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Author Francis Fukuyama tells an audience Jan. 28 that the triumph of democracy means that history has achieved its purpose.

Triumph of capitalism means 'end of history'

By JEANNE BRIGGS  
Phi Staff Writer

Marx had the right equation, but got the answer wrong, author Francis Fukuyama told a Lee Chapel audience Thursday.

Fukuyama, who wrote *The End of History and the Last Man*, said that with the fall of communist and authoritarian regimes, history has fulfilled its purpose: the recognition of liberal democracy as the most effective form of government.

Fukuyama said his book is "a Marxist interpretation of history that leads to capitalism instead of socialism." He said the book is often misperceived as an argument that history as we know it is over.

The former State Department deputy director

said his conclusion can also be reached by analyzing social struggles in history.

He said history demonstrates "a national struggle of recognition," which he defined as the "worth of one person to another."

"Human beings alone desire recognition and do not feel human unless they are recognized," Fukuyama said. "And the fundamental and important thing that democracy gives us is recognition of our self-worth."

Fukuyama cited controversy over the treatment of Anita Hill, treatment of the disabled, and the struggle over gays in the military as modern examples.

"Peace and prosperity are not sufficient," Fukuyama said. "Unsolvable issues still exist. We cannot finally close the story of human history."

Society advises pre-law

By J.D. LOWRY  
Phi Law School Writer

Undergraduates can now learn everything they ever wanted to know about law school, but were afraid to ask.

Phi Alpha Delta, a law service fraternity, has created the Pre-Law Society to pair undergraduates who are interested in law school with law students.

Although the specifics of the program have not been decided, PAD plans to host informal gatherings for Pre-Law Society members so undergraduates can meet law students and ask questions about law school life and the law school admissions process.

Third-year law student Bobby Lilly, one of the project's coordinators, said the need for such a program was evident.

"Every year both law students and undergrads who are running for Big Four positions campaign on improving relations between the Law School and the undergraduate campus," Lilly said.

PAD encourages the establishment of undergraduate chapters, so, in keeping with that philosophy, Lilly asked Professor of Politics Lewis John about the feasibility of a mentor program.

"Students had expressed an interest in a program like this, and that coincided with [Lilly's] call," John said.

At a Pre-Law Society meeting Jan. 21, 10 undergraduate students were paired with mentors from the Law School.

While some of the undergraduates said they definitely plan to go to law school, others were interested in joining the program to find out whether or not law school is right for them.

"I'm interested in politics, and maybe interested in law school, and I think this is a good way to get to see what it's all about," freshman Melissa Byrd said.



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Living history

James Farmer, last surviving member of the legendary "Big Four" leaders of the civil rights movement, tells a capacity crowd Wednesday about his dealings with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

Service fraternity seeks members

By NIKKI MAGAZINER  
Phi Senior Copy Editor

Rush week for Alpha Phi Omega, Washington and Lee's coed service fraternity, isn't the stress-filled frenzy normally associated with fraternity Rush.

"[APO] Rush is really informal," Rush Chairman Matt Appel said. "We just declare periods when we try to entice people to join."

Tonight, after a week of Rush activities which included a pizza party, a movie night and a group effort to help refurbish a local house, APO will invite participants to join the fraternity in a pledging ceremony.

APO pledge educator Elizabeth Dettmar said nine students pledged APO after last term's Rush period. Dettmar said she hopes five to eight students pledge tonight.

"We've had a bunch of people show up to our activities," Dettmar said. "So we'll see what we get."

Dettmar said the chapter won a national award last year for their 200 percent increase in membership. She said two consecutive seven-person pledge classes and dedicated members helped APO win the award.

Appel said some of the 30 APO members belong to social fraternities or sororities.

APO President Jim Prather said the service fraternity welcomes anyone who's willing to help serve Lexington.

"We're looking for people who care about others and who care about the community," Prather said.

EC rejects proposal for partisan funding

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS  
Phi Staff Writer

The Executive Committee barely rejected a proposal Monday allowing it to fund groups with partisan positions.

Andrew Schneider, president of the W&L chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, proposed that the EC adopt a policy which would have overturned the previous policy of not funding groups it deems "partisan."

Law professor and ACLU advisor Allan Ides said the current EC policy of not funding ideologically partisan groups is one way to stay neutral, but he said there is a better way.

"[Under the current policy,] you run the risk of becoming a censor," Ides said. "I disagree with 75 percent of what the ACLU does, but I strongly agree with some of their positions."

Junior EC Rep. Ashby Hackney said having to fund many small groups may mean less money for each group supported by the EC.

Schneider said the EC's reasoning is flawed.

"The EC is acting too paternalistic on this point," Schneider said. "Just look across the

ravine at the Law School, which has a policy of funding all groups regardless of ideology, and you can see this is not a problem."

Several EC members told Schneider that if he changed the name of the chapter to disassociate it from the national ACLU and proposed the same kind of activities, he would have a better chance of receiving money.

Schneider called the idea ridiculous.

"I think it is sort of patronizing to be quite honest," Schneider said. "It would be like asking the EC to change its name to the Honor and Funding Club."

Freshman EC Rep. Peter Agelasto said the current EC funding policy is too limited.

"Because we are an institution of higher learning we need to foster debate," Agelasto said.

The EC debated the issue with Schneider, Ides and Federalist Society President Robert Palladino for over an hour.

A motion to adopt Schneider's proposal failed 5-7.

In other business, the EC discussed proposed revisions to the Student Body Constitution with Ring-tum Phi Executive Editors Cathryn Lopiccolo and Richard Peltz.

Lopiccolo and Peltz said they proposed the revisions because the constitution is outdated and in need of clarification.

The EC can either vote to put the revisions on the ballot or any student may submit a petition with 50 students' signatures to put a revision on the ballot.

To pass a revision, half of the student body must vote in the referendum, and two-thirds of those voting must vote to approve the revision.

EC President Josh MacFarland said the committee will consider the proposals again Monday.

MacFarland also told the EC that, since a Jan. 28 Phi article reporting that 40 students sneaked into Lip Synch without paying, Lip Synch Chairman Ashley Myler has received anonymous donations and apologies.



Schneider

Caller tries to defraud W&L 'Paralegic transfer student' seeks access to phones

By KRISTA TAURINS  
Phi Contributing Writer

A man claiming to be a paralegic is trying to access the W&L phone system, possibly to make long-distance calls at the school's expense.

"The man is good at what he does," said Dianna DeHart, a secretary in the Development Office who accepted one of the calls. "He is an excellent manipulator. He is very forceful in his conversations."

A man claiming to be Tom Fitzpatrick of the Michigan Correctional Center has called various university offices collect and asked to be transferred to an outgoing line.

Director of University Services James Johndrow said that if the call is transferred, the caller

could use a computer to learn the code to access Washington and Lee's outgoing lines and make unlimited long-distance calls, billable to W&L.

When the caller reached DeHart, he told her he is a paralegic student transferring to W&L, she said. He said he wanted to find out if the admissions office had received his tuition check.

To do that, the man said his call had to be transferred to a special operator who assists handicapped people on the telephone. That operator would then transfer his call to the admissions office.

During the conversation, DeHart tried to find the caller's name on the W&L computer system to find out if he was really a transferring student.

When his name did not appear, she tried to end the conver-

sation with him, but he continued to try to get her to transfer the call.

A long-distance operator broke into the conversation and warned DeHart not to give the caller access to the W&L line.

"The whole thing was very disturbing," DeHart said.

Alice Brown with the Michigan State Department of Corrections said there is no such thing as a Michigan Correctional Center, and her department has no record of a prisoner named Tom Fitzpatrick.

Johndrow said W&L cannot transfer calls from an incoming line to an outgoing. But the caller thinks it can be done, so he continues to call.

"We have a great technical service department that really does their job tracking calls and protecting our telephone

switches," Johndrow said.

The caller has also attempted to access outgoing lines at Virginia Tech and at a Roanoke hospital, Johndrow said.

Johndrow said phone fraud is a growing scam and students should be careful with their calling card numbers.

Johndrow said one trick involves a caller claiming to be a long-distance company employee.

Johndrow said the caller demands a person's calling card number, saying his long distance service will be disconnected if he doesn't read the number.

A man in Roanoke received a \$56,000 phone bill for one weekend of calls that someone else made, Johndrow said.

"And AT&T doesn't care who made the calls," Johndrow said. "They just want to be paid."

Music classes boost GPAs

By TOM HESPOS  
Phi Staff Writer

Want an A? Take music. According to a breakdown of 1991-92 grades released by the Registrar's Office, the music department gave A's to 69.2 percent of students taking music classes.

On the other end of the spectrum, the anthropology department gave the fewest A's proportionally, with just 17.4 percent of students getting A's.

"I know that in general, the number of A's [in anthropology] has been low in comparison to other departments," anthropology department chairman O. Kendall White said.

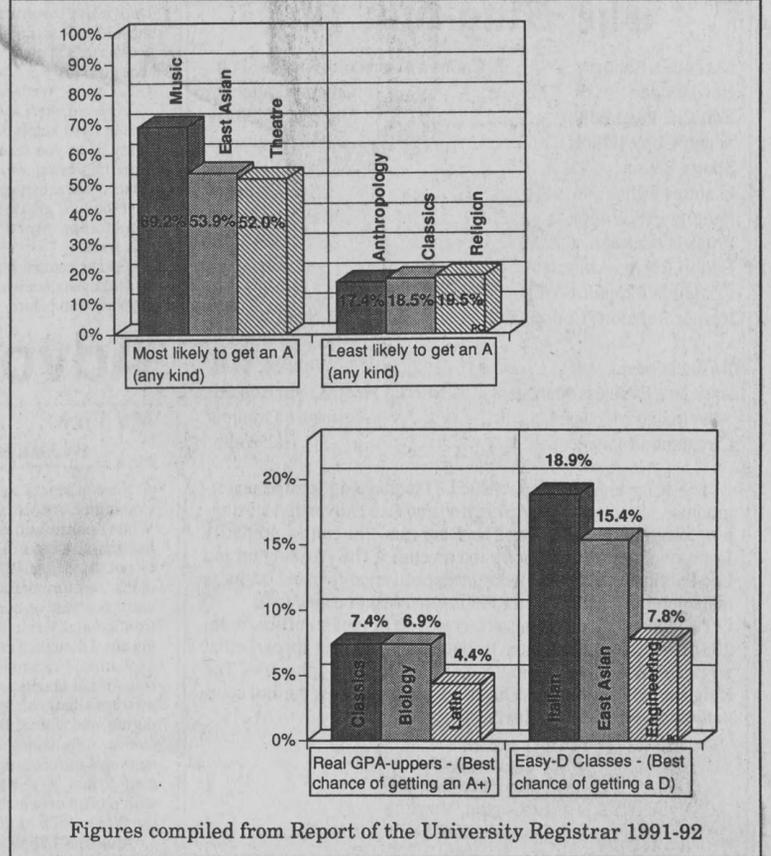
White attributed the low number of A's to the approximately 150 students enrolled in Anthropology 101 last year. White said the sections were taught by professors John McDaniel and David Novack, who he said are tough graders.

The engineering department doled out the greatest proportion of failing grades, with F's making up 7.8 percent of all grades awarded by the department.

If last year's grade point averages are any indication, the average W&L student can expect to graduate cum laude.

The average GPA was 3.017 last year, with 75 percent of grades given being A's and B's.

The report also said the percentage of failing grades fell to a 29-year low of 1.6 percent.



Figures compiled from Report of the University Registrar 1991-92

# The Ring-tum Phi

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## EC wisely steers clear of politics

Andrew Schneider, president and founder of the Washington and Lee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, deserves commendation for his political savvy in bringing the issue of ACLU funding before the Executive Committee yet again, this time the week before an election.

With the smell of rising dissent in the air, the EC stuck to its guns on the policy of staying out of the political arena by not funding organizations which take stands on political issues, and that, too, deserves commendation.

The W&L chapter of the ACLU is not allying itself with the national organization on political issues, representatives said Monday, but is using the national organization only for resources.

But they failed to address the problem of affiliation. The chapter is nonetheless affiliated with the ACLU, and for student activities dollars to be allocated to an organization whose name connotes partisanship is to politicize the budget process.

We do not wish to enter the debate on what the standing policy of the EC should be. They are in the difficult position of having to draw a line defining which activities will be deemed "partisan," and the groups that are asking for clarification have valid concerns.

But the EC is on the correct course. The committee members for the most part recognize that politicization of the committee would be detrimental to its functioning. It would be injurious to student government and autonomy if the annual election process were dominated by political debate, and if the EC were torn by it. The EC has traditionally shied away from political debate when its opinions did not reflect a unified sentiment, and that has been wise.

