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GENERAL NOTES

ALONE ON DATE-WEEKEND?:

Critic Roger Ebert described the W&L Film Society's next presentation as "a complex, deeply knowledgeable story about a truly lost soul and her downward spiral." The contemporary drama *Georgia* (USA, 1995), directed by Ulu Grosbard, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, in the Troubadour Cinema.

Georgia, a devastating study of sibling rivalry, is the tale of two Seattle sisters. Jennifer Jason Leigh stars as Sadie, a mediocre and lonely nightclub singer who idolizes her older sister Georgia (played by Mare Winningham), a successful singing star, wife and mother. The film follows the painful, self-destructive life of Sadie and its contrasts with her sister's "perfect" existence.

AUDITIONS FOR JEFFREY:

The Theater Department will hold open auditions for *Jeffrey*. Paul Rudnick's romantic comedy that skewers every gay stereotype imaginable while fearlessly celebrating what makes the gay life so compelling and controversial. The show will run December 6th through 11th and will be directed by Denia Riva for his senior thesis project. Auditions will be held in the Keller Theatre on October 6th and 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Scripts are available from the theater department secretary.

MULTIMEDIA CONFERENCE:

On October 18 & 19, Tucker Multimedia Center for Foreign Languages will host a conference, "Ingenious Methodologies through Technology."

The conference will bring together the last ten years' recipients of major funding from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation for the implementation of creative teaching strategies utilizing technology in foreign language education. There will be 34 presentations throughout the two day conference.

FALL CHORAL CONCERT:

The W&L choral ensembles will present their annual fall concert on October 8 at 8 p.m. in the Lenfest Center. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The concert will open with selections by the University Chorus, led by newly-appointed conductor Scott Williamson. General Admission, JubiLee, and Southern Comfort, the university's three a cappella groups, will each present a pair of lighter vocal selections. The University Chamber Singers, directed by Gordon Spice, will perform several a cappella pieces, including settings of "Ave Maria" by Mozart and David Conte.

SEVEN-COLLEGE EXCHANGE:

W&L will participate again this year with six other colleges (Hampden Sydney, Hollins, Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Women's and Sweet Briar) in an exchange program.

To be eligible to take part in this program, the student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. The exchange student may study at the neighboring institution for an academic year or, if the calendar coincides with a portion of ours, for a shorter period of time.

Students wishing to participate should obtain an application from the Registrar's Office. The deadline for Winter 1997 is November 15. Additional information, including catalogs of participating colleges, is available in the University Registrar's Office.

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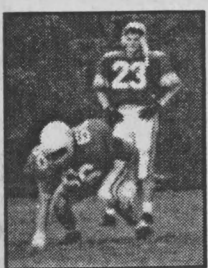
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Outing Club says 'Take a hike!'

BY KELLY TOTTEN
PHI STAFF WRITER

S. R. Evens' goal is to have Washington and Lee students climbing the walls by winter term. Evens, who graduated from W&L last spring, is the school's first Outing Club director. One of his projects is to build a rock-climbing wall. The preliminary plan is to work with the athletic department to convert one of the racquetball courts into the climbing wall.

Evens' position came into existence after a group of W&L students, who spent the last three years looking at other schools' outing club programs, submitted a proposal to Dean Howison and President Elrod. The group found that the common factor among the successful outdoors' organizations was that each school paid someone to run the program.

W&L agreed to a pilot program to be reevaluated at the end of each year. The school was not ready to hire a full-time professional, instead they hired Evens on a one-year internship with part-time job expectations.

The new position is not the only change in the Outing Club this year. Students must become members to rent equipment and take part in activities. A membership fee of \$15 entitles the student to unlimited use of equipment as well as transportation and food for all local trips. More expensive activities, such as white water rafting will cost an additional fee.

The equipment rental policy had also undergone some organizational changes. Last year, the Outing Club had to take on an aggressive attitude to recover many lost items. They had enough records to know who

had checked out what equipment and were able to find the items or charge the students who had lost the equipment. Evens estimates that the club lost less than \$300-\$400 out of over \$10,000 in equipment the club owns. Now, if students turn in equipment after the one-week deadline, they will be fined a \$10 late fee per item.

At the first two Outing Club meetings, held the past two Wednesdays at 7 p.m., approximately 35 people attended, more than double the number from previous years. Along with a boost in popularity, the Outing Club has increased the number of organized activities, including Freshmen Day Hikes, which the Outing Club sponsored the first week of school.

Besides hikes, mountain bike trips and rock climbing expeditions, Outing Club members can participate in activities during the week. Monday at 8 p.m., the club offers kayak-rolling lessons in the small pool in Doremus Gymnasium; between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, members can attend bike maintenance workshops



Photo courtesy of Outing Club
Outing Club members take advantage of the autumn weather.

at the Outing Club House; and Thursday at Liberty Hall Ruins, members can learn the art of fly-casting beginning at 4:30 p.m. On Mountain Day, October 13, the Outing Club hopes to have members climb every mountain in Virginia.

For more information on Outing Club events, contact S. R. Evens at 462-4066.

Sex ed moves out of classroom

College students across the nation revealed their sexual habits in last month's issue of *Playboy*. Now, the Ring-tum Phi will conduct our own sex survey...

"On any given day college students are doing it in dorm rooms, libraries, trucks, showers, hotel rooms, at parties and, on occasion, in their parents' beds."

That's what *Playboy* magazine found in its college sex survey. We want to know what W&L students up to.

About half of college students nationwide are getting lucky about once a week, the survey found, and nine out of 10 students are sexually active.

The students that answered the survey questions did not know they were responding to a *Playboy* survey. Professors at a dozen colleges from California to Maine administered the 152-item survey to their classes.

