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## GENERAL NOTES

### Judges hear moot court cases

A panel of three judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit will sit to hear arguments of four cases on Nov. 1, in the Moot Courtroom of the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

"The Fourth Circuit visit will be a wonderful educational opportunity for the law students," said Joan Shaughnessy, professor of law and associate dean of the law school. "The arguments will give students an opportunity to compare their oral advocacy practice training with actual appellate advocacy."

The four cases, two of which are criminal and two civil, will be heard in the law school's Moot Courtroom, beginning at 9 a.m. The court arguments are open to the public.

### Author D'Souza speaks on racism

Dinesh D'Souza, author of *The End of Racism*, will speak at Lee Chapel on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. D'Souza believes that the goals of liberal education are lost and freedoms of speech and thought are imperiled. In his books, he has explored the history, nature, and future of racism and argues that today's civil rights establishment fuels much of the current American obsession with race because it has a vested interest in perpetuating black dependency.

The speech, sponsored by Contact and Young America's Foundation, is free and open to the public. There will be a reception in the University Center's Fairfax Lounge immediately following the talk.

### Horseman on the Roof at Troubadour

The next presentation of the W&L Film Society will be a tale of adventure and romance, *The Horseman on the Roof* (France, 1996), directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau.

*The Horseman on the Roof*, reputed to be the biggest-budget French film of all time, was adapted from the novel by Jean Giono. The story has two main currents. In Provence, in the 1830s, Italian political exiles are being pursued by Austrian agents who want to prevent the Italian patriots from returning to Italy and troubling the Austrian rulers there. Also, at the time in Provence, an epidemic of cholera rages, killing thousands. Moving through this doubly dangerous world are a young Italian revolutionary (Olivier Martinez) and a young French aristocrat (Juliette Binoche).

Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26, in the Troubadour Cinema. There is no charge for admission, though contributions are welcome. This film is in French, with English subtitles.

### Guild presents London Orchestra

The Concert Guild will present the London Chamber Orchestra on Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Lenfest Center. The London Chamber Orchestra is the oldest of its kind in Great Britain and has appeared at Europe's most renowned music centers. Founded in 1921, the orchestra has given over 100 world premieres of works by Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Ravel, Debussy, Poulenc, Messiaen, and Mozart.

For information and reservations call the Lenfest Center Box Office at 463-8000.

### Lecture on Jewish art and architecture

Ori Soltes, director and head curator of the National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., will give an illustrated slide lecture on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at duPont Auditorium.

The lecture, titled "Between Two Worlds: Jewish Art and Architecture in the Middle Ages," is sponsored by the department of religion through the Max and Sylvia Weinstein Fund. The public is invited to attend.

### Alumnus shares views on environment

W&L graduate James Kahn, an environmental economist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and professor of economics at the University of Tennessee, will give his lecture "Demythologizing the Relations between the Environment and the Economy" in Northern Auditorium on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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"Is your room always this clean?" "What do you usually do on weekends?"

## Activities provide entertainment for parents

BY ANDREA EWING  
Phi STAFF WRITER

Everyone run for your lives, your parents and siblings are here for the weekend. If this prospect is one that you will be living for the next three days, you might want to know what activities will be available this weekend for "parent sitting."

Friday morning is parent registration at 9:00 a.m. in Fairfax Lounge. If you plan to allow your parents to follow you to class, registration will be open until 5:00 p.m. For adventurous souls, caricature artists, sponsored by Student Activities, will be happy to provide a rendering of your visage beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Several departments will provide parents a chance to socialize with faculty. The Journalism Department will be sponsoring an Open House in Reid Hall from 2-4 p.m. Professor Hampden Smith, head of the Journalism Department, said, "It is an opportunity for students to show their parents around the lab. We began doing this last year and we were mobbed. The faculty is looking forward to the parents coming."

The Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics is also hosting a Reception and Open House for parents and students Friday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Later in the evening, President John Elrod and his wife Mimi will open the doors of Lee House to welcome Freshmen and their parents. Gaines Hall will welcome parents of residents with a wine and cheese reception in the Gatehouse at 4:00 p.m.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning times will be provided for parents to meet with professors on a one-on-one basis with individual appointment times provided by each member of the faculty.

Dr. David Novack of the Sociology Department commented, "We as a department do not provide anything formal for the parents, but each faculty member provides appointment times to speak with parents. Parents Weekend provides an opportunity for parents to visit the institution and meet with individual faculty."

For parents of students enrolled in chemistry classes, or parents who wish to relive their college chemistry class, the chemistry department is holding a seminar at 5:00 p.m. in the new Science Center room A 114. This will be followed by students' presentations of summer

R.E. Lee Research Projects in chemistry.

After one survives the chemistry lecture, it is time to experience some culture. The Theatre Department is presenting its presenting Dan Tipton's senior thesis project, *The Importance of Being Earnest* Friday night at 9:00 p.m. in the Johnson Theatre of the Lenfest Center.

If you have late dinner reservations, another show will be presented Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. Director Al Gordon says of the play, "Nowhere in comic literature is there a play which is more fun to encounter. It never lags. It never descends from its high comic and stylistic tone. It never fails to delight audiences."

Saturday begins another full day with numerous opportunities to bond with your parents. You can escape to the Blue Ridge for a picnic and an opportunity to experience the fall colors with the Parents and Students Day Hike sponsored by the Outing Club. Anyone who wishes to attend should call S.R. Evans in advance at 462-4066. A raincoat, warm sweater, hiking boots, and an appreciation for nature is recommended.

On The Hill, the Report of Deans concerning "Academic and Student Life at Washington and Lee" will be held in the Williams School room 237 at 10:00 a.m. Following, President John Elrod will address parents in his Report to the Board of Trustees.

In the afternoon, between getting your parents to take you to Wal-mart and Kroger for a shopping spree, try to attend the football game Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. against University of the South. The women's and men's soccer teams will also be competing on Saturday as well as the volleyball team.

Freshmen's parents should not miss the University Chorus and Chamber Singers concert on Friday evening at 9:00 in Lee Chapel. The university acapella groups Southern Comfort, Jubilee, and General Admission will



Photo courtesy of The Calyx

On Saturday, parents will have the opportunity to enjoy gourmet food provided by Dining Services at a luncheon on the Front Lawn.

also be performing. Freshman Jubilee member Elizabeth Slonaker said, "I am looking forward to letting my Friday and Saturday, and they will be attending both."

Professors are looking forward to Parents Weekend as well. For new philosophy professor Jack Wilson, this will be his first Parents Weekend experience at Washington and Lee. At previous schools he has attended, students' parents did not come to Parents Weekend much less attend classes; however, he feels this is an excellent opportunity for parents to see that they are getting their money's worth. "It is great that parents get to see what students are doing. I like Parents Weekend and I hope parents will participate in class. I'm sure they will ask questions."

## W&L family welcomes new members to faculty

BY B.J. WALKER  
Phi STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee welcomed 16 new undergraduate faculty members this fall. W&L always strives to attract the highest quality professors, and this group is no exception.

They bring a wide diversity of educational and professional experiences to W&L, including two alumni, an award-winning NBC reporter, and a 24 year old planetary geologist. The following received appointments for the 1996-97 school year: Alison Bell ('91), instructor, department of sociology and anthropology; Lloyd Dobyns ('57), visiting professor, department of journalism and mass communication; Martha S. Gilmore, duPont ABD Fellow, department of geology; Andrew Grant-Thomas, ABD Fellow, department of politics; Jeff A. Hollier, assistant professor, department of psychology; Andrew J. Kirkendall, assistant professor, department of history; Anne Massey, assistant professor, romance languages; W. Hearne Pardee, assistant professor (part-time), department of art; Pamela Potter-Hennessey, assistant professor, department of art; Terry Vosbein, assistant professor, department of music, and Scott Williamson, conductor, University

Chorus, department of music.

In addition, the following have received tenure-track appointments beginning this fall. They are: Marc Conner, assistant professor, department of English; Francoise Fregnac-Clave, assistant professor, department of romance languages; Jack A. Wilson, assistant professor, department of philosophy; and John W. Tombarge, assistant professor, reference librarian. Also, Hugh Blackmer has been appointed to the tenure-track position of assistant professor, science librarian.

W&L's reputation as a top-notch academic institution has not been lost on the new faculty. "I was interested in W&L because of its commitment to undergraduate education," said Professor Conner English. So far, the new faculty have been generally impressed with the university. "I've been most impressed by the friendliness of the students. Everyone is well-mannered," said Conner.

The Honor Code has also made a major impression. "I am very pleased with the honor system," said Professor Wilson of philosophy. "It works well."

Even the new science center has made an favorable impression. "It's exactly as it should be," said Professor Gilmore of geology. "Everything in the department is excellent."

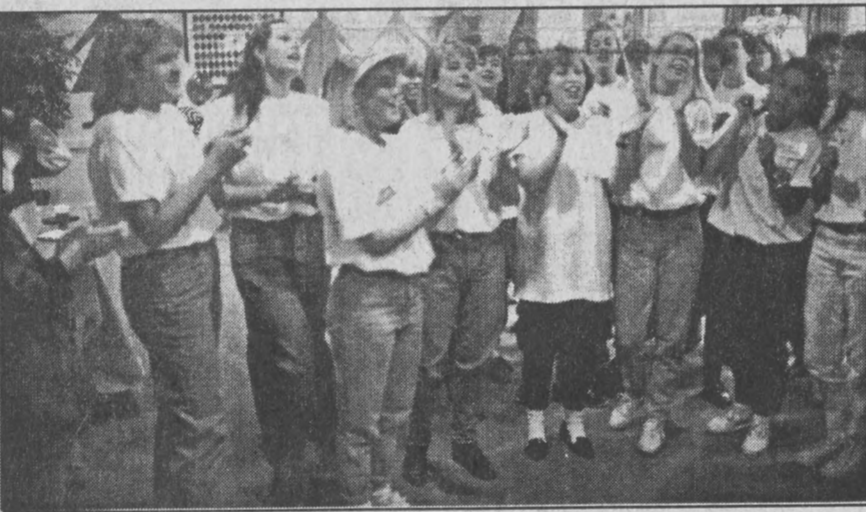


Photo by David Daves

This year's Women's Rush will begin with Rush Registration on November 3 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Science Center.

## Outlook for Greek Rush positive despite changes

BY LIZ DETTER  
Phi STAFF WRITER

"Washington and Lee is a big Greek school." So says the Princeton Review. Here at W&L, we have one of the largest Greek scenes in the country, with 65% of women in sororities and 80% of men in fraternities. Greek life is an ingrained part of W&L tradition, but this year some traditions have been changed, and new ones are being started.