The retort of the ACLU chapter representatives, and the reservations expressed by some EC members about the funding policy, is that the EC can still remain free from politicization and serve the community better by funding all groups which express what the committee deems to be partisan ideologies.

The flaw in that logic is simply that there are not enough student activities dollars to go around. For every proactive group which would ask for funding, a reactive group would be entitled to equal funding.

EC Secretary Bob Tompkins pointed out that in not funding the ACLU, the EC is not saying it does not want the chapter to exist. The ACLU chapter serves the community by virtue of its very existence as an outlet of communication. But with the proliferation of budget requests the EC would receive after announcing that "partisan" groups have the same access to student dollars that other groups have, not much money would remain for the ACLU.

Again, we commend Schneider for reviving the funding issue — any issue, in fact — at election time. Our only warning to him is that on a campus where students trust their government so dearly that they allow EC doors to close unconstitutionally without even a whimper of dissent, his efforts to hold candidates accountable for their past records are probably in vain.

— CL, RP, GP, NM

## Belated honor?

The Lip Synch organizers who reported to the EC on Jan. 25 that students had sneaked into the event without paying, possibly even by lying about their right to be there for free, reported to EC Monday that they have received anonymous donations of the entry price.

The news gives us an odd mixture of disappointment and elation. Knowingly circumventing the admission fee, whether lying about it or not, is dishonorable conduct. The number of students involved is alarming. Yet some people, perhaps after reading the story in the last Phi, felt obliged to pay their way, albeit belatedly. So there is a sense of honor there after all.

It's nice to know that students do think to do the honorable thing, eventually. Now students should work on doing the honorable thing, the first time.

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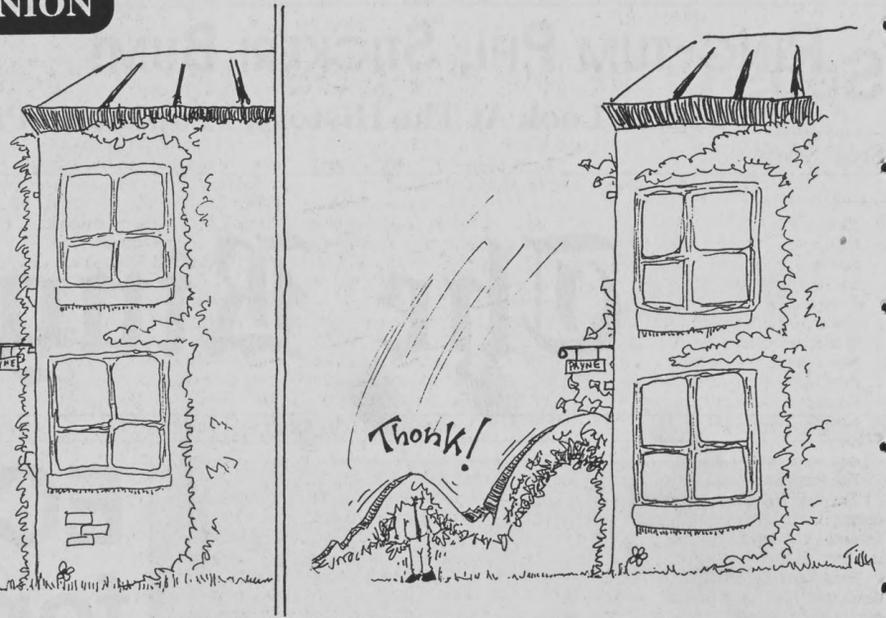
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## OPINION



## Government conformity victimizes VMI

LEXINGTON — The last time the federal government tangled with Virginia Military Institute, the government's forces got cuffed around at the battle of New Market by a

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Founded in 1839, VMI is one of this state's 15 publicly supported colleges and universities. Although its most distinguished graduate was a military man — George Marshall — most graduates pursue civilian careers. However, all its graduates are men and this, given the *Zeitgeist*, is the rub.

VMI's enrollment is just 1,300 of the 160,000 students — a majority of them female — in Virginia's state-supported, four-year institutions. But in March 1990, the inscrutable Bush administration's Justice Department, egged on by the American Civil Liberties Union and kindred spirits, filed a suit charging that VMI's single-sex admission policy violates the constitutional guarantee (in the 14th Amendment) of "equal protection of the laws."

The district court had to decide whether VMI's policy is "substantially related" to the achievement of "important government objectives." The court ruled that the six-day trial had pro-

duced a record "replete" with convincing testimony that single-sex undergraduate education can be beneficial to both males and females. It also held that VMI's "adversative" educational system would be "fundamentally altered" and its distinctive ends

"thwarted" if VMI were forced to accommodate the needs and interests of women.

The "adversative" system strives to mold and motivate students by stressing (in the court's words) "physical rigor, mental stress, absolute equality of treatment, absence of privacy, minute regulation of behavior, and indoctrination in desirable values." First-year cadets are called "rats" because the rat is considered "the lowest animal on earth." This system is, the court found, well-tailored to the developmental characteristics of some adolescent males.

The court also noted the incoherence of the attack on VMI: Giving women access to this unique system would necessarily alter the system fundamentally. Nevertheless, the Justice Department, inflamed by the court's conclusion that VMI's system is "pedagogically justified," appealed the ruling to a higher court. There VMI won what might be a ruinous victory.

A three-judge panel unanimously agreed that VMI's system is appropriate and successful and justifies its admissions policy. But the judges, while adhering to the principle that the 14th Amendment does not per se proscriber single-sex education, also held that VMI's all-male policy is an unconstitutional denial of "equal protection" unless and until Virginia either stops supporting VMI or provides an identi-

cal program for females.

The court did not explain how to square this circle: What is, for females, identical to a system suited only for adolescent males? (By the way, women so inclined can participate in the corps of cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.)

Now VMI is asking the Supreme Court to review this ruling which, if allowed to stand, will sow uncertainty, and hence litigation, about such questions as:

Can a public school operate a single-sex sports team — say, a football team — without providing an identical opportunity for the other sex to participate in the same sport?

Can Virginia continue to give substantial state assistance, through tuition subsidy programs, to five private women's colleges as long as there are not comparable and comparably assisted men's colleges?

Can government provide facilities for one sex (for example, for battered wives) merely because the policy is based on actual differences between the needs of the sexes?

Are state-run "boot camp" penal programs for young men impermissible unless there are identical programs for young women?

Court-created confusion is particularly unfortunate regarding permissible educational policies. A 30-year rush to coeducation has radically reduced the

number of single-sex educational opportunities. But much recent research suggests that single-sex education can be helpful for some young people in some settings (such as inner city adolescent males). Fear of litigation will inhibit potentially useful experimentation.

Notice that in the name of expanding "diversity" and enlarging freedom, governmental coercion is being employed to make schools more alike, by snuffing out VMI's nonconformity. Although the Bush administration participated in this bullying, VMI should expect no better from the new crowd.

VMI's corps of cadets marched in President Truman's 1949 inaugural parade and in all but two of the next 10. It was invited both of those times, but one parade fell during exam week, and the other would not have included the entire corps so VMI declined. VMI was not invited to participate in President Clinton's parade, and it is permissible to suspect that the reason was VMI's deviation from political correctness.

When Clinton's parade had passed, his administration buckled down to the pressing business of opening the military to gays and lesbians. The issue, his administration says, is tolerance of diversity.

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## Clinton scores low on keeping pledges

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton said some wonderful things in his campaign for President. Not small things. Big things.

It's a reporter's job to remind him of those things — whether he and his supporters like it or not.

Clinton promised to be the kind of President who battles for people "who work hard and play by the rules." He promised to "stop the revolving door" that allows big-shot lawyer-lobbyists to make contacts inside government and politics, then exploit those contacts on the outside. Most of all, he promised "Change!" How many times did we hear that glorious word booming from the steps of the U.S. Capitol Wednesday?

As I said, these are not small things. They are the reason most voters supported Bill Clinton, why so many of you read on newspaper opinion pages were impressed with him. Had Clinton run as a "fixer," some cynical guy who knew from experience how to grease the skids in Washington, we would not have given him the nation's highest office this week.

Had he campaigned as a defender of the insiders and lobbyists, we would have canned him before he hit New Hampshire. Had he posed as an apostle of

the status quo, had he made "continuity" his slogan instead of "change," we would have laughed him off the ballot.

No. Clinton won this country's most wonderful position of trust by insisting on a higher standard.

And he needs to be judged by it. "Playing by the rules." "Stopping the revolving door." "Change!" Those are worthy and vital standards for this country at this time. More important, they are Bill Clinton's standards. Not those of his critics. Not those divined by the media.

When Clinton talked in his long campaign about people "who play by the rules," we all knew who he was talking about: the people who get to work each day, come home to their families, struggle to pay the bills — including the taxes Uncle Sam takes out of their checks each week. We're talking out the men and women who feel, sometimes, like chumps for being honest when the big shots, the inside traders, the sleazy lawyers, the welfare cheats, the deadbeat dads chuckle at them for being so honest.

Instead of looking out for the folks who "play by the rules," Clinton named as his top law enforcement official a wealthy corporate lawyer who admitted cheating on the immigration law and failing

to pay her proper taxes — in other words, not "playing by the rules."

Clinton also said he would "stop the revolving door" through which political appointees gain connections on one side of the door to convert into profit on the other. He said he would stop those who fatten their resumes and Rolodexes in government, then cash in later. He even printed the promise in his presidential strategy booklet.

Is it wrong, then, to wonder out loud why Clinton named the usual claque of Washington lawyer-lobbyists to his Cabinet and transition team? Is it wrong to wonder if voters who believed what Clinton promised were chumps to begin with?

Finally, that word "Change!" our new President spoke so often in his Wednesday inaugural.

This is the greatest disappointment of his transition. If Lyndon Johnson or Richard Nixon had named the people Clinton has to his Cabinet, there could have been no complaint. They were business-as-usual politicians from whom we expected business as usual.

Bill Clinton set a higher standard. If he chooses to forget it, he needs to be painfully reminded of it. Because it is the standard, even more than the man, that many of us found so impressive in the first place.

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## Advocate explains honor procedures

### MY VIEW

By Dan Munroe, '93L

Several weeks ago, the Executive Committee opened discussions about White Book revisions. Since then, a lot has been said about the issue of whether or not to change White Book procedures. As a former Executive Committee representative, honor advocate, and Confidential Review Committee advocate, I thought it might be helpful to explain this controversial process in less formal language, so that you are aware of what actually happens before, during, and after a closed hearing. Of course, information about all closed hearings and investigations is highly confidential, so this article deals only with procedure which can be found in the White Book itself.

Although I know that we all were required to read the White Book our

first year or freshman year, a review may be helpful. No doubt, the thought of any of us being investigated by the EC is difficult to discuss. None of us wants to even consider any of these actions happening to us; yet the possibility exists. This is our system, and we must make sure we are satisfied with it.

Generally, here is what would happen if the EC took action against you:

1. Information would come to the president of the EC about a suspected honor code violation you may have committed. This may be done with or without your knowledge. It would probably be done without your knowledge. The information may come from a fellow student, faculty member, or person outside of the community.

2. The EC president will then appoint two EC members and a member from the student body to investigate the case. They will speak with all witnesses who have information concerning your

alleged honor code offense. If they discover another allegation, they will add it to the original charge. The investigator will take notes and collect all data (which includes tests, papers, etc.) relevant to your charge. The three members of the investigation team will then vote as to whether you committed an honor code violation. The non-EC member is then excused from the procedure. The two EC members of the investigation team then report their version of the events to the EC. If the EC members believe that there is sufficient evidence for a closed hearing, you will be charged with having possibly committed an honor code violation. At this point, the EC has almost certainly not spoken with you for the purpose of hearing your version of events. In fact, they won't hear your version of the events until a formal closed hearing takes place.

3. The honor advocate now becomes involved with your case. Before you are formally charged, the EC president and vice president tell the advocate about the evidence against you before you come into the EC room to get charged. It is completely the EC president's discretion to give you any information he believes will allow you to understand why an EC witness is being called to testify against you. The EC gives you copies of tests, papers, and other formal evidence against you. However, at this point neither you nor your advocate is allowed to examine the EC investigator's notes from the investigation or to speak with the witness who will testify against you in the closed hearing. Furthermore, regardless of your stress level, which I guarantee you will be high, you may not talk to anyone within the Washington

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OPINION

# Spos unveils Skipper the Road Tripper

SPOS' SPACE

By Tom Hespos

**An ode to a Fax Machine**  
*Oh fax machine, Oh fax machine,  
 You are the coolest office tool  
 Spewing forth your messages  
 From druggies, freaks and fools.  
 You are the newest fad  
 in telecommunication.  
 Now I get to hear from fans  
 from halfway 'cross the nation.  
 Faxes from old wealthy alums  
 named "Buzz" and "Skip" and  
 "Harry"  
 and everyone's favorite Kappa Sig,  
 The tripper they call Larry.*

The time has come once again to update the student body on everyone's favorite cult personality, you guessed it, Larry Skipper.

