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GENERAL NOTES

WHO'S WHO HONORS SENIORS:

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges selected 35 W&L senior undergrads and 12 third-year law students to appear in its 1997 edition. The 57 students join the ranks of scholars from 1900 colleges and universities around the world. Members of the university community nominate students for *Who's Who* based on academic achievement, community service, extracurricular leadership and future potential.

FILM EXPLORES VIOLENCE:

The W&L Film Society will treat Troubadour patrons to *Once Were Warriors*, a story of domestic and cultural violence in New Zealand. The film's title is double-edged. On the one hand, it reflects a renaissance of Maori pride and self-assertion. In the film, though, it symbolizes the debasement of warrior values into stupid macho clichés arising from powerlessness and disenfranchisement, not strength. The film focuses on the experiences of one family, and is directed by Lee Tamahori.

Showings are on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge, but contributions are welcomed.

ANDERSON GIVES LECTURE:

Students of economics will enjoy "The International Trading Order: How Open and Who Gets Hurt?" on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Class of '62 Fellowship Lecture will be given by Michael A. Anderson, associate professor of economics at W&L. The public is invited to attend the lecture in Northern Auditorium and the reception immediately following.

WRITERS BATTLE HUNGER:

Local writers are fighting hunger with the fifth annual "Writers Harvest: The National Reading." Benefits from the reading go to the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Tom Zielgler, W&L professor of theatre, Bill Oliver, assistant professor of English, and Sarah Anne Ryder and Aaron Wilkinson, W&L seniors, are among readers scheduled to participate.

"Writers Harvest" is the country's largest literary benefit to fight hunger, and will be held in Northern Auditorium on Thursday, November 14 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 and is open to the public. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

COURT ARGUES INDECENCY:

Washington and Lee School of Law's John W. Davis Moot Court Competition will end with downright indecency. The final round explores a hypothetical case of "Indecency on the Internet." A 10-year-old who was researching the history of photography for a school project accessed photographs of nude men and women engaged in explicit acts. These photographs were part of a sales pitch for admission to Naughty NetSurfers' website; thus, there was no charge to see them.

Questions considered will concern the recently passed Anti-Indecency and Effective Standards for Cyberspace Communications Act.

The "Indecency on the Internet" case will be argued at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 in Lee Chapel. The public is welcome.

STUDY IN SCOTLAND:

Students in the Class of '97 with an excellent academic record, leadership qualifications, financial need and some Scottish ancestry, should see Dean West-Settle to talk about St. Andrew's Scholarships for graduate study in Scotland. Call ext. 8746 for an appointment.

FEED THE HOMELESS:

The Class of '99 will be sponsoring a food drive next week for a Thanksgiving benefit for the Rockbridge Area Relief Association. Donations of non-perishable food and money will be collected outside the Co-op from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, November 11-20. Total donations will be tallied on a per class basis. Any questions can be directed to Amanda Yater at 462-4250.

BE A R.A. OR A D.C.:

Applications and information for becoming a 1997-1998 Dorm Counselor or Gaines Resident Assistant are now available in Payne Hall 4. Applications are due on Monday, December 2. See Dean Manning if you have any questions about the application/selection process.

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Faculty recognized hazing problem, reevaluates policy

By LIZ DETTER
Phi Staff Writer

Why does the momentum to do something about hazing come from a *New York Times* article rather than from student complaints? Sophomore Elizabeth Huston voiced the question that has been on everyone's mind these last few days.

The answer to this question is that it has not. The Student Affairs Committee voted, last Wednesday, to approve a new policy on hazing, the culmination of events which began last December.

According to President Elrod, he first learned of the hazing problem last year. "I had not directly encountered a hazing problem at Washington and Lee until I began receiving anonymous letters and phone calls from parents and students. Every conversation informed me of hazing incidents that were going on last year. They were all telling me the same story, which lent credibility to the reports."

Elrod responded by informing the Board of Trustees. He also met with the presidents and pledge educators of all fifteen fraternities. The fraternities were told that hazing is both dishonorable and illegal and that the University intended to eradicate it.

At the request of the Trustees, the President of the Executive Committee, President of the Interfraternity Council, the Dean of Students, the Associate Dean of Students for Greek Life and a member of the Board of Trustees began work on a plan to eliminate hazing. As part of this comprehensive plan, the Student Affairs Committee designed a new University policy on hazing.

Under the new plan, which was approved last Wednesday by a vote of 9 for, 2 against, and 1 abstaining, individuals will be held responsible for hazing.

