

PARENTS' WEEKEND EDITION

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny, mid to low 60s, chance of rain
SATURDAY: Lows 40-45, highs in the 60s
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s, lows in the 40s

"...A Sound Full
Of Silence..." **3**

Cross country
teams race well
at Gettysburg **10**

The Ring-tum Phi

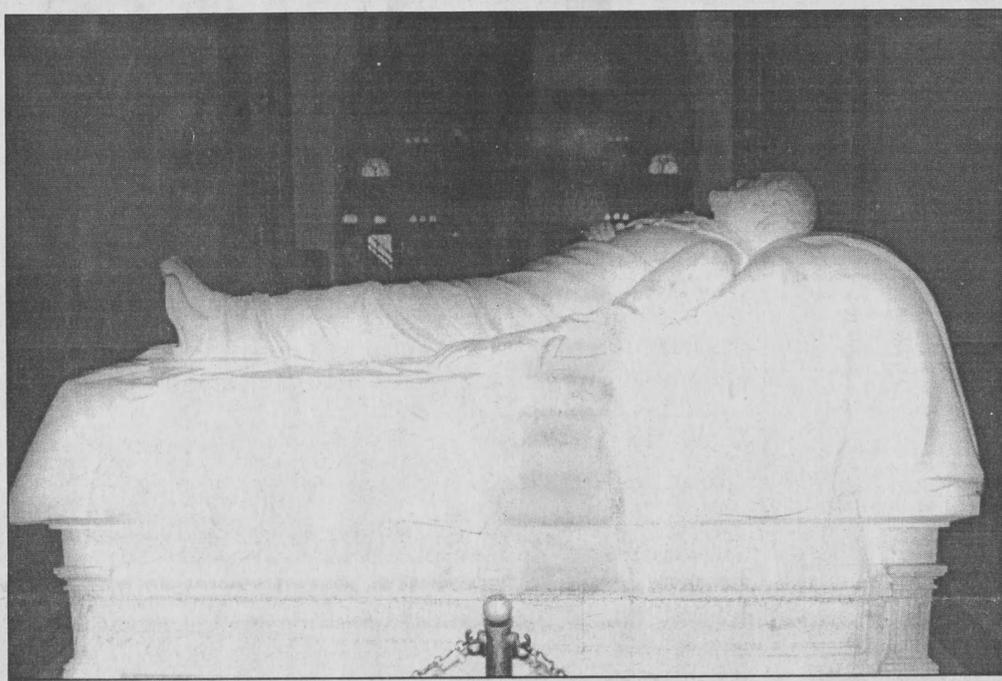
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John W. Elrod inaugurated



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Our cherished tradition

As Washington and Lee welcomes newly inaugurated President John William Elrod, the W&L community continues to live and learn in the tradition of presidents past.

Washington and Lee embraces a new era and honors tradition

By KERI ANNE DUNPHY
Phi Staff Writer

While many W&L students relaxed in the comfort of their own homes over reading days, numerous people flocked to our campus to witness and celebrate the inauguration of John William Elrod, the new president of Washington and Lee University. The ceremony took place midday Saturday in front of Lee Chapel.

The procession included the University Marshall, W. Barlow Newbolt, the presidential party, the university trustees, the deans of the University, various delegates from universities, colleges, learned societies, and educational organizations, the W&L faculty, several student delegates and various alumni delegates.

The opening invocation was given by Thomas V. Litzburg, Jr. '57, the director of the Reeves Center and Acting Chaplain of the University. Litzburg prayed that God would "send down upon the president of this University . . . spirit, wisdom, charity, and justice . . . that {he} may faithfully fulfill {his} office."

Following the invocation, greetings were presented from several sources. Representing the faculty, W&L professor Barbara J. Brown, greeted the crowd on what she called a "red-letter day." She expressed the faculty's pleasure of Elrod's new position and stated that they are "counting on you {Elrod} to be here well after the year 2000."

Her sentiments were reiterated by W&L

Senior Nova A. Clark, who called Elrod an "example of what it means to be a part of this university." Clark expressed her confidence that President Elrod will lead W&L into the 21st century continuing to incorporate change, but without losing our many long-standing traditions.

H.E. Derrick Jr., mayor of Lexington, who spoke on behalf of "the city of Lexington and its citizens" had numerous accolades to offer Elrod, under whose leadership, "the bond between the university and the city can only grow stronger." He is proud that the Selection Committee had the sense to not only "choose one of their own, but also one of our own."

Finally, Sidney M.B. Coulling '46 presented "greetings from more than 19,000 alumni." He claimed that Elrod has gained their confidence through his own love of the university, his "appreciation of its tradition and heritage" and his strong "faith in the importance of liberal education." Coulling assured Elrod the continued loyalty and support of the University's many alumni.

These short greetings preceded the convocation address by John W. Kuykendall, President of Davidson College. Kuykendall chose to consider the seemingly questionable future of liberal learning, a timely topic in light of the University's upcoming bicentinquagenary (250th anniversary). He asked the audience to

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Parents' Weekend Band Parties

Friday
Slow Jerk and Big Blast--SAE
Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts
--Sigma Chi

Saturday
Three Men and a Lady--KA
Southbound--Kappa Sig
Mike Latham Band--Phi Psi
Gentlemen and Their Ladies--PiKA
The Grandeurs--Sigma Chi
Dean Dollar Band--Sigma Nu
Heaven and Hell Party with On
Beyond Z--FIJI
R&B All-Stars--Pi Phi
Midnight Movers--Phi Delt

Steering Committee organized

By ROBIN SEATON
Phi Staff Writer

Members for this year's Fancy Dress Steering Committee have been chosen after an extensive interview process, according to FD Chairperson Ashley Bell '96. This was the first big step toward organizing the event, to be held in late March, stated Bell.

Interviews were held on October 11th and 12th, to select coordinators for decorations and entertainment, as well as chairpersons and members for the five sub-committees. Decorations will be organized by senior Ann Howard, while junior Chris Wick is entertainment coordinator.

Chairpersons for five sub-committees were also selected, as well as additional members for these committees. Publicity, playbill, memorabilia, and construction each have two members in addition to the chair, while the invitation sub-committee consists of a chairperson and one other member.

This year's Fancy Dress will fall three weeks after Mock Convention, but Bell does not expect any problems or lack of enthusiasm from students.

"F.D. is a tradition," she says, "and it will be just as good if not better than ever."

The entire steering committee will meet each week until the event, and Bell anticipates selection of this year's theme within the next few weeks. However, this will remain a secret to students, "until the invitations go out." Bands for the two gyms have not been booked yet, but Bell states that there will be a swing band in the big gym, with another group performing in the smaller gym, as usual. Bell encourages interested students to sign up for contract work in January.

PARENTS' WEEKEND

W&L welcomes visiting parents

From Phi Staff Reports

Washington and Lee University will observe its 41st annual Parents' Weekend on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28.

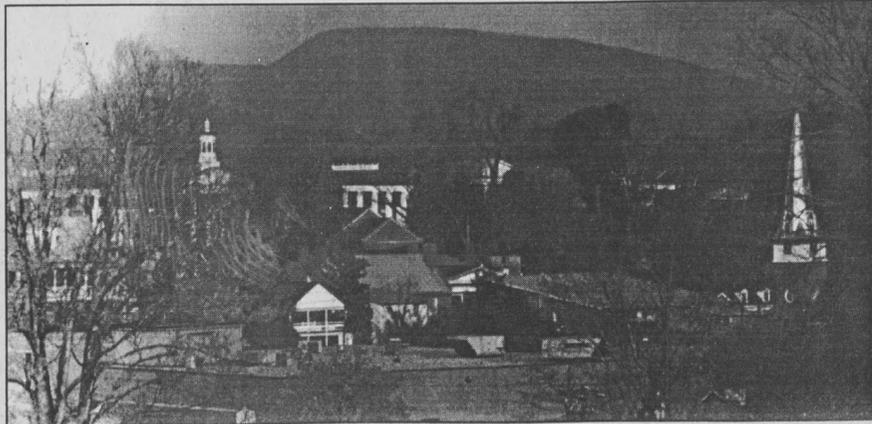
Designed to encourage a greater understanding of the university among the parents of W&L students, the weekend will feature activities to acquaint the parents with aspects of student life at Washington and Lee.

Activities will begin on Friday morning with open classes held by many of the academic departments, with parents welcome to attend. At 3:30 p.m. on Friday, the Phi Eta Sigma initiation for sophomores, their parents and advisors will be held in the Leyburn Library's Northern Auditorium.

Other Friday afternoon activities include scheduled appointments with faculty and administration, a reception with faculty in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics at 3:30 p.m., and an open house for freshmen and their parents from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Lee House. At 8 p.m. the physics department will sponsor an observatory open house on the Howe Hall roof. At 9 p.m. there will be a theatre production of *Children of a Lesser God* at the Lenfest Center.

In addition to open houses on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m., parents are invited to attend a 10 a.m. report of the deans titled "Academic and Student Life at Washington and Lee" in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics Room 327 featuring W. Lad Sessions, Dean of the College and David L. Howison, Dean of Students. Parents are also invited to attend a model law class in the W&L law school's Moot Court Room at 10 a.m.

W&L President John W. Elrod will deliver the annual report to parents at 11:30 a.m. in Lee Chapel. Following a luncheon on the Front Lawn at 12 noon, the football team will play Bridgewater College at 1:30 p.m. on Wilson Field. At 8 p.m., the University-Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra will perform, with Mary T. New '98 cello soloist and Maestro Mina Xiao as guest conductor, in the Lenfest Center's Keller Theatre.



