

Weekend Weather

Friday — Partly sunny and mild. High upper 60s.
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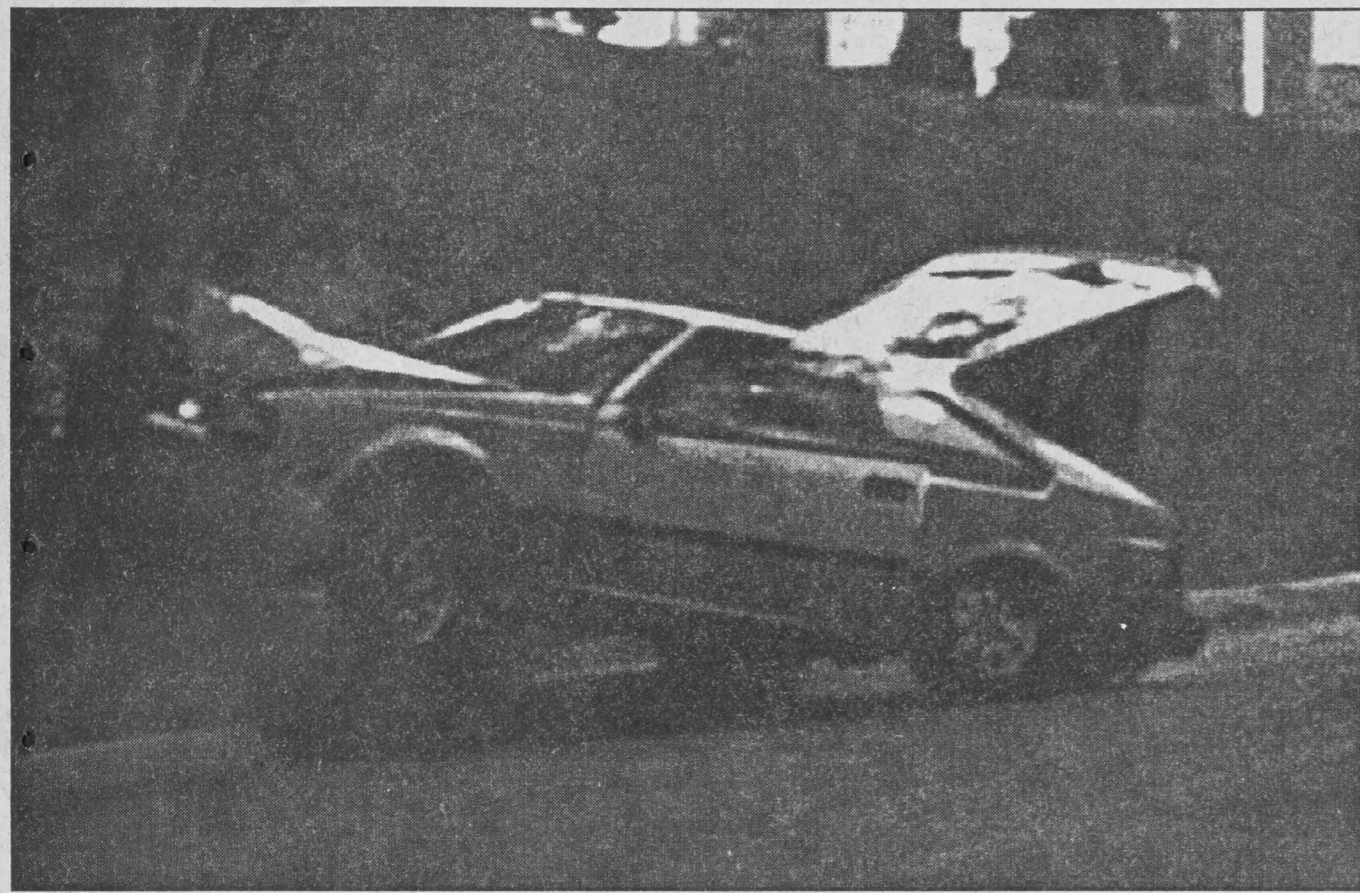


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Car wreck injures two

Rescuers treated two people Tuesday evening after this 1983 Toyota Supra smashed into a telephone pole in front of the Warner Center. Samuel Molasco, 23, was driving. He and his passenger, 20-year-old Carmen Pomas-Garcia, suffered only minor bumps and bruises in the accident. Rumors flooded the campus that Molasco tried to hide a case of beer and pull Pomas-Garcia into the driver's seat before police arrived. Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard could not confirm these rumors but did say Molasco was charged with driving under the influence. Both Molasco and Pomas-Garcia are local residents.

W&L Delt to recolonize

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Executive Editor

After a slow recovery from an 18-month suspension, the Washington and Lee Delta Tau Delta House Corporation has decided to petition the national headquarters for permission to dissolve the current fraternity and begin again next year with new members.

Delt House Corporation President Geoff Stone, '68, was instrumental in the decision and will be part of the discussion with Delt nationals.

"We are working to do the best we can for the fraternity, the alumni, the university and the national corporation," Stone said.

When the Delt's returned to campus from an 18-month suspension last fall, the house had difficulty during Rush and only initiated two new brothers.

Economic factors, among other things, pushed the House Corporation to rethink the structure of W&L's Delt organization, said Stone.

University treasurer Larry Broomall said, "We wanted a commitment from the house that wouldn't force them out of the market. They agreed to phase up to full occupancy."

The house, when full, can hold only 19 brothers. This year, the minimum occupancy was eight, but the Delt's exceeded the minimum.

Next year, however, the minimum of 12 would not have been met, because only 11 brothers will return next year, two of whom have decided to live off-campus.

Stone said a Rush team from the national organization would come to campus in the fall if they agreed to the House Corporation's proposal.

The team would allow the current brothers to reapply to the fraternity but would not guarantee them membership. The team and alumni would work with the fraternity throughout the year to insure the group's strength.

"We told the brothers of the house Monday night what the situation was," Stone said. "They and the university have been very cooperative."

Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins said that the house corporation would probably talk with the InterFraternity Council soon, but he had no final notification Thursday afternoon.

"It's a decision they have to make that's been driven mainly by economics," Atkins said. "The consideration is of keeping the house open with the members they've got now."

Broomall said the university was being as flexible as possible.

"The university doesn't want to force a fraternity out of business," Broomall said. "If they're going to go out, they're going out for some other reason."

Student injured in car accident

By RICHARD WEAVER
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Washington and Lee junior Walker Mitchell remains in the Neuro-Trauma Intensive Care Ward of Roanoke Memorial Hospital after a head-on wreck on State Rt. 501 between Buena Vista and Glasgow on May 13.

Mitchell was heading back to Lexington after dropping his girlfriend off in Lynchburg when he drove through a curve and veered into the opposite lane.

Mitchell's car struck a Chevrolet Blazer driven by Buena Vista resident Michael Wheeler, who was carrying three passengers. The passengers in

Wheeler's car received only minor injuries.

The Buena Vista and Glasgow Rescue Squads used the Jaws of Life to get Mitchell out of his 1986 Oldsmobile. Mitchell had been trapped in his car for close to an hour. He was then taken to the Roanoke hospital. Mitchell broke both arms and both legs, and had to have his spleen removed. Mitchell also suffered brain hemorrhaging.

Mitchell's parents, Chaio and Walker Mitchell, Sr., flew in from their home in Madrid, Spain, when they learned of their son's accident.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Mitchell said her son's condition was improving.

"He's following all commands. This morning I asked him to open his mouth and he did," Mrs. Mitchell said. "He seems like he's going in the right direction. Now, it's a question of time and patience."

"We have faith, and we pray. God has listened to our prayers. I'll stay here next to Walker until he gets well," she said.

"We are asking everyone to keep praying," she added.

Charges have not been filed in the case.

Mitchell's friends are rallying around him.

Freshman Barton Forman said, "Everybody knows he will come through, and we expect him to recover soon."

113 law students face future

By JENNIFER LATHAM
Phi Staff Writer

113 third-year law students have only until Sunday to live it up in Lexington.

With vacation behind them and graduation approaching, they once again face the real world. Some will begin jobs they found through the Placement Office.

Others will take the bar exam on July 27 and begin their job searches after test results arrive in September. If job opportunities increase as expected, 75 to 80 percent of Washington and Lee law graduates will be employed before summer's end.

Sandy Philipps, Director of Placement at the law school, said, "It looks like we're having a very normal year in terms of the number of people with jobs." But student employment records will be incomplete until long after graduation, because many students are still interviewing for law jobs. Others must take the bar exam before applying for jobs such as district attorneys and prosecutors.

Philipps said that by the time bar exam results arrive, about 95 percent of law school graduates usually have jobs. That percentage may be even higher, because many graduates never report their job findings to the Placement Office.

Reggie Aggarwal will have a job after graduation, but he admits competition for law careers is fierce.

"Even if you go to a good school," said Aggarwal, "you still have people who are top in their classes who still don't have jobs."

Aggarwal said limited availability of law jobs has affected W&L law students.

"Since the market's tighter, people are taking...jobs they might not have taken [before]," Aggarwal said. "There's been a...decrease in the amount of firms recruit-

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Car tax eliminated by city; action follows state directive

By ERIN LEONARD
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Students searching for a way to avoid the student car tax can breathe a sigh of relief next year.

Lexington City Council voted to eliminate the controversial personal property tax in a May 12 budget meeting.

However, students are still responsible for 1993-94 tax bills.

"This year's still an obligation," City Manager Jon Ellestad said. "These 1993-94 bills are valid, and we will be aggressive in collecting them."

The council's decision followed a new Virginia state law which prohibits Lexington from taxing student-owned cars registered outside of Lexington but still allows the city to tax parent-owned cars that are garaged in city limits for more than half a year and are not taxed elsewhere.

"Basically, the state legislature has eliminated the city's ability to collect [only] from cars owned by students," Ellestad said.

Although the city could legally continue to tax some parent-owned cars registered outside of Lexington, Ellestad said the council decided not to for several reasons.

First, it took into account the legislature's intentions.

"Their intention was pretty clear that they didn't want university communities to collect the personal property tax from [any] students," he explained.



Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Lexington will no longer tax student cars registered outside of Lexington, thanks to a new Virginia state law and the Lexington City Council.

Second, "it's a real headache to collect to begin with," he said.

For three years, the city has taxed as many Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee student cars as it could identify. VMI has provided the city with a list of student cars each year, Ellestad said, but W&L has not, largely because the university administration is opposed to the tax.

As a result, the city has relied on the eyes of its officers to identify W&L student cars, and many eligible cars were not taxed.

Even when cars are identified as belonging to W&L students, Ellestad said, "we get a lot of nasty letters from parents out-of-state" who do not want to pay.

The new law would make the tax even more difficult to collect now, Ellestad said, because ownership would have to be determined before a tax could be levied.

Third, Ellestad said the council felt to tax a car based solely on ownership would be unfair to students who had to pay. The new law makes the tax inequi-

table, he said. The city is sorry to see the tax go, because it did generate a significant amount of money for the fiscally stressed city.

Last year, Ellestad said, the city collected about \$65,000 from the tax at a rate of \$4.25 per \$100 of value.

But he is relieved that the controversy between the city and W&L is resolved.

Of course, the city will continue to tax all cars that are registered in Lexington regardless of ownership.

Seniors search for jobs

By JENNIFER LATHAM
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A man in a silk suit hurries by, As he catches the poor old lady's eyes, Just for fun he says, 'get a job.'

