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ENERAL OTES

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 audtions 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 unilizing 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

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. Additiobnal information, including catalogs of participating colleges, is available in the University Registrar's Office.

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LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 4, 1996

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.

Evans, 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.

Evans' 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 Evans 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

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...

had checked out what equipment and were able to find the items or charge the students who had lost the equipment. Evans 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.

"On any given day college students

That's what Playboy magazine found

About half of college students na-

The students that answered the sur-

are doing it in dorm rooms, libraries,

trucks, showers, hotel rooms, at parties

and, on occasion, in their parents' beds."

in its college sex survey. We want to

tionwide are getting lucky about once a

week, the survey found, and nine out of

vey questions did not know they were

responding to a Playboy survey. Profes-

sors at a dozen colleges from California

to Maine administered the 152-item sur-

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

Meanwhile, here's what Playboy

*The average college student has sex

*Most respondents practice serial

one partner. "Sex at W&L is ran-

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 bow-

ties and the perfect pearls can be too

dom," said a sophomore female.

"I've heard about a lot of one-

*College students are into

monogamy, or having sex with only

night stands."

kinky," said a junior female.

twice a week. "I haven't been here that

long, but I would guess that freshman

aren't really having sex that often," said

second floor of the university center.

W&L was not among them, so we're

know what W&L students up to.

10 students are sexually active.

vey to their classes.

one freshman girl.

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 Wednes-



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, con-

days, members can attend bike maintenance workshops tact S. R. Evans at 462-4066.

Area students share grief

BY DAVID BALSLEY

PHI FEATURES EDITOR

The Grief Support Group will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, October 9. The group's flier describes it as "a support group for any student who has experienced the death of a family member or friend. The focus will be on the grief experience and learning how to handle the loss and changes.'

"It's a support group to help students learn to develop the tools necessary to deal with their grief," stated Amy Hefty.

Hefty will conduct the group along with Mickey Watkins, a fellow Hospice worker. Hospice is a Lexingtonian organization dedicated to helping the dying to pass away with dignity.

University Counseling will not run the group, but Dean Anne C. Schroer-Lamont commented that the group's reputability has led University Counseling to endorse the program.

Students involved in the program will help each other with their unique needs. The students progress from becoming comfortable with one another to talking about their loss and their experiences. "That comfort level increases as time

goes on," Hefty commented. The first three sessions of the Grief Support Group's six sessions are fairly structured, with topics flexibly scheduled for each session. At the end of the third session, the students will express their concerns and needs, which will form the content of the remaining three

Topics which will be covered by the group include anger, guilt, dealing with special days such as a loved one's birthday, and others. "We try to tailor it to the students' needs," Hefty stated.

The Grief Support Group differs from previous support-style groups in several respects. First, the program will involve students from Mary Baldwin College, Southern Virginia College, Virginia Military Institute, and Washington and Lee

"It's the first time we have tried to do a college program for students in conjunction with Virginia Military Institute," stated Schroer-Lamont. Second, the group will exclude non-students.

Schroer-Lamont commented that students who had participated in previous support groups thought that "it would be very helpful to have a group for only

The Grief Support Group differs from the Peer Counselling Program. Although the Peer Counsellors are capable of listening to those who have suffered from the loss of a loved one, the leaders of the Grief Support Group have "specific training and specific techniques for helping those in grief," explained Schroer-Lamont.

The group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Scout Room of the Educational Building at R.E. Lee Memorial Church. The group will host six sessions between October 9 through November 20; no session will be held on November 6.

Students interested in joining the Grief Support Group should register with Carol Caulkins' office as soon as possible, preferably before Wednesday, October 9.

Hefty would like to limit the membership of the group to those students who are present at the first meeting in order to ensure that the students feel comfortable with one another.

There is a fee associated with the

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 Dvarsksas 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 underclassmen, 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

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

Liz Detter, a junior living in Woods Creek who uses the recycling oins 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 ment through education and recycling.

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 support.

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. Dvarsksas wants to "incorporate the community in environmentally beneficial projects."