Spos hates to persist in beating a dead horse, but the forces within the circles of the alumni have spoken, and they have determined that the Larry Skipper phenomenon deserves further study. Here's the latest fax that has come into Spos Central Command:

"To: Mr. Tom Hespos  
 "Subject: Larry!  
 "Comments: We're just crazy about Larry!"

"As president of the L.P. Skipper Fan Club, I'd like to thank you for your update on W&L's hottest cult personality. I've included some personal facts about Larry that might be of interest to many of your readers.

"Larry's favorite alcoholic beverage: Fighting Cock Whiskey  
 "Larry's favorite Lexington eatery: Stop-In (N. Main location)  
 "Larry's favorite hobby: Smoking (Two and a half packs a day), Sleeping.  
 "Most embarrassing moment while at W&L: Appearing before SCC his freshman year for indecent exposure and possession of a firearm.  
 "Presently, Larry is working for a gun/ammo dealer in Raleigh, NC."  
 (The FAX then says something about Larry's encounters with the Lexington Police, but it is incomprehensible.)

Before Spos dives headlong into this silliness, he should express that he feels a certain sense of journalistic responsibility toward his readership and should remind his readers that one should never mix alcohol and barbiturates. Doing so might lead to corresponding with one's college newspaper on seemingly inconsequential topics, as I'm sure is the case here.

I'm sure folks would like to see Spos get to the bottom of this business. After all, with all of the possible topics Spos considered for his column this week, (i.e., Bosnia, Somalia, Bob Packwood's deviant sexual practices, etc.) the Larry Skipper phenomenon is definitely the more deserving of having a quarter-page dedicated to it.

First, Spos assigned Rick Peltz, investigative journalist extraordinaire, to track down the folks that sent the fax. While Spos went to get his trademark coffee with milk and two sugars, Rick worked hard to track down the perpe-

trators of the Larry Skipper conspiracy. Rick managed to find out that the fax was sent by a company in New Jersey called Tektronix. When Rick called Tektronix to find out who sent the fax, the person on the other end claimed to not know of any connection between Mr. Skipper and Tektronix. Likely conspirators fled the country in hopes of avoiding Spos' wrath. And what the hell kind of a name for a corporation is Tektronix, anyway? They're probably one of those hopelessly obsolete software companies that still make cartridges for the Atari 2600.

With the Tektronix lead thus coming to a pitiful dead end, Spos decided to go straight to the source, which is what he probably should have done in the first place.

With the assistance of the staff of the Alumni Office, to whom Spos is eternally grateful, we were able to track down Mr. Skipper, who evidently goes by his middle name, Pait. This was the source of quite a bit of confusion. Mr. Skipper claims to have no knowledge of his being a celebrated cult personality, nor does he fully understand why his name appears on bathroom stalls across campus.

Larry/Pait offered an explanation as to why he is referred to as "Skipper

the Road Tripper":  
 "I used to go down to Hollins a lot when I was at W&L," he explains. "I dated a lot of girls down there."

When Spos mentioned the mysterious Tektronix FAX, Skipper laughed and suggested that the fan club was nothing more than a vicious hoax perpetrated by his freshman year roommate Tom Grow ('92). And we thought this was a worldwide conspiracy designed to give W&L students a case of the willies.

For the record, Mr. Skipper would like the student body to know that he can't stand Fighting Cock whiskey and Stop-In food.

He is not presently, nor has he ever worked for a gun dealer in Raleigh. He also claims that the SCC trial never happened, but Spos isn't so sure. What Spos is sure of is that if he ever has to deal with this completely inane topic again, he will surely go on a domestic rampage with a 20-pound sledgehammer.

Spos would like to thank Mr. Skipper for calling him before his deadline expired. He would also like to thank Rick Peltz for his brilliant, if inconsequential investigative work.

Just remember, when the forces of evil are lurking about in conspiratorial league with one another, Spos will be there to keep the public informed.



Skipper, 1989

## Inside view of trial process personalizes Honor System

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and Lee community for support.

4. Now you come into the EC room and are formally charged by the EC president and vice president. The advocate comes out of the president's office and meets you for the first time. You and the advocate have as little as 48 hours to prepare your side of the story. You realize that within hours you may be found guilty of an honor code violation and asked to leave Washington and Lee, with "Withdrawn" stamped on your transcript.

5. You and the advocate prepare your version of the events over the next few days. Any new information or clarifications about your case come from the EC president, who heard the evidence from the EC investigator, who receives the evidence from the witnesses. Again, neither you nor your advocate can speak with any EC witnesses to clarify any mix-up or miscommunication. You and your advocate get the facts straight as to what happened and make final preparations as best you can for your closed trial.

6. Your closed trial begins. The EC begins by calling its witnesses. Because you have not spoken with these people before, this is your first and only discovery period. You hope nothing comes as a surprise and pray the witnesses testifying against you tell a consistent version of the story. You and your advocate have no time to analyze and discuss any new evidence, and no time to figure out why a confusion or misunderstanding might exist. When the EC is done with their questioning, you are al-

lowed to present your case.

7. You then present the EC with your side of the story. After the presentation, you are asked questions by the EC. When the proceeding ends, you are told that the EC will deliberate and vote. You wait for the verdict, aware of the fact that your entire college or legal education at Washington and Lee rests in their hands.

8. The EC members now deliberate. The two EC members who collected the evidence against you and directed the questioning of witnesses against you are allowed to vote as to your guilt or innocence. If as few as two-thirds of the members feel you have committed an honor code offense, you are found guilty by the EC and asked to leave the university.

9. If the EC finds you guilty, the EC president tells you the verdict. Dean Howison enters the room and tells you your options. You may either withdraw or appeal. This decision must be made within the next 72 hours. However, if you decide to appeal there is another punishment—if you are found guilty in an open hearing, the mark on your transcript will be changed from "Withdrawn" to "Dismissed." Not only will you have that to worry about, but the trial will be open to the entire student body. Lee Chapel will be packed with your peers. A jury of your peers will vote as to your innocence. All United States federal and state criminal courts in the country require a unanimous jury to find you guilty. Under the White Book provisions, if as few as 8 out of 12 jurors believe the EC, you will be dismissed.

I am proud of and have great respect for our Honor

System. We are especially fortunate with this year's EC. My concern is that some members may base their conclusions on an incomplete presentation by the accused and his or her advocate. Thus, given the procedures which I have just discussed, a reasonable to substantial chance exists that a member of the community could be wrongly convicted. This is wrong and unacceptable.

I understand that members of the student body may well disagree with my position. If so, I hope you support any student running for next year's EC who opposes change to the White Book as it now exists.

If you feel changes are in order, I hope you support candidates willing to make changes to the White Book. Either way, I hope you have learned more about the process from this article and will take a position on the matter.

You are the community which the White Book serves. You are the students whom we as advocates assist. However, we assist you only as far as we are allowed under the current White Book provisions. In the end, the operation and existence of the honor code is your decision.

Finally, I would like to thank the EC publicly for bringing this issue back into the spotlight to be examined by the student body. During a recent EC meeting, the members were interested in the honor advocates' ideas and assured us that a memo we prepared would be considered at their March retreat at Skylark. I'm sure any member of the EC would be interested in discussing your opinion on this matter. I hope they hear from you.

LETTERS

### Sally Mann feature nauseates student

To the Editor:

I am utterly appalled by the centerfold of nude children in last week's Phi.

What was the point? The usual format of the Phi does not donate two whole pages to highlight local talent,

so why bombard your audience all of the sudden with this pornography? I know that First Amendment rights allow freedom of expression of such photos, but I would rather not participate in the exploitation of young, innocent children for the photographer's monetary gains. I seriously doubt that

these children want the world to see them naked, nor does it give me any particular pleasure — actually it left me feeling nauseous. Fine, maybe some perverts out there enjoy "art" of this style.

My suggestion to these "elite" is that they attend one of the numerous

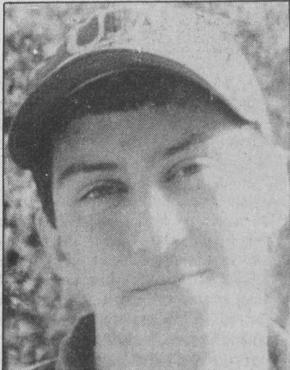
controversial art shows like this one that our government pours money into as the national deficit steadily rises. I truly believe that the Phi could find higher quality material for its feature articles.

Nikki Hodurski, '95

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos  
 By Darran Winslow

## What would you do to improve Washington and Lee's social scene?



Greg Smith, '96, Albany, N.Y. — "I've got two words... road cheese."



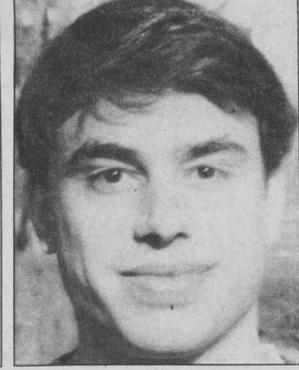
Pat McKenna, '96, Pacific Palisades, Calif. — "I would definitely scatter a few nude bars across the campus."



Jane Finney, '95, Virginia Beach, Va. and Francie Cohen, '95, Virginia Beach, Va. — "Pants down parties."



Sampson — "I'd like to see a few more bitches at the parties."



Andy Woodring, '93, Short Hills, N.J. — "I really don't know, I don't get out that often."

GENERAL NOTES

### Women's Forum

Women's Forum will meet Sunday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Center.

### Republicans

College Republicans will meet Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mock Convention office. Drug abuse will be discussed.

### Benefit

A trivial pursuit tournament to benefit the Rockbridge-Lexington Scholarship Fund will be held Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Maury River Middle School Cafeteria. Just \$5 to play, and prizes include free meals at area restaurants. Questions? Call Pat Knick at 463-3129.

### Admissions Job

The W&L Admissions Office is now accepting applications for an anticipated admissions counselor position. All interested graduating seniors should submit a cover letter and resume no later than Monday, March 1 to the Admissions Office.

### Lecture

There will be a public lecture by three leaders of the Yakutian independence movement entitled "Yakutian Autonomy" tonight at 7:30 in the Commerce School room 327.

### Alumni Job

Members of the Class of '93 who wish to be considered for W&L's alumni staff position in 1993-94 should apply by March 1. Graduating seniors should submit a letter of application and resume to James Farrar in the Alumni Office. A personal interview for each applicant will be required.

### Needed

Dance choreographer for a spring term musical production at the Lenfest Center. Questions? Call Prof. Martinez at 463-8802 or 463-8805.

### FOC

The Freshmen Orientation Committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arlington Women's Center. Attendance is mandatory.

### Men's LAX

The men's lacrosse team needs managers for filming, scorebook and away games. If interested call Coach Stagnitta at 463-8678.

### CD&P

Upcoming events in the CD&P office: resume and cover letter workshop Monday, Feb. 8, 4-5 p.m. in the University Center room 109, resume critique all day on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the CD&P office, interviewing workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 4-5 p.m. in the University Center room 109, and the resume drop deadline for March companies is 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. Also, the Office of Personnel Management will hold an information session on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in the University Center room 114. Personnel representative Susan Holland will discuss the best opportunities for federal employment, application procedures and completing federal employment application forms. Come with your questions and comments.

### Calyx

You can still sign up for Calyx senior pictures. Schedule sheets are located outside Carol Calkins' office in the University Center. Seniors must sign up or submit their own pictures to the Calyx office by Feb. 10. Questions? Call Anthony at 463-4352.

### Film Society

The Film Society will present "The Double Life of Veronique" on Friday and Saturday, at the Troubadour Cinema.

### Lost

Grey XXL W&L sweatshirt, coffee stains on front. Taken from Doremus gym last Tuesday night. Call Allen 463-2422.

### WLUR

The WLUR weekly album feature, Jesus Jones' "Perverse" will be broadcast Monday at 9 p.m.

### Black History

In celebration of Black History Month, Ms. Faye Wattleton, former president of Planned Parenthood, will speak Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

### Humor Columnist

The Phi is looking for a bi-weekly humor columnist. If you can do the job, submit a sample to room 208 of the University Center or call Fran at 463-8581 (office) or 464-5737 (home).

General Notes are compiled by Matt Haar

## FEATURES

By SEBASTIAN CROSS  
Phi Contributing Writer

"If the students of Washington and Lee will in the future remember that they are grown men and conduct themselves as such, I know that VMI cadets will do the same."

After fights this year between students and cadets, this statement rings of recent vintage. But the author was Student Body President Howard Dobbins, writing in a March 1942 letter to The Ring-tum Phi.

