

Parents' Weekend Edition

Weekend Weather

Today: Increasingly cloudy, high in low 60s
Tonight: Rain or showers, lows in 40s
Saturday: Rain or showers, breezy cooler 50-60, lows 30s
Sunday: Breezy cool 50-55, low 30s
Clocks go back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31

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Organizations ask EC for \$9000

By THOMAS HESPOS
Phi News Editor

Two weeks after the EC approved its budget, two more organizations came in and asked for a combined total of over \$9000.

That's the dilemma the Executive Committee faced when the Freshman Orientation Committee and Club Ice Hockey came to Monday's meeting to request money from the EC.

"We just took office," said FOC co-chair Kris Fegenbush, explaining why he and co-chair Sue Krawchuk hadn't appeared before the EC earlier, during the budget hearings.

Fegenbush and Krawchuk asked the EC for \$7,950, after receiving \$500 from the EC last year. Fegenbush explained that freshman orientation has been "inferior" in the past and that other schools "laugh at [W&L's] program."

Fegenbush said other schools comparable to W&L spend far more on their freshman orientation programs. He said Davidson College spends \$25,000 on their program and Centre College, which is half the size of W&L, spends \$15,000.

Krawchuk said she would like to see a program that freshmen can have fun with.

"From the freshman's perspective... [orientation] was a horrible thing," she said.

Fegenbush agreed, saying, "people were sneaking out of orientation stuff."

Fegenbush said FOC would like to completely revamp the orientation program, starting with eliminating Playfair.

But EC President Bob Tompkins said the EC would like to look into procuring the money from other sources, such as funds controlled by the various deans.

"This is a big chunk of change," said

Tompkins. "We came into this year with less money than we came in with last year."

The EC passed a proposal to delay voting on allocating money to FOC until Tompkins could speak to Dean Manning and IFC President Curt Smith about the issue.

"Something like this would be a good argument for raising [student activity fees]," said Tompkins.

The EC also heard from Eric Mintz of Club Ice Hockey, who requested over \$1,850 for his organization. EC members suggested that Club Ice Hockey charge dues in



Tompkins

order to help defray the costs, but Mintz said team members already pay for their own equipment and provide their own transportation to Roanoke for games.

EC members agreed to allocate \$1,600 to the club, to be taken from the EC's reserve funds.

"In keeping with the tradition that we never give anyone exactly what they ask for, the number that pops into my head is \$1,600," said Tompkins.

Jeff Rogers, chairman of the Emergency Loan Committee, was also present at the meeting to update the EC on the ELC's progress. Rogers said his committee had an

operating budget of close to \$4,000, of which they needed \$3,000. The EC voted to take \$1,000 from the ELC's budget, which will be put into the EC reserve funds.

Rogers said the ELC had "two or three outstanding loans." He said one of the loans was in default, but that the person who took it out is "still a student." According to Rogers, the ELC has the power to withhold grades and/or block registration if a loan is not paid back within a reasonable time.

The EC also voted to allow Rogers to "go into the red" if the ELC needs extra money for loans.

The EC also heard an update from the Student-Faculty Hearing Board and welcomed the new freshman representative, Marcus Rayner. They also assigned EC members to observe Contact, the Publications Board and the Student Activities Board.

Women's Rush to get 150

By LOURRAINE TIGAS
Phi Staff Writer

One hundred fifty women signed up for sorority Rush on Sunday, October 17.

Registration was held in the Pit from 3 to 5 p.m. Women paid a \$15 registration fee and could buy T-shirts for \$5.

Registration continued through the week, from October 17 until October 24. Lise Brown, Panhellenic membership chair, estimated that an additional 15 to 20 women signed up during the week, including "some sophomores and a few juniors."

The number of women that signed up for Rush is approximately the same as last year.

There can now be "no formal organized contact between Greek women and freshman women," according to Brown. Accidental contact is not prohibited.

Sorority Rush begins January 7 and lasts one week. It consists of four nights of parties and concludes with Bid Day.

One change has been made to the process. Previously, when a rushee was invited to all four preference parties on the last night, she had to decline one. This year rushees may attend all preference parties to which they are invited.



Clark



Photo by Patrick Hineley

Watson Pavilion Dedication

Last weekend's weather couldn't have been better for the Watson Pavilion dedication. Over 200 people came to the ceremony which was part of a two-day celebration that included symposiums, lectures, guided tours of the Reeves Center and an open house at the Watson Pavillion. Elizabeth Watson admitted that she and the Board of Trustees did not see eye to eye at first on the creation of the Pavillion, but she quipped, "They came 'round.'"

Freshmen get grades

By JAY WHITE
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In accordance with the changing of the leaves occurs the perennial process of Fall term midterm examinations.

Each year students, still fresh from summer, must buckle down and face the year's first set of knowledge indicators. This process is particularly jarring for the freshman class, the class of 1997.

Not only must they contend with the difficulties of being in a foreign environment, there is also present the lively social atmosphere that goes along with Washington and Lee. Both require a certain amount of adjustment time and are intruded upon by the first set of many college midterms.

As Parents' Weekend approaches at an alarming rate of

speed, so too does the possibility of a stern lecture from the maternal and paternal units concerning academic performance.

According to Dean of Freshmen Dennis Manning, the average midterm GPA for all freshman women was 2.766, while the men's came in at 2.467. The overall GPA averages out to 2.617 for the entire freshman class. Of those, 20 fell below the below 1.5 mark. Freshman whose GPA fall below 1.5 at the end of the academic year are subject to the automatic rule, and are asked to sever all ties with the University.

Dean of Students David Howison remarked on some key points that he felt were represented in these grades and those in recent times.

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The Princeton Review Student Access Guide — The Best 286 Colleges

- Beautiful Campus**
- Hollins College
 - University of Richmond
 - Sweet Briar College
 - Washington and Lee University

- Happiest Students**
- Hollins
 - W&L
 - Sweet Briar

- Most Homogeneous Student Body**
- University of Richmond
 - W&L
 - Hampden-Sydney College

- Lots Of Hard Liquor**
- W&L
 - Richmond
 - Randolph-Macon

- Major Fraternity and Sorority**
- W&L
 - Richmond
 - Randolph-Macon

- Best Overall Academics**
- W&L

Tuition buys more than classes

Academic programs soak up two-thirds of W&L's budget

By KATHLEEN QUIRK
Phi Staff Writer

Every Washington and Lee student pays over \$1100 per year to keep W&L looking pretty.

Still, the nine percent of tuition spent on Physical Plant is only a fraction of the funds for academic programs and support, which take roughly two-thirds of the University's operating budget.

According to University Treasurer Larry Broomall, tuition is the largest contributor (approximately 64 percent of University revenues) to meeting such expenditures as faculty and staff salaries, benefits, department

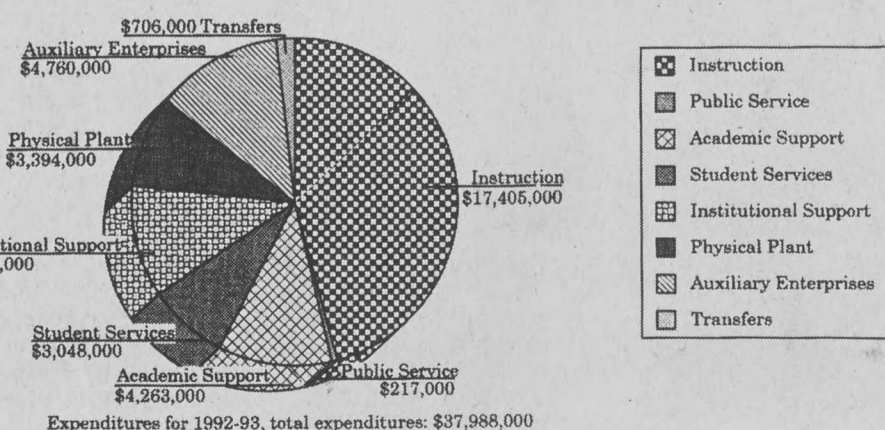
supplies, travel expenses, printing, and "the typical kinds of expenses any business would have."

However, tuition is "basically one of several sources of income that help to support the university," said Broomall. "It is almost misleading to say that your tuition dollar goes to this or that."

Other sources of income include endowments, gifts, trusts, the annual fund, and even application fees. Broomall said, "You can say that two-thirds of every dollar this [Treasurer's] office spends is supplied by tuition."

Broken down, about 45 percent of University money goes to

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World

Peacekeepers say at least 15 Muslim villagers killed

United Nations troops looking through the burnt remains of a Muslim village north of Sarajevo found at least 15 bodies, confirming a Croat mass killing.

A U.N. statement said Stupni Do, a hamlet of approximately 250 people about 20 miles north of Sarajevo, was the site of a Croat massacre. The whereabouts of the other villagers are unknown. Croats barred peacekeepers from reaching the village for three days, after threatening the U.N. troops with rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank weapons.

Fighting calms down in Mogadishu, wounded released

United Nations officials reported only sporadic gunfire in the Somali capital on Wednesday.

The latest violence, which broke out on Monday, produced at least 50 wounded, most of which were released from hospitals Wednesday. A U.N. spokesman said the U.N. force was not involved in ending the violence, which killed at least 11 people.

The Nation

Fires rage through California

Thousands of acres and dozens of homes throughout southern California were destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Fierce winds helped to fuel the fires, one of which forced the evacuation of several animals from the San Diego Zoo. Seven fires were reported burning from Ventura County to the Mexican border. Dry weather and 60 mile per hour winds are helping to keep the fires going in some areas. Hundreds of homes have been evacuated.

Clinton gives in to criticism

President Clinton released a revamped health care plan Wednesday that put off universal coverage by one year and offered significant concessions to his critics.

Clinton hopes to ensure every American a standard set of benefits by 1998. The President and Mrs. Clinton delivered their 1,300 page Health Security Plan to Capitol Hill Wednesday. The latest version of the plan makes concessions in order to win over disillusioned legislators, special interest groups and other American citizens who were put off by what Clinton unveiled in September.

"Superboy" survives leap from building

A five-year-old boy sustained no injuries whatsoever after a fall from the seventh floor of a New York apartment building.

The boy, Paul Rosen, was resting comfortably at a New York Hospital on Monday, after his fall from his bedroom window onto concrete. New York Newsday called the incident "the miracle on 79th Street." Rosen suffered no abrasions or broken bones in the fall, which one paramedic described by saying "it was like the angels caught him." Investigators say the boy was leaning out the window in an attempt to retrieve a dangling toy microphone.

"Assisted suicide" ruled a homicide by examiner

A medical examiner in the case of a Michigan woman who died in the presence of Dr. Jack Kevorkian ruled that her death was a homicide, and not a suicide.

Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic said Kevorkian's involvement in the death puts the death outside the realm of suicide. According to Dragovic, 72-year-old Merian Frederick died of carbon monoxide poisoning in Kevorkian's apartment. One of Kevorkian's attorneys said Kevorkian could not be tried under Michigan's new assisted suicide law because a death has to be ruled a suicide in order for prosecutors to use that course of action.

Killer moose on the loose

An Anchorage, Alaska woman was found dead outside her home Sunday, apparently trampled by a moose.

The woman had gone outside to check on two puppies, which were found unharmed in the woman's yard. Investigators said the puppies may have spurred the attack, as male moose are especially aggressive toward dogs. An adult moose can weigh up to 1,700 pounds.

The State

Anti-Barney exhibit pulled

A Halloween attraction featuring the hanging "death" of a Barney the Dinosaur doll was pulled from a Colonial Heights Jaycees display on Tuesday.

The display was removed from the Jaycees Haunted Forest when a single patron out of 1,600 complained about the hanging doll. The complainant said her two children were disturbed by the attraction and feared that their television idol had been "killed" in the display. The display featured a song parody of the Barney theme song - "I hate you, you hate me. Let's get together and hang Barney."

NDI offers students low prices

By ERIN GNIDZIEJKO
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Have you ever considered what you'll do after college?

Will you move into your own house or apartment? Start a family? Buy a car?

How are you going to afford it?

A possible solution is Network Direct Incorporated, an organization designed to bring its members name brand products at manufacturer's prices. NDI promises a price lower than the best advertised price and a 'double the difference' guarantee if the consumer can prove a better value somewhere else. This guarantee covers all the products available through NDI, from VCR's and amplifiers to strollers and day beds.

NDI credits its service to its advanced databases which provide instant price quotes and order assistance. To purchase an item, a member calls the customer service department and gives his NDI membership number, the manufacturer's name, the model number, the description of the product, and his charge card number. Unlike most mail order companies, the products that NDI handles are shipped pre-paid, and the manufacturer's warranty is extended, in most cases, up to a year.

Thought the initial membership cost is low compared with what one might expect to save with the program (\$1000 over a three year period), a member is

only guaranteed a savings of \$1000 after a minimum of \$7000 is spent through the NDI program. Following the first year, membership is acted on by an annual activity fee (not to exceed \$65) and an additional renewal fee. For this reason, the choice to join NDI seems beneficial to an active consumer, but perhaps a poor choice for someone who is not planning heavy spending in the future.

It may seem that NDI can provide almost anything a customer desires, but in actuality many items are not available through the program. Besides the obvious — clothing — NDI does not carry many popular brand names (Kenmore and Sears among others). Still it has additional benefits such as cut-rate travel, eyeglass care, and a grocery coupon service (available at an additional cost).

Earlier this month, the University Division of NDI visited W&L's fraternity houses, armed to the teeth with propaganda about their program. Slide shows hinting of free vacations and reduced price automobiles lured students. The enlisting brothers of each house were awarded with free airline tickets to one of several tempting locations or free lodgings there once the airline tickets were purchased through NDI.

Convinced by these sugary offers many W&L students have signed their names to a lifelong membership in NDI. They, it seems, have decided that the future holds a life of consumerism.



Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Some students have signed lifetime contracts with NDI

'93 law grads shine on bar exam

Fron Staff Reports

93 W&L Law grads exceed average pass rate on Virginia Bar

Recent publication of the Virginia Bar examination results show that 92.2 percent of Washington and Lee University's law graduates passed the bar exam.

The overall pass rate for the Virginia Bar Exam was 77 percent.

"While the law school does not edu-

cate students specifically for the bar exam, it does provide a well rounded and very demanding legal education for our students," said Randall Bezanson, Dean of the W&L Law School. "Our high degree of success on the Virginia Bar Exam is a testament to the high quality of our students," he added.

Fifty-one spring graduates from W&L Law School took the exam in July. Of these, 47 passed.

Registration schedule for Winter Term classes

Monday: Seniors

Tuesday: Juniors

Wednesday: Sophomores

Thursday: Freshmen

Note: Senior history majors may register for classes before noon on Monday. All other seniors may register for history classes after noon.

Junior history majors may register for classes before noon on Tuesday. All other juniors may register for history classes after noon.

Sophomores and freshmen may register for classes anytime Wednesday and Thursday.

Some departments do not adhere to this registration schedule.

Solati Trio appearing at the Lenfest Center

Fron Staff Reports

The Boston-based Solati Trio will be in residence to teach and perform at Washington and Lee for one week, beginning November 2.

In addition to master classes and tutorial sessions, the group will give a performance on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center.

In the recital, the trio will perform works by Beethoven, Mathis and Tchaikovsky. They will join the Rockbridge Orchestra on Nov. 6 in a performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello, Piano, and Orchestra. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge.

The Solati trio formed in 1984 and has since appeared in numerous highly acclaimed concerts, presenting a wide range of repertoire including premieres of new works written especially for the trio.

In 1985, they won first prize in the Shoreline Alliance New England Chamber Music Competition.

Members of the Solati Trio are Sophia Herman, violinist, and Ludmilla Lifson, pianist, twin sisters who were born and trained in Russia. They graduated from the Leningrad Conservatory of Music and were both appointed to the faculty.

New England-based emigres since 1979, the Herman-Lifson duo has performed throughout the eastern part of the U.S.

The third member, violoncellist Hrant Tatian, is a native of New York and a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music where he studied with Leonard Rose for four years. Tatian has been principal cellist with the St. Louis Symphony and the Rochester Philharmonic and performs extensively.

The Solati Trio residency at W&L was made possible by a grant from the Class of 1963 endowment.



photo by Bethany Smith, the Ring-tum Phi

JubiLee and Southern Comfort (pictured above) will perform in Lee Chapel at 5:30 on Saturday for Parents' Weekend.

Freshmen representatives tell all

Newly elected officers discuss plans, goals and expectations for the year and their class

By BUNNY WONG
Phi Staff Writer

Meet your President: Alvin Townley

Washington and Lee on a Sunday afternoon. The Hill is strewn with thousands of



Townley

From the speaking tradition to the rigorous academics, he's in love with W&L.

"Alvin's a really nice guy and I'm sure he'll be a very dedicated class president," said freshman Deborah Zollmann.

His "first order of business" will be to start a recycling program with the help of the Freshman Leadership Council (FLC) over which he will be presiding.

"I've really enjoyed working with [the FLC]," said Townley.

He also wants to "try to expand" the interdorm volleyball competitions for freshmen.

As the freshman class president, Townley will serve on the Student Conduct Committee (SCC).

He also runs for W&L's cross-country team.

"Cross-country makes me discipline myself," he said.

Cross country and Eagle Scouts were two of Townley's favorite high school activities.

"We got to go hiking a lot," he said with an all-American smile.

Like most W&L students, Townley is organized.

"I know that I don't have time to goof off."

He's also focused ("I'd love to teach here"), sincere ("I hope I can serve the freshman class well") and charming ("Is this when I'm supposed to say something witty?").

Townley is considering a degree in politics and sociology, though he's not completely sure.

His present goals after undergraduate school include getting his doctorate and teaching at a university.

The class of 1997's new president might be a leader, but his best quality is his ability to make you feel good about attending W&L.

"There's no other college in the United States where I would rather be."

Your new Vice-President: Sasha Hartman

Sitting on a mini-refrigerator and swinging her legs, blue-eyed, blond-haired Sasha Hartman looks happy.

Happy to be the freshman class vice-president, happy the Blue Jays won the World Series, but most of all, happy to be here.

"W&L's the best," says Hartman, who was born in Toronto, Canada.

She lived there for sixteen years before moving to her present home in Montgomery, New Jersey.

Hartman attended Montgomery High. Marcus Rayner, the recently elected representative to the Executive Committee, attended the same high school.

Montgomery had the honor of being selected as one of the 43 schools in the nation to be a Blue Ribbon school.

Hartman feels she will work well with class president Alvin Townley, who she met while visiting W&L.

"We basically have the same theories," she said. "We both love [W&L] so much that

we're both willing to do everything for it."

As vice-president, Hartman will also serve on the FLC and the SCC.

For Hartman, after college-plans include going into advertising and marketing.

"I'm going to go right into the work force [after undergraduate school]," said Hartman, who currently plans to major in business administration.

"Sasha Hartman is a model student," said freshman Amy Jarvis.

"She represents everything W&L stands for. I think she will do an inconceivably extraordinary job as our freshman class vice president," she said.

The Class of '97 is in for some optimism.

"I love making people happy," Hartman said.

And your E.C. Representative: Marcus Rayner

Walking into a room, Marcus Rayner looks every bit the politician...composed, focused, and friendly.

