

Weekend Weather

Thursday night-mostly cloudy, highs in the lower 40's
Friday night-cloudy, 40% chance of snow, high 30's
Saturday-chance of rain or freezing rain, lows in 30's

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Broadway comes to W&L

By CINDY YOUNG
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Last Wednesday night, eight stools and a bare stage provided the background for a moving reading of the first half of Tony Kushner's award-winning play *Angels in America*.

The play has won much acclaim from the dramatic world, receiving both a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize and came to Washington and Lee through the talents of the drama department, and was sponsored by the Society for the Arts.

In front of an audience of nearly fifty members of the W&L and Lexington community, students Aaron Brotherton, Arienne Bryant, Jeanne Dillon, Mandy Irons, Joe Merlino, Denis Riva, Dan Tipton, and Elizabeth Weaver breathed life into the characters who populate Tony Kushner's play.

The play explores the difficulties encountered by members of both heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

The characters themselves, amidst casual conversation, raise profound and sometimes deeply disturbing questions about the human condition.

Instead of offering a distinct resolution, the play ends abruptly; an angel approaches and the lights fade.

The audience lingered in DuPont Gallery following the play, and compliments abounded towards all those involved.

Compliments were also directed, deservedly, towards members of the Society of the Arts in general and the chairman in particular, senior Jon Van Dyke.

The Society has brought many alternatives social events to campus this year including acoustic coffeehouses, poetry readings and coffeehouses, as well as a fine arts gala this spring.

Interested students need only look as far as campus bulletin boards to find out about events yet to come.

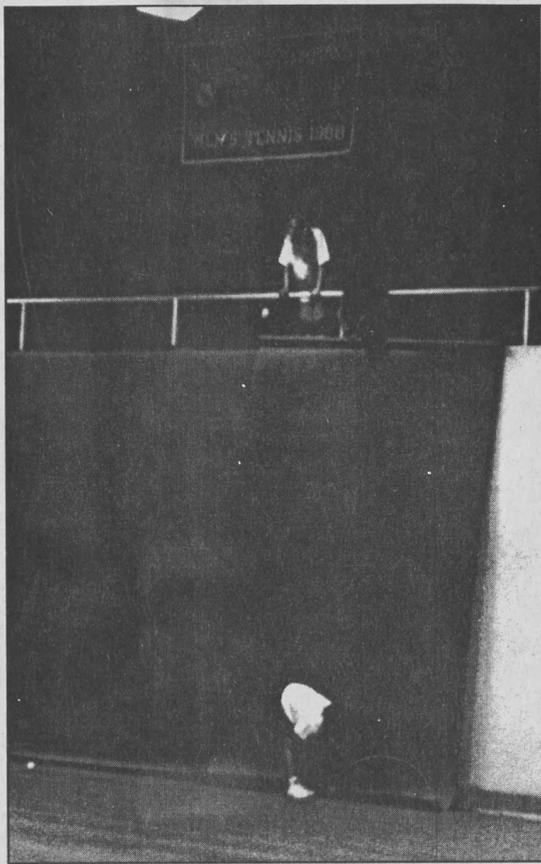


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Une Soiree Doremus

In just a few short days, the FD Committee will have transformed the gym into the city of love. This week construction moved into the gym from the boiler room and the Pavilion. The Phi wishes everyone an exciting and safe Fancy Dress.

Sophomores to live on campus

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

In the fall of 1996, sophomores will be required to live in university housing for another year.

Washington and Lee University's Board of Trustees passed the sophomore housing requirement Saturday by a unanimous vote. Dean of Students David Howison said the requirement will become policy beginning with next year's freshmen class.

The policy will take about 100 sophomores out of the real estate market, which will free up 25 to 50 rental spaces. Sophomore fraternity men will continue to live in fraternity houses.

Howison held two open forums, one in December and one in February, to discuss the sophomore housing requirement. When the Board of Trustees met this weekend, Howison presented the policy to the Student Live Committee, who passed it and sent it to the Board of Trustees.

Howison said the policy will create a more unified residential experience. He said freshmen will not feel as pressured to sign contracts for apartments and would improve the real estate market for upperclassmen. Renters will either have to improve their facilities or lower their prices, Howison said. He said the policy will only affect those marginal buildings.

"The market in the long run will be more beneficial for the students," he said.

The sophomore housing requirement could raise as much as \$200,000 of additional money, he said. Howison said the administration is exploring ways to upgrade Woods Creek Apartments and Gaines upper-class dorms.

He said even with additional students, law students will still be able to occupy Woods Creek. Currently, sixty law students live in the East wing of Woods Creek.

However, some students think the policy is unfair to women. Under the policy, sorority women will be forced to live in university-owned housing while sophomore fraternity men live in fraternity housing.

Panhellenic president Suzanne Sharp said the policy is biased against women. She said an informal poll found that 75 percent of sorority women were opposed to the policy. The policy affects 100 percent of the women and only 15 percent of the men.

"I think the university needs to find resourceful ways of making Gaines more attractive than making policy to do so."

She said there is no reason for freshmen women to sign contracts earlier in the year and should wait until later in the year to make housing decisions.

InterFraternity Council President Kevin Batte said he thinks women might not find Gaines and Woods Creek as attractive as the fraternity houses. He believes the sophomore housing requirement will bring the issue of sorority housing to the forefront.

Howison agreed. He said Panhellenic has to decide whether it wants sorority housing or not. When Panhellenic comes to the administration about housing, the university will have an obligation to meet their needs.

Sharp said Panhellenic will discuss the possibility of getting sorority lodges later this year. She said the process will take several months.

Howison said that although there has been student opposition, he said the policy will be in the best interests of W&L's future.

Junior Andrew Olmstead disagreed. "Once again the administration has decided to suppress the students' independence that has made W&L famous."

He said the policy will only make the deans happy, but it will not benefit the student body. "I think it should be the priority of Dean Howison to foster student independence rather than to improve the Lexington housing market."

Sophomore William Haase said he understands the reasoning behind the policy, but he thinks people should not be forced to live in university housing.

"The dorms can't be that great if you have to force students to live there," he said. "I don't like the idea of forcing people to do anything. I like choice."

Freshman Cheryl Puzon said the policy is not unfair to women.

"It's guaranteed housing," she said. "The policy makes it easier for women to find housing and they don't have to pay as much."

Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life Dennis Manning said the policy will help to build community. He said one of the most effective ways to build community is to develop a sense of attachment to a place.

"It [community] means sacrifice," he said, "and I don't think this [policy] is a significant sacrifice."

He said other schools have four year housing requirements. He said it's rare for students to have the freedom and flexibility of living where they want to live for two years. Manning rejected arguments that the policy would hurt student autonomy.

"I don't see this as being counter to the spirit of student self-governance," he said.

Manning said there are times when obligation to the university and community takes precedence over self-interest. The policy will benefit the students and the school.

"A sophomore housing requirement has the potential to improve student life here. The whole fabric of student life will be strengthened."

Executive Committee Big Four elections to take place Monday

By EMILY BAKER
Phi News Editor

Washington and Lee students will elect the leaders of next year's Executive Committee on Monday.

Voting for EC President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Student Conduct Committee Chair will take place around campus. Speeches will be held in Lee Chapel at 5 p.m. in the Commerce School and will also be aired on Channel 2 Sunday night at 7 p.m.

E.C. President

Candidates

Keith Benedict, '96L

"I hope the Honor System can continue to be strong in a time when contemporary culture doesn't really aspire to those values. I would like to lead with some of those broader values in mind."

Benedict has been on the E.C. for two years now as first- and second-year law representative and has participated in 15 closed hearings. He is on the Honor Re-Orientation Committee.

"My knowledge of the Honor System is unique. Combined with my law school education, I will end up providing a fair system for students."

Robert Nelson, '96A

Unavailable for comment

E.C. Vice-President

Candidates

Robert Turner '96A

"As vice-president I will protect the interests of the students. W&L has always been student run and it should continue to be that way."

Turner is running unopposed.

E.C. Secretary

Candidates

Graham Frey '96A

"As secretary I would attempt to keep the school and the Honor System on an even keel. It's important to have elected officials who have been here for three years."

"I think W&L's at a transition point. It's important to have a strong honor code and to remember the things that make W&L what it is."

"I feel the best way to give back to W&L is to serve on the Executive Committee."

Frey is a student athlete, a dorm counselor, and a fraternity member.

