

Weekend Weather

Friday-mostly cloudy, showers possible. Mid 60s.
Saturday-partly cloudy, slightly warmer
Sunday-sunnier. 60s.

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Faculty raises standards for honor roll, Dean's list

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Executive Editor

Washington and Lee University undergraduates are going to have to earn better grades in the upcoming Fall Term to achieve the same honors they do now.

The faculty passed a resolution raising the standards for the Dean's List and Honor Roll at their April 3rd meeting. Instead of the 3.0 currently required for the Dean's List, students will need a 3.4. Likewise, instead of the 3.5 currently required for the Honor Roll, students will need a 3.75. The new standards go into effect next Fall Term.

"Fifty-three percent of all students made the Dean's List last Fall Term. It should be a special honor. It should be selective. This is an honor roll after all," said Associate Dean of the College W. Lad Sessions.

The proposal was initiated by Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Bible Louis W. Hodges because of concern over half of the students making Dean's List.

"There's not much honor in being in the top 53 percent. We ought to make it a real honor," Hodges said.

Hodges first became interested in the issue at a December 1994 faculty meeting in which Sessions delivered a report on the Dean's List and Honor Roll. He distributed an e-mail letter to the faculty proposing changes in the current standards. Of 31 responses, only two were negative.

The faculty elevated the requirements so as to only include about 21 percent of the student body. Under the new standards and current grade distribution Sessions estimates 10 percent of all undergraduates will make Honor Roll and 11 percent will make Dean's List.

Hodges explained that if over half of the students were making Dean's List it would become a meaningless distinction.

"We must protect the students who really do achieve something," Hodges said.

Sessions was also concerned with what he termed 'grade inflation.'

With the rise of the average grade point average, the honor rolls include

more people causing the lists to lose their usefulness, said Sessions.

We've raised honor requirements before. A few years back, the standards for graduating summa, magna, and cum laude were raised," said Sessions.

Sessions believes some students will be perturbed by the change. He said they might see this as a move by the faculty to take something away from them. However, Sessions believes they will not be right in thinking that. Hodges believes students will understand the need for the changes.

At Sessions' request, University Registrar Scott Dittman said he will include explanations of the changes on the back of official transcripts beginning this summer. Sessions hopes to ward off cosmetic problems for students who had once been on the honor lists and after the changes were not.

While the W&L faculty seems to be in overwhelming support of the new requirements, students have already voiced opposition. Both student members of the University's Courses and Degrees Committee opposed that resolution.

"I believe the students are going to flip," said Sophomore Paul Saboe, one member of the Courses and Degrees Committee, "Raising the Honor Roll requirements would put it beyond the reach of most students."

Saboe also believes students would cease to strive to make the Honor Roll because the standards are too rigorous. "It used to be obtainable — something to shoot for — now it's too demanding," said Saboe.

Senior Brad Meier, also a member of the Courses and Degrees Committee, agreed.

"I've been here four years and it's going to be hard to see my friends who can't meet the stricter standards let down," said Meier, "How can you explain to your parents why you don't make Dean's List anymore?"

Before the current resolution was passed, Saboe and Meier presented an original plan which was defeated. It called for raising the Dean's List requirement to 3.25 and leaving the Honor Roll requirement at 3.5.

"The faculty simply did not take the student's opinion into consideration," said Meier said.



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On your mark, get set, go!

Chairman of Empower America Jack Kemp will speak in Lee Chapel on Tuesday headlining the Spring Kick-off of the 1996 Republican Mock Convention.

Kemp to kick-off Mock Con Tuesday

By SHELLI HENDERSON
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Although Jack Kemp is not visiting Washington and Lee to give pointers to the Generals' football team, he will be kicking off the 1996 Mock Convention providing insight into the upcoming presidential campaign.

"Kemp is one of the most promising conservative Republicans with an impressive resume," said Mock Con Media Chairman Jeff Zeiger, "He started and shaped a lot of Republican policy influencing President Reagan's supply-side economic policy in the 1980s."

Kemp will begin W&L's 21st Mock Convention with a speech on the Republican agenda.

Zeiger is excited about Kemp because of his national prominence and believes other important speakers will follow Kemp's lead and come to campus.

"The possibilities are staggering," Zeiger said.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas raved about Kemp when announcing that Kemp would serve as the chairman of the National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform.

"Jack is one of our country's most passionate voices on behalf of economic growth and expanded opportunity for all Americans," said Dole, "He has been one our party's most innovative thinkers on economic policy."

The Commission will attempt to create a flatter and fairer tax system. They will look at replacing the current progressive tax system with a flat rate income tax.

CNN and C-SPAN have expressed interest in covering the Kemp speech.

"Spring Kickoff will sort of be a 'mini-convention' and should be good press for March 1 and 2, 1996," said Zeiger.

Kemp served as a New York representative in Congress for nine years before becoming Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Bush.

Kemp was expected to enter the 1996 race and seek the Republican nomination. However, he refused because he believed himself to be out of touch with the mainstream Republican party.

Kemp remains to be an activist for the Republicans. As chairman of Empower America, a conservative think-tank, Kemp regularly criticizes widely held beliefs of the right wing.

Student reaction to Kemp's coming to campus has varied.

Some students were angered at the \$30,000 speaking fee which many considered excessive.

Others focused on the dynamic character of Kemp.

"Although I'm not strictly conservative, I'm looking forward to hearing Kemp offer a different perspective on the '96 campaign issues," said Sophomore politics major Amy Femicola.

Previous Mock Con speakers have included the Reverend Jesse Jackson and Senator George McGovern of South Dakota. Jackson spoke at the 1987 Spring Kickoff, and McGovern visited W&L for the 1991 Spring Kickoff.

Other events for 1996's Kickoff include a Republican issues forum on Wednesday, April 26 in Lee Chapel. A cookout will follow on Friday, April 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the BDG Quad.

Politics Professor William F. Connelly, Jr., West Virginia Congressman Bob W. Goodlatte ('77L), and Republican Pollster V. Lance Tarrance ('63) are scheduled to serve on the panel for the issues forum.

Kemp will speak on Tuesday, April 25 at 11:45 a.m. in front of Lee Chapel for approximately 45 minutes to be followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session.

Listening to Washington and Lee University students talk about Winter Rush, you might think that the school has a long tradition of student autonomy. In contrast, University historian Professor Taylor Sanders explains that until 1865, students had no autonomy or self-government at all. Previous to 1865, students couldn't play sports, leave campus, or party. They had Saturday classes. Lee changed that when he became president and gave students more social freedom, Sanders said.

Administrators, including Dean of Students David Howison, maintain that students don't understand the autonomy issue and the university by-laws that give faculty the authority to decide on such issues as Winter Rush.

Students, including junior Nick Waddy, believe the administration wants to strip away the traditions that have made W&L great.

"It's clear [administrators] want to change the character of the university in a specific way," Waddy said.

In recent months, student autonomy has become a major issue on campus. The Board of Trustees passed a sophomore housing requirement in which students will have to live in university housing for their first two years.

Last month, the faculty gave a non-binding vote in support of Winter Rush, despite the fact that most fraternities and the Interfraternity Council support Fall Rush. While most professors and deans believe they have the school's best interest in mind, many students think that the administration are not listening to their opinions.

The university by-laws give the faculty and the administration the authority

Pi Beta Phi	3.225
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.193
Non-Fraternity Women	3.148
Chi Omega	3.145
All Women	3.138
All Fraternity Women	3.133
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.115
Lambda Chi Alpha	3.106
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.040
Pi Kappa Alpha	3.034
Chi Psi	3.028
All Students	2.999
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.983
Phi Kappa Psi	2.971
Kappa Alpha	2.934
Phi Gamma Delta	2.924
All Fraternity Men	2.917
All Men	2.905
Sigma Nu	2.904
Kappa Sigma	2.888
Phi Delta Theta	2.878
Non-Fraternity Men	2.850
Sigma Chi	2.848
Pi Kappa Phi	2.770
Beta Theta Pi	2.662
Phi Kappa Sigma	2.604

Interfraternity Council elects new officers

By ANNE ALVORD
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In elections last month, the Interfraternity Council elected its new officers.

The new president will be Ryan Connelly, '96, and Adam Butterworth, '96, will be the new Vice President. Justin Dardani, '96, will be Secretary and Mason New, '96, Treasurer. Anthony Mazzarelli, '97, and Tom Parrott,

'97, will serve as the new Junior Justices, and Ray Van Metre, '96, as the new Senior Justice.

Connelly is confident in the ability of the new IFC officers to meet the challenges that face them. "We have really good group of guys," he said, "We have a pretty difficult task [with Winter Rush], and I'm confident we can handle it with the group of guys we have."

Connelly sees the largest challenge to the IFC right now to be the possibility of Winter Rush, and the task of designing it, if that's what the faculty decides when they vote on the

issue on May 1. Despite student opposition, Connelly points out, the decision lies ultimately with the faculty.

Winter rush, Connelly believes, "is a difficult subject, and will require a lot of people to deal with a lot of changes. We all have to be willing to make the best out of it and not complain. I'm committed to making people understand that."

Until the final vote is taken on Winter Rush, the IFC is occupied finalizing plans for next year's rush and Fall pledgship, which have been decided upon.

to decide these issues, says Howison; the only area in which students have complete autonomy is the operation of the Honor system. "There is a tendency for students to take autonomy and apply it to other organizations," he said.

Senior Kelly Brotzman said students often fail to distinguish between autonomy and self-governance. Autonomy means that students make decisions involving the university without any accountability to the faculty or administration. Self-governance, on the other hand, means that the Board of Trustees students power over certain areas, Brotzman said.

Howison cites the Student Activities Board, Student Conduct Committee, Mock Convention and Fancy Dress as pockets of student autonomy in other areas. The problem comes when something such as housing becomes an institutional issue. Under the W&L by-laws, the faculty or the Board of Trustees must intervene. He used coeducation as an example. When the faculty and the students were butting heads over whether to allow women to attend W&L, and alumni were threatening to stop contributing money to the school, students and alumni argued that coeducation would destroy the school's tradition, but the faculty and the Board of Trustees voted for coeducation because they believed it would benefit the school, Howison said.

Waddy believes most students are aware of the faculty's and the administration's authority to decide such matters. However, Waddy believes many students think the administration is abusing its power and not paying any attention to their opinions. "They have the legal authority, but they should think about what the consequences will be in terms of student opinion."