And if the recent freshman elections for the Executive Committee are any indication, he is every bit the politician.

"Someday I hope to run for public office," said Rayner.

He graduated from Montgomery High in Montgomery, New Jersey. Rayner visited Montgomery along with freshman class Vice President Sasha Hartman.

"They [the residents of his hometown] were really happy for us," he said.

The freshman class seems to be happy for him, too.

"Marcus always looks like he's got it all together," said freshman Tracy Marshall.

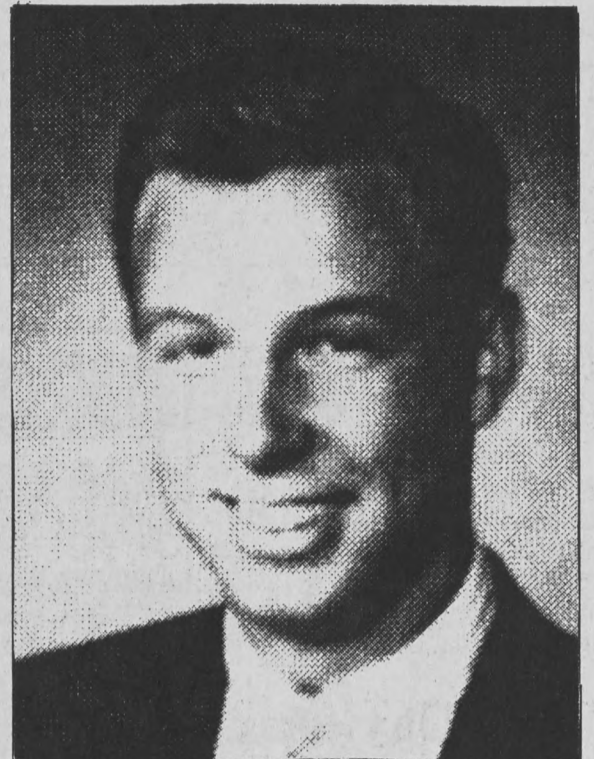
"From what I've seen and heard, he's honest and diligent and I think he'll serve the job well," she said.

Although just elected to serve on the EC, Rayner has already been able to experience

life as a freshman representative.

"It was interesting, and I was able to see how important the EC really is to student life," said Rayner of his first EC meeting.

"I ran [for EC representative] to do my part to maintain the honor system and traditions of



Rayner

W&L."

The EC meets once a week to discuss allocation of funds, honor matters, and other business.

Rayner's political bent appears in his other W&L activities. He is a member of the College Republicans and reads the news for WLUR.

Not surprisingly, he plans to major in political science and/or public policy.

"I enjoy them," he said.

After undergraduates school, he is considering going to law school or getting his MBA.

Although a New Jersey-based boy, Rayner looked closely at Virginia Universities his senior year.

The University of Virginia and the University of the South were two of the three he considered.

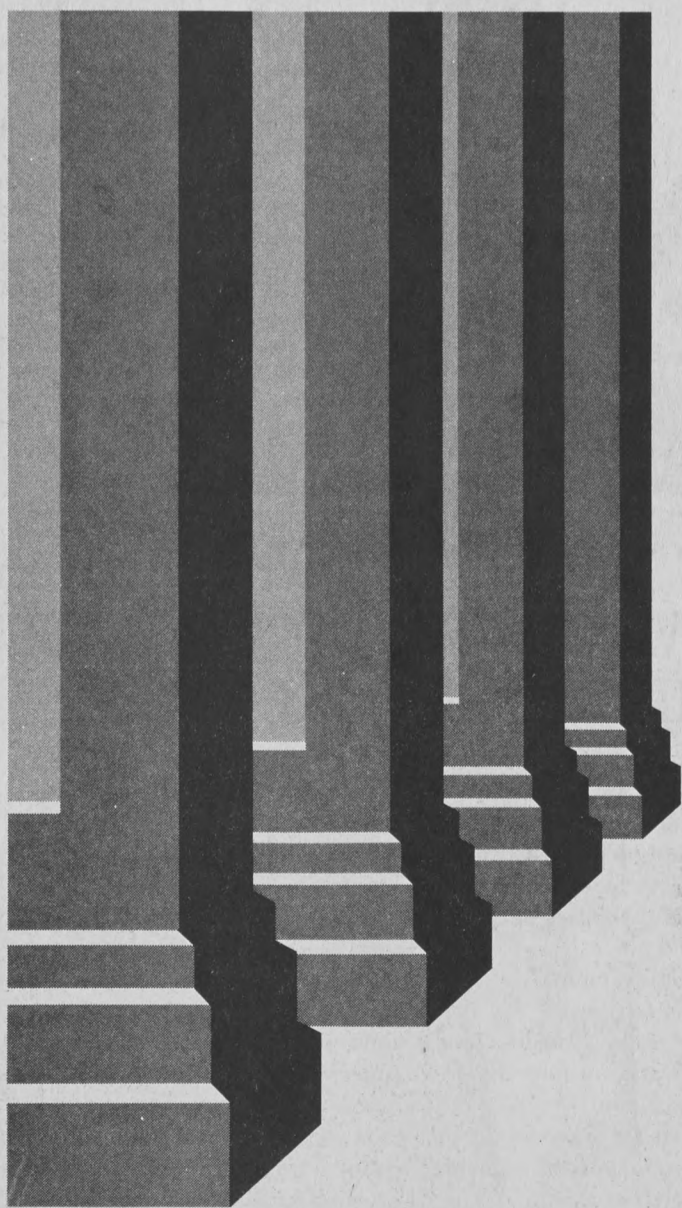
However, he chose to come to W&L.

"I just fell in love with [W&L]," he said. Judging from the past elections, W&L returns the sentiment.



Hartman

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By RICHARD PELTZ
Special to the Phi

If the bottom line is value for money, everybody knows W&L comes out on top. The university has taken best-buy honors in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of liberal arts colleges for three years running.

But judging by another bottom line — net assets — W&L finishes further back in the pack.

W&L's net assets — \$181 million in 1991 — are less than half those of Amherst and Williams in Massachusetts and Swarthmore in Pennsylvania, the three school U.S. News picked as the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Williams reported net assets of \$413 million in 1991, Swarthmore reported \$399 million, and Amherst reported \$394 million.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, Amherst, Williams and Swarthmore were absent from the best-buy ranks.

Despite their relative wealth, they charge higher tuition than W&L's \$12,330 in 1992-93. Williams students paid \$17,840 the same year.

In a comparison of the latest available tax returns from W&L and eight other schools, W&L ranked seventh of nine in terms of bottom-line, net assets.

All eight schools ranked above W&L in the *U.S. News* survey of overall quality.

W&L's net assets topped those of Davidson College in North Carolina and Haverford College in Pennsylvania, both of which reported about \$130 million in net assets in 1991 and 1992 respectively.

Despite its relatively small net assets, W&L held up well against the competition by other financial measures. The tax return show:

- W&L generated \$56 million in revenue in 1990-91 and gained almost \$15 million in capital.

- The university paid Bass Construction \$8.8 million in 1990-91, about five times more money than any of the other schools reported spending on a professional service.

- Contributions to W&L in 1990-91 totaled almost \$14 million, \$5 million more than the year before.

- Instructional expenses cost W&L \$27.5 million in 1990-91, about two-thirds of all spending.

W&L Executive Director of Development Lex McMillan said there is no cause for concern about W&L's financial health.

"We are certainly not in trouble," McMillan said. "We are a strong institution by any measure."

W&L Dean of College and Vice President

for Academic Affairs John Elrod said W&L might appear better than it is on the tax returns relative to the other schools, because only W&L of the schools in Peltz's study has a regular graduate program.

"It's going to make us look a lot better off than we are," Elrod said. "Law school is going to distort it badly."

But in terms of net assets, W&L is not leading the charge.

W&L Treasurer Larry Broomall said the university might be lagging behind most of the other schools in net assets because it started systematic fund-raising efforts years later than they did.

"This is purely conjecture, but generally speaking, particularly schools in the northeast have focused on fund raising for far longer than most other institutions," Broomall said. "There is a concentration of selective, high-quality,

liberal-arts institutions in that area, institutions which have been very successful over the years. The compounding effects of gifts is incredible."

McMillan said Broomall is right. "Some would say there's an older tradition of philanthropy in the northeast," McMillan said, simply because the northeast is the oldest part of the country.

McMillan said fund raising at W&L has been around since the Board of Trustees of Liberty Hall Academy solicited George Washington's famous gift of 1796. But it wasn't until the 1960's that development efforts were concentrated in a single, permanent university office.

Broomall said W&L's smaller bottom-line stings most when the school passes out financial aid to students.

"We're seeing as we go into next year, we're having some difficulty in providing the level of financial-aid grants we want to provide," Broomall said. "We'll still have a very solid class of students, but there's been a little chipping up over the years that will sort of stabilize."

Ordinarily, a school with more financial aid to offer prospective students can attract better students. Broomall said W&L keeps a competitive edge by keeping tuition low.

McMillan said W&L's smaller bottom line can be deceiving.

"These comparisons can be really problematic because some schools have more complicated programs," McMillan said. "They may have a lot of additional elements in their programs that don't make a lot of difference to individual students."

For example, McMillan said a school might operate a museum with a staff of curators.

"We run a pretty lean program... Big chunks of those dollars [at other schools] could be going to their museums, special programs outside their educational purpose," McMillan said. "I doubt if there's any school among those top 25 where a student can get a better education than at Washington and Lee University."

W&L's \$181 million finish in 1991 was a \$10 million drop from the year before, on paper. But that was due to a change in the IRS instructions in how schools record depreciation, according to Broomall.

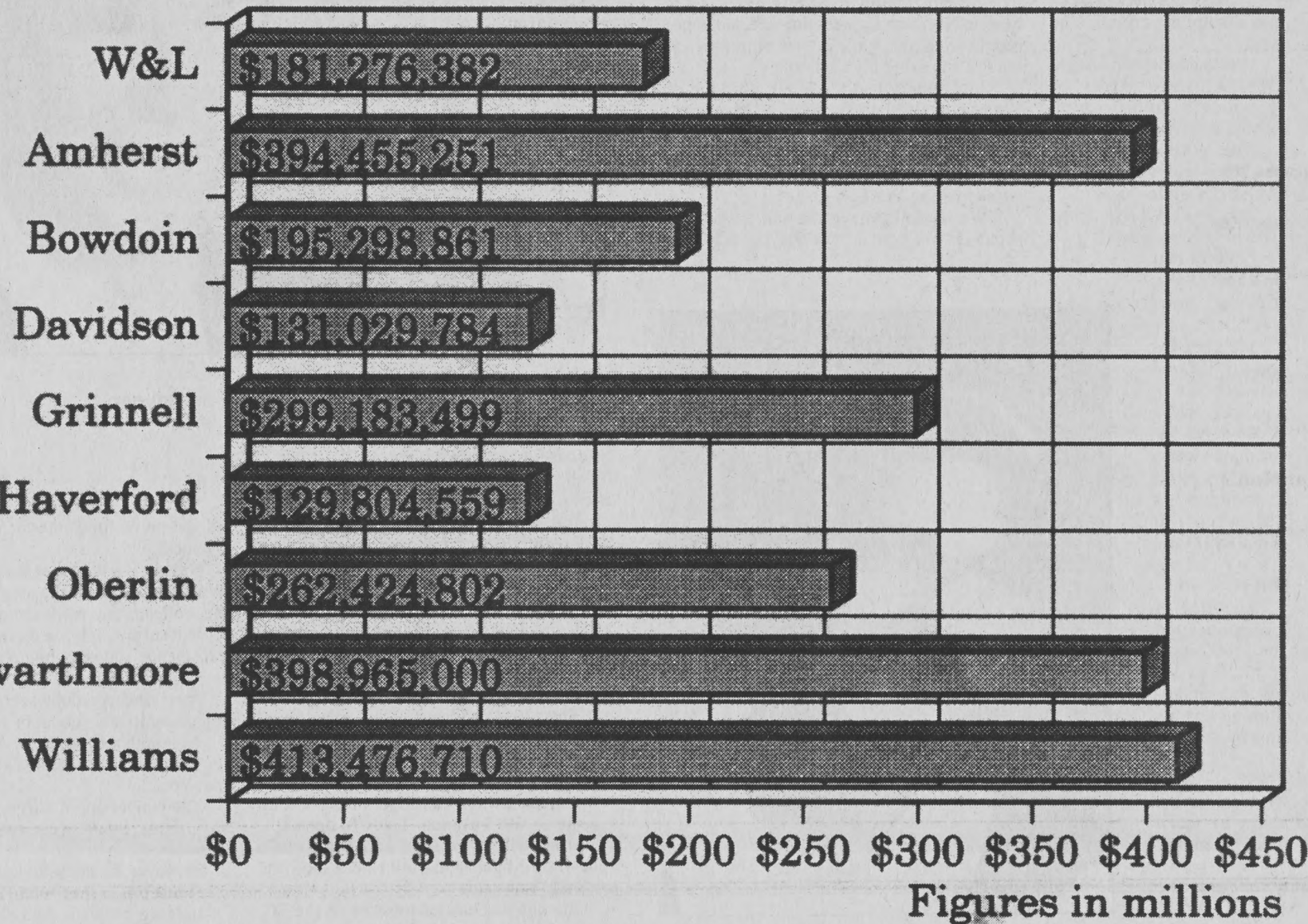
In fact, W&L's nearly \$15 million gain in 1990-91 means for every dollar W&L took in, it still had 27 cents after expenses. That \$15 million helps beef up the bottom line.

Only Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine did substantially better in the same year, gaining 35 cents per dollar of revenue. Grinnell College in Iowa gained 29 cents per dollar in 1991-92.

Not every school fared so well.

The financial giant Amherst lost \$1.5 million in investment trading. For every dollar in 1991 revenue, Amherst spent \$1.02.

Oberlin College in Ohio also lost in invest-



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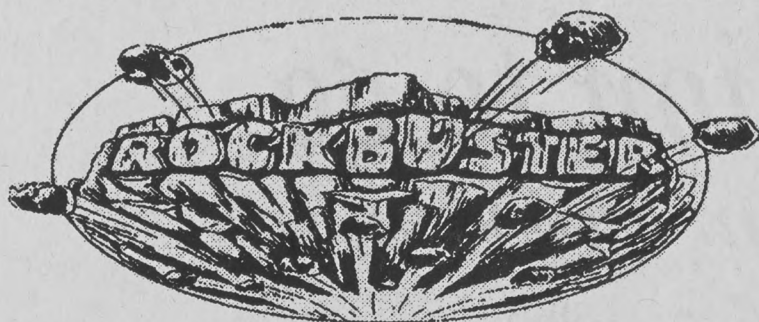
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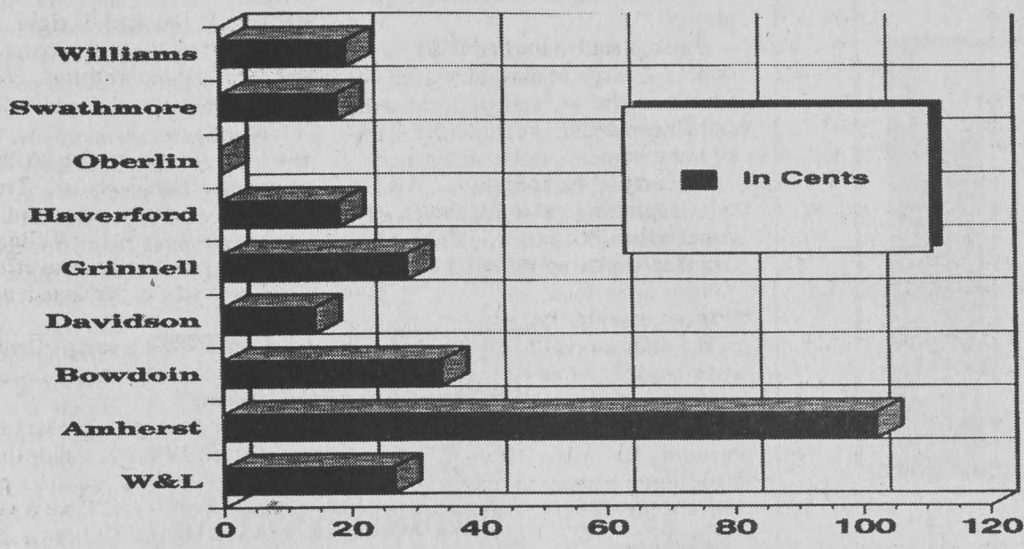
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W&L plans for future budget concerns

Amount spent per revenue dollar



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ments, almost \$1.7 million. It scraped by at year-end with a gain of less than half a penny for every dollar of revenue.

Whether a school ends the year with a gain or loss depends largely on how it invests its money. For that reason, most schools pay big bucks to investment managers.

Amherst spent about \$700,000 on its number-one money handler and more than \$300,000 on its number two. Grinnell also paid investment managers more than \$1 million.

W&L's investment management costs are not on its tax return, which lists only the top five professional-service bills, but Broomall said W&L pays its top investment manager, one of four, about \$250,000.

The figure is not on the return because W&L's construction expenses, more than \$9.5 million, nudged it out of the top five.

The \$8.8 million W&L paid to Bass Construction covered much of Fraternity Renaissance, the addition to Lewis Hall and the completion of the Lenfest Center, Broomall said.

W&L also paid \$315,000 to Lantz Construction and \$450,000 to VMDO for architectural services.

Of the other schools, only Swarthmore reported substantial spending on construction and architecture, \$2.8 million. Swarthmore Senior Accountant Kedebe Teferi said that covered a campus renovation project and went toward a \$10 million performing arts center.

W&L Coordinator of Capital Planning Frank Parsons said W&L has a record of commitment to capital projects.

"We've done a very respectable job of meeting the outstanding needs of the university and not putting off what repairs and such that need to be done."