So goes Bruce Hornsby's tune "The Way It Is." Has the man in the silk suit talked to you lately?

If you are a senior, someone like him probably has. And you wish he would go away.

"I've been sending out graduation announcements, so I've been talking to some relatives," Heather Aussiker said. "They're like, 'So what are you doing?' and I'm like, 'Well, let me tell you...'. [Then they say,] 'And your parents are going for that?' 'Yeah, they are.' Sometimes you just want to say, 'Yeah, well, I won the lottery. Leave me alone.'"

Aussiker, like many other seniors, will not be attending conferences or toting a briefcase the day after graduation. Instead, she'll be moving to New York City, where she plans to become a bartender, work with an acting coach and "hopefully be on a soap."

Although Aussiker's plans differ from the traditional graduate school/formal job application approach, she is not alone. Beverly Lorig, associate director of the Career Development and Placement Office, says the office caters to seniors who represent every facet of the job hunting process.

"We are seeing students who are coming to tell us about accepting offers [and] those people who are still actively engaged in the job search...some just enjoy spring term and decide that they've made a decision to delay any efforts

or big decisions until later in the term," Lorig said.

No matter what direction seniors take, they will compete for jobs with almost 1.2 million other American graduates.

Have no fear, however. Last week's issue of *Fortune* magazine cited recent surveys which showed about 80 percent of recent college graduates seeking employment get a job within six months.

Julie Townsend is among the seniors who discovered this optimistic trend in employment before graduation. She begins work as a public accountant at Deloitte & Touche in Washington, D.C. soon after graduation.

Townsend heard about the position through the accounting department and CDP. She got an offer after her on-campus interview with the company.

"Accounting interviews are in the fall, and I had accepted before December," Townsend said. "The interviews are very organized; it's not like hit-or-miss."

Christina Wheeler also found a job through CDP. She will work on computer projects as a staff consultant at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.

Brennan McBride found a job under different circumstances. He became acquainted with the owner of Dominion Post, a production company in Arlington, Va., through his journalism internship there last summer. Dominion Post's owner was a student of Professor Bob de Maria, who advised McBride to apply for a video editing job with the company.

Finding a journalism job is unlike finding one in most other fields.

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World

Israelis pull out of Gaza, give autonomy to Palestinians

Israeli troops pulled out of Gaza Wednesday, ending 27 years of occupation. The Palestinian autonomy came 12 days after troops began pulling out of occupied areas due to the Palestinian accord. The accord gave the Gaza strip and the West Bank of Jericho to Palestine.

Marxists claim responsibility for missile attack in Greece

November 17, a Marxist group, is claiming responsibility for the missile attack on the offices of International Business Machines in Greece Wednesday. The attack is the most recent in a series over the past 45 days against foreign companies in Greece's capital by groups opposed to the presence of Western interests.

The Nation

North Carolina court rules execution may not be televised

North Carolina's highest court refused to let Phil Donahue televise an execution. A justice on the North Carolina Supreme Court decided Tuesday that neither the state nor the U.S. Constitution gives the condemned man or Donahue the right to tape the execution. Donahue and the condemned man, who is scheduled to die for murdering a man during a 1980 burglary, said the broadcast would draw attention to depression and its side effects, which the condemned man says he suffered from.

Freeway opens after repairs from earthquake damage

A section of the Golden State Freeway opened Tuesday, four months after being damaged by a Los Angeles earthquake. The construction company that repaired the freeway was paid \$19.5 million plus a \$5 million bonus for finishing 33 days early. The earthquake, which measured 6.7 on the Richter scale, hit January 17.

Amtrak Silver Meteor wrecks, killing one and injuring 350

In the fifth Amtrak wreck in 14 months, Amtrak's Silver Meteor slammed into a trailer containing cat-box litter Monday before dawn in Smithville, North Carolina. All but one of the Silver Meteor's 19 cars derailed, killing one and injuring 350 others. Investigators are looking into the wreck.

Judge orders trial to determine if Bobbitt is father of child

A New York judge ordered a trial to determine if John Bobbitt is the father of a 17-month old child in Niagara Falls. Blood tests indicate Bobbitt is probably the father of 21-year old Beatrice Williams' child. Williams is suing for child support. Bobbitt has made up to \$500,000 in publicity appearances since his wife cut off his penis.

White House to see if Clinton can be sued for harassment

The White House has asked the Justice Department to decide if President Clinton can be sued for allegations that took place before he took office. The president's lawyer said he will block a sexual harassment suit with the defense that a resident should not be distracted in office by private legal action. The suit is filed by a former Arkansas employee.

The State

Senate approves plan for 1800 acre national battlefield park

A Senate panel approved a proposed Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields park that would designate 10 properties as Civil War battlefield sites. The park will cover more than 1800 acres. Senators John Warren and Charles S. Robb initiated the proposal last year.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Emily Baker.



Photo by Patrick Hinely

Six in a Row . . .

Washington and Lee Men's lacrosse captains (l-r) Colin Higgins, Scott Mackley, and Shaun McKenzie accepted the Lee-Jackson trophy two Saturdays ago. Lexington Vice-Mayor Tim Goulden presented the trophy following the lacrosse team's 12-10 defeat of Virginia Military Institute in the annual city-sponsored event.

Huntley set to retire next week

By ERIN LEONARD
Phi News Editor

English Professor Bob Huntley sat atop the high stool in his office this week and pondered his upcoming retirement.

"I'm firmly convinced that young people learn better from young people," the 65-year-old said when asked why he has chosen now to leave.

"Their points of reference are more apt to be like," he explained. "In teaching English, so much has to be analogical."

So Huntley and his sheepdog Ollie will say goodbye next week to his job, his Payne Hall office that overlooks the front lawn and chapel and his students as Huntley completes 32 years of Washington & Lee service.

His students will miss him. "His retirement will be the biggest loss to the English department, because he has so much student loyalty," junior Kelly Brotzman said.

Brotzman has taken three classes from Huntley, and he is her advisor as well.

"Students are just drawn to him," she said. "He forces them to think about what they're doing besides just accepting what a professor says."

Brotzman spoke of Huntley's kind, gentle manner.

Students who know Huntley are familiar with his casual dress, his graying beard and his dog Ollie.

"More students know Ollie than know me," he said. "I've had requests to leave Ollie behind."

An interesting fact most students

are not aware of is that Huntley was the first bearded W&L professor since Robert E. Lee's time.

"An alumnus reported me and my beard to the Board of Trustees," Huntley laughed. He said the issue was dropped when then History Department Chair Ollinger Crenshaw remarked to an alum how much Huntley resembled Lee.

"He was joking, but the alumnus didn't know that," Huntley said.

Huntley also laughed as he described how he came to W&L in 1962.

"I blundered into the place really," he said.

While teaching at Northern Illinois University, he came to Virginia to interview for a position at Hollins College.

On his way home, he took Route 11 North through Lexington. As he drove by what is now the Student Telecommunications office, he looked to his left. The Colonnade sat before him the hill.

"Now that's what a school ought to look like," I thought. So I went and proffered my services, and I've been here ever since," Huntley said.

Huntley has accomplished much during his W&L career, but you will not hear it from him.

"People do not realize how much he's done here, because he doesn't trumpet it. He's too modest," said English Professor Ed Craun, a colleague of Huntley's for 22 years.

He spoke of the ten or so years that Huntley served as Dean of Freshmen.

"He was great with freshmen because above all he really knows how to listen sympathetically and how to

awaken them," he said.

The same abilities that made Huntley effective with freshmen carried over to all students, Craun said.

"I think that students have come to value him for the way he brings out their abilities," Craun said.

"You could say one thing is the way that he understands the gentle art of nurturing students as readers and writers," he continued.

Junior Leslie Hallett has taken four classes from Huntley and she agreed.

"I love Professor Huntley. He is just one of the most caring individuals and one of the most interesting teachers," she said.

Huntley said he will miss his stu-



Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

English professor Bob Huntley and his dog, Ollie, are enjoying their last couple of weeks at W&L.

Huntley plans to spend the next year at his beach house on the outer banks of North Carolina.

He said he will paint the house, pack the library with books from his office and relax.

After that, he will return to his small farm a few miles north of Lexington to live.

He will not teach, but he does not want to be too far from Lexington because, as he said, "it's a good place to have spent one's life."

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Mock Con committee chosen

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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The Steering Committee for the 1996 Mock Republican Convention has been selected.

Nine students will compose the committee. Jeff Zeiger will chair the Media Committee, and Loughlin Fitzhagen was selected as Public Relations Chairman. The Speakers Committee will be chaired by Jason Bearden, and Malcolm Burke will head up the Finance Committee. Susan Foote has command of the Social Chair, and the Alumni Chairman will be Caroline Guerin.

Additionally, three Vice-Chairman positions were filled. Aloise Bozell will serve as Media Vice-Chairman, Trey Copeland as Speakers Vice-Chairman and Ryan Connelly will assist Burke as Finance Vice-Chairman.

The Speakers Chairman is responsible for securing national speakers for various events such as the '95 Spring Kickoff, student body lectures and addresses throughout the convention year and for the actual Convention in March '96.

The Media Chairman and Vice-Chairman will obtain national, state and local press coverage of the Mock Convention and will disseminate information to interested parties through news releases, press kits and regular briefings.

"I've always thought the Mock Convention was a unique and wonderful thing about W&L," Bozell said.

Zeiger said his position as Media Chairman will be an integral part of the Mock Convention because extensive media coverage makes it easier to get speakers. He said he did not want to let such a wonderful opportunity pass him by.

"The rewards and experiences of the Mock Convention are unmatched by anything you get in a classroom or anywhere," he said.

Bozell said the Media Chairman position encompasses so much that there was a need for a Vice-Chairman. She said this was the first year a Vice-Chairmanship was offered.

The Public Relations Chairman will distribute information about the Mock Convention on campus in Lexington and in Virginia. He also chairs the Lexington Business Advisory Committee, a group of university and city officials who meet several times before the MC to help coordinate events.

Finance Chair and Vice-Chair will work in conjunction with the MC Treasurer Ronnie Brown in organizing fundraisers for both the Steering Committee and the State Delegations. They are responsible for planning mass mailings, phonathons and personal solicitations.

The Alumni Chairman will work with the Finance and Public Relations Committees in order to communicate with and incorporate alumni into the Mock Convention.

Guerin said she applied for Alumni Chairman because her work with the Student Development Committee exposed her to many alumni. She said there has been talk about getting together a group of alumni to give advice.

She said she had always wanted to be part of Mock Convention because it was like the real Republican Convention. She said the Mock Convention provides valuable experience for people her age.

The Social Chairman will plan the social aspects of the Spring Kickoff and the Mock Convention as well as the Presidential Gala.

Foote said she applied for Social Chairman because she had always wanted to be a part of the Mock Convention.

"I have always been fascinated by the election process and politics in general," she said.

Foote said she was interested by the virtual recreation of the actual Republican Convention.

"It's just a strong part of W&L's tradition."

The Marriage of Figaro opens tonight

Music and theater departments join forces to present a fully staged opera



By MELISSA SAWYER AND BUNNY WONG
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In an unusual joint effort the Music and Theater Departments have teamed up to produce Mozart's comic masterpiece, *The Marriage of Figaro*. This is the first time in thirty years that the departments have combined their efforts to produce a fully staged opera.

