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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## Classes iced for two days



Photo by Ethan Krupp, The Ring-tum Phi

The Colonnade looks like an icy ghost town with very few students, faculty or staff members venturing on to the Hill during the two day snow break. Power problems and frigid weather teamed up to give students their first snow days in about 30 years. But ice alone is not enough to close W&L for a third straight day. Light snow last night covered the ice and made walking and driving conditions even more treacherous than they had been in a few days. But Virginia Power said normal power use was again possible and classes resumed today.

By EMILY BAKER, YABIZ SEDGHI  
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Of the Phi Staff

Washington and Lee shut down Wednesday and Thursday for the first time in over 30 years as a result of bad weather.

"We canceled because of a combination of concerns about safety and conserving as much energy as we can," said Brian Shaw, Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Icy roads and walkways Tuesday made getting to classes difficult. Wednesday, University President John D. Wilson decided that was enough to cancel classes. "There's ice on all the secondary roads," said Wilson. "Faculty and students were having trouble getting in."

In addition to dangerous travel conditions, the university experienced electrical problems.

"We're trying to minimize electricity usage," said Shaw. Virginia Power asked all major customers to cut down on electricity usage. Canceling classes conserved energy from both lighting and heating. To minimize electricity usage, Evans Dining Hall operated only during daylight hours to conserve energy consumed by electric lighting. The dining hall used disposable dishes and utensils to reduce washing.

In spite of these efforts, W&L students and Lexington residents still experienced power outages. Virginia Power tried to keep outages down to 30 minute increments, rotating the outages between blocks of 10,000 people every two to three hours.

Virginia Power takes several steps before resorting to power outages to conserve energy, said spokeswoman Karen Russell.

First, the company reduces the customers' voltage by three to five percent. The decrease is minimal enough that it "is not noticeable to customers," said Russell.

The company then appeals to the community as a whole to reduce its power consumption. After that, it asks specific public volunteers to cut consumption, as it did W&L. If this still does not reduce power usage adequately, the company then turns to the power outages.

Virginia is using record-breaking amounts of power this winter, said Russell.

"Although we have no numbers yet," said Russell, "the power consumed Saturday, January 15 broke all previous existing records."

The power situation is improving, said Russell. After rotating the power outages among blocks of 10,000 people every two hours, the company was able to reduce the blocks to 3,000 people every eight hours.

Shaw said he did not know whether upcoming vacations would be affected by the two-day cancellation.

The weather has also postponed the Founders Day-ODK Convocation. The speakers had not made it into town before the university shut down.

"We caught them all before they got on their planes," said Shaw. "We haven't rescheduled the convocation yet. We're still trying to get back to those people."

Both the Leyburn Library and the Law Library opened from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Leyburn had the same shortened hours Thursday, while the Law Library was shut down, according to Russell.

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## Fights result in three arrests

By MELISSA SAWYER  
Phi Staff Writer

Last weekend was another of drunken brawls and late-night arrests for several Washington and Lee students.

According to a Sigma Nu brother, a conflict at the Sigma Nu fraternity house around 3 a.m. Sunday resulted in a broken window and the arrest of a junior Phi Delta Theta member. The Phi Delt had been asked to leave the Sigma Nu house following a party. When he refused, a junior Sigma Nu member, who asked not to be identified, went outside the house and the two began to shove and punch each other.

Several members of the Phi Delt house tried to intervene. The Phi Delt house is currently on critical probation due to an incident that occurred earlier in the year.

The Phi Delt broke free from his brothers and punched through the bedroom window of Sigma Nu house mother Beverly Coxe.

"I was awake and I looked out the window to see what was happening," Coxe said. "Glass fell all over the chair where I sit. If I hadn't been in bed I would have been in that chair."

Coxe said she decided not to intervene in the fight at first. After the window was broken, however, she called the Lexington Police Department and W&L Security.

"I wanted to press charges, but the police and W&L Security just wouldn't do anything," Coxe said.

Coxe said she had asked the police to serve a warrant to the Phi Delt offender.

"Generally we let the property owner do that (press charges)," said Lexington Chief of Police Bruce M. Beard, Jr.

Beard said in this case, police decided to let W&L Security handle the matter.

"It involved university property," Beard said.

Coxe said she was not sure who would pay for the repair of the window. She said the Phi Delt came Wednesday to apologize to her and to patch up the window.

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## The two sides of the Honor System

By MICHELLE BRIEN, THOMAS HESPOS AND FRANCESCA KEFALAS  
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On May 11, 1992, Washington and Lee junior Cynthia Kowalyk saw what she thought was a breach of the Honor System in her French 213 class.

Freshman Elizabeth McCord had just told Professor Russell Knudson she had completed a lab assignment. Her paper showed she had marked each segment complete.

But Kowalyk and the rest of the class knew that the tape they had been assigned to listen to had segments missing. McCord could not have done all the segments she said she had.

Kowalyk was left with a couple of difficult questions: Did McCord's actions constitute an Honor Violation? Should she be reported to the Executive Committee?

"I thought about it," said Kowalyk. "I consulted with friends of mine. They said it was my responsibility to at least tell someone. So I did decide to do it."

"They said if there was no wrongdoing she would never even know of it being reported," she said.

One week later, McCord got a call from EC Secretary Caroline Wight. The EC asked McCord to come to a meeting that Thursday, and assigned her two law student advocates.

"They told me, 'Don't worry, this is merely a fact-finding,'" said McCord. "But that was it for me right there."

At the end of a four-hour closed hearing, McCord was found guilty of an Honor Violation and told to withdraw from the university.

"I found out she was found guilty

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the next day when I saw her with her parents," said Kowalyk. "I assumed she was saying good-bye."

But McCord opted to appeal the decision in an open trial.

"My first reaction was that I was not strong enough to take it to an open hearing," said McCord. "But I thought 'I can't just let this die, knowing that I never intended to do wrong.' So I thought if I walk away knowing that, I might as well fight it."

"A few days later, I was contacted about the open trial," said Kowalyk. "They called me in to look over my testimony, and asked if I remembered anything else. It happened quickly. There was an announcement the next day on the Contact board."

McCord was again found guilty in the open trial and was expelled from the university.

McCord's case illustrates that W&L's Honor System — what many say is the university's foundation —

is suffering some cracks. Some think she is the victim of an unfair system — particularly members of McCord's family, who have strong ties to W&L.

Others, including Kowalyk, say McCord's case illustrates that the Honor System works. To them, pressures on the Honor System are the result of students who simply don't take it seriously enough.

As a result of the controversy surrounding McCord's dismissal, the Executive Committee is reviewing the Honor System this year. The review is expected to focus on what some say are the system's weaknesses:

● W&L has no clear definition of honor or breach of honor.

● According to honor trial law advocates, W&L has the only judicial system in the country in which

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## FIJI plans appeal to Wilson

By MICHELLE BRIEN  
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It ain't over 'til it's over. Or at least not until President John Wilson reviews the appeal.

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity's suspension by the Student Affairs Committee was effective immediately after SAC's Monday decision and is set to last 18 months. But there is still a chance that Wilson will return the case to SAC for review, said Dean of Students David Howison.

"An appeal is not a rehearing of the case," said Howison. Howison said the fraternity must have grounds for an appeal.

FIJI President Ralph "Moke" Wolfe said the fraternity plans to appeal on the grounds that the punishment was too harsh.

"We're appealing because we think the punishment should fit the crime," Wolfe said. "It was hazing, but it was minor. Given the severity of the IFC's penalty, we thought suspension was too severe."

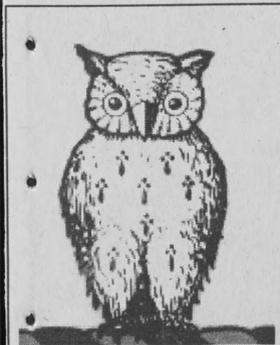
Interfraternity Council President Curt Smith would not say what the IFC's punishment was, but said that it was "similar to that of SAC."

"The less we say the fairer it is to them," said Smith.

Wolfe also cited the danger to the fraternity's existence at Washington and Lee if the sentence is upheld.

"We won't be able to rush until 1995," Wolfe said. "Then we will only have 12 members if everyone stays. It's too expensive to maintain a house with only 12 members paying dues."

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File Art

The FIJI owl.

## BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

### The World



#### Neo-Nazis convicted

Two neo-Nazis were convicted of and sentenced for aggravated assault Tuesday. They attacked a United States Olympic luge team member after yelling racial slurs at his black teammate. The two "skinheads" are the first of seven defendants to be tried in the Oct. 29 incident.

#### Relief plane shot

A plane bringing food, medicine and other relief supplies to war-torn Sarajevo was shot at twice Thursday. The German plane was hit about two miles from the airport. No one was injured in the incident. It is not known who shot at the plane.

### The Nation



#### Quake rocks California

Aftershocks continue to rock the San Fernando Valley following Monday's earthquake. The quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, hit at 4:31 a.m. Pacific time. Reports count 44 people dead and 3,762 injured. The quake collapsed buildings, snapped freeways, damaged gas lines and disrupted utility service as far north as Canada. Southern California has been declared a disaster area.

#### Iran-Contra report implicates Reagan, Bush

A seven-year investigation into the Iran-Contra scandal revealed that although former President Ronald Reagan may not have violated any law, he did make it simpler for others to conduct illegal activities. The two-volume report declared Reagan's aides withheld information about the scandal. The report suggests the congressional committees investigating the affair should have considered impeaching Reagan. Reagan, former Attorney General Edwin Meese, former President Bush have denied the allegations.

#### Faulkner to attend Citadel

Shannon Faulkner became the first woman to attend day classes at the all-male Citadel military college in Charleston, S.C., Thursday. Chief Justice William Rhenquist lifted an order which prevented her from attending classes while her lawsuit is pending. The Citadel claims her presence will destroy the 151-year-old college's military environment and educational mission.

#### Inman gives up nomination

Former CIA deputy director Bobby Inman withdrew as President Clinton's nominee for defense secretary Tuesday. Inman chose to withdraw his name because of alleged attempts to distort his record, character and reputation. Senate hearings were set to begin next week.

#### Cold paralyzes nation

Snow, sleet and freezing cold have ravaged the nation since last weekend. The cold snap has left 15 people dead nationwide and caused hundreds of highway accidents and power and water outages. Frigid conditions and snows are expected to continue through next weekend. Minnesota and North Dakota are fighting temperatures of 32 degrees below zero and 92 degrees below zero without wind-chill. Temperatures in areas of New Hampshire have plummeted to 100 degrees below zero.

### The State



#### Knick lawsuit rejected

The civil rights lawsuit filed against Lexington and Police Chief Bruce Beard over a policeman's fatal shooting of his wife was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court. Lisa Knick's brother filed the suit on behalf of her estate and her two children. She was killed by her husband, former Lexington police officer Jerry Knick, at home while he was on duty Sept. 29, 1990. Knick was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

### Sports



#### Gillooly arrested in Kerrigan case

Tonya Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, was arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy in the Jan. 6 attack on Nancy Kerrigan. Harding's bodyguard, Shawn Eric Eckardt, and alleged attacker Shane Minoaka Stant and Derrick Smith have already been charged in the case. Harding was questioned by the FBI and maintains her innocence, although an affidavit given by Eckardt has linked her to the alleged plot.

# Sorority Rush nets 108 women

By RICHARD WEAVER  
Phi Staff Writer

One hundred and eight women pledged a sorority last Friday after a week's worth of Rush activities. Panhellenic Council President Laura Clark had mixed feelings about this year's Rush.

After Preference Night Thursday, Jan. 13, the Panhellenic Council set a quota of 29 bids per sorority. The original quota was 28 bids per sorority, but the number was changed at the last minute to 29. Incoming Council President Lise Brown said the number was increased so some women would not "fall through the cracks."

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, and Kappa Alpha Theta each received 29 pledges, while Pi Beta Phi received 22.

"We were all disappointed with Pi Phi not doing as well as they would have liked, but as a whole I feel everyone did a good job and there was a lot of cooperation among sororities," said Clark.

Pi Phi President Christine Grandinetti said the sorority's relatively short time on campus (three years) may have had some effect on the pledge numbers.

"We attribute the low number to concerns the freshmen may have had about Pi Phi's newness," Grandinetti said. "They may look and see that other

sororities have been here longer and are more established."

Sororities that don't meet the quota have two options: they can offer "snap bids" or they can go through continuous open bidding. Snap bids can be extended to anyone on that sorority's bid list who did not accept a bid elsewhere. Continuous bidding is used to extend bids to women who were not originally on that sorority's bid list and who did not accept a bid elsewhere.

Freshman Erin Dougherty would like to see a change in the structure of sorority Rush next year.

"I wish it (sorority Rush) was more like the guy's Rush, where you got several bids," said Dougherty. "I didn't like the sorority Pref Night, where you

ranked your choices and then you only one bid. With the current way seems you either get all or nothing."

Brown is looking to the sorority governing body as a way of bolstering the current system.

"I think we should focus on strengthening our Panhellenic system," Brown said. "We want to make it more of a leadership body for the sororities."

Clark said no other national sororities are currently considering organization of W&L, nor are any sororities being sought out.

"Our top priorities are to work on the problems with the sororities we have now," Clark said. "We want everyone getting full quota before we expand."

## Machines to sell stamps

By EMILY BAKER  
Phi Staff Writer

Soon Washington and Lee students will not have to hike to the Post Office for stamps.

A stamp machine outside Fairfax Lounge in the University Center will sell a number of mailing products, such as stamps, envelopes, and post cards. The machine has been there for about a month.

Director of University Services Jim Johndrow said Buildings and Grounds has to install electricity before the machine can start vending. B&G however, has their hands full making pathways safe after the recent storm left inches of ice on the ground.

