

**Weekend Weather**

Today: Sunny, breezy, low 60's  
Tonight: clear, cool, low 35  
Saturday: Sunny, cool 65 degrees



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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## Phi Delt gets SAC warning

By MICHELLE BRIEN  
Phi News Editor

What do you get when you mix chocolate syrup, corn flakes and shaving cream?

Critical probation. The Student Affairs Committee voted 8-3-0 on Oct. 15 to place Phi Delta Theta fraternity on critical probation for the remainder of the academic school year.

The punishment stems from an Oct. 2 incident in which Phi Delt fraternity members spread chocolate syrup and

cereal through the kitchen and dining room of the Phi Delt house. In the same incident, Phi Delt's used shaving cream to stick newspapers to the walls and floors.

"The SAC decision was pretty reasonable," said Phi Delt President Billy Guice. "It doesn't curtail our social plans, it just makes us more responsible."

The 1993-94 Student Handbook defines critical probation as "a strong warning to a fraternity that specific conduct has been unacceptable, and that further violations of the Standards for Fraternities and/or University

policy could result in the suspension or the expulsion of the fraternity.

"A fraternity on probation would automatically be considered for suspension or expulsion by the SAC if violations occurred in the following areas:

- Blatant destruction of the fraternity house
- Violation of the University Drug Policy
- Violation of the University Hazing Policy

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## Alcohol causes 44 student arrests

By MICHELLE BRIEN  
Phi News Editor

Forty-four Washington and Lee students have been arrested for alcohol related crimes since the beginning of the term — 19 of them got snagged last weekend.

That averages one alcohol-related arrest per day since the beginning of the term. Lexington City Police Chief Bruce Beard had no explanation for the high number of arrests last weekend. "You usually find something like

this on big party weekends," Beard said. "The ABC wasn't out in force, but there were several here."

Beard added that on an average weekend Lexington police and Alcohol Beverage Control officers make four to six arrests for alcohol related crimes. Beard said that there are usually two to six ABC officers in Lexington on any given weekend, and usually six on big party weekends.

A spokeswoman from the office of ABC officer Leonard Vess said that she was not at liberty to disclose how

many ABC officers were patrolling Lexington last weekend, but added that the arrests "were part of their daily, regular job. Observations are part of their working day."

Causes for arrest include drinking in public, driving while under the influence, reckless driving, underage possession of alcohol, littering, and refusal to take a breathalyzer test.

Of the 44, 14 were freshmen, 10 were sophomores, 12 were juniors and seven were seniors. Only one law student was arrested.

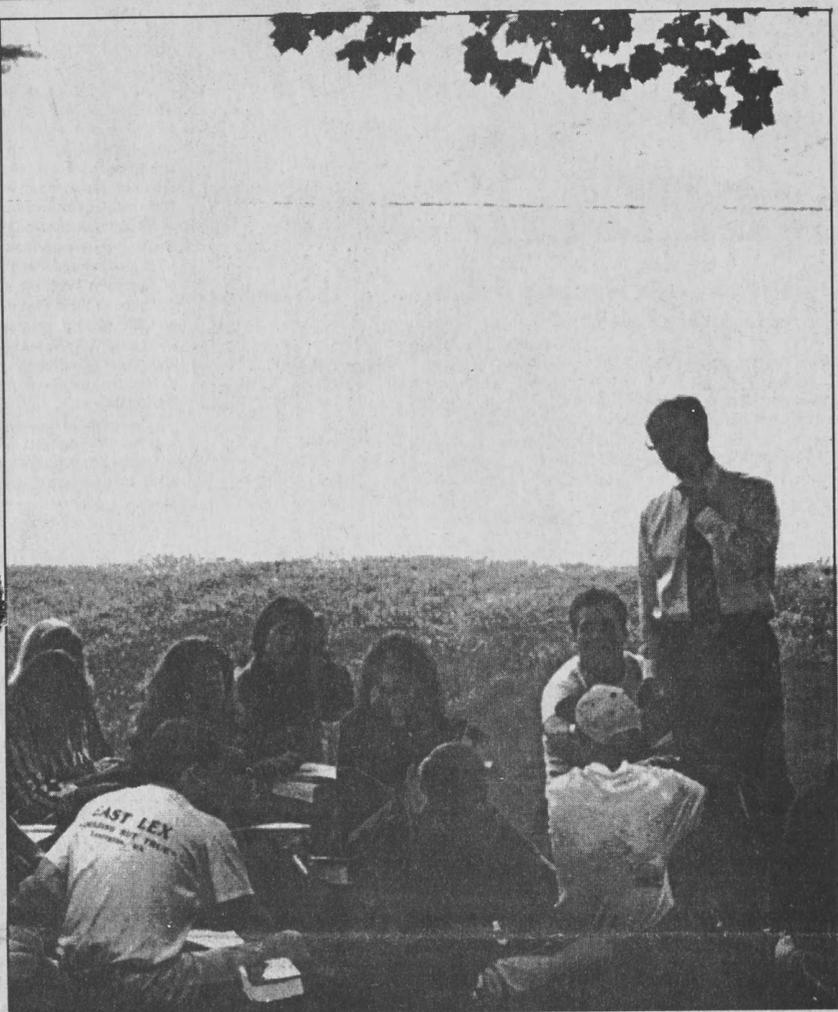


photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Professors take classes outside recently to enjoy the warm weather. But a cold front coming through Lexington this weekend may make classes on the lawn a thing of the past.

## Students, community build playground

By SARAH GILBERT  
Phi Staff Writer

Children ran excitedly around the gymnasium at Lyburn Down- ing School Tuesday night as plans for a new playground, "KidsPlayce," were unveiled by its architect.

"This is a different kind of playground," said architect Jane Lewis of Leathers Associates.

She met with children all day Tuesday at Lexington and Rockbridge County schools, gathering ideas from the "Kid's Committee," before compiling them all and drawing a plan.

The playground, which will be built on Brewbaker Field over the span of five days, April 20-24, is a community effort headed by Susan Dittman. Dittman first came into contact with play- grounds of this type when visit-

ing friends in Alexandria, Va., and decided that Lexington needed such a structure.

But this is no ordinary play- ground. Among the unusual fea- tures of Lexington's KidsPlayce will be a pirate ship with a crow's nest and cargo net, four slides - one wheelchair accessible and one in the form of a dragon's head - a castle with a maze, tow- ers and bridges, a fun house with special steel mirrors, a tree fort and a climbing wall.

It may seem difficult to fit all of this into 10,000 square feet, but Lewis showed slides from a few of the Leathers' 850 other projects throughout the United States, Australia and Israel.

The project should cost between \$50,000-\$75,000, but the Kidsplayce committee has already collected more than \$21,000, mostly due to a donation in memory of Dittman's father, who died last year.

Members of the committee include students from Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute and residents of Lexing- ton and Rockbridge County.

Dittman likened the work of the play- ground to having a baby and said it would have to come out sometime.

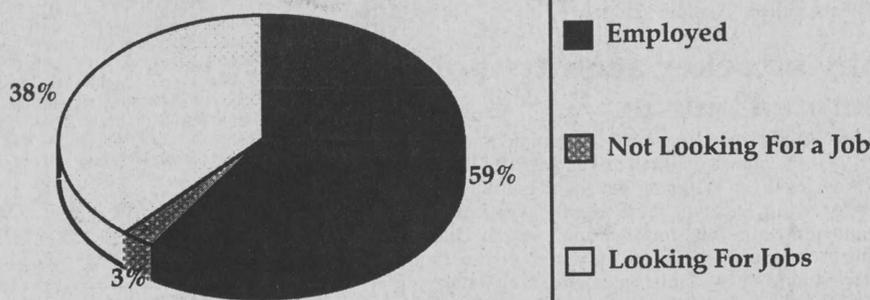
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photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Scenes like this will soon be a familiar sight at Kids Playce.

## 1993 Graduates in The Job Market



The percentages above are the current statistics available at Career Development and Placement. The percentages are from the people who have responded to CD&P, 81 percent of the class of '93, and do not reflect the entire graduating class. These are not final statistics.

## Class of '93 still searching Late job search delays in employment for many

By BUNNY WONG  
Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee's Class of 1993 is becoming cozy with a new four-letter word...jobs.

The Career Development and Placement Office (CD&P) has been keeping tabs on last year's seniors from the time they graduated in June. They do this through December.

"We gather figures by writing to the seniors and telephoning them in September and December," said Beverly Lorig of the CD&P office. "In December we hope to have a high number with jobs."

So far, 81 percent of last year's graduating class has responded to CD&P's inquiries.

Fifty-nine percent of that 81 percent is currently employed, in graduate school, or continuing their education in some other way.

While 59 percent is a seemingly low figure, many graduates have just started hitting the pavement in the quest for a job.

" Oftentimes, seniors will take the summer off," said Lorig. "They take a break before they begin their job searches."

Of the respondents, 2.74 percent said they weren't looking for jobs when they replied. "We are seeing the result of students delaying [their job searches] until the fall," said Lorig of the 59 percent figure.

Thirty-eight percent are still looking for jobs.

"We expect that to become less," said Lorig. "We've been encouraged by recent job offer reports."

Hot regional spots for W&L grads include the mid-Atlantic area, the District of Columbia, Virginia, New York City and Georgia.

The job market is becoming more competitive, said Lorig.

"Students need to be flexible," she said.

W&L has an advantage in the rat race with its strong academic profile. It is part of an 11-member Selective Liberal Arts Consortium (SLAC) that counts Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Vassar and Pomona among its members.

"All [11 colleges] together have a real strong profile," said Lorig.

Employers have become more and more interested in the SLAC's job fairs. The fairs are convenient for the employers to attend.

This year, 157 companies are participating in SLAC job fairs, a figure that is up from previous years. The employer interest in W&L is stronger than ever, according to Lorig.

Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, New

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## BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

### The World



#### Ethnic cleansing continues in Bosnia-Herzegovina

"Ethnic cleansing" continues in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In Serb stronghold Banja Luka, Muslims and Croats continue to flee by the busload, forced out of the area by fire from Serb gunmen. Local authorities deny there is any policy of terror and claim unidentified "extremists" are at work.

#### Israel-PLO talks hit snag

Israel's refusal to release Palestinian prisoners accused of killing Israeli citizens has served as the first stumbling block in the Israeli-PLO negotiations. The issue is a sensitive one for both groups. The Israeli government fears that freeing the prisoners would bolster support for right-wing groups that oppose the peace pact with the PLO. Palestinian negotiators have stressed they want all prisoners set free, but would agree with a phased release.

#### Aristide ally kidnapped

A parliamentary ally of Jean-Bertrand Aristide has been reported kidnapped, according to two private Haitian radio stations. Samuel Milord, a member of the Aristide coalition National Front for Change and Democracy, was kidnapped by gunmen late Wednesday in the uptown Debussy area of Port-Au-Prince, according to family members.

### The Nation



#### Shuttle astronauts participate in medical study

As part of a study on space motion sickness, astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia stared at colored dots in a spinning dome. The shuttle was dispatched on a 14-day medical research mission along with 48 research rats. Scientists hope to use the data collected on the mission to counteract the effects of long space stays.

#### Censorship concerns raised

The Walt Disney Co. re-edited its motion picture "The Program" after one teenager was killed and two others were seriously injured while lying down in the middle of a busy street, in imitation of a scene from the film. The move immediately followed changes to the animated film "Aladdin" and the MTV cartoon show "Beavis and Butt-Head" after numerous complaints about their content. "Beavis and Butt-Head" was moved to a later hour because of references to fire, which an Ohio woman claims contributed to the death of her daughter in a fire set by her young son. Arab-American activists have called "Aladdin" racist.

