of W&L's Model European Community Conference should contact Christine Will at 464-3760. The Steering Committee acts as an advisory body to the Secretary General of the Conference and is responsible for important planning decisions.

Fencing

Club Fencing will be starting again winter term. Interested persons (male or female) should call either Coach Lyles at 463-8683 or Chris Keller at 463-4884 ASAP for details.

Roommate

Roommate needed for winter and spring term in two bedroom apartment on Nelson Street. It is fully furnished except for second bedroom. Call 463-4917 for more details.

General Notes are compiled by Matt Haar

AIDS project leader questions Phi coverage

To the Editor:

I am writing to protest the Phi's lack of coverage of what I feel is a very important new organization on the W&L campus, the AIDS Education Project. I have been considering writing this letter for quite some time but I have hesitated because I thought it important to wait and see if a pattern developed. Unfortunately, it has.

The AIDS Project was founded this year in order to provide education on prevention and compassion dealing with this disease. We have received an incredibly warm welcome from the university as a whole, including administration, faculty, staff, students, campus groups and local citizens. It seems the only group that is not willing to welcome our organization is the school's newspaper.

At the beginning of the year, two different reporters wrote stories introducing the group to the university. Both articles were pushed aside at least three times, often in favor of stories about such subjects as flowers on the tables at

VMI. All the while, the editors of the paper insisted that the articles on the AIDS Project were bumped for more important news stories.

Finally, in October, Amy Yarcich, a reporter for the Phi and an active participant in the AIDS Project, convinced the editors that a story about the group's trip to the AIDS Quilt in Washington, D.C. would be a good idea. I thought that, at last, this pattern of ignoring our group was over. I was wrong. Last Tuesday [Nov. 10], the AIDS Project hosted its first speaker, Dr. Bob Carrere, '72. To my knowledge, the Phi did not even bother to send a reporter to cover the lecture despite two of the editors being personally reminded as well as receiving a copy of the press release issued by the News Office. Instead, the editors chose to cover one of two events that occurred last Wednesday night [Nov. 11]—Dr. Wilson's question-and-answer session on the mission statement, which was only attended by 35 people. The AIDS Project's speaker was attended by approximately 90

people. While I don't think coverage should necessarily be determined by attendance, I simply do not feel that we are being treated fairly.

This lack of coverage is unfortunate for many reasons, but most importantly because the AIDS Project is serving such a vital role on this campus. Our generation is the AIDS Generation. It is estimated by many experts that we will be the first group of college graduates who attend more funerals than weddings. Indeed, if the Phi had bothered to cover the lecture last Tuesday, they would have heard that according to the Centers for Disease Control, college age people are among the groups at highest risk of contracting AIDS. Others in this high-risk group include: heterosexuals, women, and Southerners.

Our campus must begin to meet its responsibilities in educating and dealing with this disease. Anyone who believes that just because no one has tested HIV positive at the infirmary, that there are no HIV positive students

on this campus is a fool. Anyone who says that if we are going to have an AIDS Project we should have a Cancer Project and a Heart Project is being petty. These other diseases are not nearly as preventable as AIDS, and they certainly do not provoke the kind of hatred and bigotry that AIDS often does. The thing that has impressed me the most about starting this group is that something I had only dreamed of happening has happened, the entire community is voicing support for what we are doing, there are no political or religious lines being drawn, I have not received any threatening phone calls, and some of the most unlikely people are approaching me on the Colonnade and asking what they can do to help. We at Washington and Lee should be proud of this, and we should be able to read about it in our school newspaper.

Sincerely yours,
Patrick McDermott
Coordinator
AIDS Education Project

Student advises how to beat the car tax

To the Editor:

I wanted to write this letter in hopes of informing students about the car tax—what it means to them and what to do when the tax arrives around Dec. 1.

The Virginia state law basically states that residents shall register their cars and pay taxes on them if they are *garaged* in the city for a *majority of the year*. (If you pay a car tax at home, however, you do not have to pay Lexington's tax.)

Since the students have not volunteered to register their cars with the city, the Commissioner of Revenue has been told to get the necessary information any way she can. Dec. 1 many of us (and our parents) will be receiving a bill in the mail ordering us to pay this tax.

According to the law, residents cannot have their cars legally taxed if they are *garaged* in Lexington for less than a *majority of the year*. Taking into account the summer break and other vacations throughout the year, students are in Lexington roughly seven months and three weeks.

If, while classes are in session, our cars are *garaged* outside of Lexington for an additional seven weeks, we cannot be taxed (because the accumulated time would amount to less than a majority of the year).

You must inform your parents about this tax over break because the Commissioner of Revenue sends a copy of the bill both to your address at school and at home. If your parents do not know that this tax

is fightable (and beatable), then they may mistakenly pay the tax.

If you choose to join me in fighting the tax by garaging your car somewhere other than Lexington for an additional seven weeks, take your bill to the Commissioner of Revenue's office and tell them that your car cannot be taxed because it is not *garaged* in Lexington for a *majority of the year*. **Remember, the bill you receive is not absolute. It assumes that our cars are *garaged* in Lexington for a *majority of the year*—that assumption is *not* necessarily correct.**

Sincerely,
James F. Kull
Junior EC rep

Archivist praises law correspondent, corrects error

To the Editor:

As a member of the Law School community, I applaud the inclusion of a Law School writer on The Ring-tum Phi staff. Such a move can only serve to improve relations on either side of the bridge.