Brotzman said students should be consulted when the faculty or the Board of

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Gay Republican activist counsels diversity

By ALEX CHRISTENSEN
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The Washington and Lee Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues presented a speech by Richard L. Tafel, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans, at the Law School on Tues., April 18.

His topic was "We're here, we're queer, and we're Republican?"

Conservative in his political outlook, Tafel earned a Master of Divinity degree and was ordained by the Northern Baptists. He says his religious training still comes in handy when debating members of the religious right, who often claim that the Bible condemns homosexuality or homosexuals.

There are only three openly gay congressmen in the House of Representatives now: Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Massachusetts Democrats, and Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin, a close political ally of Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Tafel worked as the campaign manager for Republican Michael Duffy, Massachusetts's first openly gay candidate for the state assembly. Duffy did not win, but garnered 44 percent of the vote in a district where Democrats outnumbered Republicans eight to one. The race is now taught as a case study at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The thrust of Tafel's message is of inclusion, education and political activism by gays and lesbians, not just in the Democratic party.

During the Massachusetts gubernatorial race, Tafel said, the gay community was in a bind as to which candidate to support: John Silber, Democrat and president of Boston University, who had made disparaging remarks about gays and lesbians as well as women, or William Weld, a former U.S. attorney and Reagan Justice Department official, who

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



Ukraine demands new power plant

On Monday, officials in Kiev, Ukraine changed their position on the status of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Last week, President Leonid Kuchma told members of the European Union and the G-7 group of industrialized nations that the plant would shut down its two remaining reactors by 2000. He now has threatened to keep the aging plant, which supplies about 7% of Ukraine's energy, open unless Western countries agree to build a replacement plant.

Ando wins prize for architecture

On Sunday, an international panel of judges announced that Tadao Ando, 53, of Osaka Japan is the recipient of the 1995 Pritzker Architecture Prize. Ando's most recent distinction is that approximately 30 of the buildings which he designed that were built in the Kobe, Japan area were not severely damaged by the January 17th earthquake. Ando is a self-taught architect who attributes his skill to reading and studying trips to the United States and Europe.

Ciller campaigns for support

Turkish prime minister, Tansu Ciller, began campaigning on Monday for American support for the Turkish army's incursion into northern Iraq. 35,000 Turkish troops were sent into the U.S. patrolled zone to attack camps used by Kurdish rebels.

Guatemalan plot targets Harbury

U.S. officials received information on Monday about a possible threat against Jennifer Harbury. Harbury has been searching for information about the 1992 disappearance of her husband, Guatemalan guerrilla leader Efraim Bamaca Velasquez. The FBI claims that members of the Guatemalan military may be plotting to assassinate Harbury. Guatemalan authorities have promised to punish those involved with the threat.

The Nation



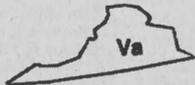
Explosion in Oklahoma City

Just after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, a nine-story Federal building in Oklahoma City was destroyed by a car bomb containing about 1000 pounds of explosives. The building housed the local branch offices of the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and others. The building also housed a day care center on the second floor. FBI agents are searching for two white males who drove away from the scene in a brown pick-up truck prior to the explosion. There has been speculation about an Islamic group being responsible for the blast. The explosion damaged buildings in the surrounding area and was felt up to nine miles away. At press time, people were reported to still be trapped inside the structure, and there were many conflicting reports about the number of casualties.

IRS sued

On Monday, the American Center for Law and Justice, a group founded by W&L alumnus Pat Robertson, sued the IRS on behalf of the Church at Pierce Creek in Vestal, New York. The church lost its tax-exempt status for advertising against President Clinton in the October 30, 1992 editions of *The Washington Times* and *USA Today*. Plaintiffs claim that the IRS has unjustly revoked the church's status because of its political activities. The church said Clinton supported abortion, homosexuality and condom distribution in public schools.

The State



Suspect asks for jury trial

Virginia Beach Circuit Judge Edward Hanson said on Monday during a hearing for Michael Claggett that potential jurors may be questioned in an attempt to select a local panel for Claggett's June trial. Claggett's attorneys are requesting that unbiased outside jurors be brought in because of the publicity surrounding the trial. Claggett is accused of killing four people in the Witchduck Inn last June.

Nissen settles out of court

Reverend Carl Nissen settled a sexual abuse lawsuit filed against him by Merry Joy Cool. Cool claims that Nissen assaulted her while counseling her for sexual problems from February 1991 through November 1993. Nissen settled the \$6 million case for \$18,000. He maintains his innocence.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Bethany Bauman

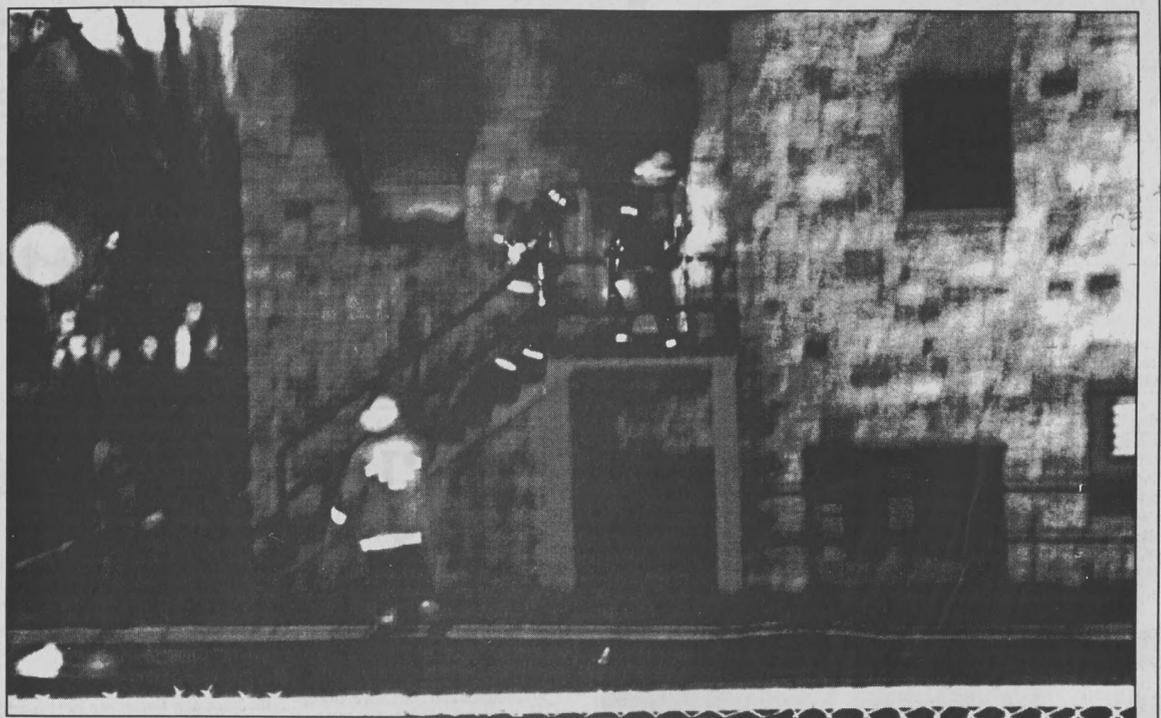


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Holy Smoke!

Fire caused nearly \$40,000 worth of damage to Saint Patrick's Church on April 8.

Lexington church destroyed by fire

By KATHY MAYURNIK
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Fire broke out at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, April 8, resulting in serious damages but no casualties or injuries.

The church, located on Nelson Street, suffered total damages estimated around \$40,000. Damage costs will be covered by diocese insurance, explained Reverend Jay Biber.

The fire broke out in the sacristy, a

room containing sacred vessels and vestments. The list of destroyed items includes altar boy vestments, candles, sheet music, and flower pots. Except for the palm branches, which remained out of reach of the fire, the fire destroyed "basically the items that are needed to conduct a mass," said Biber.

The cause of the fire, meanwhile, remains unknown by either state officials or the local fire department. "State and local officials conducted a full investigation, and were supposed to have reported a cause by this week," noted Biber, but no cause has

been released.

Along with the unknown cause, there is also the unknown caller who reported the fire, to whom Biber is "eternally grateful." Biber thanked the caller (and to the Lexington Fire Department) for saving the church from serious damage in his Palm Sunday sermon.

The firefighting operation itself "went rather smoothly," Lexington Fire Chief Kenneth Hall said. Entering from the sanctuary instead of the rear, the 15 Buena Vista and the 19 Lexington fire fighters drove the fire out of the

building. They had the fire under control within 15 minutes.

Due to the smoke damage, Palm Sunday services were held in the Lenfest Center. The overall damage was not severe enough to keep the parishioners from their place of worship for very long, though, and services at St. Patrick's commenced the evening of Palm Sunday.

Sunday night's services were a bit chilly, however, since four stained glass windows had also been destroyed. Plexiglass has been substituted until the stained glass can be installed.

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Self-defense offered for P.E. credit

By CINDY YOUNG
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Every semester this year, the hands and feet of more W&L women are becoming trained for effective self-defense—whether on campus or off.

Spring Term 1995 marks the third term a self-defense course appears on some women's schedules. Such as class comes to the W&L campus through the cooperation of Women's Forum, the Physical Education Department, and W&L Security Director Mike Young.

Shannon Stiltner, who teaches the class together with fellow Security Officer Melvin Davis, explains that the course's aim is to prepare women for self-defense against rape offenders, should such an occasion arise.

Girls learn the basic stance, and from there a number of self-defense moves including how effectively to kick, punch, and escape from choke holds.

"You don't have to know anything," Stiltner stresses, in order to enroll in the class. "We take some of the shyest people, and when the class is over, they leave feeling much more confident in themselves."

While the objective of the course is to teach women defensive moves to practice against potential rape offenders, such aggression is offered only as an option.

"The class teaches how to fight, but the choice itself is left to the young lady," Stiltner comments. But if a graduate chooses to fight, this class ensures she will "know how to do so 100% right."

The course has met with much enthusiasm. Enrollment is limited to twelve women per section, and Stiltner mentions a two page waiting list. In Fall 1995, the class will expand to two sections.

Bjornen duPont, one of 11 to complete the Winter Term class, sums up its appeal: "I left feeling like I could defend myself...plus it was a lot of fun!"

The course's final, far from involving blue books or ink, casts Officer Davis as an offender whom the girls must individually fight off.

For this exercise, the students don helmet and gloves, and leave the course with a certain confidence at their newfound ability to defend themselves. Davis, meanwhile, dresses in a protective suit (with, according to Stiltner, a few unfortunate gaps) and risks leaving the exam not without a few black and blue marks.

