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Faculty chooses winter Rush

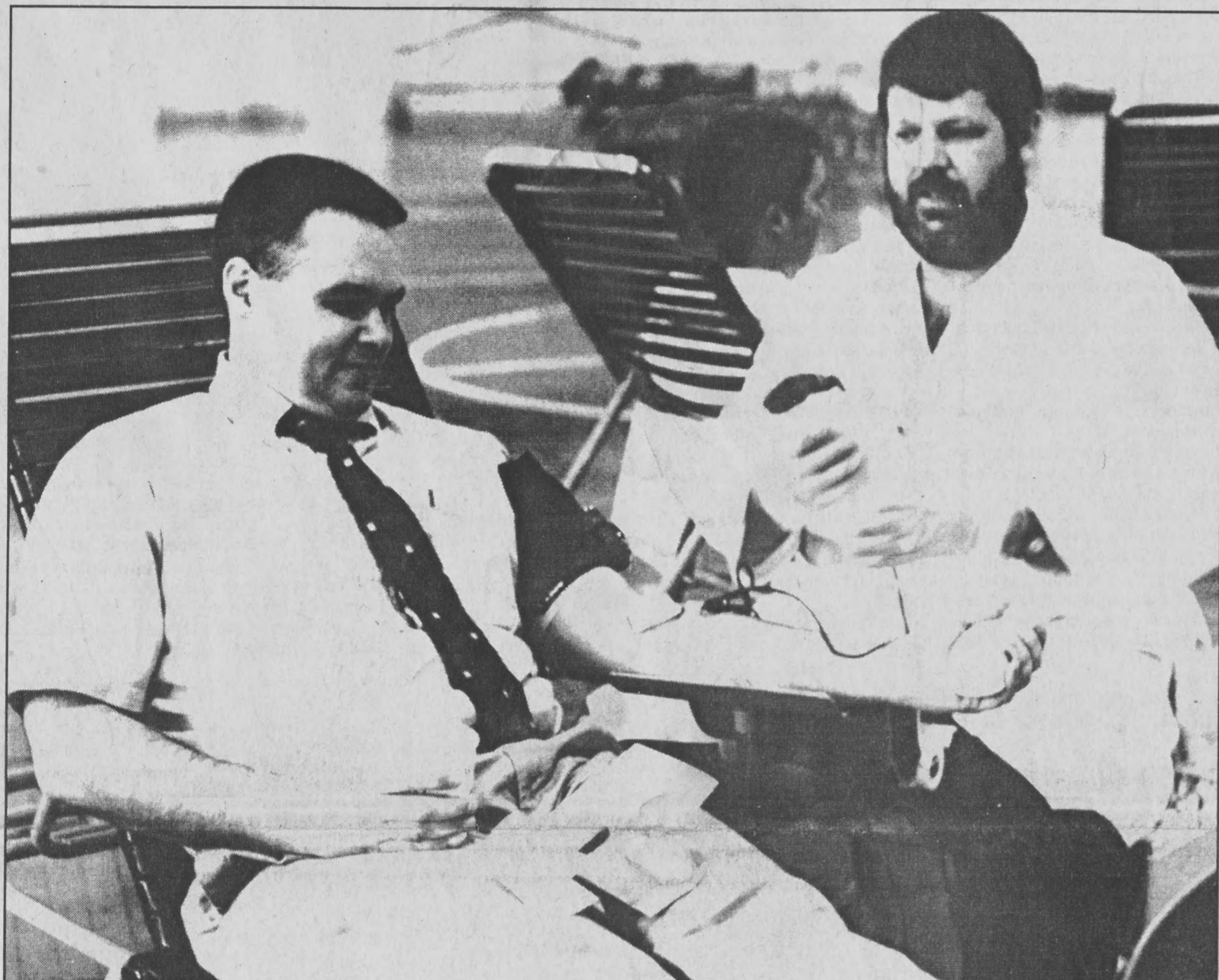


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Vote taken to gauge opinion, not to arrive at final decision

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee faculty members voted 83-3 in support of Winter Rush in a meeting Monday afternoon. The Student Affairs Committee requested the vote to get an idea of what the faculty thought about Winter Rush, said Executive Committee President Kevin Webb. He said the vote was taken simply to gauge opinion and not to implement Winter Rush next term. SAC members will make recommendations based on students' opinions at the April 3rd meeting. The faculty will make a final vote in May.

In a four-hour meeting at Dean of Students David Howison's house, SAC members voted unanimously to delay any consideration of Winter Rush for next year and approved the InterFraternity Council's condensed Fall Rush program. Under the new IFC plan, pledgship would be completed the week before Thanksgiving break, and initiation would occur in the first week of Winter Term.

Webb said the majority of faculty members supported Fall Rush for next year. He said Winter Rush would be impractical next year because of the Mock Convention and other events in the academic schedule.

Howison agreed but argued that Winter Rush would unify students and give freshmen more time to decide

on fraternities.

In a statement made at the faculty meeting, Professor of Physics H. Thomas Williams cited several documents, including the Coeducation Review Committee Final Report and a two year study conducted by the University of the South, as evidence that supported Winter Rush. He said the University of the South study surveyed 17 schools. Twelve of these schools had Winter Rush and had had no problems with it, he said. He said W&L should try Winter Rush. If it doesn't work, the university can always go back to the old system, he said.

IFC President Kevin Batteh said Winter Rush would distract freshmen from their studies. He said Winter Rush would hurt the house economically because most of their money comes from pledge dues. He said upperclassmen would be pressured to maintain house numbers. Fall Rush gives pledges access to upperclassmen who can help them with classes, Batteh said.

Panhellenic Council President Suzanne Sharp said it's important for Panhellenic to support Greek life. When 95 percent of men rush in the fall, a larger percentage of women will rush in the winter, she said.

Sophomore Kathleen Quirk said Winter Rush would be unfair to the freshmen. Freshmen would either feel isolated from the W&L social scene or

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Blood drive pulls into town

Chi Psi sponsored a blood drive on March 9. Scott Dittman was one of those who volunteered to give blood. See story on page two.

2500 travel to Paris for 88th Fancy Dress

By CHRISTINE GARNAVISH
Phi Staff Writer

Many W&L students making their first trip to Paris last Friday were awed by "Une Soiree Parisienne" with its art, flowers, music and even can-can dancers. Joe Frampton, head of the F.D. Steering Committee, was very pleased with results of this year's ball, giving special recognition to his fellow committee members and their efforts.

The committee, which had been working since early October, had a few months, a \$73,000 budget, and a great amount of creativity and devotion, making the 88th Annual Fancy Dress Ball one of the most successful in W&L history. Frampton estimates that about 2500 people turned out for the event, most of whom were W&L students and faculty.

Committee Vice-Chair Dan Felton agreed with "Paducah Joe" that the ball went "tremendously well," again giving credit to the hard-working committee. Felton felt that the success was due in large part to the fact that the members of the committee "clicked," though he jokingly remarked that the "can-can dancers were key."

He said many on the committee worked well over one hundred hours a piece, but noted that they "do for the joy that it brings to all the guests."

Felton further noted the astronomical sales of tickets and memorabilia over any past year. Fancy Dress T-shirts sold out twice, and upon arrival of the

reorder were sold out again within two hours. He felt attendance was partly due to this, because when people like the package they tend to purchase tickets more readily.

Most of the guests agree that Fancy Dress was a good experience and a lot of fun. One student, who asked that his name not be printed, remarked "It was great...what I remember of it." However, this year alcohol was not as great a problem as it had been in the past.

Head of W&L Security Mike Young complimented the student body on a "quiet, well-managed

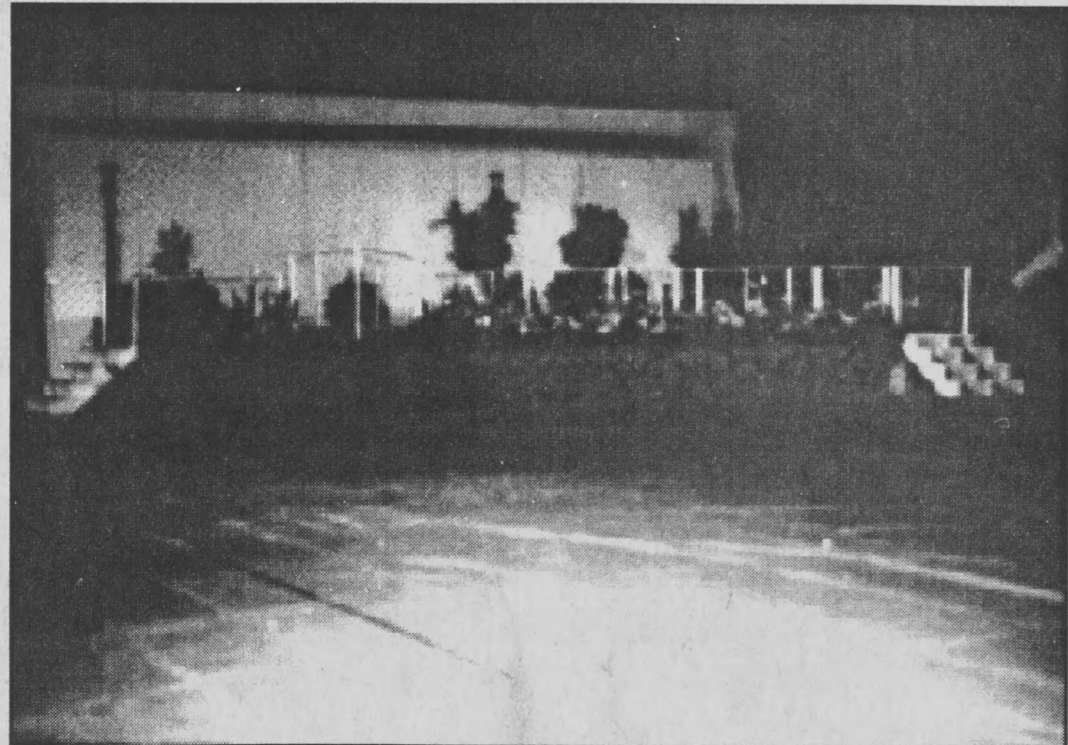
F.D. weekend," and was pleased to note the remarkably good behavior of the guests.