#### Denny attacker acquitted of attempted murder

Damian Williams was acquitted of attempted murder in his April 29, 1992 attack on truck driver Reginald Denny in the Los Angeles riots. Williams was found guilty of felony mayhem for hitting Denny in the head with a brick. He was also found guilty of four misdemeanor assault charges, stemming from four assaults on other motorists. Henry Watson was found guilty of misdemeanor assault for placing his foot on Denny's neck so that Williams could hit him with the brick.

### The State

#### State college students rally

Thousands of students at several Virginia colleges protested the possibility of budget cuts and tuition increases. A crowd of 4,500 students gathered at Virginia Tech on Wednesday in protest. Smaller crowds gathered at Mary Washington, William and Mary, George Mason, and the University of Virginia. Since 1989, the state has cut college funding by \$413 million. A \$500 million budget shortfall is projected, prompting Virginia's Secretary of Education to direct state schools to prepare for possible cuts of 10 to 15 percent.

#### Killer says he didn't plan trooper's slaying

Prosecutors in the trial of Lonnie Weeks, a man accused of killing a state trooper, say the accused killer was a small-time drug dealer and car thief who bragged he could beat a murder charge. Weeks has confessed to the slaying, saying he feels remorse for the Feb. 24 killing on a dark exit ramp off Interstate 95. Defense lawyers said he doesn't deserve to die for his crime.

# Pit menu revamped.

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Staff Writer

If you're in the mood for an All-Vegetarian Pizza, then come on down to the Generals' Headquarters, otherwise known as the Pit.

This year you may notice a couple of changes from last year, including changes in management and in the menu.

According to Judy Sensabaugh, the new manager of the Pit, the menu has been changed from last year. She said that appetizers like potato skins with bacon have been added, as well as two vegetarian sandwiches.

Sensabaugh said that the prices for the salad bar are one dollar less than last year and that fresh baked, hand-carved roast beef will be available every day.

Last year dinner in the Pit was discontinued because of declining profits.

"The few regulars we had coming in were upset," said Sensabaugh.

Sensabaugh said that people didn't know where else to go.

However, according to Sensabaugh, business is improving, and the all student staff is doing a great job. She said that an average of 80 to 100 people are served everyday.

According to Sensabaugh, the Pit can be reserved for student functions by contacting Janet Goad in catering.

"If the organizations leave the Pit like they found it, there is no charge," she said.

Sensabaugh said that there will be a suggestion box outside the Pit for students and that there will be a different special each week, targeting a specific



Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Two students enjoy a meal at the General's Headquarters. The menu was redone for this year.

group on campus such as law school students.

Student reaction to the changes in the Pit are mixed.

Sophomore Tamara Watkins loves the salad bar, but she said that the menu has flaws.

"It's missing a little bit of the sandwich variety it had last year," said Watkins.

She believes that the Pit being closed for dinner is limiting.

"Now, options for dinner are even smaller," she said. "A sit down dinner at the Pit is more formal than at the Co-op."

Junior Lakiesha Townes agrees.

"I'm getting used to the Pit not being open for dinner," said Townes.

Senior Pat McDermott believes that

if the Pit was losing money then it should have been subsidized by the university instead of closing it down for dinner.

Sensabaugh said that the Pit is always open for suggestions for improvement.

"If we know what the students want, we'll do everything we can to give it to them," said Sensabaugh.

## Alcohol Abuse week kicks off

By EMILY BAKER  
Phi Staff Writer

Neuropsychologist Scott Swartzwelder of Duke University kicked off Alcohol Awareness Week with a lecture on alcohol and memory.

In his lecture, Swartzwelder revealed that alcohol affects reflexes and memory, and inhibits the ability to acquire new memory. Even "social drinkers show cognitive deficits too," said Swartzwelder, although they are less severe than the effects resulting from heavy drinking.

Alcohol Awareness Week is sponsored by the

Health Education Committee and the Peer Counselors.

Next Wednesday, October 27, a controlled drinking experiment will take place in the Pit from 7 to 9 p.m. Subjects of the experiment will drink one 12 oz. beer every 15 minutes until their blood alcohol level reaches 0.09.

"We're asking every social organization to have one representative," said peer counselor Sarah Butler.

"We are going to constantly monitor their blood alcohol level," to ensure it stays within the legal limit, said Dr. James Worth, University psychologist.

Lexington police officers will administer breathalyzer tests after every beer.

"We're trying to educate the campus on how much or how little alcohol it takes to reach that level," said Butler.

Students can win door prizes and listen to the band Big Harry Posse during the experiment.

"It's meant to be fun, but it will also have a serious side," said Dr. Worth. Participants in the experiment will sign a contract stating that they will not drive any time on Wednesday night. Live Drive will be provided for those needing rides from the experiment.

## Economics department in support of NAFTA

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The members of the economics department at Washington and Lee have unanimously endorsed the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

In a statement sent to President Bill Clinton and to all members of the Virginia Congressional delegation, the members of the department said the agreement "will allow most citizens, including most workers, in the United States, in Canada, and especially Mexico, to enjoy a higher standard of living and a better overall quality of life than exists today. We recognize that there will be some transitional problems of adjustment when the treaty comes into force, most notably some modest reallocation of labor. Unfortu-

nately progress always involves change, and change means necessarily some problems of adjustment."

The 12-member department also endorsed President Clinton's and Secretary Robert Reich's proposals for programs of "adjustment assistance for those individuals who must make changes, especially programs of re-training and skill development for laborers displaced by increased imports."

"This endorsement reflects our hopes that Congress and the American people will see that free trade is the best hope for seeing our economy grow," said Larry C. Peppers dean of the school of commerce, economics, and politics at W&L.

The endorsement was also signed by the nine other members of the faculty of the C-school.

## And the winners are...

**Class of 1997 President:**  
Alvin Townley

**Class of 1997 Vice President:**  
Sasha Hartman

**Class of 1997 Executive Committee Representative:**  
Marcus Rayner

## Watson Pavilion to be dedicated

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Watson Pavilion for Asian Arts will be dedicated during ceremonies Oct. 22 and 23.

The Watson Pavilion houses a collection of more than 500 pieces of porcelain, jade, ivory, and bronze spanning a period of 2,000 years. A large part of the collection was donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Otey Watson of Lynchburg. Watson made the gift in honor of her late husband, William C. Watson, W&L class of '29. Mrs.

Watson also provided funds for the construction of the building.

Popular, provincial and imperial porcelain from the Ming and Qing dynasties predominate the Watson Collection which includes Chinese paintings, furniture, and accessories. Also on exhibit at the Watson Pavilion are collections of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean ceramics given or on loan to the University by Groke W. Mickey of Charlottesville, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton McBryde of Blacksburg, Felicia Warburg Rogan of Charlottesville, and

Mrs. William L. Wilson of Lynchburg.

"Mrs. Watson's magnificent gift enhances W&L's position as an important research center for the study of porcelain from the China trade," said Thomas V. Litzenburg, Jr., '57, director of the Reeves Center for research and Exhibition of Porcelain and paintings. "Generations of students, scholars and collectors will long benefit from her collections and her benefaction."

The dedication ceremony will take place at the Watson Pavilion at 1 p.m.,

Saturday, Oct. 23. A Stevens Miles '51, rector of the University's Board of Trustees, and University President John D. Wilson will speak at the dedication. The ceremony will be moved to Lee Chapel in the event of rain. Following the dedication a special luncheon for invited guests will be held at Evans Dining Hall.

Activities associated with the dedication begin at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, with a lecture titled "China for the West" by Beverly M. Dubose III, '62 of Atlanta. Dubose, a member of the Board of Trustees, is an avid collector of Chinese export porcelain.

At 3:30 p.m. John K. Copelin and Michael C. Nappa, architects with the William Hall Partnership of New York, designers of the building, will present a lecture, "Palladian Architecture and the Watson Pavilion".

The principal lecture of the series will be given at 10:15 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 23, by William R. Sargeant, curator of Asian Export Art at the Peabody and Essex Museum at Salem, Massachusetts. Sargeant will speak on "Chinese Porcelain, Domestic and Export".

The final session before the dedication will be a panel discussion on "Understanding Asia: The Importance of Cultural History". Participants in the discussion will be Professors Harold C. Hill, Roger B. Jeans, Jr., Joan H. O'Mara, and Ann T. Rogers. The moderator will be Professor W. Lad Sessions. All participants are members of the Washington and Lee faculty.

All lectures and discussions will take place in duPont Auditorium.

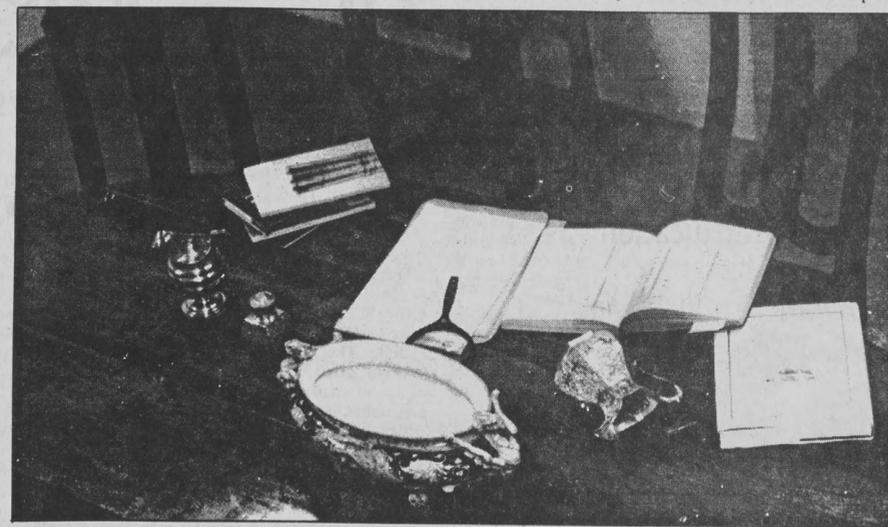


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W&L work-study students use these books to research porcelain in the Watson Pavilion

# The Flies opens this weekend



Dan Tipton, '97, as Orestes and Heather Aussiker, '94, as a Electra, during rehearsals for *The Flies*.

Photo courtesy of The Lenfest Center

### From Staff Reports

For this year's fall production, Washington and Lee's Theatre Department will present *The Flies* by the renowned French existential playwright, Jean-Paul Sartre. In this play, Sartre presents his view of the Greek story of Orestes and his call to avenge the murder of his father, Agamemnon.

Al Gordon, who is directing the production, said he has long wanted to produce a version of this story.

"Not only is it one of the most popular sources of plot material in western dramatic literature," said professor Gordon, "but it also has striking relevance to modern-day civil strife in such places as Bosnia and the Middle East. Orestes' dilemma when faced with the intervention in the violent cycle of feuding in his family reflects the dilemma of outsiders facing today's internecine horrors."

The story of the bloody downfall of the house of Agamemnon begins when Agamemnon, as Greek general, is forced to sacrifice his daughter, Iphigenia, in preparation for the Trojan War. In retribution for this act, Agamemnon is killed by his wife, Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus. Aegisthus also holds a family grudge against Agamemnon. Orestes is subsequently honor-bound to avenge his father's murder becoming involved in what seems to be a never-ending family feud of death and destruction.

*The Flies* picks up this complex story as the young Orestes (Dan Tipton '97), returns from a 15-year exile to his home of Argos accompanied by his tutor (Jason Schaffer). There he discovers not only is the town festering in its guilt over Agamemnon's death, but also that his sister Electra (Heather Aussiker '94) is serving as a slave to her own mother and step-father.

Shocked by the depressing state of affairs but also repulsed by the prospect of more violence, Orestes must decide what action to take. His decision affords Sartre a crucial opportunity to demonstrate the existential philosophy of free choice. How he confronts his mother Clytemnestra (Ellen Dean '94) and deals with Aegisthus (Mark Daughtrey '74), who is now married to Clytemnestra, will determine who he is. And to add to the situation, all his actions are jealously watched over by the God Zeus (Tom Raisbeck) who seems to want to keep the feud going. The result is a compelling combination of Greek drama and French thought.