Mozart adapted his theme from the satirical French comedy by Beaumarchais.

The story is the classic tale of Figaro and Susanna's wedding day.

These characters, valet and maid to the Count and Countess, plot with the neglected Countess to shame the fickle Count into mending his ways.

The Marriage of Figaro comically plays on politics and sex in the eighteenth century. Politically, Beaumarchais' original 1778 comedy attracted Mozart and friend Lorenzo da Ponte. While Beaumarchais' comedy was dangerous because it presented society as ready for revolutionary change, Mozart and Da Ponte seized upon it as the perfect comic opera.

Still, it would be a controversial gesture. Joseph II of Austria had banned Beaumarchais' play before.

Da Ponte, however, managed to convince the Emperor that all offending passages would be taken out. Cleverly, Da Ponte and Mozart still managed to work in calls for social subversion in *Figaro*.

These behind-the-scenes politics are comically complemented by the sexual antics of the characters. Cherubino, for example, is a woman dressed as a man, and comedy erupts when Cherubino is dressed up as a woman by the unsuspecting Susanna and Countess as a woman to go meet the Count.

Figaro, however, is not just a simple comedy of sex and politics.

Love, forgiveness and hurt all interweave themselves into the music, giving Mozart's masterpiece both direct lightheartedness and complex seriousness.

Many consider the finale of Act II to be the musical triumph of *Figaro*.

It chronicles the fighting Count and Countess with many other complications of plot. Even Mozart was amazed by the brilliance of this finale, according to Timothy Gaylard.

Starring in Washington and Lee's production of *Figaro* are: Jennifer Ray '94 (Susanna), Mandy Irons '95 (Marcelina), Allen Flickinger '94 (Bartolo),

Michelle Brien '94 (Barbarina), and Meagan Miller '96 (Countess Almaviva), among others.

The part of Figaro is being played by Larry Evans, a professional singer and Lexington resident who has sung in over thirty operatic roles with a number of companies.

The high concentration of vocal talent at W&L this year contributed to the decision to put on an opera this year, especially so the seniors would be able to express their talent to the school one last time.

Mozart's demanding solos require the kind of vocal range and endurance that W&L's gifted group of seniors have this year.

Dr. Gordon Spice and Dr. J.D. Martinez made several changes to the opera to make the production feasible within the constraints of time and money. They shortened the original story, decided to sing the opera in English, and substituted a piano for a full-sized orchestra.

A preview show was held on May 18.

Opening night is tonight, Friday the 20th. Additional performances are on May 22 and 24.

All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Keller Theater.

For ticket information, call the Lenfest Box Office.



Publicity Photo

performed in eighteenth century garb, Jennifer Ray '94 and Larry Evans rehearse *Figaro*. Ray plays the role of Susanna and Evans plays Figaro. Evans is a professional singer and Lexington resident, who has sung over thirty operatic roles.

The Crow survives predicatable plot to emerge as good action flick



The Crow ☆☆☆ 1/2
It's hard to find a good action flick these days. They're either pathetic sequels (*Predator*, *Highlander 3*, *Rambo 4*) or politically driven propaganda pieces (Stephen Segal's latest).

So, *The Crow* is a welcome departure from that lot, providing a new star (Brandon Lee, son of Bruce) with a clever forum for his talent.

Lee plays Eric Draven (get it? "raven": crow? clever, no?), a rock guitarist who is killed with his fiancée by four gang members. A year later, Draven returns from the cemetery literally tearing up the earth to get out to avenge their deaths.

And not only is he given a second chance to live, Draven also gets this neat power which will almost instantly heal any wounds he gets, ergo, he can't be re-killed.

Lee stalks across the scenes, casting his brooding and painted glare at everyone (he wears mime make-up throughout). The bad guys are very bad, the police are tired and disillusioned, and the city is dark and moody. The plot trots along, with very little to distract us from the business of revenge (with the exception of a silly sub-plot concerning a street girl and her mom).

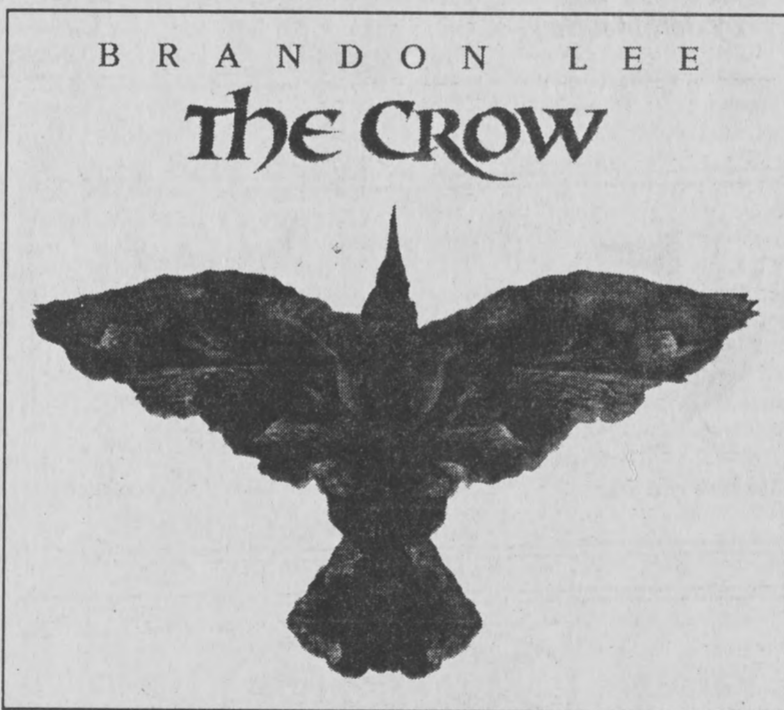
Lee gets shot often, but the audience fails to

tire of his perpetual healing; there is something inherently thrilling in seeing the good guy confound his opponents, rising just when they think they have finally beaten him (q.v. Clint Eastwood in *A Fistful of Dollars*).

However, the real strength of the movie lies not in its generally predictable plot, but in the fresh scripting. The film is simply very pleasant to sit through; we actually listen to what everyone says and are rewarded with clever yet realistic dialogue. The characters are given witty lines, but never deliver fake "wise-cracks in the busy action scenes.

The one complaint I might register with this film (besides the unnecessary street girl character) is that the action scenes aren't quite up to par. The largest fight scene, when Eric Draven single-handedly takes on twenty or more of the city's chief wrongdoers, is filmed very haphazardly, and as if under strobe lights. I got the feeling I was watching something shot in "Confuso-vision."

After having watched many a Van Damme action flick where the characters are apparently pulled directly from a hat, the reality and flesh these are given is quite refreshing. Top Dog, the arch-villain, is played with just enough humanity to make his evil seem so much more real.



(Although the credits list Michael Wincott as the actor who portrays Top Dog, I have sneaking suspicion it is really Anthony Kiedis of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.)

The agreeable black policeman, Albrecht, is given life by Ernie Hudson, who does a similarly excellent job of not letting his character become so easily stereotyped. It would have been very easy to play this role as the archetypal

doughnut-munching beat cop, whose good ideas are always ignored by his overly-tense superiors.

Rather, the policeman is kept fresh and alive, typical not as a stereotype but as a worthy representative of his class.

Of course, the ultimate character in the film is none other than the Crow himself, Eric Draven. Unfortunately, what makes this role come through so powerfully, what makes this otherwise typical avenger seem so immediate and possible is nothing but the death of Brandon Lee.

Only a few days before the end of filming, Brandon Lee was accidentally shot on the set.

As if the eerie parallels to his father's early death weren't enough, Lee's striking similarities to the character Eric Draven are also troubling. Draven is shot the day before his wedding and was an aspiring guitarist with a bright future.

Lee was planning on marrying his girlfriend (the "Eliza" mentioned in the credits) shortly after the filming of the movie was completed, and of course his own very promising movie career was cut extremely short.

The knowledge that Lee is dead makes all of

his scene's seem so much more powerful.

Essentially, *The Crow* is an enjoyable action picture which should reach beyond the typical twenty-something male audience.

It is something of a cross between *Batman* and *Blade Runner*, a sort of higher class *Under Siege*.

Although it wouldn't lose much on the small screen, if you're at the theater and don't have your mind set on a particular film, *The Crow* is a safe bet. It rates three and one-half stars.

The Rating Scale

☆☆☆☆—Go buy this as soon as it comes out on video. It is an instant classic. "You'll laugh; you'll cry; and maybe, just maybe, you'll learn something about yourself."

☆☆☆☆—Go see this film now, while it's still on the big screen. It's worth a few Oscars and the seven bucks you'll pay if you see it outside Lexington. Overall, "Better than *Cats!*"

☆☆—Okay, so there have been better films. Nevertheless, it is a good example of its genre, and you should probably see it on videotape, especially if you are a fan of the actors or director. Still, probably "Better than *Cats!*"

☆☆—It happens to be on HBO, and you're blowing off tomorrow's reading. Although your time would probably be better served on your education, it's free and you're bored, so go ahead and watch it.

☆—Even if it's free and your best friend said he never laughed harder, trust me, this one sucks. Don't waste your time, or at least don't waste it on this. (There's always MTV.)

The Culture of Disbelief marred by contradictions

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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My grandmother always said that when prayer was taken out of the schools, the moral fiber of this country weakened. Former Vice-President Dan Quayle, using the example of Murphy Brown, suggested the "cultural elites" in the entertainment industry mocked traditional family values. In *The Culture of Disbelief: How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion*, Stephen L. Carter, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University, argues that American law and secular society deny the right of religiously devout people to intersect their beliefs into the political arena. Carter has a sound thesis, and he makes several valid points throughout the book. However, his argument is mar-

ried by painful contradictions.

His conception of religion as intermediaries which are resistant to the state is flawed. To make his point, he frequently refers to the Civil Rights Movement and its use of religion.

While it is certainly true that King used Christian theology to preach against the evils of racism, Carter loses his credibility when he stretches this comparison to issues such as abortion, creationism, and the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.

Furthermore, he fails to create a balance between respecting the rights of minority religions and American law. He is correct in arguing that minority religions need protection from a tyranny of the majority. Yet, he fails to realize that it would be practically impossible to make an exception to all religions. He criticizes the *Employment Division v. Smith* decision where the Supreme Court deemed the drug peyote

illegal as one that dismisses the beliefs of Native Americans.

In this case, Carter's criticism is valid.

However, what about animal sacrifice? Or human sacrifice?

Should Americans accommodate these practices in the name of religious freedom?

Most Americans certainly would not.

It may have been practiced in Ancient Greece, but it would not be tolerated in America.

He further tackles the infamous 1992 Republican National Convention: "What was wrong with the 1992 Republican Convention was not the effort to link the name of God to secular political ends. What was wrong was the choice of secular ends to which the name of God was linked."

The problem stems from politics leading faith instead of the other way

around. Oftentimes, the "political preacher" fits his religious beliefs into his politics which Carter considers morally wrong.

He also criticizes the notion of a "Christian Nation" because it is potentially dangerous, particularly in the case of the Jews.

Ultimately, Carter offers a compelling argument that religious devotion is relegated to a second-class position in society.

He gives a clearer definition of the Establishment and Free Exercise Clause in the Constitution.

However, his contradictions frequently get in the way of his occasional good points.

His concept of religion's role in society and the notion of trying to accommodate every religion is unconvincing.