Lexington Chief of Police Bruce Beard agreed with Young, noting that there were no reports of vandalism or property damage.

He was "very pleased" with the outcome of the weekend, and extended his gratitude to the student body on behalf of himself and his department. He reminisced of "more aggressive" balls in years past, and was pleased to report that the only disciplinary problems brought to his attention were a handful of underage

drinking citations handled by the ABC Board.

The fraternities, always a prominent part of Fancy Dress weekend, also enjoyed great success. With nine band parties on Saturday alone, they were certainly very active, although none reported any problems. In fact, the only unusual occurrence noted was that Sigma Phi Epsilon had to move an outdoor event into the house due to dubious weather. Sig Ep President John Cox spoke of the success of fraternity activities, but also complimented the ball itself as a wonderful experience.



The garden was one of the many places couples could get their pictures taken at the Fancy Dress Ball.

Gorham wins run-off

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Staff Writer

Sophomore Amy Gorham won Thursday's run-off election for Secretary of the Executive Committee with 348 votes.

Monday's election put her in a run-off with junior Graham Frey. Also during Monday's election, Keith Benedict '96L won the presidential race, Bob Turner ran unopposed for Vice-President, and Madeline White ran unopposed for Student Conduct Committee Chair, or President of the Senior class.

Vote totals for Executive Committee elections

President		
Keith Benedict	530	Robert Nelson 210
Vice President		
Robert Turner	607	
Secretary		
Amy Gorham	348	Graham Frey 232
Student Conduct Committee Chair		
Madeline White	588	

\$3 million gift brings W&L closer to campaign goal

By ETHAN KRUPP
Phi News Editor

The contributions President John Wilson and his wife, Anne, have made to Washington and Lee University were recognized by a \$3 million gift to the University from Frances and Sydney Lewis.

The Lewises, of Richmond, Va., are the co-founders of Best Products Inc. and benefactors of W&L.

"This gift is to honor the service John and Anne Wilson have given so competently and devotedly to Washington and Lee over the past 13 years," the Lewises said in a statement announcing the gift last Saturday at the Board of Trustees meeting.

The gift was revealed by Board of Trustees Rector A. Stevens Miles when he interrupted a report by Gerry Lenfest on gifts to the University. The gift caught Wilson totally off guard. "I just sat there, stunned," he said.

The \$3 million, which will be used for scholar-

ships and financial aid, is the latest gift from the Lewises. They have been some of the University's most generous benefactors in the last 20 years. In 1972, they gave W&L \$9 million for the construction of a new law school. They also donated an additional \$3 million over the years to support an addition to the law school to hold the papers of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, establish honor scholarships, and help other philanthropic efforts of W&L.

Wilson said the gift helped W&L approach the \$31 million dollar goal for student financial endowment, a main target of the "On The Shoulders of Giants" campaign.

Sydney Lewis graduated from W&L in 1940 and received his law degree from the law school in 1943. Lewis and his wife have both served as Trustees.

Wilson said he would like to spend his final months at W&L seeing "this campaign go smashing through the top." He said the gift from the Lewises was a substantial help.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World

Walesa swears in new Cabinet

On Monday, President Lech Walesa swore in Poland's new Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Jozef Olesky. The Cabinet is the country's sixth since the communists fell in 1989. Olesky is the first former communist to lead the government since 1989. The Cabinet has promised to sign Poland's 1995 budget.

Ground assault expected in Chechnya

Russian forces seized a key stretch of road in southwest Chechnya earlier in the week. Forces maintained rocket and artillery fire on the rebel-held neighboring town of Achkhoy Martan. Now that Russia controls this key portion of the road and has weakened the southern region of Chechnya, a ground assault is expected. Due to their concern about the continued fighting, the European Union has delayed signing a major trade deal with Moscow.

Estonia elects conservative parliament

Many of the young liberals who have been pushing for radical change in Estonia lost Monday's parliamentary election to older, more cautious politicians. This conservative group is spearheaded by Tiit Vahi, who supports the free market, but hopes to form a stronger social safety net than that which existed under the young free market radicals.

New alliances in former Yugoslavia

Croatia formed a military alliance with the Croat-Muslim Federation in Bosnia yesterday. The alliance will give military support to the movement against Serb rebels in both Croatia and Bosnia. Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, has ordered 12,000 U.N. troops out of Croatia by March 31. He attributes the Croatian government's failure to win back territory from the rebel Serbs to the U.N. peacekeeping troops presence.

The Nation

Supreme Court rules on employee benefits

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Monday that standard benefit plan wording that gives a company the right to amend the plan is valid. The court ruled in favor of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, which cancelled the health benefits of retired non-union employees of a Wood-Ridge, New Jersey plant which closed in 1983 because of declining business.

Gingrich protested at Washington hotel

Five hundred demonstrators protesting changes in the school lunch program broke into a ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel yesterday. Gingrich was supposed to speak to 2,000 representatives from the National Association of Counties. His speech was canceled after protest began.

Hillary Rodham Clinton to announce literacy

Hillary Rodham Clinton observed International Women's Day by announcing an initiative to increase female literacy. The announcement was made at the United Nations forum marking the observance of International Women's Day. Rodham Clinton also hopes to help more girls in developing countries to finish primary school.

The State

Tribe to regain land

The Episcopal Church announced on Monday that it will donate seven acres of land at the base of Bear Mountain to the Monacan Indian Tribe. The Monacans have lived along the Blue Ridge Mountains for thousand of years. With the sacred land, the tribe will also regain a tribal meeting center and a mission schoolhouse where the Monacans were once educated.

Rally held in support of gay rights activist

About three hundred people met in a Norfolk church on Sunday to show their support for gay rights activist Mel White. White, 54, is on his fourth week of a hunger strike in the Virginia Beach city jail. Minister White was arrested on February 15th for trespassing at the Christian Broadcasting Network compound at Virginia Beach in an attempt to meet Pat Robertson. White has said he will continue to strike until Robertson agrees to meet with him to discuss Robertson's negative views on homosexuality.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Bethany Bauman

Hot Zone author offers to take out Boston

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Staff Writer

A nervous laugh followed by silence fell over the Lee Chapel audience as author Richard Preston held up the tiny capsule.

The pinhead-sized black speck in the center contained a tiny piece of liver infected with the deadly virus, Ebola Zaire.

"There's enough Ebola in here to wipe out one million people. We could do Boston," said Preston.

The acclaimed author of the best-selling book, *The Hot Zone*, spoke Thursday night to a packed audience about his novel which described an Ebola outbreak in a monkey house in Reston, Virginia.

Ebola is the extremely lethal virus that has the international science community baffled and terrified.

Since Ebola's origins are unknown and separate strains effect similar species differently, the virus remains a mystery to epidemiologists, those who study viruses.

While the Reston strain of Ebola wiped out the monkeys in the monkey house, humans were unaffected.

However, the Ebola Zaire and Sudan strains have been known to wipe out entire African villages. More frightening still is that these strains are airborne and can spread among human populations quickly.

Ebola kills its victim by liquefying flesh, turning organs into giant blood clots, and causing the body to bleed from every orifice.

This process is known as "crashing and bleeding out."

The enigmatic and violent nature of Ebola makes it one of the most serious biological time bombs ever.

The United States had a near brush with an Ebola outbreak when monkeys inside a monkey house began crashing and bleeding out. The military quarantined the building, euthanized the monkeys, and destroyed all contents within the building. The disaster was avoided

with little media attention.

Enter Richard Preston. He stumbled across the story while talking to virologists who were familiar with Reston. He knew he stumbled in to any reporter's gold mine — a great and little-known story.

"Coming across an explosive story is like digging rocks and finding an enormous cave lit only by your flashlight," Preston said.

The reporter uses his "flashlight" to gain knowledge and eventually know the story like the back of his hand.

After extensive research, Preston delivered *The Hot Zone*. The book was fantastically successful. This week it appeared at #3 on the bestseller list of *The Wall Street Journal* and at #2 on the bestseller list of the *New York Times*.

Preston responded to questions about critics who claim the book was a plea to prevent the destruction of the rain forests. (Preston hypothesized that Ebola originated in the rain forest and infected the human population when humans destroyed its habitat.)

"This book wasn't meant to stop the devastation of the rain forests. It was not written for political purposes," said Preston.

Preston also explained his theory that viruses lethal to the human population are nature's way of thinning out an expanding species nearing capacity.

"AIDS is not a natural accident. Rather it's a part of a continuous process of disease emergence. It's nature's way of controlling the human population," said Preston.

Preston spoke on "biopolitics" as well. When Ebola broke in Reston, the Center for Disease Control and the U.S. military argued over which agency would be responsible for managing the crisis. Both believed they had jurisdiction. Eventually, a compromise was reached: the C.D.C. would deal with the human component of Ebola, and the military would handle the monkey house.

In addition to government agencies, individuals can battle with biopolitics.



Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi
Richard Preston shows off the gas mask he wore for protection from the deadly Ebola virus.

This was the case with the discovery of the HIV virus. Both French researchers of the Louis Pasteur Institute and Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Institute of Health claimed discovery of the virus. After intense negotiations, they agreed to share the discovery.

Preston added his belief that biopolitics is in the best interest of the American people.

"It's better to have two government agencies fighting over a crisis than for them not to care at all," said Preston.

Preston also said he believes an AIDS vaccine will not come soon because of the hyper mutation the virus undergoes while in the body.

"A person may die of an HIV strain

completely different from the strain she caught," said Preston.

When asked about a hypothetical widespread outbreak of Ebola, Preston does not anticipate a rosy scenario.

