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Flush!!!

Kappa Alpha Theta sisters cruise down Main Street on their way to a victory in the Homecoming Parade float competition. Thetas threw custom-made miniature footballs from the float in honor of this year's football game.

Review of Honor System in works

By THOMAS HESPOS
Phi News Editor

A committee of nine students has begun the process of reviewing the White Book and may change the Honor System at Washington and Lee.

At its regular Monday meeting, the EC heard the first report from the White Book Review Committee, a group composed of EC-appointed students that will review the Honor System.

"We haven't discussed very much substantially," said committee Chair Ames Hutton.

The group is composed of nine students: Hutton, freshman Adam Branson; sophomores Caroline Guerin and Harris Morrison;

seniors Nathan Dunn, Cameron Howell and John Richert; Second-year law student Ashley Rowe; and Third-year law student Mike Stakes.

Hutton said the group will receive a list of Honor System criticisms from the EC, but is also looking for input other than the EC's.

"The committee is very much interested in input from the W&L community," said Hutton.

EC President Bob Tompkins agreed that the EC should not be the only force in determining what Honor System issues should be looked at.

"I think the purpose of this is to have input from the EC, but not to have the EC pulling the strings," said Tompkins at Monday's EC meeting.



Tompkins

Hutton said the committee planned to get input on honor issues by polling the students, faculty and administration. But Hutton said the purpose of the committee is not only to review the Honor System, but to "educate the students first, so that they know what they're talking about."

The committee may also sponsor debates in Lee Chapel or in the

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IFC to review Rush

Tear Night presents conflicts for next year

By NANCY PAVLOVIC
Phi Managing Editor

If the fraternities liked this year's Rush, they'd better hold onto their pants next year when Tear Night will fall on Homecoming weekend.

But that may be a change under consideration in the last two-and-a-half weeks of October as the Interfraternity Council and fraternities began examining the new Rush system.

"Right now, we want to get feedback on all the changes we've made," IFC Vice President Ryan Donaldson said. "We're trying to fine tune Rush, not really change it."

According to IFC President Curt Smith, fraternity members were pleased with the way Rush worked.

"There weren't a lot of comments [at the meeting] because there seemed to be a general consensus that the system worked pretty well."

Sigma Nu Rush Chairman Brain McClung said the new system addressed many of last year's concerns about Rush.

"I think we accomplished a lot of what we set out to do," McClung said.

Under the new rush system, closed contact rules went into effect when the freshmen arrived and lasted until the Wednesday night before classes. Under

closed contact, upperclassmen and freshmen men are not allowed to talk to each other or associate in any way. Casual and open contact began that Wednesday evening, with formal Rush beginning the second Monday of classes. Rush Counselors and open houses for all 16 fraternities were also added this year.

Under the old Rush rules, freshmen and upperclassmen were under closed contact rules until almost one week after freshmen arrived on campus. At the start of Rush, freshmen cut six houses from their list and chose only nine houses to visit during open houses.

Rush Counselors were seen as the most effective addition to this year's Rush.

"General consensus was that Rush Counselors were effective and very helpful," Smith said. "We just need to train them sooner and better."

Smith said the majority of the fine-tuning would revolve around the open contact period and the effectiveness of the open houses for all 16 fraternities.

"We need to look at the open contact period and whether the time frame needs to be adjusted or the entire period changed," Smith said. "Although people were generally satisfied with the 16 open houses, some felt [they] would be more effective if we had more open contact after-

wards." Lambda Chi Alpha President Robert Ferris thought the 16 open houses were beneficial to most houses.

"The 16 houses helped out a lot of the houses," Ferris said. "It's fairer to the freshmen because last year they had that first weekend to narrow 15 down to nine houses so if you heard one bad thing, you didn't go check that house out."

McClung agreed adding the open houses worked to his fraternity's advantage.

"The 16 open houses, although a strain on fraternity members and freshmen, are beneficial. There are some guys we met only during the open houses that are now in our pledge class," McClung said.

But Phi Gamma Delta President Moke Wolfe said the 16 houses were "useless."

"By the time open houses came, the freshmen had already decided where they wanted to go," Wolfe said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon President James Hess thought the open houses were a good idea but came too late.

"It's good to have the freshmen go to all 16 houses, but people have already made their decision at the parties before they made it to open houses," Hess said.

McClung said the open houses

were a worthwhile part of Rush and should not be discontinued.

"Our house [Sigma Nu] and Chi Psi are really in favor of it," McClung said. "Houses that usually had a good Rush thought it was a waste."

Some have suggested switching the period of open contact with the open houses but such a move would mean the periods of open contact would then have to be dry. Since formal Rush is free of alcohol, any period between open houses and Tear Night would also have to be subjected to all the rules and regulations applying to formal Rush.

Smith said switching open houses with the open contact period just is not possible.

"If you have open houses, Rush has begun. You can't just start and stop," Smith said. "In the in-between period, you're in violation."

"Open houses should be moved up to the first week," Wolfe said. "It'd be better for the freshmen to come to campus, then have the open houses and then have two weeks of open contact. Then have a week of formal Rush activities."

Ferris suggested another band party after the open houses could help some freshmen decide where to pledge.

"Another band party could

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NAACP may examine VMI racial incident

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Staff Writer

As the Virginia NAACP considers the incident of racial threats at Virginia Military Institute in its annual convention, cadets report that the issue has been taken too far.

"It's been completely blown out of proportion," said VMI first-classman Douglas Estes.

The state branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People considers the topic too hot to discuss until a decision has been made at the state convention. The decision, at press time, was expected at any minute.

"It's a timing thing," said first-classman Zack Scott. "The NAACP just happened to be meeting this week, so they picked up the issue."

Meanwhile, rumors run around the East Coast. "My uncle from North Carolina called and asked about the cadet killed in racial beatings," said Estes. "And then my mom's hairdresser in Raleigh asked

her about a black cadet killed in a racial incident."

Estes also reported a magazine article which castigated VMI for having the "nerve" to not only refuse to admit women, but to decide to stop admitting black cadets.

Sources say the current theory on campus is that a cadet who really disliked the victim of the threats simply took his hatred too far.

"He's the kind of guy that you either really like or really dislike," said one first-class source. "It wasn't as much the fact that he was black as the fact that somebody just disliked him personally, and took the race factor on as well."

While rumors run across state lines, national and state organizations decide their opinions, the FBI investigates, and media on every level investigate, the cadets have forgotten the incident.

"I'm not seeing any FBI. I'm not seeing any police. I'm not seeing anybody," said Estes. Scott agreed.

"It's old news," he said.

Clark explains dog laws

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS
Phi Executive Editor

Man's best friend can sometimes create a student's greatest problems.

Any dog running at large, without dog tags, or without a rabies vaccination can cost a pet owner a bundle.

According to Lexington Animal Control Officer R.D. Clark, the biggest problem created by student's pets is when the animals run loose. The Lexington leash law states that a dog must be "under owner's immediate control."

When a student's dog is picked up, it is taken back to the student, if the dog is registered with the city.

If the dog is not registered, it is taken to the shelter, where the boarding fees are \$8 a day. If a ticket is issued, the pet owner must pay a fine set by a judge.

A dog that bites someone and is not vaccinated against rabies must be boarded in the SPCA shelter for ten days, which costs \$80. By law, every dog staying in the Commonwealth of Virginia for longer than 30 days must be vaccinated for rabies.

Clark's chief concern is animals being hit by cars. He said any student who hits an animal needs to let him know, or they may be charged with hit and run.

But Clark said students have not had many problems with the new laws.

"So far I haven't picked up many animals; I'm really pleased."



Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

This dog has a leash, but unless it is under an owner's control, it may end up taking a ride with Animal Control Officer R.D. Clark.



Not paying tax may damage credit

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

Have you paid your car tax lately? If not, you might have to dig into your wallet a little bit.

Last year, the car tax sparked controversy when the city of Lexington proposed to apply the car tax to Washington and Lee students. Some members of the W&L community, including President John Wilson, thought this was unfair. But in order to raise more revenue, the City of Lexington gave the city commissioner the resources to pursue delinquent taxpayers. Jon Ellestad, Lexington city manager, said this is the third year that the city has actively pursued payment of taxes on automobiles. According to Ellestad, the car tax is a personal

property tax which also applies to boats, motorcycles, trucks, and business property and equipment. The tax is known as a car tax because it applies predominantly to automobiles. The tax applies to anyone who has an out-of-state car in Virginia for more than six months. Ellestad said there is no double taxation—if the student pays a car tax in another state, he doesn't have to pay a tax in Virginia. If the vehicle is registered in another locality but is garaged in Lexington for more than six months out of the year, the student pays the tax in Lexington.

Ellestad said that the real difficulty in collecting the tax is determining exactly where the vehicle is

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



Aideed calls for cease fire

Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed called for a cease-fire in the four-month conflict between his forces and American-led United Nations troops late Saturday. The call for a cease-fire came just days after Aideed urged his troops to increase their attacks against "U.S. colonialism."

U.N. reimposes embargo on Haiti

Armed civilians backed by Haitian police and the Haitian army blocked United States and Canadian troops from docking at Port-Au-Prince on Tuesday. The troops were on a mission to aid Haiti in returning to a democratic government from a military dictatorship. The United Nations planned to have deposed Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide back in power by October 30. The Pentagon ordered the U.S. Navy ship carrying the troops to leave Haitian waters on Wednesday. On Thursday, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to reimpose the oil embargo and to freeze the financial assets of the military leaders who prevented the ship's arrival.

The Nation



Kevorkian loses battle

Suicide Doctor Jack Kevorkian lost his second court battle for ignoring Michigan's ban on assisted suicide. Kevorkian helped a 73-year-old man to kill himself last month. Michigan State District Court Judge Karen Khalil said Kevorkian could remain free on bond and scheduled arraignment for October 26.

Post Office gets face lift

The Post Office is getting a face lift. The United States Postal service plans to spend \$7 million to replace the logos on post offices, vehicles and mailboxes. The Postal Service is faced with a \$1.3 billion operating deficit this year.

Clinton urges anti-crime legislation

President Clinton urged Congress Saturday to pass anti-crime legislation this year. The legislation would impose a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, add police officers and set-up boot camps for young offenders.

Jurors replaced in Denny trial

Judge John W. Ouderkirk, presiding judge in the Reginald Denny trial, replaced two jurors this week. The jury has reached a verdict on two of the counts against Henry Watson, one of the two men on trial for beating Denny during the riots after the April 1992 acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers in the beating of Rodney King. Watson and Damian Williams face 12 charges, including attempted murder.

Sports

Phillies and Jays advance to World Series

The Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Atlanta Braves in six games in the National League Championship Series. Philadelphia ended the Braves' hopes of becoming the first National League team to win three straight pennants since the 1942-44 St. Louis Cardinals. The Phillies' Most Valuable Player was pitcher Curt Schilling.

The Toronto Blue Jays earned a second consecutive World Series berth by defeating the Chicago White Sox in six games. Jays' pitcher Dave Stewart snagged the most Valuable Player prize after winning both of his starts.

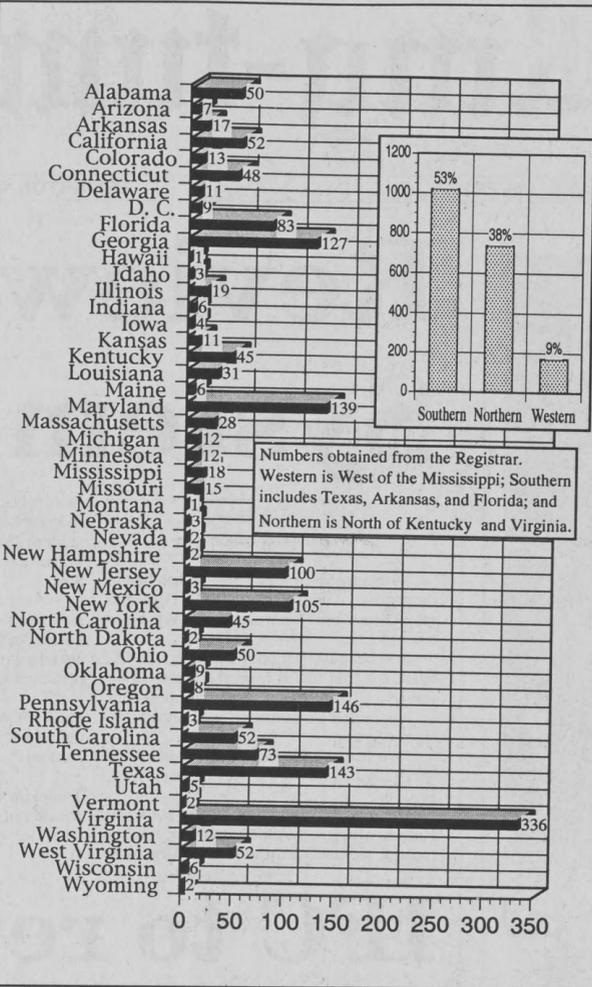
Redskins suffer worst loss at RFK

The Washington Redskins endured a 41-7 spanking at the hands of the New York Giants on Sunday. The 34-point loss was the Redskins' worst at RFK stadium in team history. Redskins coaches admit to having their "worst day" in the historic loss.