Overall, the self defense class is a helpful experience both for student and teacher. "Not only do the girls leave having learned something," Stiltner adds, "but we do too."

The Ring-tum Phi The Ring-tum Phi

Law professor edits book of essays

From Phi staff reports

Andrew W. Thenia, Jr., professor of law at Washington and Lee, is the editor of a collection of essays in William Stringfellow, who was an activist lawyer and widely read lay theologian for 30 years. The collec-

tion is titled *Radical Christian and Exemplary Lawyer: Honoring William Stringfellow*. The collection captures Stringfellow's compelling legacy. Some of the essays deal with recurring themes in Stringfellow's theology, including the powers and principalities and the apocalyptic; other pieces re-

count the experiences of colleagues and friends. Still others in this eclectic collection focus on the law and the legal profession. The collection includes contributions from well-known lawyers, theologians, and social activists, and it is a testimony to the importance of Stringfellow's continued in-

fluence across a wide spectrum.

Thenia received his BA in geology from W&L, and a master's in the same from Columbia. He received his law degree from W&L in 1962, and then practiced law with the firm of Boothe, Dudley, Koontz, & Blankenship in Alexandria before joining the W&L faculty in 1967,

community. "Whether there is Winter rush or not affects more than just the fraternities." He believed that when issues such as these come along, students should not be the only ones who decide on it. That does not mean that students cannot offer their opinions or that the faculty should dictate the fraternity life, but it does mean that students aren't the only ones making decisions that affect the entire school, he said.

The majority of the students opposed both the sophomore housing requirement and Winter Rush, said Waddy. He said the administration believes they know better than the students.

"The Board of Trustees has the power to make these decisions, but they should be held accountable for the decisions they make."

Sophomore Robert Taylor disagreed. "You can't just say we're losing our autonomy," he said. "Each step that the faculty is taking should be viewed individually and not taken as a whole."

He agreed that in some instances, the students' power has been overridden, but only for the benefit of the university. He said students still have plenty of power. But in extreme cases when the school is being hurt financially, the administration has a responsibility to intervene and rectify the situation.

Executive Committee President Kevin Webb said he understands the students' concerns about autonomy. During an open forum on the Honor System at the Law School, two law professors stood up and said that if students didn't make changes in the system, they would not support it. Webb said although he doesn't believe the professors' statements reflected the feelings of most faculty, he thinks they should not make such comments about a student-run system.

But he said the issue isn't really about student autonomy. Many students fear the administration is trying to take away those things that make W&L unique, such as student freedom to make decisions, and are more concerned with W&L making the list for top American liberal arts schools in *U.S. News and World Report*, Webb said. He thinks the controversy over student autonomy is really a difference in opinions about what direction the university is taking. The faculty believe they're trying to improve the school while some students believe the school is fine the way it is, he said. Webb said students made the same arguments in 1985 when coeducation was the issue.

Howison said he doubts students knowing more about the university by-laws would quiet the debate. While a greater awareness is good, it is not going to change students' minds about Winter Rush or the sophomore housing requirement, he said.

Webb agreed. The faculty and administration have always had the power to decide these issues, he said. The difference, according to Webb, is that Winter Rush represents a major change in how the fraternity system works, and the faculty and the fraternities are split on the issue.

He said issues such as Winter Rush get students upset because the faculty's authority stands out more. "When the bigger issues come out, that's when you have cries of student autonomy."

CARNIVAL GIVES ALL CHANCE TO LET LOOSE

By COURTNEY E. MILLER
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Free is a very good price. Especially when it includes such amenities as snowcones, cotton candy, and soda. The Campus Carnival takes place this evening from 4 to 8 p.m. at the W&L law school field. Besides free food, there will be additional free activities for the students to participate in.

"I love the free snowcones, especially grape then again with the rainbow snowcone you get a chance to taste all the flavors," said freshman Erica Pelletier.

Many students are eagerly awaiting a chance to participate in the carnival. Offering such activities as the Moonwalk, Velcro Flytrap, and Sumo Wrestling has peaked the student's interest.

The carnival is sponsored by W&L Student Activities Department, and the proceeds will benefit the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the Outing Club will be supporting efforts to preserve the rainforest.

"This is the first year we are having an actual carnival. In previous years, the dining hall has had an outdoor barbecue with dunk tank. This year I helped organize it into a larger event," said Michelle Richardson Student Activities Coordinator.

Some students are more interested in the variations in music that will be offered at the concert tonight. Four different student bands will be performing between 4 and 7 p.m.. Each is slated to play for one hour. At 8 p.m. the much acclaimed W&L natives Brian Boland, Tommy Esposito and Pat White, collectively known as The Outsiders, will be playing.

The six carnival booths will be manned by W&L student organizations. The Minority Student Association, the International Club, Dorm Counselors, Resident Advisors, Freshman Leadership Council and the Campus Ministries are all donating time to the carnival.

Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity will be selling tickets for the booths. Tickets are two for one dollar, and can be used for the carnival games such as, milk can toss, star darts, basketball toss.

A surprise addition to the carnival is the fortune telling booth. For most students, their only experience with fortune telling has been Hunan's 'special' Chinese fortune cookie.

There will be an opportunity for many students to revenge their most 'hated' professors. Many faculty members will be participating in the Dunk Tank.

For just \$10 many students jumped at the chance to participate in the volleyball tournament. Pre-registration was required, but teams may still check with Richardson, or Matt O' Brien for extra spaces in the tournament.

In case of rain, the carnival will be held at the Pavilion. Due to space limitations at the rain sight, the volleyball tournament will be canceled.

Farley, Spade compensate for Tommy Boy's nonexistent plot



Tommy Boy - ☆☆☆1/2

It seems that the writers and producers of *Saturday Night Live* have caught some sort of terrible disease. All of their scripts and creations fall into one of two categories: they are either fantastically hilarious or embarrassingly desperate for laughs (remember "Tiny Elvis"?).

Luckily, *Tommy Boy* falls mainly in the former. Brian Dennehy plays a successful car parts manufacturer who wants to bring his fun but none-too-bright son Tommy (Chris Farley) into the company. But when his father dies unexpectedly, it is up to young Tommy to save the company, his fortune, and the jobs of his employees.

This means he has to hit the road to sell thousands of new brake pads the company has staked its future on. Going along with him is the smart-ass know-it-all no one liked in high school, Richard Hayden (David Spade).

The film is most successful when those two are dominating the screen. They form a good duo reminiscent of the best two-somes of the past (Hope & Crosby, Martin & Lewis, Burns & Allen, etc.). The writers provide them with plenty of barbed witticisms, wise-cracks and put-downs to fling at each other. For example, when Farley asks if his jacket makes him look fat, Spade responds, "No. Your head makes you look fat."

David Spade has perfected the quick, muted, under-his-breath insult and the indignant sarcastic reply, like his "Hollywood Minute" on SNL. As funny as Spade is throughout the film, it is really Farley who comes into his own.

Although the film is light in tone and subject matter, I was surprised to see what a quality actor Farley could be. During the film's few sensitive moments, it is amazing the range and depth of emotion Farley coaxes from the limiting script.

Peter Segal (*Naked Gun 33 1/3*) directs with only the barest effort, staying out of the way and letting the comedy do its own thing. Written by a cast of SNL regulars (Bonnie & Terry Turner and Fred Wolfe), the script is truly hit-and-miss. The good moments are easily laugh-out-loud funny, and the slow ones come so infrequently it is easy for us to wait them out.

Don't expect any exciting plotting or character developments - here everything serves the rapport and tension between Farley and Spade. There are also some distracting side-plots involving Bo Derek, Rob Lowe and a love interest for Farley which could have easily been left out.

Nevertheless the film is, on the whole, very funny. It is the sort of humor you would expect from the SNL bunch, and hopefully we will see more films from the Farley/Spade duo in the future. I am not sure if *Tommy Boy* is worth going out of your way to see. But let me put it this way: it is not as funny as *Wayne's World*, but funnier than *Wayne's World 2*.

Curnutte and Maher return

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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Curnutte and Maher will play again at the Pit on Tuesday at 9:00.

Their first album was *Think Again*. Their most recent album is *Rumble of the Ages*. They cite Bob Dylan, John Prine, and Paul Simon as major influences on their music. The band has played Lincoln Memorial University, Andrew College, Gordon College, and other schools.

Curnutte is originally from West Virginia and Maher hails from New Jersey. They met while attending Wake Forest University. They now reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Maher majored in English while Curnutte majored in English and Philosophy. Although they have not any formal musical training, they have taken several private guitar lessons.

Evening with Madame F.

■ A work of theater with music performed and written by Claudia Stevens

By COURTNEY E. MILLER
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The Holocaust touched many generations across the world, and numerous dramatic works have been central in raising consciousness about the plight of those involved.

At 8 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 1995 at Lee Chapel, "An Evening with Madame F" will be presented. This is a work of theater-with-music exploring the life-or-death experience of music performance in Nazi concentration camps.

This performance is sponsored by the Hillel Chapter of W&L through the Weinstein Memorial Fund. Max and Silvia Weinstein established the fund to promote Judaic studies. "An Evening with Madame F" provides an emotional picture of an aspect rarely connected with Nazi concentration camps—musical performance.

Besides writing the production, Claudia Stevens will perform in "An Evening with Madame F." Music and electronic sound will be provided by Fred Cohen.

Judaic education plays a small but important part at W&L. Productions such as this hope to raise students interest in the historical relevance of Judaic studies.

Scott's autobiography explores life within a gang

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Associate Editor

One day in my high school English class, a substitute teacher went into the politics of color in gang culture. He talked about how wearing the wrong color in the wrong place could put you in a hollow grave. A few years back I watched a documentary about L.A. gangs. I have long forgotten the details, but one image stands out in my mind: an 8-year-old girl who was shot because she waved. A gang took her wave as a marker for another gang. That image burned into my mind. Plenty of images burn into my mind as I read *Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member* by Sanyika Shakur, a.k.a. Monster Kody Scott.

In the introduction, he says, "I propose to open my mind as wide as possible to allow my readers the first ever glimpse of South Central from my side of the gun, street, fence, and wall."

And open his mind he does. Scott joins the gang when he's 11-years-old. He doesn't have much of a choice: Either join or die. To him, the gang represents his family, the people who protect him. When he joins, the gang jumps him in. In other words, they beat the living hell out of him and then bring him into the family.