As archivist of the Law School, however, I must make one correction concerning the article on the Moot Court competition. In her otherwise fine article, J.D. Lowry misidentified John W. Davis as "a W&L law professor in

the 1950s." She was off by more than half a century.

Davis graduated from the College of Washington and Lee 100 years ago in 1892. He took his degree from the School of Law in 1895. He taught at the Law School for only the following year (1896-97).

While it is true that he is best known nationally for arguing the "wrong" side of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, I hope the impression was not left that this is the reason the Moot Court com-

petition bears his name. Davis argued 141 cases before the Supreme Court competition (only two others—one of them being Daniel Webster—had argued more), was solicitor general of the United States, turned down a U.S. Supreme Court nomination, was a presidential candidate, and was Ambassador to the Court of Saint James, to hit only some of the highlights of his long career.

He was not, as Daniel J. Kornstein has put it, "Brandeis's ideal Peoples' Attorney." He is, however, by any measure one of the most distinguished graduates of the Law School. It is because this "most accomplished appellate advocate of his era" consistently stressed the importance of moot court in legal education, that the John W. Davis Moot Court Competition bears his name.

Sincerely,
John N. Jacob
Archivist, School of Law

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos

By Jameson Leonardi

What do you want for Christmas?



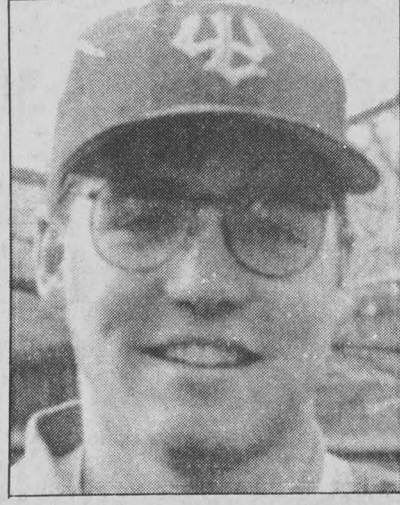
Roland Chase, '95, Idstein, Germany
— "Snow."



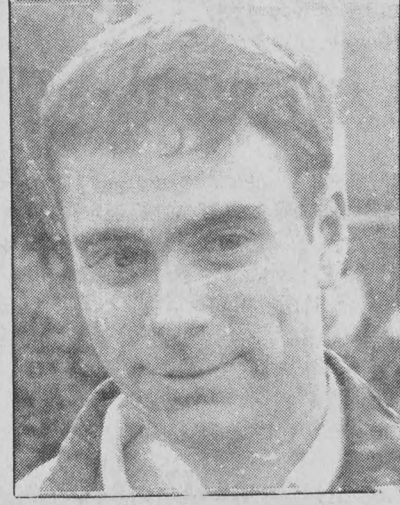
Meredith Metzger, '94, Bel Air, Md.
— "An unlimited supply of margaritas."



Mollie Saunders, '95, Lexington, Ky., and Kit Dodds, '95, Columbia, S.C.
— "Keanu Reeves in jeans, ..."



Matt Gilman, '95, Ashland, Va.
— "A new term."



Sean Johnson, '95, Simsbury, Conn.
— "My two front teeth."

FEATURES

Buff student bare-buttred at Berkeley.

Cal sophomore receives two-week suspension for letting it all hang out

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Features Editor

As winter draws near, University of California-Berkeley sophomore Andrew Martinez, a professed nudist, is out in the cold.

"I grew up middle class, but I reject a lot of the middle-values. I don't believe in monogamy, and I like to swear a lot. But since I went nude, it's like I'm lesser in their eyes because of who I am," Martinez told The Maneater, University of Missouri campus newspaper.

Martinez was recently suspended for two weeks after he defied the chancellor's proclamation of no nudity on campus.

Berkeley sophomore Vicki Berg says Martinez then came nude to his suspension hearing.

"Last year his nudists beliefs were no big thing," Berg said. "Suddenly now it is. But people here really don't make a big deal about it."

Berg said Martinez goes to class, eats on the lawn in front of Sproul Hall and visits the wide array of vendors on Telegraph Avenue—all in the nude.

The publicity blitz on Martinez has included appearances on "Montel Williams Show," "Hard Copy" and "The

Maury Povich Show."

He has also been mentioned in publications such as Newsweek.

"It seems like more of a joke for him," Berg said. "I just think he likes the publicity."

Berg said Martinez staged a "nude-in" soon after The Daily Californian printed an article about his beliefs, the first major publicity he had received.

He bought time on the steps of Sproul Hall along with other nudists last month. Martinez, a group of artists known as X-Plicit Players, and other campus and community nudists spoke and painted each other.

"Students were really interested but not seriously," Cal sophomore Margaret Lee said.

"We live in a sexually repressive culture," Martinez told The Maneater. "Some of the other people who participated in the 'nude-in' would be shunned if their families knew."

"He usually wears a loincloth and a T-shirt or just boxers, if he wears anything," editor of The Daily Californian Virginia Matzek said.

"I've seen him wandering the streets of Berkeley wearing only a T-shirt," Lee said. "People just try not to stare."

The Maneater reported that Martinez was arrested last month for jogging nude after dark near a freshman dormitory. Before his suspension campus police arrested him

twice for violating a county code that prohibits any person who "willfully and lewdly exposes his person . . . in any public place."

"I think that nudism is right and was made illegal unjustly," Martinez said.

Berg doesn't mind Martinez expressing his beliefs.

"He's pretty hot," she said.