Rivalry and conflict between the two schools is not a new development. Virginia Military Institute and W&L have been at odds with each other since the creation of VMI in 1836.

Originally it was not the students, but the administrators of the two schools who battled each other in Lexington. According to Ollinger Crenshaw's "General Lee's College," following a proposal to change the armory that bordered Washington College into a military institute, the college faculty petitioned the Virginia legislature to locate the school elsewhere in the state.

The faculty worried that the existence of the two schools in Lexington would result in the demise of one of the institutions.

The petition was denied, and the state established VMI.

In VMI's early years, W&L military science students trained and drilled at the institute, wearing distinctive stripes on their uniforms to separate them from cadets. It was then that the nicknames "rat" and "mink" came to be, Crenshaw said.

W&L students coined the term "rat" during the joint drills, and the cadets responded with the term "mink" for their antagonizers.

According to Henry Wise's history of VMI, the cadets used the term "mink" for W&L men because they were "so mean and sly in their contact with the cadets."

A W&L story attributes the nickname to W&L men who shrewdly stole the cadets' girlfriends. Joint training ended in 1846.

According to an August 1986 Roanoke-Times & World News article, the two schools had a chance to make history during a football game scheduled for Oct. 23, 1869.

The game was canceled because of rain, but had the teams played, it would have been the first recorded American collegiate football game, preceding Princeton and Rutgers by two weeks.

# RAT-MINK RIVALRY

## Friction between W&L and VMI recalls nearly 100 years of neighborly competition



File photo

The presence of female students is not the only obvious difference between W&L and VMI.

The first football game in the South was played four years later between the schools, with W&L coming out on top, four goals to two. According to Crenshaw's book, the first major incident between the schools came after a W&L-Columbian College football game in October 1897.

After the game, a group of W&L students celebrated in a horse-drawn wagon, which they drove up to the VMI parade grounds.

Cadets were drilling in formation and blocked the path of the cart, causing the minks to utter jeers and imitate military orders over a megaphone.

When the cadets were dismissed, they rushed the cart, throwing stones. The cart escaped the onslaught, but several W&L students on foot were seriously injured.

The next afternoon friction escalated again after a W&L student hit a cadet who ordered

him off the sidewalk in front of the barracks gate. The cadet called his brother rats, and the ensuing mob chased the assailant, throwing rocks. Several students were injured, one seriously.

As a result, a meeting of the W&L student body almost ended in a free-for-all against VMI before President William L. Wilson stepped in and pleaded with those assembled to investigate the incident before taking action.

A small riot did break out after a W&L-VMI baseball game in 1902, at a time when there had been a long, bitter feud between the students and cadets.

In the fray, students used stones, bayonets, brass guns and blasting powder.

The incident strained athletic relations until they were eventually discontinued in 1904 after another violent baseball game.

The 1904 baseball game was a heated match, with fans wandering the sidelines and taunting both players and opposing fans.

A question over a long ball being fair or foul was followed later in the game with a close call at the plate.

The spectators swarmed around the players and the umpire.

The fight that broke out caused the schools' administrations to discontinue future meetings. The game was called on account of darkness, ending in an 8-8 tie.

There were few recorded incidents between the rats and minks until 1942, when a notable

scuffle broke out, prompting the letter from EC President Dobbins.

During World War II, the cadets were commissioned to enforce the blackout in Lexington. On one of their patrols, they invaded a fraternity house after being verbally provoked by its members.

One hundred cadets swarmed into the house and attempted to drill its members in the street.

Continued heckling from the students escalated into a fight until authorities calmed the situation.

The high tension surrounding the event probably caused later incidents of all-out cadet raids on fraternity houses.

Retired Lt. Col. Mike Strickler said one such raid in the 1960s resulted in major destruction of two fraternity houses. The cadets marched in front of the fraternities on their way to church following a major social weekend at W&L.

Students on the fraternity house balconies pelted the cadets with beer cans and snowballs until the cadets were ordered to break ranks.

The cadets charged into the houses to clear out the occupants, causing serious injuries and damage. Several keydets were charged with crimes and had to pay for the damages.

Antagonism between the two schools did not always involve violence. George Washington's statue on Washington Hall was painted in VMI yellow and red many times through the years, and the minks retaliated by decorating the statue of Stonewall Jackson at VMI.

Other traditional pranks, such as toilet-papering campuses and moving the VMI cannons, marked the lighter side of the rivalry.

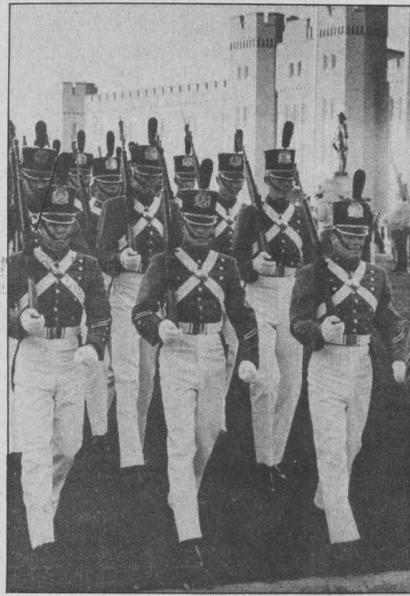
Conflict almost erupted when a group of W&L students stole the cannons and put them in Red Square.

A group of cadets showed up to reclaim their possessions, and a violent encounter was narrowly averted when police arrived.

VMI Museum Curator Keith Gibson said in the mid-1970s, loud cheering from a Homecoming rally sent rumors through VMI that W&L students were planning to attack the institute.

The VMI guard team was called out, and the gate to the barracks was closed.

A group of W&L students took up torches and advanced as far as the VMI gate before turning around with-



File photo

Lexington parades are not exclusive to W&L Homecoming and Mock Convention weekends.

out incident.

Confrontations today between W&L and VMI are different in character from those in the past. Fights reported in the news this year have been more isolated incidents than general uprisings of school-against-school.

The Preston Society, a new organization formed by students and cadets jointly, promises landmark cooperation between the two groups.

Though a rivalry will probably always exist between the two schools, perhaps the Preston Society will move the competition into more suitable arena.

## Generals, Keydets bridge gap

By CAMERON HUDDLESTON  
Phi Staff Writer

A group formed by twin brothers to bridge the gap between Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee is finally taking shape.

Jason Dunn, a W&L junior, and his brother Martin, a VMI cadet, began planning their group in October.

Now they have members, prospective community service projects, a faculty advisor and a name for the group—The Preston Society.

Jason attributed the increase in membership, a turning point for the group, to an article about the group written in The Ring-tum Phi and a notice he placed in General Notes.

The group currently has 10 members, but Public Relations Manager Tom Hespos appealed to the Interfraternity Council Tuesday hoping to entice one or two members of each fraternity to participate.

Jason said he hopes the response from the announcement will show significant support for the project.

The group chose the name Preston in

recognition of a W&L alumnus who helped form VMI in the 1800s, Jason said.

"It's a community name and I hope Prestons in the community won't be offended," Jason said. "I think the name ties us in with the community more."

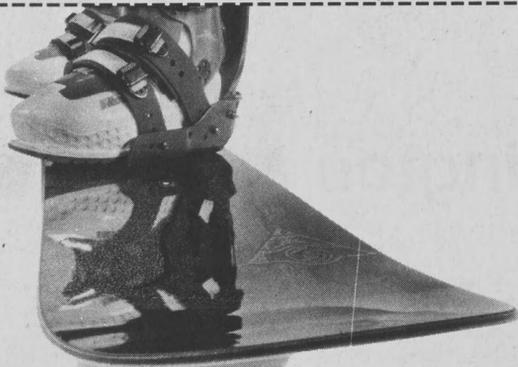
The main goal of the group is to serve the Lexington community. The Duns and other members created a list including RARA, RARO and the city manager to contact for possible service projects. The group will meet Wednesday to finalize plans for community service projects.

"We'll organize community service in which both [W&L and VMI] can come together and meet each other," Jason said. "I'm pretty confident with all these contacts people are making, a project will come out of this."

Despite past conflicts between students from the two schools, Jason said he has heard no negative feedback about his group's attempt to smooth relations between VMI and W&L.

He said most people realize the necessity to work with the cadets rather than against them.

"Some have gone as far as to say it's a good idea," Jason said.



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FEATURES

Music Review

# 3 new LPs get thumbs up

By REBECCA CROW  
Phi Music Columnist

**JESUS JONES  
PERVERSE  
(EMI)**

England's **Jesus Jones** has returned to international dance halls with a new look, but a familiar exciting sound on the new EMI release **Perverse**.

**Jesus Jones**, who took their name from a popular Spanish first name and combined it with a common British surname, are one of the few dance bands with an obvious rock heritage.

They couple techno-rave jams with steady, pulsing rock rhythms.

Although they emerged from England's dance halls on the heels of bands like the Happy Mondays and the Soup Dragons, **Jesus Jones** sought to remain separate and distinct, says lead vocalist Mike Edwards. It worked.

**Perverse** is a very diverse LP which ranges from the typical dance beats to mellow "swaying music" to riffs with a touch of technological grunginess.

The LP's first single, "The Devil You Know," is already topping the charts of college radio stations across the nation.

While possibly not as strong, the song follows the dance tradition of the 1991 hit, "Right Here, Right Now."

Also following this tradition is the playful "Zeros and Ones" which

is aimed at the computer-oriented generation that has emerged worldwide.

Yes, binary numbers have seeped out of computer science and into college radio.

In contrast, "Spiral" flirts with the eerie and unidentifiable, fluctuating gracefully (believe it or not) between typical horror-flick background music and bursts of acid house-influenced rock.

The result is pure, embraceable chaos.

Together, the songs create musical contradiction and confusion that one somehow expects from this radical British band.



**BELLY  
STAR  
(SIRE/REPRISE)**

The dissolving of the Throwing Muses' songwriting team of Tanya Donnelly and Kristen Hersh made many a music lover cringe. But Donnelly emerges triumphant from the breakup with a spectacular new band, **Belly**.

Rarely does a band seem so unique, and at the same time appear to combine a variety of distinctive, yet different sounds.

L7, the Sundays, Lush, and of course, the Throwing Muses.

But why make comparisons between **Belly** and these bands?

The result is fresh, new and exciting.

But **Star** is an invitingly nostalgic album.

Almost surreal, the vigorously developed lyrics provide striking images from something reminiscent of a child's dream sequence.

From dead babies to decapitated baby dolls to witches, Donnelly puts a twist on what one expects to hear.

On "Feed the Tree," the LP's first single, former Muses bassist Fred Abong displays his prowess on guitar.

"Gepetto" and "Untogether" team up to describe the relationships and friendships of children.

The former treats the kid from a bad home, while the latter tells of children who recount outrageous stories or make huge demands upon others.

"Angel" and "Sad Dress" are the two most danceable tracks.

But one should not expect dance music from Donnelly, a follower of swayers like Edie Brickell, who rely upon their crazy lyrics and playfully soulful voices to carry the songs.

**Star** closes with "Stay," a beautiful song about shattered hopes and dreams, about which no one cares.

Donnelly should not be speaking of herself here, for **Belly** displays the promise of great things to come.



**THE THE  
DUSK  
(EPIC)**

The first new release since 1989 **The The's** LP **Dusk** reflects the wear and definition of time.

While much slower than the last two efforts, **Mind Bomb** (1989) and **Infected** (1986), **Dusk** draws upon bluesy, jazzy soul that expresses passionate and sincere integrity.

Just as dusk represents in literature the beginning of darkness, a time of reflection, so too do the songs on this soul searching LP reflect a sense of introspection.

The harmonica driven first single, "Dogs of Lust," acts as a prediction of what to expect from the LP as a whole.

Lead singer Matt Johnson describes their latest album as, "10 songs for the lost, lonely and lustful."

"Love Is Stronger Than Death" is an acoustic ballad that emits an optimistically poetic view of life.

Here, with the help of former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, Johnson croons, "Here come the blue skies, Here comes springtime/ When the rivers run high and the tears run dry/ When everything that dies/ Shall rise."

"Slow Emotion Replay" demands that people correct themselves before criticizing the world.

"Lonely Planet" carries the theme further, saying, "If you can't change the world, change yourself."

**The The** reverts to the night club solo piano sound on "This Is The Night" and "Bluer Than Midnight."

While the style differs from the earlier songs, the theme remains constant: introspection.

