

Weekend Weather
Today: 90 percent chance of rain, possible thunderstorm, high 40s
Saturday: Mostly sunny, breezy, high mid-40s
Sunday: Chance of rain or snow, high mid-30s

Sig Eps synch their way to the top



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Women's basketball stomps Mary Baldwin and Sweet Briar



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Smoking policy proposed

By THOMAS HESPOS
Phi News Editor

Attention smokers: your days of enjoying cigarettes in the Co-op may be numbered.

Gerry Darrell, Washington and Lee's director of food service, asked the Executive Committee for advice Monday on a proposed change in the smoking policy for campus food service buildings. The proposed change in policy would ban smoking in the Dining Hall, Co-op and the GHQ.

"People who are allergic to smoke... know it's there," said Darrell.

Darrell said he received a petition signed by 70 law students proposing a smoking ban for the campus eating establishments.

Darrell said Director of Personnel Services Robert Fox recently sent a recommendation from the Student Health Committee to the Student Affairs Committee for consideration.

Patrick McDermott, who serves on both the Student Health Committee and the Health Education Committee, said a smoking survey was taken in front of the Co-op in November. He said the survey indicated that a significant number of students

are smokers. "I'm trying to wait around and come up with the stuff," Coleman said. "I have a suspect, but I haven't set up an interview. If I bring him in now all he's going to do is lie to me. But if I have the stuff to show him, then he can't lie."

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Get your act together
Junior John Turner announces the next act at Lip Synch last week. Twenty-five acts entered the contest this year. Lip Synch raised \$3000 for SAMS and RARA. SEE STORY PAGE 4

Wilson extends FIJI deadline

By MICHELLE BRIEN
Phi News Editor

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity has been granted a one week extension on their appeal, making the new deadline Friday, February 4.

President John D. Wilson said he granted the extension due to the gravity of FIJI's situation.

The Student Affairs Committee suspended FIJI until July 1995 in an 11-0-1 decision Monday, Jan. 17. FIJI's original deadline to file a written appeal of the decision was yesterday.

Wilson met with FIJI House

Corporation President Ed Bishop and FIJI House Corporation Member Jack Norberg Monday. Wilson said Bishop and Norberg "came to acquaint me with the fact that they would file an appeal. They also wanted to know if I had any special instructions."

Bishop said he will be writing the appeal on behalf of FIJI and the FIJI house corporation this weekend.

FIJI president Ralph "Moke" Wolfe said FIJI's appeal will be based on four criteria: lack of due process, false information in the letter to the SAC from Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life

Dennis Manning in which he charged FIJI with hazing, too harsh a penalty, and "the wrong guys being punished."

"We were convicted and sentenced before we even got to the hearing," said Wolfe.

Dean of Students and SAC Chair David Howison disagreed.

"SAC was very open-minded," Howison said. "We began deliberations Friday and then continued until Monday to be absolutely certain in our decision. The case was decided fairly and open-mindedly."

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Cadet dies in crash

By E. LEE DAUGHERTY
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Flags flew at half-staff over Virginia Military Institute's parade grounds Jan. 14 as cadets mourned the death of freshman William Alexander "Alex" Herbert.

Herbert was killed when his car hit a tree and burst into flames near his home in northern Virginia on Jan. 13.

Fairfax County Accident Reconstruction Unit Officer J.D. Bean said Herbert was traveling on an icy two-lane country road about 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 when his car skidded out of control.

Neighbors called police when they heard the car's tires explode from the heat of the fire, Bean said.

VMI Public Relations Director Colonel Michael Strickler said police had trouble identifying Herbert because his body was badly burned.

Bean said in order to identify Herbert police took his car apart and found what is known as a "con vin", or concealed vehicle identification number. But he said police were not able to get the car apart to find the number until 10 a.m., nearly 10 hours after the accident occurred. Bean said once police found the con vin they were able to trace Herbert's identity through it.

Strickler said Herbert's parents did not realize until later Thursday morning that he had not come

home. They contacted VMI, thinking he had returned to school early in order to prepare to march in Governor George Allen's inaugural parade Saturday. They learned of their son's death later from police.

Strickler said at the time of the accident Herbert was headed to his home in Herndon after visiting his girlfriend who lived 15 minutes away from his home.

Strickler said Herbert was a history major. Fellow cadet Chris Doyle said Herbert was VMI's best golfer and an avid Notre Dame football fan.

Doyle said Herbert's mother came to Lexington in the fall and got a hotel room so she and Herbert could watch Notre Dame play Florida State.

"He was really thankful his mom did that for him," Doyle said.

Doyle said tragedies like this bring people together. He said Herbert's classmates are planning to do something for Herbert's parents, but nothing specific has been decided.

"People feel for the parent's," Doyle said.

Funeral services were scheduled held at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at Fort Meyer Chapel, with graveside service at Arlington National Cemetery, both in Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the American Heart Association in memory of Alex.

Thieves swipe Sega SAE house loses game, VCR

By MICHELLE BRIEN
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Thieves stole \$320 worth of television and game equipment from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house the night of January 20.

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A Live Drive van sits idle, as it has for many weekends this year. Due to lack of drivers and decreased usage, Live Drive has been available only rarely.

Live Drive hits the skids

By YABIZ SEDGHI
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Live Drive, the Washington and Lee organization providing transportation to key destinations on weekends, is in serious jeopardy.

"There are simply not enough people using it. No one calls anymore, there seems to be a lack of need for the organization," said President Rebecca "Binky" Parkins.

"We had planned to start operating only on 'big party' weekends, but it did not work. The fraternities did not want to get involved. They did not tell us their plans," said Parkins.

According to Parkins, the demand for Live Drive is limited because the fraternities are required to have sober drivers.

"I think it is great that they have sober drivers. They should be held responsible," added Parkins. "The sororities are also really good about providing drivers, they always take care of it."

"I'm sure the demand for Live Drive is going to increase as more things start happening at places like Zollman's. At the same time, I think the organization should be used sparingly," said Pi Kappa Alpha President John Paul Lunn.

"I used Live Drive last year. I have not this year because it has not been as noticeable and there have not been as many parties," said one junior.

"We have also had problems with student recruitment," said Parkins.

In the past, the Student Conduct Committee assigned hours in Live Drive as disciplinary action, he said.

"Live Drive is a very important part of this community and it has my full support, but it is not a wise policy to require students to work there. The organization should be strong enough to support itself," said Dean of Students David Howison.

"Requiring students to work increases our liability. It takes a lot of responsibility to work for an organization like Live Drive,"

said Parkins.

"Our main problem is lack of drivers. Most of the volunteers are seniors; we have no underclassmen support," said Parkins.

"The number of female volunteers is usually higher because they are required to fulfill community service hours. Also, most guys would volunteer at their own fraternity if they wanted to be a sober driver," said Parkins.

"Money is not a problem. The Executive Committee provides us with quite a bit of money and we use most of it."

"We used to have two vans, but since the Outing Club van was trashed recently, we only have one now. The van was donated to the organization," said Parkins.

"We are presently thinking about restructuring the organization to provide a shuttle service," added Parkins.

For now, Live Drive will be operating on Saturdays between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

For those needing transportation, the number to call is 463-8947.



What to wear?
Friends help senior Heather Aussiker prepares for her Dating Game-arranged date with sophomore Shelby LaMar. Aussiker and LaMar won an all-expenses paid candlelit steak dinner at Evans Dining Hall.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



Muslims raid food convoys

Muslim civilians in the Bosnian village of Tici Wednesday mobbed a food convoy. Six police officers were shot and wounded while escorting the trucks. Several hundred people in the same village mobbed another food convoy Tuesday, and beat its police escorts. Civilians in Tici believe they are being denied a fair share of U.N. food aid.

Calcutta Coal mine fire kills 40

A coal mining accident in Calcutta, India is believed to have killed over 40 mine workers. Toxic fumes from an underground fire cut off the escape route for the miners. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Nation



Jackson settles suit with boy

Michael Jackson agreed to settle his sexual molestation case out of court. Jackson agreed to pay the 14-year old boy suing him at least \$10 million. Jackson has denied allegations that he sexually molested the boy, who sued him in September.

Clinton gives State of the Union

President Bill Clinton gave the State of the Union speech Tuesday night. He addressed the domestic issues of crime legislation, welfare reform and health care, as well as his hopes for dealing with other nations in the future. The audience interrupted him with applause 60 times during his speech.

Lunar exploration underway

Spacecraft Clementine 1 lifted off Tuesday for the first lunar exploration since 1972. During its seven month journey, Clementine will test five "Star Wars" sensors designed to detect missiles. After accomplishing its mission, the spacecraft will be abandoned in space.

Gillooly ready to implicate ex-wife Harding in conspiracy

Jeff Gillooly is prepared to implicate ex-wife Tonya Harding in the Jan. 6 attack on Nancy Kerrigan. Gillooly and Harding's bodyguard, along with two other men, have been charged with conspiracy to injure Kerrigan. The attack nearly knocked Kerrigan out of the Olympics.

The State



William and Mary grants benefits to same-sex partners

The College of William and Mary faculty is seeking a statewide policy granting health care benefits to same-sex partners of college employees. The Faculty Assembly voted in October to grant health-care benefits to the same-sex companions of its own faculty and staff. The Assembly then asked the Faculty Senate of Virginia to pass a similar statewide resolution. The Faculty Senate can make recommendations to the General Assembly, which will not vote on the issue until next year.

Virginia officials express support for VMI/MBC program

Virginia officials filed a report outlining their support for Virginia Military Institute's plan to create a leadership program at Mary Baldwin College instead of admitting women to VMI. Governor George Allen, Attorney General James Gilmore and Lieutenant Governor Donald Beyer filed the statement in U.S. District Court Wednesday. A judge will hear arguments February 9-11 on the constitutionality of the plan.

North kicks off campaign

Republican Oliver North announced his bid for the U.S. Senate during an interview on the Larry King Live Show. North defended his involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal on the show. North will run for Democrat Charles S. Robb's seat.

Committee to investigate Virginia Power, blackouts

The State Corporation Committee will investigate Virginia Power's use of rolling blackouts last week. To prevent overloading its electric power system, Virginia Power used the blackouts for the first time in 17 years. The SCC says it will investigate in order to try and improve the system.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Emily Baker

Students decide on housing

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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It's the time of year for students to search for places to live next year.

Dean of Students David Howison said approximately 40 percent of students live off campus while 60 percent choose on campus housing, including fraternity houses.

Upperclass housing consists of Gaines Hall and Woods Creek Apartments. Howison said Woods Creek has three sections and provides space for law and undergraduate students.

Howison said there will be a lottery for rooms in Gaines. He said Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life Dennis Manning is coordinating the lottery. It will be limited to those students who are not currently residents in Gaines.

Howison said there are plans to renovate both Gaines and Woods Creek Apartments. The Gaines Revitalization Committee is considering suggestions for improving Gaines, including the possibility of reserving five lofts for sororities and the Women's Forum. This would leave 11 lofts out of 16 available for student residency.

Howison said he believes this arrangement to be fair, and he emphasized there will be adequate room

for housing. He said he supports this idea because it will attract more residents.

Howison said his recommendation must first go through the budget process before being decided on March 1.

Some students, such as freshman Tara Hebert, are already attracted to Gaines. She said she plans to apply for one of the four rooms which has only single-occupancy rooms.

"We don't want to have to deal with an apartment," she said. "We want to be close to campus because we're lazy."

Freshman Rachel Wright said she likes having easy access to the campus and free cable.

"[Gaines is] not as bad as it seems," said Wright.

Other students opt to live off campus. Freshman Jennings Tran has begun looking for an apartment.

"I think living off campus would mean more freedom and would be less expensive," said Tran.

Roger Koehler, owner of Sweet Things Ice Cream Shoppe, has two apartments above the store. He said the two apartments weren't rented for next school year until December. One apartment costs \$450 a month while the other costs \$430 per month.

Koehler said people usually find out about apartments by word of mouth and four or five people asked for the apartment before it was rented.

For fraternity men, there is another option for housing—the fraternity houses. Usually, sophomore fraternity members live in fraternity houses.

Lambda Chi Alpha president Robert Ferris said sophomores are assigned to the house and then a lottery is held to select upperclassmen to live there. Ferris said four sophomores and six upperclassmen live there now.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Jeff Laborde said the house will have 16 sophomores, one junior and two seniors next year. He said the president and the vice president have first choice and then selection goes by class.

Sigma Chi president Richard Barksdale said the selection process is determined by first term GPA, which must be at least 1.9.

Kappa Sigma President William Aiken said officers have first choice of housing and then rooms go by class and GPA. He said the house president and one other officer have to live there. He said next year there will be 9 sophomores and 8 juniors.

According to a source in Manning's office, there are 60 applications for Gaines, 5 for Woods Creek and one application for the Outing Club house. Applications are available in Payne 4 and are due on Friday, January 28.

