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Crank it up...

The Hoodoo Gurus will crank up their amps and jam at The Pavilion this Saturday. Their funky alternative rock sound can be heard on their new album, *Crank*. It is their sixth album, following *Stoneage Romeos*, *Mars Needs Guitars*, *Blow Your Cool*, *Magnum Cum Louder*, and *Kinky*. The Gurus' steely guitars and well laid beats give their music a great feel. The doors open at 8:30 P.M. and the show begins at 9:30 P.M. The free concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

FOC welcomes class of 1998

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

With the largest freshmen class in recent years, the Freshman Orientation Committee is attempting to make the transition from high school to college a little less overwhelming.

Dennis Manning, Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life, said he was impressed with this year's freshmen class and their participation.

"I think we had very enthusiastic and spirited participation and attendance in all of the programs," he said.

Manning said there have been some minor changes in freshmen orientation to make the adjustment easier for freshmen.

He said a new program called Mandatory Fun 101 consists of ice breaking games that serve as

vehicles for freshmen to know each other.

Dean of Students David Howison and Executive Committee president Kevin Webb served as facilitators for the program on Saturday, September 3.

On Friday, September 2, there was an overnight hiking trip sponsored by FOC and the Outing Club.

Manning said that 106 freshmen applied but only 40 students were chosen. Underclassmen from the Outing Club and FOC served as leaders.

He said juniors Meagan Fernstrum and Peter Wiessman and Outing Club Director Marshall Follo helped organize the trip. Manning hopes to repeat and expand the program, possibly contracting with outside organizations such as Outward Bound.

Another new activity is a com-

munity service project. He said he had talked to a couple of faculty members who felt that it would be a meaningful activity.

He said it served as a way to introduce the W&L tradition of community service and to bridge the gap between the college and the local community.

The Freshmen Field Day was a success. Manning said juniors Bryan Boland and Tom Fink set up the volleyball nets and the tug-of-war.

He said 75 percent of the freshmen class was present.

Manning said he was struck by the level of commitment upperclass students showed for their school.

"At most schools the institution has to offer enticements to get upperclassmen to help freshmen to move in and get acquainted with the school," said Dean Manning. "I don't know of

any more obvious affirmation of love of alma mater than what I witnessed on Saturday and throughout orientation.

Senior Drew Hammond, committee co-chairman, said the orientation went rather smoothly. He said seniors Kris Fegenbush and Sue Krawchuk did a good job organizing the orientation. He said the orientation helped the freshmen adjust to their new environment. He said this is the best class he has seen in a long time.

"This is the most diverse class and the best class we've had academically," he said.

Manning said the dorm counselors and Building and Grounds deserve much credit for a successful freshmen orientation.

"Bill Radford, Bill Elswick, Randolph Hare — these people are the unsung heroes of everything we do programmatically."

Heatley brings \$1 million suit against W&L

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Executive Editor

Nathan Rick Heatley, former associate dean of students and direct of career development and placement, filed three new suits totaling \$2.35 million in his ongoing battle with Washington and Lee over his dismissal in 1993.

The largest suit is against W&L, for \$1 million, and Heatley alleges that he suffered several breaches of contract and a wrongful discharge in his termination.

"The defendant [Washington and Lee] terminated Mr. Heatley's employment without just cause," stated the suit.

One of Heatley's other suits names as defendants Gwen and John Handelman. He alleges that the Handelmans slandered him and accused him of unprofessional conduct in the performance of his job duties.

The third suit names Beverly Lorig, Tyler Lorig and Ruth Lewis. Heatley claims that Beverly Lorig and Lewis wrongfully accused Heatley of sexually harassing them, and that as a result, Tyler Lorig threatened the university with his own resignation unless they would terminate Heatley.

These suits are all the progeny of an original suit Heatley filed against Lyn Wheeler last winter for slander, which has not been acted upon since January.

The suit against Washington and Lee is based upon the precepts in the personnel handbook, fac-

ulty handbook and student handbook. Heatley alleges that he was asked to resign without a proper hearing and without being informed of the true nature of the charges against him: that he had been sexually harassing Lorig and Lewis.

"While the rumors of sexual harassment quickly spread through the University and surrounding community, Heatley was left voiceless, unemployed, and wearing the 'scarlet H' of a sexual harasser," Heatley's brief stated.

Washington and Lee's arguments include a motion for demurrer, which means that, though the facts may be as the plaintiff states, they do not support the contention based upon them. The university claims it does not have to be held to the policies on sexual harassment outlined in the student handbook when dealing with a member of the faculty.

Heatley's rebuttal of this argument included the claim that, because there is no policy for sexual harassment in the faculty or personnel handbooks, the university must be bound to the statement in the student handbook.

A hearing regarding the University's motion for demurrer will be held in Covington September 30; an article in *The News-Gazette* was of the opinion that the suit would be thrown out of court.

Rockbridge Circuit Court Judge George E. Honts III, '68L, has excused himself from the case. His son, Joel Honts, is a Washington and Lee sophomore.

Judge Duncan Byrd, Jr. will hear arguments in Covington.



Heatley

Dean of Fun plans for a thrilling year

By KO-MING CHANG
Phi Staff Writer

Some of you may have noticed a new office in the University Center displaying a message board and the name, "Michelle Richardson" on the door.

Or maybe you have seen her on campus and thought she was a new student. Already mistaken for a member of the class of '98 by the incoming freshmen, blonde, blue-eyed Ms. Richardson is not a student at all, but rather the new student activities director at Washington and Lee University.

Starting this year, the "Dean of Fun" will be responsible for "coordinating student activities and helping students plan and implement a comprehensive program of social, cultural and recreational activities here at W&L," according to Dean of Students David Howison.

These responsibilities sound remarkably similar to those shared by the members of the student activities board. In fact, students might wonder why they need yet another dean on this campus to assist the students.

Richardson feels that the need for her position may be due in part to the dominance of the Greek system over the social scene at Washington and Lee University. She believes that students who are not in fraternities or sororities may find this school, well, less fun.

Dennis Manning, dean of freshmen and residence life, says that the few students who left last year may have withdrawn from the university because they "found the social situation dissatisfying."

Richardson, therefore, is planning activities which will have a more universal appeal for students, activities which may include trips to Washington, D. C. to see plays and a coffee house where students can gather and listen to student bands.

Richardson assures that she is in no way anti-Greek and has the interests of all the students in mind.

And, though she has a small budget of her own to work with, Richardson is working closely with the student activities board, the minority students association and other student-run organizations. All in all, she stresses that she is, "not here to step on any toes."