Some W&L students don't find Martinez's actions very shocking.

"As long as he doesn't violate school rules then it's all right. It's his form of expression," W&L freshman Jon Branham said.

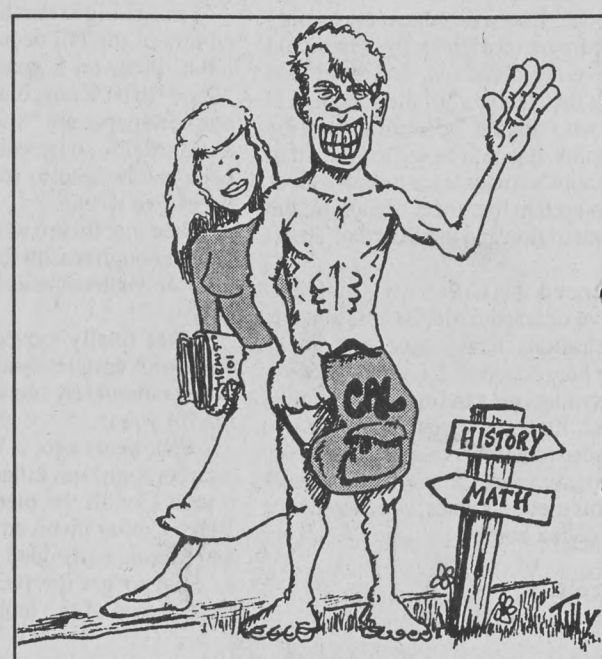
"I'd be quite impressed if someone came to class nude," Branham said. "Too many people at W&L don't express the way they feel."

Dean of Students David Howison said if Martinez were a W&L student he might be violating Lexington law, as well as W&L policies.

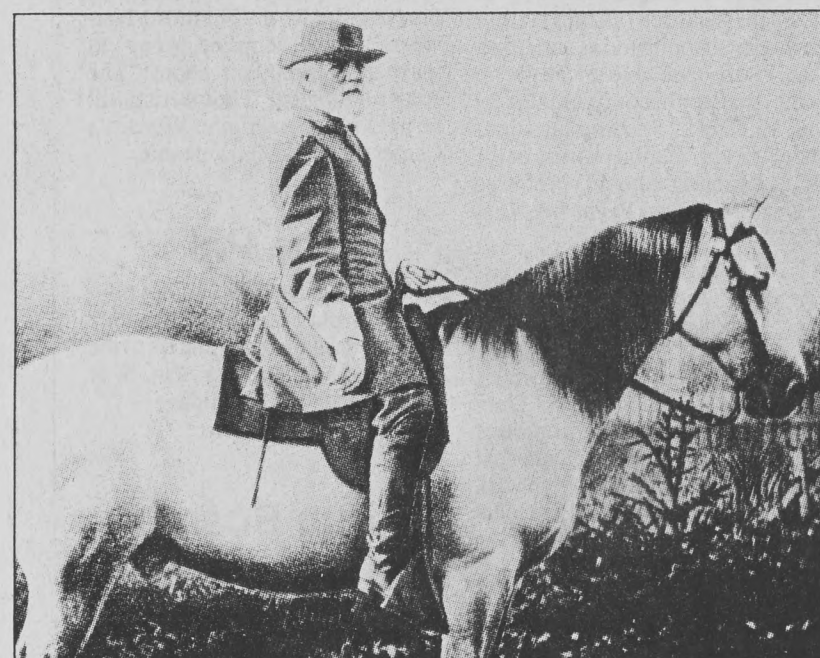
"We have no explicit anti-nude policy but we do have something to deal with it," he said.

Howison said if worse comes to worse he would refer him to the Student Conduct Committee for violation of the W&L statement of civility.

"You can express yourself," Howison said, "but do it within the law."



W&L still remembers Traveller's interesting history



By FAITH TRUMAN
Phi Staff Writer

Traveller, the gray horse of Robert E. Lee, holds a prominent place in Washington and Lee University's history.

While alive, he was Lee's prized possession, and even after his demise, Traveller remained a sought-after horse.

Traveller and Robert E. Lee were rarely seen apart after Lee acquired the horse in 1862.

"The two had a tremendous rapport. He [Lee] would write about Traveller like he was an old friend," said Professor of History Taylor Sanders, university historian.

"Traveller is my only companion, I may also say my pleasure," Lee once wrote. "He and I whenever practicable wander out in the mountains and enjoy sweet confidence."

Traveller, who stood 16 hands, or 64 inches, high, was an active and spirited horse.

"The greatest honor for an under-

graduate would be to take Traveller for a ride across campus. He was also a source of souvenirs. People would cut hair from his tail and mane," Sanders said.

In fact, his hair became so prized that General Lee described Traveller as having "the appearance of a plucked chicken."

After Lee died from heart failure, Traveller participated in the funeral procession with his saddle and bridle draped with crepe and Lee's boots reversed in his stirrups.

Traveller roamed the grounds of W&L until his own death eight months later.

"Traveller died of lockjaw after he stepped on a rusty nail on campus," said Robert Peniston, director of Lee Chapel.

Originally, Traveller was laid to



skeleton on campus.

"Students used to sign the bones before exams to get passing marks. That's what we've been told," Peniston said.

The bones were in such poor condition that officials reinterred them with great ceremony in 1971 behind Lee Chapel.

A marker identifies Traveller's final resting place.

Another marker marks Traveller's stable, which is presently the garage for the university president's house.

