

Weekend Weather

Today: Sunny, mid to high 60s
Tonight: Fair, low near 50
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds, 30 percent chance of showers, 65-70
Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of showers, low 40
Sunday: Partly cloudy, low in 60s



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EC to correct error

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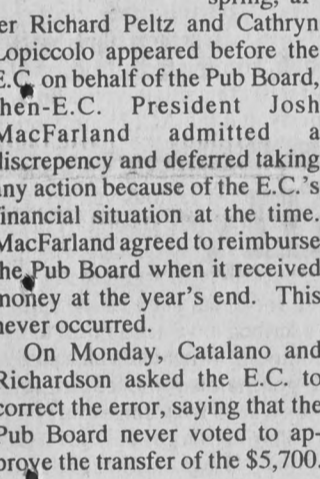
Everything you ever needed to know you learned in Kindergarten: share your toys, don't run with scissors, and above all, when you borrow something, give it back.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Executive Committee, Publications Board President Anthony Catalano and Publications Board Advisor Brian Richardson showed up to ask that the EC do exactly that—return what is rightfully theirs.

A budgeting error in 1989 resulted in the Pub Board's reserve fund being knocked down by \$5,700. Last spring, after Richard Peltz and Cathryn Lopiccolo appeared before the E.C. on behalf of the Pub Board, then-E.C. President Josh MacFarland admitted a discrepancy and deferred taking any action because of the E.C.'s financial situation at the time. MacFarland agreed to reimburse the Pub Board when it received money at the year's end. This never occurred.

On Monday, Catalano and Richardson asked the E.C. to correct the error, saying that the Pub Board never voted to approve the transfer of the \$5,700.

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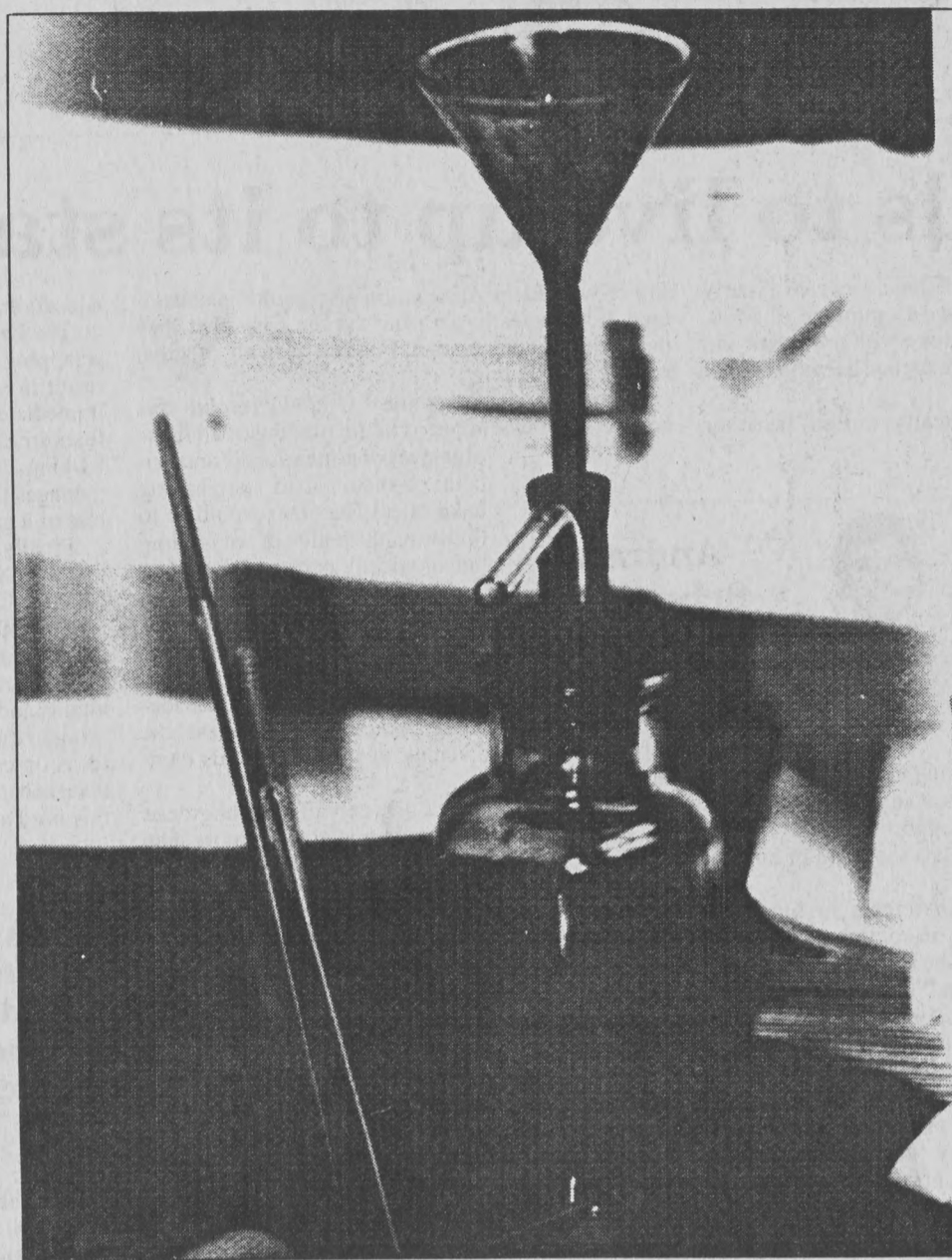


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Chemistry Project

W&L Security confiscated this marijuana-smoking device recently. The bong is made from materials "borrowed" from the chemistry department. A member of the chemistry department found the bong during the summer and turned it over to security. Among the items confiscated by security this year: beer kegs and beer funnels. Director of Security Mike Young said security returns kegs to the distributor after confiscation. Two kegs were taken early this year, while over 30 were taken during the course of last year. —Ethan Krupp

Thieves strike student autos

By THOMAS HESPOS
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If you park your car in a university lot overnight, you should probably reconsider.

Thieves have hit at least three student cars in the past week and a half, breaking side windows and removing car stereos.

"My door window had been broken out," said freshman Jason Barton, describing how thieves broke into his Mitsubishi Eclipse in the freshman parking lot.

Barton said thieves removed his Alpine CD player from the dashboard of his car. Washington and Lee Security called Barton at 2:30 a.m. on Friday morning to inform him that his car had been broken into. Security also called freshman Philip Jordan after determining that

Jordan's car had also been broken into.

"Somebody knocked out the small vent window," said Jordan.

Jordan's CD player was also removed from his car. Jordan's car alarm was set off by the thieves, but the thieves entered the engine compartment and cut the wire that provided power to the alarm system, thus silencing it. Between Barton and Jordan, \$1,300 worth of property was damaged or stolen.

Perhaps the same thieves victimized senior Leland Yee, who had his window smashed and his stereo stolen. Yee described his stereo as "a cheap model."

"You'd think they would at least take a decent one," said Yee, who reported only \$190 worth of damage on the police report.

Yee's car was parked in the university lot near the Lenfest Center when it was burglarized.

Chief Bruce Beard of the Lexington Police Department said the police have some suspects in the break-ins. According to Beard, Washington and Lee Security officers also have some suspects of their own.

"W&L Security saw some suspicious-looking vehicles," said Beard.

According to Jordan, police may attempt to apprehend the criminals by taking fingerprints from the car. All three victims have filed reports with the police.

Yee found some irony in the situation.

"I survived an entire summer in D.C.," he said, "and I get back here, and what's the first thing that happens to me?"

IFC hands down Rush violations

By NANCY PAVLOVIC
Phi Managing Editor

As Tear Night draws near, two more fraternities join Pi Phi in the ranks of those who have violated Rush rules.

Phi Delta Theta and Chi Psi each received Rush violations stemming from two separate incidents which occurred last week.

Chi Psi received the violation for breaking closed contact rules. Under closed contact rules, freshmen and upperclassmen fraternity members cannot talk to each other. According to Chi Psi President John Hudson, the violation occurred last Tuesday after Rush Open House Night number two.

"You're not supposed to have contact after 9 p.m.," Hudson said. "Some guys were talking to the freshmen at the house after the open house."

Hudson said a freshman who was not at the house reported the incident.

"He knew the guys that were here and took it upon himself to tell a Rush Counselor who in turn took it upon himself to bring it to the IFC," Hudson said.

Phi Delt received their violation when members of the fraternity purchased beer for some freshmen men, Interfraternity Vice President Ryan Donaldson said.

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Professor appeals decision

By NANCY PAVLOVIC
Phi Managing Editor

A non-tenured professor will make Washington and Lee history as she challenges her department's decision to not renew her contract.

Assistant Professor of English Demaree C. Peck filed an appeal with the President's Advisory Committee Friday, Sept. 24, requesting a review of the English Department's decision to not continue her contract.

"In essence, it is a denial of tenure," Peck said. "It cuts short my probationary period by two years. I had not been led to expect that decision."

Peck, who joined the faculty in 1988 as an instructor in English, began a four-year probationary period for a tenure track position in the department the following fall. Candidates for a tenured position

must complete a six-year probationary period before being considered for tenure. Peck would have been up for a tenured position in 1994-95.

However, in May of 1993, the eight tenured members of the English department examined a portfolio of material which included student evaluations, reviews by faculty who had visited her class, letters solicited by the department from all her former students as well as three articles she has had published and several chapters from her book on Willa Cather. According to English Department Head Edwin D. Craun, the department followed the procedures outlined in the University Faculty Handbook in considering her case. Under these procedures, her job performance must be evaluated in three areas, namely teaching effectiveness, intellectual achievement and academic citizenship. It was at this time that the department opted not to renew her contract.

Craun however would not comment on the specific reasons for her dismissal in order to protect Peck's privacy.

"We are not allowed to make anything but the most general statements," he said.

Peck though is not sure how or why the department arrived at its decision.

"I can't really speak about the English department's decision because I don't really know what they considered," she said. "They told me they were not going to renew my contract because of deficiencies in academic citizenship and deficiencies in teaching which have not been specified. I don't understand the decision; it hasn't been explained to me."

After classes ended last spring, Peck began look-

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VMI proposes compromise

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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Virginia Military Institute has submitted a federal court a proposal to resolve the controversy over whether women should be admitted to VMI. According to a copy of the "VMI Defendants' Proposed Remedial Plan", a Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership would be established at Mary Baldwin College. Virginia Tech would maintain its co-educational Corps of Cadets. The Leadership Institute would be open to all qualified women and will in some ways be similar to VMI.

In the proposal VMI cited numerous times the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court of Appeals which found that a single-gender undergraduate institution is justified and can be beneficial "for young women who may be otherwise be denied leadership opportunities in coeducational settings." Under the ruling the state must establish an equal educational opportunity to women that is similar to VMI. VMI asserts that its plan satisfies the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. According to Crista Keade, Director of Institutional Advancement at Mary Baldwin, said that the 4th Circuit Court will hear debate on the plan on January 6,

Public Relations Director Lt. Col. Mike Strickler said that Governor Wilder has approved of the plan. According to Strickler, a subcommittee consisting of two members of VMI's Board of Visitors, two members of Mary Baldwin's Board of Visitors, and five members of the governor's staff will oversee the program on a continuous basis.

As opposed to women schools such as Southern Virginia School for Women, Mary Baldwin was chosen primarily because it was a four year college and has had long tradition of educating women, according to Strickler.

Keade said that the academic faculty on September 24 accepted the concept of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership as being in line with the school's commitment to educating women by a vote of 52-8. She stresses, however, that no specific plans for the Leadership Institute have been made.

Keade said that the president, Cynthia H. Tyson has endorsed the plan, but an academic curriculum has not been established.

Strickler says that students in the Leadership Institute would be lodged in the regular dormitories, but once the number reaches

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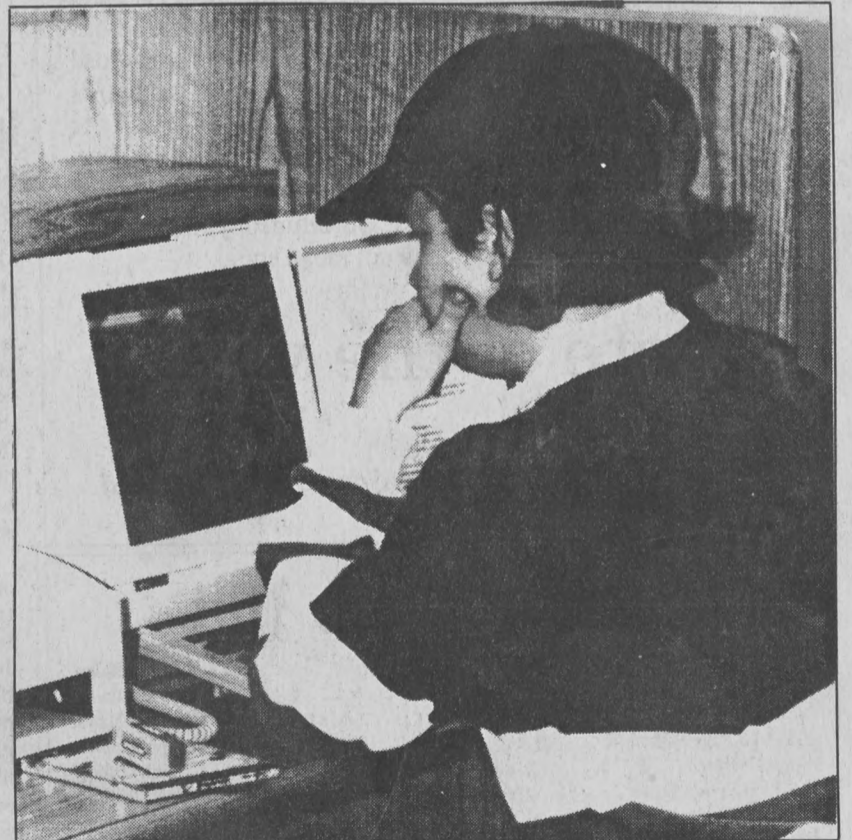


Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

A student uses one of Annie's terminals. Annie is now equipped with more features, which will make research easier, than before.

Annie's new dress Computer gets a face lift

By MELISSA SAWYER
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The students and staff of Washington and Lee now have more access than ever to electronic information.

The W&L on-line catalogue, named "Annie," is available to all computer users with Liberty accounts. Through Annie, users can access a wide array of information around the world.

Annie is updating its technology. "Two years ago it would not have been possible to do this," said Hugh Blackmer, a reference assistant at Leyburn Library. Blackmer regularly updates the system's resources.

Part of the new system includes Gopher, a campus-wide information system. It is internationally connected to list electronic periodicals according to subject. Blackmer and other programmers regularly choose and categorize new electronic periodicals to add under the various headings. In addition, Gopher now contains several step-by-step guides to using the computer system itself.

Blackmer said that the Gopher system is constantly being updated. He said that professors could even put their lecture notes on the computer system for students to retrieve at their leisure.

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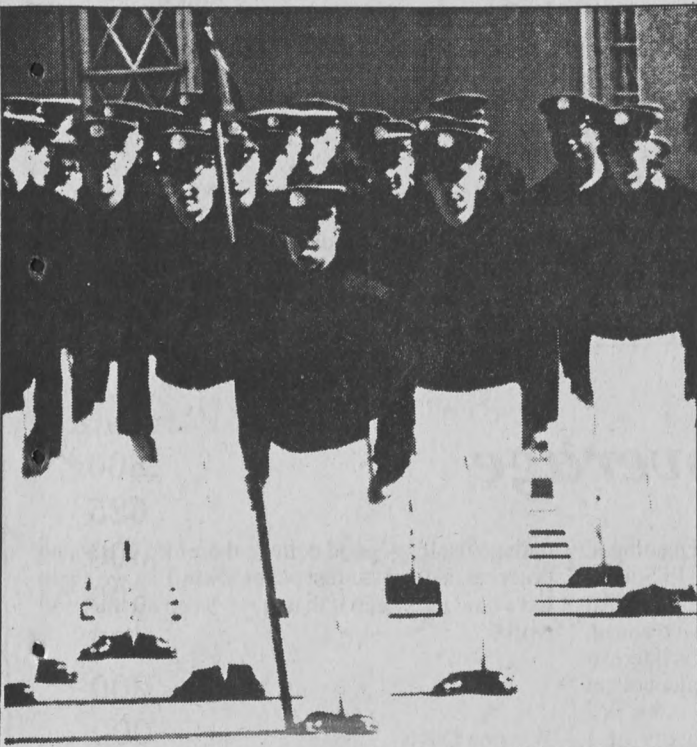


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Virginia Military Institute cadets in formation

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Lock it up

It is a frustrating feeling. You walk out to your car to drive out to Wal-Mart or McDonald's or whatever and you find a surprise: your window is smashed. That's not all... several valuables are missing, including your car stereo.