"Our B&G people have to put electricity in," said Johndrow. "As soon as they do, we'll let the Post Office know."

Once electricity is installed, the Post Office will stock the machine. Johndrow warned against putting bills larger than \$5 in the machine.

"The machine will only make change for a \$5 bill. People should make sure they put in nothing larger than a \$5 bill, or they will not get the correct change," he said.

An additional machine was placed in the co-op but was later removed.

"We originally wanted to put another machine in the bookstore/co-op area, but there wasn't enough room," said Johndrow. "The machine was bigger than we thought."

Students will have to make do with the lone machine in the University Center, which, for many people, is still closer than the Post Office.

## Find your dream date on Cable 2

By JAY WHITE  
Phi Staff Writer

"The Dating Game" has touched down at Washington and Lee.

Junior Chris Albert is the mastermind behind the production and said over 100 people signed up for the television event.

"The Dating Game" is to be a bi-monthly feature on Cable 2. It will be filmed alternating weeks and will air on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Albert and a production team consisting of juniors Stacy Bogert, Becky Crow, Trisha Coughlin, Pina Benincasa, and Cathy Gartin also produce W&L's "Entertainment Spot-

light" every other week in the same time slot as "The Dating Game."

Albert, who is the host and producer of the Dating Game, raised money for the program by getting sponsors from local businesses and the W&L Dining Service. Albert is doing the show as an independent study project for the Journalism Department.

This week's show was taped Sunday and featured senior Doug Kaufman, sophomore Cole Constanzo, and sophomore Shelby Lamar vying for a date with senior Heather Aussiker. The show was taped in front of a live audience.

"No laugh track was used. It was the real thing," said Albert.

Aussiker asked the bachelors a series of questions, including how they would go about enjoying her if she were an ice cream sundae.

Kaufman responded "Is there a cherry involved?"

Aussiker chose Shelby Lamar as her date for a candlelit steak dinner on the balcony of the Dining Hall, complete with a waiter.

Albert said the show's purpose is to increase Cable 2's viewership and to involve more of the W&L student body and the Lexington community.

If you would like to be a contestant on "The Dating Game" call Stacy Bogert at 462-4149 or Chris Albert at 462-4117.

## City has financial woes

By ERIN LEONARD  
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Lexington is known for its wealth, but beneath the facade of a quaint college town lies an economically strapped city.

Of Virginia's 136 cities and counties, Lexington ranks 17th on the fiscal stress index and 107th in median household income, reports a recent study by the United States Census Bureau and the Virginia Commission on Local Government.

"That's why we're always looking for some other revenue source," said City Manager John Ellestad, whether it be a new business or personal property tax. Lexington is not in bad shape, he said, but it does have a very tight budget. The loss of one revenue source affects the city greatly.

The fiscal stress index is determined by residents' incomes, the locality's true real estate values, taxation and borrowing power. The more a locality lacks these things, the higher it ranks on the index.

Lexington's real estate values and borrowing power are healthy, but its residents' incomes and ability to tax city property severely limit the city's revenue thus heightening its fiscal stress.

Virginia's median household income is \$33,328, according to 1990 data. The median income in Lexington is \$21,361, and is \$24,955 in Rockbridge County. While both are below the state average, Lexington's was higher than the county's until recently. For years, the affluent lived within the city limits, while the poor lived in the county. As suburbs have sprouted beyond city parameters, Lexington has lost many middle- and upper-class families to the hilltops and has lost their tax dollars to the county.

The city is further hampered by its inability to annex, or absorb, county property into the city limits. In 1985, the city forever waived its right to annex county land under a state agreement.

At the time, said Ellestad, Lexington was looking to expand both north and south. The county was prepared to fight. In the face of a long, expensive annexation battle with no guarantees, the city entered into an agreement with the county. Lexington can not annex, and the county makes a financial payment to the city each year based on tax rates and the county's tax revenue.

The agreement does not generate as much income for Lexington as the fast-food restaurants, Wal-Mart and upper income families would if they were inside city limits, but the yearly payment is crucial to Lexington's budget. Last year's \$543,000

contribution comprised one-tenth of the general fund budget, said Ellestad.

City Commissioner of Revenue Courtney Baker thinks this payment is fair.

"Obviously all those things are on the parameters of Lexington, because Lexington is here," she said.

She and Ellestad both said the city deserves the compensation for the services it provides to the county. The revenue helps the city to maintain itself.

"We are always concerned about the revenue in Lexington," said Baker. "We are always watchful and very concerned that we able to maintain our locality, the services we provide, and the good schools we have."

The yearly county payment helps to offset the money Lexington loses with its inability to tax Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute property. Lexington is 2.5 square miles. Fifty-eight percent of city land is tax-exempt property, and 49 percent of that land belongs to the two colleges. The other nine percent belongs to the city, churches, or other tax-exempt organizations. From its 42 percent of taxable land, Lexington brings in approximately \$1.6 million in revenue. Were the city able to double this amount with revenue from the school properties said Ellestad, Lexington's financial troubles would be over.

W&L and VMI do make yearly grant payments to the city, known as PILOT, or payment lieu of taxes. W&L contributed around \$100,000 last year, said University Treasurer Lawrence Broomall. The school bases its grant on a flat amount of \$40,000, the estimated property tax on its fraternity houses, and one-half the estimated property tax on faculty and staff housing.

Broomall said if the university acquires any city property in the future, the university will grant 100 percent of the property tax to the city each year.

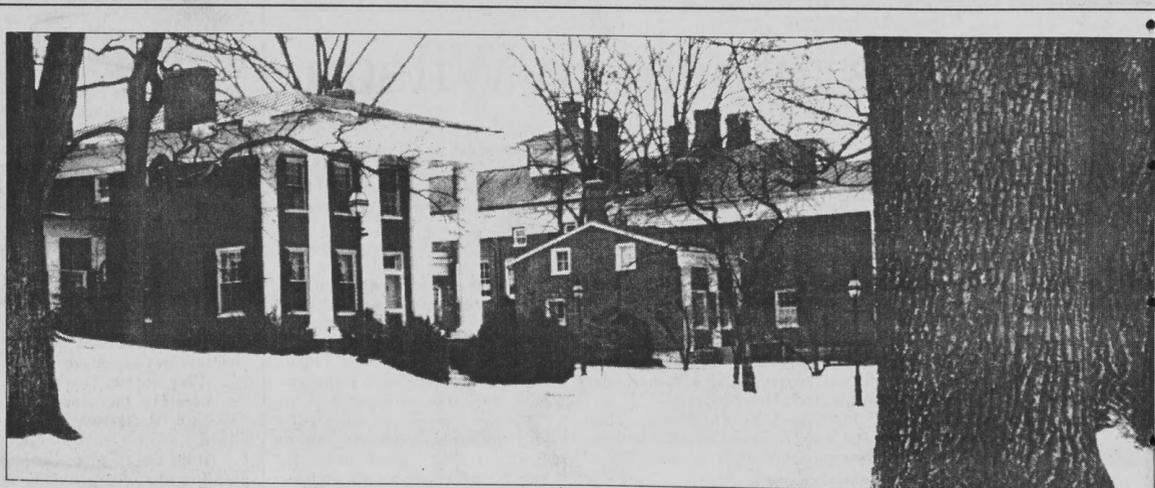
Ellestad said he hopes the schools won't buy any more city property.

"We don't want them buying up more city property because it takes it off the tax roles," he said.

The loss of a revenue source threatens Lexington's well-being.

Meanwhile, the city is trying to make the most of the property it has. The Lexington Downtown Development Association, said Ellestad, is helping to attract both local business patrons and tourists.

"We're just trying to maximize the economic potential downtown," he said. "LDDA is the key component of that. Our philosophy is that business men know the best way to try to promote and expand business. We let them take the lead."



#### Sledding, anyone?

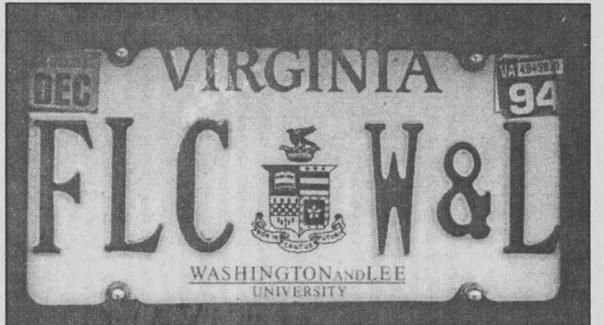
A blanket of snow covers the lawn in front of Morris House, making students nostalgic for their Flexible Flyers.



## Vanity plates spell it out

Students show school spirit and ingenuity in personalized license plates around campus

BY  
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Any possible way to display school spirit on your license plate is fair game at Washington and Lee University.

Some of the 600,000 vanity plates on the road in Virginia are here in Lexington.

Since personalized plates were introduced in Virginia in 1981, many students have taken advantage of the program for only \$10 above the cost of registration.

In addition to letters and numbers, people may select a dash, a space, or an ampersand, which is a very popular symbol on W&L plates.

Some students choose a plate with the W&L crest instead of a seventh letter on their plates. This option costs an additional \$25 a year.

Sean Garrity of the Public Information Office of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles said after "1000 of the crest plates are sold, fifteen dollars of the twenty-five will go to the school."

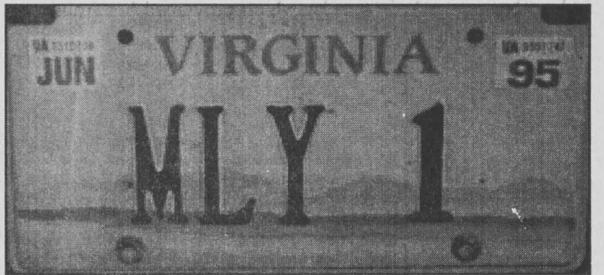
Garrity said the crest plates are available for most Virginia schools and some out-of-state schools if the demand is great enough.

"There is one for Penn State," said Garrity.

Out-of-state schools do not receive any money from the cost of the plates.

Of course, some people choose to simply use their vanity plates to express something personal about themselves, such as their initials, their name, or just some off-the-wall ironic comment about the conditions surrounding them.

So, when you get your own car, go ahead and spend the extra few dollars and show your creative way of expressing Washington and Lee University in seven letters or less.



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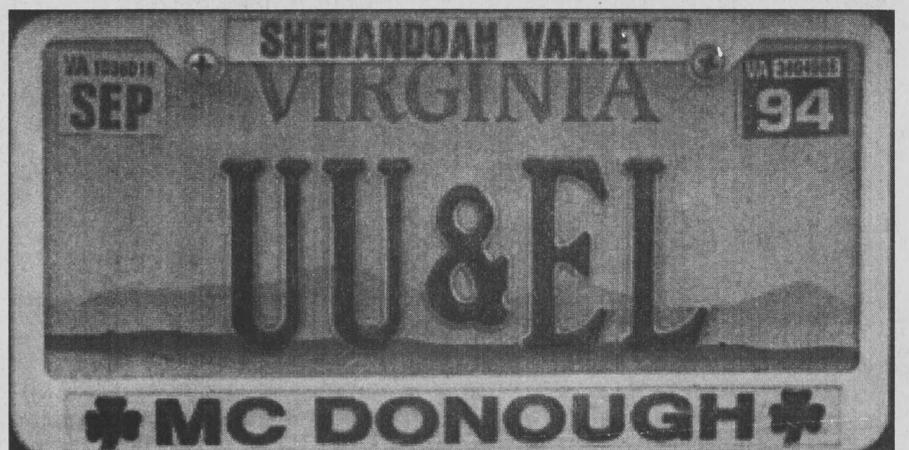
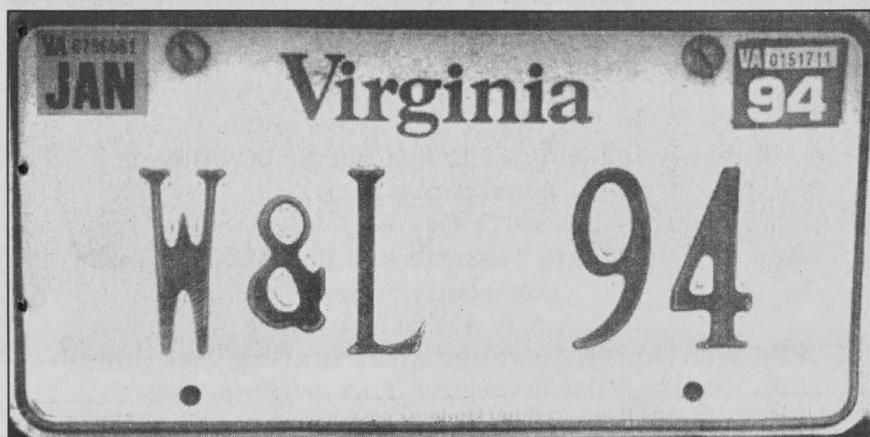
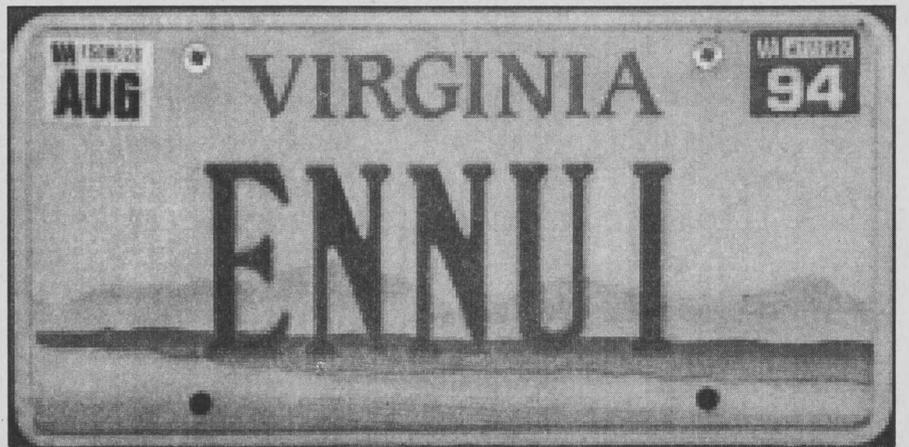




Photo by Peter SchAAF

The Cassatt String Quartet will perform during Sonoklect this year. This year Sonoklect is commemorating the 75th birthday of Leonard Bernstein. It will also feature "Recitatives and Ariosos" by Henryk Gorecki. Several other guest performers will also play.