Keep off the grass

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students, faculty members, administrators and other visitors to campus may have noticed that ropes restricting pedestrian traffic on the front lawn have gone up once again.

The harsh winter weather Washington and Lee has recently experienced is taking its toll on the front lawn, according to Jim Arthur, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and everyone is asked to stay off the lawn until the weather breaks.

"The grass that was planted after the irrigation system was installed this summer is very susceptible to damage as a result of the bad weather we've had," Arthur said. "If we stay off the grass until the weather breaks normal activity should resume in the early spring."

Arthur urged pedestrians to use the footpaths and to stay off the historic front lawn.

"We really need everyone's help on this," Arthur said. "If the grass remains healthy through this bad weather, it will come back fine in the spring. Then it will be frisbees and football as usual."

Mock Con chairs selected

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mock Convention has selected three designates as tri-chairs for the 1996 Mock Convention.

Pending confirmation by the Executive Committee of the Student Body, sophomore Courtney Tucker will perform the duties of personnel chair, sophomore Bob Ross will be political chair and sophomore David Stewart will be administrative chair.

"We've gone through an interview process and we selected these three as designates," said Mock Convention member Ted Elliot.

Elliot said the three tri-chair designates will present the plans for the 1996 convention to the EC, assuming they are confirmed.

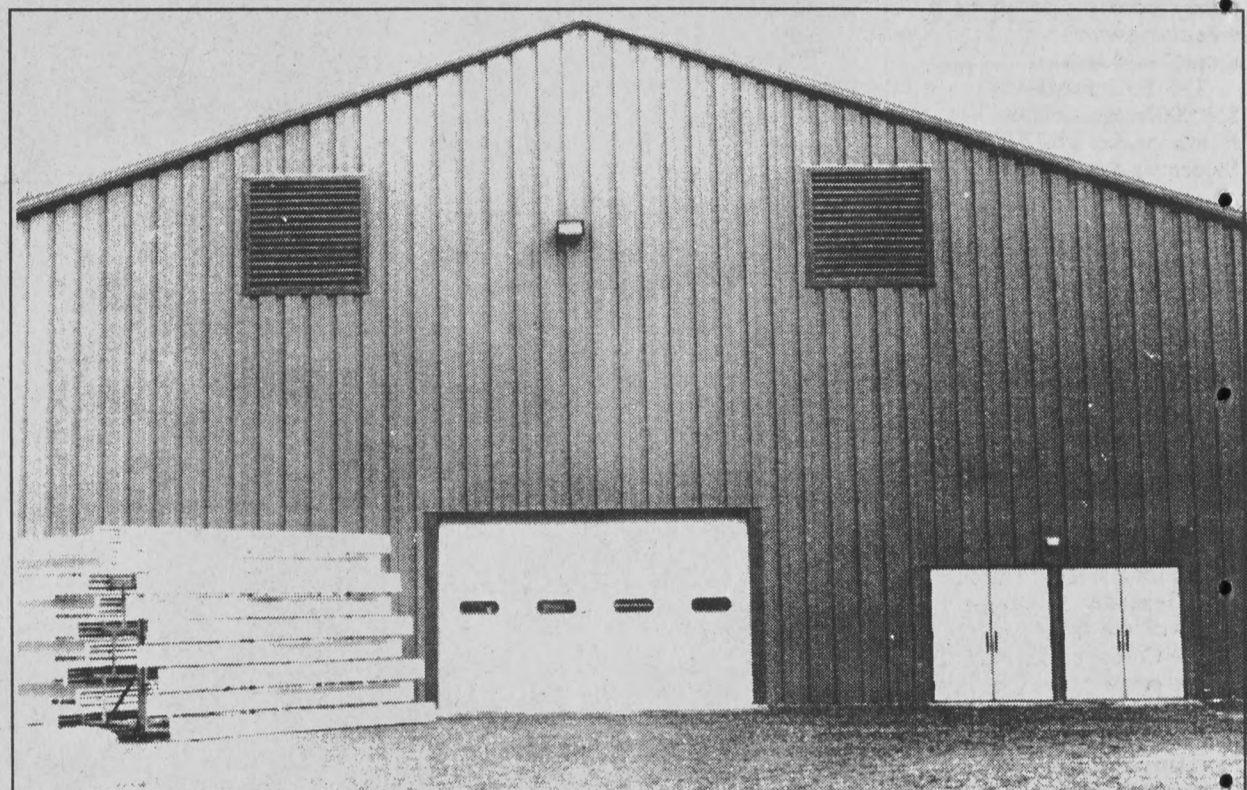


Photo by Joe Framptom, The Ring-tum Phi

About \$25 of every student's activity fee goes to pay-off the Pavilion each year.

Pavilion to get new floor University allots \$47,000 for project

By PHIL CARROTT
Phi Staff Writer

The Pavilion is getting a face lift — of sorts. The floor of the infamous site of concerts and sporting activities is getting replaced.

"The old one had gotten into a state of disrepair and was becoming a problem as far as social use," said Assistant Athletic Director George C. "Chuck" O'Connell. "When we tore the floor up, we found that water vapor was coming up and condensing."

The floor in the Pavilion consisted of hard rubber covering a concrete base. When the building was used for certain athletic events, a carpet covering was placed on top of the rubber. The rubber portion of the floor was beginning to bubble and separate from the concrete base.

The carpet is currently covering the concrete for both social and athletic activity until the floor is replaced sometime this spring or summer.

The Pavilion was constructed in 1984 to meet the needs of the Student Activities Board and the athletic department. Capital Planning Coordinator Frank Parsons said "[the Pavilion] had a strong appeal to President Wilson. He hoped that concerts and student body dances could be held there, relieving wear and tear on the Warner center, Doremus, and Evans. He hoped fraternities would have joint parties there and relieve some of the wear and tear on the fraternity houses."

The athletic department requested the replacement of the floor.

Parsons said the floor "had a tacky surface that was

acquiring a glaze on it and was proving to be too fast for tennis. None of the problems were apparent at the beginning."

O'Connell agreed.

"When they first put the surface down, it met the needs then, but increased use has taken its toll," said O'Connell. "It could have been remedied when built; it is a construction problem."

O'Connell said intercollegiate tennis and soccer use the Pavilion for practice and, all outdoor sports have the option to practice there during inclement weather. Intramurals and P.E. classes also use the Pavilion.

"The problem is finding a floor that is useful for athletic and social activities," O'Connell said.

O'Connell and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds James Arthur are still looking at possible floors.

"[The Pavilion] is a compromise. It isn't ideal for everything," said Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins. "I'd like to see us have something in there where we can have people playing tennis, soccer, or volleyball without having to take up the floor for social events."

O'Connell said the floor "should have been in now. It has been delayed until spring or early summer because of problems finding the right floor."

Parsons said \$47,000 is budgeted for the new floor.



O'Connell

Youth services program in danger W&L MSA worked closely with Offices on Youth

By ERIN LEONARD
Phi Staff Writer

Minority Student Association members who volunteer with Lexington's Office on Youth program might need a new organization to serve next year.

The state-budgeted program is not in Virginia's Fiscal Years 1995-1997 budget, and Lexington would have to spend another \$28,000 per year to maintain the program.

Sophomore Kyna Bryant hopes the after-school and summer care programs that the Office on Youth supports survive.

"I just think a lot of the kids need a place to go after school," said Bryant. "We're good role models, because the kids get to see people who are in college. It gives them an incentive to do better."

Virginia's 15-year-old Offices on Youth program is funded primarily by the state Department of Youth and Family Services. The state's 50 independent programs serve 60 localities, and the localities fund what the state does not. Each is structured according to local youths' needs and is supervised by a local citizens' board.

The main services that Lexington's Office on Youth program provides are the after-school and summer care programs. Director Tammy Merchant supervises the two programs and also addresses many other needs of Lexington youth. She works closely with the schools and other youth-service agencies in establishing programs to prevent juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, dropouts and teenage pregnancy. Merchant schedules guest speakers and puts together pamphlets for area students. She also serves on numerous local



Bryant

boards representing the city's young people.

Despite its attributes, the state thinks it can no longer maintain the program. The state established Offices on Youth in 1979 but has cut the program's budget in every year except 1993. Former Governor Doug Wilder finally proposed elimination of the \$2 million per year project in December.

"They just had to cut back, and that was one of the things to be eliminated," said Merchant. "We've been threatened with that ever since I started (in 1989)."

Merchant said she would hate for Lexington kids to lose the program and its volunteers. She agreed with Bryant that the MSA members and Virginia Military Institute cadets provide positive role models.

VMI's Promaji club asked the MSA to begin volunteering with the Office on Youth last fall. Through the term, five to seven W&L students volunteered with the kids each day from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Just in the time we've been there, we've seen a lot of change in the kids," said Bryant.

She said they play games fairly now rather than cheating.

Although MSA has been active in

the program only since September, the Office on Youth opened its doors in the Lyburn-Downing Community Center in October 1989.

City manager Jon Ellestad said if the program is cut, Lexington will lose a lot.

"The things missed the greatest would be the after-school and summer programs for the youth," said Ellestad.

He said if eliminated, he doesn't see how the city could pick up the costs of the entire program. But, Ellestad said, he hopes that enough money could be funded to maintain the after-school and summer programs.

The after-school program is free and open to all school-age children. On the average, 25 kids attend the program on school days. The eight-week summer program, however, has limited enrollment and there is a \$30 weekly fee.

Program coordinators throughout the state are urging people to write letters to Governor George Allen and their state delegates. The support the program is receiving from delegates is strong, said Merchant, and she is depending on Governor Allen.

"The people in the state level are really positive that he's going to reinstate the funds," she said, "I hope they're right."

Buckley, Chavis to speak at W&L

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee's small size has not prevented it from bringing in big-name speakers.

Contact, a student-run organization, is bringing several famous speakers to W & L this year. NAACP President Benjamin Chavis and conservative columnist William F. Buckley are scheduled to speak. Chavis is scheduled to speak March 16, and Buckley's date has not yet been set.

Eleven members approved by the Executive Committee constitute Contact, which holds meetings on Sundays.

"Our main goal is to provide speakers for the W&L community," said senior Matt Jackson, who presides over the organization with senior Andrew Schneider.

The speakers must be "of contemporary interest, provocative, and provide dialog which is beyond the normal scope," said Jackson.

The E.C. funds Contact's entire \$38,000 budget, \$8000 of which comes from a speaker's fund for the Minority Students' Association, Women's Fo-

rum, and the Graham-Lee Washington Literary Society.

"These groups give us requests and we try to help them," said Jackson. Representatives of the groups attend Contact meetings.

With a \$38,000 budget, Contact can not afford all speakers.

"The budget has limited us," said Jackson. "Some speakers are over our entire budget." Jackson mentioned Lee Iacocca and Donald Trump as two who will not be coming to W&L because of cost.

Two other speakers are scheduled for the next few weeks. Thursday, January 27, Mac Crawford of the Charter Medical Corporation will speak on "The Political and Business Implications of the Clinton Health Care Plan". Charter Medical Corporation is a group of 80-90 hospitals, most of them psychiatric. Crawford will speak at 8:00 in room 327 of the C-School.

Thursday, February 3, Jeffrey Hart, the Senior Editor of the *National Review*, will give a speech entitled "The University: Where We Are Now." Hart, a retired professor of English at Dartmouth, will address his experience with the university and how to get the best education possible.



Photo By Ethan Krupp, The Ring-tum Phi

Sing To Me

Women's Volleyball performed at the Lip-Synch last Friday night. Fro more on the action packed night see the story on page 4.

Smoking ban discussed by EC

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would favor a ban.

McDermott said the Co-op is too small for it to have a smoking section.

"Generally, I think we're all dealing with the same problem," he said.

"[The Co-op] is too small. It's not fair to the people who work there and the people who have to go in there and pay for their food."

Darrell said, at present, smoking is permitted in the Co-op, the GHQ and in the Dining Hall.

"We don't put out ashtrays (in the Dining Hall)," said Darrell.

The EC gave mixed advice on the proposed ban.

"It seems like the people in the Co-

op go in there to sit down, have a cigarette and talk to people," said EC Secretary Ashby Hackney. "I have a feeling that if smoking is banned, there's going to be some kind of resistance."

Junior EC Rep Alex Cross said a smoking ban would "ruffle some feathers."

"I'm personally against it," he said.

Second-year Law Rep Kevin Webb and Junior EC Rep Carol Pierce said they supported the proposed ban and EC President Robert Tompkins said the argument against smoking in the Co-op is a valid one.

"It is offensive to have to sit there and smell the smoke while you're eating your meal," said Tompkins, "but I hesitate to speak on behalf of the student body."