The new Dean of Fun is a

graduate of Western New England College, where she was president of her senior class. She also has a masters degree from Springfield College.

With counseling experience and a new perspective to offer the school, Richardson feels she is very suited to organizing student activities at W&L. Richardson encourages students to approach her with any questions or helpful ideas they may have.



Photo by Betsy Green for The Ring-tum Phi

Michelle Richardson, the new Student Activities Coordinator, is looking forward to this year.

Fall Rush Schedule

- Friday, Sept. 9 - Open Houses 1-5 from 6:30 - 10 P.M.
- Saturday, Sept. 10 - Home Football Game Open Houses 6-9 from 6:30-9 P.M. Hoodoo Gurus concert at 9:30 P.M.
- Sunday, Sept. 11 - Open Houses 10-14 from 2-5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 - Open Contact from 5-8 P.M.
- Friday, Sept. 16 - Open Contact from 5-9 P.M.

THE BLUE RIDGE AND BEYOND

The World



Cubans riot at U.S. base

Cubans being held in tent camps at Guantanamo Bay are angry at being kept in the Naval Base and the condition of the camps. A rock-throwing incident involving 650 refugees injured two U.S. soldiers Tuesday. U.S. military officials immediately brought running water and showers to the refugee camps to appease the prisoners.

U.S. has possible leads about Vietnam POW special cases

The U.S. has possibly made a breakthrough in solving American missing in action cases from the Vietnam War. Search teams may have found the remains of the first of 84 special remains cases, where POW's died in captivity and others buried their remains. Though the identification is tentative, officials are encouraged at the possibility of solving the first of the special remains cases.

The Nation



Air Force disciplines pilots in fatal shooting of helicopters

The U.S. Air Force has charged the pilot of an F-15 involved in the shooting down of two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters with negligent homicide and dereliction of duty. The incident killed 26 people. Five members of the AWACS radar plane that oversaw the action are also charged with dereliction of duty.

O.J. surrenders kids to Nicole's parents and Al Cowlings's grand jury jails a witness for failing to testify

O.J. Simpson agreed last month to give custody of his two small children to the parents of his slain ex-wife. According to recently released documents, if Simpson is acquitted of her killing he can attempt to regain custody. Trial for Simpson, who is pleading innocent in the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, is set for September 26. A man was jailed Wednesday for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating Al Cowlings who drove the Bronco during Simpson's June police chase. The man, John Dunton, says he will be killed if he testifies.

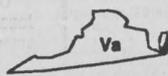
Federal charges against cross country murder suspects

Federal authorities have dropped charges against two suspects in a cross-country murder spree. An ex-convict and his 16-year-old companion still face charges in at least two states, including first-degree murder in Oklahoma and burglary and kidnapping in Ohio.

NASA prepares for launch today

Preparations for Friday's launch of space shuttle Discovery are going well, NASA said. Liftoff is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. During the mission, scientists will conduct a laser experiment that will hopefully allow them to better understand climate.

The State



Quarter of VA college students need remedial work

One-quarter of Virginia college freshmen required remedial work in math, English or reading last year, according to the State Committee of Higher Education. The remedial work is costing the state around \$25 million a year. Students who attended a public high school required 3 percent more remedial work than those who attended private school.

Robb offers to steal food from widows and orphans

Opponents of U.S. Senator Charles Robb are pleased with a recent remark the democratic incumbent made about tax increases. Robb said, "I would take food out of the mouths of widows and orphans if I had to," to solve the problem of the rising federal debt. Political analysts say the remark was a mistake, though Robb maintains he was trying to show where he would get the funding for the debt, something he says his opponents have yet to do.

The Campus

PiKa's lose two Rush banners

Two banners for Pi Kappa Alpha's Rush have disappeared from party locations according to PiKa President Allen Galespie. One of the banners was taken down before a party at "Munster," a student home. After the party, it was discovered that the homemade banner was gone. The other banner was removed from outside a third floor window in the PiKa House. The banner had been tied to the radiator inside the house. Galespie thinks it was fraternity rivalry or someone who got really drunk and "thought it would be funny." He said it was not a big deal because they were homemade banners, not high-quality manufactured ones.

Sigma Nu gets a Rush violation

Sigma Nu was placed on a week of social probation and fined \$1500 for a Rush violation. Sigma Nu was punished for violating the rule requiring three different fraternities be present during the casual contact parties. Sigma Nu President Steve Inman said the violation was "more or less a misunderstanding," and that they "didn't violate the spirit of Rush." The violation occurred when one of the members of another fraternity left for a brief time to get some food. The probation ends this coming Tuesday.

Students allege pepper gas attack by Lexington Police

On Saturday, September 3, students said that the Lexington Police Department sprayed pepper gas on a crowd gathered at "Aqua Velva," a student home, near the intersection of Randolph and Henry streets. According to one student the crowds were sprayed with pepper gas twice, until they were finally dispersed around midnight. Chief Bruce Beard of the Lexington Police Department denied all knowledge of the incident. "I have not heard anything about pepper gas being used by my officers. If they had, a report would have been filed," said Chief Beard. He also said that pepper gas is not their normal method of student dispersal. "I saw the cops holding something and next thing I know is that everyone starts coughing," said sophomore Deborah Zollmann. According to Mike Young, director of Washington and Lee Security, the Lexington Police officers thought that pepper gas was sprayed by students. He also commented that they were not even sure if any pepper gas was sprayed into the crowds.

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"L through Z?"

Washington and Lee University upperclass students wait in line to matriculate for the new year. Fortunately, the weather was nice and the people working the tables were friendly. Freshman also matriculated on Wednesday, meeting Dean of Freshman and Residence Life Dennis Manning in the process.

Only 37 percent of class of 1994 still unemployed says CD&P

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Staff Writer

The class of 1994 is enjoying a healthier job market, according to the Career Development and Placement Office. More students of last year's graduating class have moved onto jobs or graduate programs than the previous class had by this point.

The CDPO issues surveys to each graduating class every few months, beginning when seniors pick up their cap and gown at the end of May. As of the end of August, the CDPO has had an 85% response to the first survey.

Of the responding students, so far 23 percent have gone onto graduate or professional schools. Another 39 percent have jobs or internships that might lead to permanent positions.

This combined percentage of 62 is an improvement over that of the class of '93, which at graduation had only 40 percent of the class employed or enrolled in grad school. Thirty-seven percent of the class of '94 reported they were still

seeking employment.

Beverly Lorig of the CDPO cautioned that these are only preliminary figures, and will probably increase with each new survey.