Amy Gorham '97A

"Most people are motivated to obey the Honor System because they're scared of the system."

"I want to base the Honor System on the principles of honor instead of instilling fear of it in the students."

"I'm working on redoing the Honor System Orientation video to reflect this philosophy."

"I'm making sure that we always stress in the literature that we send to new students and incoming freshmen these principles of honor that shape the school."

Gorham is currently on the E.C., is chair of the Freshmen Orientation Committee, and has been selected as a dorm counselor for the '95-'96 school year.

Marcus Rayner '97A

"I've been really happy with what the E.C. has done. It's im-



Frey



Gorham

portant that the students keep informed of the E.C.'s decisions and feel that it is their process.

Rayner's qualifications include "my experience as Freshman E.C. representative and my strong desire to see the traditions of the school remain."

"I will work strongly with the other members of the E.C. to make sure that the Honor System stays as strong as it always has been, if not stronger."

Student Conduct Committee Chair

Candidates

Madeline White '96A

"I've served on the committee since my freshman year. We have been talking about creating a better appeals program."

The current appeals process, says White, goes through the deans, who usually recommend that the SCC retry the case.

"The students deserve a more effective appeals process. Most people don't know this, but we have the power to expel a student from the university for grave behavior if the situation warrants it. Since we have that power, we should take the appeals process more seriously."



White



Rayner

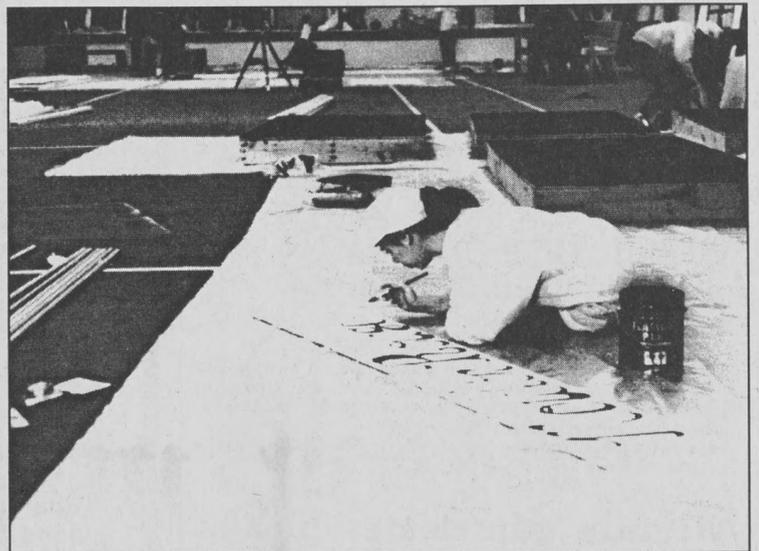


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FD worker Jen Norwood paints a banner for the Soiree. With two days to go, the gym has work left to be done.

Publications Board Notice

The Washington and Lee University Publications Board is accepting applications for the following positions: Executive Editor and Business Manager of *The Ring-tum Phi*, and Editor and Business Manager of the *Calyx*. Those interested in applying should submit a resume and cover letter to Sarah Gilbert in the Phi box in the University Center by March 15, 1995, at 5 p.m.

Though experience is the most desirable quality of candidates, there are no official requirements for these positions and all interested students are strongly encouraged to apply.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World

U.S. Marines land in Somalia again

On Tuesday, U.S. Marines opened the last phase of Operation United Shield, the United Nations effort to restore democracy in Somalia. Approximately 2,000 U.S. and Italian troops have moved into prepared fortifications along the shores of the Indian Ocean. Pakistani and Bangladeshi soldiers who comprise the rear guard of the U. N. force that once numbered 30,000 were scheduled to begin leaving through the U.S. lines this week.

U.S. concerned about South African arms

The United States is concerned that the defunct biological and chemical weapons program of South Africa will end up in the hands of a terrorist group, according to government sources. The weapons program was officially terminated in 1993 by F.W. de Klerk. Recently, the U.S. government has been pressuring President Nelson Mandela to make sure all of the weapons and research have been destroyed because intelligence sources have reported that Libyan agents have been trying to secure research from the defunct program.

Peso continues to struggle in Mexico

On Monday, the Mexican stock market fell by 6.85% following last week's decline. Analysts claim that investors are unloading their stocks because the government has failed to give them a clear indication of the future of the country's economic policy. Inflation continues to spiral out of control as interest rates soar and the value of the currency drops.

The Nation

Balanced budget amendment delayed

Tuesday marked the final day of Senate debate over the balanced budget amendment. At the day's end, supporters of the amendment were still one or two votes short of obtaining the two thirds majority needed for passage. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole postponed the vote until Thursday. The amendment, which was approved by the House last month, is designed to keep government from spending more than it raises except in wartime. The fate of the amendment in the Senate will be decided by Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia and four other Democrats who have threatened to oppose the amendment if it is not revised to prohibit the courts from interfering with future congressional tax and budget measures.

Medicare cutback expected

Senate Finance Committee chair Bob Packwood announced on Monday that in order to achieve a balanced budget the Medicare and Medicaid programs will have to be drastically restructured. Senior citizens with greater financial security may be asked to assume higher premiums and pay for more services independently. Also, the entitlement programs may be reorganized to encourage more people to participate in health maintenance organizations. Changes are expected to be included in the budget reconciliation bill in September and will likely ignite Congressional debate.

Rosa Lopez gives testimony at Simpson trial

On Tuesday, Rosa Lopez, a housekeeper in the Brentwood area, testified that she saw O.J. Simpson's white Ford Bronco parked outside of his mansion on the night of June 12th at 8:00 p.m. and later at 10:00 p.m. This bolsters Simpson's alibi that he was home at approximately 10:15 p.m., when Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were murdered. Lopez also claims to have heard men speaking outside of Simpson's home shortly after midnight, an hour after the former football star left his home to go to the airport.

The State

Virginia GOP Chair to challenge Sen. Warner's reelection bid

Virginia Republican Chairman Patrick M. McSweeney announced in an interview on Monday that he may challenge incumbent Republican Senator John W. Warner. McSweeney has accused Warner of breaking his promise to hold off on divisive campaigning until next year. McSweeney claims that his challenge is in the best interest of the Va. Republican party, which has been in disarray for the past year.

Virginia gun dealer pleads guilty

On Monday, Paul David Petersen of Blacksburg, Va. pleaded guilty in Roanoke federal court to conspiring to circumvent firearm laws with other members of the Blue Ridge Hunt Club, a fledgling militia. The group hoped to use guerrilla warfare and terrorism to combat gun control efforts. Members also wanted to circumvent the federal gun control act by disguising gun buyers' identities. Petersen faces up to 16 months in prison.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled
by Bethany Bauman



Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

So much food, so little time

Evans Dining Hall was the site of a Food Fair on Tuesday. Students were able to sample food from around the globe and close to home. Wandering from table to table proved to be a nice change from a typical D-Hall meal.

Class of '62 Fellow to speak

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Quality in U.S. industry is the topic of the eighth lecture in the Class of 1962 Fellowship Lecture series.

Kipling M. Pirkle, an associate professor of management at Washington and Lee University, will speak in Northern Auditorium on March 7, at 7 p.m. His speech is entitled "Taking Care of Business: Observations on Quality in U.S. Industry." It and the reception that will follow are open to the public.

The Class of 1962 Fellowship program was established in 1987 with a gift of an endowment to support the scholarship and research of the undergraduate faculty. The Class of 1962 presented the gift at its 25th reunion "to acknowledge its indebtedness and gratitude to the University for the undergraduate education it received and to make an expression of the gratitude in a manner that will benefit the University in a substantial way."

The funds were awarded in con-

junction with an approved full-year faculty leave research project. Upon completion of the leave year, each Class of 1962 Fellow presents the results of the project to the university's faculty and students. Pirkle is the eighth faculty member to be named a Class of 1962 Fellow.

Pirkle received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. from Clemson University. He has been at W&L since 1989, where he teaches strategic management, human resource management, total quality management, and statistics in the university's School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics. He taught at Old Dominion University from 1986 to 1989, and at Furman University from 1984 to 1986. He is a member of the American Society for Quality Control, the Family Firm Institute, and the Southern Management Association.

W&L hosts poem lecture

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A noted University of Kansas professor and author will speak about modern and postmodern Spanish poetry on March 2.