If you read our story on automobile break-ins this week, you will soon realize that this is not happening just in New York or Los Angeles. It is happening right here in Lexington. In fact, it is happening right here on our campus.

Problems like this are extremely frustrating. After all, you can't sit around watching your car all day long. The bottom line is this: *If thieves want to get at the contents of your car, there is very little you can do to stop them.*

What you *can* do is try to make your car look less inviting to a burglar. Locking doors is not enough. If you have valuables in your car, cover them with a jacket or a towel. If you have a pull-out stereo or a removable faceplate, take it with you. If you have a car alarm, arm it.

Truly, having to invest in an auto security system in Lexington is sad, but it is a sadder experience to come out to the car one morning to find a surprise. We are used to leaving our personal belongings around campus and finding them in the same place when we return. It is time for Washington and Lee students to realize that despite the honor system that governs our lives, we are not living in a theft-free world. One can almost see how an outsider could consider W&L a thieves' paradise. Students leave the tops on their convertibles down and merrily skip along to class, without a single concern in the world, leaving valuables out in the open. If we were thieves, we would probably spend some time in Lexington, too.

So, don't trust the world. The world does not live by the Honor System.

Separate and not equal

Soon a judge will decide whether or not Virginia Military Institute's proposal for remedying their co-education problem is suitable. If the judge likes the plan, Mary Baldwin will become the home of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership and VMI will go on as it has since its beginnings.

The proposal looks very nice on its surface. But the proposal raises a question that goes beyond whether VMI should be co-ed or not. The proposal will create another state-funded institute that will supposedly give women the same leadership and military skills that men receive at VMI. Proponents of the new plan say that women and men learn differently and build confidence and character in different ways. There are not too many people that would be willing to argue against this point. But will the separate institutions provide the same opportunities for their graduates?

Before any judge okays this plan, that judge needs to sit down and think deeply about its consequences. That judge needs to ask some tough questions that may not be easily answered. VMI graduates have many opportunities for state jobs because they are VMI graduates. Will a woman who has graduated from Baldwin's Leadership program be given those same opportunities? Will the military embrace one of Baldwin's graduates as it does VMI's graduates?

These are not meaningless questions. If the state intends to create an equal opportunity for women, it has to make sure that opportunity is equal on all levels. Unfortunately, history has shown that separate usually does not mean equal.

Quote of the week

Hey, pull up a chair.
No thanks, I'll just sit down.

—Two W&L students at Spanky's last weekend

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OPINION



EC fails to live up to its statements

Last year, Amnesty International received a yearly allowance from the Executive Committee of \$700. Last week, the Committee broke with precedent and docked their yearly allowance for bad behavior. What was Amnesty guilty of?

They engaged in "ideologically partisan" behavior with the campus pariah—the W&L chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Last November, Amnesty International and the W&L ACLU co-sponsored an exhibit in the main foyer of the Leyburn Library entitled *A Critical Examination of the Death Penalty*. The exhibit was a thought provoking educational display of library books, statistical information and other factual material supporting both groups' belief that the death penalty is a violation of human rights.

The Executive Committee refuses to fund any group which takes a position on controversial issues such as capital punishment. The EC likes to call such groups "ideologically partisan." They believe by "approaching issues of national politics with complete neutrality," they can best serve the W&L community. If the truth be known, the Executive Committee is not living up to its own ideals. How can the Executive Committee claim that it is completely neutral to issues of national politics when they fund groups like the AIDS Education Project? Is not AIDS prevention, like the death penalty, a politicized national issue? How about the Outing Club and their promotion of recycling? Women's Forum, Men's Panel and the

Minority Student Association also could be considered "ideologically partisan" on the basis that they deal with gender or racial issues. Yet all of them receive EC funding.

There are two ways the EC could resolve this conflict. One would be to cut the funding of all those organizations mentioned and encourage them all to start having bake sales. The other would be to throw out the policy of not funding "ideologically partisan" groups.

The second option would seem to be the wiser one for a liberal arts institution like W&L. The first payoff of a policy to fund all legitimate student groups, regardless of ideology, would be to increase the diversity of thought on this campus.

The EC's claim that a diversity of student groups can exist without their funding is nothing more than an empty promise. While conservative organizations like the Washington & Lee Spectator can survive comfortably without the EC's patronage, many non-conservative groups could only survive with the EC's backing. The Spectator benefits from an extensive alumni support network that is just not available to non-conservative groups. Thus refusing to fund all "ideologically partisan" organizations would result in a virtually one-sided exchange of ideas on campus—certainly not befitting of a liberal arts

education.

The Executive Committee erroneously believes scrapping their current policy will automatically result in a sudden proliferation of student groups immediately inundating the EC with requests. Their fears are clearly unwarranted as one can see just by looking across the ravine how the law school ably manages to fund all of their organizations regardless of a group's ideology.

Finally, the EC is fond of making the argument that the Graham-Lee-Washington Society and the Contact Committee, both of which receive EC funding, fulfill the campus need for intellectual discourse and the free flow of ideas. Unfortunately, the Executive Committee does not appreciate the vitality and energy which politically oriented groups bring to the intellectual discourse and free flow of ideas on campus. A completely neutral and sanitized debate society and speakers bureau cannot fill this need alone.

The Executive Committee, during last week's budget deliberations, has ironically shown itself to be the most ideologically partisan organization around. Their decision to shut the funding vault on Amnesty's face while keeping on the payroll other ideological organizations has the stench of blatant "political correctness." Hopefully the EC will sensibly rectify this situation in a timely fashion before Amnesty and the ACLU are forced to get out their baking sheets.

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Address the poor individually

Last week I saw something that we who are wrapped in our tight little cocoons of parental support rarely glimpse—the real face of poverty. "Joshua," as I shall call him for anonymity's sake, is neither devil nor saint. He is neither wholly responsible for his plight nor free of guilt.

Joshua is 46 years old. He has no marketable skills. His last job was part-time minimum-wage work at Hardee's, on which he and his wife "barely scraped by."

Before he was married, Joshua was regularly in trouble with the law. Released from prison without a way to support himself, he soon turned to petty theft, stealing small items from local apartments and then selling them. While he has, by all appearances, put those particular misdeeds behind him, they surely help to account for the financial situation he now finds himself in.

While a part-time job and marriage seemed to bode well for Joshua, new trouble soon arrived in the unlikely form of a child. The third member of Joshua's family is a blonde haired, blue eyed beauty of a boy, eighteen months of age. "Matthew's" face glows like the sun on a weekend morning and his constant curiosity leads one to think the child would be of some promise were his social situation improved.

Joshua clearly loves the child and maybe it is fatherhood that has finally tamed his less desirable impulses. He handles Matthew with a love and patience that I have seen in few fathers. Joshua's son has brought joy into his life, but he has also brought difficulties.

Joshua's wife, you see, is handicapped. She is burdened by a debilitating and eventually fatal disease that confines her to a wheelchair. When the state learned that Joshua's time working at Hardee's left Matthew at home with his mother, they intervened. Because his wife could not adequately care for her child, the state insisted Joshua not leave the child alone with her. Failure to comply with this directive would have resulted in Matthew being taken into the custody of the state.

Because minimum wage will not pay for a baby-sitter, Joshua quit his regular job and now does odd jobs on which he can take his son. That is how I met Joshua. He was going from door to door, carrying Matthew, asking if there were any chores he might do.

Odd jobs have not provided enough to support the family and they have sold most of their meager possessions. Their house is no larger than one of our classrooms. It makes my run-down apartment look like middle-class comfort. Unable to pay their bills, they have now had their gas shut off, and they have been unable to bathe for a week. They have no phone. They have no car and Joshua must hitchhike (with Matthew) to find work or purchase diapers. So Joshua goes door to door refusing handouts but begging work.

People do not like to see poverty and as a consequence they do not like to see Joshua. Often, when he knocks on a door looking for menial work, the police are quickly called and he is chased off as a nuisance.

Perhaps Joshua is a nuisance, especially when he intrudes on our two

car garages and white picket fences, but there are other questions that need to be asked. Just what is this man supposed to do? We wish he did not exist, that this suffering did not confront us. But he does exist, and we should wonder how we would support ourselves and our family were we in his shoes.

It is not a half-fictional, emotional portrait that I have painted. These are simply the facts. There are, of course, other facts, which will either allow you to push the image of this man from your mind with a clear conscience, or, if you still care, will strike a chord of helplessness about the whole issue.

Joshua's troubled past may be relevant, but he has also contributed to his troubles in the present. While they cannot pay their gas bill, the family

has a dog. Besides the expense of feeding it, the dog's recent adventures in a neighbor's yard cost Joshua 75 dollars in fines. That is what led to his inability to pay his gas bill.

Joshua also smokes, to the tune of a carton a week. With cigarettes selling anywhere from ten to fifteen dollars a carton, it is striking when Joshua claims he cannot afford the fourteen dollar round-trip taxi fare to get to the food bank.

Once these shortcomings are pointed out, he does indicate a willingness to remedy them. But these problems say something about how Joshua arrived at his present circumstance. He has clearly made bad choices, and he is clearly paying for

them. Most of all, Joshua has been incredibly short-sighted. You cannot sell your possessions forever. And what long-term good could it do to pay off his gas bill? It would only be turned off again when he was unable to pay next month. Joshua is very juvenile in that he seems unable to grasp and deal decisively with the big picture and instead lives day to day.

The decisions people make are important. We want to help but we do not want to throw money away, either. We want Joshua, and those like him, to be responsible. But what do we do if someone is willing to make a clean start? Does it matter that sometime in the past they may have laid the foundation of their current troubles? Perhaps. What if the problems come from decisions made in ignorance rather than malice? What about Matthew and those like him? How do we help the child without supporting the irresponsibility of the parent?

I have asked plenty of questions, but cannot begin to give answers. Maybe there are no answers. In the end the points I want to make are simple ones. We should accept that poverty results from a combination of bad luck and bad choices. Denying either is denying reality and makes it more difficult to reach lasting solutions. We should acknowledge poverty where it exists. Fear and loathing will only make it worse. We should come to grips with what we are willing to do, both as individuals and as a society, remembering that failure to act as individuals leaves more to do as a society. And, most importantly, we should care.

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LETTERS

Professor praises coverage

To the editor:

I am writing this letter not only to the editors, but to all students who have contributed to the first issues of this year's *Ring-tum Phi*. Last year, I found the *Phi* to be about the worst college rag I had ever seen—anywhere. Its negative tone and salacious fixations were an embarrassment to many members of the community.

As a newly recruited faculty member, I felt so

demoralized by the *Phi* that I soon stopped reading it. Had we moved to Washington and Lee or to Sodom and Gomorrah, I wondered! Happily, this dismal period in the *Phi*'s history now seems to have ended. Once again, people are writing about what is interesting and important to all of us: health care, alcoholism on campus, cultural diversity, and films—not just about fraternity brawls. Usually, the quality of a college newspaper is a reflection of the quality of the

college itself. A good college therefore needs and deserves, a good student paper. Now that we again have one, let's keep it that way. Keep up the good work!

Winston Davis
Professor of Religion

OPINION

Wrestlemania invades Lexington

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

The other day I was sitting in the Ring-tum Phi office (or, as we call it, "Shangri-Phi") reading other peoples' computer files and listening to the radio.

At the end of a WREL "music mix" (which typically consists of successive songs by Elton John, Metallica, Barney the Dinosaur, James Brown, and Zamfir, master of the pan flute), the disk jockey came on the air and announced that the fourth person to call the WREL studio line would win two tickets for World Championship Wrestling in Roanoke with Ravishing Rick Rude and Ric "Nature Boy" Flair. It was not necessary to know the answer to a trivia question or anything; you just had to be the right caller. This was a contest that required no talent, and since I don't have any, I called in.

The disk jockey picked up and informed me that I had won. A few minutes later, he aired our recorded conversation, which included my spontaneous comment that "I have really been looking forward to seeing WCW wrestling."

Phi Art Director Phil Carrott witnessed my excitement in the office at having won. This included several rebel yells, setting off of small fireworks, a prank call to Carol Calkins, and several shots at the Phi dart board with some X-Acto knives. I then decided that a Phi all-expense-paid trip to Roanoke was in order, to investigate the newsworthy effects of fat sequined men tackling each other and their impact on Washington and Lee students (me).

Accompanied by my friend and professional wrestling aficionado Nick, we arrived in Roanoke expecting all of the sports world's major figures, as well as all of the networks, to be on hand for the upcoming match. However, we were met at the parking lot by a traffic attendant, who was simultaneously directing us to a lot and trying to calculate the black market value of our car's spare parts.

Before I go on, I must take a minute to say that I, as a habit, do NOT attend WCW events, except whenever 1) they are free 2) I am really bored, and 3) I want to hang out with the cultural elite of southwest Virginia.

I must emphasize how elite the crowd was: they tucked in their WCW T-shirts and spit into cups instead of onto the floor. They stood in line to purchase copies of WCW magazine which was touted, various times over the loudspeaker throughout the evening, as pretty much the authority on Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat's family life, the break-up of the British Bulldogs, and Arne Anderson's new line of action figures.

Nick and I took our seats and waited for the match. After several minutes, the stadium lights dimmed, and suddenly there was a distinctive white light reflecting from the WCW wrestling mat and the voices of angels were singing in the background (or maybe it was the non-stop screams from the groups of 14-year-old boys sitting near us). We definitely had entered wrestling nirvana.

There were several matches between wrestlers whose names I cannot recall, (I guess they could be classified in the wrestling "minor leagues," not yet measuring up to WCW professional

standards). I do remember that one of their names sounded something like "Hespos," but I couldn't be sure. Anyway, one of these matches involved a British wrestler who was accompanied by his top-hatted valet. Now, please forgive me if you are up on WCW trivia and know his name, but take it from me, it didn't matter what this guy's name was; once the audience heard he was British, he was doomed. The 14-year-old boys were shouting "U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A., etc.," waving the American flag, and shouting for his opponent to kick England's butt. At this point Nick raised the relevant point that it sure has been a long time since England was our enemy.

Nick and I watched in awe as these professionally trained talented athletes jumped around the ring wearing bikini shorts so small that they would make the W&L water polo team blush. Even though our seats were high up in the Civic Center, we could for sure detect about 3 inches of space between a wrestler's blow and the part of the other wrestler's body the first guy supposedly hit. It was as if both wrestlers had major depth perception problems. This was no matter, because even if one of the wrestlers had given the other a "high-five," the other probably would have reacted by flipping over backwards, hitting the ropes around the mat, and flying out of

the ring onto the ground. This is the maxim of professional wrestling; for every action there is an opposite and exaggerated reaction.

The finale of the evening was definitely the title fight: Rick Rude vs. Ric Flair. Before the actual competition, both Rude and Flair gave a brief speech touting their sports prowess, good looks, and virtues of their home states, and then stripped off their robes. The immediate impression on the audience was: these guys are really, really old. And look at their hair! Who did that? Clorox?

The fight, monitored by a referee and two scorekeepers, who I am sure were paying close attention, took about twenty minutes and ended as Flair bodyslammed Rude and left him lying there. The crowd cheered not only for the win, but I assume also for the fact that Rude had derided the crowd by calling them a bunch of "Backwoods Roanokers." Rude violated the sacred wrestling rule of not taunting the crowd especially when many of them are from the backwoods, from Roanoke, and have guns. And he paid the price. He was still lying on the mat when we left.

All and all, that evening was pretty interesting. Scary, yes, but also interesting. So, if you're bored one weekend and you want a little sports action, go see the WCW. Join the invasion.