"Many seniors don't start their job search until after graduation... Many take the summer off and begin the job search early in September," said Lorig.

Internships are becoming increasingly effective beginnings for careers, according to Lorig.

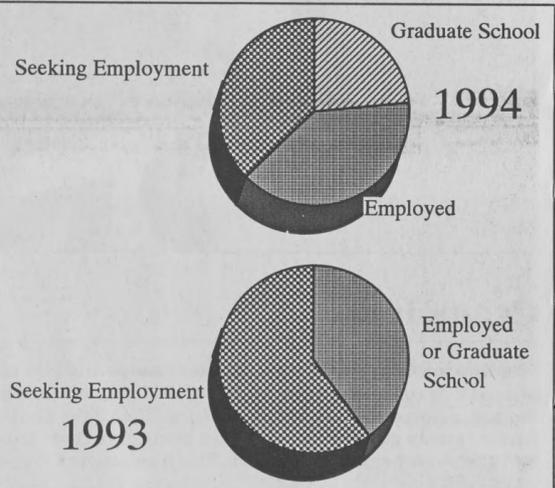
"Internships may be a good way to get a foot in the door [at companies]," she said. "They offer a chance to prove your skills and abilities to employers."

Survey responses have shown that '94 grads are having luck with small to medium size companies. Eighteen new companies, many of them small, recruited at W&L this past year.

"Students are finding desirable positions at these smaller companies," said Lorig.

She noted a definite improvement in the job market.

"It's looking better," she said. "We're not totally recovered from the recession of the '80's, but this is an indication of recovery."



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The class of 1994 is fairing much better than the class of 1993 in the job market and at graduate school.

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"Grunge-free" Hoodoo Gurus steely mix of energy and rhythm

by MELISSA SAWYER
Phi Features Editor

The Hoodoo Gurus are coming to Washington and Lee's pavilion this Saturday.

This Australian group includes Dave Faulkner, Brad Shepherd, Rick Grossman and Mark Kingsmill. The band recently released their sixth album, *Crank*.

A self-proclaimed "grunge-free" album, *Crank* is a mix of steely guitars, locomotive rhythms and throaty vocals in 13 songs—the most ever on a Hoodoo Gurus' domestic release. *Crank* also includes guest performances by former Bangle Vicki Peterson and Red Cross singer Steve McDonald.

Songs from *Crank* to listen for on Saturday night include "The Right Time" and "The Mountain."

"Sound-wise this record (*Crank*) is probably the most representative of our live show," said guitarist Brad Shepherd. "There's always been a big difference between our records and the way we sound live, to the point where it's almost like two separate entities. When we get on the stage we create an extra energy that gets lost in the studio."

The band's recent single "The Right Time" is a distilled rock opera about a female bike



Peterson.

"It's an embarrassingly one-dimensional love song," Shepherd said. "It's a very straight ahead lyric that borders on bubble gum, which I think is very valid. I place just as much value on the Archies as I do the Stones and the Small Faces and other rock 'n' roll bands."

Crank is the band's sixth album. The Gurus first album, *Stoneage Romeos*, was named "Debut Album of the Year" in Australia and topped the alternative charts in America.

The band's 1985 album, *Mars Needs Guitars*, was a similar success.

A European/U.S. tour that same year included sell-out shows at London's Hammersmith Place, as well as an opening jaunt with the Bangles.

Of the group's other albums, *Kinky* was the only one not to top the alternative charts—it stayed at number two on the charts for five weeks behind R.E.M.'s "Out of Time."

The Hoodoo Gurus play at the W&L Pavilion on Saturday Sept. 10, sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and the Student Activities Board. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

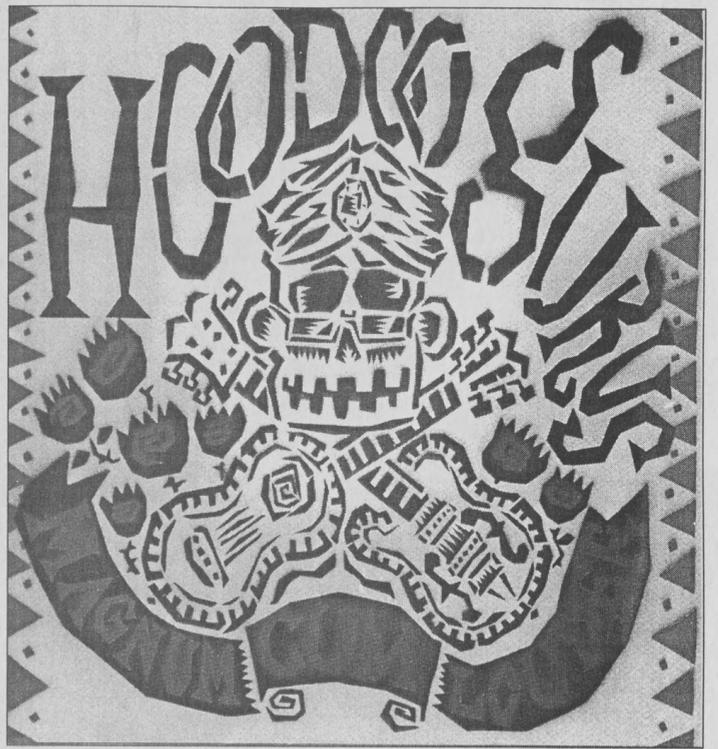


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Sol Wachtler's defense attorney Charles Stillman faces the press. Michael Chertoff was the U.S. attorney who prosecuted Wachtler.

Wachtler's double life revealed

Linda Wolfe's book probes scandal surrounding former W&L student

by MELISSA SAWYER
Phi Features Editor

Linda Wolfe's "Double Life" is the real-life story of the shattering affair between New York Chief Judge Sol Wachtler and socialite Joy Silverman. Wolfe exposes the two's long-lasting affair and Wachtler's criminal behavior that led to his harassment of Silverman.

While this book reads largely like a *National Enquirer* insert, it is of interest to Washington and Lee students because Sol Wachtler attended W&L for both his undergraduate and law school work, starting in 1947.

Wolfe briefly describes the W&L campus as "bucolic... (one that) rolled across a hundred acres shaded by ancient trees and dotted with handsome Greek Revival-style columned buildings."

Wachtler decided to attend W&L after he was denied admission to Yale University.

He was a campus leader, his fraternity president, and held prominent positions in the Literary Society, debate team and the Forensic Union.

He even received an inter-fraternity council award reserved for the student "who has contributed most to campus activities."