FIJI asks Wilson for appeal extension

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Wolfe said Manning's letter to SAC contained misinformation and falsehoods.

Wolfe would not identify the incorrect portions of the letter. Howison said he did not know of any inaccuracies in Manning's letter.

Manning said the source of all information in the letter was former FIJI pledge Jay Taggart.

"I put in writing what was told to me," said Manning.

Wolfe said FIJI believes the penalty was too harsh because the incident involved was minor.

"The pledges weren't intoxicated and they were not in any physical danger," said Wolfe.

FIJI pledges will suffer the most from the suspension, Wolfe said.

"The sophomores won't have a house. That's generally one highlight of sophomore year. They make the transition, get out of the dorms and live in the house. They all want to live here and now they can't."

Wolfe said FIJI pledges could

depledge and pledge again at another fraternity.

"But they're all committed," Wolfe said. Under SAC's suspension, FIJI would not be able to hold Rush again until fall 1995. Bishop said FIJI's appeal will be centered on inaccuracies in Manning's letter.

"There are substantive gaps between the document and what we believe to be the truth," Bishop said. "Since there's only one truth, someone is wrong. And truth has important implications, especially at W&L."

Bishop said the house corporation

had already imposed sanctions on the FIJI house when SAC made its decision. The house corporation put FIJI on social probation until April and fined the house over \$5000 from their social budget. The house corporation also invalidated FIJI's officer elections.

"The people elected helped to precipitate the problem," Bishop said. "They shouldn't be in a leadership position."

Bishop said the house corporation now controls the FIJI chapter, and has the power to throw people out of the fraternity.

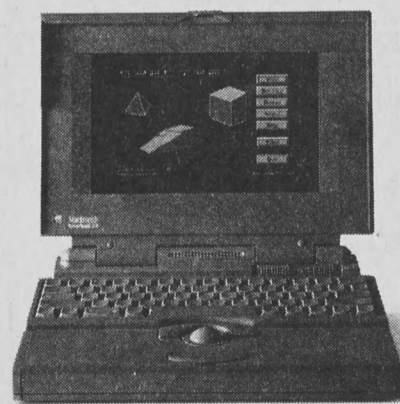
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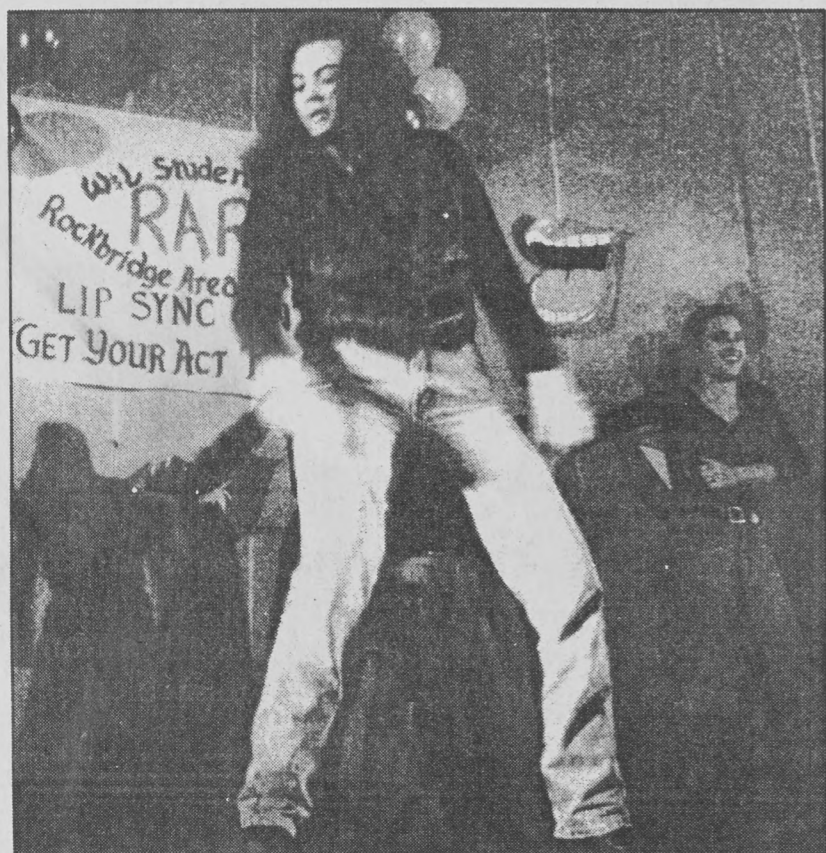
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Sig-Ep, MSA and Chi-O take Lip Synch top spots



The Chi Omega seniors, lead by Becca Reed, took third place with their version of Janet Jackson's "If." Two freshman Chi-O groups also performed in the Lip Synch.

By JAY WHITE
Phi Staff Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon is back in the top seat after Saturday night's Lip Synch contest.

Sig Ep pledges billed as "Tool & the Gang" won the 1994 Lip Synch with their version of Kool & the Gang's "Celebration."

Sig Ep took away the top spot, after beating the Minority Student Association, last year's winners.

The 1994 Lip Synch competition was held last Saturday at the Washington and Lee Pavilion.

Twenty-five acts were entered in the event with prizes given out to the top three groups. Receiving the third prize of \$50 was the Chi Omega Seniors with their version of "If" by Janet Jackson.

Second place, a Fancy Dress ticket and \$50, was taken by the Minority Student Association and their rendition of the hit "Whoot, there it is!"

As the winners of the 1994 Lip Synch competition, the Sig Ep pledge class won \$100 and two Fancy Dress

tickets.

Other acts that participated included Sigma Chi doing their imitation of Blind Melon and the "Bee Girl," Pi Beta Phi sorority doing "Wang Chung," the material girls of the Chi Omega pledge class imitating Madonna.

According to Sophomore Susanna Craib-Cox, "The highlight of the evening was Doug Kaufman getting up on stage and making a fool of himself."

According to Lip Synch Chairwoman Beth Provanzana, the event is sponsored by a group of students every year along with Gerry Darrell of Washington and Lee Dining Services.

The proceeds go to the Rockbridge Area Relief Association, which distributes the funds to various causes around the country. Money is also donated to the local Multiple Sclerosis Chapter.

Provanzana said none of last year's problems of people sneaking in and backstage drinking occurred. There were no complaints from the security officers on duty.

Provanzana also thanked the volunteer staff that helped make the 1994 Lip Synch go so well.



Jack Thorn and Kyna Bryant perform in MSA's rendition of "Whoot There It Is." MSA took home \$50 and an FD ticket.

ALL PHOTOS
BY ETHAN KRUPP
OF THE RING-TUM PHI

Sigma Phi Epsilon freshmen Alex Kostera and Matt Bradshaw, members of Tool and The Gang, took first place with their performance of "Celebration." Sig-Ep won two Fancy Dress Tickets and \$100.



The Preston Street Social Club lip-synched "Informer" and waved a FIJI sign as some of the performers did push-ups. The group did not win a prize but they did receive cheers from the crowd.



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Super Sunday is here! Battle of the fans and their plans

BY BUNNY WONG
Phi Staff Writer

Tagged by some as the most important day of the year, Super Bowl Sunday kicks in on the 30th.

Many W&L students, however, aren't that enthused about the game.

"I could care less," said freshman Allison Foote, who will probably be doing her homework Sunday.

For the uninitiated, the 1994 game will be the first in Super Bowl history with a back-to-back rematch.

The Buffalo Bills (who won playoff games against Kansas City Chiefs, 30-13) go up against the Dallas Cowboys (who won a playoff game against the San Francisco 49ers, 38-21), just like last year.

For the Bills, it will be the fourth consecutive time they made it to the Super Bowl. The last three times they've lost.

Freshman Jenny Walton, from New York, hopes this won't be a repeat of the last three years.

"All I have to say is that at least Buffalo can make it to the Super Bowl four times, even if they don't win," she said.

Freshman Will Hill said he doesn't want either team to win or lose.

"I want the Bills to lose to shut up all of the Bills fans, and I want Dallas to lose because they're the favorites," he said.

Hill said he would rather be watching a movie than the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Another freshman, Neil Kelleter, said it has been a

tradition since he was five to watch the game.

Spirited as always, Evans Dining Hall is having a Dining Service-USA Today Souper Bowl Contest. The D-Hall is giving out contest forms with five questions. The contest is being held both at the Co-op and the D-Hall.

Winners will receive a free bowl of soup every day for the following week. D-Hall winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate for the W&L bookstore, said Jerry Darrell, Director of University Dining Services.

The five questions are:

1. Who will be the first player to complete a pass?
2. Who will be the first player to catch a pass?
3. Who will be the first player to kick a field goal or get an extra point?
4. Who will get the most yards rushing?
5. Who will get the most points scored (including six points for a quarterback throwing a touchdown pass)?

In addition, the D-Hall is having a Super Bowl Sunday dinner, from 5-6 p.m. Students will be able to bring

the food out of the D-Hall to go watch the game. The game, which begins at 6 p.m., will be held in Atlanta at the Georgia Dome.

Gaines Housing is also hosting activities on the 30th, including a pre-Super Bowl party with food in the fourth floor lounge, said Katie Tollison.

"Everyone is welcome," she said.

Most of the fraternities are having their own parties, with typical Super Bowl food — pizza, subs, beer. Some fraternity members were surprised to hear the Super Bowl was coming up on the 30th.

Freshman Amanda Gresens had more of a clue.

"I get really nervous," said Gresens,

who is the type of person who jumps up and screams when watching the Super Bowl. Another New York girl, Gresens is rooting for the Bills.

The Bills lost to the Cowboys, 17-52 last year. Perhaps this year they can make it more interesting for students watching.

Super Bowl Trivia

The first Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers (under coach Vince Lombardi), the National Football League (NFL) champs. They beat the Kansas City Chiefs, the American Football Conference (AFC) champs, 35-10 before a crowd of 63,035 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

That was January 1967, making the 1994 Super Bowl America's 28th Super Bowl.

Super Sunday: without the game

The following is a list, in no particular order, of the many other activities for the disinterested portion of the W&L student body.

1. One could get up early, watch Sunday morning cartoons, and then return to one's bed. This way one can effectively avoid the onslaught of people around the television and the refrigerator.

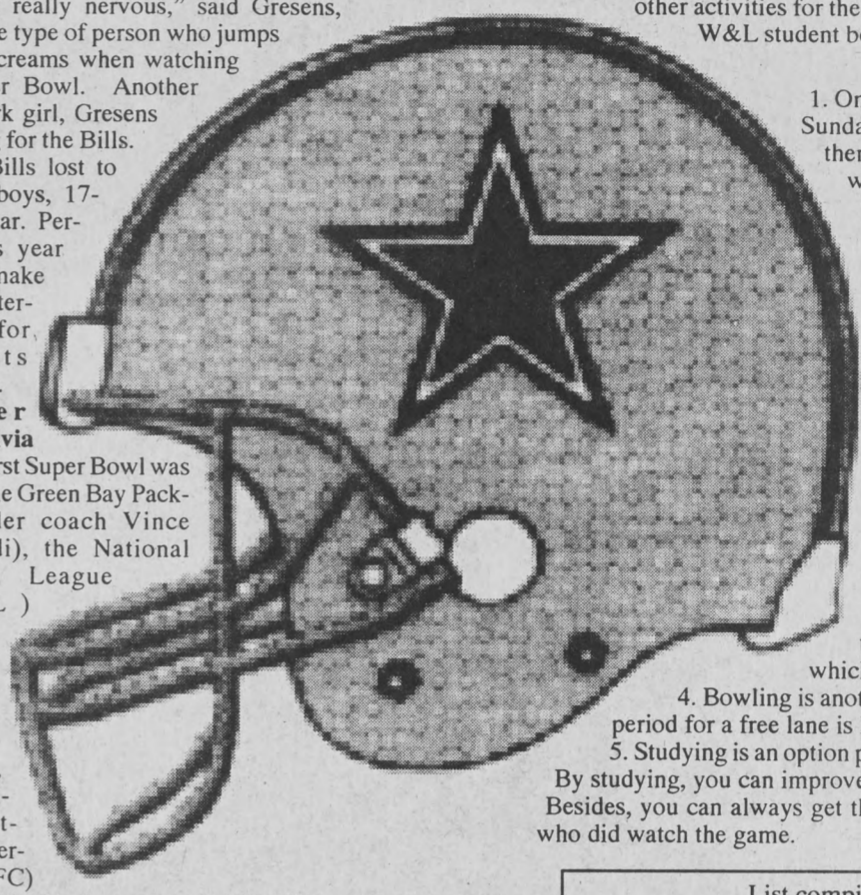
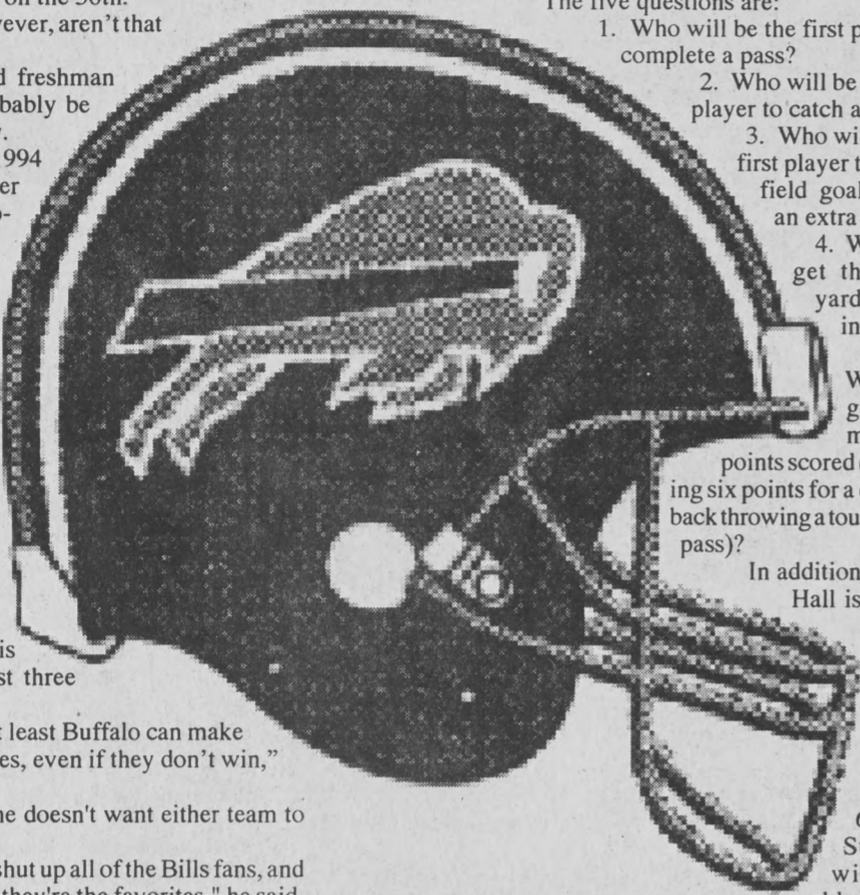
2. A trip to Wal-Mart, for the essentials that you need because the stockpile accumulated during your parents' last visit ran out last week, is another option.