The group hopes to bring various speakers, activities and projects to Washington and Lee. Dvarsksas wants to "work with other clubs" and promote the environ-

Fall term broadcast highlights Morning Magazine M-F 6-9pm Night Owl 10-midnight Third Ear M-F 4-6pm Breakthru Sat, Sun 7-9am Day Spring Project

M-F

Classical

Boot Record

6-8am

Thurs. 9-noon

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." Carbello said. "I also want all student DJ's to take an active role in sharing the respon-

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.

WLUR D.J.s believe the increased variety of shows will better serve the students and the community.

*** of 4 stars;

good-hearted

The pitch: "It'll

be like JFK

meets

Caddyshack."

Kevin Costner returns

in Cup is a movie with very bad timing, at least in its

appearance at the box office. Though it did well in

terms of ticket sales (about \$50 million so far), it

comes at a time when the obvious "giant" of golf movies is

Adam Sandler's brilliant absurdist masterpiece, Happy

Gilmore. Tin Cup is good; Happy Gilmore is likely to become

Nevertheless, Tin Cup is worth seeing as well. Don't make

Tin Cup is the story of Roy "Tin Cup" McAvoy, a loser who

owns a desolate driving range in the godforsaken town of

Salome, Texas. It's hard to see how the operation is even

managing to keep Roy in beer and stained shirts, since it has

no visible patronage or anything that might attract it. Cheech

Marin is Romeo Posar, manager of the range and someone who apparently has nothing better to do than hang out in the

Everything changes with the arrival of psychiatrist Dr. Molly Griswold (Rene Russo). She wants to take golf lessons so she can keep up with her boyfriend (and Roy's old college

golfing buddy/rival), David Simms (Don Johnson). But,

naturally, Roy falls hard for Molly. To impress her, he tries to work out his problems in therapy, asks her out, and finally

decides to try to qualify for the U.S. Open tournament so he

can prove that he can actually accomplish what he sets out to

not to, even though it doesn't make that much of a difference.

star of this film by Ron Shelton, the director of Bull Durham,

White Men Can't Jump, and the acting tour-de-force Cobb.

Indeed, Rene Russo is the star of the moment. She will appear

in the upcoming Ransom with Mel Gibson, and was consid-

ered to play Dr. Chase Meridian in Batman Forever before

Michael Keaton bowed out and Joel Schumacher was allowed

to come in and bollocks up the whole franchise. It's easy to

see why she's so in demand. With her wonderful smile and

stellar comic timing, Russo easily steals the show from Kevin

gives one of his best performances. ("Even better than

Waterworld?" you ask. Yes, even better than Waterworld.)

Actually, Costner is quite good as a loser trying to make his big

comeback after everyone else has dismissed him.

Hmmm...where could he have gotten the motivation for that

kind of a role? How could he ever find the necessary

identification with such a character to be able to put it on

screen convincingly? Hmmm.... Anyway, the old, charming

Costner is back this time around. One of my female friends,

who shall remain nameless, actually raves about the sex

appeal which oozes from Mr. Costner as he lies on the bed in

the ramshackle trailer his and Cheech Marin's character share.

beer in hand, undershirt stained with the sweat of a sweltering

Texas afternoon. Okay. I just take her word for it. I mean, he's charming and entertaining, certainly, but I can't understand my friend's low guttural growl whenever she hears anything

Cheech Marin and Don Johnson are the comic relief from

Still, the Happy Gilmore comparison bothers me. The golf was more entertainingly shot and fast-paced, the comic timing

about Tin Cup. I just don't think it's justified.

not as pat as the usual Hollywood cliché.

the golf and the romance. They do the job nicely.

They're far from overwhelmed, however. Kevin Costner

(I won't give away the ending. The studio asked audiences

Rene Russo (In the Line of Fire, Get Shorty) is clearly the

do without defeating himself like he usually does.

Getting there is all the fun of Tin Cup.)

Costner, Don Johnson, and Cheech Marin.

Alex Christensen

Phi Movie Critic

it a golf double feature, though.

dust with loser Roy.

Tin Cup:

a classic.

w&life

Come on back to one who really loves you, baby

Kathryn Mayurnik Phi Staff Writer

Homecoming is an eclectic mix of blurry tailgates, wild parties, and distinguished guests.