Wachtler was later elected president of W&L's Bar Association.

This is the story of corruption and deceit that shocked and baffled American people.

It is a story that should especially baffle students of W&L, accustomed to the honor code and its high standards of character.

How could a man so prominent as a student here have gone so astray after forty-one years of marriage and decades of a successful career?

The forty-two year old married judge, a father of four, had led an apparently unblemished life until he vented his rage at Joy Silverman in a torrent of obscene letters and phone calls — and threatened her young daughter as well.

"You better hope I die soon because if I don't you'll wish you were dead," wrote Wachtler in a letter to Joy Silverman, ripped up by him and found by the FBI just before his arrest.

Wachtler, who had been appointed judge by Mario Cuomo and was hailed as a possible Republican candidate for President, was sentenced to a prison term and expelled from the New York

Bar Association.

Wolfe's rendition of the Wachtler affair is blatantly written in the style of such T.V. shows as *A Current Affair* and *Hard Copy*.

The narrative has few substantial twists.

Also, prologue elicits much the same information that is painstakingly delivered throughout the remainder of the story.

Wolfe's *Double Life* is compiled from hundreds of interviews.

She is also the author of *Wanted: The Preppie Murder* (1989).

Both books are available from Pocket Books publishing.



Photo courtesy of Pocket Books

Sol Wachtler was a promising young college student at Washington and Lee. Extremely active at W&L during his college years, Wachtler is pictured here with the Washington and Lee Literary Society (front row, center). He was the secretary-treasurer of the Society.

Natural Born Killers a morbid farce

Movie is visually stunning, overly pretentious



by KIRK SUSONG
Phi Movie Reviewer

Natural Born Killers — Two Stars
Natural Born Killers, Oliver Stone's latest over-indulgence, continues in the same vein as his other films of years past: *The Doors*, *JFK*, etc.

Once again he has created a visually stunning and cinematically amusing piece with pretensions to deep thought.

Typically, Stone takes some timely subject, distorts and manufactures facts, and ends up with a very controversial and powerful piece.

Here, though, he was working from a script (originated by the brilliant Quentin Tarantino) which was only an echo of reality, so he does very little actual lying.

The story revolves around a young married couple, Michael and Mallory Knox (Woody "The only surviving member of Cheers" Harrelson and Juliette Lewis), who go on a three-week rampage across America, killing everything in sight—the final tally is over fifty people.

Eventually they are apprehended by macho super-cop Jack Scagnetti and sent to a tough penitentiary, whose warden happens to be Tommy Lee Jones.

Is it just me, or does Tommy Lee seem to figure prominently in most of the movies released these days?

At any rate, in jail the story shifts to the efforts of sleaze-bag journalist Wayne Gale (played surprisingly well by the normally annoying Robert Downey, Jr.) to interview Michael. Finally the interview sets off a riot, ending the warden's trembling, clutching grasp on life, as well as the lives of most of the prison guards.

The prisoners break free, inspired by Michael's pseudo-philosophical, quasi-poetic testimony to the "purity" of murder. In the end Michael and Mallory manage to escape, killing Wayne Gale before his own camera.

It is clear this movie could have provided a very curious, thought-provoking look at modern America. For example, when Wayne Gale is killed by the escaping duo, is it a testimony to the media's true impotence, showing us journalists as mere recorders, like the camera which filmed Gale's impromptu execution?

On the other hand, the couple were only provided with a chance at escape because of Gale's ratings-driven interview.

Perhaps Stone is trying to say that the media is slowly choking itself with trash?

And, as passable as the story-line is, the acting is decent as well.

Woody Harrelson continues to make us wonder how he

got stuck playing a dim-witted bar-keep for so many years. Jack Scagnetti, who finally arrests the couple and in the end is killed by them in the riot, is played to a T by Tom Sizemore.

He manages to keep the role, which like the others in the film might easily sink to silliness, from falling into pure schlock.

Unfortunately, the same can not be said of Tommy Lee Jones, who brings absolutely no sadness or reality to his enthused but demented warden.

Imagine either his character from *The Fugitive* or *The Client*, only in the style of a televangelist: over-the-top, pompous and devoid of badly needed irony.

The same can not be said of Stone's directorial efforts. He has applied the irony not with a brush but with a dump truck.

The film quickly becomes *Bonnie and Clyde* meets the B-52's or Deee-Lite: a visually startling, emotionally troubling farce of itself.

Many seem to wonder how Stone could have gotten Warner Bros. to release a film of such incredible violence (for example, Mallory burns her own mother to death).

But the violence of this film is neither immature like *Friday the 13th* nor intellectual as in *Schindler's List*. Rather, it is hyper-cool, like an MTV remake of *Faces of Death*.

Stone makes the violence and the terror a laughable, silly, pathetic scene.

The death and destruction become very black comedy, the movie a morbid farce.

In the opening scene, for example, Michael and Mallory are already in the midst of their three-week spree.

At a small roadside cafe, they mercilessly kill five or six people whose only crimes are bad taste or manners. But Stone makes the killings overly clever — not ultra-violent, but ultra-cinematic.

When a bullet is shot towards a waitress, we are temporarily given a "bullet's eye" view — the camera shrieks towards the screaming woman, with a small bullet superimposed at the bottom of the screen. Then he shows us blood splattering against the cafe wall. Stone doesn't run from the violence; in fact, he embraces it.

But he embraces it by highlighting the bizarre or ironic or trivial moments, as when Mallory, fleeing down the highway in a convertible, shoots a bronze medal cyclist who happens to be going down the same road.

In sum, Oliver Stone has created a movie tailored for Generation X — fast, furious, funny, but still depressingly real and violent and sexual. He uses incredibly fast cuts, an extremely evocative soundtrack, and over-doses of cultural irony and self-awareness.

Stone doesn't develop the plot, or the characters, or the issues, he just focuses on his directing. Unfortunately he has over-done that, and so *Natural Born Killers* is a beautiful, witty, black but incredibly pretentious film, meant to address you and me.

Despite his credentials as a rebel, Stone fails to find the youth in any but the most superficial ways, and we are left feeling like we just watched a Burger King commercial where Dan Cortes decides to kill the drive-thru worker.