*The Flies* will be performed on October 22, 23, 25, 26, and 30 at 8:00 p.m.; on October 24 and 30 at 2:00 p.m.; and on October 29 at 9:00 p.m. Please note the change of time of the October 29 performance originally published in the season brochure. Individual tickets are on sale now at the Lenfest Box Office (463-8000), from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours prior to any performance.

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Symposium: "China for the West," Beverly M. DuBose III '62, collector.

3:30 p.m., duPont Auditorium, Public Invited

Symposium: "Palladian Architecture and The Watson Pavilion," John K. Copelin and Michael C. Nappa, William Hall Partnership, New York.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

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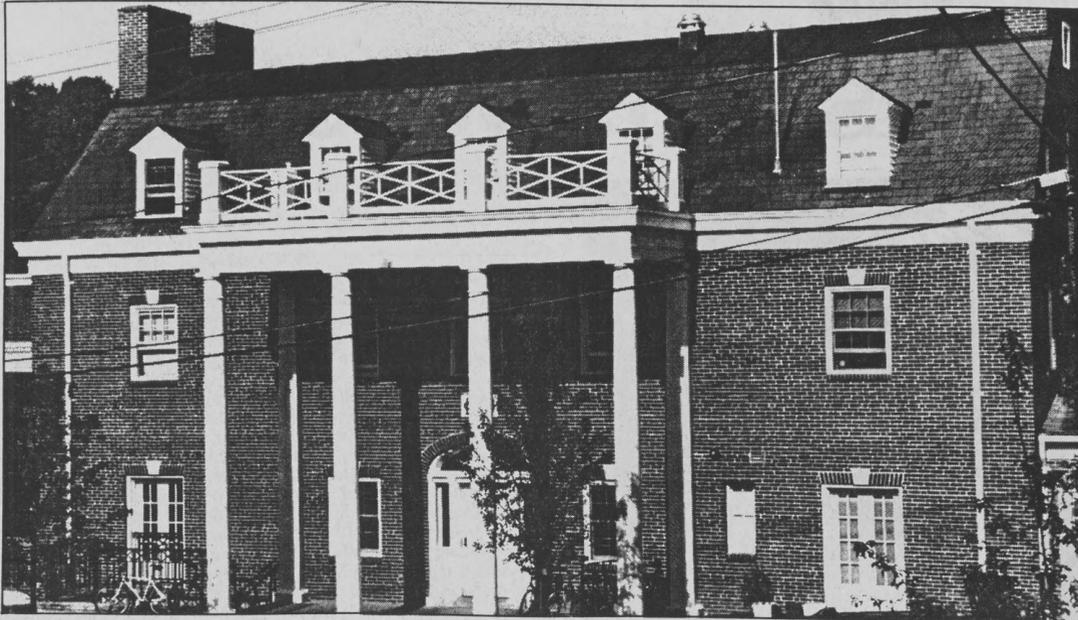
1:00 p.m., Watson Pavilion, Public Invited

Watson Pavilion Dedication Ceremony.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Public Invited

Guided tours of the Watson Pavilion and the Reeves Center.





Phi Delt

File Photo

## Phi Delt gets critical probation

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● A pattern of abusive, anti-social, or ungentlemanly behavior, including persistent violations of the University Alcohol Policy” Phi Delt members came before the SAC with a plan to improve their fraternity’s behavior.

“We would increase chapter activities, do more community service, and keep strict adherence to fraternity standards,” Guice said. Guice said the plan was an “attempt to reform our current pattern of misbehavior.”

Associate Dean of Students Leroy “Buddy” Atkins said that Phi Delt’s plan includes goals

such as eliminating all damage to the fraternity house, maintaining a perfect record on damage reports, involving the house mother in fraternity activities, and involving the fraternity in community service projects.

“I think it’s a pretty sound approach for dealing with things,” Atkins said.

“It’s the proper way to function in the system and what being in a fraternity means,” he added.

Guice said that he and Phi Delt Vice President Wilson Moore drafted the plan with help from all the house officers, Dean Atkins, Phi Delt faculty advisor Dr. Joseph Goldsten, and the Phi Delt house corporation.

“We’re placing a strong disincentive on behavior contrary to our goals,” Guice said. Guice added that the people responsible for the mess were punished by the Phi Delt. One was kicked out of the fraternity, and three others were placed on conduct probation for the remainder of the term. Those three also were given three weeks of social probation.

Associate Dean of Students Leroy “Buddy” Atkins said that the Phi Delt’s house corporation had no plans to further punish the fraternity.

“Everyone understands the situation,” Guice said.

“We just need to improve a little bit.”

## ’93 Grads do well in job market

From GRADS, Page 1

York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. are the cities participating in the job fairs this year.

“[The companies are] pleased with the quality [of W&L],” said Lorig.

Recruiting days for 1993-94 boast companies such as CNN, Mattel, Warner Brothers, MTV, Aetna, JP Morgan, Hewlett-Packard and Rolling Stone magazine, among many others.

In a tough economy, experience is key.

“Employers are becoming more and more interested in seeing students who have had internships,” said Lorig.

A growing number of W&L students are becoming interested in internships.

Interviews, however, still hold the vote for being the biggest part of the job hunt to worry about. Without a successful interview, graduates won’t get a job.

“It (the interview) is the way to get a job,” said Lorig.

Grade-point average and activities also figure into the picture. Activities show companies how students get along with people and what interests they have.

Hot jobs, according to the federal government, include those in health care, science and technology and consulting.

CD&P is optimistic about the graduates’ job searches.

“We’re seeing good jobs and good offers,” said Lorig. “The job search is taking more time. Persistence is the key.”

## Playground brings community together

from PLAYGROUND, Page 1

“I hope the commitment of the adults matches the enthusiasm of the children. All we need now is money,” Dittman said.

The children were indeed enthusiastic, and members of the Kid’s Committee wrote and performed a song at the beginning of the unveiling.

“I am amazed by this,” said sixth grader Brandon Hintz. “This is exactly what Lexington needs.”

His friends, twins Matt and Will Oliver, agreed heartily.

“This is a dream come true to all the

children,” said Matt Oliver.

Third-grader Andrew Mullin said that April 24 is his birthday.

“I’ve never done anything like this before,” Mullin said. “My favorite part is the big castle and the maze.”

Other children were more reticent, but all smiled and nodded when asked if they were looking forward to the building of the park and every child agreed that all the hard work was worth it.

“This is going to bring Lexington together,” said Hintz.

“If this is coming to Lexington, who knows what will come next?”

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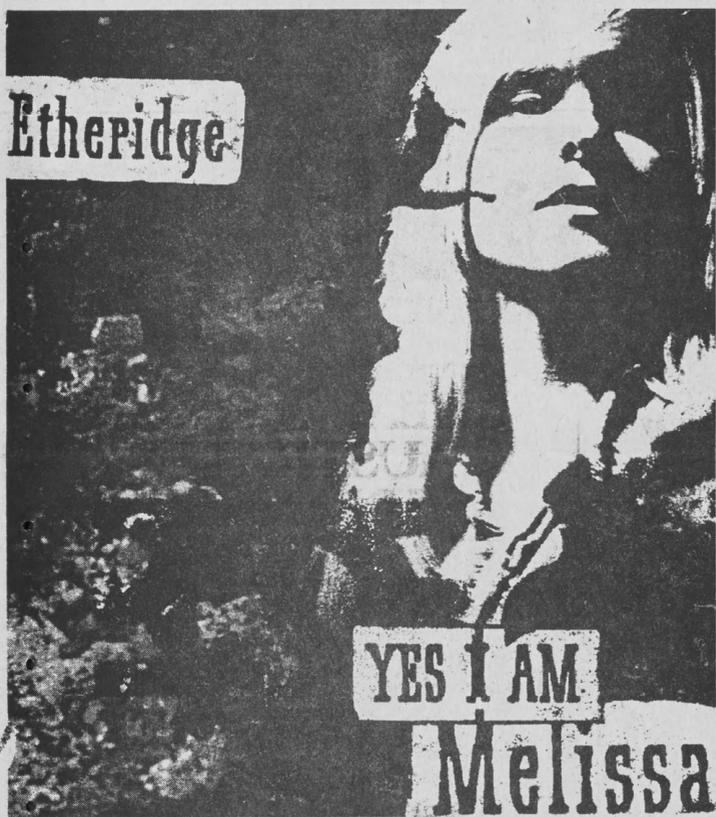
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Yes I am

## Etheridge departs from basics

Singer sacrifices tried and true for stylistic diversity



by Meriwether Nichols  
Phi Contributing Writer

Melissa Etheridge's latest work, *Yes I Am*, will be a bit of a disappointment for those who dislike the current trend of diversity for diversity's sake.

Many performers have given into pressure to present a mixture of many different musical styles on the same album for the sole purpose of demonstrating their artistic flexibility.

Unfortunately, Etheridge makes this mistake and includes some pieces on her album that do nothing to showcase her beautiful, soulful voice.

That's not to say there aren't some intense, passionate songs on *Yes I Am*.

Etheridge really shines on a few pieces, but like so many albums, this one has its share of filler songs and bad freshman poetry. Perhaps she was afraid of releasing an unvaried, uninteresting piece of work.

Whatever her motivation, the result is a handful of intense, moving ballads padded by some weak attempts at pop music versions of faster country blues.

The album opens with the kind of song Etheridge does best. "I'm The Only One" features the rich country blues guitar and raw, wailing vocals she is known for. The lyrics about desire and devotion are sung on top of a slow, dragging, pulsing beat. At times, it sounds like mainstream pop music, but the chorus makes up for that slight weakness. Overall, it highlights her ability as a singer and guitar player quite well.

The second song does not fare so well. In fact, it has no redeeming qualities.

Etheridge sounds like she is yelling out the

lyrics on this piece. Perhaps that wouldn't be so bad if the lyrics were not so trite and uninteresting. This is definitely a filler song.

"Come To My Window," the third selection, is one of the better songs on the album.

An engaging percussive intro leads the listener into the full sound of several acoustic guitars layered on top of each other, some playing a rhythm line while the others play a more melodic lead line.

"Silent Legacy," while not as musically interesting as some of her other songs, is an impassioned and poignant description of the pain and frustration she feels as a lesbian. Fortunately, the song is not socially or politically didactic about the topic. It is a moving piece that will pull at the heartstrings of anyone who has felt pressure to deny one's feelings and do what is socially acceptable.

The next song is, without a doubt, the best on the album. "I Will Never Be The Same" showcases everything that Etheridge does best. Her simple, moving lyrics and raw, yet somehow sweet vocal style compliment the easy melody to make the song truly graceful and disarming.

The rest of the songs are not terribly captivating because they do not sound very original. "Ruins" and the title track are performed well and are decent musically.

"Ruins" has a great funk bass line and good vocals, but the lyrics are a bit stale. The song really smacks of the overused pop-psychology of the late 80's. Her account of her inability to love just does not sound very genuine or compelling. Maybe this is because the same thing has been said before so many other times.

"Yes I Am" is actually a good piece with some interesting chord progressions and a sleepy rhythm. However, it sounds just like the Indigo Girls—which is fine if you are the Indigo Girls.

The remainder of the songs are not really worth mentioning.

They are full of cliches, weak poetry and tiresome metaphors. Musically, they are boring as well.

It is a shame that Etheridge does not stick to what she does best—writing slow folk/country/blues songs that communicate her experiences with desire and passion.

The world could always use another torch song, but hackneyed pop songs are a dime a dozen.

Essentially, this album is good enough to borrow from a die-hard fan to tape a few songs off of it for a good mix tape.



## Film noir at film fest

From Staff Reports

The Virginia Festival of American Film will begin its 1993 season next Thursday, October 28 in Charlottesville.