File photo

W&L parents will be visiting the picturesque town of Lexington this weekend.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

Clinton discusses recent issues with President Zemin

New York—President Bill Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China met Tuesday at the Lincoln Center to discuss various conflicts which have arisen in recent months between the United States and its Most Favored Nation. The United States' policy of allowing visas to Taiwanese officials, despite its refusal to formally recognize Taiwan as a nation separate from China, will remain intact, although Zemin took serious offense at the recent visit of the Taiwanese president for his college reunion. Clinton was also rebuffed during the course of the summit when Zemin refused to discuss China's human rights policy and chided the U.N. and other powers for interfering in China's policies. Talks will continue between the two nations next month in Japan.

Quebec citizens continue efforts to secede from Canada

Quebec—As Monday's elections approach, English-speaking citizens of Canada, as well as U.S. officials, are hoping that recent polls showing a slight majority of Quebec's citizenry in favor of separation will prove false. School children, authors, farmers, and public officials from many nations are appealing to the French Canadians to remain a part of Canada, rather than seceding in response to the government and English-speaking citizenry's refusals in recent years to approve legislation designed to benefit the French-speaking province. Citizens on both sides of the question agree that secession would cause major political and economic upheaval, not only in Canada, but in most of the other major world powers.

Webber takes off five weeks for shoulder rehabilitation

Ann Arbor, Michigan—The Bullets' Chris Webber, who recently signed for a record NBA salary, will be out for five weeks in order to undergo rehabilitation for his dislocated shoulder. Doctors provided Webber with the option of surgery, which would completely heal the injury, but would require him to be out for several months. The recommendation for five weeks of strength training came from a doctor outside of the Bullets organization, but team officials say that team doctors will recommend the same course of rehabilitation and that, once rehabilitated, Webber should be able to avoid further injury.

Time-Warner to change rules of parental advisory stickers

Los Angeles—In response to recent criticism of Time-Warner for releasing records with explicit lyrics, and to the results of surveys of parents, the recording industry is beefing up its system of parental advisory stickers. The changes are designed to provide parents not with a system of censorship, but with a more reliable method of screening the music their children will listen to. Stickers will be more uniformly sized and placed, and companies will be encouraged to promote the system through advertising.

GOP WATCH

Editor's Note: GOP Watch is a special weekly feature to keep Washington and Lee's students informed about the Republican Presidential Campaign in advance of Mock Convention.

Governor Wilson endorses Dole for GOP nomination

Former presidential candidate Governor Pete Wilson of California threw his support behind Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in his bid for the Republican party's presidential nomination. With Wilson's endorsement, Dole has won the support of the GOP hierarchy in California, which sends the largest delegation to next summer's Republican National Convention in San Diego. Many believe that Wilson's endorsement will be a boost to Dole's campaign in California. It is being challenged there by Senator Phil Gramm, who is strongly supported by the GOP's strong conservative wing of Southern California. However, most political operatives agree that if General Colin Powell enters the GOP race, Wilson's endorsement of Dole would be meaningless.

Powell's platform proving divisive among conservatives

The prospect of a Republican presidential bid by General Colin Powell has sparked angry conflict between once friendly leaders of the conservative movement because of Powell's support of abortion rights. This dispute reveals how a Powell candidacy might split the conservative wing of the GOP and also illustrates the increasingly heated battle over strategies to fight abortion.

Beyond the Blue Ridge and GOP Watch are compiled by Peggy Stuntz and Laura Knapp

Phi Eta Sigma to hold induction

By RYAN BEAMAN
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a National Honor Society for freshmen, will induct 56 students this Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. Assistant Professor of Art George Bent will speak on "The Age of Discovery."

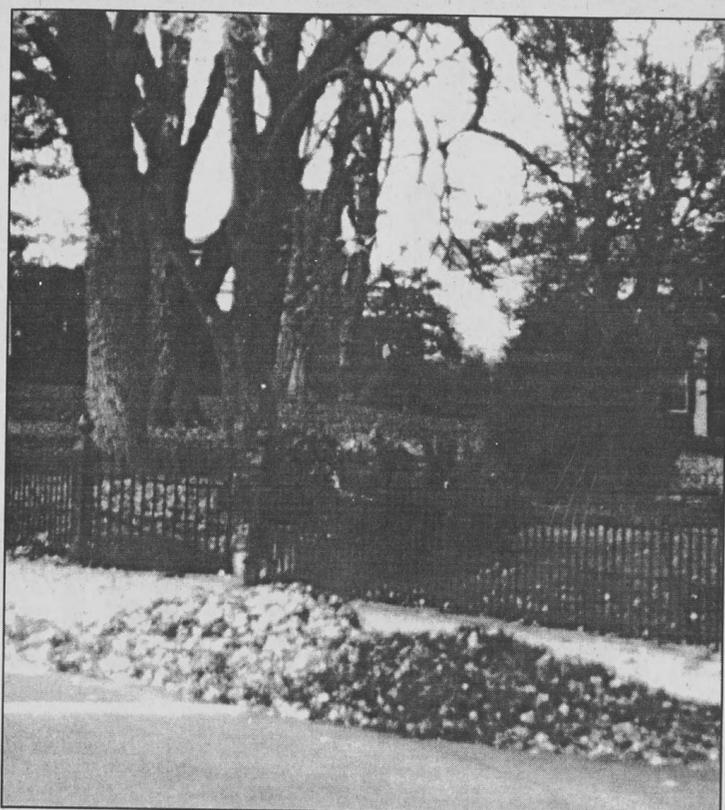
Phi Eta Sigma serves to recognize and inspire freshman scholastic achievements.

Students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 were notified of their selection by the faculty advisor of the W&L chapter, Associate Dean of the College Cecile West-Settle.

The Ring-tum Phi would like to congratulate the

Phi Eta Sigma inductees

Rachel Ann Allen	Kristoffer Johan Neville
Jack Richard Bebee	Matthew Emmett O'Brien
Christiana Petra Callahan	William Edward Olson
Anurag Munzini Chandra	Tara Eileen Patterson
Kendall Lee Cruickshanks	Stacy Melissa Patton
Maria Milagros Daly	William Rueger Poynter
Aubrey Reed Deupree	Christopher Scott Pugsley
Jonathan Regan Doherty	Celeste E. Rasmussen
Juliana Shand Edmunds	Nicole Marie Richard
Noah Michael Egorin	Erin Theresa Rosencrans
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Jana Lynn Heisler	Jason Paul Sorens
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Mary Josephine Mahoney	Cindy Judith Young
Sara Scott McGeorge	Nora Marie Zwehl-Burke



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Summer is "leaf"-ing

Colorful leaves piled on Washington Street remind the Lexington community that the seasons are once again changing.

College Democrats

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a three-part series highlighting different political organizations on campus.

By CELESTE RASMUSSEN
Phi Staff Writer

Rounding out the list of campus political organizations is the College Democrats. Comprised of about fifteen members, its main goal for this year, according to President Nova Clarke, revolve around the upcoming November elections.

The club has had three formal meetings thus far. At one of the meetings the campaign manager for the local Democratic Virginia Delegate candidate spoke to the group which hopes to get involved in the local Virginia state elections as well.

Besides the president, the College Democrats' main officers include junior Melissa Sawyer as vice-president and sophomore Robin Boyce as treasurer. Clarke urges any students interested in joining the College Democrats to contact her.

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think about the value of liberal arts institutions such as W&L. What is our mission? What are our challenges? What are our priorities and, most important, why?

The answer to these questions, claims Kuykendall, lies in the basic idea that institutions like ours are valuable in that their mission is to be "agents in the formation of character of people who can make a difference in this world." He holds that there are four key concepts that provide the keystone of places like W&L: self-consciousness and the capacity for growth, an appreciation of heritage, the capacity of critical judgment, and the necessity of integration.

By self-consciousness, Kuykendall was referring to the idea that people who attend small liberal arts institutions take themselves seriously and come with a desire to grow. For this reason, said Kuykendall, "the personal dimension of what we do here is primary." This intimacy is necessary to our mission; it fosters a community in which "we live and learn in a special way" for four years, constantly growing.

The second integral part of our University, according to Kuykendall, is "a capacity to nurture in those who come an appreciation of time as a medium which conveys . . . the human experience" through both intellectual legacies and spiritual insights. We must see history as a tool which we can use to understand the "symbols and ideals" that form the skeleton of our own society. Each student who passes through the walls of the University will learn to apply his/her own "interpretative templates on our inheritance."

This understanding of our own history is fundamental to our type of institution. It encourages faculty and students alike to "rediscover and unpack the legacies of time to each generation." It is only through this cognizance that we are able to fully understand our own heritage. Perhaps our very own Robert E. Lee said it best. Kuykendall quoted Lee as having said, "The march of providence is so slow, and our desires are so impatient . . . the life of humanity so long, the life of the individual so brief, that often we see only the advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is History that teaches us to hope."

The mission of "defining and enhancing of judgment" further defines the value of institutions like Washington and Lee. A liberal arts education teaches us to ask "why" things are the way they are rather than practicing blind acceptance. Kuykendall quotes from Dylan Thomas who wrote, ". . . useless presents like books which told me everything about the wisp but why." Our mission is to realize and teach the necessity of asking "why?" in order to find "the best and most appropriate way to say because."