This year, for the first time ever, men's and women's rush will occur simultaneously during the first week of Winter

Term. "We're starting a new tradition of having Bid Night and Tear Night on the same day," said Panhellenic Rush Chair Laurence Phillips, "I think it will work out really well."

Women's rush has traditionally been a lengthy process which stretched over the first week and a half of January. This year it has been consolidated into parties on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Phillips praised the shortened Rush schedule, "There had been com-

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## Commons building development commences with "Five Year Plan"

BY KATHRYN MAYURNICK  
Phi STAFF WRITER

The Board of Trustees passed the "five year plan" last Saturday, paving the way for Washington and Lee's first student commons. "The five year plan is a set of objectives for the next five years, one of them being the proposed student commons," President John W. Elrod said.

The idea for the student commons was proposed over ten years ago and was formally discussed last year by a committee consisting of members of the administration, a law school representative and two undergraduates, Anthony Mazzarelli and Maggie Ogilvie. "The student commons will serve to desocialize the library," says Mazzarelli. "Some of the ideas include a post office, an ATM, and additional parking." Mazzarelli also states, "The commons will have more of an impact on the school than any other issue since I've been a student here."

Other plans for the student commons include student offices, a food court, a game room, and an improved exercise facility. "The Gaines exercise facility is often overcrowded and the weight room in the gym has similar problems. The new student commons could also accommodate aerobics classes" said Dean Leroy

"Buddy" Atkins. "We have also considered a theater which would replace the Troubadour and would be large enough to accommodate more people," Atkins said. The commons would also have a "den" where students could socialize and relax. Another dining hall, which would serve upperclass students, might also be added.

W&L has hired the design consulting firm Dobber, Craig and Lidsky Associates from Boston to examine the concept and the program, as well as explore sites for the structure. The firm will then discuss their findings with the members of the administration, the faculty and the Steering Committee for the University Commons. "This is a very preliminary step but a very necessary one," Elrod said. "Once that's done, we can start thinking about where we want to build it."

The Hiller Group, a master planning firm from Princeton, New Jersey, has recently been hired to look at possible locations. Elrod says they have an idea of where they want to build it but a specific location cannot be divulged until the master planning firm produces its findings.

"The University needs a family room," Elrod said. "The University has places where all its groups can meet except a place where everyone can get together as one does in a family room."

## Counseling groups for female students offer understanding, support

### Victims of sexual assault or rape

A confidential support group will start meeting weekly for Washington and Lee women who have experienced sexual assault/abuse at any time in their lives. This group has been meeting weekly for eight years with the membership always open to new members. Each member signs an agreement of confidentiality at the first meeting.

### Women with eating problems

A support group will begin weekly for women who are dealing with binge eating, binge/purge eating or very restricted eating. If you are facing any of these problems in your daily life, you are invited to join this confidential group which meets weekly.

Please call Carol Calkins, the Counseling Service secretary at 8590 or the Student Health Service at 8401 to learn of times and locations.



# Stifling humor on our campus

**GreenLand**  
Betsy Green '97

You may not know it, but there's a war being waged right here on the pristine campus of Washington and Lee University. No, the war doesn't have anything to do with Winter Rush, the EC, or the SCC. That war is a war on humor. Humor columnists are no longer safe here. I just received a delightful hate-mail letter to the editor in response to pretty much every word I have written this year. And I'm far from the only target. The columnists on *The Trident's* back page have suffered a similar fate. From Lamar Villere's historic battle with Hollins to poor Rebekah having to go into hiding to avoid being mangled by the football team. Anyone who makes a joke is threatened by this new war.

It's true that sometimes we humorists choose controversial subjects. I know that not everyone feels the same way as I do about Parents Weekend. And last year when Glen Miller wrote the words,

*"The people who attack us have no sense of humor, but at least they're reading us!"*

"LAX SUX" in *The Trident*, you can bet there were some people who didn't agree with him.

Political columnists choose controversial subjects every week. Laura Knapp, the left-wing columnist for *The Ring-tum Phi* could probably suggest that we provide welfare mothers with crack and

Barry White records (y'know, for romance so they could have more illegitimate children to beat) and no one would utter a word of protest. But let someone make a joke and that's it.

My column was criticized for not being nice (rather ironic, considering the venomous tone of the letter). I can't disagree with the assertion that I make fun of the people and things I see around me. But I think my colleagues over at *The Trident* would agree that this is where we find humor. And all of the things I satirize affectionately. Believe me, there are things in this world I could be savage about and you wouldn't read about them here.

Okay, I made fun of Kevin, the guy I went to my first homecoming with, but since that happened SEVEN YEARS AGO, I bet Kevin himself would laugh about it, too. And I've noticed that *The Trident* columnists, like me, are glad to make fun of themselves, too.

And here's a thought—if we are always nice, how could we be funny? Maybe those poor souls waging the war against humorists have some suggestions for us. However, I suspect that without a little sarcasm, irony, satire, or caricature, we'd be limited to bad puns and knock-knock jokes.

I hope you all don't think if you don't write a humor column that this war doesn't affect you. The war on humor hurts all of us. We humor columnists have a simple mission. We try, every week, to make you laugh, or at least smile. In the sanitized, innocuous world our detractors want you to live in, your only laughs will come when Urkel is in drag.

Fellow humorists, take heart. The people who attack us have no sense of humor, but at least they're reading us! Let's consider this hate mail a badge of honor. To everyone else, fight to power and keep laughing while you still can.

## Quote of the Week:

**"Oh God! I just voted for the Taxpayer's Party."**

- anonymous senior mispunching her absentee ballot

## The Ring-tum Phi welcomes all letters to the editor!

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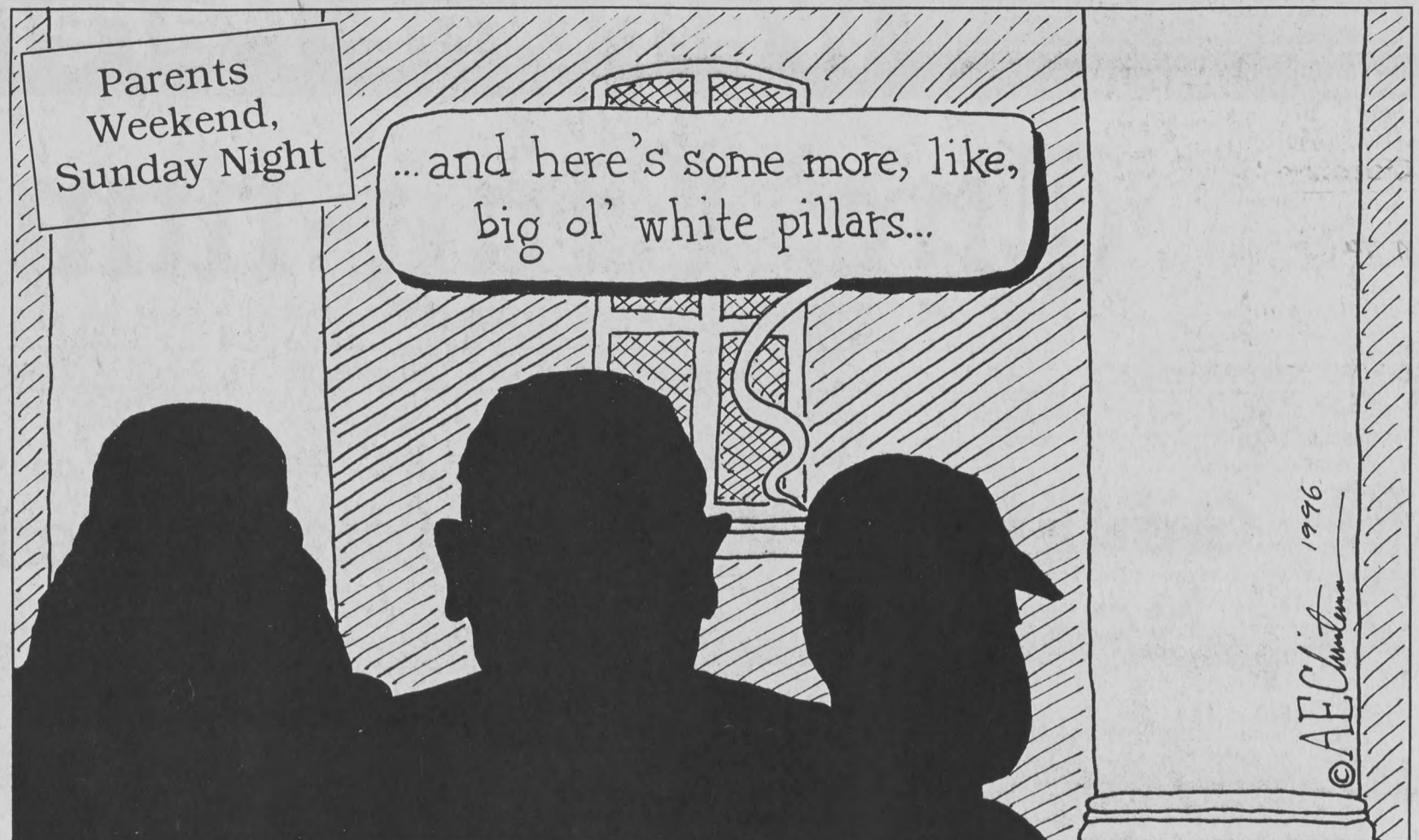
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# Decision '96: Dole vs. Clinton Issue #4: The Character Debate

Countdown to the election...

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*Everyone have their absentee ballots handy? Most need to arrive at the polling place the day of the election, so fill them out and send them in (quickly, knowing how slow the Lexington Post Office is). The election is under two weeks away, and depending on where you live, you still have time.*

*Until the last presidential debate, character had been avoided as a topic of debate, but as an act of desperation, Dole decided to uncock the issue. Because he did, The Ring-tum Phi decided to resurrect it also.*

*Do Americans care about the character of our politicians? The answers vary, but it does seem that our country is going through a values schizophrenia right now. The politicians are screaming about "family values," and USA Today even devoted special sections in three consecutive papers on the subject in August.*

*In almost every poll about the subject since June, the respondents have replied that Dole has a better character and is more trustworthy than Clinton, and cited character as an issue. But Clinton continues to build a lead that might end up in an election resembling 1984.*

*On the right again this week is Jason Zacher '98, The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Editor. On the left will be Laura Knapp (actually class of '99), our Democratic columnist.*

*Should character be an issue when we choose our next president? Read on, then decide for yourself.*

- Jason Zacher  
Editorial Editor

*Disregard personal histories, and consider a candidate's political record*

From the Left

Laura Knapp '99

In a last ditch effort—and a desperate one at that—Bob Dole has begun to attack the character of Bill Clinton in an effort to turn around his hopeless attempt of winning the presidency in the waning days of the election. With charges of indiscretion, deception and corruption on the part of the Clinton administration, Dole has forgone trying to win on the sheer force of his ideas and past record, and resorted to mudslinging. The irony of it all though, is that his attacks are having the opposite effect on the polls. As reported in the *New York Times* on Monday, Dole's approval and "trustworthiness" rating has dropped as a result.