He argues that the state must have a compelling reason to intervene in the

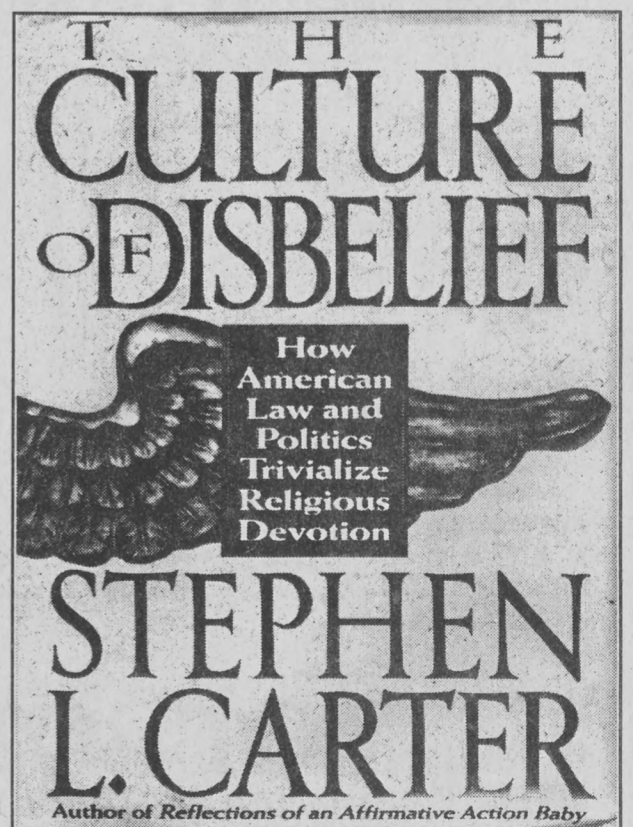
free exercise of a particular religion.

Yet, he never gives any guidelines by which to judge a state's request. Who decides?

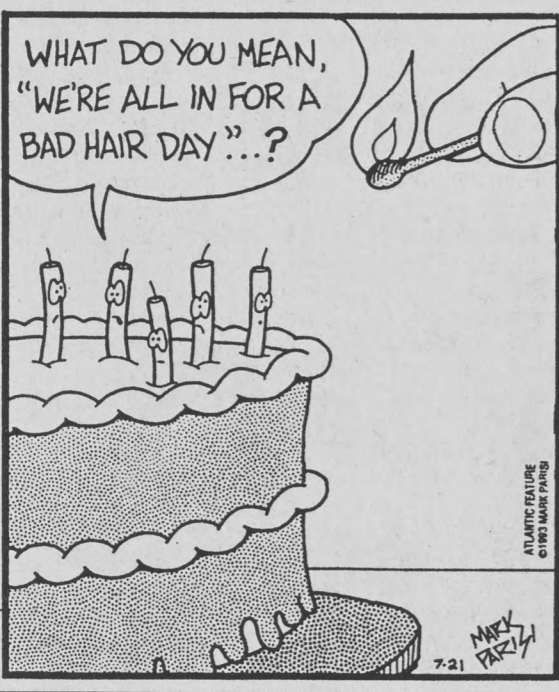
The reader is never given a satisfactory answer.

Overall, his ideas are imaginative and his subject matter intriguing.

However, *The Culture of Disbelief* leaves the reader feeling a little frustrated.



off the mark by Mark Parisi



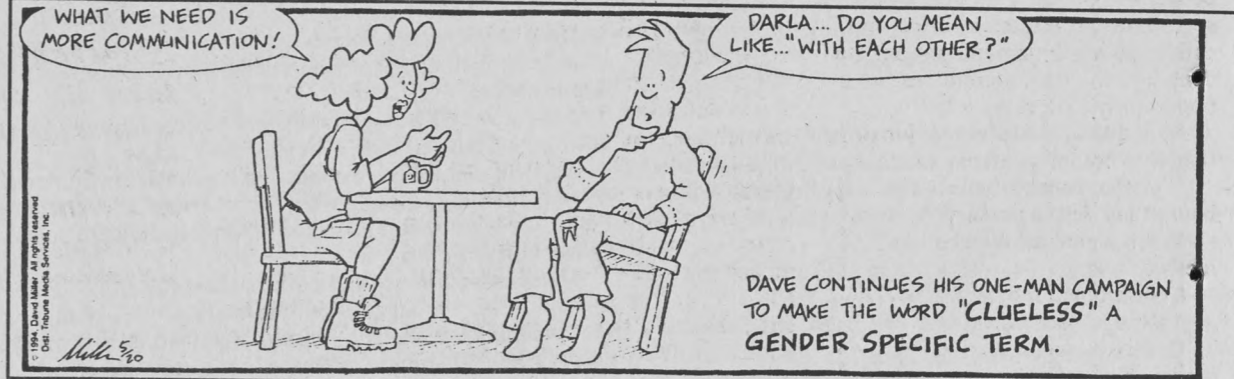
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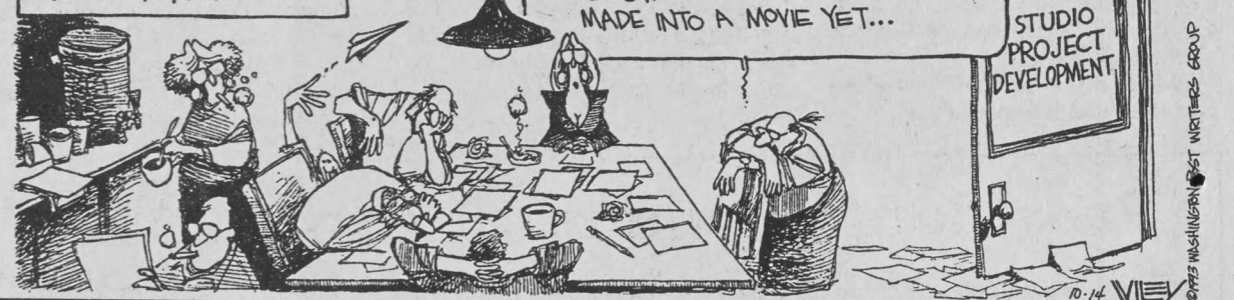
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Seniors approach job search with different ideas

From JOBS, page 1

"You don't go through the same process as you do...working for a bank or working for some financial institution," McBride said.

"A lot of it places emphasis on who you know and who knows you and if you can network."

Networking and using alumni contacts has helped many seniors, Lorig said.

"Our office is the starting point for meeting alumni," she said. "Most people will find their jobs through personal leads or referrals or direct application, so it's important that our students use the total alumni base as an opportunity to develop jobs."

McBride says he owes his job offer in part to both networking and luck.

"I just happened to be fortunate...this kind of just fell in my lap," he said. "What about those who aren't so lucky?"

Commitment and persistence often pay off in job-searching.

Grant Rea, whom Bank One of Louisville, Ky., hired as a management trainee, visited the company several times.

"I basically went there and spent a day speaking with people and interviewing, and I did that on four separate occasions," Rea said.

Wheeler got her staff consultant position through perseverance.

"I sent my resume in, and then it came back, and I was an alternate," Wheeler said. "I called the guy and said, 'Look, I'm an alternate, and I don't want to be an alternate.' So he gave me an interview, and then I got an office visit...I got the offer about two weeks later."

Like Wheeler, Townsend relied on an interview to get her job. Townsend described her pre-interview jitters.

"I was extremely nervous," she said. "I don't know why I thought they would ask me questions that I wouldn't know the answers to. All they're doing is asking you to talk...about yourself."

Townsend offered advice from her experience.

"The best thing you can do is to have confidence and to show confidence," she said.

Wheeler recalled one interview she had that did not lead to an offer.

"I went into Wachovia Bank for an office visit, and I thought I had worked them," she said. "I had read the paper. I had picked up stuff on derivatives, and I knew Wachovia did a lot of work with derivatives. I got a letter that said they didn't have any openings."

Her advice:

"Really look at your interview and say, 'Okay, maybe I...need to tone it down a little bit,'" Wheeler said. "The best thing is talking to someone...your advisor, a professor...maybe they'll go through with you and help you on some points."

Wheeler also gave advice on interview preparation.

"You just cannot be afraid of rejection. You have to be determined and persistent. You have to go into [the interview] and say, 'All right, they may say no, but I have to make them realize that I'm the best thing that they're going to get.'"

The career office continues to help

students cultivate that attitude through interview workshops even through spring term. Lorig said that workshop attendance is lower in the spring than during fall and winter terms, so the office can give students more individualized training.

Kathleen Eastland, who will teach French at Darlington School in Rome, Ga., used the career office to schedule her interview through the Selective Liberal Arts Consortium. The office staff also encouraged her to be persistent.

"My resume probably got sent to almost 30 schools [through SLAC and other teacher placement agencies], and

I wrote a follow-up letter to all those schools and said, 'Please send me literature on your school.'"

After getting no responses, Eastland visited the career office, where she was told to send a second letter to the schools. She expected to continue her job hunt.

"I was very prepared to have my job search go through the summer," she said.

"That's what the placement agency told me. They said, 'You will get a job if you stick with it. If you don't have a job by graduation, don't get frustrated.'"

Shortly after her visit to the career office, she heard from Darlington School.

Although McBride had an informal interview and never had to send 30 follow-up letters, he offered advice to students entering the job hunt.

"Forget the summer camps and forget the job flipping burgers or working at the country club. If you want to work in, say, northern Virginia or D.C., then you ought to take an internship up there the summer before you're going to get a job," McBride said.

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Manning and Howison proscribe Gaines facelift

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Staff Writer

The revitalization plan for Gaines Hall will result in relatively few changes for the residents of Gaines.

Aside from renovations to four designated sorority suites and a Women's Forum suite, the only possible change is the possible conversion of a third floor single room near the Women's Forum suite to a lounge/kitchen area.

Dennis Manning, Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life, said the room would be a previously detached single room or Resident Advisor's room. The room may be "converted into a food preparation area" available to all residents of Gaines, Manning said.

The cinder-block walls will not be plastered over, as previously proposed, because of cost. Plastering the walls would be "prohibitively expensive," Dean Manning said. Other forms of wall coverings are being looked into for future years, but the cost of installation and maintenance so far is too great.

The loft suites for the sororities will undergo several changes. In each suite there will be an office/storage space, a lounge for members to visit, a guest room for visiting chapter consultants and a bathroom.

According to David Howison, Dean of Students, the suites will serve as "a kind of multi-purpose room" for programs that now take place in the University Center. Sororities will still have their large chapter meetings in the University Center.

The Women's forum has not yet confirmed what will go into its suite. The group does have "exactly the same options as the sororities," Dean Howison said.

The exact number of Gaines residents for next year is still unknown. Because of transfer students and students that are even now signing up, "the numbers are still in flux," Dean Manning said.

There will probably be between 160 and 170 students living in Gaines. The dormitory has a potential occupancy of roughly 200.

Law students seek jobs in tough market

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Aggarwal will work for Coopers and Lybrand in Washington, D.C., doing corporate tax work.

"I feel really...fortunate to have a job, because it's really tough out there, especially if you want to go to a big city," he said.

Patti McNerney, '94L, was also lucky enough to get a job in a field of law that interests her. She will work for the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations as a minority staff member in Washington, D.C.

"I'm starting basically at the bottom of the committee, but just to get on the committee..." McNerney said. "I kind of feel like it's a good starting spot."