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 is still on the big screen. It is worth a few Oscars and the seven bucks you will pay if you see it outside Lexington. Overall, "Better than *Cats!*"

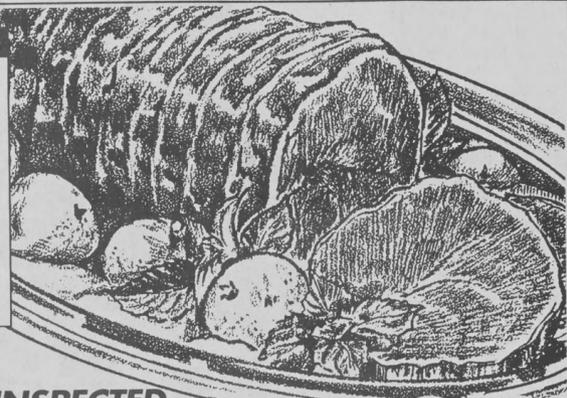
★★ — Okay, so there have been better films. Nevertheless, it is a good example of its genre, and you should probably see it on videotape, especially if you are a fan of the actors or director. Still, probably "Better than *Cats!*"

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

(No Stars) — Even if its 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.)

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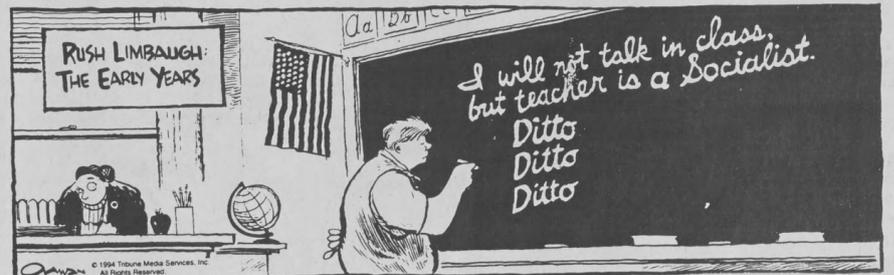
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Science center completion planned for '97

By PHIL CARROTT
Phi Managing Editor

As everyone has seen and, for those taking science classes this term, heard, construction has begun on the new science center.

The \$22 million facility should be complete, with renovation of both Parmly and Howe Halls, around August 1997.

The University's construction manager and general contractor, J. M. Turner & Co., which constructed Gaines Hall and renovated other University buildings, is the company doing the construction for this project as well.

The main building, to be situated between Parmly and Howe, should be finished around June 1996. At that time the Chemistry and Geology Departments will move into the new building and Howe will be renovated.

When Howe is habitable, the Biology and Physics Departments will move out of Parmly, which will then be renovated to house the Psychology and Computer Science Departments.

The new building will increase the amount of space available to the sciences by about 35,000 square feet to 90,000 square feet.

In the beginning of planning for the science center, the projected cost was \$8 million. The final projected cost shows how committed the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees is to quality education.

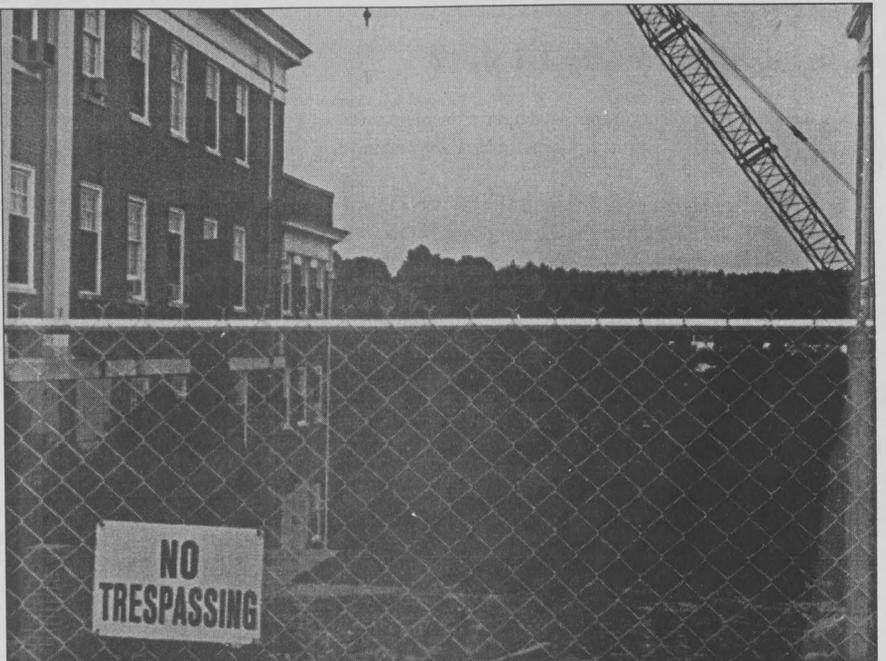
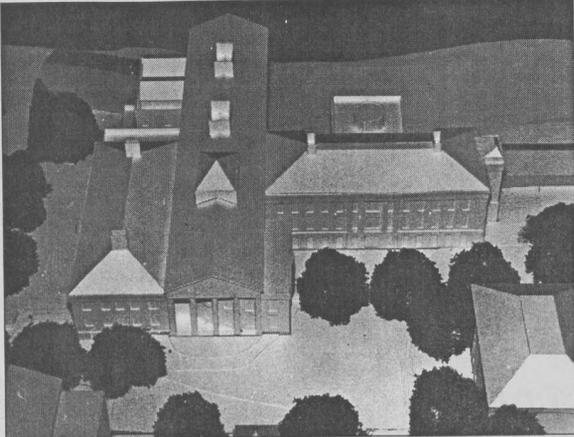
The science center is the largest physical aspect of the current *On the Shoulders of Giants* campaign.

Besides student research, just about every (if not every) science professor is

currently doing at least some form of research in facilities which have not been improved since 1962.

By the way, you can have the science center named for you for just \$10 million, or maybe the new building for \$5 million.

The *On the Shoulders of Giants* campaign publication, "The New Science Center," provided many facts for this story.



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Are we physically fit yet?

We hate to belabor a point, but...we have a problem with the whole physical education requirement here at Washington and Lee.

No one is a bigger proponent of sports and the necessity of staying in shape than the editors of *The Ring-tum Phi* are, but we wonder if the current system really serves its purpose.

Is it beneficial to punish hard-working but single-sport athletes by requiring them to take valuable time from their busy schedules to learn a sport which they will very probably never use? Does this enrich the students of Washington and Lee University?

With 60 percent student participation in varsity athletics, not to mention a healthy intramural competition, the last thing the administration should be worrying about is physical education credits.

There is also a very limited array of sports to be learned, as well as a very limited time to learn them in. A very valid alternative might be to allow students to fill their requirements by pledging to have completed a certain number of exercises in a sport not taught by the department. Those students who were avid mountain bikers, scuba divers, rugby players or rock climbers could opt out of the squash classes by doing something they enjoyed on their own time.