Seles' attacker goes free

Guenter Parche, the man who stabbed Monica Seles on court last April, became a free man Wednesday after receiving a suspended sentence from a judge in Hamburg, Germany. Seles was reported to be distraught, saying that she was shocked by the decision.

Demographic shows more foreign students



By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Staff Writer

Do you know where Kirghiz is? Someone at Washington & Lee definitely knows—that person lives there. The Admissions department proudly states its goal is to put together a class that is "geographically, ethnically, and culturally diverse."

True to form, Washington and Lee has put together a motley crew of students from every imaginable region of the U.S. and the world.

The 1993 Geographic Distribution Survey shows students hailing from 48 states, D. C., and 19 foreign countries. "The survey has always been something of interest to a variety of people," says University Registrar Scott Dittman.

The university census also provides data on ethnicity, religious preference, and areas of study for all students (undergrad and law) at Washington & Lee.

Virginia paced the list with 336 students. The state with the second

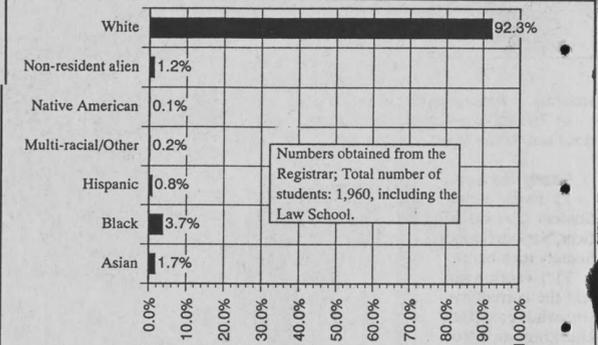
most representatives was Pennsylvania with 146. International students (such as our friend from Kirghiz) accounted for 31 total students. This number has doubled in the past 15 years.

One criticism of the school has been its lack of ethnic diversity. When W&L students were asked about this in the past, only 25% found the school lacking.

"It's hard to attract ethnic and religious minorities," stated Dittman. "I would like to see it more diverse because I learn a lot from the different groups."

The University has maintained the goal of achieving a more national flavor. Throughout its recent history, Washington & Lee has steadily moved away from the ideal of the local liberal arts school. According to Dittman, "There is an awareness of geographical diversity in admissions."

Concordingly, the numbers of students admitted from the state of Virginia have dropped by a significant percentage over 20 years (from 526 in 1973 to 336 this year) as Washington & Lee has expanded its horizons.



Students walk against cancer

From Staff Reports
On Sunday, participants in the fifth annual Making Strides Against Cancer event for the Rockbridge Unit of the American Cancer Society will attempt to chase away cancer. The event will take place at 1:30 p.m., beginning in the Harris Teeter parking lot. To participate, cancer patients, family members, friends and the public obtain sponsors to honor their efforts as they run, walk, and bike across a set course.

Prizes have been donated for the event by local businesses and merchants, and will be distributed to those who turn in the most pledge money at registration. The first 100 registrants will receive Making Strides shoelaces, and all those turning in more than \$50 will receive a Making Strides T-shirt. Honorary co-chairmen are E.G. "Buck" Leslie of Washington and Lee's athletic department, recovering from chronic leukemia and recent spleen surgery, and George Cunningham, still running marathons despite removal of his larynx years ago.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., and will cost \$5. Pledge sheets are available at Dominion Bank, LeJeune Hall, and the W&L Co-op. The course is approximately five miles long. This event is being sponsored by Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity of VMI, and Catholic Campus Ministry, and will take place regardless of the weather. In case of rain, those not wishing to walk are asked to turn their money in at registration, or mail a check to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 100, Lexington. For more information, call 463-3533.

SCC plans for the year

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Staff Writer

Approaching his second year as Student Conduct Committee president, Rajeev Aggarwal is coming in with experience and some definite goals for the SCC and its role in the Washington and Lee community. Aggarwal's first goal concerned the clarification of the SCC's function and policies. "We are going to put out a pamphlet describing all the procedures in detail, especially because many students on campus have voiced questions about the roles of the SCC," said Aggarwal. "The pamphlet is a big goal," he said. "We want to give definition and clarity to these ambiguities." Aggarwal cited the appeals process for those who have been expelled by the SCC, of which many students are ignorant. An appeals board made up of the Executive Committee president, the Dean

of Students, and a senior faculty member reviews appeals cases, and can recommend that the SCC re-hear the student's case. "This only happens in a case where a student gets thrown out of school, which doesn't happen very often," said Aggarwal. "There has been one in the last four or five years." Aggarwal hopes to formulate a plan in which appeals could be overturned by the student body, similar to the process currently used for honor violation appeals. "It's a personal goal of mine to give students some kind of recourse besides going to the appeals board in extreme cases," he said. Aggarwal also wants to publicize the fact that the SCC hears harassment cases, because many students do not realize that the SCC and EC have different functions. He also mentioned a fourth goal. "Lastly, I want to serve justice to the students."

EC appointments

Fancy Dress Committee
Chair: Monica Robinson
Vice-Chair: Kendall Sibley
Treasurer: Julie Townsend

Student and Faculty Committees:
Student Financial Aid Committee: Chuck Erdman, Todd Stanton
Student Health Committee: Pat McDermott, John-Paul Lunn, Conshetta Brown
Courses and Degrees: Ben Eggleston, Nova Clarke
University Library Committee: Lorna Haughton, Gary Wenger, Keith Beckerle
Faculty Executive Committee: Nathan Dunn, John Branam
University Athletic Committee: Duane Van Arsdale, Ellen Wasilausky, Rich Talmadge
Institutional Effectiveness: Christine Will, Jim Pike
Registration and Class Schedules: Donna Groot, Stephen Inman

The EC appointed the students yesterday

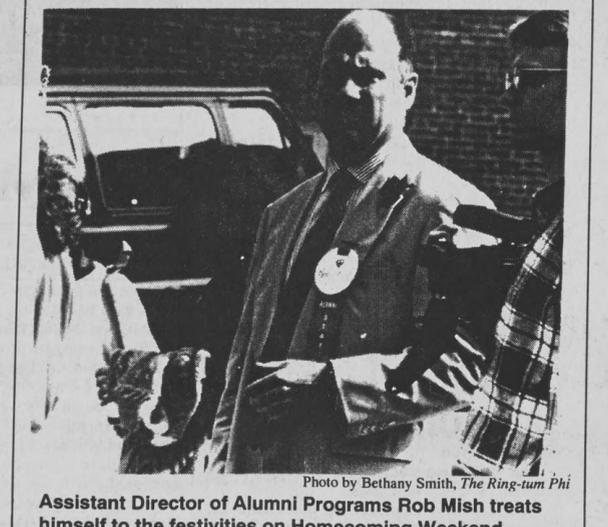


Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi
Assistant Director of Alumni Programs Rob Mish treats himself to the festivities on Homecoming Weekend.

Blood drive attracts more students

By LOURRAINE TIGAS
Phi Staff Writer

Chi Psi cosponsored the biannual Bloodmobile on October 6. Over 100 people participated, donating a pint of blood each, an increase from last fall. Chi Psi sophomore Josh Nitsche said that the number of participants was "a good number because there was a lot of sickness going around," which disqualified a number of students. The Bloodmobile was held in

Doremus Gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 5p.m. One hundred and fifteen people signed up to donate blood, but some were released during the process for various reasons, said Chi Psi junior Bart Sterling. Chi Psi has been cosponsoring the Bloodmobile with the American Red Cross since the mid-80s, said Sterling. There will be another blood drive in the spring. Chi Psi expects a bigger turnout then because only one sport is in season. Athletes are unable to donate blood during their sport's season.

Freshmen office hopefuls sound-off

What are your qualifications and past leadership experiences?
What are your goals if elected?
What are the reasons for your candidacy?
What issues do you think will be important in the campaign in the coming year? How do you stand on those issues?

Freshman elections will take place on Monday, October 18. The elected offices are: EC representative, class president, and class vice president. A survey of the candidates yielded the following responses to five basic questions. Some candidates were unavailable for comment.

EC candidates



Robert Elam

- 1) Leadership team representative, President of 2 clubs, author of high school constitution.
- 2) "I hope to do my best to maintain the highest standards of honesty."
- 3) "The only representative from the freshman class in the EC must represent all students. I want to be that person."
- 4) The EC's policy for funding organizations and White Book revision



Paul Saboe

- 1) Interact President, Future Business Leaders of America Regional President, Youth and Government Club President.
- 2) "I would enforce the Honor System justly. I would promote the improvement of W&L-VMI relations and the revitalization of Gaines Hall."



Justin St. Clair

- 1) "I'm a highly organized, highly motivated, well-in-

formed person."

- 2) "I want to provide a liaison between the EC and the freshman class."

Presidential candidates

Kevin Alexander



- 1) "I'm a responsible person."
- 2) "I want to make sure all of the freshmen enjoy their first year in college."
- 3) "I want to be involved in W&L life."
- 4) "Maintaining academic excellence while maintaining freshman happiness."

Sara Benson

- 1) Student body president, National Honor Society vice president, Captain of varsity volleyball and soccer.
- 2) "I want to make each member of our freshman class feel as though they are an important part of the W&L community."
- 3) I believe that I would be an effective class president because I am hard-working, well organized, and friendly."
- 4) the Honor System, student housing, the Greek system, and women's and minorities organizations.



Todd Denbo

- 1) Captain of Ice Hockey and Golf teams, 150 hours of community service, Big Brother.
- 2) "I want to keep the class informed and to



Will Hill

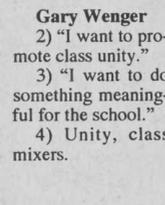
- 1) Class Historian, Student Activities Board (high school), captain of football team

- 2) "I'd like to get to know all of the students, to share their views, and to help get what they want."
- 3) "I already know a lot of the student body and I feel that I can represent them the best. I'm a well-balanced person."
- 4) The character of the president and his responsiveness to the students, and his ability to gain more power for the class of 1997.



Alvin Townley

- 1) member Freshman Leadership Committee at W&L, student government, captain of cross country and track teams
- 2) "I want to maintain class unity throughout pledgeships."
- 4) "A president needs to handle situations as they arise."



Gary Wenger

- 2) "I want to promote class unity."
- 3) "I want to do something meaningful for the school."
- 4) Unity, class mixers.

adequately represent the Freshmen."
 3) "I want to have a leadership role and to make sure that all of the freshman have a great year."
 4) "I will deal with them as they come up. I would like to see more class parties and freshman social alternatives."



Lauren Guthrie

- 1) involved in class government, Senior Prom coordinator, "I'm openminded"
- 2) "I want to uphold the high standards of W&L with fairness."
- 3) "I think that the sense of honor and tradition and the standards of behavior make W&L unique. I want to be a part of that."
- 4) Maintenance of traditions and the standards of "gentlemanly behavior"

Sasha Hartman

- 1) Student Council, Captain of athletic teams, voted most spirited in High School.
- 2) "I want to enhance class unity and class pride."
- 3) "I have always been involved in student government."
- 4) class unity



Lathrop Nelson

- 1) President of senior chorus, in charge of fundraising for a trip to France.
- 2) Class unity
- 3) "I want to have a voice in this community. I want to make a difference."
- 4) The Honor System and preservation of the speaking tradition



Eli Smith

- 1) President of four organizations, officer of 10 organizations, state ranked Mock Trial team member
- 2) "I want to make the freshman year fun and bearable."
- 3) "I want to do something that will have an impact on W&L"
- 4) Fair decisions at SCC hearings



Question and answers were compiled by Phi Staff Writer Melissa Sawyer. Not all of the candidates could be contacted.

Vice-Presidential candidates

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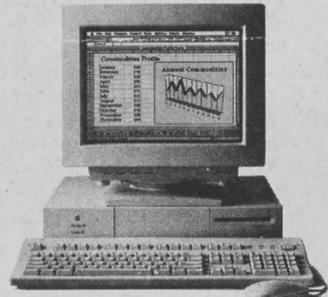
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EC debuts WBRC

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campus newspapers, Hutton said. At Monday's EC meeting, Hutton asked for the EC's opinion on procedural matters for the White Book review. According to Hutton, there are "some very vague guidelines in the White Book [for an Honor System review]."

Tompkins said he would like to see the committee report to the EC at the start of winter term, before submitting the results of their review on March 1.

Another concern was the violation of confidentiality if the WBRC were to discuss specific honor trials in their meetings. Tompkins said he would like to protect the confidentiality in the case of current stu-

dents, but said he didn't see a need to make a rule regarding what the WBRC could and could not discuss.

Second-year Law Representative James Rambeau agreed. "I think you can adjust the fact patterns," he said. "Make them hypothetical... Student A and Student B."

Hutton said the WBRC meetings would be "for the most part, closed."

Some debate ensued when Tompkins suggested that an EC member be present at WBRC meetings to offer input.

"I think they should put these things together without our influence," said EC Secretary Ashby Hackney.

Hutton said he plans to put together a calendar for the WBRC to follow while con-

ducting their review of the Honor System. In addition, he said the committee has acquainted itself with the White Book in the two meetings it has held.