3. The Intramural aerobics program takes place on Sunday nights in Doremus Gym. This is a good way to ensure your fitting into your dress or tuxedo for Fancy Dress, which is only five weeks away.

4. Bowling is another possibility. The waiting period for a free lane is likely to be short.

5. Studying is an option popular with the professors. By studying, you can improve your grade point average. Besides, you can always get the score from your friends who did watch the game.

List compiled by
Ethan Krupp and Melissa Sawyer
Phi Features Editor and Assistant Editor



Blithe Spirits haunt the Lenfest Center Noel Coward's hilarious comedy of sophisticated wit and effects of the supernatural hits Lenfest February 4 through 10

By Melissa Sawyer
Phi Assistant Features Editor

It's not for Fancy Dress and it's not a seventies party, but students have gone back in time for another production. The Washington and Lee production of *Blithe Spirit* opens on February 4th for a seven day run.

The Noel Coward play was a hit of the London and Broadway stages in the 1940s. This popular farce is the story of Charles Condomine, a widowed novelist in the post-war era. Condomine, on a trip to his country home with his second wife, hires a psychic to learn about the occult. The psychic contacts Condomine's first wife, who wants to be reunited with him. After a series of mishaps, Condomine's second wife Ruth is killed in his place in an automobile accident. The two wives then return to haunt Condomine, and the way in which he extricates himself from these two "blithe spirits" forms the subsequent plot.

Guest Director Colleen Kelly is currently associate head of acting and head of movement and dance at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. She is no stranger to the W&L stage however. She choreographed *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Evita*, as well as the opening scenes for *Romeo and Juliet*.

Kelly's work has not been limited to university productions. She has choreographed fight scenes for the New York Shakespeare Festival's *'Tis a Pity She's a Whore* (1992), as well as for the films *Sommersby* (1992) and *Everybody's All-American* (1989).

Senior Heather Aussiker plays Ruth, Condomine's second wife. Elvira, his first wife, is played by junior Noelle Parrott, and senior Jeff Mikita plays Charles Condomine. Alison MacDonald, an exchange student from Oxford University in England, plays the psychic, Madame Arcati.

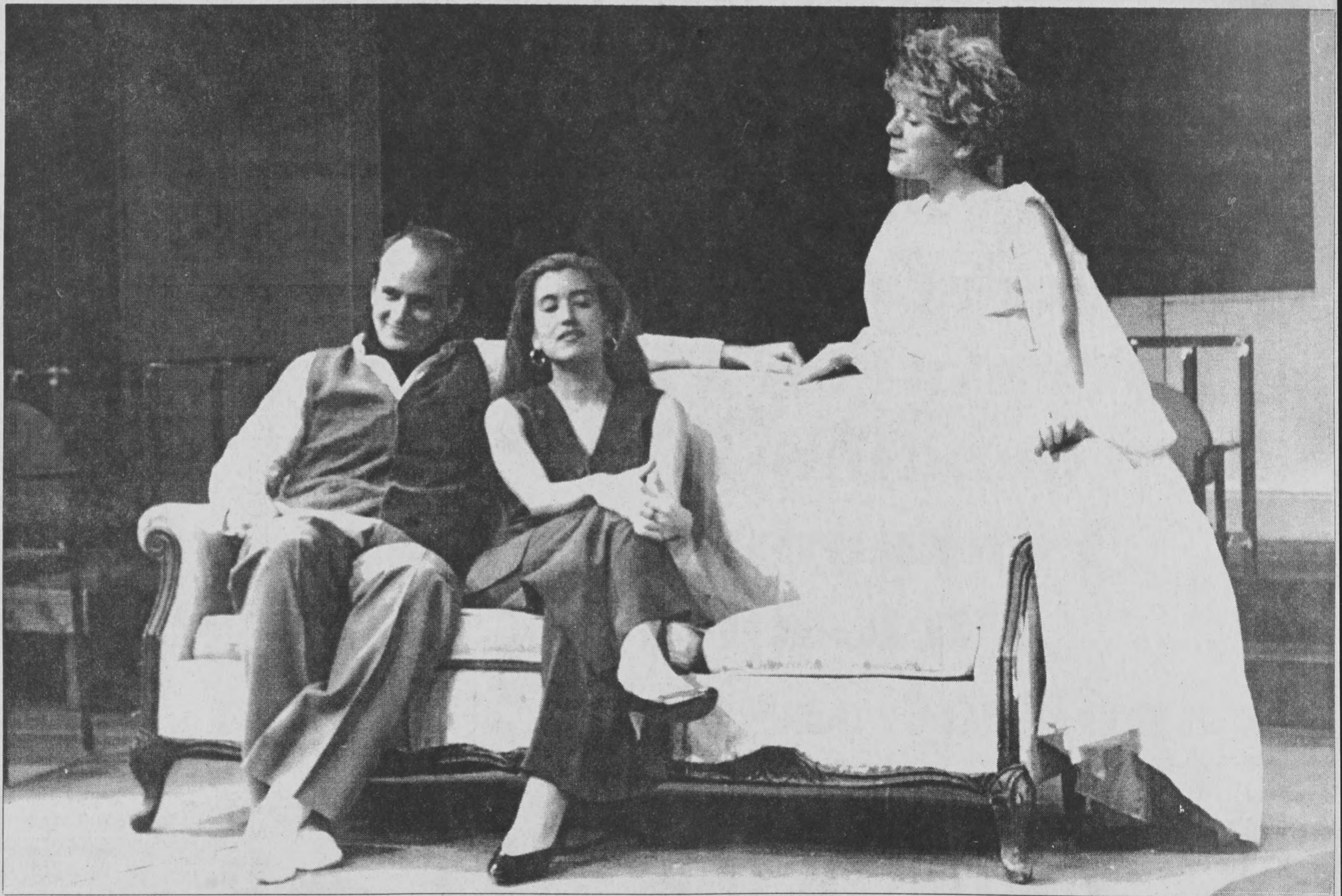
The production involves several unusual special effects, like the appearance of self-moving furniture. Aussiker, who has appeared in several other W&L productions including *The Flies* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, said the demanding style has presented a challenge to her.

"We're using a lot of trick props and breakable stuff," she said. "It's a lot like learning to dance and then adding voices and lines," she said.

Heather Leonard, the lighting designer for the show, said the play has been challenging.

"The play's a little more difficult than I'm used to with lighting," she said. "The audience is on three sides of the stage."

Mikita, who played the lead in last term's production of *The Lady's Not for Burning* and



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Noel Coward's play *Blithe Spirit* is the next play in the Theatre Series. Pictured are Jeff Mikita, '94, as Charles Condomine, Heather Aussiker, '94, as Ruth Condomine, and Noelle Parrott, '95, as Elvira, the first wife of Charles. The play pokes fun at the high society of the 1930s. Numerous special effects complement the humor of Coward's plot, similar to those special effects of the original 1940s movie. The production opens on Feb. 4 at the Lenfest Center.

is directing a show for the upcoming One Acts, said he "found it challenging for the first week or so," because he hadn't done the acting style before.

All of the actors play older, middle-aged characters of the very upper-class, intellectual set.

"You can't move like you would normally move," Mikita. "I developed a learned tenseness. Once you have it down, you have to

remember not to fall into a relaxed state."

MacDonald said she has little stage experience. She said she was persuaded by a friend to try-out because she already has a British accent. However, she said most of her character revolves around special effects.

"It's a question of energy more than anything else really," MacDonald said.

Coward's characters each use very distinctive language. Therefore, despite the play's

many physical aspects, the actor's speaking remains an important element.

"You don't play emotions — you play the language," Mikita said.

Mikita added he likes the rapid pace Coward established.

This comedy dramatizes the high society of the 1930s. Coward became successful for his parodies of the establishment — the cocktail party, cigarette-holder set.

Aussiker said it was hard to copy the Coward-produced 1946 film version of the play. She said the cast and crew were limited by having fewer sets.

"It has been very creative, blocking wise," she said.

Blithe Spirit will be presented at Lenfest on Feb. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. For tickets call the Lenfest Box Office at (703) 463-8000.

Richmond Ballet's Rodeo



Photo by Suzanne Grandis

The Richmond Ballet will perform *Rodeo* at the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 1 and 2 as part of the Lenfest Series of Events. *Rodeo* is set to the music of Aaron Copeland and choreographed by Agnes De Mille. The Ballet will perform two other pieces in addition to *Rodeo*. These pieces are *Other Places* and *Apollo*. Tickets are now available for the 8 p.m. shows. For tickets please call the Lenfest Center box office at (703) 463-8000.

Classic music and dance

By ETHAN H. KRUPP
PHI FEATURES EDITOR

The American southwest arrives in Lexington this coming week.

On Feb. 1 and 2 at the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts the Richmond Ballet will perform *Rodeo*, *The Courting at Burnt Branch*.

The Richmond Ballet is celebrating its 10th anniversary with Agnes De Mille's famous piece *Rodeo*.

Rodeo is set to the lively and upbeat music of Aaron Copeland. It captures the traditional Sunday afternoon when the ranch hands gather to show off their roping, riding, and throwing ability to their neighbors and the "womenfolk."

After the exhibition, everyone attends the evening dance, where the cowboys flirt all night.

Stoner Winslett, artistic director for the Richmond Ballet said, "The theme of the ballet is pretty basic. It deals with the problem that has confronted all American women and which has never ceased to occupy them throughout the history of building our country: how to get a suitable man!"

The ballet is a favorite with the company because it is

more relaxed and as Brett Bonda, who has been with the company for over nine years, said, "It is one of the few roles where I can wear jeans and cowboy boots."

Rodeo also allows Bonda to show off his tap-dancing skills. Bonda appears in the ballet as the Champion Roper. In addition to *Rodeo*, the Richmond Ballet will perform two other spectacular pieces.

Other Places is a dreamy, expressive piece written for six couples. It was choreographed by Stoner Winslett in 1990 through an AT&T Foundation Grant. *Other Places* is set to the lush and romantic score of Dvoak's *Serenade for Strings, Op. 22*. The actors will be wearing hand-painted silk costumes designed by A. Christina Giannini.

The third piece is George Balanchine's *Apollo*. *Apollo* is the story of the god's awkward beginnings and his development into a perfect and graceful god, when Zeus then calls him to Olympus.

The piece is known for its technical clarity and choreographic purity. When it was first performed in 1928, it was considered revolutionary.