W&L was not among them, so we're doing our own survey. A few people gave their take on sex at W&L, but we'd like a more thorough sampling. So fill out the accompanying survey and return it to The Ring-tum Phi mailbox on the second floor of the university center.

Meanwhile, here's what *Playboy* found:

"The average college student has sex twice a week. 'I haven't been here that long, but I would guess that freshman aren't really having sex that often,' said one freshman girl.

"Most respondents practice serial monogamy, or having sex with only one partner. 'Sex at W&L is random,' said a sophomore female.

"I've heard about a lot of one-night stands."

"College students are into kinky sex. About a third of men and women have tried bondage, and a few more than that had spanked or been spanked during sex. 'I can't imagine that a campus clad in khakis and bowties and the perfect pearls can be too kinky,' said a junior female.



New club encourages environmental awareness

BY ANDREA EWING
PHI STAFF WRITER

Environmentally minded students met in the Game Room of the University Center on September 30 for the first meeting of the new Environmental Awareness Committee. President and founder Anthony Dvarskas says, "I feel that we needed something like this on campus. It was lacking at Washington and Lee."

A group of 15, consisting mainly of undergrads, discussed the issues of recycling at W&L and education outreach to the schools of Rockbridge County.

The fact that the freshmen dorms and Gaines have no recycling facilities is a problem the committee wishes to

solve. Freshmen committee member Liz O'Byrne commented, "It was shocking to come here and find no recycling program, especially aluminum. If everyone were to work at recycling and be dedicated, it would be good. Everyone needs to recycle."

The E.A.C. hopes to work in cooperation with Buildings and Ground to place recycling bins for aluminum and paper on freshmen halls.

Liz Dettler, a junior living in Woods Creek who uses the recycling bins outside the apartments, believes, "We should expand and recycle plastic and glass." The project in Woods Creek has thus far worked extremely well with most residents participating.

The E.A.C. also wishes to do outreach programs at

the local schools. They formed an education subcommittee to contact local principals and teachers to arrange speakers and establish recycling programs. A suggestion to start a juice box recycling program at the local elementary schools was greatly supported.

Other projects for the year may include cleaning campus bulletin boards of out-of-date fliers, and working with the Outing Club to clean trails on House Mountain. Dvarskas wants to "incorporate the community in environmentally beneficial projects."

The group hopes to bring various speakers, activities and projects to Washington and Lee. Dvarskas wants to "work with other clubs" and promote the environment through education and recycling.

WLUR hits the air with more variety

BY AMY KANE
PHI STAFF WRITER

Turning the dial to FM 91.5 this term means tuning into more talk. Senior Charlie Carabello, station manager, said the station is changing its format to include more news from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Instead of providing news reports only in the "Morning Magazine" which runs from 7 to 9 a.m. and doing a news break at 11:45 a.m. as in previous years, news briefings will be incorporated into the predominantly music shows.

"I would like the station to become a reliable source for music, sports and news instead of the sometime source we tend to be," Carabello said. "I also want all student DJ's to take an active role in sharing the responsibility."

In addition to the new format, a new control mixing board replaces one that had been in use for 14 years.

"The station will also be receiving a satellite dish from the Texaco Metropolitan Opera, so it can receive the Metropolitan Opera broadcast directly," Professor Bob deMaria, WLUR general manager, said. The opera will be broadcasted December through April.

Programming runs from 7 a.m. until midnight. The eclectic mix of music, news and sports is produced mostly by students. The station, which has been on the air since 1967, is the largest extra-curricular activity on

campus, with more than 100 students involved.

The only new show is a progressive country music show hosted by William Cocke, a news office employee. It airs from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays.

"The Third Ear" airs from 10 p.m. to midnight on Monday through Friday, and on Sunday. The mix which Carabello describes "as eclectic as possible" combines music that doesn't fall under a category covered by another show. The show takes requests at extension x8444.

Doug Harwood, an alumnus of W&L and editor of the Rockbridge Advocate, hosts "The Anti-Headache Machine," a show which has run continuously since 1972 when he was a student here. The show runs from 9 p.m. to midnight on Saturdays.

Sophomores Tom Wadlow and Cliff Wooley host "The Boot Record," a 3-hour talk show which provides on-air computing help in addition to commentary on topics of the computing subject. Wadlow and Wooley wired the production room to receive phone calls so the show, which airs from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursdays, will include live calls. The show can be also be contacted through e-mail at bootrec@liberty.wlu.edu or on the World-wide Web at www.wlu.edu/~bootrec.

WLURDJ's believe the increased variety of shows will better serve the students and the community.

Fall term broadcast highlights

Morning Magazine	M-F	7-9am
Night Owl	Sat.	6-9pm
Third Ear	M-F	10-midnight
Breakthru	M-F	4-6pm
Day Spring Project	Sat, Sun	7-9am
Classical	M-F	6-8am
Boot Record	Thurs.	9-noon

Champagne, Doritos and sketchy dates

GreenLand
Betsy Green '97

You all have no idea how hard it is to come up with column topics every week. I was making just that complaint to Tammy Moore in the admissions office this week, and she suggested I write something about homecoming. I wasn't so sure. Homecoming isn't as full of comedic opportunity as FD, for example. But then I thought, "you know, this is your last real homecoming. There are surely some interesting memories to share. More importantly, your column is due, like, yesterday, so stop talking to yourself and start writing." Good plan.

In high school, homecoming was a much bigger deal than here. The tools on student council always wanted to make it into a week long celebration of school spirit.

"Still, every October we'd go to the homecoming game to watch the maroons lose."