"We've got three people who have practical experience," he said.

Other business covered at Monday's EC meeting included an appeal from Kevin Roddey, business manager of *The Ring-tum Phi*, who asked that the EC not cut the budgets of the publications under the jurisdiction of the Publications Board. The EC tentatively decided to cut each Pub Board publication by 17 percent at its meeting two weeks ago, in order to correct an old budgeting error. The funding cut became official Monday when the EC passed the budget by approving it for the second time.

IFC to examine Rush

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help them see what you're all about."

McClung suggested that some formal function precede the open contact period so that freshmen could meet all fraternities in a casual setting before the open houses.

"IFC might consider sponsoring a cookout or something which would allow the freshmen to meet five or six guys from every house before open house," McClung said. "So if a freshmen decided to go to a fraternity during the second week, they would know a few brothers at the house and not feel awkward or out of place."

Others have suggested that the open contact period be shortened.

"The open contact times really weren't utilized the way we thought they'd be," McClung said. "It might work better if lasted five days or a week."

One potential reason for shortening open contact next year may be to prevent Homecoming weekend and Tear Night from occurring the same weekend.

"Tear Night next year, under the current system, will be Homecoming Weekend," McClung said.

Homecoming weekend cannot be changed due to the football schedule. Kathekon and the IFC will need to reach some agreement about this before Rush plans for next year can be finalized.

Donaldson hopes to have the

review of Rush completed quickly this year.

"Last year, we took all year to work it out," Donaldson said. "We hope to get it done by the beginning of November."

The IFC will also be holding a meeting with the freshmen on Monday evening at 7 to discuss deferred pledgship.

"It's not so much about their rights as it is about how they are to become part of the house," Smith said. "They're not pledges during the fall, they're social members or whatever you want to call them but they're not pledges."

Smith said there is a list of regulations as to what the freshmen can and cannot do during the remainder of this semester.

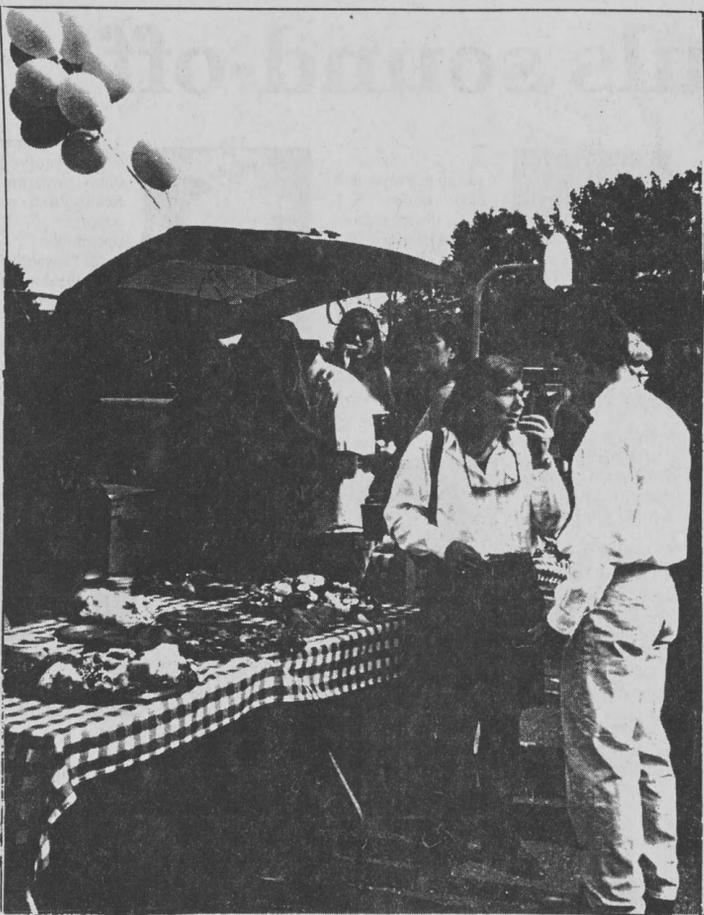
Deferred pledgship means that the freshmen are not officially pledges until the beginning of winter term.

"Deferred pledgship means the freshmen have 10 weeks to get really comfortable with the house and the brothers they've decided to join," Wolfe said.

In other IFC business, Chi Psi was placed on two week social probation for having kegs in their house.

"The kegs got taken by Security this afternoon," Donaldson said. "They came in and told us about it and it was all taken care of."

Smith said Chi Psi cannot have any parties at the house for two weeks due to the punishment.



Game? What game?

Photo by Bethany Smith, *The Ring-tum Phi*

Tailgaters frolic in the parking lot at Saturday's football game.

Car tax can affect credit rating

→CAR TAX, from page one

garaged for the majority of the year. In order to resolve this difficulty, Ellestad said that if the student has his car in Lexington for the more than six months of the year, it is assumed that his car is garaged there.

Ellestad said the past four years the car tax has been \$4.25 per \$100 of assessed value. Five years ago, it was \$5.50.

Failure to pay the car tax, according to Ellestad, will result in the treasurer filing debt warrants against the owner, which would appear on the owner's credit record. Ellestad said that the warrant appearing on the owner's credit record acts as an incentive to pay.

Ellestad said that if the student fails to pay the tax, the courts will intervene to force payment, but he adds that it is more diffi-

cult to force out-of-state car owners to pay. According to Lexington City Treasurer Pat DeLaney, it is difficult for the court to force an out-of-state resident to come to court because that is beyond the jurisdiction of Virginia.

DeLaney said that a court judgement will go against the resident's credit record, but the owner will never have to serve jail time. Usually, the car tax will be paid once the owner re-

ceives a copy of his credit record and calls the treasurer's office. She said that sometimes the owner finds that there was a mistake and doesn't have to pay.

DeLaney said that the trouble comes when people are not forthcoming in their information. As for W&L students failing to pay their car tax, DeLaney says that the students have either paid or discovered that they didn't have to pay.

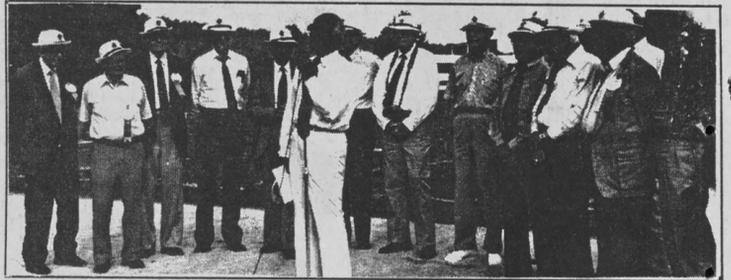


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Hepatitis B targets colleges

Disease is 100 times more contagious than HIV

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Staff Writer

Evading the flu epidemic may be the current medical concern for students on the Washington & Lee campus, but another, more dangerous affliction has medical experts worried about student health. Hepatitis B, a potentially fatal

communicable disease which attacks the liver, is spreading rapidly among college students.

Young people, ages 15 to 25, are the fastest growing segment of the population with hepatitis B according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. The number of young adults with hepatitis B is now 77 percent higher than it was 10 years ago. Hepatitis B is 100 times more contagious than HIV. One in 20 Americans has been infected with the virus, and each day 14 Americans die from hepatitis B-related illnesses.

Once inside the body, the virus strikes the liver, and may lead to cirrhosis or liver cancer. The risk among carriers of developing liver cancer is 200 times higher than that of non-carriers. There is no cure for hepatitis B, but there is a vaccine.

People transmit the disease through infected blood or bodily fluids including semen, vaginal secretions, and saliva. Hepatitis B can be transmitted through vaginal, oral, or anal intercourse.

The risk of contraction is increased for those who are sexually active, have unprotected sex, have more than one sex partner, have another STD, share needles for injecting drugs, or work in health care.

Also at risk are natives from areas where hepatitis B is endemic, including Alaska, the Pacific Islands, Africa, Asia, and the Amazon region of South America.

Most of those infected do not suspect they have hepatitis B, because its symptoms are so similar to those of the flu. "It can fool people at first," said Dr. David Copeland of the W & L infirmary. Symptoms include nausea, fatigue, vomiting, loss of appetite, jaundice, and abdominal pain.

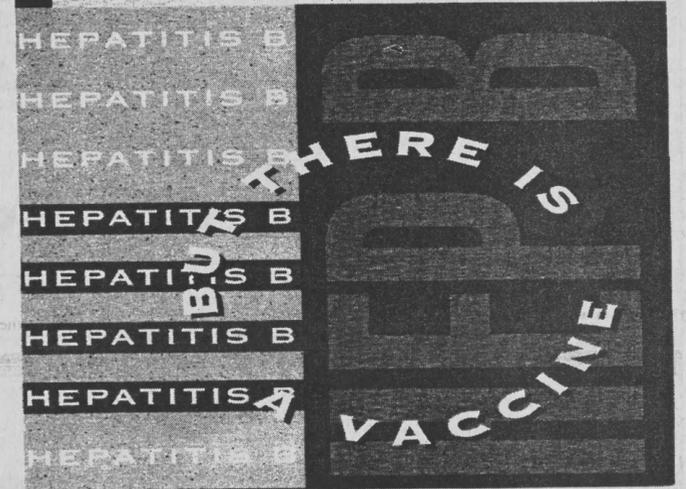
Dr. Copeland recalled no recent cases of hepatitis B on the W & L campus. If there were such a case, "we would offer the patient an infirmary stay. But there's probably not much we can do," he said. "There is no treatment, just rest and good nutrition."

The American College Health Association recommends that all college students be vaccinated against the hepatitis B virus. Some schools require the vaccination and most medical students are required to be vaccinated. "Any student who is going to be involved in health care should get the vaccine," said Dr. Copeland.

The vaccine stimulates the body to produce antibodies, which protect those exposed to the disease. It is given in a series of three shots with a total cost of around \$130.



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I am pleased to join the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases in recognizing National Hepatitis B Prevention Day.

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I commend you for acknowledging the seriousness of hepatitis B and for encouraging all Americans to accept their individual and collective responsibilities to prevent this disease.

Best wishes for much success.

Bill Clinton

File Photo

President Clinton has offered his support for the Hepatitis - B awareness/vaccination program. Dr. Ruth Westheimer (not pictured) has also come forward as a spokesperson for the cause.

Renaissance woman and Homecoming Queen

By BUNNY WONG
Phi Staff Writer

Senior Heather Aussiker has all the attributes of a Homecoming Queen—she's involved, personable, outgoing, and adept at bartending.

Yes, bartending. "It was a blast," said Aussiker of her bartending school experience last summer. Not many people go to bartending school as a summer activity, but W&L's Homecoming Queen is not an ordinary person.

Aussiker is the vice president of the Chi Omega sorority, a member of the leadership honor society Omicron Delta Epsilon, a member of the Student Affairs Committee, a G. Holbrook Barber Scholar, and the head dorm counselor at W&L, as well as one of the leads

in the Theatre Department production of *The Flies*.

As the head dorm counselor, Aussiker works closely with Dean Manning and the other dorm counselors. "I'm here if they need anything," she said.

"I really enjoy them [the activities] all. You try different things throughout your whole W&L experience," said Aussiker. Part of her experience included being nominated twice for homecoming court.

"I was thrilled just to be nominated," she said of her nominations by Sigma Chi both this year and last year. "I was very surprised and happy to be chosen as Homecoming Queen," Aussiker said.

The Homecoming Queen selection process involves filling out a questionnaire and being

asked questions by a panel of five judges. "It was a great honor to be picked," she said.

While being W&L's Homecoming Queen doesn't involve any specific duties, Aussiker feels that being the queen means "being a representative of the school and all that it entails—spirit, friendship, and tradition. I hope I can do it."

Aussiker has more than queenly duties to fulfill, though. Like all W&L seniors, next year she will have to face those two familiar four-letter words: real life.

"It's scary being a senior. Part of you is really excited and part of you says 'Don't take me away,'" said Aussiker.

Although she came to W&L planning to be a Physics major, Aussiker is now double majoring in Journalism and Theatre. Next year she plans to get her Master of Fine Arts in acting and plans to do bartending on the side for money.

Aussiker got into theatre when she auditioned for "The Skin of Our Teeth" her freshman year. "I got the bug," she said.

With her many activities, Aussiker has to be very organized. "I have this huge black book," she said. "I live off coffee. Coffee is my favorite food."

If coffee is her favorite food, W&L is definitely her favorite place to be.

"I can't imagine being any place else and being as happy as I am here," said Aussiker.



Left: Aussiker tries on her new crown

Below: W&L's 1993 Homecoming Queen, Heather Aussiker



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EC President Bob Tompkins receives one of the perks of his office.

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off the mark

by Mark Parisi

IT'S A QUITE COMMON STATE OF SHOCK, WE SEE IT ALL THE TIME... SEEMS SHE GOT A LOOK AT THE CONDITION OF HER BOYFRIEND'S SHOWER CURTAIN...