Dole's recent strategy begs the question of whether character should be an issue in an election. Most obviously, Bob Dole believes that it should. But amazingly enough American voters do not. In most every poll, when asked who Americans believe to be the most trustworthy, Bob Dole wins hands down. But when those same Americans are then asked who they will vote for, the most popular answer is Bill Clinton. Is this a manifestation of the general fickleness of the American voter or does it illustrate the more profound notion that Americans place more value on past record than on character? The answer is obvious. It is my opinion and most apparently the opinion of the rest of the nation, character is not, and should not be, an issue in any election.

The most important issue in any election and the best way to choose a candidate—especially in regards to an incumbent—is on the basis of past record. It is so easy to attack candidates on the basis of their personal histories—honestly, who does not have something in their past that they are ashamed and embarrassed about? But are such occurrences in a candidate's past really germane to how one governs the nation? Clearly, the answer is no.

No matter his supposed personal failings or assumed marital difficulties, Clinton has been proven himself as a great leader many times in the past four years. He has fulfilled most of his campaign promises—including a total revamping of the welfare system as well as increase in the minimum wage. Clinton deserves to be re-elected.

Throughout the election season, Dole has been unable to convince most voters that he is worthwhile of the office of presidency. The mere fact that Dole has resorted to mudslinging says something about his char-

*"It is so easy to attack candidates on the basis of their personal histories. . . ."*

acter. The information that Dole is now circulating about Clinton has been in the mainstream, and did not damage Clinton the first time around. What makes the Dole campaign think that it will damage Clinton now? Dole is now showing his true colors—he obviously has an unmitigated thirst for power and will resort to slander and innuendo in order to achieve it. Are these the qualities we want in a leader? He should accept his defeat and save some face before he totally ruins his public image.

The character issue is inescapable with Clinton. But one ought to look at his record before they judge him. What one has accomplished in the past is the most important quality in a president. Clinton has proved to the American people, while Dole has failed, that he is the best for the future of our nation.

## Character is an issue, but should have some bounds of decency

From the Right  
Jason Zacher '98

The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Editor

Candidate Dole opened an entirely new issue in the second presidential debate last week, the issue of character. Should character matter in politics? Dole argues yes, criticizing President Clinton on many different issues and scandals surrounding his presidency.

Character should matter in politics, but the people, and especially the media, need to become a bit more reasonable to what extent it should be taken. Do we want an entire generation of young people afraid to go into politics because of some insignificant act they committed while they were in college? No. Ask yourselves this: how many of you did something in these past four years that could become scandalous if the media got wind of it? Probably many of you.

There are issues that do matter. As a people, we need to elect candidates that we can trust and respect. Would George Plunkett (of Tammany Hall fame) be elected today after people learned of his

"honest graft?" Probably not. If we knew of character flaws in Bob Packwood, Dan Rostenkowski, and Marion Barry before they ran for office, would we have elected them? (In Barry's case, I guess so.) These are character flaws that should disqualify them from office in anyone's mind. Character is an issue.

It is the media's charge to be the watchdog and dig for these issues, but we need to reside in some realm of decency. I think that everyone in this nation, except for Senator D'Amato, is a little sick of hearing the words "Whitewater," "Paula Jones," and "Troopergate."

Clinton has done things that are questionable. His "world tour" of anti-war protests makes me question the patriotism of our president. If someone loves the country as much as our president should, he should do what his country asks of him. Thousands of men, like some of our fathers, served our country, right or wrong, when they were called upon. Until the 1960's, this had never been a real issue.

The different scandals that have attached themselves to the Clinton presidency are, for the most part,

meaningless; or Nixon should be taking notes about cover-ups. The fact that Clinton smoked a joint in college does not matter the slightest bit, and certainly does not impair the way he governs today (if there will be those who disagree). If this

*"Thousands of men, like some of our fathers, served our country, right or wrong, when they were called upon."*

were a habitual problem of his, it would become a major character issue. I would not want our president lighting a joint when our country is attacked.

Is there something to Paula Jones, and the gaggle of other

femmes that have accused him of sexual misconduct? I do not doubt it, he is probably more unfaithful to Hillary than Kennedy and Johnson combined. "Troopergate" will be decided long after Clinton leaves office.

I am probably going to get hate mail this week for not slamming the questionable Clinton morality, but until something can be proven, the last time I checked, this country still operated on the "innocent until proven guilty" idea. Correct me if I am wrong. Both parties can sling as much mud as they want, but if there is no proof, it does not mean a thing.

I have been labeled by people as an "arch-conservative." I do believe that character is a major issue, but we, as an entire country, need to understand that someone's past needs to be viewed in perspective. We would all like a president that follows the Honor Code, but this is politics.

When the election is over, and the victory party is finished, we will have a president whose character is questioned repeatedly, and a loser who returns with his virtue



## Lenfest debuts *Earnest* for Parents Weekend

By KELLEY TOTTEN  
Phi Staff Writer

Some Washington and Lee students want to show their community a Wilde time in Lenfest Center.

W&L's theater department opens its fall season Friday at 9 p.m. in the Johnson Theater with *The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde.

With its contrived plot and "happily ever after ending," the play creates a hysterical farce of Victorian society. Wilde turns the stage into a circus of dialogue, where what is said one minute is immediately contradicted the next.

"We live in an age of ideals," one character says in the first act. Yet the ideals of these characters are just plain wacky: the young women will only love a man if his name is Ernest; the mother is delighted that her daughter's suitor is ignorant; and a girl's fictional diary accounts are treated as reality, simply because they are written down.

"There's some really snappy little bits of dialogue that still make me laugh every time I see it, even though I've been watching it every night for a week," said lighting designer Ethan Krupp.

Director Al Gordon chose the play with the help of senior theater major Dan Tipton, who is completing his thesis by playing the part of Jack Worthing.

"It is a good play for student actors," said Gordon. "It is genuinely funny and different from playing straight,

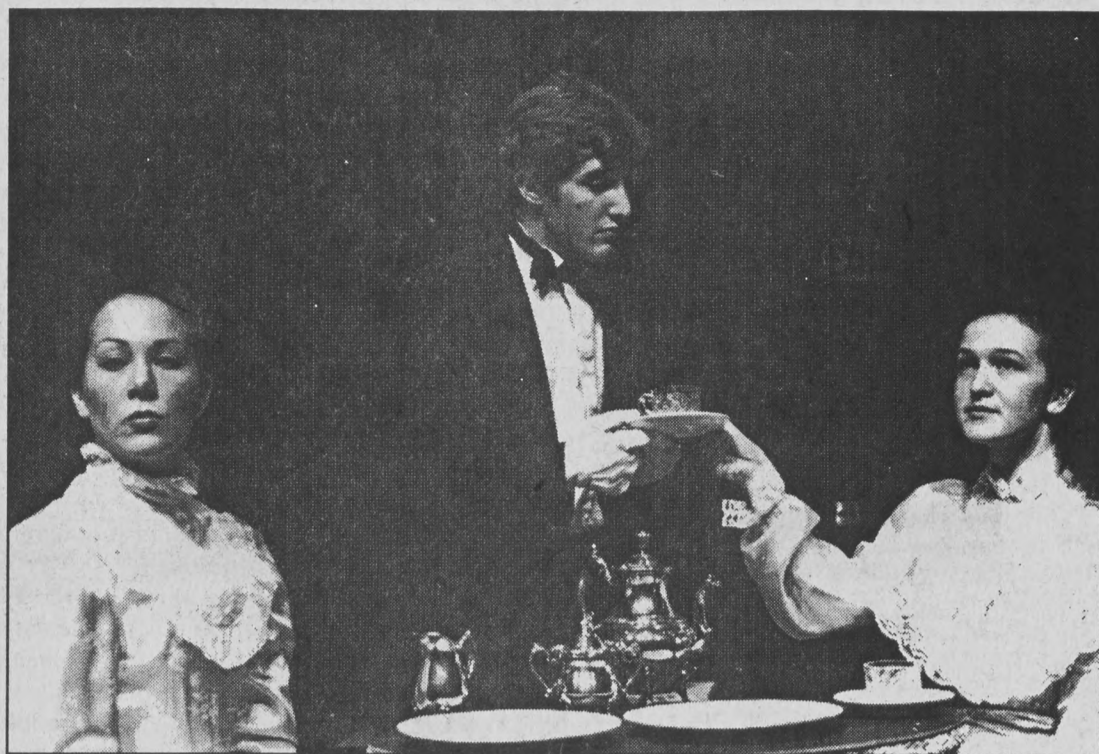


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Would you like some tea with your silence?

Gwendolen (Mackenzie Caldwell) and Cecily (Susannah Carr) share tea, cake, and a calculated snub.

realistic characters."

Tipton, who originally wanted to play Algernon Moncrief, decided that Jack's character was more in accordance with his own personality.

"The whole play is about facades and my character is acting within the play itself," Tipton said. "It's a challenge just trying to uphold the facade."

It was Wilde's clever one-liners and humorous characters that attracted the actors to their roles.

"I get to be a womanizing jerk, which is kind of fun," said sophomore Wes Armstrong who plays Algernon. "I love to get laughs on stage."

Freshman Mackenzie Caldwell puts on airs as Gwendolyn Fairfax.

"She's fun to play because she thinks she's better than everyone," she said. "It's a fun attitude to pretend."

While members of the cast have nothing but enthusiasm for the production, a few technicalities have caused the actors angst.

"Those damn muffins we have to eat taste like dry egg whites," complained Tipton.

Both Tipton and Armstrong complain about wanting hair cuts. Tipton had to dye his hair and grow out what he describes as a "townie" mustache for his part.

"I think Gordon just likes messing around with our hair," he said.

*Earnest* is the first student production in Lenfest to follow the success of last spring's *Noises Off*. With a striking resemblance to the cast of *Noises Off* - Wes Armstrong, Adrienne Bryant, Susannah Carr, T.W. Leshner and Dan Tipton star in both - the situational comedy in

*Earnest* should create as many laughs as the physical comedy in *Noises Off*, said Gordon.

"[*Earnest*] is not running-around-with-your-clothes-off funny," Krupp said, "but it is still a riot."