Monster's overriding ambition is to retain O.G. status (Original Gangster). There are three steps to attain this status.

1. You must build the reputation of your name, i.e., you as an individual;
2. You must build your name in association with your particular set, so that your name is spoken of in the same breath, for it is synonymous; and
3. You must establish yourself as a promoter of Crip or Blood, depending, of course, on which side of the color bar you live."

The bottom line: Build your reputation to the point where people will think twice before they mess with you. Scott does this with much relish. He puts a hole in anyone who even looks at him funny, anyone from another gang, anyone who messes with his gang. His conscience doesn't bother him anymore. He kills without thinking. He becomes Monster, known for committing acts of violence that even shocks his own gangmembers. Being shot himself doesn't stop him from attaining his ambition. Going to prison only increases his reputation.

Yet, when he goes to prison, he begins to transform himself. He reads, turning from a gangmember to a black nationalist. He renames himself Sanyika Shakur and commits himself to fighting the causes of gansterism.

Monster writes a disturbing book. He takes the reader into a world where territories are set and being in the wrong neighborhood could get you killed. He describes a place where a wrong word or a wrong color will put a bullet to your head. A dangerous world, a world where right and wrong are not as important as simply surviving. He details the mind-boggling organization of these gangs and how they have progressed to the place where it's not Crips killing Bloods but Crips killing Crips.

Reading the book will not make you necessarily love Monster. The violence he committed revolted me. But he is honest, and his honesty gives the book its credibility and its power. We complain about how boring Lexington is. We don't know how lucky we are.

Monster describes a place where violence is an everyday occurrence, a place where 5-year-olds see dead bodies, a place where teen-agers start planning their own funerals. He describes a nightmare where only survival matters. This is not a comforting book. Readers will not close this book and peacefully fall to sleep. The violence will shock you because it's real. It's graphic and presents a terrifying portrait of gang life in South Central L.A. But it provides a rare inside view of what it is like to be in a gang.

The Rating Scale

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

☆☆☆ - Go see this film now, while it's still on the big screen. It's worth a few 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, it's free and you're bored, so go ahead and watch it.

Ø - 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.)

Have stress? try a kayak

By RACHELLE ROWE
Phi Contributing Writer

Kevin Batteh first witnessed kayaking from the same place most of us probably did: from that cool guy on Sesame Street. But what he did after seeing this was probably very different from us: he made kayaking a part of his life.

Batteh first kayaked while at Boy Scout Camp at age 12. There he learned the most basic but important form of rescue for any serious kayaker, the "eskimo roll." This is when the boater maneuvers his kayak to the upright position after it has been turned upside down and saves himself from drowning.

Kayaking has played an active roll in Batteh's life ever since then. Three years ago he became certified to teach kayaking through a class in North Carolina and teaches classes for the Outing Club every spring term. However, Batteh is a senior now so if you've been interested in learning to kayak, this spring term will probably be your last chance to learn from a pro.

Batteh has spent his last two summers making a small profit doing what he loves most. He spent the summer of 1993 in Colorado video kayaking on the Arkansas River, or becoming what many call a "vidiot."

He made and commented videos of people white water rafting. First he would kayak ahead of the

white water rafters and find a spot on the rocks that he could sit with his camera and use his English skills commenting the adventures of the rafters. They call these people "vidiots" because if they get in trouble, they are all alone, and this of course is very dangerous.

On his days off, Batteh would travel and test the rocky rivers of Colorado. His most intense kayaking experience was in Independence Pass on Lake Creek. He describes it as "hairboating" or just a "hairy" experience in that the rapids were quite intense. He remembers his time in Colorado very fondly and obviously had a really great time. "I was getting paid to do something I love and Colorado is so incredible!"

Batteh spent last summer kayaking in West Virginia. He says his dream is to kayak the Grand Canyon. In terms of difficulty, it isn't any more intense than anything he's kayaked before, but it's every serious kayakers' dream. It takes about 2-3 weeks and there's a waiting list for the permit.

Batteh manages to keep kayaking a major part of his life while staying active here at W&L. As an English major in pursuit of a law degree, he divided his spare time between his position as former IFC President, and his fraternity.

He considers Goshen Pass his "home river" since he is most familiar with it from his years of school here. He admits kayaking is a good stress reliever, but concedes his love stems from its "adrenaline rush."



Batteh hails Goshen Pass as his 'home river.' He currently teaches students the basics of kyaking.



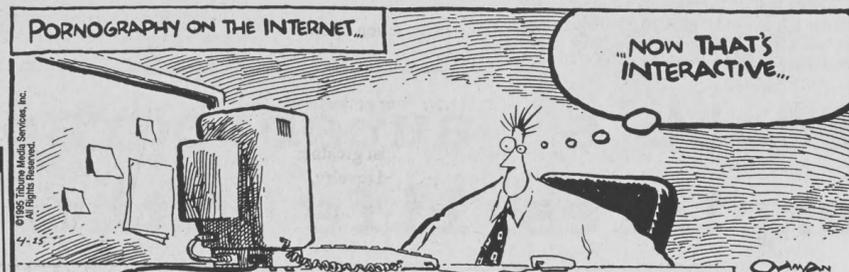
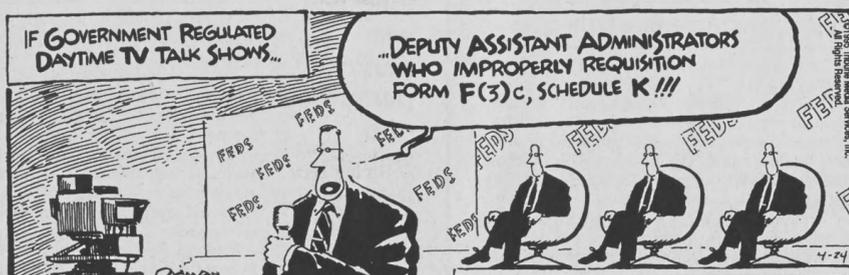
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OPINION

The Ring-tum Phi

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Great Expectations — Too Great?

April 3 was a day of bitter irony. Most students were agonizing over the pressures of final examinations. We were pushed to the limits of academic stress and pulled through. The faculty was busy that day as well. They passed a resolution raising the Dean's List requirement from 3.0 to 3.4 and Honor Roll from 3.5 to 3.75.

We were struggling to achieve and win success, while they altered the terms of that success.

Talk to any student and one will discover Washington and Lee is not an easy school. There is no grade inflation. Students are not given a free ride. Academic standards are rigorous.

Yes, over half of the student body makes Dean's List. That's because they *deserve* to make the Dean's List. It should be an obtainable honor. With the newly imposed 3.4 requirement, many students will lose the incentive to strive for the Dean's List.

The faculty believes a certain exclusivity should accompany the Dean's List and Honor Roll. After all, what's the purpose of a Dean's List in which 53 percent of students are members? *The Ring-tum Phi* agrees — in part. Let us suggest a solution to the exclusivity issue. Raise the Honor Roll requirement to 3.6. Allow the Honor Roll to be the elite fraternity of intellectuals which the faculty deems so necessary.

The Dean's List, however, should be left alone. When half of the students earn the distinction to be named to the List, it is testament to their tenacious efforts and hard work. Why deny them that victory? Why ignore their achievements to glorify the few?

Rest, Reflect, Rethink...

Goshen, Monday night parties, laying out, Total Theatre, Zollman's, ultimate frisbee on the front lawn...these are the days of Spring Term. Unlike the intense trials of Fall and Winter Terms, Spring Term allows students a chance to relax, reflect, and rethink.

A time to relax. Enjoy the relative ease of having only two classes and take advantage of the slowed pace. Catch your breath and defeat, at last, those winter doldrums.

A time to reflect. Look back on the previous seven months. Recognize your successes and admit failures. Resolve to improve next time.

A time to rethink. With the chaos passed, renew your enthusiasm about Washington and Lee. This University is rich with honor, tradition, and excellence. Glance around — you're amidst greatness.

Spring Term is not only glorious for its sun, music, and revelry, but the opportunity it affords each student to re-establish his faith in this institution.

Hello!

This issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* marks a beginning. It is the first issue of our new staff. We promise to deliver the campus news promptly, accurately, and regularly. We will maintain a policy of fairness, excellence, and quality. We are Washington and Lee's 98-year-old newspaper and look forward to serving in the grand tradition of our predecessors.

Quote of the Week...

"I could give a couple of good 'Quotes of the Week' right now, but I don't think anybody wants to hear it."

Rookie Sports Editor Scott Bookwalter, asked his opinion of the 'Quote of the Week' at 3:30 Friday morning



'Amherstization' threatens university



NICHOLAS L. WADDY, '96

Two recent events, in my perhaps not-so-humble opinion, should give all true Washington and Lee gentlemen (and ladies) genuine cause for alarm. I am thinking, first of all, about the recent decision to mandate that sophomores live in University housing. Objections to this policy differ in their rationale: some say the policy is unfair to W&L women, some that it is a scarcely concealed attack on the fraternity system. In defense of its policy, the administration contends that a sophomore housing requirement will help build a sense of community University-wide and will provide W&L with needed funds. Whoever is right, the fact remains that the policy is a direct assault on the principle of student self-government. And if the sophomore housing requirement does end up developing a sense of solidarity among the students, one suspects that that camaraderie will probably find its basis more in a shared resentment of Big Brother in Washington Hall than in anything else.

A parallel case is the appointment of a dean of student activities to supervise what we optimistically label 'fun' at Washington and Lee. Again, detractors

insist this move is just one more attempt to reduce the power of fraternities at W&L.

The official justification, to be sure, would be phrased quite differently—the purpose of the student activities dean, the administration might say, is to give the social scene at W&L a depth it has never before had. With a 'dean of fun' in place, it might be claimed, students will have for the first time a truly free choice about whether or not they wish to affiliate themselves with any Greek organization. Which argument one accepts, pro or con, depends largely on how one evaluates the work our fraternities and sororities are doing in meeting the social needs of the W&L student body.

In any event, what is more distressing about the Student Activities Coordinator is not her feelings toward the fraternities (whatever they may be), but her remarkably poor judgment and highly questionable taste. The University's new social standards, exemplified by the recent talk, "Hot, Sexy, and Safer," are, in fact, an affront to any civilized concept of decency and decorum. I freely (indeed, proudly) admit that I did not attend this "memorable and entertaining lecture," but everything I have heard seems to indicate that, if such a thing as taste still exists, Ms. Landolphi violates it.