Andrew P. Debicki will give the lecture, entitled "From Modernity to Postmodernity in Spanish Poetry," in Northern Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

Debicki is a 1955 *summa cum laude* graduate of Yale University, he also received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1960. After teaching at Trinity College and Grinnell College, he joined the faculty at the University of Kansas in 1968 and in 1976 was named University Distinguished Professor. At the University of Kansas, Debicki also serves as dean of the graduate school and vice-chancellor for research, graduate studies, public service.

Debicki is the author of eight books. The most recent, *Spanish Poetry of the Twentieth Century: Modern and Beyond*, was published in 1994 by the University Press of Kansas. He has also written numerous articles and book reviews and has lectured extensively in colleges and universities across the country.

Speaker uses anthropology in unraveling church history

FROM STAFF REPORTS

J. Patout Bruns Jr., Thomas and Alberta White Professor of Christian Thought at Washington University, will speak at Washington and Lee University Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in Room 327 of the Commerce School.

His lecture, "Using Social Anthropology to Unravel Tangles in Church History," is open to the public.

According to Bruns, British cultural anthropologist Mary Douglas has proposed a method for analyzing social groups which allows certain forms of organization to be correlated with shared assumptions about the cosmos, ritual and morality. These methods can help to explain some of the development in Christian doctrine and practice. In particular, they throw light on irreconcilable differences between groups which share a common scripture and tradition. In his lecture,

Burns will outline Douglas' method, apply it to historical conflicts, and raise questions of contemporary relevance.

Burns received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1974 and held professorships at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago, Loyola University of Chicago, and the University of Florida before taking his present position at Washington University in 1993, where he also chairs the Religious Studies Program.

He has authored and edited several books, including *The Development of Augustine's Doctrine of Operative Grace*, *Theological Anthropology*, *the Holy Spirit*, and *Christians and the Military: The Early Experience*.

Porter's visit to Washington and Lee is sponsored by The Philip F. Howerton Fund for special programs in the department of religion.

Hot Zone author speaks to W&L

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard Preston, author of the best-selling non-fiction thriller *The Hot Zone*, will speak at Washington and Lee University on Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The public is invited to attend.

Preston's books had its origin as a 1992 *New Yorker* article he wrote about the 1989 crisis at the "monkey house" in Reston, VA in which some 600 recently imported monkeys began dying from what was identified as the deadly Ebola virus. His graphic account of what went on during the top-secret U.S. Army mission that shut down the research facility is both harrowing and alarming — it comes at a time when the tropical wildernesses of the world are being destroyed, and previously unknown viruses that have lived undetected in the rain forest for eons are entering human populations.

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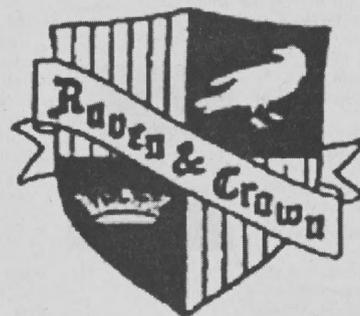
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Fine cast fails to save *Bullets Over Broadway's* shoddy script



Bullets over Broadway - ☆☆
Despite receiving seven Oscar nominations, Woody Allen's latest flick simply doesn't live up to our expectations. Released several months ago, the film has attracted little attention (it has only grossed about ten million dollars). However, when it received so many nominations, I decided to give it a chance, hoping to stumble upon what would become cult classic. Unfortunately, *Bullets over Broadway* will be remembered as little more than a particularly mundane film from a normally excellent director.

John Cusack is struggling playwright David Shayne, who is insistent that his latest script, *Cod of Our Fathers*, not be mangled by prima donna actresses and greedy producers catering to the lowest common denominator. He is an artist, and he will not compromise his art for anything.

Well, almost anything. As we know, life is not perfect. Cusack can only get financing from a shady, none-too-artistic gangster, who insists that his moll, Olive Neal (Jennifer Tilly), have a major part in the play, a role too big for her limited dramatic gifts.

But hope springs eternal, and Cusack manages to round out the cast with a number of fine, slightly-past-their-prime actors and actresses, including the majestic Helen Sinclair (Dianne Wiest), a stage legend who hasn't had a hit in years.

To top off this volatile mix of ego and artistry, the gangster/producer insists one of his silent, scowling enforcers accompany Tilly to rehearsals, to ensure that she gets treated right. As a result, 'Cheech' (Chazz Palminteri) sits in the back of the theater, occasionally threatening Cusack if he doesn't respect Tilly's meager talents.

There are a number of intriguing sub-plots that develop as the play works its way towards a Broadway debut: Tilly falls for the leading man, Cusack falls for the manipulative Wiest, Cusack's girlfriend falls for his good friend, etc. Most importantly, it turns out that Palminteri, far from being an unthinking brute, is a pretty good artist in his own right. Cusack ends up having him secretly re-write most of the play, and critics unknowingly hail Cusack as the greatest new talent of the decade.

As usual, Woody Allen has assembled a tremendous cast to help him. Jack Warden, Rob Reiner, Harvey Fierstein, and Tracey Ullman all live up to the cast and do a fine job. Similarly, Cusack is excellent as the harried yet proud young artist, showing a real comedic flair, a departure from his serious fare like *The Grifters*.

Both Jennifer Tilly and Dianne Wiest (*Parade*) have been nominated for Best Supporting Actress Oscars, and Tilly has a very good performance, especially considering her past roles in such movies as *Made in America* or *Johnny Be Good*. But of the two it is Wiest that truly deserves the award.

She makes the typical aging-starlet routine much more interesting and full of life than we would have expected from such a stock character. Her manipulation and deviousness, combined with her aging greatness and tenderness, make a very moving, very real picture with just the right comedic touches for this film. Already an Oscar-winner for another Allen picture, *Hannah and Her Sisters*, Wiest would be an excellent choice again this year.

The film finds its downfall, though, in its shoddy script. Written by director Woody Allen and Douglas McGrath, the individual dialogue and conversations sparkle with tension, humor, and general reality. Plus, Allen shows no fear in taking the movie in unexpected directions.

However, the film as a whole rambles, moving in fits and starts from one character episode to another, without being a cohesive whole. The characters aren't developed fully enough to drive the film as a whole, and the result is maddening. The picture refuses to move on its own, so it keeps getting shoved in the back by Allen every fifteen minutes or so. Although individual bits and pieces are enjoyable, it's simply annoying as a whole.

Despite some excellent scenes, commendable acting and the famous Allen name, *Bullets over Broadway* simply doesn't feel like a good film in the end. I think it will probably do very well on network television, where its stop-and-start qualities make it perfectly suited to commercials. Until then, despite the Oscar nominations, wait till videotape—or better yet, if you're impatient and love comedies about the stage, check out Mel Brooks' hilarious *The Producers*, which is a thousand times funnier and livelier than *Bullets over Broadway*.

Rating Scale

☆☆☆☆ - Go buy this as soon as it comes out on video. It is an instant classic. You'll laugh; you'll cry; and maybe, just maybe, you'll learn something about yourself.
☆☆☆☆ - Go see this film now, while it's still on the big screen. It's worth a few Oscar nominations and the seven bucks you'll pay if you see it outside Lexington. Overall, "Better than Cats!"
☆☆ - Okay, so there have been better films. Nevertheless, it is a good example of its genre, and you should probably see it on videotape. Still, probably "Better than Cats!"
☆ - It happens to be on HBO, and you're blowing off tomorrow's reading. Although your time would probably be better served on your education, its free and you're bored, so go ahead and watch it.
○ - Even if it's free and your best friend said he never laughed harder, trust me, this one sucks. Don't waste your time, or at least don't waste it on this. (There's always MTV.)

STILL DATELESS?

READ ON FOR SOME HANDY GET-A-DATE TIPS...



By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Features Editor

It's official. It happens every year about this time.

Fancy Dress mania has overtaken the Washington and Lee campus. Everywhere you go, someone is talking about FD, hearing about FD, or thinking about FD. W&L women are scurrying for last-minute accessories to their dresses, W&L men are making sure their Alvin-Denis flask is in operating order. Freshmen are nervously anticipating their first brush with the "grand social event of the South." Seniors are nostalgically reminiscing about their past FD's — the good, the bad, and the ugly.

All the Fancy Dress hoopla is enough to make even the goodest of good ole' boys or sweetest of Magnolia queens sick to their stomach — at least, those without dates. Yes, there are still many dateless souls out there. Why do so many people, described by one sympathetic friend as "normal people," not have dates?