**Dusk** is a very solid, unified album that well represents the talents and visions of **The The**.

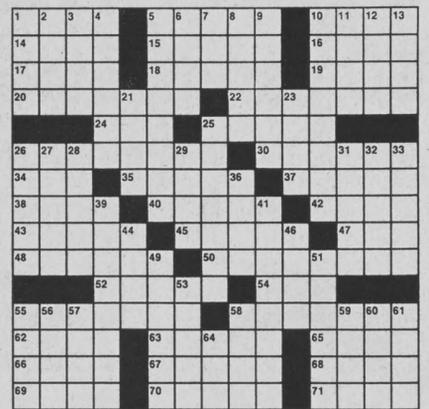
It should serve both to embrace the old fans and welcome the new.

*Crow is assistant rock manager at WLUR. The station received promotional copies of these three albums.*



## Colonnade Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 Attention-getting word  
5 Embroidery thread  
10 Distant  
14 Portend  
15 Lasso  
16 Strong wind  
17 Hideaway  
18 Put money into the pot  
19 Peru city  
20 Out of existence  
22 Navy bigwig  
24 Interjection of annoyance  
25 Fold of cloth  
26 Punish  
30 Dummy  
34 That girl  
35 Kind of energy  
37 Go away  
38 God of war  
40 Twangy  
42 US reformer, Jacob  
43 Adjusted the sound  
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48 Pitfalls  
50 Pleasant manner  
52 Male servant  
54 Golfer's need  
55 Like another  
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63 One who casts a ballot  
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67 Draw out  
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70 Looks for  
71 Costly



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3 Amend copy  
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6 Cotton castoff  
7 Cereal grain  
8 Filter  
9 Cause grief  
10 Shining  
11 County event  
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13 Genuine  
21 Cashews  
23 Postman's burden  
25 Rustic  
26 Friendly talks  
27 Wading bird  
28 Place for sports  
29 Blow  
31 Relinquish  
32 Climbing plants  
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36 Indian princess  
39 Armed forces  
41 Stern talks  
44 Transaction  
46 Prophet  
49 Drudges  
51 Covered with screening  
53 Eat away  
55 Bristle  
56 Press  
57 Catcher's glove  
58 Mild oath  
59 Rider's fee  
60 Arm bone  
61 Look at suggestively  
64 Calendar abbr.

## Faculty Committee freezes student reserves

50 years ago in the Phi - The student activities reserve that was frozen for the duration of World War II totals \$6,000. The money is turned over to a special faculty committee, which will decide when the student body is capable of controlling the money again.

Five years ago in the Phi - The faculty votes to take the Interfraternity Council out of the Rush scheduling process and give it to the Student Affairs Committee. In other IFC news, invitations handed out at women's colleges must now have the name of the invited on it, as well as the name of the fraternity member inviting her.

# MEET THE PRESS

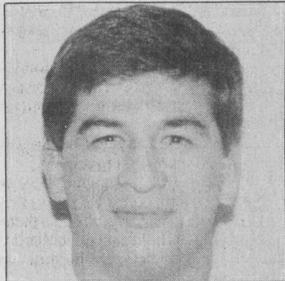
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NEWS

# BIG THREE... EC candidates talk about Honor System

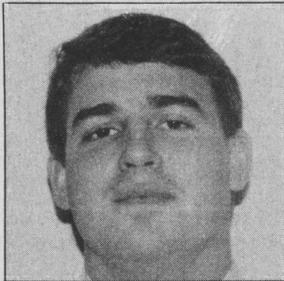
1. What is the role of the Honor System at W&L today?
2. What changes would you make to the White Book?



**Ames Hutton, '94,  
for President**

1. "The Honor System is the most important aspect of the university, and it pervades every aspect of student life. I feel a renewed emphasis on the Honor System both in and out of the classroom is important in maintaining the system. I feel the EC is responsible for the maintenance of the system, but equally important is the student body's dedication and responsibility [to the Honor System]."

2. "I think that a more open system of exchange between the EC and the advocates would be beneficial to both sides....There are two proposals in specific I think [a student White Book review committee] should think about—whether there should be a harsher penalty for appealing to an open hearing and whether investigators should be allowed to vote in a closed hearing."



**Bob Tompkins, '90, '94L,  
for President**

1. "The Honor System has and still does apply to classes and to social life as well. This broad coverage makes W&L a special community. That spirit of community is the main reason I came back, and I hope the students continue to respect and cherish it. I hope next year that students will take part in the revisions of the White Book."

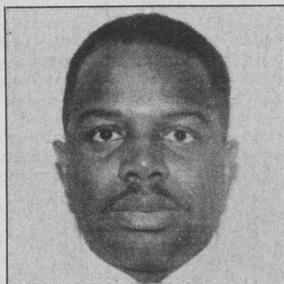
2. "At this point, I would not personally make any fundamental changes to the Honor System. But there are several issues that should be examined by the student body next year that were outlined well in Rector Miles' letter to the EC. We should look into the history that surrounds the issues, determine the relative merits of the proposals, decide which merits are the most important and decide how the process surrounding the White Book should take place."



**Jimmy Kull, '94,  
for Vice President**

1. "I don't think the Honor System has changed much in the three years that I've been here. I see it as the main reason students are attracted here. It is the dominant force in academic life, and it is influential outside of academics as well."

2. "There should be more communication between advocates and investigators and possibly more students involved. Maybe investigations should have two students and one EC member instead of two EC members and one student. The student body in general needs to be included in a serious look at the Honor System so they can determine what honor means to the current student generation."



**James Rambeau, '91, '94L,  
for Vice President**

1. "The Honor System is all-encompassing and promotes trust. The EC facilitates that trust, not only at school, but in the community at large. The Honor System instills values that students will carry throughout their lives and into their professions. Students should feel a need for the Honor System."

2. "First, we should clearly define what is meant by 'executive session' so the student body doesn't have to worry about action being taken behind closed doors. We need to clarify what we mean by intent—it's a fuzzy area that needs a clear definition. We need to guarantee due process. Students need to trust the Honor System and know that when someone is brought up on an honor violation, it is not adversarial, it is fact-finding."



**Maurice Cole, '94,  
for Secretary**

1. "I think the Honor System today is a working system, but it is only as good as the people living under it. I think students have become slack, and I would challenge students to implement the Honor System outside the classroom."

2. "I think it's up to the student body to decide and I would like to be the representative of people to do that. I think it's a shame that felony crimes that are punishable by jail time in the state of Virginia, such as murder and assault, are not considered. It's wrong that a person could go to jail for murdering someone or raping someone and, when they get out, could be considered a student in good standing."



**Ashby Hackney, '94,  
for Secretary**

1. "I think it's pretty clear — neither lie, cheat nor steal. If you expand it beyond that, you're giving the EC the potential to create a Star Chamber. I think the SCC does a good job in conduct matters."

2. "I definitely think the single sanction should not be changed. I don't think there is gray area. When an honor violation is committed, there is no such thing as a minor violation. We should think about the notation 'dismissed' when someone is convicted in an open trial and 'withdrawn' in a closed hearing. It seems like we punish the appeal. It's a question of fairness."



**William Toles, '92, '95L,  
for Secretary**

1. "The role of the Honor System is to make sure every student respects every other student in the W&L community. The honor code is very important and [the EC's] job is to make sure any member of the student body who is brought up gets an impartial hearing."

2. "I think we need to investigate the White Book. We need to revise it in terms of the current student body. The controversy last spring term stirred interest in the Honor System and we definitely need to review it."

Interviews by Gregory Patterson, Phi News Editor

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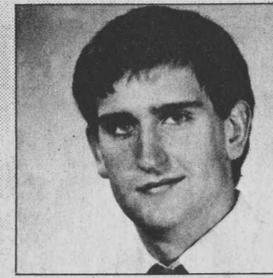
1. What kinds of cases should the SCC handle?
2. As a member of the Student Affairs Committee, what would you suggest be done about fraternity Rush?



**Reggie Aggarwal, '94L,  
for President**

1. "I think the current jurisdiction of conduct violations and harassment is good. As chairman, I have held sensitivity training to try and train judges to handle sensitive harassment cases."

2. "First, I would give the [Interfraternity Council] independence to make its own decision. I think moving Rush to winter would make it a five-month Rush, which would be economically and academically strenuous on both fraternities and freshmen."



**Bill Chappell, '94,  
for President**

1. "I think the SCC should handle everything except straight-out sexual harassment. Anything else—verbal harassment, racial cases—the SCC is qualified to handle."

2. "I think it would be somewhat the way it is now. There should be stricter penalties for dirty rush, but if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

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# Generals continue fall in ODAC standings

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give up that many easy baskets, and let the opponent shoot 70 percent.

"You're not going to win when you shoot 30.6 percent and let the opponent shoot 70 percent," head coach Verne Canfield said. "We just didn't get back on defense and they took full advantage."

But then the team's Jekyll and Hyde complex took over, and the second half turned into a halfway decent one.

Canfield admits Guilford probably couldn't keep up their torrid pace for 40 minutes, but his team's play made him wonder why they can't do it more often.

"It's happened a lot to us this year. We just haven't put halves together like we're suppose to," Canfield said. "I turned to my coach [assistant Bill Raleigh] and asked him why we couldn't play like that all the time."

The Generals were outscored in the first 54-25, allowing Guilford to make 21 of 30 shots. In the second, W&L did the outscoring, 35-27, allowing the Quakers only 8 of 15 from the field. Two very different halves, same result as the last four games, a loss.

The loss dropped the Generals to 4-13, 2-10 in the ODAC. The loss further diminished W&L's chances of making the ODAC post-season tournament. But Canfield said the team couldn't quit.

"We have to stay as positive as we can because there's still a chance. But it's a dilemma, you don't get confidence until you win, but you don't win until you gain some confidence. We just have to keep working hard."

Well the Generals must have decided that the season could still be salvaged because they came out intense against the Marlins last night.

The Marlins were still basking in the glow of handing Emory & Henry their first ODAC loss of the season last week. But W&L was prepared to derail their confidence train.

If you take out the important number, the score, all but one of the halftime stats favored the Generals.

They were shooting 52.6 percent while holding the Marlins to 40.6. W&L held the rebounding edge, 19-10.

The one stat that didn't favor the Generals was one that hurt the most. W&L turned the ball over 16 times. Those 16 mistakes translated into 32 shots for the Marlins, they only made 13, thus the low shooting percentage. It also limited W&L to 19 total shots for the half.

Again, you can't win with numbers like that.

"It's hard to your offense when you can't hang onto the ball," Canfield said.

The Generals trailed 30-23 at the break and Canfield said he "still had a good feeling" about the game. But it only got worse.

The Generals continued to shoot well from the floor, but not from outside the 3-point arc. For the game, the Generals shot 1-for-10.

W&L continued to turn the ball over, though. They gave away 12 more in the second and the Marlins took advantage, putting up 33 more shots in the final 20 minutes to finish 29-for-65.

The final score was 77-59 and could have been worse.

Now the Generals are in a do-or-don't-make-the-tournament situation. W&L inhabits 10th place in the ODAC. They host 9th-place Eastern Menonite College Saturday and play at 8th-

place Lynchburg next Wednesday. The top eight teams make the post-season tournament.

Canfield said the EMC game is a double-edged sword. He has to decide if it's better to tell the players how vital the game is, or just go about it as just another game.

"It's a two-sided question. But the kids don't need the extra pressure, they're under enough already," Canfield said.

Another difficulty will be keeping the players' minds on basketball.

"It's going to be tough. I have to wrestle against people seeing how many games are left. I can't give up on them. I'll work them hard, maybe even harder, to keep them interested because we still have a shot."

Really the biggest problem for the Generals the past eight or nine games is that they seem to totally collapse in one aspect of the game. For example, in the Guilford game, the Generals transition defense took a holiday; against Virginia Wesleyan, turnovers killed them. This makes it difficult for Canfield to try and fix the problems.

"It's not like there is one problem we can specifically work on in practice. With the turnovers, I don't want to psyche them out, so I'll tell them to take care of the ball, not don't turn it over."

"I can't discourage or disappoint them. I have to remain positive."

With the tournament on the line, the Generals need little more incentive to play hard. But Canfield said it should not be just the tournament.

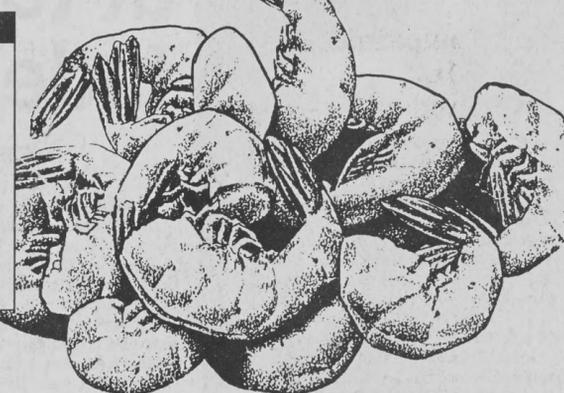
"Our motivation should be that it's our final home game, and the final one for our seniors. And I want to give the fans something because I know they've been wanting to get behind us and I know we've let them down."