The 1996 Homecoming festivities mark the induction of the Five Star Generals and the Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the annual Homecoming parade and the concert on Friday night.

It's always a toss up with the Homecoming band. You're never quite sure if it's going to be an unknown band who's better left unknown or an unknown band who is going to get super big the week after they're here. Then you'll kick yourself for not being able to boast that you saw them for ten bucks. This year brings us a mix of the two.

The headlining band is none other than (prepare yourselves, folks, it's a mouthful) "The Band." "The Band", if their name doesn't already send those musical shivers down your spine, is a classic rock group which reached its height the year a lot of us were born with such hits as "Up on Cripple Creek" and "The Night they Drove Old Dixie Down."

"We're going for a more diverse kind of band this year," said SAB member Dana Hood. She added that although the SAB tries to get bands that students want to see, the Board also invites less mains tream bands to campus in an effort to introduce them to the student body. ening hand "The Roots" (not "Agents of Good Roots") is a rap band from New York City, whose recently released album continues soaring on the pop charts.

"A year from now I can see then winning a Grammy," said SAB president Hollis Leddy. "They are going to be

As an added extra, one of the band members apparently oossesses an extraordinary talent.

"He sounds exactly like that actor from Police Academy ho can make all of those cool sound effects," said Leddy. The actor's name is Mike Winslow, otherwise known as the "human be-bop machine."

for the Homecoming parade, there won't be any drunk falling off the floats because, as we all know, there are no Instead, the floats will be judged by the freshmen

g the floats judged by the freshman gives us a chance to em." said Lathrop Nelson, president of Chi Psi. Peter appa Sigma sophomore, feels that the floats will not be an rush tool. "Are floats a chafe-yes. Is the finished product un-yes. Are we going to end up finished one-probably not." With the flurry of activity this weekend, it certainly will be hard for anyone to escape being just a little bit festive. Homecoming is mixture of so many things: the first date function for the freshman, graduates return to see old friends, and everything here still seems so new. And midterms seem eons away.

Phi file



B.J. Walker Phi Staff Writer

A common complaint among civicminded W&L students is that there aren't enough opportunities to become involved in the Lexington community. Habitat for Humanity is trying to remedy that.

Made famous by President Jimmy Carter, Habitat provides affordable housing to the needy, using donated materials, labor, and money. Habitat allows volunteers the unique opportunity of actually building houses. Residents are required to pay "sweat equity", that is they are required to contribute a certain number hours of work to the house. After the house is finished, they repay the cost with an interest-free loan. This allows low-income families an opportunity to own what is usually their first house. The monthly payment for Habitat's last house was \$125 dollars.

Last spring, W&L's Habitat chapter was able to begin construction of their second house. Senior Brad Philipson, a Habitat volunteer, said he hopes they will be able to complete the project by December and begin a new house next

The W&L chapter has no formal membership. Every Saturday, interested students gather and head to the work site. "We average about a dozen people per week," said Philipson. "But there's



Two Washington and Lee University freshmen lend a helping hand to the campus chapter of Habitat

always something to be done."

Building a house is a serious undertaking, and funding is a major concern. In the past, the EC has been a major source of support. Last year, \$4500 was designated for Habitat. This year Habitat received \$10,000 from the EC.

"The money is very generous of the EC, but we are still far short of our

goals," said Philipson." We need to raise at least another \$25,000 to begin another house." He added that the house they began last spring will cost about \$30,000, and their future expenses will only increase.

Habitat holds a semi-annual raffle for hotel rooms during Parents Weekend and graduation. Over \$700 has been raised by the raffles. Local charities and alumni support provide the remainder of Habitat's funding. Last year, an anonymous Lexington donor contributed \$10,000 to the effort.

So, the next time you have a little spare time, and a desire to use some serious power tools, pick up a hammer and help out.

AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS-

October 10, 1996 in the Doremus Gymnasium

Now playing in Roanoke:

C.E. Miller Phi Staff Writer

"I wanna rock and roll all night and party everyday..." They came. They spit blood. They danced. It was like 1979 all over again. Not a scene normally associated with Roanoke Civic Center (unless you've been to an Express game lately.)