Depending on whom you ask, the answer varies.

Some simply do not want to go. The cost is rather prohibitive. When all is said and done, FD-goers can spend upwards of \$300. Tickets, tuxedo rentals, dresses, expensive dinners, SAB concert tickets, and spirits expenses are quite daunting to the starving college student.



The high costs of Fancy Dress may deter some potential dates from popping the FD question.

Elaborate balls don't appeal to some. Let's face it, some actually prefer those obnoxious and predictable band parties.

And what about those FD Steering Committee members? They've spent more time than you can possibly imagine planning this event.

There's a good chance many on the Committee have grown so exhausted with all the preparation that when the ball arrives, the thought of actually attending causes them to vomit uncontrollably. You may roll your eyes in disbelief, but see just how long FD Chairman Joe Frampton really stays at the ball?

Unfortunately, some W&L women don't get asked. It's possible the overwhelming population of road cheese present at the ball accounts for this.

Why would some guys choose to ask a non-W&L woman to FD? Everyone knows that W&L girls are smarter, more fun, more attractive, and more sexy than any road school girl could ever hope to be.

Yet still, a large number of girls go unasked. Perhaps President-Elect Elrod could issue an executive order stating that no road school girl can be asked to FD until all W&L women have dates.

Well, what does the FD dateless one do this weekend?

The possibilities are as varied as the reasons for not going.

Some choose to spend a quiet weekend in

the library dutifully studying. A more popular alternative is to leave town for the weekend. Washington D.C. is only three-and-a-half hours away.

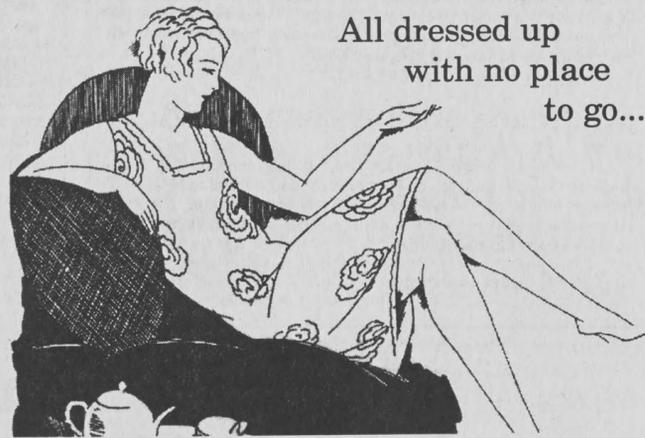
It's also a good opportunity to visit friends at other schools. One could always go home and visit the folks.

Whatever you do this weekend — be safe, be smart, and have fun.

And remember one thing if you're one of the dateless masses out there in W&L-land.

When this whole ordeal is over in four days, no one will care or much less be able to recall what you did this weekend.

- Top 10 Ways to Get a Last-Minute FD Date
10. Sign on at VMI as a day student.
 9. Two words — Rockbridge High.
 8. Pray.
 7. Surf the 'net — Advertise on e-mail.
 6. Sub-contract with Admissions Office — Take a prospective.
 5. Call your brother.
 4. Get an agent.
 3. Bridge the Gap — Take a law student.
 2. Call Match-Making Master, Chris Albert.
 1. Go to Lee-Hi.



All dressed up with no place to go...

Mark Mathabane paints beauty, sadness and pain



By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

As South Africa heads into the new year with apartheid officially abolished, the new government has a number of challenges facing it.

One of those challenges involves the rectifying of the inferior position black women have held in South Africa.

In his new book, *African Women: Three Generations*, Mark Mathabane looks at the lives of three generations of women in his family: his grandmother, his mother, and his sister.

In South African culture, a man who wants to marry a woman must pay *lobola* to the father.

Suitors paid *lobola* with cows in ancient days. Cows played an important role in South African society; in fact, some villages were built around cow pens.

These days, men pay for their wives with cash money.

As Mathabane makes clear throughout the book, women have no rights under the *lobola* system.

Men oftentimes physically abused their wives or cheated on them.

More often than not South African women had no choice who they married.

Once *lobola* was paid, their husbands looked upon their wives as their possession—not as their partners. Geli, Mathabane's mother, is forced to marry a man she doesn't love.

Her mother tells her that she cannot marry her true love, David. Instead she must marry an older man.

"My mother went on to say that

She was a strict woman, very short tempered, and ever since my father left her she had been drinking heavily. She would often beat me and my siblings with a switch if we disobeyed her. But I was disappointed, troubled, and hurt by her attempts to kill my dream of marrying the man I truly loved."

Mathabane takes the reader into the lives of not only his mother but also his grandmother and sister. Tales of abuse and witchcraft and struggle abound in this book. His grandmother talks about how her husband left her

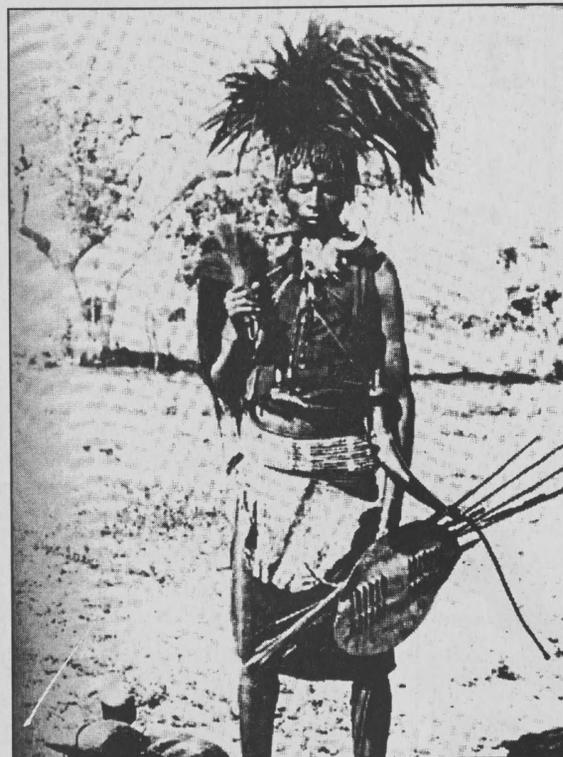
for another woman while his sister, Florah talks about the abuse and infidelity she suffered under her husband. Descriptions of poverty and life under apartheid are clearly drawn with an honest touch.

Mathabane has written a fine book. He lets the women tell their stories. His voice stays in the background, bringing their voices forth. These women's lives are filled with sadness and pain. Yet, I kept marveling at their strength and beauty. Despite all they had been through, they still survived and endured. Mathabane has given his reader's a gift: the gift of knowing these women, their struggles and their successes.



Tespo ("Faith") flashes a grin at the camera.

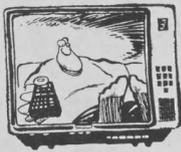
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A Shangaan witch doctor carrying the paraphernalia of his profession, along with shield and spears.

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by Jack Ohman



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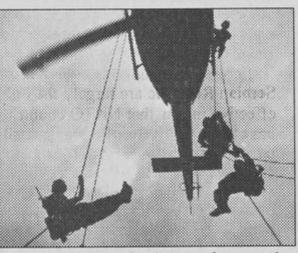
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The Dateless Wonder...

About this time every year the rumors begin to fly around the campus. Whispers behind closed doors, when backs are turned: "What do you mean, she doesn't have a date? But, she..."

Unfortunately, highly available, beautiful, charming, intelligent Washington and Lee women are left dateless every year; they are forced to go outside of the normally acceptable channels to find escorts to the biggest party in the South. We have actually heard W&L students bemoaning the fact they did not choose to attend one of our women-only neighbors which surround us.

No wonder W&L women have their little prejudices against women from all-women's colleges; here we are, attending a school at which the men outnumber the women two-to-one, and yet we are not asked to the most important social event of the year. Something is obviously wrong with our oft-lauded social system.

Someone said to a W&L man, "y'all have so much power. You just don't realize." It is true. The men at Washington and Lee have all the power, and use it so unwisely. At a small school such as this, it is truly amazing that some of the best prospects in anyone's standards are left bringing their brothers' friends or their friends' brothers, cadets, or old boyfriends shipped in from far away.

Why this odd shortage of men? Are our standards too high? I doubt it, somehow; though we can think of a few standard excuses, eventually we run out and have to give in to the next request. Are you afraid of our brains? Believe us, when everyone has eaten and drunk and been merry, relative SAT scores matter to us less and less.