Whatever. Oh, and we all actually went to the game, not that Moline High School had an outstanding football program — W&L has a better record by far. Still, our football team had some things, working against them from the beginning. We were the Moline Maroons. What's a maroon? I have no idea. I'm pretty sure they were just looking for an alliteration. Our school fight song wasn't very inspiring either. The first two lines were, "we are Moliners. We're from Moline." I swear. The Maroons were so bad that every year, we'd pay another school with a team even worse than ours to play against us for the first game of the season so we'd win at least once. They must have had no pride. Still, every October, we'd all go to the homecoming game to

watch the Maroons lose.

My first homecoming date was also pretty memorable. His name was Kevin, and he and I ran cross country together. I agreed to go with him because (1) I wanted to go to the dance, (2) my friend Apryl was going with his friend Ryan, so we could double, and (3) he was a sophomore and I was a freshman; instant cool. Unfortunately, Kevin had a big crush on me. I'll never know why. I was fourteen with braces and every time he saw me I was sweaty.

Still, every time I turned around, he was gazing at me lovingly. Unfortunately for him, Kevin was a really shy guy and couldn't talk to me. This did not stop him from calling me every night. Even then he didn't talk to me. I'd hear breathing and his 2 Live Crew tapes until I made up an excuse to get off the phone.

The night of the dance, Apryl was my best ally. I was trying to dodge Kevin; she was trying to dodge Ryan. We planned a strategy to avoid having them kiss us goodnight. Allow him to walk you to the door. Then, at that moment just before you open the door, when he might try to plant one on you, drop your purse. Luckily, even after watching Apryl successfully use this plan, it worked for me too.

Homecoming here just hasn't been as exciting, but I do have a few special memories. My freshman year, at the tailgate, I had a screwdriver with about three drops of orange juice in it. I went to sleep and didn't wake up until my first class on Monday.

Sophomore year, I found myself hiking in the woods behind the pavilion with my date, Joel Symonds. We brought a bottle very cheap vodka, and passing it back and forth was some of the most fun I've had here. I remember Joel saying, "you know, when I find myself in the dark, in the woods, drinking terrible stuff, I wonder if I drink too much. Hey, don't drink it all!" And from my junior year, I have only once piece of advice. No matter how good it may seem at the time, never combine champagne and Doritos.



Decision '96: Dole vs. Clinton Issue #2: Military Spending

When the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber . . .

**Countdown to the election...
32 DAYS**

The election is just over a month away, and Clinton seems to have an insurmountable lead.

This week, the issue under consideration is military spending. This hot topic is going to be a major point of contention in the presidential and congressional debates.

Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has placed the military under a microscope (with low magnification). This has occurred with a new intensification on domestic issues. Both Democrats and Republicans have cut military spending, but politics has dictated the cuts. No politician wants to cut a military program in his/her district.

On the right this week is Jason Zacher '98, The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Editor. On the left will be Laura Knapp, '97, our Democratic columnist.

Is the military a bloated, over-protected bureaucracy, or a vital interest to America? Where will the challenges lie in the future? Why do we continue to maintain the size of our military when other domestic problems are being neglected? If you have these questions, we hope this will help answer them.

- Jason Zacher
Editorial Editor

From the Left
Laura Knapp '99

The topic of this week's column — military spending — is the most appropriate follow-up to last week's column concerning the state of public education. The contrast between these two issues is what divides and defines liberals and conservatives.

One of my favorite bumper stickers is the one that reads, "It will be a perfect world when the schools will have all the money they need, and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber." This seemingly innocent display of irony gets down to the meat and potatoes of this debate.

It can be safely stated that military spending in the United States is out of control and must be stopped. At a time when Republicans in Congress are slashing important domestic programs such as education, welfare and environmental protection, the US government is spending gross amounts of taxpayer funds to maintain a huge military complex that is, in effect, rotting away in ship-yards and hangers across the nation, never to be used in this age of diplomatic, economic, and multilateral intervention, through organizations like the UN.

The Cold War is over. There is no imminent threat of war, nuclear holocaust or even a Communist revolution in our midst. We have won and we did not even have to fire a state of relative peace. If this is the case, then why does the United States continue to spend \$492 billion — practically the same amount spent during the waning days of the Cold War — on military-related purchases? Why do

American children sit in over-crowded classrooms with out-dated books taught by over-worked and under-paid teachers?

The answer is simply mixed-up priorities on the part of the conservatives that, at present, control our government. If to be a liberal means that I think the US should spend its money on teaching a child how to

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read rather than buying an M-16, then I'll stand on the top of Washington Hall and yell it to all of W&L and Lexington.

The money that Americans pay in taxes ought to be returned to the community, in the form of domestic programs. A cut in military spending could bring a tax-cut that the Republicans have been itching to give. What makes more sense to you? Finding an American child's education and in turn, his future of funding a program that has the ability to destroy child's future in a different country. It's a simple choice for me.

Quote of the Week:

"In the first place, you'd be eating yourself."

- Anonymous chemistry professor discussing shaking an HCl test tube

Preserving international strength in the "new world order"

From the Right
Jason Zacher '98

The Ring-Tum Phi Editorial Editor

With the United States sitting on top of the heap in the "new world order," it is very easy to become complacent. The specter of communism is gone, and dictators like Saddam Hussein have been put in their place, so why should we continue to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on defense?

Our military mission has long been the ability to fight two regional wars at once, but the Bush-Clinton military spending cuts have placed that mission in jeopardy. In this world where the United States is the lone hegemon, there are still challenges, challenges that scholar Paul Kennedy calls, "diffuse and numerous."