Parsons, who said he had no background in architecture or engineering

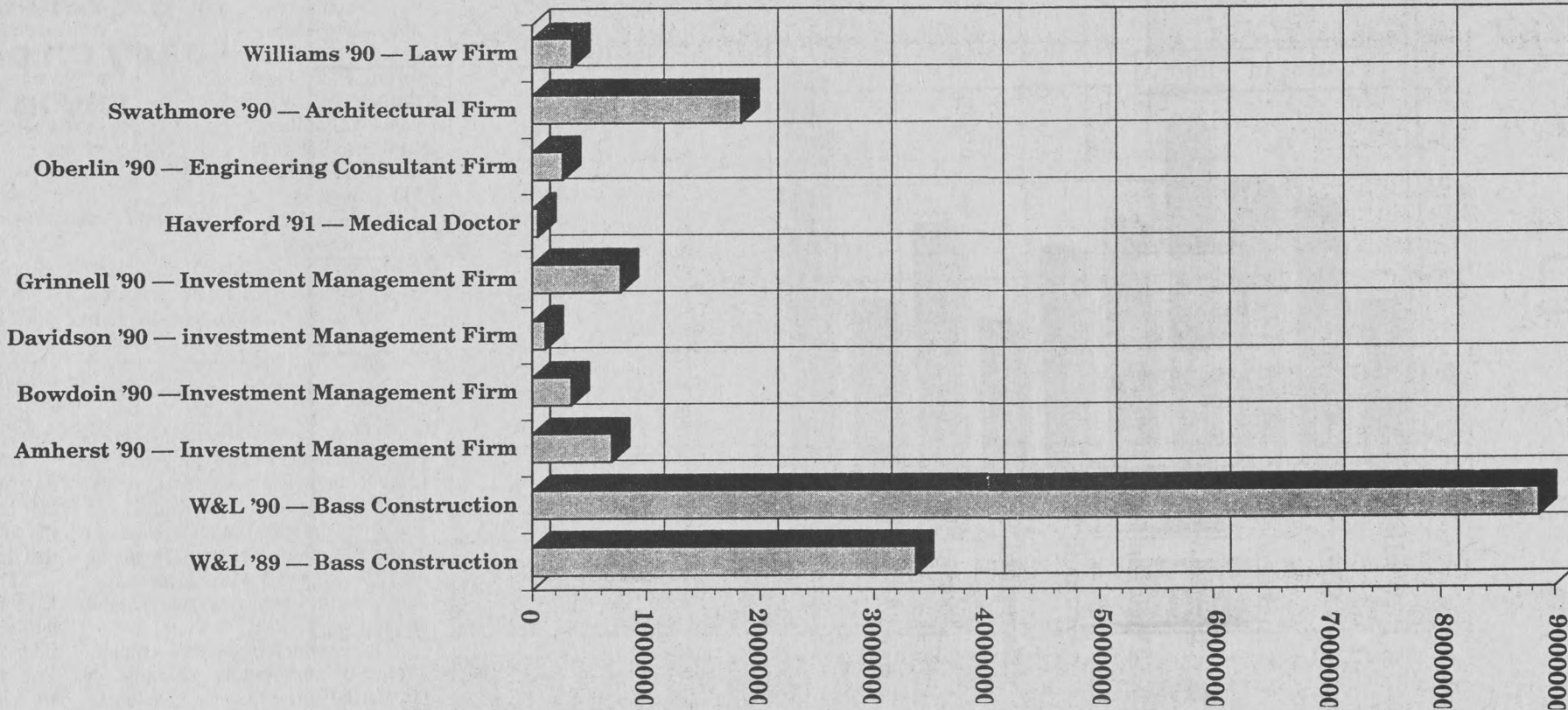
prior to being asked to oversee capital projects for W&L in 1967, lauds past W&L President Robert Huntley and current President John Wilson for their dedication to capital projects.

"Both Huntley and Wilson are hands-on presidents," Parsons said. "Both have been very concerned with maintaining the beauty of this campus and the facilities that support the educational function."

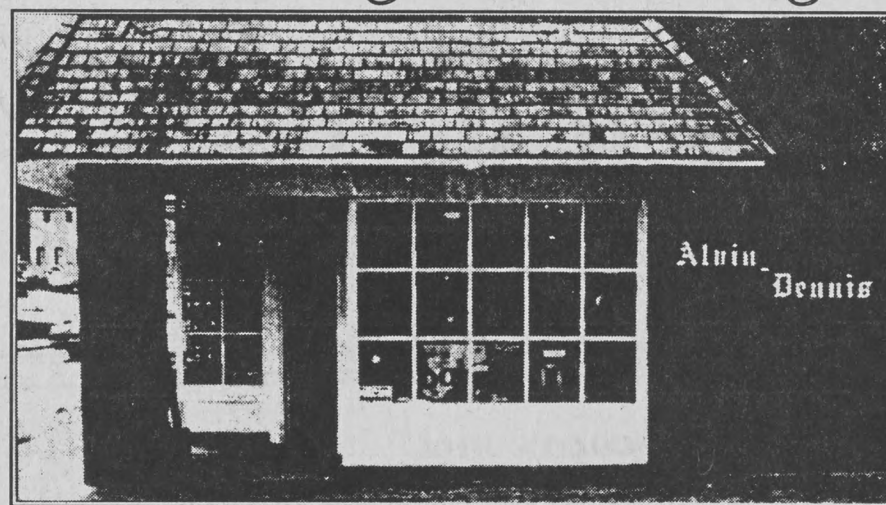
Parsons said he does not know how other schools handle spending, but he said smart budgeting allows W&L to spend money on capital projects despite the school's relatively small assets.

"W&L has done very, very well in managing its operating budget, budgeting on a basis that if you need the entire budget, the money is there," he said. "I think it's true that each year, we finish in the black, and the surplus goes

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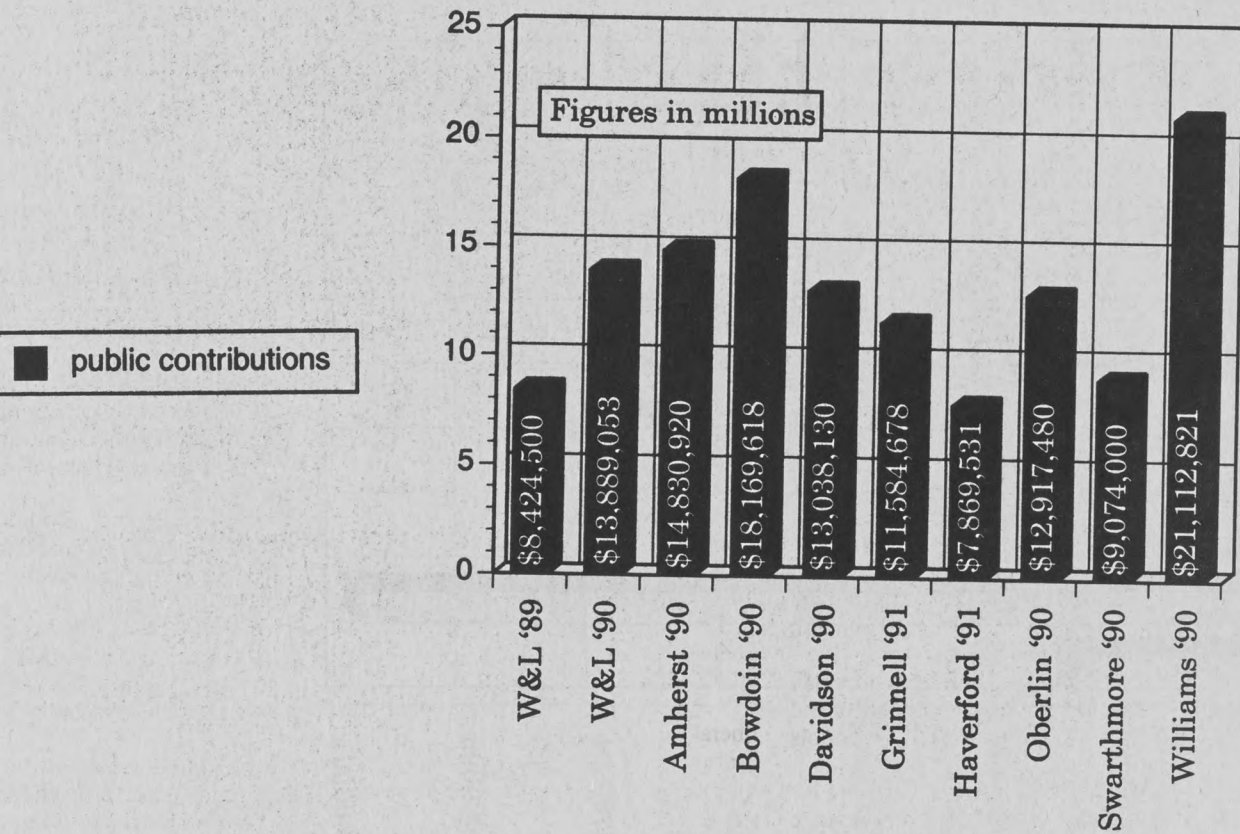
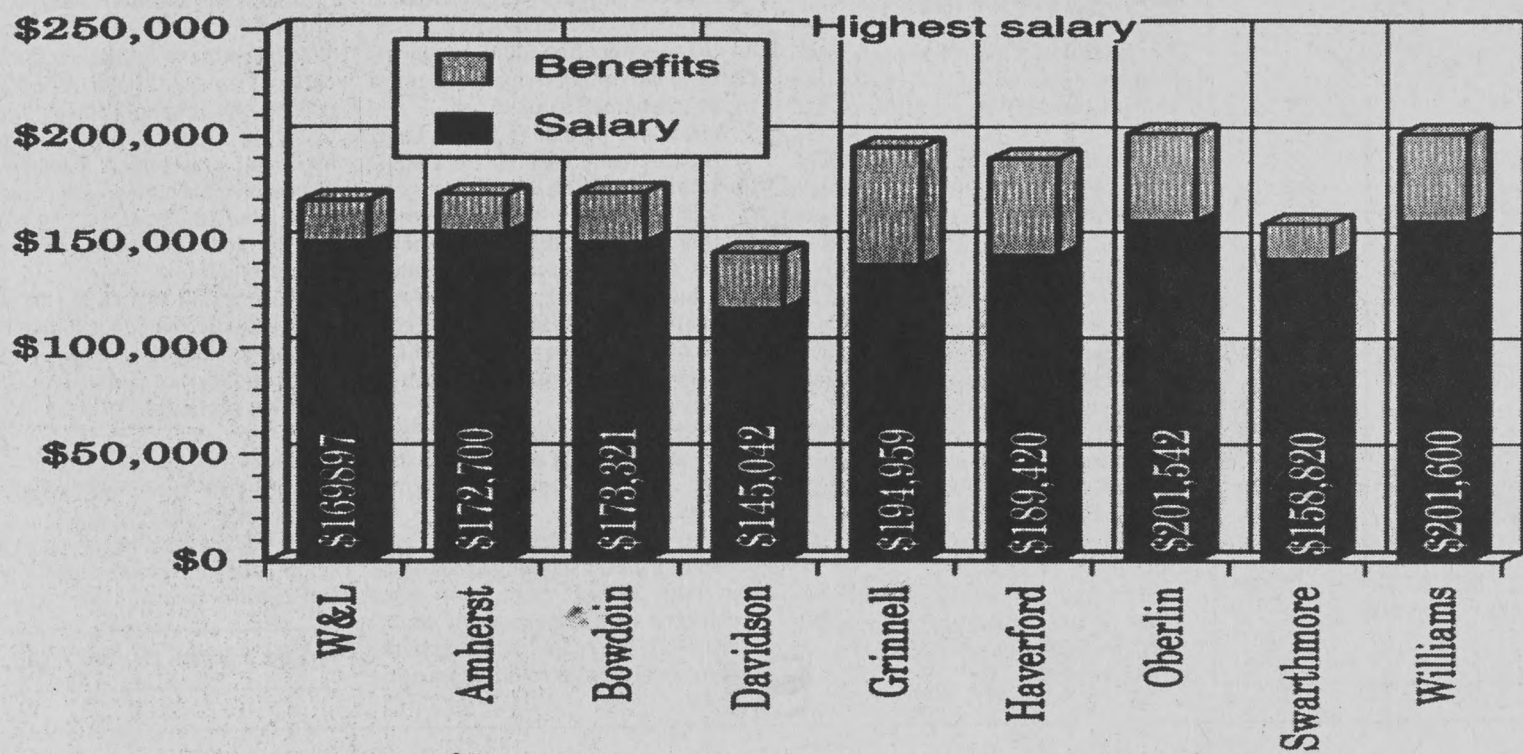
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Capital plans signal budget's health



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to unrestricted plant funds, for capital projects."

Parsons said that when W&L experienced a surge in class size after co-education, the university allocated the extra income for more students to capital improvements and maintenance.

Generally, Parsons says, W&L's capital spending is a sign of the school's financial health. "You wouldn't undertake that [capital spending] if you were putting at serious risk the essentials of the educational enterprise," he said.

While W&L's spending on construction outdistanced the other schools', W&L finished near the middle of the pack in annual contributions.

Supporters gave the university almost \$14 million in 1990-91. That number was topped by Williams' \$21 million, Bowdoin's \$18 million and Amherst's \$15 million.

But annual gifts can fluctuate wildly from year to year. W&L's 1991 contribution totaled \$5 million more than in 1989-90, an increase of more than 50 percent. For that reason, school financial officers say annual giving is not a reliable indicator of financial health.

Schools cannot accurately anticipate how much money they will receive in any given year, W&L Assistant Treasures John Cuny said.

"There are gifts out there we don't even know about," he said. "Someone might've signed a will 25 years ago, and when they pass away, we find out about it."

Cuny said deferred gifts — money allotted by contributors gradually but transferred in a lump sum — accounted

for some of the 1990-91 increase.

W&L spent \$41 million in 1990-91, two-thirds on construction. That's a 13 percent increase over 1989-90 spending, but an increase covered by higher revenue. The instructional spending amounts to about \$13,700 per student in 1990-91.

Those figures are impossible to compare to other schools, at least using the tax returns, because every school reports its spending differently. Each school computes its instructional expenses with its own formula. Some include student services such as housing and medical care in instructional costs because they are associated with the school's mission.

The IRS is not particular about making sure different institutions fill out their forms similarly. IRS representatives in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., said they do not know the process by which the forms are reviewed. A representative in Philadelphia said no one who reviews tax

returns is allowed to talk to the public. Another IRS representative in Philadelphia took note of an inquiry from Peltz in May regarding the tax-return review process.

She promised to relay the question to management. The IRS had not responded by October 29.

While the tax returns seem to indicate W&L is in relatively good financial health, McMillan hastens to add the university has other endowments that don't show up on the returns.

"The most valuable endowment we have is what Robert E. Lee gave us in the last years of his life," McMillan said. "That's a spiritual endowment. You can't mend roofs with it, but you are fed by it."

For an explanation of Richard Peltz's methods, see the related story on page seven

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W&L stands apart from the pack

By RICHARD PELTZ
 Special to the *Phi*

In September 1992, Richard Peltz requested from the Internal Revenue Service the latest available tax returns for Washington and Lee and 10 schools to which it compares itself in self-studies.

The tax returns include information such as how much an institution spends in a year, how much money it takes in, the value of its assets, and the top salaries of its officers and employees. The returns can be used to compare Washington and Lee's financial health to that of other schools.

By May 1993, the IRS had provided 1990-91 tax returns for six schools and 1991-92 tax returns for two schools (inset).

The IRS says it is still searching for tax returns from Middlebury College in Vermont and Bates College in Maine. Peltz chose the 10 schools from

among the 16 to which W&L compared itself in studies for the last long-range plan. Peltz dropped three California schools from the list because geographical disparities might make the schools less comparable. Three other schools were dropped arbitrarily.

W&L Dean of the College and Vice President for Academic Affairs John Elrod said the various members of the faculty and administration who participated in the long-range plan each developed their own lists of schools for comparison.

None of the otherschools have significant graduate programs.

Elrod said the undergraduate programs at the eight colleges in the study, all of which outranked W&L in the last *U.S. News and World Report* survey of liberal arts colleges, do offer a good basis of comparison for W&L.

"We want to know where the competition above us is," Elrod said.

But he said that does not mean W&L wants to emulate the other schools in

all respects.

"We want to be like ourselves," Elrod said.

"But when it comes to plain financial firepower in delivering the educational goods, we want to be like them," he added.

Elrod cited curriculum—especially in W&L's business, engineering and journalism programs—as one area in which W&L is unique and does not want to change.

"In most cases, the curriculum is different" at W&L, Elrod said. "We are much more pre-professionally tilted than all those other schools."

Peltz reviewed the various colleges' tax returns in consultation with University Treasurer Larry Broomall and accounting student Elizabeth Curral, '93.

Comparisons focused on bottom-line net assets, spending on professional services such as construction, overall expenses and revenue, and reported salaries and benefits.

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8:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join their students in their classrooms.
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration in the University Center
 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Appointments with faculty and administration in individual offices. Students must arrange each 15-minute appointment.
 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Reception with faculty in School of Commerce, Economics and Politics, C-School library
 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Phi Eta Sigma initiation for sophomores, parents and advisors. Reception follows, Northern Auditorium
 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. President's open house for freshmen and parents. John and Anne Wilson, hosts, Lee House
 5 p.m. Chemistry Seminar, Howe Hall 311. Refreshments prior to seminar, 4:30 p.m. in Howe 402.
 7 p.m. Choral concert, Lenfest Center. Please contact the Lenfest Center box office (463-8000) for ticket info.
 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Observatory open house, roof of Howe Hall. Physics department. See stars and constellations and rings of Saturn. Weather permitting. Warm dress recommended.
 8:05 p.m. Kafka (USA, 1991), Troubador Cinema. Directed by Steven Soderkergh. No admission charge.
 9 p.m. Play "The Flies" by Jean-Paul Sartre, Lenfest Center-Johnson Theater

Saturday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration, University Center
 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and School of Law information session, Lewis Hall faculty lounge
 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Appointments with faculty and administration. Students must arrange each 15-minute appointment.
 10 a.m. Report of the Deans "Academic and Student Life at W&L." John W. Elrod, Dean of the College, David Howison, Dean of Students. Commerce School Room 327
 10 a.m. Applied music recital, W&L student musicians, DuPont Hall auditorium.
 10 a.m. Model law class, Lewis Hall Moot Court Room
 11 a.m. Women's Cross Country W&L Invitational, Smith Field
 12 p.m. Men's Cross Country W&L Invitational, Smith Field
 11:30 a.m. Report to parents, John W. Wilson, Lee Chapel
 12:00 p.m.-1:20 p.m. Luncheon, front lawn
 1:30 p.m. Football, W&L vs. Bridgewater, Wilson Field
 2 p.m. Play: "The Flies" by Jean-Paul Sartre, Lenfest Center
 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Gaines Hall Reception and open house, Gaines gatehouse
 After-game reception for athletes and their parents, Warner Center
 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Observatory open house, Roof of Howe Hall
 8 p.m. Concert, University Wind Ensemble, Lenfest Center
 8 p.m. Play: "The Flies," Lenfest Center
 8:05 p.m. Kafka (USA, 1991), Troubador Theater. No admission charge

Open Houses

Career Development and Placement office, University Center. Interested parents are invited to visit the office on Friday from 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.- 12 noon.

Financial Aid Office, Gilliam House. Interested parents are invited to speak with financial aid personnel on Friday from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m.- 12 noon.