Showtimes:

Oct. 25 at 9 p.m.  
Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.  
Oct. 26, 27, 29, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m.  
(Oct. 25 and 26 - all shows are sold out)

Cast:

Wes Armstrong - Algernon  
Adrienne Leigh Bryant - Lady Bracknell  
Mackenzie Smyth Cladwell - Gwendolyn  
Susannah Virginia Carr - Cecily  
Alex Christensen - Merriman  
T.W. Leshner - Lane  
Rebecca Rose Makkai - Miss Prism  
Brian J. Prisco - Rev. Chasuble  
Dan Tipton - Jack

Al Gordon - Director

Tom Anderson - Technical Director  
Christine Bragg - Stage Manager  
Matthew Kirby-Smith - Assist. Stage Manager

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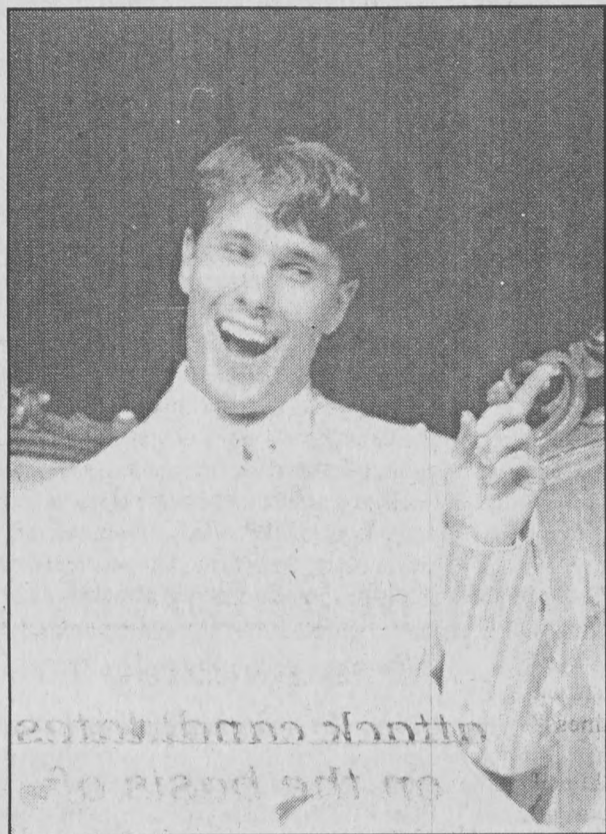


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"My name is Ernest in town..."

Jack (Dan Tipton '97) tells all in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

## Fans find Nirvana in *The Banks of the Wishkah*

By ERIKA WOODSON  
Phi Staff Writer

Ok, kiddies. Put on the old thinking caps. What is that one thing that you've really regretted not doing? Sure, you may say something like studying for that last History test or even not asking that certain girl in your lab section to Homecoming, but I know what you are really thinking: "Man, never seeing Nirvana in concert was the biggest mistake of my life to date."

Now most of you, despite this deep and extremely painful regret, were able to pick up the shattered pieces of your life and move on. For those of you who couldn't, or who are fifteen, there's a new live album out by Nirvana.

From the *Muddy Banks of the Wishkah* is Nirvana's second posthumous release following the suicide of Kurt Cobain. Whereas *Unplugged in New York* was a morning piece (sobering, sad, and released less than a year after Cobain's death), *Wishkah* is a celebration of what Nirvana was—a really awesome (and please forgive me) alternative band.

*Wishkah* spans the entire period of Nirvana's popularity. The impressive 17 tracks were hand-picked by surviving band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic and the performances date from 1989 to mere months before Cobain's suicide. The album includes songs from all of their major releases and even includes a previously unreleased song—"Spank Thru."

The album starts off with an "Intro" (i.e., Kurt engaging in some throat-peeling screaming), but once you get past that delightful track, the album

is great. Change that. It RAWKS. Although there is no jamming or improvisational drifting so common to most live albums, the darlings of the Seattle grunge scene prove themselves quite capable of reproducing their studio sound on stage.

Did you like *Bleach*? "School," "Blew," and "Negative Creep" capture the raw energy of that first Sub Pop release. Do you consider yourself a *Nevermind* fan? The live version of "Drain You" rocks my

world. "Polly," "Smells Like Teen Spirit," "Lithium," and "Breed" also represent Nirvana's first major release and U.S. success. For those of you who jumped on the *In Utero* poser bandwagon, don't worry...the big hit "Heart-Shaped Box" is there, along with "tourette's," "Milk It," and "Scentless Apprentice." The big fans will recognize the tracks from b-side compilation *Incesticide*—the catchy tunes of "Aneurysm," "Been a Son," and "Sliver." "Spank Thru," one of the original Nirvana songs, is a more than decent addition to this mini-anthology.

Overall, it's a really good album if you are a Nirvana fan—an excellent addition and closing piece to your discography. All of the tracks (well, most of them) are very familiar songs to the band and the fans alike. If you're not that crazy about Nirvana, I'd advise you to save your money. After all, I hear there's a new Phish album out. But, if you were one of those hiding among us who are ready to correct one large sad regret in your life, get this album now. It's just like a Nirvana concert, only without that fear of getting hit in the head by flying beer bottles.

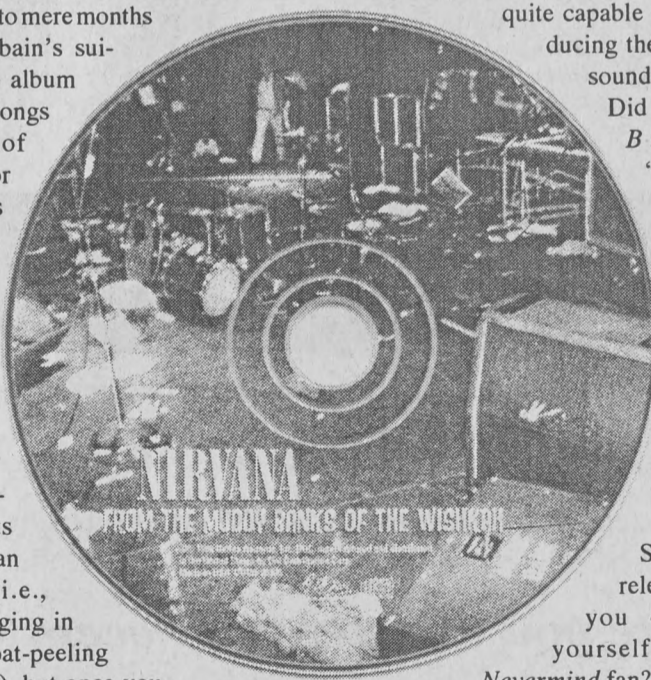


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## Woods Creek Grocery re-opens to delight of W&L

By DAVID BALSLEY  
Phi Features Editor

"Open Now Hoo Ray," shouts the sign outside the newly reopened Woods Creek Grocery. Patrons of the store have been doing a little "hooray-ing" of their own; won over by the grocery's freshly cooked meals, students and faculty of Washington and Lee have been patronizing the store in increasing numbers.

Woods Creek Grocery reopened on Thursday, October 16. The former owner had leased the grocery for three years. Mellie Strickler, the current proprietor of the establishment, snatched the opportunity to buy it in September and made some improvements to the store before reopening it.

"It's a little bit lighter and brighter," stated Strickler. "We cleaned it up and painted it."

Woods Creek Grocery is a modestly-sized grocery with a convenience-store variety of supplies, canned and dry goods, refrigerated dairy products, beverages, and, of course, beer. What distinguishes it,

"I make everything fresh," Strickler commented.

Woods Creek Grocery offers fresh muffins, which Strickler bakes every morning, hot soups, and cooked meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Strickler prepares the meals each day with fresh



Photo courtesy of Mellie Strickler

Woods Creek Grocery brings groceries and hot meals to Lime Kiln Road.

## Close but no cigar: The Ghost and the Darkness



★★ of 4 stars;  
jumbled

The pitch:  
"It'll be like  
*Jaws* in da  
jungle."

Val Kilmer is an excellent actor. Michael Douglas is not. So right away, you know that a movie pairing the two is going to be a bit uneven.

*The Ghost and the Darkness* is based on a true story about two lions who killed 130 people over a nine-month period in 1898 while being pursued by a bridge engineer, John Patterson (Val Kilmer) and a professional hunter, Remington (Michael Douglas). Patterson has been assigned to build the bridge in Tsavo, east Africa, and so killing the lions and getting on with the work is his passion. Douglas is motivated by the thrill of the hunt.

This is a sound premise for a movie, but really, to make a "true story" convincing, you have got to put some imagination into it. You can't just plunge us into the facts as they occurred and expect much impact. This is what director Stephen Hopkins has done, however. The director of such classics as *Nightmare on Elm Street 5: A Dream Child*, *Predator 2*, *Dangerous Game*, and *Blown Away* has brought us another film in the same vein, with completely undeveloped characters and brainless, hard-to-follow action.

Of course, there really are only two characters in the film anyway, Patterson and Remington, Kilmer and Douglas. You would think that enough had changed in Hollywood since the 1930s-50s, the heyday of the African action-adventure, that perhaps one of the Africans might turn into a real character, such as in Bob Rafelson's *The Mountains of the Moon*, an excellent and exciting film about the discovery of the source of the Nile which is available on video. But, alas, Samuel (John Kani), the native sidekick, is a rather one-dimensional character. Luckily, this is not as much of an insult as it might have been, since Patterson and Remington have something like one and a quarter to one and a half dimensions themselves. The only character who can really complain is Abdullah (Om Puri), the unofficial leader of the Arab workers, who is constantly either threatening or running for his life. Isn't that just like an Arab? (Hint: Certainly, at least, not as much as Hollywood would make it appear.)

Kilmer and Douglas don't do much with the dimensions they are given anyway. Kilmer seems to think he is Marlon Brando from *The Young Lions*, and he poses and grimaces and hides behind a fakey Irish brogue when he feels uncomfortable. He did a good Brando in *The Island of Dr. Moreau*, but this time he flops. Presumably he saw how few lines he had in the film, and, instead of demanding that they write a character for him, he figured Patterson was just taciturn. He should probably be more like stoic and thoughtful. Oh, well. Douglas plays Remington like an aging Wild Bill showing off his aging stuff for the Wild West Show, instead of as a real killer or a serious hunter.

Then there's Emily Mortimer, who plays Helena, Patterson's wife. I don't know if it's her character or her acting which is more annoying, but if she had been cut from the picture entirely, it would have made little difference. She is doing some kind of incomprehensible accent which is not even recognizable as Irish. And her annoying presence, fondly and anxiously recalled by Kilmer in the field in Africa, supplies none of the nostalgia it should. You think, well, yes, he might go back for the baby, but her? Which is not what you should be thinking.

And then there are the lions. As in *Jaws* or whatever else, *Predator 2*, whatever, who cares, the actual stalking killers are really only glimpsed for the most part. In *Jaws* or whatever, say, *Predator 2*, the actual monster, when seen, is actually frightening. These lions look like stop-motion digital creations (which is what they ARE), and when they leap on their hapless victims, you wish you were watching a movie with really good effects, like Ray Harryhausen's in *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*. We don't need no steinking digital effects.