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Confederate flag symbolizes pride

MY VIEW

Nicholas Waddy, '96

When I read Michael Hewlett's invective against the Confederate battle flag in last week's Phi (part two in his now-weekly "Sins of the Honkies" series), I was really quite bothered. I promised that I would respond. Since the Confederate flag is an honorable flag, I will try to give it an honorable defense.

Let me be clear: I am not a Southerner. I am from upstate New York, where, far from having a drawl, we speak with a distinct nasal accent, usually found only in lower primates with sinus conditions. At any rate, because of my place of residence, I cannot be accused of writing this out of any blind parochialism. I defend the flag not because it is "mine," but because it deserves to be defended.

Mr. Hewlett had a lot to say about how the Confederate flag is a symbol of "[a] time when black women were raped and black men were emasculated... when

being black and being American were two different things." To him, "[the flag] represents oppression." Fair enough. But he is very unkind to those of us who see things differently (we figure prominently in his piece as "supposedly intelligent human beings").

To us, the Confederate flag represents, in addition to the injustices alluded to by Mr. Hewlett, honor, integrity, duty, and aristocracy in its best sense. We should remember the extraordinary character of those who fought under it: men from every walk of life exhibiting an awesome ferocity in the defense of their homeland.

It is difficult to respect federal soldiers in the same way; let us remember, by and large Northerners fought not for the liberation of black folk (for whom they cared little), but for the solidification of Northern power over the agrarian South.

The Confederate flag is not the only Southern icon under attack these days; even our respected patriarch Robert E. Lee has been lambasted by revisionists. Both Lee and the flag have detractors and fans, running the gamut from those who see in them only the evils of slavery to those who over-romanticize

Confederate history until it becomes a sort of civic religion. We should be wary of extremes.

The characters of Lee, of the South, of the flag: none of these are spotless. But is surely unfair to pigeonhole any one of them as "inappropriate" or evil. A flag is a symbol; the only way it can be evil is if that which it represents is evil. Are we prepared to render such a harsh judgment on the South? Surely not, for to do so would be absurd and grossly inhumane.

In effect, I would challenge Mr. Hewlett to move beyond his own sensibilities, to examine the flag in a more universal light. On one hand, it does stand for an age in which WASPs were dominant or at least more so than they are now; on the other hand, some of those WASPs were men like Robert E. Lee. Men who, while imperfect, history has judged to have been honorable and decent.

If many Southerners, and many Americans too, choose to see the Confederate flag as (on balance) a symbol of that kind of nobility of character, that is their right. I encourage them to display it with pride.

LETTERS

Dean thanks FOC, others who helped orientation

To the editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly the entire W&L community for providing such a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the class of 1997 during the Freshman Orientation program.

Of particular importance was the work of the Freshman Orientation Committee, and its leadership, Carlin Jones and Phil McCoy, and the Dormitory Counselors, all of whom gave unflinchingly of themselves. Planning and organizing orientation activities and staffing virtually every orientation

event—from Playfair to airport shuttles—made for a very smooth opening week.

Thanks also go to: Mr. Jim Arthur, Mr. Randolph Hare, Mr. Bill Radford, and their staff who saw to it that all of the dormitories and other facilities were in immaculate condition for Check-in day; Mr. Jerry Darrell and Mr. John Taffe and their staff who furnished the culinary touches for several meetings and special occasions; Jim Farrar, RobMish, Jerilyn Farren, Southern Comfort, Jubilee, General Admission and Gordon Spice

for providing a festive Alumni Association BBQ and choral program.

Special kudos to Sue Krawchuk for her extraordinary work with virtually every aspect of orientation; Fran Kefalas and Nikki Magaziner for their work with the Freshman Record; Ms. Joan Neel and the APO Service Fraternity for excellent leadership of community service activity; Professor Kirk Follo and the Outing Club for organizing the hike to the saddle of House Mountain and the Chessie Trail walk; Professor Taylor Sanders for his remarks on the history and traditions of W&L; Bob Tompkins,

Professor Lamar Cecil and the Executive Committee for a meaningful orientation to the Honor System.

Others too numerous to mention also contributed to the Freshman Orientation program, and this general note must suffice as a thank you. I am pleased that the Class of 1997 was the beneficiary of such a community effort!

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Manning
Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life

GENERAL NOTES

Annual Fund

The Development Office is looking for enthusiastic students willing to work with the Annual Fund activities such as coordinating student phonathons. Applications will be available Thursday, Sept. 30, outside of Carol Calkins office. If you have any questions please contact Maureen Levey at 463-8487.

Resumes

There will be a resume workshop on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. This workshop is open to all students.

Career Tests

There will be a career test interpretation at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7 in Room 109 of the University Center. Those who have taken the career tests and have not attended an interpretation session should attend at this time.

Pre-Law

The Pre-Law Society will meet in room 221 of the Commerce School at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, Oct. 7, with members of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Activities for the academic year will be discussed and officers will be elected. In addition, undergraduates will be paired with law student mentors from PAD. All undergraduate students considering law school after graduation are invited to attend. For further information, contact Professor Lewis G. John in Room 125-B of the Commerce School.

Study Abroad

Representatives of the following organizations will be on campus next week to talk with students about opportunities for study abroad.

Beaver College with programs in the United Kingdom, Greece, and Australia — Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Baker 106.

Marymount College with internships in London — Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Baker 106.

American Institute of Foreign Study with programs throughout Europe — Friday, Oct. 8, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.

For more information, contact Kirk Follo at 462-8828.

Movies

Women's Forum will have a movie night this Sunday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arlington Women's Center, complete with popcorn. All women and men are invited to join, and bring your favorite movies for us to choose from.

Club Hockey

There will be a meeting of club ice hockey on Monday, Oct. 4, in Commerce School room 323 at 8 p.m. All interested are invited to attend. For more information please call Eric at 464-8879.

Interviews

An interviewing workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. This workshop is mandatory for all seniors planning on participating in practice interviews.

ACLU

There will be an ACLU meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. in the University Center Game Room. For more information call 462-4193.

General Notes are compiled by Sarah Wyatt.

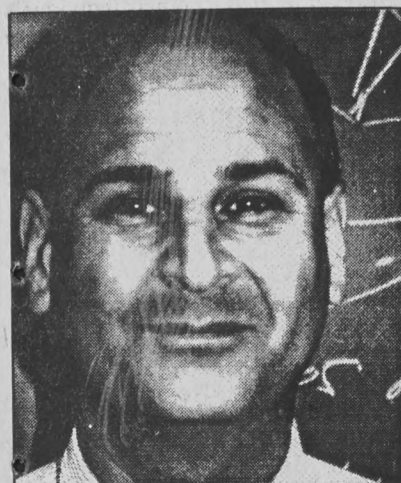
Correction

In the Sept. 24 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* the story "EC allots SAB \$70,000" should have read the Calyx asked for \$28,600 and received \$22,000. The story should also have read Ashby Hackney said Amnesty International would not allow the College Republicans to participate in a Death Penalty demonstration. The Phi apologizes for the errors.

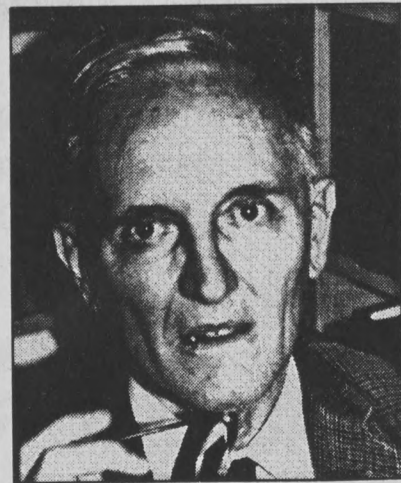
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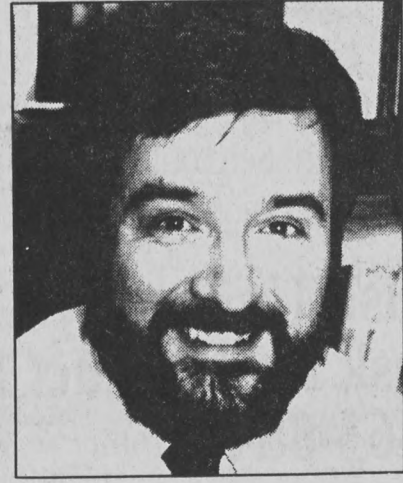
What is the worst thing about being a professor at Washington and Lee?



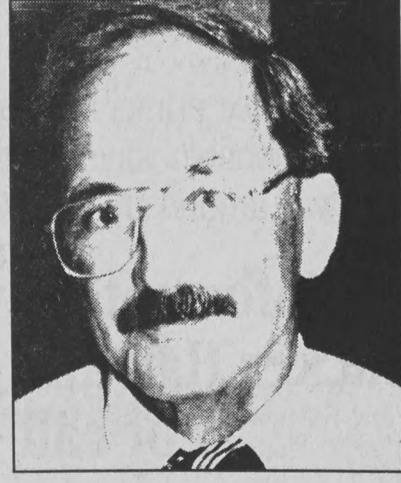
Dr. David Novack, professor of sociology — "Grading examinations."



Dr. J. D. Futch, professor of history — "Washington, D.C. is 190 miles away and I drive never over 40."



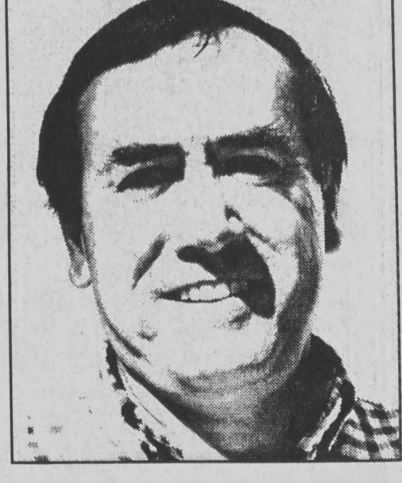
Dr. Michael Anderson, professor of economics — "Being so far away from Wisconsin and the Green Bay Packers."



Dr. Holt Merchant, professor of history — "Committee meetings. They last too long and accomplish too little."



Dr. David Harbor, assistant professor of geology — "Chasing Zeke around campus."



Dr. Barry Machado, professor of history — "Thursday mornings."

FEATURES

Religious involvement on the rise

Campus leaders say growing activity reflects a new outlook

By LAKEISHA TOWNES
Phi Staff Writer

Amid the flurry of academic and social activities at Washington and Lee, there is also an active religious community.

The Registrar's office report on demographic characteristics for 1993-94 shows that 921 students expressed a religious preference. 872 students indicated Christianity as their preference while 34 selected Judaism and 15 chose "other".

Among the denominations of Christianity, the three most popular choices were Catholicism with 275 students, Episcopalian with 192 and Presbyterianism with 127.

Though the total number of students expressing a religious preference has dropped by 229, there is a growing amount of religious activity on campus.

Last year, there were five groups on campus providing religious activities and support.

Hillel, the Jewish student organization, provides a medium for students

and townspeople to participate in religious functions.

Since the nearest synagogue is in Staunton, Hillel is one of the only forums in the county for observing even the major Jewish holidays.

A representative of Hillel could not be reached for comment.

The remaining four groups are all Christian.

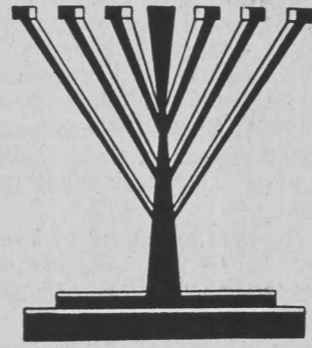
Though there are now enough people interested to sustain this many Christian organizations on campus, participation in religious groups has not always been so popular.

University Registrar Scott Dittman said when he arrived at W&L in the fall of 1985, Christian support was not easy to find. "The first couple of years, the Christians were a real quiet voice on campus."

Then, around 1987, the Christian community experienced "a real movement...an explosion," said Dittman.

More students attended meetings of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IV), Campus Crusade for Christ formed on campus, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) became even more active, Dittman said.

Dittman is excited about what's



going on in the Christian community.

"At least looking at the last eight years, Christians have become more a part of the main campus," Dittman said.

The growing level of student involvement with religious activities has been noticed by many organizational leaders.

"There is much more involvement in every aspect [of InterVarsity]," said junior Katie Stephens, IV president. "I've seen more interest in Bible study and fellowship in general."

"The numbers as a whole at the BSU [Baptist Student Union] have gone up," said junior Alan Carter, BSU president.

He adds that although it takes a while to get freshmen and new Christians involved, he is excited about the increased attendance.

Sophomore Julie Sauers, co-leader of FCA, is also encouraged by the growth of Christian involvement.

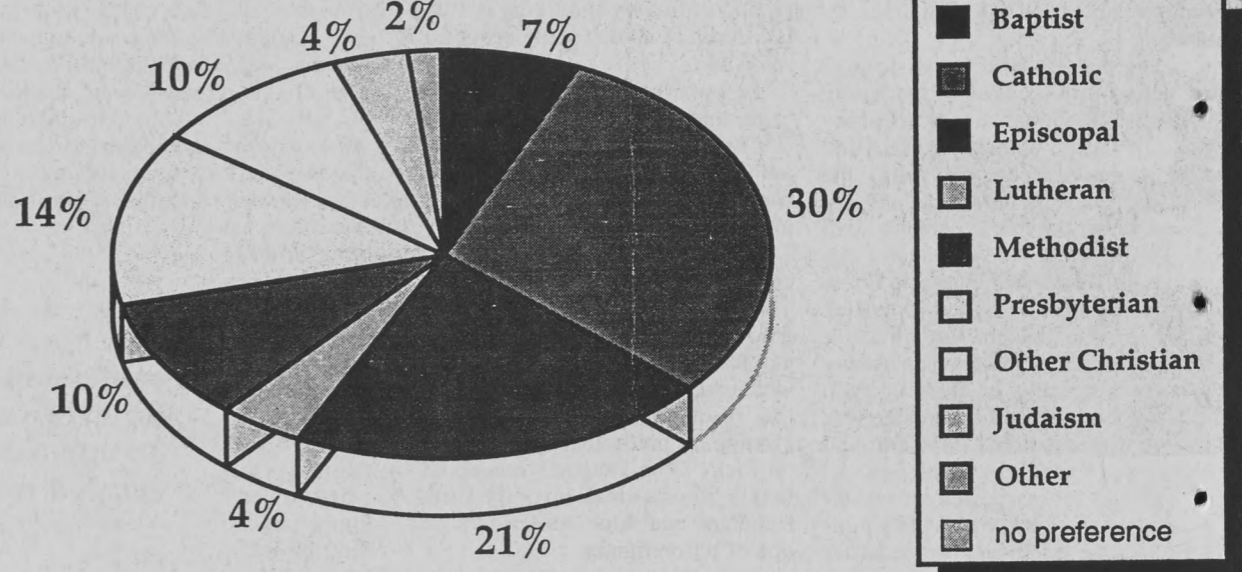
"There is definitely more interest," she said, "FCA seems to be growing."

"There's a definite increase," said Catholic Campus Minister Burr Datz. Datz, a 1975 W&L graduate, said students are more involved with the church and living out their faith.

"I get a sense that people just want to get in touch with God," Datz said.

He said more students are attending retreats and activities at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and those who regularly attend often bring friends. Datz said he is encouraged by the growth.

He sees the increased activity as part of a different approach to religion. "[Christianity] is not just an hour on Sunday, it's a way of living."



Theatre department sets cast for *The Flies*

From Staff Reports

The Theatre Department has set the cast for its first production of the year.

Senior Heather Aussiker and freshman Dan Tipton will perform the roles of Electra and Orestes in Jean-Paul Sartre's play *The Flies*.

The Flies focuses on the children of Greek hero Agamemnon during the fall of his great house. Sartre is arguably the most well-known practitioner of French existentialism.

Other Washington and Lee students with featured roles are senior Ellen Dean as Clytemnestra and freshman Jason Shaffer as the tutor of Orestes. Acting in the roles of townspeople are sophomores Phaedra Cianciulli and Jeanne Dillon, juniors James Durbin and Brian McClung, freshman Ian Leavy and senior Avery Rembowski.

The roles of Zeus and Aegisthus will be performed by community members Tom Raisbeck and Mark Daughtrey.

The play will be directed by Al Gordon.