# Sonoklect plays Lenfest

## The annual festival of musical boundaries returns

By Hillary Olson  
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The fourth annual Sonoklect festival of new music, a four-day event featuring prominent guest composers and artists, will be on campus January 26-29. The festival, organized by music professor Paul Brantley, Artistic Director of the program, includes the prominent Cassatt Quartet, considered one of the best string quartets in the world.

This year's performances commemorate the 75th birthday season of world-famous composer and conductor of Leonard Bernstein, composer of such works as "West Side Story," who died in 1990. Brantley actually studied music with Bernstein, and he said that for him the commemoration holds special meaning.

Brantley has either direct or indirect relationships with all of this year's artists and he said their "totality represents a special type of esprit" that is dominating contemporary music. Brantley said in the new music world "up is down and down is up" as different genres mix and experiment with each other. He said the result is a fun and eclectic, "more hip" style of music that he hopes to capture in this year's Sonoklect.

The festival will be different this year, said Brantley who replaces Dr. Margaret Brouwer as director, because it is geared more to the students than the community.

The name "Sonoklect" was an invention of past director Brouwer, and combines the words "sonic" and "eclectic" to capture the spirit of the annual festival. The subtitle of this year's

concert, added by Brantley, is "Musical Mandalas." A mandala, he said, is a Hindu word meaning "magic circle," used in contemporary language to signify the full and complete self. Brantley chose the title because he said it communicated the intensely personal and magical new expressive type of music that he hopes will permeate "Musical Mandalas."

The main attraction, the all-female Cassatt Quartet, which takes its name after the American painter Mary Stevenson Cassatt, has relationships with all three of this year's guest composers, Tina Davidson, Eleanor Hovda and Andrew Waggoner.

The first event, to be held on Wednesday, January 26 at 4 pm is an informal meeting at the Lenfest Center to greet the composers. The group will play a little music as well, said Brantley. Brantley emphasized the rare opportunity the community would have at this event to "ask the living and breathing composers what makes them tick."

Thursday, January 27 at 10 am is an open rehearsal with the guest composers and the Cassatt Quartet in DuPont Auditorium. Brantley said the rehearsal would give the public the chance to see the interaction between composers and the performers of their music. He said, "Imagine having the chance to sit down with Bach or Beethoven and discuss their music with them." He said the open rehearsal is a rare opportunity for both performer and composer.

That night at 8 pm is the quartet's concert featuring the music of Davidson, Hovda, Waggoner as well as Brantley in the Lenfest Center.

On Friday, January 28 at 8 pm is another concert featuring the music of guest compos-

ers, this time performed by members of the quartet with guest artists Deborah Chodacki on clarinet, Steven Heyman and Arlene Shrut on piano. Chodacki teaches at the Juliart School of Music. Heyman is a highly acclaimed pianist who lives in Syracuse, NY. Shrut's piano accompaniment was heard in Lenfest earlier this year when she performed with Brantley on cello at his recital in September.

The final event will be Saturday, January 29 at 8 pm with a concert commemorating Bernstein and featuring the "Recitatives and Ariosos" of Henryk Gorecki in the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.



Brantley



Left: Steve Heyman will play the piano with the Cassatt Quartet on Friday night as part of Sonoklect at the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.



Right: Deborah Chodacki will play the clarinet with the Cassatt Quartet on Friday night at the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.

## One Acoustic Evening supports charities at Lenfest Saturday

### From Staff Reports

Local musicians will present a benefit concert called "One Acoustic Evening" on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 pm in Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.

Catholic Campus Ministry sponsors the event to raise money for the Rockbridge Area Relief Association and Total Action Against Poverty's "Christmas in April" community service project. Donations of \$5, \$3 for students, will be collected in the lobby and turned over to these organizations.

Highlighting this year's lineup is Vicki Pratt Keating from Charlottesville, winner of two Washington Area Music Awards for "Best Female Vocalist" and "Best Album" (Blue Apples). The guitarist/singer has been gaining recognition in the Washington Post and Austin Chronicle for her self-styled music and lyrics. She blends avant folk and pop original music in her England, Scotland and Ireland tour in April and May.

Bill McCorkle, director of the Rockbridge Chorus and music minister for the Lexington Presbyterian Chorus, will perform on piano.

Tom Mason, '94, from Pittsburgh, PA, and Andy Rice,

'96 from Berwyn, PA will perform together original compositions on guitar.

Associate Pastor of Lexington Presbyterian Church Lee Zehmer will sing original songs accompanied by his guitar. "Strumming Dick" Sessoms, who works in the Development Office, will sing songs he learned while traveling through Ireland and rural America.

After a brief intermission, James and Carol Elizabeth Leva will sing Appalachian ballads with guitar and fiddle accompaniment. Leva served as music director of the Lime Kiln Theater, where the couple has performed. Both are well-known in old-time music circles.

Bill Schieken, law student from Richmond, will perform some original rock anthems, accompanied by fellow law students Eric "Tiny E" Reeves on piano, Mark Cathey on guitar and Brad Rolston on cello.

Leslie Tucker will sing with Jim Brown on guitar and Lee Sauder on blues harp.

The concert will conclude with the Greenhouse Defect a regional peppy band which performs swing, traditional and "Dawg music." Lew Prichard from Lewisburg will perform on vocals and mandolin, Lee Sauder will play harmonica, Dan Newhall will be on bass, and Burr Dato will accompany on guitar.

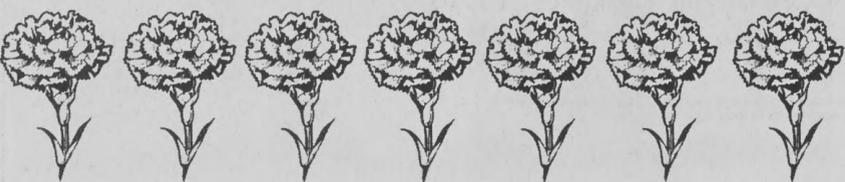


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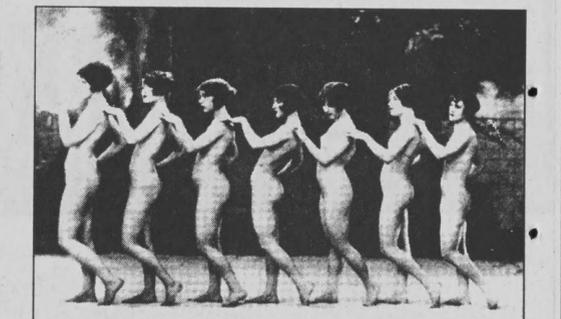


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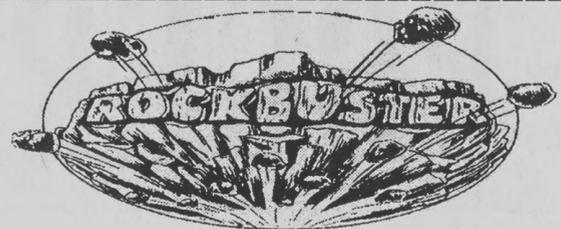
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## Want to travel and discuss W&L as a job? Then work for the Admissions Office like recent alumni

By  
Kathleen Quirk  
Phi Staff Writer

Some seniors, finding it too difficult to leave Lexington, simply stay another year or two. They aren't trying to finish P.E. requirements — they are going to work for Washington and Lee admissions.

Julia Kozak, Associate Director of Admissions, calls the alumni, "a important arm of the admissions office." She says they usually have one or two graduating seniors as Admissions Counselors.

Currently Bill Avoli and Phil Spears, both '93 graduates, work in admissions. Avoli applied for the job because he had been a tour guide with the

Student Recruitment Committee and had friends working in the office. "I was looking for something to do for a year or two before grad school," he says. "I had a good experience here, and I like talking to the juniors and seniors in high school, letting them know about it and trying to get them interested in W&L."

Spears says he took the job because, "I love W&L and Lexington, I knew people in the office, that it would be a fun place to work, and exciting travel was involved." He says his work in admissions is a stepping stone for later work in education.

Admissions counselors spend the summer conducting interviews. In fall, they also travel on recruitment trips, visiting high schools and hosting evening programs with regional alumni. Spears says the travel is his favorite part of the job. "I give it a thumbs up. The travel really was fantastic. There are a lot of interesting people out there,

and they're very generous and hospitable."

In the winter, the admissions counselors read applicant's files. "Reading a couple thousand applications is tough," said Spears. "It's really hard to pick the top thirty percent."

"The best part about the job is that we're involved in the process almost as much as anybody else," said Avoli. "We're thrown in pretty quickly with much responsibility."

"You kind of wonder what your file and [recommendations] said, and how the school liked your application," said Spears. Both he and Avoli said they have seen themselves in applicants.

According to Kozak, the students they hire to usually stay about two years. Spears said, "There is a good chance I'll be here another year unless an excellent job offer comes up." But Rob Aliff, '91, is in his third year working with admissions. He started working as an Admission Counselor,

but is now Assistant Director of Admissions, in charge of the Honor Scholarship and other special recruitment weekends. "I do enjoy working here very, very much," he says. "I really enjoy meeting prospective students, introducing people to Washington and Lee. You can almost see it in their eyes when they realize what a special place it is. It would be difficult to be an admissions counselor at any other school I wouldn't know so well."

Since he recently married, he may stay another year or so, or he may move on to graduate school. This year's seniors were freshman when he was a senior, and he notices that, "The longer I stay, the farther I get from student life — I'm almost more of a townie now."

But apparently these recent alumni succeed in their jobs. According to Kozak, "They are quite good. We get rave reviews from other colleges about the effectiveness of our alumni."



Photo by Ethan Krupp, Ring-tum Phi

The Gilliam House, home of the Admissions Office.

## Learn about Washington and Lee and win FD tickets



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The Lee House, built during Lee's Presidency

By  
Ethan H. Krupp  
Phi Features Editor

The Dining Hall staff gave away a pair of Fancy Dress tickets for free this week. On Wednesday, January 19, Betsy Green, '97, won a free pair of Fancy Dress tickets for being the student with the most correct answers in the Dining Hall Founders Day Trivia Contest. Green answered 17 of the 20 questions correctly.

The questions, compiled by University Historian and professor of history I. Taylor Sanders, asked for obscure bits of information about Robert E. Lee and his family.

Robert E. Lee married Mary Anna Randolph Custis.

Lee's was born in the Stratford House in Westmoreland County of Virginia.

Lee's father was nicknamed "White Horse" Harry Lee.

Lee's brother was nicknamed "Black

Horse" Lee.

Lucy Long was Lee's second horse. His first was Traveller.

The most famous biographer of Lee was Douglas Freeman who wrote a four volume history of his life.

Lee's son, George Washington Custis Lee, succeeded Lee as President of the University.

Lee attended church at Grace Episcopal Church opposite the University Center is today.

The sculptor of the Recumbent Statue was Edward Valentine.

Lee had four daughters. They were Mary, Agnes, Amy, and Mildred.

Lee died in 1870.

Lee was second in his class at West Point.

In modern shoe sizes, Lee would wear a 6.5 size shoe.

Two buildings were built during Lee's tenure. They were Lee Chapel, and the Lee House.

Lee was the General of the Army for the

Confederate Army, but he never wore more than two stars, the rank of Major General.

Stephen Vincent Benet was the first to call Lee "The Marble Man."

Professor Johnston was the professor hired by Lee to be first professor of history and English.

Lee did not require students to attend any chapel services.

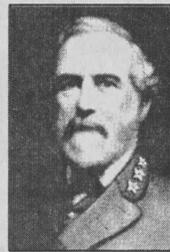
On the eve of the Civil War, Lee lived in Arlington.

The Lee family's favorite portrait of General Lee was painted by Pine in 1903.

According to Green, it took about three and a half hours to find the answers to all the questions and involved searching through numerous books in the rare books section of the Leyburn Library.

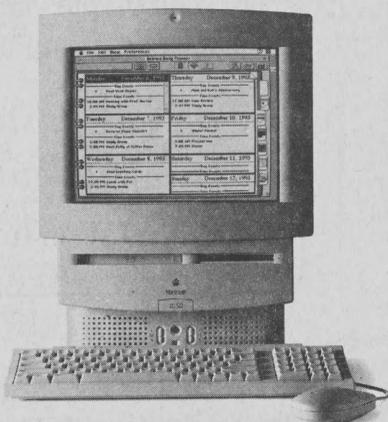
However, all this work was worth the effort because it saved Green from having to wait for someone to ask her to Fancy Dress Ball.

"Within five minutes of being told that I had won, I had an FD date," said Green.