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The Ring-tum Phi

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The Next President is . . .

The Presidential Search Committee is starting the long, arduous process of finding out of almost a hundred applications the ten most qualified people to be president of this university. Every student on campus, especially the freshmen should be thinking of what they would like to see in the next president.

Think of all the changes our out-going president has brought to this school, the next one could bring more and they might be undesirable. So please write letters to the Board of Trustees (who ultimately picks the president) about what you might want to see in the next president of Washington and Lee.

The search will continue and they will still be taking applications and nominations until about November, when the committee finally submits their list of ten lucky people to the board.

This is a lot of time to write in, but the criteria are going to be set soon. The committee has already received criteria from the board were presented at the ODK initiation ceremony earlier this year by Rector A. Stevens Miles.

The board needs to know what the students want in the person that will be their president after President Wilson retires from brick-laying.

Write the Board of Trustees or the Presidential Search Committee (Professor William Watt) and get involved in the search.

The Weather

The only really controversy on the campus that I can think of is the weather. It is past the Ides of May and it is cold at night, not just chilly either, it's been cold.

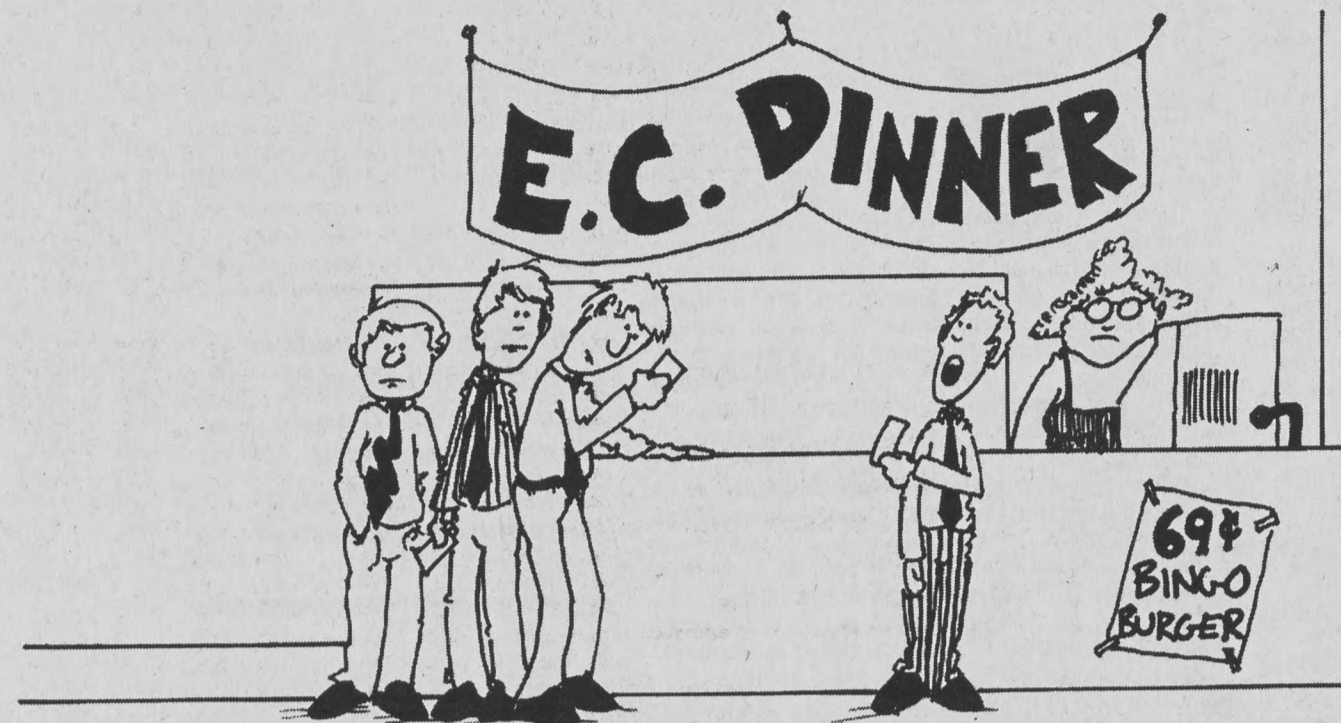
It is a sad day when you go to Goshen and it is raining or too cold; Spring term will be close to worthless if this keeps happening. I especially want nice weather for the big weekend at Zollman's. Just remember, a mini-ice age could begin any minute, then where would we be?

Quote of the Week—

"Ptutt."

—Approximately one half of the new IFC officers at some point during the last meeting.

OPINION



ALRIGHT, LOOK. WE ALL REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR SO MAKE SURE YOU PRESENT YOUR COUPON TO THE CASHIER AND MAYBE WE CAN KEEP THIS THING UNDER TWENTY BUCKS.

Look back on this year with fear

The 1993-94 session of Washington and Lee University is quickly drawing to a close.

In just a few short weeks W&L students will be finishing up exams, packing their bags, and heading elsewhere for the summer recess. What has been learned by the W&L student this year, and what has changed in just one short year, and my first, here at W&L?

In terms of national news our president has certainly given us much to discuss. Each week he entertains us with a new scandal and a new crisis. When Bill Clinton told us that he was going to revitalize the economy, we assumed he meant more than just the tabloid market. It seems a bit frightening that the *New York Times* is following the leads of the *National Inquirer*. There is more to this president than simple sex scandals, however: foreign policy, for example.

Well, perhaps foreign policy isn't the best example of the president's leadership. In order to lead, it is general advisable to have some sort of policy first; the president seems not to have one, or at least a successful one. On the issue of Haiti, for example, Clinton did nothing until he was goaded into action by Robinson's hunger strike. Clinton's

trouble seems to stem from the fact that he really doesn't seem to care about foreign policy all that much. It was reported recently that Clinton went over a week without a meeting with his top policy advisors, instead, he was selling his health care "plan" to the American public. Remember that old saying, a good product sells itself; it makes me wonder how good a product Mr. Clinton and his wife are peddling.

In a way, I just don't feel right criticizing the president, it's sort of like having an intellectual battle with an unarmed man. Thus, I will turn to more local news, right here in Lexington, Va.

Our city finest give the W&L student much to think about, usually while spending a night at the city's expense. Which brings me to a poignant question; what is the point of the drunk in public laws? Here is a very real situation: After a few hours at the Palms or a local party a W&L student decides to walk home instead of driving, a responsible decision by most accounts, a few minutes later a Lexington police officer picks him up and gives him a ride... to "county." It doesn't seem to make sense that students are penalized for making a responsible decision. So

much for the police being our friends as we learned in elementary school... protect and serve, huh?

On the Hill, W&L students learned that being a fraternity member is not safe. If you're not being assailed as racist, sexist, perpetrator of a stereotype, you're being fined, penalized, or chucked off campus. What business is it of the university, I wonder, to dictate the social lives of its students. Fraternities are independent, autonomous, and above all, voluntary student organizations, over which the university should have little, if any, control.

The need for social control goes beyond just fraternities with the hiring of a new administrator to plan W&L social events. Just what we all know the university needs another of, an administrator, and not only that but a dean as well. It seems to me that any house social chairman could do what this new dean is going to do, though I could be wrong.

A new president; the selection process began this year to find a new president for Washington and Lee. It is important that W&L students pay attention to this process for if an anti-tradition president is selected the death knell would sound for W&L as we

know it.

I would suggest someone who has spent as little time in academe as possible and would like to reassert my objections to possible front runner in the selection process, President McCardell of Middlebury; a W&L alumnus who apparently learned little about Washington and Lee University's traditions while here, if his Middlebury presidency is any indication. While president there he has managed to oversee the expulsion from campus of all the fraternities and has embroiled the college in an ongoing lawsuit, just the kind of president we need here.

It is impossible for me to note all the significant goings-on of W&L during the past year, let alone national and local issues. I have tried, during my tenure as a Phi columnist, to present issues of relevance to the Washington and Lee community.

I have failed sometimes and succeeded others, but all in all I hope I have entertained, educated, and perhaps enlightened (though I doubt the latter). I wish all of you a good summer, and hope to see you again next fall. I would also like to wish the graduating class the best of luck as they go out into the "real world." Until next year, best wishes and God Bless.



C.F. KUCERA, '97

“It doesn't seem to make sense that students are penalized for making a responsible decision.”

Politics aside, one last "thank you"

Well folks, this is it, the last Phi for the year and my last column, ever.

Over this past year I have tried to use this space to address those issues I felt needed the most immediate attention at this University. I have enjoyed writing this column and I appreciate the compliments that I received throughout the year. I know there are a significant number of faculty, staff, and students who feel, as I do, that this University is facing several critical campus issues as we move into the next century. However, I am tired of repeating them as I am sure that the small number of you who actually read this are tired of hearing about them.

Instead I am going to be a bit selfish and use this last column to say, "Thank you" to some of the folks on campus. These are people that have helped make my time in Lexington memorable, they are not the only ones, but if I were to list everyone Sarah would have to let me take over the final issue. Anyway, here is my list of the most memorable and least often thanked people at W&L.

W&L SECURITY — Mike, Steve, Melvin, Larry, Ruth, Shannon, Fred C., Fred R., Al, Joe, Tony, "Sonny," and Baner. Any of us who have ever needed a ride, had our car "T & T'd," needed a door opened, needed help, or even needed a good laugh know that these are some of the very finest folks on this campus. They always place the best interest of the students first and they never let you forget that, "You can't park on the 'yella!'" Thanks for everything — the "Commissioner."

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE — Donna, Karen, Miss Jarvis, and Scott. These folks have taken a lot from everyone on this campus. They answer our questions, they collect our forms, and they take our grief. The next time you're wondering why they aren't always smiling happily when you see them, consider whether or not you would be smiling if you had their workload. It's difficult and they do a hell of a job! Next time you stop by, try smiling yourself, then say thank you!

CAMPUS SECRETARIES — There are too many to mention but what's truly amazing is that they

are all fantastic (with a few rare exceptions and they know who they are!). Whether it's Mrs. Scott in the President's Office or Melissa Cox in Journalism, Mrs. Calkins in the University Center or Mrs. Rice in the Dean of Students Office, they are always there to give you a paper clip or listen to you complain. Each department has one and the "majors" circle around them like second mothers. Thanks ladies, you're terrific.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT — Beverly Lorig, Ruth Lewis, and Vicki Saunders. Those of you who are not seniors will just have to trust me that most people here, at one time or another, probably should have offered to give these women a small house. Imagine the stress of having to find employment for 400 people every year. Phenomenal is the only word that comes to mind!

LIBRARY STAFF — How many times have you asked them where to find a book, magazine, article, etc.? If you're like me, more times than you care to remember. Some of my favorites: Tammy at circulation, Yolanda in Reference, and Mrs. Britigan — the ILL Queen. Thanks to them all!

CO-OP LADIES — I challenge anyone to show me a group of people who put up with more than these women. Many of them have been working on this campus for years and probably know a lot more about it than most of us, and yet they rarely even get a "thank you." Think about that next time you're ordering a chicken filet.

INFIRMARY — One last group "thanks" to this team of professionals. Whether they are saving a life or repairing a finger cut, they are always friendly and always willing to discuss any problem. Working on

a college campus is not a health care professional's dream, it takes commitment and dedication and these people have both!

There are also a few folks who should be thanked individually.