Performances begin Oct. 22 at 8:00 p.m. and end with the 8:00 p.m. show on Oct. 30. Other performances are on the 23rd, 25th, and 26th at 8:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. on the 24th and 30th.

Contrary to the schedule listed in the season brochure, the performance on the 29th will be at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Lenfest Box Office (463-8000) from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours before any performance.

Other theatre department events this year will include the December production of *The Lady's Not For Burning*, a senior thesis directed by Rosanne Cornbrooks.

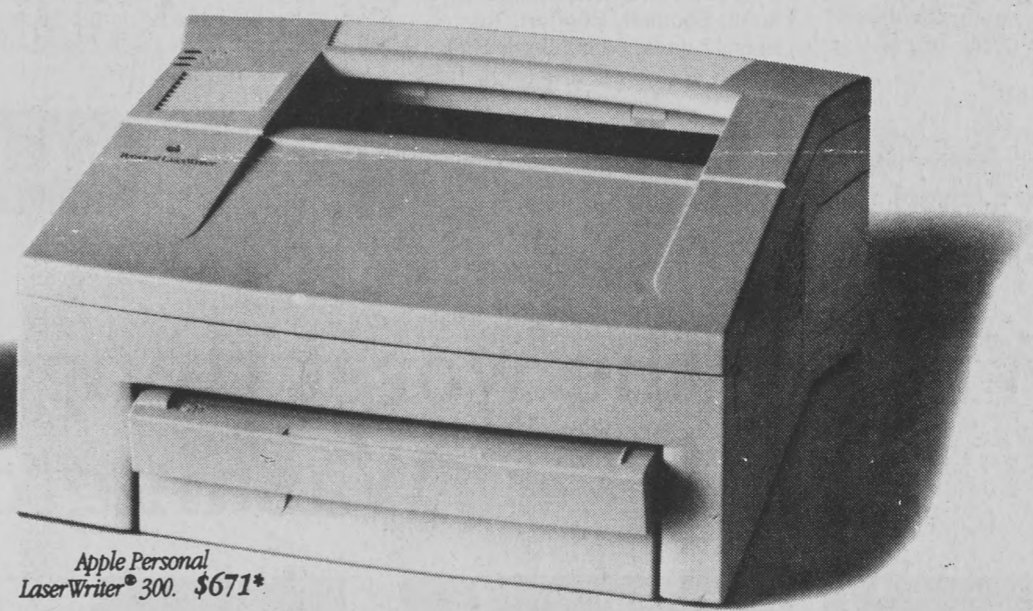
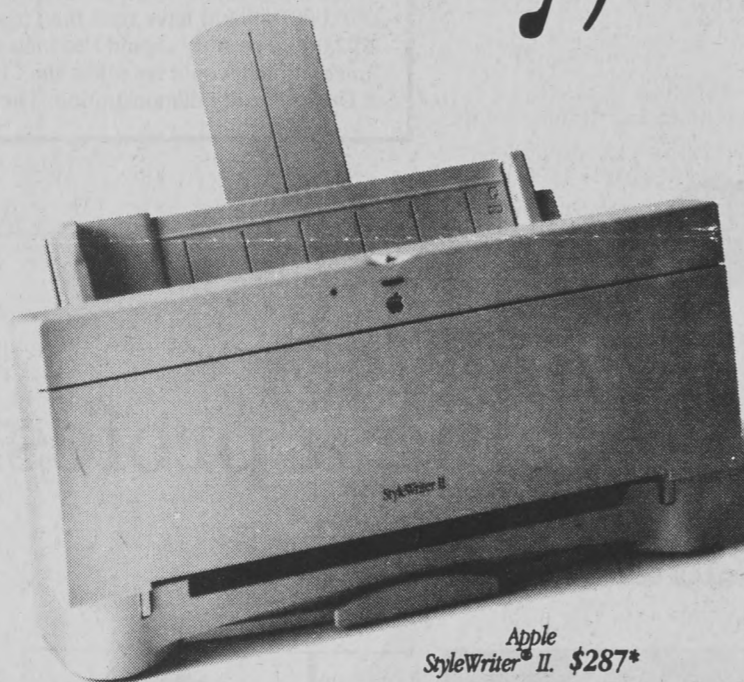
In February, Noel Coward's comedy *Blithe Spirit* will be presented.

The Annual Festival of One-Act Plays will showcase student directors this March as a project of the Advanced Directing class.


The grand finale of the year comes in May with the production of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*—the first fully staged opera organized by the theatre and music departments in over 30 years.



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FEATURES

Day-care center evolves in Lexington



Left: children who attend Yellow Brick road enjoy playtime. The children are also given more structured activities throughout the day.

Below: There are several teachers in the Yellow Brick Daycare center. Each teacher is responsible for an age-group.

Photos by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi



majority of parents desperately seeking child care in the area had no way to pay for it. An extensive scholarship system was set up to help local parents afford the often expensive costs of child care.

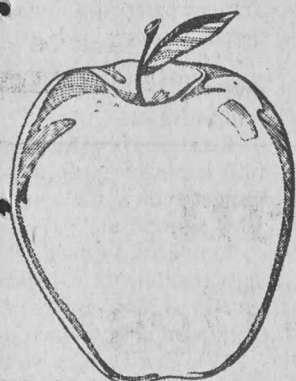
As part of its outreach program in 1978, the Episcopal church contributed the use of its basement and utilities for \$25 a month.

Mohring, known as "Hunter" to the children, says that even with her "pretty title" of executive director, she fills any role she needs to. Some days, she makes lunch for the children with cherry tomatoes from her own garden.

As she grates carrots for a salad, a little student waltzes in wearing a princess costume to say hello. Hunter takes all the interruptions in stride saying "we've got to deal with the kids as individuals."

The only other licensed child care center in Rockbridge County is in a Buena Vista woman's home. However, Yellow Brick Road is receiving its most noticeable competition from the new Montessori school in Lexington. The center cares for 23 children daily, the majority of them for 40 hours a week.

Hunter said that her job is a very gratifying one, although it gets very hectic at times. She said that she read in a magazine somewhere that "child care workers hear as much loud noise in a week as a construction worker with a jackhammer in six hours."



By Hillary Olson
Phi Staff Writer

In an alleyway, nestled between crowded buildings, sits the kingdom of Yellow Brick Road Child Care. Centered in the basement of the Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church, Yellow Brick Road is one of only two licensed child care centers in all of Rockbridge County. As administered by Ms. Hunter Mohring, executive director of the center, it is an environment that gives children "as much free time as possible, for kids are born to learn."

The Yellow Brick Road program began in 1976 in a woman's basement as part of her master's degree program. The program grew into a non-profit company when people realized that the

Homecoming weekend offers more than football

From Staff Reports

The Lexington city streets will once again host the sights and sounds of Washington and Lee's Homecoming Parade next Saturday, October 9.

Starting at Brewbaker Field, the parade will come into town on Main Street and then head toward campus on Washington Street. The procession is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Various university groups will build and drive floats in the parade depicting a theme representing either their respective organization or depicting the Generals' victory at the football game later in the day.

Lexington fire departments, rescue teams and local officials will also participate. The Liberty Hall Volunteers will march in Colonial militia attire.

The bands of Rockbridge County High School and Lylburn Downing Middle School will provide music for participants and observers.

The tradition of the Homecoming Parade was revived by Kathekon, the student alumni group.

Other Homecoming Weekend activities include alumni receptions, lectures, concerts, and the football game against the Davidson Wildcats.

Members of W&L classes 1990-93 will participate in an event called "Cluster Reunion". The new program gives younger alumni a means to participate in campus events before the traditional five-year reunion.

The "Five-Star Generals", alumni of W&L classes from 50 or more years ago, will attend an honorary dinner in the Evans Dining Hall Friday evening.

Two lectures will also be offered on Friday. The John Randolph Tucker Lecture will be given at 12:10 p.m. in Lewis Hall by The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. senior judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia.

Accounting professor Lyn F. Wheeler, history professor Roger B. Jeans, Jr., and associate professor of administration Kip M. Pirkle will host a seminar titled "From Communism to Capitalism: Can the Red Giants Play Ball?" The seminar will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

There will also be an alumni reception at the Alumni House at 6:00 p.m.

Jubilee, Southern Comfort, and the W&L Choral ensembles will perform at 8:45 p.m. in the Keller Theatre at the Lenfest Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

Saturday's festivities include the beloved football game and the crowning of the 1993 Homecoming queen.



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Administrators rejoice over ranking rise

By MICHELLE BRIEN
Phi News Editor

Administrators and admissions office representatives are savoring Washington and Lee's 20th place finish in U.S. News and World Report's best colleges issue.

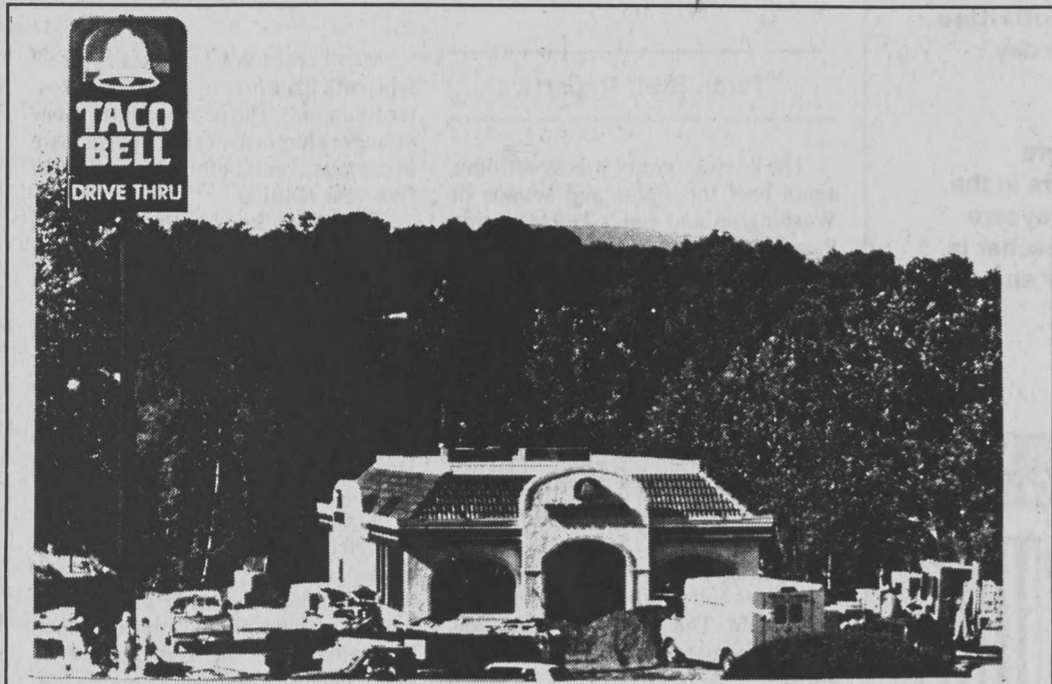
"We are very proud to be in the company of the fine colleges on the list," said Assistant Director of Admissions Rob Aliff. "It's important because when (high school) students see us listed as a top college, it does draw some

applications we wouldn't normally see." W&L moved up two places from the past two years' 22nd place finishes. But Dean of Students David Howison said that the specific ranking is not what matters. "The range is very narrow from 15 to 25," said Howison. "The fact is that we are part of that very distinguished group." But, said Howison, the fact that W&L's ranking is high on the scale does have its advantages. "[This report] has become in higher educa-

tion a very important resource," Howison said. "There is no question that parents and kids look to that issue to make a decision." Aliff agreed. "[Our ranking in the report] helps people to know we have a solid academic program. We are in the same category as other colleges with high academic reputations, and reputation is key," said Aliff. While the overall score placed W&L at 20, the school rated better in some areas than higher ranking schools. For example, W&L proved to

be one of the most selective schools in the top 20, admitting only 29 percent of its applicants. Only the top two schools, Amherst College and Williams College in Massachusetts, had lower acceptance rates. W&L and Davidson, in North Carolina, were the only southern schools in the top 25 ranking. W&L rode fairly low on the education program per student and financial resources lists, spending about \$14,965 per student and placing 48th on the financial resources scale.

Howison offered an explanation for this. said that W&L's endowment level is low compared with other schools, but W&L tuition is also low. Students are not making for low endowment by paying higher tuition. W&L just offers a quality education for a low money. "But this year's ranking is shiny, happy news for W&L." "It certainly makes my job easier," said Aliff.



Construction workers put the finishing touches on Lexington's newest restaurant. Fear not, true believers. The long-awaited Mexican eatery will open soon.

Run for the border...

By BUNNY WONG
Phi Staff Writer

Lexington will soon offer yet another alternative to D-Hall dining—Taco Bell is due to open sometime next week.

America's south-of-the-border fast food eatery has been under construction for the last 75

days and was scheduled to open on September 27. Bad weather pushed the date to next week. "It all depends on the weather," said owner Tassos Paphites. The earliest Taco Bell can open its doors is October 6, if skies stay sunny. According to Paphites, the

Taco Bell site was chosen because it met demographic criteria. It is supposed to do well, being between two cities and near two universities. "We're real excited about it," said Paphites. The Taco Bell address is 9541, located on Route 60. Taco Bell is owned by Burgerbusters, Inc.

IFC hands out two violations

➔RUSH, from page one

Both fraternities received a \$1500 fine and one week social probation. Since both fraternities received the violation last Friday night they will not lose any Tear Night activities. "They started it [social probation] the night they got the violation, and it'll be over by Friday night," Donaldson said.

Additionally, neither fraternity lost any parties since They Might Be Giants played last weekend and no fraternity functions were scheduled. "They really picked a good weekend for it," Donaldson said. Donaldson however was quick to point out far fewer Rush violations had occurred this year. Last year, there were between five and eight violations. This year, the number of Rush violations has decreased dramatically," Donaldson said.

VMI proposes solution

➔VMI, from page one

50, the students would be lodged in the now defunct Staunton Military Academy which was bought by Mary Baldwin and is adjacent to the school. Kcade said that Mary Baldwin bought Staunton Military Academy in 1976. Kcade said that students would have their own living quarters, but it hasn't been determined whether they will live on the original campus or the former Staunton Military Academy. Strickler said that students would take 12-18 hours of Leadership courses that would make up a Leadership minor. In addition to that, students would be required to take four years of intensive physical education and ROTC training. Kcade adds that students would be required to

take an "externship", or an internship, with a corporation in the public or private sector. Furthermore, Strickler said that like VMI, there would be an Honor Code established at the Leadership Institute in addition to the rigorous physical training and ROTC. However, that is where the similarities end. Strickler said that there will not be a rat line system at the Leadership Institute. Strickler believes that the rat line would be unsuitable for women. "It would be very tough for women to go through the type of training that the Cadets go through here," said Strickler. Kcade also said that research shows that women learn differently and do not develop self-

confidence well. "We would want to set up an environment conducive to women for learning, character building, and development of self-confidence," said Kcade. Chris Meyers, a 1st Classman and senior, believes that women would not be able to handle the rigorous physical and mental training the Cadets go through. "If I had a daughter I would feel uncomfortable with her going through what we go through in the rat line," said Meyers. According to Strickler, to allow women into VMI would destroy its uniqueness. "If women were admitted to VMI, the system would change," said Strickler. He said that VMI has an open-air environment—no bathrooms in the room, entirely open-

spaced toilets and showers. Meyers said that allowing women into VMI would create tension between the sexes. "You're going to feel uncomfortable when you're forced to accept something that you don't want to accept," said Meyers. Strickler believes that VMI is a unique part of the higher educational system. "VMI is just a sample of the diversity in higher education," said Strickler. Kcade said that Mary Baldwin fully intends to go ahead with the project even if the court rejects VMI's proposal. "We see it as a wonderful opportunity," said Kcade.