"The U.S. would revert to 18th century medicine of quarantine and flight. Those infected would be shut off from the healthy world, while the healthy would flee the cities for less populated areas of the country," said Preston.

Richard Preston was graduated from Pomona College in 1977 and received his Ph.D. in 1983 from Princeton University. He contributes regularly to *The New Yorker*. He has also wrote a book about the cosmos and one about the steel industry.

Creative Dating arrives at W&L

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

A dating seminar next week could impact the Washington and Lee hook-up scene.

The Creative Dating Workshop will be held in Dupont Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by Student Activities Coordinator Michelle Richardson, Cable 9 Dating Game, Women's Forum and Panhellenic Council.

The Creative Dating Workshop was started in 1985 by Xavier University Student Activities Director David Coleman, said Christine Ivanov, the promoting and booking agent for the program. Coleman developed the program after students asked him for inexpensive and fun activities that didn't involve alcohol.

Richardson said she thought the workshop would help students socialize and meet people without alcohol.

"I thought it would be interesting because Washington and Lee has a reputation for not dating."

Senior and Channel 2 Dating Game host Chris Albert said the workshop sounded like a fun activity.

"Creative Dating might give a new perspective on dating on a small campus in a small town."

Ivanov said the program's main goal is to give students realistic options on how to improve their relationships, whether romantic or platonic. Students, particularly freshmen, are afraid to get involved in school activities.

"Students often get stuck in a rut," she said. "They get fixed on one social idea. We try to get them while they're young."

Ivanov said the program is tailored for each campus. Creative Dating tries to get presenters who have a feel for a particular school's social scene, she said. Issues such as AIDS and alcohol abuse might be more emphasized at one campus than others, she said.

She said new ideas are always generated from campus visits. Creative Dating does a 100 colleges, she said. She estimated that they've visited 50,000 students in approximately 48 states since 1985. She said they're working on visiting Hawaii and Alaska.

Ivanov said the program is interactive and lasts an hour and a half. Students participate in various activities and see slides. She said the program is sensitive to the political climate of a school while at the same time helping students improve their relationships.

"We respect each campus's philosophy, but we still get the message across."

Bad weather stops some bloodmobiles, makes W&L visit important

By LORI RAMSEY
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On Thursday, March 9, a Bloodmobile was held in Doremus Gym. The Bloodmobile was held by the American Red Cross and sponsored by Chi Psi.

According to Red Cross Donor Resources Consultant Emalee Hall of Roanoke, "blood supplies are horribly low." Her bloodmobile covers 43 counties and lost 80 units of blood Wednesday when two Bloodmobiles had to be canceled due to snowy weather. Another Bloodmobile had to be canceled Thursday.

Between 250 and 300 units of blood are needed daily and the cancellation of a bloodmobile seri-

ously hinders the supply.

Hall said that 27% of donated blood comes from high schools and colleges.

"The majority of students who start donating in school continue the habit throughout their life," she added.

The goal for Washington and Lee for the day was 100 units. By early afternoon Hall estimated that the Bloodmobile had collected around 35 units of blood.

Freshman Mary New gave blood Thursday. "It was fun," she said. "I had tried once before and was unable to give. It was a good experience. I hope my blood comes in handy for someone."

It takes between 45 minutes and an hour to give blood. The Bloodmobile comes twice a year - once in the fall and once in the spring.

Faculty indicates it wants winter Rush

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feel more pressure from fraternity men to join a house. She thinks winter Rush would produce smaller pledge classes and would essentially mean an entire term of Rush.

Assistant Professor of Politics Mark Rush said he hasn't heard any good arguments for keeping Fall Rush. He said there is no reason not to go to winter Rush. He said the argument that winter Rush would hurt fraternities is a non-argument.

"I don't see how fraternities are going to suffer from non-fraternity options," he said. "Competition is competition."

Other students stressed the need for

student autonomy.

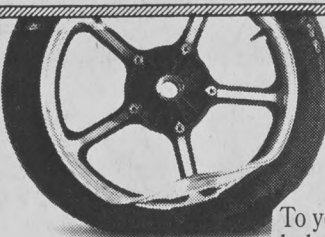
"I think it's up to the student body to decide what's right for them," said senior Yabiz Sedghi.

Senior Goose Garrigus agreed. "I think it's important to get faculty members' opinions," she said, "but the students' opinions should be more important."

Webb said it was important to get faculty members' opinions on winter Rush to give the student body a chance to respond.

Webb said he wants students and faculty to work together instead of against each other on winter Rush.

"Student autonomy is the most important characteristic of W&L," he said. "We shouldn't take that away from the students."



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The Shawshank Redemption explores issues with poise, concern



The Shawshank Redemption - ☆☆☆ 1/2

The Shawshank Redemption is another movie that sprang stillborn from the studio; it has received very little attention from the public. However, when it was nominated for several Oscars, including Best Picture, I decided to give it a try. Although it might be difficult to find in a theater, go see it soon, before it disappears.

The prison-break genre has produced some of the best movies ever made, such as *Papillon* or *The Great Escape*. The Shawshank Redemption is in the same tradition and richly deserves a place alongside those earlier films.

As usual, the protagonist is a man wrongly convicted, this time for killing his adulterous wife and her lover. But Andrew Dufresne (Tim Robbins) is more than just innocent; he is also a clever and persistent man who was once a bank vice-president.

When he arrives at Shawshank Prison in Maine, he quickly becomes something of a loner and makes enemies. When he finally gets around to talking to someone, he develops a friendship with Ellis "Red" Redding (Morgan Freeman), the man-who-can-get-things. Dealing in the currency of Lucky Strikes and Chesterfields, Freeman is a respected man in prison circles, as far as these things go.

When the prison warden (corrupt, naturally) discovers that Robbins is 'good with numbers,' he decides to make use of his free labor. First the warden just has Robbins do his taxes, then all the guards' taxes, and eventually Robbins is doing taxes for most state employees within the region.

But then the warden gets grander ideas. He decides to go into business using convict labor — not just Robbins but other prisoners as well. Eventually the warden is getting so many kickbacks and bribes that he develops intricate bank accounts, fake companies, and even phantom partners to launder all the dirty money. Behind the whole house of cards is, of course, Robbins.

But the plot simply serves as a framework to explore a number of interesting issues: the walls of prison and the walls of the soul; acquiescence and anticipation; pity and sorrow; joy and failure; displacement and familiarity; the innocence and guilt of both men and their system; and, most importantly, hope and resignation.

So what really drives the movie is not the direction (though Frank Darabont does a fine job) nor the story line (adapted from a Stephen King story), but the wonderful acting that fills out the very human characters. For example, Tim Robbins (*The Player*) is very expressive as Andy Dufresne.

However, even better than Robbins is Morgan Freeman (*Unforgiven*, *Driving Miss Daisy*) as Red. This is Freeman's third Oscar nomination, and he richly deserves to win. Admittedly his character is sympathetic and likable, but we shouldn't allow that to lessen the power of his acting.

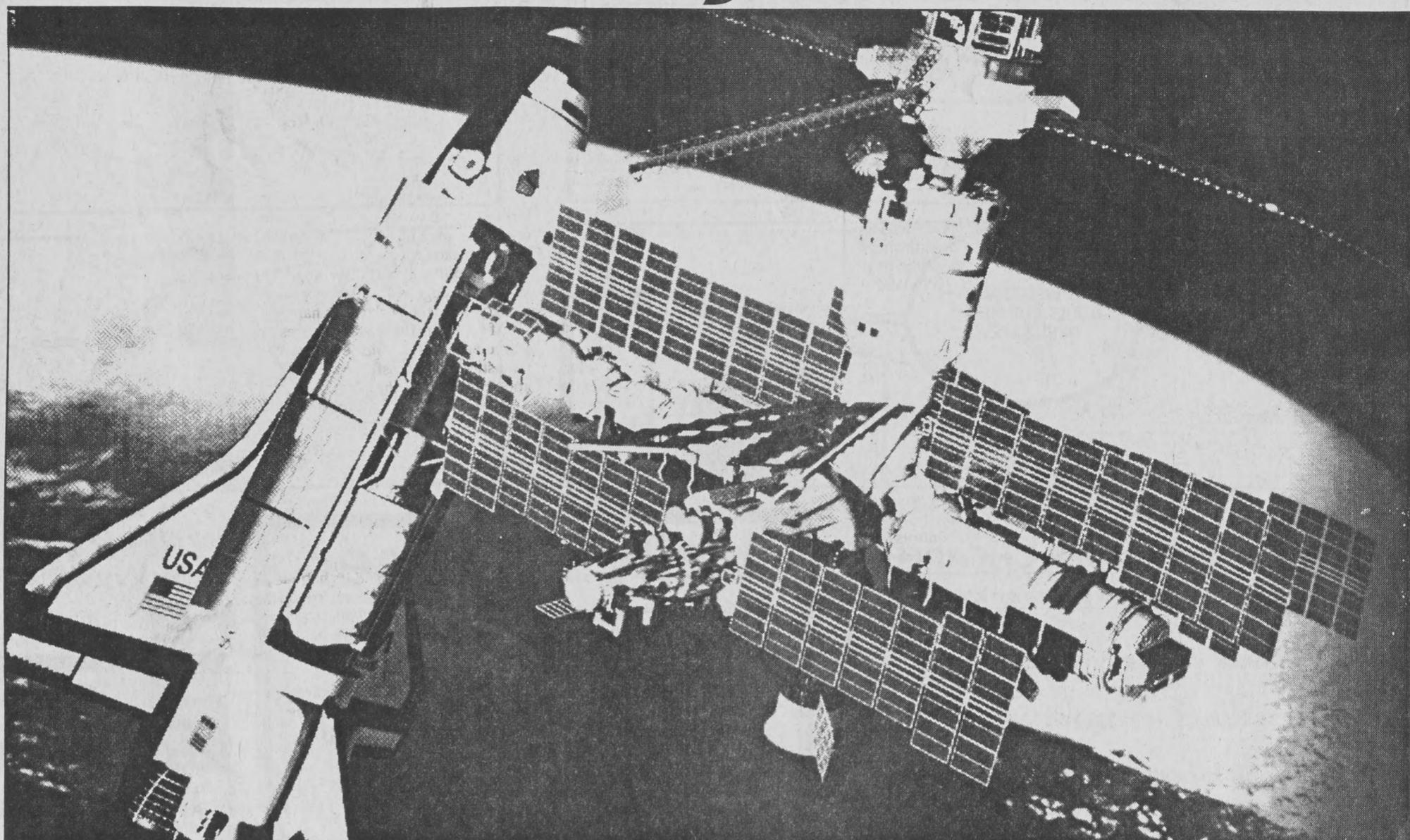
He carries on with a certain monarchical wisdom and dignity; his character is unflappable. This makes his occasional outbursts all the more powerful. Freeman is so refined and reserved he is able to make his narration at the beginning of the film work, instead of being a shoddy excuse for character development.