It is in many respects an insult to the intelligence of the student body that the University now believes we need to be goaded by a dean in order to have an appropriate level and variety of 'fun,'

but it is even more distressing what 'fun' is now considered to be.

Getting to the heart of the matter, I want to suggest the following: that all planning for the future at Washington and Lee is divided into two parts—two paths, if you will, and we show every sign of choosing the lesser of the two.

On the one hand, there are many professors, administrators, alumni, and even students who exalt the pontifications of *U.S. News & World Report* as the definitive standard on which the success of our University ought to be judged. By this line of reasoning, Amherst and Williams are the nearest thing to perfection that any liberal arts college can hope to achieve, and we ought to concentrate our efforts on following their esteemed examples. It is, in the final analysis, more through policy inertia than by conspiratorial design that our University has drifted slowly but inexorably in this lamentable direction, but, whatever the cause, it should be now be obvious that the "Amherstization" of W&L is an undeniable fact of life. Forcing students to live on campus, restricting fraternities, and promoting a social agenda disrespectful of traditional civilities, after all, are policies entirely consistent with the Amherst approach to University governance.

There is, however, a second ideal for W&L, one infinitely better suited to our history and character, that of Robert E. Lee. The University envisioned by Lee, a community of pious and morally unimpeachable scholars, united in a com-

mitment to honesty, integrity and gentlemanly conduct, remains a laudable, if not entirely practicable goal. Many administrators, for their part, rightly condemn the rampant abuse of alcohol at Washington and Lee. But instead of doing as Lee would have done—instead of directly enforcing whatever new regulations seem to be required in order to purge our community of such disreputable conduct—our administrators insist on duplicitously extending their control over such morally neutral questions as where the W&L student body chooses to live. The truth is, of course, that fraternities are offensive to some left-leaning bureaucrats for reasons other than simply their tendency to promote the irresponsible use of alcohol; many members of the W&L community also want to abolish fraternities in order to help exorcise any lingering ghosts of gender distinctions from our society, which is, it goes without saying, far afield from the primary purpose of a liberal arts college.

The crux of the issue is this: if our University and its unique ethos are to survive, then we, the students, must demand of our administrators that they lay bare the full implications of their vision for W&L's future (or lack thereof). I, for one, came here, and forswore more typical liberal arts colleges, for a very good reason: W&L is unique among American universities for its high academic, cultural and ethical standards. If this uniqueness is to be preserved, then now is the time to make our voices heard.

Affirmative Action for 'angry white males'

THE FAR MIDDLE

Alex Christensen

As a white male myself, and one who is frequently angered by the hypocrisy and incompetence, not to mention the widespread, outright venality of the interests which seem to be controlling Washington these days, I hesitate to lampoon or dismiss certain views just because someone calls them the domain of "angry white males."

But, to be honest, many of the defenses of these views written by white males seem to be little more than whining about the erosion of a system that has made the government a proprietary defender of their interests alone for most of our history. Some white men in this country seem to be willing to violate the first principles of our country in order to defend a status quo that keeps them on top.

Witness Proposition 187 in California, Pete Wilson's promotion of a constitutional amendment excluding the children of illegal immigrants, born on American soil, from citizenship (upon what other basis does his own claim to American citizenship, or anyone else's, rest? It's a modern *Dred Scott* provision) and widespread discontent about alleged reverse discrimination in the application of Affirmative Action programs, despite study after study documenting very little actual reverse discrimination taking place.

Quite a bind. For instance, it would not take anyone long to find a white male on the Washington and Lee campus, probably a C-school major, who would fume about the injustice of judging people on anything other than merit, then turn around and defend the 60/40 male to female ratio this university uses to "ease the transition" to co-education, but which really has the effect of both promoting some less qualified men in the admissions process and unfairly denying opportunities to some more qualified women. The next time you hear this Affirmative Action-bashing from a man on campus, consider the fact that he may be here not because of his merit or ability, but simply because the admissions process at W&L brings in less qualified students simply because of their gender.

The origin of Affirmative Action was never some

liberal conspiracy to promote unqualified people. To make that argument is racist in itself: it assumes that every time a minority person has been promoted over a non-minority candidate, the non-minority candidate has been more qualified.

It is also revealed as faulty by Justice Department surveys which have shown that this kind of so-called "reverse discrimination" has only occurred in about 1.5 percent of cases. Now let's all count on our fingers how many times *real* discrimination against minorities has occurred. No one likes to talk about that. It cannot even really be documented, because, unlike Affirmative Action programs, it is insidious and originates in hate and contempt rather than any motive of leveling the playing field in this country—so no official records can be kept.

Affirmative Action was designed to open up traditionally closed fields to minority candidates. It has done so. It has had the ancillary effect, also eminently desirable, of helping to create a larger black middle class than has ever existed before in this nation. Why? Because minority candidates were unqualified? On the contrary, it is because minority candidates have been able to develop their abilities in careers for which they would not have been considered before, and have been able to demonstrate ability and competence *once that barrier was overcome*.

However, I do understand criticisms of specific applications that have resulted in unfair practices. Hard quotas are especially pernicious. But the angry white male does not understand that that is not what all Affirmative Action programs are about. Minority outreach, integrating outlandishly discriminatory strongholds through the courts, promoting fair employment practices and non-discrimination policies are also the fruits of Affirmative Action, and they protect the interests of every American.

It is true that old-style Affirmative Action is a bit

creaky and awkward, a leftover from the sixties and the Johnson and Nixon administrations. But so was the whole government, until Bill Clinton showed up. The intervening administrations did not seem to have time to actually run the government. Affirmative Action has a proud history. It has accomplished what it was designed to accomplish. Stack that up against the Rural Electrification Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, or the Post Office, and you'll see that for a government program, it is the equivalent of a Ferrari Testarossa transmission.

President Clinton is on the right track with Affirmative Action, as he has been with much of the federal bureaucracy. Fewer people now work in the federal government than at any time since JFK was in the White House. Processes have been streamlined and waste cut, all in extremely effective, sensible ways. Now his administration is running a comprehensive review of all federal Affirmative Action programs, with an eye towards eliminating its more egregious misapplications. This is how government should work.

As for the 60/40 ratio, if you are for it, you should certainly be for Affirmative Action. Both have promoted noble ends by encouraging real results over individual "equality," as if such a thing has ever or could ever really exist. I believe the ratio, while it may exclude some qualified candidates, actually has had very beneficial effects: preserving the gender balance in our little Shenandoah Valley college belt, moving slowly to promote an orderly progression from all-male to co-ed, and producing truly outstanding female alumnae who have been a credit to the reputation and legacy of Washington and Lee.

But, like Affirmative Action, the gender ratio, I believe, has become creaky and outdated. It is probably due for a Clinton-style bureaucracy-busting, mindset-challenging overhaul.

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Spring room-cleaning year in making

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

I've been meaning all year to clean my room, and I figured that spring term, with only two classes, was a really good time to start.

It's not as if my room started off messy at the beginning of the year; in fact, I've been very organized. I put everything in separate piles based either on subject matter, date, or if it's the same color as other things in the pile. The problem arises when the piles overflow or when you run out of floor space and start having to store things in the bathroom (or in the Phi office).

I decided it was time to go through the piles and make more compact piles out of them. As I was sorting, I found some interesting things, like several boxes of World's Skin Critters Tattoo and Candy, which I bought at a dollar store in Florida. Each box contains about 20 pieces of gum shaped like cigarettes, as well as several dragon tattoos. As a college student in perpetual search for food and entertainment, this was a two-fer. No more empty Friday nights.

I also came across something I bought in an extreme fit of boredom: *Totally Uninhibited: The Life and Wild*

Times of Cher by Lawrence J. Quirk, the shallowest book I have ever read. You may also recall that Quirk wrote *Fasten Your Seat Belts: The Passionate Life of Bette Davis*. The Cher book cost me \$2; my standards for reading do lower with price. Who can beat passages like, "After awhile, you get the feeling that if she showed some expression, she'd wrinkle or crack... She isn't the undead — she's the unold." That's my kind of woman. Plus she already has her own tattoos.

I also unearthed all kinds of bank statements, credit card bills, threatening letters from Columbia House, divorce papers from my first wife, etc. Among all of them were some of my favorite clippings from the *Lexington News Gazette*, like the story (and picture!) of the recent addition of a wax postman to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum. The picture featured a

museum curator gazing approvingly at the wax postman. The wax postman gazed back. Just like in the real post office.

I also found a great picture from the *News Gazette* called "Learning How to Milk A Cow." It featured four kindergartners attempting to milk a wooden cow, whose painted facial expression seemed to indicate he didn't appreciate the attempts. I also have a clipping that may be partially related to the cows: a manure fire near the Horse Center.

There was a great picture of Lexington fire crew trying to put the blaze out. The article didn't say if they used the fire truck that Washington and Lee gave the city of Lexington a couple of years back.

You can't beat finding old mail in your room, either. I came across a

picture mailed to the Phi office of Miss Teen All American, SreeRatna Kancharla. It used to hang on my wall. Judging by the number of pictures of Miss Teen All Americans sent to the Phi office, their term of office must be around 3 weeks. I also have a letter from the National Library of Poetry asking me to submit a poem for publication in their new book. I'm not sure what my poem will be about, but it will definitely have several gratuitous references to SreeRatna Kancharla. I'm submitting her picture with my poem, also.

Clothes are also a special find in my room. I came across several shirts that I last recall wearing while I was in high school. I think my mother may have planted them in my apartment during Parents' Weekend. It's always interesting to pick up a crumpled T-shirt, see a stain on it, and try to remember its history (Example: "When was the last time I had fondue?"). My hint for organizing questionable clothing: use it to add padding to your bed.

My room is nearing completion now, but like a poem, that's up for interpretation. As I tell visitors, "This is my room; it's not a museum, I just live here."

Hey, if I can only think of something that rhymes with that, SreeRatna and I will be famous.

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MOCK REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SPEAKER Schedule of Classes - Tues., April 25, 1995

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B - 8:50 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	F - 1:50 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.
C - 9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	G - 2:40 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.
D - 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	H - 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
JACK KEMP - 11:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	I - 4:20 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.
	J - 5:10 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

GENERAL NOTES

Asian Exchange

Opportunities to help introduce Asian students to W&L's social life, advise them on courses, help with cultural adjustment and English are becoming available. Students interested in volunteering to be big brothers or sisters to next year's students from Hong Kong and Japan should contact Professor Hill at 462-8829, Professor Rogers at 462-8936, or in their offices in the East Asian Language Center (Red House).