This could also relieve some of the headaches the first day of classes, when students who want the prime spots in P.E. classes must rise with the birds.

Students should also be allowed to propose their own sports and even volunteer to teach a section which would fit into more schedules. Because most of the physical education professors are coaches, late afternoon P.E. classes are non-existent, and student-taught sections could be scheduled for the afternoon slots which many more non-athlete students have free.

Another good plan would be to allow athletes who play a varsity sport for four years, even if it is only one season (and most sports are in training of some sort for six months or more every year), be completely absolved of the requirement. You can bet that a four-year soccer player is in good shape and has aquired some of that great well-roundedness that liberal arts universities are so famous for.

Take the executive editor of *The Ring-tum Phi* as an example of someone who does not need a physical education requirement. She has competed in ten or twelve different track and field events, indoor and outdoor, for going-on four years. She mountain bikes, skis, and lifts weights in her spare time. Yet our senior editor will have two more physical education classes to schedule into her already busy senior year. Is this absolutely necessary?

Though the student body has been meekly decrying the physical education requirement for years, nothing has been done to change the requirement and all of our bright ideas have seemed to fall on deaf ears. Can something be done? This has gone on long enough.

Quote of the Week:

"Come on, honey, you can come back in nine years....If we have any money left."

---Freshman mother to her nine-year old daughter

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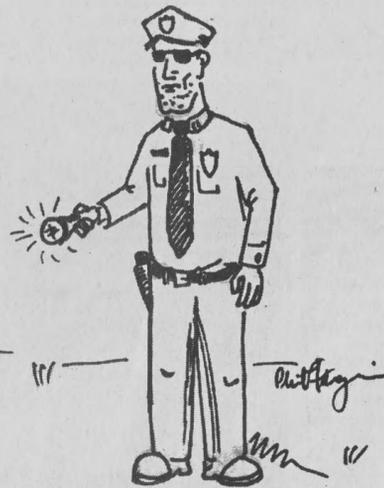
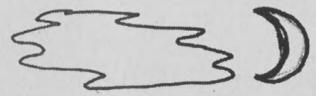
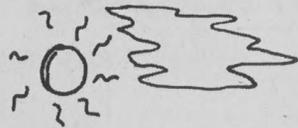
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OPINION



LEXINGTON WELCOMES THE FRESHMEN

Live from Washington: my summer

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

I bet you were wondering what I did this summer, besides eating, showering, watching TV, and planning my new show in Las Vegas. Well, I'll tell you.

I worked for Accuracy in Media in Washington, D.C., an organization whose mere mention made several of the journalism school professors almost spill their coffee. The summer was quite an education.

My friend, Andy, my betta fish, Beta Theta Pi, and I shared a room in what I believe was a converted crack house in Arlington, down the street from Washington-Lee High School. Our room was tastefully appointed, free of charge, with red carpet, a red vibrating lounge chair with a leopard-skin cover, portraits of semi-clad women on the walls, and an old guy across the hall who was seeking asylum from Sweden.

"Things are not all right over there [in Sweden]," our landlord, Mrs. Beach, said.

The Swede and we shared a kitchen that came complete with an appetizing mothball fragrance and a refrigerator that arbitrarily defrosted itself if we put food inside.

We also shared a bathroom, the condition of which made me seriously consider bathing in public fountains in

front of the Capitol as an alternative.

Above the Swede and us lived The Cross-Eyed Guy and the guy we saw waving a metal detector over the front yard one night after dark. I suspected the two lived in a symbiotic relationship, where the Metal Detector Guy followed The Cross-Eyed Guy's directions to find buried treasure in the yard (which The Cross-Eyed Guy couldn't see).

They then split the proceeds and lived happily on the second floor, where they discussed how each other looked on the previous night's *America's Most Wanted*.

A major selling point when we rented this place for the summer was the washer and dryer on the back porch. We didn't realize until after we had moved in that the neighbors felt free to use the washer and dryer 24 hours a day, if necessary, to prevent us from using them. If they ran out of laundry they contacted close relatives and friends to come over and use the machines.

The first couple of days riding the

subway to work was kind of fun for me and Andy. We would stand up in the subway cars in the morning carrying our briefcases and reading the newspaper and looking like we were high-powered lobbyists on our way to help pass the National Mandatory Ketchup Use Act.

By the next week we had changed and as we entered the train we had zero pity for anyone who occupied seats that were rightfully ours. A few swift kicks, along with a few friendly "whaps" from a *Washington Post* cleared a seat up right way.

Social life in Washington is even better than the tourist books suggest. Andy and I made almost nightly trips to Giant Supermarket down the street, home of Giant ice cream and Giant cola and Giant vegetables. Sometimes things got a little wild on double coupon days.

For entertainment I would sometimes eat a dinner of peas on my front porch and then throw the empty can into the street to drive down the neigh-

bors' property values. If I was lucky, the neighborhood children would be watching and then I could make scary faces too. See, Mom, I am capable of entertaining myself.

There was always the exciting Washington nightclub scene. I found most nightclubs to be hot enough inside to melt the black paint and graffiti off the walls and evaporate the \$8 cup of water that someone under 21 could purchase for refreshment.

This was a tactic to force members of the audiences to sweat so much that they would become delusional and start banging into each other, crowd surfing, gouging eyeballs, etc. as a way of displaying their musical appreciation.

Speaking of gouging out eyeballs, in July I had a superpower summit meeting with Betsy Green in Lexington. Through my translators I proposed that we divide the town into two sectors, because two *Phi* humor columnists can't exist in the same territory without dying off (we're like deer that way).

Here's my proposal: Betsy gets Gaines Hall and the old ROTC building, and I get everything else in Lexington and good chunk of Raphine. If Betsy crosses into my territory, students will be entitled to confront her and demand her to sing a rendition of Pearl Jam's "I'm Still Alive" as retribution. Betsy will also be required to cook them a complete Spam dinner.

It's going to be a good year in Dream Land.

“Our room was tastefully appointed, free of charge, with red carpet, a red vibrating lounge chair with a leopard-skin cover, portraits of semi-clad women on the walls, and an old guy across the hall who was seeking asylum from Sweden.”

Community service benefits all

MY VIEW

Paul D. Saboe, '97

Washington and Lee University has long been associated with meaningful words such as honor and excellence. The spirit of honor fostered by President Robert E. Lee under the guidelines of the Honor System has endured to this day, thanks primarily to the mindful dedication of students past and present, a true testimony to how sacred honor is held at this institution.