Popular author Richard Adams made a tribute to Traveller's place in history with a book named after him and written from the horse's viewpoint.

"[The book is] historically accurate," Peniston said. "Traveller talks about horses of these people [that make up W&L history] and you know from how he describes the setting what battle they're in."

"Traveller is probably one of the most famous horses of the 19th century," Sanders said.

rest in Woods Creek. However, his bones were of interest to grave-robbers in 1907.

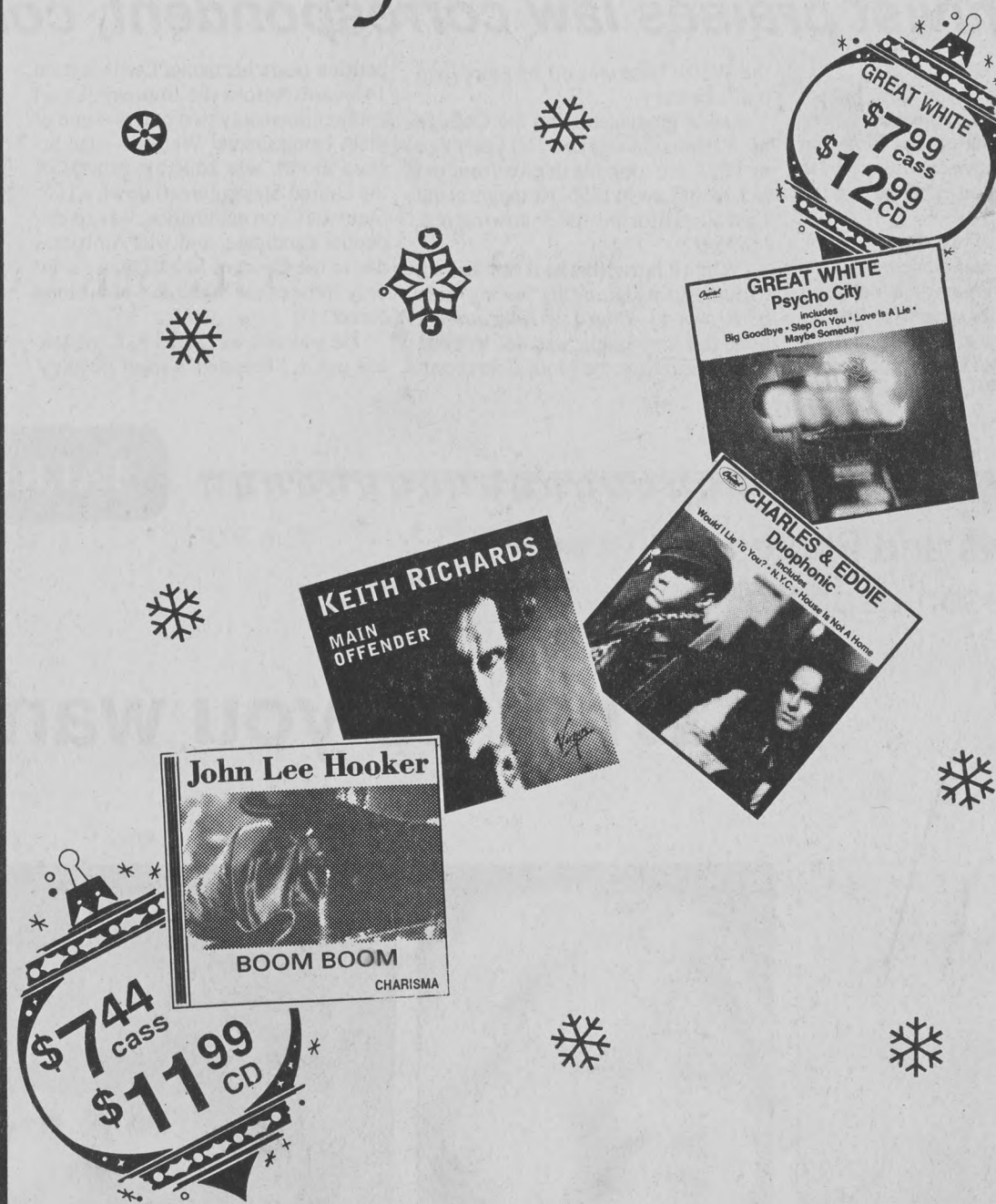
"He was exhumed by some ne'er-do-wells who dug him up [with plans] to put him together and take him to the World's Fair. They were caught," Peniston said.

Instead of re-burying Traveller, W&L officials chose to display his

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FEATURES

Fashion broadens horizons

By KATIE YDEL
Phi Staff Writer

Tonight at 6 p.m., Over the Garden Wall will present a fashion show to broaden Lexington's horizons.

"I'm introducing to local people and students what's going on in the rest of the world in art, not in fashion," said Elizabeth Warren, owner of the Washington Street shop.

Warren is producing the show with Dolores Holmes, who makes much of the shop's clothing, and Ursula Goad, a jewelry maker and teacher. The show will be held in the store and will feature poetry about the clothes, as well as music and food. Warren said that she's working on a relaxed atmosphere and maybe some kind of "ending surprise."

Over the Garden Wall, which opened in July, carries hand-made jewelry, Amish baskets, one-of-a-kind clothing, and other art, like pottery and paintings. Most of the pieces are made by artists in the area, in Canada, and even in Europe.

Warren said she thinks Lexington has plenty of room to grow artistically.