Pluggers

by Jeff MacNelly

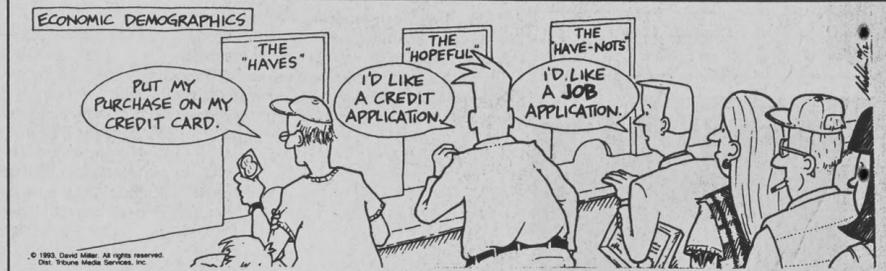


We pluggers find it hard to lie about our age.

Bound & Gagged by Dana Summers

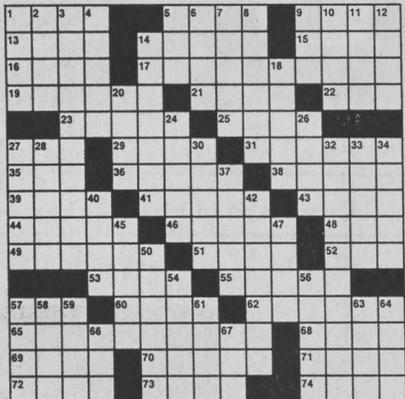


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Close but... not

No one got arrested.

The 38er Alligators donated \$25,000 to the University AND sponsored a sky-diver for half-time.

The football team played really well, at least for the first half.

Seems like it would have been a close to perfect Homecoming. But it wasn't. Close, but no cigar. And we can't think of a good reason why it couldn't have been perfect.

Few students may have realized there were a couple of floats missing from the Homecoming parade. They were not missing because of a last minute construction disaster or a flat tire. They were missing because some students decided to totally disregard one important rule for participating in the parade: no alcohol.

Apparently, students on two floats decided they could ignore that little rule. No one can claim ignorance of the rule as a defense either. Many students will tell you the Lexington police made it absolutely clear to them alcohol was not an option on a parade float. The parade float registration materials also made this very clear.

So why did a few students decide to ignore what they were told? Good question. But what is even more confusing is why they felt it so necessary to have alcohol on a parade float at 11:00 in the morning?

Don't get us wrong. We are not saying W&L students are not allowed to have fun. We are not saying alcohol is an evil thing either. But there is a time and a place for alcohol, and the Lexington Police made it very clear the parade was not the right time or place.

The biggest shame in all of this is that students and the Alumni Office have worked very hard the last two Homecomings to revive an old W&L tradition. The students who completely disregarded the alcohol rule just didn't care.

They didn't care about the work Kathekon and the Alumni Office put into organizing the parade. And they didn't care about the work they had put into creating their own floats.

One alarm too many

While the Gaines Hall Revitalization Committee is looking into how to improve life at Gaines we have one more thing for them to look into: the fire alarms.

Living in Gaines can have a lot of perks. But students living in Gaines will tell you a definite disadvantage is the fire alarm. It has a tendency to go off at 4 a.m. It usually buzzes for about 15 minutes and then it gets turned off. But, rest assured, nine out of 10 times the alarm will start buzzing again.

As most W&L students remember, the fire alarms are a problem in the freshmen dorms too. They buzz at strange hours there as well.

But they don't just ring in the middle of the night. All too often they go off in the middle of the afternoon and stay on for a while.

And university officials wonder why we don't leave the building when the alarm goes off.

It's simple. W&L students living in university housing are tired of having their sleep disturbed by obnoxious fire alarms. It's not like we get that much sleep as it is. Besides, they randomly go off so frequently they no longer have any impact. The fire alarms in the dorms have become the boy who cried wolf one too many times.

If someone is actually planning fire drills in the middle of the night, someone else needs to sit down and have a long talk with him. If the fire alarms are just randomly going off then maybe we should have someone take a look at them. If they go off when there isn't fire, what are they going to do if there ever is a fire? More importantly, will anyone be able to tell if it is real or not?

Quote of the week

This is great, but it's made out to Washington and Lee University.

—President Wilson during the halftime ceremony when the 38ers presented him with a \$25,000 check

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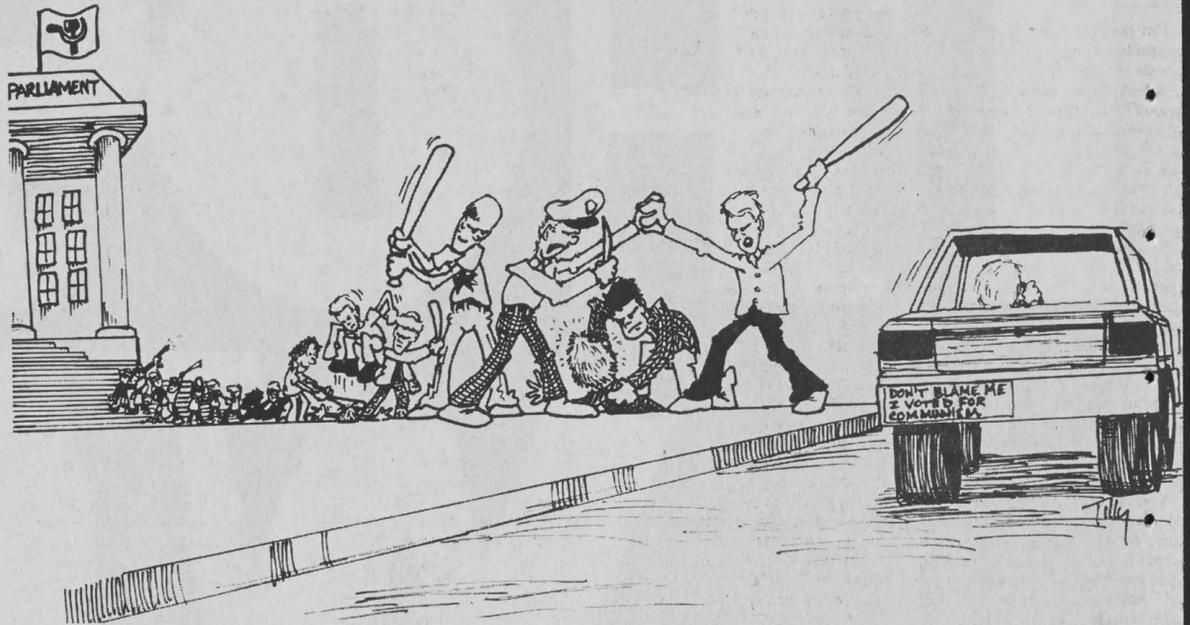
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OPINION



Book banning exists at W&L too

By now I'm sure most of you have seen the display in the University Bookstore. For those of you who haven't, there is a table loaded with books that were supposedly denied the privileges of the First Amendment. In each one is a card titled, "This Book Was Banned!"

accompanied by an explanation of the heinous crime. Yellow strips marked "Caution" surround the display, and a large poster with fairy-tale characters, reading, "Who's Afraid of Snow White, Mother Goose," etc., towers over it. The answer, incidentally: "People who ban books. That's who."

When I first saw it, I was surprised by the large number of books on the display. I own a copy of *By Way of Deception: The Making and Unmaking of a Mossad Officer*, the only book in recent years to be subjected to prior restraint, and that court order was overturned in all of a couple of hours. So, curious where the bookstore had found so many violations of freedom of the press, I was inspired to investigate further. I quickly discovered that most of the little "This Book Was Banned!" cards read something like this: "Book ABC by John Doe was removed from the school library in Smalltown, Kansas, after parents complained of its profanity and sexual content."

Of course, some weren't actually "removed"; they may have been "objected to" or "reviewed by the school board." This is when I clued in to the fact that their idea of banned might not

be the same as mine. The relevant works were allowed to be published and distributed. They are sold in bookstores across America. They can be found on the shelves of your local public library. But should parents decide they don't want their children to have unimpeded

access to certain materials, some elements (like the proprietors of the Bookstore) suddenly cry censorship.

One of the books on display is Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Angelou writes about themes relevant to black women and is a significant figure in contemporary American literature. Why then, was her book removed from a ninth-grade required reading list and the shelves of an eighth-grade classroom? Maybe it was because of the passage describing child molestation: "Mr. Freeman pulled me to him and put his hand between my legs.... He threw back the blankets and his 'thing' stood up like a brown ear of corn. He took my hand and said, 'Feel it.' It was mushy and squirmy like the inside of a freshly killed chicken. Then he dragged me on top of his chest with his left arm, and his right hand was moving so fast and his heart was beating so hard that I was afraid that he would die."

While child abuse is an issue that needs to be addressed, I'm not sure that I want my thirteen-year-old addressing it in that context. The truth is, I don't care whether parents are objecting to *Playboy* or *Little Red Riding Hood*.

The fundamental question is who gets to decide what children can and can't see. The problem with school libraries is they are one place that a parent cannot screen the material a child sees. If a family goes to a bookstore or a public library, the parents can see what the children are reading. But at school, children can check out books and leave them there, far away from the prying eyes of parents. It only makes sense, then, that parents are concerned about what is in those libraries. What if I happen to find these "banned" books perfectly acceptable? If several other parents object to a certain piece, I would still be more than happy to see it removed from the school. After all, if I want my children to read it, I can always get it at the local library. That way, everybody is happy. This is not a violation of the First Amendment. It is just common sense.

What doesn't make sense is our Bookstore's hypocrisy. They have set themselves up as champions of a free press, attacking parents' efforts to limit their children's exposure to morally questionable material. Nonetheless, these crusaders of freedom feel comfortable practicing political censorship on the adults of this university. Try going into the Bookstore and picking up a copy of *The Real Anita Hill*, by David Brock. You can't, because it's not there. Though this is a widely sold book, the proprietors of our local establishment are "just not using their resources to

speculate on it." Why not? When I asked I was told that they simply "not want to." The truth is, Brock's book says Hill lied during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. Proprietors happen to like Anita Hill, and, as a result, they do not like Brock's book. In fact, last year they reported called it "trash." Maybe it isn't speech they are concerned about, but much as freedom for their sort of speech.

The feminist rhetoric of Maya Angelou is championed while conservative political works are scorned. This is not what the First Amendment is about. Maybe our local non-partisan chapter of the ACLU should look it. In fairness, one of the proprietors stressed to me that they would of the book if I requested it. "We're censoring your right to read it," he said. They just don't want to use

money to keep it in stock. Isn't this still worse than public schools have done? At least the schools are protecting children, you and I need to be protected?

If the Bookstore proprietors were concerned about being able to sell

Real Anita Hill, I would understand. But that is not what this is all about when you go into our University Bookstore and see the proprietors with their "I Read Banned Books" pins on their shirts. If they have read *The Real Anita Hill*, after all, who's afraid of alternative political views? The proprietors of the Bookstore. That's who.

These crusaders of freedom feel comfortable practicing political censorship on the adults of this university.

Candidate's views could backfire

Ever since Thomas Jefferson drafted the Virginia statute of Religious Freedom in 1786, religious groups in Virginia have enjoyed a liberty of conscience unequalled by most countries. Even those religious groups who have tried to restrict the liberty of conscience of others have enjoyed the benefits of Jefferson's law.

Thomas Jefferson realized his statute of Religious Freedom and the Constitutional guarantee to religious liberty would not be self-enforcing. Each successive generation of Virginians would have to maintain the "eternal vigilance" that, as Thomas Jefferson said, is "the price of liberty."

Especially today, Virginians cannot afford to take their inherited freedoms for granted. Pat Robertson's Virginia-based Christian Coalition would love to impose its religious morals on others if only it could elect its members to political office. Already the Christian Coalition has managed to infiltrate the ranks of the Republican party. In this year's Virginia state elections, dozens of candidates, affiliated to varying degrees with the Christian Coalition, are running as Republicans. The most prominent of those candidates is the Republican contender for Lieutenant Governor, Michael Farris.

Michael Farris, a 41 year old lawyer and member of the Christian Coalition, was the treasurer for Pat Robertson's 1988 presidential campaign. He also worked for the Moral Majority in Washington state before he settled down in Virginia 10 years ago. Currently, Farris is the president of the Home School Legal Defense Association, an organization he founded to support families who educate their own

children.

The Farris campaign captured national attention when the candidate denounced public schools as a "godless monstrosity," "values indoctrination centers" and "a multi-billion dollar incultation machine." Farris, who with his wife Vicki, has educated their eight children at home for 12 years, would support a state tax credit of up to \$2000 per child for the cost of public, private, parochial or home schooling.

This tax credit proposal, which he calls "educational choice" would deal a heavy blow to our liberty of conscience by forcing taxpayers to subsidize religious schools and thereby religions to which they do not subscribe.

State support of religious education is an issue that has been around for a long time. In 1784, Patrick Henry proposed a bill in the Virginia legislature to provide state funding for religious education. The bill if enacted, would have required taxpayers to designate a church to receive a proportionate allocation of state funds.

James Madison, also a Virginia state legislator at the time, responded to Henry's bill by writing his

famous *A Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments*. In this document, Madison declared that religion "must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man." He added that legacy of government support of religion amounted to "superstition, bigotry and persecution."

