

Two students charged with vehicle theft

by Hollister Hovey
and Polly Doig
EDITORS

Two sophomore women were charged last week on two counts of felony unauthorized use of a vehicle, in connection to a joyriding incident.

According to the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department, Ellen S. Elliott of Denver, Colo., and Stephanie A. Fortener of Dublin, Ohio, went with friends to Berk's Restaurant at Lee-Hi truckstop after a night of partying on Oct. 1.



Elliott Fortener

Soon after, the women left the restaurant on foot and began walking along U.S. Route 11 toward the city of Lexington. Arresting officer Deputy Rob Tackett said the girls passed Goad's Body Shop on the same road, and found two vehicles with the keys in the ignitions.

Elliott took a Nissan Pathfinder from the lot, while Fortener took a Corvette, and both began driving toward Lexington. Fortener arrived on the Washington and Lee University campus and parked the car in the Gaines parking lot. Elliott's vehicle apparently did not

have lights, and she pulled over to the side of the road and passed out behind the wheel.

Tackett found Elliott and asked her to take a breathalyzer test, which she refused. Elliott was subsequently charged with driving under the influence and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

According to Tackett, Fortener awoke the next morning and, "took the car to the country with every intent of returning it." Later that day, she turned herself in and made a full confession. She was charged with felony unauthorized use of a vehicle last Thursday.

Elliott agreed to cooperate with police after Fortener came forward.

Charges were filed against Elliott on Oct. 7 and against Fortener on Oct. 8. Tackett said the car theft charges were delayed because the girls agreed to cooperate and were considered a low flight risk.

Felony unauthorized use of a vehicle carries with it penalties of up to five years in prison. It is a lesser charge than grand theft auto, and recognizes "joyriding," and the intent to return the vehicle. Elliott's refusal to take the breathalyzer test will result in a one-year suspension of her driver's license if she is found guilty.

W&L President John Elrod said in response to the incident, "Either or both of [the women] may choose to withdraw. If they choose not to do so, they'll probably be found guilty by the SJC."

Dean of Students, David Howison,



Photo by Christie Phillips/Photo Editor

Finally, a groundbreaking development

Holding the ceremonial Chi Omega shovel, sophomore Elizabeth Holleman accompanied by (left to right) junior Mary-Heather Welder, sophomore Georgie Hickam, sophomore Julie Boncarosky, and junior Ashley Penkava represented Chi Omega on Friday at the Sorority House groundbreaking ceremony. Construction of the five house is expected to be completed by August 2000.

Gay student beaten, left to die

by Hollister Hovey
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, was kidnapped, tied to a fence, pistol whipped in the head, burned and left to die. The likely motivations for the crime — robbery and Shepard's homosexuality.

A biker found his body 18 hours later and mistook him for a scarecrow because of the way he was tied up. For 12 of those hours that Shepard's body hung on the fence, temperatures dropped below freezing.

Shepard, 21, remains unconscious in deteriorating critical condition at a Fort Collins, Colo. hospital. He suffers from a cracked skull, burns and cuts.

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, were charged with attempted murder and kidnapping. Police added aggravated robbery charges because Shepard's wallet and patent leather shoes were stolen.

Police said the men lured Shepard from a University of Wyoming hangout by telling him they were gay.

Police charged two women, Chas-

ity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price, 18, as accessories after the fact for helping the men dispose of their bloody clothes. The women reported the men to the police and said Henderson and McKinney made anti-gay remarks about Shepard.

According to The Denver Post, both McKinney's father and Price said Henderson and McKinney never set out to nearly kill Shepard, but McKinney was embarrassed that

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More alcohol-related offenses cause increased LPD action

by Eszter Pados
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University social functions keep Washington and Lee Security and the Lexington Police Department on their toes due to a significant increase in alcohol-related misdemeanors among students.

Just during Homecoming Weekend, 14 students were arrested for alcohol related misdemeanors, a much higher number compared with regular weekends.

Returning alumni have contributed to the problem in the past. This year, they kept quiet. "Things have changed in the past five years," Chief Bruce Beard of the Lexington police department said. "Ten years ago, alumni came back wild and crazy. But fortunately things have mellowed out in the past five years."

According to Beard, there weren't any alumni arrested this year.

Students, on the other hand, continue to cause problems.

Five of the 14 arrests were for underage possession of alcohol, a class three misdemeanor. Three students were arrested for selling alcohol to individuals under 21, a class 1 misdemeanor. Two students were caught drinking in public, a class four misdemeanor. Only one student was caught drunk in public, a class four misde-

meanor, and three Washington and Lee men were arrested for urinating in public on Main street, a class 1 misdemeanor, also classified as indecent exposure.

Police officers and Washington and Lee security are aware of the nature of big functions like Homecoming.

"We know ahead of time when functions like Homecoming are," Beard said. "We schedule more officers to work these weekends."

Mike Young, Director of Washington and Lee Security, said that these

security personnel controlling the area, four Alcohol Beverage Control agents were in town last weekend. According to Beard, the agents want to prevent alcohol violations. They mostly check stores and restaurants where alcohol is sold. On occasions like Homecoming Weekend, a lot of alcohol is sold to underage students.

Beard said that selling alcohol to underage individuals has one of the most serious consequences from all other alcohol violations. It is a class one misdemeanor.

"Consequences can be as serious as confinement in jail for up to 12 months or a fine up to \$2,500, or both penalties," Beard said.

Beard said that Alumni Weekend is the social function that causes the most problems. Young begs to differ.

"I think Fancy Dress is definitely the most extraordinary, in terms of crime," Young said. "It's like a three-day drunk[fest], people are just out of control."

"Several years ago, Washington and Lee had a rash of thefts over Fancy Dress. Considering the number of guests from outside the community, who are not bound by the honor code, crime rates took a leap," Young said.

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250th video to be beamed to alumni chapters via satellite

by Polly Doig
NEWS EDITOR

As Washington and Lee University gears up to celebrate its 250th anniversary, film crews are descending upon the stately campus.

"60 Minutes?" "20/20?" Maybe "Politically Incorrect?" Are national media sitting up and taking notice of the bicenquinquagenary?

Not just yet. The film crews belong to Golden Dome Productions, and they have been assembling footage for a special 250th video since March.

"There are a variety of elements in the video," said Neil Penick, Director of the 250th Celebration. "There are short video clips on the Honor System, the Law School, W&L today, student life and the 250th celebration in review."

The idea came when W&L administrators saw a similar video that was done by Golden Dome for Notre Dame University. Arrangements were made, and crews began filming at the 1998 Fancy Dress Ball, the so-called "college social event of the South."

Since then, the crews have been filming continually on campus, according to Louise Uffelman, a communica-

tions writer in the W&L News Office.

"The idea is to film every aspect of campus life that we can," Uffelman said. This includes various special events such as the 250th Kickoff Opening Convocation, the Rededication of Lee Chapel, the Bicenquinquagenary Ball, the London Hampton Court event, various speeches and lectures, the symbolic repayment at Mount Vernon of the endowment given by George Washington, and the Responsibility Symposium.

The video's expected audience might be a little different than one might think.

Rather than simply making the end-product available for sale, on May 1, 1999, the designated National Day of Celebration, segments of the video will be broadcast via satellite to more than 50 alumni chapters across the country. The satellite uplink will also feature a live show, hosted by Roger Mudd '50 and Cecily Tynan Badger '91 from the Lenfest Center and a tent from the Liberty Hall Ruins.

"It's going to be the largest alumni gathering in history," Penick said. "We're expecting about 3,000 alumni on campus, and another 3,000 in individual chapters connected by satellite."

The gathering will be the culmination of a yearlong celebration.

"This is truly a special year," President John Elrod said. "It is remarkable to think that we are one of the oldest institutions in America and even more remarkable to think that we are older than America herself."

Along with special events, however, Golden Dome crews have also been filming everyday aspects of student life. That means that shots of students dissecting laboratory animals, doing differential calculus equations, speaking foreign languages and tossing frisbee on the historic Front Lawn will also be included in the video.

"Basically it's geared toward everybody in the W&L community, but particularly those who can't make it back to Lexington for the event," Penick said.

According to Uffelman, the video has been budgeted as part of the 250th Observance. Penick says the project is costing about \$85,000. And by the sound of it, the show should be well worth it.

"We want to make the show entertaining, upbeat and celebratory — show who we are and what we do well," said Penick.



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Roman Koshkin works out regularly in the weight room to keep in shape.

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New bills increase financial aid costs

Changes will affect many aid programs

by Polly Doig
NEWS EDITOR

The newly-signed Higher Education Amendments of 1998 could have a significant impact on the way college students do business with their financial aid offices.

Though President Clinton's signature is barely dry, the amendments, which reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965, already promise to affect several federal loan and financial aid programs.

"Obviously I think that's great because I have loans, and it's going to make it a lot easier for people who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to continue their education," said sophomore Shani Lee.

The legislation includes substantial raises in federal Pell Grants, which will now be capped at \$4,500 beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year. The new maximum climbs \$300 each year until 2003, when it will reach \$5,800.