The Center, a small venue as far as seating capabilities go, is attracting some big names in concerts and events. The Kiss Reunion tour lit the place up Thursday night.

The Kiss tour has been the biggest money-maker of the summer, beating stiff competition such as H.O.R.D.E (featuring The Dave Matthews Band) and Lollapalooza (featuring Metallica). Unlike their 70's counterparts, Metallica chose to follow the "new alternative thing" and cut off their long locks.

"We're doing a show that's loosely based on the 1977 'Love Gun' show because that really was to our way of thinking, the best, kick-ass show we'd ever done. This makes that look small-time. This is an awesome awesome show," said Gene Simmons, Kiss' lead singer, in a pre-concert press conference.

Kiss worked hard to relearn all the tunes and fit into the old costumes. Then they took the show on the road, admitting that it was primarily money based.

"The money? Sure, the money doesn't suck. We're going to make sure that when they go out there, nobody goes out after the show and says, 'This isn't worth what I paid for it.' Hell, people are spending all kinds of money to see people put rubber balls through hoops, so at least we're going to blow the *&^!ing place up," said Paul Stanley of Kiss, also at the press conference.

Last night they tackled the Civic Center in Roanoke, holding true the original tour plan.

"We're not going to finish until we've hit every city in every country. We're committed to this for a year, two years, whatever it takes, and that will be the first

Fortunately, for a select few, that meant the opportunity to see them after they hit major venues such as Madison Square Garden.

Tori Amos will be performing at the Civic Center on October 11th. A little more acoustic, a lot more piano, and what some have called real depth are her trademark at performances. She draws a mostly female crowd with soulful tunes such as "Cornflake Girl."

The biggest box office draw has to be Garth Brooks, who will be at the Civic Center November 7th. Unlike Kiss who has admitted to greed as the main motive for the reunion tour, Garth keeps his ticket prices low, \$17 plus a one dollar service charge.

Publicly announcing that he doesn't want to have to live up to an enormous ticket price, he feels everyone should be able to see his shows (rednecks, too).

Brooks often plays two or three nights in a particular venue. Although his wife is nine months pregnant, Brooks continues to maintain a rigorous touring sched- to hook school. They went to the arule. He keeps a beeper and plane ready in case the cades to play video games and hang out. moment should come during a show.

For those more interested in the off-Broadway series they didn't have any money. Stumped, that tours the country, Cats (the longest running show they began searching for a way to pick on Broadway), Grease, and The Sound of Music will be up a few extra dollars. at the Civic Center this year.



was beyond superb, and the writing great enough to be admired for years. Tin Cup is slower, longer, less sure of its structure and footing. Still, it is a lot of fun and a bit of romance, and you might even learn a valuable life lesson that's

Pelke fights capital punishment

Dan Odenwald Phi Staff Writer

Bill Pelke doesn't quite fit in here. He stands before the audience in his black t-shirt and blue jeans. His white tennis shoes are scuffed. His beard and floppy hair are highlighted by strands of white. The audience is a group of freshfaced Washington and Lee law students - all neatly dressed in their khakis and Gap dresses, an attractive bunch straight out of their upper middle-class suburbs.

But Bill has a story to tell, and the lawyers-to-be have come to hear it. He tells it in the simple prose of an Indiana native. Plain language. Plain truth. He knows no other way to tell it. Bill knows they're concerned with the law, but he wants to put a human face on their studies. Someone real. Someone he loved.

On May 14, 1984, four girls decided But when they got there, they realized

Then it hit them.

One girl knew this elderly woman in her neighborhood who gave Bible lessons to children. She would invite interested kids into her home where she would teach them the stories of the Bible. Using her hand-stitched story pillows as visual aids, the 78-year-old woman would tell the children of Joseph and his coat or Moses and the sea. She was a woman of faith and was eager to share it with everyone. Especially children. She was also Bill's grandmother.

