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### Weekend Weather

**FRIDAY:** Cloudy, showers likely, highs in the 60s  
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**SUNDAY:** Colder, sunny skies, highs in the 50s

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### Boo!

Creatively carved pumpkins decorate Chi Psi's front porch on Halloween this week.

## Freshmen election results contested

By SARA McCRONE  
Phi Staff Writer

They say it ain't over until the fat lady sings, and freshmen definitely found the truth in the cliché this week during the runoffs for representative to the Executive Committee. Generally it is the candidates themselves who are most eager for the news of election results, but their fervor was matched by classmates curious to find out who had at last scraped by with a majority.

The first runoff included the eventual victor of Monday's second runoff, Calder Britt, as well as David Sugerman and Todd Poole, and was extremely close. Britt captured the lead by a margin of two votes, while Sugerman and Poole trailed at 101 votes each. News of Britt's victory spread quickly but was closely followed by the rumor that Poole was contesting the election.

It wasn't a rumor, however. "I immediately contested the elections upon hearing the results," Poole said. "There were 312 votes, but only 304 people had signed up. In light of this discrepancy and the close margin of victory, I felt that something was not right."

Poole expressed his concerns to the Voting Regulations Board, or VRB, a few minutes after he heard the initial results.

"It is a possibility the ballots were stuffed—but not by any of the candidates. Any of our supporters could have done it," he acknowl-

edged. "Of course, some people could have forgotten to sign in."

Sakina Paige, chair of the VRB, responded to Poole's suspicions in Monday night's E.C. meeting. She noted that there has been a discrepancy between signatures on the sign-in sheet and the actual number of votes in previous elections but indicated her doubts that the discrepancy was due to dishonorable conduct.

"It got confusing at the booths, especially during lunch," she told a member of the E.C. "It's possible and more likely that some forgot to sign in after voting. We have an honor code here."

In an interview by phone, vice-presidential candidate James Haslam supported this scenario.

"Two people on my hall have come up to tell me that they voted for me but forgot to sign in. I trust the honor system here, and I wouldn't protest the election," he said.

Paige indicated that changes will take place in future elections.

"The VRB will meet prior to the winter [upperclassmen] elections to determine if changes are needed in campaigning and in the actual elections," she said.

E.C. President Keith Benedict suggested that speeches and more informational meetings with the candidates take place. Paige feels that the confusion in the voting process this year occurred because the elections fell around the time of reading days, making it difficult for the

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## Leyburn Society discusses a co-ed VMI

By DAN ODENWALD  
Phi Executive Editor

The practice of state-supported single-sex educational institutions is one of the year's most hotly debated topics. Should schools that receive the people's tax dollars, such as the Citadel and Virginia Military Institute (VMI), exclude applicants based on gender? Is this type of discrimination legal or moral?

In a discussion entitled "Women and VMI," the Leyburn Society sought answers to these questions. The Society invited Professor Ann MacLean Massie of Washington and Lee University's Law School to speak on the legal aspects of the case and Professor Steven Richard of VMI to speak on the psychological components. The Society's goal is to conduct scholarly forums and discussions on popular current issues for the enjoyment of the W&L community.

Introducing the VMI matter, Massie outlined a brief legal history of the case from its origins in the small district court of Virginia to this fall's decision from the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case. A final ruling is expected this spring.

Nearly four years ago, the state of Virginia brought VMI to court citing they had violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment with regards to its admission policy. Unlike the Citadel, a female seeking admittance was not the plaintiff in the case. Instead, it was the state government who brought the military school to court.

VMI argued that it supported diverse education in Virginia. It was not simply another liberal arts school which already dominate the state's higher education scene. The state, therefore, had a compelling interest to preserve VMI's unique environment in order to promote a wide spectrum of higher educational opportunities for Virginia's young people.

Virginia rebutted by arguing that the state has a compelling interest to see that its schools acquire a diverse student body.

Judge Jackson Kaiser, a W&L graduate, heard the case first. He agreed with VMI maintaining that the introduction of women into the school would irrevocably change the environment. According to Kaiser, if women, who so desperately desired the VMI experience, were admitted, no one would have the VMI experience. Additionally, he ruled that Virginia did have a compelling interest to preserve diverse educational institutions.

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which also heard the Shannon Faulkner case, heard the case next. Again, they ruled in favor of VMI. However, they found that the school's admission policy did violate the equal protection clause which they had to remedy. The court offered VMI four alterna-

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## Distinguished alumnus dies

By ROBIN D. SEATON  
Phi Staff Writer

Rupert Nelson Latture ('15), former W&L faculty member, administrator, and last surviving charter member of Omicron Delta Kappa, passed away Thursday, October 26, at the Maryfield Nursing Home, High Point, N.C., at the age of 103.

Mr. Latture came to Washington and Lee from his native Bristol, Tennessee in 1911, where as an undergraduate he was elected into Phi Beta Kappa. In 1914 Latture and classmate J. Carl Fisher founded Omicron Delta Kappa. The leadership society, which now has chapters at more than 220 colleges and universities in the United States, recognizes leadership in campus activities. In 1990 Latture received ODK's highest honor, the Laurel Crown Circle Award.

Latture earned his B.A. from Washington and Lee in 1915, followed by his M.A. in 1916. After graduating from W&L, he taught at Albermarle County's Miller School. Latture then served in World War I from 1917 to 1919, and while in France, he was awarded the French army's Croix de Guerre.

Latture spent one year as principal of Central Academy in Stuart, Virginia, upon his return to the United States. He then returned to his alma mater in 1920 as an assistant professor of romance languages. While a faculty member, Latture served in such positions as head of the freshman program and chairman of the political science department.

Latture also acted as an advisor for many years to Washington and Lee's Mock Political Convention. He missed the first 1908 convention, but attended every subsequent event through 1984.

When Latture retired from teaching in 1962, then-president Fred C. Cole asked him to remain as his assistant. Latture served as an assistant to the president for 21 years, under Cole, Robert E. R. Huntley, and John D. Wilson. In 1983 he retired once more and began working on special research projects associated with Washington and Lee.

The university conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Latture in 1980. According to the degree's citation, he was a "mover" who "evok[ed] in us sentiments of admiration, pride, and great respect. Of all the honorary degrees ever conferred by Washington and Lee University, none has ever been awarded with the special gratitude and affection that accompany this proclamation."

During his years at W&L, Latture took great care to ensure that new students felt welcome, by greeting incoming freshmen and their parents as they matriculated in the fall. As assistant to the president, he often sat in the president's outer office and performed a similar role. From his chair beneath a portrait of Robert E. Lee, whom Latture called his "contemporary," Latture shared stories, gathered from his many years of service at W&L, with visitors. He was also an elder emeritus of the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

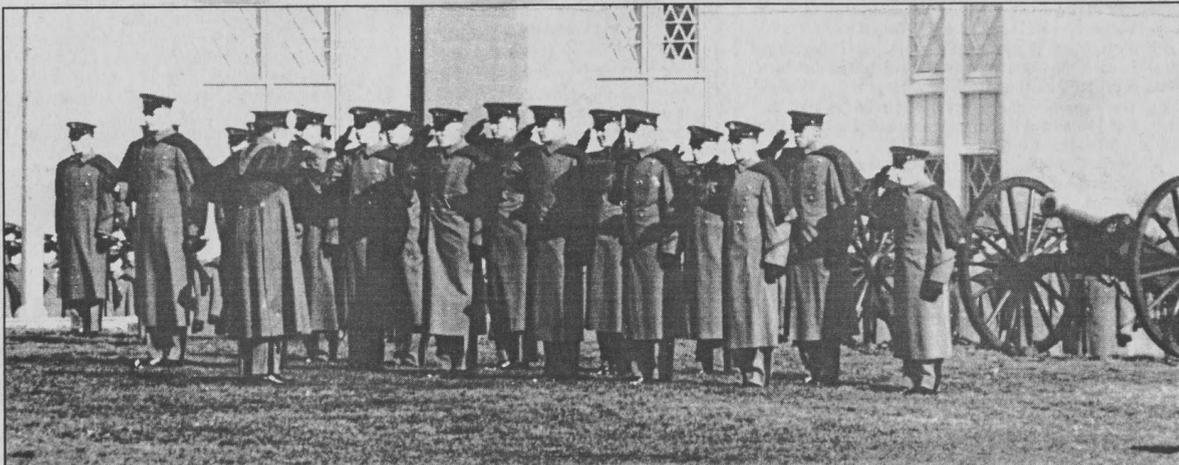
Latture's wife of 51 years, Roberta Fulton Latture, preceded him in death in 1968. Latture is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 4 at Stonewall Jackson Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Omicron Delta Kappa Scholarship Fund or the Lexington Presbyterian Church.



Phi file photo

ODK founder Rupert Nelson Latture died at age 103.



Phi file photo

On Tuesday the Leyburn Society discussed the possibility of women joining the ranks of the VMI cadets.

## Concern for others shown at Blood Drive

By JENNIFER MENDOCHA  
Phi Staff Writer

Who enjoys being uncomfortable?

On Thursday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Doremus Gym, 91 generous blood donors sacrificed a short amount of time and a degree of comfort for the benefit of others. This blood drive, a biannual event at W&L, was sponsored by Chi Psi, in conjunction with the Red Cross.

Josh Nitsche, the Chi Psi representative in charge of the blood drive, reported that 91 pints of blood were collected, exceeding the amount collected at last spring's drive, and falling just short of the goal of 95 pints. Nitsche reported being pleased that, due to the support of W&L students, faculty, and Lexington residents, this goal was almost attained.

To encourage others to participate in future blood drives, Nitsche notes that

the experience of making a blood donation is "not as bad as one might think." He hopes to allay future donors' fears about the process by mentioning that they are in the hands of fully trained staff, and that complications such as fainting or muscle spasms are not common.