Overall, this is a classic example of the recent rather silly trend toward building half-hearted movies around no story and some Big Effect, like the dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park* or the twisters in *Twister*. It can work. This time it didn't. Soon, you may see movies actually focusing on the story again and letting the effects serve that. But don't hold your breath.

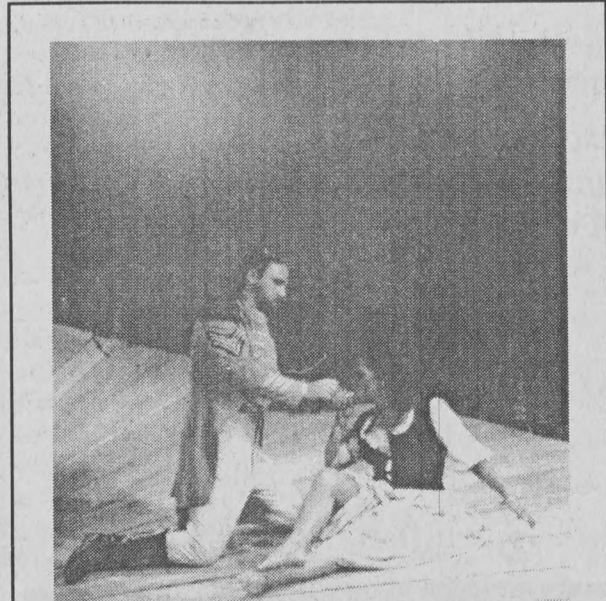


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A love triangle in Lenfest:  
Carmen visits W&L

The Opera Northeast company presented Carmen on October 22 and 23 at Washington and Lee's Lenfest Center



# President must lead CPI reform to affect changes in Social Security

## MY VIEW

Liz Detter, '98

In the October 16 debate, Bob Dole complained that Bill Clinton is trying to scare senior citizens by twisting his ideas to cut taxes and reduce the deficit into plans to reduce Social Security benefits. Dole and Clinton agreed that a bipartisan commission should be appointed to study Social Security and come up with a plan to keep it viable.

The next day, October 17, a front-page story in *The Washington Post* reported that Social Security benefits for 60 million retirees are set to rise by 2.9% to match cost-of-living increases according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The article went on to explain that the CPI can overstate the annual rate of inflation by up to 1 percentage point.

When we're talking about a 2.9% COLA, 1 percentage point is quite a bit of inaccuracy. Perhaps that long-awaited bi-partisan committee to rescue Social Security ought to start by looking at the efficacy of COLA adjustments based on the CPI.

The Consumer Price Index is based on the prices of a basket of goods.

There are two different types of CPIs presently calculated from household Consumer Expenditure Surveys. The first type is called the CPI-W, which was established around World War I and covers

roughly 30% of the population. This index includes households whose primary earners are clerical workers or wage-earners.

The second type of index is the CPI-U, which was established in 1978 and covers about 80% of the population, including professionals, self-employed individuals, retirees, and those out of the labor force. The CPI-W, which does not include the spending patterns

According to John Makin and Norman Ornstein's book *Debt and Taxes*, the CPI is not an accurate measure of inflation's impact on the elderly. The CPI assumes the regular purchase of houses and cars, not the sorts of things most elderly people do.

The American Association of Retired Persons has supported the development of a third type of CPI which would accurately indicate the spending patterns of the elderly population.

This index would be known as the CPI-E, and would factor in the high level of spending on health care by older people. However the AARP says that due to current budget constraints, they doubt that the government will fund the initial outlay of capital necessary to research and develop the Consumer Expenditure Surveys.

The long-awaited Social Security review commission has the perfect opportunity to develop a more intelligent means of determining COLAs for Social Security benefits. A more specialized CPI for retirees would clearly indicate the necessary adjustments for Social Security and could help to keep the entitlement program viable longer.

Once the dust settles after the election, the President (whether Dole or Clinton) must lead the way to tackle the sacred cow of Social Security.

*"...the CPI is not an accurate measure of inflation's impact on the elderly"*

of retired people, has been used to determine COLAs for Social Security since the 1970s. It is not an accurate reflector of the costs of living for the elderly.

According to *The Post*, the major factors in the increase on the CPI were an increase in the price of fall clothes, the reinstated federal tax on airline tickets, and the higher price of new cars. How many grandmas and grandpas went out and bought a new wardrobe this fall, a new car, and are zipping around the world on airplanes?

# Letters to The Ring-tum Phi

## Freshman finds GreenLand insensitive

To the Editor:

There is an old adage I am sure most student at W&L are familiar with. It reads, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." I am afraid that Betsy Green seems to have forgotten this advice. There is a point where commentary becomes slander and humor becomes mockery, and her "GreenLand" has blurred that division into nonexistence. I had planned to write this letter a week ago, but decided to hold off and see if the article that had irked me was only a fluke. I was disappointed to see that it was, in fact, a fair representation of her work.

First, a brief comment regarding her October 5 column on homecoming. While I understand the difficulty in coming up with amusing topics, I do not find it particularly funny to read about how terrible her high school's football team was, or how she and her friend attempted to dodge dates, who I'm sure did not find the situation quite so droll as Ms. Green. Also, I fail to see the humor in reading a lengthy description of how drunk she's become on past homecomings. While I recognize that overconsumption of alcohol is rampant on campus, it is a problem that needs to be addressed rather than a quaint habit to be made into a joke. Also, in regards to her recent remarks on Parent's Weekend, I can say only this: saying that any age is

too old to show affection to a parent, and making such a sexually slanted suspicion on college-age girls who hold hands with their fathers says more about the person making the veiled accusation than the people who love their parents and aren't afraid to show it.

My main complaint about GreenLand, however, enters on her column of September 27, which had very harsh words for our next-door neighbor, Virginia Military Institute. Now I must confess some bias in regards to this issue. I am one of those who has "Save the Males" bumper stickers and I even have the shirt she mentioned so derisively. Obviously Ms. Green does not share these sentiments, but some of her attempts at humor at the expense of VMI's traditions and regimen show a serious lack of understanding of those very traditions.

First and foremost, most cadets are not upset at the thought of admitting women. It is not the idea of female cadets to which they object. The problem begins when the women demand separate standards, which, as experiences such as The Citadel show, inevitably will. Ms. Green mocks the tradition of shaved heads for rats and the strenuous physical exertion and verbal abuse they are subjected to. She has a legitimate point that some VMI matriculants do drop out under the strain. (These people are never referred to as rats, by the way. That name refers only to those who remain.)

The point of the shirt she mentioned is that these women should be subjected to as brutal an experience as men. It should not be

watered down just because it seems cruel. If these women really want to go to VMI, they should be just as brutalized as male rats. I must also take issue with her implied criticism of Ring Figure parties. Let's see—once a year, the cadets go out and have a huge, wild party involving drunken reveling. This makes them from W&L in what way? Oh, of course—W&L has wild parties involving ninety percent of the student body every weekend, while VMI has them once a year. Well, that certainly gives W&L the moral high ground.

Yes, VMI lost the Supreme Court case. That doesn't mean they have to like it. I also find it hysterical that she hopes VMI women will help "feminize" Lexington. Even if they have the inclination to shop at Victoria's Secret, I'm afraid that image doesn't fit with the regulation clothing they will be issued. If Ms. Green thinks that the level of regulation is unfair, I can only repeat that this is what makes VMI the school it is.

I don't wish to sound as though I have no sense of humor. I am simply tired of reading a column that, in an attempt to be humorous, instead comes off as snarky and biting. Ms. Green's self-indulgent ramblings are not amusing. I hope she will consider the tone of her articles in the future, and really think about whether they are funny to anyone but her.

Oh, about Ring Figure: no one I've spoken to, and I've spoken to quite a few, has ever seen or would ever dream of wearing a "big fluffy" white dress to the formal.

- Jennifer Quail '00

# Wind Ensemble to perform Saturday

By KELLEY TOTTEN  
Phi Staff Writer

The horns will ring out, the trumpets will herald, and the saxes will swing when the Washington and Lee University Wind Ensemble makes its Parents Weekend debut Saturday night at 7 p.m. in Keller Theater.

"The students here are multi-talented," said director Barry Kolman who will prove his point when he hands over his baton to junior Emily Frampton to conduct a song.

Kolman thought Frampton, who took his conducting class last spring, would accentuate the diverse talents of the ensemble. She will conduct "Victory at Sea" by Richard Rodgers.

"I was a field commander in high school for two years, so it's not like conducting in front of a crowd is new or different," said Frampton, who also plays the saxophone in the ensemble. "But being in front of an audience at W&L is a new experience for me."

The program includes an arrangement of "Les Miserables" and music from the John Wayne western, *The Cowboys*. The ensemble will also perform "A Movement for Rosa," a powerful and dramatic piece memorializing civil rights hero Rosa Parks, "Festivo" by Edward Gregson and "American Pageant" by Thomas Knox. The concert will end with the crowd-pleasing tradition, the "W&L Swing".

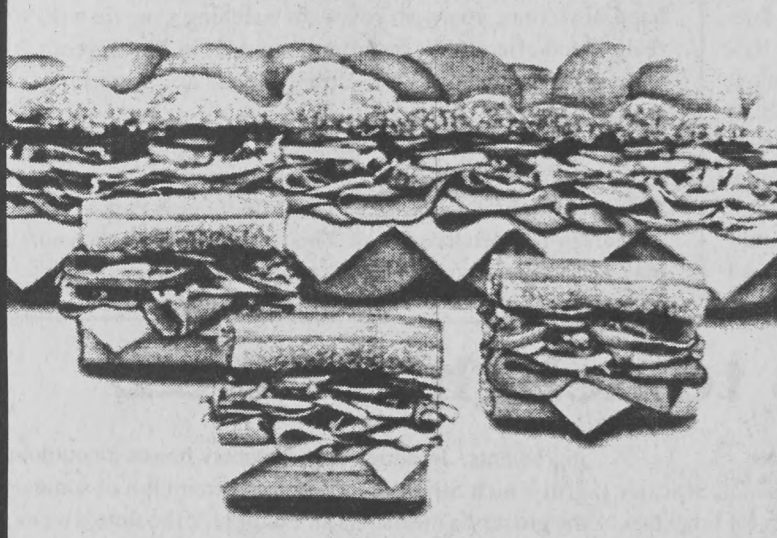
"The only setback is we did not have enough time to practice," said Aaron Brotherton, principal trumpet. "But when we get up there on stage, I think we'll make it work for our parents."

Kolman wants to introduce his students to a variety of music and help them develop a sense of belonging to the ensemble. He emphasizes that his class is unique to many of the other courses at W&L because the students want to participate.