It's interesting to look at the Oscar field this year. Both *Forrest Gump* and *The Shawshank Redemption* are 'feel-good' films, full of sentimentality and weepy emotion — almost maudlin. It is amazing to see that the lesser (by far) of these two films received so many more nominations (by far); could the Academy have been swayed by the fact that *Gump* was a greater commercial success (by far)?

The Shawshank Redemption explores a number of issues with poise and carefully-ordered concern, keeping it all together within a coherent story populated with superb acting. This is a film you will not want to miss on the big screen. It is definitely worth a drive to Roanoke or Lynchburg or wherever; and it is also worthy of a few Oscars this year. Let's just hope that the Academy agrees.

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.)



Art by John Frassanito and Associates

Soviet space station *Mir* and Shuttle rendezvous and dock in the first stage of a planned cooperative effort between the United States and Russia — and other international partners — in the creation of an international space station.

Sagan's cosmic visions captivate the imagination

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
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"On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies...every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there — on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

In *Pale Blue Dot*, Carl Sagan describes the vision of a human impact on the Cosmos.

The book begins, however, by debunking many ancient and modern predisposition regarding the Universe.

In what Sagan calls "The Great Demotions," he outlines how we have come from being the center of the Universe and the ultimate reason

for Creation, to mere passengers on a ship that might not even be the only springboard for life in the Cosmos.

With scientific logic, Sagan details the changes that must take place within our civilization before we can truly reach out to the stars.

Without global cooperation, many of the long term goals for space exploration will be unattainable.

In his unique style of making science attainable to the average reader, Sagan lists the triumphs of the Voyager probes (including the pictures from beyond the Solar System of the planets that sparked the beginning passage) and other exploratory missions to the stars.

Sagan has completed another successful step in educating the public about space and science in general.

One of the key elements in the book, although sometimes a bit subtle, is Sagan's optimism for the human species.

Despite gloomy predictions from some, he states the possibilities for our clan as we attempt to catch up with the technology we have created.

One example of our possibility lies in the Voyager probe itself.

For a civilization finding the craft at some time in the future, the ship would represent to them a culture that was curious, exploratory and open-minded.

While now this may not be the case, Sagan

presents the possibility that it may be the case; once we learn how to cope with our abilities, we may attain that level.

"There are people who were born before there was such a thing as an airplane, and who in old age saw four ships launched to the stars.

For all our failings, despite our limitations and fallibilities, we humans are capable of greatness."

Sagan, a master at bringing science to the

attention of the general public, has possibly improved upon his immensely popular *Cosmos* with *Pale Blue Dot*.

The book also does an excellent job of confronting some of the physics behind modern space exploration without either glossing over it or going into esoteric detail.

Most would hope that we survive to see some of Sagan's predictions for our future come to pass.

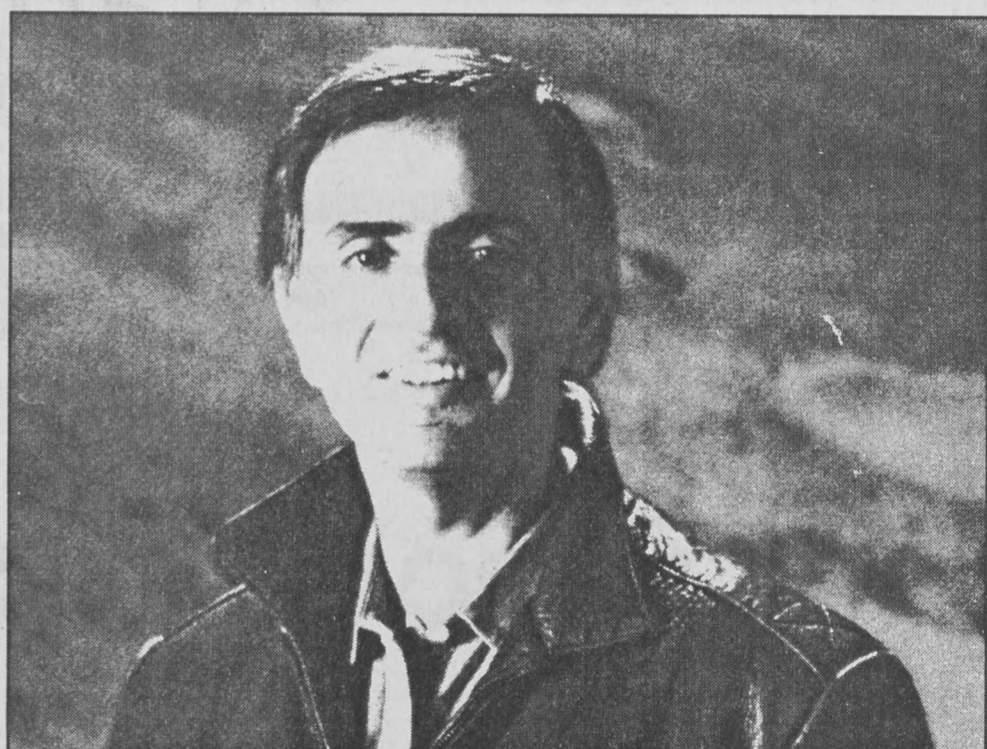


Publicity Photo

In the long awaited sequel to *Cosmos*, Sagan once again does his best to capture the minds and imaginations of his readers.

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Publicity Photo

Pulitzer Prize winner Carl Sagan probes the Universe, continuing the scientific voyage begun in *Cosmos*, which appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list for seventy weeks.

Farai Chideya debunks cultural misinformation

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

When former Clinton nominee, Lani Guinier, spoke at Lee Chapel a few weeks ago, she noted how much of our political discourse is dominated by "drive-by debating."

When discussing social ills, we, as Americans, tend to buy quick explanations without realizing the issue may be more complicated than we expect.

Ofentimes, politicians throw out labels like "welfare queen", "quota queen", etc. to stir up controversy and no one questions what these labels mean or even if they reflect reality.

Farai Chideya, author of *Don't Believe The Hype: Fighting Cultural Misinformation About African-Americans*, debunks many of the popular notions about African-American life with a wealth of statistics and facts culled from various sources.

Chideya paints a media that finds it easier to rely on racial stereotypes instead of attempting to find the truth.

The newspapers tend to focus on the negative aspects of African-American life instead of doing more positive stories.

Although stories on welfare invariably show blacks receiving assistance, she points out that in sheer numbers, whites make up the majority of welfare recipients.

Newt Gingrich and company may complain about the evils of the "liberal welfare system", but Chideya points out that welfare takes up less than one percent of the federal budget.

She also criticizes Charles Murray's *The Bell Curve*, arguing that a number of factors affect one's place in society.

"In fact, intelligence is not an absolute quantity at birth, but depends on a combination of genetics and environment, especially the level of stimulation given babies and toddlers while the brain is developing.

By some estimates, the majority of Americans with mental retardation are not born that way but suffer permanent neurological damage



as a result of being understimulated—for example, being left alone in their cribs all day without being frequently touched and spoken to...A whole host of factors

rather than urban renewal. They don't see much value in reporting on people who work hard to provide for their families and preserve a future for their children and

grand-children. Yet, this underreporting of positive things occurring in the black community creates a climate where racial stereotypes flourish.

The media further concentrate their attention on crime and drug usage among blacks when the majority of violent crime and drug usage is committed by whites.

Yet, Chideya never point this out. Whenever the newspapers or T.V. station does a story on drug use, it invariably shows blacks—not whites.

Stories on welfare depict blacks even when the reporter admits that the vast majority of welfare recipients are white.

What Chideya points out is a unfortunate reality in journalism.

Some reporters find it easier to write about urban decay

rather than urban renewal.

They don't see much value in reporting on people who work hard to provide for their families and preserve a future for their children and

grand-children. Yet, this underreporting of positive things occurring in the black community creates a climate where racial stereotypes flourish.

One of the problems is low percentage of black reporters on predominantly white newspapers.

Forty-five percent of all newspapers have no non-white employees, and black journalists make up only 5 percent of all newspaper reporters.

Chideya says this partly accounts for the shoddy coverage of the black community.

The other reason is the sheer refusal of some newspapers to simply become more sensitive in covering minority communities.