Liberal learning insists upon probing further with "whys" so that students may make careful choices. The best choices, claims Kuykendall, are those that "take the broadest viewpoints." These viewpoints, he believes, are only fully understood after the question of why has been explored.

Perhaps the most important aspect of our mission, however, is fostering the understanding that the "because" we generate from asking "why" are not significant alone. That is, it is essential that they be integrated in order to see the whole picture. This is a crucial part of liberal learning, as we strive to "understand the connections between and among all of the things we learn" claims Kuykendall.

Our ultimate purpose, then, is to synthesize all "strands of human knowledge" in order to increase our cognizance of what Kuykendall calls the "central unity" of knowledge. Kuykendall told of a time when he spoke with Robert Frost and Frost told him that, "learning is the surprise of seeing a relationship between things you've never seen before." This, claims Kuykendall, is the essence of our mission.

Following this mission, institutions like Washington and Lee are able to act as "catalysts for change" in that they nourish in students the capacity for growth, an appreciation of heritage and tradition, a capacity for critical judgment and the understanding that all knowledge must be integrated. These guiding principles, according to Kuykendall, render our students capable of making a difference wherever they may be.

Following Kuykendall's address, John William Elrod officially became the 22nd president of Washington and Lee University.

After his inauguration, President Elrod spoke for a while on the concept of an academic community. He addressed the current idea that in "the academy" there

is forming irreversible contention among students. This contention has been dividing college campuses into opposing "camps" on the basis of racial and gender lines. He proudly claimed that this has not been the case at W&L. Our students, Elrod said, "live together in amazing harmony." Have we just been lucky?

According to President Elrod, our harmony has not been a question of luck, but rather a function of history and civility. Though we each bring a unique background to W&L, we share the history of W&L. We share the understanding and remembrance of the history of our University. This history, evident in the names of our buildings, our neoclassical architecture, our honor system, and Lee's curriculum, (to name just a few) binds us together producing the cohesion and harmony that is central to W&L.

Furthermore, claimed Elrod, our "commitment to honor" and our respect for {each person's} personhood" as reflected in our honor code and our speaking tradition creates accord within our community. We refuse to be strangers to each other and are committed to treating each other with due respect and civility because we realize that, as Elrod stated, "respect knows no physical boundaries." This commitment applies not only on the Hill, but also in the dorms, on the fields, and it even "spills over into Lexington." This, claimed Elrod, not "the watchful eye of Providence" is the key to the harmony we achieve in the academic community we know as Washington and Lee.

Elrod's words were followed by a selection by the W&L University Chamber Singers entitled "O Clap Your Hands" which marked the end of the ceremony. A luncheon honoring President Elrod was held immediately afterward.

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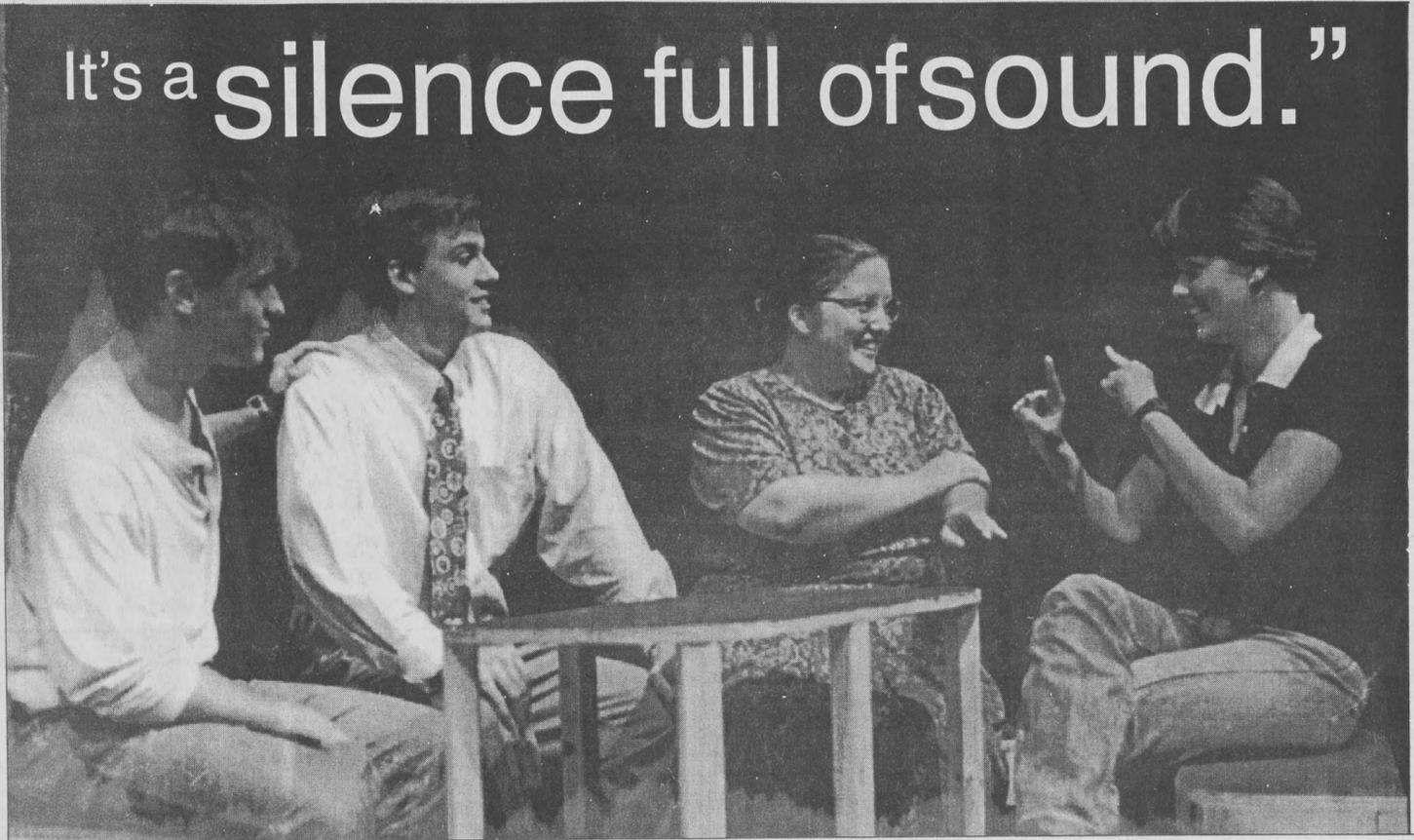
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“Deafness isn’t the opposite of hearing, as you think.

It’s a **silence full of sound.**”



The curtains of Lenfest Center open on W&L's *Children of a Lesser God*

jeff mitchell
phi staff writer

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—Sarah Norman

The curtains of Lenfest Center will open this Friday to a play that has earned both the delight of theatergoers and the acclaim of critics; that play is Mark Medoff’s *Children of a Lesser God*.

Focusing on the relationship that develops between a colorful young deaf woman, Sarah Norman, and her hearing teacher, James Leeds, *Children* is moreover a celebration of the possible unity of the worlds of sound and silence.

In the course of its fifteen year existence, *Children of a Lesser God* has received such illustrious distinctions as a Tony Award, an Outer Critics Circle Award and a Drama Desk Award for the best play of its season.

The production has provided the actors with the challenge of learning what amounts to a new language, that of American Sign Language.

“In just five short weeks, from first rehearsal to first performance,” the playbill reads, these students “have attempted to recreate this multi-lingual production.”

Enlisting the help of Race Drake, once a principal of the Department for the Deaf and the Blind in Staunton, the cast members participated in intensive training sessions, in order to learn sign language as quickly as possible.

With the production opening in less than a week, many of the actors and actresses bringing *Children of a Lesser God* to W&L’s stage have come into the spotlight nearly as much as the characters that they play.

Jeanne Dillon, who plays the female lead, Sarah Norman, provided the instrumental thrust for the play, which will serve as her senior thesis.

Dillon, explaining how she initially became interested in the play, says, “I like Sarah a lot, and this [role] gave me the chance to explore something I might not have otherwise been able to explore, because deaf actresses usually play Sarah.”

For Dillon, acting is nothing new. She has appeared in many W&L productions including *The Imaginary Invalid*, *The Lady’s Not for Burning*, *Eleemosynary*, *Other People’s Money*, *Self Torture and Sirenuous Exercise*, and *Macbeth*.

In addition to the on-stage experience Dillon brings to the play, she brings another skill particularly helpful in her current role, her fluency in sign language. In fact, Dillon has known how to sign since high school for the purposes of communicating with a deaf friend.

Other cast members, on the other hand, had to start learning to sign from scratch.

Zach Hanks, who plays James Leeds, the male lead, says that he and other cast members “had to learn a lot [of sign language] in a very short time. We studied with the former principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf, and two other teachers. It was very difficult at first and daunting to all, but once we started learning it, it all came together within a week or so ago.”

Like Dillon, Hanks has acting experience at W&L to boast, having performed in last year’s production of *Macbeth* as Macduff at the Lenfest Center.

“After reading the play, I fell in love with it,” Hanks admits, adding, “this part is definitely the most challenging and extensive role that I’ve ever been faced with—and possibly will ever be faced with.”

Besides Hanks and Dillon, Phaedra Cianciulli (playing the part of Mrs. Norman), Maria L’Engle Hardin (Edna Klein), Drew Higgs (Mr. Franklin), Megan Johnson (Lydia), and Bill Overbaugh (Orin Dennis) join the cast of *Children of a Lesser God*.