"We have strong players in every section," principal horn player Vanessa Hall said. "When we get this close to a concert, everyone gets more intense and focuses on the music and their performance."


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## Greeks prepare for revised Rush

RUSH, from page 1

plaints about [Rush] interfering with classes. We wanted to have it before people got bogged down with work."

An additional benefit of the shortened Rush is less stress for both sorority women and rushees. Phillips stated, "Shorter Rush takes the strain of decorating for Rush off the sororities so that they can focus on the rushees."

Sorority members concur, "Shortened Rush takes the focus away from decorations," said Millie Heatwole, a junior. This comes as a relief to women who have spent the beginning of Winter Term inflating balloons and papering the walls since sororities inception at W&L.

In Red Square and Davidson Park, the changes in men's Rush were initially less well-received. Fraternities were apprehensive last year when the administration moved Rush from fall to winter. Nonetheless, Anthony Mazzarelli, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council commented, "It seems like it's going well. We're happier about it than we thought we would be. We can't really tell how successful it is until we get the numbers. If the numbers are good, I'd say [Winter Rush] is a success."

Fraternity members were largely unwilling to discuss pre-Rush activities on the record, but those who did said that they have been getting to know the freshmen. According to senior Kevin Alexander, "Freshmen are invited to most fraternity parties. There are no guest lists at the door. But there are some things that are closed only to brothers."

Mazzarelli said that freshmen can get to know fraternities as much as they like, within certain rules. "There are no contact rules like the girls. They hang out all fall, wherever they want. But they can't go to fraternity houses on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

There has also been discussion of revising hazing regulations. A forum was held on Wednesday to discuss a new approach toward hazing. Dean Howison and Mazzarelli hosted the forum. "Almost all of the fraternities were represented," said Mazzarelli, "We had a really good turnout."

Rush rules are another part of the changes that have taken place in both men's and women's Rush. "There used to be contact rules during [fraternity] Rush. There used to be closed contact,

casual contact, and open contact," Mazzarelli said. These restrictions have been nixed to allow more liberal contact rules.

Panhellenic has also eliminated some restrictive Rush rules by cutting down the period of closed contact. Closed contact rules prohibited non-academic relationships between Greeks and rushees, the point being to prevent dirty rushing. Closed contact for women began with Rush registration in October and ended with Bid Day in January. This year, casual contact will extend throughout Fall Term.

Underclass men and women have already begun to form opinions about the Greek organizations on campus, just as fraternity brothers and sorority sisters check out the prospective rushees. Panhellenic sponsored a pre-Rush open party for women on October 13. Non-greek and Greek women mixed, snacked on cookies and lemonade, and got to know the Kappa Deltas visiting from UVA. Phillips remarked, "It went really well. The KDs were really excited to be there. They're enthusiastic about colonizing at W&L."

"I thought the Rush party was good because the freshmen got to meet upperclassmen and the KDs from UVA," said freshman Sally Moody. I was able to meet a lot of girls I had not met before.

Both men and women admit that they have started to get a feel for the Greek scene. One freshman male, who requested anonymity, said, "I do have some ideas, but I'm nowhere ready to commit."

Likewise, freshman Anna Parris said, "Many of my friends have shared stereotypes which they've heard about each sorority. I hope to meet more people through Rush mixers. Then I can form my own opinions about each sorority and judge which one is for me."

The IFC and Panhel encourage freshmen to begin getting to know upperclassmen. They remind students that fraternity registration will be in mid-November, and sorority registration is due at the next open party, on November 3.

The outlook for Rush is positive. Despite some of the changes to Rush this year, widespread involvement in Greek life is one W&L tradition that should remain intact. After all, we have a national reputation as one "big Greek school."

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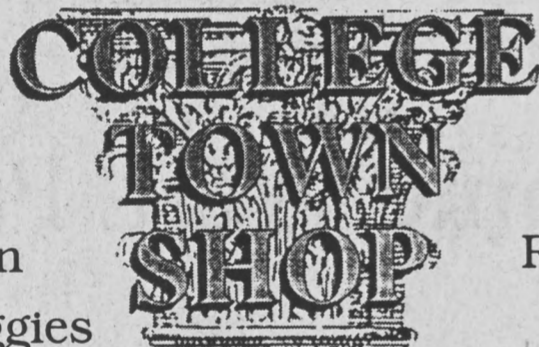
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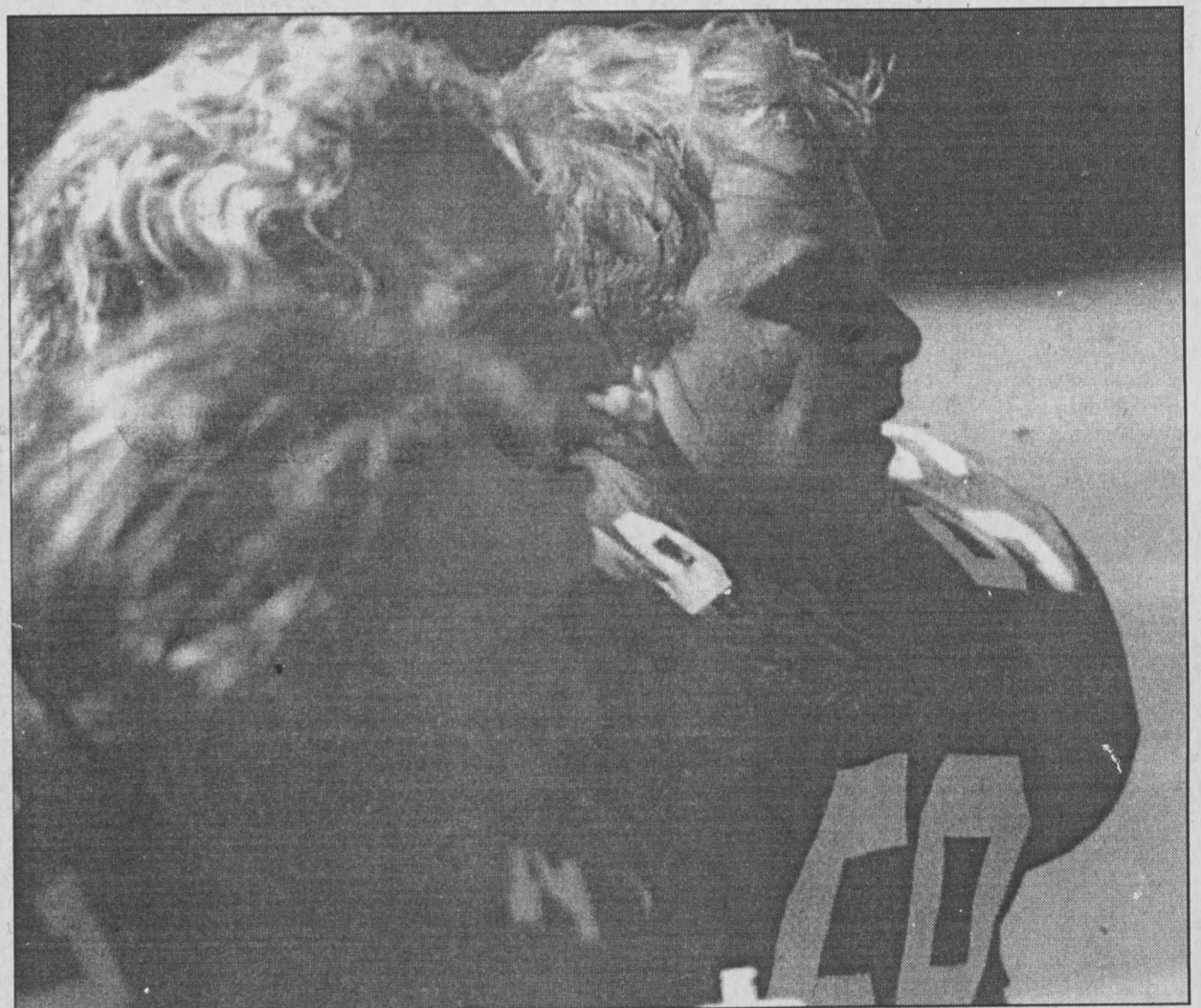


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Omar Moneim, Matt Luka and Travis Wisdom watch W&L's offensive unit during a recent game. Wisdom's season was cut short last weekend when he sustained a fractured ankle.

### Football, from page 8

ior defensive end Jack Boyd recovered the ball for the Generals on this critical play.

"That," Fischer said, "was the dif-

ference."

W&L took advantage of the opportunity. The Generals ran the ball to the 15-yard line on four plays before a pass interference call against the Tigers moved it to a first down on the

five. Junior tailback Seth McKinley made his first trip of the season into the end zone two plays later on a one-yard run.

Holbrook nailed the extra point to extend the Generals lead to 17-7 at the start of the fourth quarter.

But with only 6:52 remaining, Hampden-Sydney's Dorion Baker scored for the Tigers on a three-yard run. Rudzinski's extra point attempt went wide, leaving the score at 17-13.

But the Tigers refused to give up. They forced the Generals to give the ball up with 4:30 left in the game. Hampden-Sydney made it to their own 43-yard line. But juniors Jeff McKenna and John Benazzi broke up the Tigers last two pass attempts to preserve the victory for the Generals.

Washington and Lee had its best rushing game of the season against the Tigers, running for 115 yards on 36 carries and picking up two touchdowns.

McKinley had a season-high 53 yards on 14 carries while sophomore tailback Floyd Young ran for a career-high 60 yards on 11 carries.

The Generals' offensive line of Ed Zelozen, Stefan Neumeister, Will Hill, Marc Granger, Matt May, John Sensing and fullback Aaron Wilkinson were key in this effort.

This Saturday the Generals are looking for their second straight win. Only this time they are hoping to defeat the Tigers of the University of the South.

The Generals will host longtime rival Sewanee in front of W&L's moms and dads. Sewanee has posted a 3-2 record so far this season under first-year coach John Windham.

Wilkinson believes that the key for the Generals on Saturday will be increasing the offensive productivity and playing more consistently.