I am grasping at straws, perhaps, but something is wrong, at least from the perspective of intelligent and lovely women at W&L. Take another look around you, men, before desperately reaching for the available girls' school girl. You may be surprised at who is lonely and unattached, and lives only a few meters away from you.

Congratulations are in order...

The trustees of Washington and Lee have selected a new president, and have been very voluble in their support of him; John Elrod was the unanimous selection of the Board of Trustees, and everyone from members of student government to the administration has been praising Elrod effusively.

John Wilson, our soon-to-be-retiring president, described Elrod with the greatest respect.

"He has an infectious enthusiasm for life, learning and ideas; he likes people, and he is a good judge of people," said Wilson. "He will find himself speaking all over the country, representing the University, and he has to reflect the values of the University. He communicates well, and that is a very important part of the job."

Wilson also lauded Elrod's honesty, a principle which he said went beyond the honor system definition of a prohibition of lying, cheating and stealing, but included a "courage of convictions."

Congratulations, John Elrod. If you live up to half of the praises of the faculty and administration, you will be a great president.

Quote of the Week...

"Do your parents know you're a lesbian?"

A W&L woman to a complete stranger, caught dancing (gasp!) near a few female friends



British Euroscepticism and America's future



NICHOLAS L. WADDY, '96

As is the case with so many other international trends, the Clinton administration's position on the emerging European Union is inconspicuous at best.

It is a measure of American overconfidence, no doubt, that neither our President nor our press feel compelled to pay much attention to the current debate in Europe over a single currency, for example, but unquestionably such questions are of vital interest to the United States. For if it transpires that the European Union evolves not into a loosely bound common market, but into a united and purposeful federation of European states, then American pre-eminence in the world will be effectively challenged for the first time since the era before World War One.

One of the most telling indicators of the true state of the old US-European alliance came just this past week, even though, characteristically, it too has been largely ignored in the face of more important developments within

the LA County Courthouse. The French, with the acquiescence (one assumes) of countries like Britain and Germany, have proposed that economic sanctions leveled against Serbia be lifted in return for that country extending diplomatic recognition to the governments of Croatia and Bosnia. It may not look like it at first glance, but this proposal actually signals the total collapse of the NATO effort to end the Bosnian War.

Economic sanctions against the Serbian Republic are largely the only effective means that NATO countries have to put pressure on Serbian guerrillas inside Bosnia. Now it is being proposed that such sanctions be done away with — not in return for the end of ex-Yugoslavia's bloody civil war, but simply in return for a cosmetic gesture on the part of the Serbians in recognizing the Croat and Bosnian states. In simple terms, NATO and Greater Serbia for the past several years have been giving each other the evil eye — and this week it was NATO that blinked.

All this is terribly significant because NATO is the most tangible symbol of the US-European alliance that functioned so well during Cold War. When NATO's resolve and effectiveness begin to fall apart, as now appears to be the case, this surely is a sign that

the US-European relationship is changing, or perhaps becoming increasingly neglected or irrelevant. This is, in fact, much more dangerous for America than it is for Europe, because for decades it

has been the United States that has enjoyed the role of senior partner in the NATO alliance. Europe has largely followed the US lead.

If the US-European relationship begins to change, it is a fair bet that it will change in the direction of greater European power and assertiveness — leaving the status of American power in some danger of becoming eclipsed. Moreover, if a European superstate ever did achieve a level of geopolitical prominence equal to or greater than that of the United States, there is no guarantee that US-European relations would always remain as amicable as they are now.

What all this means, if I may be so bold as to hazard an analysis, is that the US is very foolish to ignore or discount

the importance of the emerging European Union. If it is the goal of American strategy in the global arena to maintain American predominance, then we have to face the fact in the EU we now

face the greatest potential threat to that predominance we have encountered since, well, the USSR. My point is not that the Europeans are or should be our enemies. But, to be honest, stranger things have happened.

If the United States wants to play it safe and keep even the potential of a second European Era

at bay, it might do well to lend a little moral support to men like British Prime Minister John Major. He, and his fellow Conservatives, make up one of the few groups in Europe trying seriously to put the brakes on the emergence of an all-powerful EU. Major, by seeking to stymie at least for the moment Continental moves toward a common currency, is making a gesture toward the old system of independent-minded and often mutually disagreeable European nation-states. As the American century gives way to the unpredictable 21st, Americans might do well to ponder seriously the consequences of Major's looming defeat.

“The U.S. is very foolish to ignore or discount the importance of the emerging European Union.”

Proposed laws sound too good to be true



NOVA CLARKE, '96

It's half way through the first hundred days of the Contract With/On America and do you know what your Congress is doing? This past weekend I had a chance to catch up on all the evils of the Republican Congress, while I was at the Free the Planet Conference in Philadelphia. (Note: If you think I am radical, you should have met some of the people there) There are naturally many provisions that I disagree with; but, I want to focus on three particular provisions of the Contract that I find particularly appalling.

First, "The Risk-Assessment and Cost-Benefit Act of 1995" (HR 1022). This act doesn't sound bad on the surface; we don't want to spend money on basically useless programs such as Star Wars. However, this act doesn't apply to useless military expenditures; instead, it is directed toward environmental and health regulations. The basic provisions of the act state that on any new regulations a risk assessment must be done to determine whether the law will cost Americans more than \$25 million annually (which works out to 10 cents a person a year).

I am not in favor of paying any more money to the government than absolutely necessary; but, there are many things this act doesn't take into consideration. For example, exactly how much is a human life worth? Is it possible to do a cost-benefit analysis when one doesn't have a monetary value for one of the benefits? The Clean Air Act probably wouldn't have passed the risk assessment test. Exactly how many people across the country are bothered by smog? It certainly isn't really a problem in Lexington; but, for those people who were troubled by bad air, the benefits are innumerable both to them and to us. These people can go to work and breathe properly, they are also productive, which benefits all of us in a way that can't quite be measured. On the other side, how do we know what the actual cost will be to us of fulfilling the regulation. Technology is advancing every minute and the cost of fulfilling a regulation may constantly be

going down. I am not an economics major, so I realize that there are probably some flaws in the argument; but, there are major problems with this provision. If it does pass, though, I would love to see a cost-benefit analysis done on the Star Wars-like initiative that the Republicans were trying to pass earlier this year.

Next on the list is HR 9, "The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act of 1995". Another great title that makes the act seem good for America. The specific problems lie in Titles III-XI. The bill requires an enormous and time and money consuming process of review prior to a regulation being made into law. There are twenty-three individual levels that a regulation must pass. The people on the panels on the different levels come not just from government; but, from the private sector and companies that have monetary interest in seeing the regulation killed. It doesn't take an expert on human nature to determine that the private corporations are not going to approve a bill that hurts them, no matter its other benefits.

The other problem is naturally the number of steps it takes to pass the regulation. The Republicans have been complaining about the number of regulation we have now, and they are just adding more bureaucracy. I find it sort of ironic that it is only a twelve step process to condemn a man to death (a man's case is reviewed by twelve individuals on a jury a combination of their opinions determines a person's future); but a twenty-three step process to pass a law that save so many. Perhaps I shouldn't find this odd since the Republicans are planning on repealing the basic meaning of the Fourth Amendment.

Another provision of HR 9 is the takings section. Takings is basically the requirement that the government repay an individual for the loss of property value he might have suffered due to a regulation that prohibited him from using his land in a specific way. This provision is wide open for abuse. Suppose, I have a piece of otherwise useless land that I decide to build a toxic waste dump on and it happens to be right next to a children's playground. Now I know that the government is going to forbid me from using that land for such a purpose (any sane human being would). I wanted to make some money on the land so I announce that the regulations are inhibiting my ability to make an honest dollar and that the government owes me money. Under the provisions of HR

9, I would be reimbursed despite the fact that I knew the plan would be shot down before I started. Of course the Republicans may be basing this all on the perceived virtue of public-spirited citizens who would never do such a thing.