"We have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

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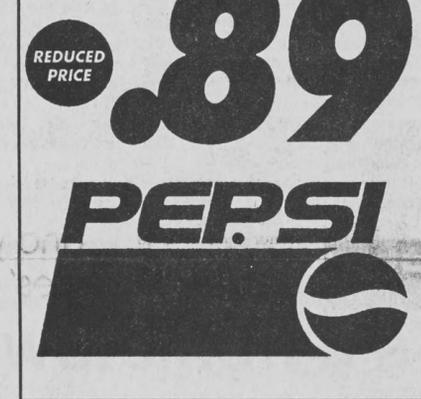
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## W&L honors fall athletes

By SEAN O'ROURKE  
Phi Sports Editor

There was more than just a basketball game being played at the Warner Center last night.

At halftime of the basketball game between Washington and Lee and Virginia Wesleyan, fall athletes who earned special honors during the 1992 season were recognized by the W&L community.

Not all the athletes who earned the recognition were at the halftime festivities. But those that were covered almost every fall sport.

The honorees that attended the ceremony were: Evans Edwards, Marc Newman and Duane Van Arsdal (football).

Greg Golub and P.J. Waicus (water polo). Josephine Schaeffer and Amy Mears (women's cross

country). Bo Hannah and Keith Rinn (men's cross country). Leslie Hess (volleyball).

Evans Edwards gained recognition as a GTE Academic All-American.

Josephine Schaeffer had one of the most notable fall seasons. She became the first W&L woman cross country runner to earn All-American status.

Schaeffer placed twelfth at the national meet, and helped lead the Generals to their best cross country season ever.

Leslie Hess and P.J. Waicus finished their careers at Washington and Lee by becoming one of the two top players in their respective sports.

Hess achieved notoriety by becoming one of W&L's all-time leaders in women's volleyball.

Waicus help set a new standard for goaltending for the W&L water polo squad.

## Men's record still perfect; women drop second straight

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Both Sheets and Fisher think the team ought to beat Hollins on Thursday, and are optimistic about the women's chances in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament.

"The scoring system hurts us because we don't have a lot of swimmers, but I think we have a good chance," Sheets said.

Sheets contributed a strong second place finish in the 100-freestyle versus F&M.

"We have some of the best swimmers," said Fisher. "I think we ought to

get most of the top spots."

After the Hollins meet, the women host Mary Washington College along with the men this Saturday.

Page Remillard's team, meanwhile, has been on a hot streak all year long and hasn't seemed to come up for air.

Senior Andrew Pearson won two races: the 50 and 100-freestyles. He also anchored the winning 400-freestyle relay team.

Sophomore William Rowe was first in the 200-breaststroke and second in the 200-IM, which freshman Craig Sears comfortably won in 2:04.30.

The Generals racked up several

points with a second through fourth claim in the 200-backstroke, and also took three of the top four spots in the 100-freestyle.

The 400-free relay of David Stillman, Justin Dardani, Roland Chase, and Pearson touched with a time of 3:18.53, winning by nearly three seconds.

The men have a week off following the Mary Washington meet. On Feb. 13, the Generals will head south on I-81 to compete with Radford.

They will then prepare for the Emory Invitational, which takes place Feb. 18-20.

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 2/6 (W)

## Sands leads at Gallaudet

By MARK SAPPENFIELD  
 Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee head wrestling coach Gary Franke continued to shuffle the top quarter of the line-up to achieve the best match-ups this past weekend at the Gallaudet Invitational in Washington, D.C.

The team won two and dropped two on the day, leaving their season record at 4-5.

Franke parted with any sort of set ladder, and started some wrestlers who usually don't see much action to give some of his starters time to rest and heal.

"Rob DeClerk[sophomore], Cary Hansel[sophomore] and Beau King[junior] all saw some action, so it's nice to have those guys who make a lot of our trips get a chance to participate," said Franke.

The Generals opened the tourney with a 27-19 win over Rutgers-Camden, then lost to a comparable Ursinus team, 35-21.

Franke was most concerned with the Ursinus loss.

"I thought that we were still in the Ursinus match until we got into the upper weights. We lost a couple in the upper weights that really hurt us, but that was a really good match for us.

"If we could've turned a couple of things around in our favor, we would've been victorious," Franke said.

W&L finished the day by falling to a superior York squad, 42-9, and then shelling host Gallaudet, 41-6.

Franke said he empathized with the situations of Rutgers-Camden and Gallaudet.

"Rutgers-Camden and Gallaudet were in the same situation we were in, competing with a limited line-up. When we compete against a team with solid wrestlers at each weight class,

it's difficult to make up the twelve points we have to forfeit."

Freshman Rob Sands continued to pace the team by going 4-0 in the invitational, raising his record to a team-best 16-6.

Sands continues to be the Generals best wrestler this season. He registered 15 takedowns on Saturday, eight of them alone came against Mark Sutin of Ursinus.

Sands had 20 takedowns entering the weekend. He also led the team in wins with 16, takedowns with 35, escapes at 16, reversals with 11, two-point near falls with 5 and even three-point near falls at 8.

Sophomores Eric Shirley and Adam Williams went 2-1, and 2-2 respectively, to remain above .500 on the season. Williams is 6-4, Shirley is 9-7.

The only other wrestler who owns a season record above even is freshman Colin Looney.

At 5-2, the 190-pounder shows signs of becoming the greatly needed fixture in the top third of Franke's lineup.

Looney also completed the invitational with an unblemished 4-0 mark.

Franke is excited about the prospects of having a solid wrestler at a position that has been troubling for the team for most of the year.

"Looney's coming around. As he gets more mat time at 190, he gets himself in better wrestling condition."

The Generals will head into this Sunday's Division II and III State Tournament at Longwood looking to compete with teams they've seen before, like Longwood and Newport News Apprentice. W&L will also run into talented teams they've yet to see, like Norfolk State.

Wrestlers like Sands, Shirley, and Williams will be in positions to place individually.



Photo by Jameson Leonardi, The Ring-tum Phi

Derek Carter (40) and Bryan Brading get set to run the Generals half-court offense against Virginia Wesleyan. Carter scored 11 and Brading seven in W&L's 77-59 loss.

## W&L's shot at tourney fades fast

By SEAN O'ROURKE  
 Phi Sports Editor

There are poignant moments in all our lives that seem to define just who we are.

If you were one of the fans at the Warner Center for the Generals game against Virginia Wesleyan last night, you might have seen that poignant moment for the W&L basketball team.

With less than 10 minutes gone in the first half, freshman Derek Carter and senior Bob Ehret tried to run a pick-and-roll.

Ehret set a good pick and Carter cut around it perfectly, losing his defender in Ehret's chess. Ehret discarded the Marlin and rolled towards the basket. Carter let fly with a perfect lead pass, but Ehret became entangled with his own defender, and the ball sailed harmlessly out of bounds.

It's painful to say, but that was the defining moment for the

Generals this week.

Despite playing tough against a very talented Virginia Wesleyan team, the Generals dropped another game, and more importantly, another Old Dominion Athletic Conference game.

On Saturday, the Generals took a van ride to Greensboro, N.C. to take on the Guilford Quakers. W&L took it squarely on the chin, 81-60.

The Quakers became the fifth straight team to shoot better than 60 percent from the floor. Guilford came out flying against a very lethargic Generals team. The Quakers ran and ran and ran all over the place for the first 20 minutes.

W&L's transition defense was unmercifully pounded by the quicker Quakers. Guilford recorded eight uncontested layups in the first half. Eight! You don't win basketball games when you

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## Swim teams stay competitive at F&M meet

By KEITH GRANT  
 Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams traveled up north to Pennsylvania to take on Franklin & Marshall, Saturday.

Unfortunately, the teams took different routes from there.

The men maintained their undefeated status with a 106-95 win. They are 7-0 with two meets remaining before the Emory Invitational after mid-term break and the NCAA Championships next month.

The women's record, however, fell to

6-2 after a 109-62 loss. The team had begun the year 6-0.

The two defeats have come largely due to opposing teams with significantly larger rosters. F&M had only 12 swimmers, but the Generals were two members short. The six that competed for W&L were just in over their heads by taking on a team with twice as many swimmers.

"It would have been much closer if we had everyone," said sophomore Susan Fisher.

Fisher contributed as much as she could for the Generals, placing second in the 200-Individual Medley and third 200-backstroke. She also led off the 200-

freestyle relay that edged F&M by just over a second.

"They had a couple of really good swimmers," she said. "I don't know if we could have won, but it would've been a lot closer."

Senior Claire Dudley claimed the team's only individual win by taking the 50-freestyle.

Dudley, the squad's only senior, won it with a time of :26.28, 1.4 seconds ahead of second place.

Dudley nearly won the 200-breaststroke, missing by just .3 seconds, and anchored the victorious 200-free relay. The women had to compete without

sophomore Marina Vasilara and freshman Rebekah Prince. Vasilara is coming off an ankle injury that is still bothering her, but she will be available for Thursday night's meet at Hollins College.

"It's not great, but I'll compete," said Vasilara. "It should be a really good competition."

Prince, a freshman who has already entered the W&L record books, has been ill but is also expected to compete.

"Everyone's been getting sick, but we should all be ready, now," said freshman Jill Sheets.

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## Hull's a hometown success

By SARAH GILBERT  
 Phi Contributing Writer

So many awards banquets, so little time...

This may have been freshman Robert Hull's dilemma last year. He played four sports for Lexington High School, and raked in armloads of honors such as Most Valuable Player of the Virginia East-West All-Star football game and state heavyweight wrestling champion.

Hull was recruited for three different sports at W&L, but only football coach Gary Fallon and lacrosse coach Vince Stagnitta were lucky enough to land him on their rosters this year.

But the decision to trim his workload down to two sports was merely one of timing.

"I couldn't wrestle and play lacrosse, so I decided to concentrate on lacrosse," Hull said.

The General's track and field team may have also lost a versatile athlete in Hull, who competed during high school in the shotput, discus, 400-meter dash and 400-meter relay. But alas, the freshman decided to devote his time to his two favorite sports.

Hull noted that the competition in college football was high, which made it quite different than in high school.

"I didn't play very much—we had a great senior squad," he

said.

As a defensive lineman, Hull spent this year backing up the Generals' talented front-four. But it gave him time to learn and did not diminish his enthusiasm. "I'm looking forward to playing more next year," he said. "We're going to have a really good squad."

When it comes to his abilities on a lacrosse field, Hull, a midfielder, is modest. "I'm only good enough to make the team." However, he does enjoy the "hard but interesting" practices.

"It's a lot of fun playing with the caliber of players that are at W&L," he said. "Not only are the upperclassmen great, but the freshmen are really good, too.

There's a lot of competition."

One would expect a two-sport athlete to have very little time to spare, and Hull does claim that he is "very busy." But the multi-talented freshman finds time to participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister program in Lexington, and volunteers at the hospital, working with a radiologist in nuclear medicine and the radiology lab.

With his work at the hospital you might have guessed Hull is on the pre-med track, and if he continues to perform as he has in the past, the W&L community will be cheering him while he's in the classroom, not to mention when he's on Wilson Field.

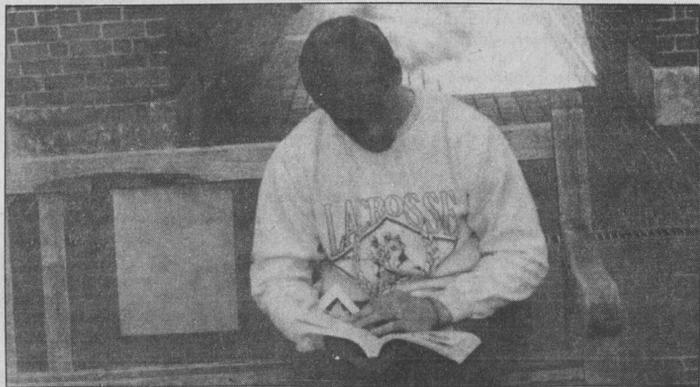


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When he's not playing football or lacrosse, Robert Hull is making sure he stays competitive in his pre-med major.

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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## 'Ring-tum phi, stickeri bum'

Since 1897, through the Clique and wartime, the Phi covers W&L's news

By RICHARD WEAVER

Phi Reader Relations Coordinator

The Ring-tum Phi was first printed on Sept. 18, 1897, a private money-making venture by a student named J. Slusser. He served as the Phi business manager and used the Phi's income to pay his tuition for Washington and Lee.

The Phi's name came from a verse in a popular W&L football song. When the first editor printed the song's lyrics in the Phi's fourth issue, he received a letter scolding him for using such a song, which included the word "hell," and printing it on the first page, no less. This small scandal helped create student interest in the newspaper, which was not widely distributed, and contributed to its survival.