Lee Chapel is open for visitors on Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

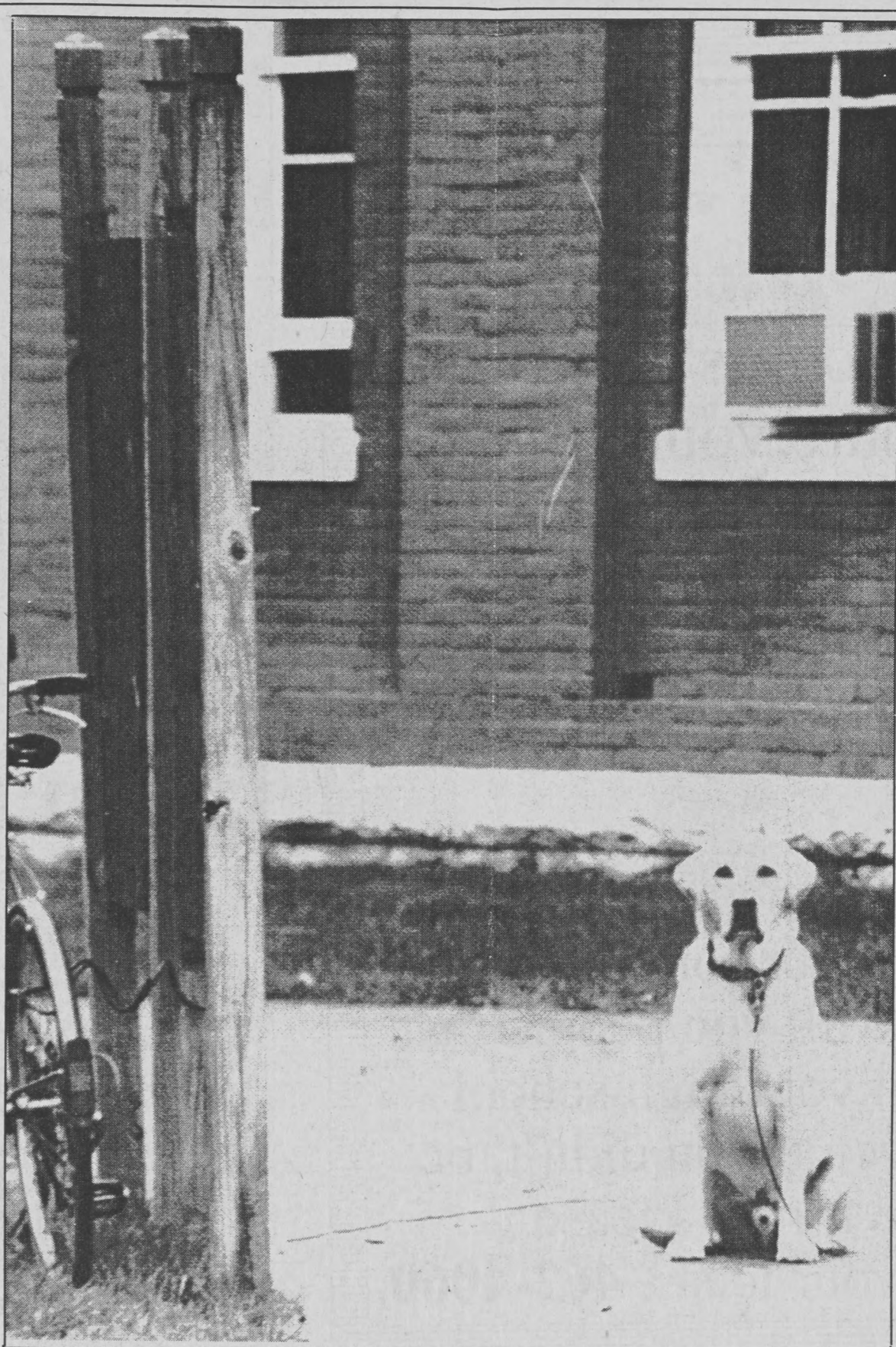


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What are you staring at?

One of Washington and Lee's campus dogs stares down our photographer on the Hill. Although on a leash, this critter is still apt to attract the attentions of Animal Control Officer R.D. Clark because his owner is not in physical control of the dog. Several students have already been cited for violations of the city dog ordinance, including tickets for free-roaming animals, unlicensed animals and other violations.

Frosh grades in

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been a significant increase in the quality of the grades," he said.

Howison also remarked that before co-education the average midterm GPA for freshmen was as low as 2.2, but since 1985, it has averaged approximately 2.6. Howison noted in comparison that the Class of '96 had the highest freshmen Fall term midterm GPA in the history of the school, a 2.7, with only 12 students falling below a 1.5. Still, the Class of '97, according to Howison has fallen in somewhere in the average domain, as far as midterm GPA.

When questioned about the effects of Rush and pledgship on academic performance, Howison commented, "Rush has an impact on time, consequently on studying."

Particularly this year, with the extended Rush schedule and with 94% of freshmen males participating in Rush, the results are obvious in the near third of a point difference in male and female GPAs. Ninety percent of those rushees tore at one of the male greek institutions on campus, thus adding to the "time constraints" on studying. Kappa Alpha was the only fraternity to have no freshmen fall below the 2.0 mark.

Professor John Evans, who teaches English 101 and English 105, commented that his students "are very bright" and "will do fine in the long run, much better than at midterm." Professor Mark Rush said that his students fared "just average." A professor from the Romance Language department who identified himself as "one of Bill Clinton's half-brothers" said that freshmen midterm grades were, "fine, because I haven't graded them, yet."

Freshmen had little to say when asked about their feelings on their first major academic effort at W&L. Ones that varied included Trevor Stockinger's fatherly, "As long as you stayed ahead of the academic game and on top of your studies, you were fine. I know that sounds nerdy, but it's true." A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "This school isn't as hard as I thought it would be."

Whatever the comments, the general consensus of those polled was hopeful rather than negative. With Parents' Weekend looming, those students who need a little reassurance will no doubt receive it. But those who need the most encouragement can seek out help from Dean Manning and Dean Howison, who are already planning on meeting with students who have fallen below the 1.5 mark.

Tuition money: more than just classes

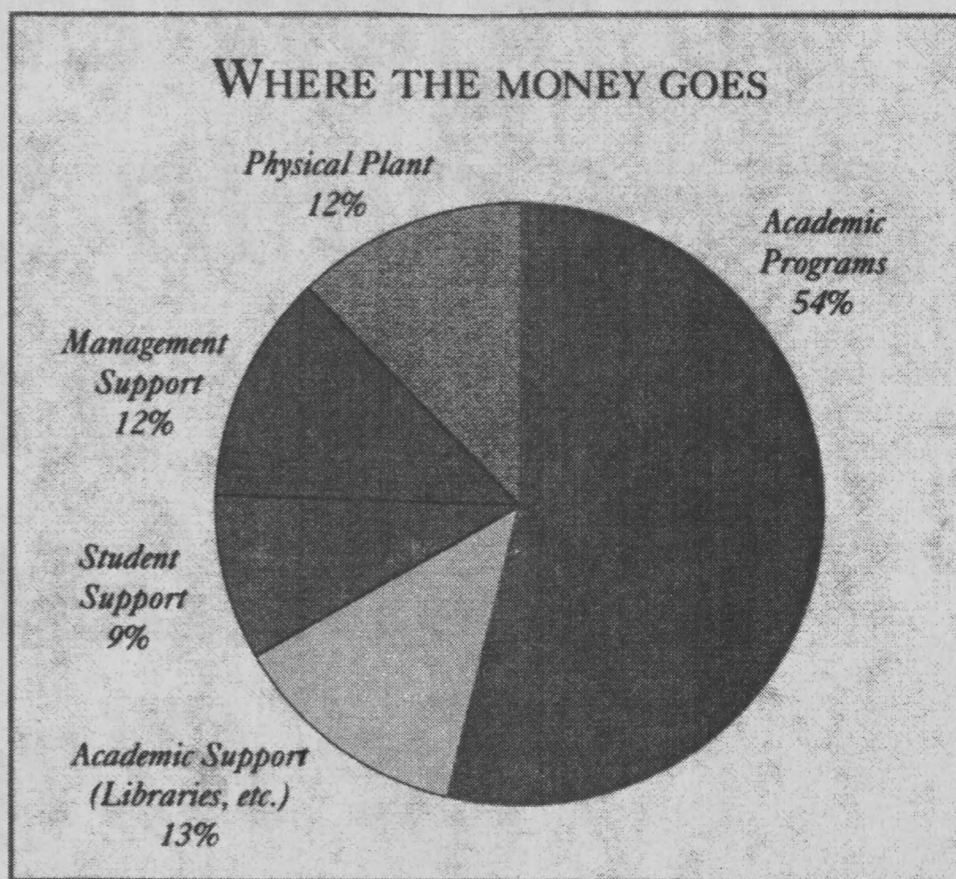
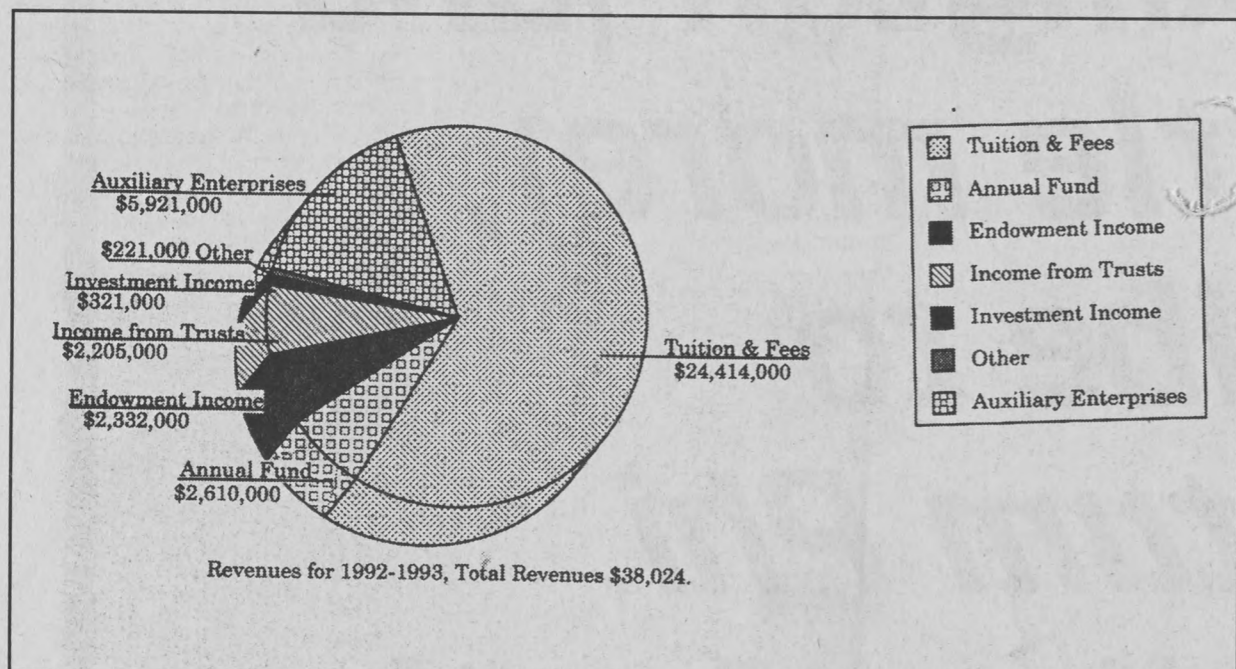
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instruction, with administrative salaries allotted through other budget categories; mainly Institutional Support, Academic Support, and Student Services. Eleven percent of tuition will go to Academic Support, which is mainly

for libraries, etc. And a tiny portion — less than one percent — goes to Public Service. According to Steven McAllister of the Treasurer's office, these are "community services that W&L does to open itself beyond the school to the whole Lexington and Rockbridge community," such as concert series and lectures open to the

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As for tuition increasing, the Board of Trustees meets in February to approve the level of tuition increase for the following year. Broomall said that he attends Parents' Weekend discussion sessions to respond to parents' questions about tuition.



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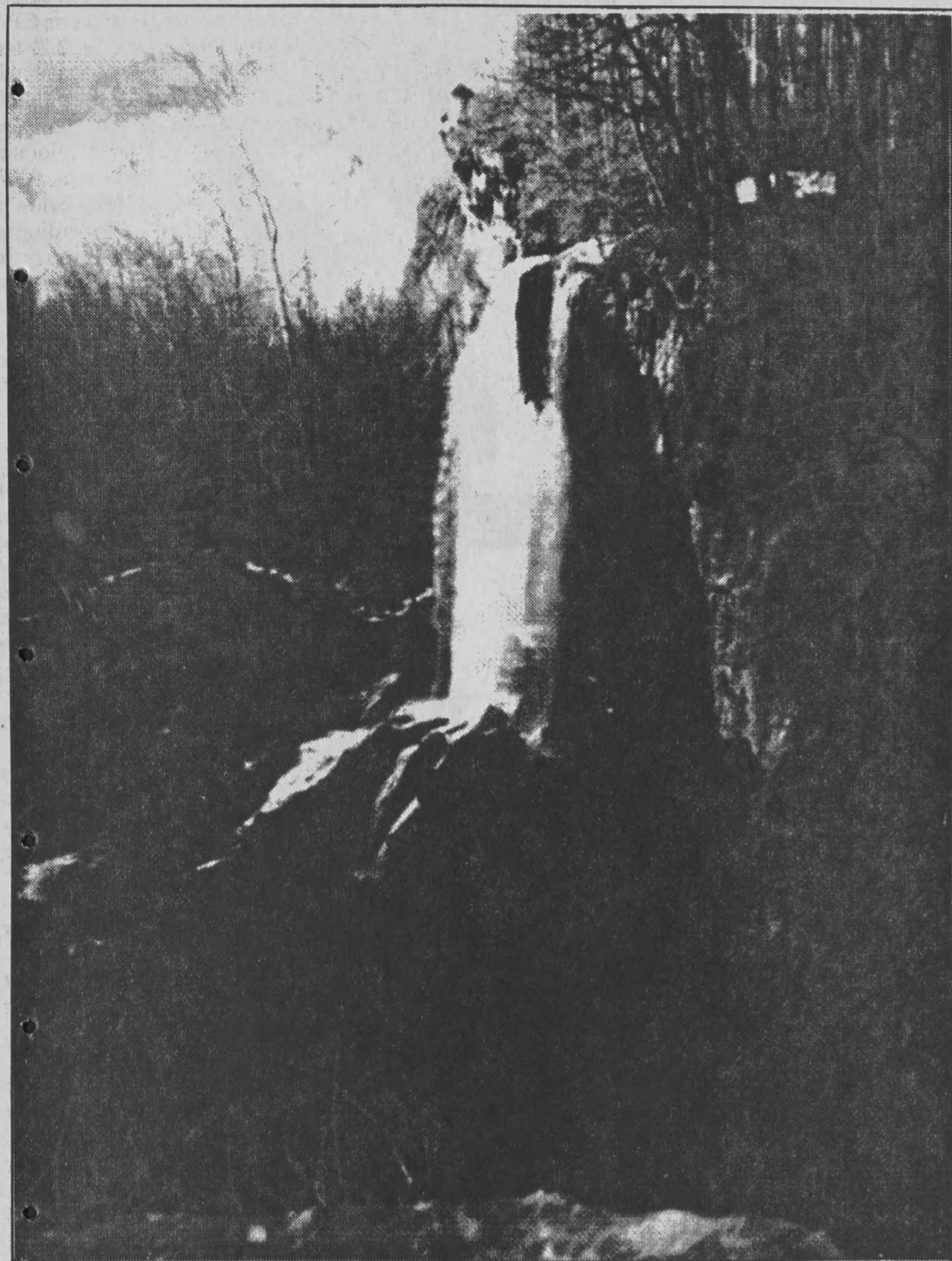


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Hikes around the Homestead resort in Hot Springs can yield beautiful surprises.



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A fifteen minute drive down Route 60 East will bring you to the beginning of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

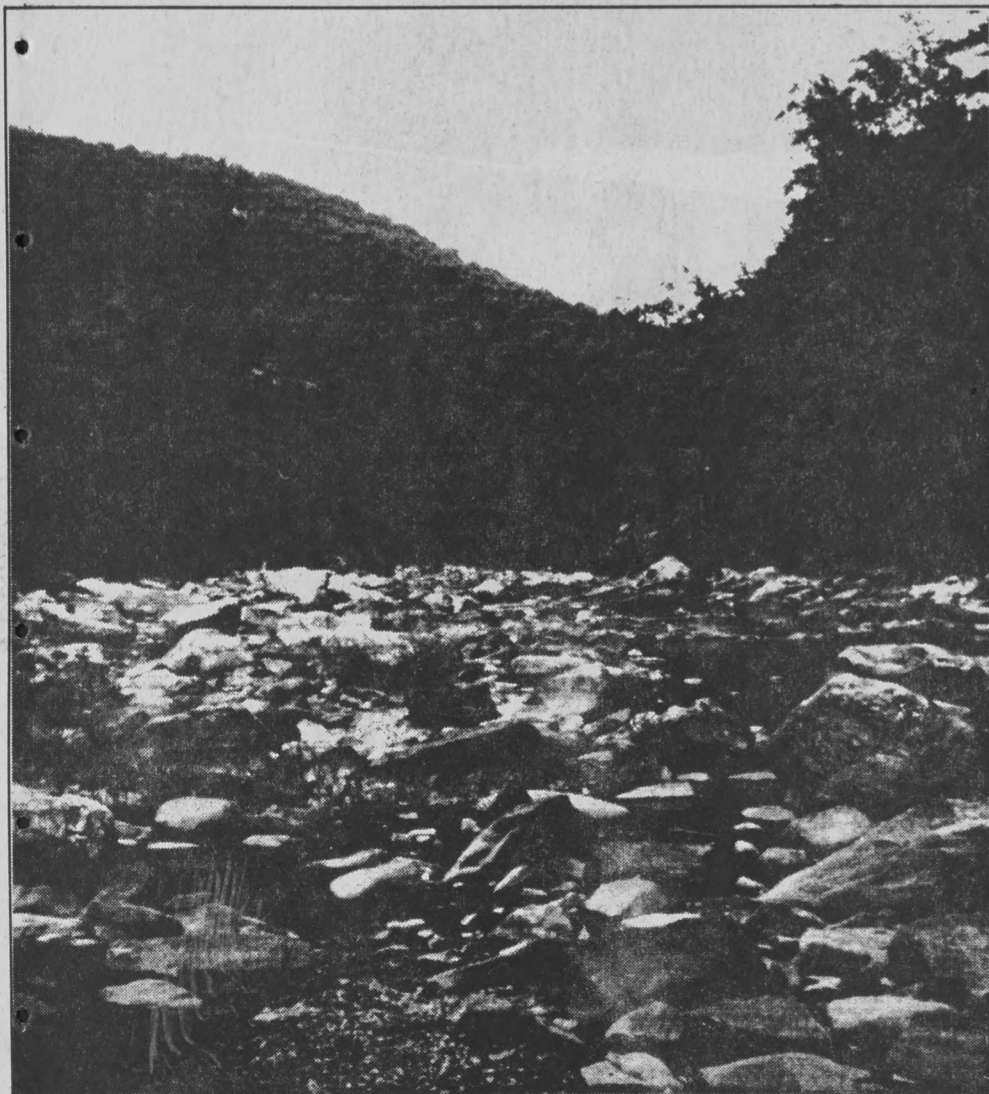


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Goshen Pass has achieved legendary status with W&L students and alumni