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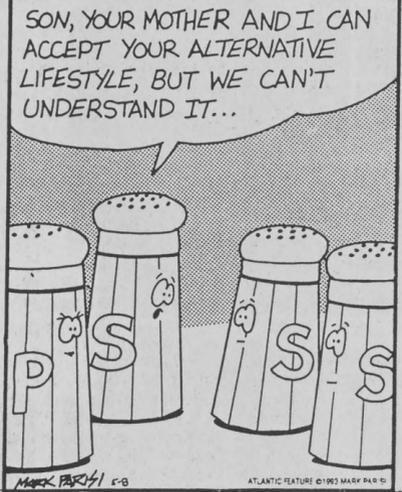


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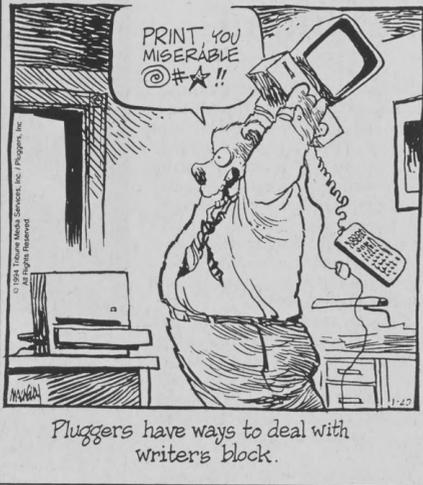
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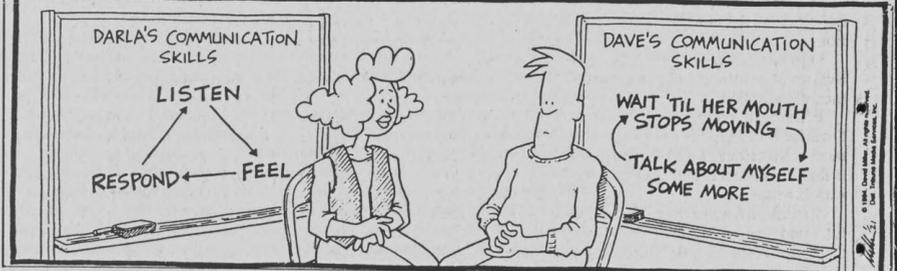
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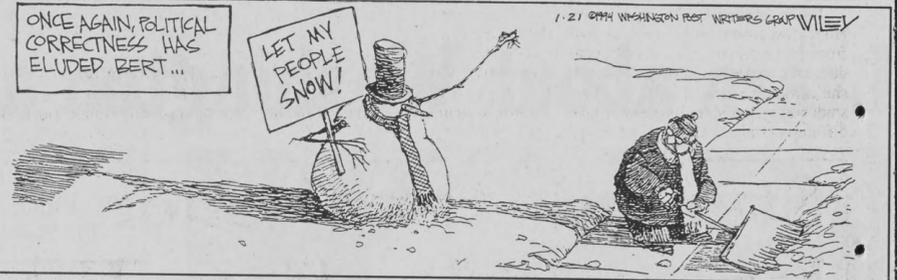
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# EC members stand by trial procedures

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the penalty for a guilty verdict in an open trial is stiffer than the penalty for a guilty verdict in a closed hearing.

● Two members of the EC participate in the investigation of a student and later sit as members of the jury.

● The EC decides guilt by a two-thirds vote, while most other college honor systems use a unanimous or 80 percent vote.

● There is no specific intent requirement in defining an Honor Violation.

Others say a review of the Honor System should address more fundamental questions.

Elizabeth McCord's mother, Suzanne McCord, has been one of the most vocal critics of the Honor System in the year and a half since her daughter was dismissed.

"I think an honor system is wonderful," said Suzanne McCord. "But I feel there are some double standards at W&L."

While students who violate the Honor System on campus are dismissed from the university, dishonorable conduct off campus is routinely winked at, she said. (See related story.) Worse, students say, individual professors have different standards for what constitutes

an Honor Violation.

"I think it needs to be made clear that there's an overriding presumption, and I think its stated pretty clearly in the White Book, that all work is considered pledged," said EC President Robert Tompkins. "Frankly, I don't buy Liz McCord's argument at all. I think she said she did something that she hadn't done."

Even professors admit to some fuzziness about the Honor System. Professor Russell Knudson, McCord's French Professor, said the Honor System is cut and dry, but the way it is administered hinges on human decisions.

"It's a sharp-edged code applied to human beings — we apply it to each and every one of our acts," said Knudson. "But I have a feeling that the sharp edges are somewhat tempered by human beings. An individual may blur the sharp edge."

To Elizabeth McCord, there was no Honor Violation because she did not intend to mislead Knudson. She acknowledges she signed a pledge for work she had not completed, but she had an explanation.

"It was an ungraded homework assignment," McCord said. "By signing the pledge I thought 'I'm under the Honor System and I'll go back and do it right after class.'"

"I didn't doubt my integrity or honesty. It was W&L's Honor System that was the problem — not me."

Kowalyk saw the situation differently.

"To my recollection, the teacher asked her directly how she could have done [the exercises]. It seemed to him she wasn't telling the truth," Kowalyk said. "I am comforted by the fact that if I had been wrong or if I am wrong there were points where other people could have stopped the process. I didn't set out to convict her, I didn't convict her, I didn't convict her again."

"Like they said when we first got here—if you don't cheat, you won't be brought to trial."

The 1988 Princeton Conference on Honor Systems provides a comparative analysis of honor systems at colleges nationwide. Compared to honor systems at 38 other colleges, W&L's Honor System is comparatively vague and provides little protection for the accused.

Of the 38 colleges reviewed, only W&L and the military academies have honor systems that go beyond the classroom.

Tompkins said although W&L's Honor System extends into the social realm, academic Honor Violations and social Honor Violations are treated

quite differently.

"[Social Honor Violations] are tougher to pinpoint because I think people tend to be a little more cavalier with the system off the Hill in the social context and in the fraternity context and that's troubling," he said. "It's hard to tell how widespread that is because I think there's sort of a general acceptance among a large portion of the student body that it's okay to do certain things in a social setting that might otherwise present a problem with the [Honor System]."

W&L's Honor System defines an Honor Violation as anything the current student body deems dishonorable. Lying, cheating, and stealing are examples of dishonorable conduct. The other schools limit their definition to academic dishonesty, such as cheating or plagiarism.

"The system puts the principle above all else," said Tompkins, "and that principle is to behave [like gentlemen]. I don't think you'll ever have a clear definition of what honor is or what it involves. It's always going to be open to some interpretation. I think that lying, cheating and stealing are as explicit as we need to be."

W&L also appears to be in the minority as a single-sanction system. Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, The College of William and Mary, Gettysburg, Smith, Princeton University, The Air Force Academy, Duke and Haverford all have multi-sanction systems, with punishments ranging from letters of reprimand to failure in the course to dismissal from school.

At W&L, a guilty verdict in a closed hearing results in the student's forced withdrawal from the university, while a guilty verdict in an open trial results in dismissal.

Tompkins said this is not much different from our court system in the United States.

"I think even in the criminal justice system, there's an incentive given to defendants to plead guilty and if they don't and in fact exercise their rights to trial, they get a stiffer sentence and I think that's fairly commonplace," he said. "I also think that the appellate process that we use is a completely new hearing—you start from scratch with a new jury and you present the entire case. When you have an appeal in the criminal system, you don't get that. You appeal a point of law or a particular aspect of the trial, but you don't get to start from scratch."

The University of Virginia, the Virginia Military Institute, Princeton, Haverford, Gettysburg and W&M all require that 80 percent or more of the jury find the accused person guilty. Rice demands a unanimous decision of guilt. W&L only requires that 67 percent of the jury find the defendant guilty.

W&L has relatively few safeguards to ensure a fair trial. Rice University has an impartial student observer sit in on the trial to ensure fairness. At Haverford, the accused is allowed to remove three members of the jury. At UVa, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Princeton, Smith, The Air Force Academy, W&M, and VMI, the investigators of the charges cannot serve on the jury. But at W&L, two EC members take part in the investigation of the accused and later sit on the accused's jury.

"I think there is a tendency to take 'investigator' as synonymous with 'prosecutor,'" said Tompkins. "A lot of times I think people confuse the roles of people in the EC process with

roles of people in the judicial system. When we send out an investigative team, we ask them to look at all aspects of the case and they can do everything short of talking to the accused. So they're there to gather as many facts as they can."

"And the purpose of a closed hearing as stated in the White Book... is to ascertain more facts if we feel that the only way to really understand the case is to talk to the accused person and tell them what we understand the facts to be and see what their response is," he said.

Also at U.Va, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Princeton, Smith, The Air Force Academy, W&M and VMI, the accused knows that an investigation is proceeding against him.

At W&L, the student does not know an investigation has taken place until he is brought to closed trial. The investigators do not hear the accused's side of the story until the trial.

Honor trial procedures at most other schools provide a support group for the accused, or at least allow them to seek advice and comfort. For example, at W&M the student is allowed to have the support of parents, teachers, and spiritual advisors. At UVa, the student is appointed both legal and emotional counsel. At Gettysburg, the accused

and accuser are allowed to seek the counsel of any student, faculty or staff member.

But at W&L, the student must keep the case secret, speaking only to the EC and to appointed legal counsel. W&L even prohibits telling parents about honor trials.

Elizabeth McCord maintains she never intended to commit an Honor Violation. Yet she was dismissed from the university. The Air Force Academy, Rice, UVa, and VMI all require that the accused student must intend to commit an Honor Violation before he can be found guilty.

"I think that intent is an important part of the three things that are enumerated in the White Book—lying, cheating and stealing," said Tompkins. "I think there is an intent requirement tied up in the definition of all those terms and perhaps we should be more explicit about that."

"But intent in and of itself is something that you have to sort of understand from the circumstances because it's hard to actually prove intent. And the way I've seen the system operate and the way honor has been interpreted by the committee, there's always been a regard for the intent of the person. If

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## Students take honor less seriously off the Hill

By MICHELLE BRIEN  
Phi News Editor

The White Book defines an Honor Violation as dishonorable conduct. When it comes to honor trials, that usually means lying, cheating or stealing on campus.

Although the Honor System remains sacred on the Hill, its critics wonder what happens when an Honor Violation occurs elsewhere.

Take the case of Blake Comer. Comer, a W&L junior at the time, hit and killed freshman Mary Ashley Scarborough while driving drunk the night of March 16, 1989. Although several of his fraternity brothers knew Comer hit Scarborough, none of them reported the incident to police or to the Executive Committee.

Two years later, Marcus Miller, then a W&L junior, was charged with breaking into a W&L student's apartment with intent to commit sexual assault. Miller, who eventually pleaded guilty to trespassing, was never reported to the EC. Finally, after a woman complained of sexual harassment by Miller in 1992, the Student Conduct Committee dismissed Miller from the university.

Last winter, six Phi Delta Theta fraternity pledges chopped down a bamboo tree in a VMI professor's back yard to use as a decoration for a party. The Phi Delt pledges were sentenced in Lexington City Court to community service work. But their actions went unpunished by the EC. No one ever reported their actions as Honor Violations. And the EC does not have the power to investigate unreported Honor Violations.

"Things outside academic violations are a lot harder to pinpoint," said 1992-93 Executive Committee President Josh MacFarland. "We don't go looking for things [to prosecute]."

Then there's the case of Elizabeth McCord. McCord acknowledged that she signed a pledge in a French course for work she didn't do. But, she claims, she intended to do the work and never knowingly violated the Honor System.

McCord, whose transgression occurred on the Hill, was expelled from the university.

To Elizabeth's mother, Suzanne McCord, this is a massive cleft in the Honor System.

"The Honor System is very militaristic on the Hill and

very permissive on the social scene," Suzanne McCord said. "If you're going to have this incredibly rigid Honor System, it has to be in all aspects of your college life."

Others say an Honor Violation is an Honor Violation, no matter where it occurs or how insignificant it seems. One of them is McCord's accuser, Cindy Kowalyk, '93. "Other people have said I acted incorrectly [when I turned Elizabeth McCord in]," Kowalyk said. "But I don't feel that way. Sitting in class that day, it seemed a blatant offense. If enough people had felt as strongly that such a small offense shouldn't be turned in, that it wasn't in the spirit of the Honor System, Elizabeth wouldn't have been convicted."

MacFarland agreed. "Everyone knows, or ought to know, the Honor System encompasses all aspects of life at W&L," he said.

But MacFarland acknowledged that the EC usually doesn't handle cases of socially dishonorable conduct. EC President Robert Tompkins agreed.

"I guess in the academic setting, you tend to have rules that are more clear-cut, such as you are not allowed to copy another person's exam," Tompkins said. "There's more sort of wiggle room for people in the social setting a lot of the time to say 'Well, I didn't understand what was going on...' And that happens in academic things too, but you see it more in the social setting."

"Also, people come up with what they think are things which might excuse their culpability, like being drunk or being under some social pressure to do something," he said.

MacFarland said conduct problems shouldn't be under the Honor System.

"You don't want an absolutely perfect student body running around," he said. "It's college, and sometimes people screw up and get out of hand. I think [the EC] is hearing the right types of cases. The things that are brought to the Student Conduct Committee and the Student Faculty Hearing Board are of a different nature."

But some people say that does not justify the apparent double nature of the Honor System.

"I have a hard time with the extremes in the Honor System," Suzanne McCord said. "There are boys who commit rape and graduate from W&L, but my daughter won't."

"That's a real hard thing for me to accept."

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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## It's your system

"A state without the means of some change is without the means of its conservation." —Edmund Burke

Washington and Lee University is proud of its Honor System. If you ask W&L students what brought them to this small liberal arts school in southern Virginia, many of them will tell you the Honor System played a role in their decision. These students live under the system every day. It governs their lives. But what governs the system?

The White Book states that the Executive Committee enforces the notion of honorable conduct of W&L students. Since "honorable conduct" is a vague term, the White Book maintains "the system applies to any conduct considered dishonorable by the student generation involved."

"But wait," you are probably saying to yourself. "When do I get my chance to let people know what I think is dishonorable?"