Annie brought up to date

➔ANNIE, from page one

The library now holds subscriptions to two new databases, which are available through Liberty. The subscriptions, which are paid for out of the library's budget, make the information free to all W&L faculty and students. The new databases are UnCover and FirstSearch. A third Database soon to be added is Lexis-Nexis. UnCover is produced by the Colorado Association of Research Libraries (CARL). It contains listings of the tables of contents of almost 15,000 journals owned by Colorado libraries. Users can search the database by subject or by title. FirstSearch is new this year. It holds specialized databases like Medline, which indexes medical literature. It also gives access to listings of government publications and the MLA bibliography. FirstSearch,

while free to students, costs the library about fifty cents for each search, and its use is therefore restricted to people at W&L. Lexis-Nexis will be a full-text database, and not just a bibliographical or abstract listing like most others. It will give access to periodical articles by title. Lexis-Nexis contains mostly legal information and specialized publications. Because of the nature of the new databases, the library may cancel some subscriptions to paper periodicals after a trial period. Blackmer said that some CD-Rom subscriptions have already been canceled because FirstSearch appears to be cheaper. John Doyle, an associate law librarian, created Netlink on the library menu. This program has made W&L internationally known in the computing world because it has combined 2777 information points (library databases, gophers, bibliographies, etc.), and

adds new items every day. It includes listing such as Compact Disk Connection, an on-line electronic catalogue that allows users to order CDs with a credit card over E-mail. The popularity of this system, however, has forced the university to place limits on the number of outside users that can access it simultaneously. Blackmer said that to learn how to use the new system, students need to "just play around with it." He said that the library has considered offering help sessions, but that he does not anticipate an enthusiastic response to these. Students can also obtain help at the library reference desk and in the computer center. The developments in the library's computer resources are continuing, said Blackmer. He called the databases "libraries without walls that leak into the Internet," and said that their capabilities are "so powerful and so full of potential that it is overwhelming."

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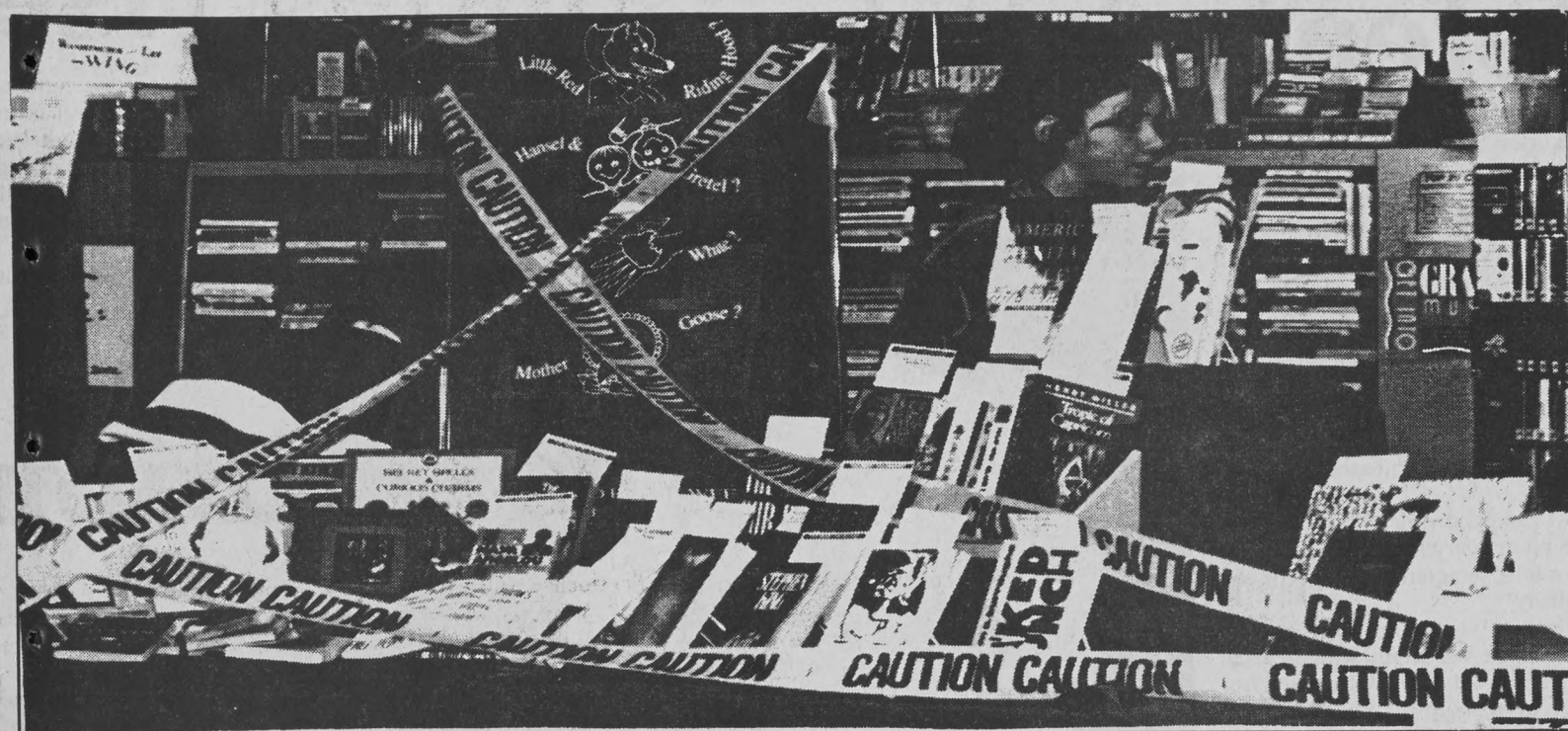


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Naughty Reading

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Peck challenges department ruling

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ing into the options open to her. She discovered she could appeal the decision after looking into guidelines set for professors by the American Association of University Professors [the AAUP].

"I was unaware I had this option because the faculty handbook doesn't set it out," she said. "But the AAUP says there ought to be a process to hear a case about inadequate consideration."

The AAUP stipulates that a committee composed of elected faculty members should hear cases in which a faculty member challenges negative decisions because of inadequate consideration or more substantial considerations such as discrimination or denial of academic freedom. At W&L there is no standing committee to hear such cases.

The President's Advisory Committee, which is composed of six elected faculty members and 3 deans, is the most similar to the committee recommended by the AAUP. The members of the faculty on the committee are elected by the entire faculty and serve for three years. Currently, the President's Advisory Committee is the committee who reviews all tenure decisions and all promotions. Until now the committee has never handled a

non-renewal case.

Professor H. Thomas Williams, Jr., chair of the President's Advisory Committee, said the committee has not been formally charged by President John D. Wilson to review Peck's petition. Once charged, however, the deans would not take part in the formal deliberations of the appeal.

According to Williams, there are two issues to be considered in Peck's appeal.

"Two issues are at point here. One is procedure and the other is about the fairness of the outcome," Williams said. "The committee's responsibility will be limited to one charge and that is if the English department followed the agreed upon procedures."

He added the "committee will in no way look at if the decision of the English Department was right or wrong."

Craun learned of Peck's intention to file an appeal in late July when he received a copy of the letter she had sent to Wilson requesting a review of the department's judgment. Craun has yet to see the actual petition.

"We don't know what she has alleged but we are confident in the process and that it has been set up fairly," Craun said.

Peck would not comment on the specifics of her appeal. However, according to Wilson, who will formally charge the committee on Monday, her

appeal will allege the English department did not follow standard procedure.

"The AAUP stipulates that inadequate consideration is the threshold allegation and should be first dealt with," Wilson said. "Judging by her initial reaction, I fully expect there will be a second petition."

Peck's decision to file the 67-page appeal was strengthened by the support she received from both students and faculty members.

"There were some professors and students who asked if there was anything they could do and I began thinking of asking the department for reconsideration."

Some students even wrote letters to the department asking for reconsideration," she said.

Junior Melissa Miller was one student who sent a letter to the department requesting a review of Peck's case.

"Professor Peck is one of the best professors here," Miller said. "When I talked to Professor Craun, I was given no real answer as to why she was let go. I'm not sure she received one."

Miller believes the English department did not have just cause to terminate Peck's contract and did not take student opinion adequately into consideration.

"Everyone I talked to had very positive things to say. I got no negative

responses," Miller said. "I expect they will disregard student opinion [about the appeal]. Look at the way they did it with Professor Lynch."

Although the department did receive some letters from students after the decision had been made, Craun said the department opted not to reconsider.

"The tenured members of the faculty decided not to reconsider their decision based on [the letters]," he said. "The group decided there had been a fair evaluation already."

Because the appeal is the first of its kind, no one involved with the case is sure how to proceed next or how long it will be before a decision is reached.

"I have no experience with this type of procedure," Williams said. "It [the appeal] could drag out for the semester but the hope is, on both sides, that it won't."

Although Peck feels "students should let their voices count," she wants to "see the process move along as objectively as possible without any outside interference."

The English department, Craun said, is not worried about the appeal.

"I think I can safely say for my colleagues that we have nothing to fear from a review," Craun said. "The faculty handbook is our guide and it is quite explicit about those things that need to be considered."

W&L tries to comply with ADA

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee campus needs some work, at least when it comes to serving the handicapped.

The university is currently working to comply with the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This law became effective in July 1992, and prohibits discrimination based on an individual's impairment.

The ADA applies to all private employers, state and local governments, government agencies, and labor unions. Violations of ADA cannot be criminally prosecuted, but if the institution does not respond adequately to a complainant's request, that institution is liable for punitive damages. However, the university could be prosecuted under state law, as well as be liable for damages.

The state of Virginia's code, the Human Rights Act, coincides with the new federal anti-discrimination laws. According to the ADA Handbook (which is published by the Department of Justice and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), violations of the Human Rights Act now fall under the same repercussions as those applicable to race, sex, national origin, and religious discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Director of Capital Planning Frank Parsons has made arrangements for handicapped students, faculty, staff and visitors over the years.

"For now, the most difficult problem is dealing with campus visitors who have special needs that we can not anticipate. However, when we know we will have these visitors, we see that

they are taken care of (when on the campus)," Parsons said.

"We know what the (new ADA) regulations are, and as problems are brought to our attention, we do the best that we can," he added.

The protection laws concerning physical addition (the installation of ramps, elevators, etc.) can exempt some buildings if it can be proven that the alterations would be an "undue hardship" on the operation of the establishment that owns the building or in buildings of a historical nature, such as the academic buildings on the Colonnade.

Gaines Hall and Graham-Lees dormitory are up to ADA standards, but Woods Creek apartments are not. According to Parsons, not all university housing must comply with the regulations, as long as a handicapped-accessible alternative is provided for those students requiring it.

The newly-built Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon houses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, as part of their compliance with ADA.

However, the other renovated fraternity houses only had to comply with the Fair Housing Act at the time they were constructed.

"Had we had to comply with the ADA at the time of the renovations, the university could not have afforded fraternity renaissance," Parsons said.

Because the university now owns all of the fraternity properties, it now shares liability for lawsuits that may result from discrimination or lack of accommodation for the handicapped on the part of the fraternities.

The new science building will be built according to ADA specifications. The recently-opened Watson Pavilion also complies with ADA.

EC, Pub Board clash

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"The fact remains," said Richardson, "this money was taken from the Pub Board without approval."

E.C. President Bob Tompkins said he wished to discuss the situation with Assistant Controller Don Holt and past E.C. President Bo Russell before any further action is taken. Russell was E.C. President at the time of the budgeting error and authorized the transfers of funds.

Russell distributed the money to two campus clubs: The Ring-tum Phi got \$5,000 and Club Volleyball got \$700. The E.C. did not have an explanation for why Russell illegally took the funds from the Pub Board reserve.

During its annual budget hearings, the E.C. tentatively set aside \$2,700 to bring the Pub Board Reserve back up to its minimum level, but \$3,000 more is needed to fully reimburse the board.

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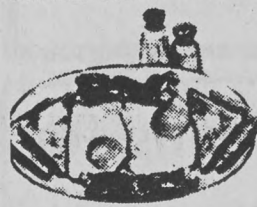
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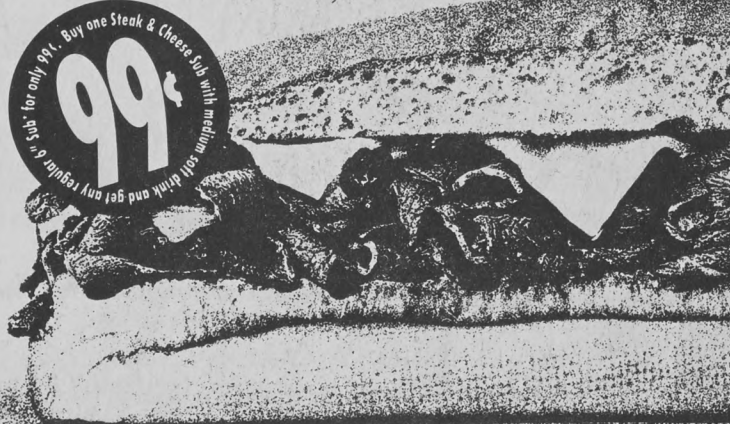
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SPORTS

Schaeffer undefeated; sets record again

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Sports Editor

Where can a girl go from here?
Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer has achieved far more than the human mind can conceive or the human body should be able to endure. For the first time in Washington and Lee history, a cross country athlete has gone undefeated, setting the course record on each of three courses she has raced on, re-setting the school record, and sat out practice because of a spider bite.

Yes, Schaeffer was bitten by a spider bite this week, but never fear, she said as she ran back and forth on the Washington and Lee track, "It feels good now. Well, not good, but..." and

she laughed.
Running 45-50 miles a week to stay on her toes, the least of Schaeffer's worries is a little insignificant pain that doesn't affect her performance (she intends to race this weekend at the Frostburg Invitational, Oct. 2). Top on her list of Thing to Worry About: where to go from here?

A two-time All-American, Schaeffer's margin of victory (a new statistic I personally created for this unprecedented necessity) is now 1:12.6 for the season. That means that she has beaten the entire field at each of her cross country meets so far this season (one which contained over 200 runners) by an average of one minute, twelve and two-thirds seconds.

Last weekend Schaeffer ran in the

Dickinson open and re-set her own school record and personal record, a four-second improvement at 17:50. This was also a course record; Schaeffer has set three course records in as many meets this year.

Her time helped Washington and Lee to a second-place finish in the meet, after a Division II team, Millersville. Teammate and sophomore Amy Mears finished a strong eighth with a time of 19:47.

Schaeffer was pleased with the course.

"It had good variety," she said. "A little bit of everything; hills and good down-hills, some terrain, and even good weather."

Hesitant to call any performance her best, she was happy with the race.

"I still want to work hard and improve even more by the end of the season, but I'm pleased," she said.

What sets Schaeffer apart? No one seems to have an answer for that all important question. Some have the gall to ask, What's so special about that? Running around and around really fast?

Well, anyone cannot do it. (I tried.) It is a unique talent; whether it is her technique, her genetic make-up, her long history of intensive training (Schaeffer was running road races in grade school) or her work ethic, not even her coaches can tell us. They just know that they are happy to have her.

Last year, Schaeffer blew the competition's minds not only locally but nationally, as she came on the National Track and Field Championships with a provisional qualifying time (significantly below the time required to automatically qualify an athlete to advance to the National competition for Division III) and astounded her competition by finishing second for an All-American honor and a new school and personal record.

When every personal record one sets is a school record, every time one sets is a course record, running could get blasé. But Josephine Schaeffer just keeps running, laughing about an infected spider bite and hoping to improve.

There's nowhere to go but up, Josephine.



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File photo

Schaeffer runs to second place at last year's track and field championships in Berea, Ohio.

Schaeffer works on one of her 45-50 miles she runs every week with the Washington and Lee woman's cross country team to prepare her for another All-American hopeful season.