Diane Johnson in the business office, always smiling and pleasant even when you know you're driving her crazy. Fontanne Bostic, a genuine W&L treasure, she has the answer to anything you ever wanted to know about W&L, but were afraid to ask. Agnes Gilmore, someone once described her to me as, "the most beautiful woman on campus," she is also the most genuine soul I have met here and I am all the better for it. Larry Broomall, the friendliest administrator I know, always willing to listen, even to the smallest problem. Burr Datz, I think everyone knows and respects "the hardest working man at Washington and Lee." Finally, Dean Anne Schroer-Lamont, probably the most embattled administrator on the Hill, while also being one of the finest. She has worked tirelessly to make this University a better place and any true W&L gentleman or lady would recognize that and say "thank you."

All of these people have been important to me while I've been here. I am certain that most students feel the same about these or the countless other staff and administrators who make this place run. Of course the faculty are not without their own "all-stars," and I suppose we all have our favorites there. But, in general we are fortunate to have people who make this campus a community, they make it a place you long to return to and a place you hate to leave. That's a tradition that truly sets us apart from the rest.

There aren't many universities where you can come back for your 25th Reunion and be remembered by the staff as you walk along the colonnade. That's unique and it's one of the things I'll cherish after I'm gone.

Thanks for everything — I will miss it all.

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OPINION

Spes philosophizes one last time

SPOS'S SPACE

Tom Hespos

It's over. This is the last one, the absolute last time you will turn to the editorial pages and find Spes' Space there.

I have a replacement — Betsy Green. Treat her nicely. She's truly a Girl Scout Gone Bad. Spes knows this because he personally shared a bottle of Jim Beam with her and threw a TV set off of the Footbridge. It was great. I almost didn't write a last column. I thought that there were too many topics, queries, issues and the like that I had blown off during the course of the last two years that I wished to discuss before retiring. Besides, no one really cares anyway.

The responses to my column are few and far between, which indicates to Spes that he is either doing an impeccable job of educating the W&L masses, or no one is listening. Last night, however, I went to the Palms and found there were several people there that wished to take up serious discussion with me on several campus issues. "Spes, what do you think about the Heatley case?" or "Spes, what do you think of the EC dinner scandal?" Spes couldn't believe his ears. I came close to dismissing the whole thing as an alcohol flashback induced by all of those bottles of MD 20/20 I drank as a pledge.

Another young lady actually wanted to debate with me about the position I have taken toward the Annual Fund. It was unbelievable. She said she had a great time during her four years at W&L and that some seniors want to give money to the school right after graduation, or even before. Did Spes not have a pleasant experience, she

inquired, while a student at W&L? Of course I did. Just ask the Lexington Police. Or my fraternity brothers. Or come to my room at the Delt house, where I'll show you pictures of the time when we flooded the first floor of my fraternity house and turned the kitchen into a mammoth version of "Slip 'N' Slide."

So I explained my views on the whole Annual Fund thing, making sure to include my personal opinion that Mr. Columbia had taken over Washington Hall, as evidenced by the Watson Pavilion incident, Fraternity Renaissance, and several other things that I couldn't mention because of confidentiality issues. (Seriously, if Elrod, Howison or Wilson knew what resided upstairs in the deepest corners of Spes' brain, they would run him out of town to eliminate the possibility of blackmail. Incidentally, Howison, you are behind in your payments — I want the money now, or the local press will hear of the incident stemming from that wild party at Lenfest's mansion last year.)

In any case, the young lady had missed my column on the Mr. Columbia conspiracy theory and was totally confused. Not wanting to get into the specifics of the whole thing, I told her the basics about Mr. Columbia and how he represents and is responsible for any and all instances of corruption, especially where obscene amounts of money are concerned.

After our debate was over, Spes

returned to his table, had a few more beers and left for home. As I walked the brief stretch from the Palms to Delt, I thought perhaps this column had made some kind of an impact on some people. I hope that I have had some impact by calling attention to vital campus issues: the incompetence of those in the financial aid office, the silliness of campus security, the mysterious "Mediator" who handles cases of "improper conduct," even the departure of Bubba. It has all been so fun.

"Spes," some people have asked me, "will you write a book like that Sbar guy did?"

I am definitely not ruling out the possibility.

However, with the recent popularization of W&L: *The Foreign Student* (book and movie), Sbar's book, *Sommersby*, and all other movies

they filmed here in MetroLex, perhaps the general public is getting tired of hearing about our little college nestled in the mountains. Besides, no one can understand my jokes, which are based on W&L culture. For instance, Sbar joked about Fancy Dress. Spes would argue that you can't even begin to explain FD to the general reading public when alcohol prevents you from even remembering the theme of the ball.

Setting the book thing aside, I would like to address the student body one last time to discuss the most important issue that has ever been taken up in this column: the attitude of students toward campus politics. Spes' view on this is

simple. Read your newspapers. Get involved. Know who is doing what and for what reasons. Last night, someone told me that it was okay for the EC to spend \$1400 on dinner because they have worked extremely hard throughout the year. I told this person that he was an idiot and that he had missed point, the point being that the EC had told several campus organizations that they were under financial constraints and had to cut budgets this year. You can't claim to have been almost broke one day and then turn around the next day and blow a huge wad of dough on dinner at the most expensive restaurant in town.

This person who upheld the tackiness of the EC is probably an idiot, but at least he is following campus politics.

Other students just sit back and watch the administration and other organizations commit blunder after blunder and they couldn't care less.

The unenlightened follower of campus issues is better off than the guy who never picks up a copy of the campus newspaper. For this same reason, I have more respect for the dingalings at *The Spectator*. Although their stories often miss the point, at least they're trying, for God's sake.

I've been doing this for over two years now, and I'd like to think that my column has had an effect on people. Thank you all for your kind (and unkind) responses over the past two-plus years.

These past four years have been the best of my life (despite the fact that Mr. Columbia is in possession of Washington Hall, even as I write this).

Please keep the faith and if you see me in the Palms, or anywhere else for that matter, please approach me and speak your mind about something important, lest I dismiss you as an idiot. I'll even buy you a beer.

Canoeing the wild Maury rapids

GREEN LAND

Betsy Green

It all started out innocently enough. I needed to take a Spring Term P.E. class. So did my friends. Canoeing sounded like an easy time in the sun. What was I thinking?

This was exactly what I was thinking when I got up at six in the morning to stand in line to get the class. I got to the front of the line and felt triumphant until W&L canoeing coordinator Cinda Rankin informed me that the sixty-five dollars needed to pay for the class was due right then and there or I could not sign up. One of my silly idiosyncrasies is that I do not carry that much cash on me at six in the morning. I was about to punch her in the nose when Mr. J.T. Poole kindly offered to loan me and two other hopeful canoeers the money to take the class. If you see J.T., give him a pat on the back for being The Man Who Made It Possible.

My first canoeing class took place in exotic Warner Center. It was there that I met my instructor, Glenn Rose. I was admittedly not to sure about Glenn at first. He looked like he had spent his entire life in a canoe, which to me seemed a bit odd.

Glenn was intent on warning us about the dangers of hypothermia. Hypothermia, in its most technical definition, is when you get cold and bad things happen. Glenn soberly pointed out that one can easily die from hypothermia.

"Most folks think canoeers are more likely to die from drowning, but only your more experienced canoeers drown that way," he said, "Most just die from hypothermia, so be sure to wear something wool or polypropylene."

The reality of the class began to set in. I could only hope to one day be good enough so that my death would be from drowning! And where in eternal fire was I going to get a polypropylene outfit to wear? In spite of this, I decided that I liked Glenn.

The canoe livery, where we were to meet for future classes, was in that building between Lexington and Buena Vista that is shaped like a coffee pot. Cool! Better still, Glenn actually lives in the giant

coffee pot. Like most people, I would kill to live like that.

Actually being on the river has been interesting to say the least. The really fun parts for me have been watching other people tip their canoes and fall in the river. This is especially amusing because, as of press time, I have not tipped...yet. [Editor's note: Ms. Green tipped this past Tuesday, after her deadline.] There is nothing more amusing to me than watching my fellow students wring out their soaking wet polypropylene (okay, not really) outfits. The first time it happened was rather upsetting for me, mainly because I hadn't safely maneuvered that stretch of river yet and wanted to stay dry. One minute they were fine, the next, Glenn is yelling, "Start swimming!"

Watching people tip is especially fun in rapids. Last week, Glenn informed us that the next person to lose a paddle would automatically fail the class. When Jim Felton and Kris Fegenbush appeared to be hurtling towards their doom, Jim grinned big as life and yelled, "I still have my paddle! (Gurgle, gurgle)" Kris, desperately clutching the canoe and trying to avoid hitting his head on a rock screamed, "Me, too!" Later, as the hypothermia set in, they were slightly less chipper. Kris very somberly said, "Y'all, my legs are blue. They're not ordinarily that color."

Canoeing has not always been so lively. Sometimes you have to make more of it. My canoeing partner Jessica Antonich and I have decided to make our canoe into the Bar Boat. Jessica will be the bartender, dipping Margarita glasses into the river to wet the rims, salting them, and whipping up frozen drinks in our portable blender. I will be at the bow of the boat in a French maid outfit alternately rowing and serving drinks. Whoever has most recently fallen into the river is the official Hypothermia Boat.

Dan Odenwald and Denis Riva have offered to be the First Aid Boat, which is greatly appreciated by the Hypothermia Boat.

Jessica and I are also coordinating canoeing themes. One week we will be a slave ship and sing spirituals. Another week we will dress as Vikings.

Nevertheless, we all enjoy the few safe moments of canoeing peace when faced with the dangers of rapids. Last week Glenn had us dock our canoes to scout out the next stretch of river we went through. To my rather untrained eyes, it seemed to be a huge waterfall, peppered with jagged rocks. We were all, it was clear, going to die. This was what was on our minds as Glenn rather pointedly showed us how his rescue rope worked. Jessica and I finally mustered up the courage to get in our canoes and move to our certain doom. The waves splashed up over our heads as we screamed, "It's only worth a fifth of a credit!" We kept paddling. We kept screaming. Amazingly, we survived...dry.

When class is finally over every Tuesday, my friends and I smile at each other in exhaustion and contentment. We even pretend to be glad to help Glenn's co-worker Jerry (who wears a belt buckle the size of my head that says "Bluegrass" on it) load the canoes back onto the bus. Another spring term adventure is complete. It's Miller Time.

In a final, completely unrelated note, I want to tell Richard Weaver that he should live in fear. Tom Hespos has been much too easy on him. I remain convinced that my collection of the music of Sebastian the Crab will destroy Richard's Jackson family collection.

But wait! What if people see through my mocking and realize that all of the insults are just a pathetic attempt to conceal the deep lust I feel for Richard? Nah. Spes always got away with it.

The reality of the class began to set in. I could only hope to one day be good enough so that my death would be from drowning! And where in eternal fire was I going to get a polypropylene outfit to wear?

GENERAL NOTES

Job

Full-time summer job opportunity in the Alumni Office. Please call Jill Straub at 463-8464 for more information and to apply.

Seniors

All seniors are invited to Senior Night on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. Professor Cecil will speak. Afterwards, there will be a class photo and dinner on the lawn with *Wildgrass*.

Auditions

JubiLee will be holding auditions on Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in DuPont Hall. Music is available on the bulletin board in DuPont. Auditions are open to all students. If you have questions, call Melissa at 464-6788 or Frances at 464-8858.