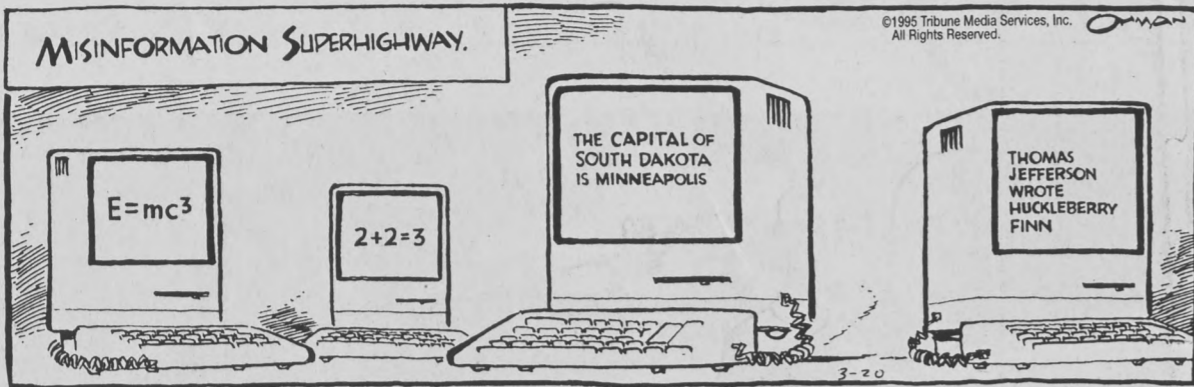
Chideya, a former journalist for *Newsweek*, offers a striking picture of black community that is often ignored by the mainstream media. She gives clear and insightful explanations about affirmative action, crime, welfare, political correctness and multiculturalism.

Although the book is full of statistics, Chideya never allows herself to be bogged down with numbers. Like any journalist, she writes so that the ordinary reader can understand.

This is an informative and important book. As Chideya makes clear, no one can discuss the fractious issue of race relations until one has the facts. This book goes a long way in demystifying the hype.

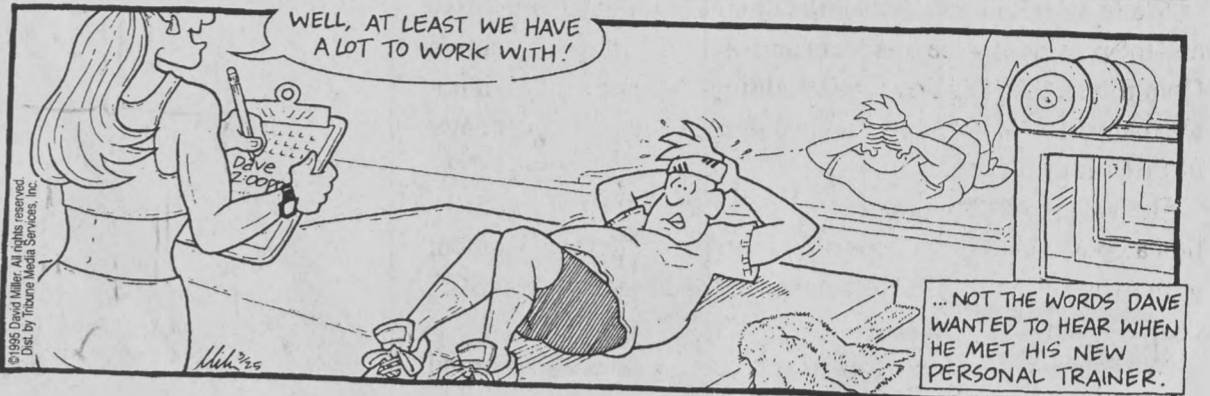
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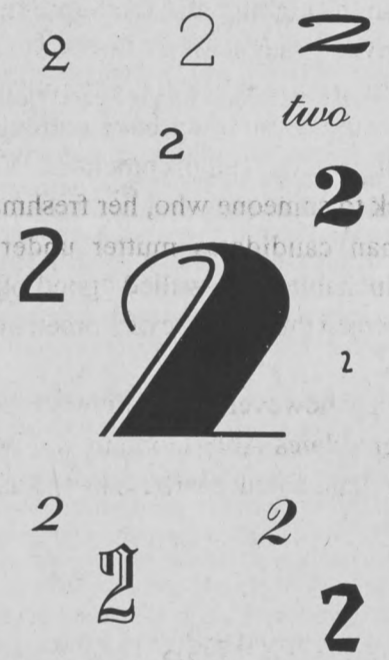
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Gender equity at W&L?

Only a short 10 years after women began walking down the colonnade for purposes other than social ones, we have achieved something that one alumnus told me would never happen; gender equity in Washington and Lee's hallowed "Big Four."

Made up of the chairman of the Student Conduct Committee and the president, vice president and secretary of the Executive Committee, the "Big Four" has traditionally been mostly, if not all, male. In fact, only one woman has ever been a holder of any of these four offices.

But today, for the first time in the short history of coeducation at W&L, two of the four offices are being held by women; with Amy Gorham as EC secretary and Madeline White as SCC chairwoman.

Women have had no trouble becoming an academic and social force at W&L, and in fact have become campus leaders in many respects on the campus (the publications, for instance, are virtually monopolized by women) but have been very slow to become political leaders. Many times in recent years, there have been very well-respected and experienced women candidates for offices, but every time but one they failed.

Of course, no woman has yet been able to achieve the highest office at W&L, that of EC president, but as one student pointed out, the ratio of men to women in the Big Four now outweighs the ratio of men to women at Washington and Lee.

Many female alumni of W&L darkly predicted that this day would never come; the campus, they said, was too traditional, too conservative, too Southern, to let such a thing ever happen. But the "gentlemen" at Washington and Lee have let two women into their ranks, and we can only praise the progress the campus has made.

We are not sure to whom the credit is due in this unprecedented step, but we must be grateful. Washington and Lee is now more equitable than the United States government, all U.S. business schools, the corner offices of Fortune 500 companies, leadership positions in administration at virtually every university in the country and the Supreme Court, to name a few.

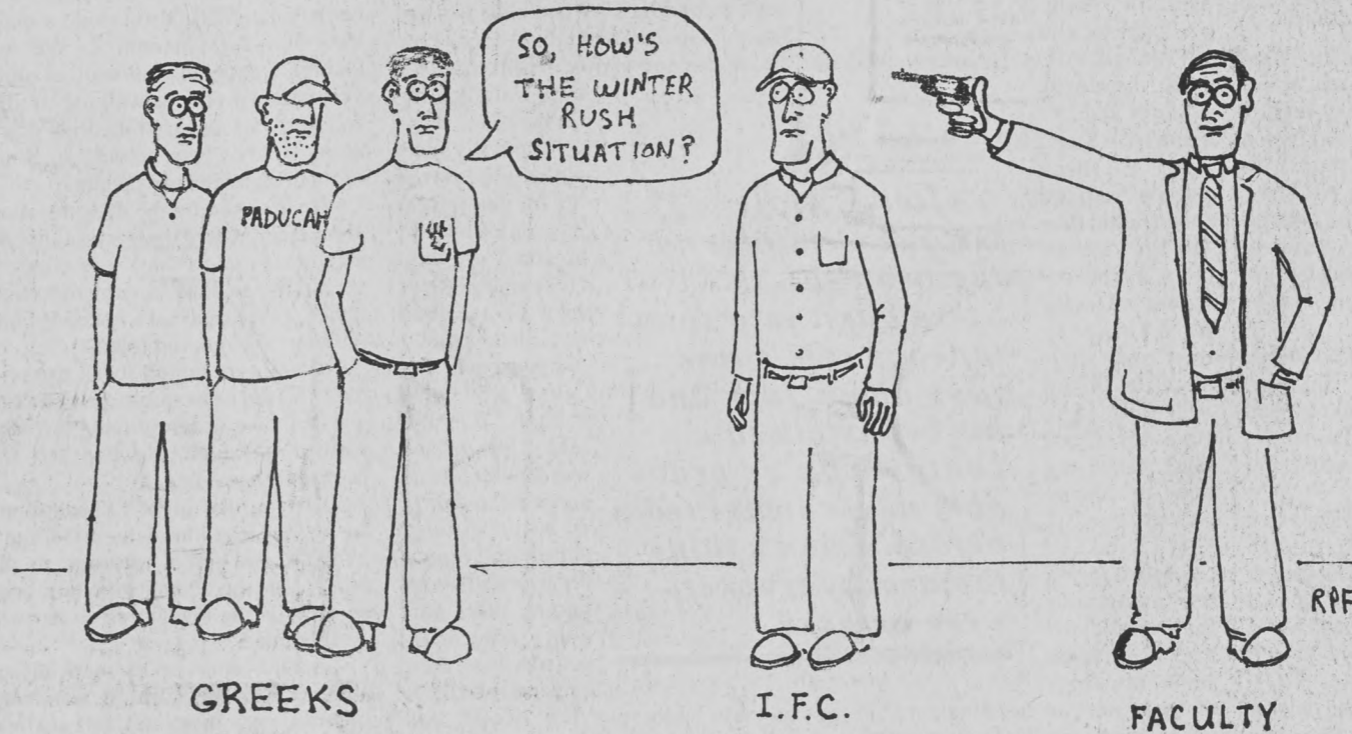
Never thought of it that way, did you? The women at Washington and Lee are only roughly one-third of the population, but we certainly have nothing to complain about in the small protected environment of W&L politics. It is almost a shock to someone who, her freshman year, listened to losing woman candidates mutter under their breaths about the unflinchable, iron-walled "good ol' boy" network which had prevented the entrance of women into anything but their social lives.

It is, however, a positive shock, and *The Ring-tum Phi* congratulates Amy Gorham and Madeline White, as well as their male counterparts. Like the ad says, you've come a long way.

Quote of the Week...

"It's kind of like seeing someone at the gym...it's never the same again."

Assistant professor of politics Eduardo Velasquez commenting on seeing students at Fancy Dress



Debt protest not worth consequences

MELISSA SAWYER, '97

Analysts are increasingly certain that we are not going to balance the budget now, so I have decided not to balance my checkbook this month. Of course, the guy with the flaccid face and startling blue eyes in the painting above my library carrel is trying to remind me of a vast procedure we ordinary citizens must endure in such circumstances. Should I really fear the cold check committee, the bank, the credit card companies, the collection agencies, and most of all my parents so much that I would be afraid to commit an act of civil disobedience in not paying my debts?