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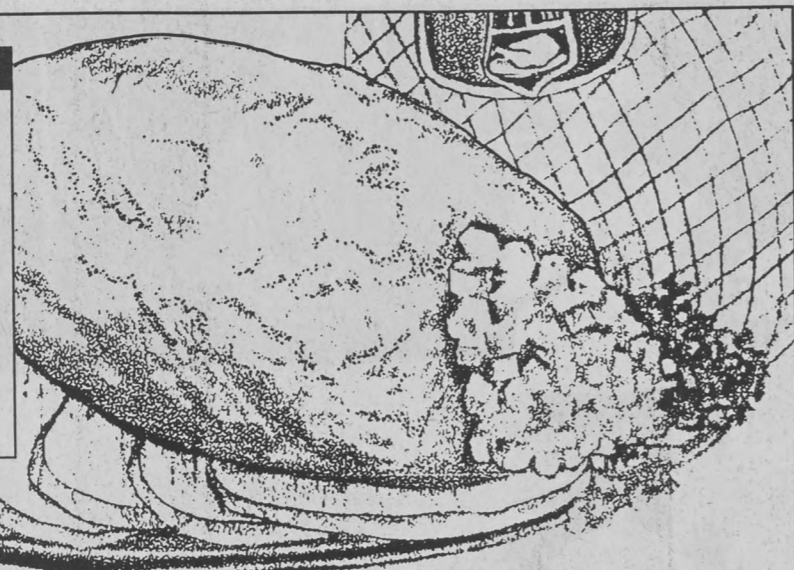
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W&L water polo dips in Pacific; sinks two of three Calif. teams

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Sports Editor

Weekending in California, the Washington and Lee water polo team swam in a few pools, caught a few rays, and won two of three tough games against top California teams.

Appearing at Claremont-McKenna for the dedication game of the new pool in Claremont, the Generals fell 11-5 after senior Greg Golub, injured in the second game of the weekend, decided he could not play.

This game was encompassed, however, by two big wins over Pomona, 16-5 and Loyola Marymount, 13-12.

Coach Page Remillard said the Loyola Marymount game was a thriller.

"It was a one-goal game all the way," he said. "We scored with 19 seconds to go in the game to win."

The game was a nail-biter the whole way; 3-3 at the end of the first quarter, 5-4 W&L at the end of the half, and 8-8 at the end of the third. Loyola Marymount scored with a second to go in both the second and third quarters, keeping the Generals on their toes until the final two seconds, when a shot in goal by Loyola was negated by a viola-

tion, and Washington and Lee could breathe fairly easily; though they had the ball deep in enemy territory.

"It wasn't over until the buzzer sounded," said Remillard.

Washington and Lee, with five players who call California home on its roster, as well as coach with California coaching experience, were at home in the land of sun. The Generals had traveled to the Pacific once before, six years ago, to face Pomona and University of California at San Diego, one of the best teams in water polo.

"It was more like a bowl-game experience," said Remillard, who cited the hosts at Claremont treating the team to meals and even a trip to the beach. The mighty Generals were not to be distracted, however, and pulled off an upset, a win and a tough loss.

"There were no hitches; everything was just like clockwork," said Remillard. "We went there to play water polo, and we did a heck of a good job."

Other teams, Remillard reported, were surprised to see an east coast team play so intensely.

"Loyola Marymount was not expecting the tenacity of our players; some voiced doubts about our ability,

and our players overheard," he said.

This obvious mistake helped W&L hold on for a final victory, bringing its record to 5-5 on the season.

Probably the toughest season the Washington and Lee water polo team has ever faced, 1993 will be a success if the Generals finish above the .500 mark.

"If we are going to come out over the mark, we are going to have to pull an upset sometime this season," said Remillard. "We're preparing ourselves to pull that upset; we don't know when, but we'll be ready."

Facing tough competition this weekend, the Generals will host an Eastern Water Polo Association Tournament at Cy Twombly Pool. Up against the Generals are Princeton, Georgetown and Johns Hopkins.

"Princeton is definitely the toughest of the teams, and Johns Hopkins beat us once this year," said Remillard. "We probably need to win two of three to have any opportunity of post-season play."

Washington and Lee is a young team, with plenty of bright future (though as it may be) ahead. This team, 5-5 thus far, could be going places.

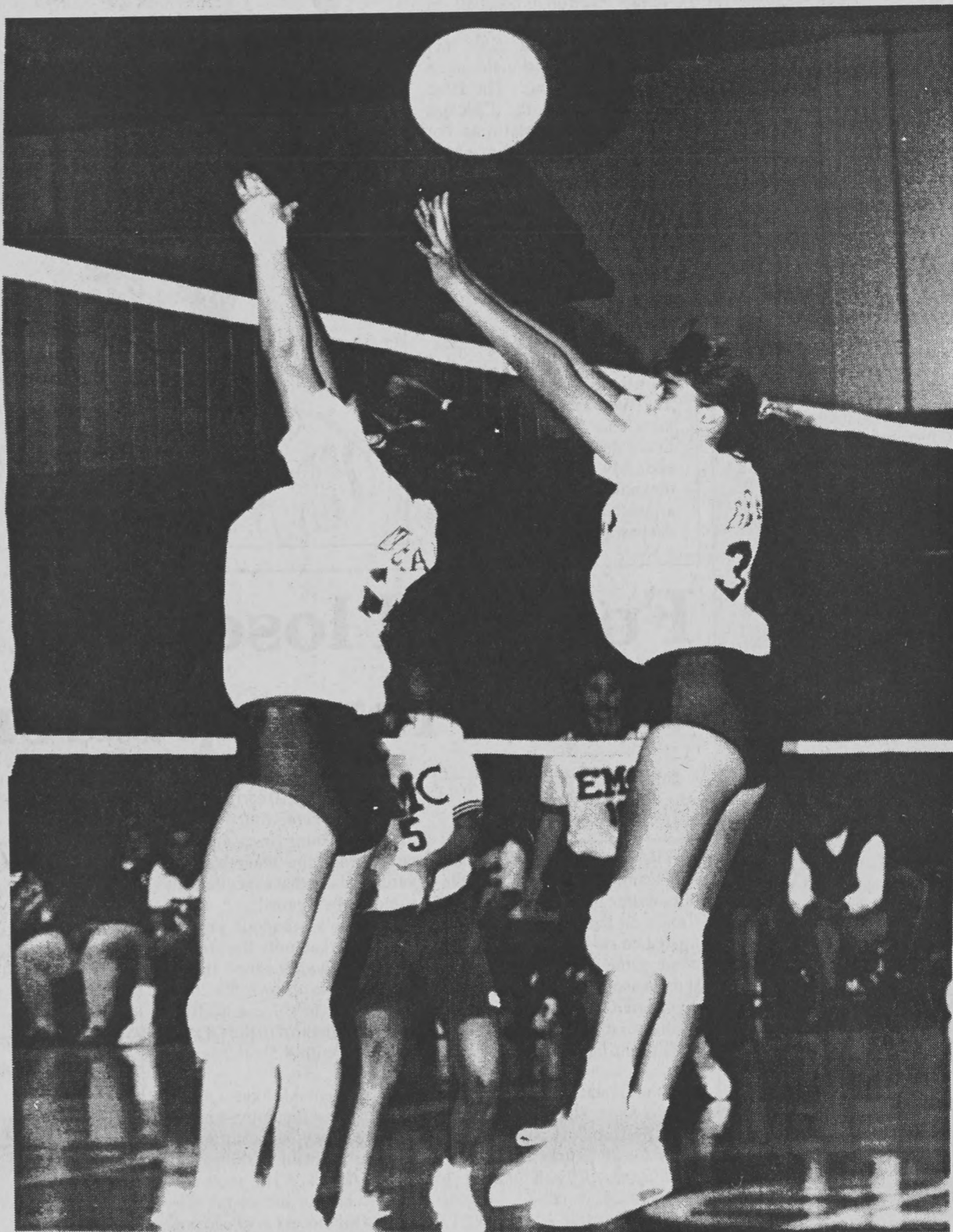


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Various random notes...

SARAH ON SPORTS

BY SARAH GILBERT

This week I'd just like to comment on some random sporting events and occurrences in the community, as sports columnists are privileged to do...

First, rugby. I attended part of a game today, and it's exciting. Scrumming is actually as good as it sounds. When the boys in rugby shirts (yes, the sport is the origin of the clothing item) start scrumming, you actually can see why they call it a scrum.

The action stops often, though, so perhaps this is not the perfect sport. Our club team is serious and hard working, though, and worth checking out.

Second, the importance of football. It has been brought to my attention that some feelings were hurt when I said, mostly in jest, that football was the most important sport in the sports section.

Well, I'm sorry. As anyone can see from the appearance of this front sports page, football is not the most important. I like to think that all sports are equally important, but some do more spectacularly well than others on some weeks.

This week, football played a big game for the Hall of Fame presentations and the gridgers played hard, and I am very proud of them, but women's soccer deserved the press for an impressive 5-1 start on an important season. Just as a not of explanation.

Third, the Major General. Some of you may be wondering about this new feature in the Ring-tum Phi sports section. Washington and Lee University Radio Sports and the Ring-tum Phi sports section have decided to work in collaboration to crown and publicize the athlete of the month every month at Washington and Lee.

This month, we have chosen Corinda Hankins for her comeback from a year abroad to lead the soccer team to its aforementioned impressive start. Congratulations, Corinda.

To recap the Bocci situation: we won, 18-negative 1. Slightly decisive. We are hoping to win it all (high hopes for such a young sport, I know, but bocci is truly a fever).

To celebrate/hype our win, Ring-tum Phi "Catch the Fever" bocci shirts are in the works. Okay, it was all my idea. But hey, I'm an impulsive gal.

And, will the Braves finally win it all this year? Of course not. No team, in my estimation, can get it so wrong so many times (going to the World Series again and again and again is no mean feat, I know, but there is a limit to how much failure sports fans can take) and come back to win it all. Braves fans: if they prove me wrong, I'll humbly beg your apology, because they are a great team worthy of praise. Just don't bet on them.

Lastly, on outdoor sports at Washington and Lee. Sometime in the near or far future (maybe about the same time as those Bocci Championships the Phi is so eagerly awaiting) I'll start a feature on outdoor sports.

If you have a favorite outdoor sport that I might not know about, let me know, call me, fax me, write me, and I'll try to do a story on it. Please, no coked naked anything. That doesn't count.

In parting, this week, I'd like to ask you all to support W&L sports. As several coaches reminded me this week, these guys work hard. See you at the ball game.

Women's soccer extends streak

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Some things don't happen very often. The Washington & Lee women's soccer team defeated Virginia Wesleyan for the first time in school history as the Generals extended their winning streak to four games.

The 3-1 win encompassed the two main strengths of Washington & Lee's team—explosive scoring and ironclad defense. Virginia Wesleyan's goal was the first scored against the Generals in the four game streak. Earlier in the week against Hollins, the Lady Generals not only shut out their opponents, but did not even allow a shot on goal.

On the front line, W&L kept up their torrid scoring pace. After trailing for most of the first half, the offense struck. The W&L squad exploded for three goals in a five minute span. This comes after tallying 8 scores against Hollins.

The season has been a remarkable one for the Lady Generals. The increased offense has meant less pressure on the defense, and as the defense gains

confidence, the wins pile up. "We finally learned how to score," states coach Janine Hathorn. And score they have. After only six games, Washington and Lee has scored 22 goals. Throughout last year's entire season the team amassed only 19.

Another key factor in this year's success is leadership. Only one senior graduated from last year's team. "Last year's experience meant a lot," says Hathorn. The Generals have relied on a balanced attack. Ten different players have scored goals for the team, led by senior Corinda Hankins whose 17 career goals ranks second in team history.

The next three games will mark an acid test for the team according to Hathorn. Games against Emory, Mary Washington, and Trinity will challenge the W&L squad. Hathorn classifies the three opponents as "very similar in style."

Watch the Lady Generals for hot footwork; with the best record in Washington and Lee sports this season, they could be looking at the season of their history.

[See related story, this page, for more information.]



Photo by Nancy Pavlovic, The Ring-tum Phi

Senior Kathleen Eastland courageously fends off an Old Dominion Athletic Conference challenger in the Generals' win over Randolph-Macon Women's College Sept. 16.

MLB postseason picks; unsolicited opinions

AWAY GAMES

By STEPHEN WILLIARD

Barring any natural disasters (earthquakes), there will be a baseball postseason. CBS, NBC, and ESPN have agreed to do 24 hour a day coverage of the games and teams. By chance accident, ESPN commentator Chris Berman was heard to say, "This thing is larger than life! Holy cow, everybody has finally realized that baseball is the only meaningful sport in America!"

Now that I've been waked from that glorious dream (I was booted out of the lounge during a Braves game for Seinfeld.), here is the way things shape up in baseball. In the American League, the exceptional pennant races that were supposed to materialize died on the wing. The Blue Jays will meet the Chicago White Sox to determine the fodder for the Atlanta machine (just kidding).

Toronto has the edge on experience, but the White Sox have a great pitching staff and Frank Thomas (enough said.). However, the Blue Jays just have too much firepower. Pick: Blue Jays in 6.

In the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies are the team that has clenched already. The West race is still on. Atlanta and San Francisco will likely duel it out to the bitter end. My money is on Atlanta down the stretch. No one can argue that the Braves have the deepest pitching staff in base-

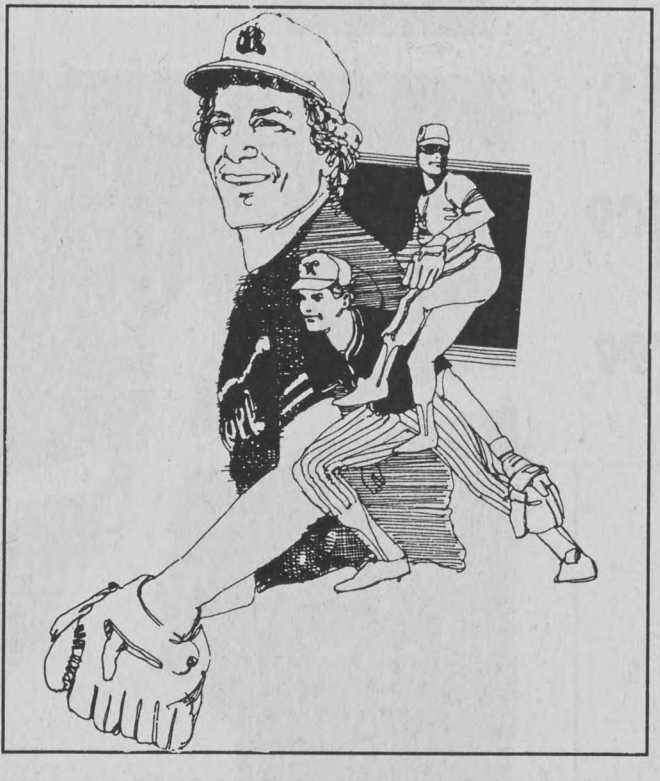
ball and the addition of Fred McGriff to the line-up provided the charge that put the Braves over the top. However, it is still too early to make a pick (don't want to jinx them).

In the wonderful world of football, last week presented an incredible series of games. Last second wins by both the Vikings and Saints more than made up for the lackluster games elsewhere. What was the deal with the Monday Night game? What scheduling genius put the powerhouse Atlanta Falcons on the schedule? Sorry folks, but the chances of Atlanta seeing a football postseason are crepuscular at best.

Parting Shots—

Congratulations to Anthony Mazzerelli of the Washington and Lee soccer team. There are a gracious plenty of exceptional soccer goalies, but it takes a real man to SCORE from that position. You really did beat Emory & Henry badly, didn't you?

Linebacker Brian Cox of the Miami Dolphins gets the guts award for the day, though. While walking onto the field in Buffalo, he made what one might say is a universal gesture to the Buffalo fans. It cost him a hefty fine from the NFL, but: Huh... Huh... That was pretty cool.



Football loses again; works for experience

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee football team continued to stumble out of the gate with a loss to Centre on Saturday. Washington & Lee did manage to produce a late game drive that made the score reasonably close at the end.

Centre College put 14 points on the board early, and the Generals spent the rest of the game playing catch-up. Despite the loss, the Generals' passing game put up some impressive numbers. Freshman Brooks Fischer threw for 205 yards and sophomore James Urban caught 7 passes for 98 yards.

The downside of the W&L attack was the running game. Tom Mason gained only 28 yards

on 12 carries and Wilson Moore had 51 yards on 10 carries. As a team, the Generals rolled up only 52 yards rushing (in case you're wondering, the team lost 27 yards rushing that cancelled out some of their gains!).

Fischer's standout performance marked only the second time in school history that a freshman has thrown for 200+ yards. Urban's 7 catch effort lifted him to third in the ODAC standings with 4.5 catches per game.

If the Generals expect to rebound against Randolph-Macon this week they need, no, must, have a balanced rushing and passing attack. The tools are there to have a successful season, but the pieces have not come together yet. Tom Mason is a standout talent at the running

back position and Fischer has shown his ability to not only contribute, but to put up big numbers.