After registration, a few routine tests are performed and some critical health and lifestyle questions are asked in order to confirm that the individual is able to be a donor. The actual blood donation only lasts about 10 minutes and is virtually painless after the initial sting. Each donor contributes approximately 1 pint of his or her blood. It takes the body only hours to replace the liquid plasma, and a few weeks for it to replace the cells.

A group of potential blood donors were unable to make a donation for various reasons, some because they were taking certain medications, others because the iron level in their blood was too low.

In all, a good effort was made for this event, although, on a lighter note, a Red Cross volunteer happened to note that female donors outnumbered males by about 2 to 1.

## BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

### Congressional investigation continues; Deutch briefed

Washington, D.C.—Congressional investigation into the damaging effects of admitted spy Aldrich Ames' involvement in CIA operations during the last years of the Cold War continues with Director John M. Deutch's briefing. Over the last seven years of the Cold War, several defense spending decisions were made on the basis of what is now known to be tainted information. The Central Intelligence Agency is still unsure of what information communicated by Ames' double agents is reliable and what is misleading. While Deutch maintains that the blame for the catastrophe cannot be placed on the directors during that period, he is taking steps to reestablish the CIA's image, which has suffered considerably since the extent of its failures has been revealed.

### Quebec separatist movement leader Parizau resigns

Montreal—The separatist movement in Quebec is dealing with an additional blow as its leader, Jacques Parizau, resigned Tuesday after a narrow loss Monday in the vote on secession from Canada. A very large percentage of the citizens of Quebec voted for secession on Monday, which underscores the necessity for the Canadian government to placate the French-speaking province. The separatists insist, however, that their campaign for sovereignty has not ended, despite their defeat in Monday's vote and the loss of a bitter Parizau.

### Barbara Bush revises her memoirs to placate Agee

Washington, D.C.—The 1995 version of former First Lady Barbara Bush's autobiography, *Barbara Bush: A Memoir* has been revised to remove references to former CIA agent Philip Agee. Speculation surrounding the revision suggests that the passage, which implicated revelations made by Agee in his own book regarding the death of CIA agent Richard Welch in 1975, was removed in order to mollify Agee. Agee had filed a \$4 million libel suit against Mrs. Bush in September.

### Mike Tyson to fight Buster Mathis Jr. on Saturday

Las Vegas—Mike Tyson's career continues to recover from its brief legal detour as he prepares to meet Buster Mathis, Jr. in the ring on Saturday night. Despite the non-specific "injury" to his right hand, his missing manager Don King (who is embroiled in a legal battle in New York), his reported difficulties in adapting to life outside of prison, and the confidence of his undefeated opponent, Tyson and many others maintain that he will have the upper hand in Saturday's fight at the MGM Grand.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by  
Peggy Stuntz and Laura Knapp

## 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.**

### Dole gaining support of conservative groups in Iowa

Des Moines, IA—Senate Majority Leader and leading GOP Presidential Candidate Bob Dole is claiming that he is accumulating support from key religious and social conservatives in Iowa, as the prospect of a Powell candidacy looms. Polls show that Dole has a considerable lead over Powell among citizens of Iowa that are likely to go to caucus. The endorsements that Dole is receiving, according to many experts, is due to the fervent desire on behalf of the conservatives of that state to have an anti-abortion candidate.

### Poll shows Powell would lead Dole in New Hampshire

New Hampshire—A poll conducted of 536 New Hampshire voters on Monday by WMUR-TV/Dartmouth College found that if Powell were to run in the state's primary, he would receive 33% of the vote while Dole would only garner 18%. However, if Powell did not enter the race, then Dole would receive 37% of the vote with Steven Forbes running second with 10%. Many experts expect that if Powell does indeed run, then his candidacy would most directly impact Dole's campaign yet have little effect on Buchanan, thus clearing the way for the nomination of Buchanan.

GOP Watch is compiled by  
Peggy Stuntz and Laura Knapp

## Panel speaks on black Republicans

By EMILY BAKER  
Phi Executive Editor

Four black Republicans met in Northern Auditorium Thursday night to discuss why it's not a dichotomy to be black and Republican.

The politics department sponsored a panel discussion on "The Black Vote and the Republican Party at Century's End."

Though the Democratic Party has had a "monolithic" hold on blacks, that is changing, the panelists said.

While the panelists' involvement with politics and the Republican party varied, they agreed that blacks have been exploited by the Democratic Party.

Jeff Brown, director of Grass Roots Development for the Virginia Republican Party, compared the relationship the Democratic Party has to blacks with that of slave owner to slave.

"There were four things that kept slaves on the plantation: dependence, ignorance, fear and race. This is the same relationship blacks have with the Democratic Party," Brown said.

Blacks are dependent on the Democratic Party, Brown said, because it advocates that any problem in society should be solved with government involvement and intervention.

Democrats promote fear of Republicans among blacks, Brown said, by portraying Republicans as being out to starve children in school and take money away from old people.

"Slave owners used to tell slaves, too, that if they escaped, if they left the plantation, all these bad things would happen to them," Brown said.

If all else fails, Brown said, Democrats play the race card and say Republicans are racist.

Bill Cleveland spoke next. The once vice-mayor of Alexandria said that just 32 of 2500 black elected officials in the U.S. are Republican.

Cleveland cited the ideas of financial and personal responsibility that the Republican party believes in as to why he supports the party. He also agrees that faith in God was supported by the founding fathers of the country.

Cleveland has tried to instill these values in others through his work with young black men in Alexandria.

Jeff Artis, candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates, has been called a sell-out, an Uncle Tom and a wanna-be boy by other blacks.

He is often asked why he is a Republican.

"I got tired of kissing the behind of the Democratic Party," he said.

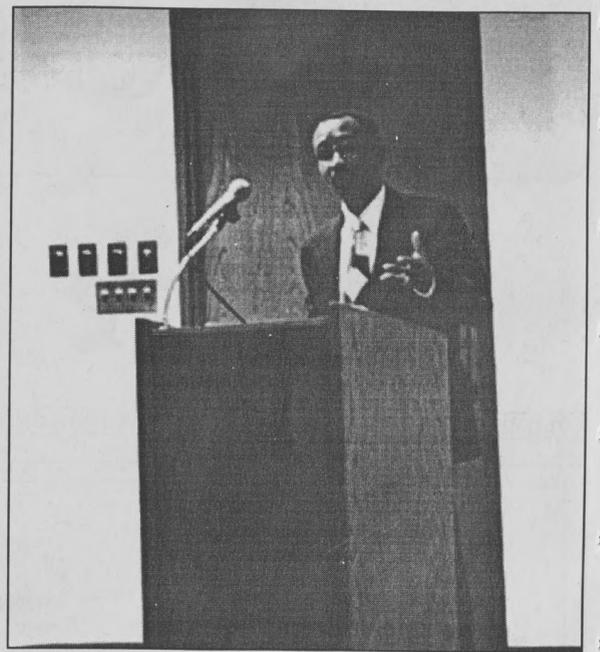
Though they need the black vote, Artis said, Democrats recognize blacks only when Election Day appears on the calendar. Insights and suggestions from blacks are ignored, and blacks themselves are basically relegated "to the corner," Artis said.

Artis said he believes in self-sufficiency and financial independence.

"You see it in the news, on T.V. We're supposed to feel guilty for making money," he said.

Reverend Willie Butler of the Randolph Street United Methodist Church said that both parties need to work for the good of the people.

"Both Democrats and Republicans need to show that they care about people more than just around election time."



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Jeff Brown, director of Grass Roots Development for the Virginia Republican Party, speaks on black Republicanism.

## McDowell speaks on T.V. and politics

By EMILY BAKER  
Phi Executive Editor

Political columnist and commentator Charlie McDowell spoke of the dramatic effect television has had on politics in his address in Lee Chapel Wednesday night.

McDowell was the inaugural speaker for the Fishback Fund for Visiting Writers program. The money will bring a speaker to campus each year who has written about public affairs, nature and environment, history and the theater.

McDowell has covered every national political convention since 1952. He has seen how politicians and the people who vote for them have gotten away from the issues because of television.

"The short, hardhitting commercial is more effective than a good half hour speech," he said. People seem to care less about what politicians think than about what they can say about their opponent.

In 1968, during the average broadcast news story about a political candidate, the politician himself spoke for an average of 42 seconds.

In 1992, the time was down to 8.4 seconds per broadcast. Voter turnout has also decreased since television began to cover campaigns, he said.

The hope for intelligent and informative coverage of campaigns, McDowell said, is campaign reform. If the candidates would spend less time on second bites and more time exploring issues, voters would make more involved decisions.

## B&G director resigns

From Phi Staff Reports

W&L University officials have announced that Director of Buildings and Grounds Bill Elswick resigned last week. No reasons were given for the resignation.

In a letter to the University, President John W. Elrod said that former Buildings and Grounds Director James L. Arthur would serve as acting director until a replacement is found.

Elswick's resignation follows a period of discontent among B&G workers, some of whom believe the resignation was a positive development between the school and workers.

In the past few weeks, the disgruntled staff has converted their anger into efforts to unionize. Union officials met with over 100 Washington and Lee workers last Friday night.

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tives: admit women, establish a parallel institution for females, privatize, or develop their own alternative creative option.

VMI opted for the parallel institution. Enter the Virginia Military Institute for Leadership, an ROTC-like companion to VMI. According to its creators, VWIL's curriculum and military instruction differ from VMI only in that it caters to the developmental needs of women.

Judge Kaiser and the Fourth Circuit Court ruled that VWIL is a satisfactory equivalent to the VMI experience.

One judge on the appellate court dissented, however. He asserted that an essential part of VMI's program is its strong alumni network and rich tradition. VWIL, less than two years old, certainly does not have these same qualities. Thus, he argued, the program is inherently unequal.

Ultimately, the case was argued to the Supreme Court. Justice Clarence Thomas had to excuse himself from the case because his son, Jamal, attends VMI. If the decision is split, the ruling of the lower court stands. Having agreed to hear the case, the Court must answer two questions. First, does equal protection under the law require that all state-supported schools admit applicants regardless of sex. Second, if not, is the VWIL program a satisfactory equivalent to the VMI experience?