Also included is an increase in the loan limits for Perkins loans, which will now be set at \$4,000 for undergraduates and \$6,000 for graduate and professional students. Another important aspect of federal aid, the Unsubsidized and Subsidized Stafford loans, will see significant drops in interest rates charged to students. Whereas both loans are currently capped at 8 percent interest, new rates will be set at the equivalent of the 90-day Treasury bill rate plus 1.7 percent while in school and 2.3 percent thereafter.

The changes in federal policy come on the heels of a recently-released study conducted by student loan provider Nellie Mae concerning the consequences of undergraduate and graduate loans.

Nellie Mae found that approximately 25 percent of all recent private college graduates, as well as 18 percent of public college graduates, have loans surpassing their present annual earnings. In addition, 12 percent of all graduates have monthly loan payments that surpass 20 percent of their monthly income.

"While most students are able to repay their loans successfully without significant impact on their lifestyle, that number is getting smaller over time," said Lawrence O'Toole, president and chief executive officer of Nellie Mae. "It's important that students consider the salary potential of a chosen career early on so there's a strong likelihood that the salary will support repayment after graduation."

According to the study, the average student loan debt has increased from \$8,200 in 1991 to \$18,800 in 1997. The average debt accumulated for four-year private school students was \$15,300, while for public school the total was \$10,900.

"Our survey confirmed what many

have suspected. While student loans have helped millions of students gain access to a post-secondary education, higher debt, incurred from borrowing to cover the cost of college, is becoming more of a burden to some students," O'Toole said.

Even Washington and Lee, which prides itself on keeping tuition low through a sizeable endowment, has raised tuition appreciably in past years. The 1998-99 academic year saw an increase of \$400.

According to O'Toole, more than half of all college students now finance their education at least in part through loans.

"If you work (academically) through high school, you shouldn't be penalized because you don't have money," said Lee. "Loans and financial aid should be available to those people."

The numbers back him up. The study showed that an overwhelming 79 percent of undergraduate borrowers said that student loans were very or extremely important in allowing them to continue their education. And very soon, this crucial part could be coming at a slightly less dear cost.

What do you think?

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"People stole from dorms," Young said, "people who didn't belong."

Young and Beard agree that Parents Weekend is the event that causes the least uproar.

"Parents Weekend is a very pleasant event, it's generally mellow" Young said. "We like it! Although some parents were caught drunk in the past."

Beard and Young both said that on event-weekends such as Homecoming Weekend, they may take it easy on people who are not causing serious problems.

"To a certain degree, we overlook parking violations," Beard said, "unless it's a danger to the public."

Beard said that it is hard to control parking, because there are so many people in town, and not enough parking spaces. As long as the illegally parked car is not interfering with other traffic regulations, the owner will not be punished.

According to Young, if someone is not causing problems and not drawing attention, he or she may sail through.

"But if one is out of control, and drawing attention, we have to deal with him or her," Young said.

So far, the police department and security have managed to keep things under control with their cooperation with each other.

"Security is of tremendous help to us," Beard said.

While security patrolled fraternity houses, police officers dealt with the streets.

"Together we have been keeping



Photo by Christie Phillips/Photo Editor

They really exist!

During VMI's recent defeat, the female members of the Virginia Military Institute cheerleading squad try to keep up the crowd's spirits.

things under control," Beard said. "But it's always hard to predict what will happen during the next event."

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Shepard flirted with him in front of his friends.

People across the country have condemned this as a hate crime. Presi-

dent Clinton made a statement saying he was "deeply grieved by the act of violence... Hillary and I ask that your thoughts and prayers be with Mr. Shepard and his family and with the people of Laramie."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) said that "this heinous crime deserves the condemnation of all Americans."

The leader of G&L, Washington and Lee's gay and lesbian organization

does not think this sort of hate crime could ever happen at W&L. "People here are so into being socially polite that I don't particularly think this could happen here," president Jessica Simpson said. "I don't understand how ignorance could lead to something like that. It's almost incomprehensible."

"To do something like this you'd have to belittle someone to the point of not even acknowledging them as a human being," she added.

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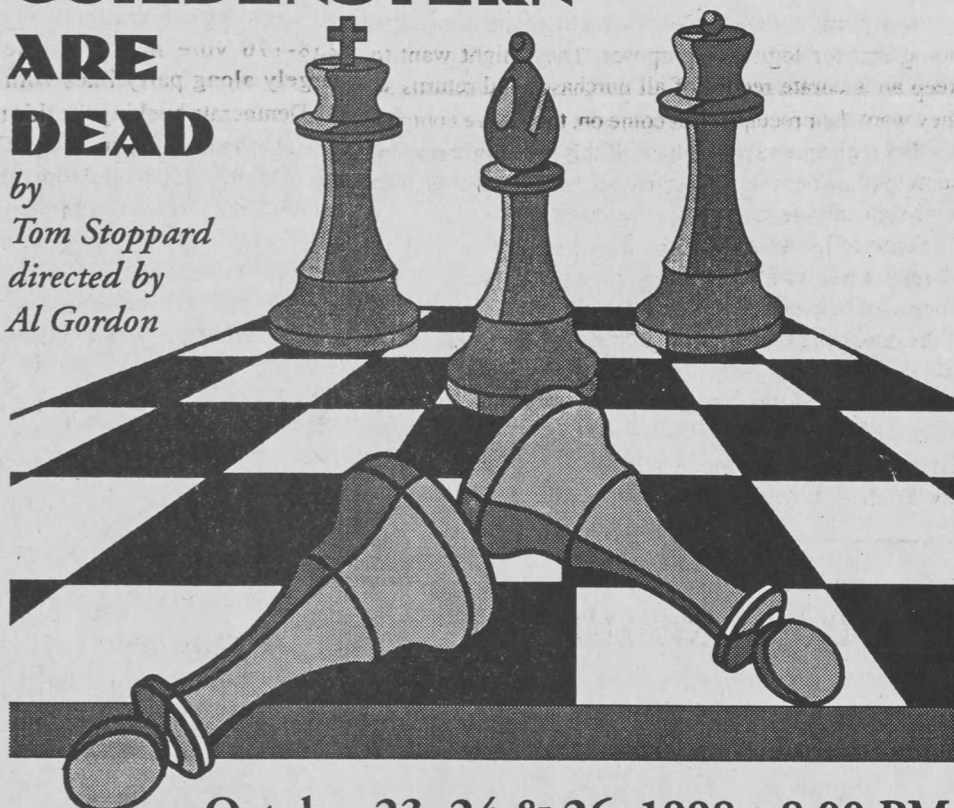
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Does Bookstore respect Honor System?

One of the major features that attracts men and women from across the country (especially Texas) to the "grand old school of the south" is the honor system at Washington and Lee. Both inside and outside the classroom the rewards of the honor system are immeasurable. W&L students take pride in upholding the beliefs that our honor system represents.

There is, however, one institution at our school that does not take us at our word — the University Bookstore. Beginning this fall, the bookstore began to enforce a strict policy that requires anyone who wishes to return a book purchased at the bookstore to present a receipt. We all know how easy it can be to buy the wrong book for a class or buy two copies of the same book because they have different cover designs. Many of us have had to return a whole set of books because we decide that we have gotten in a little over our heads and need to drop a class. We also all share the experience of losing our receipt.

If this happened in past years, it was no big deal. The person behind the counter would give you the refund, no questions asked. But if you tried to return a book this past fall without that golden ticket, you were out of luck — no soup for you.

For those of you who need your memories refreshed, the Honor System makes it clear that there is no lying, cheating or stealing at Washington and Lee University. Returning a book that you did not actually purchase at the bookstore would be lying and stealing, and W&L students have pledged not to do these things. Students should be given a refund if they pledge to have bought it at the bookstore.

Regardless of the honor system, let's stop and think about this for a minute. I think it is safe to say that the average W&L student is fairly intelligent, although as with anything there are always some exceptions. Returning something to the bookstore that you did not buy is not the smartest thing to do. The bookstore does tag all the books that it sells both manually and electronically, and you would have a difficult time getting around these obstacles. There are easier ways for a criminal to make a profit.

Now I could understand that the bookstore might be doing this for logistical purposes. They might want to keep an accurate record of all purchases and returns so they want their receipts. But come on, they have computers that register every purchase. If this is the only reason, come on bookstore people, give us a break. Not all of us have rich parents and brand new SUVs.

Some of us are paying our own way, and I think we should be allowed to lose a receipt and still return a book instead of having to swallow a thirty-dollar mistake. And if the bookstore thinks we are lying, than what good is the Honor System anyway? It's time for the bookstore to join the rest of the campus and take students at their word. Professors do it, the administration does it, the dining hall does it and we the students do it. Why not the bookstore too?

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A letter to The Ring-tum Phi

Student claims that "incompetent derelicts run the Help Desk"

On Saturday, September 12, my computer froze. I shut it down and restarted it, only to find that my Internet connection was gone. Nothing worked — my AOL Instant Messenger, my e-mail, Netscape — nothing. I dialed HELP and left a message hoping that someone would get back to me and tell me how to fix it.

By Thursday, no one had returned my call, so I called again. Someone came by my dorm room and tried to fix it but couldn't, so he told me to bring it to the Help Desk.