"I want to bring nice stuff you'd usually see in a big city," she said. Warren has vests and dresses made from antique cloth and hand-woven ponchos and sweaters, all from local artists.

Warren said she's found that hand-painted coats like the ones in her store are "all the rage" in Europe.

Through the show Warren hopes to spark more interest in art and artistic clothing, not just in fashion. She said she's planning a show that will expose the community to new things.

"It's going to be outrageous!"

The evolution of Heidi

Play chronicles woman's life

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Features Editor

Tonight marks the second performance of Lenfest's latest production "The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wassertein.

As reported in Curtain Call, the Heidi of Miss Wassertein's play is 40-year-old professor Heidi Holland, whom the audience meets in 1990 as she shows slides to her art history class at Columbia University.

One slide triggers a flashback to a 1965 high school dance.

The Tony Award-winning play is directed by Washington and Lee's playwright-in-residence, Tom Ziegler.

"When I first saw Wendy Wassertein's 'Heidi Chronicles' in New York a few years ago, I was delighted to encounter another poor soul who seemed slightly out of sync with the rollicking turbulence of that time," Ziegler said. The main character of Heidi is played by senior Erin Walsh.

At the high school dance she falls for Peter Patrone, played by third-year law student James Scales, who later in the scene reveals his homosexuality.

Senior Jeff Mikita plays Scoop Rosenbaum, the other male lead.

"He's a jerk to a lot of people and he knows it," Mikita said. "But there's always another side to him."

Heidi and Scoop's first meeting was very confrontational.

"He's trying to reveal Heidi to herself," Mikita said.

He said the play has mostly feminine qualities and men are simply catalyst centers on the females.



"However, it's not a feminist play but a humanist play," Mikita said. Junior Heather Aussiker, who plays the characters of Debbie and Denise,



Photo by W. Patrick Hinely, W&L

Lyrae Van Clef and Neal portray two hippies at an Eugene McCarthy fundraiser in 1968.

agrees with Mikita.

"It doesn't male bash at all," Aussiker said. "It's about Heidi's evolution and what she finds out about herself."

Aussiker is one of several actors who portray more than one character.

Sophomore Michael Neal plays a total of six characters.

Two of the six are homosexuals.

"I didn't have a problem playing gay characters," Neal said. "All the gay characters in the play are not stereotypical. They are all played with a lot of integrity."

Neal emphasizes the similarities of women's plight in society with that of homosexuals.

"Equality is an issue for everyone," Neal said. "Heidi's fighting for the right for everyone to have a place."

He said the play makes a point of explaining that just because women and homosexuals are generally seen as inferior and different does not mean they cannot excel.

Mikita said the characters begin as idealists but end as pessimists and materialists.

"Heidi is the only character who always believed in her life," Mikita said.

The play traces the life of Heidi from the 1960s through the 1980s.

"The production really captures the three decades brought out in the play, Mikita said.

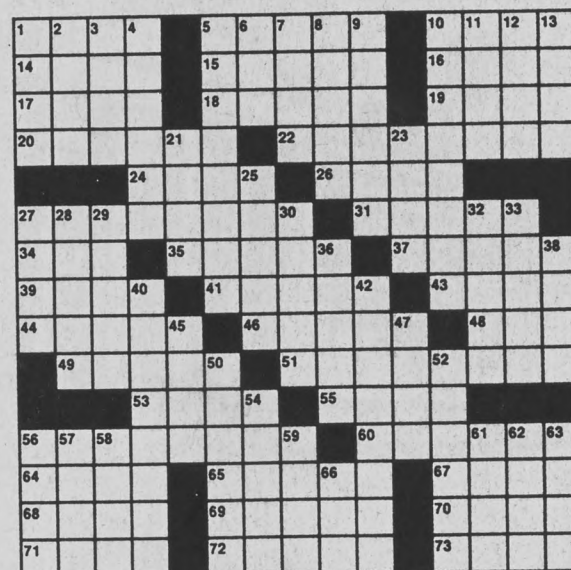
He emphasizes the play's theme of reflection.

"Reflect on your life and the choices you make," Mikita said, "the people you've been with, and carry on."

Colonnade Crossword

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5 Situated
10 Trade
14 Gumbo
15 Serviceable, old style
16 Cabbage type
17 Narrow cut
18 Kind of boom
19 Original thought
20 Luncheonette
22 More tumultuous
24 Seizes
26 A cheese
27 Relative of a gloss
31 Gives off
34 Pointed tool
35 False gods
37 A planet
39 Single thing
41 Vocalize in the Alps
43 Understand
44 At no time
46 Kind of colony
48 In poor health
49 Send payment
51 Woods
53 Place for swimming
55 Gamblers' haven
56 Disturb
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64 Raise
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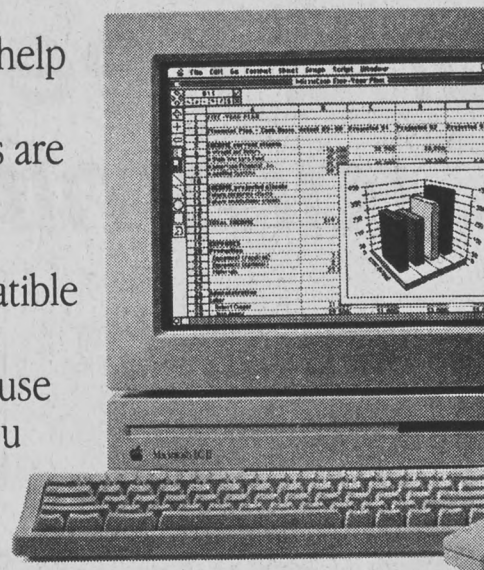
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NEWS



Science center still on drawing board

Plans to renovate Washington and Lee's science buildings for the first time in 30 years might be delayed further by a staggering price tag and controversy over the design of the buildings.