Unfortunately, my position would not be so gracefully received as one protesting other forms of injustice. Perhaps in all honesty I must admit that even I would hesitate to compare my deliberate refusal to further participate in the payment aspect of my consump-

tion to those who have fought to end the terrorism of their nation or the oppression of their group. My action may even seem petty and criminal on the surface; however, couldn't I justify it as a protest against the slow theft of my future by a degenerating government?

Frankly there is nothing strictly prohibiting me from forsaking my debts as the U.S. government has done for so long. Only that I, unlike the government,

must suffer the consequences of my action in both a short-term and long-term way. Aside from my initial fear of arrest and prosecution under the current "well-ordering of society" laws, I would have to brace myself against the criticisms of a society which demands the independent assumption of one's bur-

den and the fulfillment of all contractual obligation. In the United States, the unlawful dissent of one man causes

an unmitigated threat to our institutions and leaders. I become that felon and extortionist, a woman who lived above her means and shirked her financial obligations, one who hoped to make other decent hardworking people pay for her leisure. I am no longer the proud resistance to a hypocritical regime.

My consequences are not limited to the short-term. I will ever after be criticized on loan applications for my poor credit, on job applications for my criminal record, and on a myriad of country club and AA surveys for my irresponsibility to society.

So, I am paralyzed by a system that needs few laws to appreciate its full effect, and I am not so great or independent as Thoreau or Martin Luther King, who found enough intrinsic worth in the message of their disobedience to justify their action. I, on the other hand, must continue to be thankful that the co-op makes a thirty percent profit, that my long distance only costs more to call in-state, and that I will be out of my educational debt by the time I am fifty.

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Court trip means more than classwork

FAR MIDDLE
ALEX CHRISTENSEN

Last Tuesday night around 11:30 p.m., after laboriously--er, at least carefully--preparing a presentation for Philosophy class the next day, I got a call from Andrew Schneider, undergrad president of the ACLU. It seemed he and the law school ACLU president had reservations for seats to watch oral arguments in the case of *Rosenberger v. University of Virginia* at the Supreme Court the next day. But the law school-side president was sick.

Now, this presented an obvious dilemma. I had three classes the next day. I had a quiz in Religion, plus that Philosophy presentation.

Actually, thinking about it now, I probably wouldn't call it a "dilemma," exactly. I called to leave a message on my Religion professor's voice-mail. Surprisingly, at midnight, he answered his office phone, so I was able to explain the situation to him and arrange to take the quiz later. My Philosophy professor, however, was apparently not even on the voice-mail system, so I wrote an explanatory note and left it on his door right before we left--at 4:30 Wednesday morning.

The Supreme Court is truly beautiful. I can't tell you if it's really architecturally significant, or even well designed, but it is beautiful. Climbing up those marble steps (especially walking slightly arrogantly past the waiting throng who somehow did not get reservations) is a feeling essentially indescribable. Black-and-white pictures of Thurgood Marshall and Linda Brown headed in for *Board of Education*, Sarah Weddington on her way to *Roe*, Gregory Lee Johnson burning his flag right...there!...Well, it's a place where justice is done--or has been done.

Ronald Rosenberger was a student at the University of Virginia when he started *Wide Awake* Productions to publish student views from a Christian perspective. A first-issue letter from the editor stated their aim as challenging students to walk in the way of the Lord. Rosenberger applied to the student council for funding of his magazine. The council funds 118 groups each year, including those published by Jewish and Muslim student groups. *Wide Awake* was denied its \$5800 request on the grounds that it violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Rosenberger sued. The 4th Circuit sided with the University of Virginia. On Halloween, 1994, the Supreme Court granted *certiorari*, setting the stage for, as Pat Buchanan might describe it if he were a liberal hothead instead of a reactionary one, one of the greatest acts of legal cross-dressing in history.

Professor Michael McConnell of the University of Chicago, a former Brennan clerk, argued the case for Ronald Rosenberger. In line with recent Supreme Court decisions occasioned by suits brought by agents of the Religious Right, he made the case that speech is speech, whether religious, anti-religious or non-religious, and that presenting Christian viewpoints

was just as valid and worthy of funding as any other viewpoint. Essentially, he said, the case boiled down to nothing more than viewpoint discrimination. If the University of Virginia wished to sponsor efforts at student journalism, it should do so no matter what the content of the speech.

In my opinion, McConnell's formulation is bogus. To say that funding every kind of speech except the religious (and as an extension, the blatantly anti-religious) treats religion in a somehow less than neutral way simply ignores the First Amendment. Giving money to a religious activity clearly violates the establishment clause. McConnell's argument that funding the Muslim and Jewish groups' publications pointed up some logical flaw is incorrect as well. They did not advocate religious practices or living a religious life as *Wide Awake* clearly did. A question from the team of Justices Souter and Scalia pointed this out; it forced the University of Virginia through its representative, Professor John Jeffries, Jr. of the University of Virginia, a former clerk for W&L's own Lewis Powell, to admit that their standards would permit funding of a hypothetical journal that dealt with issues in Christianity without advocating (or campaigning against) any of Christianity's tenets. I believe that in going any further, the government would step into a gray, foggy realm in which it may be directly manipulated by religion.

Surprisingly, Jeffries barely touched on this argument in his presentation for the University of Virginia. He started out simply, and exclusively, making the argument that with a limited budget, the student council simply could not fund everyone. Therefore, they must be permitted to make

their choices. This was a disastrous way to begin his argument. The justices immediately jumped on him for it. Discrimination by a public university is not permitted. Jeffries seemed to be making the case that the council could pick and choose on any basis at all, which might include religion, sex, race, or hated viewpoint. After that losing skirmish, Jeffries recovered admirably, assisted by Justice O'Connor, who seemed really to want to hear a strong argument here, and made the case that *Wide Awake* was not merely a magazine presenting a Christian viewpoint, but really a proselytizing publication, in essence a religious activity simply defined, and therefore ineligible to be funded.

Jeffries made some strong points that seemed to be well taken by the justices, but McConnell was, overall, smoother and more in-control logically.

Luckily, oral arguments are not necessarily the defining moment in deciding cases. The Court will consider this case and should come out with a ruling by June. There is really very little predicting with any accuracy that can be done. Voting to uphold the 4th Circuit ruling against Rosenberger will almost certainly be Justices Stevens, Ginsburg and perhaps Breyer. Voting to overturn will almost certainly be Justices Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas. So the deciding votes will belong to Justices O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter. While this Court does not have a stellar record in upholding the separation of church and state, they have also exhibited a tendency to swing back to tradition and precedent after too long a radicalization, as with the *Webster* case, where they essentially upheld *Roe v. Wade* explicitly for the first time, though it had already been substantially eroded. Maybe Rosenberger will be the case in which they return to common sense on the First Amendment.

Anyway, it was worth the 'F' in Philosophy.



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Funk and eggs dinner at Lee-Hi

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

One of my favorite Fancy Dress weekend activities took place before the actual ball. On Thursday night I went to the Ramada Inn in Lexington and knocked on the door of room 210. Gary, one of the P-Funk All Stars, let me inside. George Clinton was lying face down on the bed. All around the room were dozens of marbles, the kind you shoot in your slingshot or something.

Gary woke up George, who sat up, nodded to me and said hello. He got up and went in the bathroom and changed into a red jumpsuit and a Parliament T-shirt. When he came out I asked him where he gets his clothes.

"When we make a video, they give us these clothes," he said. He then braided his multi-colored, hip-length braids together. Then he put them in a semi-bun on his head and put on a trench coat. We were ready to go to Lee-Hi truck stop for dinner.

Accompanied by Frog, the newest member of the P-Funk All Stars, we walked to the hotel elevator. I asked George what he was hungry for, and he said he couldn't have much, because

he's on the Slim-Fast diet. "Are you going to do some of those commercials afterward, like Kathie Lee Gifford?" I asked. "No," he said.

We got to Lee-Hi and walked in (me, George Clinton, and 2 P-Funk All Stars) and I think people noticed them, rather than me. We took our seats in the solarium, where approximately three eager waitresses took our orders. The President of Funk had a big bowl of cottage cheese.

I asked George to sign a few autographs for friends, and he even threw in some drawings of faces next to his signature. Frog signed his name "Funk Frog." After a while the three of them burst into spontaneous rap, a new song about Jack and his beanstalk in a context you've prob-

ably never imagined before. I don't think the nearby truckers were amused.

The discussion soon turned to female fans in Japan, where they had just toured. George also talked about how he once scared a fan who had closed his eyes while feeling the groove.

"I put my face, which was covered in face paint, right in front of his and breathed on him. He opened his eyes so wide and then he pulled a knife. I jumped back, because that was enough," George said. I left out the words with lots of asterisks in them.

After dinner, and an impromptu photo session with several W&L students who happened to have their cameras with them at their tables, we left Lee-Hi and headed for the Pavilion.

George popped in a cassette of the Jack/Beanstalk song they had just recorded in Atlanta. He and the All Stars

rapped along as we passed Lee Chapel.

At the Pavilion George went to his dressing room. I waited outside with cameraman Will Olson to do a quick interview for Channel 2. We met George's daughter, as well as some very strange people walking around wearing various combinations of sequins, cowboy hats, velour, etc. Some of them were already dancing.

We knocked on the dressing room door again, where there was a distinct smell that I don't think was cigarette smoke. We walked in, camera rolling. Inside, to the right sat a naked P-Funk All Star. We ignored him.

George motioned to us to come over. We did a few questions before he got his own microphone, left and walked on stage. He had left the Mothership at home.

Later on that night I checked my answering machine, where George's publicist had left a message to the effect that I had better give him back by 8:30 or she was going to be very disappointed.

Luckily, none of us were disappointed. George Clinton was very friendly, very nice, and an excellent musician. He put on an incredible performance, fueled by that Lee-Hi cottage cheese. Almost makes you want to be a rock star.

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GENERAL NOTES

State Chairs

All students who applied to be State Chairmen for Mock Convention, interviews will begin on Sunday, March 12. Check outside Carol Caulkins' office for the date and time of your interview.