Russia is experiencing a power crisis now, with Boris Yeltsin's health failing and the communist party experiencing a resurgence in popularity. Transfers of power in Russia have never been clean and easy. Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East and North Africa threatens US interests overseas. With the possible exception of our backyard, there are threats to US security and interests in every corner of the world. Though these threats may not be apparent now, we cannot see 10-15 years down the road. Go back to 1925 and take

a poll to see if anyone thinks Germany will try to take over Europe in eleven years.

The world's rogue states, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria, North Korea, and Cuba are all staunchly anti-American. None of them can directly threaten our territory now (with the possible but unlikely exception of Cuba), but they can challenge our interests overseas. Japan could be a prime target of Japan, and with North Korea comes China. Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Libya can all seriously challenge the world's oil supply, and, like it or not, oil is a vital US economic interest.

The Clinton administration has probably correctly predicted that missile attacks from secondary powers are still a decade away, but has incorrectly decided to put off preparing for our defense until then. Clinton has slashed spending on technologies (much to the dismay of defense-minded Democrats like former Congressman Les Aspin and former Senator Sam Nunn), even though it was this technological superiority that allowed us to walk over Hussein in 1990. Clinton's first error: technology is incremental and must be constantly researched, playing catch-up in defense can be a deadly game.

Former Secretary of Defense Aspin and his deputy John Deutch completed a bottom-up review of spending in 1993, a review that was hampered by Clinton's imposed spending limits. They de-

signed a force that would be able to complete our military mission, but a force that the General Accounting Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and an independently assembled group of former chiefs of staff have decided is anywhere from \$50-\$150 million short of that goal.

Yes, it is true that we have won

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recent skirmishes in Grenada, Panama, and Iraq, but these are only skirmishes, and were won because of Carter's and Reagan's defense spending. The money we spend now will help us 10-15 years from now, when we cannot see the challenges ahead. Defense spending accounts for only 4 percent of

our GDP, the lowest it has been since the mid 1920's.

Every country that has been at the top of the heap has fallen at some point, but the United States can learn from history by not becoming complacent.

The first president of the twenty-first century needs to concentrate spending in technologies that can help smaller quick-response forces gain the upper hand against any opponent.

There are plenty of ways to cut costs without cutting the size of our force. Closing useless and unnecessary military bases is one way; not to mention the numerous relics of the Cold War that should just be eliminated. But both of these have fallen victim to domestic politics.

Our problems in the international arena are not all spending related either. Clinton has had extreme troubles getting our allies to support us, and has switched policies so many times in so many foreign countries, that we could devote an entire issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* to write about them.

Speaker Newt Gingrich said that military spending is probably too high for our needs at this time, but it is the price to pay for being on top. I could not agree more. If we are to continue as the strongest nation in the world, we cannot simply be stronger than our challengers, we need to be head and shoulders above them.

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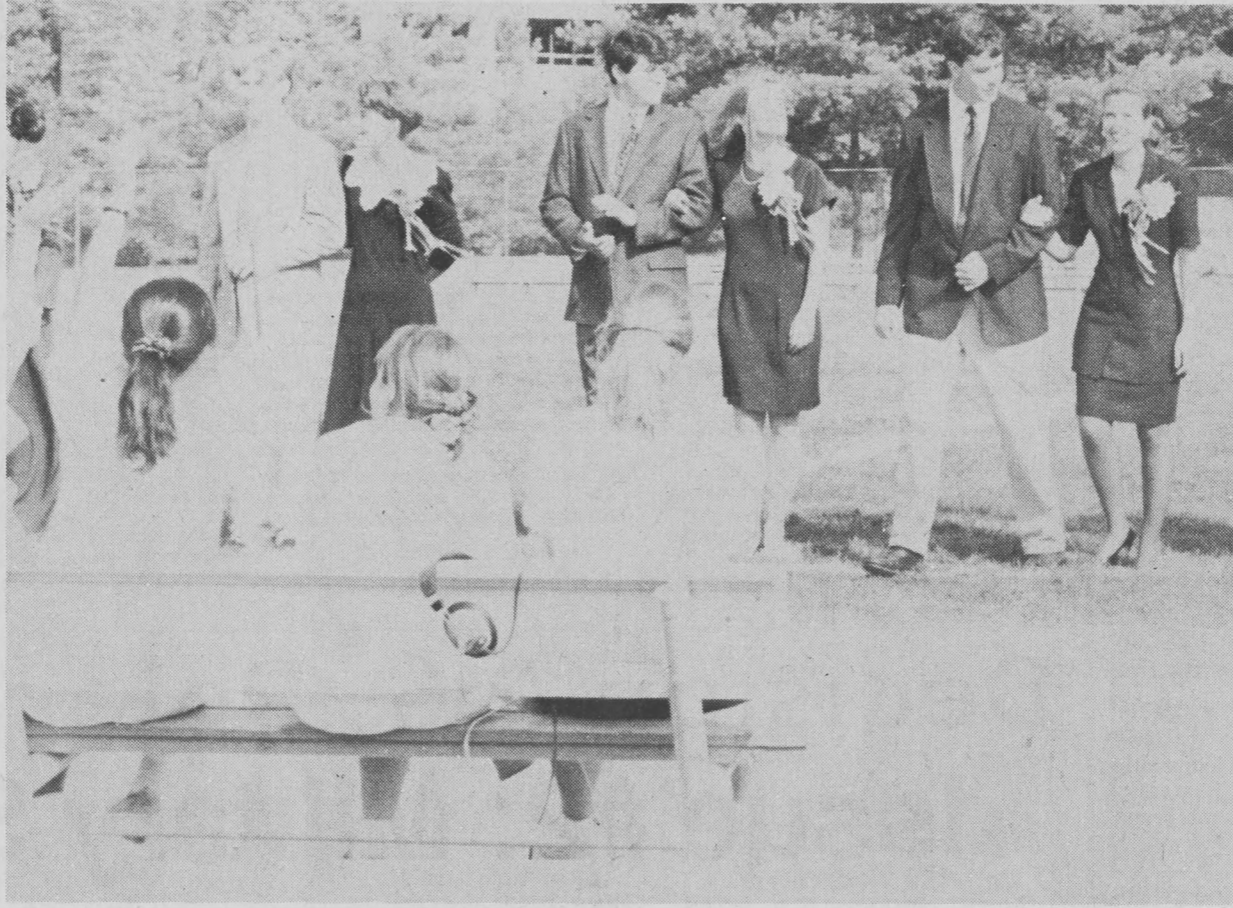
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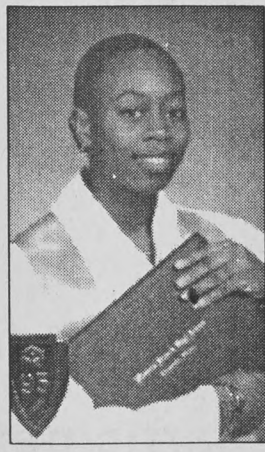
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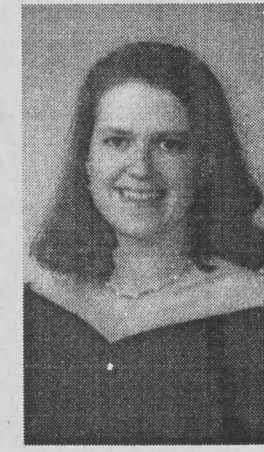
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 Ryan Reed, '97
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 Pete Sorensen, '97