So the girls went to her house under the pretense of asking her for a Bible lesson. Bill's grandmother invited them When she turned around, one girl picked up a vase and smashed her in the back of the head. Another pulled out a knife and began to stab her. Thirty times. The carpet underneath her body was shredded from the sheer force of the stab wounds. When the crime scene investigators pulled back the carpet, they found the hard wood floors had been splintered from the power of the thrusts.

Bill's grandmother bled to death on the dining room floor where she had served meals to her families. Where she had taught her children to love Jesus. Where she had laughed and cried and

built a life. Now she was dead.

The girls left the apartment with ten dollars and the keys to the car. Police finally caught them after they had taken the car back to school where they were giving joy-rides to friends.

According to the law, the girls were juveniles: 14, 15, 16, and 16. Due to the severity of the crime, however, all were tried as adults. One girl got 25 years in prison. Another got 35. Another got 60. The last girl was Paula Cooper. She handled the knife. And for that, she was sentenced to death. Paula was 15, and the state of Indiana decided that she should die. At that time, she was the youngest female ever put on Death Row. Bill didn't care. His grandmother was dead, and Paula was responsible.

One afternoon, about four months after Paula's sentencing, Bill was praying. Tears welled up in his eyes because he was thinking about his grandmother - about her ability to forgive and her infinite compassion. He asked God for the strength to love Paula and her family. To forgive. To feel compassion. Bill believes that God touched him that day. God graced him with the ability to for

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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 and didn't wake up until my better record by far. Still, our first class on Monday. 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 we'd win at least once. They must have had no pride. Still, every October, we'd all on 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 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

football team had some things. Sophomore year, I found myworking against them from the self hiking in the woods behind beginning. We were the Moline the pavilion with my date, Joel Maroons. What's a maroon? I Symonds. We brought a bottle have no idea. I'm pretty sure they 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

Quote of the Week: "In the first place, you'd be eating yourself."

- Anonymous chemistry professor discussing shaking an HCl test tube

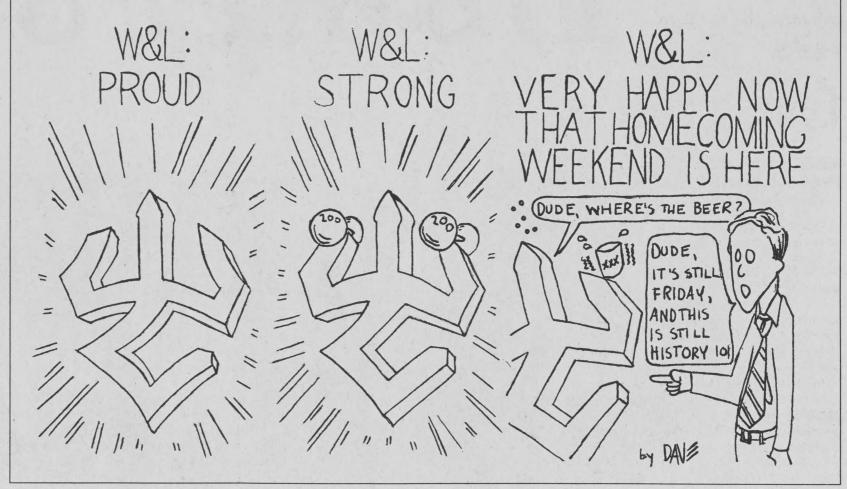
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Decision '96: Dole vs. Clinton **Issue #2: Military Spending**

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 insumountable 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 occured 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

Is the military a bloated, over-protected buerocracy, 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.

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 conserva-

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 choice for me.

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

"It can be safely stated that military spending in the United States is out of control and needs to be stopped."

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

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

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 Deutsch completed a bottom-up review of spending in 1993, a review that was hampered by Clinton's imposed spending limits. They de-

many will try to take over Europe 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

Yes, it is true that we have won

"Go back to 1925 and take a poll asking how many people feel Germany will try to take over Europe in eleven years."

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

a poll to see if anyone thinks Ger- signed a force that would be able to 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.