The last time I saw my computer in my room was Wednesday, September 16 at 9 a.m. Most people like their computers a great deal, but I absolutely adore mine. It is a black IBM Think Pad, and it is beautiful. I bought it at the beginning of last year and had never had a problem until last month. As my link to the outside world, I constantly use it to e-mail, communicate with friends, or listen to radio stations from home, not to mention write papers.

By Friday of that awful week, I suffered serious withdrawal. My generous suitemates let me check e-mail and write papers on their computers, but it's just not the same. I went to the Help Desk to ask about the hold up, and they were obviously swamped. Unorganized heaps of laptops and CPUs littered the counters and floor. A worker said he would try to have it by the end of the day, so I left confident that I would have my computer for the weekend.

When I went back that afternoon around five, it still wasn't working. The kid told me that something more serious was wrong and to wait until Monday. With much resignation I left hoping to have my baby back shortly. I was seriously mistaken.

Monday, new people whom I had never seen before were working there. They seemed a bit confused as to what a computer was, so I decided to stop back later. I returned Wednesday to find yet another group of lost,

confused students working in there. They told me not to expect my Think Pad any time soon.

Returning to the office frequently over the following weeks, I saw little improvement (and memorized the stupid cartoons on every wall of the office). Each time, my questions were met with confused, convoluted answers. I bravely held back tears each time.

This past Wednesday, I mustered the strength to confront them once and for all. When I got there, my computer was in the done pile! Before I got too excited, some kid checked to see if it worked. Naturally, it didn't work any better than when I dropped it off nearly a month earlier. I was furious. Finally, they took some action, and now Dirk van Assendelft is taking care of the situation. I hope to have the computer back this week.

I don't think it unreasonable to expect the Help Desk to return your computer within a few days of your dropping it off. My characterization of the Help Desk may not be entirely accurate, but I have found the students who work there unqualified and inept. Only an incredible negligence and lack of communication can explain ignoring a computer for an entire month. As a result of losing my computer, I had to buy a banjo to occupy my time. I feel justified in expecting the Help Desk to flip the bill for my banjo and lessons.

I understand they are only students, but computers are vital, important machines. My grades have certainly suffered because of this nightmare — I prefer writing papers in the comfort of my own room. The Help Desk should have lent me a computer to use in the interim or returned the unfixed machine if they couldn't fix it.

For anyone else who has to deal with the Help Desk, I suggest being absolutely relentless in pestering them, or going straight to the top if you want your computer within the year. I hope no one ever has to suffer as I have.

Name withheld at student's request

Quote of the week:

A lot of these guys could have played Division I, but instead they came here so they could party.

— Anonymous lacrosse player's father

A letter of thanks

From the Physical Plant to several members of the community

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the following members of the Washington and Lee community for helping our campus achieve the ranking of the most beautiful college campus in "The Princeton Review of the Best 311 Colleges." I have seen Frank Parsons, Melissa Cox and Dr. Charles Phillips stop and pick up litter as they walked across campus. These individuals' selfless stewardship of our commons helps make W&L the special place that it is. Thanks!

Chris Wise
Physical Plant

House puts Clinton closer to what he deserves

So it appears that good ole Bill Clinton is one step closer to getting the ax. The House voted last week to begin an impeachment inquiry. The 258-176 vote in the House was largely along party lines with only 31 Democrats bucking the tide to begin hearings. House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde led the charge against the President and was successful in gaining the support of every single Republican in the House.

The proceedings will not begin until after the November 3rd elections; they are waiting in order to better gauge what the public wants. If the trend is toward greater Republican numbers, it is clear that the hearings will bring much stronger results.

Most of the 31 brave, just Democrats are coming up for election next month and must realize that they cannot blatantly ignore such obvious wrongdoing; the citizens,

the voters will not stand for it. Another six congressmen strategically chose to miss the vote that day, and you can be sure they had something more important to be doing. But who can blame them, they show up to vote their conscience and they become ostracized by their party; if I were them I would say that haircut could not wait another day.

It is somewhat disgusting how partisan this scandal has become. Luckily, however, the correct party has the majority and justice just might be served. We all know President Clinton is too power hungry to resign. He did not admit to the affair with Lewinsky until there was irrefutable DNA evidence. He is not going to resign until he thinks there is no chance he will get off. Let's all hope that it will come to that, but then again that will lead to President Al Gore, it doesn't get much scarier than that.

We just can't win, maybe we should blame this all on the people who voted for Clinton in the first place. And while we're at it, Hillary Clinton is not exactly a pillar of the community.

She is to blame as well. For someone who pretends to stand up for Women's Rights, why in the world is she still married to such

an abuser of women? She has no respect for herself or for her daughter. Hillary is even more power hungry than Bill and it is

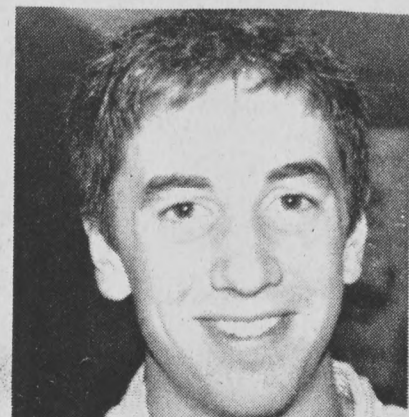
going to backfire on her. The decision to stand up for her husband rather than stand up for herself will hurt her in the long run, even if she does eventually ditch the cheating scoundrel. Her loyalty is more or less ridiculous.

I do not understand how Clinton has been able to manipulate so many people, namely his wife and his party, into following him. Do they not realize the true scum that he is? Maybe we will be lucky enough to see a president impeached, it could not happen to a more worthy fellow.

Just Plain Right
Jean Rowan '01

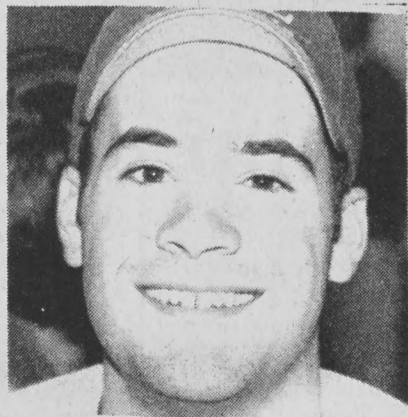


TALKback: What's your favorite D-Hall meal?



"Everything, because the D-Hall is so good."

—Matt Gooch '01



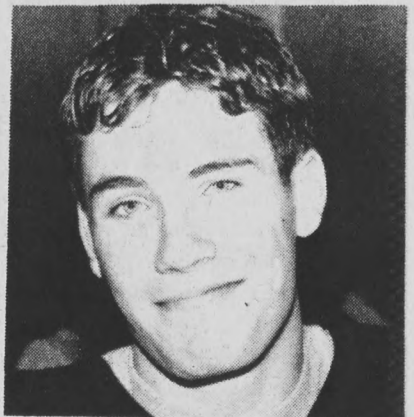
"Salisbury Steak."

—Jerry Guilbert '02



"The ice cream novelties."

—Cliff Cislak '02



"What's a D-Hall?"

—Kirby Eight (Perspective)

Campus nutrition: who is eating well at W&L?

by Elianna Marziani
STAFF WRITER

"The salad's not too fried."
"The reason why freshmen drink so much is they aren't getting their nutrition from the D-hall, so they have to look other places."
Jokes and remarks such as these, made by freshman Chris Hagan and sophomore Tim Koss respectively, are often heard at meals in the Evans Dining Hall. Whether people say them merely to have something to discuss at meals other than how they just bombed their history test or if they are being serious is anyone's guess.
Remarks such as these, however, do cause people to wonder just how healthy the D-hall and the students who eat in it actually are.
Some of the biggest complaints made about D-hall food are that it is too fried, does not have enough fruits and vegetables and is not healthy overall.
"There's just so much glop," sophomore Chris Kauffman said, asserting that he "definitely [eats] more healthily" now that he is no longer on the freshman meal plan and only eats in the D-hall four times each week.

Freshman Elizabeth Thomas said, "While it's decent for the most part, there is a lot of fried food, and there should be more fresh vegetables and fresh fruit rather than corn all the time."

Almost everyone interviewed agreed that there was a lot of fried food and not enough good-tasting, fresh vegetables. Sophomore Christina Julian said that while she likes the D-hall food, she is eating more healthily now that she is not on the freshman meal plan.

"If you're going for health, it's not very good. But if you don't care, it tastes good. Their desserts are awesome," freshman Jay Campbell said.

Adam K. Bradberry, the cook for all vegetarian items in the D-hall, said that the D-hall "has its ups and downs." He explained that the D-hall always uses sanitary, healthy methods of cooking the food and tries to cut down on grease.

While Bradberry agrees that there is a lot of butter and cream in some D-hall foods, he reminds students that there are also foods such as the five vegetarian dishes located at the end of the line, dishes that he makes with no butter and very little cream.

Bradberry said that he tries to reduce the fat in the foods he cooks by using low or no fat substitutes for items required in his recipes. He added that 90 percent of the vegetables in the D-hall have not been seasoned with anything except "a little salt, a little pepper and only enough butter to cook with, to cover the bottom of the pan." Bradberry believes that the D-hall offers enough selection for students to eat healthily, if they so choose.