Alumni Staff

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Workshop

There will be an internship workshop on Tuesday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Mattingly House Conference room. All students are invited to attend.

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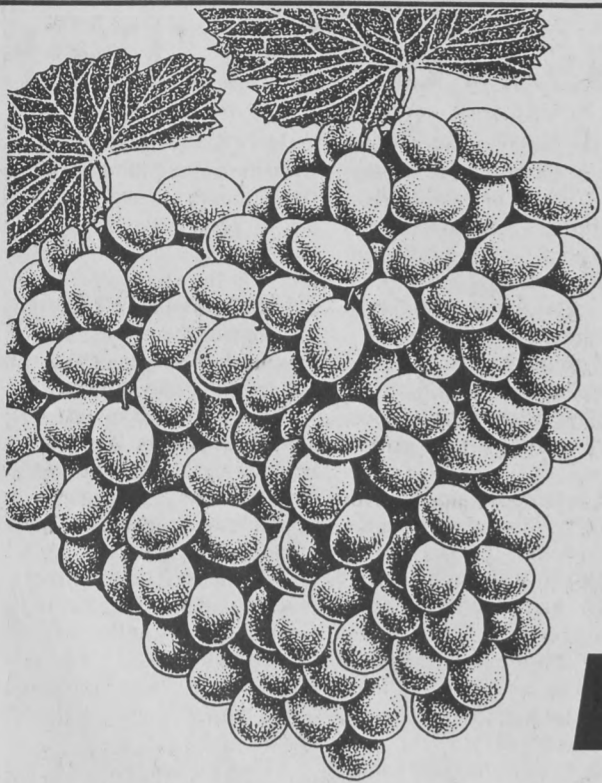
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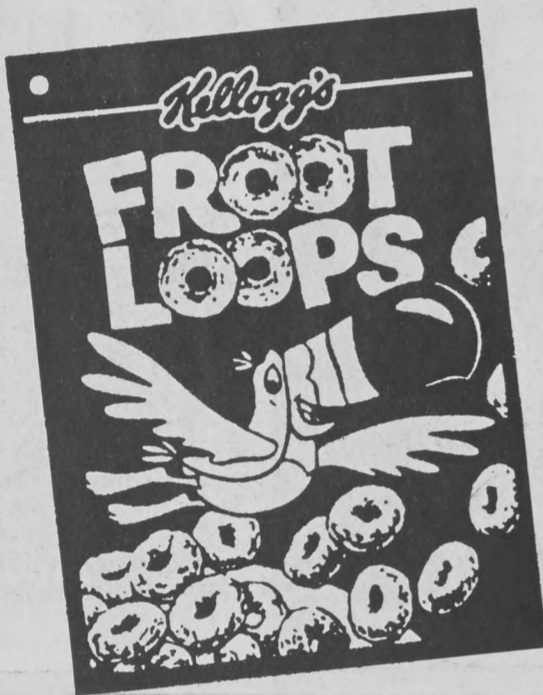


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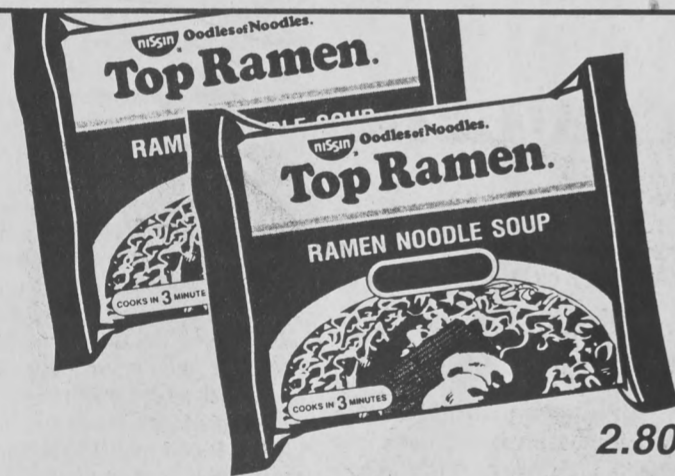


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Last Week:

Rebekah Prince takes All-America honors in swimming for the third straight year.

Men's Lacrosse defeats Hampden-Sydney in overtime to atone for last year's loss.

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This Week:

The W&L Lacrosse Tournament opens tomorrow as W&L takes on Randolph-Macon.

Men's and women's tennis, women's lacrosse, have home matches tomorrow. Women's tennis takes on Nazareth today.

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Tourney Time

THE LAST WORD

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

With the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament coming up (or going on as we speak), the NCAA can't be far off.

This year's tournament should be one of the most exciting, if maybe for less than exciting reasons. There are just no dominant teams in the country this season. In the past, there has usually been a team that stood a head above the rest.

I don't want to cause any waves, and there are a number of good teams in the country, but there are no teams like an Arkansas was last year.

The best prospects entering the post-season come from the ACC and the Pac-10. Wake Forest is one of the hottest teams in the country. The ACC also looks to produce four other tournament teams with North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and possibly Georgia Tech, UNC, Maryland, and Wake Forest are the strongest of the bunch.

The Pac-10 is also returning to prominence. UCLA has returned to the national scene on the strength of the brothers O'Bannon. Arizona is also close to last season's Final Four form as well.

Being a Duke fan, this year's tournament will obviously not be as exciting as it would have been had the Devils been present at the dance. Oh well, at least Coach K will be back next season.

The ACC tournament itself should be one of the best in a long time if the regular season was any indication. After the final game, there was a four way tie for first place among UNC, Maryland, Wake Forest, and Virginia.

The teams all played to a stalemate during the course of the season. With the tie, the ACC again establishes itself as one of the premier conferences in the nation. From top to bottom, there are no easy games. Even the cellar teams have solid squads.

Picking a winner from the ACC is no easy task. If a gun were put to my head, though, I would have to go with Wake Forest if they continue to play as well as they have. However, UNC and Maryland are right there as well.

Already included in this year's tournament are some national powerhouses such as Drexel, Wisconsin Green Bay, and Mount St. Mary's. Duke fans can take some refuge in the fact that the Devils in their down state could still administer a punishing beating to Wisconsin Green Bay.

Oh well, I guess everybody gets a chance, that's the beauty of the Dance.

That is the most endearing feature about the NCAA Tournament. It gives even small, no-name schools something to play for.

Every small school dreams of getting into the NCAA Tournament. For teams like North Carolina A&T, Mount Saint Mary's, and others, there is no real pressure to win. Just the thrill of making it is enough.

And, in the occasional improbable upset, it gives everyone somebody to cheer for.

So, despite the problems that are inherent in major college sports and all the hype and hoopla that surrounds it, the NCAA Tournament remains one of the bright spots in college sports.

And, for those of you rooting for a team in the ACC, Good Luck.

Baseball squad nets first two wins versus West Va. Tech

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The Washington and Lee baseball team played a major league-like schedule this week, playing a total of five games in six days.

However, the Generals finished this stretch in decent shape, winning two of the first four games to raise their season log to 2-6, before being rained out in the fifth game.

The Generals captured two of the three games in a series this weekend with West Virginia Tech at a frigid Smith Field. W&L edged out a five-inning 3-2 triumph on Friday afternoon in a contest stopped because of miserable weather, and recorded a 4-2 victory in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday, before getting stomped, 14-5, by Golden Bears in the second game.

The Generals, at 0-4, were still searching for their first victory of the season when Brett Hartman trotted out to the mound on Friday. He did not walk off until the game and the losing streak were finished, as the senior went the distance, collecting three strikeouts while yielding only three hits in his five innings of work.

"Brett threw strikes and kept them off balance," head coach Jeff Stickley commented. Senior Duane Van Arsdale provided Hartman with a lead to work with in the first inning as he singled home junior Owen Smith, who had been hit by a pitch.

W&L added a second run in the second inning as junior Will Jordan and Mark Sappenfield smacked consecutive doubles. Junior Greg Fantuzzi manufactured what proved to be the winning run when he ripped a two bagger, stole third base, and

crossed the plate on a grounder by Smith.

Those three runs were all Hartman would need as he remained in command until the game was halted in the fifth.

In the first game of the twinbill on Saturday, Matt Ermigiotti followed up Hartman's impressive pitching performance with a gem of his own. The junior hurler picked up the win by allowing the Golden Bears only two runs.

Smith and Fantuzzi teamed up again to jumpstart the Generals to a 1-0 lead in the first, as Fantuzzi walked and rounded the bases following a Smith double. Shoddy defense by West Virginia Tech allowed W&L two more runs in the second as senior Todd Stanton and sophomore Tucker Bixby both scored as a result of the error.

Junior Preston Miller lofted a sacrifice fly which scored Ermigiotti for the General's final

mark. Trailing 4-0, the Golden Bears jumped back into the game in the fourth inning, scoring twice on two hits, to pull the margin to 4-2, but the Generals held their ground to win by the same margin.

It appeared as if history would repeat itself as Fantuzzi came out to the mound firing to start the second game. He rolled into the fourth inning working on a 3-0 shutout, and the Generals could smell a three game sweep.

However, things quickly fell apart for W&L in the fourth. After Fantuzzi loaded up the bases, West Virginia Tech's Joe Craffey stepped up to the plate and blasted a grand slam over the right field fence to suddenly give the Golden Bears a 4-3 advantage.

The grand slam provided a 180-degree change in momentum as the Golden Bears released the frustration that had been built

up from the previous two games, and began scoring runs by the bushelful. When the dust cleared, West Virginia Tech had left Lexington with a 14-5 thumping in their pockets. Despite the final game, Stickley was satisfied with the Generals' play in the series.

"I'm pretty happy that we came out with two wins," he stated. "Our pitchers did a nice job, and we played good defense."

W&L returned to Smith Field on Tuesday afternoon to host Holy Cross, but the Division I power proved too tough for the Generals to handle as Holy Cross whitewashed W&L 7-0.

Senior Bates Brown had his stuff working for him early, and after three innings, W&L trailed by just 1-0.