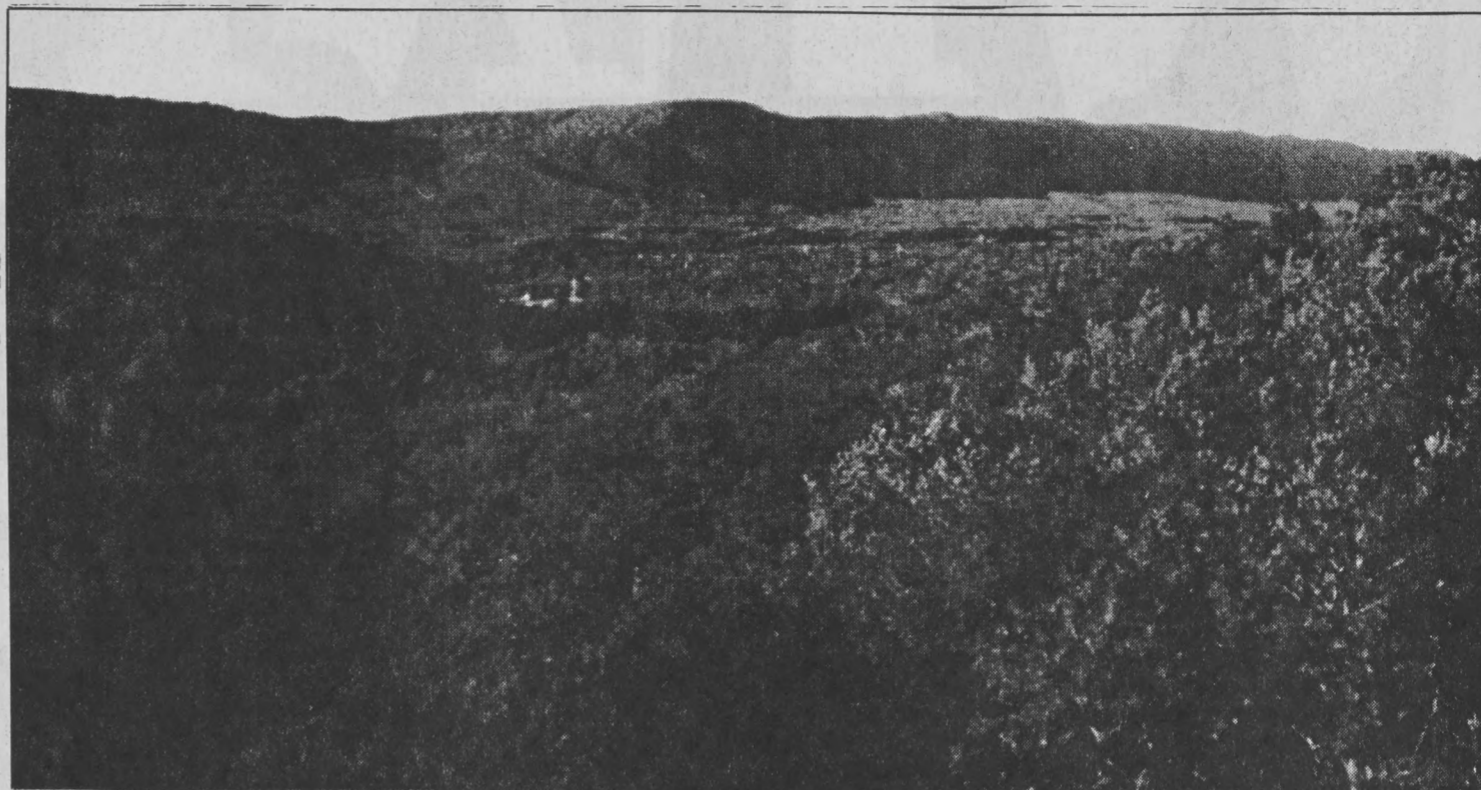


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The Blue Ridge Parkway offers numerous scenic overlooks and picnic areas.

By HILLARY OLSON
Phi Staff Writer

At certain points in the year, namely Parents' Weekend, it is important to remind ourselves of the pleasures in Rockbridge County lying at our fingertips.

Hopefully, the following list of scenic, historic places will inspire those looking for something to do to visit a few of the more famous sites in our area.

Starting with the least adventurous endeavor, Woods Creek Park is a natural path originating behind the Leyburn Library that follows the creek from one end of town to the other. The park passes behind old, stately neighborhoods and the elementary school. It is a quaint, albeit short, retreat into the nature within the town itself.

On East Washington Street, the Stonewall Jackson House is open for tours until 5 pm every day. The house, built in 1801, was Jackson's home for ten years before the Civil War while he was a natural philosophy professor at Virginia Military Institute.

The tour relates several interesting stories about Jackson. In addition to informing visitors the building was the only house ever owned by Jackson, the tour guides give insights into Jackson's everyday life.

Apparently, he lacked some lecturing skills during his tenure at VMI. Whenever a student asked any question, Jackson would repeat a portion of his lecture which he had memorized before class.

Just down Route 60 East is the Buena Vista General Store. Established in 1891, the store sells a wide variety of downhome merchandise including country hams, rug beaters, tin ware, overalls and longjohns. The General Store also features an early farm equipment exhibit.

Outside of Lexington, the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway connects the Shenandoah National

Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The closest entrance to the parkway is located off Route 60 East just 15 minutes from Lexington. The parkway offers many scenic overlooks and paths from which to view the mountains in their autumnal splendor.

Driving 40 minutes on I-81 South and 5 minutes on Route 11 South will bring Parents'

by the Monacan Indians, surveyed by George Washington—whose initials you can still see carved into the rock—and owned by Thomas Jefferson. The tiny town of Natural Bridge also contains a wax museum, hiking trails and underground caverns.

Goshen Pass is a Washington and Lee tradition. The 3-mile mountain gorge is a half-hour's drive down Route 39 off Route 11 North.

Prior to the arrival of railroads in 1880, Goshen Pass was the thoroughfare for stagecoaches to reach the outside world. The pass was also the trail used by elk and buffalo as they crossed the mountains in search of food.

Large rocks in the middle of the river flowing through Goshen Pass are favorite sunning spots for W&L students during spring term.

If walking tours are a favorite activity, Staunton, home of the Statler Brothers, should be high on the must-see list.

The town is located 30 miles north of Lexington on I-81. Staunton is most notable for its unique architecture and for being home to Woodrow Wilson's birthplace.

The Wilson townhouse, built in 1846, is a National Historic Landmark and an artifact museum. The house is open for tours 9 am-5pm daily. Brochures for the self-guided Staunton tour can be found in the Lexington Visitors' Center on East Washington Street.

Thursday through Saturday from 10am-5pm, Rockbridge County's first modern winery is open for tours.

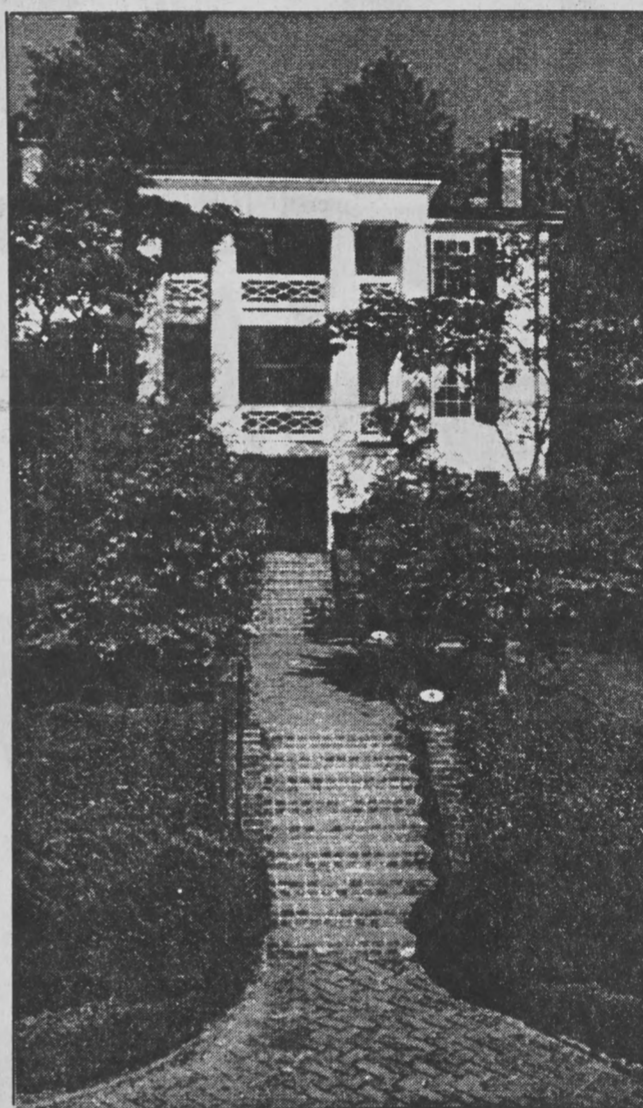
Visitors to Rockbridge Vineyard can taste White Riesling, Chardonnay and Tuscarora Red wine among others. The grounds of the vineyard are also open for picnics or self-guided tours.

Rockbridge Vineyard closes for this season on Nov. 1. It is located on Route 606, one mile from exit 205 on I-81.

The George C. Marshall Museum is within the confines of VMI—within walking distance of W&L. The museum honors the World War II general and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Highlights of the tour include an electric map and recorded narration.

Information on these and other area activities can be obtained at the Lexington Visitors' Center on East Washington Street.



Woodrow Wilson's birthplace Photo from Visitors' Center

Weekend revelers to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Natural Bridge is a giant natural rock formation which was worshipped

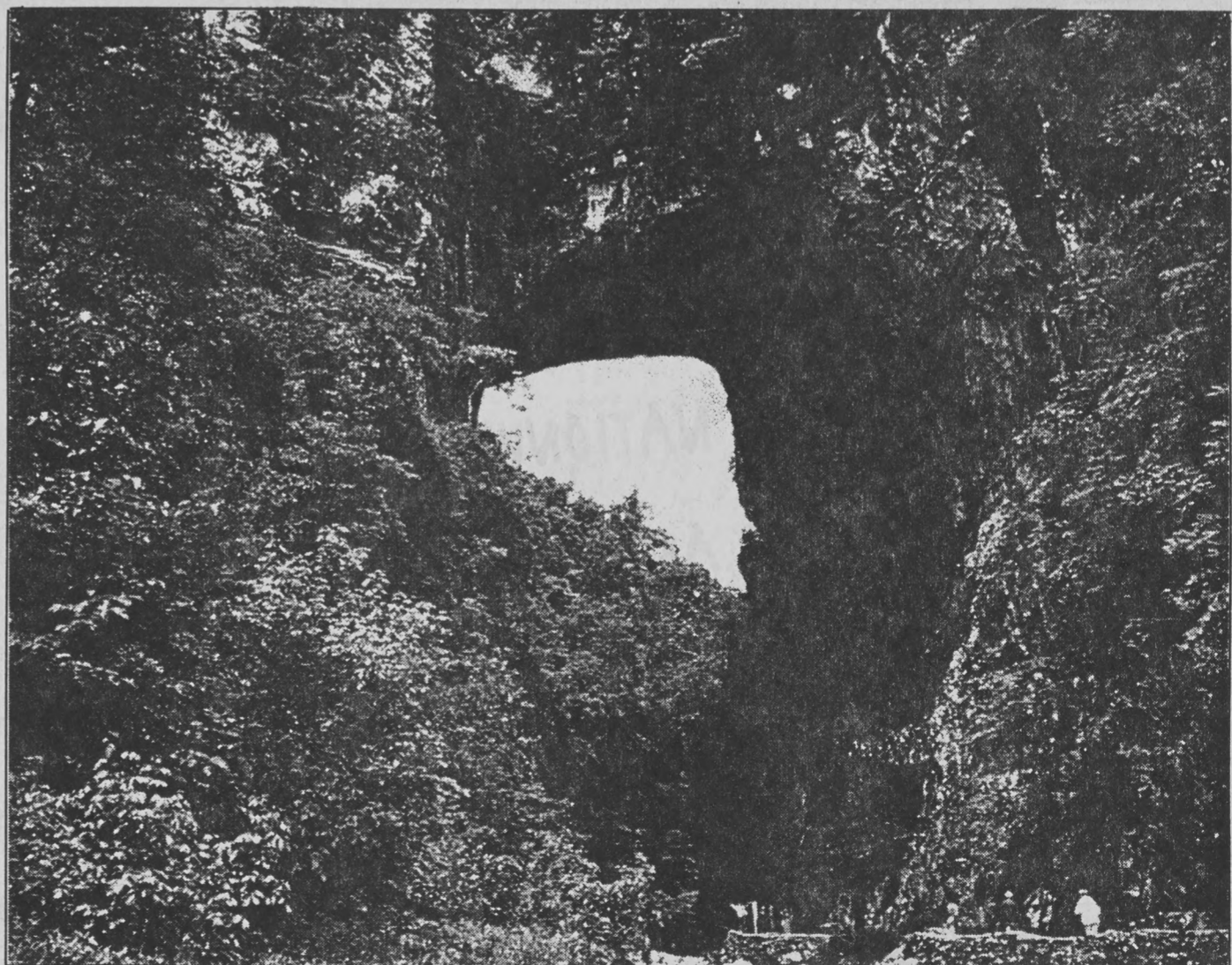


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Natural Bridge is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. You can still see where George Washington carved his initials into the rock when he first surveyed the bridge.

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Sports moment o' the week...



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Members of the Washington and Lee men's soccer team in deshabille shortly before a home game were the photogenic athletes of the week for Oct. 29, 1993.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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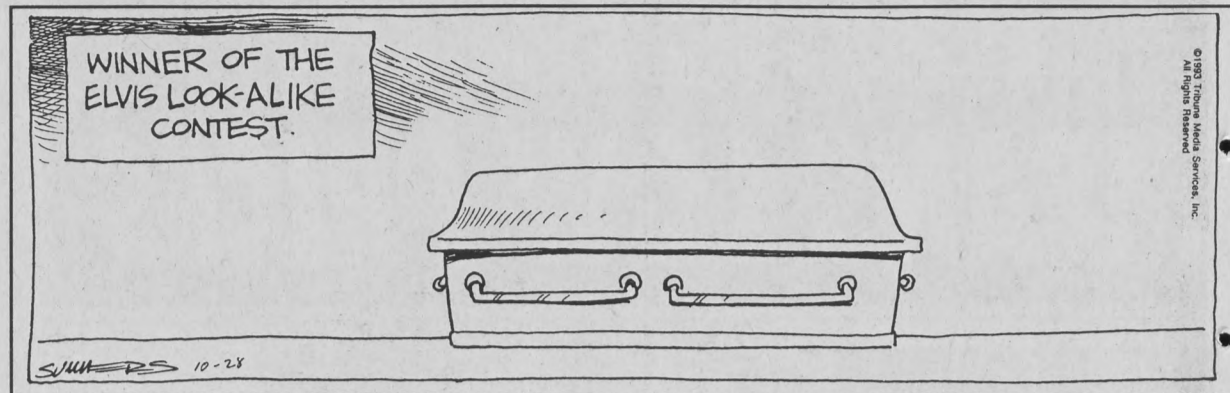
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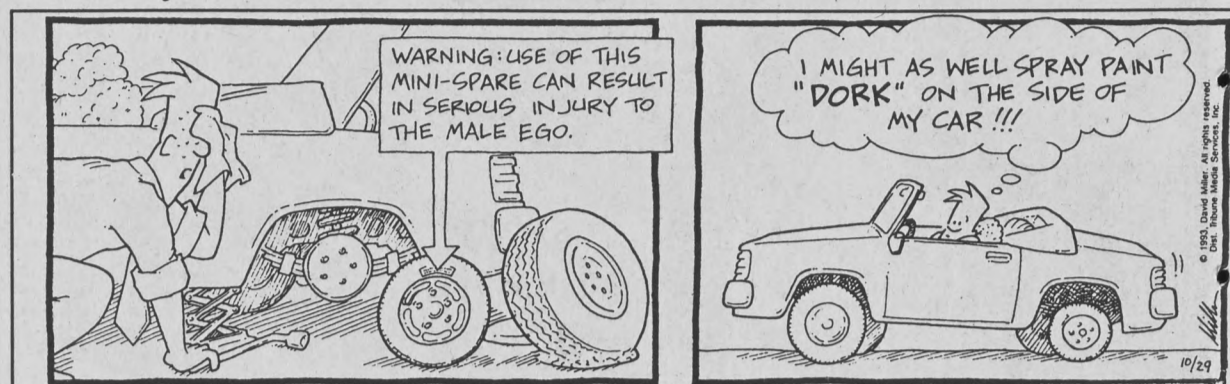


You've got a teenage pluggger when neither one of you wants to look like the other.

Bound & Gagged by Dana Summers



Dave by David Miller



Colonnade Crossword

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 5 Enjoys a book
 10 Display
 14 Love god
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 16 Actress Miles
 17 Partly; prefix
 18 Bouquet
 19 Turkish bigwig
 20 Exact
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 25 Tool set
 26 Up-to-date
 29 Place mat's place
 34 Burning
 35 Snakelike fish
 36 Mimic
 37 Sojourn
 38 Gazette
 39 Londoner, for short
 40 Range of knowledge
 41 Woody stems
 42 Singly
 43 More fancy
 45 Lawless one
 46 Corn unit
 47 Water and Murphy
 48 North Star
 52 Like a dodger
 56 Wicked
 57 Din
 59 Norse god
 60 Poi source
 61 Croc's cousin
 62 Honey drink
 63 Lath
 64 Travel on blades
 65 Actor Mineo et al.

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 1 Coarse file
 2 Part of A.M.A.: abbr.
 3 Place in Alaska
 4 Deception
 5 Think
 6 Heron
 7 In the past
 8 Rounded roof

9 Lunch counter's cousin
 10 Slender
 11 Blood; pref.
 12 New; abbr.
 13 Suspicious
 21 Concerning
 23 Unctuous
 26 Halloween items
 27 Many times
 28 Rigg or Ross
 29 Drunkard
 30 War god
 31 Mystical card
 32 Express a belief
 33 A Fonda
 35 Horse's hair
 38 Couplings
 39 Flowers
 41 Powerful ruler
 42 Verdi opus
 44 Fanatic
 45 Honor
 47 Muddle with drink
 48 Animal friends
 49 Racetrack

50 Money in Milan
 51 Overcharge
 53 Notion
 54 Vessel for liquid
 55 Means justifier
 58 Give — whirl

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Last week's puzzle solved

PETER GRAB BRAN
 EXILE RUBE LENA
 WIRES INCA OATS
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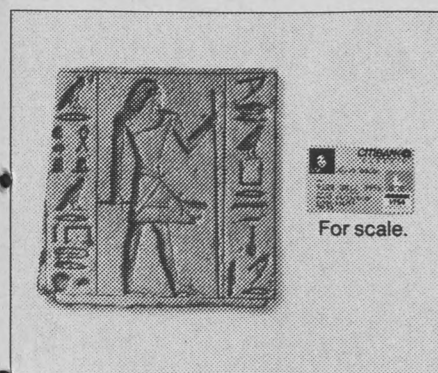
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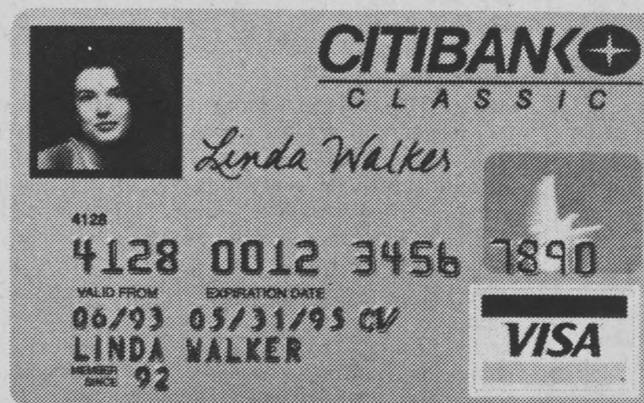
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Follow the Dollar

Many of *The Ring-tum Phi's* articles in the past have dealt with a comparison between Washington and Lee and other schools like W&L. Although most of us would agree W&L is a unique experience that cannot be duplicated at another college, much can be gained by comparing W&L with other schools, just to see where we stand.