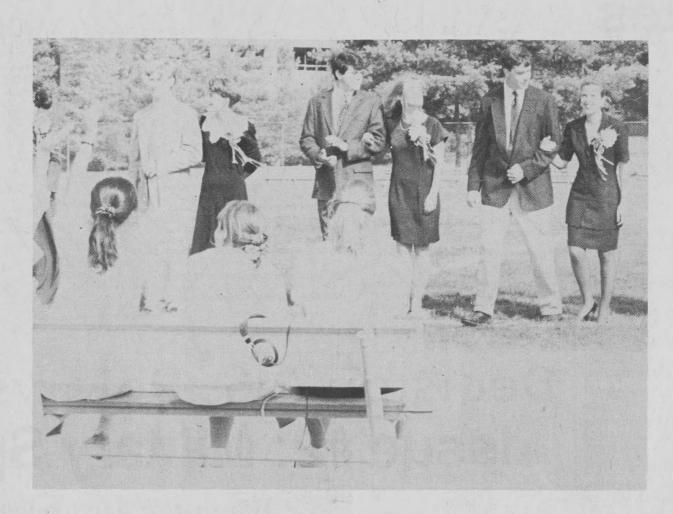
The first president of the twentyfirst century needs to concentrate spending in technologies that can help smaller quick-response forces gain the upper hand against any opponent.

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 Ringtum 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 shoul-

The royalty, the pagentry, the tradition: Lome coming.













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Gambrill Corckran, '97

Nominated By:

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Doug Gubner, '97

Major:

Economics, Art History

Hometown:

Baltimore, MD



Nominated By:

Minority Student Association

Escort:

Andrew Heron, '98

Major:

Biology, Pre-Med

Hometown:

Chesapeake, VA

Dawn Coulthurst, '99



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IIB

Escort:

Chaz Frank, '98

Major:

Chemistry

Hometown:

Poquoson, VA

Elizabeth Cox, '97



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Nominated By:
International Club
Escort:
Glenn Miller, '98
Major:
Psychology
Hometown:
Santa Domingo,
Dominican Republic
Tricia Jefferson, '971



Laura Goodwin, '99

Nominated By:

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Escort:

B.J. Walker, '99

Major:

Biology, Mathematics

Hometown:

Bridgeport, WV



Escort:
Tucker Bixby, '97
Major:
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Hometown:

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Leigh Lundstrom, '98

Nominated By:

Lauren Guthrie, '97

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Callie James, '97
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Andrew Daters, '97
Major:
Journalism
Hometown:
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Tricia Jefferson, '97L

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Student Bar Association

Escort:

Shawn Boyer, '97L

Hometown:

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Hollis Leddy, '97
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Escort:
Andrew Niblock, '97
Major:
Psychology, Pre-Med
Hometown:
San Antonio, TX



ΦΚΨ
Escort:
Todd Denbo, '97
Major:
Art History
Hometown:
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Amy McCauley, '97

Nominated By:

ΦΔΘ

Escort:

Colin Connolly, '97

Major:

Journalism

Hometown:

Greenville, SC



Maggie Ogilvie, '97
Nominated By:

KKI

Escort:
Tommy Parrott, '97

Major:

Art History

Hometown:
Houston, TX



Laura Perry, '97

Nominated By:

ΦΚΨ

Escort:

Dave Howard, '98

Major:

Journalism

Hometown:

Augusta, GA



Nominated By:

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Escort:

Lamar Villere, '97

Major:

Psychology

Hometown:

Paoli, PA

Susie Prevost, '97



Nominated By:

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Jeff Mitchell, '99

Major:

Psychology

Hometown:

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Escort:

Geoff Bourne, '97

Major:

Politics

Hometown:

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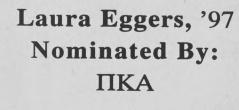
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Steve Fanning, '97

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Hometown:

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Escort:
Will Elkins, '97
Major:
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Hometown:
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Sarah Wood, '97
Nominated By:
ΦΓΔ
Escort:
Pete Sorensen, '97

Pelke, cont. from pg. 2 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.

Freshmen Elections

Petitions are available for any freshmen interested in running for the positions of EC representative, class president or class vice president and can be picked up in front of Carol Caulkins' office in the University Center. They must be returned at a mandatory meeting on Monday, October 7 at 6:30 in the EC room.

Tell the Phi about your sex life!