Perhaps one of the biggest problems, however, is not with D-hall food, but with the students themselves. Dwight Bitz, manager of the Evans Dining Hall, believes that students do not always want to eat healthily. While students complain about all the grease, whenever the D-hall cuts back on fried food, it gets comment cards asking for more of it.

Out of the 27 comment cards representing two weeks worth of student feedback to the D-hall, 15 of them requested fried foods such as french fries, chicken poppers and onion rings. Another request was for cinnamon butter, which is not exactly a Healthy Choice Award product.

Bradberry agreed that students do not always make healthy choices, and he estimated that only one-third of diners make healthy choices about their meals. Like Bitz, he noted the contrast between what students request



Photo by Hollister Hovey/Executive Editor

Students enjoy brunch at Evans Dining Hall, but others wonder how healthy the food choices are.

and what they eat: while they request healthy food, the items that the D-hall staff find are the most popular are those such as cheese sticks and onion rings.

He suggested that both a gender and a class division exist in this matter.

"Mostly females eat much healthier than males do," Bradberry said. "Also, this freshman class doesn't seem to eat half as healthy as the previous one."

Bitz and Bradberry both explained that there are many healthy options available to students if they choose to employ them. The D-hall has tried to cut down on fried food, revamping 50 to 60 percent of its menu away from deep fried food into baked or broiled food during the past two years. The deli bar, which serves lean meats, is open during lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The salad bar is also open and at the students' disposal. At lunch and dinner there are five vegetarian, low-fat dishes available at the end of the line, and the D-hall offers at least three fresh fruits and vegetables at every meal, along with canned fruits. It bakes 90 percent of its bread in its own bakery, and it offers low-fat and skim milk at every meal. It offers non-fat frozen yogurt and sugar-free Jell-O as healthier dessert options.

Also, Bitz stressed that he takes students' comments very seriously and tries to accommodate them whenever possible. He said that the D-hall is completely receptive to students' needs, willing to accommodate them for allergies and kosher foods and ready to offer them boxed lunch options for when they have to miss a meal due to a class schedule conflict. Bitz believes that the D-hall is "certainly up there with the best of them" when it comes to offering healthy meal options to students.

Some students recognize and appreciate the D-hall's attempt to offer healthy food.

Freshman Kristen Bonnema thinks that she eats more healthily here than she did at home, saying, "I generally get vegetables and balanced meals here, which I didn't at home."

Many students take some responsibility for their often unhealthy eating habits, but they think that the D-hall could help them out still more. Some of the biggest requests students made were for more and better vegetables, 24-hour accessible juice and/or other drink machines and the permission to take food out of the D-hall.

Julian asserted that it would have been healthier for her last year if she could have taken food out of the D-hall. Then when she got hungry for a snack, she could have eaten something healthy instead of whatever unhealthy, packaged food was around in her dorm.

Almost all the students interviewed agreed, pointing out

that they were paying for the food anyway. The most commonly requested take-out food was fruit, followed by bagels. There appears to be room for compromise on this issue, however.

"If you're eating one bagel or a piece of fruit or ice cream cone, we don't disapprove of that at all," Bitz said. "We just don't want people stocking up."

Basically the D-hall just does not want people making it their supermarket. Fair enough. As to the other issues, the comment cards are on the table by the main entrance to the D-hall. Perhaps if enough students request these healthy items, some kind of arrangement can be made to satisfy everyone.

While students always have complained and always will complain about D-hall food, the situation is not too bad. The staff is much more talented than many other colleges can boast, with chef Greg Pearce, head of the National Association of Colleges and Universities' Food Services, and his culinary colleagues the products of many years of experience.

Perhaps more importantly, the staff is accommodating and truly wants to make life better for W&L students. While the D-hall is not the model for health and nutrition centers in the Western Hemisphere, neither is it the mess hall from hell. With a little work on both sides, the W&L community can become a very healthy one.

If more students choose healthier meals, and the D-hall tries to make the healthy foods taste a little better without compromising their nutritional value, maybe W&L will become an example for those health and nutrition centers after all.

At least it would be one more step to ensuring that W&L will still have the happiest student body for years to come.

Cautions for upcoming cold season Antibiotics not always key to curing common cold woes

A cold, as most of us know from experience, usually produces a clear nasal discharge. But it's quite common for the discharge to thicken and look greenish, and this symptom sends a lot of cold sufferers to their doctors to ask for antibiotics.

In fact, a greenish secretion is nothing to worry about and, in itself, does not call for antibiotics. Colds and flu are caused by viruses, and antibiotics cannot kill viruses, only bacteria.

A recent survey showed that an astonishing 60 percent of all patients seen in primary care for the common cold were given a prescription for antibiotics. This is not only a waste of money and resources, it increases the likelihood that bacterial strains will develop antibiotic resistance. Thus when you really need antibiotics, they might not work. And taking antibiotics is hardly a picnic — you're at risk for side effects.

Studies years ago showed that greenish discharges in the course of the common cold were caused by the virus, not by invading bacteria. A recent study in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* cast more light on how viruses work in your upper respiratory tract. The symptoms you experience, including nasal secretions, are not the work of viruses, but of your own immune system responding to the virus.

Scientists used to think that viruses infecting the

nasal passage destroyed nasal cells, but this is not the case. Cold viruses provoke a massive immune response (sneezing, inflammation, secretions and so forth), including an increase in certain types of immune cells that, in the course of your recovery, may add yellow or greenish color to the discharge.

If you develop complications with your cold or flu, such as bronchitis or an ear or sinus infection, you'll need antibiotics if these prove to be bacterial. Doctors should not prescribe antibiotics "just in case," but should diagnose a bacterial infection before prescribing.

If your fever lasts more than a few days and you have a continuing productive cough or worsening ear pain, if you make sense to return for a look-see. But if you call your doctor about a cold or flu, you should decline antibiotics that are offered casually "to be on the safe side."

Bottom line: Chicken soup, hot tea, aspirin, fluids and saltwater gargles may not be high-tech, but they are much more effective against cold and flu symptoms than antibiotics you don't need.

— from The University of California, Berkeley *Wellness Letter*, October 1998, provided by the Washington & Lee Student Health Center



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Nurse Jane Wheeling gives a flu shot to sophomore Laura Schramm

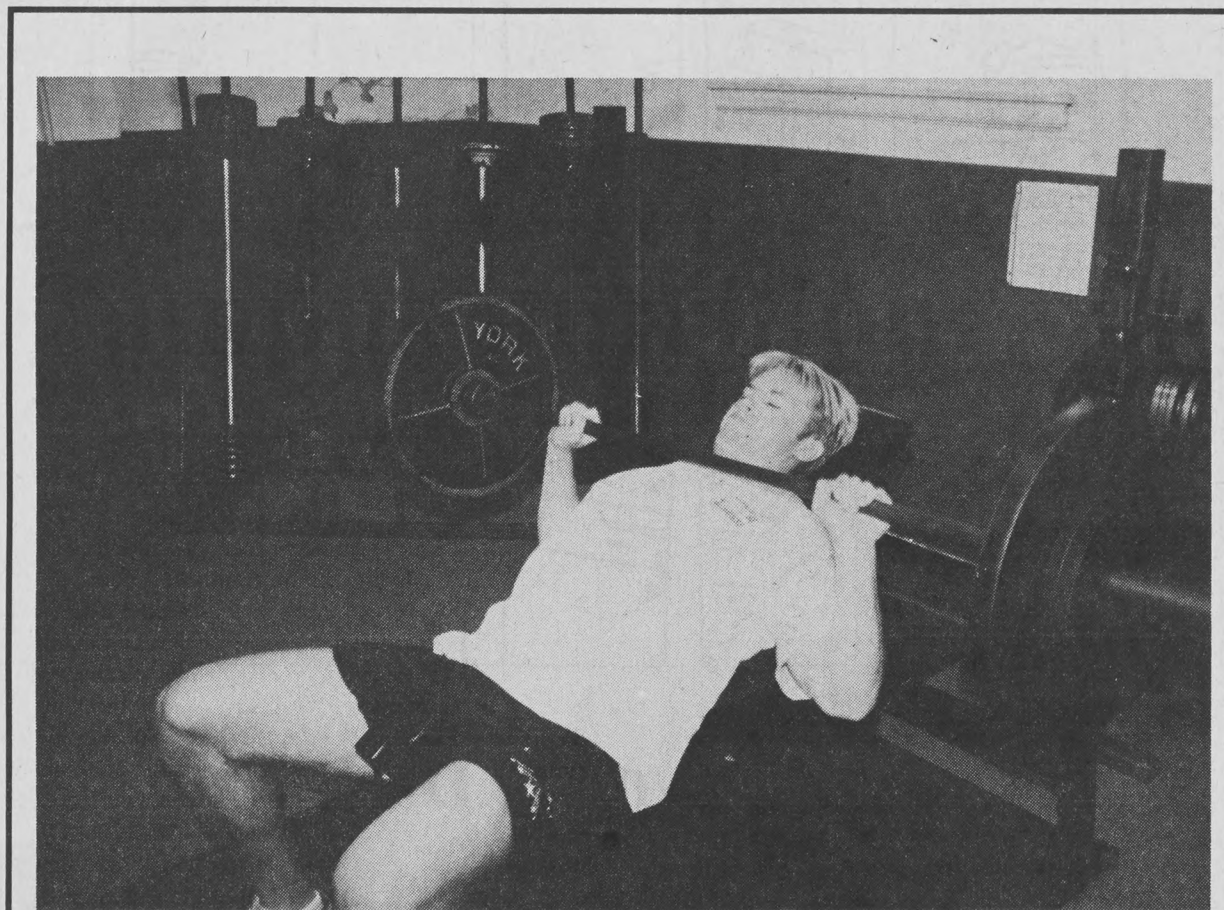


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We are here to pump you up

Despite the academic and social time constraints that come along with being a Washington and Lee student, many undergraduates are finding the time to exercise.