Finally an aspect of the Contract that I take very personally, cuts in education spending. The contract requires a \$13 billion cut in student aid programs over a five year period. On of the methods of doing this is to end the exemption in paying back loans while the student is still in school. Now realistically, it is all I can do to have some money to live on now. If as a graduate student I had to start paying back loans, that would end my graduate career. I might have to then fall back on one of the surviving social programs, like food stamps. If we want to move into the new technological age that Newt hypes, we need people who are educated, not in prison. It is a known fact that people who are the beneficiaries of a good education and all the opportunities it provides are less likely to end up in prison. Perhaps this is what the Republicans want, some way to justify the increase in prison spending by making sure there are plenty of people to fill them. I would be interested to find out how many of the Republican members were the beneficiaries of delayed student loans and Pell Grants.

Unfortunately, the Republicans are planning on using the money not used on bettering our generation in expanding the military. The 1994 budget of the military (that we know about) was \$281 billion, the budget for all Federal education grant, loan, and work-study programs was \$31 billion. One of the recent facts that has come up, speaking of cost-benefit analysis is, that the cost of one F-22 is the same as the amount of money needed to provide Pell Grants for 113,000 students, and this money will be returned in many ways, unlike a plane that will probably be declared out of date in a few years. Of course the builder of the F-22, Lockheed is in Newt's home district — wait, I forget Newt is against pork so that could have nothing to do with his decision.

The next few months will be key to seeing whether the Republicans are able to turn back the clock on what this country has accomplished. I won't merely be waiting to see what happens though, I intend to make sure my opinion is heard and I hope all of you will too no matter which way it leans. To make sure Newt hears what you have to say you can always use the advance technology he promotes and e-mail him at: geogia6@hr.house.gov.

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OPINION

Don't hate me because I'm beautiful

GREEN LAND
BETSY GREEN

Don't hate me because I'm beautiful.

Hate me because I've had an FD date since November.

You all want to strangle me right now, don't you? I know I'm gloating, but I can't help it... This year's FD promises to be great, *tres bien*, even. So with that in mind, welcome to a special edition of *Green Land*: Betsy's FD Anticipation Column.

The state of Virginia should regulate the week after February break as a part of the hunting season. Hunting for FD dates, that is. It seems that no one can escape from the scrutiny of the opposite sex. You should be careful, though, or you might end up thinking things like freshman Paul Byerly. "I wonder if she has a date yet. Sure she's a Lee-Hi waitress, but it could be fun." Either that or you'll end up hanging out at Shark's looking for the Rockbridge County High School boy with the latest curfew.

I was lucky enough to escape all of that trauma. Did I mention that I've had a good looking, charming, fun-loving date (he prefers to be called "Steve") for a really long time? I did? It irritated you? Great, I care. In all seriousness, though, I was really glad to be able to avoid the turmoil of trying to find a date. My guy friends appreciated it as well. They knew that every time I looked at them I wasn't trying to guess how they'd look in tuxes or where they'd take me out to dinner. Mark Tobias told me that I was one of only a few women he could talk to about FD without fear of violence. Most reacted something like, "Don't even talk to me

about Fancy Dress. Your girlfriend goes to Sweetbriar, you traitor."

If it makes you all feel any better, I didn't have a perfectly worry-free time before FD. Since my date had to be specially imported from Seattle, we needed to look for a way to save money. The answer seemed clear. I signed away my life (okay, just 25 hours of it) to Paducah Joe Framptom. I was an FD contract worker.

It is profoundly ironic to me that I did so much grunt labor and messy work so that I can spend Friday as glamorously as possible. With any luck I'll have all of the paint off of my hands by then.

I began my contract work by selling ads for the Playbill. I racked up a lot of hours by talking on the phone and saying things like, "Yes, I'll hold, I'll leave a message on his voice mail," and "Do you know when she'll be back?" I also spent a lot of time on hold. It's a bad situation of me since they usually play Muzak in the background. I start out by humming along, then feel bolder and start singing. By the time the person I'm waiting for picks up the phone, I'm usually in the middle of a full song and dance number to "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head." Very professional.

A sick thing happens to you when you become a contract worker. We are insanely proud of tiny little details you won't even notice at the ball... unless we have anything to do with it. Remember those little pieces of tissue paper that were attached to your invitation? I spent two hours with a hot glue gun helping to make that possible. Ryan Mooney, John Harding, and Tory Noto are insanely proud of a fruit cart they built and will probably spend all of FD standing next to it and pointing it out to everyone.

There is a definite gender gap when it comes to contract work. While the men are sweating and trying to carry huge pieces of the stage (about equivalent in weight to one of the belly dancers from last year), the women are working on papier machie and gossiping about what they're going to wear. The guys don't think its fair, and, damnit, they're right. I know because I defied my sex and helped carry those big heavy things. The guys were impressed with my toughness until I got tired and started complaining that I hurt my arm. Instead of helping them lift, I got a new job cutting out twelve foot lengths of paper to cover the small gym. I pretty much reinforced all of their gender stereotypes when I started whining about my paper cut. Sorry, guys. I tried.

My fellow FD worker Beth Provenzana pointed out to me the best thing about doing contract work. You get to be involved, but you have no responsibility whatsoever. While Ashley Bell and Ann Howard stressed about whether or not it was going to rain on the stuff we had painted, Beth and I took a break and were simply happy to be getting hours in.

I just read the description of the decorations in the Playbill. If you were trying to explain to someone what the word "ostentatious" means, you'd do well by just handing them that. People at other schools are blown away by FD.

Some of my brother's lame friends at Harvard started telling me how many starving children could be fed with the budget for paint alone. They all wanted to know why we would take part in such an obscene spectacle. My answer? We do it because we can. Ask Professor Velasquez (who now actually reads the Phi, and is hence worthy of being mentioned in my column) and he will explain to you the rationale for FD based on the philosophies of David Hume. Maybe that should have been the topic of my latest paper.

Professor Velasquez has finally relented and is planning to go to FD. Professors at FD are cool. They are brave souls and will probably be mobbed by drunken students asking to get party pics taken with them. As we put their arms around their shoulders we drunkenly slur, "You're so cool. You're so cool even though you gave me a bad grade on that paper."

The hottest new people to have your picture taken with (besides me) are Michelle Richardson (because what could be more fun than the Dean Of Fun?) and John Elrod. Elrod could increase his popularity even more by jamming with P-funk and changing his title to Elrod, *El Presidente*.

I hope everyone has a fabulous FD. Be sure to check out the lovely lattices I painted. And please, try not to hate me too much.

“ Elrod could increase his popularity even more by jamming with P-funk and changing his title to Elrod, El Presidente. ”

GENERAL NOTES

Big Four

BigFour elections will be held this Monday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please remember to vote in from of the co-op, Leyburn, and Law Libraries. Candidates' speeches will be aired Sunday night at 7 p.m. on Cable Channel Two.

Practice Interviews

Videotaped practice interviews will be conducted on March 15. If interested in a practice interview, sign up for a time in the Career Development Office.

Interviews

There will be an interviewing workshop on Tuesday, March 7, at 4 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited to attend.

Calyx

Free 1994 yearbooks can be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Carol Caulkins' office.

Information Session

Everyone is invited to an information session on Thursday, March 9, at 3 p.m. in Newcomb Hall 10B. Hunter Applewhite '88 will discuss jobs in the non-profit sector. Co-sponsored by the History Department and Career Development and Placement.

Phi

The Ring-tum Phi needs staff members. If you are interested in writing for the Phi, come to our weekly meetings, every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in University Center room 208.

Corrections

An error was made in last week's Fancy Dress Supplement. Pi Kappa Phi's parties on Saturday will not be open. Sigma Phi Epsilon's parties will also not be open.

Also, a mistake was made in the February 24 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*. Kirk Susong reviewed the movie *Before Sunrise*.

Student Body Notice

A member of the Student Body has been found guilty of a violation of the Honor System, in that the student plagiarized a Romance Languages composition paper. That student has chosen to withdraw from the University.

LETTERS

Executive Committee encourages students to comment on Honor System

To the editor:

In our attempt to get more feedback from the students on the Honor System, the Executive Committee has placed boxes around campus for your comments. Some of the most recent comments deserve particular response. Undoubtedly, the most difficult part of this

job is finding someone guilty of an honor violation. No one on the EC thinks it is fun, no one looks forward to a closed hearing, and no one takes the matter lightly. This I assure you.

Having a friend withdraw after a guilty verdict sucks. However, I promise you that the Executive Committee will never ask a student to leave if we think that you would not judge the

same. Finding someone guilty is a painful, grueling, and disappointing aspect of the job, but it is nonetheless the job we have. Please understand that our decisions are based on careful attention to detail and facts — and that we do not make rash decisions concerning students' lives.