Campus Carnival

The Student Activities Department is sponsoring the Campus Carnival Friday, April 21 from 4-8 p.m. at the Law School Field. Admission is free. Activities will include bands, free food, sumo wrestling, carnival mirrors, face painting, velcro flytrap, a dunk tank and carnival game booths.

Peer Counseling

The Peer Counseling program is now accepting applications for membership in their program. Application forms may be picked up from Mrs. Calkins in the University Center. The deadline for applying is April 26 by 5 p.m.

Phonathon

The Annual Fund Phonathon will be held from Sunday, April 23 to Thursday, April 27 and on Sunday, April 30 through Thursday, May 4 from 6:30-10 p.m. and will be held in the Development Office in Washington Hall. Shifts run an hour and a half and participants will receive a free T-shirt and five-minute long distance call anywhere in the U.S. Contact Heather at 462-4115 if interested.

Film Society

To mark the beginning of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, the Washington and Lee Film Society and the Hillel Association will be presenting "Schindler's List" (USA/Poland, 1993), in English, in the Troubadour Theater at the corner of Main and Henry Streets at 8:05 p.m. Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. There is no charge.

"Madam F"

The Hillel Foundation with support from the Max and Sylvia Weinstein fund will sponsor Claudia Stevens's performance of her one-woman theatre piece entitled "An Evening with Madam F" Monday, April 24 at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The show dramatizes Holocaust experiences of several survivors through music and drama. It commemorates U.S. Holocaust Week.

Mock Convention

Mock Convention's Spring Kickoff will feature several events in Lee Chapel. Former Rep. and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp will speak Tuesday, April 25 at 11:45 a.m. On Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m., a forum featuring Republican pollster Lance Tarrance, local Congressman Bob Goodlatte, and W&L Politics professor William F. Connelly, Jr. will discuss issues facing the Republican party in this election cycle. Mock Convention will also sponsor former Reagan Assistant to the President for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs Frank J. Donatelli's speech Thursday, April 27 at 8 p.m.

A cookout will be held in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28.

Polish Economist

Leszek Balcerowicz, Professor of Economics at the Warsaw School of Economics, Wiegand Distinguished Visiting Professor in Democratization at Georgetown University, chairman of the political party Freedom Union and former deputy prime minister and minister of finance of non-communist Poland, will speak on "Understanding Post-Communist Transitions" in Commerce School Room 221 May 1 at 3 p.m.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Use of emblem does not indicate Amnesty support of cause

To the editor:

Recently, an organization called the Shenandoah Valley Leonard Peltier Support has posted signs around campus with the label "Leonard Peltier

Update" that have Amnesty International's name and two of our emblems on them.

This design was taken directly from one of our posters without our permission, and the organization is using the

name "Amnesty International" without the permission of our chapter or that of the national organization.

The Washington and Lee chapter of Amnesty International has never had any connection with this organization,

and it has never sponsored any activities on behalf of Leonard Peltier.

Prisoners of conscience are considered to be people who are imprisoned simply for expressing their political or religious beliefs in a non-

violent manner.

Although one of the main goals of Amnesty International is freeing prisoners of conscience, Leonard Peltier has been convicted of murder, and he is not considered to be a prisoner of con-

science by Amnesty International.

Julie Dorin, '96
President, Amnesty International
Kathleen McNamara, '96
Vice President, Amnesty International

Thanks to Phi Alpha Delta Law Service Fraternity students

To the editor:

I would like to thank Amy Alcock and the Phi Alpha Delta Law Service Fraternity for the tremendous job they did in sponsoring and

setting up the Downtown Lexington Easter Egg Hunt this year. Over 200 children ran around the W&L lawn in front of Lee Chapel searching for over 2,000 plastic eggs hidden by members of the fraternity.

All their hard work was appreciated. The Easter Bunny even showed up to hand out candy eggs and wish the children Happy Easter. The children had a wonderful time gather-

ing the eggs, while the adults had as much fun watching them.

The whole community is grateful to these law students, who gave up part of their Easter weekends to make this Easter a little

happier for the children of Lexington and Rockbridge County.

Woodson A. Sadler
Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

Dean Howison's perspective on student governance

To the editor:

Over the past few weeks, many students have asked me about student governance and autonomy at Washington and Lee. It is an important and pertinent question.

The role of students in the governance of Washington and Lee is complex and unique in American higher education. The most prominent aspect of the governance system is the Executive Committee's administration of the Honor System—an example of pure student autonomy. By the authority of the Board of Trustees, the Honor System is exclusively run by students. The University administration and faculty have no authority over the system. However, all other areas of student governance, including discipline and supervision of student organizations, rest with the faculty as delegated by the Board of Trustees in the by-laws of the University.

In the everyday life of the University community, this system works well. The Executive Committee manages the Honor System and in the other areas of student life, students elect officers, appoint students to committees, allocate funds to student organizations, adjudicate disciplinary matters, supervise the dormitories and residence halls, and run Fancy Dress and Mock Convention and the intramural program—all with little or no administrative or faculty intervention. It is when an issue arises that has broad implications for the entire University that this system of governance is tested. The most dramatic example in recent years is coeducation.

Although I was not at Washington and Lee in the mid-1980's when coeducation was being debated, I know that there was strong student opposition. The alumni were overwhelmingly opposed. Nevertheless, the University administration and the faculty concluded that coeducation was in the best interests of Washington and Lee and the issue was

sent to the Board of Trustees. The Board approved coeducation in 1984 and we see the results of that decision all around us.

Today, the issue that challenges our system of governance is fraternity rush. This is not a new issue. For over 20 years, the University administration, faculty and students have debated the nature of the freshman experience at Washington and Lee, and the impact that a fall fraternity rush has on that experience. The Institutional Long Range Plan of 1989 and the more recent Coeducation Review Committee Final Report both recommended winter rush for fraternities. The Interfraternity Council and the overwhelming majority of fraternity members have consistently opposed winter rush.

Since approving the existing delayed pledgship program in 1987, the faculty has maintained a discreet distance from the supervision and management of the system. Some

modifications in certain aspects of the program have been made but the overall format of fall rush followed by delayed pledgship with initiation in March has remained in place. Now, as indicated by its 83-3 vote in favor of winter rush, the faculty has forced the issue by raising an important question: Is the present fall fraternity rush system in the best interests of Washington and Lee?

As we work to answer that question, it is important to understand the evolutionary process that brought us to this point, including the delicate balance between student autonomy, faculty prerogatives and administrative responsibilities. I am confident that we have the resources to make the right decision. Our system of governance is strong. It has served Washington and Lee well in the past and it will serve us well in the years to come.

David L. Howison, Dean of Students

Leadership lacking on winter rush issue

To the editor:

Is it just me, or does this whole winter rush debate seem a bit strange? I mean, I thought fall rush was important to students. If that's true, why do we have an IFC that has shown an appalling lack of leadership from day one of this debate? Why do we have an IFC president resigned to the faculty's dogmatic decision? This issue highlights W&L's lack of any real student government brilliantly.

I also thought that the students and their viewpoints were important to the University. If fall rush is as bad as the faculty says, why don't more students want to change it? I think the vast majority of students would agree that the faculty has not really tried to hear student opinion on this matter and hasn't listened too well or cared too much when it did. It also strikes me that Professor Williams should be brought before the EC for saying that he does not know anyone who wants to get rid of fraternities. Respectfully, members of the faculty and administration, this attitude does not fool anyone as to your real desires and intentions. And lest you all say that students have not been forthcoming with reasons against this change, let me ask you why that might be. Could it be that students are afraid of angering their dogmatic elders by disagreeing openly? Call me crazy, but I thought when I paid \$20,000+ to a school, I could get a little respect as a thinking

human being with some valid concerns about changing rush.

So what would I advise the IFC and my fellow students to do? How about sticking to your guns and stating the arguments against the winter rush monstrosity loudly and proudly? How about contacting alumni to let them know exactly what is being done to the students so that they can register their disapproval on Alumni Weekend? How about asking alumni brothers to cease donations until fall rush is kept? How about mass student walkouts, or asking each fraternity member to forget to pay his fall tuition bill?

The whole idea of reforming higher education is based on the utter disregard for the university's customers that the Washington and Lee faculty and administration is now showing.

Now lest some of you say this is a little drastic, I ask you what the alternatives are. Rational debate could continue into the twenty-first century without changing faculty minds. The founding fathers of our country, including George Washington, recognized the power of the purse and public opinion, and it's a shame the IFC doesn't share that vision. I thought that when you had a principle, you fought for it. Meek and silent submission rarely wins change or respect.

Joshua Heslinga, '98

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What is your ideal Spring Term class?



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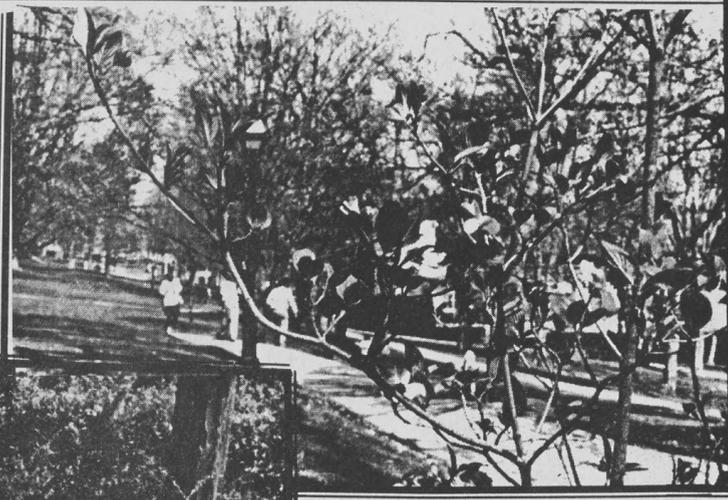
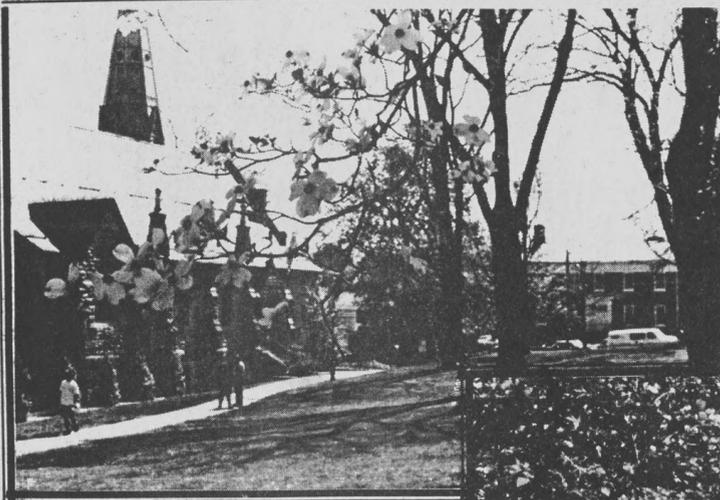


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Scenes from



Spring

Term

Sororities face off in Derby Days competitions to benefit charity

By CINDY YOUNG
Phi News Editor

Sigma Chi's Derby Days kicked off on Monday with the band Leftover Salmon at Zollman's will conclude this Saturday, April 22, with the crowning of this year's Derby King and Queen.