"I think that it's really important to work out on a regular basis," sophomore Mary Beth Brookby said. "Staying fit helps you to maintain your body's basic health, and it's a great outlet for releasing stress."

From the multi-million dollar Duchossois Tennis Center to Wilson Field, W&L provides a wide variety

of athletic facilities for its students. While many of these facilities can be considered state of the art, some students feel that others need to be updated.

Sophomore Mike Holmes, shown above, and many other students work out in the weight room in the Warner Center. Facilities like this one and the one in Gaines Hall have resulted in many complaints from students who would like to benefit from newer and better equipment.

"The weight rooms are adequate, but they could definitely use some improvement," Brookby said.

Making LIFE a little better at W&L

by Ginger Phillips
FEATURES EDITOR

Alcohol, drugs, nutrition, exercise, sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, stress, sexual assault...

Chances are that there is a lot that you don't know about some of these issues. Perhaps you have a question about alcohol or drugs that you've never asked because you were afraid of being embarrassed. Maybe you'd like to know more about the symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases, but you didn't know whom to ask and wouldn't be caught dead doing STD research in Leyburn Library.

There is someone on campus who can help. In fact, there are more than 70 people who are well qualified to answer your questions on these issues and more. They are the members of LIFE, an acronym that stands for Lifestyle Information for Everyone. LIFE is an organization of students dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles among W&L students.

"LIFE is very active on campus, and I think that it is a really important group because LIFE provides students with information that they can use to make healthy decisions in their lives," sophomore LIFE member Martha Cornbrooks said. Often students find it more difficult to maintain a healthy lifestyle in college because of the many unhealthy obstacles that the average college student must face.

"There are a lot of issues that face students as they

come to college. Most W&L students are very stressed, and that doesn't leave much time for healthy eating and exercise," junior Anna Parris, president of LIFE, said. "A lot of people turn to alcohol as a release and a diversion from their worries. This is why it is important for an organization like LIFE to encourage responsible, healthy behavior."

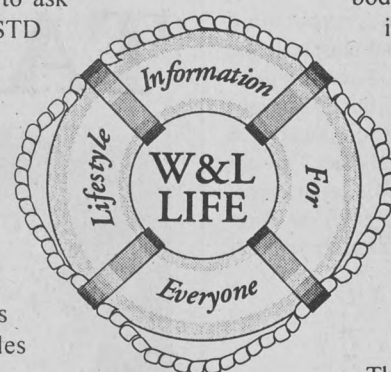
LIFE membership has steadily increased during the past few years, and prospective members must undergo at least twenty hours of training in a wide range of health related topics.

"I really value that a large portion of the student body is trained to deal with such a variety of issues," Parris said. "Students can go to a LIFE member for advice on a very informal basis so that they will not feel uncomfortable."

LIFE has already planned many campus activities for this year. Freshmen had their first encounter with LIFE during Freshman Orientation, when LIFE sponsored a speaker and group discussions among LIFE members, dorm counselors and freshmen.

The Controlled Drinking Experiment will be conducted by LIFE members and Peer Counselors on October 19. The organization will also sponsor a speaker later this month in commemoration of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the AIDS quilt will be on campus for World AIDS Day in December.

"We are trying to be very involved in campus life and to make ourselves visible," Parris said. "When people are in precarious situations, or if they just need advice, we try to be available for them."



"Life in a box is better than no life at all, I expect. You'd have a chance, at least. You could lie there thinking, 'Well. At least I'm not dead.'"

—from "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead"

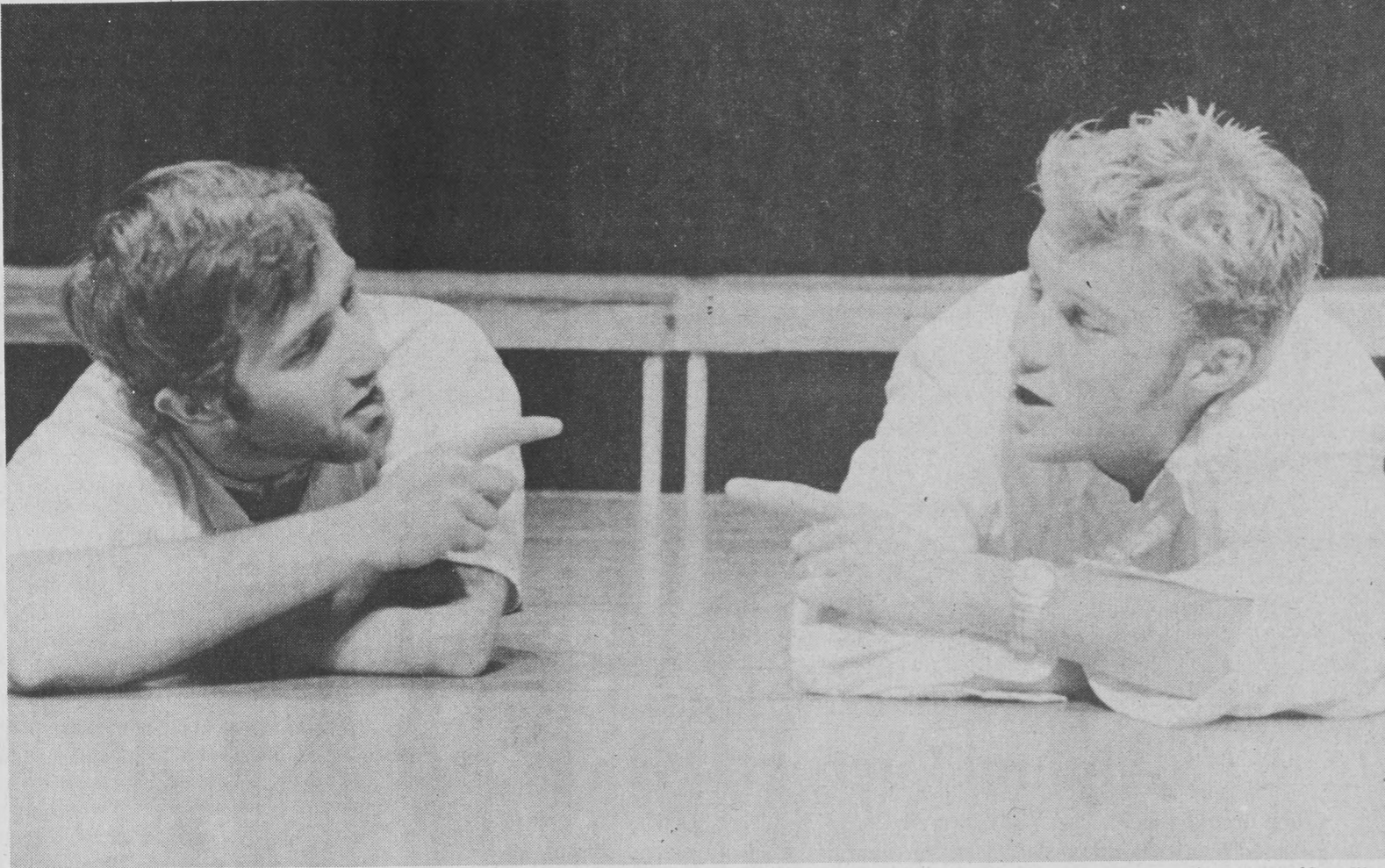


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Leshner, Armstrong decide it's better 'not to be'

by Tarah Grant
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Seniors T.W. Leshner and Wes Armstrong are best friends both on and off the stage.

They have been friends for four years and roommates for two, and next weekend they will be co-stars in their senior thesis project: "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," a play about two best friends.

Armstrong thinks that the parallels between the two sets of friends benefit the production. "The characters have to act like best friends," Armstrong said. "It helps when the actors are like that anyway."

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are college chums of Hamlet. As the action of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" swirls about them, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern have time "off stage" to ponder their situation, the meaning their lives and what their names are. Filling their time with sprightly dialogue and absurd word games, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern wonder if they are not part of the action, are they then merely marginal players with no real purpose?

Stuck in an existential groove and unable to change the script in which they barely play a part, the friends find that "their only exit is death."

Playwright Tom Stoppard wrote "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" more than 30 years ago, but director Al Gordon considers it to be a timeless piece.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" answers the tough, modern questions about personal integrity and commitment," Gordon said, "but at the same time, it offers a thoughtful and touching portrait of friendship and the human condition."

Performances will be on Oct. 23, 24 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Lenfest Center's Keller Theatre.

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead

ABOVE: Guildenstern (T.W. Leshner) and Rosencrantz (Wes Armstrong) are minor characters in Shakespeare's Hamlet, but in Stoppard's play they're the stars.