An expert witness in the case, Richarde studied the psychological aspects that coeducation would have on the keydet corps.

Upon analysis of the institution, he discovered "a unique educational process that doesn't favor admitting women."

Richarde made the judgment based on three conclusions from his study. One, the school is a high pressure situation in which first-year students, or rats, are required to adapt to rigorous physical and mental demands.

Two, there is a profound absence of privacy. All doors have windows and are notably missing locks. Keydets share communal showers and bathrooms.

The third justification is the most controversial. (Indeed, the team of VMI lawyers disagreed on how integral a part of the reasoning it should play.) Studies show that the moral development of men and women are different. Since honor and integrity are tested daily, the introduction of women, or an altogether different moral process, would disrupt the men's moral development.

Richarde concluded that for VMI to admit women, the institution must undergo radical change to accommodate the new students — precisely what VMI does not want. Furthermore, they argue that women who desire admission to reap the benefits of the VMI experience will not receive it, for their admission is fundamentally at odds with what the experience constitutes.

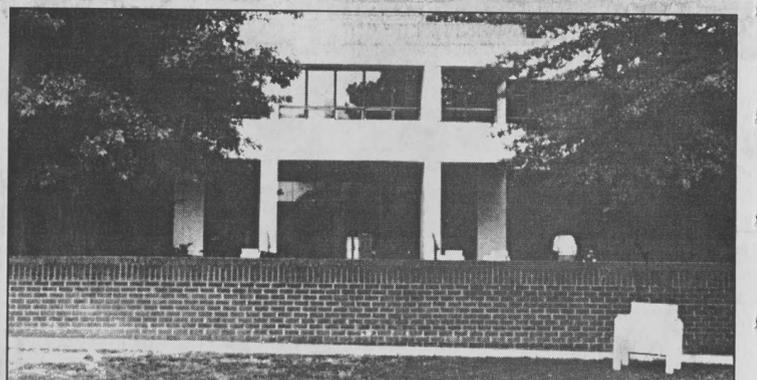
Nevertheless, Massie pointed out that these arguments are simply irrelevant.

"The Court will focus on legal matters alone regarding the equal protection clause," she said.

Questions of change and diversity will be ignored. The Court's decision will stress the inherent legality of excluding women from an all-male state-supported military school. If the practice is found to violate the Constitution, VMI will be forced to integrate.

Currently, VMI believes they odds are against them. With Justices Souter and O'Connor representing the swing votes, the case appears to be a toss-up.

"VMI has been overrun with lawyers," said Richarde, "most just want the thing to be over with."



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

The W&L School of Law has reported 4-5 reports of theft in the last week.

## Law school plagued by thefts

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Associate Editor

A little less music may be heard around the Washington and Lee Law School these days.

In the past week, W&L Security has received 4-5 reports of thefts, including some portable CD players, various CD's and a wallet. The items were taken from the law school students' carrels.

Director of Security Mike Young said the last theft was reported last Sunday at 9:30 p.m. Three young high-school age youth were seen between

9:15 and 9:30 p.m. on that same night.

He said he has no idea whether these youth were involved in the thefts. Young said he has a general description of the youths but nothing substantial. He said security is working to identify these youths.

"We're asking law students to report to us if they see anyone they don't know," he said, "and law students should lock their items in the carrels."

Young said if anyone has information regarding these thefts, please call Mike Young at 463-8427.

## Election results contested

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VRB to plan speeches or meetings.

But where does all of this leave Todd Poole, who worked hard to run in a campaign in which he wasn't even supposed to participate?

"Basically, I wasn't even supposed to be in the first runoff, and it makes sense that I was cut out [of the second runoff, which only included Sugerman and Britt]," he said. "This should never have happened."

The VRB erroneously included Poole in Thursday's runoff because of ambiguous language in the Student Body Constitution. Sugerman and Britt each earned 60 votes in the original election on Monday, October 23, and Poole came in a close second at 52 votes. The VRB then approved the candidates with the top two votes instead of simply including the top two people.

How could the board in charge of overseeing the elections of officers make such a fundamental mistake?

Benedict blamed the "poor language and poor drafting" of the Constitution and approved a recommendation by Paige to compile a list of errors for future VRB members to avoid.

However, Poole protested the election to Paige,

Dean Manning, and Benedict before he even knew that his inclusion in the election violated Article XI, Section D of the Constitution.

"I felt that the VRB prematurely published the election results," Poole stated. "Before they had even heard my reasons for contesting the election, they posted the results. Before the E.C. was even called, they posted the results. And, most emphatically, the E.C. was called because of my protests, not because of the discrepancy in the numbers."

Paige denies intentionally posting the results before the situation was resolved.

"We posted the results after determining there wouldn't be another election. We contacted the candidates at that time. We had called the E.C. to verify if Todd could protest the election. There was no precedent in our white book [of voting regulations]," she said. "Keith wanted to meet on Friday to investigate the possibility of having another election. When we found that we would have to have another runoff because of the constitutional rule, we took the results down."

Poole still believes he was treated unfairly but says he has learned a great lesson in politics.

"I am not trying to be a sore loser. I think that's [contesting the election] what I would have done even if I had won. I put my faith in the E.C. But I am announcing my candidacy now for E.C. spring-term elections."

## ON THE BEAT NC band kicks up support at W&L campus

Cindie Young  
Phi Features Editor

Throw a bunch of stuff into the pot, shake it, and see what comes out.

So Charles E. Jones of Dr. Lime Records explains the musical recipe producing the music of a band newly arrived on W&L's air waves, a band by the name of Doxy's Kitchen. Hailing from North Carolina, a state which has long earned a name as a major city in the indie rock world, Doxy's Kitchen brings to the world of music compelling lyrics, behind which lies, in Jones' words, "a cookin' jazzy, groovy band."

Encouraged by W&L's enthusiastic reception during this year's Homecoming Weekend, and a follow-up article in *The Trident* of flattering color, Doxy's Kitchen "is very excited" about its popularity in Lexington, and is eager to keep alive such interest.

As the band's manager, Jones explains that Doxy's



Kitchen has earned much attention in such cities as Charlotte, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh-Durham, and has recently enjoyed airplay on not only college but commercial radios thereabout.

Jones knows no better way to describe the band than

"just five guys having a great time playing music together." Its unique name refers to "Doxy," a song by jazz musician Sonny Rollins by which the band members are particularly impressed.

Doxy's Kitchen is its own band, but its CD cannot lie far away from CDs of Charlottesville's Dave Matthews Band, on any (organized) music-lover's shelf.

The music of Doxy's Kitchen, in other words, follows the same formula that accounts for so much of the success of The Dave Matthews Band, a formula whose main ingredients are equal parts rock and jazz.

To judge by the overwhelming number of DMB logos scripted across t-shirts, baseball caps, and bumpers about campus, such a formula has a particular charm in Lexington, Virginia.

As the music of the North Carolina band is not unlike the music of the Charlottesville band, Doxy's Kitchen seems to hold the potential of becoming every bit as popular on campus.

In one performance alone at a fraternity house on campus several weeks ago, W&L students bought over 100 CDs and 15 t-shirts bearing the Doxy's Kitchen logo.

Such enthusiastic support could only win the attention of the band, and Doxy's Kitchen has decided to make Lexington the next city in which it will concentrate its efforts.

"Doxy's Kitchen is a real grass-roots band," Jones ex-

plains, and the best way to reach people is through real people."

The real people to which the band has now turned its interest are the ones walking the Colonnade everyday, the ones reading this article, the students of W&L.

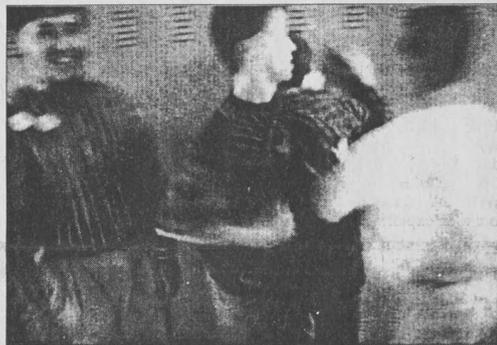
In the past week, the band has already begun to focus on W&L's campus, and tables outside the Co-op featuring earphones, demo tapes of the band, and free giveaways of band material offer students a laid-back introduction to the music and the logo of Doxy's Kitchen.

"When I was there, there were some people playing music on a portable stereo," sophomore Justin Riedell recalls; "they were pretty cool and I think people really liked the music."

An advertisement for Doxy's Kitchen now adorns the store window of Night Owl, and W&L's own WLUR will soon be introducing the band to the air waves above the red bricks and white columns; upcoming plans include an hour-long play of the band's debut CD, "New Age Truck Stop."

Chuck Carabello, Chief Director of Operations for WLUR, has also discussed with the band's manager the possibility of an "unplugged" performance on the air.

Many other ideas, however, are also being considered, as the band is willing to direct its energy in virtually any direction, in order to maintain—as well as further—the interest it has already sparked on campus.



## the true adventures of Dave, an american teen

Dan Odenwald  
Phi Executive Editor

Meet Dave Bettencourt. At seventeen, he is a senior at Burrillville High in middle-class Burrillville, New Hampshire. His goals for his senior year? To be elected class clown, to start on the varsity basketball team, to cause controversy with his underground newspaper, *Total Godhead*, and to take his beautiful girlfriend — whose passion is in-your-face-rap — to the prom.

The media likes to glamorize the social ills that plague our youth today. In the age of "Hard Copy" journalism, teen pregnancy, and murderous cheerleading moms, it is difficult to define a normal kid. It's not the Dave Bettencourts of the world that we see on Ricki Lake, divulging their most intimate secrets to America's voyeurs. The Dave Bettencourts are not the victims of drive-by shootings or heroin overdoses.

"We read often of youngsters who grow up with violence and despair, but there re-

mains another coming of age, one experienced by adolescents in cities, suburbs, and small towns," Miller writes. This is their story.