Already in existence at that time was a magazine called The Southern Collegian. Founded in 1868, the Collegian served as a quarterly literary journal, as well as a report of university debating societies.

The Collegian later came to include news articles for a time, before reverting back to a literary journal. The Collegian welcomed the Phi for taking up a role that it could no longer fulfill, that of informing the Washington and Lee community about everyday issues.

Starting with the first Phi editor, the tradition of each editor hand-picking his successor was established. This practice continued until the turn of the century when it was decided that the positions of editor and business manager would be filled through general student body elections.

The result of these open elections was a degeneration in the Phi's quality, as some editors were elected because of football ability and general popularity, with no regard to journalistic prowess.

Phi editors were known to take off for the weekend and, as a result, there would be no issue the next week. The issues that were published became organs for certain fraternities, political points of view and honor groups.

In 1920, recognizing these problems, the editor and business manager of the Phi joined the editors and business managers of the Calyx and the Collegian to form the Publications Board. The board helped improve the quality of W&L publications and replaced the method of election. By 1937, it had established the process it still uses today, choosing the publications' heads itself, without the student election.

However, the new method of election (and the Pub Board itself) began to become controlled by a campus-wide group of powerful students called the "Clique." The Clique decided a week or two before the Pub Board election who the new publication heads would be and passed its agenda by requiring members of

the Pub Board to sign slips saying, "I pledge on my honor that I will vote for the following candidate ..."

When an editor defied the Clique's agenda in 1934, the group simply disconnected him from the paper. His name was removed from the staff box and a more loyal Clique member was named "acting editor" for the rest of the term.

The Clique's power over the Pub Board faded away in the late 1930s, after the dean of students persuaded the Pub Board to pass a constitutional amendment more specifically defining terms of members' elections.

The Clique continued to exercise influence over other campus organizations until the early 1950s. It awarded control of various organizations to certain fraternities and other groups of individuals.

In 1930 there was a movement to change the Phi's name to something that the readership could relate to better than an old football

verse. The Phi printed a series of editorials calling for a vote to determine if the name should be changed.

In the end, a letter signed by "Alumnus" convinced the editors that the Phi's name would be a link to the past for all students who would ever attend Washington and Lee. The movement to change the name

was abandoned.

During World War II, the Phi ceased to exist and was replaced by "The Columns," which billed itself as a "war-time successor to the Ring-tum Phi."

The Columns published 59 issues, every Friday of the college year, until 1944.

The Columns was hampered by the high turnover rate of its editors. In one instance, an editor was elected one day and drafted into the military the next, never having put a Phi together.

In 1944, Washington and Lee's student newspaper was discontinued altogether. But two years later, with the end of the war and the return to normalcy on campus, the Ring-tum Phi was published again.

Starting in the late 1950s, two separate Ring-tum Phis were produced. One Phi came out on Tuesdays and the other Phi came out on Fridays. Each Phi had its own set of editors, facilities and staff. The two Phis created competition, thus making each newspaper better.

By the late 1960s, however, the Phi had become singular again and returned to one issue per week. Its editors, following the anti-war mood of the day on college campuses, were activists. The Phi was known to call for the resignations of professors whose viewpoints it disagreed with.

In 1973, the Phi narrowly survived a Pub Board proposal to shut down its production. A new editor was elected and charged with changing the Phi's content and format. At this point and throughout the latter part of the decade, the Phi became more conservative, following the mood of the campus in the

years after Vietnam.

One of the most memorable people of the Phi in the 1980s was its 1983 editor, Todd Smith. Smith was the son of Robert P. Smith, Jr., a Washington and Lee alumnus who was instrumental in the destruction of the Clique's power over all student organizations in the 1950s.

Todd Smith was very devoted to the Phi — during his senior year, he failed all of his classes during fall term to focus on the paper. He had to come back for an extra semester to graduate.

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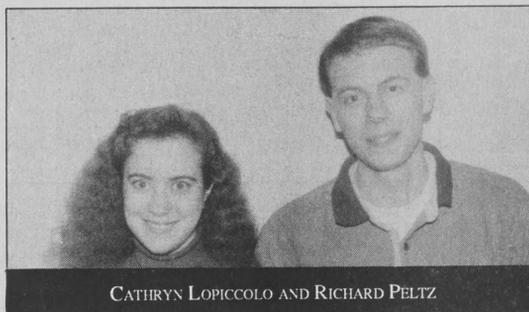
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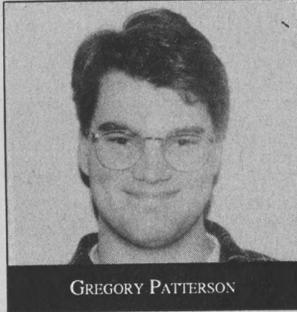
### EXECUTIVE EDITORS



CATHRYN LOPICCOLO AND RICHARD PELTZ

The executive editors supervise the editing and design of all sections of the Phi and handle all newspaper personnel. As heads of The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Board, the executive editors discuss and form the newspaper's policies. In addition to their responsibilities on the editorial side of the newspaper, the executive editors are liaisons between the editorial, advertising and business staffs. The executive editors also serve as official representatives of the Phi and coordinators of public service activities.

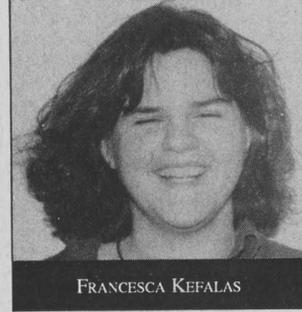
### NEWS EDITOR



GREGORY PATTERSON

The news editor is responsible for the selection, assignment and editing of news stories. When the stories are completed, the news editor lays out the news pages. The news editor also recruits new reporters and serves as a member of The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Board.

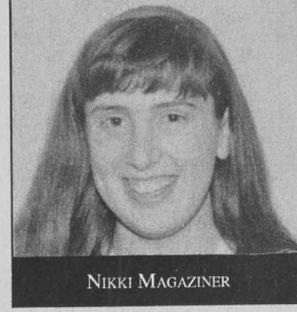
### EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR



FRANCESCA KEFALAS

The editorial page editor is responsible for the design of the editorial and op-ed pages. The editorial page editor compiles columns and letters, monitoring all the contributions in terms of the Phi's standards of libel and obscenity. She is also a member of the Editorial Board.

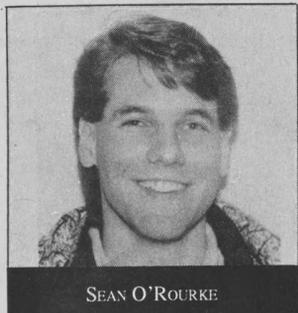
### SENIOR COPY EDITOR



NIKKI MAGAZINER

The senior copy editor proofreads incoming articles for grammatical errors and Associated Press style standards. The senior copy editor is also a staff reporter and works on Wednesday night layout. The senior copy editor is a member of The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Board.

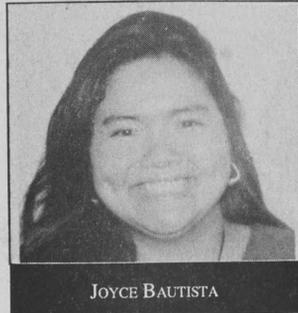
### SPORTS EDITOR



SEAN O'ROURKE

The sports editor selects a single sport for each term that he reports on exclusively. The sports editor is responsible for assigning reporters to keep track of all W&L sports and designs the Phi sports section.

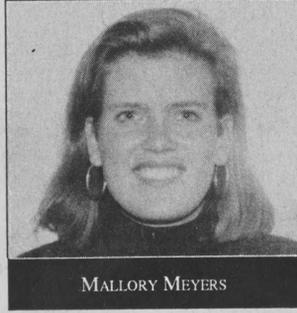
### FEATURES EDITOR



JOYCE BAUTISTA

The features editor assigns feature articles, stories that look at news from a different angle or focus on community interests. The features editor is responsible for features editing, design and layout, as well as finding art for features.

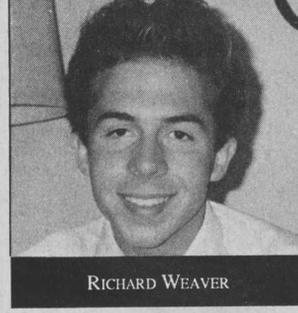
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MALLORY MEYERS

The photography editor coordinates photo assignments with the news and features editors and coordinates staff photographers. The photography editor is also responsible for making sure all photos are developed in time for layout.

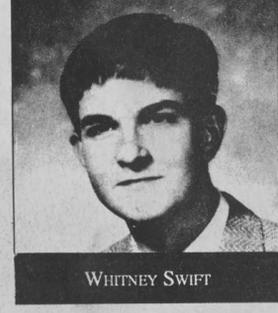
### READER RELATIONS



RICHARD WEAVER

The reader relations coordinator develops and organizes the newspaper's public service activities. This year's projects include establishing a Ring-tum Phi scholarship fund and a memorial to the late Professor of Journalism Clark E. Mollenhoff.

### BUSINESS MANAGER



WHITNEY SWIFT

The business manager is responsible for advertising and subscriptions billing, in addition to keeping up with the Phi's accounts payable. The business manager also keeps abreast of the Phi's overall financial status.

# The making of The Ring-tum

## SUNDAY

The Ring-tum Phi editors meet to review and critique the previous week's issue, and to go over the coming week's stories. The Editorial Board chooses a writer and topic for the next staff editorial.

## MONDAY

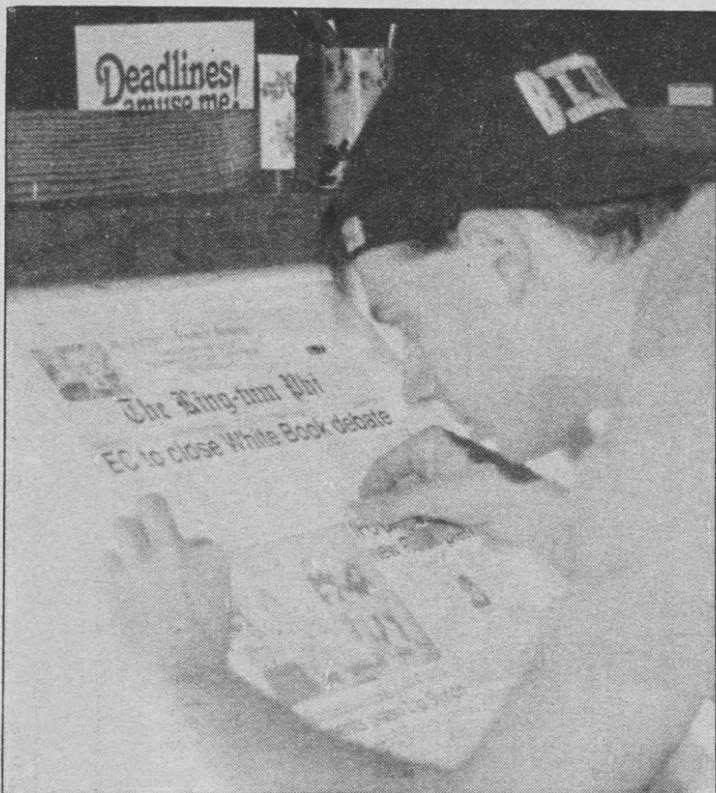
The features editor assigns stories, two weeks in advance of publication. Features stories for the next issue are due in the afternoon for editing.



The Phi staff poses for a Calyx picture.

## WEDNESDAY — A.M.

The executive editors read all copy, and editors make corrections on computer. The Phi has three Macintoshes in a network, meaning the memory of any one computer can be accessed from any other. The computers have translation software, so they can accept copy typed on the university's IBM computers. Copy editing is done in the Microsoft Word program, and layout is done on Aldus PageMaker. The features and editorial pages are completed by Wednesday noon, freeing the computers for news and sports. Pages are printed on the Phi's laser printer in tiles, which are put through a wax machine to make them adhesive and then assembled on actual-size layout sheets.