Police

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Bikes

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Play

The French Department play is Eugene Ionesco's *Rhinoceros* to be performed on May 24, 25, 26 in Johnson Theatre at 8 p.m. It will be performed in French. Tickets are free to W&L students.

EC alum criticizes Willson-Walker dinner

To the editor:

I was shocked to read in the May 13 issue that the Executive Committee had spent \$1,400 on dinner for new and old members as well as the White Book Review Committee members at the Willson-Walker House.

I served on the EC each of my 4 years at W&L, and I am stunned by the audacity of this year's committee. Let me correct the opinion of next year's president, Kevin Webb.

There has never been a tradition of such waste of the student body's finances. Bob Tompkins and Jimmy Kull, as well as this year's committee, have done a great injustice to the student body and should apologize.

While the EC does make food purchases for itself when it is required to

meet during mealtimes and for long hours (I saw many sunrises from the committee room) and has informal gatherings at the beginning and end of the school year, nothing occurred during my tenure which was so disrespectful of the office held.

Mr. Tompkins unwisely has served as a bad example to next year's president and committee.

I only hope that members of the student body will lay the blame of misfeasance on the outgoing committee and will not think that all Executive Committees have been or will be irresponsible in the heat of spring term and graduation.

Andrew Caruthers, '87
E.C. member, '83-'87

Tompkins thanks the student body for dinner

To the editor:

I take full responsibility for the Executive Committee's recent dinner with the White Book Review Committee at the Willson-Walker House.

I decided it was an appropriate reward for the countless hours of service to the University that all those present devoted to an issue of paramount importance to the students of Washington and Lee.

I would like to thank the student body for allowing us to serve them this year and for permitting us this indulgence. We had a fantastic time.

Sincerely,
Bob Tompkins, '94L

President, Executive Committee of the Student Body

Ariel editor apologizes for use of artwork

To the editor:

Following the recent distribution of the *Ariel* literary magazine, it was brought to my attention that some of the art work which was published had not received the artists' permission for publication.

Due to a series of unfortunate accidents at the end of the winter term, I was unaware of this fact, until now. I regret this error and hope that it has not inconvenienced these artists. If this mistake has brought them offense,

I apologize.

In spite of this incident, I hope that you will not forget the honor that has been extended to you, to be recognized as one of the best artists at your university.

Please accept my apology and compliments on your splendid, albeit unsolicited, work.

My humblest regards,
Temple Cone
Ariel Editor-in-Chief

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos by Joe Framptom

How do you plan to spend the last week of spring term?



Cruikshank, '94, Martinsburg, Va. — "Drinking at the Palms."



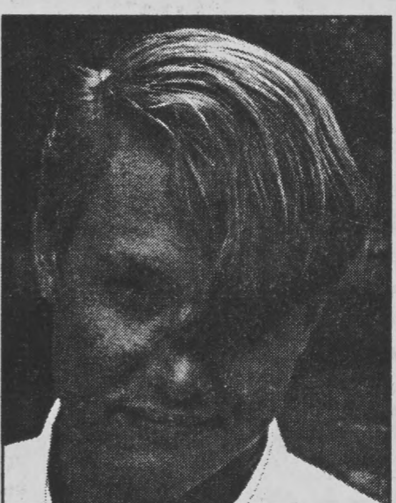
Aki Nichols, '95, Lynchburg, Va. — "Tubing down the Maury and basking out at Goshen."



Marie Lamb, '97, Atlanta, Ga. — "Having as much fun as possible."



Jessica Wolf, '96, Baltimore, Md. — "Naked."



Jarrod Aldom, '95, Pompton Plains, N.J. — "Living on the edge."



Joe Framptom, '95, Paducah, Ky. — "Working on my accent."



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Submitted by Andrew Schneider

Four years of W&L reflections

MY VIEW Meriwether Nichols, '94

After four years of my life and over \$80,000 of my mother's hard-earned money, I feel entitled and privileged to do a little summing up. I hope that you, my fellow members of this unique community, will indulge me a few lines to close this open, bleeding gestalt that has been my college career. I hardly want to extend that career by spending more time on this little piece than on my work so I'm putting brevity above artistry and skipping the fluid prose for which *The Ring-tum Phi* is known. I hope you enjoy my comments. And please let me know what you think because I would love to hear from you.

- What I will miss about W&L...
 - For starters, the friendly and helpful graveyard shift in the library, especially the lady who sets up the coffee stand during exams.
 - The blurred red and green of the Hill at about 5:30 am on a foggy March morning.
 - The quietude I experience in Lee Chapel.
 - All of the bricks, even the ones around the Corral.
 - The many millions of dollars thrown to remedy the "fraternity problem." Is the quality of the education here so high that we could not have spent the money on creating more professorship and scholarships?
 - Self-scheduled and re-scheduled exams.
 - The open-door policy of professors, deans, secretaries, Miss Jarvis...
 - The fact that President Wilson knows me by name.
 - My University Card, even though you couldn't even tell that it's mine anymore.
 - Baner, who has, in his understanding of my Addictive Poor Parking Disorder, torn up a multitude of tickets.
 - Being able to talk to the likes of William F. Buckley and Tip O'Neal

while drinking a Beam and coke at a cocktail party.

- The Honor Code.
- How pictures of the Colonnade never get old and tiresome to me.
- The smell of stale beer in fraternity houses. Yes, I know I am probably the only one who has fond memories of this pre-Renaissance reality.
- Holt Merchant's affection for crazy Southerners.
- The tunnel-like appearance that the white columns create when one stands at Newcomb Hall and looks toward Tucker.
- The wonderful acoustics in the women's bathroom off the downstairs lobby of the Lenfest Center. It sounds like you're in a cave if you sing by the sinks.
- Smoking in the Co-op.
- The view of the Blue Ridge from Skylark.

Once a month at the Troubadour, peaking through the subtitles to see the naked bodies of foreigners doing naughty things in far away lands.

- Khaki pants, khaki pants, khaki pants.
- Seeing the lack of understanding in the face of a girls' school girl when you tell her you go to W&L. This happens during one of those awkward "we're drunk and in line in a fraternity bathroom, so let's bond while we wait" kind of moments.
- Singing the *Swing* at lightning speed and managing to get out every word.
- The wooden desks of Robinson Hall, not to mention Professor Vinson's elaborate illustrations that sometimes grace its chalkboards.
- Professor Duvall's voice. With regards to Duvall and grades, see What

I will not miss...

- Dr. Spice "grinning" the tempo of *Shenandoah* to the chorus.
- The speaking tradition that spills over from the boundaries of the campus into the larger community of Lexington.
- The homes along Jackson Avenue.
- The *Dutch Innmates*, i.e. those students who have observed the time-honored tradition of living in the Dutch Inn, an historic building that may just may as well be considered part of the W&L campus.
- Running into a startled Professor Porter in Newcomb Hall around 3:00 am during finals week.
- How singing a cappella at W&L requires an open bar or at least a few cases of beer, even it means getting kicked out of the Homecoming parade.

Some of my naive freshmen friends who see me as "queen of the subculture." Y'all — there is no subculture.

- What I will not miss...
 - The sea of anxious freshmen guys in khaki pants and blue blazers waiting for the gun shots that begins their W&L social lives.
 - The fact that more thought goes into the novel use of rebel flags and Grateful Dead symbols than into the contemplation of the problem with rape and sexual assault taking place on this campus.
 - The "bathrooms" at Zollman's, parties at Zollman's, and Zollman's.
 - Those strange D-hall desserts covered in whipped cream, crushed oreos, and chocolate sauce that offers no indication of what is underneath the whipped cream.
 - Steve from security, who not

only gives me tickets but tows my car.

- The C-school (I've heard there is one).
- My black chorus gown, which is, incidentally, made of a wonderful fabric that is water-resistant. The water just beads off!
- A sorority system that was supposedly going to be "different and inclusive."
- Drunk alumni who sleaze on coeds and admit support of coeducation only when coed women flirt with them. One drunk alumnus yelled at a JubiLee at a party at Willson-Walker to "do the next one topless."
- Being looked at like I should be lynched for suggesting that this university would benefit from changing some of the traditions that might be dated or negative, or for even suggesting some of the traditions might be less than holy and subject to a form of review. I am not talking about traditions like the Honor Code or the speaking tradition or even the Greek system. I am referring to such tacitly observed traditions as date rape and balling guys that appear different, like maybe someone gay or foreign, after the first round of Rush. Believe it or not, but Robert E. Lee brought a vision of cultural diversity to this campus when he came here after the war. He wanted to unite different kinds of people in an academic setting. It seems logical to extend that vision through expanding social, academic, and cultural opportunities.
- How Harb's is different every time I go in there, with the exception of the inattentive service.
- Expensive hiking boots that have never hit a single trail.
- Co-op coffee.
- The fact that the quality of housing found in the MSA and International Club houses pales in comparison to that found in Red Square.
- The antiseptic odor of Gaines Hall.
- Professor Duvall's quote tests.
- B-hour classes, rehearsals, or registration deadlines.

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LETTERS

"Baby dean" creates more trouble than it's worth

To the editor:
After speaking with several alumni this weekend, I would once again like to voice my opposition to the new "Baby Dean."

First, there is nothing in this dean's job description that justifies the hiring of a new administrator. This dean's primary purpose is to facilitate communication and coordination between different groups on campus. This task, however, can easily be handled within the current administration. It is ludicrous to suggest that the countless occupants of Washington Hall are so busy overseeing a campus of 1,600 students that they are incapable of providing the requisite amount of assistance to the facilitation effort.

Second, this "dean of fun" will also create a "master calendar" of all events occurring on campus. I am dumbfounded as to why the current deans cannot accomplish this most difficult task.

Third, students who support this new hiring often cite the need of different social activities. While I sympathize with their desires, I am dismayed at their

willingness to turn immediately to bureaucrats in solving their problem.

Alexis de Tocqueville once commented on the difference between his fellow Frenchmen and Americans. Frenchmen, he said, turn to centralized government as the first resort; Americans, however, first attempt to solve things themselves and only as a last resort do they turn to centralized authority.

Tocqueville admired the American style, and I think if he witnessed this debate, he would be saddened at the new American approach to most problems (as fostered by W&L) — shirk individual responsibility and turn problems over to someone else (preferably a professional bureaucrat with a Masters degree).

As supposed educators of future generations, I would hope that the administration would strive to energize the efforts of students and encourage innovation. Somehow, I do not believe that this "baby dean" will contribute to those goals.

Fourth, I would much rather see the \$15,000 spent on hiring new faculty, providing bonuses to those

who already teach, or perhaps adding it to student financial aid.

Anyone outside of W&L's administration — whether that person be a student, a faculty member, or an alum — will readily point out that the school's bureaucracy is becoming too large and should be trimmed, not fattened.

My final concern is that this position is a "baby dean." Logically, babies become adults, and a \$15,000 position in 1995 is likely to become a \$40,000 one in a few years. Our administrators disagree with this scenario, but I see it as realistic.

This new dean will come to W&L, facilitate communication and create a calendar, wear people of their initiative, become a "vital" part of the social life, and create dependence among groups around campus.

By then the "baby" will have reached maturity, and W&L will be able to welcome one more full-fledged dean in its ever-growing ranks.