Daniel M. Tipton, in addition, adds numerous experience both on and off stage as the Stage Manager.

Two newcomers to Lenfest, Higgs and Overbaugh both express excitement and optimism about joining the cast and performing in college.

“As a freshman coming in from high school,” Higgs reflects, “it is so different. [As far as drama is concerned] I came from an extremely close knit high school and I didn’t expect it to be so here.”

Overbaugh explains that he auditioned for *Children of a Lesser God* because “I wanted to learn sign language for a long time and this seemed like a good way to do so. Also, I love theatre.”

All cast members are quite excited about their production, and encourage everyone who is able to attend the play to stop by.

Hanks enthuses, “It is an excellently written love story, and at the same time makes the audience face issues concerning an oft-ignored minority.”

Children of a Lesser God opens in the Johnson Theatre this Friday, October 27, at 9:00 p.m.; additional performances will be October 28 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., and at 8:00 the nights of October 30, 31, and November 1.

Tickets are now available at the Lenfest Center Box Office (463-8000).

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the cast

Sarah Norman.....Jeanne Dillon

James Leeds.....Zachary T. Hanks

Orin Dennis.....William T. Overbaugh

Mr. Franklin.....Drew Higgs

Mrs. Norman.....Phaedra Cianciulli

Lydia.....Megan Johnson

Edna Klein.....Maria L’Engle Hardin

Interpreters.....Christina Campo
Brooke Macnamara



Sarah (Jeanne Dillon) wows her mother (Phaedra Cianciulli), Mr. Franklin (Drew Higgs) and James (Zach Hanks) with her card-playing skills.





share our strength

Writer's Harvest: The National Reading

Nationwide literary effort arrives on the Hill, bringing local culture to campus and food to the needy

cindy young
phi features editor

On November 1, the W&L campus will host the nation's largest literary effort, bringing the talents of five writers of the college and its surrounding community to one stage, while at the same time fighting a problem that plagues more than 20 million Americans daily: hunger.

The purpose of Tuesday's event, "Writer's Harvest: The National Reading," is, according to its mission statement, twofold: "to raise funds for groups fighting hunger nationwide," and "to untie the country's literary community while raising public awareness of the issues related to hunger and poverty."

Sponsored nationally by the nation's leading anti-hunger organization, Share Our Strength, and locally by the English Department and W&L's Society for the Arts, "Writer's Harvest" promises to satisfy both the intellect and the conscience of all who attend.

Before a microphone in Northern Auditorium, five talented writers from the greater Lexington community will share their works, as have hundreds of other writers—of both local and national distinction—in the duration of the event.

Three of the featured readers to share their time and talent, Ainsley Fisher of Richmond, Virginia, David Stillman of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and David Olimpio of Houston, Texas, hail from the senior class of W&L itself.

All three, having received invita-

tions from the English Department, have established themselves as accomplished writers within the student body, and their readings will doubtless be rewarding.

Fisher, recalling the first couplet she formed ("Sometimes I wonder/ What causes thunder"), reflects that her fulfillment from poetry now comes not so much from a blatant rhyme as from the more "subtle sounds of the language."

Asked about her participation in Tuesday's reading, Fisher admits, "I am a little nervous, but I'm looking forward to reading."

Fellow reader David Stillman can also see a development in his composition of verse, reflecting that he "began writing poetry seriously, that is,

with some sense of purpose and not totally haphazardly [during] my freshman year at W&L."

Stillman too is grateful for the opportunity "Writer's Harvest" will present him of having "a chance

to read with the other students, and also with the writers of the community."

The third W&L senior to read his writing before the event's audience, David Olimpio, will be sharing some of his work in an altogether different medium, that of the novel, as will the final two readers of the program.

Both members of the greater Lexington community, Lisa Solod of Lexington, and Pam Patton (a member of the Development Office's staff) of Buena Vista round out the list of readers to step before the microphone in Northern Auditorium Tuesday evening.

While the talent of the writers alone justifies the reading as a valuable experience, the force behind the reading, an initiative to bring food to the needy of the community, serves further to recommend it as a worthwhile hour or two.

Aided in its effort by the participation of American Express, Share Our Strength's "Writer's Harvest" has earned in its three year his-

tory significant funds to support groups

fighting hunger across the country, while bringing the distressing problem of hunger in America to the attention of communities from one coast to the other.

Share Our Strength allots grants nationwide to over 800 North American organizations that focus on food distribution combating the consequences of hunger, as well as those organizations building community self-sufficiency.

100% of Tuesday's event donations will go directly to local anti-hunger efforts, and in particular to the Blue Ridge Food Bank, which distributes 5,000,000 pounds of food annually to food pantries in 25 counties in and near the Shenandoah Valley.

As every one dollar donated to this Tuesday's "Writer's Harvest," will enable the Blue Ridge Food Bank to distribute \$10 of food, the reading offers members of the W&L community the opportunity at once both to hear some of the best local talent, and to contribute to a real problem plaguing America today.

In answer to the question, "Why do I write?" featured novelist Lisa Solod points to the great satisfaction she finds in "the pleasure of the text, the canvas, the stage, when presented with talent, joy, love, intellect."

That Tuesday's reading will feature the results of the "talent, joy, love, and intellect" not just of one, but of five distinct writers of the Lexington community, coupled by the fact that all donations will benefit a worthy cause indeed, ensures that W&L's "Writer's Harvest" will surely afford much pleasure to all who attend.

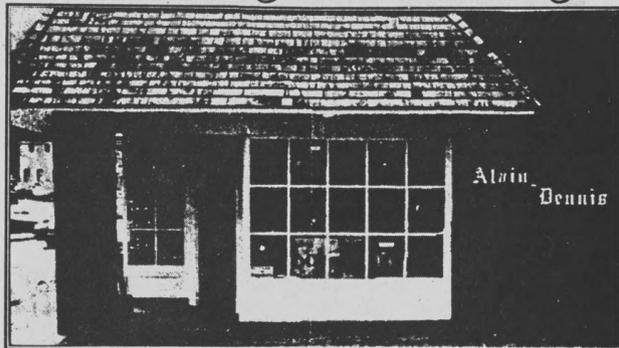


The Blue Ridge Food Bank's fleet of trucks are constantly on the road picking up and distributing food for the needy in 25 Virginia counties.

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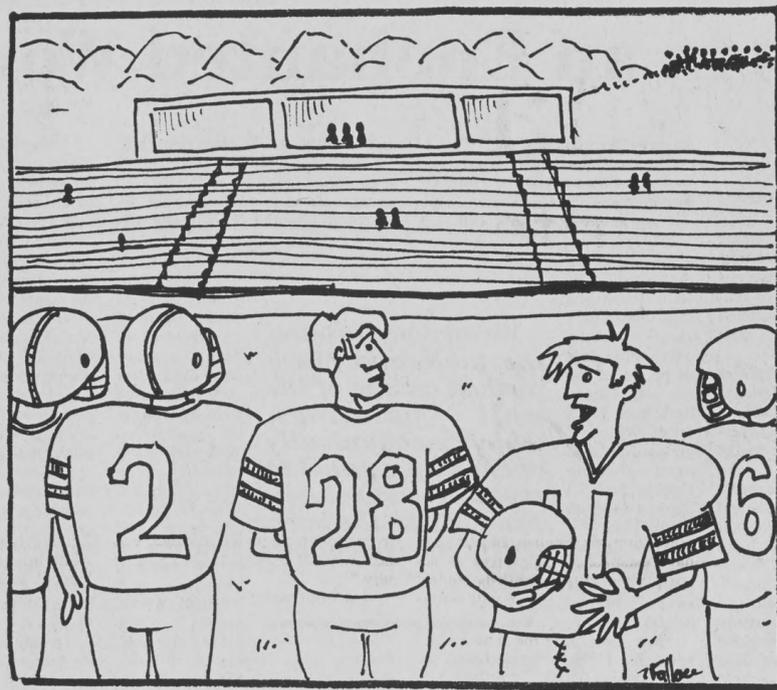
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OPINION



"If we want people to watch the game we should play it in the parking lot"

Welcome parents

October brings many of nature's most beautiful and curious creations to Washington and Lee: the majestic proliferation of colors on leaves, sunny autumnal afternoons that are simultaneously warm and chilly, and picture-perfect golden sunsets.

It also brings parents.

Indeed, this upcoming weekend will see moms and dads descend on Lexington to see their children who have been notably absent from home since late August.

To varying degrees, students look forward to the arrival of their folks. All around campus, they feverishly clean rooms and make dinner reservations.

We can boast of our new lives highlighted by independence and personal responsibility.

Our university deserves thanks for recognizing the importance of such a weekend. They enable us an opportunity to prove that we are well. College life hasn't destroyed the values and judgment which our parents have spent eighteen years instilling in us. Fraternities have not transformed us up into bacchanalian fools. Academic courses have not reduced us to quivering stress-packed basketcases.

Instead, college has heightened our sense of self. We benefit from the instruction of highly capable professors. We enjoy a lively social life which promotes friendship and camaraderie.

W&L is indeed our home away from home.

Hopefully, this weekend our parents can understand why.

Thank you, Mr. Fishback

Washington and Lee is blessed with generous alumni who give back to the university for all they've gained from it.

Thanks to a gift from William Fishback, Jr., '56, students will benefit each year from the advice and insight of a distinguished writer picked by a panel of both students and faculty.