- 1. Are you a virgin?
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- 3. How frequently do you participate in sexual activity?
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- 5. How great a role does alcohol play in these activities?
- 6. How many partners have you had?
- 7. Do you always use a condom?
- 8. Would you have sex without protection?
- 9. What is your definition of a "hook up"?
- 10. How is important is "love" to a relationship?

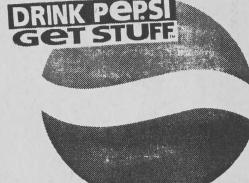
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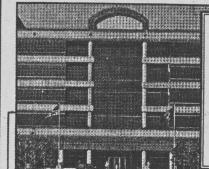
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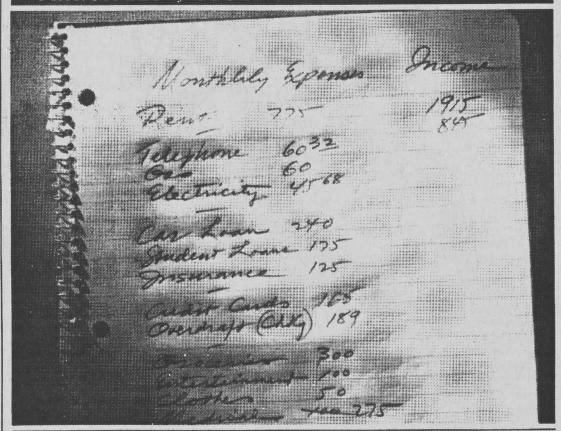
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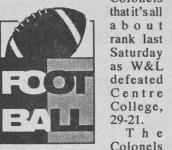
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Generals' late rally stuns unbeaten Centre, 29-21

BY BETHANY BAUMAN PHI SPORTS EDITOR

> The Generals showed the Colonels



came into the game unbeaten and were not the last points the Colonels

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 confi-

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 touch-

Centre scored on their next two possessions, extending their lead to 21-7. Those would be

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

The Generals have another pull it off."

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 Home-

"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

"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

He said, "We'll be there at the end, and hopefully we can

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 mildmannered Alomar became so incensed that he bumped Hirschbeck, after which he soon received the thumb. But 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

rampaging Alomar wasn't done. He then spat in the

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

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 embarass 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

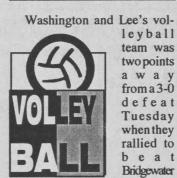
Since it hasn't, the Orioles could have taken a stand and at least sat down Alomar for a game or two voluntarily. But, taking the Tom Osborne approach, why would they stand up for gentlemanly conduct and integrity when there's an important game to win? So Alomar continues to play. Even about 2,000 of 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.

Volleyball storms back to beat Bridgewater

By Kelley Totten PHI STAFF WRITER



volleyball history.

from a 3-0 defeat Tuesday whenthey rallied to

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team was

beat Bridgewater for the first time in Washington and Lee

two points first two games and were behind 13-6 in the third when they started to

going into the match, said junior

the jaws of defeat, said co-capteam's two losses in the begin-Hilary Martin. W&L

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.

"We snatched lost the victory from the jaws of defeat." -Hilary Martin

The team was overconfident

eryone was like, ОК, 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

"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

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

"We snatched victory from Alison Beard, explaining the the Generals' victory, said Mar- was one of the team's goals this year, said I nomsen. 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

"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

III championships.

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 pleas-

ing 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

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.

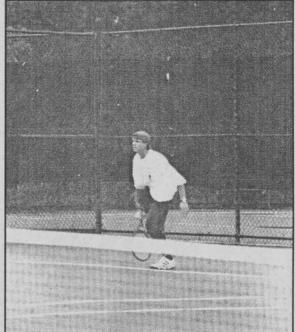
Still, Rankin was very impressed by her top player's performance.

"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

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



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

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

The men's tennis team also fared well in the Rolex tournament. The Generals placed two players in the singles quarterfinals. Sophomore Dale Pretila, 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 Pretila, 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.

Pretila 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. Pretila 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 weekend when they host the W&L Fall Classic. Matches will start at 9 a.m. both days.