Performances of the Richmond Ballet are made possible in part by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Tickets are on sale now at the Lenfest Box Office (463-8000) from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and hours before each performance.

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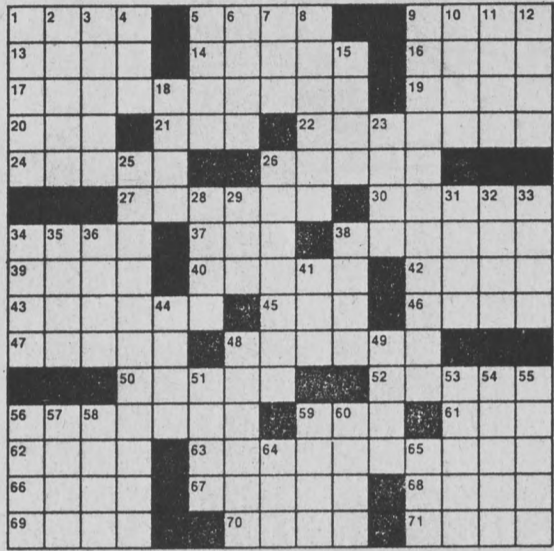
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- 26 Siren
- 28 Ground cover
- 29 — Amin
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- 32 Columbus' ship
- 33 Orient
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Most people would be appalled if they heard an actual interaction between a parent and child like the fictitious one above. But you would think it was less of a problem if you heard two college students have a similar discussion. But, the effect is the same; someone will go out drinking and because that person does not have an assured sober driver they may take the chance of driving themselves or getting in a car with another driver who is not sober. What is truly scary is that this is what we are doing to one another right here at W&L.

Live Drive is in trouble. No one is volunteering. It once operated every Friday and Saturday night and other big party nights on request. Now Live Drive only operates on Saturday nights. Seniors know Live Drive is something you can take for granted. Who needs to worry about how you're going to get to Zollman's or how you're getting back? Live Drive will take care of it all. But we can't just assume Live Drive will be there anymore.

We have heard a lot of reasons for lack of Live Drive volunteers. Students are just apathetic. They never posted any recruiting signs. The fraternities do their own sober driving. Whatever the reasons are, they shouldn't matter. As a university community we need Live Drive. It doesn't matter if fraternities or sororities provide their own sober drivers. Not everyone is comfortable asking a fraternity or sorority member for a ride, and besides, they only provide sober drivers for their own members and guests. The need for Live Drive still exists. It's the lack of volunteers that are the problem.

So here's your chance. We, just like most of the campus, took Live Drive for granted. We will be the first to tell you none of us have volunteered Live Drive. But, we would much rather take out some time and volunteer than have to report a drunk driving accident in any future edition of the Phi. So, we're going to call and volunteer. You should too. We're only five people and won't make much of a difference without other volunteers.

Call Live Drive at 463-8947. There are no excuses.

Pavilion Renaissance?

Capital Planning Assistant Frank Parsons once said the casual observer would not realize just how much went into the creation of the Student Activities Pavilion, and he was right.

The Pavilion cost \$677,000 to build and every year the student body pays a portion of that debt, which will not be paid-off until 2003. Well, W&L is about to spend \$47,000 more on the building. Call it Pavilion Renaissance.

It seems the floor is bubbling and messing with the athletic activity that takes place in the pavilion. It's good W&L cares so much about athletics; that it is willing to replace a floor that's only about a decade old. But \$47,000? Honestly we don't know enough about floors to question whether the University is wasting money or not, but that is a lot of money. When you walk on the Pavilion floor it seems like just another gray floor. We assume the next floor will look like a regular gray floor too. But we are told it will be a better floor, and we believe it.

We have one request while the University is renovating the Pavilion floor. Could they please renovate the acoustics of the building too? After all, the Pavilion is supposed to be for both athletic and social events. True, the acoustics are not as obvious a bubbling floor, but students constantly complain about how bad the sound is. Perhaps attendance at concerts and social events would go up if the sound were better. Attending a concert in the Pavilion is like visiting the Luray Caverns — you have to pay to get in and things echo a lot. As a member of a band once told a Phi staff member, "playing in the Pavilion is like playing in a tin can." After all, flat metal surfaces tend to reflect sound and make sonic diarrhea out of what would normally sound very pleasant. So, let's not end the Pavilion Renaissance at the floor. Fix the sound too.

Quote of the Week:

"Please do not put signs on box."

—A sign on the soda cooler in the Co-op.



We must preserve Roe v. Wade

January 22 marked the 21st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, perhaps one of the most controversial cases in Supreme Court history. The decision has had an impact on many fundamental aspects of American life, such as freedom of speech and privacy.

Before I discuss any of the above, I would just like to clear-up a pet peeve I have with Pro-Lifers. The appropriate title for those who favor a woman's right to choose is Pro-Choice, NOT Pro-Abortion. The use of the term Pro-Abortion distorts what the Pro-Choice movement is about. Pro-Choicers can be those against abortion personally, those who support it unconditionally, or those who support it only in certain cases such as rape or incest; what all these people have in common is the belief that a woman is the only one who can decide what to do with her body.

Now that I have that off my chest, we can progress to fundamental questions. One question is, of course, who has jurisdiction, and to what extent, over a woman's body. Pro-Lifers say that the law has full jurisdiction over a woman's uterus. Pro-Choicers would say no one has any jurisdiction over a woman's body. However, if we go a little further, Pro-Lifers decide that they have no responsibility to the baby after it is born or to the mother who is forced to carry it.

I have a few problems with this approach. First, it is generally accepted in the medical profession that proper nutrition, good emotional health of the mother, and pre-natal care are necessary to produce healthy babies. Often the people who seek abortions at free clinics may not have access to information about proper nutrition or to pre-natal care. As for emotional health that is up in the air.

Imagine if you were a teenage girl and you had to tell your parents you were pregnant. I don't think your emotional state would be too great.

That is part of my second point: what happens to

these mothers? The Pro-Lifers are certainly not looking after them. Suppose the mother carries the baby to term without proper nutrition or pre-natal care, the baby is likely to be physically and/or emotionally handicapped. Who is going to want to adopt these babies? Certainly not the Pro-Lifers. So these babies become wards of the state without homes, families, and for all intents and purposes, a life. If any Pro-Lifer can tell me how this can be avoided, I would be glad to listen to them.

Then there is the other aspect of the abortion debate: free speech. Pro-Lifers (and I realize not all of you are part of Operation Rescue) want to protest at abortion clinics. This is fine if you don't block people going into the clinics and basically deprive them of their rights. The Supreme Court in *Madsen v. Women's Health Clinic* will decide the legality of buffer zones around clinics.

The lower courts have split on this question, so obviously both sides have some valid points. I personally look at these buffer zones as similar to the ones around polling places during elections. There is no campaigning within a certain distance of the building and the same should be held true for abortion clinics.

It might seem that this column is a little irrelevant, considering the anniversary was last week; however, abortion will be in the news for a while longer. There is the decision that must be reached in *Madsen* and in another case determining whether federal racketeering laws can apply to clinic violence. There is also the FDA's

testing of RU 486, the French abortion pill, to see if it can be legalized in the U.S. Finally, and most importantly, abortion will be part of the health care debate.

The health care debate will need to decide whether abortion will be covered under a health plan or only in some cases, such as rape or incest. There is also a question of whether regulations or the national health care will take supremacy over state laws. The health care debate will not yield a final answer on abortion perhaps it will assist in answering some related problems. These could include the availability of birth control and widespread access to prenatal care.

Abortion was around long before *Roe v. Wade*. During its history thousands of women died from abortions illegally. Women still do today. Teenagers who can't bear to tell their parents they are pregnant have back-alley abortions to evade parental notification laws. Women who cannot afford to cross the state twice in a four day period so that

can obey the two or three day waiting period of having illegal abortions and possibly die.

If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, the number of women dying will skyrocket. Some seem to think that if a decision is outlawed it won't. It will probably become more dangerous. Population Action International reported in September that as many as 200,000 women

each year as a result of illegal abortions, most in developing countries. I want to close with one of my favorite quotes which I believe could be applied to many members of Congress: "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament" — Florynce Kennedy.



Nova Clarke, '96

"The health care debate will not yield a final answer on abortion but perhaps it will assist in answering some related problems. These could include the availability of birth control and widespread access to pre-natal care."

Morality extends beyond office

I write this article to oppose an opinion that seems all too common among my peers: that the moral conduct of public officials should not concern us unless it has a "direct effect" on their ability to perform in office. This tempting doctrine in the context of cowardly relativism in which we find ourselves today, but, for numerous reasons, which I shall shortly give, it is an idea wholly out of touch with political realities, and, more importantly, one which can only lead to the destruction of whatever public virtue exists in the United States.

First, the idea that an official's personal conduct is irrelevant to his political role is — apart from morality — factually absurd. In government, no less than in civilized society, nothing works outside of an atmosphere of trust. The leaders of our government are expected to perform certain functions in certain ways, and by accepting high office they undertake to follow through in this. If they lack integrity, then we can never be sure that their work will live up to our expectations. A man who lies habitually, or who does not understand the solemn trust that he has been

given, may do anything with the power he has.

What is more important, the people themselves will be not inclined to respect such a man, and the machinery of government — which depends on this respect and the obedience it generates — may break down in times of extreme stress. This often happens in many Third World countries, where the national leadership is less admired (usually justifiably so) than it is here in the United States. There can be no leadership without trust.

Second, not only do corrupt principles in the magistrate invite the collapse of obedience and order, but they also make inevitable an overall reduction in the moral soundness of society. High officials, contrary to the notions of many, are not merely functionaries entrusted with the execution of a myriad of practical tasks; they are also father-figures, moral examples, and ambassadors of the culture and nation they claim to be a part of and to lead. In Europe, recently, a government minister has become embroiled in a well-publicized sex scandal, the result of his

having fathered an illegitimate child.

The act in itself may or may not be grounds for dismissal, but the situation is complicated by the fact that the minister in question has been an ardent exponent of his party's campaign in support of "family values." How can such a campaign be respected by the public if its proponents violate the very principles they would have others accept? How can society respect itself, or claim to have any integrity, when one of its highest offices is held by such a hypocrite? If a high official claims a moral issue as important, then he surely should be required to practice what he preaches.

Thus we see that the moral conduct of an official is only irrelevant if morality has no place in government. This is another tempting fall-back position for today's intellectual elite, but I believe it to be false. All important questions before the government (abortion, income security, and crime, just to name a few) involve value judgments that have to be made; it is pure folly to insist that the government can be run without reference to moral principles. Men like

George Washington and Robert E. Lee it goes without saying, were not respected for what they did, but also for who they were, for "the content of their characters." And in an age such as ours, when the ability of institutions such as the church, to provide answers has been greatly reduced, moral leadership on a national scale must come from somewhere. As regrettable as it may seem, that leadership will probably have to come from politicians in Washington.

Edmund Burke stressed that it is a politician's duty not just to make a

able to the public his technical skills but also judgment, professional, we agree; we our leader be decisive bold in putting a vision what is right. Some of what is right not just a question of crunching

political calculation — sometimes involves making tough choices of emotional and moral plane. When leaders make such choices, we should be able to trust them; if their hearts are not in the right place to begin with, the policies they enact probably will be either.



Nicholas L. Waddy, '96

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OPINION

Trek to Miniature Graceland

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

How does one define the word "disturbing?" I thought about this for a while and decided the only way to find out the answer was to continue the Dream Land World Tour and investigate Miniature Graceland in Roanoke.

That's right, Miniature Graceland. In 1986, Kim and Don Epperly turned the yard next to their home in residential Roanoke into a shrine to Elvis Presley.

Jon, Rich, Andy, and I arrived on the scene at Miniature Graceland last weekend. We knocked on the front door and listened to the Elvis Presley songs that were playing over a loud-speaker outside until Mrs. Epperly, dressed in a T-shirt that said "I Miss Elvis" opened the door and greeted us. She said that Elvis songs play continuously in her yard seven days a week. (On Sundays Elvis' gospel songs are played.)

Miniature Graceland has 10,000 visitors a year, according to Mrs. Epperly. The complex includes a miniature version of Elvis' Graceland home, the house he was born in, his boyhood church, the museum of Elvis' cars, his father's house, and most oddly, a miniature of the Roanoke Civic Center.

Apparently Elvis performed in the Roanoke Civic Center three times, and in the miniature Roanoke Civic Center there is a miniature Elvis dressed in a miniature jumpsuit. Mrs. Epperly says the miniature Elvis' clothes are changed almost every day, weather permitting. The brochure says the miniature Elvis

is "playing, as always, to a full house" in the miniature civic center. He is surrounded by miniature band members, "The Sweet Inspirations," all of which look like miniature Tom Hesperoses.