By LEIGH ALLEN
Phi News Editor

Three architectural firms presented models to university officials and members of the Board of Trustees Nov. 21, showing how they proposed to build the new science center. Dean of the College John Elrod said Payette and Associates, a Boston architectural firm that has designed science buildings for Harvard University and the University of California, was chosen because they specialize in college science buildings.

But Capital Planning Director Frank Parsons said some members of the Board of Trustees objected to elements of the Payette and Associates' model. The model shows Howe and Parmly Halls, the two

current science buildings, connected by a new building with a curved front wall, five front columns, and an exterior glass staircase.

"Some [board members] felt it was too modern," Parsons said. "There was a little bit too much glass in a few places."

Parsons said architects will be meeting with university officials and science department chairmen over the next year to discuss design ideas. Parsons said the center will not necessarily look like Payette's model.

"They haven't even talked to the department heads to see what their needs are," Parsons said. "It's very premature to say what the building will look like."

Parsons said the Board of Trustees will have the final decision on how the building will look.

"Having five columns is like having a five-cylinder engine," Parsons said. "Believe me it's going to change."

While the physical plans of the science center are being discussed, the university still must determine a way to pay for it.

According to a summary of W&L's current capital campaign, \$8 million is earmarked for the science center. But Elrod said in September, he believes it will cost much more.

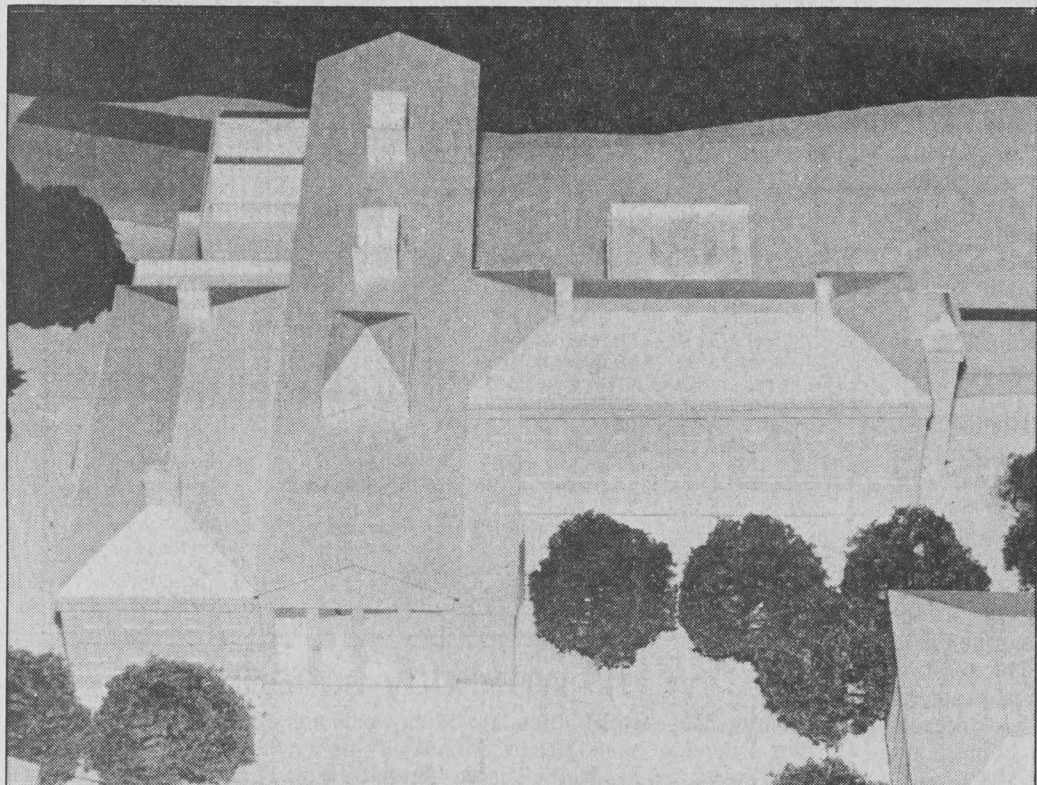
ber that although W&L has not been given a final price tag for the project, Elrod said. "[The \$8 million] is insufficient to do what we need to do," Elrod said.

Elrod said Parmly and Howe were victims of a 'deferred maintenance' program that routed maintenance money away from them and to other building projects. Howe was built in 1962, the same year Parmly was last renovated. Since then, the buildings have become an embarrassment as well as a safety hazard, Elrod said.