Although it's nice to finish first in the "Major fraternity and sorority scene" category or ninth in the "happy student body" category in a survey, sometimes that isn't enough of a basis for comparison. Perhaps this notion crossed Rick Peltz's mind last Spring Term when he started his Public Affairs Reporting class. He began getting copies of W&L's and other colleges tax forms (not an easy task). From these forms, he was able to make comparisons of net assets, revenues, expenditures and instructional expenses. What Peltz found, in our opinion, is quite interesting. Granted, comparing colleges based on social activity or general student satisfaction is interesting, but how often do you hear how schools are doing financially? You're probably a bit curious about how W&L compares to other schools in these categories. That's why we ran the article. Financial details of the inner workings of Washington and Lee rarely get much attention because they are not made readily available. We hope you read Peltz's article. It may give you a perspective on a rarely-publicized aspect of Washington and Lee. Enjoy.

Welcome Parents

Well, you've made it.

For many of you this is a new experience. Your child is here on his or her own and you are visiting them. That's a bit of a switch from what you're probably used to, even if your child did go away to boarding school. At least at boarding school there was that whole Locus parentis concept. Here they are on their own.

With all these things in consideration this weekend could be traumatic. But it doesn't have to be — really. As students who have experienced the whole Parents Weekend gala before, we would like to give some advice to everyone concerned with this weekend.

The first thing every parent should remember is we have just finished mid-terms. We are caught somewhere between total mental exhaustion, the urge to blow everything off and the far too recent remembrance of insane amounts of stress. Washington and Lee is not Easy U, as you well know, but it is hard to believe there could be a more demanding place to attend college.

The second thing parents should know is professors are not out to get us. They don't assign incredible amounts of work because they feel a need to persecute us. We are supposed to be an intelligent group of students and the professors just want us to use our gray matter. They mean no harm.

Many of you will have the pleasure of meeting our esteemed professors. When meeting these professors remember they met your child on adult terms and your child probably likes it that way. In other words try not to tell professors about the time little Johnny's volcano exploded all over the gym in the sixth grade science fair.

We don't mean to sound condescending, but it has happened. Academics are not the only possible trouble spot during the weekend. Living conditions can cause some interesting conversations that can turn ugly. If your child's room is clean, great. Just don't look under the bed or in any closets. If the room isn't clean, then take it in stride and forget about it. It's that high amounts of work and stress factor again.

The situation works two ways, however. Sometimes we forget that our parents are people too. It's not like they were born the day before they got married, or hatched out of an egg as full-grown adults. Parents have actually lived full lives and, believe it or not, they really do have a clue about where we are coming from. So try not to cop too big of an attitude with them.

Anyway, the point is have fun and enjoy each other. There are a lot of great things to do and it's a good opportunity to catch-up on what's going on with each other. So, have a great weekend and be safe.

Quote of the Week

Television was invented about the same time I was.
—Professor Richardson

And they call this the best thing that ever happened to W&L—Hah.
—a professor who just finished grading a class of freshmen papers.

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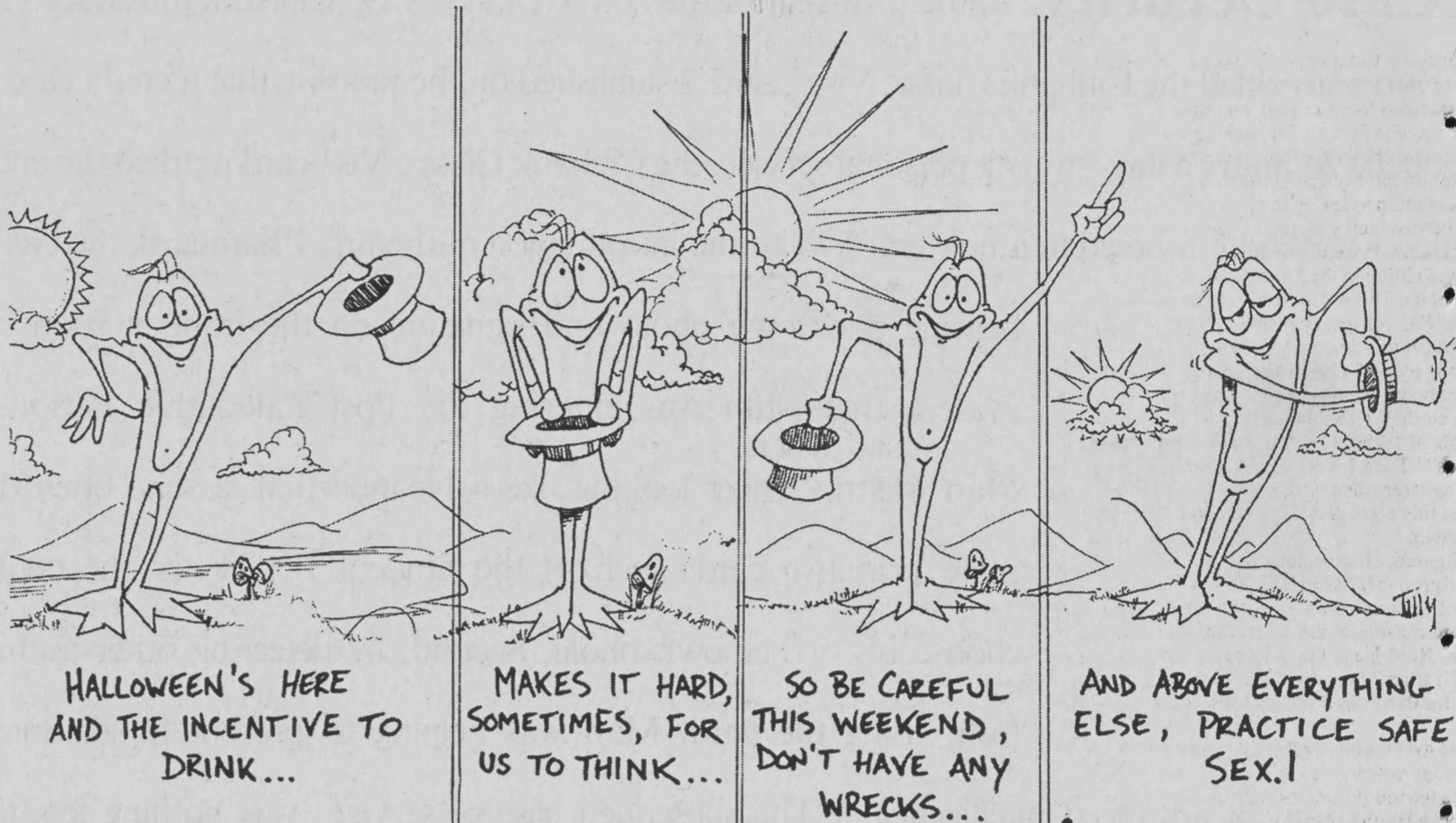
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OPINION



Participation would help W&L

As Americans all across the country cast their ballot on Election Day next Tuesday, students at Washington and Lee will, for the most part, only remain on the sidelines.

While some students will read this and realize for the first time Election Day is next Tuesday, others will merely growl "big deal!" For a group of people considered to be among the educated elite of our society, the apathy among students at W&L is very unsettling.

For many students, the reason for not voting is that the absentee ballot process is not worth the trouble. Some students are turned off of voting absentee by the costs. One W&L student felt the cost of the long distance call to his local board of elections to request an absentee ballot would be particularly burdensome. Surprisingly, a few students don't even have the slightest idea how to obtain an absentee ballot and seem more than willing to live in eternal ignorance. A number of students find filling out a bureaucratic application for an absentee ballot to be a serious chafe and, as a result, have little patience for voting.

The fact that this is an off-year election is another reason why many students will not be casting a ballot.

The prevailing attitude is "who cares who my hometown county legislator or village supervisor will be...they won't affect me." Another common off-year election excuse for not voting is "how can I vote for local candidates whom I know nothing about?"

Off-year election apathy can have serious consequences. Radical groups like Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition have started to take advantage of this kind of voter apathy to get their religious extremists

elect to office. They realize they cannot convince a majority of Americans to support their radical agenda. Therefore, Christian Coalition-affiliated candidates do best and get elected when a majority of eligible voters do not vote. When election outcomes are determined by 6 percent of eligible voters as in less publicized local races, extremist candidates can win.

Some students have become disillusioned by government and the current level of political discourse.

Instead of casting their ballot with a vengeance, some of these students have acquired a feeling of helplessness and figure their vote cannot change anything. This attitude is self-defeating. If students voted their frustration instead of "staying home election day," so to speak, government and the level of political discourse might improve.

All of the obstacles W&L students face or perceive to voting are surmountable if they care enough about carrying out their civic duty. As members of the educated elite, W&L students should not only care but be actively engaged in the whole democratic process. They should find time to keep up with current events by reading a newspaper on a daily basis. If more W&L students were less apathetic and more engaged in the political process, you might find that this campus would be less

monolithically conservative.

On second thought, it's probably wishful thinking.

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Recycling efforts encourage waste

Several weeks ago I began thinking about the environmental movement in some detail and was struck by how much we now take certain ideas for granted. Believing unchallenged thought is no thought at all, I looked around campus at the various groups that sponsor recycling programs and came to a conclusion that will vary from annoy, shock or offend you. If we look beyond the surface of the issue, we will see participation in voluntary recycling programs is a bad economic choice at best. At worst, it may actually perpetuate a system in which resources are wasted.

Before you Outing Club and APO members holler too loudly, listen to what I have to say, and consider it in light of what we as a society seek to accomplish by recycling. Reusing resources is an effort to conserve those things that we fear may be excessively depleted. We are concerned that there would be serious consequences if we were to run short of particular raw materials. Presumably we want to avoid either the rationing or higher prices that would accompany such a shortage. So, we encourage voluntary recycling programs we think will at least delay such shortages. The short-run benefit of recycling is lower prices, since our raw materials are more plentiful.

Let's consider the economic events that occur when you decide to recycle on a voluntary basis. You spend your time and energy to collect the recyclable material and take it to the depository. It may not take much time, but it still requires effort of some kind.

In economic terms, this is the cost you bear for recycling. If we were to be particular, we could even quantify that cost in dollar terms.

When you donate your products to a recycler, society may benefit; that benefit might even, on a rare occasion, be greater than the effort you expended in gathering the recyclable products in the first place. This benefit comes in the form of lower prices for consumers, and it

too can be expressed in dollar terms. You have helped society, but was it a rational choice?

You have incurred a cost for your efforts, but what have you gained? Certainly, you have the benefit of lower prices, but so does everyone else in America. With roughly 250 million people in this country, you will reap about 1/250,000,000th of the reward for your efforts. But you bear the full cost. You have just made a very bad choice.

Most of you will object: voluntary recycling will work if we will all just do it. The problem is many people don't. For instance, my roommate, Michael, in his disdain for environmentalists' world views, refuses to recycle at all. No amount of persuasion will convince him to recycle and this leaves me with a dilemma. If I choose to bear the cost of recycling, Michael and those like him will share in the benefits, and my reward will be less than my cost. Because I recognize this, I, and many like me, do not recycle. We make the rational choice to leech off the efforts of most of you. And why shouldn't I? You are foolish enough to help me out, even though you know I

will not participate. I gain the benefits of voluntary recycling efforts whether I participate or not, so I choose not to bear the individual cost. Though some of you may not like it, I am making a good economic choice.

Most of you will decide that I am an aberration and will choose to go about your business just as you did before. After all, what kind of nut actually thinks recycling is bad? But, before you go, let me point out, though I may be a parasite on the efforts of society, it is you and your ideas that allow me to exist.

Like all goods, recyclable resources are subject to basic market forces. As they become more scarce, prices are bid up. As prices rise, people will choose to consume less. In this way the free market provides its own incentives to conserve. The timber industry provides a good example. As lumber has become scarcer, the price of wood has risen. The result? Many people now buy furniture made of pressed wood and other substitute materials. We now use true wood products much more selectively. Ten years ago, I may have bought wood furniture for my dorm room. Today I would not. Because I bear the cost of my decisions directly, I am careful not to waste.

But what happens when some members of society choose to recycle? As stated, they prevent shortages and the attendant price increases. In the meantime, Michael and I continue to live

carelessly and wastefully, enjoying the low prices that you recycling fanatics have so kindly provided for us. With lower prices, we consume more; we are reaping the rewards that you, as recyclers have sown. Your efforts, you see, have given us the power to waste at your expense.

The alternative? Though you love our environment, you might collectively recognize that Michael, myself, and those like us are playing you for fools. You could take a broader view of the dynamics of the situation and decide to quit recycling altogether. The result? Prices would eventually rise, and I would be made accountable, through my pocketbook, for my wasteful ways. Moreover, with higher prices it would actually pay to recycle. Recycling companies would begin to pay you for your recyclable products (as many do for aluminum now), and you would individually receive the benefits of your efforts. No longer would I be able to leech off of you poor, public-spirited creatures.

Of course, I realize my advice will fall on deaf ears, but at least I have eased my conscience by telling you the Truth. Most all of you will continue in your noble efforts, but at least now you know what you are doing. As for me, I won't complain. In fact, as I have my used aluminum cans and newspapers into the dumpster outside, I'll be sure to give you a word of thanks. After all, I can afford to buy more. Maybe there is such a thing as a free lunch.

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OPINION

Wax away this Parents' Weekend

DREAM LAND
Richard Weaver

Welcome to Parents' Weekend! In light of this popular annual event, I have decided to issue you, The Readers, a travel advisory for making the appropriate choice for family-oriented entertainment. Naturally, the first recommendation to spring to mind was... Well, before I tell you, let me give you the scenario. It went like this:

I was sitting in the Phi office eating some of the Chinese food that has been in the Phi refrigerator since Homecoming (by this time the food has grown its own pair of chopsticks), when it suddenly struck me: I'm running out of clean clothes. I was then struck by the thought of "Who's going to wash these clothes?" Then I was struck again by looking at the calendar: Parents' Weekend is this weekend; Mom's coming into town!

I figured, after laundry, my mother would probably like to see a little of the MetroLex area. Now, since I rarely venture outside of my house, the Phi office, Reid Hall, the infirmary, and the Hi truck stop, my list of suggestions for things to do was a little lacking.

Phi Art Director Phil Carrott was in the room when I "took charge" and made the tough choices" and decided to proceed with a plan to determine the ultimate destination for Parents' Week-

end:

Richard: Phil, it is time for a Phi all-expense-paid trip to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum to investigate the newsworthy effects of wax figures of famous people on Washington and Lee students (us) and their parents. Are you up for it?

Phil: My three mid-terms can wait. **Richard:** Let's go.

Phil and I arrived at the museum by going on Route 11 over the actual Natural Bridge. I assume the NB people must have known we were coming for a visit because the museum was empty except for us. I'm guessing they did not want the usual mobs of excited tourists to bias our journalistic evaluation, so they kicked everyone else out.

We bought our tickets, passed through the turnstile and entered at the point where all museums should begin: the temptation of Adam and Eve.

We then came to a group of Indians who were gathered around a flickering red light bulb trying to stay warm. Following the Indians we walked around a corner only to be alarmed by the vicious roar of a fearsome wax mountain lion above us. After close examination and several tests, Phil and

I determined the lion operated on the motion-detector method of scaring people. I assume that this is how mountain lions in the wild stalk their prey.

The next stop was actually a dark hall with a plaque on the wall. This plaque described the life of Archibald (Bar) Tolley, who killed 385 bears in this area and "was known for his honest, if salty, tongue." After reading the plaque, we walked away and another motion-detector kicked into effect and we saw a man wrestling with what appeared to be either 1) a really angry bear 2) a woolly mammoth 3) Tom Hesperos. In case you were wondering, "Bar" died at age 91 after stepping on a nail.

Further along the way we entered the "Hall of Presidents," a realistic portrayal of several dozen presidents shaking hands with each other, never mind the fact that none of the "shakers" were alive whenever the "shakes" were. Along a porch of the more modern presidents there is a vacant "hook" next to Ronald Reagan. Looking at the brochure we were able to determine this was the former resting place of the wax George Bush. If there are any College Republicans out there, this might be a good place for a

tasteful memorial plaque.

The last stop in the museum was a pair of doors with the gold letters, "The Last Supper," above them. Beside the doors were two mounted traffic-lights indicating for us to wait for the "green light" to enter. When we got the "go-ahead" we went inside. The show began with a burst of music from a stereo and the illumination of a wax Leonardo Da Vinci. The statue didn't say anything; it just sat there. The spotlight then faded and another one shined on the thirteen wax figures of "The Last Supper," and then a voice boomed out the sins of those sitting around Christ.

Suddenly, the spotlights went out and then a wind machine started up in the theatre. There was wind blowing, and then there were lightning flashes, and then we saw a wax figure of Christ alone. The wind machine went faster and then a "wooshing" sound kicked in and there was a "rumbling" sound and then suddenly, it all stopped, and the show was over. "Tacky" would be an appropriate word to describe this show.

We exited into a gift shop where Phil purchased a refrigerator magnet that said "Kansas - A State of Excitement," and we watched several women eyeing the last copy in the store of the "Natural Bridge Cookbook."

We returned soon after to Phi World Headquarters here in Lexington, and after careful evaluation, I would like to officially recommend visiting the Natural Bridge Wax Museum with your parents. It's an experience you won't soon forget. Send me a postcard.

I "took charge" and "made the tough choices" and decided to proceed with a plan to determine the ultimate destination for Parents' Weekend.

LETTERS

Telecommunications office gives phone, cable hints

To the editor:

I am writing to give several hints to users of the university telephone system and the university cable system.

We ask that you please put your name on your voice mail box. It helps in returning messages. Also, please change your password occasionally.

When calling extension 4002 for your current balance, please call either early in the morning or late in the evening. There is only one line now, so it is often busy during the day. Please try to avoid using it as much as possible. Please make sure we have your correct billing address. This will prevent disruption to

your long distance should the balance not be paid. To reach a Centel operator, dial 900. To reach a MCI operator dial 90.

Please don't unplug the telephones. We are conducting tests to determine if all the phones are working so that we can return bad phones to the manufacturer under warranty. If the phone ring bothers you, pick the phone up and turn the volume lever down.

Also, please don't unplug the data modules. Please plug them in the phone and plug in the phone. This allows us to get an accurate test of all of the new equipment.

Anyone who signed up for premium channels

should be receiving them now. If not, please come by the office. There may still be some blackouts but that will end on Monday.

Lastly, for anyone who is making harrasing phone calls or sending harrasing messages, we have the capability to trace the call and we will turn in any inappropriate behavior to the Student Conduct Committee. If you have any questions on any aspect of the phone or cable system, please call me at extension 4000.