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give. And he did. Paula shouldn't die. His grandmother wouldn't have wanted it that way and neither did Bill.

Before that day, Bill had remembered his grandmother with pain. He pictured her lying there on the dining room floor, bleeding and in pain. He was in turmoil. But the day he forgave, everything changed. He remembered his grandmother with laughter, love, and faith — the way she had lived, not the way she died.

Bill began to write Paula. He told her about his grandmother, her faith, her love for children, and her stitched pillows that told the stories of the Bible. He learned that Paula was raised in an abusive family where hate prevailed, not love. Paula began to take classes in prison. She completed high school, earning straight A's, and then started taking college courses. Through their correspondence, Bill saw her become a different person.

One day, producers from an Italian news organization called Bill. They wanted him to come on their show and talk about the case. You see, most Europeans were simply amazed by the story. Virtually all of the European democracies had abolished the death penalty by that time, and they didn't understand how the United States could kill a 15-year-old-girl. They wanted Bill to explain.

So Bill went to Italy. He met with Italian politicians, papal representatives, and organizers of a petition drive called "Don't Kill." Over three million European people had signed the petition to save a little girl in Indiana named Paula Cooper. Bill sympathized with their efforts. He too couldn't understand why she should be put to death.

Under the international spotlight, Indiana was a little embarrassed. After all, their capital punishment statute held that a criminal as young as 12 could be sentenced to death. To avoid further humiliation, the Indiana legislature raised the age to 16. That didn't help Paula. She was still on Death Row. And the public outrage continued to boil.

Paula's case was eventually appealed to the Indiana state Supreme Court. The court commuted Paula's sentence to 60 years in prison. Bill

and his European colleagues had achieved success. They had saved Paula's life. He was able to do for Paula what he wasn't able to do for his grandmother. He had made a difference.

In 1993, Bill went back to Indiana to march with a group called Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation. MVFR is a group of murder victims families who seek alternatives to the death penalty. They come together to share their experiences and commit themselves to the notion that killing — all killing — is wrong. During the group's two-week project, Bill traveled throughout the state telling the story of his grandmother and Paula Cooper.

Ever since then, Bill has traveled the nation on a "journey of hope." He has dedicated his life to the abolition of the death penalty. He attends protests, gives lectures, and organizes grass roots organizations to help him in his crusade. From appearances on "Oprah Winfrey" and "Good Morning America" to abolitionist rallies, Bill spends every day fighting capital punishment.

Bill's journey of hope is a terminal one for he promises to march on until the day he dies. At first, he marched for himself, his grandmother, and Paula Cooper. Today, it's much more than that — Bill marches for the thousands of Americans who simply want the killing to stop.

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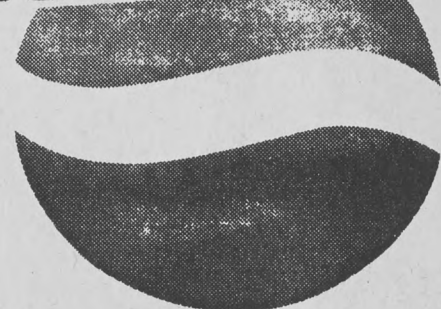
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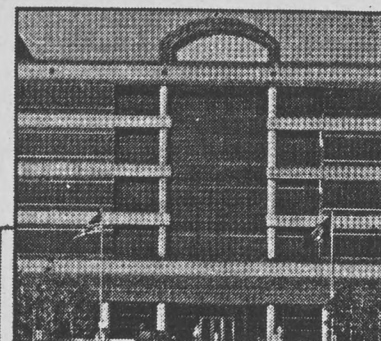
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Generals in action this week:

FOOTBALL - Sat. vs. Randolph-Macon, 2:00
 SOCCER - Sat. vs. Guilford, Noon; Wed. vs. VMI, 6:30
 WSOCCKER - Sat. vs. R-MC, 3:00; Sun. vs. Wooster, 2:00;
 Thurs. vs. Roanoke, 4:00
 VOLLEYBALL - Wed. vs. Emory & Henry, 6:30
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Last week's results:

FOOTBALL - W, 29-21 at Centre
 MSOCCKER - W, 6-2, vs. Goucher; W, 2-1, at E. Mennonite
 WSOCCKER - W, 7-0, vs. Guilford; W, 9-0, at Sweet Briar
 VOLLEYBALL - Second at Gettysburg Tournament;
 W, 3-2, vs. Bridgewater
 WATER POLO - L, 17-13, vs. GW; L, 22-11, vs. Princeton
 CROSS COUNTRY - Men 16th at Cortland St., women 2nd at Greensboro

Generals' late rally stuns unbeaten Centre, 29-21

By BETHANY BAUMAN
 Phi Sports Editor

The Generals showed the Colonels that it's all about rank last Saturday as W&L defeated Centre College, 29-21. The Colonels came into the game unbeaten and were not

expecting to lose on their home field to the winless Generals. The absence of injured starting tailback Seth McKinley and starting quarterback Brooks Fischer added to Centre's confidence. Centre took the lead early in the first half as they capped off a six play, 42-yard drive with a touchdown. But W&L's Jon Benazzi gave a resounding answer as he returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. Centre scored on their next two possessions, extending their lead to 21-7. Those would be the last points the Colonels

would put on the board. Senior quarterback Tommy Rueger sparked an eight-play, 76-yard drive with a 50-yard pass to sophomore wideout Chas Chastain. Rueger completed the series, scoring on a one-yard keeper to cut the lead to 21-13 with 8:34 left in the half. The Generals dominated the second half. Nick Hodge put the game within reach for W&L when he snagged a seven-yard touchdown pass from Rueger, completing a 10-play, 71-yard drive. This cut the margin to 21-19 at the 9:29 mark in the third. The Generals then tried to tie the score on a two-point conversion, but failed. Centre stayed ahead until

halfway through the final quarter. With only 8:21 remaining in the game, junior kicker Matt Holbrook hit a 37-yard field goal to give the Generals the 22-21 advantage. On the next possession, senior defensive tackle Peyton Williams deflected a Centre pass. Senior linebacker Travis Wisdom was there to pull down the interception at the Centre 33-yard line. Rueger again connected with Chastain on a 30-yard pass, giving W&L a first and goal situation. Rueger then made his second touchdown for the day on a one-yard sneak, moving the score to its final of 29-21. Just over three minutes later,



Photo courtesy of Julien Williams
 Peyton Williams (90) and Omar Moneim (77) put pressure on Centre's offense.

senior linebacker McGuire Boyd clinched the game for the Generals when he intercepted a Cen-

tre pass at the W&L 10-yard line with six seconds remaining. W&L head coach Frank Miriello was pleased with his team's come-from-behind road victory. One of the high points of Saturday's game, according to Miriello, was the improved performance of the offensive line. The o-line, which returned only one of last year's starters, has "come to maturity" after struggling to generate an offense in the Generals' first two games. Rueger, who made the transition from receiver back to his natural quarterback position for injured Brooks Fischer, also gave a great performance against Centre. In addition to scoring two touchdowns, he completed 12 passes for 185 yards. "The win at Centre was a real important one for the team... We know that we can win even with our backs against the wall like they were last week," Rueger said. The Generals have another

challenging game scheduled for Homecoming. They will meet the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets at 2 p.m. tomorrow on Wilson Field. Rueger hopes the Generals will have a successful Homecoming. "We want to win this Homecoming this weekend over Randolph-Macon," he said. "They are a tough team that has beaten us the last few years, but we have a lot of confidence going into this game after our win last week. "Nothing would be nicer to beat them in front of our home crowd." The Yellow Jackets are a favorite for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. But Miriello believes that his team, although they will have to play a near-perfect game, can "Beat the Best". He said, "We'll be there at the end, and hopefully we can pull it off."