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This week, the Fishback Fund's inaugural speaker, Charlie McDowell of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, ate lunch with students before visiting a journalism class, in addition to giving a public lecture.

The Fishback Fund is a gift for students of all majors, as the committee invites those who write about public affairs, nature and the environment, and history and the theater. Students of all disciplines should take advantage of these opportunities to listen and talk to these distinguished writers.

Quote of the Week

"Did you read the papers this week?"
"What for?"

—Two broadcast journalism majors overheard in the J-School library



JOSHUA HESLINGA, '98

Last week, the Republican House passed its plan to save Medicare, over the political opposition of Democrats, who united behind a dishonest and disgraceful strategy of portraying the plan and the concurrent tax relief as soaking poor seniors to subsidize "the rich," in an effort to obfuscate the facts and the real problems at hand.

Never mind the fact that the Republican measure offers seniors true choice and flexibility and the potential for significantly expanded benefits in their Medicare coverage for the first time ever, while preserving the right of every senior to remain in the current system.

One might think that such a laudable proposal would draw support from Democrats, or at least substantive debate over the changes in Medicare. Nope. Watching the Democrats during the four hours of debate on the Medicare proposal was like listening to the proverbial Johnny One-Note banging away at his piano keyboard.

While it is sloganeering to repeat the line: "The party which once told us we had nothing to fear but fear itself now has nothing to offer but fear itself," it is also factually accurate. Democrats got up, one after another, to proclaim that Republicans were "slashing" seniors' health care to pay off their wealthy backers.

Comparing the day to Pearl Harbor, Democrats shamelessly repeated the mantra "tax cuts for the rich" more than 100 times in just over three hours in an unabashed attempt to provoke class envy at the expense of honesty.

The fact is that these "Contract with America" tax cuts are merely the first step in setting right the past wrongs of the 40-year reign of tax-and-spend House Democrats. The fact is that these tax cuts disproportionately benefit the middle class and working poor. The fact is that Democrats are shamelessly exploiting these issues for political gain, while offering only to take more of the American people's money to finance the failed liberal welfare state.

President Bill Clinton himself remarked recently that he now thinks he raised taxes "too much" in 1993, when he and the Democratic Congress jammed through the largest tax increase in American history, including unprecedented and unconstitutional retroactive tax increases. Coincidentally, he happened to reveal this gem at a Democratic political fundraiser for the wealthy.

Washington Post columnist and budget expert Bob Samuelson, who is opposed to the Republican cuts, remarked in a recent column that "their [Democrats'] endless carping about the 'tax cut for the rich' merely disguises their own unwillingness to confront the budget deficits. Republicans have made some unpopular choices about government; Democrats have not."

But let's ignore the political dimension for a moment and focus on some hard evidence about where the Republican tax cuts are going. The single biggest element of the tax-cut package is the \$500 per child family tax credit, a step toward restoring the value of the dependent deduction that has fallen woefully behind inflation under the Democratic congresses of yesteryear.

The nonpartisan Tax Foundation recently certified that the family tax credit will provide an average of \$910

of tax relief per family in 1997. And these are not wealthy families. Families with incomes below \$50,000 receive roughly two-thirds of the Republican tax credits.

And syndicated columnist Donald Lambro notes that economists on the Joint Economic Committee have stated that 75 percent of the family tax credit will go to families whose incomes are below \$75,000. Logically, as family incomes increase, the value of the tax credit in proportion to the family's total taxes paid will decrease, meaning that the family tax credit is even more disproportionately important to low-income families.

Likewise, the Republican proposal to cut the capital gains tax is hardly the kick-back to wealthy donors that Democrats would like to portray to an uninformed public. IRS data indicates that 56 percent of the tax returns reporting capital gains were from households with incomes below \$50,000. And while greater incomes obviously receive more total dollars from any given tax cut, the cut is again more valuable as a share of total income to lower- and middle-class households.

What's more, these tax cuts are not the dividend from huge "cuts" in programs such as Medicare. ("Cuts," by the way, that actually provide for annual growth in Medicare of six and a half percent, or a \$1900 increase per

recipient over the next seven years.)

Samuelson notes again, "Under the congressional budget resolution, the Republicans can't enact a tax cut until the CBO [Congressional Budget Office] certifies that their plan would balance the budget by 2002."

Only after that time are the benefits to the economy from reduced deficits factored in, and these resulting increases in economic growth and decreases in interest rates produce \$170 billion in increased revenue to the federal government.

It is then that this extra certified savings that finances over 70 percent of the \$245 billion Republican tax cut.

The irresponsibility and shameless fear-mongering and demagoguery that congressional Democrats have been reduced to is clearly a dark point in the nation's recent history. The average child today will pay more than \$187,000 over his or her lifetime to finance the national debt. In the face of a crisis this large, Democrats have resorted to morally bankrupt political posturing.

As Republicans in Congress continue to fulfill their promises, stimulate economic growth, preserve important programs for America's future, and return control over the American people's money to the American people, it is clear which party holds the promise of policies to secure a new dawn in America's future.

Filthy politics with the 'filthy rich'

...The fact is that Democrats are shamelessly exploiting these issues for political gain, while offering only to take more of the American people's money to finance the failed liberal welfare state.

Do you know what day it is today?

THE FAR MIDDLE

Alex Christensen

That's right, it's the anniversary (or as close as we get in the weekly newspaper bizness) of the first publication of a certain new kind of column by a certain young W&L freshman with dreams of glory. That column is The Far Middle. That boy is me (now ensconced in productive sophomoredom). Those dreams are all coming true.

(You can't hear it, but behind me, The Far Middle Kickline Girls are dancing and singing "The Alex Christensen Theme Song," which, in case you have forgotten, goes: [clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap] "Hooray for Alex, the hero of our nation!" Feel free to sing along, won't you?)

"Where exactly is 'The Far Middle'?" you may well ask.

Why, you're probably already there right now. "The Far Middle" is a term invented by cartoonist Jeff MacNelly of the *Chicago Tribune* in his comic strip, "Pluggers," to describe the giant gulf that exists between the failed liberal agenda represented by the Democrats and the frankly frightening stridency of the Far Right which seems to have taken over the Republican Party.

(He didn't exactly define it like that—in fact, what he did was draw a cartoon.)

It is somewhere in this gulf where you will find the majority of Americans, possessed of decent values, a work ethic they actually practice every day, and enough common sense to realize that both sides have gone too far.

So this column was founded upon representing these voices. It started out with an article about Pat Buchanan entitled "Fear and loathing in southwest Virginia," which began, "This is a new column. It will not be based on the conservative world view and it will not be based on the liberal world view. It will be based on what I think. My name is Alex Christensen. I carry a badge. People often ask me whether I am a Democrat or a Republican. This

makes sense, since I am a dues-paying member of both the College Republicans and the College Democrats. Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton spring to mind when you ask me who were the best presidents of the last thirty-five years."

Since then, a lot of things have changed. For one thing, I am no longer a member of the College Democrats.

To put it bluntly, the Democratic Party died when it failed to grasp the meaning of the 1994 Republican Revolution which swept Newt Gingrich and a GOP majority into power in Congress. Liberalism had died long before that, but somehow the Democrats were able to throw up a president with their dying breath.

This is not to heap too much lavish praise at the feet of the Republicans. Too many of them have refused to repudiate the narrow-mindedness and the reactionary (or just plain wacky) viewpoints within their party, represented by such modern-day Savonarolas as Ollie North, Pat Buchanan, Alan Keyes, Bob Dornan, Pat Robertson (W&L '50), George Allen, Jesse Helms and Phil Gramm, that have kept it from being a majority party for a long time.

While it is true that the GOP will continue to have problems with building solid majorities until it figures out how to dredge its metaphorical pond of this very real scum, it is also true that the significant battles of governance will take place on a GOP battlefield.

So that's different. My column has had a good record, so far.

On the plus side, I correctly predicted, four days before the election, when Col. Oliver "Slappy" North was ahead in practically every major poll, that he would be headed home instead of headed to the Senate. This may be attributed to my analytical skills or the fact that the entire state of Virginia realized that it simply could not afford to pay one man a senator's salary and house him in a state mental institution at the same time.

I also charted the possible courses the Republican Revolution could take, fairly accurately in retro-

spect, gave some good advice to Democrats and Republicans alike, stood up against state-enforced prayer in school, subsidizing religion, irrationally applied death penalties, W&L's unique Affirmative Action program for white males, the ridiculous treatment of Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster by hypocritical Republicans, inadequate campaign funding laws, and some of the more mind-boggling evils of racism.

On the minus side, I probably have written a bit too close to my deadline, which has probably hurt more than it has helped, and I may have been the tiniest bit of what some people would call mean, but it was all in good fun.

(Now you can check out the entire record from The Far Middle Home Page, at "http://www.wlu.edu/~aechrist/aechrist.html".)

I think I've been fairly even-handed about it all, and hopefully entertaining as well, and now, if you'll excuse me, as an American, as a Republican, as a Californian, I need to publicly dance on the political grave of Pete Wilson.

Nyah! Nyah! Nyah! Nyah! Take that, Pedro! You can't seduce this America with your off-brand of shady jingoism, you washed-up political hack! Gramm and Buchanan and Dornan and Keyes'll figure it out soon enough, but until then, YOU ARE THE BIG LOSER.