The focus of this year's festival is "Film Noir: Through a Lens Darkly," the style of filmmaking made popular by the 1944 film "Double Indemnity." Festival programming director Carolyn Corry described film noir as "a term applied to the shadowy films of the 1940's and 50's [conjuring] images of the femme fatale, the hard-luck loser, the hard-boiled detective and a fatalistic world." Modern films which use film noir concepts include "Blade Runner," "Body Heat," "Chinatown," and "The Grifters."

The University of Virginia sponsored festival consists of film screenings, guest speakers and academic discussion sessions.

Confirmed guests at the festival include actors Robert Mitchum and Richard Widmark, writers Tess Gallagher, Richard Price and Donald Westlake, Wesleyan University film studies chair Jeanine Basinger and Pulitzer-prize winning film critic Roger Ebert.

Mitchum and Widmark will discuss their roles in the movies "Out of the Past" and "Night and the City."

After a screening of Robert Altman's new film "Short Cuts," Gallagher will discuss the adaptation of short story to screenplay.

Price, Westlake and Basinger are scheduled to participate in several of the post-screening discussions based on their writings for or about film.

Ebert will host a three-day workshop focusing on an analysis of "Sunset Boulevard."

Previous festival's have featured Robert Altman, Julian Bond, Ossie Davis, Robert Duvall, Gregory Peck, James Stewart, Horton Foote, Sidney Poitier and Jane Alexander.

The Advisory Board of the VFAP lists Samuel Goldwyn, Jr., Shirley MacLaine, Sissy Spacek, and L. Douglas Wilder as members.

The VFAP marks its sixth year as the only national film festival sponsored by a major university. Entertainment Weekly, a subsidiary of Time Inc., is co-sponsoring this year's events.



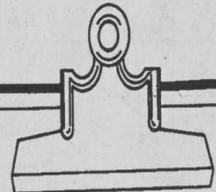
In addition to its highly recognizable list of guests, the VFAP has gained a national reputation for its scholarly approach to film.

The screenings and discussions will be held at UVa through October 31.

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## Safety plus awareness is needed

By CARLIN JONES  
Special to the Phi



**PEER COUNSELORS' CORNER**

Peer Counselors' Corner is written by members of Washington and Lee's Peer Counseling Program. Columns will appear periodically covering a variety of issues important to the W&L community.

Questions about the column topics or the Peer Counseling Program should be directed to the author of the column.

According to many people in our community, alcohol abuse is part of the lifestyle at W&L. Everyone has a story about themselves or their friends that is an account of abusive drinking. To some, this is the way that it should be for college students. To most, the centralization of alcohol abuse in our campus life is scary.

Alcohol Awareness Week is a time to address one of the greatest concerns on this campus. W&L students are certainly aware of alcohol. Many of the social problems on our campus in some way can be traced back to the abuse of alcohol. It leads to bruised egos and mixed signals, and often unhappiness.

This is not to say that the use of alcohol should be avoided at all costs, but instead the abuse of alcohol should be avoided. The intent behind Alcohol Awareness Week is not to teach students to abstain from the use of alcohol, but instead to provide the alternative of responsible drinking.

From the time that we arrive as freshman until Graduation Day, we are surrounded by alcohol abuse. It is an integral, and unfortunate part of this campus. Very few people can truly say that they have never abused alcohol after four years here.

Some try to rationalize their abuse: "I don't do it very often" or "I've never been arrested" or "I can hold my booze". The truth is that abuse doesn't necessarily mean drinking until you pass out every weekend and on Wednesdays. Abuse is not only a history of irresponsible drinking, but also drinking too much at any given time. Abusive drinking can be one night or an entire lifetime.

According to the American Medical Association definition of binge drinking (five or

more drinks in one evening), W&L has a real problem.

Education alone will not stop the alcohol abuse on our campus, but it is important to be aware of the risks involved. Many students come here as freshman with little drinking experience, and quickly find that abuse is easy, easier than responsible drinking. Unfortunately, many freshman are not aware of the upperclassmen that choose not to drink. Freshman are especially subject to peer pressure.

Eventually most students will have a scary evening, and try to cut back. For some this is a trip to the hospital, and for others it is waking up and having no idea what happened the night before. Some never learn responsible drinking habits while they are here. Hopefully they will acquire those habits somewhere else, but in some cases they never learn them.

Drinking irresponsibly contributes to statistics like the incidence of driving under the influence by W&L students. Those statistics are from the lives of real people like Blake Comer and Ashley Scarborough. His irresponsible behavior took her life.

But, it isn't isolated to the cases that make the front page of the Phi. On an individual level, it affects the things we take for granted, like our memory. Alcohol abuse effects our relationships, as well as academic performance. Abuse does not touch just one area of our lives, it is all-encompassing.

This column is not intended to preach against the evils of consuming alcohol. The peer counselors are certainly not chosen for their desire to prohibit the consumption of alcohol by W&L students. In fact, most of us choose to drink at least occasionally. We are committed to educating the campus about the effects of abuse, and helping students deal with the ramifications of abuse. We are available to talk, and help if you decide that you need someone to listen.

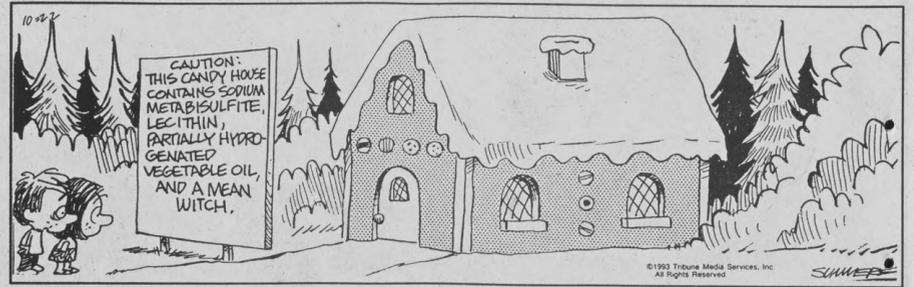
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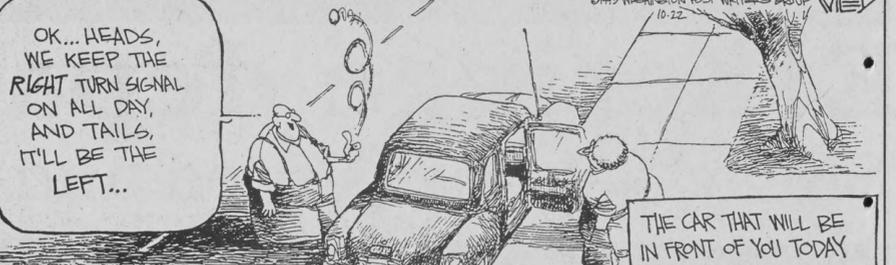
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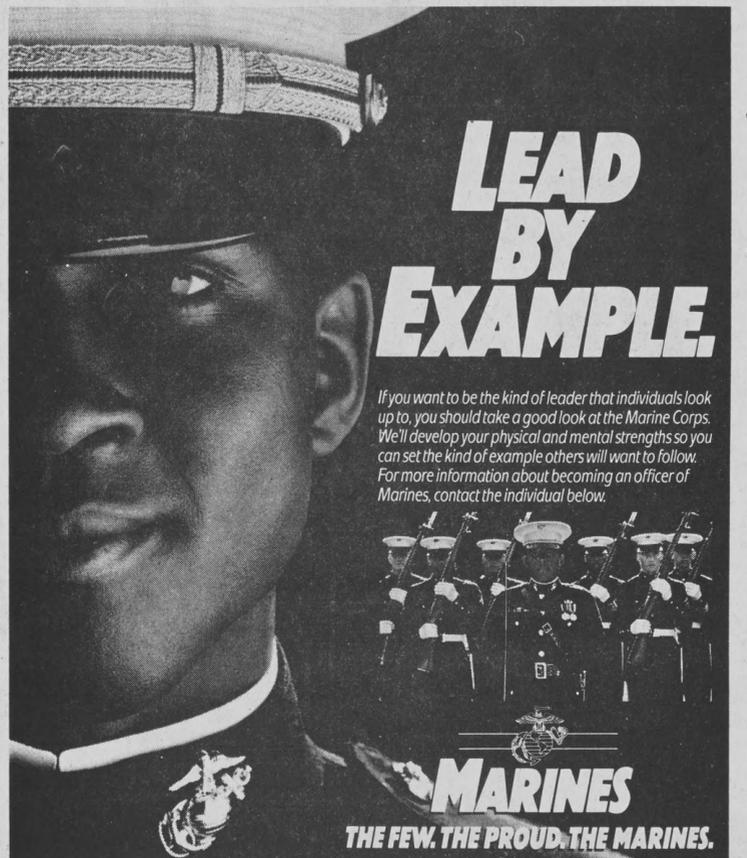
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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## Eenie, meenie, miney, mo

The brothers of Phi Delta Theta have been on critical probation for a week now. The critical probation is the result of what boils down to a very messy food fight.

Since the beginning of the month, the Phi Deltas and other students have been wondering what would happen to the fraternity. But anyone who tried to guess what kind of punishment Phi Delt would receive from the Student Affairs Committee probably came up wrong.

Based on SAC's track record the last few years, it's anyone's guess what kind of punishment a fraternity will receive when it goes before SAC. You have to feel a little sympathy for any organization that must defend itself to SAC, even though they had to do something wrong to be there. It must be scary to go before the group that has the power to kick your fraternity off campus with no idea of what to expect.

About two years ago SAC put Delta Tau Delta on suspension for five years, after the Deltas damaged their unrenovated house. President Wilson stepped in, reduced the suspension and left Delt with a chance of becoming a healthy fraternity. Last May, SAC decided to let Beta Theta Pi and their house corporation take care of any necessary punishment after several incidents at Beta — including the destruction of furniture. Beta's renaissance had already been completed. Now there is Phi Delt. They have to deal with critical probation for the rest of the year.

The Phi Deltas are probably a little relieved, while still concerned. Another serious mistake and they could be suspended or expelled. The Question is: What constitutes another serious mistake? Only SAC knows.

Is what Delt did really that much worse than what Phi Delt or Beta did? In SAC's eyes it was the difference between murder and shop-lifting. But when you get right down to it, all three fraternities showed total disregard for their houses.

All of this is not to say Beta or Phi Delt deserved to be suspended from campus. A fraternity system where the houses fear the guillotine is not a healthy one. But a system that cannot dole out consistent punishments for similar mistakes is also not healthy.

SAC's latest decision just confuses students as to what the University considers unacceptable behavior. Damage an unrenovated house and SAC will suspend your fraternity for five years. Damage brand new furniture and other parts of a renovated house and SAC will let your house corporation take care of it. Cover your walls in shaving cream and newspapers and SAC will watch you closely for a year.

The only pattern here is there isn't one.

## Quote of the Week:

"Have you discovered any difference between men and women?"  
"I think I have."