Crossing the line

THE BIG FAN
 BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER

It wasn't a banner week for umpires. The men in blue had their share of controversy last week. Although officials generally tend to assume a low profile, they couldn't help but be thrust in the spotlight recently. The problem started last Friday in Toronto when Baltimore second baseman Roberto Alomar got a little upset over a called third strike from umpire John Hirschbeck. Enraged might be a better way to put it. In fact, the usual mild-mannered Alomar became so incensed that he bumped Hirschbeck, after which he soon received the thumb. But the rampaging Alomar wasn't done. He then spat in the umpire's face before finally being dragged off the field. Ouch! Even Albert Belle would've had to wince at that. Did Alomar calm down over the course of the game and consider what he did wrong? Not exactly. Alomar showed little remorse in a postgame press conference when he announced that Hirschbeck had become increasingly bitter since his 7-year-old son died from a rare disease three years ago. Suddenly, Alomar had crossed the line from a baseball dispute to a personal dispute, and a touchy one at that. Hirschbeck's reaction was predictable. He stormed into the Orioles' locker room, threatening to kill Alomar before he was restrained. The ump was so upset that he sat out the remaining two games of the series in Toronto. Hirschbeck could have wiped the spit off his face but the comments about his dead son stung a little more deeply and rightfully so. The umpire also has a 9-year old son who has the same disease as his dead son had so those comments couldn't just be laughed off. Meanwhile, the perpetrator of the argument had not yet apologized and was still playing. Alomar appealed a rather lenient five-game suspension, meaning he was able to play Saturday, the day he wrapped up a playoff berth for Baltimore by hitting a 10th-inning home run. Now that Baltimore was safely in the playoffs, Alomar finally decided to write a letter of apology to Hirschbeck as well as donating \$50,000 to a charity fighting the disease. Maybe his actions were heartfelt but ironically, Alomar is still playing. As it stands, the suspension will not take effect until the beginning of next year when it means literally nothing to Alomar or the Orioles. The playoffs are the time when a suspension of Alomar would mean the most. But Robby is still on the field and the Orioles have expressed their intent to play him until further notice. In the meantime, the other umpires stood up for Hirschbeck by threatening to strike during the playoffs unless Alomar's suspension was reconsidered. Tuesday's Indians-Orioles contest was held up for several minutes while the umps contemplated their choices before finally deciding to take the field. If the umpires eventually decide to strike, replacement umpires would have to be found, which could quickly turn the playoffs into a travesty. I'll admit that I've been upset after seeing many an umpire blow a call that has cost the team I was rooting for a run or even a game over the years. Players feel the same way. There is some justification in disputing a call that they don't think is correct. After all, umpires are only human and umpiring itself is an inexact science. A call that needs to be made in a split-second is not going to be correct 100 percent of the time. But there's a huge gap between attacking an umpire's judgement and bringing in his personal life. Under no circumstances is it acceptable. Much has been made about how today's players show no respect for umpires, managers and other authorities. This may be true, but umpire-bashing hasn't just come into vogue recently. Ty Cobb would throw the book of obscenities at umpires. Earl Weaver made a living storming out of the dugout to kick dirt and scream in umpires' faces. Umpires around the turn of the century were physically abused and even blackballed from some towns if they had previously made a controversial call against that team. Unfortunately, Alomar has not been the first, nor will he be the last player to lose complete control of himself on the baseball diamond and embarrass his teammates, the fans and even his family. In fact, Roberto's brother Sandy had to apologize on behalf of the Alomar family for Roberto's actions. It all comes down to a matter of respect. Umpires are doing the best jobs they can and like it or not, players like Alomar need to realize that. They most certainly cannot have an outburst like Alomar's and expect to get away with it nearly unscathed. Suspensions for fighting are routinely 6 to 8 games. Alomar should have been suspended for ten. And the suspension should've taken effect during the playoffs so Alomar can think seriously on how his actions have affected the team. Since it hasn't, the Orioles could have taken a stand and at least sat down Alomar for a game or two voluntarily. But, taking the Tom Osborne approach, why would they stand up for gentlemanly conduct and integrity when there's an important game to win? So Alomar continues to play. Even about 2,000 of his own fans at Camden Yards booed him during a practice session the other day. In the meantime, baseball's already battered image takes another sucker punch.

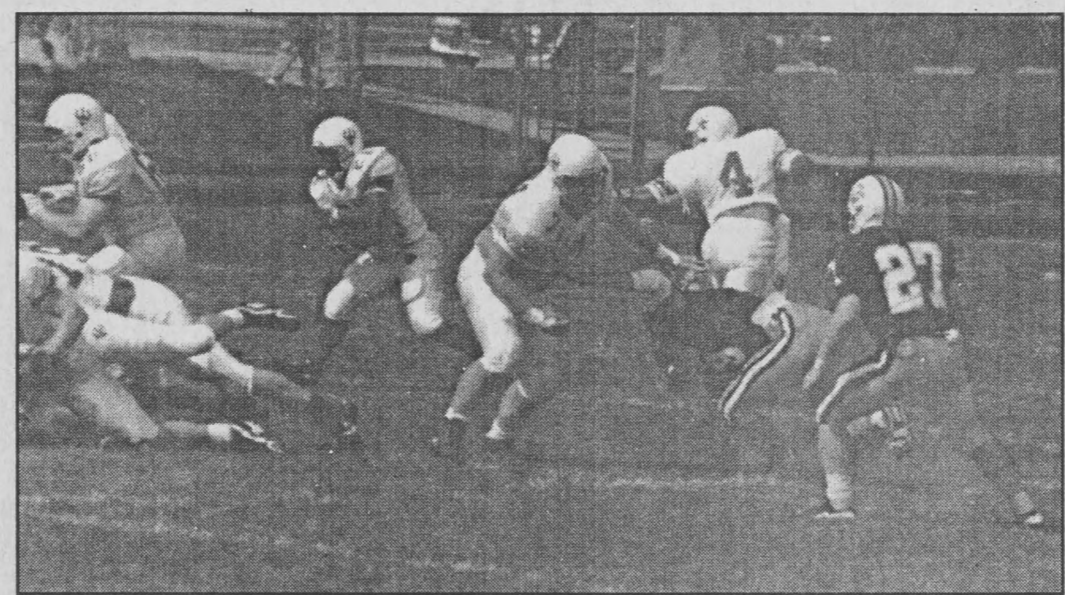


Photo courtesy of Julien Williams
 Floyd Young (21) takes the handoff from quarterback Tommy Rueger in the Generals' 29-21 comeback victory. Young rushed for 60 yards in the game.

Volleyball storms back to beat Bridgewater

By KELLEY TOTTEN
 Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee's volleyball team was two points away from a 3-0 defeat Tuesday when they rallied to beat Bridgewater for the first time in Washington and Lee volleyball history.

"We snatched victory from the jaws of defeat," said co-captain Hilary Martin. W&L lost the first two games and were behind 13-6 in the third when they started to win. The team was overconfident going into the match, said junior Alison Beard, explaining the team's two losses in the beginning. "Everyone was like, O K, here's redemption time- it's now or never," said junior Holly Thomsen of the team's attitude change in the third game. Thomsen played a key role in

the Generals' victory, said Martin. "We couldn't have engineered the comeback without her," she said. "She's kind of a quiet force you can take for granted on everything- offense, defense, serving, enthusiasm and leadership." Thomsen, who the team's coaches named Most Valuable Player for the match, played while suffering from kidney stones. She had to sit on the sidelines during the Gettysburg Tournament last weekend and watch as W&L lost to Gettysburg. The victory over Bridgewater

was one of the team's goals this year, said Thomsen. The Generals haven't lost a game at home since 1994 when Bridgewater defeated them. "Last year we absolutely killed Bridgewater in the first two games and then we just lost our energy basically and lost the next three games," said Beard of the game that was played on Bridgewater's home turf. This year, the teams reversed roles when W&L came from behind to win the last three games. "Oh my God, I can't even put it into words," said Martin of the victory. "How sweet it is."