In *Coming of Age: The True Adventures of Two American Teens*, G. Wayne Miller tells the story of two average teenagers growing up in the not-so-average 1990s.

After proposing the idea to Burrillville's School Committee which they enthusiastically embraced, Miller spent an entire year with Dave, his girlfriend, Beth, and their wide assortment of friends. Whether it was World Lit class, work, parties, the locker room, Dave's diary or the principal's office, no subject was too private for Miller to chronicle. Indeed, the book provides the reader with a fresh and insightful look into Dave's world.

*Coming of Age* is especially poignant for the college-aged reader, as it enables him to return to the days of high school. Having been removed from it for a few years, the book reminds the reader of such momentous events as prom, signing your best friend's yearbook, surprise birthday parties, and late-night Taco Bell runs.

Witnessing the events of Dave's senior year, the readers discover those seemingly insignificant matters that can so completely absorb today's teens.

Along with Dave, for example, the reader develops a passionate respect for Mrs. Drouin, the fiercely independent English teacher who challenges her students to grow.

"Drouin fought for the abolition of the dress code," Miller writes. "Teaching kept her where she most wanted to be: in the company of young minds."

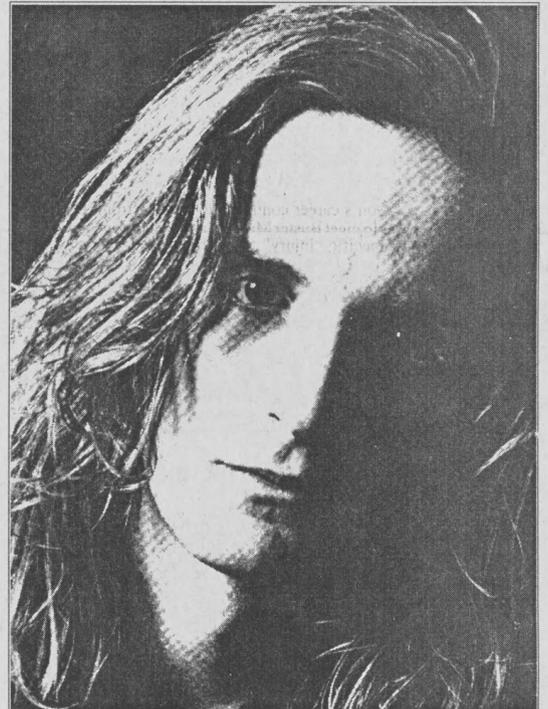
The reader also empathizes with Dave as he battles with his mother over his high school courses.

He detests physics, but his mother, a biology teacher at a neighboring high school, desperately urges her son to pursue a science major in college.

A Harvard graduate and successful journalist in Rhode Island, G. Wayne Miller turns out a book which is a sheer pleasure to ingest. Captivating and inspiring, *Coming of Age* presents the reader with a true-to-life journalistic account of a typical senior year.

If you've ever wanted to be a fly on the wall in the day-to-day life of an average American teenager, read G. Wayne Miller's *Coming of Age*.

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Jeff Shaw, one of the two stand-up comedians performing at the Student Activities Pavilion at 7:30 on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Tickets are on sale now for \$2, and will be sold for \$3 at the door.

## Comedy wears a gun in Sonnenfeld's film *Get Shorty*

Kirk Susong  
Phi Reviewer

*Get Shorty* - 3 1/2 stars

Over the years, Hollywood has developed a real passion for films about organized crime. From the early days of Jimmy Cagney through *The Godfather* and Martin Scorsese, there have been some real successes about the Mafia.

So it is especially funny to see Hollywood make fun of its own obsession with the mob. *Get Shorty* is just this type of film, about the foibles of the actors and producers who love the romance of crime lords, and criminals who are eager to get into the movie industry.

John Travolta plays Chili Palmer, a stylish Mafia soldier who finds himself in Los Angeles trying to collect on obligations owed both to his superiors and to his friends.

There he runs into a small-time producer named Harry Zimm (Gene Hackman), infamous for movies bearing titles like *Hellish Fiends at Horror High*. But the catch is Zimm has managed to get his hands on a wonderful script, and now everyone wants a part of it, including his loan sharks and Chili Palmer. When the short but star-powered Martin Weir (Danny De Vito) agrees to act in the project, the stakes get even higher, and when you throw in a Colombian drug deal and an attractive former wife, you can see how the mix gets pretty spicy.

This film is fun, fast and punchy from the start and never lets up. The acting all around is superb, especially John Travolta, who continues to remind us what made him one of the pre-eminent leading men of the seventies. So many of his characters radiate an easy-going charm that masks a more subtle, dangerous confidence. We've seen this ever since he was Vinnie Barberino in *Welcome Back Kotter*, through Tony Manero in *Saturday Night Fever*, and all the way up to Vincent in *Pulp Fiction*.

And the rest of the characters in *Get Shorty* are equally

well-drawn. They all parody themselves expertly, especially De Vito as Martin Weir, a short but very popular actor, who becomes so enamored with the Mafia so he even falls in love with Chili Palmer's rental car, a Pontiac minivan. Delroy Lindo, Gene Hackman, Dennis Farina and Rene Russo all contribute nicely, and there are even some surprise cameos. But the real star of the film is no single actor on the screen, but the fabulous script and its direction.

The script by Scott Frank (*Dead Again*) is based on the novel of the same name by Elmore Leonard (himself a screenwriter, oddly enough). Opting not to be as grimy as the original novel, the script beautifully weaves together some of the earthy dialogue without losing us in local color; the characters are all just real enough to make their lampooning effective.

Director Barry Sonnenfeld first gained a reputation as cinematographer to the Coen brothers, working on such films as *Raising Arizona* and *Blood Simple*; when he finally began directing on his own, it was in the stylish *Addams Family* films. And these credentials are apparent in *Get*

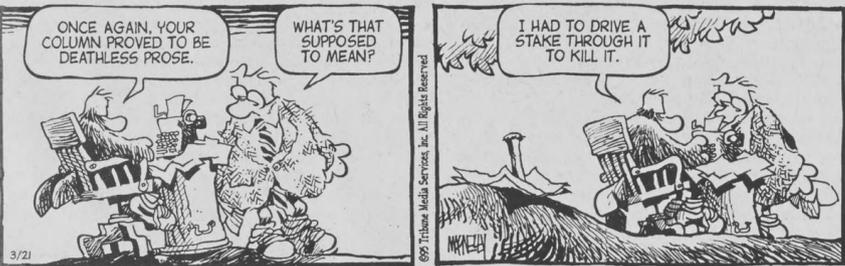
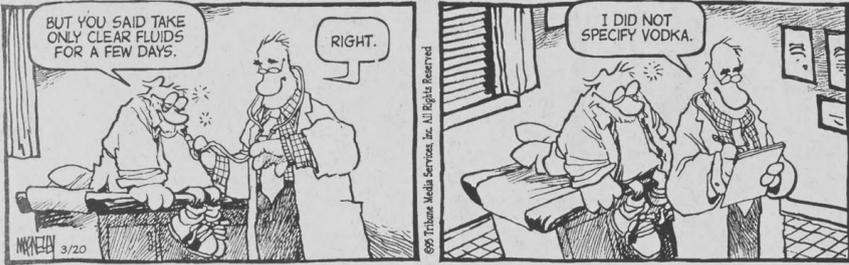
*Shorty*. He delivers a hefty dose of color and movement, but because the film is all about Hollywood itself, he is careful not to commit overkill. He exercises restraint with the camera, the surest sign of a director really in charge of a film; with a cast and script as great as these, who needs fancy footwork anyhow?

At any rate, *Get Shorty* is an extremely enjoyable film, mixing elements of pure comedy with gangster posturing and threatening, while simultaneously poking Hollywood in the ribs. It could be described as a mixture of Pulp Fiction with *The Freshman* and *The Player*. On the strength of its cast, its direction and its script, I heartily recommend *Get Shorty* to you.

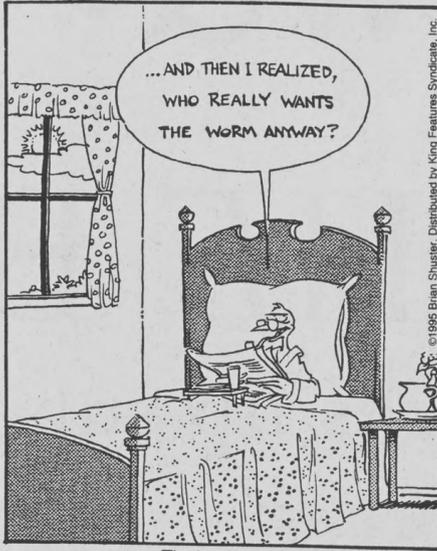
**3 stars - Go see this film now, while it's still on the big screen. It's worth a few Oscar nominations and the seven bucks you'll pay if you see it outside of the Lexington area. Overall, "Better than Cats!"**



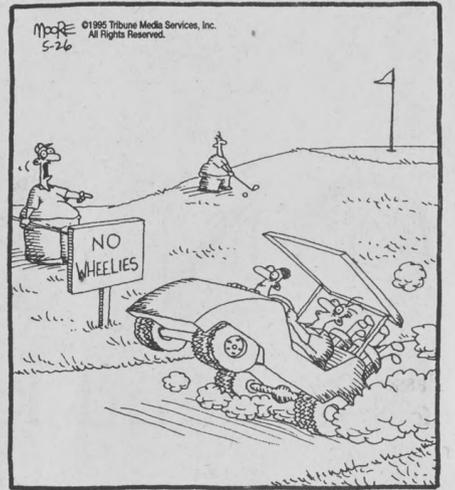
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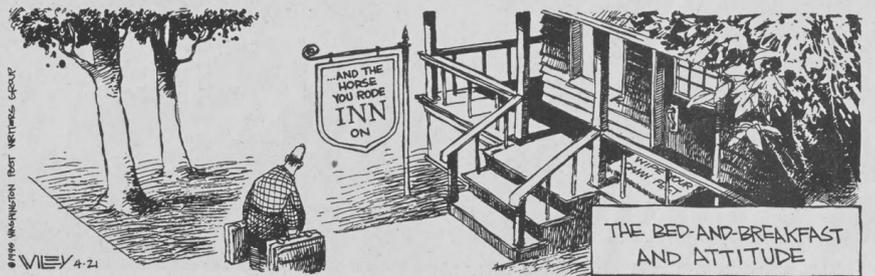
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The late bird



"Hey, hey, hey!!"