Jimmy Kull, '94

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Baseball				Women's Lacrosse			
Batting Leaders				Scoring Leaders			
Player	Avg	HR	RBI	Player	G	A	Pts
Graig Fantuzzi	.482	0	12	Lindsay Coleman	35	12	47
Bates Brown	.387	1	15	Angie Carrington	41	5	46
Matt Ermigiotti	.316	3	19	Nicole Ripken	19	6	25
				Cinnie Logan	17	6	23
				Erika Snyder	16	6	22
Pitching Leaders				Goaltending			
Player	W-L	ERA	K	Player	SV	GA	SV%
Matt Ermigiotti	3-3	5.40	38	Sarah Smith	119	85	.583
Matt Reedy	1-1	5.93	5	Brooke Glenn	67	42	.615
Brett Hartman	2-4	8.08	17				
Men's Lacrosse				Women's Tennis			
Scoring Leaders				Singles Leaders			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	W	L	
Colin Higgins	24	21	45	Marilyn Baker	28	4	4
Ty Tydings	17	22	39	Julie Ayers	23	4	4
Russell Croft	18	16	34	Shelley Sunderman	19	6	6
Scott Mackley	25	7	32	Helen Chandler	17	6	6
Ande Jenkins	28	9	37	Kim Dickinson	16	5	5
				Anna O'Connor	23	3	3
				Cathy Gartin	9	0	0
Goaltending				Doubles Leaders			
Player	SV	GA	SV%	Dickinson-O'Connor	9	5	5
Doug Grubner	109	68	.583	Ayers-Baker	21	6	6
David Jones	47	33	.588	Sunderman-Chandler	14	8	8
Golf				Team Records			
Leaders				Women's Tennis	22	1	1
Pearce Smithwick	3	78.0	75	Men's Track	11	1	1
Bo Williams	9	78.8	75	Golf	32	9	9
Tommy Dudley	6	80.3	76	Women's Track	8	4	4
Jimmy Kull	10	81.5	74	Men's Lacrosse	9	5	5
Gam Mattingly	10	82.9	77	Women's Lacrosse	8	7	7
				Men's Tennis	8	9	9
				Baseball	7	18	18
Men's Tennis				Men's Tennis			
Singles Leaders				Doubles Leaders			
Player	W	L		Hammond-R. MacNaughton	13	9	9
Robby MacNaughton	14	9	9	Horen-Schweppe	9	6	6
Chris MacNaughton	11	9	9	C. MacNaughton-Schulze	9	8	8
Pete Hammond	12	11	11				
David Schweppe	12	10	10				
Derek Schulze	13	8	8				
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Summer Farewell

AWAY GAMES

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

Well, as sports at Washington and Lee wind down, the national scene is still heating up.

The NBA playoffs have now witnessed the fall of the two powers. Seattle's opening round departure eliminated the number one team in the West, and Indiana toppled the Eastern number one in the Atlanta Hawks.

The Pacers, along with their West counterparts, the Denver Nuggets, have been the story of the playoffs. Prior to this year, Indiana had never won a playoff series. Now the Reggie Miller led squad sits one series away from a shot at the NBA title (Now who agrees that these playoffs are too long? When did this thing start, anyway?).

In the West, the Nuggets have battled back in every series so far. After last night's 94-91 win over Utah, Denver is a game away from advancing to the conference finals. With Utah's playoff history (or lack thereof), the Nuggets stand a solid chance of moving into the next round.

Before now, I've held that the Phoenix Suns have too much talent and experience to lose to Houston. Now however, I am a little sceptical. The biggest highlight of the series so far for the Suns has been Kevin Johnson's emphatic dunk over Hakeem Olajuwon.

The Suns have been turning in inconsistent efforts right along with the Rockets. Whoever wins this series has to play better ball in the next round, or it could mean an early exit.

These NBA playoffs have re-affirmed my faith in the Eastern Conference. From what I've seen of the West so far, any squad out of that conference will have a tough time measuring up to the Bulls, Knicks, or the streaking Pacers. All three of those squads play smothering defense, and could create havoc for the West's guards.

On another note, how odd would it be, if, in the "Year of the Center," every big name center were eliminated before the finals. The Admiral is already on the links, and Shaq is back in the recording studio. Olajuwon, Ewing, and Mutombo are by no means cruising into the next round either. By the way, who is that guy playing up the middle for the Pacers?

One of this year's first "All-Star Game Grips" comes from the New York Yankees. At the beginning of the year, the Yankee outfielders drew straws to determine which one would not be on the ballots for the game.

The man with the short straw was Paul O'Neill. Since that time, the Yankee right fielder has only hit over .450 with nine homers and over 30 runs batted in. Oh well, there's always Danny Tartabull...

As a passing thought, I've given up on the American League West. They are just all horrible teams. Yeah, realignment worked real well guys.

Hello, Mr. Teeters. How 'bout those Phillies, huh? The beloved bad boys of last season have succumbed, along with Toronto, to mere mediocrity (or a little worse) this year.

Tory and Jason should get a clue and figure out just how bad hockey actually is. The only value in professional hockey lies in the fact that the tickets are cheaper than the tickets to a boxing match. Other than that, I find it difficult to stand up and cheer for players who can't even speak English.

I suppose that being a hockey fan is excusable if you live in some terrible place like New Jersey or Philadelphia.

In any case, have a great summer—it's baseball time!

Baker captures Major General



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Through three years, Baker has provided the punch for one of W&L's most powerful athletic teams.

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Usually one tries to avoid clichés in writing, but the phrase "Saving the best for last," constantly comes to mind with respect to this year's last Major General.

Throughout the spring, junior Marilyn Baker has methodically gone about the business of amassing victories. Now that the dust has finally settled, the standout tennis star holds a new school record for wins in a season (28) and is just six victories shy of the career mark.

The W&L women's tennis team as a unit made itself one of the best squads at the school as well. The women rode a wave of success to 22 victories against only two defeats, both of those coming in the NCAA tournament. The 22 victories marked a school record for the team.

The team lost to Emory five to four in the fifth place match, but the team accomplishments remain formidable. This was their first tournament appearance since 1991 as a team. Along with this achievement, the team could boast three 20 match winners in Julie Ayers,

Baker, and Anna O'Connor.

Ayers also entered the individual portion of the tournament along with Baker. The two played doubles together in that section as well.

The grueling tournament play schedule took its toll, however, as Ayers was defeated in the first round and Baker was eliminated in the second. In the doubles competition, the pair was defeated by the tournament second seed.

Success has followed the women's tennis squads consistently through its history. In nine years of competition, the Generals have accumulated 130 wins and a .802 winning percentage.

With all but one seeded player returning, the Generals look to remain one of the strongest squads in the nation again next season.

Baker's career mark now stands at 69-1 after this year, and she should surpass the record for career victories early next season. With still another year of competition awaiting, Baker has the opportunity to etch her name on the list of all-time great Washington and Lee athletes. It is for that reason that WLUR and the Ring-tum Phi proudly salute Marilyn Baker as this month's Major General.

Tory and Jason return to hockey news

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Before we begin, let us say that Steve Williard is a true "Clipper" fan. Due to technical difficulties, we have been forced to talk about the last two weeks of play and combine our last two articles into one.

Jason's pick for the Cup finals is the Vancouver Bures — oops the Canucks. The Canucks steamrolled through the Dallas Stars. Despite Dallas' superior performance against the Blues, led by law student/former Gilliam Dorm Counselor Curtis Joseph, they were no match for the Canucks.

Trevor Linden and Pavel Bure led the way to put the only Texas team out of the playoffs with a commanding 4-1 defeat in the best of seven series. The Canucks are facing the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Western Conference finals.

Two Thursday nights ago, the Maple Leafs defeated the Sharks 3-2, in overtime. Mike Gartner scored the winning goal to force the decisive seventh

game on the following Saturday. This series was a battle of two rising stars between the pipes: Irbe "The Wall" and Felix "The Cat" Potvin.

The Maple Leafs proved to be too much for the upstart San Jose Sharks. Tory's pick for the Cup finals is the New Jersey Devils. The Devs began the best-of-seven series by dropping the first two games to the Boston Bruins.

Adam Oates, Cam Neely, and Ray Bourque played well, but Scott Stevens, Bobby Holik, Alexander Semak, and Claude Lemieux rallied the Devils. The New Jersey club came together and won the next four games.

The clinching sixth game was two Wednesdays ago, which gave the Devils time to rest before opening the Eastern Conference Finals series against their arch-rivals across the Hudson River, the New York Rangers.

The Rangers won the President's Cup (best regular season record) and have not slowed down in their drive for the Stanley

Cup. They swept their fel-

low New Yorkers, the Islanders, and they beat the Capitals handily.

With the number one and two teams in the Eastern Conference finals, this is a series that you won't want to miss as the Rangers attempt to knock off their third straight team in the competitive Atlantic division.

Now onto the conference finals, where the aforementioned Vancouver Canucks and Toronto Maple Leafs have evened their series at one game apiece.

The first game went to overtime with Toronto pulling it out on a horrible (Harding-esque) goal. Vancouver's goaltender, Kirk McLean, attempted to cut off a pass outside the crease, near the circle, and the Toronto skater easily pushed it past the flailing Vancouver goaltender.

Vancouver's Trevor Linden scored in the last minute to send the game to OT. Toronto was led by Dimitri Mironov with two goals.

Game Two was equally hard fought. Feisty Jyrki Lumme scored the game winner late in the third period to secure Vancouver's victory in the see-

saw battle.

So far, the battle of the superstars has been relatively even. Pavel Bure scored his 10th goal of the playoffs while Doug Gilmour had a couple of assists in Game 2.

The battle of goaltenders has also been even. Kirk McLean faced 40 shots, saving 37 while Felix "The Cat" Potvin faced 39 shots saving 35.

This East/West battle has Canada electrified seeing who has the right to play for the Cup. While two Canadian teams fight in the Western Conference finals, two American teams are skating in the "Tunnel Series" for the Eastern Conference title.

By virtue of ending the regular season as the best team in hockey, New York earned home ice advantage. The Devils gave a shocker to the Rangers by winning their first game in seven outings in the '93-'94 season with a big win in Madison Square Garden in game 1.

The Devils looked to loose that first game as they were down by a goal late in the third period. With one minute left in the game, Coach Jacques Lemaire pulled

rookie goalie Martin Brodeur to gain a sixth attacker. The plan worked and the Devils scored with under one minute left to send the game into overtime. Half way through the second OT period the Devils scored the game winning goal.

New Jersey's fortunes were quite different in game two. The team couldn't seem to do anything right. When any team plays as badly as the Devils did on Tuesday, the goalie cannot hold out forever. Chris Terreri was shelled and the Rangers shut the Devils out four to zero.

Last night's game in the New Jersey Meadowlands' Brendan Byrne Arena went into its third overtime period in three games. Graves and Larmer scored for New York, while Fetisov (his first playoff goal) and Zelepukin scored for New Jersey.

Still, Martin Brodeur (60 saves) and Mike Richter (35 saves) have played extremely well by making more than their fair share of clutch saves. As a result, the Devils and Rangers left regulation in a 2-2 tie.

After a scoreless first overtime, the Rangers scored a goal

in the second extra period to take the game 3-2.

The Devils may have lost the game in heartbreaking fashion but they have the luxury of playing at home again come Saturday.

We look forward to watching ESPN during this coming week and hope you are enjoying the conference finals as much as we are.

We'll be back with another article next week and remember "Reality bites, but it will (wound bite even harder)" if John Branan were writing editorials for both the Phi and the Trident.



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