The EC is made up of thirteen individuals

that you have elected. We do not make up "special rules" to extend our power, or intend to threaten people with the Honor System. We encourage all students to voice their opinions and ask questions about the Honor System. Talk to an EC member or leave a comment in the suggestion boxes in the library or co-op. In the next 2-3 weeks, you will have the chance to

vote or even run for positions on the Executive Committee. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Alex Cross
EC Vice President

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos by Darcey Livingston and Yen Nguyen

If you could have any band play at the Fancy Dress Ball, what would it be?



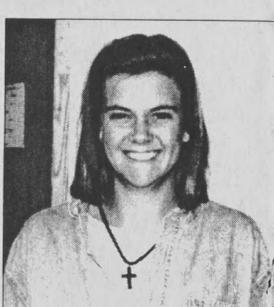
Nate Taylor, '98, Ocean View, DE—"The Sex Pistols."



Annie Plummer, '97, Myersville, MD, and Sadaf Moradi, '97, Rockville, MD—"Roxette!"



Julia Podlas, '95, Great Meadows, NJ, and Ray Craig, '95, Houston, TX—"The Fabulous Thunderbirds."



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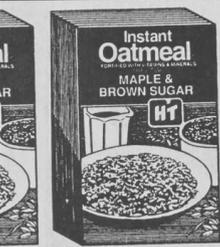
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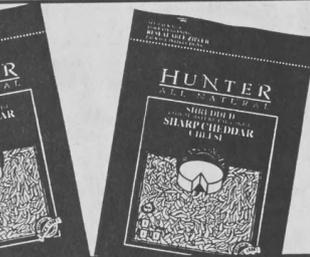
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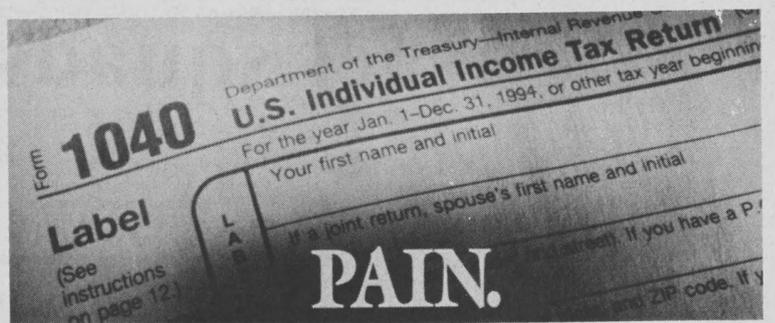
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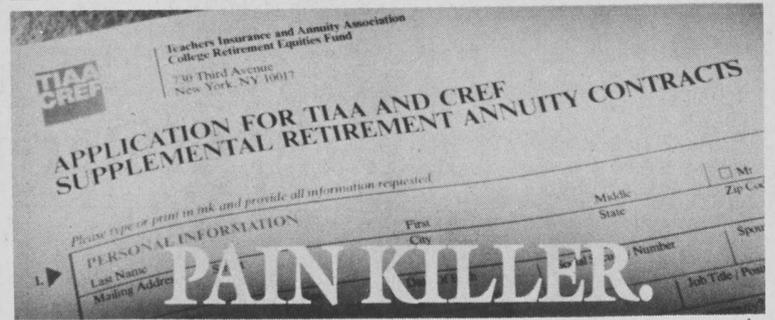
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(W) 2nd at ODAC Indoor Championship

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To change one thing

THE LAST WORD

By STEPHEN WILLIARD

The Packers must know something that the rest of us don't. If I heard correctly, the team from Green Bay released star wide receiver Sterling Sharpe.

Sharpe was sidelined entering the playoffs with a neck condition that required surgery to fuse two vertebrae in his neck.

The prevailing opinion was that, following the surgery, Sharpe would lose a wide range of motion in his neck, a condition that would make playing in the National Football League virtually impossible.

If this is the case, then the game will have lost one of its great talents. Prior to the injury, Sharpe's career was on pace to make him one of the greatest receivers ever to play the game.

Sharpe's combination of speed and strength was almost unique as he powered his way to preeminence among the game's elite.

Sharpe's possible career ending injury is reminiscent of other great athletes who were forced out of the game well before their time had come. Every sport has its stories.

In baseball, everyone knows about Lou Gehrig and Roberto Clemente, but what about Dizzy Dean? Dean was by far one of the greatest pitchers that the game has ever seen — and also one of its greatest characters.

In one of the early All-Star games, Dean was pitching when a batter lined the ball off his foot. The injury sidelined him until, deciding to return prematurely, he aggravated the injury and was forced to retire. Still, as a broadcaster much later, Dean made the remark that he could pitch better than most of the St. Louis rotation.

That remark sparked a put up or shut up ultimatum from the St. Louis pitching staff, to which Dean responded, to everyone's amazement (and his wife's consternation) by hurling four shut-out innings in a regular season game.

In football, one could ask what would happen if Randall Cunningham was healthy more often. What about Gale Sayers?

Basketball, too has its share of what ifs. What would have happened if Bill Walton had remained healthy throughout his career? Where would David Thompson have gone? If Reggie Lewis had been granted a full career, where would the Celtics be? And most notable of all, what about Magic Johnson?

There will always be those who wonder how many more years even Michael Jordan could have played had he not decided to move on to baseball.

There are even questions about what a young player could have become.

Ron Jones had a promising future until his knee met a solid Shea Stadium wall, and Steve Emtmann might have been a dominating defensive lineman were it not for continued health problems. These questions will always be there.

Whenever a player is cut down in his prime by a nearly death, career ending injury, or even simply the lack of desire to play, it plays mind games with every fan.

No matter what the situation involved, it is impossible not to wonder what could have been — it is impossible not to.

I suppose that it is only human nature, but it does provide some entertainment.

Baseball continues slow start at MWC

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

The first signs that baseball season had arrived occurred last weekend when the temperature heated up to nearly seventy degrees, but the Washington and Lee baseball team was still attempting to warm up as it dropped both ends of a doubleheader to Mary Washington, 8-3, and 8-4, in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The two losses to the highly rated Mary Washington squad sank the Generals' season record to 0-4.

The Generals had little problem creating offense in the two games, hitting .300 as a team in the first game and .375 in the

second. However, pitching woes, in the form of 18 walks, proved too much for the offense to overcome.

Despite the losses, head coach Jeff Stickley was satisfied with the team's overall effort.

"For the most part, I was pleased," he expressed. "We swung the bats well, but just gave up too many walks."

W&L jumped off to a quick start in the first game. Senior Geren Steiner ripped a single, and crossed the plate on junior Mark Sappenfield's two-out infield single, giving the Generals a 1-0 advantage in the first.

The lead would not last long, as the walk parade started in the second inning. Junior starting pitcher Graig Fantuzzi had

trouble finding the strike zone, walking six batters in his three innings of work.

Mary Washington took full advantage of the walks, scoring five runs in the second and third innings, putting them in front, 4-1.

Junior Todd Garner relieved Fantuzzi, but Garner got knocked around in the fourth, issuing four more free passes, as Mary Washington rung up four more runs to pad its lead to 8-1.

Sophomore Rob Boston was finally able to tranquilize MWC's bats, as he did not allow a hit in the final two innings. The Generals attempted a late rally as they scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning to close to 8-3, but it was not nearly enough as

Mary Washington closed out the victory.

Washington and Lee was once again victimized by big innings in the nightcap. After a scoreless first inning, MWC exploded for five runs against W&L starter junior Matt Ermigiotti in the bottom of the second, although just two of those runs were earned.

The Generals began chipping away at the 5-0 deficit, tallying three runs to slice the MWC advantage to 5-3 in the sixth. But once again, MWC ripped off a big inning in the bottom of the sixth.

Freshman Chris Pugsley, who had replaced Ermigiotti in the fourth inning, was nailed for three runs in the sixth, giving MWC an 8-3 cushion before senior Bates

Brown struck out the final batter.

Facing another five run deficit, W&L once again attempted to battle back. The Generals plated a run and then loaded the bases in the top of the seventh, but Mary Washington escaped the threat and held on for the 8-4 triumph.

Stickley attributed the pitching problems to a lack of experience.

"We hadn't played a game in a week and a half," he pointed out.