Here's my poem about the dubious legacy of Pete Wilson:

El milenio tercero

Los niños de California
del milenio tercero
no leerán la historia de Pete Wilson
en inglés ni español.

Kinda brings a little tear to the eye, ¿no?
Anyway, it's been quite a ride so far, quite a lot of fun, and I'd have to say that the best part is that I get to work for the W&L weekly that doesn't hate women.

G'night folks! I'm here every other Friday!

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Spirits in an Enchanted World

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

Halloween in Rockbridge County is not any normal event. The assorted ghosts, goblins and townies all come out to play. I had my first bit of Halloween fun several weeks ago when I attended a seance. I wanted to meet these mysterious beings.

If I were a spirit, one of the places I would probably pick to materialize in would be the Enchanted Castle in Natural Bridge. If you've ever traveled Route 11 on your way to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum, you may have seen a rundown little theme park with huge plaster animals and overgrown weeds. In the brochure it says, "Witness the Pig Bungee Jump from high atop a 40 foot tower." Whatever that means. The gates to the Enchanted Castle are usually open.

After seeing an announcement in the *Lexington News Gazette* I decided to make the seance my next stop on the Dream Land World Tour. It was held on a recent Friday the 13th. Since this paper comes out on Parents Weekend I should probably mention to my Mom and Dad that this is not what I usually

do on Friday nights.

I arrived at the appointed hour and was met at the entrance by Mark, the owner/creator of the Enchanted Castle. "You must be Richard," Mark said.

"Yes," I replied. I stood in the front foyer with Rocky, a man whose eyes and nose were the only visible parts of his face. The rest was hidden by a thick black frizz which I guessed he had been growing since he was 15. I think he was from Buena Vista.

Mark led us into a room with a large round black-draped table.

"My name is Mark and I'll be your channeler tonight," he said.

We sat down around the table and Mark pushed on one of the wall paintings, which mechanically opened up a panel to reveal a secret closet. Kind of

like the back wall in Newcomb Hall.

Inside was a bottle of cider and 13 cups. Mark gave us each one and encouraged us to drink the cider. He watched intently. This really has nothing to do with anything.

After our drink, Mark sat down to conjure up the spirit of Frank, a slave who died after saving someone from drowning in the James River. With skill that I haven't seen since Binny the Clown made bouquets of flowers grow out of his hand at a birthday party I attended in first grade, Mark made water from Frank's lungs appear in a bowl. Really. This seemed to rattle Rocky and his family.

Mark said, in a scared tone of voice, that he hadn't considered this might happen, but since it did, he got a tray of

13 different cups out of the secret closet and gave us each one. He went around the room and poured a little bit of the water from Frank's lungs. He told us not to drink it.

All 13 of us lifted up our cups as we chanted to Frank. When we were all done Mark came around for us to pour the water from our cups back. But there was no more water! Each cup was empty except for some clear goo. Mark had warned us that if anytime during the seance a goo appeared, it was probably ectoplasm, and we might get burned if we touched it. The goo in my cup felt like cold toothpaste. I think Frank may have used mint Crest.

For his next trick Mark blew out the candles on the table and started chanting to Frank again. Oddly enough, things only happened at the seance when the lights were turned off. Rocky, and his family, let out little squeals of fear when we heard a book fly off the shelf. We never did hear Frank talk: only Mark could hear him.

I would sum up my feelings during the seance by saying I tried real hard not to laugh. Even when Mark had to stop what he was doing to flip sides on his tape of scary background music. Whenever I become a spirit I'll be nice and flip it for him.

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We sat down around the table and Mark pushed on one of the wall paintings, which mechanically opened up a panel to reveal a secret closet. Kind of like the back wall in Newcomb Hall.”

1935 idea may not survive century

MY VIEW

Jennifer Galardi, '96

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of three articles concerning the state of Social Security.

Unless you have been in a coma for the past couple of weeks, or you are not very hip on watching C-SPAN 24 hours a day (which is perfectly understandable), you cannot avoid the current discussion concerning the two largest entitlement programs in this country: Medicare and Social Security. The threat of "Mediscare" was plastered on the cover of *Newsweek* while the Senate Finance Committee battles with Medicare reform. Reports are finally conveying to the American public what was researched and discovered years ago: Medicare and Social Security will soon become insolvent unless policy changes occur now. Although both programs are facing the threat of bankruptcy, politicians have begun debating only Medicare reform while no one is willing to touch Social Security with a ten foot pole. Therefore, I will focus on Social Security, because you can pick up any national paper or, yes, tune into C-SPAN to learn the truth about Medicare.

First, it is important to distinguish between the national deficit and the national debt. The national budget deficit equals federal spending minus federal revenue for one fiscal year while the national debt is the total accumulation of all the budget deficits in our history minus all the budget surpluses. The budget deficit for fiscal year 1994 was \$203 billion and is estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to reach \$175 billion for fiscal year 1995. The national debt is approximately five trillion dollars and increasing by \$602 million every day. This means that each citizen's share of the national debt is approximately \$19,000. Considering these staggering numbers, it is not hard to understand why current spending trends cannot be sustained if we do not wish to unfairly burden America's children and future generations.

Like consumers, the federal government borrows money to fund these huge deficits. Unlike consumers, they borrow it from the nation's pool of savings. As a result of falling private savings and rising government deficits, there is less private savings available for the investment necessary for this country's long-term economic growth. These savings, known as net

national savings, have dropped from more than eight percent of the economy to less than two percent today, which restricts American industries' productive and competitive capabilities. When the U.S. is not competitive, the country is not earning as much as a whole, wages go down, and the standard of living stagnates.

This long-term economic perspective is vital for understanding the importance of controlling entitlement spending and reforming Social Security now. Consider these facts. Entitlement spending and interest on the national debt now consume over half of all federal spending. By 2003, that percentage increases to 72 percent. Of the total \$1.53 trillion in federal expenditures in 1995, Social Security alone will account for nearly 22 percent, or \$334 billion. By the year 2005, costs of the program in constant dollars are expected to increase to \$566 billion. This leaves very little revenue for discretionary programs such as education and others which can raise productivity and contribute to economic growth.

Contrary to popular belief, the Social Security program is a *direct transfer*, or pay-as-you-go payment system. There is not a little piggy bank in Washington with your name on it collecting the FICA tax taken out of every paycheck you receive which you will receive upon retirement. Those currently earning money are paying for those currently receiving Social Security benefits. To pay for the exploding costs of these benefit programs, FICA taxes have increased dramatically in recent decades. These taxes are paid disproportionately by the young. Retirees do not pay FICA taxes at all. Among workers under age 30, nine in ten pay more in total FICA taxes than they do in income taxes.

One reason discussion on Social Security reform has been avoided by the plague is due to the belief that there is a huge surplus in its trust fund (OASDI). Although this is true, the current surplus will rapidly decline once the Baby Boom generation begins to retire around 2010. Such fundamental demographic changes cannot be ignored. Because of longer life expectancies and the aging of the Baby Boom generation, we must plan now for the aging of America's population. The number of Americans over 70 will double in the next 35 years, from 24 million today to 48 million in the year 2030 and there will be fewer than three working-age persons for each person over 65. This increase in the number of elderly will send spending on Social Security to astronomical levels.

Even with the current surplus, the best estimate is that the Trust will be totally bankrupt by 2030. However, the fund actually begins running a deficit (cash outflow to beneficiaries will exceed cash inflows from taxes) in 2013, causing the trust fund to be drawn upon. This deficit will also cause net borrowing from the public and the federal deficit to increase. By 2015, Social Security's annual operating deficit will hit \$57 billion. By 2020, the revenue shortfall will have widened to \$232 billion; by 2040 it will be \$1.3 trillion.

In a recent debate during the Senate Finance Committee's hearing on Medicare, Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) called today's senior citizens "the most fortunate people on earth." Most people understand the importance of the Social Security system. It provides cash and health insurance to the elderly and disabled, removes millions from poverty and gives the elderly the means to live their last years in dignity. But in the past few decades, the benefits have gotten out of control. Contrary to popular belief, benefits for seniors have actually increased in the past three decades, from 17 percent of non-interest outlays in 1965 to 40 percent in 1995. Furthermore, this share continues to grow under both the congressional budget proposal as well as the President's new budget. Sen. Simpson used himself as an example. In his employment days, Sen. Simpson never put more than \$864 a year into the Social Security fund. If he were to retire now, at age 64, he would receive \$1140 a month. Most retirees get all the money they contributed to the system back within the first six and a half years of benefits they receive from Social Security. Social Security was created in 1935 during the Depression to provide the elderly with decent pensions as a kind of safety net. However, the program was never intended to be what it is today in allowing some beneficiaries to live in luxury.

Current entitlement spending trends cannot be sustained if we do not wish to unfairly burden America's children and future generations. We must recognize the impending consequences of current policy and inaction. Unless policy changes happen now, our generation may never have the security that our grandparents currently enjoy. It is no wonder that more people believe in UFO's than have faith that Social Security will be there for them when they retire. The big question now is how to restore long-term solvency to Social Security and who will be responsible.

LETTERS

Panhellenic story got the facts wrong

To the editor:

The Homecoming issue brandished a front-page article claiming that the Panhellenic Rush rules had been revised. This is completely untrue. It is obvious that your freshman male simply got a hold of the Rush rules and lent his own interpretation to the document. There are no quotations or interviews from Panhellenic members to substantiate anything in the article. His definition of "hot boxing" comes from who knows where. There aren't "two new rules" set this year, only a clarification of the previous rules.