Washington and Lee needs to come out this weekend with a single goal: intensity. The Generals have something to prove against Randolph-Macon after embarrassing defeats in each of the last two years, and something to prove to the fans after two losses to open the season.

ODAC standings

Emory&Henry	2-0
Hampden-Sydney	1-0
Randolph-Macon	0-0
Bridgewater	0-1
Guilford	0-1
Washington&Lee	0-1

'Major General Hankins' closes in on soccer record

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

When a team goes from 5-11 one season to 5-1 early the next, it takes more than a typo to justify the turnaround.

Washington & Lee's women's soccer team has not only equaled their 1992 win total, they've already surpassed the number of goals scored last season. There are many reasons for the turnaround, but one big one is the return of senior Corinda Hankins.

Hankins was a first-team All-ODAC pick two seasons ago, but spent last year studying abroad. It has not taken her long to rediscover the back of her opponents' net. With four goals this season, tied for the team-lead with Kate Stimeling, Hankins has moved within three scores of equalling the school record of 20 career goals. That mark is currently held by Catherine Baillio (1987-89).

Last week, after scoring twice in an 8-0 rout of Hollins College, Hankins netted the game-winner in W&L's 3-1 victory over Virginia Wesleyan at the Liberty Hall Fields. The win was the first ever by the Generals over Virginia Wesleyan.

Although the women fell 3-0 Thursday to Mary Washington, the play of Hankins is one reason head coach Jan Hathorn and the team are thinking of another first—their first ODAC championship. Having outscored their opponents 22-5 through

six games, the thought of an Old Dominion Athletic Conference crown is not hard to grasp. Washington & Lee is 3-0 in the conference with their next ODAC action coming at home versus Sweet Briar College (Oct. 7) and Guilford College (Oct. 9).

Should the team continue to roll, Hankins will surely play no small part.

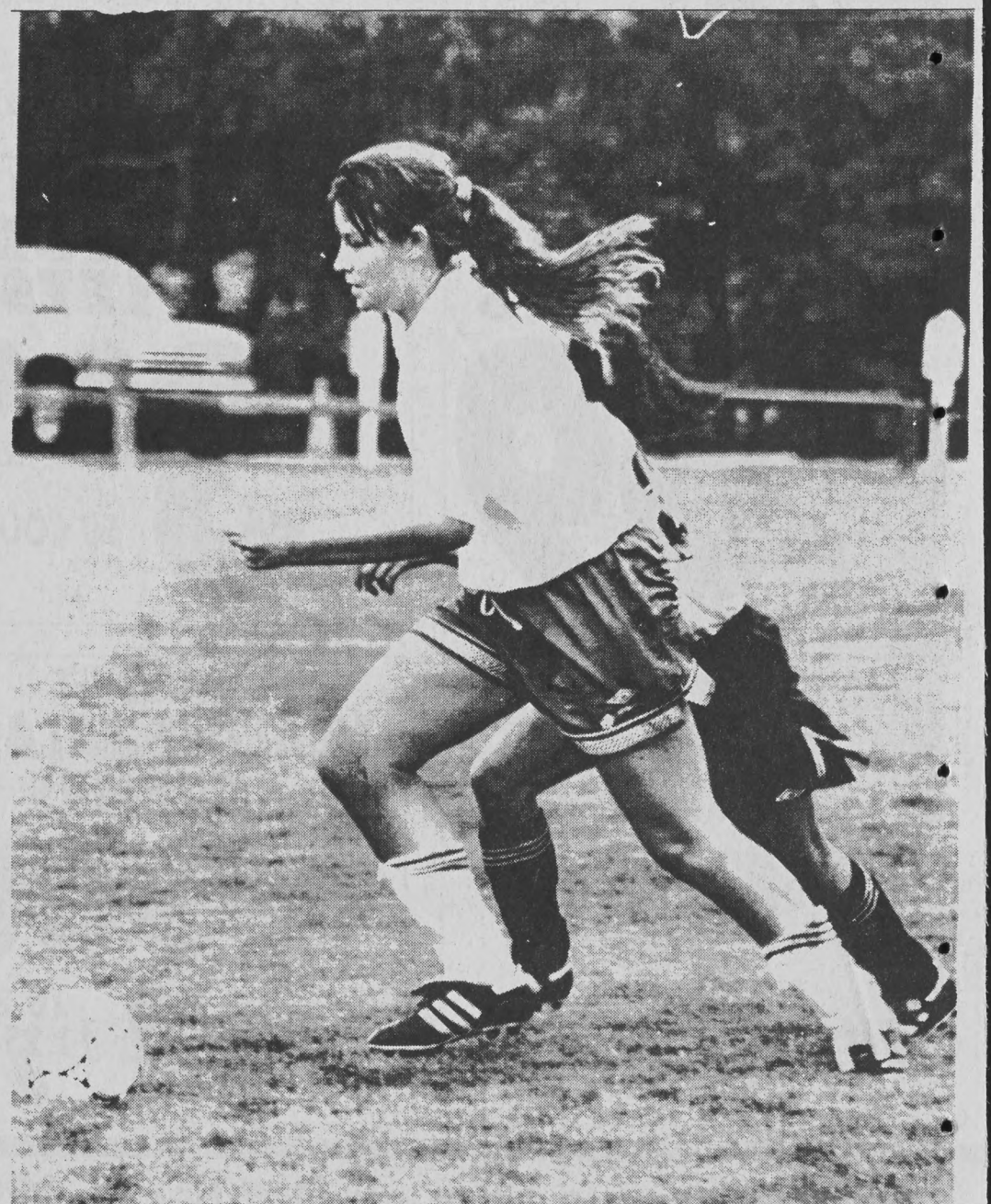
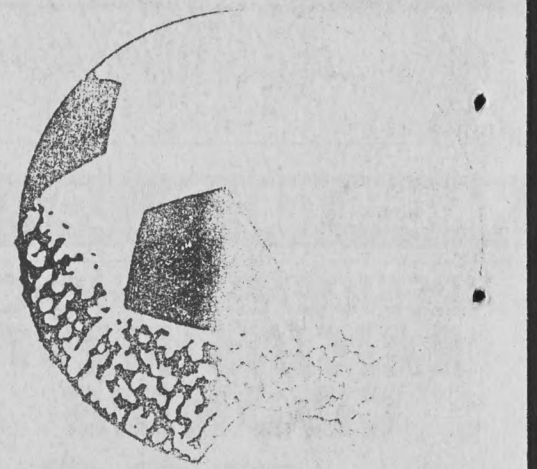


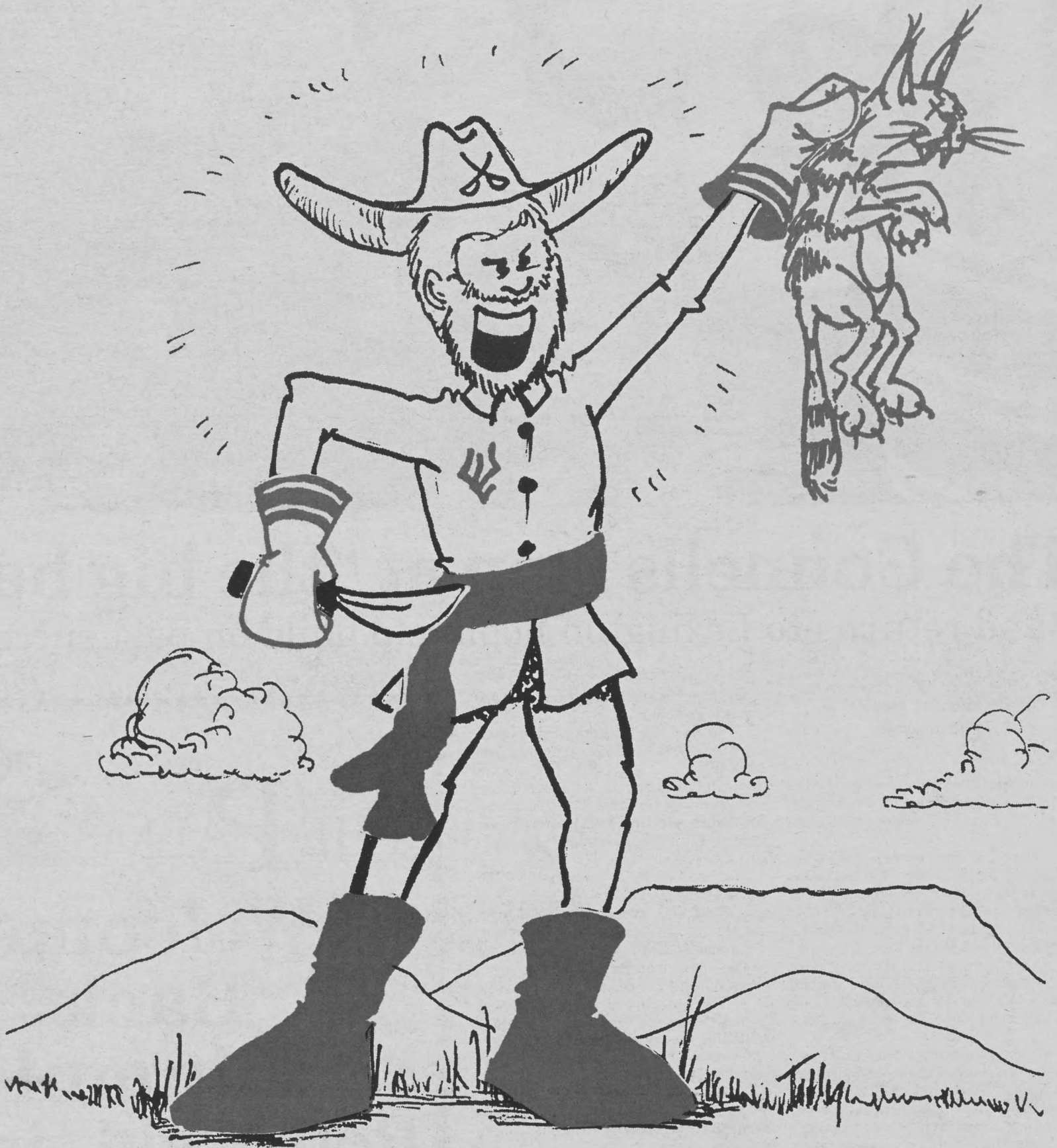
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Senior Corinda Hankin's heroics on the field have earned the first Major General award for the month of September, 1993.

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The Connells stop at "the big barn"

Band returns to Lexington hoping to build on past successes

By HILLARY OLSON
Phi Staff Writer

Popular alternative rock band "The Connells" will perform at the Pavilion this Friday at 8:30 p.m. for Homecoming weekend.

Queen Sarah Saturday, known for their forceful guitar songs, will begin the concert, followed by the opening band "Cracker" at 10 p.m. The Connells should start at 11 p.m., according to Student Activities Board President John Kleckley.

The Connells' visit is timely since their new album, "Ring", has just come out. According to vocalist and guitarist Doug MacMillan, the album has been successful so far.

Radio stations in San Diego and Long Island have already picked up the first single, "Slackjawed," which MacMillan said the Connells will play Friday. The band plans to play several songs from "Ring," he said.

MacMillan fondly remembered playing twice in one day at W&L several years ago for Fancy Dress.

"The big barn [the Pavilion] is a really cool place to play," MacMillan said. "I'm anticipating a good night Friday."

Currently on tour throughout the United States, The Connells will make a stop in Las Vegas for the first time next week. MacMillan said that although touring

is fun, at points everybody "gets tired and wants to go home."

Cracker, the California-based opening band, is "not an easy act to follow," said MacMillan.

One member, David Lowery, formerly performed in Camper Van Beethoven. MacMillan said The Connells and Cracker share similar musical sounds but have markedly different styles.

The Connells — brothers Mike and David Connell — grew up in Macon, Georgia, where Otis Redding, Little Richard, and the Allman Brothers also originated. The brothers relate more to the sounds of the Beatles and Humble Pie, however, and their music reflects this tendency.

The Connell brothers' college band gained momentum and within a year recorded its first album, "Boylan Heights", followed by "Fun and Games", an all-time favorite of many fans.

"One Simple Word" was produced in Wales in 1990. The Connells took a break from their 3-year touring to record "Ring", their newest release.

SAB president Kleckley said that The Connells have been a hit here many times and Friday should be no exception. He said that as always the SAB was limited by money and routing difficulties, but he is pleased with the choice of The Connells.

Tickets for the concert are on sale in the Co-op Wednesday through Friday for \$8. Tickets at the door will cost \$10.

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Generals dust off, aim high

Team tries to break slump with Homecoming win

By Sarah Gilbert
Phi Sports Editor

In the best of all possible worlds, I would be predicting a win for this year's homecoming football game against Davidson.

But, as Candide discovered, this is not the best of all possible worlds, the Generals of good old Washington and Lee have yet to win a game this season, and the last homecoming win was in 1990.

Even in a good year (i.e. last year, the Generals turned the team from a 1-9 misery in 1991 to a somewhat victorious 5-4 squad in 1992) the Generals fell short at homecoming.

After a shocking 9 to 31 embarrassment at the hands of the Yellow Jackets, the General's fans can only hope that the team will at least rise from the ashes of tradition.

Have a heart, Washington and Lee fans. This year's squad actually features a few players who have had the experience of a win at homecoming.

Every senior who played when he was a freshman will remember the glorious 21 to 7 whupping the Generals took out on the Hampden-

Sydney Tigers.