The answer is: NOW.

Ames Hutton, chairman of the White Book Review Committee, said at last week's EC meeting he is desperately seeking student input for the WBRC's suggestions for White Book revisions. Give him what he wants, because the WBRC's March 1 deadline is drawing close. You may have to wait quite a while for another chance.

Last spring term, Phi Executive Editor Francesca Kefalas and Phi News Editors Michelle Brien and Tom Hespos decided to do their own examination of Honor System issues for their Public Affairs Reporting class. The article was undertaken because they felt the Honor System deserved the attention. The article uses the only open honor hearing that has occurred in the last four years as an example.

The story was not written to retry the Elizabeth McCord case, or to judge McCord. The article was written to show how the Honor System works with real people. The article was written to provide students with information they never had before, because people were not willing to talk about the honor system in an open way.

The article will bring up some issues that may get you thinking about what changes you would like to see in the Honor System. Or you may decide it doesn't need to be changed. In any case, read the story. Let Ames (or any of the other WBRC members, for that matter) know what you want. After all, the Honor System will govern your life for the rest of your career at Washington and Lee. And if it has taught us anything, it will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

## And you better wear a hat and earmuffs, too

The weather folks say it will be warming up this weekend. The high is expected to be in the 40s. Now, some of us might be tempted to break out the shorts and T-shirts. After all, 40 will feel a whole lot warmer than -20.

We can't help but believe the snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures will be back soon. Rumor has it the *Farmers Almanac* predicted this winter to be one of the coldest winters ever. We haven't read the *Farmers Almanac*, but so far it's right on target. So, since a few of us are damn yankees and have grown up with the stuff, we decided we might impart some information about how to deal with the cold and especially the ice.

First, we heard plenty of stories of people taking spills and how embarrassed they were. Don't be embarrassed. The conditions on this campus are treacherous and were for two days before the university was closed. Buildings and Grounds has not exactly been efficient in clearing paths. In fact, we've seen state road crews with higher efficiency. The university doesn't want to ruin the bricks by throwing salt on them, which is understandable. But for those little gray stones to work at all, there should be more than a sprinkling of them. So don't feel bad if you fell — a lot of people did.

Since B&G hasn't managed to get rid of the ice or to cover it up properly, students do have to walk on the ice. If something looks like water, don't step on it. Chances are it is still ice and the slipperiest kind at that. Your best bet is to walk on the ice that is clumpy and partially broken. It will give you more traction. It will take you longer to get from place to place, but it's worth it, considering the end result could be worse than a bruised ego if you do fall.

The cold alone makes it dangerous outside. We're sure you can all hear your mother's voice saying 'now, bundle up.' But mom was right. Frostnip and frostbite are not pleasant. The best way to avoid them is to layer your clothing. It really does work. Also, keep your ears, hands, nose and especially your head covered.

You may have noticed that it hurts to breathe when it gets cold. The best way to stop that is to cover your nose and mouth with a scarf when it's cold. The scarf will warm the air a little before it gets to your lungs, and it won't hurt to breathe.

Please be careful out there. Mother Nature can be really mean.

## Quote of the week:

"It's a #@\*! winter wonderland out there."

- a W&L student commenting on the tropical weather

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## AIDS activists misplace emphasis

Just before leaving for Christmas break, W&L witnessed something now inevitable on college campuses. The candles of the AIDS vigil were burning brightly as I approached the library; and I asked a question that perhaps escaped the planners and supporters of this event, no matter how well intentioned they are. What good will this do?

People are dying from AIDS-related illnesses everyday, the activists are eager to tell you "we must do something," who can argue against doing something? However, the something being done is to make the AIDS activist pleased with themselves; that something doesn't help a single AIDS victim. The candles are a nice gesture, and the red ribbons sure do stand out nicely on an outfit. Again, what do these efforts do? The answer: nothing.

If one is not wearing one of these neatly folded red ribbons, they are immediately labeled by some as "uncaring" and "uncompassionate." These ribbons seem to scream out "Look at me, I care." For example, one needs only to look at the entertainment industry; at any given Emmy Awards, or other such self-congratulatory programs, it is nearly impossible to see a celeb without one of these ribbons. They're usually not even ribbons. They're jewelry glittering in the footlights for all to see. How much do these pieces of feel-good jewelry cost, one wonders? Could that money not be spent to do some good for AIDS victims?

In fact, it is the AIDS victim that are being forgotten in this race to see who cares more. How much money was spent on planning and executing this candlelight vigil that could have gone to AIDS, cancer, and other research? Not a huge sum, but however small, it certainly would have done more good than a group of people who now feel good about themselves, lighting candles and wearing ribbons.

What is it exactly these people want? Currently we spend more on AIDS research than we do on a host of diseases and viruses which are responsible for yearly death rates for surpassing that of AIDS-related deaths. While these people light candles and wear ribbons, have they forgotten about cancer and heart disease? I'm sure they haven't, but the absence of a cancer ribbon or heart disease ribbon or their clothing sure wouldn't convince me.

The supporters of the vigil may think my comments unfair. As I heard one supporter, wearing a red ribbon, say, "but AIDS doesn't discriminate, anyone can get it." Well, that's true, anyone can get it. Some are less likely, however. One

shouldn't panic if you're not an intravenous drug user, or engaged in risky sexual habits. Take precautions, but don't panic. AIDS is not the bubonic plague. You're not going to contract it sitting in your armchair watching a Sunday afternoon football game. And, besides that point, did this person suggest that cancer and heart disease do discriminate? I'm sure far more of us know someone who has been the victim of cancer, or heart disease than know someone dying from AIDS.

I feel it necessary to cushion my blows, however. I do not mean to say AIDS is not a terrible disease, nor is it not responsible for the life of many who did little harm to others. All I ask is that people start being realistic about just how much of an epidemic this disease is. Certainly those at the forefront of AIDS activism want people to think of AIDS as the next Black Death. If people believe their calls of hysteria, it means more power and money. These people are not those running the candlelight vigil in front of the Leyburn Library, but they're just as guilty of feeling good about themselves for wearing red ribbons and lighting candles but in many cases doing little else.

If people continue to say "Look at me, I care because I'm wearing a red ribbon; where's your's?" I may have to drag out my deficit reduction ribbon; it means I care.

*"The candles are a nice gesture, and the red ribbons sure do stand out nicely on an outfit. Again, what do these efforts do? The answer: nothing."*



C.F. KUCERA, '97

## Peck report skirts the issues

When I begin thinking about what I am going to write my column on, I tend to look for issues on campus first. If I am unable to find something interesting, I move on to national issues. For the past few months, I have been skipping an otherwise important issue that has been present on campus. I have chosen to ignore it in hopes that the administration of this university would correct what seems to me to be a rather simple mistake. As usual, I have been disappointed by our leadership, and now feel I must address the dismissal of Professor Demaree Peck.

I would like to preface this column by saying I do not know Professor Peck personally and I have not had a class with her. What I know of her work I have learned through various reports of her teaching style and through the reports in this newspaper. This was another reason for my hesitation in writing this column. However, I feel Professor Peck's position on campus has moved beyond the point of being an issue solely for those who have a personal connection with her. Peck's situation is forcing us to question the way in which our faculty governs itself as well as the qualities we as Washington and Lee students respect in our professors.

As a spectator in this situation, it has occurred to me the English department, while being an impressive collection of scholars, is not a perfect body. They make mistakes just like the rest of us, and they have clearly made one in their decision not to renew Professor Peck's contract. That decision, when initially reported, was based on vague characterizations about Professor Peck's scholarship and classroom effectiveness. Since that time, evidence has been presented by Professor Peck and by a large number of her students that seems to contradict the reasons for the English

department's decision. However, rather than admitting to the possibility of a faulty decision and reevaluating, the department "dug in its heels" and placed the administration in an awkward position. Their only choice was to support an obviously flawed and potentially illegal decision, or to publicly embarrass some of the most respected members of the faculty by reversing their action

and reinstating Professor Peck. True to form, the administration followed "the boys" and has systematically opposed all attempts at investigation. The recent report filed by the President's Advisory Committee would never have been written had Professor Peck not forced an appeal through the regulations of one of the University's accrediting institutions. Ironically, now that the report has finally been written it does not do what it should have done. Rather than reporting their colleagues' flawed decision and advising the president to overturn it, the report fails to address the real issue, and instead attempts in some way to make everybody happy. This is neither possible nor desired. What was desired was for the faculty to stand up against an injustice, to demand a detailed explanation. I guess that was too much to ask!

I must admit I am personally growing quite tired of writing letters and columns in support of the rights of female professors to have a place on this campus. Last year I wrote a similar letter informing the university of the appalling treatment received by Professor Valerie Hedquist, who left at the end of the year after being repeatedly verbally battered for her alternative viewpoints. Certain members of this community become terribly upset when others express such views, especially — it seems — when the source is a woman. Why is that? Why is it that the men on

this campus can basically say whatever they feel like, both in and outside the classroom. But when one of our few women professors says something or acts in a way not in line with the general conservative views of the campus she is all but carried off?

We have male professors on this campus who make clearly bigoted comments to their classes. We have others who openly discourage women from taking their classes and then blatantly lower the grades of those who dare to go against their wishes. We even have male professors who skirt the edges of sexual harassment with both their male and female students. All of this is common knowledge to students, faculty, and administrators, and yet nothing is done to these fixtures of our campus. The minute a woman presents views that are considered alternative, however benign they may be, she is marked. If she doesn't have tenure when this takes place, chances are she never will. This is, I suspect, precisely what happened within the inner-sanctum of the English department. "The boys" felt threatened and invented reasons for Professor Peck's dismissal. As I said, a tragic, if not totally accidental, human mistake.

The problem is this particular woman did not go quietly. She decided to fight and almost certainly caused those responsible for the decision to become even more disturbed. Next, their own students began to turn against them. It seems the English department has built itself quite a reputation over the past year or two for not being very accepting of new professors who rival their own popularity. Last year they "fired" John Lynch and now they are desperate to remove Professor Peck. Students,

both in and out of the department, are clearly not pleased with these actions, but the faculty members seem to be very determined in their effort to clean up the department. How ironic this is — It seems to me rather than strengthening both the image and effectiveness of the department, they are weakening it, more and more every day. They are confirming the suspicions of many their only desire is for a faculty made up of white, conservative, men.

Finally, all of this stops at the desk of the president of the university, who does not seem to have a very strong retention rate, given the fact that he has reportedly been trying to improve the diversity of our faculty. Normally, the excuse we hear for the low number of women and minorities is that they are hard to attract to a conservative campus like ours. When they leave we hear that they didn't feel they could get along with the students and their attitudes. Here we have a professor who is not only willing to stay, but who clearly has the support of students.

The decision that is left for President Wilson will no doubt be difficult for him. He has to take a side. He has to escape the quagmire of neutrality that seems to plague every action he takes and once for all use his position to do what is right. If he doesn't, he will have not only a guilty conscience, but more seriously, a possible sex equity investigation by the Justice Department and a lawsuit that has the potential of taking a significant chunk out of the Capital Campaign. Either way, the president is faced with an unpleasant situation, only one of which will allow him the confidence of having "done the right thing."

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OPINION

# Fraternities need to come together

SPOS' SPACE

Tom Hespos

"The search goes on. The more I look, my world keeps getting smaller." — Van Halen, Mine All Mine.

These wise words echoed in my mind last weekend when I took a look at the general attitude of some of our fraternity men. Being of the mindset that the fraternity system should operate as one cohesive unit until everyone on campus is drunk and/or having a good time, Spos realized how far we were from this idealistic view.

There have always been fraternity rivalries on this campus. Alumni come back to school on alumni and Homecoming Weekends and tell all of the old stories.

You know, that one guy in Sigma Nu who shot flaming arrows at Phi Delt, the Phi Kappa Psi brothers of some years ago that used a giant sling-shot to shoot pool balls at rival fraternities. The list goes on.

Of course, alumni tend to exaggerate quite a bit, as demonstrated by the following statement, which was probably never said by any alumnus, but is indicative of the kind of stuff you usually hear:

"Back when I was in school, we

didn't have any beer in fancy aluminum cans. We just ran around with wooden kegs strapped to our backs and when we'd fall over, we couldn't get back up again. And sometimes we'd drink Sterno until we couldn't see anymore. And then we'd go light the (insert rival fraternity here) house on fire... (groans from surrounding undergrads)"

This is not the mindset we should accept. Spos witnessed several acts of random fraternity violence this past weekend and later heard of two more incidents that prompted involvement on the part of the Lexington Police. Stuff like this leads to intense rivalry and the "I'm-not-going-to-let-you-into-our-party-next-weekend-if-you-don't-let-me-into-your-party" frame of mind.

Rather, we should all follow the example of Mr. Doug Kaufman. Last Saturday night, Mr. Kaufman waltzed right in the front door of my fraternity house with several of his friends and

said, "Hey — I heard that there was a party here. What's going on?"

This is what Spos likes to see. Equally cool was the attitude of Mr. Joel Honts, who pulled me aside as my brothers and I were leaving the Sigma Nu house as their Saturday night party came to a close.

"It was nice to see you guys again," he said. "Come back anytime."

This sharply contrasts with the attitude Spos usually sees at parties around campus. An example follows:

**Partygoer:** Um, can I come in?

**Door-worker:** How many brothers do you know?

**Partygoer:** Um, nevermind.

**Door-worker:** Thanks for playing. See where this leads? Equally an-

noying is the following situation, which actually occurred last weekend.

**Door-worker:** (to crowd of fraternity guys) Uh, sorry guys. We're not letting anyone else in. The party's getting too crowded. (Lets an entire busload of road-school girls into the party approximately halfway through his statement).