In addition, Washington and Lee University has become identified with another important word, service. The students of Washington and Lee have never been strangers to service. They have always shown their commitment to others through community and school related service projects. However, never has the flame of service burned so brightly in the hearts and minds of all those who attend this university as it does today. Alpha Phi Omega, the Big Brother/Big Sister organization, the AIDS Awareness Association, and the University Federation are just a sampling of the many Washington and Lee sponsored organizations that are devoted to service. The students who participate in these organizations and others like them have clearly taken to heart the words of the late Arthur Ashe:

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”
— Arthur Ashe.

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

This spirit of service that characterizes Washington and Lee is indeed commendable. General Washington and General Lee would both be honored to be connected to an institution such as ours where stu-

dents pursue and practice the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." Yet, now is not the time for loud and hearty congratulations, but rather the time for quiet and careful meditation and action. Now more than ever we must expand our service efforts and reach out to more of those in need whether they are a homeless person with no place to sleep or a young child having trouble understanding basic addition.

At Washington and Lee we are being groomed as the leaders of tomorrow and no where is that leadership needed more than right here in Lexington and no where can it be put to better use than in the field of service. For those already involved in a service organization, become more involved, work harder to improve your efforts and expand the impact you have on those around you.

For those not presently involved, get involved, challenge yourselves with a new endeavor that could open your eyes to the enjoyment of service and forever change your life. For, in reality, by serving others we are doing nothing more than helping ourselves mature as responsible and contributing members of society.

Are you mad as hell and you're not going to take it anymore? Well, it isn't *Network*, but the *Phi* editorial pages are just as exciting. Write a letter or "My View" and drop it off in University Center 208 by Tuesday noon and you'll soon be influencing W&L readers. We promise we won't shoot you.

GENERAL NOTES

Pictures

If you have not paid for your yearbook pictures yet, you can drop off a check in Carol Calkins' office in University Center. The cost is \$15 for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors and \$20 for seniors. Fraternity members may use their composite pictures in the yearbook.

Habitat

The W&L chapter of Habitat for Humanity will have an information booth by Wilson Field during the Class Agent's football game Saturday, Sept. 10. Habitat will begin its fundraising drive with the 2nd annual Buy A Brick for a Buck, to be held outside the Co-op Thursday, Sept. 16 and Friday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Film

The Film Society will begin its 1994-95 season with *Four Weddings and Funeral*. Showings will be on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Troubadour Theatre. Friday night showings will be at 8 p.m., and at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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OPINION

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos
By Betsy Green

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By Joe Framptom

What do you like best about Washington and Lee so far?



"Free beer." — Dave Wilkins, Binghamton, N.Y.



"The Honor Code." — Sheri Hamilton, Johnson City, Tenn.



"Friendly atmosphere." — Nicole Richard, White Bear Lake, Minn. and Ann Wise, Potomac, Md.



"The friendships." — Mogana Richards, Fair Rockaway, N.Y.



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Ghosts of Summer

THE LAST WORD

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

Uncle Wayne loved baseball. Even in the hospital at 94, when you asked him what he was doing in the afternoon, the response was, "I'm going to watch the ballgame."

He always talked about turning a triple play while playing semi-pro ball in North Carolina. Another memory was beating a team from Charlotte with their "fancy new uniforms." He would say, "We might have been a bunch of farm boys, but we could play ball."

Somewhere along the line, the grand old game changed and left the Uncle Waynes of the world behind. The lingo went from ballcaps to salary caps. I saw two kids one day arguing not about the home run race or who the best shortstop was, but who had the highest salary.

The players don't realize that they are just the carriers of a torch, and to be frank, most of them couldn't carry Lou Gehrig or Ted Williams's jock.

One thing has stayed the same though. They still play the game.

A 6-4-3 double play from Blauser to Lemke to McGriff might not have the same ring as the legendary Tinkers to Evers to Chance, but it's still a double play—eighty years later.

The National Football League is a mere 75 years of age. By comparison, the American League—baseball's junior circuit—is 93 years old.

This past Labor Day was the first in American history without major league baseball. When Labor Day came into existence, the National League was almost twenty years old.

Baseball, regardless of its origins, has become distinctly American. During World War II, the Japanese would shout "To Hell with Babe Ruth," at American soldiers even though the Bambino was already a charter member of the Hall by that point.

On the field everyone starts out even and sometimes the heroes are the most unlikely of men. Baseball is one of the few enclaves of hope in a world where the underdog is winning less and less often.

Even an average player can be perfect on a given day. After all, Don Larsen was no one's all-star when he stepped onto the mound in that World Series game.

As this burnt out shell of the season nears infamy, at least the game has given us moments to remember.

Thank you Kenny Rogers for being perfect for at least one evening. Thank you Matt Williams, Frank Thomas, and Junior for putting on one hell of a show. Thank you Tony Gwynn for showing us how a master operates with a bat. Thank you Montreal for showing us all that the biggest payroll does not always make the best team. Thank you Ryne Sandberg for all the memories. Thanks to everyone in the game for making it what it is.

Uncle Wayne passed away in the early morning hours on Friday August 12. He didn't live to see the final results of the avarice that has taken baseball prisoner. The heart of the game still beats in the minor league parks and little league fields, however. Baseball remains despite the best efforts of its custodians.

Sooner or later the game will return to Wrigley, Fenway, and the Stadium and I'll have my ticket ready when it does.

Dean of W&L golf steps down

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Washington & Lee golf coach E.G. "Buck" Leslie is retiring as the University's golf coach after 20 years at the helm.

Leslie decided to call it quits after guiding the Generals to last spring's Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, his seventh ODAC title. He retires with a magnificent career record of 261-44-4.

Bill Raleigh, who is entering his third season as W&L's assistant men's basketball coach, has been hired as acting head golf coach for the upcoming fall and spring seasons. Raleigh becomes just the third head coach in the 68-year history of W&L's golf program.

Leslie has been a member of the University's athletic department for 34 years, a tenure that will officially end in December when he completes his final semester of teaching the Physical Education golf class.

Washington & Lee Athletic Director Mike Walsh said Leslie ranks "among the very best coaches to have represented W&L."

Leslie said he had virtually decided on his retirement during the latter part of last season. When the 32-9 Generals took home a record seventh ODAC crown, he felt the time was right.

"I had almost made up my

mind [before the championship]," Leslie said. "That clinched it!"

Washington & Lee's golf program gained national prominence under Leslie. The seven-time ODAC Coach of the Year guided the Generals into the NCAA Division III Tournament on five occasions, placing in the top ten three times.