Madison's arguments not only helped to defeat Henry's bill but they also laid the intellectual foundations for the Constitutional ban against an establishment of religion. The Virginia General Assembly enacted Jefferson's bill for Religious Freedom in place of the defeated Henry bill.

Michael Farris and the Christian Coalition still take a second look at Virginia's rich history which provides more than a few lessons on religious liberty. They may perhaps be unaware of the fact

that religion flourishes when not subsidized by the state. Today most of our which support religious are also centers of religious strife, like Northern Ireland and Bosnia.

Moreover, Robertson and Madison Farris may not realize they could become victims of their goals. State funding Farris's home school and Christian Coalition schools might also include funding for "hard core feminist" and witchcraft school.

this in mind, Robertson and Farris would probably be much less enthusiastic about "educational choice."



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OPINION

Carriage tours inspire grand plans

DREAM LAND
Richard Weaver

I'm positive that by now you've seen the horse-and-carriage that ferries tourists around our lovely little city—interstate, showing them the various local historical sites, such as Stonewall Jackson house, Lee Chapel, the old graveyard, VMI, the friendly mall, Taco Bell, The Palms, and Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall. If you haven't seen the horses, close your eyes and take a deep breath.

You ask yourself, why would anyone take a carriage tour of a city no bigger than a Disney World parking lot when they could easily walk? And I would answer you by saying: "They have a lot of free time and \$7 in their hands."

Now before I dig too deep a hole, I will admit that, OK, I have taken one of these tours, but I feel obliged to add the disclaimer that it was a diversion for some visiting relatives, and not for my personal enrichment.

You say to me, indignantly, "Richard, I would never go on one of these tours, for any reason, even if Tom Lespos held a gun to my head." And I say to you, "Wait until Parent's Weekend." And you say, "Oh, no," to which I add, "Oh, yes." Better start cleaning

your rooms now because you've got a scant two weeks to get ready for Mom and Dad Experience Lexington From The Viewpoint Of A Native (you). Whenever the bookstore gift shop ceases to amuse them, you better have a "Plan B." How does that carriage tour sound now?

On our carriage tour, guided by a graduate of Our Name Is Now Southern Virginia College for Women So Start Calling Us That (or "Sem," for short), my family and I learned what temperature bricks were glazed at to be used for Lexington sidewalks, as well as at what exact incline Main Street used to be in the 1800's. Now where else can you gain such knowledge? Throughout the tour, my mind began to wander as to what practical applications could be made of the horse-and-carriage transportation system. I came up with the following:

1) Use it to replace W&L Security's Suzuki fleet. (JOE STUDENT: "Try and tow my car away with that horse!" W&L SECURITY: "High ho, Silver,

away...")
2) Give it to the Lexington Post Office to use to deliver the mail (Sorry, I forgot; that's what they use now.)
3) Old-Fashioned Hay Ride/Wok Night from the Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall.

I feel that this is an appropriate time to admit that I love the name "Letitia," and when I was accepted by W&L and found out it was the name of the dining hall, I immediately sent in my deposit for that reason. Not only that, but "Letitia" is just a fun word to say. Try it. Letitia. Letitia. Letitia. Letitia. Letitia. See?

Speaking of fun words, on our carriage tour, we heard quite a few from Lexington motorists. It seems that the carriages are immune to traffic laws and may go through red lights, switch lanes without signaling, double-park, etc. with no fear. And there's not anything that the Lexington legal system can do about it:
JUDGE: Sir, you are charged with

recklessly endangering public safety by going the wrong way on a one way street and for eating the shrubbery on Henry Street. How do you plead?
DEFENDANT: Naaaaaaay (Defendant sticks head in bag of oats).

I started thinking also that the carriage tours might be a great source of revenue for the city of Lexington. Since there is a car tax assessed on W&L students, why not have a horse tax assessed on the carriage tours?

Perhaps it could be figured on a per-hoof basis or on terms of the riders and wear-and-tear on the streets. Perhaps even, toll stations could be set up along the tour route to collect the tax:

TOLL COLLECTOR: OK, you've got two horses, a tour guide, four tourists, three of which are overweight, and one of which is from New Jersey and wearing a "DUBYHUNNELL" T-shirt. Let's see... that will be \$6.50.

HORSE: Naaaaaaay (The horse starts gnawing on toll collector's pants).

OK, there are a few "kinks" in the system, but that's not to say it's all bad. And, OK, I probably shouldn't have spent so much time thinking while taking this tour. But seriously, the carriage tour is something worth doing at least once during your four years here. You can even tell your grandchildren about it.
Naaaaaaay.

Better start cleaning your rooms now because you've got a scant two weeks to get ready for Mom and Dad Experience Lexington From The Viewpoint Of A Native (you).

LETTERS

Project Horizon raises awareness

To the editor:

October has been recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Project Horizon would like to encourage students to join us in our efforts to end the terrifying cycle of family violence.

Project Horizon is a non-profit organization which serves Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County. We are committed to increasing our community's awareness of domestic violence and to provide information and support to families afflicted with this widespread disease. Our direct services to individuals in our community include:

- 1) a 24-hour hotline for information and referral.
- 2) emergency shelter within the community for victims and their children.
- 3) long-term shelter outside the community.
- 4) support groups to help individuals understand their situation and to regain control of their lives.
- 5) assistance in court for those who choose to pursue relief within the legal system.
- 6) Teen Dating Violence program presented to eighth graders in area schools as a part of the state-mandated Family Life Curriculum.
- 7) ongoing educational programs presented to civic and community agencies who serve battered women.

If you would like to join Project Horizon in its effort to aid troubled families, there is a great need for volunteers. Phone volunteers provide three days or nights per month as a volunteer advocate (calls are automatically transferred to your home) working anonymously to give out information, coordinate emergency services, and often just to listen with an understanding ear.

A training program for volunteers will be held in November. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Project Horizon is invited to a special gathering on Friday, Oct. 22 from 5-7:00 p.m.

In our country, a woman or child is victimized by domestic violence once every 15 seconds. We cannot accept this. Can you?

Lisa Coffey
Executive Director, Project Horizon, Inc.

Depression symptoms can be diagnosed, helped

MY VIEW

DR. JAMES W. WORTH

College counseling services consistently will tell you depression is the "common cold" of mental health problems on campus. It's not a question of whether or not you'll become depressed but when, how intensely and for how long.

Fortunately, most students who become depressed experience it only as a temporary case of the blahs, a bad day or perhaps even a bad week. Usually this kind of depression is a reaction to some sense of loss, which has emerged in the normal course of daily events.

More than a simple disappointment, this brief reactive depression could be triggered by a low exam grade, a stormy romance, troubles at home or peer problems on campus. Homesickness, a very common experience among freshmen, is a form of depression caused by the "loss" of one's daily routine and contact with home. For most students, homesickness disappears within a few days or weeks as they develop a new set of friends and a new routine at school.

Recognizing depression, either in yourself or others, can be difficult. Feeling sad is not the same thing as being depressed.

Symptoms of Depression

Depression is often accompanied by a numbing of feeling. The depressed person is apt to deny being depressed but will instead say that he or she has been tired, less energetic, not as well organized as usual and perhaps even lethargic. Depressed individuals find the things in life they used to enjoy no longer hold the same appeal. They typically have changes in their eating and sleeping patterns. Some, especially those who are mildly to moderately depressed, may eat and sleep considerably more than what is normal or usual for them.

But as depression deepens, sleep usually become fitful and disturbed, often with a pattern of waking up

early in the morning and not being able to go back to sleep again. Appetite drops off and weight loss can occur. Sexual interest may diminish, too.

Depressed people frequently find their sense of confidence is lower, and they blame themselves for things. They won't believe or accept the compliments others give them. Although depressed people desperately need the emotional reassurance and support of their friends, they often become irritable and somewhat withdrawn, which discourages others from approaching them.

This can be something of a vicious cycle. The depressed person has trouble seeing their decreasing contact with others is not a rejection but is the reaction they themselves have provoked.

Often accompanying depression are physical symptoms that are not associated with an actual disease. Headaches, stomachaches, backaches, skin reactions, constipation or diarrhea and chronic fatigue are the kinds of symptoms campus physicians report hearing from students.

Anxiety and tension are also typical among those who are depressed. Acute or intense bouts of anxiety, known as panic attacks, are especially common among those with moderate to severe depressions.

Suicidal Thinking

The symptom of depression that is most frightening to others is the emergence of suicidal thinking. Almost no one seriously contemplates suicide who is not significantly depressed. Although most people who threaten to commit suicide usually don't actually do it, most who have killed themselves did threaten to do so. Consequently, no suicidal threat should be taken lightly.

One other statistic is worth keeping in mind. Males threaten suicide less than females but actually succeed in killing themselves more frequently.

One of the real fears and misperceptions is if you have a friend who you know is depressed, you

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GENERAL NOTES

Speech

Political consultant Lance Tarrance, '63, will discuss current trends in U.S. public opinion on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 327 of the C-school. For more information please contact Chuck Erdman at 462-4359.

Resumes

All seniors should be reminded that the resume drop deadline for November companies is Friday, Oct. 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the CDPO.

SLAC

All seniors interested in participating in the SLAC job fairs in January should be advised that the resume drop deadline for participating in these job fairs is Friday, Oct. 22. Stop by the CDPO for more information.

Office Hours

The CDPO will have extended office hours the week of Oct. 18. The office will reopen nightly (Monday-Thursday) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for seniors wishing to review SLAC materials and submit resumes for the job fairs in January.

Alcohol

What effect does alcohol have on your ability to learn and remember? More than you might realize. Find out on Monday, Oct. 18, at 8:00 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. "Alcohol and Memory - A Neuroscientist's Perspective," will be presented by Scott Swartzwelder, Ph.D. - a leading researcher on alcohol and the brain from Duke University.

Hillel

The Hillel Society will present "Peace and the Accord," a speech by Fred Lazin of Ben-Gurion University, in Northern Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Exhibit

Selected works from the art collection of the late J. Keith Shillington will be on exhibit in the duPont Gallery from Oct. 19 through Nov. 11. A panel discussion titled "A celebration in Memory of Keith Shillington" and opening reception for the exhibit will be held Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the gallery. The public is invited to attend.

Concert

The W&L Alumni Association and the department of music will present Robert Vienneau, pianist, in recital at the Lenfest Center on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow at the Alumni House.

Interviews

The final practice interviews for seniors for this term will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Sign up for a time in the Career Development and Placement Office.

Test Inventory

There will be a career test interpretation session for those who have completed the Myers Briggs, Strong Campbell test inventories on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 109. Call the secretary in CDPO if you plan to attend this session.

Phi

The Phi will hold its weekly storyboard meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Room 208 of the University Center. All interested in writing are invited to attend.

General Notes are compiled by Richard Weaver.

Student Body Notices

- 1) Two students have been found guilty of cheating on a final exam during the 1993 Spring Term exam period. Both students have chosen to withdraw from the university.
- 2) A student has been found guilty of copying another student's computer program during the 1993 Spring Term and has chosen to withdraw from the university.

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos
By Joe Framptom

If you were doing Talkback this week, what question would you ask?



Sarah Aschenbach, '95, Potomac, Md. — "Whose face would you most want to see on the back of a milk carton?"

Ben LaBrecque, '97, Clinton, NY. — "Now who are you going to vote for in '96?"

Shannon Jones, '94, East Hampton, NY., and Carrie Southgate, '95, Rivervale, NJ. — "Whose face would you most like to carve on your Halloween pumpkin and why?"

Paul Howe, '96, Cortland, NY. — "What do you dislike most about the Trident?"

Sasha Hartman, '97, Princeton, NJ. — "Why don't squash balls bounce?"

How to recognize symptoms of suicide, depression

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should never raise the question of possible suicide because that would put the idea into his or her head. Actually, just the opposite is true. By giving a depressed friend the opportunity to discuss any suicidal feelings he or she might have, you can reduce the likelihood that your friend will actually take his or her own life.

If you have a friend who is depressed and who makes some kind of suicidal threat or even broad hint he might prefer death over life, don't ignore the possibility. Sit down with your friend and let him talk about it. Try to be as accepting and calm as you possibly can.

In such a situation, if you get upset or start trying to give a little lecture about how wrong it would be for him to actually do something to himself, you will cut off the communication process. Instead, quietly and patiently invite him to tell you how he feels.

Don't worry about having answers for his problems. He has to work out his own answers. You can be helpful simply by listening and by accepting his feelings.

Don't hesitate to ask directly if he has ever thought about hurting himself, especially if he has brought the subject up first. In particular, find out how detailed his plans may be. Someone who has only vague or general thoughts about self-destruction is in less danger than one who has selected

a time, place, and means for ending his life.

You can even ask a person to rate the chances of taking his own life — 10 percent likelihood, 50 percent or higher. While even a low estimate must be taken seriously, someone who says the chances are 50 percent or higher would be considered overtly suicidal.

It probably seems very strange to think of yourself talking to a friend about these kinds of things. Probably, it is something that won't ever happen. But it could. Thinking about it in advance will make it easier for you to act in a purposeful, helpful way.