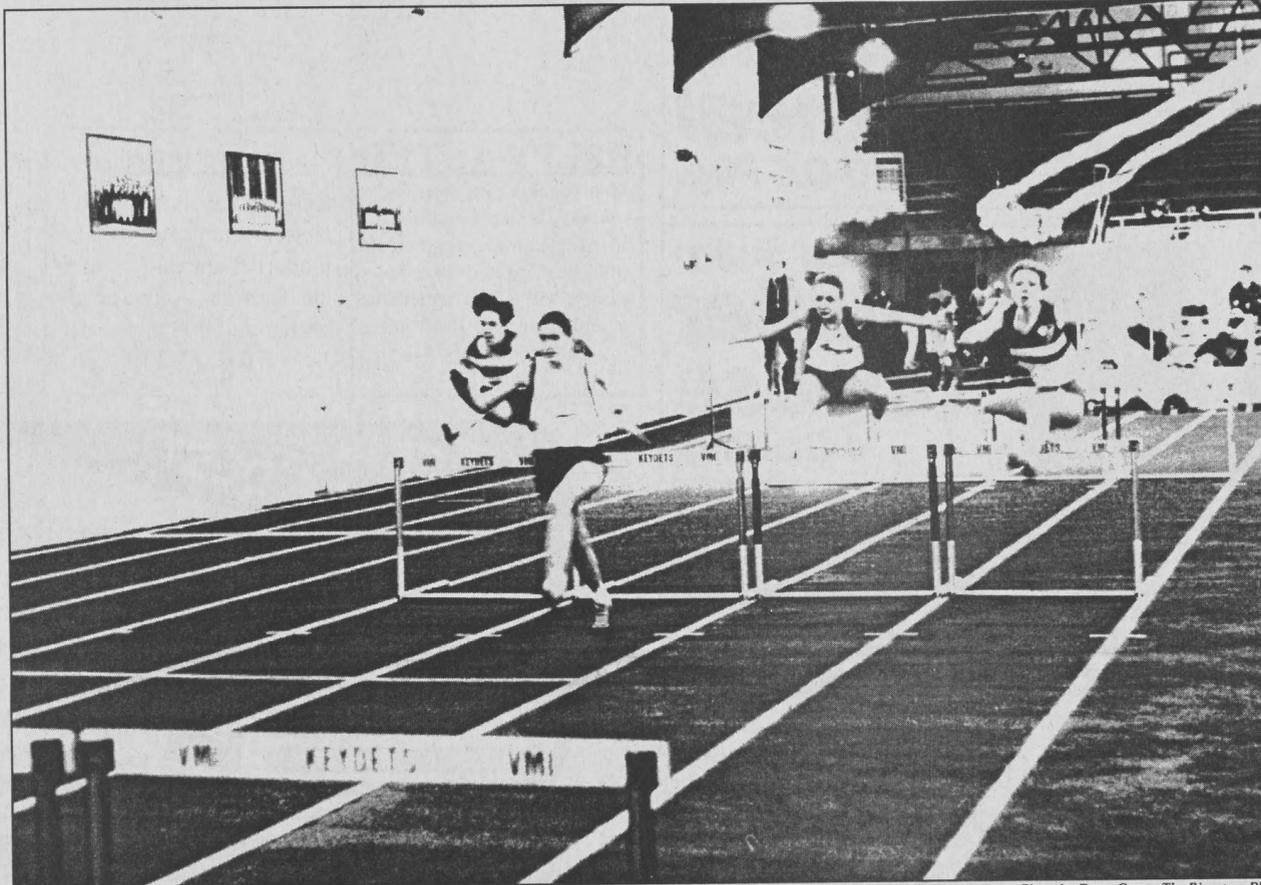
Despite both ending up as losing pitchers, Ermigiotti and Fantuzzi had no trouble from the other end. Ermigiotti went 4-6 at the plate in the twinbill, helping to maintain a fantastic .727 batting average.

Fantuzzi had been mired in a slump earlier in the season after tearing up opponents at a record .482 clip in 1994, but he appeared to regain his stroke following a 4-8 day.

The Generals' scheduled contest at Shenandoah on Tuesday was rained out.

Washington and Lee will host a three game series with West Virginia Tech this weekend. A single game at 3:00 on Friday afternoon will be followed by a double header on Saturday, which begins at 1:00.

"West Virginia Tech hits the ball pretty well," Stickley commented. "We need to put the ball in play and make them play defense, and cut down on the walks."



Sophomore Stephanie Sterling and senior Sarah Gilbert fight for position in a preliminary heat of the 55 meter hurdles. The women took second overall in the meet at VMI.

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Track squads turn in solid meets

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Sports Editor

Both indoor track teams showed up ready to make an impression Saturday as the women finished second behind Lynchburg and the men were topped only by Lynchburg and Bridgewater.

For the men, the distance events provided much of the spark as Taylor Shultz, Grant Cowell,

Jason Callen, and Will Olson all turned in stellar performances.

Shultz took second place in the 1500 meter run while Olson won the 3000. Grant Cowell was second in the 800 and Jason Callen took fifth in the 800 and 3000.

The charge continued in the pole vault as Harris Morrison was the ODAC Champion with a vault of 14 feet, a full foot and a half above the second place competitor from Lynchburg.

In the shot put, freshman Omar

Monheim took third with a career best 39' 11".

W&L's 3200 meter relay squad also turned in a victorious performance, finishing 11 seconds ahead of second place Eastern Mennonite.

On the women's side, the team paced by senior captain Sue Deutsch who brought home first place finishes in the 1500 and 3000 meter runs. Deutsch was also a member, along with Nat Messmore, Maren Wright, and Kim Herring, of the winning 3200

meter relay squad for the Generals.

For her effort, Deutsch was named runner-up for the meets most outstanding performer while scoring the fourth most points in the meet.

Also taking first for the Generals was the 1600 meter relay team.

In the field, Sarah Gilbert placed in three events. The senior took third in the high jump, fourth in the 55 meter hurdles, and sixth in the triple jump.

Coach John Tucker was pleased with the performance.

"I think we did as strong as we could have without two All-Americans [Amy Mears, Josephine Schaeffer] and a National qualifier [Sandra Holmes]," said Tucker.

Men's coach Norris Aldridge was also pleased with his team's performance.

"I thought that overall we ran as well as we could have," he said. "We're looking forward to outdoor and hope we do well."

Athletes of the Week

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Harris Morrison



Sue Deutsch

Lacrosse cruises in opener

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team started the 1995 season in prime form, crushing Mary Washington College 19-3 in their season opener.

The Generals return all but one starter from a team that finished number eleven in the country last year, and appear strong enough to claim a third straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship.

Wednesday, W&L scored the first nine goals of the game in the rout played at Mary Washington.

Junior Ande Jenkins scored four times and assisted on three other goals to lead the scoring. The attackman led the team with 28 goals last season to earn second-team All-ODAC honors.

Senior co-captain Scott Mackley also netted four goals, while junior Adam Butterworth found the net three times.

Andy Dutton, Shane McLaughlin, and Duncan Slidell scored twice each.

In goal, the Generals return a starting goalie for the first time since 1991. Sophomore Doug Gubner stopped six shots, allowing just two goals, in three quarters worth of work.

Gubner took over the starting duties early last season and saved over 58 percent of the shots he faced.

With such a solid returning squad, the 1995 Generals could be the best of coach Jim Stagnitta's six-year tenure.

Since arriving in 1990, Stagnitta's Generals have averaged a 10-4 record each season, earning three ODAC titles and two trips to the NCAA Tournament.

The '95 version has earned a preseason number seven ranking from College Sports Magazine, two spots behind conference rival Roanoke College.

However, W&L has beaten the Maroons each of the passed two seasons for the ODAC championship and will have the home-field edge when the two meet at mid-season.

The ODAC season will begin Saturday when the Generals travel to Hampden-Sydney for a 1:00 post-Fancy Dress battle.

W&L hopes to avenge last year's early season loss to the Tigers, their only conference loss of the season.

The following weekend, the action comes home to Wilson Field in the form of the second-annual Washington and Lee Tournament.

The Generals face ODAC opponent Randolph-Macon on March 11 at 3:00, following the opening game between Trinity (CT) and Swarthmore, a participant in last year's tournament.

The two winners will meet the next day at 3:00.

Overall, the Generals have one of their most difficult schedules ever. Nine of their 14 opponents were ranked in the Division III top 20 at some time last season, including three currently ranked in the top five by College Sports.

The road to the NCAA Tournament will be a rough one for the '95 Generals, but could prove to be their most rewarding.