The Elvis miniature looked suspiciously like a Ken doll which had some sort of sideburn transplant. This reminds me: all of Miniature Graceland looked suspiciously like converted Barbie Dream Houses. If that is true, one has to wonder what the Epperlys are doing with large numbers of children's toys. NOT THAT THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG WITH KEN AND BARBIE. Except when, and here is where I explain what I mean by "disturbing:" they are publicly displayed in the yard. What do these peoples' neighbors think? Imagine trying to sell a house in that neighborhood:

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. GRADUATE: We're looking for a first home with three bedrooms, two baths, and a large kitchen.

REAL ESTATE AGENT: "Well, I have a lovely house with all that, plus a swimming pool and a view of a yard full of Elvis artifacts and houses and within earshot of 24-hour a day Elvis

songs. And let's not forget about the new airport."

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. GRADUATE: "Sorry, we're Wayne Newton fans. Got anything with a lot of flashing lights and neon? And what's that about an airport?"

Mrs. Epperly told us of her plans to add a miniature airport to Miniature Graceland soon.



Her brochure says that Elvis did not actually have an airport, but he did own three airplanes: *Hound Dog I, Hound Dog II, and the Lisa Marie*. She pointed to the miniature *Lisa Marie*, which is currently suspended by wire over the miniature car museum. It is definitely in a "holding pattern," waiting to land. "Buckle your seatbelts, we're headed for Memphis," the brochure says about the up-

coming airport.

Mrs. Epperly did not specifically mention any plans to establish a landing pad for alien spacecraft for her Martian friends.

Mrs. Epperly also told us about the mayor of Roanoke's recent proclamation of "Elvis Presley Days" in honor of the King's birthday. The mayor apparently attended a recent candlelight service at Miniature Graceland in honor of Elvis' birthday. Doesn't the mayor

of Roanoke have anything better to do, like perhaps, fix the city's chronic lack of interesting things to do for people under age 60? Anyway, Mrs. Epperly said the mayor visited Miniature Graceland even before he was elected, so we can pretty much disregard the theory that showing up was a cynical attempt to gain popularity among the influential Fans of Elvis voting group.

Andy asked Mrs. Epperly her opinion on the whole Elvis U.S. postage stamp controversy, and she really had no preference between the fat or the thin Elvis design. She also made CLEAR to all of us that she believed Elvis was not alive now. She said that no member of the Presley family had visited Miniature Graceland but Graceland (I guess, more specifically, "The Mother Graceland," in Memphis) was aware of its existence. Point of Information: Mrs. Epperly has been to the real Graceland 14 times.

It is once again time to postulate a new theory, and here it is: Mr. and Mrs. Epperly can make a lot of money by licensing a chain of Miniature Graceland franchises, sort of like McDonald's franchises. I'll bet the city of Lexington could make a killing for installing a Miniature Graceland at the city limits near the Virginia Horse Center. Then a miniature Elvis could buy miniature horses to give to people, instead of giving Cadillacs. Then the city could tax horses, instead of cars!

I'm looking for new destinations for the Dream Land World Tour; if you know of an unusual (or even better, disturbing) place nearby I can investigate, please call me at *Phi* World Headquarters at 462-4060. If you would like to visit Miniature Graceland, call (703) 342-6025 for more information.

GENERAL NOTES

Seniors

You can still sign up for senior pictures for the Calyx! Sign-up sheets are in front of Carol Calkins office in the University Center. Any questions? Call the Calyx office at 462-4046.

Pizza

Women's Forum has rescheduled its second annual post-rush pizza party for Monday, Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arlington Women's Center. All are invited for free pizza and movies.

Poetry

This week's Women's Forum meeting will feature poetry readings from W&L students Elise Hagensen, Ashlie Kauffman, and Lyrae Van Clief. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arlington Women's Center.

MLK

There will be a Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration sponsored by the Minority Student Association at the First Baptist Church in Lexington on Feb. 1, 1994 at 8 p.m.

Lost

Lost: Politics 103 Statistics Text and Burgandy Ladies Cross pen. If found, please call Christine at 462-4106.

JMU

James Madison University announces the opening of recruitment for the Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 International Internship positions. Interested students may request information directly from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator, at Paul Street House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, phone (703)568-6979, or fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 14.

Leaders

Sponsors of a national leadership conference to be held in Washington, D.C. are seeking outstanding women to participate in the 1994 "Women as Leaders" program. Women students may call (800) 486-8921 for information on availability of applications. Deadlines for submitting applications is February 15.

Jobs

Meet employers at the Summer Opportunities Day on Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the University Center.

Support

A counseling/support group for women students who are recovering from sexual assault, dating violence or childhood abuse will meet weekly. Call the Counseling Service at ext. 8590 or the University Health Service at ext. 8401 for time and place. If you have additional questions contact Dr. Schroer-Lamont at ext. 8750.

LETTERS

A fifth sorority would help the system

To the editor:

I was appalled by the recent articles in the *Phi* and *The Trident* on sorority Rush. It is unfortunate that Pi Phi did not fulfill their quote; however, this indicates to me that perhaps another sorority is needed.

There is a large number of W&L women who were released last year and this year. A number dropped out, some did indeed "fall through the cracks," but the majority were simply rejected from further consideration. The numbers which were quoted in *The Trident* should reveal that another sorority is needed. If 163 women are rushing, with an acceptance of 108, that leaves over 50 women in the cold. A fifth sorority would allow these women to join a sorority, even though some will inevitably be released or will decide to drop out.

These women now have the pleasure of watching their friends and hall-mates being part of something which they are not. I am uninformed as to the condition of the freshman dorms this year, as I no longer

live there. However, if the door decorations which are used this year are similar to the ones used last year, I shudder at the lack of tact and thought that went into making them.

I cannot describe how it felt last year to walk down the halls to go to classes or see a friend and see that while sororities loved a number of my friends, they were indifferent to myself. If decorations are needed to identify pledges or to make them feel special, fine. However, there should be some consideration of women who are denied this attention and how they must feel.

I am not bitter about being released two years running. I regret only the wasted time, as Rush does take up a lot of time. I am appalled to see that more women must be rejected because one sorority cannot fulfill their quota.

More freshmen and sophomores will have to go through Rush, thinking how wonderful it will be to meet upperclass girls, the standard line fed out by Rho

Chis. They little realize that they will be attending the longest, most uninteresting most important cocktail party of their life at W&L.

It is not the end of the world when you are rejected from further consideration because your clothes were wrong, or you didn't meet enough women, or because you weren't making scintillating conversation because you already said your name and where you were from 50 times to 50 girls.

It just feels like that, especially when you are faced with your friends who were accepted. One goes through Rush in order to get into a sorority, after all.

Upper-class women will know their pledge class very well, but they probably won't remember all the girls who went through Rush. Girls who are released can meet upper-class women through a variety of means. Rush is not one of them.

Susanna Craib-Cox

AIDS Project members disagree with Kucera

To the editor:

As members of the Washington and Lee University AIDS Education Project we are bothered by the comments of C.F. Kucera in the Jan. 21 edition of *The Ring-tum Phi* criticizing the activities held in commemoration of World AIDS Day. We began this effort in an attempt to provide the W&L community with critical information for its health and future, as well as to express our support and compassion for members of the university who have been personally affected by AIDS and HIV. Our activities on World AIDS Day were a fulfillment of that mission.

Mr. Kucera questions our motives for the Red Ribbon Drive and the Candlelight Vigil held outside the Leyburn Library. We question his understanding of how deeply AIDS has affected this community. Many of the people involved with the days activities, everything from setting up displays and hanging posters to wearing a ribbon and lighting a candle, have lost people close to them at the hands of this syndrome.

Equally important was the involvement of those who have yet to be so closely affected. Anyone on the campus could participate in these reminders be-

cause AIDS is an issue that reaches all of us. Rather than being an occasion for "self-congratulation," as Mr. Kucera asserts, these activities served as an excellent opportunity for the AIDS project to commemorate and inform. We achieved this through time volunteered by students, and at minimal cost (less than \$25).

We believe that it was inappropriate for Mr. Kucera to make assumptions concerning our personal motives and group objectives, especially since he has made no outward attempt to gather information about the AIDS Project.

We encourage Mr. Kucera and other concerned members of the community to attend our meetings or to approach any of us to learn more about our efforts or to present an alternative point of view.

Sincerely,
Bevan Owens
Kathy Savory
Kim Stoner
Dorian Lucas
Meriwether Nichols
Pat McDermott
Nova Clarke
Karly Jennings

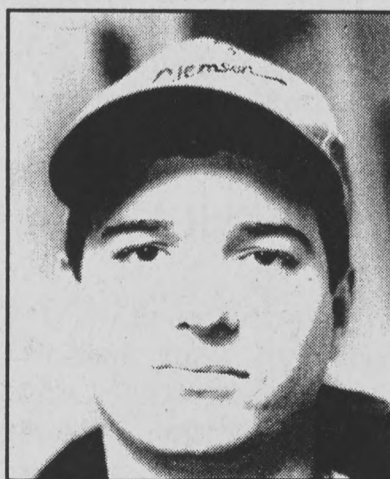
TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos By Joe Framptom

How do you intend to spend Super Bowl Sunday?



Katherine Sawyer, '97, Ellsworth, Me. — "I'd like to watch the game but I have too much work to do."



Andy Holden, '96, Greenville, S.C. — "Wishing somebody other than the Bills and the Cowboys were in it."



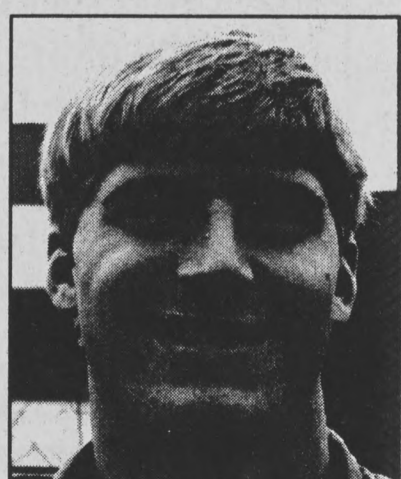
Jennifer "Goose" Garrigus, '95, Atlanta, Ga. — "Going to 'The Dating Game'."



Steph Cobrin, '96, Wayne, Pa. — "Supporting Goose at 'The Dating Game'."



Willie Polaski, '96, West Groton, Mass. — "Watching figure skating. I hate both of the teams."



Robert Hull, '96, Lexington, Va. — "I'll probably be at the D-Hall enjoying the fantastic Super Bowl Taco Bar."

Men's basketball falls

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Following a disheartening Warner Center loss to Hampden-Sydney Wednesday, the Washington and Lee men's basketball team finds itself facing a big test Saturday versus Guilford College.

"This one is very important," said junior Mark Connelly. "It'll be a key game in the conference standings."

The Quakers defeated the Generals in early December, 66-58, a loss that then gave W&L a 1-5 overall record. The Generals have gone 6-5 since that loss and are within a game of Guilford in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference standings.

"It's definitely a game we can win if we play the way we're capable of," said Connelly, who had a team-high eight rebounds in the last contest with Guilford.

W&L (7-10, 4-7 ODAC) has seven conference games remaining and appears to hold a good chance of qualifying for the ODAC Tournament for the first time in three years. A win Saturday against the team immediately ahead of the Generals could go a long way toward reaching that goal.

In Wednesday's 85-77 loss, the Generals showed yet again how much they have progressed this season. Hampden-Sydney had clobbered the Generals in their last meeting, out-rebounding W&L 50-26 and outscoring them 90-48. The eight-point defeat Wednesday matched the most W&L has been outscored since that first Hampden-Sydney game.

The Generals trailed just 37-32 at half-time at the Warner Center, but had committed an alarming 16 turnovers through 20 minutes of play. The Tigers' 5'5" point-guard Tee Jennings did most of the damage, shooting six-of-six for 13 points in the first half, most coming off steals in the W&L backcourt. Although his second-half scoring was limited to two points, his game-high eight steals (two more than W&L as a team) was a large factor in the Tiger win. The 125-pound junior repeatedly harassed W&L guards Matt Newton, Jon Coffman, and Tyler Duvall.

Hampden-Sydney (12-2, 7-1 ODAC) appeared to be pulling away courtesy of their pressure-defense in the second half as they opened up a 48-39 lead. However, Connelly keyed an 8-0 run that brought the Generals back within one point. Connelly scored six in that stretch and would finish with 11 for the game, along with seven rebounds.

The Tigers clung to a small lead until W&L sophomore Coffman (eight points)

drained a three-point shot with just under 10 minutes left, giving the Generals a 56-54 lead. The Tigers, though, turned loose a 10-4 run of their own to regain the lead for good.

The biggest factor in the Generals' loss was the discrepancy in foul-shooting attempts. Hampden-Sydney attempted 29 free throws for the game, including 23 in the second half, and made 25 of them. The Generals were six-for-nine for the game from the foul line, thus nullifying their .579 to .431 field-goal percentage advantage.