How To Help A Suicidal Friend

So, what is your worst fears are confirmed? What if your friend shares with you that he indeed is depressed and has a strong desire to end it all? What should you do?

First of all, take a deep breath, relax and remember one important thing. Your friend would not have confided in you in there weren't a big part of him that wanted to live. Otherwise, your friend would have simply gone out and done away with himself. That you have even been told is a sign that a healthy part of that depressed person is mobilized and wants to get help.

This is one time when you must not worry about breaking confidences or appearing to be a tattletale. Sooner or later, you are going to have to see that

his information is passed on to someone who can help your friend.

If your friend is willing to go to a minister, physician or mental health professional, or to a college administrator or faculty member, then all you need to do is make sure he gets there. After that, you are off the hook.

But if he refuses to do that, you need to be prepared to tell someone on your own. That may seem to be unfair in one sense, especially if your friend told you his problems in strictest confidence. But death is irreversible, and so are many forms of injury that people can inadvertently inflict upon themselves in a failed suicide attempt.

He may not realize it at the time, but your going to someone else could save your friend's life or health. You simply have to trust that one day he will be healthy and mature enough to recognize what you were faced with. Most likely, he will be very grateful to you.

If you sense a fellow student really could attempt suicide in the immediate future, do not leave him alone. Call a friend or some responsible person on campus. Stay with your depressed friend until he has been taken for help. Explain to him what you are doing.

Tell him honestly if you are frightened, and don't be ashamed of that. He has told you something that is very frightening. But don't blame or criticize him for his self-destructive feelings. He already is loaded with guilt. Simply tell him you value him and will not allow him to do anything harmful, even if that's what he truly feels he

wants to do. If the depressed friend does not appear immediately suicidal but you suspect that he could become so in the future, see if he will make a "non-suicide agreement" with you. Even if this seems silly, it has been shown to be a very powerful helping technique.

Ask the person to promise you he won't do anything self-destructive for a specified period of time. It could be a day or a week, or even longer. Get him to commit to this, even in writing. This promise, though made to you, is actually a covenant with himself. It is not an absolute guarantee, of course, but is a very important commitment that many depressed and suicidal people will honor.

During the time you have bought with the non-suicidal pact, you can do everything in your power to get the student to a counselor or some other person who can help. Or, if he refuses, you can talk to a counselor or dean about the problem.

Treatment of Depression

Depression can be treated and overcome. The simple reactive depressions we all occasionally experience usually go away with the passing of time. A good long chat with a friend or a call home to a parent may speed the process along. When the depression seems to be lasting longer than two to three weeks, it might be helpful to talk with someone in your campus counseling service. The people there are trained to

deal with what you are experiencing and will probably be able to help.

Some depressions are biological in nature, meaning there is a physical reason for them. No amount of talking will make this kind of depression go away because it isn't a matter of accepting or dealing with factors in the outside world. Rather, it is a matter of an imbalance in body chemistry.

Fortunately, there are a variety of antidepressant medications which can be prescribed that are often quite helpful. New medication that has hit the market shows special promise of alleviating depression without producing disruptive side effects.

Antidepressant medication is not like an aspirin that works in 15 or 20 minutes. It may take as long as four to six weeks to build up in the blood stream and produce maximum results. The newest antidepressant works faster than older ones, but the effects are still not going to be instantaneous.

If there are panic attacks, these, too, can be reduced by medication. Tranquilizers, such as Xanax, are frequently prescribed, and they do work quickly. Panic attacks are disruptive and frightening. If you've never had one before, you may think you are having a heart attack or even going crazy.

The feelings are extreme dread and fear. Your heart may beat wildly, your hands get cold, and you may have tightness in your chest. The feelings build up to a sort of climax, then taper off, leaving you feeling tense and spent. Panic attacks are extremely unpleasant.

If you have having any symptoms like these, depression is a definite possibility.

Drugs and alcohol are particularly tough on depressed people. Getting high produces a brief euphoria that gives a sudden, temporary sense of relief from the depression. The hook is that alcohol and many drugs, especially marijuana, are themselves depressants. It's like trying to put out a fire by pouring gasoline on it.

Many suicides that do occur are done under the influence of a substance. So if you are depressed, be especially cautious about any form of chemical use. It may seem like it helps, but it could be pushing you deeper into the problem.

Maybe the bottom line on all of this is simply to recognize that mild depression is probably going to come into the lives of us all from time to time. We learn special ways to cope with it. Whether we simply wait it out, talk to a friend, go on a shopping spree or distract ourselves by becoming more deeply immersed in our regular activities, any non-destructive coping technique is okay.

However, if we find that after several weeks the depression hasn't lifted, it might be time to see a mental health professional. He or she really can help. There is no need to simply let nature take its course when treatment exists that can greatly speed up the recovery process.

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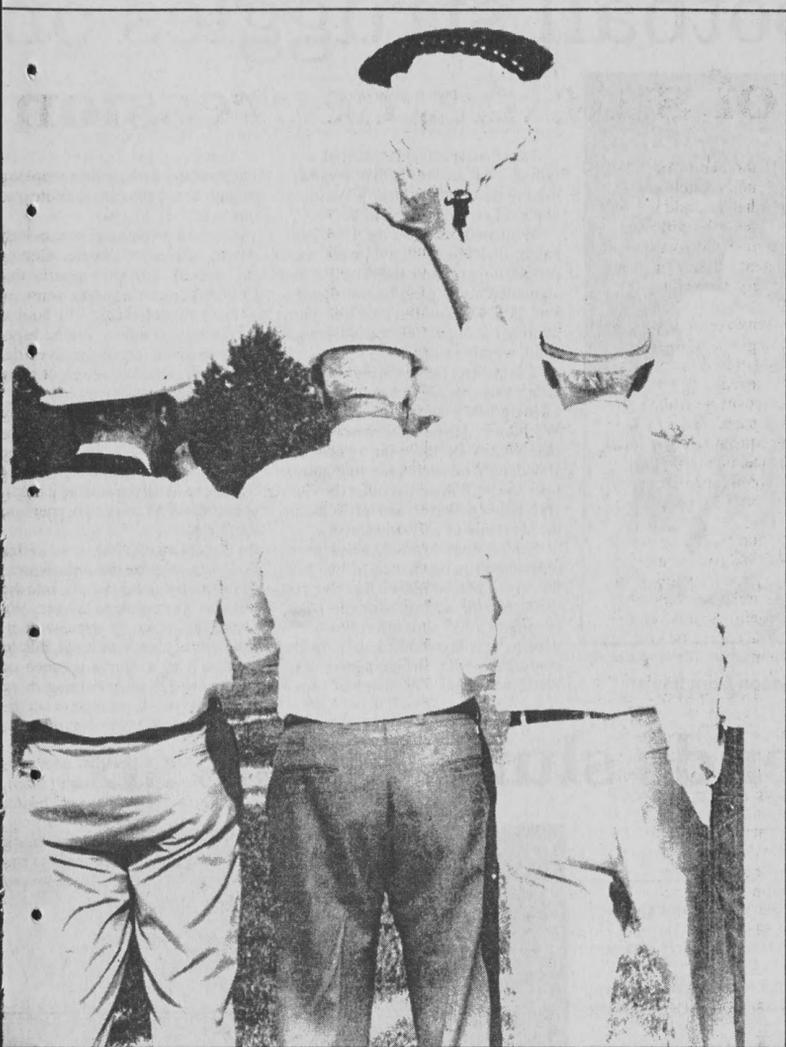
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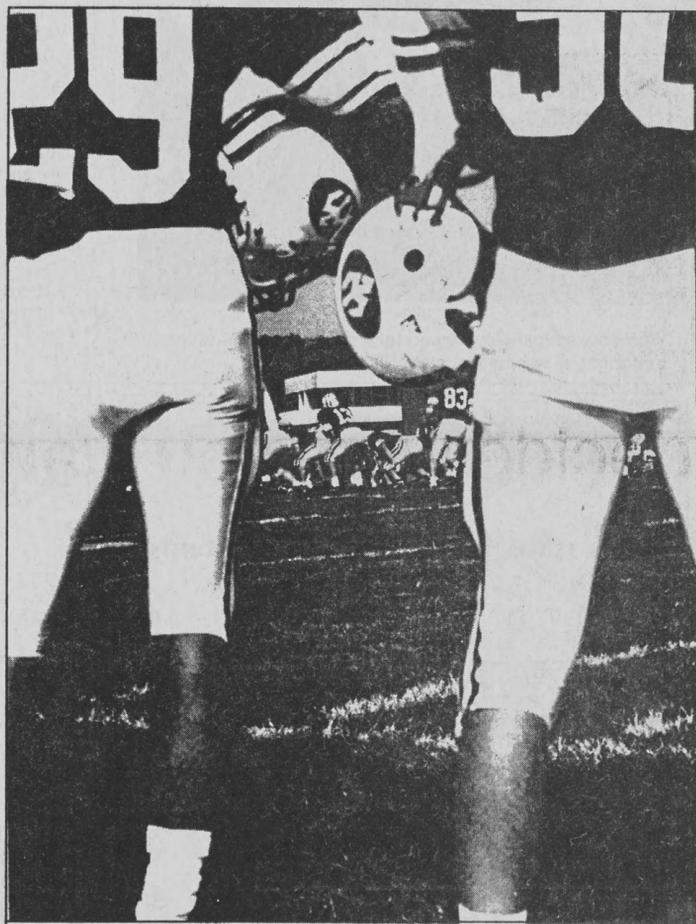
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Homecoming Weekend was the setting for a few firsts in W&L history. Left: 38ers cheer on a skydiver they sponsored for their 55th reunion presentation to W&L. The reunion was the first 55-year reunion in W&L history. Right: Ernie Williams, '38, presents President John D. Wilson with a \$25,000 check. The donation was the first ever made by a class for their 55-year reunion. Below Left: The weather gave W&L a break Saturday. Below Right: Two generals watch the action from the sidelines. Despite outperforming Davidson in the statistics column W&L still fell short in the win column.



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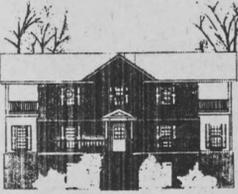


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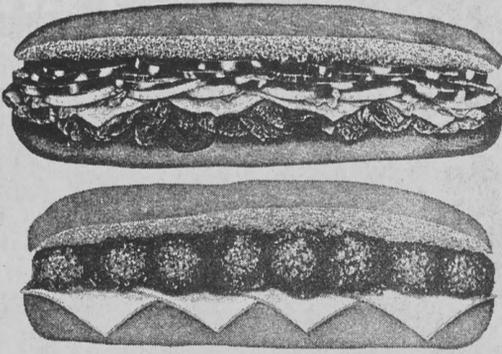
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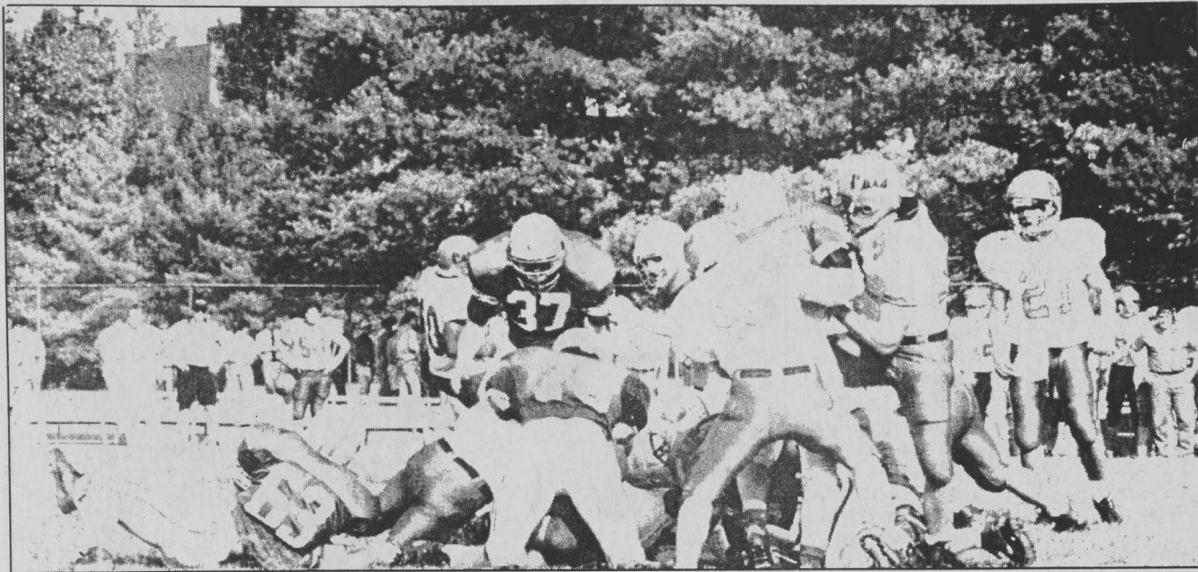


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As junior Bob Phillips looks on, freshmen defensive linemen Robert Hull and Peyton Williams attack the Davidson front line at Wilson Field in the Generals' Homecoming game, which Washington and Lee lost 21-14.