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## Learning without learning

Where has the passion for learning gone? University life used to be an exciting environment in which students and professors were genuinely focused on learning. The process was what mattered—not getting the grade. Classes used to be forums for the exchange of information and critical analysis of material. The relationship between teacher and student was reciprocal. They taught each other. Students were not afraid to challenge or add to the discourse. Learning happened.

Today's goal-oriented society places the emphasis on obtaining the highest GPA, the choicest internship, and the well-paid job. Students often neglect the process of education in pursuit of its ends. Our tunnel vision prevents us from acquiring the true benefits of learning. There is so much more to course work than regurgitating lectures during examination periods.

If we are to be successful students, we must use our minds. Question the manner in which you learn. Be critical of what you are being taught, for history proves that knowledge is generated by the naysayers. Advancement of mankind comes from taking exception to the status quo.

Luther protested the sale of indulgences by the Catholic Church. Locke said humans were entitled to life, liberty, and property. Monet insisted the depiction of light and color did matter. Heisenberg was convinced that subatomic particles did not adhere to the Newtonian laws of motion.

Take a chance. Raise your hand in class. Visit your professor's office. Choose the unconventional essay topic. Do something.

Malcolm X said, "Education is the passport to the future." A student who simply goes through the motions and never wonders why denies himself a part of that future. Open your eyes. If you notice it, the world can be a pretty interesting place.

## Quote of the Week

"I'm sorry. I was always late in college."

—AW&L parent strolling in to a 9 a.m. history class 15 minutes after the bell.



## Left, right cooperate in collectivism

JASON SORENS, '98

Upon the resignation of the previous columnist, I have taken over as the "conservative" columnist opposite Nova Clarke. Yet, Gentle Reader, do not be deceived, for any adjective can be used in a relative sense.

Though some of my opinions will often sound conservative, others may appear positively leftist. I do not seek moderation for the sake of moderation, however; rather, I adhere to a political philosophy that defies conventional dualist labeling. I intend to present argument that is coherent and consistent, and perhaps even persuasive. To that end, I write this inaugural column about the battle between collectivism and individualism, and the alliance of both contemporary conservatives and liberals with one side.

The difference between collectivism and individualism is briefly this: the former argues that government policy should be formulated with the good of particular groups (e.g. society, economy, race) in mind, while the latter counters that government policy should be framed solely with regard to the rights of individuals.

Collectivism is divisible into two main categories: utilitarianism, which exalts economic efficiency as the proper end of public policy; and ideological collectivism, often cloaked in arational, even anti-rational, emotionalism, pitting one group against another.

The assumption of utilitarian collectivism, implicit in every university economics text, is that the growth of the economy and maximization of "so-

cial welfare" should be the criteria for public policy formulation and application. Modern politicians almost universally adhere to this philosophy, especially when seeking to gain the votes of well-educated neo-conservatives.

For example, President Bill Clinton recently outlined his two criteria for good public policy: "Number one, it should be good for America; and number two, it should be good for the economy." This statement reveals the President's collectivist bent. He was either being redundant or self-contradictory. For he must have meant that what is good for the economy is also good for America, in which instance his statement was redundant. Or he was saying that, in some cases, what is good for the economy is not good for America, in which instance he was being self-contradictory by announcing both criteria as prerequisites for good policy. Let us assume that he did not intend to contradict himself, but was instead using redundancy as a rhetorical device. Thus, the President believes that the good of America is at least to some degree determined by whatever is the greatest good for the greatest number of people, whatever maximizes the utility of that group we call "America." In this sense at least, Bill Clinton is adhering to collectivism rather than individualism. Republican supply-siders, too, defend their economic policies with appeals to economic theory, promoting economic growth as an end in itself. Economic growth is an aggregate concept; it applies to groups primarily, and only secondarily to individuals. If economic growth is intended to be a justification for any policy whatsoever, that justification is therefore collectivist.

The second, more dangerous kind of collectivism, ideological collectivism, is unfortunately also more com-

mon. In the ongoing budget debate, Republicans argue their support for the younger generations, "our future," while the Democrats counter with support for the elderly, "our heritage." A naive observer would come to the conclusion that the United States is embroiled in a civil war, in which all children are joining battle with all senior citizens. The blatant *ad populum* appeals by both sides sicken any logical thinker. Indeed, this sort of collectivism relies on emotional hysteria. On the other hand, this philosophy does at least attempt to incorporate some modicum of ethical and moral concerns and apply them to policy. Unfortunately, it does so in a patently collectivist fashion.

The blame for this kind of thinking can be laid squarely at the feet of the democratic social-contract philosophers, such as John Locke. At first glance, this attribution seems ironic, since Locke purportedly advocated limited government and individual rights. In fact, however, Locke's social-contract theory undermines individual rights and perpetuates collectivism.

Social contract theory relies upon the oxymoron that individuals voluntarily give up certain rights in order to secure others. The surrender of rights is involuntary by definition. Giving away one's life, liberty, or property voluntarily is the free exercise of natural rights. The surrender of rights is

only achievable through coercion. Thus, under social-contract theory, certain individuals who go by the name of "government" take away the rights of other individuals by force. The group of government officials has more rights than the group of government subjects. Locke's theory breaks down into collectivism.

Social contractarians argue that, if anyone does not agree to the government, he or she may leave for another country—and another government. The

social-contract government breaks down into a windshield-washing scam writ large. Like the bum at the intersection that wipes your windshield and then demands compensation for his "services," the government forces you to accept its "services" and demands whatever payment it deems appropriate.

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Government only exists by violating the wishes of its subjects, while at the same time forbidding its subjects to do the same to each other. This double standard gives rise to the contemporary lack of clear thinking about applying moral norms to government policy. The solution is a thoroughgoing political individualism which treats individuals in government and individuals not in government as human beings with the same set of rights. This system is the only one that avoids collectivism; thus, it is the only one that is truly moral.

## GOP Congress must protect environment

NOVA CLARKE, '96

Let's talk about money. It's the hot topic of the season, considering the Republican budget cuts on the Hill. I don't really want to get into the budget because there are way too many things involved with that and besides that, there are way too many items in the budget that I haven't a clue about. I want to relate money to a more specific area, the environment. Admittedly the Republicans haven't closed down the EPA or any of the other agencies charged with protecting the environment, but it isn't from not trying, it's from the realities of the budget. If you want to reform American government back to free and wholesale environmental destruction then you have to pay for it.

Just recently, the Senate agreed to reinstate a moratorium on the granting of licenses for mineral exploitation. The House had voted to continue the moratorium since the budget hawks realized they were giving up a huge amount of potential taxpayer money to industries, many of which are not even based in the United States. Under a law from 1872, the government sells land for prices of about a dollar an acre to people who stake it out. These people then sell it to the mining companies for a slightly higher price. The mining companies then spend some money and remove millions of dollars of minerals from the land. None of this money goes to the average citizen. Instead, he ends up putting out additional money in order to finance the cleanup of the land from all the chemicals and environmental devastation the mining companies leave behind.

It seems ironic to me that the Republicans, who have been complaining about outdated laws that penalize the country and don't apply anymore, are supporting a law enacted when General Grant was President of the United States.

Then there is the decision to open more National Forests, like the Tongass in Alaska, to logging. Perhaps

some of the old dead trees should be cleared out, although in the natural scheme of things it is more beneficial to leave the dead wood around to fertilize the new growth. But opening the forests up is also costing the taxpayers money that we never see any return on because most of the trees cut get shipped to places like Japan. When we agree to open up the forests to timber companies we build a red carpet of roads to allow them access to the trees they are going to cut. These roads are used mostly by the timber industry and by a few random nature-lovers who are trying to get further away from the already logged areas. The Republicans

in general are not great supporters of backpackers and Sierra Club members, but those are the only average citizens who benefit from these roads, and I'm sure in the long run they would be willing to take the alternative of hiking in to camp.

Finally, one of the hot topics of the 104th Congress was put forth by the always interesting Alaska delegation. They want to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. In fact, one of the Alaska senators said that oil drilling was a natural part of Alaska, or something to that effect. I'm sure that when the first Americans crossed the Bering Straits that was one of their thoughts. I can just imagine a conversation among some ancestors of Senator Murkowski. Bob is complaining about his wife complaining that he is spending too much time away from home hunting caribou and polar bears. So he tells Joe that he is going to convert to the other natural way and drill for oil to sell to the losers who went down south. This is the beginning of the great oil drilling debate, 100,000 years ago.

Back to money though, the citizens of Alaska pay

no taxes, no income tax, no sales tax and they get money just for being residents of Alaska. This is all funded from their taxes on the oil industry. None of that money really makes it down to the lower 48. Instead we all go up to Alaska, buy touristy things and add our hard-earned dollars to contributions to the 550,000 people of Alaska. On a more esoteric note ANWR is incredible to visit. I was there this summer, and a few oil rigs would completely ruin the entire area, especially if they start dripping oil all over the place, since the entire area is tundra and very wet.

Finally, Congress must consider Superfund reauthorization. This is one thing the Republicans haven't been able to mess with too much. Many conservatives, including Dick Arney and Bob Dole, want to repeal retroactive liability. This law forces companies that dumped prior to there being a law against dumping to pay the costs of cleanup. Fortunately, the Republicans couldn't find a way to repeal the law and still pay for the cleanup that is needed on many Superfund sites.