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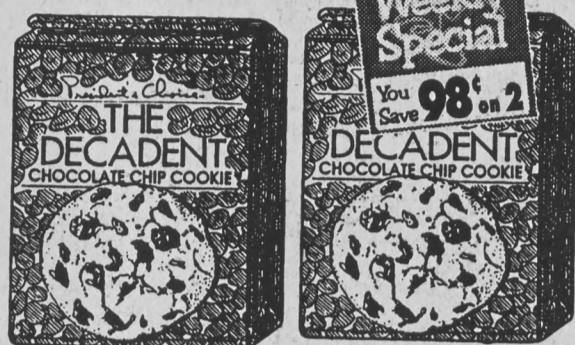


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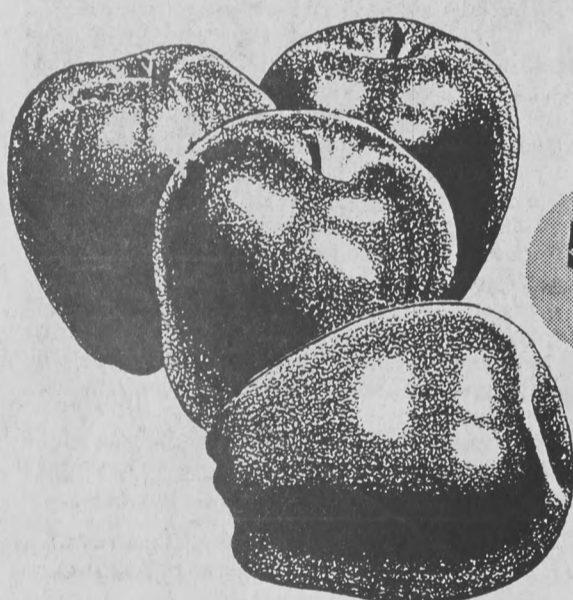
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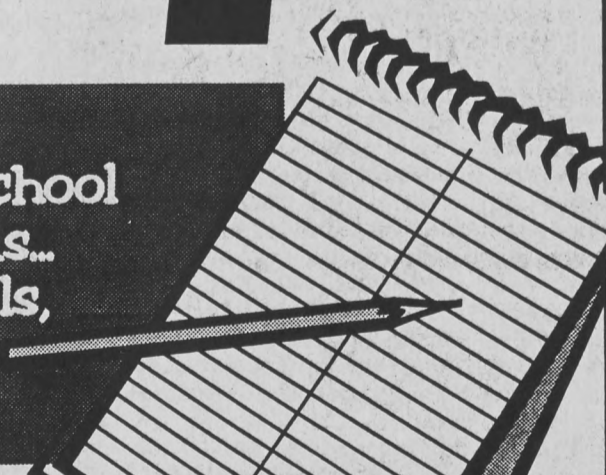


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 Sat. vs. Randolph-Macon, 3:00 p.m.  
 TUES. at Roanoke, 4:00 p.m.  
 WSOCCER - Sat. vs. Shenandoah, 12:00 p.m.  
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 Sat. vs. Christopher Newport, 12:00 p.m.  
 VOLLEYBALL - Tues. at Eastern Mennonite, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. vs. Roanoke, 6:30 p.m.

# The King-tum Phi SPORTS

## Last week's results:

FOOTBALL - W. 17-13, vs. Hampden-Sydney  
 MSOCCER - W. 2-1, at Sewanee; W. 6-0, vs. Bridgewater  
 WSOCCER - L. 3-0, at College of Notre Dame  
 VOLLEYBALL - W. 15-12, 15-5, 15-9, at Randolph-Macon  
 WATER POLO - W. 28-6, vs. Buffalo St.; W. 25-9, vs. Merchant Marine; W. 16-10, vs. RIT; L. 13-10, vs. J. Hopkins  
 CROSS COUNTRY - Women 12th, men 13th at Gettysburg Invitational

## Water polo finishes season in style

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER  
PHI SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee water polo team saved its best for last.

With its 1-12 overall record going into last weekend's CWP A Division III tournament, the outlook didn't look too

bright for the Generals. But W&L shook off back-to-back losses to bitter rival Richmond

last week to post three straight victories in the Division III tournament before falling to Johns Hopkins in the final. The Generals finished the year 4-13.

Despite the team's struggles this season, head coach Page Remillard was not surprised by the water polo squad's strong performance last weekend.

"We definitely improved week by week (this season)," Remillard said. "That allowed us to be superior this weekend."

"We ran into teams we should beat."

Remillard emphasized that the Generals' tough schedule was a key factor for the team's losses up to last weekend.

"We were loaded with a Division I schedule," he said. "As soon as we get in a pool with people like us, we'll do better. It wasn't for a lack of trying."

The Generals gave it their all and then some Saturday morning as they took out their frustration against Buffalo State, drubbing it 28-6. Senior James Silberstein picked up seven points for the Generals and senior Pete Sorensen added six.

Merchant Marine was next on the Generals' hit list. W&L showed no mercy in the Saturday afternoon game as it walloped Merchant Marine, 25-9. Sorensen notched five more points for the Generals in that contest.

The day ended with the Rochester Institute of Technology squad jumping into the pool with W&L. RIT probably wished it could have climbed back out as it succumbed to the charged-up Generals, 16-10. Silberstein tallied seven points for W&L.

The Generals needed only one more win to cap a perfect weekend and grab the tournament championship, but they had to settle for second-best as Johns Hopkins edged them out, 13-10, in the tourney final Sunday. Still, the Generals had little to apologize about after their strong season-ending showing.

"I was extremely impressed

by this team's leadership," Remillard said. He cited the impressive play of his three senior stars, Sorensen, Silberstein, and Nathan Hottle, as well as freshmen Aaron Love and goalie Ryan Noble. Sorensen earned first-team all-tournament honors last weekend, Hottle earned second-team honors, and Silberstein, Love, and Noble received honorable mentions.

Prior to the Division III tournament, the Generals dropped consecutive games to archrival Richmond, losing 9-7 in Twombly Pool Wednesday, and falling 11-5 at Richmond Thursday.

In Wednesday's game, Richmond opened up a 3-1 lead in the first quarter and stretched the advantage to 7-3 early in the second quarter.

Just when it appeared Richmond was on the verge of breaking things wide open, Sorensen and Silberstein brought the crowd and the Generals back into the game as they each scored a goal to slice the deficit to 7-5 at halftime.

Richmond reinstated its four-point lead by notching a two-point goal in the third quarter.

But the combo of Sorensen and Silberstein struck again early in the fourth, as each scored another goal to make it 9-7. But that was as close as W&L would come as UR held onto that same margin. Silberstein led the team with four goals and two assists and Sorensen had two goals and one assist. Hottle added the team's other goal.

The Generals could not come quite as close to Richmond the next night on the road. W&L hung tough, but dropped an 11-5 decision.

The water polo team will graduate only three players this year. Unfortunately, it is their top three in Sorensen, Silberstein, and Hottle, so the Generals will need to retool with young talent next season.

"We need to bring in a lot of freshmen," Remillard said. "We need to bring in strong swimmers and we need guys who can play the field."

Despite the loss of his top three contributors, Remillard said he was confident about the future of W&L water polo.

"We have a very positive attitude," he said. "We're reloading."

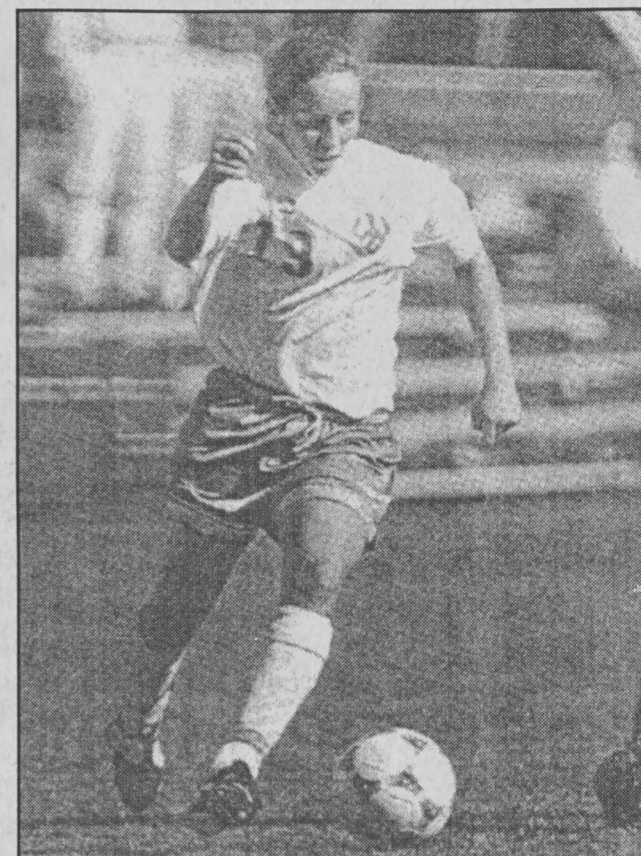


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Karin Treese scored the only W&L goal in its 1-0 shutout of Lynchburg last Wednesday.

## Bronx Bombings

### THE BIG FAN

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER

While sitting at home during Reading Days, contemplating and braving the six inches of rain that fell on Pennsylvania, I finally got to watch a baseball playoff game in its entirety. Of course this turned out to be the 15-0 debacle known as Game 7 of the NL Championship Series between the Braves and the Cardinals.

It's hard to tell what caused the world champion Braves to wake up after Game 4 of the NLCS. Maybe it was Dennis Eckersley's wild celebration after nailing down the Cards' 4-3 Game 4 win. Maybe the Braves were tired of getting humiliated by an inferior team. Maybe the Cards' luck just ran out. Whatever it was, Atlanta stormed back from its 3-1 deficit with more of a vengeance than any team in history.

First it was a 14-0 Braves victory in Game 5, destroying St. Louis' homefield advantage. Then the Braves edged past the Cards in Atlanta, 3-1, in Game 6. Finally, any chances of a dramatic Game 7 came to an abrupt end when the Braves stormed out of the gate with a 6-run first inning, highlighted by a 3-run triple by pitcher Tom Glavine, of all people.

The game was reminiscent of the last time St. Louis blew a 3-1 series lead, the 1985 World Series against the Kansas City Royals. The Cards were routed 11-0 in that Game 7, a game in which the Cards' Human Tabasco Bottle, pitcher Joaquin Andujar, took a shot at an electric fan after a less-than-stunning performance. The fan won.

Starter Donovan Osborne dumped the water cooler amongst other things on Thursday night, but nothing would save the Cardinals from another postseason choke.

Lost in the Braves' offensive barrage was rookie outfielder Andruw Jones' first postseason home run. Andruw, who isn't even the best-known Jones on the team with Chipper residing at third base, probably didn't attract much attention in the Yankees' scouting report for the World Series. After all, Andruw is only 19, did not get called up from the minors until August, and was not even starting.

Sure, Jones was the Braves' top prospect in their farm system and has already been compared to Roberto Clemente. But the title of Mr. October is supposed to be filled by legendary sluggers like Reggie Jackson, no. 19-year-old rookies. Evidently no one bothered to tell Jones that he should be nervous. In a stadium known for past Bronx Bombers like Ruth, Gehrig, Mantle, Jackson and current Bombers Fielder, Williams, and Strawberry young Jones topped them all in Game 1. All he did was blast two homers in Yankee Stadium, leading the Braves to a 12-1 pounding of the suddenly Bombleless Bombers.