However, as in previous game with West Virginia Tech, the roof began caving in on the Generals in the fourth.

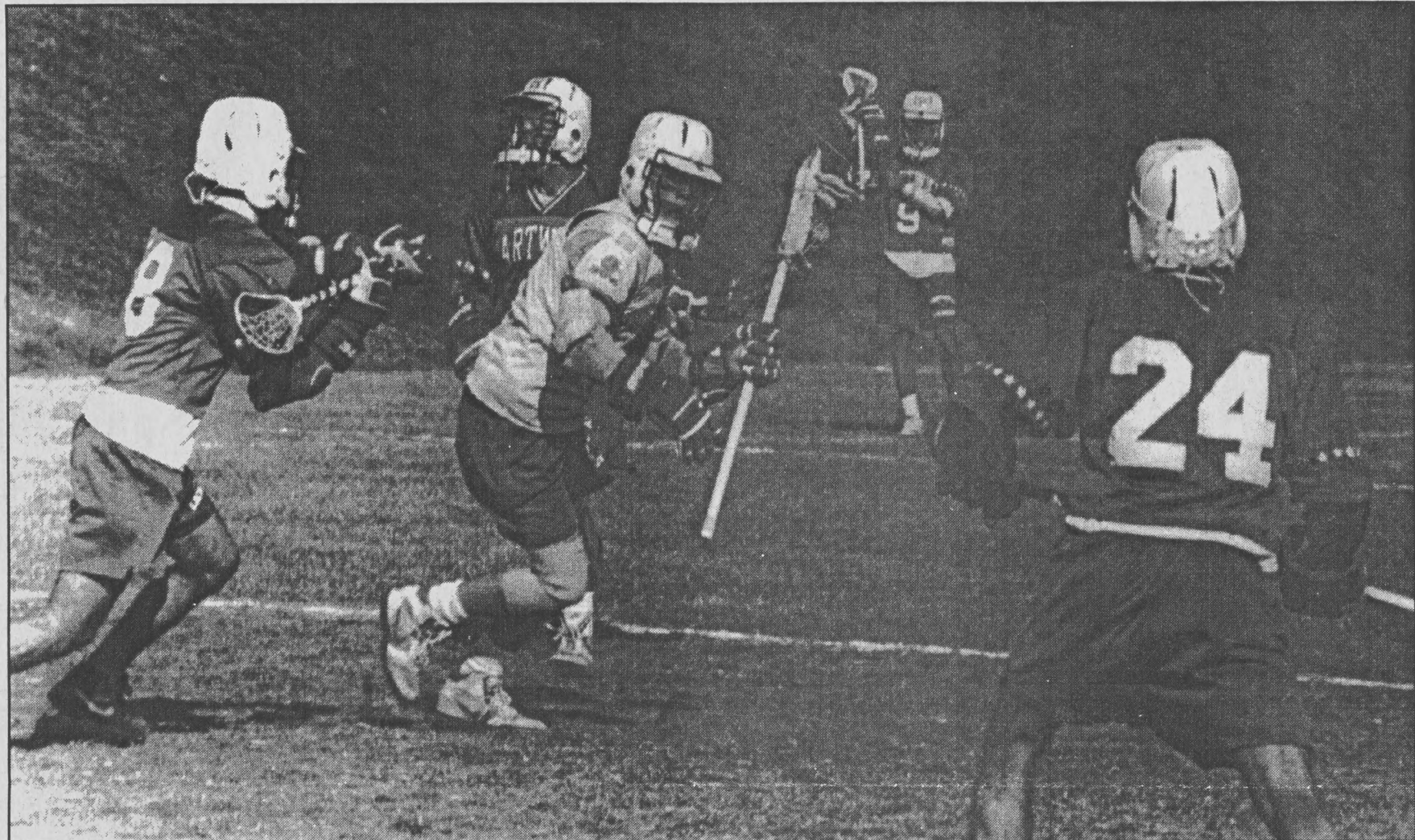
Holy Cross bounced Brown from the game following a three run outburst, and continued on a roll by adding two more runs in the sixth, and in the seventh to cruise to the victory.

"We thought we could hang in there with them," Stickley said, "but we didn't score enough runs, and left too many men on base."

Rain washed out a scheduled game between the Generals and Bridgewater at W&L on Wednesday afternoon. The contest is rescheduled for Monday, March 20, at 3 PM.

The Generals do not receive much of a scheduling break this weekend following their exhausting stretch. W&L travels to highly-rated Randolph-Macon this Saturday to play a doubleheader.

"The games will be very close," predicted Stickley. "We're looking forward to playing them."



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This year's version of W&L lacrosse looks to be one of the strongest under coach Stagnitta as the Generals avenged last season's loss to Hampden-Sydney with a dramatic 7-6 victory.

Tennis still looking for win

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
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The men's tennis team began this season looking to rebuild following last year's finish at 16th in the nation. While the Generals are still one of the favorites to win the ODAC crown, this year will prove a tougher test for head coach Gary Franke.

Besides losing several members of last year's team to graduation and study abroad, the team faces a change in NCAA match scoring that promises to affect the focus of tennis programs nationwide.

Traditionally, the NCAA has played six singles and three doubles matches, with each match counting one point in a best of nine.

In an effort to shorten lengthy matches, the NCAA changed the rules this year, placing greater emphasis on singles. Teams now play three doubles matches, which consist of one pro-set (a set to eight games) and count for a total of only one point, going to whichever team wins two of the three doubles matches. Then teams play the six singles, which still are worth one point apiece. However, the ODAC is continuing to adhere to the older scoring method.

"Basically, it shortens the matches, and that was the intent of it," commented Franke. "The disadvantage is that kids aren't spending as much time on doubles because doubles is less important [under the new rules]."

The Generals singles lineup consists of Chris MacNaughton at 1st, succeeding his All-American brother Robby. He will be followed by juniors Ryan Aday at 2nd and Jesse Taylor at 3rd, freshman Glenn Miller at 4th, sophomore Damian Brady at 5th, and junior Clay Richards at 6th.

In doubles, MacNaughton and Taylor form the 1st doubles tandem, followed by Aday and Miller at 2nd, and Brady and Richards at 3rd.

Last Wednesday, the Generals dropped a 5-2 decision to the Averett Cougars in Danville. Richards recorded W&L's only singles win at 6th singles, where he crushed Tommy Nance, 6-1, 6-2. He also joined with Brady at 3rd doubles to beat Olli Rounaja and Dan Veasey, 8-6.

The Generals won the doubles point as the 1st doubles team of MacNaughton and Taylor knocked off Perti Viskari and Petteri Lehtinen, 8-6.

The Generals stand at 0-2 after the loss to Averett and will play Wooster tomorrow at home, followed by Ripon on Tuesday and Kenyon on Friday. Coach Franke cited a need to keep "trying to build confidence in our shots" as the season gets underway in earnest.

Men's Lacrosse readies for W&L Tournament

By KEITH GRANT
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The second annual W&L Tournament opens Saturday as the Generals take on conference foe Randolph-Macon College.

That battle of Old Dominion Athletic Conference rivals gets underway at 3:00 on Wilson Field, following the opening game between Trinity (CT) and Swarthmore at noon.

Randolph-Macon enters the weekend ranked 24th in Division III, one spot behind Trinity. The Yellow-Jackets are 1-1 in '95, having beaten Shenendoah on Wednesday.

Last year, the Generals trounced R-MC 18-8 in the ODAC finale to claim their second-straight conference championship.

Overall, W&L has won ten of

the eleven meetings between the two schools.

The noon match-up will be the season opener for Trinity (9-5 last year).

Swarthmore, trying to rebound from a 2-14 '94 campaign, lost their first game by a 13-9 margin to Westchester.

The Garnet met the Generals in last year's W&L Tournament, falling 17-2.

Having avenged their only conference loss of the 1994 season, W&L is off to a 2-0 start. Junior Duncan Slidell scored in overtime to give the seventh-ranked Generals a 7-6 win Saturday at Hampden-Sydney.

The Tigers had taken a 12-6 decision last season to open the Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule, a loss from which the Generals were able to recover to successfully defend their

ODAC championship.

Sophomore goalie Doug Gubner stopped 14 shots in Saturday's defensive battle, four shy of his career-high.

This year's Tigers, ranked 15th nationally, are anchored by a number of key returnees. Leading the way is All-American Ed Curry, who racked up five goals against the Generals in last year's meeting.

Saturday, though, Curry was held to just two scores, one on an extra-man opportunity. Responsible for shutting down Hampden-Sydney's main threat was senior defenseman Mike Kronthal.

Kronthal drew the assignment in just his second career start when All-American teammate Shaun McKenzie was injured in practice during the week. McKenzie played and is ex-

pected to be fine for this weekend's action.

However, head coach Jim Stagnitta chose to go to a fully healthy Kronthal for the toughest defensive task. The senior responded and was named W&L's Athlete of the Week for his performance.

Kronthal had waited quite a while for this opportunity. After missing the entire '93 season following reconstructive knee surgery, he spent most of last season backing-up at long-stick midfield.

While doing so, Kronthal earned the team's T.W. Martin Award for "spirit, desire, and dedication."

On the offensive side, limited as it was, the Generals were aided by junior Jason Hurst's two goals. Juniors Ande Jenkins and Russell Croft had a goal and one assist

each.

Jenkins, last year's team goals leader with 28, again tops all Generals with five goals for the season.

Saturday's W&L Tournament game will be the Generals' home opener.

Although their home record was just 5-4 last season, the team was 5-2 at Wilson Field. The losses to Hampden-Sydney and Gettysburg took place at Glen Maury Park and Rockbridge County High School, respectively.

One of W&L's '94 Wilson Field defeats was to then seventh-ranked Alfred in the championship of the first Washington & Lee Tournament.

This year's final between Saturday's winners will be at 3:00 Sunday, with the consolation game slated for noon.

Athlete of the Week



Mike Kronthal