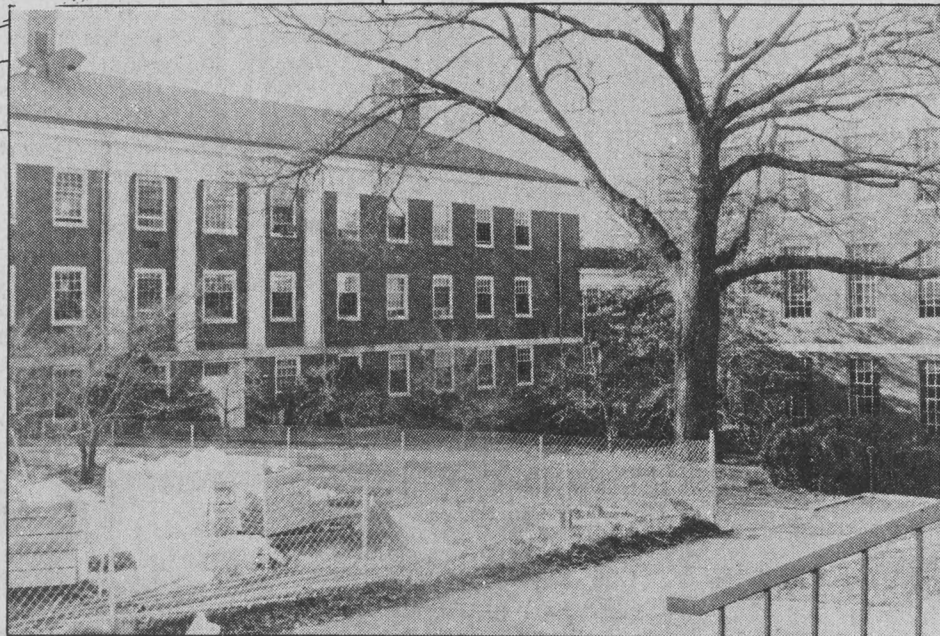
Parsons said plans for the science center will only move forward as fast as money is raised to pay for it. The center might be built in stages if donations to the university's capital campaign are not sufficient to meet construction costs.

He said other capital projects, such as the proposed student center and renovations to athletic facilities, will be delayed indefinitely until the science center is built.

Parsons said he believes construction could begin in 1995 if the money becomes available on schedule.



The proposed science center (above and below) includes extensive renovations to Parmly and Howe (right) plus the addition of a third building to connect them.



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(W) W&L 145, Sweet Briar 114 (2-0)
CC- Schaeffer 2nd at Nats.; Hannah 56th
at Nats.

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

Basketball- H-SC 12/3 7:30
Guilford 12/5 7:30
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Head coach Verne Canfield watches Mark Connelly (shooting) and Cam Dyer finish up a fast break during practice drills this week. The Generals are preparing for Hampden-Sydney tonight at 7:30.

Big men power W&L during road swing

By JUSTIN McNAUL
Phi Staff Writer

Streaky shooting forced head coach Verne Canfield to play musical guards, but consistent play by two big men led the Generals to three wins in a three-state, five-game Thanksgiving road trip.

Games 1 & 2 - San Antonio
Washington and Lee dropped the season opener to Trinity (Tex.) 71-63, but rebounded with a 56-53 win over Hamline (Minn.) in the consolation game of the Trinity Invitational in San Antonio.

Sophomore Mark Connelly scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in two games as he made the all-tournament team. The 6-7 forward made 64 percent of his shots.

Connelly's play impressed Canfield, but it didn't surprise the veteran coach.

"Mark has the potential to be an excellent big man," said Canfield. "You'll eventually see him shooting the three-pointer and posting up, but right now we're concentrating on him inside."

Connelly's height inside helped open up center Robert Miggins, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds during the tournament.

"For his size, he's the best rebounder I've had," said Canfield. "He hits the boards real hard and takes the ball to the hole real well."

Junior guard Matt Newton also stepped up his play during the tournament, scoring 22 points in only 34 minutes off the bench, hitting all four of his 3-point shots and playing strong defense (five steals).

"Matt has a great capacity to score quickly," said Canfield. "He can come off the bench and play great defense."

The Generals needed Newton's scoring punch as starting senior guards Bryan Watkins and Bryan Brading struggled in San Antonio, shooting an

abysmal 3-for-34. Good games by freshman Derek Carter (nine points vs. Hamline) and sophomore John Rogers (eight points vs. Trinity) earned the split, despite the team's ice cold 37 percent shooting.

More importantly, the Generals got the ball to the right people at the right times for the Hamline win.

Game 3 - Memphis
The Generals showed up at Sewanee three days later and unloaded, scoring 85 points as five players reached double figures.

Watkins came back in a fury, scoring a career-high 26 points on 7-10 shooting, and 9-11 on free throws.

Brading joined the guard resurgence, shooting well (3-5, 2 3-pointers) and scoring 10 points, his high for the trip.

Carter added 13 points and five rebounds in only 18 minutes of play. The freshman averaged 6.4 points on 48 percent shooting during the road trip.

Connelly stayed sharp with 12 points and six rebounds before fouling out. Canfield likes how his team responded to Sewanee's challenge.

"This proves we can play at a hostile crowd with some poor officiating and stay within our game plan," he said. "It's a great thing to see early in the season and is a credit to the players."

Game 4 - Bridgewater, Virginia
The Generals' 48-point second half blitz put away Bridgewater, 67-54, as the W&L ended the day atop the Old Dominion Athletic Conference standings (3-1 overall, 1-0 ODAC).

A first half reminiscent of the Texas shooting syndrome (30 percent) left the Generals down 21-19 at the half, but Watkins and freshman starter Cam Dyer lit up the Eagles, shooting nearly 70 percent.

Watkins chipped in 14 of his team-high 17 points in the second half and Dyer scored all 10 of his in the second frame.

A 13-2 second half run put away the Eagles, picked fourth in the ODAC.

The Generals shot well (51 percent) making seven of 16 three-pointers and made 10 more free throws than Bridgewater.