Tennis teams make strong showings in Rolex Southeastern Regional tourney

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
 Phi Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee tennis teams gave great performances last weekend in one of the biggest tournaments of the year. The W&L women had six singles players advance to the round of 16 and a doubles team win the championship at the Rolex Southeastern Regional tournament, held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. The W&L men, who were hosting the men's Rolex tournament, placed a singles player and a doubles team into the semifinals. Women's tennis coach Cinda Rankin was delighted with her team's play at Mary Washington. "It was fantastic," she said. "I was just very, very pleased with everybody's play." She said the performances were especially pleasing because the team has a lot of young players, and other teams at the tournament had been practicing longer since they had started school earlier. Junior Ericka Shapard was the tournament star as she finished runner-up in the singles bracket and teamed up with junior Berry Blankinship to capture the doubles crown and advance to the Rolex Division III championships. Shapard, the number-one seed overall in the singles bracket, stormed out of the gate in amazing fashion by winning 36 out of 37 games in her first three matches. Things got a little more tense in the quarterfinals when she faced Blankinship, but Shapard dispatched her doubles partner, 6-2, 6-3. Shapard then encountered even tougher opposition in the semifinals by yet another teammate, freshman Brook Hartzell. Hartzell hung tough but Shapard finally outlasted her, 7-6 (5), 7-5. Mary Washington's Kirsten Erickson, the number-two seed, spoiled Shapard's run by defeating the junior in the title game, 7-5, 6-1. Still, Rankin was very impressed by her top player's performance.

"She has stepped up from the number-two spot (last year) to be our number-one player," Rankin said. Besides Shapard, Blankinship and Hartzell, senior Anna O'Connor, sophomore Mary Celeste Foster and freshman Erin Eggers also made it to the round of 16 in singles. Rankin also cited the play of sophomore Laura Cohen, W&L's number-eight player, who lost in the first round to Shea Rickard of Emory & Henry but then proceeded to reach the semifinals in the consolation bracket. Shapard returned to action in doubles play, where she and Blankinship torched their opponents in their first

four matches, losing only 3 games out of 51. This earned the W&L duo a ticket to the finals where Shapard saw a familiar face in Mary Washington's Erickson, the player who ousted her in the singles title. History would not repeat itself. Shapard gained revenge as she and Blankinship destroyed Erickson and Leah Morris, the top-seeded team, 6-2, 6-1. The victory earned the W&L pair a place in the Rolex Division III championships. Rankin is looking forward to the trip to the national Rolex tournament. "By the time we go there, we'll have more practice and should play even better," she said. The women's team will next be in action Monday the 14th, when they face a tough Carnegie Mellon team. Carnegie Mellon's number-one player beat W&L's Natalia Garcia last year, so the Generals will have their work cut out for them. "I think it's a very good test of our players," Rankin said. The men's tennis team also fared well in the Rolex tournament. The Generals placed two players in the singles quarterfinals. Sophomore Dale Pretilla, seeded 11th, advanced to the semifinals after upending 4th seed Chris Wallace of Mary Washington, 1-6, 7-6(2), 6-2. But second seed and eventual champion Miro Beran of Washington College proved too tough in the semis, knocking out Pretilla, 6-1, 6-2. Senior Peter Hammond also had a strong run through the singles bracket, winning three matches to get to the quarterfinals, before he was halted by top seed Doug Neagle of Salisbury State, 6-4, 6-1. Pretilla and Hammond then teamed up in doubles to cruise through their first two matches before running into teammates Tom Washburn and Damian Brady in the quarterfinals. Pretilla and Hammond prevailed in three games, 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-3, to advance to the semifinals, but were knocked off there by Salisbury State's Neagle and Nathan Bell, 6-1, 6-2. The men will conclude their fall season next week-end when they host the W&L Fall Classic. Matches will start at 9 a.m. both days.

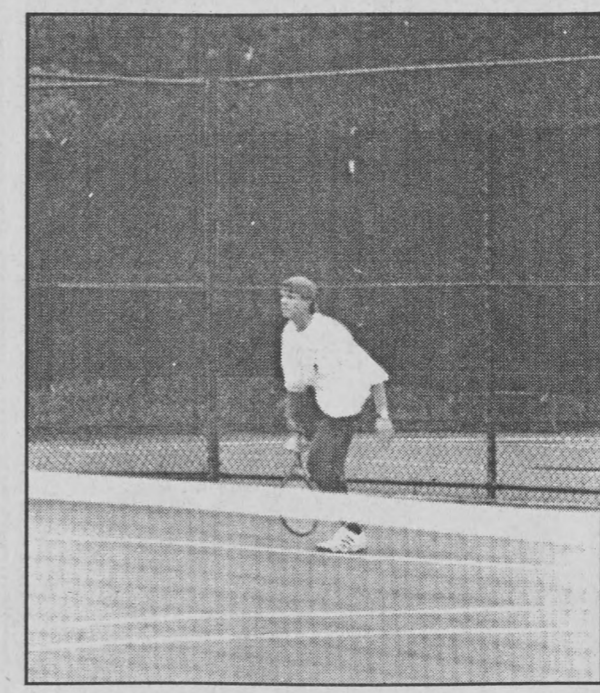


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 The W&L men's tennis team hosted the Rolex regional tournament last weekend.