This school is too small for that kind of crap. This is not to suggest that every party should be open, but it seems the general attitude of fraternity males towards people in other houses has been militant, at best.

What we really need is one huge party. Everyone is invited: the Alphas, the Betas, the Deltas, the Chi-O's, the independents, the road-school girls, the Swedish Bikini Team, the Flat Earth Society and anyone else we can think of (even Richard Weaver). No fighting, no sneering, no bird-flipping, no malicious goring with pointy instruments and no spitting (with exceptions for chewing tobacco, which is encouraged).

The Princeton Review consistently ranks W&L's Greek system among the top in the nation each year. Perhaps if we cooperate a little and keep the rivalries on the intramural sports fields, we can secure that number-one spot for next year.

Hope to see you next weekend.

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GENERAL NOTES

Support

A counseling/support group for women students with eating and/or compulsive exercise problems will meet on Tuesday afternoons beginning January 25. Call the Counseling Service at extension 8590 or the Health Center at ext. 8401 to sign up and receive additional information.

Notes

Put your organization's news in front of 2,000+ readers — put a general note in the folder outside the Phi office, room 208 of the University Center. General Notes are due on Tuesdays at noon.

Calyx

Students who did not receive their Calyx in the matriculation line may pick up their copy in Carol Calkins office in University Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Lacrosse

Anyone interested in being a manager, statistician, or cameraman for the men's lacrosse team this season, please call head coach Jim Stagnitta at 463-8678.

Short?

If you are interested in joining a short person's organization, please call Doug Kaufman for more information at 463-9364.

Tickets

Anyone holding tickets for the cancelled brass concert this past weekend may return them or mail them to the Lenfest Center by February 4 for a full refund.

# Preserve the speaking tradition

MY VIEW

Kimberly A. Peterson

When I went through the Honor System Orientation, I distinctly recall one of the speakers mentioning the speaking tradition which existed on campus. He explained that this tradition creates a friendly atmosphere that students at Washington and Lee want to maintain.

This tradition sets Washington and Lee students apart from many other small colleges and universi-

ties. Although all students do not know each other on a first-name basis, they wish to acknowledge the friendliness and respect which each student holds for another because of the mutual bonds shared by the students of W&L.

General Lee took the time to learn the name of each student of Washington College. In everyday passing, Lee would greet every young man by his first name. He even knew where the student was from and how he was progressing in school.

General Lee's effort should convey a message to every student here — this campus will suffer greatly if students abandon the speaking tradition at Washington and Lee.

Next time you pass someone on campus, don't

look away or stare blindly at your feet. Raise your head and greet that person with a friendly "hello" or "good afternoon."

Why do students appear embarrassed when passing another student? I personally do not understand this reaction. Why should one be embarrassed to say hello to a colleague? There is no logical explanation.

I encourage each student to strive to rejuvenate the speaking tradition at W&L and to pass it down to the next generations. I believe General Lee would agree with me.

Kimberly Peterson is a junior at Mary Baldwin who is studying for the year at Washington and Lee.

## IFC plans to follow up on FIJI judgment

To the editor:

Last Tuesday, the Interfraternity Council found Phi Gamma Delta guilty of hazing. Hazing is detrimental to the fraternity system and the university and will not be tolerated.

The IFC understands that Phi Gamma Delta plans to appeal the punishment set forth by the Student Affairs Committee. We intend to take an active role in the appellate process and hope to represent the best interests of

the fraternity system and Washington and Lee.

Considering the gravity of the hazing violation, as well as the complexity of the judicial process, the IFC anticipates questions regarding both its decisions as well as the findings of the SAC. The IFC will be prepared to answer these questions as soon as appropriate.

The Interfraternity Council

LETTERS

## Gaines Committee recommends sorority additions to the residence hall

To the editor:

This fall, a student committee has been discussing ways to create in Gaines Hall a vibrant residential community for Washington and Lee students with a special emphasis on the needs and interests of women students. One important element of the review has been the status of sororities.

Now in its sixth year, the sorority system at Washington and Lee has

grown to include four national sororities involving over 65 percent of all women at Washington and Lee. Eighty-five percent of the women in the Class of 1997 signed up for sorority Rush in January. Plans are being formulated for the addition of more sororities in the future to accommodate the large number of women who want a Greek experience.

Within this context, the Gaines

Committee has recommended the creation of sorority meeting/office/lounge space in Gaines Hall. These lounges would be designed for each sorority (an additional lounge would be provided for Women's Forum) and would provide a location where each sorority could conduct meetings and Rush activities, host parents and guests, store materials, and have office accommodations.

If approved for 1994, these lounges

would replace the present arrangement where sororities use public spaces (Fairfax Lounge, Troubadour Theater, Commerce School) and would provide space for exclusive use for each sorority.

We see this as a reasonable and effective step at this stage in the evolution of sororities at Washington and Lee.

In the long run, the Panhellenic

Council is considering University lodges for each sorority which would include meeting space, kitchen facilities and a guest suite.

In the spring, the Panhellenic Council plans to survey all members of the sorority system to gain more specific information concerning housing and related sorority issues.

We do not believe that the creation of the sorority lounges in Gaines Hall

at this time would compromise the future residential needs of sorority women at Washington Hall.

Sincerely,  
Laura E. Clark  
President of Panhellenic Council

David L. Howison  
Dean of Students

## SDC asks for student volunteers for Winter Phonathon

To the editor:

Beginning the night of January 26, the Student Development Committee will be conducting the Annual Fund's Winter Phonathon in the Military Science Building. The Phonathon will continue through the night of January 27 and the nights of January 30 through February 3.

SDC members and volunteers will be calling alumni and asking for donations. All students who participate in the Winter Phonathon will

receive free food, a free T-shirt (For A Good Time Call 1-900-PHONATHON) and a free long distance phone call for their much-appreciated efforts. During the two weeks leading up to the Winter Phonathon, flyers will be posted listing phone numbers to call for information on how to volunteer, and a meeting will be held this week before the Phonathon to show volunteers how the Phonathon operates and to provide some useful tips on how to start a conversation, how to re-

spond to the top ten reasons for not giving and how to handle different situations that might arise. The meeting for volunteers and the Winter Phonathon will take place in the Military Science Building which has conference rooms and work stations equipped with telephones.

Last term, over 425 students participated in the Fall Phonathon, raising over \$20,552 in pledges. The money raised went to the Annual Fund which helps to cover university expenses.

This money in turn keeps tuition costs down and serves as a "hidden scholarship" for all Washington and Lee students. Without the work of the students who volunteer for the Phonathons and the hard work done by the members of the SDC, tuition costs would be comparable to those of more expensive universities. Consequently when one volunteers to help the Phonathon, one is in turn actually helping keep one's own tuition costs down.

For more information, interested students can call their class representatives at the following numbers: Freshmen — John Bator, 462-4565, Sophomores — Kristin Lawrence, 464-8794, Juniors — Lise Brown, 462-4478, and Seniors — Joanna Love, 463-7476.

Paul D. Saboe  
SDC Public Relations Director

TALKBACK

### Interviews and Photos By Joe Framptom

## As a security guard, what's the funniest thing you've ever caught a Washington and Lee student doing?"



**Al Tkacik, Seven-month veteran** — "I got a call that there was a six-foot elf with pointy shoes, a pointy hat, and tights passed out in the Corral. Sure enough, there was a six-foot elf who was a fraternity pledge and soon two other elves came over to assist him in getting back into the fraternity."



**Larry Stuart, Nine-year veteran** — "These students were on the footbridge and they were urinating off of it."



**Fred Coffee, 18-year veteran** — "A female taking a shower in the sauna."



**Steve Tomlinson, 11-year veteran** — "Guys making out with their girlfriends in the freshman lot and soaping cars at Halloween."



**Thomas "Baner" Bane, 21-year veteran** — "Seven years ago I caught a football player climbing around on the ledge above the security office trying to look in the window at this boy and girl in the dorm."

# Weather, power wreak havoc on campus life



Photo by Ethan Krupp, The Ring-tum Phi

Students who were lucky enough to get their cars moving sometimes found themselves stuck somewhere else.

## ICE from page 1

ing to one student. "There's nobody here," said the student. "The whole place is closed."

Administrative and academic computer systems were shut down in an additional effort to conserve power.

But the cold weather has caused problems with more than the power.

Shaw said there have been some problems with water pipes around campus.

"There were frozen water lines in the dining hall and some problems with the heatlines in Woods Creek, but they have been corrected" Shaw said. "For no reason there are no major problems, but we have to wait until the weather improves to assess the damage."

A pipe at the Pi Kappa Alpha house burst Thursday, flooding rooms with water.

"We first noticed when a light fixture burst that was full of water," said one brother. "There's water everywhere."

"Right now we just have heat, but no electricity," said House Mother Pauline Simmons. "There are five W&L people working on the pipe. There's water in the party room, water in

the pantry, water in the ducts, water in my apartment."

Buildings and Grounds said it is not sure exactly what the problem is, but has people working on it.

"They told us they'll work through the night and everything should be normal by tomorrow," said Simmons.

Superintendent of buildings and grounds James Arthur said B&G has been trying minimize any problems the cold weather and power shortages might cause.

"There is a crew of 50 people who are working very hard to remedy the situation," Arthur said.

Some students had problems negotiating campus on Monday and Tuesday. Senior Maurice Cole said he fell Tuesday afternoon in the Graham-Lees archway.

"There was no gravel where I slipped," Cole said. "I ended up bruising my ego and twisting my wrist. I could sit, there was so much pain in my lower back. I had to take a pillow to work."

"I'm very glad that they canceled classes," Colesaid. "I thought that no one cared that people were falling."

Cole said he can not understand why B&G

does not use salt or sand on the ice. He said he called B&G last year to complain about three ice and was told B&G did have salt but does not use it because it would damage the bricks.

"It was frustrating to think the preservation of bricks was more important than that of human bones," Cole said. "I thought about starting a petition this year, but I think God heard my prayers and decided to cancel classes. However I don't see why more isn't being done to clean up the ice in these two days."

Sophomore Phaedra Cianciulli said she was upset with the way the university dealt with the ice as well.

"I fell down the stairs by the gym on Tuesday afternoon," Cianciulli said. "They should have had gravel there by that time. Buildings and Grounds needs a more effective way of dealing with the ice then letting it just melt and refreeze."

But not everyone thought the university needed to cancel classes.

"I don't think that classes should have been canceled," said one sophomore. "The university could have operated successfully. Virginia Power just made everything to be a lot worse than it really was."

## Three students arrested

### FIGHTS, from page 1

According to police reports, a second fight occurred on Saturday night—this one outside the Chi Psi fraternity house. Lexington police made two arrests. Junior Nicholas T. Kyriakidis and Sophomore Michael S. Carter were arrested for public intoxication. Carter was also charged with resisting arrest.

In an official statement, Chi Psi Secretary Phil McKoy said the incident involved a verbal argument between two pledges inside the house.

"It was not a fight," he said. McKoy said several Chi Psis took Carter outside in order to send him home.

"He took a chair off the porch and threw it on the lawn," McKoy said. "The cops were driving by and they saw Mike trying to go back into the house from the bottom of the steps."

McKoy said a policeman ap-

proached the house without identifying himself and took Carter by the shoulder.

"He (the policeman) put Mike on the floor inside the house and pepper-gassed him," McKoy said. "It was only after he pepper-gassed [Carter] that he identified himself."

W&L Security and more police cars arrived, McKoy said, and Kyriakidis was arrested shortly afterward. McKoy said Kyriakidis was calm and not disorderly.

He was arrested for being drunk in public.

"He asked for a breathalyzer or a drug test but they wouldn't give him one," McKoy said.

Kyriakidis refused to comment. The police report contained no record of the alleged pepper-gassing or the police's alleged refusal to give Kyriakidis a test for blood-alcohol level.

## FJIJ plans appeal

### FJIJ, from page 1

Wilson will review the appeal, which must be presented to him in writing by Jan. 27, 10 days after SAC's original decision. He will then decide whether the appeal is valid. If so, he will express his opinion and return the appeal to SAC.

"The president has wide jurisdiction in how he chooses to respond," said Howison. "Then SAC takes up the position he presents to us."

"There is a precedent with [Delta Tau Delta]," Howison said. "They appealed and SAC modified its original position."

Delt was originally sentenced to five years suspension for destruction of its fraternity house, but the sentence was reduced to 18 months suspension after an appeal.

Wolfe said he hopes the presentation FJIJ made to SAC during the original hearing will act in their favor. Wolfe said that FJIJ House Corporation President Ed Bishop worked with the house to revamp their pledge program so that hazing would be eliminated.

"Bishop's plan is to get the nationals involved and have the alumni control the chapter," said Wolfe. "We would come up with a pledge program with no hazing that would be a model for other fraternities."

Bishop said the plan would involve an examination of the problem. "I commissioned them to study the problem," said Bishop. "There is no one who has done a study about what should be required for initiation into a Greek letter society. Rationally, pledge training is really needed, but hazing doesn't contribute positively."

Wolfe said FJIJ will file the appeal next week, and he said he believes their appeal should fare well with Wilson.

"There's a pretty wide base of support for us from our alumni and from alumni of other houses," Wolfe said.