RIGHT: Francis McWilliams, Sybil Prince, Josh Chamberlain, Ryan LaRue and Kathie Soroka solicit themselves in a medieval theater troupes' sex show.



Photo courtesy of Susan Wager



W&L REPAYS GEORGE WASHINGTON

A spectacular fireworks show over the Potomac River, an appearance by George Washington and a unique and historic gift presentation will highlight a special evening at Mount Vernon on Saturday.

As part of W&L's 250th celebration, a check for \$50,000 will be presented to Mount Vernon as a symbolic repayment for a similar gift that George Washington gave the school more than 200 years ago.

The black-tie affair will take place on the lawn at Mount Vernon beginning at 6 p.m. and will be hosted by Roger Muss '50. The \$250 per couple ticket price includes a candle-lit tour of Mount Vernon with George Washington impersonator William Sommerfield, a reception and dinner.

After dinner, Elizabeth Formidoni, president of the W&L Student Executive Committee, will present the check to Mrs. Robert E. Lee IV, regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.

FILM SOCIETY CELEBRATES GYPSY MUSIC

The next presentation of the Washington and Lee Film Society will be a documentary of Gypsy music, "Latcho Drom" (France, 1994), directed by Tony Gatlif.

Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the Troubadour Cinema. As always, there is no charge for admission, although contributions are welcome. This film is in Romany and French, with English subtitles.

For centuries the Gypsies have traveled the world, taking with them only what they could carry on their backs. But by the end of "Latcho Drom," a visually and musically arresting tribute to Gypsy culture, you may feel as if you've walked every single mile with them.

Plotless and without dialogue, the film traces Gypsy music back through all its origins and permutations. The movie shows Gypsies as a scorned people who are run out of pastures and apartments as undesirable. For many of them, music is their one true resource. Passed on from generation to generation, their songs function as a sort of folk history.

Ageless and at the same time flexible enough to include comment on recent politics (as one Romanian ballad about Ceaucescu illustrates), the music changes with each country, along with the styles of the people too. But, as the movie points out, the song remains essentially the same.

SOSA LECTURES ON THE OBJECTIVITY OF NORMS

Dr. Ernest Sosa, the Romeo Elton professor of philosophy at Brown University, will give a public lecture in the Science Center in room A-214 next Monday at 7:30 p.m. The title of his talk is "Normative Objectivity." He will address whether the objectivity of norms is undermined by disagreement or by naturalism.

Sosa has taught at Brown University since 1964 and has been a visiting professor at the universities of Western Ontario, Pittsburgh, Miami, Michigan, Texas, Harvard and at St. Catherine's College at Oxford. He is the author of over 160 papers published in philosophy journals.

Sosa has also edited several collections and works of reference and is a member of the editorial boards of 12 philosophy journals, including "American Philosophical Quarterly," "Philosophical Perspectives" and "Philosophical Studies."

VOGEL SPEAKS ON JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS

Lawrence Vogel, associate professor of philosophy at Connecticut College, will present a talk on Monday as part of Washington and Lee's responsibility lecture series.

Vogel's lecture will be held in the Science Center, Room A-214, at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. His lecture is titled, "Jewish Philosophers After Heidegger: Levinas and Jonas on Responsibility."

Vogel received his bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1975 and his doctorate in philosophy from Yale University in 1989. He previously taught and lectured at Yale University and Vassar College and he received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship in 1990.

He is the author of "The Fragile We: Ethical Implications of Heidegger's Being and Time" and more recently edited and introduced a volume of Hans Jonas' later essays, "Morality and Morality: A Search for the Good After Auschwitz" for Northern University Press.

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Often referred to as the "Shrine of the South," Lee Chapel was built in 1867 soon after the arrival of General Lee.

General Lee realized it was difficult to gather the entire student body at once and proposed the construction of a building the campus lacked, a chapel. Contrary to popular belief that Lee designed the building, Lee Chapel was designed by Thomas H. Williamson, an engineering professor at VMI. For many years the chapel was the site of Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies for graduating classes.

Solution to crossword puzzle on page 8

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FIRST UNION

Wildcats pounce on Generals 29-7

W&L offense struggles for second straight week in loss to Davidson

by Brendan Harrington
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming into the season, it was apparent that the Generals' defense was a major concern, since the team graduated eight starters. Yet no one questioned the Generals' abilities on offense, which returned eight starters including junior quarterback Christian Batcheller. But after five games, the Generals offense is having its own problems, which culminated in a 29-7 loss at the hands of Division I-AA Davidson on Saturday.

Washington and Lee (1-4, 0-2 ODAC) is averaging 15.4 points per game and has scored only 13 points in the last two weeks. It had been more than six quarters since the Generals had scored a touchdown when W&L scored in the third quarter against Davidson.

"Offensively we are struggling," W&L head coach Frank Miriello said. "Randolph-Macon and Davidson are a lot better on defense this year, but we should be a lot better on offense. Our big play guys have to start making the big plays. We just haven't been doing that lately, and we seem to be just missing them by a finger tip."

The defense played respectably against Davidson's option offense and kept them to a season low 358 yards. Two of the four Davidson touchdowns resulted from superb field position. Davidson began its first touchdown drive on the W&L 27-yard line following a Batcheller interception. The third touchdown drive started on the W&L 23 following a blocked punt.

"Our defense is getting better every week," Miriello said. "We played with a lot of discipline today on de-

fense, and except for a few breakdowns here and there, we played very well."

W&L did a good job of containing the option, but Davidson's Tommy Dugan had a solid day for the Wildcats (3-2), running for two touchdowns and throwing for one. He led rushing for Davidson with 68 yards, and finished the day eight of 19 passing for 111 yards, one touchdown and one interception. His touchdown pass was a 27-yard strike to wide receiver Roland Williams with 9:42 left in the game. Running back Eric Ferguson scored the first touchdown of the game for the Wildcats with 5:33 left in the first quarter.

Sophomore nose tackle Bo Henderson had a huge day for the Wildcats on defense. Henderson led all players with 12 tackles, three of them for a loss, and also posted two sacks.

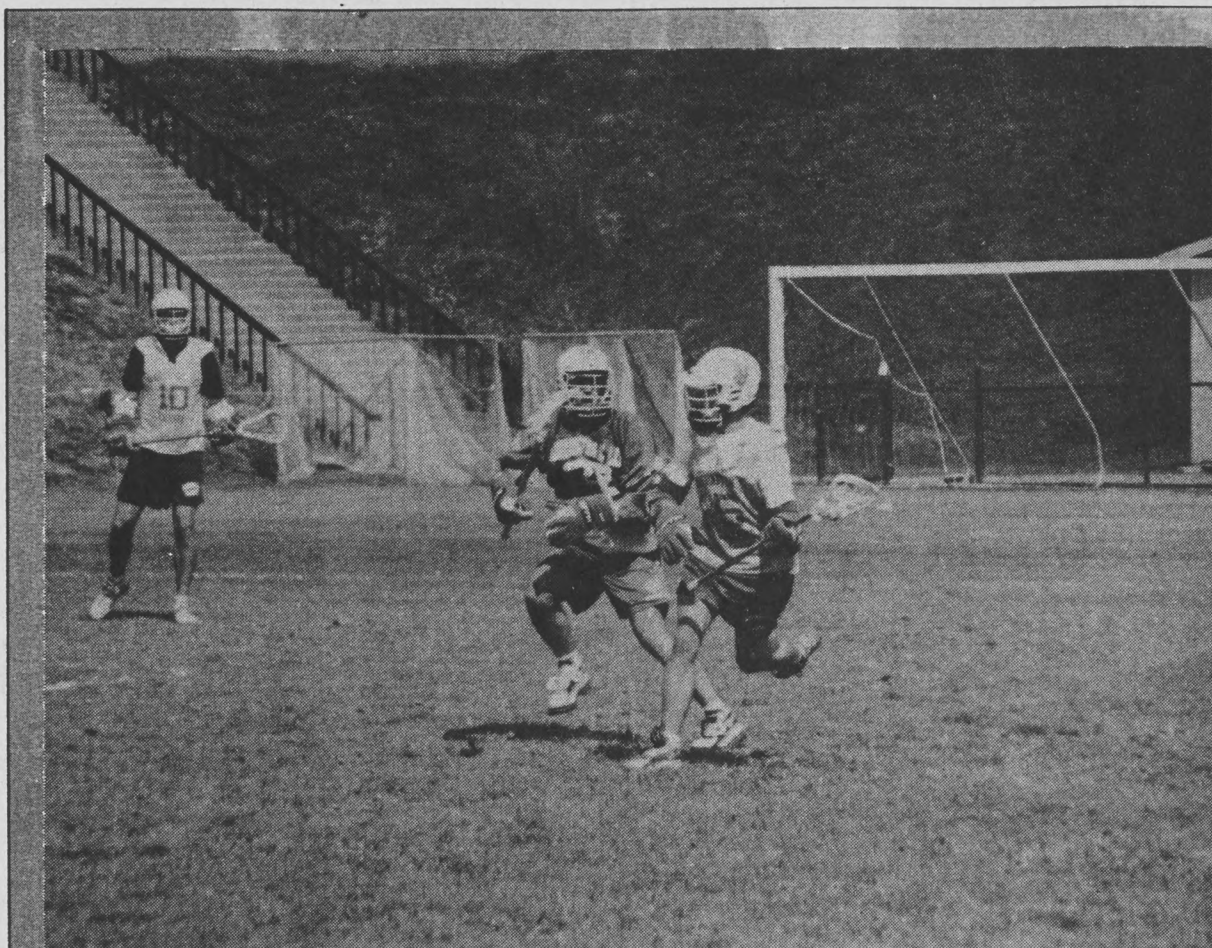
Marc Watson was one of the few bright spots for the Generals, continuing his stellar play. He scored the only touchdown for W&L on a dazzling 21-yard touchdown scamper with 4:42 left in the third quarter. He finished the day with 82 yards on 15 carries, and is averaging more than five yards per carry.