The third annual Derby Days, sponsored by Sigma Chi, brings fun and games to the first week of Spring Term 1995. "The main goal of Derby Days," according to Sigma Chi's program, "is fundraising for charity." Among other local charities to benefit from the event's winnings, Special Olympics is the main cause for which the event raises money.

In the spirit of fundraising and good times, Derby Days offers the four sororities on campus the opportunity to

compete in a wide range of activities. At the conclusion of each competition, points are awarded according to each sorority's finishing position. Tuesday brought a touch football match similar to intramural football. The championship, which was played above the law fields, concluded with the victory of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Banner Contest on Wednesday, along with the scavenger hunt on Thursday, offered more opportunities for the sororities to compete with each other.

Friday's Crack-Ups, a new event for Derby Days, awards points to sisters who "can make a Sigma Chi laugh in any fashion" deemed by another sister "suitable."

Derby Days concludes Saturday with Field Day, which will take place at Zollman's at 2:00 p.m. Events scheduled for Field Day include a 5-legged race, a sack race, tug-of-war, volleyball matches, and a wheelbarrow race.

Saturday night's band at Zollman's, From Good Homes, will bring the week to a close.

It's not only the sorority with the most points who will emerge from Derby Days a winner, however.

Sigma Chi has pledged five percent of all money raised throughout the event to Special Olympics of Rockbridge, Allegheny, and Bath Counties. The remaining amount will be divided among the sororities, with 20 percent going to the sorority that earns the most points, 15 percent for the second place sorority, 10 percent for the third, and five percent for the fourth.

In addition to Greek fundraising activities during Derby Days, Domino's Pizza has promised to donate 7.5 percent of all pizza sales during the week to local charities.

Derby Days offers campus sororities the opportunity for friendly competition, with local charities benefiting in the meantime.

Derby Days



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was noncommittal on the subject of gay rights. Instead of giving up on the Republican candidate, Tafel arranged a meeting with candidate Weld to discuss items of concern to Massachusetts's gay community. Following these discussions, Weld admitted that he had not taken a strong stand on these issues only because he had not thought about them in any detail before. Weld took strong stands for gay and lesbian rights, education and support for gay teens, and other issues of concern, and is now considered "the most progressive governor in the country on gay issues," according to Tafel.

Following Weld's election, Tafel was named director of the state's Adolescent Health Pro-

gram, where he helped to develop nationally recognized support programs for gay and lesbian teenagers in Massachusetts's schools.

Similar efforts have been made to alert and educate Republicans about gay and lesbian rights issues by the Log Cabin Republicans, Tafel's group, notably with such gay-friendly Republican politicians as New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, and New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Now Tafel is a critical link in lobbying the 103rd Congress, the first Republican Congress in 40 years. Traditional lobby groups such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have found themselves limited in their access to Republican politicians because of a perceived

tendency to ignore or demonize Republicans and concentrate their efforts on Democratic lawmakers, who used to control legislation and the balance of power on Capitol Hill.

Tafel describes the Log Cabin Republicans as performing a "mediating role" between the gay community and the Republican lawmakers now in power. For instance, while many lobby groups were pessimistic about the chances for the renewal of the Ryan White Care Act, which provides AIDS funding, Tafel's group lobbied the chairpersons of the relevant committees in each house, resulting in the renewal of the Ryan White Act being made the first priority of each committee. Tafel was also invited to testify before Congress on the Act.

Tafel feels that the gay community's tendency to put all of their political eggs in one

(Democratic) basket has resulted in a marginalization of gay activists in politics. Democrats take their support for granted, while Republicans do not appeal to the gay community because they feel it is a vote that cannot be won. Tafel contends however, that Democrats such as Bill Clinton have turned their backs on gay and lesbian issues once in office, while Republicans such as Riordan, Weld, Giuliani and Whitman have reaped substantial political benefits from courting this crucial swing bloc and taking their issues seriously, benefits not just measured in voting, but in campaign support and fund-raising.

In 1994, studies showed 1 in 3 gay or lesbian voters voted Republican. In fact, the Republican "Contract with America" was designed, according to Tafel, specifically not to exclude

gay and lesbians who might be attracted to the conservative message of deregulation, smaller government and government accountability.

Tafel said the key is for gay and lesbian Republicans to take a stand in their own party, one he says was founded on the basis of less government interference in people's lives. Tafel pointed out that the only reason the religious right has had so much influence on the Republican party is because they just plain showed up at local meetings and made their presence known in Republican primaries.

He said that even a relatively small gay organization like his has been able to have an impact as well by making its presence known at the grass-roots.

"I know I give them a headache. But we're not going anywhere," said Tafel.

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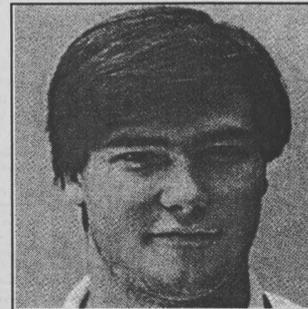
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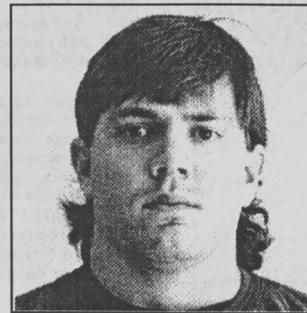


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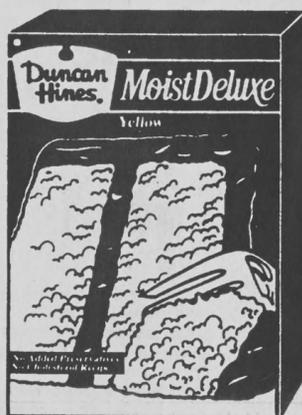
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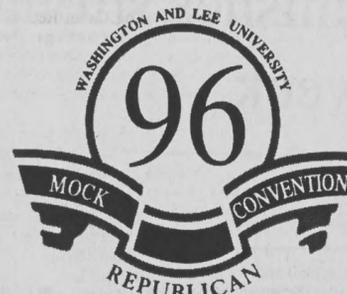


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L, 17-4 to Lynchburg
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MLACROSSE - L, 14-11 to Franklin and Marshall
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This Week:

GOLF - Mon. and Tues. at ODAC Championship
BASEBALL - Sat. vs. Guilford (2), Tues. vs. VMI
MLACROSSE - Sat. vs. Denison
WLACROSSE - Sat. vs. Frostburg St.
M, WTENNIS - This Weekend in ODAC Tournament
TRACK - Sat. at ODAC Championships

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BASEBALL, GOLF, TENNIS, TRACK, LACROSSE

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No more Super Joe

THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Well, here I am. I have been promoted to the Shaded Column, which is without a doubt the crown jewel of Washington and Lee sports journalism.

I extend many thanks to the immortal Steve Williard for helping me attain this status. Hopefully, I will carry on the tradition (Heck, we don't have many traditions at W&L, do we?) of providing the witty insights that the Shaded Column has become world-renowned for.

I could begin by trashing the Bullets' Gheorghe Muresan, but I'll save that for later.

This week, Joe Montana retired from the NFL. The QB for the Chiefs, and most notably, the 49ers, has been hindered by injuries for the last several seasons. Still, in a big game, no matter what his condition, I'd want Joe on my team.

April has been a huge month for both college and pro basketball.

The UCLA Bruins cruised past the Arkansas Razorbacks, 89-78, in the NCAA Championship.

With playmaker Tyus Edney nursing an injury, UCLA's Ed O'Bannon picked up the slack by racking up 30 points. Ed virtually obliterated the presence of the Hogs' Corliss "Big Nasty" Williamson.

Actually, neither team was supposed to reach the championship game. The 1993-94 NCAA champion Razorbacks somehow survived a near-upset by superpower Texas Southern, two overtime games, and blatant underachievement, in stumbling their way into the Final Four.

Although UCLA entered the tournament ranked first in the country, the Bruins were haunted by the ghosts of recent tournament flops, such as to Penn St. and Tulsa in this decade. As a result of this, coach Jim Harrick had about as much job security as Oil Can Boyd.

UCLA and especially Arkansas will be hit with player losses. The Big Nasty and his backcourt comrade Scotty Thurman have departed early for the NBA Draft. UCLA loses Ed O'Bannon, Edney, and George "No, I'm not related to Muresan" Zidek. Charles O'Bannon and freshman sensation Toby Bailey still remain.

The 1994-95 NBA season is currently winding down. For the past month, the league has been dominated by the initials MJ.

Face it, which team wants to face Chicago in the opening round of the playoffs? The scary thing is that the Bulls could enter the playoffs as low as a fifth or sixth seed.

Orlando, as long as Penny Hardaway and Nick Anderson remain healthy, will be the favorite to capture the Eastern Conference. However, don't be surprised if the Bulls reel off several upsets in the playoffs.

The torrid San Antonio Spurs have used a 15-game winning streak to emerge as the team to beat in the Western Conference. Utah, with Karl "The Mailman" Malone, also lurks as a threat. And unlike the U.S. Postal Service, The Mailman actually delivers.

Oh yeah, I nearly forgot about Muresan. The incomparable 7'7" center actually erupted for 30 points vs. Boston on April 9. However, the NBA has weathered the storm and Gheorghe is back around the 12-point mark.

Maybe he could switch sports and become a replacement baseball player. On second thought...

Moore named new basketball coach

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Two months before officially taking over his new job, new head basketball coach Kevin Moore has lofty expectations for his Generals.

Moore was named the program's 20th coach April 4 by W&L athletic director Mike Walsh.

The department's search included over 180 applicants.

"[Moore] has a unique blend of enthusiasm, successful head coaching experience and commitment to Division III athletics," Walsh said. "We are pleased to name him as our new coach and look forward to re-establishing our competitive-

ness within the Old Dominion Athletic Conference."