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Less than spectacular, dismal, even failing—All are words that have been used to describe this year's Washington and Lee football team.

With an 0-4 start to the 1993 campaign, the Generals have made most people forget about the promise that abounded at the inception of the season. A 5-4 season last year had many holding out hopes of a second straight solid, winning year.

The most recent loss in the General's string was, by far, the most painful. Leading 14-7 entering the 4th quarter, W&L looked to be on their way to the first victory of the year against the Davidson Wildcats. A two touchdown rally by the Wildcats spoiled the Generals hopes however, and left W&L on the short end of a 21-14 score.

Senior Tom Mason turned in an outstanding performance in the loss, however. Mason rushed for over 100 yards for the second straight week, turning in a 135 yard effort. Mason's yardage left him ranked third in the conference with an average of 92.8 yards per game. The standout senior

lacks only 111 yards from becoming only the 16th player in W&L history to rush for 1000 yards in a career.

Once again, freshman Brody Fischer turned in a solid performance though not of the caliber of the previous week's. Fischer threw for 107 yards on 10-18 passing with two touchdowns against two interceptions. In the overall Old Dominion Athletic Conference rankings, Fischer is fourth with a rating of 100.2.

Another standout for W&L is sophomore defensive tackle Robert Hull, who racked up two more sacks to raise his season total to 7. The school record for sacks in a season is 10 in 1991. Hull also leads the team in tackles with 53.

Next week's game at Hampden-Sydney will determine a great deal about the W&L team. A win against the 3-2 (2-1 ODAC) Tigers could take the Generals back on the winning track. Last year, Washington & Lee won 21 in a hard fought affair. A loss would virtually guarantee the W&L squad a losing season at 0-5. Despite the fact that half the season remains, the W&L football team would be reduced to cusing on individual milestones.

Eyes on the ball...



Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Women's soccer players carefully maneuver around their opponent in a game last week.

Volleyball ends slump, wins six

By RANSOM JAMES
Phi Staff Writer

After winning Thursday night against Emory and Henry, the Washington and Lee volleyball team has raised its record to 13-11.

The Generals posted a 2-2 record this past weekend at the Goucher tournament to move their record to 11-11.

W&L faced Pitt-Johnstown in the first match of the tournament. Elizabeth Bahn recorded five kills in the match, but the Generals couldn't pull it off, falling 15-8, 15-11.

The team then got its first taste of victory for the weekend as they shut down Messiah 3-15, 15-7, 15-9. Freshman Virginia Yoerg, coming off a great week, had ten kills to lead the Generals. On the week, Yoerg had 39 kills in just six matches.

After losing to Lebanon Valley 15-13, 15-6 in the third match, the Generals posted their second victory of the tournament. Yoerg was again the story, getting eleven kills, as the team pulled it out 15-12, 15-10.

This past week signified a good start for the Generals as they embarked on a key five-game stretch against all ODAC opponents. On Tuesday, W&L defeated Lynchburg 15-7, 11-15, 15-5, 15-7.

W&L moved its conference record to 3-3. Its three losses have come at the hands of the top three teams in the standings—Bridgewater, Guilford, and Eastern Menonite. The next three games against ODAC teams give the Generals an excellent chance to make up some ground.

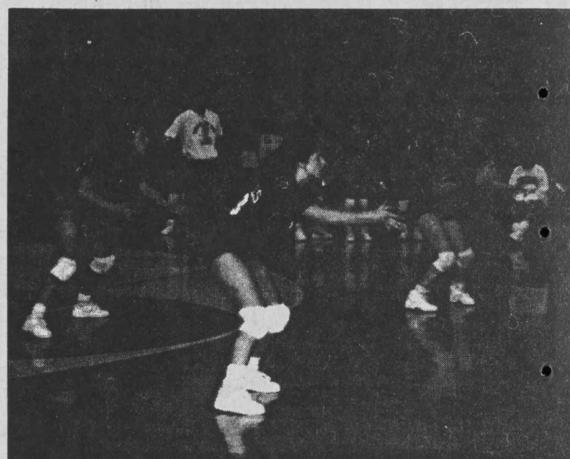


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Volleyball players prepare to return a serve from Lynchburg.

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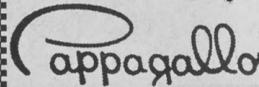
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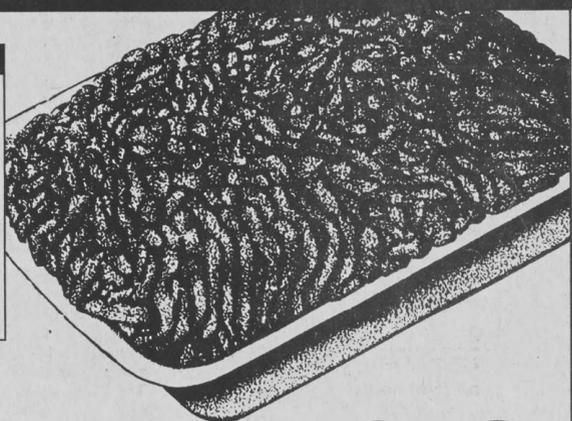
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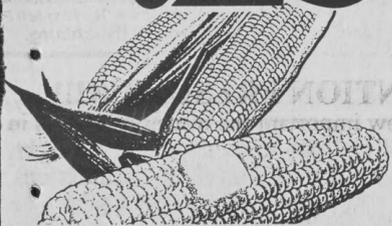


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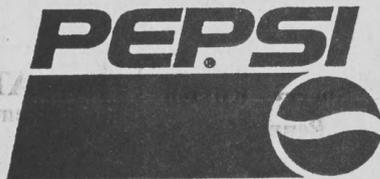
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Men's Cross Country Overall Records*

Lynchburg	11-0-0
Eastern Mennonite	5-2-0
Hampden-Sydney	8-5-0
Washington and Lee	3-2-0
Roanoke	3-3-0
Bridgewater	3-9-0
Randolph-Macon	1-11-0

Women's Soccer ODAC Standings

Randolph-Macon	5-0-0
Washington and Lee	5-0-1
Roanoke	6-1-1
Va. Wesleyan	4-2-0
Lynchburg	3-3-0
Guilford	2-4-0
R-M Women's	2-5-0
Sweet Briar	0-7-0
Hollins	0-5-0

Women's Cross Country Overall Records*

Roanoke	3-0-0
Emory and Henry	2-0-0
Lynchburg	2-1-0
Eastern Mennonite	3-3-0
Washington and Lee	1-1-0
Bridgewater	1-3-0

Volleyball Overall Records

Bridgewater	14-3
Guilford	18-5
Eastern Mennonite	14-9
R-M Women's College	12-8
Lynchburg	7-7
Washington and Lee	10-11
Sweet Briar	5-7
Roanoke	5-7
Hollins	5-8

Men's Soccer Overall Records

Roanoke	12-1-0
Va. Wesleyan	11-1-1
Randolph-Macon	12-2-0
Hampden-Sydney	8-4-2
Eastern Mennonite	8-6-0
Lynchburg	5-8-1
Emory and Henry	3-5-0
Washington and Lee	4-7-0
Guilford	2-10-1
Bridgewater	1-8-0

Volleyball ODAC Standings

Guilford	6-0
Bridgewater	4-0
Eastern Mennonite	4-0
R-M Women's College	2-3
Hollins	2-3
Sweet Briar	2-4
Washington and Lee	1-3
Roanoke	1-3
Emory and Henry	1-4
Lynchburg	0-3

Men's Soccer ODAC Standings

Roanoke	6-0-0
Randolph-Macon	5-1-0
Virginia Wesleyan	4-1-0
Eastern Mennonite	3-3-0
Washington and Lee	2-3-0
Hampden-Sydney	2-3-0
Lynchburg	2-4-0
Guilford	1-5-0
Bridgewater	0-5-0

Washington and Lee Team Records (updated for 10/15/93)

Women's Soccer Overall Records

Randolph-Macon	10-1-0
Washington and Lee	7-3-0
Roanoke	7-5-0
Lynchburg	6-6-0
Guilford	4-7-0
R-M Women's	4-7-0
Va. Wesleyan	4-7-0
Sweet Briar	2-8-0
Hollins	2-9-0

Women's Tennis	2-0
Women's Soccer	7-3-1
Water Polo	7-6
Men's Cross Country	3-2
Volleyball	12-11
Women's Cross Country	1-1
Men's Soccer	6-7
Football	0-4
Overall	38-34-1

*Only dual and tri-meets are included in cross country records

Sports moment o' the week...

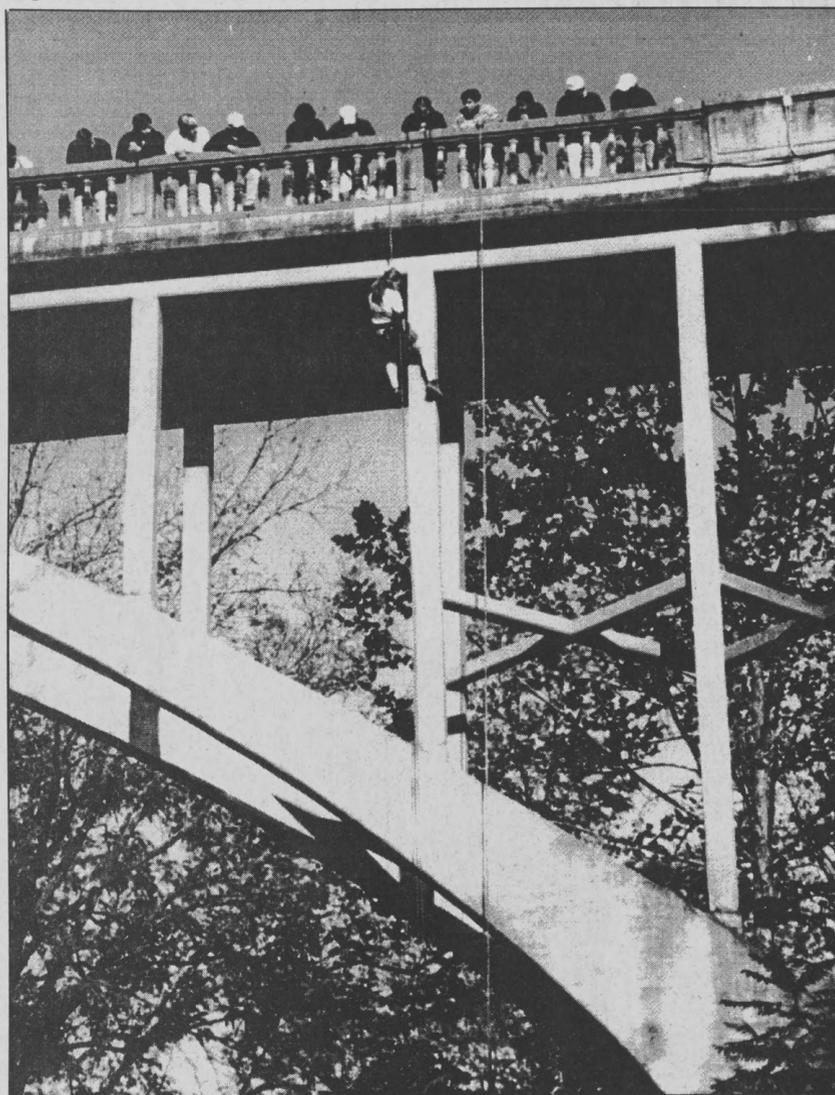


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Mims Rowe rappelling from the footbridge was the photogenic athlete of the week for Oct. 15, 1993

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 MSoc—defeats Hampden-Sydney

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

FB—at Hampden-Sydney 10/16
 WTennis—MWC 10/16
 X-C—at Virginia State Meet 10/16
 WP—at EWPA Round Robin 10/16

Credit policy deserves examination

SARAH ON SPORTS
 BY SARAH GILBERT

He gets up every morning before seven to run three miles; all school year. Practice begins a week and a half before school begins in September, and he runs two hours a day, six days a week, from late August to early May.

He spends almost every weekend competing against top athletes across the East Coast, many of them Division I, and perhaps will go to National competition in one or two sports.

Yet this athlete, who is most likely in better shape than many scholarship athletes at Division I schools, who typifies several athletes at this Division III school, will still have to take a physical education course to graduate from Washington and Lee University.

All W&L students are aware that one must pass five PE courses in order to receive the one physical education credit necessary to graduate, as well as passing a swimming proficiency test.

I argue, however, that the policy of granting credit to competing Varsity athletes needs revision.

Currently, an athlete participating in a Varsity sport can receive two credits toward the PE credit, total. If he or she competes in two sports (it is extremely difficult to compete in more than two Varsity sports at W&L), the total will be four credits over four years.

The example above is typical of athletes running both cross country and track. Track alone, which contains two official seasons recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, can take up an entire year worth of training and competition for the dedicated athlete.

Lacrosse, also, will take up most of the year in training; certainly the majority of both of the semesters with pre-season practice in the fall and a long season in the spring.

Tennis and golf both have fall and spring seasons, and yet a four-year athlete in any of these sports will only receive two credits toward his or her required five.