Batcheller finished the day 17 of 27 for 142 yards, no touchdowns and one interception. Wide receiver J.T. Malatesta led all Generals receivers with 60 yards on three catches.

W&L is home for the next two weeks, hosting Hampden-Sydney next Saturday and Sewanee for Parents' Weekend.

"We have our backs against the wall, but we've been here before," Miriello said. "It's not like we are 9-1 or 8-2 every year and being in this situation is shocking to us. Our team will respond."

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Hollister Hovey/Executive Editor

Alumni Lacrosse Game

Come on old timer! Junior attackman Colin Dougherty carries the ball to goal, guarded by an alumnus. Each year, current and past players participate in a fall scrimmage. This year, the current players beat up on the past players.

Men's soccer declaws Tigers

by Tod Williams
STAFF WRITER

A team's homecoming game is always big, and the players are especially driven to win. When you are someone else's homecoming opponent, that desire to win runs even deeper. The thought of ruining the homecoming festivities can bring a smile to the face of even the tamest competitor.

Prior to Saturday's game against Washington and Lee, Hampden-Sydney was the only school that remained undefeated in ODAC play. In fact, the Tigers were ranked sixth in the South in NSCAA Division III polls. Much to the Tigers' dismay, their first ODAC loss came amidst their homecoming

celebration. W&L pulled out the win 1-0.

The Generals lacked their usual offensive production in the game, but the one goal they scored would prove sufficient to upset the Tigers. In keeping in step with the season and the past three years, Sam Chase quietly did his job as the Generals' scoring forward.

Chase called the win "pretty big — the biggest of the season." Last year, Hampden-Sydney beat the Generals at home for W&L's homecoming, so Chase said it was nice to return the favor. He also pointed out that the Generals did not need many extra incentives as motivators. "We really want home field advantage during playoffs, so every conference

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Women's soccer drops first two of year

by Frances Groberg
SPORTS EDITOR



Frances Groberg/Sports Editor

Support for the women: Members of the men's soccer team support their women counterparts against Roanoke.

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Game Statistics

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4
Davidson (3-2)	7	8	7	7-29
Washington & Lee (1-4)	0	0	0	0-6
	WLU		DC	
First Downs	14		20	
Rushes-Yds (Net)	31-122		50-247	
Passing Yds (Net)	142		111	
Passes Att-Com-Int	27-17-2		19-8-0	
Total Offensive Plays-Yds	58-264		69-358	
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0		0-0	
Punt Returns-Yds	2-2		4-52	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-94		2-37	
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0		2-27	
Punts (No. Average)	8-32.8		6-38.2	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		0-0	
Penalties-Yds	7-70		6-50	
Possession Time	29:43		30:17	
Sacks By Number-Yds	2-11		2-17	

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game is a big game," he said. Chase attributed the win mainly to E.J. Murphy's excellent performance at goal.

After 68 minutes of scoreless play, Chase finally scored off an unassisted shot. The win sent the Generals to 6-2-1 on the season, and 4-1-1 in ODAC play. The Tigers dropped to 11-3-1 and 4-1-1 in ODAC play for the year. His goal was his 107th career point, for those of you scoring this at home.

On the opposite end of the field, senior E.J. Murphy's recorded seven saves on Saturday, his third shutout of the year.

Murphy had little to say about his own performance, but spoke adamantly about the team's play. "We're really playing unbelievable soccer right now," he said. "Every game we're getting better and better. We're all looking to do well in the ODAC, and hopefully we'll get somewhere."

On Wednesday, W&L recorded its third five-goal win this year. W&L shut out Lynchburg College 5-0 at the Liberty Hall Fields. The Generals easily outshot the Hornets 25-4.

Sophomore midfielder Scott Lofranco was the first of two Generals to score twice in the game. His first goal came off a pass from fellow midfielder Paul Wallace, a freshman, at the 33:50 mark. Lofranco's second goal came less than three minutes later, at 36:42.

Wallace contributed to the Generals total twice in the game. His goals came less than nine minutes apart, at 70:30 and again at 79:25. The goals were the first two of Wallace's career. Sophomore back Ryan Nelson began the Generals scoring in the game. Less than two and a half minutes into the game, Nelson gave the Generals the early lead, which they never lost.

Wallace was happy about his first two goals of the year, but he feels he has missed some earlier chances. "I've had some opportunities this year that I didn't capitalize on, so it was great to get those two," he said.

Murphy recorded four saves for the Generals in his return to the field after suffering a sprained ankle.

The Generals will play for their fifth consecutive win on Tuesday as they host Bridgewater College at the Liberty Hall Fields. Kickoff is 4 p.m.

This Week

TUESDAY

Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater 4 p.m.
Volleyball @ Randolph-Macon

WEDNESDAY

Women's Soccer @ Lynchburg

THURSDAY

Men's Soccer @ Denison

SATURDAY

Football vs. Hampden-Sydney 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ VMI

Women's Soccer @ College of Notre Dame

Men's, Women's X-country @ VMI Invitational

Volleyball @ Goucher Tournament

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Korn's Family Values

by Henry Gola
CONCERT REVIEW

Recently, W&L student Henry Gola attended Korn's Family Values tour in Philadelphia and lived to tell about it. *The Last Word* brings you his courageous tale as part of our continuing efforts to fill up space.

When George Bush coined the phrase "family values," it's doubtful that chants cursing police, a cage containing gyrating fans and public urination is what he had in mind. That's what went on at the sarcastically named Family Values Tour, which is now in its third week ripping across America.

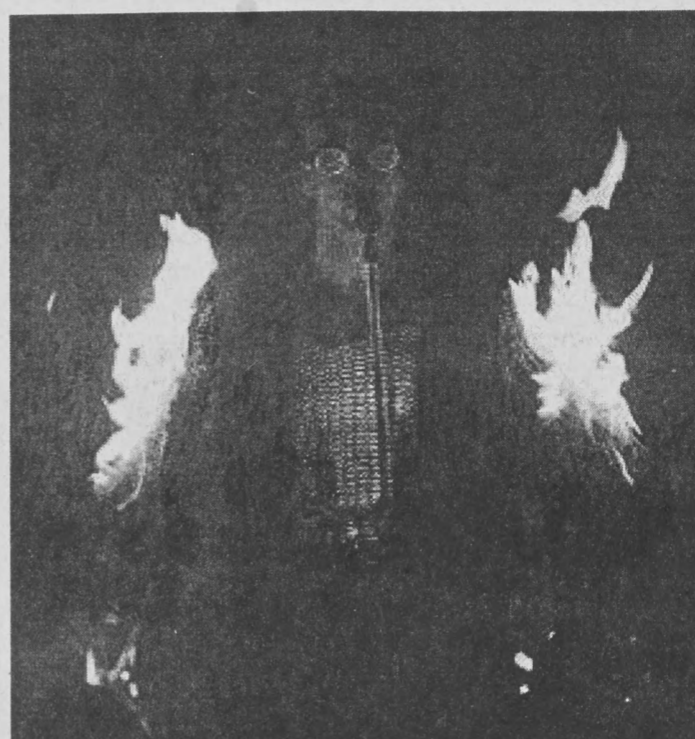
The male answer to Lilith Fair, this testosterone-charged tour has more than filled the void for an aggressive show left by Lollapalooza's departure. Riding the commercial success of Korn and the controversy of Rammstein, the tour also boasts West Coast veteran Ice Cube, neo-metalheads Limp Bizkit, and the goth-metal stylings of Orgy.

Rammstein, the German group that garnered major MTV airplay with their hit "Du Hast," relied on special effects and shock value to wow the largely Adidas-clad crowd. In front of a burning backdrop, the lead singer set himself on fire, whipped out a fake penis, urinated on both his keyboard player and the crowd and shot flamethrower blasts above the mosh pit. Oh yeah, and they played music too, thrashing out power chords that complemented the deep-voiced

German rants of Rammstein himself.

Despite Rammstein's antics, it was Korn that stole the show. The strength of Korn's funky guitar riffs and lead singer Jonathon Davis' climactic screams became even more evident live. Old favorites "Divine" and "Blind" as well as new songs "It's On" and "Got the Life" all intensified the crowd. Another highlight came when Ice Cube, who earlier rapped through an impressive set, came out to perform "Children of the Korn," a hip-hop/metal hybrid, and "Wicked," which Korn had earlier covered on "Life is Peachy."