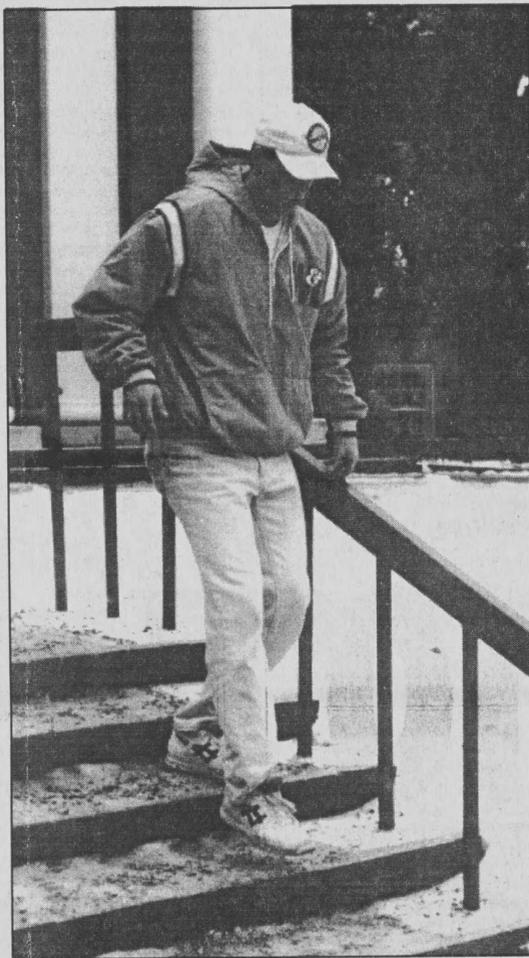


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## Slippery When Icy

A student holds on to the railing for dear life. Many Students were faced with the dilemma of whether to chance the stairs or try and walk up one of W&L's many slopping surfaces. Last night's snow will make walking around campus the worst it has been all week. The thin covering of snow will hide the ice, but will not be enough to provide more traction. Some of the snow and ice should melt this weekend when temperatures rise to the 40s.

## EC considers intent

### EC, from page 7

somebody's done something by mistake, and they've truly done it by mistake, they'll find themselves being acquitted."

Rice and Uva. require guilt to be proved beyond reasonable doubt. W&L's White Book does not specify any standards that must be met before guilt can be determined.

Elizabeth McCord applied to Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, and the University of Texas after her dismissal from W&L. Wake Forest and Vanderbilt both have Honor Systems similar to W&L's.

Elizabeth enrolled at Vanderbilt after leaving W&L, where the honor system is as strict as at W&L. It prohibits cheating, plagiarism, or otherwise falsifying academic work. But unlike W&L, at Vanderbilt failure to turn in a possible Honor Violation is a breach of the Honor Code.

The investigators at Vanderbilt do not act as jury members in the hearing. Once an investigation begins, the accused is told of the charges and given a copy of all available evidence in the case, a copy of the student handbook, and a copy of the list of advisors, and is informed of all developments in the investigation. The investigators ask the accused to tell his or her side of the story. The accused has at least 72 hours to prepare for the trial.

At W&L, two members of the EC investigate the charges and later sit on the jury. The accused does not know an investigation has taken place until the EC is ready to hold a closed hearing, and does not see the evidence against him. Then the accused has only 48 hours after notification to prepare for the trial. Many at W&L feel the EC has made up its collective mind before the accused actually comes to trial.

"That's an offside concern with that," said Tompkins, "and I question the legitimacy of it and just in watching it in practice, I've noticed no difference in the way the investigators treat the case as opposed to other members of the committee, either in the hearing or in deliberations."

At Vanderbilt 12 members adjudicate the honor trial and 10 must give guilty votes to convict a student of an Honor Violation. If the accused is found guilty, punishment ranges from failure in the class to expulsion.

Elizabeth McCord ignored the secrecy stipulation during her honor trial and told her parents. She says that without their support she would not have survived the honor trial or had the strength to appeal the decision to an open trial.

Suzanne McCord said her daughter began to doubt herself during the honor process.

"Elizabeth is a strong individual," Suzanne McCord said. "But the open trial is really damaging to your psyche. Many times she thought 'maybe I am a bad person, maybe I did do something wrong, maybe I did have bad intentions.'"

1992-93 EC President John MacFarland, who had served on the EC for three years and was one of the prosecutors at McCord's trial, stood firmly behind the system.

"I really think it works the way it is. We're obviously not out to get someone," said MacFarland.

"For the most part, we stay to being a fact-finding, not a prosecutorial, body. We're just as screwed up as any court system in the country."

Charles McCord, Elizabeth's father — an alumnus and former EC member — sees it differently.

"I don't believe the EC really understands the consequences of the punishment they are inflicting on students when the infraction is as minor (as Elizabeth's) was; I know I didn't until this event occurred," he said.

"There was even greater dismay at how students who stand up to the Honor System, because of their belief in their own innocence, are subjected to the worst kind of ostracism and are forced to pay the penalty of finding it almost impossible to gain admission to many other institutions."

Elizabeth McCord said the experience has changed her life forever.

"I think of myself and everybody else with respect to the Honor System. It's one of the reasons I went to W&L. I lived under an honor system at St. John's (her high school)," McCord said. "But after the trial I realized I didn't know as much about the Honor System as I thought. No one realizes the consequences of an honor trial — being kicked out. This has rerouted my entire life. The EC doesn't realize the power they have."

"I don't think I understood what I had so much respect for."

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## GENERALS BY THE NUMBERS

Standings as of 01/20/94

### Men's Basketball

**Leading Scorers**

Player	Pts	Ppg
Cam Dyer	174	14.5
Matt Newton	122	9.4
Chris Couzen	104	8.0
Jon Coffman	103	7.9
Derek Carter	94	7.8
Robert Miggins	98	7.5
Mark Connelly	91	7.0

### Women's Basketball

**Leading Scorers**

Player	Pts	Ppg
Virginia Yoerg	92	9.2
Sandra Holmes	85	8.5
Karen Stutzmann	77	7.7
Sarah Aschenbach	7	7.0
Nicky Mayfield	64	6.4
Amy Vogt	26	5.2
Mary Tankard	45	4.5
Stacy Williams	27	3.4
Allison Hull	32	3.2

### Leading Rebounders

Player	Reb	Avg
Robert Miggins	82	6.3
Cam Dyer	63	5.3
Derek Carter	62	5.2
Mark Connelly	51	3.9
Chris Couzen	34	2.6
Jon Coffman	31	2.4
Matt Newton	23	1.8

### Leading Rebounders

Player	Reb	Avg
Sandra Holmes	63	6.3
Virginia Yoerg	56	5.6
Mary Tankard	50	5.0
Nicky Mayfield	49	4.9
Allison Hull	31	3.1
Karen Stutzmann	30	3.0
Stacy Williams	20	2.5
Amy Vogt	19	3.8

### Free-throw Standings

Player	Ft/Fta	Avg
Derek Carter	20/22	.909
Jon Coffman	25/31	.807
Robert Miggins	32/45	.711
Chris Couzen	32/46	.696
Mark Connelly	25/40	.625
Matt Newton	30/50	.600
Cam Dyer	31/52	.596

### Free-throw Standings

Player	Ft/Fta	Avg
Stacy Williams	5/7	.714
Virginia Yoerg	22/31	.710
Amy Vogt	4/6	.667
Sarah Aschenbach	3/5	.600
Sandra Holmes	19/32	.594
Karen Stutzmann	15/26	.577
Mary Tankard	7/16	.438
Nicky Mayfield	14/33	.424

### Wrestling

#### Records

Player	Record	Wt.
Adam Branson	5-5	118, 126
Anthony Rafla	1-2	126
Eric Shirley	5-4	134, 126
Rob de Clerk	1-4	134
Adam Williams	6-4	142
Cary Hansel	1-3	142
Steve Tye	4-7	150
Owen Smith	5-6	158
Lea Abercrombie	3-4	167
Colin Loomey	6-6	177
Cole Van Nice	9-5	190

### Men's and Women's Basketball

#### Attendance Statistics

Men	
Team Record	5-8
Cumulative Attendance	4483
Home	2485
Away	1998
Total Average Attendance	345
Women	
Team Record	5-5
Cumulative Attendance	1327
Home	425
Away	902
Total Average Attendance	133

#### Records

Player	Tkdwns	Reversals
Adam Branson	6/12	3/4
Anthony Rafla	1/6	1/2
Eric Shirley	6/10	1/0
Rob de Clerk	6/7	2/3
Adam Williams	21/20	3/2
Cary Hansel	0/13	3/0
Steve Tye	10/23	5/2
Owen Smith	14/13	2/8
Lea Abercrombie	1/8	1/4
Colin Loomey	9/11	2/1
Cole Van Nice	15/7	5/10

### Washington and Lee Team Records (updated for 01/20/94)

Women's Swimming	4-1
Men's Swimming	2-1
Wrestling	3-2
Men's Basketball	5-8
Women's Basketball	5-5
Overall	19-17

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

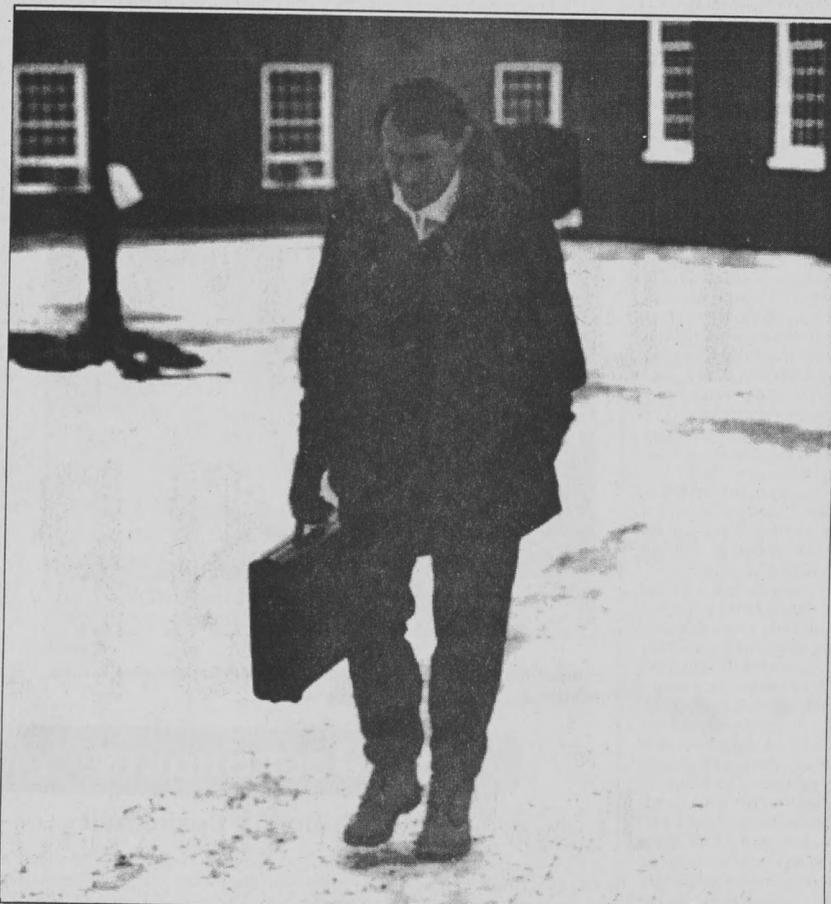


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The mere act of walking around campus without falling was the most difficult sport this week, Jan. 21, 1994.

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MBB—Rand.-Macon 69, W&L 65  
WBB—Mary Wash. 71, W&L 29  
Swim—Catholic defeats M&W  
Wrest—defeats Davidson, Pensacola

# The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

## This Week:

MBB—Bridgewater 01/21  
WBB—Meredith 01/21  
Wrest—W&L invitational 01/22  
Swim—at North Carolina 01/22

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## Nick- names for all

### SARAH ON SPORTS

BY SARAH GILBERT

As a sports columnist for a small-market, Division III newspaper, I often become jealous of the big guys at Notre Dame and Miami and...you know, schools where some of the athletes have their own personal media representative. And professional sports columnists, who get the benefit of agents and public spokespersons.

You see, what I am really envious of is the nicknames that savvy media types come up with to promote the athletes. I would be so much happier, and more entertaining, if I had snazzy names like "Shaq Attack" or "Air Jordan" to play around with.

Just imagine the headlines I could devise! The picture captions I could create! If only I was blessed with nicknames...

But wait! I am a savvy media type, right? I came upon the only possible solution.

I must create my own nicknames: the world waits for my genius.

So we can call... Sarah "6'0" Aschenbach

For some reason, when a sports writer who will remain unnamed puts Aschenbach's name in a story, he adds the height. He never did that with any other player, just Sarah. Is there a fascination with tall women? The numbers in attendance at the Lady Generals face any one of their many rivals do not back that up, but I think at least one fan is amazed.

Matt "Money" Newton OK, so it is a cliché. But Newton always (almost always) seems to connect for the important bucket from way out where beyond the three-point line when it really counts. Last week he scored four treys in a single game, not bad for a guy whose points-per-game average is 9.8.

Josephine "How far?" Schaeffer

That's right, she never asked "Why should I run?" or "How fast?" She just asks "How far?" and adds a mile or two. The first 10,000-meter runner ever for Washington and Lee, the cross-country/track and field All-American is still running as we speak.

Jake "Hairspray" Berman

Those who have had a morning class, or for that matter any class, with this water polo stand-out will know of what I am writing. My personal theory is that Berman loves the water so much that he always attempts to get that just-out-of-the-pool-and-forgot-my-hairdryer look. I think he keeps his curly locks sticking straight out with hairspray. Jake?