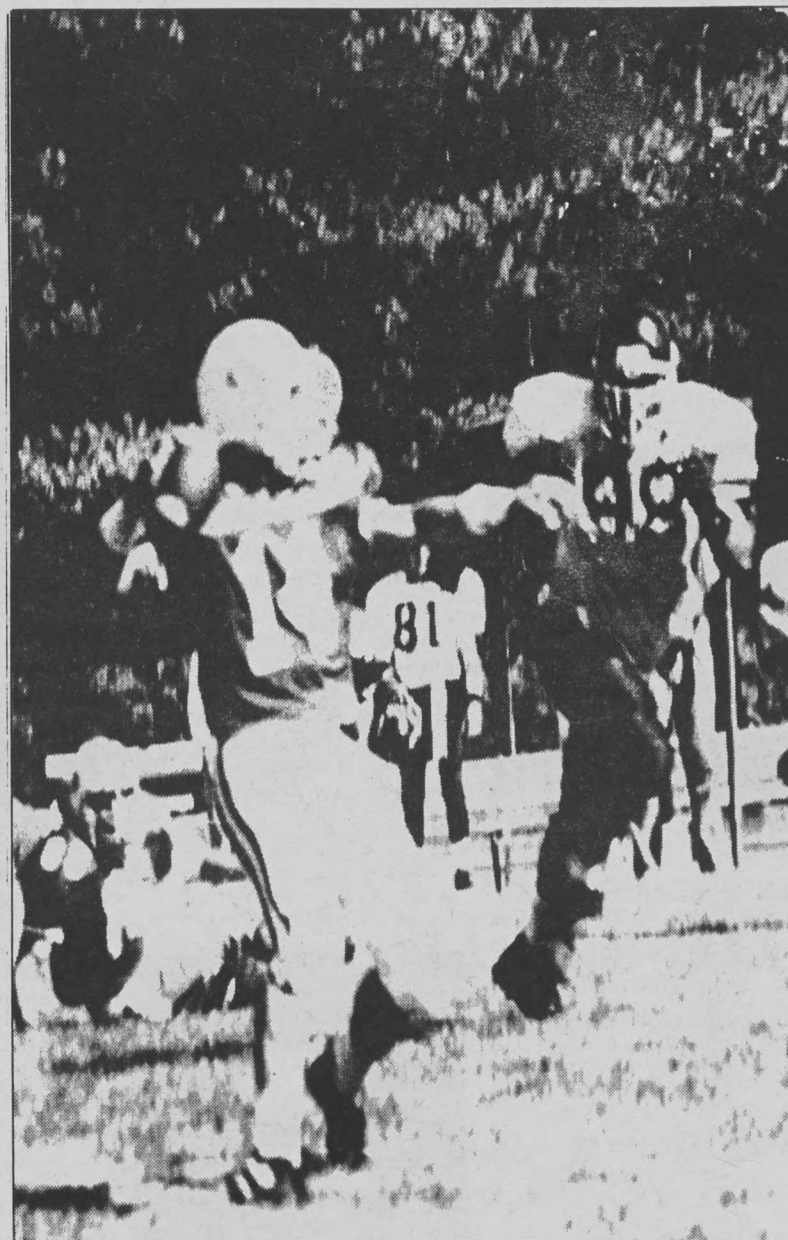
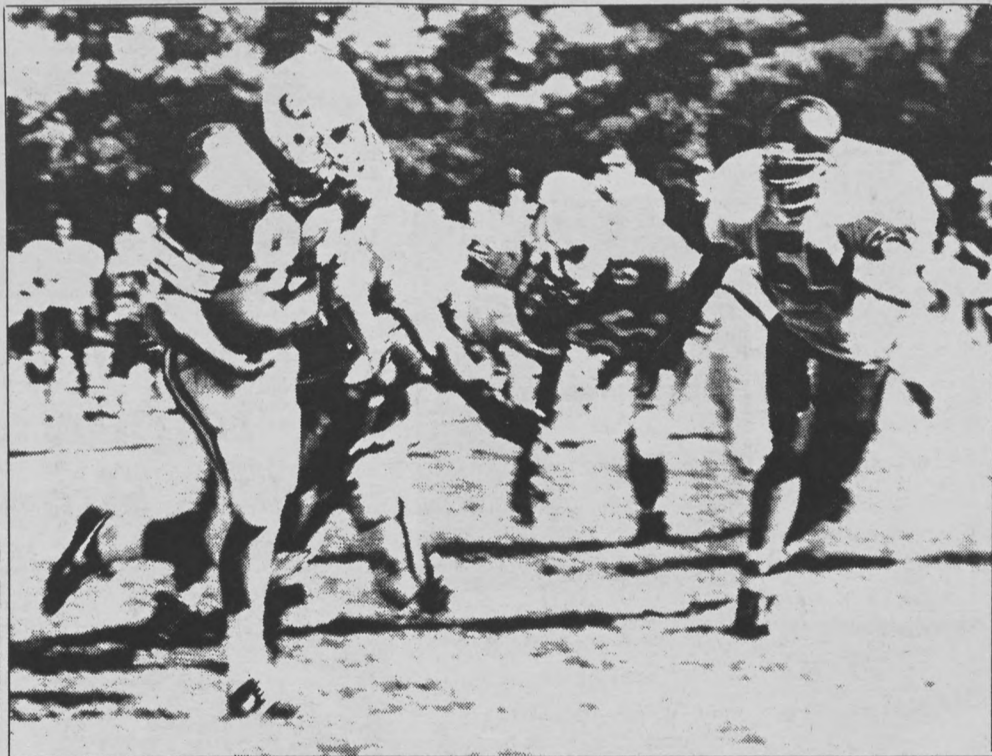
My high hopes rest in the once-broken hands of senior tri-captain Tom Mason, who was actually a starting defensive back his freshman year. With that experience and a promising start this year, even though his supporting cast has not been able to pull off a win, he may be able to provide the leadership and kick-in-the-rear these Generals need to overcome the Wildcats.

On a brighter note, the Generals lead the series with Davidson 14-9-1. The rivalry dates back to 1909, when W&L beat the Wildcats 18 to 6. More recently, the Generals lost the two match-ups in 1977 and '78, took a hiatus, and came back in 1991 to play Davidson and lose again, 14 to 16.

Thankfully, last year's squad was victorious in its face-off against the Wildcats, walking over the poor kitties 27 to 12.

The good news: the Generals beat Davidson last year. The bad news: this year's team looks, sadly, much more like the 1991 squad than the 1992 one.

All in all, we will have to set a precedent to win this Saturday. It is not impossible but...I wouldn't bet on it.



Above: Geren Steiner launches the ball as the Randolph-Macon linemen advance in last year's Homecoming game.

Left: Wilson Moore makes a dash for a hole in the Yellowjackets' line.

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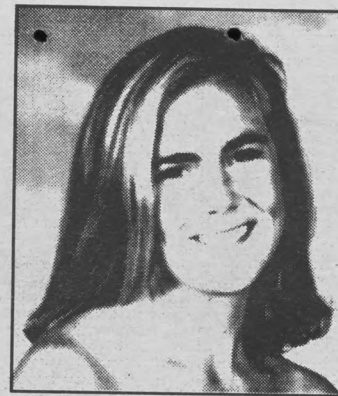
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Phi Kappa Sigma
Kylie Edwards, W&L '96
 Escorted by Alex Haw '96
 "A sense of dedication to honor, integrity and the tradition of genuineness at W&L."

*Who
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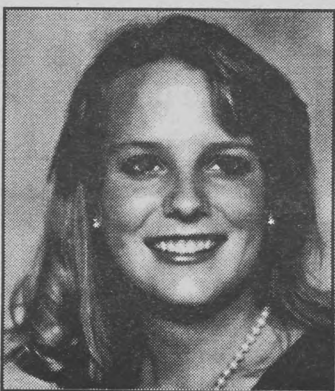
What is the most important characteristic a Homecoming Queen should have?



Student Bar Association
Elizabeth Mason, W&L '94
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 Escorted by David Lawrence '94
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 "Diversity."



Phi Gamma Delta
Carrie Southgate, W&L '95
 Escorted by Tinkham Veale IV '95
 "She should be a very outgoing person who should care about her school and the people who are there."



Kappa Alpha
Julie G. Giddens, Randolph-Macon Woman's College '94
 Escorted by Dan Rhodes '94
 "The Homecoming Queen should be a warm and friendly person. It's more a personality thing than a beauty contest."



Pi Kappa Alpha
Kirsten Ergenbright, W&L '94
 Escorted by Thomas Becker '96
 "She must be: smart, talented, witty, attractive and involved in campus activities — and an avid viewer of the MacNeill-Lehrer Report."



Kappa Sigma
Lollie Sheehan, W&L '94
 "A sense of humor."



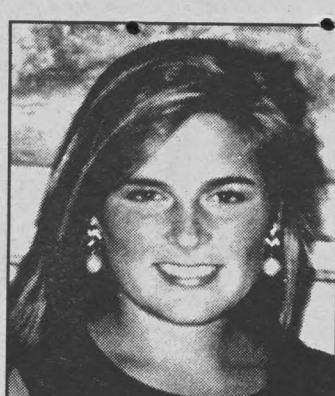
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kristen Moore, W&L '94
 Escorted by Rob McGinley
 "Someone who doesn't take things so seriously."



Alpha Epsilon
Line Johnson, Hollins '95
 Escorted by G. Mattingly '96
 "they're truly proud to represent the fraternity or social organization that nominated them."



Sigma Chi
Heather Aussiker, W&L '94
 Escorted by Jim Gilreath '94
 "A burning desire to kiss the EC President since he's even cuter than last year's."



Phi Delta Theta
Molly Hoops, Hollins '96
 Escorted by Billy Guice '94
 "As the Homecoming Queen, others are going to notice the quality and standards you have set for yourself and it will be an opportunity to influence others."

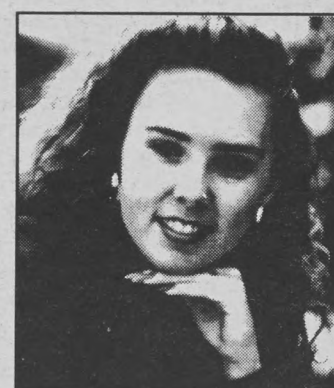


Minority Students Association
LaKeisha Townes, W&L '95
 Escorted by John Rogers '95
 "The Homecoming Queen should be a person who is honest and sincere to reflect the integrity and honor of W&L."



Chi Psi
Kim Herring, W&L '95
 Escorted by Eric D. Lundquist '94

"I think that it's most important that the Homecoming Queen have a love and a respect for all of [W&L's] aspects from academics to athletics to just being involved in the W&L community because of her love and respect for it."



Lambda Chi Alpha
Tonya Uplinger, W&L '96
 Escorted by Will Shepherd
 "A Homecoming queen should be someone who is active at W&L, as well as being active outside of campus where they represent W&L."



Phi Kappa Psi
Sarah Butler, W&L '94
 Escorted by Chip Hathaway
 "The Homecoming Queen should be enthusiastic and proud of W&L and should express this through her involvement in the W&L community."



Beta Theta Pi
Stephanie Cobrin, W&L '96
 Escorted by Tim McCarthy '94
 "It would be an overall love for her school so she can represent it well."



Delta Tau Delta
Rachel Wright, W&L '97
 Escorted by Gregory Patterson '94
 "Honesty in presentation of self because too many people hide themselves behind a facade."



Chi Omega
Stacey Colfry, W&L '94
 Escorted by Jay LaCour
 "The Homecoming Queen should be someone who possesses a love of and pride in W&L which is exemplified by her active involvement in all facets of campus life."



Pi Kappa Phi
Sandy Bookout, Hollins
 Escorted by Matt Newton '94
 "Personality. Someone who is friendly and outgoing and comfortable with a variety of people."



Sigma Phi Epsilon
Amanda Doss, W&L '94
 Escorted by Peer Soderberg '92
 Mandy was not available to answer the question.



Sigma
Sheehan, W&L '94
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Who will wear the crown?

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Mink mystery explained

Up and coming legend dies early death

By Erin Leonard
Phi Contributing Writer

Perhaps you heard last fall that Kathekon found a long forgotten trophy in the attic of the Alumni House.

Well, you heard wrong.

Though the story had the making of a great W&L legend, the truth is even better.

After deciding to revive the Homecoming parade last fall, Kathekon decided to award a prize for the best float.

"[Kathekon] wanted something gaudy and tacky, but relative to W&L," said Alumni Staff Associate Jerilyn Ferrin '93.

Associate Alumni Director Rob Mish '76 and then Alumni Staff Associate Matt Felber '92 decided a stuffed mink would be appropriate.

The idea stemmed from the name W&L Minks. Minks were students who, when W&L was all-male, slyly picked up VMI cadets' dates after the cadets' curfew.

Mish and Farber began calling taxi-

dermists in September. To their dismay, the only minks available were frozen and unembalmed. Raccoons and an alligator were available, but no minks.

To make matters worse, taxidermists claimed it would take five weeks to thaw a mink. Homecoming was three weeks away.

Mish and Farber were about to give up when they located a man with a frozen mink in Abingdon, VA, who could thaw and embalm the animal in two weeks. Elated, the two gave him the job.

Mish said the man asked all kinds of funny questions such as — What kind of facial expression should the mink have? Should he stand or sit? Should his arms be crossed?

When the embalming was finished, Mish took the mink to Valley Trophy in Staunton. Owner Kelly Clendening mounted him on the trophy and named him Critter. The final product pleased Mish. He thinks that Critter represents another side of W&L students.

"One of the things that W&L alumni are noted for is their honor. Lee is good stuff," Mish said.

"The mink is all those other little things that make W&L people who they are."

Critter, who has been on display in the bookstore for three weeks, appears very mellow.

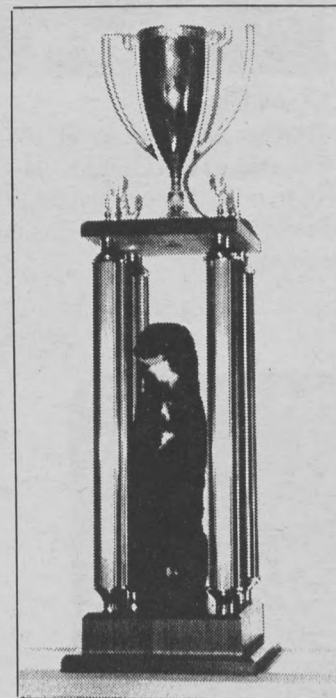
Standing 15 inches high on his back legs, he wears a blue and white t-shirt that says, "Somebody from Washington & Lee University loves me." He also carries and alumni name tag. His posture, like most W&L students, is not great, but he looks confident.

His sleek coat is brown except for a wide white stripe that runs down his neck. Critter's tiny black eyes convey a sharp intellect that people might not notice at first.

His grin is nonchalant yet knowledgeable, "like he heard a dirty joke or something," said Mish.

Kathekon will award the trophy Saturday at half-time of the football game. Kappa Kappa Gamma won last year, and it is rumored that they want to win again.

After a photo shoot with the winner, Critter will go home to Mish's office and wait for next year.



Critter, the W&L Mink

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VIP treatment for alumni

Class of '43 to get red carpet treatment

By Michelle Brien
Phi News Editor

One would expect a five star general to be busy.

But none will be as busy as Washington and Lee's Five Star Generals this Homecoming Weekend.

W&L's Five-Star Generals are the 50-year plus alumni. This year's inductees to the Five-Star club are members of the class of 1943.

The Five-Stars get red carpet treatment from the moment they step into Lexington.

There will be a fully stocked Hospitality Room for all Five-Star Generals in the Lexington Room of the Howard Johnson Hotel, which will be open from 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Buses will run a shuttle service between HoJo and W&L from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon.

The Alumni House will also pay for one night of the Five Stars' hotel stay, a rental car, and will waive the usual reunion fee.

Rob Mish, Assistant Director of Alumni Programs, has made sure that the Generals will be treated with respect.

"We generally treat them as Alumni VIPs," said Mish.

Featured programs for the Generals include an audience participation-based seminar hosted by Professor of History Holt Merchant, '61. Merchant hopes to delve to the bottom of several W&L folklore mysteries with the help of the Five-Stars Generals.

For example, Merchant hopes to unravel the W&L train heist mystery. Apparently a fraternity hijacked a train to take their Fancy Dress dates back to Mary Baldwin. That fraternity was kicked off campus, but no one here seems to know which fraternity it was. Worse yet, no one seems to know the exact date of the episode either.

Other topics of discussion will be the origins of W&L's nick-name "Minks", and whether Traveller is really buried outside of Lee Chapel.

In addition to Mish's endeavors from the Alumni House, some of the Five-Stars planned activities for themselves. Class of

'38 alumnus Ernie Williams has cooked up a variety of interesting dishes for the "38er Alligators" 55th year class reunion — W&L's first 55th year reunion. The Gators will have Ramblin' Man the llama bearing a Gator flag in the Homecoming Parade, as well as Homecoming souvenirs bearing the Gator emblem. Some Five-Stars will ride in

horse drawn carriages in the parade. All Five-Star Generals will be invited to sit in the special reserved parade viewing space in front of Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church.

Thanks to Williams, the homecoming football game halftime should be an event to remember. But don't ask why — it's a secret. Just come to the game.



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Revived parade returns

Old tradition continues comeback for second year

By Cathy Resmer
Phi Contributing Reporter

The Washington and Lee Homecoming parade will make its second appearance in a quarter of a century this Saturday.

The official parade will begin in front of Brubaker field at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. It will follow the same route as the Mock Convention parade, traveling down South Main Street through town, turning left on Washington Street. It will then proceed through campus and end after passing the Woods Creek Apartments.

The parade features a varied array of participants. Non-W&L parade members include fire departments, marching bands, and mayor Homer E. Derrick. Alumni groups involved in the event include the Five-Star Generals, and the Class of '38 complete with the mysterious Hotchkiss llama. Various campus organizations and every W&L sorority and fraternity are scheduled to participate as well.

Most of the W&L participants have constructed parade floats for the occasion. There will be five judges who will be stationed in a grand stand on the corner of Main

and Nelson streets. The judges will be rating the floats on a scale of one to ten in three categories—creativity and originality, design and execution, and spirit and enthusiasm.

The first place float will win the coveted mink trophy, seized last year by Kappa Kappa Gamma. The three runners-up will also receive prizes.

Kathekon, the student-alumni relations committee, is responsible for reviving the Homecoming parade.

Last year's parade was the first at W&L in over 25 years. Before the parade was reintroduced, students celebrated by decorating fraternity houses on the evening prior to the football game.

Kathekon, with the help of the Alumni Office, has been organizing this year's parade since last spring.

According to Jerilyn Ferrin, Secretary of Kathekon, "the parade will go on, rain or shine." "But," she said, "we are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather."

Ferrin also said that she hopes the good weather holds for a few hours after the parade, "for the half-time surprise."



Sigma Nu's float heads down Main Street in last year's parade

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