Dana Camper

Reader recalls Southern leaders

To the editor:

It is time since 1865 to be fair to the South. All the great presidents except those of the Roosevelt family were Southern: Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Jackson, Houston, Polk, Lincoln, Davis, and Wilson.

In all the wars the nation has had the leading general was Southern: Washington in the Revolution, Jackson in the War of 1812, Winfield Scott and Zachary Taylor in the Mexican War, Lee in the Civil War, Pershing in World War I, Eisenhower and MacArthur in World War II, Ridgeway in Korea, and in Vietnam, Westmoreland.

Yours truly,
Dr. Edwin Pleasants
205 - 7th St., NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico

P.S. We would appreciate pen-pals. If you would write to the address, I'll answer.

White Book Committee requests cooperation from students

To the Washington and Lee Community:

The White Book Review Committee wishes to relate to the student body the purpose and the immediate plans of the committee. The purpose of the committee is stated in the White Book:

"The Review Committee shall ascertain the opinions of those in the Washington and Lee community regarding all aspects of the Honor System. The Review Committee shall report periodically to the EC. By March 1, the Review Committee shall submit to the EC a comprehensive report on the state of the Honor System as well as proposals for any changes to the White Book the Review Committee deems appropriate."

During registration week, the committee will be conducting a survey in the registration line to gain student opinion on issues concerning the Honor System. The survey will be anonymous and the student body is strongly encouraged to show openness and candor in responding. The results from the survey will be made known to the community.

The success of the Review Committee will depend greatly upon input from students, so please contact

any member of the committee about suggestions or matters of concern.

Thank you,
Ames Hutton, '94, Chairman
Caroline Guerin, '94
Adam Branson, '97
Harris Morrison, '96
Nathan Dunn, '94
Cameron Howell, '94
John Richert, '94
Ashley Rowe, '95L
Michael Stakes, '94L

Letters

Letters to the editor and "My Views" are due on Tuesdays. All letters will be printed in the order in which they are received.

GENERAL NOTES

Found

Found: A small book belonging to Caroline, *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers, at the corner of Lee and Nelson Streets. Call David at 463-4353.

Careers

There will be a Minority Careers Day at the University of Virginia on Tuesday, November 2nd. All those wishing to attend please pick up a registration form and sign up for transportation in the CDPO by Monday, November 1st.

Haunted House

Lambda Chi Alpha and the Lexington Police Department are co-sponsoring a Haunted House at 225 East Nelson Steet. The house will be open from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission is 75¢ and goes to the United Way.

Kafka

The Film Society will present *Kafka* on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30 in the Troubadour Theater. Showings will be a 8:00 p.m. and there is no charge for admission.

Speech

Ron Chernow, author of *The House of Morgan* and *The Warburgs*, will speak at Northern Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 8:00 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow his talk.

Recital

The Boston-based Solati Trio will give a performance on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lenfest Center. They will join the University-Rockbridge Symphony Orchestra for a concert on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lenfest Center.

General Notes are compiled by Sarah Wyatt.

Speech

"Challenges in Environmental Ethics" will be the topic of a Howerton Lecture on Monday, Nov. 1, by Holmes Rolston III, University Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Colorado State University. The lecture will be given at 8:00 p.m. in Northern Auditorium

Concert

The University Wind Ensemble will present its fall concert on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lenfest Center. The concert is free.

Basketball

The basketball team is looking for managers. If interested, please call Coach Bill Raleigh at 462-8691.

Phi

If you are interested in writing for the Phi, come to the weekly storyboard meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Play

The Randolph-Macon Woman's College Department of Theatre will present *Dancing at Lughnasa* in the Thoresen Theatre in the Leggett Building on November 1 at 8:00 p.m. Admissions is free.

Speech

Dr. Alastair Small, professor of classics at the University of Alberta, will present a lecture, *Excavations at Gravina and the Roman Conquest of South Italy*, on Tuesday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m. The lecture will take place in room 315 in the Martin Science Building at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Cancer Society thanks student volunteers

To the editor:

On behalf of the Rockbridge Community Unit of the American Cancer Society, I want to thank over 100 Washington and Lee students for their assistance and participation in the fifth annual "Making Strides Against Cancer" event which took place last Sunday.

Thanks to pledges of SAE, Chi Psi, APO, women's track and many freshmen for participating on a dreary Sunday afternoon. Over \$1,500 was collected to assist us in providing service and rehabilitation for local cancer survivors. Eric Shirley, a dorm counselor, won the grand prize (gift certificate to

Night Owl) for collecting over \$100 in pledges prior to the event.

In particular, the following were a tremendous help in planning, organizing, publicizing and carrying out the event: Lucy Cavett, Madeline White, Carrie Southgate, Sarah Brombacher (all members of Chi Omega) and Elizabeth Dettmar (of Alpha Phi Omega).

On behalf of all those in our community fighting for their lives, a huge "THANK YOU!"

Sincerely yours,
W.C. "Burr" Datz
Rockbridge Community Cancer Board

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos By Joe Framptom

How are you planning to entertain your parents this weekend?



Melissa Desai, '94, Houston, Tex. — "Call them and tell them I wish they were here."



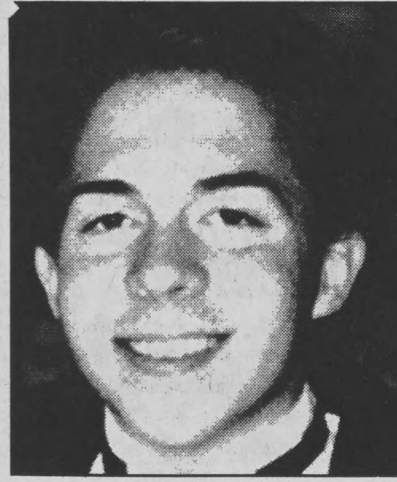
Julian Montague, '96, Wilton, Conn. — "Get them drunk and get a sober pledge to drive them home."



Molly Apter, '94, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Heidi Traulsen, '94, New York City — "Lots of shopping."



Timothy Carr, '94, New York City — "Get them drunk and ask them for money."



Richard Weaver, '96, Vero Beach, Fla. — "Take them to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum."

Images of the Maasi: Susan Harb

Lexington to celebrate with African

By David Wilmington
Phi Features Editor



Photo by David Wilmington

If you happen to see a woman walking down Nelson Street carrying African spears and clubs, don't worry - she's not planning to use them.

Starting Saturday, Nov. 6, Lexington merchant Susan Harb will begin a show featuring the clothing, jewelry, weapons and religious materials of tribes of Western Africa.

Her loft at 7 West Nelson Street will be transformed into a gallery filled with items collected during her 3-week trip to Kenya last month.

Much of the collection will be available for sale.

Though she has been settled in Lexington for years, Harb is no stranger to foreign countries and cultures.

"I've been to Belize, Guatemala, Portugal and Mexico. I spent six weeks in Thailand and Indonesia and backpacked up into the Golden Triangle," she said.

Her travels have given her a strong appreciation for the variety found in the attitudes and art of different countries. Harb believes differences between cultures should be emphasized, not erased.

"I think we need to share the differences and celebrate them and understand them and love them and embrace them and maybe help preserve them. That's why I'm drawn to Third World countries 'cause I

see us becoming so homogenized. The way Harb will make people aware of the vast of experiences available from other cultures.

"I feel like the world is shrinking much... why do we want everything the same? This [show] is my lifeline. It's a man marching band effort to bring some differences and maybe an appreciation of those differences," Harb said.

The majority of the materials in the show come from the Maasi, a tribe in Western Africa whose culture is very different from America's as often as it is the same, she imagines.

The Maasi are a group of nomadic tribes who live on a government-protected stretch of land called Maasi Mara.

The Mara stretches 320 square miles from central Kenya southward to Tanzania and the Serengeti Plain.

They are famous among other nomadic Africans and students of African culture for their fierce adherence to tribal custom and tradition. They have only recently begun adapting to aspects of Western life.

"They still have the warrior culture and the circumcision ceremony," Harb said.

The Maasi still lead nomadic lives centered around the grazing of their cattle - the most prized element of their culture.

Cattle hold this high place in Maasi culture because the tribe believes God gave all the cattle in the world to the Maasi after the separation of the continents and earth.

Cattle serve as the measure of a person's wealth as well as the means of payment for any wrongdoing.

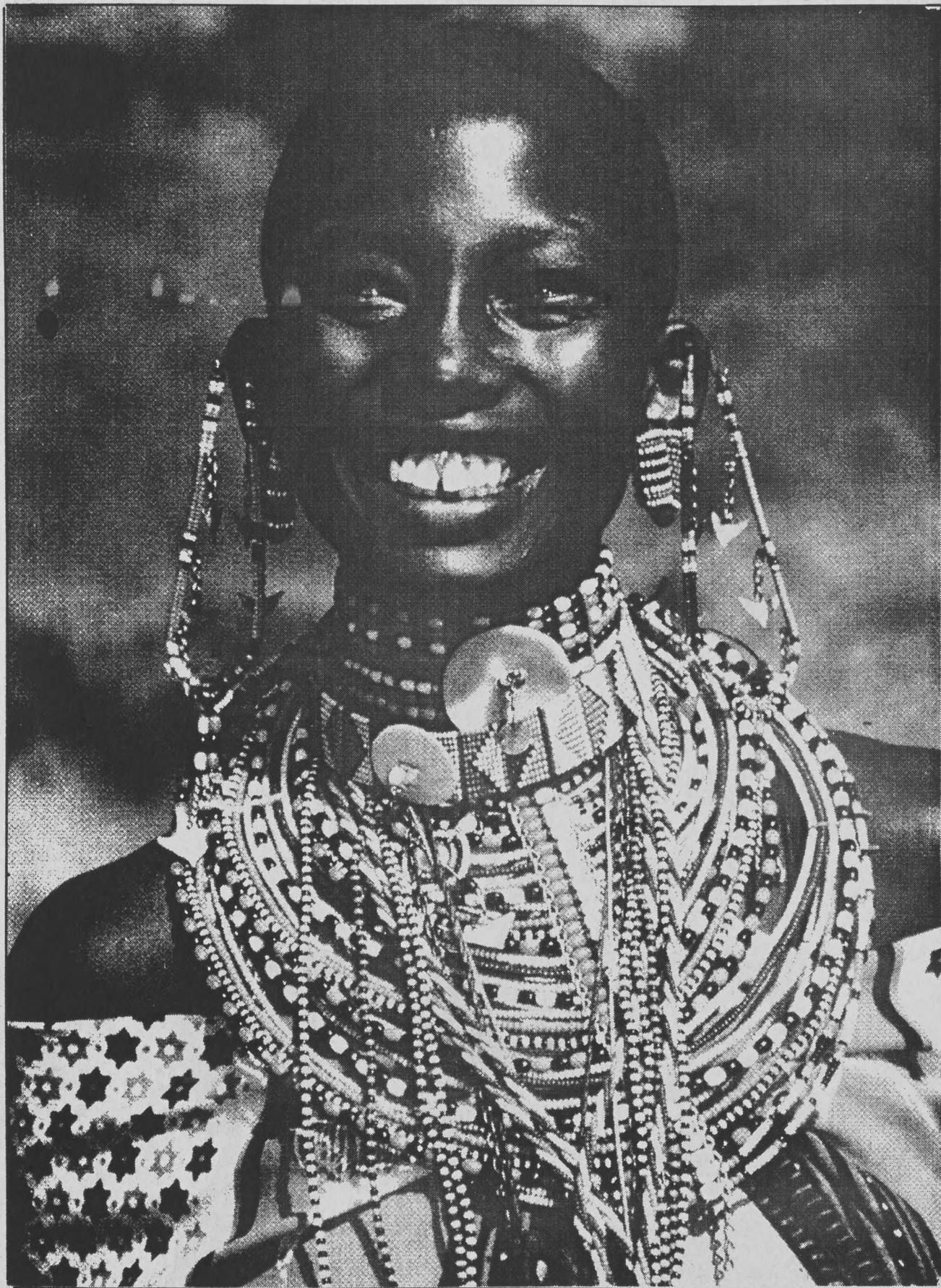


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Harb brings Africa to Lexington

Businesswoman bridges differences with art display

warriors would rather be killed by a lion than lose a sheep or a goat or a cow," Harb said.

Jewelry is another very important aspect in the lives of the Maasi. They even trade their beloved cattle for beads.

Harb explained the tribe members always dress just as you see them in pictures. The men wear a full outfit of jewelry even when tending their cattle.

The Maasi hold soil sacred because it supplies grass for the cattle to graze.

Their respect is so great the dead are not buried to avoid the disturbance. The Maasi also refuse to dig wells or grow crops.

Their beliefs necessitate a very limited choice of food. The Maasi live off a diet of meat and a liquid mixture made from milk and fermented cattle blood.

Though this may seem unhealthy compared to western dietary conventions, the physique of the Maasi is widely celebrated as remarkably strong and picturesque.

The general sense of their personality seems fitting for a very traditionalist culture. "They're real arrogant and independent and just beautiful," said Harb.

One of the traditions Harb remembers as distinctly exotic and beautiful is the Maasi warriors dance.

"It's a standing jump and they try and make it appear effortless. They do it for hours."

The adherence to strict cultural guidelines creates some interesting situations.

Even though the male and female circumcision rituals are two of the most important events in their lives, the Maasi bring people from other tribes to execute the actual circumcision.

"The Maasi only make war tools," said Harb, "It's demeaning for them to use any other tool."

Even though they are one of the last traditionalist tribes, the Maasi are constantly feeling pressure to change their lives to match the westernization of Africa.

"As one [Maasi] said, 'Every circumcision ceremony may be the last.' The government has tried to erase some of the tribal distinctions. They want it to be one Africa," said Harb.

The government has also outlawed the killing of lions and other wildlife—activities which the Maasi have always done as part of tradition.

Industry is also making it necessary for the Maasi to change their way of life. "There's some large wheat growing projects so their nomadic existence is harder," Harb said.

She sees a serious dilemma regarding the adoption of western ideas.

"You worry what's gonna happen and how independent you can be," she said. "What part of Western culture do we want to share? Certainly medicine and health care and schools, but where's the balance? When do these things cease to be?"

Harb's display will be in Lexington will be open to the public until Nov. 8 after which it will be shown in Norfolk from Nov. 10 to the first week in January and Virginia Beach starting January 15.

The idea to display in Lexington didn't occur to Harb at first because of the greater audience and market in the two larger towns. After she returned from Africa, however, Harb decided to open the show here.

"Lexington is where I live and what I care about," said Harb.

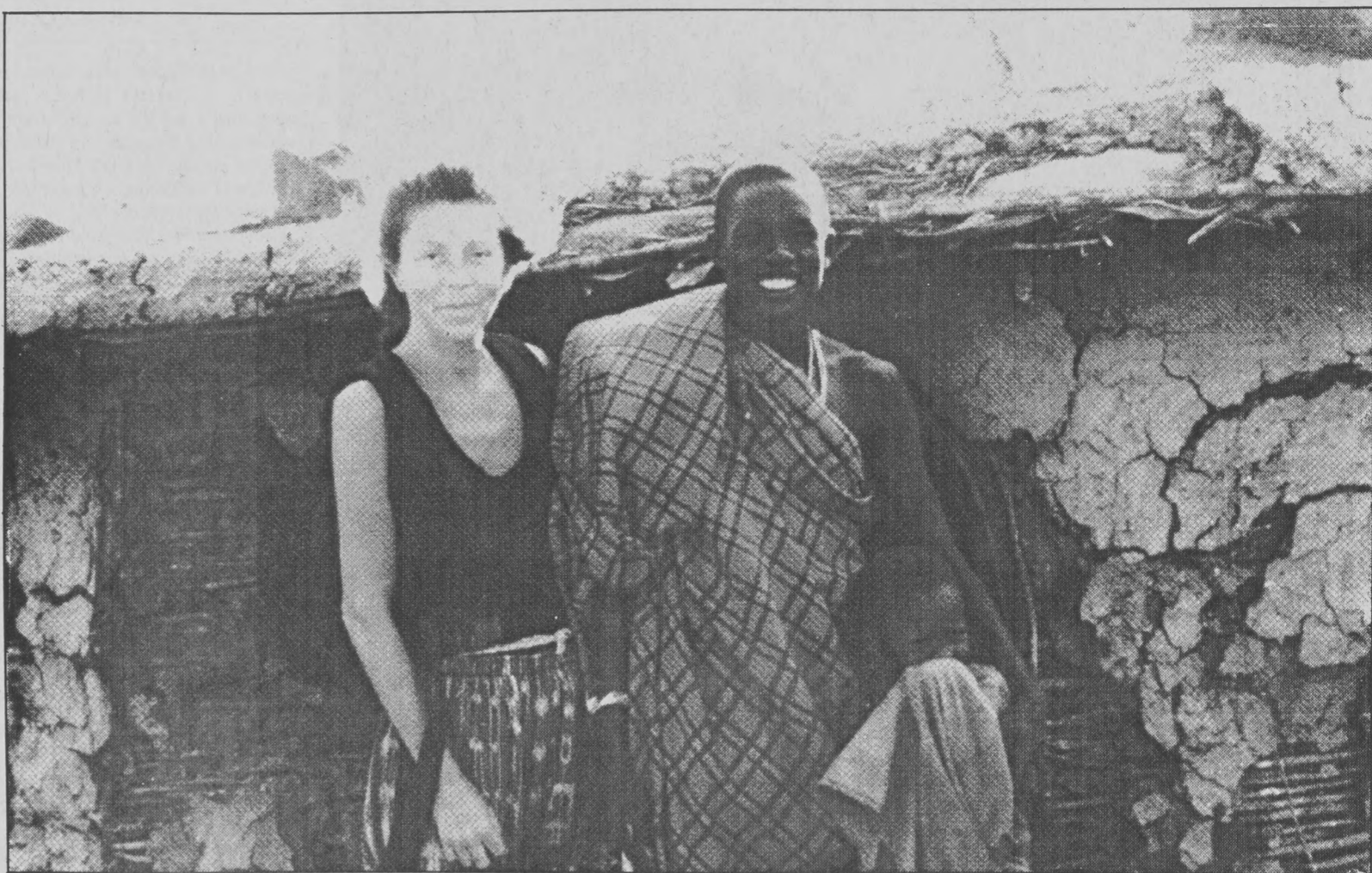


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Hull chosen as October Major General