W&L even out-rebounded the Tigers 37-29, but they could not overcome the Tigers' free throw edge and their own 31 turnovers.

Sophomore Cam Dyer once again turned in the Generals' top offensive performance with a team-high 18 points (8-of-16 shooting) and six rebounds. Dyer has averaged 18 points over the last six games and has upped his team-leading scoring average to 15.3.

Newton (13 points, seven assists), sophomore Derek Carter (12 points, eight rebounds), and Connelly also reached double-figures versus Hampden-Sydney.

Dyer, who averaged nine points-per-game as a freshman, scored a career-high 24 on Sunday in the Generals' 86-67 rout of Catholic University and added a dozen in Monday night's ODAC win at Emory and Henry, an important conference win and their second road ODAC victory this season.

The Generals led Emory and Henry by 12 at half-time and fought off a strong second half charge by the Wasps for the 76-72 win. Coffman connected on a three-pointer with seven seconds left to break a 72-all tie, then iced the game with a free-throw with two seconds to go, giving W&L its first sweep of Emory and Henry in five seasons.

Coffman (8.2 scoring average) matched Dyer and freshman Chris Couzen with 12 points, while senior Robert Miggins scored 16 and grabbed eight rebounds.

In the victories over Catholic and the Wasps, W&L totaled an 86-46 rebounding edge. Through their 6-5 stretch, the Generals have lifted their rebounding average to that of their opponents, 34-per-game. Connelly says that is due largely to the team's overall turn-around in attitude.

"The last two years seemed like loss after loss," said the junior, who pulled down 13 rebounds versus Catholic. "This year, we expect to win. We don't go onto the court just trying not to lose. We're much more aggressive."

Following Saturday's meeting with Guilford, W&L's next contest will be a road trip to Virginia Wesleyan, one of the Generals' three ODAC victims. They then host Eastern Mennonite and Lynchburg before playing exclusively on the road for the Washington Holiday.

Men lose twice

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Travelling can be a harrowing thing, especially when you're a W&L swimmer and the teams you are to face are Emory and Johns Hopkins. The Generals had an exceptional weekend of performances but could not overtake Emory or JHU.

Despite the losses, Coach Remillard called the meet "one of the best swim meets we've had in a few years." The Generals, like their female counterparts, set numerous personal, season, and even a few lifetime bests in the meet.

The top performers for the W&L squad were Frank Braden, Nathan Hottle, Craig Sears, and David Stillman. Braden won the 200-freestyle in a season best time. Hottle, Sears, and Stillman all took second place finishes.

Next week's meet against Franklin and Marshall will be a tough one for the Generals, and one where there is some pride at stake. The Generals barely beat F&M last year according to coach Remillard. Also, a win this weekend would mark three straight years (since November of 1991) since the men's swimmers have lost Cy Twombly pool.

Sophomore Craig Sears expressed some disappointment with the Chapel Hill performance, "Over-

all, we were expecting to do a little bit better." On the upcoming meet this weekend, Sears said, "I think we'll be alright. I'd say we'll probably win the meet."

According to Sears, the season has been a difficult one. "I think it's been a difficult season so far because our numbers have gone down, but the people who have stuck with it will have a great end of the year," said Sears. Remillard also said of his swimmers, "They're a pretty tough, determined lot."

Following the Franklin and Marshall meet, the Generals have a hard meet against Mary Washington at Mary Washington.



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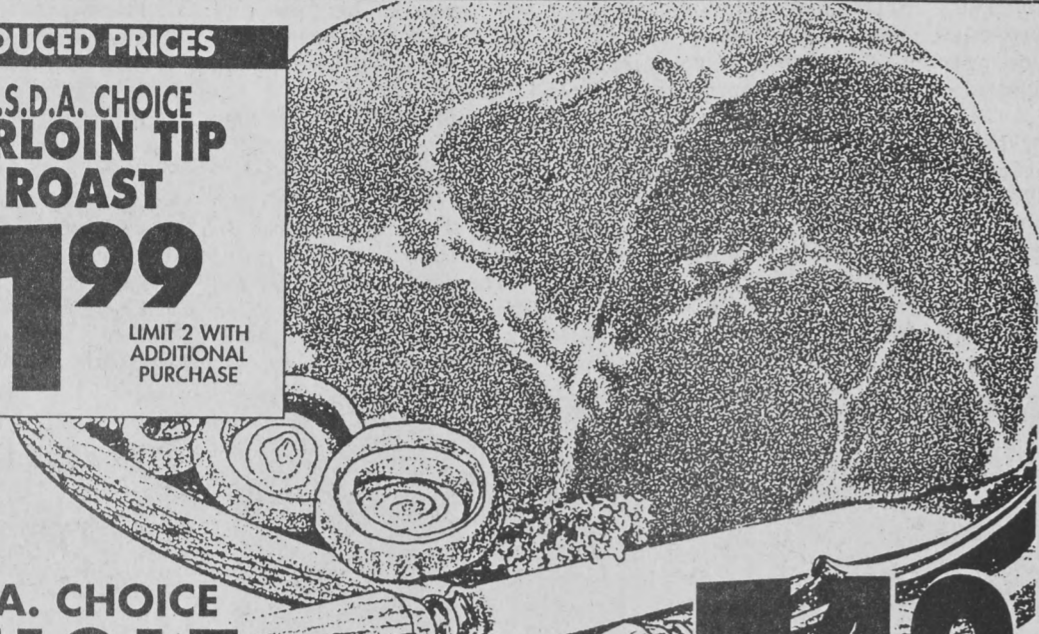
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Standings as of 01/25/94

Men's Basketball

Leading Scorers

Player	Pts	Ppg
Cam Dyer	214	15.3
Matt Newton	134	8.9
Chris Couzen	124	8.3
Jon Coffman	119	7.9
Derek Carter	104	7.4
Mark Connelly	109	7.3
Robert Miggins	107	7.1

Women's Basketball

Leading Scorers

Player	Pts	Ppg
Virginia Yoerg	101	9.2
Sandra Holmes	97	8.8
Karen Stutzmann	81	7.4
Nicky Mayfield	78	7.1
Sarah Aschenbach	7	7.0
Amy Vogt	26	5.2
Mary Tankard	53	4.8
Stacy Williams	35	3.9
Allison Hull	32	2.9

Leading Rebounders

Player	Reb	Avg
Robert Miggins	90	6.0
Cam Dyer	76	5.4
Derek Carter	69	4.9
Mark Connelly	69	4.6
Chris Couzen	37	2.5
Jon Coffman	31	2.1
Matt Newton	27	1.8

Leading Rebounders

Player	Reb	Avg
Sandra Holmes	73	6.6
Virginia Yoerg	60	5.5
Mary Tankard	54	4.9
Nicky Mayfield	53	4.8
Karen Stutzmann	37	3.4
Allison Hull	33	3.0
Stacy Williams	24	2.7
Amy Vogt	19	3.8

Free-throw Standings

Player	Ft/Fta	Avg
Derek Carter	25/27	.926
Jon Coffman	29/35	.829
Mark Connelly	31/49	.633
Chris Couzen	33/49	.674
Robert Miggins	35/50	.700
Cam Dyer	37/59	.627
Matt Newton	31/51	.608

Free-throw Standings

Player	Ft/Fta	Avg
Stacy Williams	5/7	.714
Virginia Yoerg	27/40	.675
Amy Vogt	4/6	.667
Sarah Aschenbach	3/5	.600
Sandra Holmes	19/32	.594
Karen Stutzmann	15/26	.577
Nicky Mayfield	18/39	.462
Mary Tankard	9/20	.450

Wrestling

Records

Player	Record	Wt.
Adam Branson	8-6	118, 126
Anthony Rafia	3-2	126
Eric Shirley	8-4	134, 126
Rob de Clerk	1-6	134
Adam Williams	8-6	142
Cary Hansel	1-5	142
Steve Tye	6-7	150
Owen Smith	4-9	158
Lea Abercrombie	4-6	167
Colin Loomey	8-7	177
Cole Van Nice	11-6	190

Washington and Lee Team Records (updated for 01/28/94)

Wrestling	3-2
Women's Swimming	4-3
Women's Basketball	7-6
Men's Basketball	6-10
Men's Swimming	2-3
Overall	22-24

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WBB—won vs. Sweet Briar, Baldwin
MBB—Hampden-Sydney 88, W&L 75
Wrest—Third in W&L Invitational
Swim—M&W lose to Emory, Hopkins

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This Week:

MBB—Guilford 01/29
WBB—at Davidson 01/29
Wrest—at Gallaudet Valley 01/29
Swim—Franklin & Marshall 01/30

Tonya is innocent!

SARAH ON SPORTS
BY SARAH GILBERT

I have a mission. No one believes that Tonya Harding is a good person but me.

I swear it is not because she is from Portland, Ore. (for those who do not know, I hail from that illustrious city as well); I just finished an argument with my best friend at University of Portland about her relative innocence.

Yes, she may have known that her ex-husband was planning this horror of a botched assault.

No, Tonya Harding was not a debutante.

(In fact, she has some deep-rooted problems stemming from a horrible family life.)

But I refuse to believe that she had a hand in plotting against her competitor.

I must admit that, had my husband told me about his plans to beat up my competitor, I would not have told the police. Would you? This is a man she has claimed to love and has been sleeping with for several years. It kind of inspires loyalty.

My legal sources inform me that you are not legally required to incriminate your spouse in a court of law.

So, how do I know that she did not want Nancy Kerrigan bruised and crying in Detroit?

Because everyone who has been quoted in the media as knowing Harding personally has supported her. They may not like her, but they believe in her fair, competitive spirit that would never stoop to such a level.

"Harding wants to be the best, but she wants to be the best because she beat everyone else," said one acquaintance.

Harding is an absolutely amazing skater. Her raw athleticism is unmatched, and in a world of prima donnas, she is the grittiest and the least "lovely" of all.

Harding is truly a victim in the whole affair; she is already poor, she has no endorsements. Kerrigan, on the other hand, has 35 requests for the film rights to her life.

Kerrigan has always been the media darling; Harding has always been the bad girl of ice skating. Perhaps, though, members of the media and of the United States Olympic Committee should look more carefully into the facts and the true character of the woman of which they might be so quick to dispose.

Sports Illustrated even reported that some members of the USOC felt Harding should be replaced whether or not she is personally guilty.

USOC president Dr. LeRoy Walker wants to go with the public opinion.

"We have to make a decision without the consideration of whether or not her rights have been abridged," he told *SI*.

In other words, the USOC cares more for whether the public has convicted Harding than whether she is actually guilty.

Tonya Harding wants to win, she needs to win. But she would never, never try to dispose of her competitor on any terms other than the technical program.

I do not know Tonya Harding personally, but one of my classmates in high school skated with her and told me that she was tough and uncompromising. But he never told me that she was a criminal.

The position may be unpopular, but I believe in Tonya Harding.

Wrestlers third at invitational

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Wrestling is the arch-typical individual sport. A team's success depends upon how each individual performs.

Last weekend, the Generals faced five other teams in the Washington and Lee Invitational and wound up third.

Despite weather conditions that prevented Haverford and

LaSalle from making it to Lexington, the tournament included six squads. The Generals had two individual champions for the first time since 1989.

Junior Eric Shirley won his eighth-straight match in the 126-class and sophomore Anthony Rafla won the 134-pound title.

"We were pleasantly surprised to have two champions," said head coach Gary Franke.

Eric Shirley was also pleased. "That's the best we've done

since I've been here," he said.

Rafla's victory was especially surprising, considering he was originally not designated as a starter.

To win the title he pinned both of the top two seeds, and his second pin came just 58 seconds into the match.

The tragic fact, as far as the Generals were concerned, was that Rafla's championship did not net the team any points. Starters must be declared in order to

score points, and Rafla was not designated in time.

The championships were not the only important matches of the tournament, according to Franke.

"In a tournament like that, all places are important for points," said Franke.

Steve Tye and Cole Van Nice turned in second-place finishes in the tournament. Adam Branson and Colin Looney placed third in the tournament for the Generals.

Eric Shirley started off the year

with losses in his first four matches, but has rebounded after moving down from 134 to 126 pounds.

"I really didn't have the time to cut wait during the fall," Shirley said.