I personally care much more for the environmental aspect of these laws and believe saving the few remaining wilderness areas is much more important than saving a few dollars in the short run. I am grateful to people...who feel the same...

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At the same time, I am grateful to the budget hawks on Capitol Hill who are stopping some of these provisions from being passed, although there are a great many anti-environment bills like Endangered Species Act reauthorization that they do support. Sometimes the best way to get a point across and win a victory is to think like the opponent, but with a different goal in mind.

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# ¡Arriba! ¡Asistan la fiesta Mock Con!

## GREEN LAND

Betsy Green

The Mock Convention Gala is coming up soon, and no one knows a damned thing about it. After all, no current students were here when the first one was held at the last Mock Con.

The general consensus seems to be that it will involve dressing up and drinking. How unusual for a Washington and Lee event. Still, I know a lot of people are curious about what this whole gala thing is going to be all about. Lucky for you, I have personal experience with this whole inaugural ball/gala thing. And as always, I'm willing to help you all out.

Granted I didn't go to the Mock Con Gala before, but my experience was even closer to the real thing. A few years ago, my mom (who is going to be way thrilled to be mentioned in my column) and I were on vacation in Washington, D.C. We stayed in the Mayflower Hotel and were really excited when we found out that the Grand

Ballroom there had been the site of the presidential inaugural ball since, like, the dawn of time. As good tourists, we really wanted to see the Ballroom. The whole idea of an inaugural ball seemed so glamorous, with the new president a virtual Cinderella, minus the mice and unreasonable curfew.

Unfortunately, the door to the Ballroom was locked every time we tried to sneak in to take a look. We had pretty much given up on the whole thing until one night the door was open.

Mom and I were on our way to dinner and happened to pass by the Ballroom on our way out. People were wandering in and out of the Ballroom

and we were just sure something exciting was going on inside. We tried to peek inside so we could see what the Ballroom looked like, but it was dark and full of people. We realized to see the Ballroom we'd have to sneak in. So we did. (Wasn't that dramatic?)

The gala event held in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel was apparently a conference for Taca Airlines. Taca, near as we could tell, serviced Southern California and Mexico. Why they chose to hold their convention in Washington, D.C. is beyond me.

Mom felt a little uncomfortable at first. We were the only non-Hispanic

people as far as the eye could see. In a vain attempt to blend in, we smiled at the guests and said, "Hola," as they passed by. The Ballroom was decorated in red, white and green bunting, Mexican flags, and random crepe paper and balloons. Entertainment was provided by a mariachi band.

Mom and I figured if we were going to crash this party, we might as well go all out, so we helped ourselves to the food set out on all the tables. I add probably needlessly that the food was all Mexican—and fabulous.

I'm pretty sure the Mock Con Gala will have lots in common with the shindig my mom and I attended. The guests will be homogeneous, though in a paler way. There will be dancing...as near as I can tell the Mexican Hat Dance will be a key way to impress others.

Probably the biggest common theme was that everyone seemed to be drunk. Tequila and Dos Equis seemed to be crucial to have a good time.

So, go to the Mock Con Gala and have fun. If you see me, don't forget to smile and say, "Hola."

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## America must avoid generational conflict

### MY VIEW

Jennifer Galardi, '96

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second of three articles on the state of Social Security.

Fortunately, the war between the North and South has been over for a century (although I am sure many would contend otherwise). However, our nation may soon find itself involved in another bitter confrontation with a completely different battle cry: that of generational warfare.

I am assuming most people who read last week's editorial on Social Security walked away saying, "Great. Who cares?" A year ago I would have had the same reaction, but I actually learned something this summer at my internship (besides how to be a pro at crossword puzzles). Our generation should be especially concerned about the fate of Social Security and understand what all the fuss is about. Because unless appropriate and gradual policy changes are made now, it is our generation who will bear the entire burden of a dysfunctional program.

It is important to recognize that many citizens regard Social Security as a generational contract between the old and the young. It seems only fair that the working generation help support those who can no longer sustain a standard of living that they are used to. After all, our parents have been fiscally responsible for us for years. Although such a contract is only a political creation (there is no real financial or legal basis for Social Security), it is a belief that our country has seemed to adopt and one which sets the stage for the discussion of generational equality.

However, if we accept this assumption, given current policy the Social Security system will be anything but fair to our generation in the future. Under the present system, today's retirees receive benefits worth two to ten times what they would have earned had they invested all their lifetime Social Security taxes in recent years, most economists agree that under current law Social Security will not offer large categories of younger participants anything approaching a fair market return on what they paid into the system.

What causes such an unequal distribution of benefits between generations?

As mentioned in the previous editorial, one of the main reasons for this inequity is rapidly changing demographics. Shortly after the retirement of the Baby Boom generation beginning in the year 2010, the OASDI trust fund begins to run a deficit in 2013 and is projected to be bankrupt by 2030. If the government wishes to continue to supply sufficient payments to retirees, the only option it will have to account for such shortfall of funds will be to substan-

tially increase taxes on workers of our generation.

Those responsible for such a huge increase in payments, namely those currently between the ages of 30 and 50, never faced with the dilemma of supporting an increasing retired population, will gain the benefits while our generation reaps all the consequences. Again, this option hardly seems fair in light of the fact that Congress can make appropriate policy changes now to avoid such an unjust obligation on the working class in the next century.

It is interesting to note that most administrations have recognized this sort of generational inequity in the financing of the Social Security system. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) routinely included a section titled "Generational Accounting" in its fiscal budgets. This section of the budget indicated how much a typical member of each generation can be expected to pay, now and in the future, in net taxes (taxes paid net of transfer payments received). This part of the budget was visionary in discussing and explaining what future generations must pay given current policy and the government's internal budget constraint which states that government bills not paid by current generations must ultimately be paid by future generations.

Although the report for FY95 is rather lengthy and full of details and qualifiers, it undeniably displayed the strong upward trend over the past century of lifetime net tax rates which will continue to surge through future generations. However, in Clinton's budget for FY96, the OMB conveniently omitted such a section in its report. Why all of a sudden has this trend been ignored? And why is everyone so reluctant to discuss and debate the need for reform?

The reason is this: Social Security reform is probably one of the most politically charged issues to confront our government. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is not merely a group of old people demanding their Social Security checks. It is an organization with over 30 million members, more than \$382 million in total revenues, and an extremely strong lobbying force on Capitol Hill. No wonder congressmen are scared stiff to even discuss reform, much less propose cuts in the program.

Oftentimes, the AARP fills its reports with false

information to obtain new members and reassure its current contingency. In a report on entitlements and the federal budget deficit entitled "Setting the Record Straight," the AARP throws out many numbers and facts which contend that Social Security does not need to be touched or altered.

However, all their numbers and charts monitor past trends and blatantly fail to display projected numbers for future costs. Although the report admits that the costs of sustaining Social Security rise in the next century, they assure members that these costs level off by 2030 and the ratio of dependents to workers will actually be lower in 2065 than it was in 1965.

But they fail to recite the consequences of the demographic changes between the years of 2010 and 2030, and thus fail to recognize the misfortune of those retiring in these "in-between" decades, namely our generation. Unfortunately, many blindly subscribe to the AARP's position as truth without any knowledge of the facts.

It is time for our generation to organize a similarly powerful group to defend its interests, not through false information, but through substantial data that has been supported by research and analysis. Our generation has a particular stake in seeing the system fixed now, but the longer we wait to reform the Social Security system, the more inequality there will be between generations.

I do not wish to incite anger or instill contempt in our generation toward our parents and grandparents. Just the opposite, I would hope to avoid generational conflict by providing the facts and their implications.

As the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform stated in its report in August of 1994, "Throughout America's history, each succeeding generation has enjoyed the promise of a better standard of living." Today, current entitlement programs jeopardize that hope and promise. I truly don't believe that our generation is being selfish and demanding a greater return from the government than our grandparents or parents receive. We are merely expressing a well-founded concern for the economic future of our country and I believe if all knew the truth about the dismal outlook of Social Security, even our grandparents would feel the same.

**"It is time for our generation to organize a similarly powerful group to defend its interests, not through false information, but through substantial data that has been supported by research and analysis. Our generation has a particular stake in seeing the system fixed now..."**

## LETTERS

### New campus sign policy meets with (mostly) respect

To the editor:

We would like to thank everyone for respecting the new policy/guidelines on posting notices on campus. Many students and faculty have commented to us on how much better the campus looks without the scourge of plastered notices taped to every conceivable walkway, pillar and post on campus. Thank you.

Now, if we can just convince our friends in the Cadaver Society to find a more

aesthetically correct manner of displaying the Cadaver symbol...

J. Keith Benedict  
E.C. President

David L. Howison  
Dean of Students

### Write in Washington for Board of Supervisors

To the editor:

I wanted to take this time to urge the citizens of the Buffalo District in Rockbridge County to vote for Mr. Hal Washington, write-in candidate for Board of Supervisors. I have worked closely with Mr. Washington in the past on several issues regarding local government. In this time I have grown to have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration for Mr. Washington.

I have found Mr. Washington to be a southern gentleman who stands for integrity and character. While working together he never ceases to amaze me with the amount of energy and time he puts in to serve his community. He is a man who speaks the truth, who isn't afraid to stand alone and who possesses great wisdom and forethought when addressing issues affecting the people of Rockbridge County.

Mr. Washington has often told me that if he were in local office he would schedule at least

four districtwide meetings a year to casually speak with his constituency. He would go beyond making himself available, to encouraging citizens in his district to get more involved in local governing decisions. Mr. Washington truly believes that the decision-making process belongs to the citizens of Rockbridge County.

I am a born and bred Virginian as was my daddy. My grandfather as well as my father farmed Virginia soil. I have lived in several counties in Virginia that once were much like Rockbridge County with its rural character and rich southern culture. What is left of my granddaddy's farm sits among the sprawl that has resulted in the northern counties of Virginia due to lack of forethought and planning on behalf of the local governing officials. Mr. Washington and I have talked long hours about my concern for our local culture and farmlands. His thoughts for community planning and growth without infringing on property owners' rights is truly

progressive and wise.