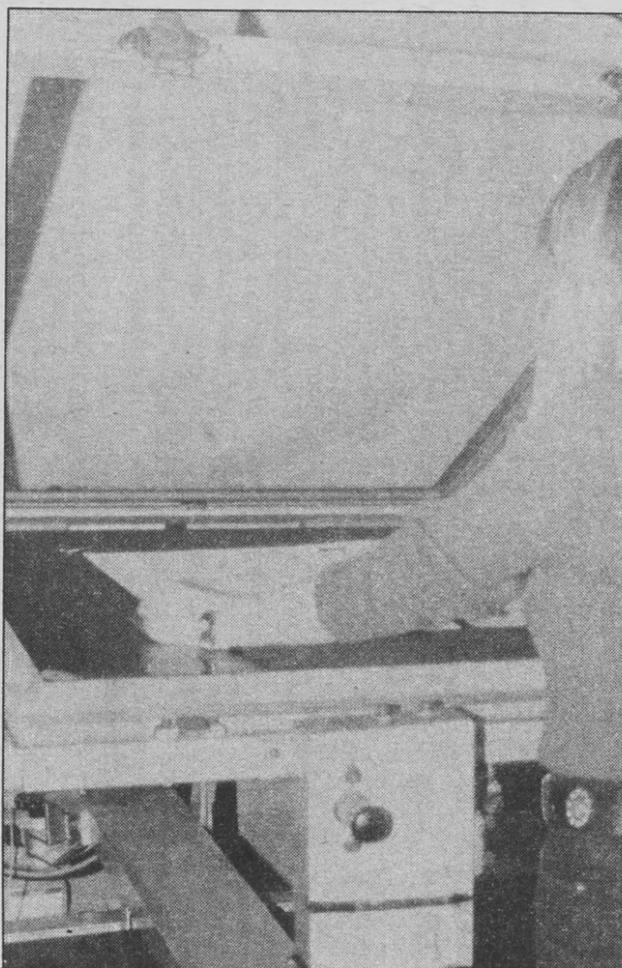
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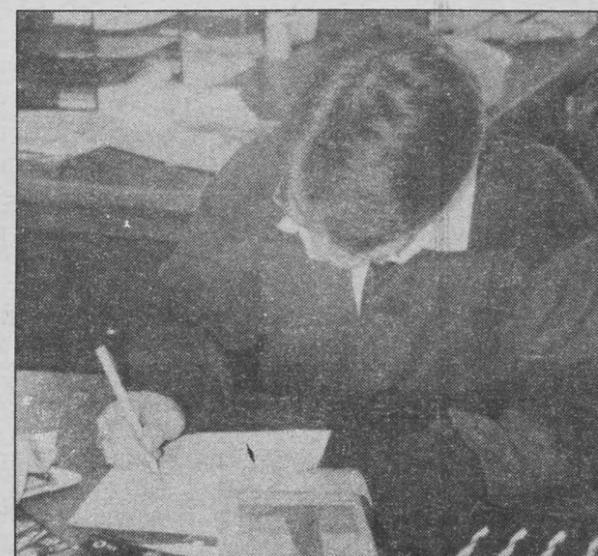
News stories for the week's issue are due for editing by the news editor. The business staff produces a list of ads for the week, and the executive editors lay out the ads, deciding how many pages the newspaper will be and which pages will be dedicated to which sections. For the opinion section, letters, My Views, and General Notes are due at noon. Christopher Matthews' column comes by mail, and George Will's column is faxed. The editorial page assistant types copy for the opinion pages. Talkback copy and photographs are due to the editorial page editor. "Storyboard" begins at 7 p.m. All editors and reporters meet to discuss story ideas for the issue that will come out in nine days, assign stories to the writers, and assign photographs. The editorial page editor and features editor design and lay out opinion and feature pages.



The editorial staff meets on Tuesday night.



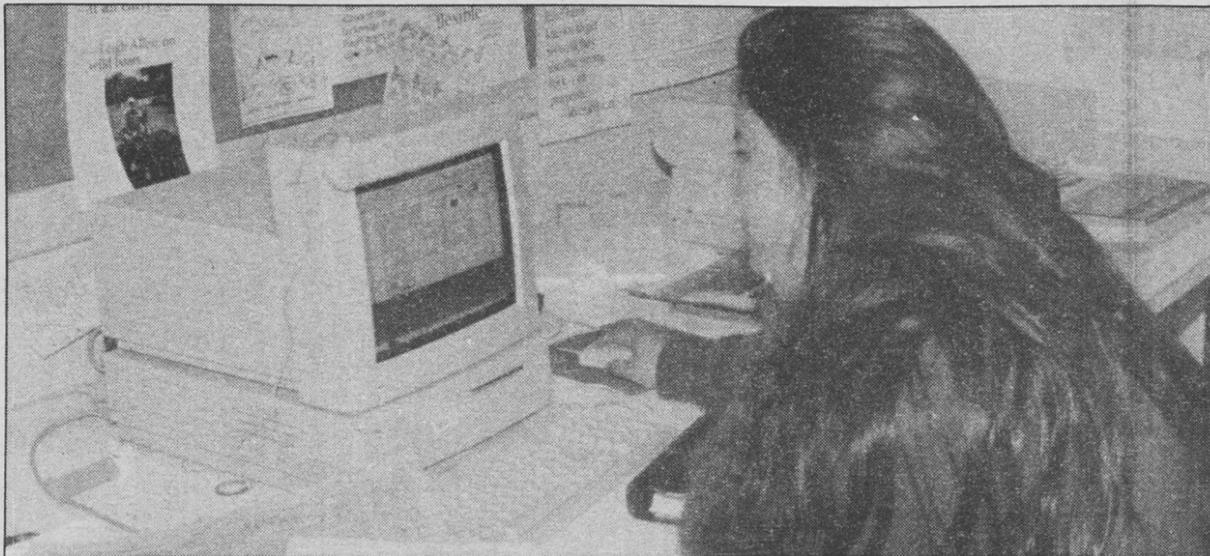
A News-Gazette technician prepares a page.



Stories go through several stages of editing.

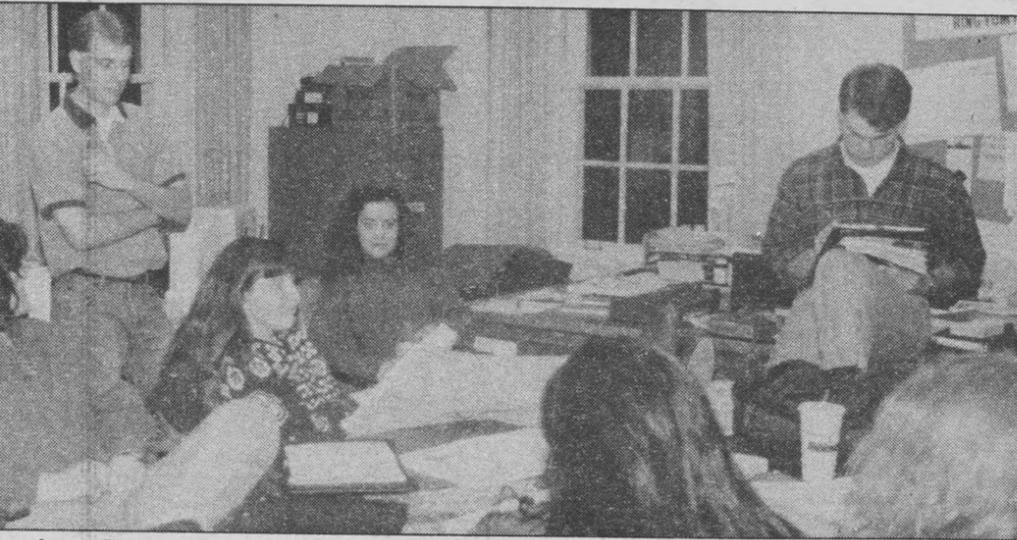
## WEDNESDAY — P.M.

News stories are prepared for placement in PageMaker. Sports reporters bring in their stories. The photo editor finishes all developing and goes over negatives with the news and executive editors to decide which to print. At dinner time, the executive editors and news editor design the news pages. The news and sports editor design their pages on PageMaker, then assemble their printouts. The cartoonist brings in his cartoon, and the editorial page editor lays it in.



Phi editors lay out their pages on Aldus PageMaker after sketching a "dummy" layout by hand.

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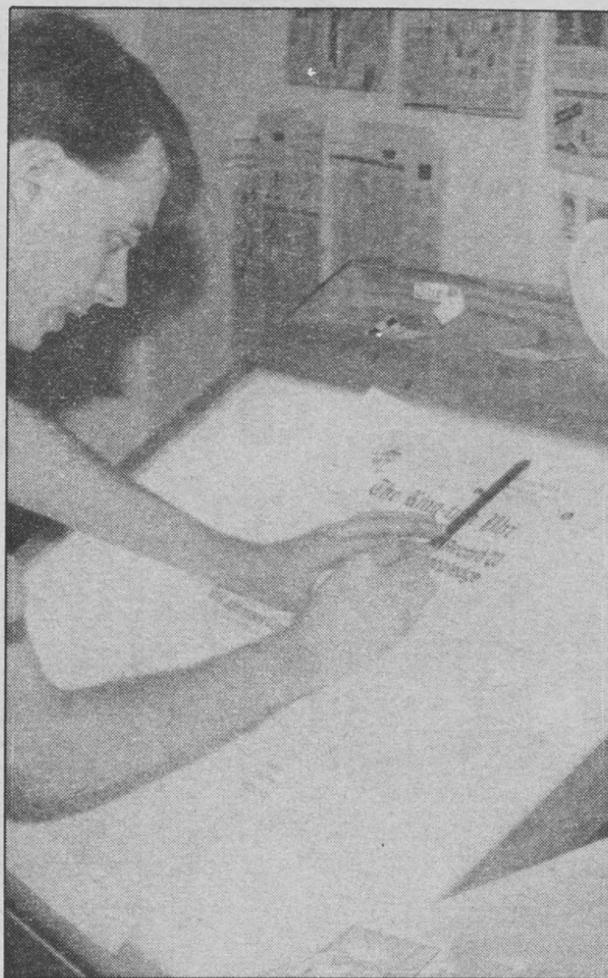
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Pages of editing.

## AY — P.M.

or placement in PageMaker. Their stories. The photography and goes over negatives with editors to decide which shots to print. The executive editors and news editor and sports editors lay out the pages. The cartoonist and the editorial page



Laser-printed tiles are assembled into pages.

## THURSDAY

Photographs, sized and marked for cropping by editors the night before, are taken to The News-Gazette by 9 a.m. Editors make final corrections at the Phi office, then take the pages to The News-Gazette. A technician there photographs the Phi's pictures through a filter of tiny dots, producing dot-matrix prints for publication. Editors cut the pictures to size, stick them to the pages with wax, and outline them with line tape. The News-Gazette technician then photographs the actual-size pages, producing broad-sheet size negatives. A driver from the Phi's printer in Covington picks up the negatives at noon. The Covington printer makes originals from the negatives and prints however many copies of the Phi the editors order. In the evening, the driver returns with bundled copies of the Phi. The circulation staff takes over distribution.

All photos by Mallory Meyers except Calyx photo by Megan McCloskey

# What's in the Phi?

## NEWS



The news section always begins on the **front page** and often extends to other pages. The name of the newspaper, underlined by the volume, number, place of publication and date, is called the **flag** or **nameplate**. The front page includes the week's most important stories. Sometimes longer stories **jump** to inside pages. In design, editors try to make several **entry points** on the front page, places which attract the eye to start reading. The **teaser boxes** at the top of the page highlight stories inside the paper. The Phi does not use an **index box** because the paper is short enough to be perused quickly.

## OPINION



The opinion section usually occupies pages two and three but may extend to other pages. In the left column of page two is the **staff editorial**, which is the opinion of the Editorial Board, unless it is initialed by only some board members. That is the only place in the paper where the editors express their opinions. The Phi administrative staff is listed in the **masthead**, or **staff box**. The **editorial cartoon** appears on page two and reflects the opinion of the cartoonist. The Phi prints two **syndicated columns** and a weekly **humor column** which reflect the opinions of their authors. The Phi also prints **My View** columns and **letters**, which anyone may write. The Phi does not edit opinions for content unless there is potential libel or obscenity. **General Notes**, a free bulletin board, and **Talkback** appear on page three.

## FEATURES



Stories of human interest or about the arts appear in this section. A story here may be light-hearted or take a deep look at a serious issue. This section usually occupies two **facing pages**. If the facing pages are connected, they are called a **double truck**. The features editor has greater flexibility than other section editors in using more creative designs and different **fonts** in headlines. The Phi has a columnist who occasionally writes **music reviews** in this section. The syndicated puzzle **Colonade Crossword** usually appears here, as well as a new feature, **50 years ago in the Phi**.

## SPORTS



This section covers the Generals athletics. Stories here are often a mix of the feature and news styles of writing. If there is an opinion column in this section, it is labeled as such. The Phi uses a **sports front** format, which means that the most important stories are on the newspaper's **back page**. **Jumps** and other sports stories are on inside pages. The Phi does not have enough space to cover every sport every week, so highlights from various sports are sometimes put together in a section called **Sports Notebook**. On either side of the **sports flag** at the top of the back page are **ears**, or boxes, which list last week's Generals scores and the coming week's games and times.