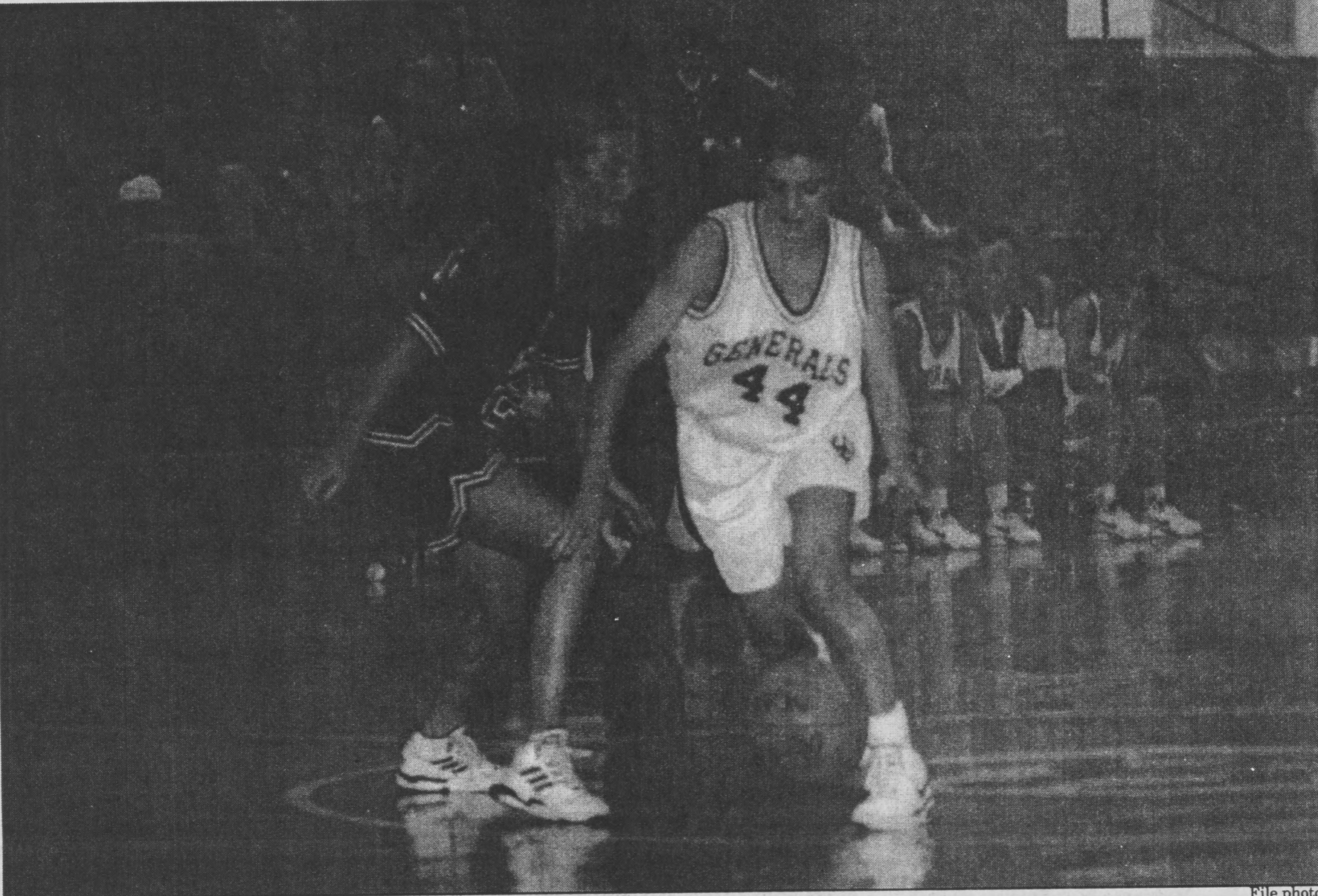
Shirley has rebounded by putting together an eight-match winning streak.

The next challenge for the Generals comes this weekend in a quadrangular against York, Gallaudet, and Gettysburg.

Franke reports that his team is showing wear.

"We're a little banged up right now," said the coach.

In fact, the Generals have suffered injuries to captain Adam Williams (will not participate this weekend because of a broken thumb) and sophomore Cole Van Nice (questionable with a re-injured knee). According to Shirley, however, Van Nice will probably be back in action this weekend for the quad-meet.



File photo

Senior Karen Stutzmann jukes her opponent in a contest at Doremus Gymnasium. The Washington and Lee University women's basketball team, with two wins over Sweet Briar and Mary Baldwin, have brought their record to 7-6.

Women head toward win column

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

New sports often do not get the recognition that they deserve. Often they are less than competitive against more established competitors.

In the case of the Washington and Lee women's basketball team, however, this stereotype

flies out the window.

The W&L women have opened the year with a 7-6 record, including wins in their last two games against Mary Baldwin and Sweet Briar.

In the Sweet Briar game on Wednesday, the Generals held the Vixens to 22 points on 22.6% shooting from the field.

The Generals did not fair much better, shooting under 30% from

the field themselves. However, Washington and Lee forced 53 turnovers and out rebounded the Vixens 51-37.

W&L placed three scorers in double figures. Freshman Virginia Yoerg, the Generals leading scorer for the year, had 20 while Sandra Holmes and Nicky Mayfield contributed 12 and 10 respectively.

Yoerg was pleased with the

team's performance thus far this season.

"The season has been going fine," said Yoerg.

The freshman has scored 20 points for the second consecutive game against Sweet Briar.

Yoerg voiced respect for her teammates.

"We don't have the numbers in terms of players, but we make up for it with heart, and by work-

ing hard," she said.

The next opponent in line for the Generals is Davidson on Saturday.

W&L could put themselves two games over .500 for the year with a victory against the Wildcats of Davidson, which would be quite an accomplishment for a first year varsity sport.

Phi staff writer Bill Rust contributed to this story.

Long-awaited 'SuperSlaughter' pick

AWAY GAMES

By STEPHEN WILLIARD

The SuperSlaughter is upon us yet again. To further hype the hype, the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills are playing a rematch of last year's tormenting 55-17 rout. My dream has almost been realized: the Bills are on the verge of immortality.

There is a catch point. In recent memory (and with SuperSlaughters, recent memory goes back to the last American Football Conference victory; OK, so maybe not quite that far.), there have been few instances of close, hard fought games. In fact there have been two. The 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals on a last minute drive, and Scott Norwood's wide right field goal cost Buffalo on its first trip to the Big Game. Coincidentally, these were the only two games played with only one week's break between the Conference Championship and the SuperSlaughter. Anyway, the point is, maybe there will be a close contest this year. One can always dream.

Basically, the premise behind the week-off deal is this: each team stays in its normal mode. There is not the extended opportunity to allow the media blitz to get to you (an 0-

fer by your conference in the past several years certainly puts added pressure on the AFC entry). With the two week system, a team that falls behind is quickly deflated, providing the memorable blow-outs of recent memory (with the possible exception of that Bears-Patriots game; the Bears would have destroyed the Patriots at any point in the season that year by about the same score).

Out of all this comes the long-awaited prediction. Given my previous comments, most of you already have some idea of what the prophetic word will be. Here you have it: Dallas by 35 in a tight one. Ok, really I think that there is just too much pressure on the Bills, and Dallas is just playing too well: Dallas by seven. I do think that the Bills have the potential to make a game out of it, after their solid performance against Kansas City. On the other hand, didn't the Bills beat the Raiders 51-3 in a playoff game in 1991? Also, I think that the Cowboys are a little stronger than the Chiefs.

Yes, there are other sports going on right now. College basketball has a new target at number one this week with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles Bruins making their first appearance in that position since 1983. Duke garnered the number two spot and the number one spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference by defeating the Uni-

versity of Virginia and Florida State. UCLA put in an impressive performance against Arizona to make it's case for the number one spot.

In the National Basketball Association, things happened. It's just not quite as interesting without Mr. Jordan there to rewrite the highlight films every couple of games.

Parting Shots—
Leon Lett: Try bringing your brain to the game this time. Maybe

the Dolphins game taught you something. Nah, that would involve some sort of organized thought.

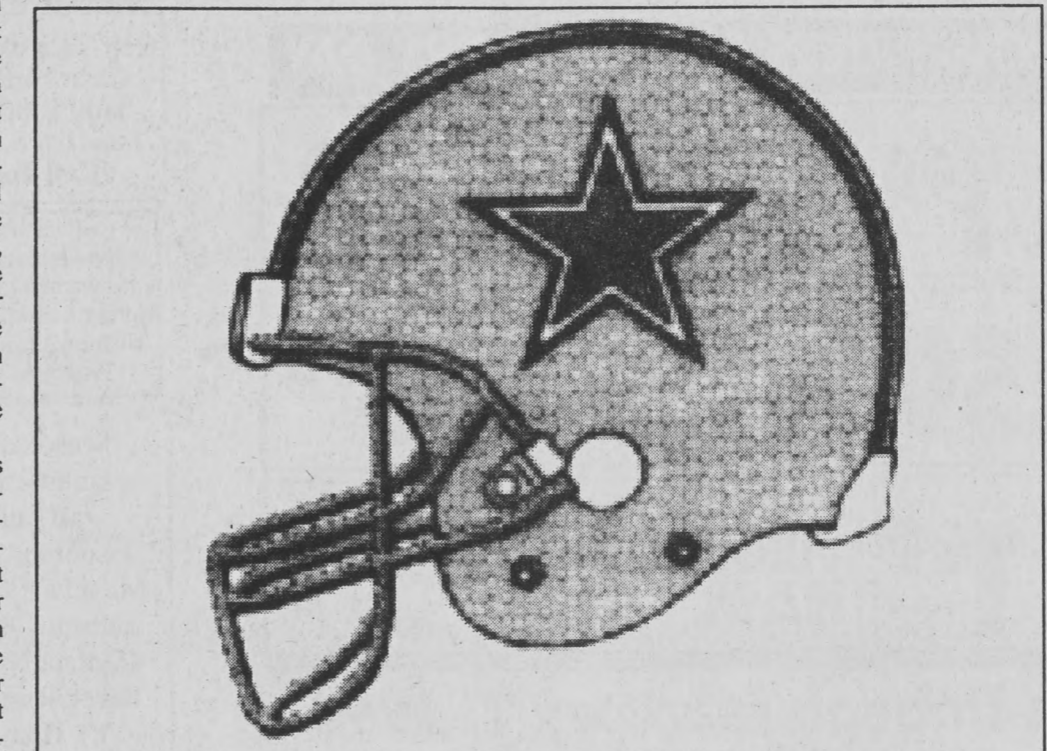
The Buffalo rallying cry thus far has been, "Let's p*** em off." That's great, and I wish the best of luck to the team, but everyone else is going to be pretty p****d off if you guys lose one more time.

In the Australian open, Steffi Graf has been winning everything in sight. You know,

for the sake of competition, it would be interesting to see her lose every once in a while. Monica come back!

Also in the Down Under Grand Slam, but on the men's side, things seem to be moving once again towards a Sampras-Courier final. Once again, haven't we seen this show before?

My final message goes out to Mr. Jordan: DON'T TRY TO PLAY BASEBALL!!!!



Swimmers drop two difficult meets

By STEPHAN WILLIARD
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes there is a limit to everything.

The Washington and Lee swim team might have stretched their limits last Saturday, Jan. 22, against Johns Hopkins and Emory University in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Generals lost to two of the stronger teams in Division III during the day's competition.

Coach Kiki Jacobs said the competition was unusually tough.

"Emory and Henry and Johns Hopkins, for women, usually place in the top eight in nationals," she said.

She also said that the team performed better than in they did in the same meet last year.

Travelling time did not seem to be a problem for the Generals. Actually, according to sophomore Rebekah Prince, the away meets are beneficial.

"It's actually kind of nice to get a change of scenery for a while," she said.

Despite the distance and the somewhat disparaging results, the team members had one of the better meets of the year, setting numerous season and personal bests.

Washington and Lee also got two individual wins from freshman Staci Bertelli in the 100 and 200 butterfly. The victories were the only two individual wins for the Generals.

The team faces what Jacobs called "the most competitive meet of the year" this weekend against Franklin and Marshall.

Prince said she is looking forward to next weekend's meet.

"I'm really excited about this weekend," said Prince.

The Generals are preparing for a meet that, according to Jacobs, could go either way.

The following weekend sees the Generals facing a Mary Washington squad that placed fourth in nationals last year. The Mary Washington team is bringing in a strong freshman class. Conference meets begin again early in February, starting with Hollins College.

"So far, the season has gone really well," said Jacobs.

The team has returned from a 25th place finish at last year's nationals.

Prince, an All-American, has been one of the teams leaders this season despite being under the weather for most of the season.

"To come in as a freshman and be an All-American and come back the next year is really hard," said Prince.

The Generals carry an air of deserved confidence concerning their conference meets, despite last weekend's losses out of conference.

When mentioning the upcoming Hollins meet, coach Jacobs was positive.

"We shouldn't have a problem with it," she said.

Prince was also confident.

"If we don't win I'll be surprised," she said of the conference meet against Hollins.

The Generals have three more meets this term before the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships Feb. 18-20. These will be combined with the Atlantic States Championships, at the Southern States Championships.