While I thank you for announcing the Rush registration date, I can't thank you

for the rest of the article. In the future, resist the temptation to fabricate Panhellenic matters.

Suzanne M. Sharp
Panhellenic President

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Ring-tum Phi would like to note that the information contained in the aforementioned article was obtained in part from a Panhellenic handout entitled, "Revised Rush Rules." In addition, the practice of having men cover Panhellenic stories is intended to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

GENERAL NOTES

Fencing Club

The Fencing Club will be holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the University Center. All men and women interested in fencing at Washington and Lee are encouraged to attend. Beginners welcome. For more information, please call Eric Kessel at 462-4243.

Film Society

The Washington and Lee Film Society will make its contribution to the Halloween season with the presentation of *Ed Wood* (USA, 1994), directed by Tim Burton. Screenings will be at 8:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28 in the Troubadour Theater. There is no charge for admission. All members of the W&L community and the community at large are invited.

Glasgow Readings

The Glasgow Endowment Series will present readings by poet Brendan Galvin, author of *Great Blue* and *Saints in Their Ox-hide Boats*, Thursday, Nov. 9 at 4:30 p.m., and novelist and poet Lynne Sharon Schwartz, author of *Rough Strife* and *The Fatigue Artist*, Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. All readings will take place in Northern Auditorium.

Mock Convention

Mock Convention Media Committee applications are currently available outside of Carol Calkins' office. They will be due Nov. 6.

Politics Panel

The Politics Department is sponsoring a panel discussion entitled "The Black Vote in the Republican Party at Century's End" Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. A reception will follow at the Alumni House.

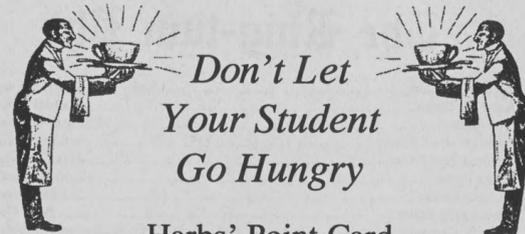
Practice Interviews

Seniors may sign up for videotaped practice interviews in the Career Development and Placement Office. There are two more days of practice interviewing this term: Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Nov. 9.

Correction

In the Oct. 13 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*, a column by Nicholas Waddy ran a headline he does not feel that this reflected the message of his column. The *Phi* apologizes for the error.

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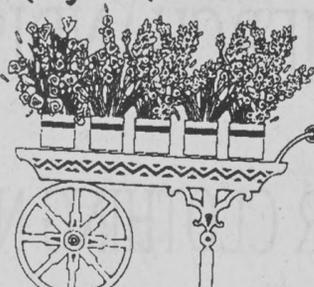
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LAST WEEK



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Women's Soccer

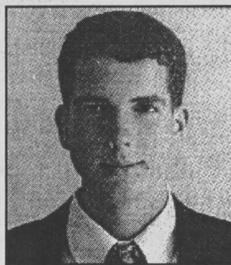
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Sam Chase
Men's Soccer

The freshman Chase had an impressive week with three goals and one assist against Bridgewater, as well as scoring the Generals' lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Randolph-Macon.

THIS WEEK



Jason Callen
Men's Cross Country

Callen took care of business in Gettysburg as he raced to a fourth-place finish in the meet in 26:51.



Julie Ayers
Women's Tennis

Ayers and Garcia dominated at the Rolex National Small College Championships. After capturing the Division III doubles title, the duo eliminated the Division II champion team in straight sets.



Natalia Garcia
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Last Week:

FOOTBALL - W, 36-21, at Sewanee
VOLLEYBALL - Best Salisbury St. and Mary Washington, lost to Gallaudet and Kean in Gallaudet Tournament; W, 3-0, at Guilford
MSOCCER - L, 2-0, vs. Centre; L, 5-1, at Emory & Henry
WSOCCER - L, 2-1, vs. Notre Dame (Md.); L, 2-1, vs. Centre; W, 1-0, vs. Guilford in ODAC quarterfinals
MCROSS COUNTRY - Finished second at Gettysburg Invitational
WATER POLO - W, 19-6, vs. MIT; W, 22-12 vs. U.S. Merchant Marine; L, 12-8, vs. Johns Hopkins in EWPA Div. III Champ.

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This Week:

VOLLEYBALL - Today vs. Eastern Mennonite, 6:30 PM
FOOTBALL - Saturday vs. Bridgewater, 1:30 PM
WSOCCER - Friday vs. Roanoke in ODAC semifinals
WATER POLO - Saturday and Sunday at EWPA Southern Playoffs
GOLF - Today through Saturday at VMI Classic

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FOOTBALL, SOCCER, WATER POLO, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY

OCTOBER 27, 1995

Goats of October

THE BIG FAN

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Before Saturday, our last memory of the World Series was Joe Carter dumping a Mitch Williams pitch over the left-field fence to give the Toronto Blue Jays the 1993 title.

Williams will probably be remembered as the player who lost the Series for Philadelphia that year. Besides his Game 6 failure, the Wild Thing blew a 14-9 lead in Game 4.

While his performance may not be forgotten, it should have at least been forgiven. Even the best relievers have bad spells. Like the rest of us in society, Wild Thing would be given a chance to atone for his mistakes, right?

Wrong. Philadelphia isn't known as a sympathetic sports town. If fans there booed Santa, they definitely would harass Mitch. Sure enough, his house was vandalized.

So, Wild Thing was shipped to Houston that December to avoid a major uproar. This was despite the fact that Williams had 43 saves in 1993. Although he made every save exciting, Mitch almost always got the job done.

Williams, though, could not regain his 1993 form in stints with Houston and California. A year and a half after the '93 Series, he was out of baseball. One has to wonder whether Wild Thing's demise was a result of an ineffective fastball, or from constantly being reminded of October 1993.

At least Williams has some privacy on his ranch. Bill Buckner and Donnie Moore weren't so lucky. Buckner was the Red Sox' first baseman who allowed the winning run to score in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series by booting a routine grounder. Although Boston was one out away from its first championship since 1918, the Red Sox lost the Series to the Mets in seven games.

No one can blame Red Sox fans for being upset over Buckner's miscue. But many fans took things too far by publicly belittling Buckner. Worse yet, his children were constantly teased at school. Buckner could take the aggravation no longer, and moved his family to Idaho. In the 1986 ALCS, California closer Moore only needed one more out to end Game 5 and send the Angels to the World Series for the first time.

The disaster struck for Moore in the form of a Dave Henderson homer for Boston. The Red Sox went on to win that game, as well as the next two, to capture the pennant. In the meantime, Moore could never exorcise the ghosts of that pitch. The fans wouldn't let him forget it, either. Moore could not live with the fact that the crowning achievement of his career had slipped from his grasp. In 1989, he ended his life.

We are an unforgiving nation, particularly when it comes to sports. To many of us, sports are do-or-die. We attach ourselves so much to certain athletes and teams that when they win, we win, and when they lose, we lose. When they lose, we often direct our frustration at the "goat": the Williamses, Buckners, and Moores of the world. Although we want a second chance when we make mistakes, we often fail to extend that same opportunity to these people. Instead, we choose to make their lives a living hell.

As the 1995 World Series rolls to a conclusion, we can hope that the Series will be won on the field, and not lost.

Cross-country teams continue to perform well



Photo by Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Dashing to the top

The W&L men's cross country squad has been on a roll for the past two weekends. The men finished second at the Gettysburg Invitational one week after capturing the Virginia Division II-III State Championships.

By ROY BURNS
Phi Staff Writer

As the all-important regional meet nears for both the men's and women's cross-country teams, both teams continue their excellent running.

Last week at Gettysburg, the men's team placed second out of 29 teams, trailing only Division II Millersville. Sophomore Jason Callen led the Generals with a time of 26:51 over the 8,000-meter course. Callen's performance was good enough to capture fourth place overall in the meet and earn him W&L Athlete of the Week honors.

Senior Brad Paye's 14th-place finish and sophomore Taylor Shultz's 22nd-place finish also aided the Generals. Additionally, sophomore Will Olson and freshman Darrick Alford scored points, as they finished fourth and fifth, respectively, on the team.

When asked about the team's performance at Gettysburg, Olson commented, "We had a good overall team performance; however, some of us individually had subpar races."

A week earlier, the men won

the Division II-III state meet for the first time. Paye was the first W&L runner to finish the race. He was followed by Callen, Olson, and Shultz.

The Generals will go into their next race, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship, ranked first in the South/Southeast region. According to team members, their goal is to perform well at the ODAC Championships in order to maintain their momentum as they prepare for regionals on November 11.

If the Generals place first at regionals, then they will journey to Lacrosse, Wis., where they will compete in the NCAA Division III Championships.

The Generals have defeated every regional foe that they have raced this year, and they are confident in their abilities. However, they realize that they cannot become complacent.

"We must continue to work our tails off if we expect to make it to Lacrosse," added Alford. "We cannot expect to win if we don't give 100 percent."

As for the women's team, senior Josephine Schaeffer continues to showcase her dominance. Schaeffer has won all six meets in which she has run this year,

bringing her career winning total to twenty-seven.

At the state meet, which the Generals captured, she ran a blistering 17:22 over the 5,000-meter course, and garnered All-State honors for her performance.

Washington and Lee also had excellent races turned in by freshman Natasha Dorofeeva, sophomore Carson Flowers, and junior Nat Messmore, all of whom received All-State honors due to their performances.