— Dean Howison posing a question to Alcohol Awareness Week speaker Scott Swartzwelder

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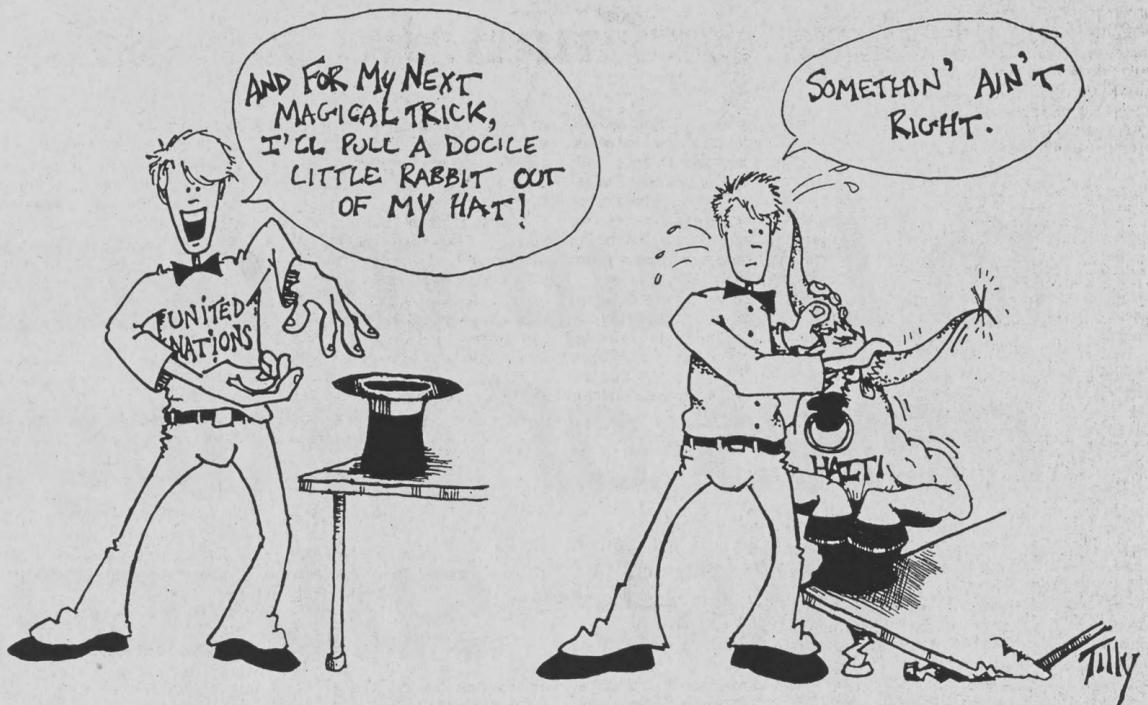
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## OPINION



## PC president could hurt W&L

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

During your October meeting you will very likely discuss the search for a replacement for retiring President Wilson. I urge you to take special care to ensure the new president will be respectful of Washington and Lee's traditions, particularly its academic excellence and reverence for honor. While I am confident that you have from the outset had this first and foremost amongst your criteria, what I have seen of other colleges and the path their presidents have taken them compels me to be a little more concerned.

I, like most Washington and Lee students, came here because W&L was unlike other schools. Every other school I considered had fine academic records similar to Washington and Lee's, but the communities present at these schools could not be further from Washington and Lee's. For example, Carleton College is often considered the pinnacle of liberal arts colleges. Yet any fine academic traditions which it possesses are completely submerged by a counter-productive community.

On my visit to its campus I found a complete absence of friendliness or respect. The students formed their own cliques, as all students do at every college. What was so disturbing though was the fact that there was no common bond or traditions to bring them together. Meeting a fellow classmate at Carleton would be no different from meeting a student from another college. The only common trait found in the students was their adherence, either from fear or respect, to political correctness. I found it hard to believe this community so infiltrated with PC could actually foster liberal education.

Even more disturbing than the student body was the behavior of many of Carleton's professors. The politically correct atmosphere of the campus radiated directly from the "teachings" of PC sympathizing professors. The course catalogue was filled with classes formed around professors' own political crusades.

They did not seem to educate their students as much as they politicized them.

The anti-traditional and PC-driven spirit of Carleton, I found, is typical of colleges. Many have even worse records. Administrations at many colleges have attacked and have even banned fraternities. When an institution undertakes such action, it is very difficult to believe its claims to support a student's decisions. The thought of attending an institution that does not trust its students enough to allow them to participate in fraternities surely is repellent to those familiar with Washington and Lee's community.



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The incident earlier this year at the University of Pennsylvania where a student was almost expelled for calling some students "water buffaloes" illuminates another troubling problem on many college campuses: speech codes. Free speech in a politically correct school is no longer considered a requirement for liberal education. Instead of allowing students to find truth, colleges impose what they consider truth on them. Any student who speaks anything counter to their politically correct doctrines, even as trite as "water buffaloes," pays a price, often expulsion.

Schools that embody the radical politically correct dogma, like Carleton College and the University of Pennsylvania, have become institutions most Washington and Lee students would rather not attend. Students who want a liberal arts education prefer to avoid institutions which pursue the politically correct and neglect legitimate education.

Fortunately, Washington and Lee has remained, for the most part, immune to the dangerous trend

against traditions and towards political correctness. Students come to Washington and Lee for precisely this reason. They seek to be part of community built on honor, traditions and respect. They aspire to become educated, not indoctrinated, and feel free to converse and even become friends with their professors.

Yet, despite its appearance today, Washington and Lee could easily fall victim to the politically correct orthodoxy. The presidents of too many schools have allowed, either by not acting to stop or actively promoting, political correctness to dominate their institutions.

It is of paramount importance for the preservation of Washington and Lee that our next president openly reject the politically correct ideology. It has preserved its unique position among liberal arts colleges for generations, it would be a tragedy to see the new president make it just another ordinary PC saturated college.

Selecting an individual already familiar with Washington and Lee is the best guarantee the new president will not abandon Washington and Lee's heritage. The more one experiences Washington and Lee's community, the more one appreciates it. Ideally the next president can give Washington and Lee a revival of its tradition. After a decade of successful faculty improvements, Washington and Lee would very much welcome a president dedicated to preserving its heritage.

Also, I urge you to consider students' views as you search for a new president. Administrators, faculty, and alumni will always exert their influence on the selection of a new President, but students' ideas can easily be overlooked and unheard. Please take time to find out what students would most like in a president; after all it is the future of their education you are deciding.

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## Wake up to admissions reality

The title of a recent column in this space was, "University stands at crossroads." I quite agree with that statement. The two roads before us could not be more different.

Many believe that we at Washington and Lee must live our future as we have lived our past. They believe the traditions and history of W&L are the most important things to keep in mind when considering new policies. I believe we must follow our university's motto, "Not Unmindful of the Future," when determining our direction. We must always remember the history of our institution, but we must never allow that history to prevent the university from moving forward.

In 1985, President Wilson and the Board of Trustees initiated coeducation at Washington and Lee. At that time, the Trustees decided to set a maximum ratio of 60 percent male and 40 percent female. This is the ratio we are at today, and the Trustees seem intent on maintaining those numbers.

They are unmoved by the fact that this is a blatant violation of the statement appearing on the university's admissions application. That statement reads, "Washington and Lee University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, etc." In other words, the same admissions office that boasts about the Honor System in every one of its brochures was ordered by the Trustees to lie to prospective students on their applications.

The simple fact is the University does discriminate against female applicants once the 40 percent quota has been filled. This means that women

with equal or superior academic qualifications are denied acceptance to Washington and Lee, because 20 percent of each year's freshman class is reserved exclusively for men. When questioned about this policy, the admissions staff give what has become their stock response, "We are simply following the directive of the Board of Trustees."

Well then, perhaps it is time for the Board to reconsider its directive.

The reasoning behind the 60/40 split has always been that to change the statistics any further would be to radically alter the traditional character of the university. In other words, some of the fraternities would be forced to close down if the male ratio were to drop below 60 percent. It is generally believed if the university were to make its admissions policy "gender blind," the ratio of men to women would most likely reverse to 60 percent female and 40 percent male. This would mean 20 percent fewer men would be rushing and pledging the 16 on-campus fraternities. That is something the Trustees and the administration desperately want to avoid in the midst of a \$127 million Capital Campaign. They know alumni tend to look rather unfavorably upon their fraternities closing down, and in turn, they give less money to the school.

Before going any further, I think it is important to remember the tireless efforts of many members of the Board and the administration are all meant for our benefit and the benefit of those who will follow us. Without their dedication, this university would not be the nationally ranked institution it is today. We owe them a tremendous

debt of gratitude for the leadership they have shown throughout a time of great difficulty. However, their dedication to W&L does not make them infallible and I believe they have made an error in judgement here.

It is wrong for the university to be held captive by its alumni. It is ludicrous for anyone to expect the university to maintain the same number of fraternities now as we had when this was an all-male institution. It is time our alumni "wake up" to the fact we now have 40 percent fewer men than when they were students here. By demanding we not lose any fraternities in the process of coeducation, our alumni force the houses to place enormous pressure on each entering class of freshman. They must maintain an 80 to 90 percent pledge rate or they are in danger of losing houses. There simply aren't enough freshmen to go around. So if we were to change the admissions policy, and the number of freshman men suddenly dropped by 20 percent, we would certainly see the end of a few fraternities. While this would be regrettable, it should not be the primary motivation for maintaining a flawed admissions policy.

The Trustees and the administration are right to expect a drop in alumni gifts if fraternities close, just as they were right to expect a drop in giving when coeducation first began. However, this drop would not be permanent. After all, W&L is now succeeding in raising more money than ever before. This is only possible because all those alumni

who were dragged kicking and screaming into coeducation, now see a university which far surpasses what existed in 1985. The fact is, in the United States today, women show higher academic standards than men. They are one of the major reasons W&L ranks highly on the lists of top liberal arts colleges like that published by *U.S. News and World Reports*. If it were not for the women on this campus, W&L would be nothing more than another mediocre liberal arts college, instead of 20th in the nation. Washington and Lee should continue its rise on that list, but that's not going to happen until we equalize our admissions policy and reach our true academic potential.

This issue is not about whether one supports fraternities. The greek system is, has been, and always will be an integral part of the Washington and Lee tradition. No one can deny that. What we must decide is whether we wish the academic potential of our institution to be controlled by an aspect of its social life. Likewise, the Capital Campaign is essential to ensure the financial stability of the university into the next century. What we should avoid is sacrificing the academic standards of the institution while in the process of raising money for its future. We must admit students based on their ability to live up to the standards set by the founders of this great university. We must realize while the era of the W&L Gentleman may be ending, a new generation of Washington and Lee Leaders is waiting to begin.

## The same admissions office that boasts about the Honor System in every one of its brochures, was ordered by the Trustees to lie to prospective students on their applications.

OPINION

# Spos takes on financial aid office

## SPOS' SPACE

Tom Hespos

Greetings, loyal readers. I have been anxiously awaiting the day when I could write about this week's topic without fear of retaliation from the parties involved. This week, we will discuss (drumroll, please)... on-campus jobs.

Last week, Spos was fortunate enough to have finally secured a job with the Washington and Lee Snack Bar. Admittedly, making sandwiches for the W&L populace may not be the most glamorous of jobs, but we'll see who will be drinking Meister Brau on the weekends and who will be drinking Corona with lime.

Searching for an on-campus job usually ranks right up there with do-it-yourself nose jobs in terms of painfulness. Trust me — Spos can relate several instances where a job search has brought him extremely close to wanton violence, especially when he has to deal with the schmucks over at the financial aid office. (You don't know how long I have been waiting to say that — boy, it feels good.)

Participating in the college work-study program at W&L is the path most W&L students take toward getting an on-campus job. Most aren't lucky enough to survive the journey down this long and arduous path. Those that do survive, however, are given such high-level titles as Assistant Associate Dog Crap Scooper or Associate Assis-

tant Canine Feces Collector, and are sent forth from the financial aid office with pooper-scooper in hand. Of course, some are lucky enough to secure jobs in the library or whatnot, but most work-study participants end up quitting after a week or so. Maybe the people at financial aid throw giant, private keg parties with the money.

As you might have guessed, Director of Financial Aid John DeCourcy and the Sposmeister do not get along. Mr. DeCourcy is living proof of Spos Postulate #137 which states that the intelligence of a departmental director is inversely proportional to the size of the departmental budget. May I also mention that it is very possible, in fact probable, that DeCourcy was once a reasonably intelligent being, capable of experiencing human emotion and logical thought. Now, however, after several years of exposure to large sums of money, DeCourcy has but four words in his vocabulary: "cut," "deny," "blame," and "lunch."