I think it's an attainable goal," he said. "There's quite a bit of talent already there."

Sophomore Chris Couzen, one of several returning Generals who met with Moore following the announcement, seems to agree.

"I'm taking it one step at a time, but I think it's a realistic goal," said Couzen.

Moore will also become Washington & Lee's new head golf coach, a job he held during his first two years at Elmira.

However, the key factor in Moore's move to Lexington was the availability of the basketball position.

In explaining his desire for the job, Moore recalled his team's visit to W&L to face the Generals

during the 1988-89 season.

"When I got back to Elmira, I told my wife if [the W&L] job ever opened up, I wanted it," he said.

The SUNY-Brockport graduate brings 122 career wins to his new home.

The season before he took over, the Soaring Eagles won just seven games.

During his tenure at Elmira, a Division III independent, Moore's teams took five trips into postseason tournaments, four times to the ECAC, and a bid last year to the NCAA Division III tournament.

In his final four seasons, they averaged 18 wins.

In 1994, they brought home the ECAC Upstate New York championship in a 21-7 season.

Couzen is already impressed with his new coach.

"He seems like a player's coach to me," he said, "like the kind of guy who enjoys what he does and also wants to be close to his players."

When Moore made that 1989 trip to W&L, he was highly impressed with the area and the people, citing the quality of the school as a factor in his pursuance of the job.

Moore is returning to Lexington this weekend with his family and expects to move into the area after completing his duties at Elmira in mid-June.

Moore and his wife, Shari, have four children, whom Moore says are already excited about the move. He will officially begin his duties at W&L on July 1.



Photo by W. Patrick Hinely

New head basketball coach Kevin Moore will take over for the Generals this winter.

Women's tennis continues to roll

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team continued to showcase its considerable talent over the break, as it prepared for the ODAC championships this weekend. The Generals posted a 6-0 record for the past two weeks, raising their overall mark to a phenomenal 18-1.

The Generals began by defeating top-ranked Williams, 7-2. W&L took a 2-1 lead after the doubles matches, and then senior No. 1 singles player Marilyn Baker set an example for the rest of the match with her 6-2, 6-2 win.

The Generals also grabbed

the Nos. 3-6 singles matches, thanks to senior Cathy Gartin, sophomore Anna O'Connor, and freshmen Berry Blankinship and Ericka Shapard.

Baker's win was her twentieth of the season and tenth straight, earning her Athlete of the Week honors, as well as her unprecedented fourth consecutive 20-win season. No other W&L player has accomplished this feat more than once.

Next, the Generals travelled to Hilton Head, where they made minicem of their competitors, St. Mary's (Minn.) and Davis & Elkins, by identical 9-0 whitewashings.

Last Friday, the Generals travelled to Emory, the #1 ranked team in the South. This was a chance for the team to avenge last year's

heartbreaking 5-4 NCAA loss to Emory. The team took advantage of the opportunity as the scales tipped ever so slightly in W&L's direction, reversing the direction of the previous 5-4 score for a Generals win.

The Generals again achieved an early 2-1 lead after doubles, as the 2nd doubles team of Shapard and O'Connor won, 8-2, and the 3rd doubles tandem of junior Julie Ayers and Blankinship won, 8-3. In singles play, W&L picked up the three clinching wins from freshman 2nd singles player Natalia Garcia (6-4, 7-5), Shapard at 4th singles (6-2, 7-5), and O'Connor at 5th (6-3, 6-0).

Just a day after this emotional win, which virtually assured W&L of a return berth in this year's NCAA tourney, the Gen-

erals travelled to Sewanee, where they breezed to an 8-1 victory.

Finally, on Tuesday, the Generals wrapped up their regular-season matches by shellacking Hollins College by a count of 9-0.

Freshmen Garcia and Shapard both went undefeated in singles play in the past week, adding new support to Marilyn Baker's perennial dominance. The three varsity freshmen will give head coach Cinda Rankin a powerful one-two combination of upperclass experience and freshman talent.

From any point of view, these recent results bode extremely well for W&L's chances in this weekend's ODAC tourney at Guilford, and in May's NCAA championships.

Women's lacrosse finishes strong week

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Home field and the number-one seed is the reward bestowed upon the women's lacrosse after defeating national #7 Roanoke College, 11-10, Wednesday.

The victory gave W&L the regular season Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship for the second time in three seasons. The Generals won the tournament crown in 1992 and '93.

As regular season champions, W&L earns the right to host the tournament's semifinals and championship game, scheduled for next Friday and Saturday at the Liberty Hall Fields.

"It was something we hoped for," said senior tri-captain Nicole Ripken. "We seem to play better at home."

"Better" is defined as a 41-13 record since beginning play on the Liberty Hall Fields in 1989, including 4-1 this year.

"I think it gives us a bit of an advantage," said head coach Jan Hathorn. "It's anybody's tournament, but this takes the edge off a little."

W&L (8-4, 6-1 ODAC) beat Roanoke for the fourth time in five meetings.

All four wins have been one-goal margins, something the players would like to start doing without.

"It'd be nice to have an occasional cushion," said Ripken. "It gets nerve-wracking, but it is a great rivalry."

The Maroons look to pick up the tournament's second seed when they face Randolph-Macon on Saturday, a likely semifinal preview. Lynchburg, the lone ODAC team to defeat the Generals, will be fourth.

W&L jumped out to an early 4-2 lead at Roanoke, but their rivals stormed back to take the lead.

The Generals managed to not panic and fought back for a 9-7 lead at halftime.

"We never lost our composure," Ripken said.

Senior tri-captain and defender Carrie Niederer agreed.

"This year we've been better about staying in games when we fall behind," she said. "I think we got more angry than panicked."

Senior Lindsay Coleman netted her 110th career goal five minutes into the second half for a 10-7 W&L lead.

The score tied Coleman with Angie Carrington '94 for third place on the school's all-time goals list.

The Maroons managed to close within a goal twice the rest of the way, but freshman Mary Jo Mahoney's free-position goal with 11 minutes left proved the difference.

Sophomore goalie Brooke Glenn stopped 16 shots. W&L's Athlete of the Week is just nine saves shy of the school's single-season record of 169.

Earlier this week, Glenn stopped a school-record 27 shots in a 18-6 loss to national runner-up William Smith.

Ripken led the way with four goals and one assist. She trails Coleman with 107 career goals and is now second in career assists with 35.

Sophomore Erika Snyder had two goals and one assist, while junior Cheryl Taurassi also scored twice.

Senior Meredith Long had W&L's other goal in the win.

The Generals' victory was undoubtedly sweet, considering their rough 15-8 loss last season to the Maroons on the Liberty Hall Fields.

In that early season meeting, Roanoke came, saw, and kicked grass in the face of the Generals' hopes for a third straight ODAC championship.

On Saturday, the Generals host Frostburg at 2:00 in their final regular season game.

Last year, W&L beat Frostburg for the first time ever, 9-8.

"They're always athletic," Hathorn said of Frostburg. "Hopefully, our team won't consider the season over and will come ready to fight."

GENERAL MINICAPS

BASEBALL

W&L finally completed a suspended game at Hampden-Sydney on Tuesday. The contest resumed with the score deadlocked at 9-9. However, the Generals plated two more runs to edge out a 11-10 victory.

In the regularly-scheduled game, the Generals had trouble continuing their momentum, and dropped a 9-6 decision to the Tigers.

W&L returned home yesterday to face Lynchburg, but the Generals were annihilated, 17-4.

The Generals' log now stands at 7-17.

GOLF

The Generals' golf squad capped an outstanding week with a first-place finish at the Lynchburg Invitational on Wednesday.

Sophomore Tommy Dudley burned up the links with a round of 75, tying him for medalist honors.

Dudley has now scored below 80 in ten consecutive matches.

The Generals earlier had triumphed in the Virginia Wesleyan tournament on April 13, and finished fourth at the Shipbuilders Invitational on April 14.

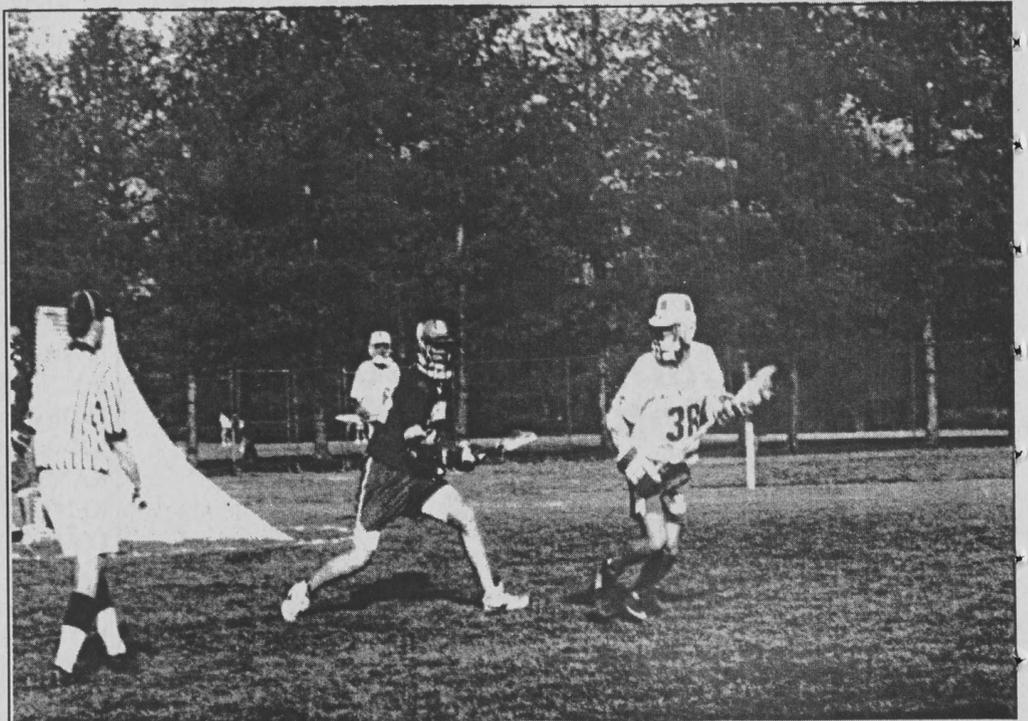


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The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse squad has battled its way toward an extremely successful year. An upset victory at St. Mary's on April 12 has highlighted the Generals' late season charge.