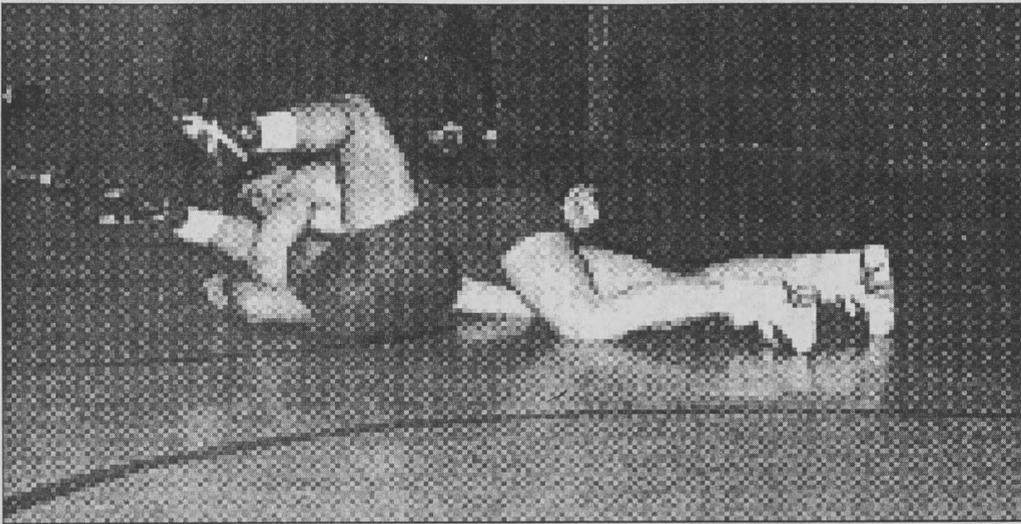
Allright, so maybe "genius" was too strong a word. But if you can do better, please do. I would love to hear from you.

And one last thing—do you think I am a psychic? I brilliantly gave the Washington and Lee sports community some lovely ideas for snow sports last weekend, and low and behold, we were blessed with our first snow days for as long as anyone student-like can remember with which to practice all the snow sports I could think of and more.

Latoya and I are working on one of those sports forecasting hotlines, where you can call to get the latest pick on sports events. I think I will call it 1-900-genius1. What do you think?

OK, I'm full of it, but so is Latoya.

# Wrestlers take down opponents



Members of the Washington and Lee wrestling team execute drills in the A. E. Mathis Wrestling Room.

By STEPHEN WILLIARD  
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

On the strength of last weekend's performance, the Washington and Lee wrestling team became one of W&L's winning squads with a 3-2 record.

The Generals responded to the challenge with an impressive performance in two dual meets. In the 28-22 win over Pensacola Christian junior Eric Shirley and Cole Van Nice led the team with 6-0 and 11-1 wins, respectively.

Against Davidson, Adam Williams notched eight takedowns to move his season total to 21. This total leads the team for the season. Cole Van Nice leads the team with nine wins on the year after registering two more wins in last weekend's meet.

Both Eric Shirley and Rob DeClerk prophetically said that they expected the team to im-

prove as the season wore on and predicted that the team would do well last weekend. According to DeClerk, the team is fairly young and will improve as they gain experience.

The inexperience was nowhere in evidence last weekend as five Generals scored two wins, and against Davidson, Owen Smith and Cole Van Nice both won by pin. The Generals will have a chance to continue their winning ways with the annual W&L invitational coming up this weekend.

The Generals have won three straight dual meets this season. The team has put together an impressive start to the season, and hopes to continue their successes in front of the home crowd this weekend.

The success of this year's team is somewhat surprising since the wrestlers have no seniors on the team and only a handful of juniors. As DeClerk said, the team is moving to overcome this.

## Randolph-Macon b-ball squeaks past Generals

By KEITH GRANT  
Phi Staff Writer

With the Jan. 19 game at Emory and Henry postponed, the men's basketball team has had their attention focused on the Jan. 21 meeting at the Warner Center with Bridgewater.

When they last met nearly two months ago, the Eagles registered a 24-point home-court victory. The Generals, though, know they are a much-improved team since that loss.

"We've definitely come a long way since the last [game against Bridgewater]," said sophomore Derek Carter. "Our confidence is much higher now, as well as our aggressiveness and intensity."

Washington and Lee is 5-8 overall and 3-5 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. The Generals have lost three of their last four games, including the Jan. 15 69-65 home defeat to Randolph-Macon College. Yellow-Jacket guard Kurt Axe scored a game-high 29 points to help fight off a strong rally by the Generals.

Randolph-Macon led by as many as 18 in the second half, but the Generals managed to pull within two in the final minute and had a chance to tie the game. Senior Matt Newton, who connected on a career-high four three-point shots in the game, elected to try for the win and put up a three-pointer with 10 seconds left. He missed the shot and the Yellow-Jackets were able to grab the rebound and close out the contest with a pair of free-throws.

Newton finished with 16 points, while sophomore Cam Dyer added 17 to go with his eight rebounds. Dyer is now averaging a team-high 14.5 points-per-game. The 6'7" forward has been a large factor in the team's turnaround from a 1-5 start. Dyer leads seven Generals who are averaging at least seven points-per-game.

"Our offense has improved a lot," said Carter,

who has been shooting better than 65 percent from the field in the new year. "[Thursday] we watched the tape of the loss to Bridgewater. We have made a lot of improvements since then."

A number of players attribute some of the credit for the turnaround to head coach Verne Canfield and his staff.

"Some credit definitely goes to the coaches," said senior co-captain Robert Miggins. "We change our offenses and defenses quite a bit to keep the other teams off guard."

Miggins himself, deserves some credit for turning up his own game. His scoring and rebounding statistics have steadily improved to up his averages to better than seven points and six rebounds. Miggins also moved into third place on the all-time W&L blocked shot list on Saturday with 49, three ahead of Chris Jacobs '91. The track team high-jumper has blocked six shots in the last three games.

Canfield believes Miggins has had some quickness the senior was not fully aware of. Miggins is now utilizing that quickness more to create his own scores.

"I'm definitely trying to be more aggressive," Miggins said. "I wasn't looking to create by driving to the basket earlier [this season], but now I'm not passing up those opportunities."

Another player who has contributed strongly to the recent stretch of play that has seen the Generals win four of seven and play consistently well is freshman Chris Couzen. The graduate of Seton Hall Prep, a two-time New Jersey state basketball champion, is third on W&L in scoring at eight points-per-game and has been a key factor on offense and defense.

"Chris has done a great job," said Carter. "He is always hustling on the court."

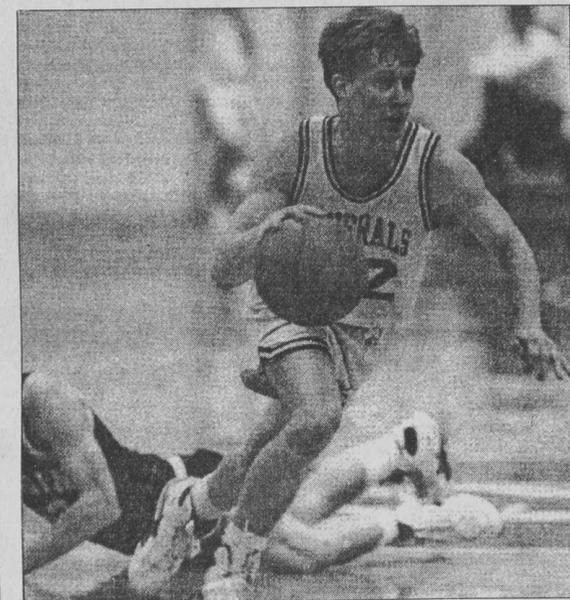
Couzen has won over the confidence of Canfield. The Generals run of improved play has coincided with Couzen's insertion into the starting lineup. Versus R-MC, Canfield showed just how confident he is of the 6'1" freshman by matching him up against the Yellow-Jackets 6'6" Dan Prescott. Prescott was subsequently limited to well below his shooting and scoring averages by Couzen.

In spite of the cool he displays on the court, Couzen admits to some difficulties in adjusting to college ball.

"The competition is much better. You have to be mentally prepared for every game," he said. "There have been some ups and downs so far. I want to get my play on an even level."

Like his teammates, Couzen believes the Generals are a much different team than the one that suffered a 74-50 loss to Bridgewater the last time they met.

"If we can play the game we're capable of playing," said Couzen, "we can beat them."



Senior Matt Newton is averaging 9.4 points-per-game for the Generals, the second-leading scorer.

## JOCKSHORTS

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team fell to the Mary Washington Eagles last Saturday, 71-29. The Lady Generals could not recover from a first half, 20-point, shooting spree by the Eagles.

Freshman Virginia Yoerg scored nine to lead the team, and four Generals led with five boards each. As of Thursday, Yoerg led the team in points with 92.

Compounding the defeat was the team's loss of junior Sarah Aschenbach due to a shoulder injury. Aschenbach led the Generals in scoring in her only game this season (she joined the team after Christmas Break).

Washington and Lee's record now stands at 5-5. The team's next game comes tonight versus Meredith at Warner Center.

## Steve turns from predictions, heads toward cheap shots

### AWAY GAMES

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

OK, so Joe Montana is still the master of come-from-behind, playoff victories. The Houston Oilers rediscovered that fact last Sunday in a 28-20 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs. At this point, considering my success rate with predicting the American Football Conference, I will hang it up and wish both KC and Buffalo the best (even though I cannot help but pull for the Bills, I mean as I've said so many times before, they are such lovable losers.).

The National Football Conference has turned out exactly as expected with San Francisco and Dallas vying for the Conference Championship and a trip to Atlanta. Come on, did anyone really think the NFC Central would still have a team in the running at this point? The 49er's put on a clinic against the New York Giants in their 44-3 rout. The question of the week is whether or not the Steve Young, Jerry Rice led Niners can come up with the same type of performance two games in a row.

Dallas looked a little shaky in their win over Green Bay. The Cowboys face a tough challenge against the Niners. Either way, the game should be memorable. Here is where I go out on a limb and stick to my guns.

Dallas should be the NFC representative in the Georgia Dome.

Once again, the week was a topsy-turvy one in college basketball. Arkansas, Kentucky, Kansas, and North Carolina all suffered defeats.

Right now the top two spots look to be UCLA and Duke come Monday, but after the way things have gone so far, one can really never be sure.

Falling under the topic of "completely unrelated stuff," I would just like to complain about the radio stations here. In North Carolina, we at least pick up UNC and Wake Forest on the radio. On the other hand, when I was in the office writing this stupid column, I was forced to listen to a VMI game (for those of you living in a hole far away from Phi Delt, VMI stands for Virginia Military Institute).

I don't want to knock VMI (chuckle), but they are just not a powerhouse basketball team. However, for those of us seeking a higher level of competition, there are always those local high school games.

Sort-of-pseudo commissioner Bud Selig has agreed to the proposed expanded playoff system in major league baseball. The system will be composed of three division champions and two wild card teams.

That means next year we might have the good fortune to see baseball's equivalent of the NFC Norris division (for those of you not paying attention last

week, that's the powerhouse NFC Central division in football.). Oh, we can only dream.

**Parting Shots—** Buffalo is a step away, my friends.

I personally think Tonya Harding had to have something to do with it, Sarah, even if she is from Portland.

The number one ranking seems to have the same affect on teams this year as the Sports Illustrated cover. As soon as a team is elevated to that lofty height, they crash and burn.

On a happy note, spring training starts in about a month. Then baseball season will have officially begun.

As if the talent pool is not diluted enough, major league baseball is considering expanding again. If anyone still entertains ideas that expansion is a good thing, just repeat after me—Me-s, Padres, Rockies. As the talent pool becomes more diluted, we'll see more teams with 110 losses, and teams with 110 wins. To me, that removes a lot of the interest from the game.

Anyway, that concludes my tirade for the week. Hopefully, next week, I'll be in a better mood and actually write something pleasant about someone. Nah, that wouldn't be any fun.

## Swimmers drop two, fall to Catholic Univ.

By STEPHEN WILLIARD  
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

All good things must eventually come to an end. This apparently was also the case for the Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams this past weekend as the Generals suffered losses to Catholic.

On the men's side, the Generals were in the midst of a 16-meet win streak prior to Saturday's loss. Catholic was also the last team to defeat the Generals prior to the start of the win streak. The 117.5-86.5 score did leave some room for solid individual performances, though.

Junior Tony Diederich won the 200-yard freestyle and sophomore David Stillman won the 50 yard freestyle. Stillman's time in the 50-free was W&L's top time in that event on the year.

The Generals visit Chapel Hill this weekend to compete against Johns Hopkins and Emory. The W&L swimmers will try to begin a new streak at the Chapel Hill meet.

The women narrowly missed victory, losing by the score of 106-99 to Catholic for their first loss of the season. Staci Bertelli and Rebekah Prince each contributed two wins for the Generals. Against Buffalo State earlier, seven different swimmers won races in a 121-57 rout. Bertelli set W&L season bests in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard fly.

The women had a home meet against Mary Baldwin canceled this week. Washington and Lee carries an 18-meet conference winning streak into their next conference meet. Like the men, the women will be traveling to the University of North Carolina this weekend. Following this weekend, the Generals have two more home meets on the

schedule, versus Franklin and Marshall and Hollins. Both squads are shooting for strong finishes this year. With the focus of both teams, and the steady improvement shown so far, the two teams can't be far from their goal.

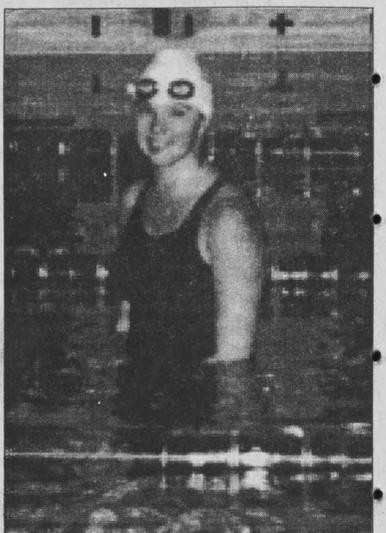


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Junior Susan Fisher grins as she prepares to extend the Generals' conference streak in Saturday's meet.