My father and I quickly found out about Mr. DeCourcy's vocabulary this summer, when we received a letter in the mail from financial aid, describing the aid that Spos had been awarded for the coming school year. Realizing that

the College Work-Study Program was omitted from the list, Dad called financial aid for an explanation. DeCourcy, apparently unaware that Dad is an ex-Green Bay Packer of enormous bodily dimensions, rang off a stream of harsh sentences (composed entirely of the aforementioned words) in Dad's ear before rudely hanging up on him. By the way, John, if you're reading this, Dad has expressed that he is "looking forward to Parent's Weekend," and he hopes to see you soon.

Equally problematic is Kim Ruscio. As an assistant financial aid officer, Ruscio often finds herself cleaning up De Courcy's mess. Additionally, she is responsible for writing memos and keeping the bureaucracy together. An example follows:

MEMO

To: Friends, relatives and acquaintances

From: Kim Ruscio, Assistant, Financial Aid

Re: Keg Party

To celebrate the huge reduction in scholarship monies this year, I will host the first of several keg parties at my home on November 11 at 9 p.m. Hope you can make it!

Obviously, one can try to get an on-campus job, but there are strong forces working against it. Try getting a job in

the Co-op or in town.

Another option is getting a job doing research with a professor in one of the science departments. Several of Spos' fraternity brothers have taken advantage of these awesome opportunities. Instead of making sandwiches like your average harmless food service employee, these research assistants usually end up making homemade hydrogen bombs or cloning deadly viruses, all for the sake of science. Mister Wizard would be proud.

For example, Spos' good friend Alex, who works with Professor Akins, would come home from work with a dazed expression, thus arousing curiosity:

Spos: Hey, Alex, what did you do in research today?

Alex: Well... we ran a peanut butter and jelly sandwich through the centrifuge/ positron collider/ laser salad maker, and it got transmuted into a giant woolly sloth, which ate three department secretaries. Anyone got a beer?

Spos: Have several.

Another option is to get a job in town, which is both complex and nerve-racking, so I'll spare you the details. As for me, I'll see you in the Co-op. And don't ask me to make you a turkey club sandwich. They're hard to make and I usually screw it up, in which case bacon, turkey and other sandwich materials end up all over the floor. This means I have to start all over, unless you're Richard Weaver, in which case you get the dirty sandwich anyway. Until next week...

### Spos' Space



## GENERAL NOTES

### Writing Center

The Writing Center is now open for Fall Term on Sundays through Thursdays from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Payne 2B. This year there are student writing tutors majoring or double-majoring in Biology, Economics, English, German, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Politics, and Theater. Students who want help with writing projects of any kind are encouraged to sign up on a sheet outside the door or to just stop by for an individual conference with a writing tutor.

### Gap party

Bridge the Gap party for seniors and law students this Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Law School field (or the Pavilion if it rains). Come by for subs, beer, and Wildgrass.

### Flu

Influenza vaccine for 1993-94 is now available in the Student Health Center for a minimal charge. The vaccine should prevent illness with influenza during the flu season December through March. All students are encouraged to receive it now.

### Kafka

The Film Society will present *Kafka* (USA, 1991) on Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30 in the Troubadour Theater at 8:05 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

### Women's Forum

Women's Forum will present "An International Perspective on Women" this Sunday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Arlington Women's Center. All women and men are invited to participate.

### Pre-Law

The Blue Ridge Pre-Law Forum will be held from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27 in the University Center. Representatives from law schools and the Kaplan Center will be available to answer questions about their law schools. All students are invited to attend. Call extension 8595 if you have any questions.

### Retreat

Episcopal students interested in attending a conference/retreat entitled "Making God a Partner in Decision Making" the weekend of November 5-7 at Shrivemont Conference Center should contact Barbara Taylor at Robert E. Lee Memorial Church, 463-4981. There is a \$20 registration fee.

### Debate

Phyllis Schlafly, a pioneer of American conservatism, and Jane Benschopf, a leading litigator and legal expert on reproductive rights, will debate the topic of abortion on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lenfest Center.

### Panel

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a film followed by a panel discussion on the death penalty in Virginia will take place in Lewis Hall Classroom A.

General Notes are compiled by Sarah Wyatt.

## Student Body Notice

An upperclassman has been found in violation of university policy for ungentlemanly behavior directed towards a dorm counselor. The following sanctions were levied:

- 1) 15 hours of community service.
- 2) Banishment from the freshman dorms.
- 3) A meeting with Dean Manning to discuss the situation.
- 4) Conduct Probation for the rest of the year.

# Political incorrectness goes too far

## MY VIEW

Michael Hewlett

When I applied to this university, I remember writing an essay attacking the idea of political correctness as a hindrance to free speech. I believed strongly the defense of free speech, no matter how offensive, is necessary to ensure a democratic society. As an aspiring journalist, I still believe in free speech, but this business of political incorrectness has begun to bother me.

Whenever someone talks about multiculturalism or diversity, an ultraconservative, invariably an angry, persecuted white male Rush Limbaugh wannabe, yells "politically correct" and proceeds to give his obviously superior politically incorrect opinion. Increasingly, political correctness, which started as an academic movement, has become a tool which conservatives use to shove their ideas down everyone else's throats.

What used to be an attack on the limiting of free speech has now turned into an attack on free speech. Being politically correct now means being as politically incorrect as possible. And what does being politically incorrect mean these days? Well, it means

being opposed to abortion, affirmative action, diversity, multiculturalism, and the idea of sexual harassment. James K. Kilpatrick, former editor of *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, claims it would have been too politically incorrect for President Clinton to have nominated a white male for the Supreme Court, even though there are only two women and one black male on the court — the rest are white males. Conservatives criticized President Clinton for being politically correct when he nominated Lani Guinier to the post of deputy attorney general for the Civil Rights division of the Justice Department. Yet, Clinton proved himself to be true to the political correctness doctrine when he unceremoniously dumped Guinier before she could defend herself. Senator Carol Mosely Braun found herself castigated as being politically correct — even racist — when she attacked the Confederate flag.

I have nothing against the free discourse of ideas in a free and democratic society. But there seems to be a thin line between being politically incorrect and being racist. The bottom line is even in a free society people should not tolerate racial or sexual intolerance. Yet, some ultraconservatives use "political incorrectness" as a way to hide behind their racism. They think it's okay to be racist or sexist — just as long as they are not politically correct. But it's never okay to judge someone on the basis of their skin color or gender. It's not even safe to nominate anyone either non-white or female without the label of political correctness being stamped on it.

**I have nothing against the free discourse of ideas in a free and democratic society. But there seems to be a thin line between being politically incorrect and being racist.**

The solution comes when we start to recognize political correctness when it occurs, and not when we simply disagree with someone's opinion. My opinions cannot be dismissed as being politically correct because they represent my thoughts, my feelings, and my beliefs. If you don't like my opinions, then tell me why you disagree with me. Forget about whether I'm politically correct or incorrect. Worry about whether I'm on the right track or not. Maybe then we'll get somewhere.

## LETTERS

# Coeducation Review Committee seeks university input for report

To all members of the University community:

The Coeducation Review Committee has been charged by President Wilson with seeking answers to the following questions:

Does the environment of our classrooms, labs, student government, Greek organizations, departmental and administrative offices, and on our playing fields, in our dormitories, student clubs

and organizations promote the highest possibilities for the development of our students and faculty?

Have we succeeded in creating for our women members a sense of ownership in this community that rivals the way men feel about W&L; are women able to think of W&L as something they possess equally with men?

One way we are proceeding with this task is to ask any staff members,

faculty member, students and alumni who have information, anecdotes, suggestions, observations of problem areas (or solutions!) to send your comments to the committee.

Our final report hopes to include issues pertinent to the entire community — staff members, faculty, and administrators, and students.

We are interested in hearing about the successes and failures that you be-

lieve have occurred over the last 9 years.

Your comments need not be signed, but if you would like to meet with a member of the committee, or have your comments followed up in some way, it would be helpful to know how to contact you for more information. All comments will be kept confidential. Please feel free to send comments to:

Professor Nancy Margand, Psychology department, Tucker 315  
e-mail: nmargand@wlu.edu  
Professor H. Tom Williams, Physics department, Parmlly 206  
e-mail: williams.ht@wlu.edu  
Daniel Felton, Class of '95, 464-5297, e-mail: dfelton@wlu.edu

If you would be more comfortable sending your suggestions to other members of the committee.

They include: Professors Alty (Chemistry), Goldsmith (Economics), Koberstein (Romance Languages), Oliver (Accounting), Simpson (Art), Strong (Politics), West-Settle (Romance Languages), and student members Frankie Jones and Carol Pierce.

Thank you for your help. The Coeducation Review Committee

## TALKBACK

## Interviews and Photos By Joe Framptom

# What's your favorite way to procrastinate?



Kim Dickinson, '94, Atlanta, Ga. — "Watching Beverly Hills 90210 and Melrose Place."



Alex Kostera, '97, Hammondsport, NY. — "Just watching any crap I can find on TV."



Stefanie Brown, '94, McLean, Va., and Julie Guerin, '94, Hammond, La. — "Checking out boys at the Co-op."



Dr. Fred Schwab, professor of geology — "Leave town on an exotic trip or go to a coffee house."



Ali Walker, '95, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — "The Co-op. It's the ultimate way to procrastinate."

# Women overachieve

By STEPHEN WILLIARD  
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

To produce a successful season, a team needs a combination of luck, talent, and timely production. According to coach Jan Hathorn, the Washington and Lee women's soccer team has been blessed with all three.

With two games remaining before the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament, the Generals are once again playing well.

On Wednesday, W&L defeated Lynchburg 2-1 in overtime in a gut-wrenching affair. In a game which Hathorn called, "a little too close for comfort," the Generals produced a win after losing to Messaiah on Saturday. The victory provides the Generals with a rallying point entering the final stretch of the season. Another turning point for the team, according to

Hathorn, was the game against Roanoke. The Generals tied a powerful Roanoke squad on a day where the Washington and Lee team did not play one of its better games.

"We were very proud to walk away with a tie because we didn't play well," said Hathorn.

Each game for the Generals presents an opportunity for a different W&L player to step up. Also, younger players have provided an infusion of talent without being overly encumbered by inexperience.

The next game for the Generals is for first place in the ODAC against Randolph-Macon. After that, the W&L team will gear up for the ODAC tournament where the Generals are guaranteed to host the first round regardless of the outcome of the Randolph-Macon contest.

With an ODAC record of 6-0-1 to this point, the Washington and Lee women have already produced a highly successful season. However, the team hopes to accomplish their goal of winning the conference title.

# Tennis wins again, Nationals next

By SARAH GILBERT  
Phi Sports Editor

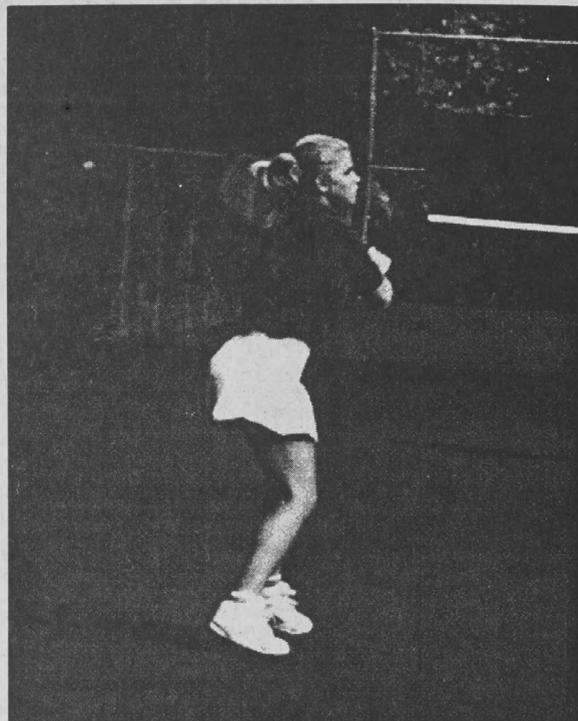


Photo by Sarah Gilbert, The Ring-tum Phi

Sophomore Julie Ayers returns a volley from her opponent as the women's tennis team kept its season undefeated last week.