I am voting for Mr. Washington because I love Virginia with all my being. I am often saddened to see how communities in the most beautiful commonwealth are being homogenized with sprawl and poor planning. I believe Rockbridge County is the most beautiful county in my native commonwealth. I believe Mr. Hal Washington is the man who is most capable of leading our county into the future. Providing for growth, yet maintaining and encouraging the respect of our rural southern culture. A southern culture and way of life that is becoming endangered across our beloved Virginia. Please vote for Hal Washington if you care for the future of your heritage. Just ask the attendant how to write in Mr. Hal Washington's name; it's very simple, and the right choice.

Darrell Lee Croson  
Lexington

## GENERAL NOTES

### Career Workshop

Trying to decide on a major or career path? Attend the Career Focus Workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. in Room 108 of the University Center.

### College Libertarians

Saturday, Nov. 11, Jacob Hornberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation, will be speaking on "Halting the Destruction of American Liberty" in Northern Auditorium. The talk will take place at 2 p.m. and is sponsored by the College Libertarians.

### Drama Auditions

Preliminary auditions for "Faust," will be held Nov. 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Keller Theatre for those interested in creating the script and fleshing out characters. Audition materials are available from the Theatre Department secretary.

### Film Society

The Washington and Lee Film Society will present the surprise hit of this past summer, *Smoke* (USA, 1995), directed by Wayne Wang, in English. Screenings will be at 8:05 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Troubadour Theatre, at the corner of Main and Henry Streets. As always, there is no charge for admission. *Smoke* features an all-star cast including Harvey Keitel, William Hurt, Forrest Whitaker, and Stockard Channing.

### 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.

### Goldwater Scholarships

If you are a sophomore or junior with a B average or in the upper fourth of your class who plans a career in the mathematics, science, engineering, or medical research fields, you may qualify for a Goldwater scholarship (\$7,000 annually). Contact Dean West-Settle (x8746) before Nov. 28.

### Habitat Square Dance

On Friday, Nov. 10, Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a benefit square and contra dance. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. at Southern Virginia College's Chandler Hall in Buena Vista. Becky McKenzie will call to the music of Wildgrass. No experience or partner necessary. Admission is \$5 per person. Child care will be provided for a small donation.

### Internship

Interested in an externship/internship opportunity with Smith Barney in New York? Attend the information session on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 221 of the C-School.

### 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.

### Support Groups

A confidential support group is meeting weekly for W&L women who have experienced sexual assault/abuse at any time in their lives. This group has been meeting weekly for eight years with the membership always open to new members. Each member signs an agreement of confidentiality at the first meeting. Please call Carol Calkins, the Counseling Center secretary, at x8590 or the University Health Service at x8401 to learn of times and locations.

A support group is meeting weekly for women who are dealing with binge eating, binge/purge eating or very restricted eating. If you are facing any of these in your daily life, you are invited to join this confidential group which meets weekly. Each member will sign an agreement of confidentiality at first meeting. Please call Carol Calkins, the Counseling Center secretary, at x8590 or the University Health Service at x8401 to learn of times and locations.

### Winter Courses

The course listings for winter term registration have been posted to the University Registrar page at "http://www.wlu.edu/~registra," and to the Liberty gopher. Registration forms will be available beginning Monday, Nov. 6. Paper copies of the course listing should be available to students and faculty later this week.

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**CURRENT EVENTS QUIZETTE**

(We invite all students, professors, and staff to participate. (Do expect a little bias toward the students!) Answer as many questions as you can - even if only one - and drop your sheet in the Foreign Affairs Club box near the entrance of the University Center before midnight on Friday, November 17, 1995.

- 1) Irish author, winner of this year's Nobel prize for Literature: .....
- 2) Turkey's female prime minister, desperately reshuffling and re-reshuffling her governing coalition: .....
- 3) Year when China regains control of the British colony of Hong Kong: .....
- 4) Percentage of Yes votes in the Iraqi referendum asking if Saddam Hussein should remain president for seven more years: .....
- 5) NATO's former secretary-general, charged with corruption and fraud and forced to resign: .....
- 6) Japanese island where, allegedly, American soldiers raped a 12-year-old Japanese girl: .....
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- 10) Nationality of Pope John Paul II, who recently paid his fourth visit to the U.S.: .....
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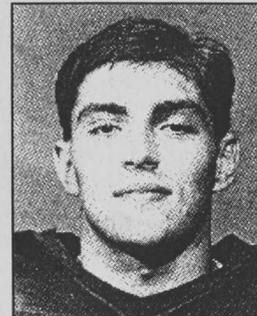


**Hilary Martin**  
Volleyball

Sophomore Hilary Martin is carrying the torch as the Generals march into the ODAC tournament this weekend at Guilford College.

Martin was an integral part of Washington and Lee's two latest victories, a win last Tuesday against Guilford, and a triumph over Eastern Mennonite last Thursday. She rolled up an outstanding 24 kills against Guilford, which tied a school record, and picked up two aces and eight more kills against Eastern Mennonite.

Martin's key contributions throughout the season were instrumental in W&L's 26-6 season.



**J. P. Josephson**  
Football

The Generals were looking for somebody to fill in when starting tailback Seth McKinley was sidelined with a shoulder seperation in last Saturday's game against Bridgewater.

That's when junior J.P. Josephson stepped to the forefront.

Josephson, whose previous career-high rushing total was 47 yards, rumbled for 97 yards on 31 carries in the Generals' 24-13 victory. The junior also scored on a one-yard touchdown run with only 25 seconds remaining in the first half, which gave W&L a 17-7 halftime advantage.

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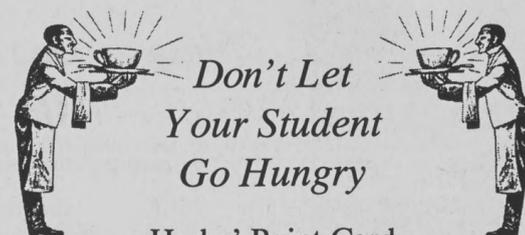
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## Last Week:

VOLLEYBALL - W, 15-8, 15-3, 15-2, vs. Eastern Mennonite  
 WSOCER - L, 4-0, vs. Roanoke in ODAC Tourn. semifinals  
 WATER POLO - L, 24-4, vs. Villanova; L, 21-10, vs. Slippery  
 Rock; L, 18-8, vs. George Washington in EWPA  
 Southern Division Playoffs  
 FOOTBALL - W, 24-13, vs. Bridgewater  
 GOLF - Finished fourth in VMI Invitational

# The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

## This Week:

VOLLEYBALL - Today vs. Emory & Henry in quarterfinals  
 of ODAC Tournament  
 M, WCROSSCOUNTRY - Saturday in ODAC Champion-  
 ships at Roanoke  
 FOOTBALL - Saturday vs. Guilford, 1:30 PM

## Justice prevails

### THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

The drought is finally over in Atlanta.

The city which had never before boasted a championship pro sports team found a winner Saturday when the Braves chopped the Cleveland Indians in six games to win the 1995 World Series.

After two years of labor disputes and image-related problems, baseball finally got its act together to produce a memorable Series. Unlike the Super Bowl, almost every World Series in this decade has been close and exciting.

Five of the six games in the '95 Series were decided by one run. There was superb pitching, timely hitting, and of course, trash-talking and controversy.

After the Braves swept the first two games in Atlanta, a controversial incident occurred when the Indians' Mr. Congeniality, Albert Belle, cursed out NBC reporter Hannah Storm for having the nerve to interview Kenny Lofton.

Um, Albert, this is the World Series, isn't it? You're supposed to be on your best behavior, whatever that may be.

Eddie Murray, who last spoke to the media during the Truman Administration, had no comment.

The Indians rallied back to win two of the three games in Cleveland, including a Game 5 victory over Greg "Clark Kent" Maddux. But the Indians apparently forgot the meaning of letting sleeping dogs lie when Orel Hershiser spouted off about how the pressure was now on the Braves to avoid dropping another Series, which would likely evoke comparisons with that Buffalo football team...

In the meantime, Braves' outfielder/public relations guru Dave Justice was fanning the flames in Atlanta. He trashed Braves fans' lack of enthusiasm in the Series, and commented that if the Braves lost the Series again, the fans would "run us out of town" and "burn our houses down".

Wow, sounds to me like a great way for Dave to start off his team's biggest home game of the season! But then guess who hit a sixth-inning home run to provide the winning and only run in Game 6? That always-entertaining showman, Dave Justice.

The big story in the Series, however, was the Braves' amazing pitching. Tom Glavine and Mark Wohlers combined on a one-hit masterpiece in Game 6, one week after Supermaddux shut down the Indians on two hits in Game 1. Who would have thought that the powerful Indians' offense would be held to a paltry .179 batting average in the Series?

We were privileged to watch the two best teams in baseball square off in the World Series, and chances are good that they will both return next season. That is, of course, pending Justice's house will not be burned down...

On a totally unrelated sports note, sophomore Jeremy Adams defeated Assistant Professor of Politics Marshal Zeringue last week in a football distance-throwing contest on Zeringue's home turf: the front of the C-School. Three heaves and one tracer shot off the roof of Newcomb Hall later, after Adams won the one-toss contest, Zeringue finally managed to shake off the rust to out-distance Adams.

Maybe there's a future for Professor Zeringue outside of politics. I hear the 49ers are looking for a quarterback these days...