At Gettysburg, there were no official results for the women's meet due to an administrative foul-up; therefore, no team standings were recorded. However, Schaeffer won with a time of 18:27, and Flowers finished second with a time of 20:03. Additionally, Messmore, senior Catherine Cardullo, and freshman Katy Jenkins finished in the top five for the Generals.

The women are also looking for a strong showing at the ODACs and at regionals. Like the men, the women must place first at the regionals in order to advance to the nationals.

If both teams are able to progress to Lacrosse, they will then have the opportunity to showcase their running prowess to the rest of the nation.

Football keeps on rolling with impressive road wins

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

Since the Washington and Lee football team had not won at Hampden-Sydney or Sewanee in this decade, one would assume that the team would have struggled the past two weekends.

Evidently, no one told the Generals. W&L vaulted over the .500 mark for the first time this season by smacking Hampden-Sydney, 21-7, on October 14, and dumping Sewanee, 36-21, this past Saturday. These impressive victories upped the Generals' log to 3-2-1 overall, and 1-2 in the ODAC.

The Generals had not won in Ashland since 1985, but things were to change this year. Hampden-Sydney played the Generals to a draw through the first quarter, but it was all W&L after that.

After a 14-yard touchdown reception by Chas Chastain provided the Generals with their first score, running back Seth McKinley dashed 27 yards to paydirt, giving W&L a 14-7 half-time advantage. McKinley had a huge day for the Generals as he ran for a career-high 150 yards on 25 attempts. The yardage enabled McKinley to pass the 1,000-yard mark in his rushing career with 1,004.

McKinley was certainly not the only offensive star. Quarterback Brooks Fischer was dead on target with 16 completions in 22 attempts for a total of 146 yards. He also threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to a diving James Urban in the fourth quarter to provide the final margin of 21-7.

Urban caught half of Fischer's 16 completions for a total of 67 yards on the afternoon. With his stellar effort, Urban moved into first place in the ODAC receiving standings.

The big story for the Generals, though, was the defense. After causing only one opposition turnover prior to the contest, W&L forced Hampden-Sydney into committing five turnovers.

Safety Butler Ball led the charge with an interception and a fumble recovery, to go along with six tackles and one sack. His interception in the fourth quarter thwarted the Tigers' comeback hopes. Defensive tackle Robert Hull made his presence felt by forcing two fumbles and recovering one, as well as making ten tackles.

Sophomore defensive tackle Omar Moneim came through in a big way for W&L with his first collegiate fumble recovery. Safety Stuart Hogue had 13 tackles, as well as an interception.

Head coach Frank Miriello was extremely pleased with the Generals' overall effort in erasing the Generals' ten-year drought at Hampden-Sydney.

"It was a big win, and we took a big step as a team," he said. "It was a major obstacle for us to overcome."

The Generals overcame another large obstacle by sticking it to Sewanee in Tennessee on Saturday, 36-21. W&L won at Sewanee for the first time since 1989 in doing so. In fact, the visitor has prevailed only ten times now in the teams' 41 meet-

ings since 1955.

W&L and Sewanee took turns dominating the first half. The Generals rolled out to a 13-0 advantage by the end of the first quarter, as Fischer scored a touchdown from three yards out, and Drew Thomas booted field goals of 34 and 33 yards, respectively.

As much as W&L controlled the first quarter, Sewanee dominated the second. The Tigers got on the board in a big way when James Spriggs hauled in a reception from quarterback Louie Caputo and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. An eight-yard run by Kent Underwood enabled the Tigers to rally back to take a 14-13 lead at the break.

The Generals, though, were undeterred, as they swung the momentum back into their favor in the third quarter. Wideout Chastain scored an unlikely touchdown when he picked up a fumble and sprinted 32 yards into

side 45 yards out. Besides his tremendous placekicking day, Thomas averaged a terrific 49.3 yards on his three punts.

The defense would not allow Sewanee to come any closer. Linebacker Doug Kennedy drove a nail into the Tigers' coffin when he picked off Caputo for the second time in the game. The interception set up a one-yard Fischer touchdown plunge which sealed the deal for the Generals, 36-21.

Defensive line stalwarts Hull and Peyton Williams turned in big performances yet again for the Generals. Hull's two sacks shattered his school co-record by giving him a season-total of eleven sacks. Williams did his part by sacking Caputo twice, as well as collecting seven tackles and forcing a fumble.

"We wanted to dominate defensively, and that happened in the second half," commented Miriello.

"It was a good team victory all-around," he added. This Saturday, the Generals return to Wilson Field, the site of their final three games. First on the slate is a Parents Weekend contest against ODAC rival Bridgewater, a team which W&L routed, 28-3, last year. The Generals lead the overall series, 17-8.

The Eagles, who have only two seniors on their roster, enter the game winless at 0-7.

Miriello, though, downplayed the importance of Bridgewater's winless record.

"The challenge is not Bridgewater," he said. "The challenge is for us to maintain our focus and keep our eyes on the ball."

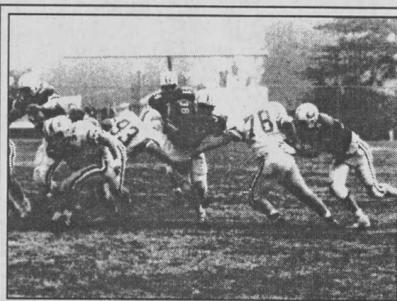
With the Generals riding a three-game winning streak after starting the year 0-2-1, Miriello feels the team will be even more pumped up for Parents Weekend.

"We're on a roll now," he said, "and we're going to play better with mom and dad up in the bleachers."

The coach is also optimistic about the Generals' attempt to post back-to-back winning seasons, since they play their final three games at home.

"We've proven that we can win on the road," he said. "But for these three games coming up, we're going to have to play our best to win."

Still, "we'd rather do it at home than on the road."



File Photo

The Generals pushed their record to 3-2-1 after beating H-SC and Sewanee.

the end zone, putting W&L back in front, 19-14.

The Generals extended that lead when McKinley scored on a four-yard run, making the score 26-14.

The running back was having another solid game with 94 yards gained until he re-injured his shoulder. He will be forced to miss the next game against Bridgewater.

Sewanee got back into the game late in the third quarter on another touchdown pass by Caputo, but that is where the fun ended for the crowd of 4,034.

The W&L defense took control in the final quarter, starting with linebacker Travis Wisdom's tackle on a 3rd-and-1 play for Sewanee. Wisdom led the defense with nine tackles.

Thomas extended the margin to 29-21 with his record-tying third field goal of the game, this time from an impres-

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Water Polo:

The Generals turned in a strong performance in the EWPA Division III Championship tournament.

In the first round, W&L blew away the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 19-6. Rich Cober led the way with five goals. In the next match, James Silberstein's five goals enabled W&L to dispatch the U.S. Merchant Marine, 22-12.

The going got rougher in the championship game against Johns Hopkins. W&L stayed close, but the Blue Jays pulled out a 12-8 win. W&L takes a 10-9 record with them this weekend to compete in the EWPA Southern Playoffs.

Volleyball:

The Generals came away with a split at the Gallaudet Invitational this past weekend. W&L knocked off Salisbury State, 3-0, and rallied to beat Mary Washington, 3-2, in the tournament finale for its wins.

Hilary Martin's 51 kills in the tournament gave her 295 for the season, breaking a school record. Cheryl Taurassi's 46 assists in a match nearly tied her school record. W&L travelled to Guilford on Tuesday evening, and returned home with a 15-9, 15-12, 15-11 victory in its pockets. Martin tied a school record with her 24 kills. The victory pushed W&L to 25-6 overall, 8-1 in the ODAC.

Women's Soccer:

W&L concluded the regular season with two tough losses to Notre Dame (Md.) and Centre.

The Generals rallied back from a 2-0 deficit to Notre Dame in the second half, as Karin Treese scored on a half-volley, but still fell, 2-1.

On Sunday against Centre, an Erica Reineke goal gave W&L a

1-0 lead, which it held until only twenty minutes remained. Centre then sneaked in a goal with 46 seconds left to earn itself a 2-1 victory.

W&L rebounded on Tuesday in the ODAC Tournament by shutting down Guilford, 1-0. This time W&L scored late, as Michelle Bauman converted on a pass from Lorraine Taurassi with twenty minutes left.

The Generals (10-5) continue play in the tournament with a semifinal game against Roanoke on Friday.

Men's Soccer:

The men's soccer squad captured its final victory of 1995 last Friday against Lynchburg, 7-2. Sam Chase netted four goals in the game, breaking the W&L record for most goals in a season with eighteen. The Generals were not so fortunate in their season finale on Sunday, as they dropped a 2-0 decision to a ranked Centre team.

On Tuesday, Emory & Henry scored a flurry of goals late in the first half to win a 5-1 triumph in ODAC Tournament first-round play. Jeb Wofford accounted for the Generals' goal on an assist from Chad Dobbins.

The loss to E&H finished the Generals' season with a record of 7-9.

Women's Tennis:

In the "Super Bowl" of women's tennis, Julie Ayers and Natalia Garcia scored one touchdown after another.

Ayers and Garcia, who entered the Rolex National Small College Championships as at-large entries, quickly took over the competition. After knocking off Ohio Wesleyan, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5, to win the Division III doubles title, Ayers and Garcia spiked Division II champion Cal-Bakersfield, 6-4, 6-4, to ensure themselves as the doubles co-champions.

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