Connelly and Miggins threw in nine points each, as Miggins ripped nine rebounds. Rogers scored seven points in only 10 minutes.

For his strong second half against Bridgewater and his pasting of Sewanee, Watkins was named ODAC Player of the Week.

Game 5 - Virginia Beach
Miggins career-high 20 points and nine rebounds couldn't carry the Generals to a win at Virginia Wesleyan, as only two Generals shot over 33 percent.

This one was decided early as Virginia Wesleyan blasted W&L 46-28 in the first half and rolled to an 84-68 win.

Miggins made nine of 12 shots and pulled down five offensive rebounds in only 25 minutes of play.

Senior Darren Johnson showed a glimpse of his talent, scoring eight points (4-7) in only nine minutes.

Watkins had 12 points and a season-high six assists, but missed 11 of his 14 shots.

This Week
After a rigorous road stint, the Generals hope to continue their winning ways in the Warner Center during a three-game ODAC home stand before finals.

Defending ODAC champions Hampden-Sydney visit Lexington tonight for a 7:30 tip-off.

After the Generals host Guilford Saturday evening, Emory & Henry comes to town. Sports Illustrated ranked the Wasps ninth nationally in Division III, and this loaded squad is picked to win the ODAC.

If the backcourt puts together a strong game, the Generals may surprise the Wasps.

Hannah and Schaeffer end record years at nationals

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Sports Editor

With New Year's just around the corner, it was ironic that the two Washington and Lee runners competing in the Division III National Cross Country Championships would symbolize the "out-with-the-old-in-with-the-new" for the Generals.

Senior Bo Hannah and freshman Josephine Schaeffer traveled to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to end the 1992 cross country season.

For Hannah, it was his second trip to the championships and the final race in an excellent career. Hannah anchored the Generals this year, finishing first for W&L in every race.

Hannah said this trip to Nationals was even more exciting than last year's.

"It was exciting to make it last year," Hannah said, "but this year was more exciting since I am a senior and I knew it was my final race."

Even though Hannah finished in 56th place, he ran his best time of the season, 25:52.

"I finished higher last year, but the competition was tougher this year."

Hannah would be the main story of the championships for the W&L faithful, but like this entire season, Schaeffer stole the spotlight.

Schaeffer became the first W&L woman to earn All-America honors, finishing 12th with a time of 18:27.

Schaeffer has been the story for the cross country season since she won her first collegiate race back in September.

Schaeffer said she was excited to make the championship meet.

"I was very excited but I didn't

know what to expect," Schaeffer said. "I was pleased with the way I ran, I felt comfortable the whole race."

After all Schaeffer has seen this year, she encountered something new in New York. Snow.

"This was not my best race," Schaeffer said, "I had never run in snow before. I've definitely had better ones."

While Hannah departs W&L for the great unknown of the "real world," Schaeffer has three more years to improve on her already impressive numbers.

Schaeffer does understand that with her success this year, the pressure will be on to do better next season.

"There's definitely a lot of pressure to improve my times," Schaeffer said. "But I'm going to do whatever it takes to improve."

Swimmers continue strong performances in first half

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

For a school that is said to be on "the Hill", Washington and Lee has been doing quite well in the water.

The men's and women's swim teams are a combined 5-0 after each earned a victory Wednesday night. The women won their second official meet of the season by out-pointing Sweet Briar 145-114, while the men's team defeated VMI 123-82 to improve to 3-0.

With two straight comfortable victories, the women swimmers are proving that eight is enough; eight, as in swimmers. Half of the small squad were multi-winners against Sweet Briar.

Senior Claire Dudley and freshman Rebekah Prince were victors in three individual races apiece, while sophomores Susan Fisher and Brandi Henderson won two each.

Dudley, the team captain, took the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

Dudley is the defending conference champion in both breaststroke

events.

Prince has made an immediate impact on W&L swimming, breaking the school record in the 200-yard backstroke in her college debut two weeks ago.

Prince's time of 2:16.61 was faster than the winning time in last year's conference championship 200-yard backstroke.

Against Sweet Briar, the Texas native won the 100 and 200 backstroke, and the 100 butterfly. Prince and Dudley have claimed six races each in the first two competitions.

Fisher helped the Generals with wins in the 800-yard freestyle and the 200 individual medley. Henderson added 200 and 400 freestyle wins.

Senior Leslie Hess ended her volleyball career at Washington and Lee in early November.

In early December, Hess had her accomplishments acknowledged by being named to both the GTE Academic All-District team and the All-ODAC second team.

Hess finished the season with 182 kills and a team-high 299 digs. She also finished the season second in blocks with 36 and second in aces with 39.

Hess was co-captain of a team that improved on 1991's record with a 13-14 finish.

Hess was one of the main reasons

the Generals had a chance at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. However, the Generals fell to Eastern Mennonite, 3-1.

Hess finished her career as W&L's all-time leader in service aces with (158), serve attempts (1,343), career digs (1,036) and games played (355).

Hess also finished second all-time in career kills (609), attack attempts (2,104) and block points (122).

The Generals' wrestling team gets back on the mats at the Lebanon Valley Tournament.

The big-time meet attracts a number of the top teams in Division III

wrestling and should be a litmus test for the Generals.

Freshman Rob Sands and sophomore Lea Abercrombie will look to continue their success in the early part of the season.

In the VMI Keydet Invitational, Sands recorded three wins and Abercrombie two.

With all the question marks surrounding this year's team, both could be key to the Generals' success, not only at the tournament, but throughout the season.

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