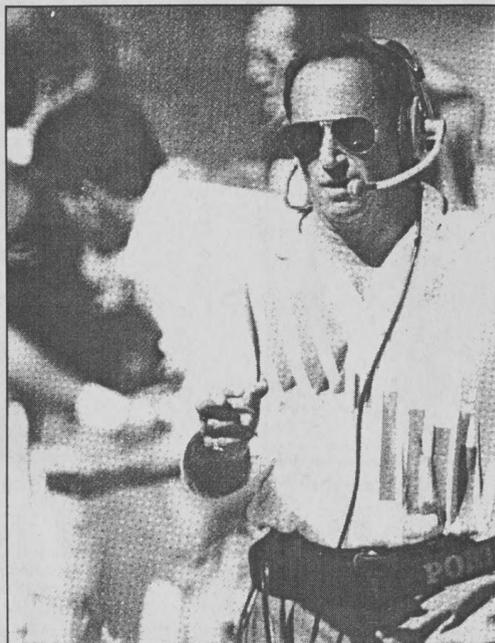


Photo courtesy of W&L Media Guide

Interim head coach Frank Miriello was named as the permanent successor this week to the late Gary Fallon. Miriello has compiled a record of 4-2-1 thus far in his first season as head coach.

## Miriello named permanent W&L football head coach

By BETHANY BAUMAN  
 Phi Assistant Sports Editor

Last Thursday, Head Coach Frank Miriello was named as the permanent head coach of the Washington and Lee Generals football program. Miriello has held the position of interim head coach since the unexpected death of Coach Gary Fallon last April.

It was expected that a national search for a permanent head coach, which would include Miriello as a candidate, would begin after the season's end.

But according to Director of Athletics Mike Walsh, "We were pleased not only with the performance of the football team, but also with the way in which [Miriello] and the entire staff had come together after Coach Fallon's death...we had seen enough and observed enough to know that we wanted [Miriello] to be our head football coach and

that it would not be necessary for us to wait until the end of the season to conduct a national search."

Thursday's announcement was met with overwhelming approval. Miriello, a ten year coaching veteran of the General's football program under Coach Fallon, has earned the respect of his players, their parents, other coaches, and the W&L community through his dedication and hard work.

Senior tri-captain James Urban said, "There is probably nothing that feels so right...He's perfect for the job, for this school."

The W&L Athletic community, especially the football players, are happy that Miriello intends to build his own program on the solid, respected foundations that Coach Fallon laid during his seventeen years as head coach.

"One of the goals in winning the position was to keep part of him in this program. And that part of him is that 'Falcon Fire', that passion for preparation, that pas-

sion for striving for perfection, that passion for totally enjoying the experience of playing the game of football. We will always keep him in the program in spirit," Miriello said.

Miriello was part of Fallon's first coaching staff at W&L, as an assistant offensive line coach from 1978-1981.

After moving on to coaching positions at Hampden-Sydney, VMI, and two Pennsylvania high schools, Miriello returned to Washington and Lee in 1990, where he was named defensive coordinator one year later.

Last season, Miriello's unit led the ODAC in scoring and pass defense.

Though it has been a difficult year for the coaches and players in many ways, Miriello has been pleased with and has appreciated everyone's performance.

Miriello received another good performance from his team last Saturday. The Generals defeated Bridgewater, 24-13, for

their fourth straight victory, raising their season mark to 4-2-1.

The winless Eagles (0-8) shocked the crowd of 5,000 by blocking a W&L punt in the first quarter, and scoring a touchdown to take the early 7-0 lead.

That was the last lead for Bridgewater as the Generals exploded for 17 points in the second quarter. J.P. Josephson, who rushed for a career-high 97 yards, scored one of the touchdowns.

The Eagles would not go down easily, as they cut the lead to 17-13 early in the fourth quarter, but Chas Chastain ran in a score from eleven yards out to ice the game.

Guilford visits W&L tomorrow. The Quakers, who dropped a thrilling 13-7 contest to the Generals last year, have endured a rough 3-4 season thus far.

For the remaining two weeks of the season, Miriello hopes to see continued consistency and productivity of the offense as well as a strong performance by the veteran defensive unit.

## Volleyball team begins ODAC tournament today at Guilford

By ROY BURNS  
 Phi Staff Writer

Guilford is the place to be tonight as the Generals attempt to clinch their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference volleyball title in school history.

Led by sophomore Hilary Martin and senior Cheryl Taurassi, the Generals enter the tournament as the top seed, and will face Emory & Henry in their quarterfinal match.

Last Tuesday night, W&L defeated the Guilford Quakers, 15-9, 15-12, 15-11. Martin con-

tributed a school record-tying 24 kills in the victory, while Taurassi added 36 assists.

Two nights later, the Generals returned to Lexington to face Eastern Mennonite, and needed only fifty-five minutes to defeat the defending conference champion, 15-8, 15-3, 15-2.

This victory served to clinch the top seed in the ODAC tournament, and capped a perfect 10-0 home record for the Generals.

Junior Virginia Yoerg paced Washington and Lee with a team-high nine kills, and sophomore Holly Thomsen contributed eight kills and seven digs.

When asked about the team's

thoughts before the ODAC tournament, Thomsen commented, "We're excited to be seeded first, and we think we have an excellent chance to win it all. It's our tournament to lose."

The Generals finished the regular season with a record of 26-6 overall, and 9-1 in the ODAC. W&L's sole loss in the ODAC was to the Bridgewater Eagles, a team that also eliminated the Generals in last year's ODAC tournament.

This year, Bridgewater also figures to be W&L's top competition. Despite this fact, however, the Generals appear to be ready for a showdown with the

Eagles, and to prove that the loss in the regular season was a fluke.

Thomsen believes, "We should have the upper hand (in the tournament) because we have a deep bench and the experience necessary to remain focused."

The Generals have performed well throughout the entire season, but all of those games were in preparation for what really matters: the ODAC tournament.

If the Generals continue playing as well as they have over the past several weeks, then there is no reason why they will not win their first ODAC title and own bragging rights in the conference until next year.

## General Records

Men's Soccer	7-9*
Women's Soccer	10-6*
Volleyball	26-6
Water Polo	10-12*
Football	4-2-1
Men's Cross Country -	Ranked first in Division III South Region

\* - Final season record



Photo by Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

The water polo team didn't have much to celebrate this past weekend at the EWPA Southern Division playoffs, but it still finished a respectable season.

## Generals' water polo squad finishes 1995 season with losses in EWPA playoffs

By RYAN BREMER  
 Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee water polo team pulled off a stunning upset earlier this season when they knocked off perennial Eastern power Navy, 16-15, back in September.

Beating the Midshipmen again would have definitely turned some heads.

The Generals had their chance when they faced the Midshipmen in the opening round of the

Eastern Water Polo Association Southern Division Playoffs. The Generals looked like they were up to the challenge in the first half as Peter Sorensen found the back of the net in the second quarter to knot the score at four goals apiece.

The Navy squad, hungry for revenge, went into the locker room and reloaded.

The Midshipmen hit the Generals with a twenty-goal barrage that put the match out of reach.

W&L failed to answer any of Navy's scores and the final count stood at 24-4.

The Generals moved to the consolation round where they lost 21-10 to Slippery Rock and 18-8 to George Washington.

Junior James Silberstein led the Generals in the scoring column, netting three goals in each of the two consolation games.

Senior Rich Cober scored in all three games of the tournament for Washington and Lee. Cober also added a pair of two point goals.

The three losses in the tournament ended the Generals' 1995 season with a final overall record of 10-12.

## Women's soccer falls in ODAC semifinal game

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER  
 Phi Sports Editor

Although the ODAC Tournament did not prove to be the overwhelming success that the Generals hoped for, there is no reason for disappointment over the women's soccer team's performance in 1995.

W&L finished with its second consecutive ten-win season at 10-6 overall after dropping a 4-0 semifinal match to Roanoke this past Friday at Randolph-Macon College. The Generals' ten victories was just one win off their record pace of eleven wins, which was established in 1990.

The Generals opened the quarterfinal round of the ODAC Tournament last Tuesday with a tense 1-0 shutout of Guilford at the Liberty Hall Fields. The game remained in a scoreless deadlock until only twenty minutes were left, when junior Michelle Bauman converted on sophomore Lorraine Taurassi's breakaway assist to provide the Generals with the only goal that they would need.

Junior goalie Beth Mozena pitched the shutout for the Generals by fending off four Guilford shots.

The victory over Guilford proved to be especially sweet for W&L, considering that the Generals were coming off two heartbreaking one-goal losses the weekend before against the College of Notre Dame and Centre.

Beating Guilford "felt great," according to head coach Jan Hathorn. "All three were pretty hard-fought games."

The Generals came out Friday determined to fight conference nemesis Roanoke in the ODAC Tournament semifinal round, and they kept in stride with the Maroons for the first forty minutes. But all of a sudden, Roanoke unleashed a barrage of three goals near the end of

the first half to take a 3-0 lead over the shocked Generals into the intermission.

Hathorn was "stunned" by Roanoke's torrent of goals.

"The game was so close up to that point that we were overwhelmed when that happened." W&L could not recover. The Generals played Roanoke tough in the second half, but the Maroons punched home a final goal to prevail, 4-0, and advance to the finals.

Although the season finished on a down note, the young squad produced many positive results. Bauman notched fourteen goals and six assists on the season to total 34 points. The junior has already broken the career points record with her 71 points, on 28 goals and 15 assists, in only three seasons.

An extremely pleasant surprise this season for the Generals was the play of their freshman class. In fact, freshman Karin Treese was the team's leading scorer, as she combined her fourteen goals and ten assists to tally 38 points.

Freshmen Caroline Keen, Katherine Nichols, and Nicole Johnson were a few of the other outstanding freshman contributors.

Hathorn commented that she was "extremely pleased" with the performance of her young players.

"Since we're very young, we're learning what it takes to be devoted and committed," she said.

Washington and Lee will lose four seniors to graduation from a team which is predominated by freshmen and sophomores.

The sight of Treese, Mozena, Taurassi, and sophomore Erica Reineke, not to mention the record-setting exploits of Bauman, will be sure to send a shiver down the spine of other ODAC opponents for the next several seasons.

Hathorn expresses similar excitement over the Generals' future potential.

"I have all kinds of confidence about their growth, and that they'll continue to improve," the coach remarked.



File Photo

W&L was bounced in the ODACs, but still finished 10-6.