I agree that physical education is important for the well-rounded graduate, but it is going too far to mandate that these athletes, in incredible shape year-round, often without time or energy to take on three extra hours of training a week, take useless PE courses.

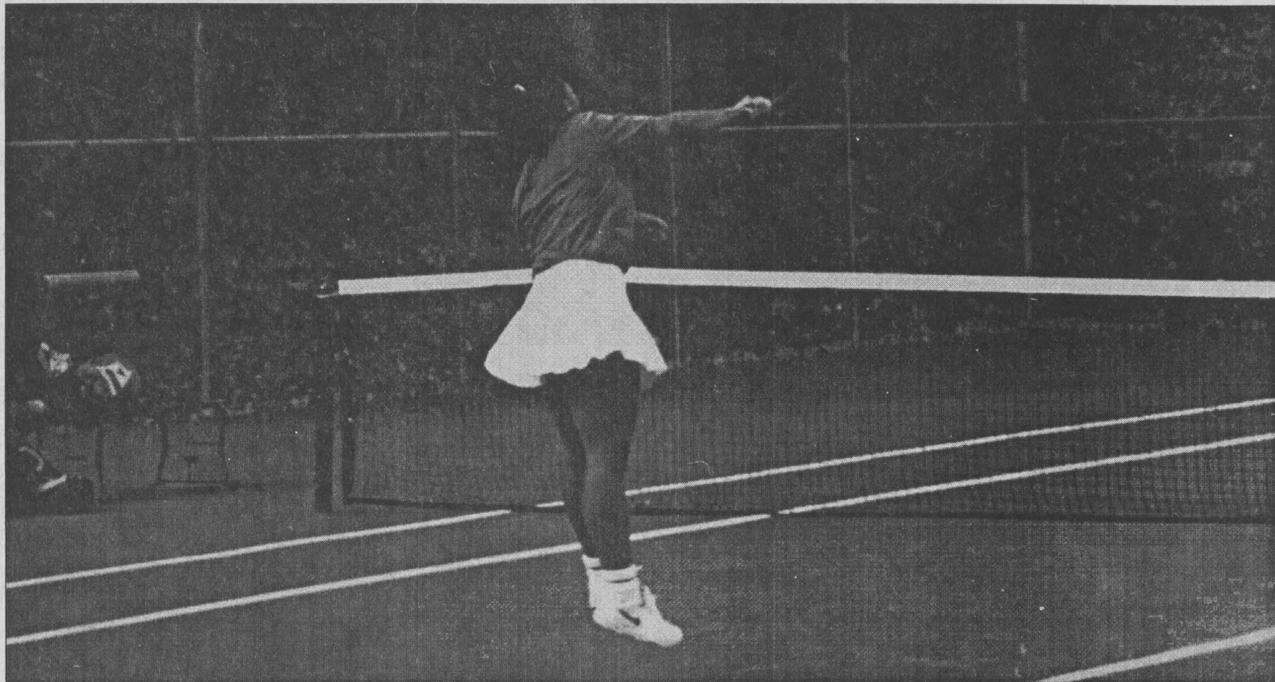
Certainly, if an athlete wishes to take skiing or horseback riding or canoeing, he should not be refused. But to force this athlete to take time out of his schedule to prove such a useless point is ridiculous.

One solution would be to allow athletes to continue to receive credit for Varsity sports as many years as they compete, and to give two separate credits for two-season sports such as tennis, golf and track.

Physical education is necessary, healthful, and helps to relieve much of the pressures of the non-competing student, but it belabors an already proven point for the year-round athlete. The credit policy deserves re-thinking.

This may be another hold-over from pre-coeducation days which has simply not been examined. Whatever the case, athletes who receive minimum recognition for their hard work should at least be rewarded by eliminating the currently unfair requirements.

Women's tennis hot in fall season



Junior Marilyn Baker smashes a return to her Radford opponent. Washington and Lee defeated Radford Oct. 14, 6-3.

By SARAH GILBERT
 Phi Sports Editor

With junior All-American Marilyn Baker at the helm, Washington and Lee women's tennis team is the only per squad at W&L yet this season. Of course, the Generals have played two contests in the fall season, but their record is impressive.

After a match against Radford Thursday, which Washington Lee won 6-3, Baker in singles and in doubles with partner sophomore Julie Ayers, hope to advance far in next week's National Championship.

Baker comes strongly off her second All-American season after playing and teaching tennis all summer. With the added experience of these two past months and the upcoming contest Oct. 16 versus Mary Washington, and Ayers should be in top form to face the tough competition at Nationals.

The Generals' other win this season was against Catholic where they took five of six singles titles to overpower the Catholics.

Photo by Sarah Gilbert, The Ring-tum Phi

JOCKSHORTS

Men's Cross Country

Washington and Lee men's cross country, competing without the women last weekend, failed to overcome the power of Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Lynchburg, which had the top three finishers.

The Generals, however, did finish above Hampden Sydney and Catholic University to score two wins (wins and losses are only assessed in cross country for dual, tri- or quad-meets).

Sophomores Brad Paye and Tom Fink, again leading the Generals, finished fifth and sixth overall. Paye ran a quick 29:02, with Fink just seconds behind him in 29:14.

Freshman Alvin Townley continues in his top form, and finished in the top ten at Lynchburg with a time of 29:52.

Senior Brian Shearer, in his best race of the season, finished in 30:48.

Water Polo

Water polo, after a bye because of a cancelled Virginia State meet last weekend, will return to the water Oct. 16-17 as they head to Annapolis, Maryland.

Washington and Lee will face Dayton, 11th-ranked Navy, 19th-ranked Richmond and 18th-ranked Arkansas-Little Rock in the Eastern Water Polo Association Championships.

Senior All-American Greg Golub, who suffered a shoulder injury against Loyola Marymount two weeks ago in California, is still undecided for this weekend.

Women's Cross Country

After an off week, the women's cross country team returns this weekend for the State Championships. The Generals will attempt to defend the Division II-III title they won last year. The biggest competition should come from Mary Washington, which beat Washington and Lee in a dual meet earlier this year.

Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer, completely recovered from the spider bite that kept her from a few days of practice over a week ago, will return as defending State Champion, hoping to continue her undefeated season.

Steve re-casts series hunch, moves gamely on to football

AWAY GAMES

By STEPHEN WILLIARD

The sports world is about to pass dominion from baseball to football and basketball. Now that the World Series is here, baseball readies for its last gasp of glory. The fall classic (while driving some fans to bitter mourning this year) represents the best baseball has to offer.

Toronto has the edge on experience and should beat the Phillies in a six game set. Philadelphia has a great deal of talent and will put together a few remarkable games. In the end, however, just as with the White Sox, the Blue Jays hitting should just prove too much for the Phillies to handle.

I have given football a hard time all year long, but now it is actually time to start enjoying the sport (it's actually starting to mean something now). Although some teams (the Atlanta Falcons) wish the season was over already, the remaining two months will hold both uncertainty and promise for most squads (right up until the Superbowl, where the NFC team will win yet another exceedingly boring blowout).

Actually, the Superbowl is not THAT bad. After all, there are some truly great commercials that air during the game. Besides, the half time show is usually decent (except last year: Michael Jackson!?!). Once again there will be the Bud Bowl game, as well. There might be some new scoring record set this time, too. Golly, maybe even Buffalo (4-1 at this point)

will be there (what would the Superbowl be without the Bills?! OK, so I'll still watch the game like every other idiot in the Western world.

Now finally, the main topic for the week: college basketball. In a few weeks, many teams will hold what is known as "Midnight Practice." On the first day of practice (as mandated by that friendly, caring body: the NCAA) the teams get together at exactly 12 midnight to celebrate the beginning of basketball season.

The conferences to beat this year will be the Atlantic Coast Conference (big surprise there) and the Big Ten (or eleven, but who wants to argue semantics?). The University of North Carolina and Duke (once again: Big surprise) field the strongest teams out of the ACC while Michigan and Indiana will fight for the top of the Big Ten.

Parting Shots—

What in the world happened to the Washington Redskins? How does a team go from the playoffs to a 41-7 rout at home? If you know the answer, fill out your Redskins coach application.

The Dolphins won a rather Pyrrhic victory last week. Although they won the game, they lost all-pro quarterback Dan Marino for the year. Without Marino's golden arm, the Dolphins stand about as much of a chance at the playoffs as the Atlanta Falcons.

Phillies fans: Does John Kruk ever bathe? Can Mitch Williams ever have a 1-2-3 inning?

Don't worry Falcons fans (are there any left?): Deion is back!!!

To all those industrious souls who read all the way through the column...Are you that bored?

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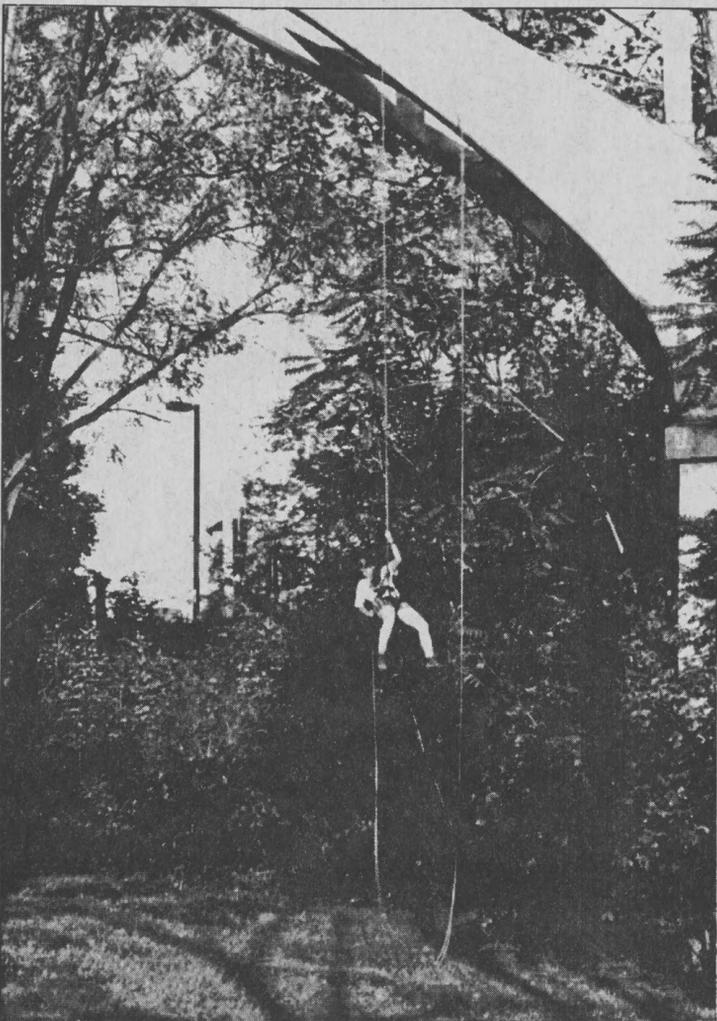
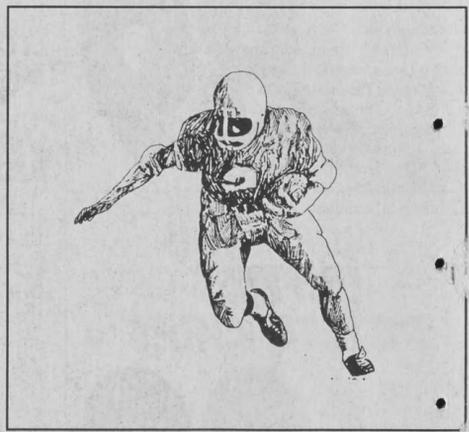


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Sophomore Mims Rowe slowly lowers herself to the ground near the Chessie trail. Members of the Outing Club rappelled from the footbridge Oct. 12. The unpublicized event drew over 20 spectators and hopeful participants.



Soccer cuts losses, wins two in a row

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
 Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Inexperience can give even the most successful coaches fits. A thoughtless mistake can be the difference between a win and a loss.

"This is the most inexperienced team I've ever coached," says coach Ralph Piranian. According to Piranian, the team's slow start this year was the result of nothing more than inexperience. Following a streak of four consecutive losses to open the year, the Generals have played a much improved brand of soccer, going 5-3 in their last eight games.

The plus for the W&L squad this year has been a remarkable work ethic. In continuing his comment about this year's team, Piranian said, "This is also one of the hardest working teams I've ever coached." In Piranian's opinion, the team put as much effort as possible into every game. "There

were some games in which I thought we played stupid, but I always thought we played hard," remarked Piranian.

Following Tuesday's 3-2 win over Hampden Sydney, the Generals improved to 4-7 and 3-3 in the ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference). To this point in the season, Shag Drewry has led the scoring with contributions from numerous other players (including a score from an unlikely quarter—keeper Anthony Mazerelli).

In a 3-2 win over Dickenson College, General's scoring leader Shag Drewry tallied a goal in the last 20 minutes that tied the game and sent it into overtime. The win was of considerable importance since Dickenson was ranked in the east region.

There is only one home game (amidst a slew of away contests) remaining for the Generals before the ODAC tournament (against Eastern Menonite). A strong finish could produce another .500 or better season; something soccer fans at W&L have become accustomed to.