The Braves, teetering on the brink of elimination in the NLCS, now look downright scary. After spending the entire season looking for some form of an offense to compliment their always-tough pitching, the Braves have struck gold in the form of Jones and Javy Lopez. I just have to wonder, if Jones keeps up his current pace, fallen hero Dave Justice may still be riding the pine next season if he remains in Atlanta.

Did anyone catch a whiff of New Orleans Saints coach Jim Mora's postgame press conference Sunday? Yes, Jim, the Saints suck, as you forthrightly mentioned a thousand times. But one has to feel bad for Mora, who resigned from the 2-6 Saints Monday. The man transformed the Saints from perennial losers into contenders since he became head coach in 1986. The ex-Marine prided himself in operating a ball-control offense, and his defenses consistently ranked in the league's top ten. Unfortunately for him, Mora has never had much offensive talent and has not had a stellar running back since Rueben Mayes in the late '80s. Meanwhile, much of the defense defected via free agency.

Mora pointed out Sunday that the Saints "didn't block" and "didn't even try to run the ball." It's not a pretty picture in New Orleans, and it will be even less pretty now that Mora is gone. The Saints will be hard-pressed to find a new coach who has as much success as Mora had for ten years.

This weekend brings one of my favorite events during Fall Term, Parents Weekend. Although this is the first time in three Parents Weekends that my parents will be here, it always seems to be an exciting and eventful weekend. Especially when it comes to sporting events. Unlike the sparse crowds found during the rest of the term, Parents Weekend brings a completely different atmosphere to W&L sports. Namely, people show up.

Part of this is because parents have the rare opportunity to come to see their kids play sports. Also, many parents are used to sporting events being more campus-unifying than tailgate parties (well, there are some exceptions...). While a tailgate party may be part of the overall college football experience, people at most places usually stop to attend the game and root like hell for the home team throughout.

Sadly, this attitude is lacking here. Most weekends, people leave at halftime no matter how the team is doing. Parents Weekend brings a welcome change of pace when most parents, largely unaccustomed to this early-exit tradition, stay with their sons and daughters and cheer throughout the whole game. At least we can make more noise than the opposing team's fans, which is a start.

So come on out this weekend to our four campus sporting events, bring your parents, and make some noise! Hopefully, our athletes will reward you for your support.

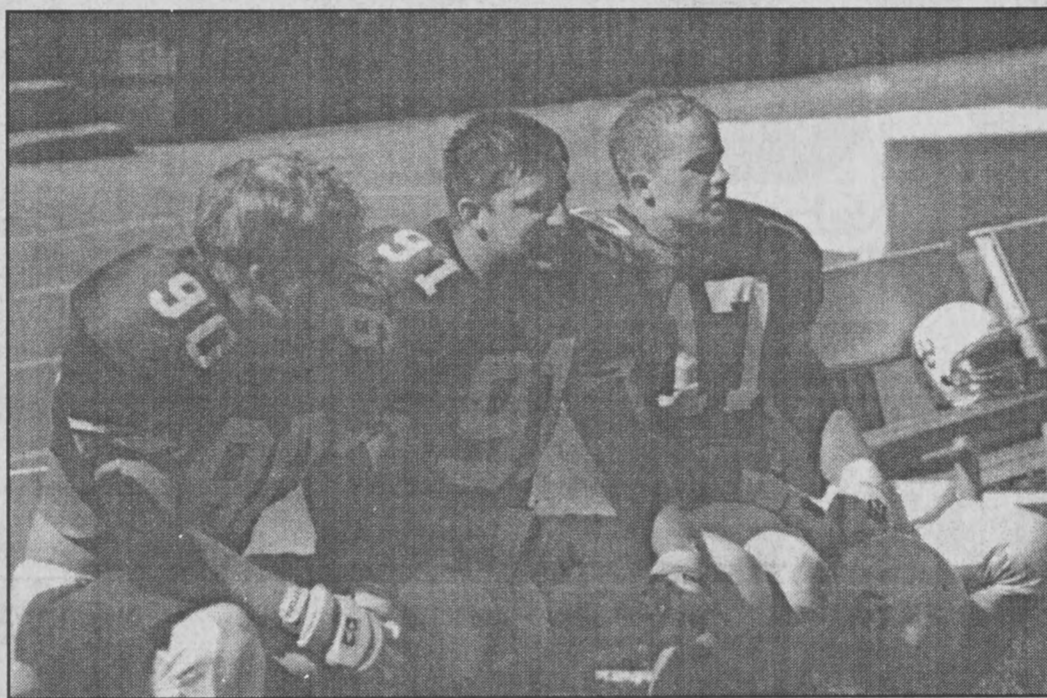


Photo by Julien Williams

The "Richmond trio" of senior Peyton Williams (90), junior Jack Boyd (91) and senior McGuire Boyd (17) watch the action at a recent W&L football game.

## Generals hold off Tigers for first ODAC win, 17-13

BY BETHANY BAUMAN  
PHI SPORTS EDITOR

The Generals held off the Hampden-Sydney Tigers last Saturday to clinch their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference win of the season.

The game got off to a rough start. On the second play of the day, linebacker Travis Wisdom

sustained a season-ending ankle fracture. The senior ends his impressive career with a team-high 62 tackles for the season. Fellow inside linebacker McGuire Boyd stepped up to help fill the void, making a ca-

reer-high 19 tackles. Junior David Foster and sophomore Brad Baker also pitched in, combining for 11 tackles.

Junior fullback Aaron Wilkinson started off the scoring for Washington and Lee with a one-yard touchdown run at the 6:38 mark in the first quarter. Wilkinson's touchdown, which was the first of his career, capped off a 10-play, 58-yard drive which included 23 and 10-yard passes from senior quarterback Brooks Fischer to junior Nick Hodge. Junior Matt Holbrook added a successful kick to notch the score to 7-0.

Hampden-Sydney did not answer until only one minute remained in the first half. The Tigers converted two fourth down plays to keep a 14-play, 68-yard march alive. Corey Morgan ran the ball in from two yards out for the touchdown. The score was tied at 7-7 on Todd Rudzinski's kick.

With just under a minute left in the half, the Generals quickly drove to the Hampden-Sydney 20-yard line, where Holbrook booted in a 37-yard field goal at the buzzer, putting the halftime score at 10-7.

The Generals got some extra inspiration at halftime when Wilkinson became the first recipient of the Gary R. Fallon Memorial Scholarship. The seniors from last year's team created the award in memory of Coach Fallon, who died suddenly in April 1995. Patti Fallon, Coach Fallon's widow, presented Wilkinson with the award during the halftime ceremony. "It is a great honor," Wilkinson said.

Play resumed and all was quiet in the third quarter until Hampden-Sydney quarterback Walt Bordurant fumbled the ball on the Tigers' 28-yard line. Jun-

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## JOCK SHORTS

BY JEREMY McNAMEE



### Cross Country

On Saturday, October 19, both the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Gettysburg Invitational.

The men received another outstanding individual performance from Jason Callen en route to their 13th place finish out of 23 teams. Callen's time of 27:18 was good enough for third place overall. The women, not to be outdone by their male counterparts, took 12th place in the 25-team field. Carson

Flowers and Natasha Dorofeeva provided a powerful 1-2 punch for the Generals.

### Volleyball

The Washington and Lee women's volleyball team continued their winning ways with a pair of victories last week.

On October 15, the Generals put their 16-match homecourt winning streak on the line in an ODAC showdown with Hollins. The Generals were all business, dispatching the visitors, 15-7, 15-6, 15-4. Virginia Yoerg led the way with 11 kills. Hilary

Martin added 7 kills.

The Generals then hit the road to take on Randolph-Macon. Yoerg and Nancy Reinhart each had seven kills as the Generals won their ninth straight match, defeating Randolph-Macon in three straight games, 15-12, 15-5, 15-9. Martin added a career-high 10 blocks as the Generals posted a season-high 15 blocks as a team.

With the victory, W&L, ranked fifth in the NCAA Division III South rankings, improved to 22-3 overall and 6-0 in the ODAC.

## Soccer teams compete for top seeds in ODACs

BY KRIS MATHIS  
PHI STAFF WRITER

As the men's and women's soccer teams enter their final weeks of the season, both teams are vying for top seeds in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament. Though both teams have posted strong regular season records, late season slumps have proved costly and could prevent each team from receiving NCAA tournament bids in mid-November.

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team bounced back from two tough defeats to crush Bridgewater Wednesday. The Generals scored a season-high six goals en route to a 6-0 victory.

The offensive attack was led by Jamie Parker and Sam Chase with two goals each. Gordon Meeker and Andy Daters rounded out the scoring by contributing one goal apiece. Garry Hill had another outstanding defensive performance at goalie.

The Generals' six-goal performance leaves them just one goal shy of the W&L record for most goals scored in one season. The men's team hopes to break the record when they host Randolph-Macon this Saturday.

After starting the season with a 7-1 record, which included a stunning victory over crosstown rival VMI, the men's soccer team entered the toughest stretch of their '96 schedule by suffering a disappointing setback to ODAC rival Hampden-Sydney.

This past week, the competition got even tougher as the Generals faced the ominous task of traveling to Atlanta to take on #10-ranked Emory University. Despite being heavy underdogs, W&L battled tough throughout. The Generals fought to knot the game at two goals apiece at the end of regulation before being stunned shortly into overtime by Emory's game-winning goal, 3-2. The Generals bounced back two days later with a 2-1 victory over the University of the South in Sewanee to end their trip.

Meanwhile, the women's soccer team has been busy as well. But they too find themselves in a late season slump.

The Generals have dropped four out of their last six games with the latest defeat coming at the hands of Notre Dame (MD), 3-0. This slump comes after the Generals started the season with an unprecedented 7-0 run.

The women's soccer team hoped to turn things around with a 1-0 victory over Lynchburg last Wednesday. Karin Treese scored the only goal needed for the Generals as they recorded their sixth shutout of the year.

"We've had a different attitude in practice this week, and we are looking forward to kicking butt in our last two games," Treese said.

The Generals started the season as unanimous favorites for the ODAC title and they lived up to these high expectations on their way to a perfect 7-0 record.

The women's soccer team now looks ahead to tune-up games against Ferrum on October 24 and Shenandoah on the 26th as they prepare for the ODAC tournament October 30 through November 3.

The men will begin the ODAC tournament with the quarterfinals on November 5.

"Both teams are optimistic about their chances in the ODACs," Parker said. "We have a very good chance of doing well in the ODAC tournament."

Both teams are looking forward to strong performances in the ODACs and berths in the NCAA tournament as the W&L soccer tradition continues to grow.

## Student Athlete Mentors welcome

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