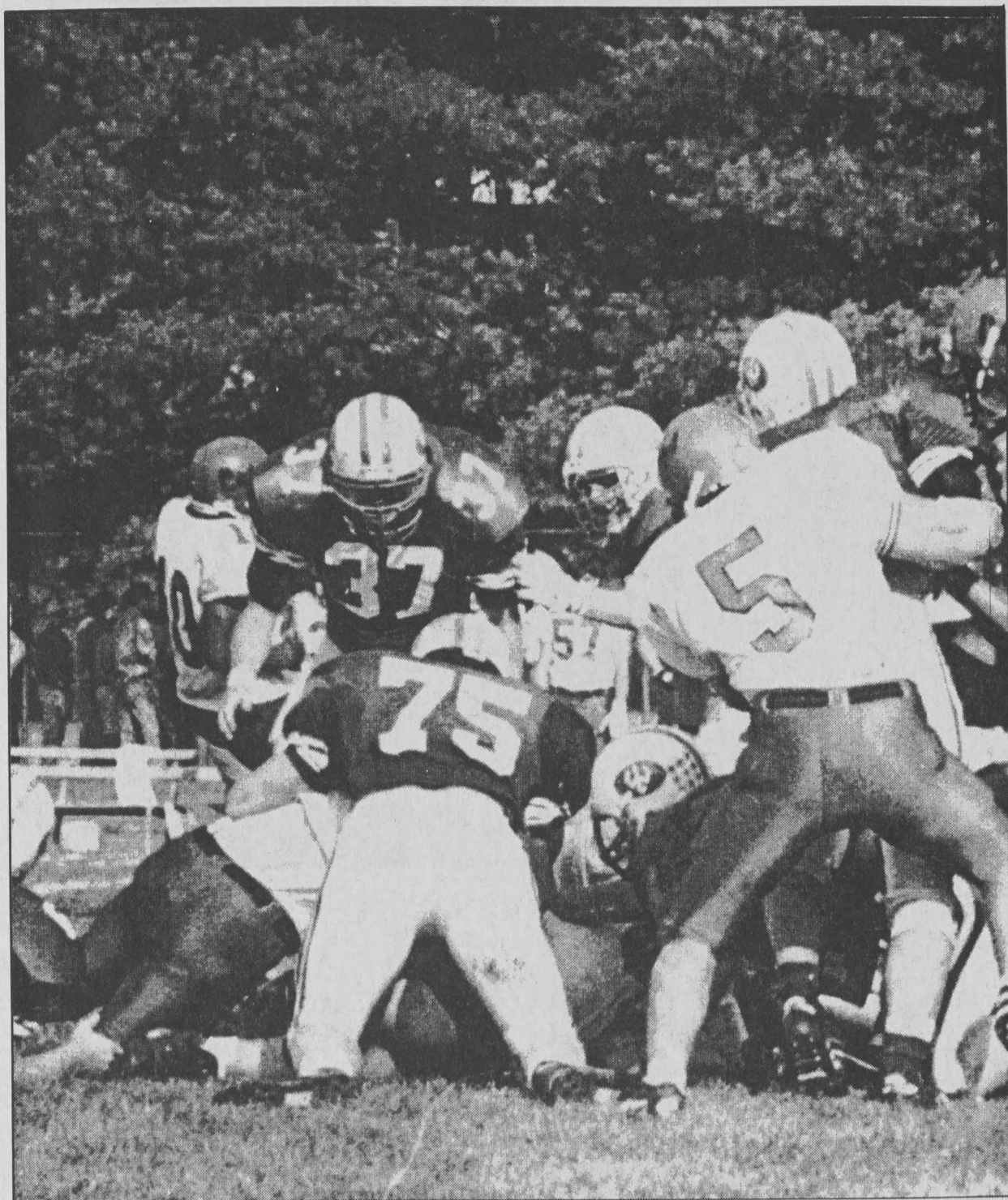


Photo by Bethany Smith, The Ring-tum Phi

Sophomore Robert Hull, number 75, struts his stuff during the Homecoming football game. Hull, a starting defensive tackle for Washington and Lee, was chosen as the WLUR-Ring-tum Phi Athlete of the Month for October.

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Despite the record-after-record setting performances of Josephine Schaeffer (who is now known simply as "Josephine") and the court-dominance of Marilyn Baker, there was one General who this month so far surpassed expectations and dominated his specialty to earn the WLUR-Ring-tum Phi "Major General of the Month" award—the football team's Robert Hull.

Hull becomes the second recipient of the honor, following the women's soccer team's Corinda Hankins in September.

A member of Lexington High School's final senior class, Hull has so thoroughly dominated play this month that he has put himself on course to shatter virtually all of the numbers put up by last year's W&L defensive leaders.

Here are what the numbers say through six games: 83 tackles, 36 unassisted tackles, eight sacks, six tackles for losses, five fumble recoveries, and four forced fumbles. All of those figures are tops on the team and all are well ahead of the pace of—if not already better than—the 1992 team leaders. In fact, Hull's eight sacks are just two short the school single-season record, 14 away from the career mark. And he's just a sophomore.

But the Generals are not the only ones noticing. Following his 16 tackles, one sack, and one fumble recovery last Saturday against Sewanee, Hull was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

That capped off a month (that still has a game to go) in which Hull could have received that award for any of four performances.

The Octoberfest-on-offenses began with a 16-tackle, four-sack game at Randolph-Macon College. Hull followed that with what some believe was his most dominant game—two sacks and a season-high 19 tackles at Homecoming versus Davidson. WLUR sportscasters Moke Wolfe and Tim Veale understandably lost track of how many times they had called his name that day.

"Hull has been their big-play man all year," said Wolfe. "He's in there on every play. He really makes big things happen on defense."

Hull encored that game with 13 tackles and two fumble recoveries at Hampden-Sydney. Compared with these games, the performance at Sewanee might actually be considered his quietest game of the month.

"The biggest thing about Hull is, no matter where the play is, he's there," said W&L sports information director Brian Logue. "He makes the plays that draw attention."

Hull was far from unnoticed at Lexington High School. He was a three-sport standout and was the MVP of the West team in the Virginia High School 1991 football all-star game.

The 6-3 210 lineman has made a quick impact on the defense. In his freshman year, Hull recorded just 24 tackles as a backup. This month, he is averaging 16 tackles, one-and-three-quarters sacks, and a fumble recovery per game.

For these performances, it is without hesitation that we honor Robert Hull as the W&L athlete of the month.

The WLUR-Ring-tum Phi
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September
Corinda M. Hankins, women's soccer

October
Robert C. Hull, football

The Major General is chosen monthly by Sarah Gilbert and Keith Grant

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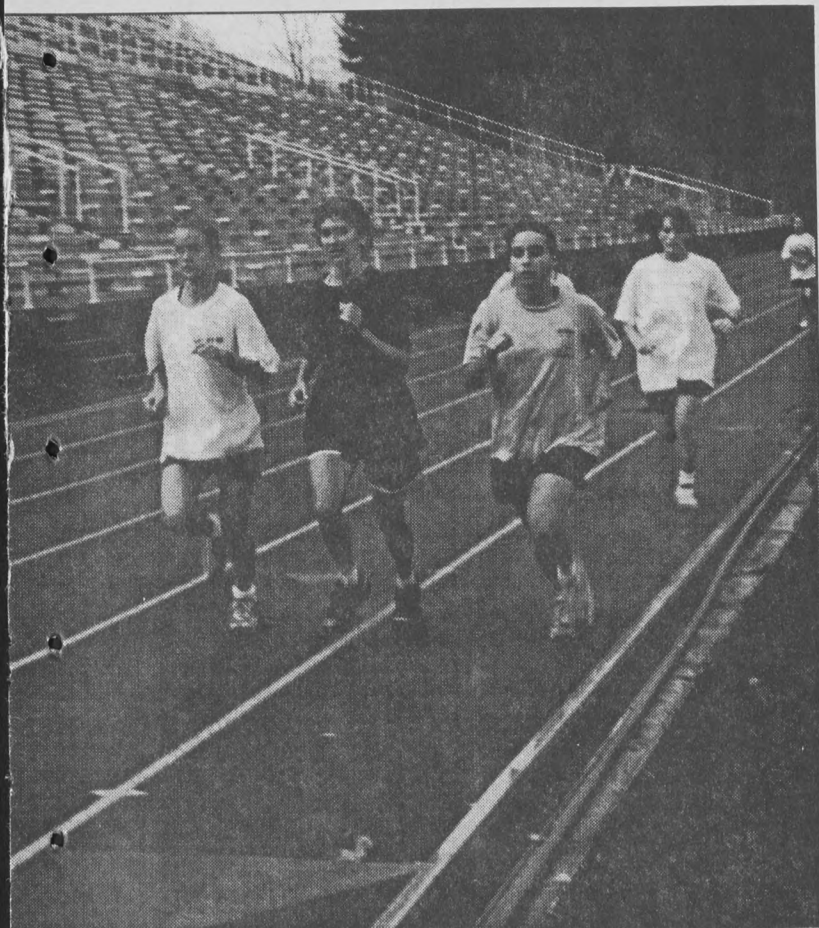
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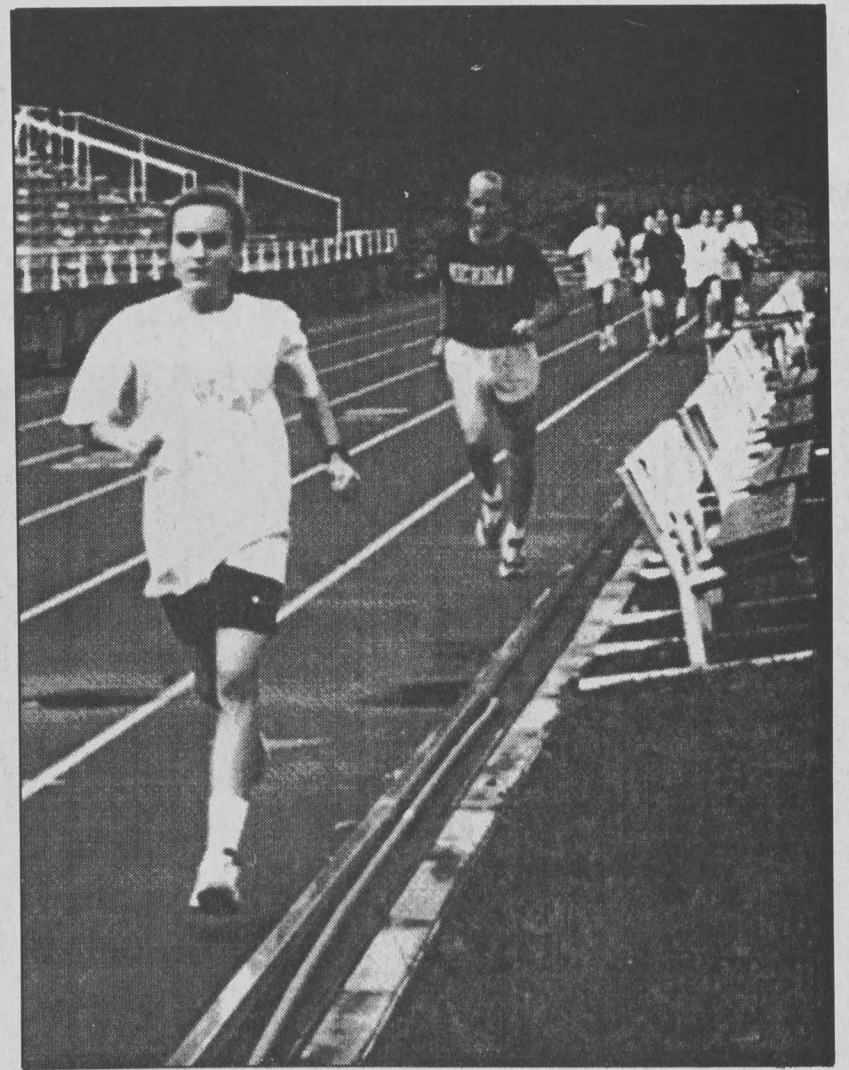
Run like the wind...

Athletes at Washington and Lee are busy this week as seasons begin to wrap up and championships begin.

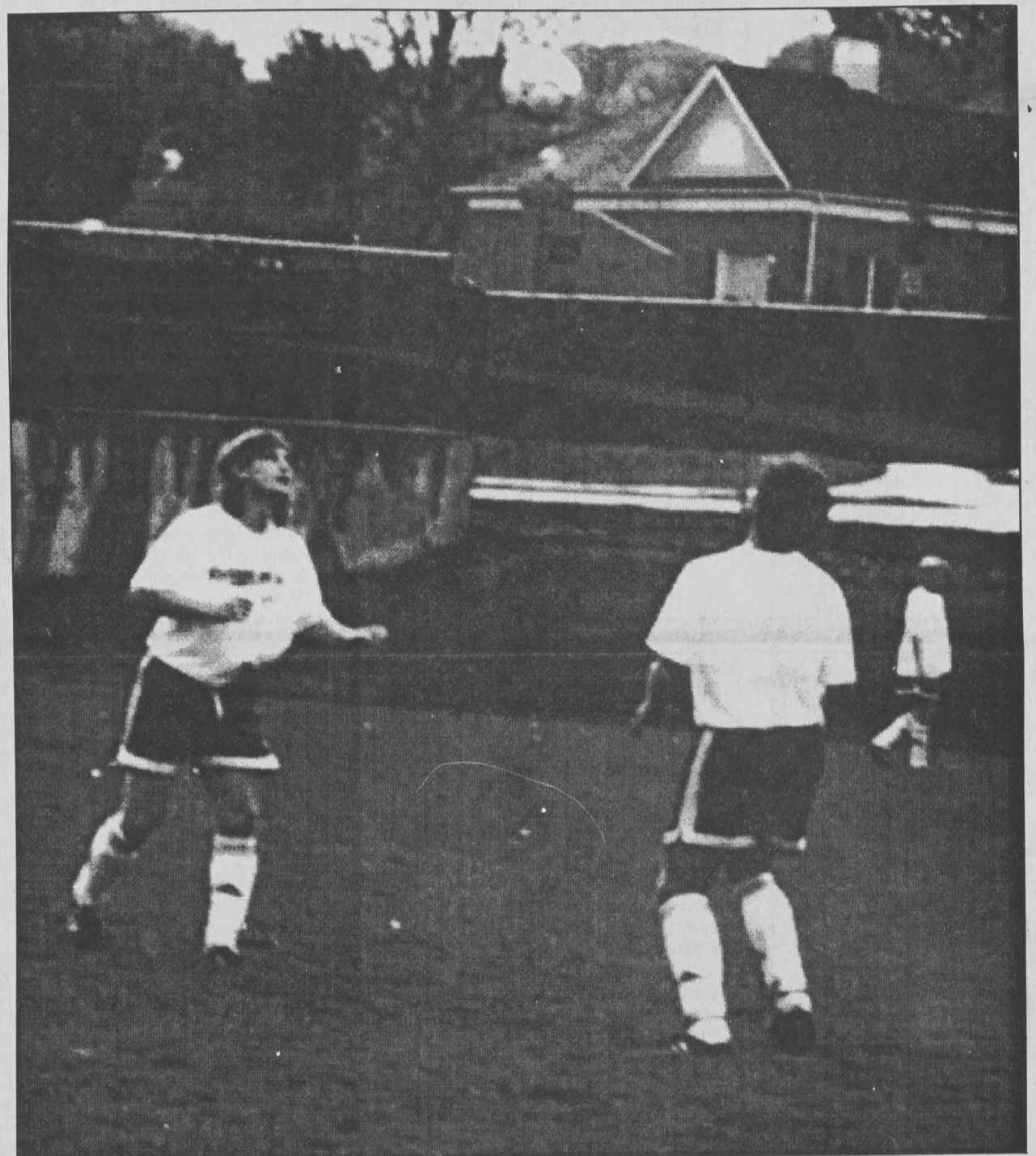
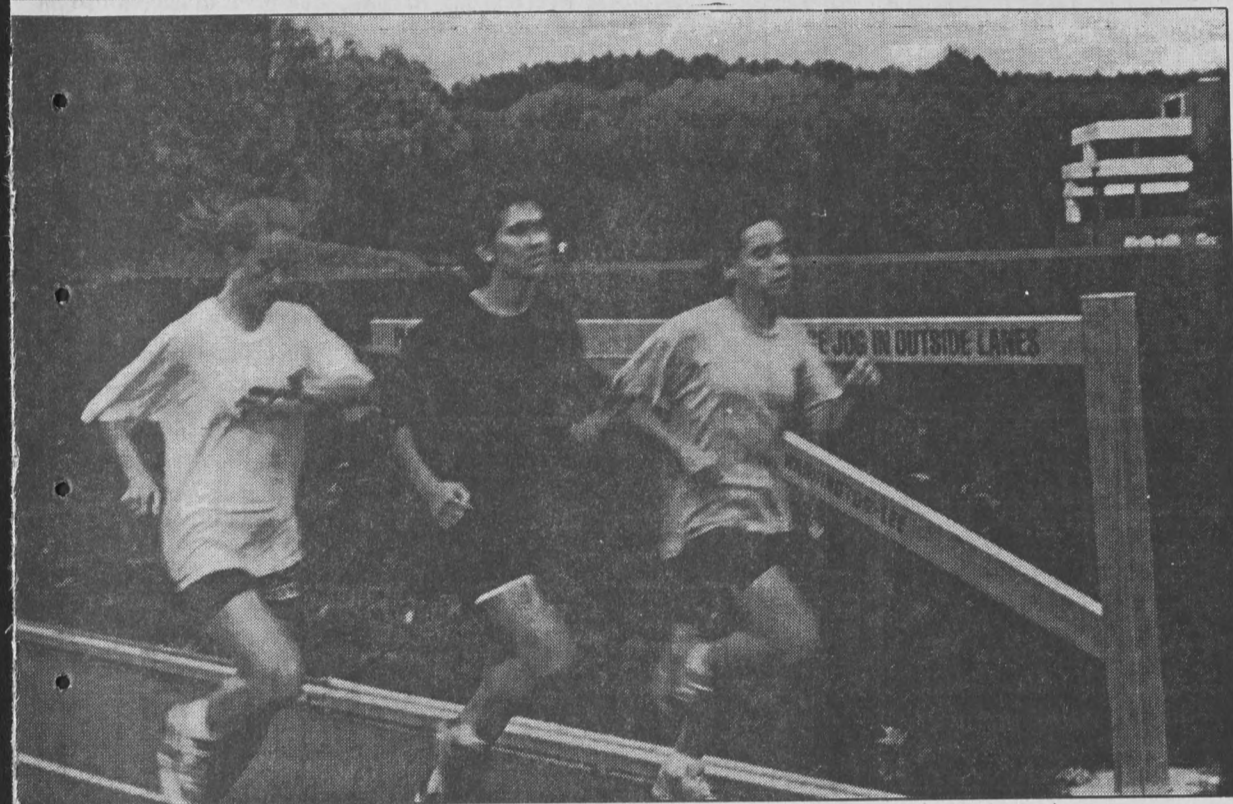
The women's cross country team, already State champions, finished eighth in a 21-team field at the Gettysburg Invitational Oct. 23. Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer, right, continued her undefeated season with a first place in the 211-runner field. Her time for the race was 18:18, five seconds off the course record and Schaeffer's first failure this season to set a course record. Sophomore Amy Mears, middle left, finished 23rd

overall and was W&L's second runner in. Also hot for the Generals this year are juniors Kim Herring, far left, and Sue Deutsch, near left. (Also, below left.) The entire squad is running 45-50 miles a week in hopes of qualifying for National Division III championships as a team. A tough win at Regionals will be necessary to send the team as a whole.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will host an invitational this weekend, Oct. 30. Participating schools include Eastern Mennonite, Hampden-Sydney, Sheperd and Southern Virginia College for Women. This will be the Generals' only home cross country meet of the season, and results will be announced during the pregame show of the WLUR football game broadcast.



Photos by Sarah Gilbert, The Ring-tum Phi



Men's soccer, however, saw the end of its season Oct. 26 as Washington and Lee lost, 2-0, to Virginia Wesleyan in the opening round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships.

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