However, Leslie feels the best team he coached was one that did not even receive a tournament berth.

In 1978, an 8-1 record and second straight conference championship for W&L was not good enough for a trip to nationals although Leslie believes they could have placed as high as second. That team was anchored by Jerry Maatman, a two-time first team All-American.

The 69-year old Leslie graduated from Washington & Lee in 1949 and returned as an assistant football coach in 1960. The Generals went 25-1-1 over the next three seasons and earned the small college national championship in 1961.

"The greatest thrill I've had in athletics," said Leslie, "was to be asked to come back to my Alma Mater and coach football."

Then head coach Lee McLaughlin hailed Leslie as "the best" coaching assistant in the state. Upon McLaughlin's death prior to the '68 season, Leslie began a five-year run as head football coach.

In 1963, Leslie was hired as assistant to golf coach Cy Twombly, a position he held until Twombly's death in 1975. That season, Leslie's two-decade reign as head coach teed-off with a 13-2 record.

"It was great to work for both Lee and Cy," Leslie said. "Those were two great coaches."

Rockbridge County has been Leslie's home his entire life. Upon his 1943 graduation from Lexington High School, the former football star served in the Navy, where he earned six battle

stars for his service as a gun captain in the Pacific during World War II.

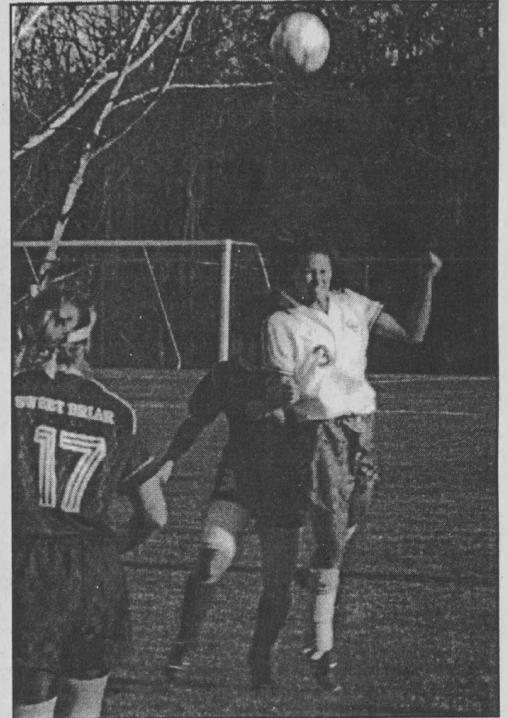
After the war he enrolled at W&L and was a four-year letter winner for the baseball team. The school's outstanding pitcher award is named for him.

Walsh notes that Leslie's skills as a coach will be missed by the University.

"Buck embodies all that is right and proper with college athletics," Walsh said. "We wish him well during his well-deserved retirement."



Washington and Lee golf coach Buck Leslie ended a 34 year career with the W&L athletic department this summer.



Angie Carrington Murphy was one of the most notable female athletes in the short history of co-education at Washington and Lee.

Carrington takes state athletic honor

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Sports Editor

Recently graduated Washington and Lee student Angie Carrington Murphy earned one of the top female athletic honors in the nation this summer.

The former first team All-American lacrosse player was named as Virginia's winner for the NCAA Woman of the Year award.

Earlier in the summer Carrington-Murphy became the first female in W&L history to earn an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. She was also married over the summer to four-time All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference soccer player Reid Murphy.

The NCAA Woman of the Year program is in its third year of existence. The program names 51 winners from each state and the District of Columbia and then a national winner is chosen from the group.

The national winner will be selected on November 14 at an

awards banquet in Washington D.C. Murphy is the first W&L student to be honored with the award, which encompasses all divisions of college athletics.

Carrington-Murphy was a four year letter-winner in soccer and lacrosse at W&L and served as captain of each for her last two years on campus.

Lacrosse was Carrington-Murphy's strength. She was named first team all-region each of her final three years and earned All-American honors twice while helping the Generals to two ODAC championships and one NCAA tournament berth.

The athletic star also excelled in the classroom. Carrington-Murphy graduated Phi Beta Kappa as a religion major.

At graduation Carrington-Murphy received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, the highest honor granted by the W&L faculty.

In addition she was named the ODAC's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year and earned third team Academic All-America honors.

Football fills void for die-hard fans

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There isn't any hockey to discuss and there obviously isn't any baseball going on, so we're going to talk about football.

The opening weekend to the '94 season was good enough to make up the slack. Most important to the authors of this article was the recent match-up of the Giants and the Eagles—long time division rivals.

Eagles fans anxiously awaited Randall "Scramble" Cunningham's return, but there was no Miracle of the Meadowlands to save Philly from the wily and talented Dave Meggett, as the Giants

beat the Eagles 28-23.

The Giants looked better than we thought they would, considering that this is their first game without Phil Simms and L.T.

Inexperienced quarterback Dave Brown leads the Giants Sunday night as they meet Buddy's Boys, the Arizona Cardinals.

The Eagles need to clean up their sloppy play before their home opener Monday night against the Bears. The Dallas Cowboys, an inexplicably popular team at Washington and Lee, pummeled through the Steel Curtain of Pittsburgh. The transition to Barry Switzer's leadership was not as traumatic as most Cowboy fans feared, as the Steelers could not contain Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

Two other local favorites, the

Atlanta Falcons and Washington Redskins, were not successful in their season openers.

June Jones's first game as head coach was an experience to be forgotten as the Falcons choked, giving up a touchdown to the Lions in the closing moments of the game; Detroit went on to prevail in O.T.

The Skins under rookie coach Norv Turner were by no means a good football team. Washington was trounced by Rick Mirer and the forgettable Seattle Seahawks.

The reigning AFC champion Buffalo Bills looked flat against the aging Boomer Esiason and the Jets.

Houston would seem to miss Buddy Ryan's "46 Defense," as Marshall Faulk stampeded through the Oilers's D, helping to rack up 42 unanswered points.

Dan Marino silenced his doubters as he threw for 5 touchdowns (including 3 to Irving Fryar) and over 400 yards in the Dolphin's win in their see-saw battle with New England.

In all fairness Bill Parcells and the Pats only lost by 4 points in the shadow of Marino's outstanding performance.

The San Francisco 49ers, perennial contenders, appear poised make a run for the Super Bowl with the best in the league as Jerry Rice became the NFL's leader in career touchdowns scored in the 49ers' victory over Jeff Hostedler and the Raiders.

Enjoy week two of the NFL's 75th anniversary season.

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