Undergoing further preparation for the Rolex National Championship in Edmond, Okla., the Washington and Lee women's tennis team rolled over still another opponent Oct. 19.

The Generals are still undefeated for the fall season after Saturday's victory over 4th-ranked Mary Washington. The 6-3 win was W&L's first-ever win over MWC.

Sophomore Julie Ayers was behind by a set when she came back to win over Karen Vatz 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Classmate Helen Chandler, also a come-from-behind, rallied to beat Meghan Cutler 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

These two wins brought the Generals to a 4-2 advantage over Mary Washington. The doubles team of Kim Dickinson and Anna O'Connor won in straight sets to lock in the win for W&L.

The squad is now 3-0 for the year, the only undefeated team this season, and will wrap up fall competition by sending junior Marilyn Baker and Ayers to the Rolex National Championship Oct. 28-31.

Baker, a 1993 Division III tennis All-American, is the Rolex South Region singles champion, and she teamed with Ayers last year to earn the doubles title.

After the Rolex competition, the Generals will take a hiatus until the spring season begins during winter term.

# Football close, no cigar

By KEITH GRANT  
Phi Staff Writer

"Wide Right!" Those are the two worst words to mention to this team. No, we don't mean Florida State. No, not the Buffalo Bills, either. We're talking about the Sewanee Tigers!

A hoarse sportscaster was heard shouting those words over the WLUR airwaves last year as Sewanee's attempt at a game-winning field goal with 42 seconds left sailed passed the wrong side of the uprights. Washington and Lee's 17-16 win in front of several thousand Parent's Weekend spectators was the only blemish on the Tigers' 1992 record.

Saturday, the Generals will be in Sewanee, Tennessee, where the University of the South will be pursuing some big revenge.

Although Washington and Lee has already topped last year's loss total of four, Sewanee is not quite the team they were last year, either. The Tigers have dropped two in a row and own a 3-3 record, a far cry from their 1992 8-1 season.

Sewanee features one of the most balanced attacks of any General opponent this year. Quarterback Russ Young averages near 200 passing-yards per game and is considered one of Division III's top QBs. When he's not throwing

the ball, Carl Cravens can run with it. Cravens carried for just under 200 yards in last year's loss to W&L.

One other item going against W&L—although the Generals lead the all-time series 23-19, the home team has won 29 out of the last 38.

The Generals fell to 0-5 after last weekend's 28-20 loss at Hampden-Sydney. W&L's 20 points outscored every member of the H-SC offense except one—Cedric Gayles. Gayles found the General endzone four times to account for every Tiger touchdown (That's the Hampden-Sydney Tigers, not Sewanee!). He leads the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with 10 touchdowns, nine rushing. Gayles' 142 yards improved his rushing average to 105.8 yards/game, good enough for second in the ODAC.

The Generals rushing attack, a strong-point all year, didn't make out as well. Senior Tommy Mason was held to just 45 yards on 19 carries, while senior Wilson Moore chugged 17 on five runs. Mason had rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the two previous games. The tri-captain needs just 66 yards to reach the career 1000 mark.

The Generals scored first as freshman quarterback Brooks Fischer connected with classmate Jon Gardner on a 22-yard TD pass. It was Gardner's first catch of the year as the punter saw

some action at tightend.

Hampden-Sydney led 14-10 at half-time and upped the Homecoming Game lead to 21-10 early in the third-quarter. But a 34-yard TD reception by junior Jake Kimball and the second field-goal of the game by freshman Drew Thomas cut the score to 21-20.

Washington and Lee had the ball back with five minutes to go, but couldn't score. The Tigers then let Gayles lead the way down the field for his fourth touchdown. With under a minute to work with, the Generals went to the air, but Fischer was intercepted on a bomb with seconds to go. Hampden-Sydney moved into a second-place tie in the ODAC with Emory & Henry, as W&L remained winless with Guilford and one game back of Bridgewater.

Sophomore Butler Ball had two interceptions as the Generals' defense forced five turnovers. Senior Jason Chartrand had one of his best games, making 12 tackles and one sack. Junior Andrew Cooper recorded a season-high 11 tackles in his second start at linebacker.

Washington & Lee returns to Lexington next week to begin a three-game homestand. After a Parent's Weekend game against Bridgewater, W&L faces Catholic and Guilford before the November 20 Bermuda Bowl versus Georgetown.

## JOCKSHORTS

### Water Polo

During the Washington and Lee water polo team's first outing in a few weeks, the entire field at the Navy Eastern Water Polo Association tournament proved too much for the Generals.

W&L lost to Dayton and Arkansas-Little Rock in fairly close games. The score against Little Rock was a bare 8-9, while the Generals just failed to pull out a few key goals versus Dayton, losing 11-16.

In the game against UA-LR, sophomore Bryan Drum attempted a two point shot with 10 seconds remaining in the game, but he was blocked by goalie Jose Aldebot. Senior Greg Golub, playing again despite an unfortunate shoulder injury during the team's trip to California earlier this season, was stopped in his last-ditch rebound attempt.

Up against Richmond, the Generals fell 13-8, though they brought the game to a tie at half-time. Unfortunately, the Spiders broke away in the fourth quarter to lock in the win.

Host Navy completely silenced the Generals, winning 17-5, but the W&L team could be comforted by the fact that Navy, Richmond, and University of Arkansas-Little Rock are all ranked in the top 20 water polo teams in the nation.

The Generals have a chance to get revenge on at least one team this weekend, however—make that two chances. W&L will play Richmond at home Oct. 22 and will travel to Richmond for a match at the Spiders' home pool Oct. 23. Richmond is ranked 19th nationally.

Game time for the home match Friday will be 7:00 in the Cy Twombly pool. This is the Generals' first home game in two weeks.

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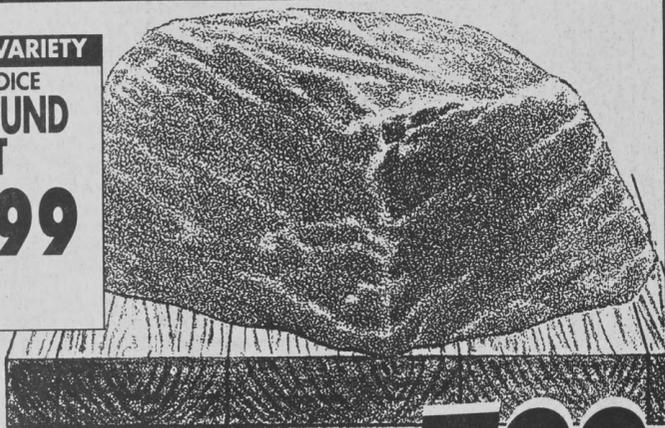
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### Men's Cross Country Overall Records\*

Lynchburg	12-0-0
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 Overall Records

Randolph-Macon	11-1-0
Washington and Lee	8-4-1
Lynchburg	10-6-0
Roanoke	8-5-1
Va. Wesleyan	7-7-0
Guilford	5-8-0
R-M Women's	5-9-0
Hollins	3-11-0
Sweet Briar	2-9-0

### 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

### Women's Soccer ODAC Standings

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

### Football ODAC Standings

Randolph-Macon	2-0-0
Emory and Henry	3-1-0
Hampden-Sydney	3-1-0
Bridgewater	1-2-0
Guilford	0-2-0
Washington and Lee	0-3-0

### Football Overall Standings

Emory and Henry	5-2-0
Hampden-Sydney	4-2-0
Randolph-Macon	3-2-1
bridgewater	2-4-0
Guilford	1-5-0
Washington and Lee	0-5-0

### ODAC Offensive Player of the Week

Ronnie Howard-RB-Bridgewater

### ODAC Defensive Player of the Week

Avery Farmer-CB-Randolph-Macon

### 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

### 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 10/21/93)

Women's Tennis	3-0
Women's Soccer	8-4-1
Men's Cross Country	3-2
Volleyball	13-11
Women's Cross Country	1-1
Water Polo	7-10
Men's Soccer	5-10
Football	0-5

Overall 39-45-1

### Women's Intramurals Football Results

Kappa Alpha Theta 14, Freshman Women 2  
Kappa Alpha Theta 14, Kappa Kappa Gamma 9  
Law School 7, Pi Beta Phi 7

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

### Sports moment o' the week...

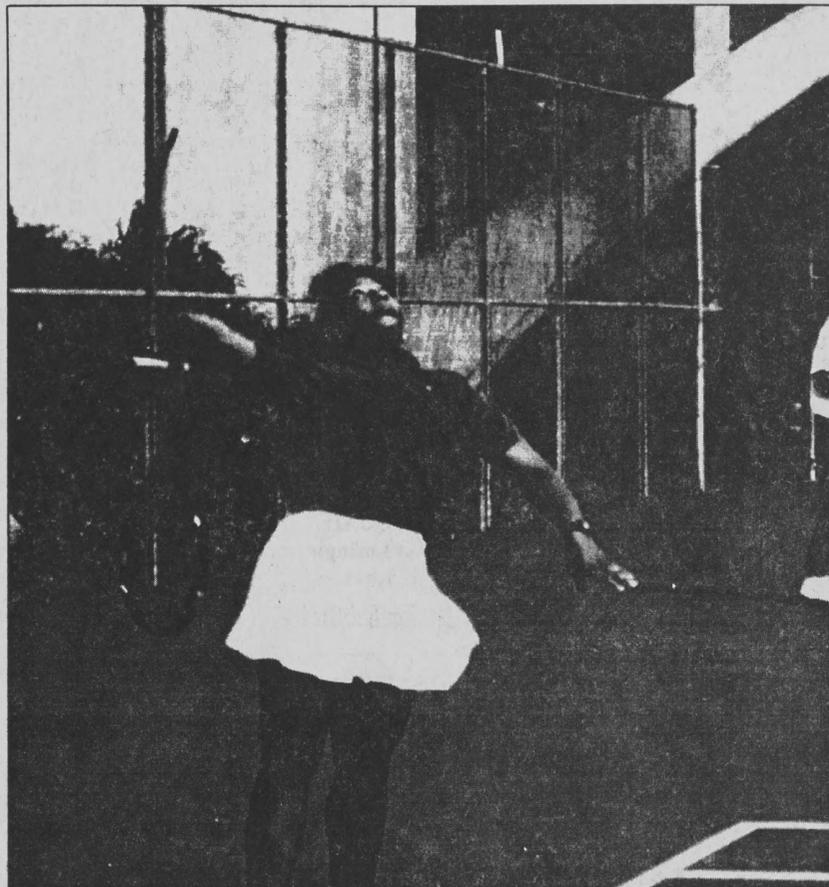


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Marilyn Baker, intent upon a tennis ball at a Washington and Lee match recently, was the photogenic athlete-of-the-week for Oct. 22, 1993.

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## Last Week:

WSoc—loses Messiah, defeats Lynch.  
FB—W&L 20, Hampden-Sydney 28  
Volleyball—wins five, loses three  
MSoc—defeats Hampden-Sydney

# The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

## This Week:

FB—at Sewanee 10/23  
WPolo—Richmond 10/22, at Rich. 10/23  
WSoc—at Randolph-Macon 10/22  
MSoc—at Va. Wesleyan 10/22

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## Cheerleaders could boost W&L sports

SARAH ON SPORTS  
BY SARAH GILBERT

Recently, the issue of fan participation in Washington and Lee sports has come up in campus conversations. The consensus seems to be that athletics at W&L are overwhelming participation events; the fan aspect hardly ever figures into a team's success or failure.