Family Values, which has enjoyed solid ticket sales, is out to prove critics wrong who said the market for giant-sized tours appealing to male teens no longer existed.



Krautrockers extraordinaire Rammstein turn up the heat at the Family Values Tour.

Off the wire

Fictitiously reported by Kevin McManemin

Southerners tackle Y2K problem

Richmond, VA — Computer scientists around the globe are rushing to solve the Y2K bug. In the old Confederacy, where there are no computers (or "big purdy shiny things," the blanket Southern term for all electronics), scientists are grappling with a Y2K crisis of their own: they are concerned that there will be no year 2000 as no one in the South can count that high. Most Southerners know only up to about three or four, some know all the way into the double digits; none can get past 1,865. "If we can't solve this here dadgum problem, will thar be a NASCAR season in year two-zero-zero-zero?" wondered Southern mathematician Clem Botetourt. Scientists worry that if the year 2000 NASCAR season doesn't happen, life in the South will grind to a halt (nearly twice as fast as it's going now).

Whites stage "Million Man Rave"

Washington — To show their pain and anger for being laughed at on the dance floor all their lives, this week hundreds of thousands of white guys descended upon our nation's capital to bust some funky moves. "White people have historically been segregated to the back of the room at dances. Well no more. If I feel like gettin' jiggy wid' it, then I'm darn well going to get jiggy wid' it, by golly!" said Million Man Dance organizer Martin Steinhouser, a middle manager at the Sears department store in Danbury, Connecticut.

The activists converged upon the Mall in DC and danced until the sound of Italian loafers beating the pavement became almost deafening. "I'm busting my mad flavor for all to see," said dance activist Ben Mulhaney, "I don't care if I can't move to the beat or if the rhythmless flailing of my arms and legs reminds people of a seal having an epileptic seizure." Mulhaney then attempted to "Cabbage Patch," a dance move that was cool maybe ten years ago. The white guys are demanding that Congress pass laws allocating more federal funds to wealthy suburban schools for dance classes and more money for dance research. "Perhaps someday minorities will be able to come up with a dance move so simplistic, so easy that even the stiffest white guy in the world can't f*** it up," said Steinhouser.

Man overjoyed to "just be friends"

Sacramento, CA — Local man Dan Bruckman is reportedly "ecstatic" that his attractive co-worker Mary Phillips wants to "just be friends" and doesn't want a more physical relationship. "When Mary said she didn't want to spoil the specialness of our friendship with sex, boy, was I relieved!" gushed Bruckman. Bruckman reports that he, too, was concerned about the specialness of their relationship and that sex was "the furthest thing from my mind" with the beautiful, available Phillips. "I think I speak for all men around the world when I say that nothing frightens us more than the prospect of ruining friendships with amazing, mind-blowing sex," said Bruckman.

W&L Film Society Fall Schedule

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Kbla Khgash (Iran, 1997) A young woman is sentenced to stoning for baring her naked ankles in public. This film sparked the great Iranian political debate—should capital punishment be administered for religious crimes or is torture enough?

Me Bloody Knickers (Great Britain, 1996) The saucy tale of two irrepressibly naughty Leeds barmaids. In the style of great British comedy, which means it involves lots of men in drag and hundreds of bad puns.

Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" (Hong Kong, 1996) See the latest fruit of the Jane Austen revival genre—Hong Kong style! Jackie Chan as Charles Bingley and Jet Li as the scandalous Fitzwilliam Darcy face off in a Kung Fu death match for Elizabeth Bennet's honor. Featuring Michelle Yeoh as Lady Catherine de Bourgh, the nunchuck-wielding aristocrat with a taste for blood.

Yet Another Mob Movie (USA, 1998) Martin Scorsese's latest. It stars — get this — Joe Pesci as a violent psychotic mobster and Robert Di Nero as his saner mob cohort! Complete with brutal beatings, Rolling Stones-laced soundtrack and gratuitous profanity. This movie was pieced together entirely from out-takes of "Goodfellas" and "Casino."

Two Blue Pigeons (Europe, 1997) One of those intellectual Euro-art films involving lots of symbolism you won't understand. A sparrow flies out a window. A young boy receives a toy train for Christmas. A truck drives up and down the street in the rain. A series of seemingly unconnected events that add up to nothing in the end — or do they? *
*editor's note: no, they don't.

Naked Ambitions (Cinemax, 1998) The long-awaited sequel to "Naked Endeavors" and "Naked Desires." Part of Cinemax's continuing artistic quest to portray the human condition; well, at least that portion of humanity that's naked and large-breasted.

An open letter to the IFC and fraternity presidents

Last week you guys wrote a letter to the campus papers saying that our portrayal of underage drinking on this campus is detrimental to the goal of minimizing alcohol abuse on this campus. You charged us to report on the more sober side of W&L and tone down on the stories of wild drunken abandon.

My question to you is: are you f***ing joking?

Maybe there aren't too many journalism majors on the IFC, but let me break it to you: somebody not getting arrested for drunk in public is not a story. Here, which of these headlines do you find more interesting:

"Nothing goes wrong Wednesday night," or

"Fourteen sent to infirmary in hall crawl gone horribly wrong?"

"Responsible drinker cuts self off after two," or

"Student ends up naked in a dumpster in B.V. after weekend-long drunken frenzy?"

Look, the campus papers ignoring the problem of alcohol abuse won't make the problem disappear. If anything, people will start to think they live in a consequence-free environment and the problem will only get worse.

If we want to eliminate alcohol abuse, we need to run front page pictures of people passed out in a pool of their own vomit. We need to run stories on every alcohol-related case that comes before the SJC.

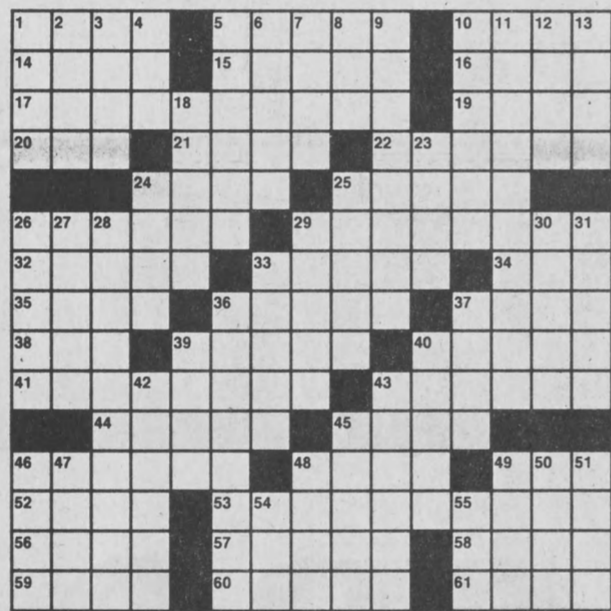
Sure, people will be embarrassed, as well

they should be. They should have thought about that before they got underneath the beer bong for the eighth time that night, rather than crying to the Phi or Trident for reporting their drunk in public charge the next week.

This is how the campus papers can help the IFC in their goals — not by sweeping the alcohol problem under the rug and hoping it just disappears, but by informing the public about the possible consequences of their drunken debauchery.

Let's not turn our papers into sycophantic tools of the administration. Let us do our jobs as journalists and try reporting the truth, in all its alcohol-drenched glory.

Sincerely,
Your Phriends at the Phi



Crossword Puzzle

(answers on page 5)

ACROSS

- 1 Trade
- 5 Underlying
- 10 Prepare hastily for an exam
- 14 Adept

DOWN

- 15 Place for sports events
- 16 Half pref.
- 17 Magnum, P.I.
- 19 Jannings of old films
- 20 Naval officer: abbr.
- 21 Singer Campbell
- 22 Boo-boos
- 24 Metal
- 25 Fencing item

- 26 Musical instrument
- 29 366 days
- 32 Build
- 33 Sheer linen
- 34 Sheltered side
- 35 Actor Andrews
- 36 Practical joke
- 37 Money in Milan
- 38 One — time
- 39 Trim
- 40 Small portion
- 41 Disturbed
- 43 Burns
- 44 Unrefined
- 45 Money penalty
- 46 Lorne —
- 48 Sea eagle
- 49 Pastry
- 52 New York college
- 53 Area between warring armies
- 56 Truth
- 57 Unlawful activity
- 58 Ireland
- 59 Playing card
- 60 Consumer
- 61 Beasts of burden

- 3 Handout tree
- 4 " — 27 Make a speech
- Miserables" 28 Revival
- 5 Vote 29 Advances
- 6 Senator 30 Eagle's nest
- Specter 31 Paper packs
- 7 Observed 33 Bind tightly
- 8 Bus. abbr. 36 Bearing
- 9 Strutting 37 Row
- dance 39 Strategy
- 10 Fruit 40 Collieries
- 11 Fixing over 42 Pact
- 12 Moslem 43 Backslider
- prince 45 Picture border
- 13 Wire mea 46 Present
- sures 47 Bellow
- 18 Heron 48 Exude
- 23 Twine 49 Rue de la —
- 24 Peruvian 50 Concerning
- Indian 51 Paradise
- 25 Fishing net 54 "... man —
- 26 Cone-bearing mouse?"
- 55 Zodiac sign

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