It has been mentioned that, besides the token appearance of hundreds of fans for the second quarter and half-time activities of home football games, non-athletic participation is really inconsequential.

Never fear, this is not a column denigrating W&L students for lack of participation. I have discovered the solution, the secret of success in gaining spirit, the missing link between those stadium benches and students' behinds. Cheerleaders.

Think about it. What does Virginia Military Institute, a school with only a few more male students and a perennially horrible football team, have that we don't? Why, with the obvious exception of mandatory attendance for cadets, do VMI football games always draw thousands of fans, many from outside Rockbridge County? Cheerleaders, that's why.

Arguably, the VMI cheerleaders, students from Southern Virginia College for Women, are not very good at what they do. But they represent something that is beyond the individual qualifications of a few girls whose legs may or may not be made for display in short skirts.

Cheerleaders are a symbol that someone cares enough to order uniforms in school colors and make up chants about the school mascot and victory. (No, "That's all right, that's okay, you're going to work for us someday" is not a spirit cheer.)

Cheerleaders, by their very presence, tell fans that there is always a reason to love their team. Most importantly, the cheerleaders can not leave at half-time.

Never having played football, I can not vouch for the disappointment of having worked so hard to score a few touchdowns, to prevent that every extra yard, to pull out a lead for a few possessions, and then see all my friends and classmates leave the game half-way through. Simply having the guaranteed support of the cheerleaders from kick-off to final buzzer not only heartens the football players but also might help retain a few dedicated friends and admirers of the cheerleaders.

And cheerleaders stand for something more subtle, more cosmic, at the subconscious level of every fan who ever went to a pep rally, who ever watched enthralled as a television cameraman angled his shot up the legs of a cheerleader standing on the shoulders or hands of another, who ever felt the rush of a lighted stadium on a dark night, during a tense timeout when the team is yards from the goal-line and six points behind with ten seconds left, and heard the roar of the crowd in response to the yell of those eight or ten girls who looked like the outcome of the football game tonight was their whole world.

Cheerleaders mean something; they represent the spirit of the school, they are a complement to the hard work of the football team and indeed all the athletes at a school, they are the visually attractive symbols of a deeper respect for the discipline of athletes.

# Schaeffer leads x-country to title



Photo by Sarah Gilbert, The Ring-tum Phi

Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer runs through practice at the Washington and Lee track. Her win at the state Division II-III championship at Christopher Newport is her second straight victory on the state level, and keeps her undefeated this season.

By SARAH GILBERT  
Phi Sports Editor

Records have been set at Washington and Lee, championships have been won and seconds have been shaved from previous marks.

Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer, though, has done something even a little more than all these in her performance Oct. 16.

Leading the Generals' Division II-III state championship effort last weekend, Schaeffer successfully defended her State title in 17:25.

This time, amazingly, is 25 seconds off her previous record (which is a school record) set this season and is better than the winning time in all but three of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championship meets since 1985.

Schaeffer did not expect improvement such as this.

"I never dreamed of dropping 25 seconds," she said. "I was hoping for a personal record, but I didn't expect anything like this."

Schaeffer has improved by leaps and bounds this year; at the beginning of the season coach Jim Plemister assessed her performance as better than last year, when she was an All-American in both cross country and track.

"We've all been working hard," said Schaeffer of the team. "We've all improved a lot. It all seems to be coming together."

Coming together are the

squad's chances of being invited to the Division III national championship for the second year. A first place at the regional championships next month would give the Generals an automatic bid.

After last weekend's effort, nothing is impossible for W&L. Five Generals set personal records during the race to come out just ahead of Mary Washington College, a victory by eight points.

Sophomore Amy Mears placed fourth and junior Kim Herring came in seventh to earn all-state honors. Shaving huge numbers from their previous times were junior Sue Deutsch and freshman Cathy Merritt; Deutsch finished in 12th place, up from the twenties last year.

Mears, with a time of 19:33, spoke for the team's morale.

"We were definitely happy," she said. "We were getting kind of worried when they were counting up the points."

The win over MWC was a true team effort, but even more will be necessary if the Generals hope to run in National competition.

"It's definitely within reach," said Schaeffer. "It's going to take a lot of hard work, but the team is great."

Mears was positive about the chances.

"I think we do have a chance," she said. "I'd be really happy if we could [win Regionals]."

If Schaeffer and the rest of the team ever repeat a performance like that of last weekend, the cross

country program had better petition for an upgrade to a higher division.

Schaeffer, at 17:25, is competitive with almost any Division I runner, and improvement of chunks of time like 25 seconds shows that she is only starting to realize her potential.

In her coaches' opinions, Schaeffer is improving every day. The team as a whole, running 45-50 miles a week, optimistic and still fairly young (only one senior, Amy Brown, is currently running for the team) is consistently working hard and truly improving.

On the men's side, the young and injury-prone squad pulled out a strong third place.

The Generals were out behind Christopher Newport and Mary Washington, who both have perennially strong cross country teams and are W&L's top rivals in the sport.

Sophomore Brad Paye was Washington and Lee's top finisher, coming in ninth to earn all-state honors. His time was a quick 27:12.

Also finishing below 28 minutes were freshman Sandy Hooper and sophomore Tom Fink. Hooper was running without injury for the first time this season.

The men will be idle this weekend as the women head to the Gettysburg Invitational Oct. 23. Both teams will host the school's only cross country invitational of the season the following weekend, Oct. 30.

## Baseball blunders, football follies

### AWAY GAMES

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

Isn't baseball a wonderful sport? On Wednesday night, the Phillies and Blues Jays combined for a World Series record 29 runs on 31 hits. The previous record for runs in a game had stood since 1936.

Has either of these two teams heard of pitching? I thought I was watching a Rockies vs. Padres game in Mile High Stadium. Call me a fanatic, but I GUARANTEE that the Braves could score 14 (yes, 14) runs and win the game.

Maybe the Philadelphia Eagles should take some pointers from the Phillies. The Eagles only managed to produce 10 points in last week's loss to the Giants. The Phillies 14 would still not have won the game, but it would have made the score closer.

Thursday night, however, the Phillies and Blue Jays completely forgot how to score runs. In a pitcher's duel, the Phillies defeated the Jays 2-0. I figure the two teams are just trying to even out the scores of the other 4 games as far as average is concerned.

I would like to apologize to all Atlanta Falcons fans (not really) for last week's humor. The winged warriors managed a win last week. The only reason I pick on the Falcons is, well, that way I anger the fewest number of people. If you didn't get that joke, then you are a true Falcon's fan (or possibly one of the players).

Also last week in football, the Browns subrogated Vinnie Testaverde for Bernie Kosar (how did one team end up with two QB's named Bernie

and Vinnie—it sounds like the Godfather or something).

Surprisingly, Vinnie performed well, leading the Browns to victory.

The hockey season is now well underway, and apparently some things never change. Wayne Gretzky tops the scoring charts early. This is an impressive feat for a man who is approaching 90-years-old or something. Oh well, it is shaping up to be another season like last year's where Lemieux missed an inordinate number of games only to return and blow everyone else away in scoring for the rest of the year. Besides, Gretzky is an injury waiting to happen.

Parting Shots—  
Steve's Top Five (since top ten would be a copyright violation or something) Surprises o' the Week:

- 1) Mike Piazza wins the National League rookie of the year.
- 2) Redskins lose in a lopsided affair.
- 3) Mitch Williams can't hold a lead late.
- 4) The Eagles lose without Randall Cunningham.
- 5) Everyone in the sports world (players, coaches, networks, etc.) gripes about money.

My pick to win the Superbowl: the Cincinnati Bengals in a hard fought win over the Atlanta Falcons.

When will Mike Tyson get out of prison and kick every other pretenders sorry butt? He is probably a better fighter after a few years behind bars.

Finally, Seinfeld watchers need to learn the merits of post-season baseball. Happy trails.

## Volleyball extends streak

By BILL RUST  
Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee volleyball has gone on a tear, matching its season opening four-match win streak, and improving its record to 13-11. The latest victory was a 15-3, 15-13, 15-4 route of fifth-ranked Sweet Briar Tuesday.

The Generals' assault was led by sophomore Kelly Horan with nine kills, and sophomore setter, Cheryl Taurassi, who had 27 assists in the match. Freshman Elizabeth Bahn managed three blocks, and junior Captain Jennifer Garrigus had 11 digs to hold off the Vixen attack.

The Lady Generals hope their winning ways continue through the next two games and into the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament.

"We're streaky," said senior Captain Tara Burns, "but recently we have been playing well together and winning."

The team's ODAC record now stands at 4-3 and the Generals are

in fourth place.

But they went into a two and eight downward spiral the last time they won four in a row, and have to avoid a similar fate this time.

"If we win the next two, and we better win the next two," said Burns, "we should be in a good position for the ODAC tournament."

The team looks solid and has posted a seven and three record since the slump. As of Tuesday, Taurassi lead the team with 451 assists, and Garrigus lead in digs with 166.

Freshman Virginia Yoerg has had a record setting season with 74 blocks, breaking Chrissie Hart's mark of 69 set last year, and Tara Burns recently moved into third place on W&L's all-time list with 408 kills. She leads the team with 129.

They play Hollins away on Tuesday, and take on the Crusaders of Randolph-Macon on Thursday at home to close out the regular season. Both matches are against conference rivals and may prove critical.

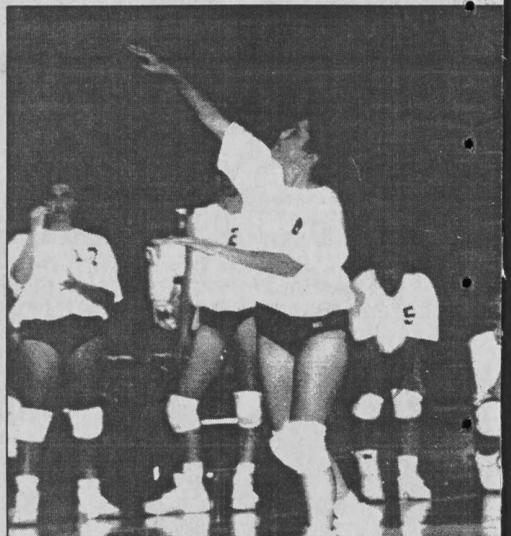


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A member of the volleyball team spikes over the net at Doremus gymnasium. The team is currently 13-11.

## Men's soccer struggles to overcome inexperience

By STEPHEN WILLIARD  
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

A learning experience—that is what this year's men's soccer season will be called.

An inexperienced Washington and Lee team has played hard throughout the season, with many of their defeats coming as the result of costly lapses in close affairs.

Following a defeat of Hampden-Sydney, the Generals lost to Maryville 4-2 after leading 2-1. Rhodes College also proved to be too much to handle for the Generals, winning 2-0 on Saturday. The team's next game was Thursday against Eastern Mennonite College, which they lost 3-2.

Thursday's loss moved the Generals' record to 5-10 overall and 3-4 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with one game remaining on the schedule before the conference tournament.

The Generals trailed 3-0 before rallying on goals by Bill Gill and Dan Rhodes. The rally fell

short, however, when a last second shot cleared the crossbar.

Saturday's game against Virginia Wesleyan will close out the year for the W&L squad. Despite this year's discouraging record, the future appears bright for the Generals. A number of the young players return for next season, and hopefully the experience of this campaign will aid the team next year.

Sophomore Fernando Bravo made his first start in goal against Hampden-Sydney, making eight saves in the first half. Also, senior Dan Rhodes has played well lately. He tallied a goal and assist against Hampden-Sydney in addition to his goal Thursday against Eastern Mennonite.

The General's hope to close out the season on a high note with a victory against Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday. A win would enable the Washington & Lee squad to finish at .500 in the ODAC with a 4-4 record.

W&L soccer enthusiasts have ample reason to expect a successful season next year, but first the Generals have to close out this season.



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A soccer player maneuvers toward the team's 5-10 record.