"Instead of going after the institution, we will go after the persons in the fraternity who haze. For the ones who encourage it, the penalty will be suspension or possibly dismissal," said Buddy Atkins, the Associate

Dean of Students for Greek Life.

Atkins expressed disgust with hazing, and emphasized that the University is implementing a plan, rather than a policy, to combat hazing. "It's a major problem for this University," he said. "We can't just improve by modest degrees; we need to get rid of it. It not only weakens the University, it weakens the Honor System, and it weakens the fraternities."

As part of the comprehensive plan, President Elrod intends to involve parents, faculty, and students. In his Parent's Weekend address, he stated, "Our number one concern is hazing."

I've talked to the parents of our students over Parents Weekend, and I intend to write them a letter," Elrod commented Tuesday. "I am going to write to the parents of every freshman male and the parents of every fraternity male, and I'm going to ask them to help us eradicate this problem however we can."

Part of the new plan includes redesigning the pledging program to eliminate any form of hazing. "I think that if the new program was structured and demanding, within the limits of the new policy, then it could be just as effective," said a senior fraternity member.

Under the new plan, students and faculty could report incidents of hazing. Interfraternity Council President Anthony Mazzarelli explained, "The new University hazing policy allows for various different types of input which would lead to investigations, but at the same time, it protects fraternities because action will only be taken if evidence is found."

Certainly the awareness of hazing has been heightened by the recent article in the *New York Times*. This may lead to increased cooperation with the new policy. After a faculty meeting Monday night, which was called to discuss the recent article, faculty all over campus began to question their students about Greek life.

Professor Michael Anderson had been completely

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UNIVERSITY POLICY ON HAZING

Washington and Lee University prohibits hazing by all students and campus organizations. Hazing is defined as a harassing, excessive task associated with initiation or membership in an organization. It involves mistreatment of prospective members by those who exercise control over them.

Because hazing is contrary to the institutional values and goals of Washington and Lee University, and is a criminal offense in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the University will not tolerate hazing by students or student organizations. Furthermore, the University will hold individuals strictly accountable for their actions. The following non-exclusive list of activities are prohibited: physical abuse such as paddling, striking, branding, electric shock or bodily contact with harmful substances; intimidation by threats of physical or other abuse; excessive exercise or other tasks intended to cause physical exhaustion; prolonged or harmful exposure to the elements; compelled consumption of any amount of alcohol; compelled consumption of food, liquids or concoctions intended to cause nausea; and any task which requires the participant to violate the law or University policies. This list does not include and cannot encompass every circumstance which will cause the University to discipline a student for hazing. However, students must be aware that participation in the above listed activities will result in disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from the University. Furthermore, they must understand that consent or acquiescence of those who are hazed is not a defense for engaging in this illegal practice.

Procedures

All cases of suspected hazing will be reported to the Dean of Students. The Dean will charge the Director of University Security with conducting an investigation in the spirit of the Honor System. The Director of University Security will report the findings of his investigation to the appropriate judicial body.

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Ethernet brings speed to dorms UC, SNC initiate new networking project

By TOM WADLOW
Phi Assistant News Editor

November 4 marked the day that students began seeing orange flyers proclaiming that soon, you too, could have Ethernet in your dorm.

No, these aren't advertisements for pharmaceuticals that you can have delivered to your room; rather, it is a major step by University Computing (fondly known as UC by the people who work there) and the newly formed Student Networking Cooperative (SNC) to upgrade student's personal connections to the Internet.

Ethernet provides a fast and reliable connection to the campus network, and it allows for the use of more advanced networking applications. However, for most people, the greatest advantage of Ethernet will be never having to see the "All data queues full" message flash across their screen again, since with Ethernet, a user is always connected.

Although not everybody is going to get connected in this round of upgrades, UC and the SNC have plans to eventually bring every room this type of connection.

This will not mean, however, that students without Ethernet will not be able to get their e-mail from their dorm room, and, as of right now, there are no plans to get rid of the current Rolm terminal interface.

"This will allow users easier access to the campus network and the resources of the Internet," said Cliff Woolley, a founding member of the SNC. "Students should find that the speed of the Ethernet compared with the speed of the data phones is more conducive to heavy usage, and they will no longer have to wait in line for online time."

Currently, Ethernet is available on a first-come, first-served basis because there are limited number of ports available. In the smaller dorms there are 24 connections available, and in the larger, such as Gaines and Graham-Lees, there are 24 per wing.

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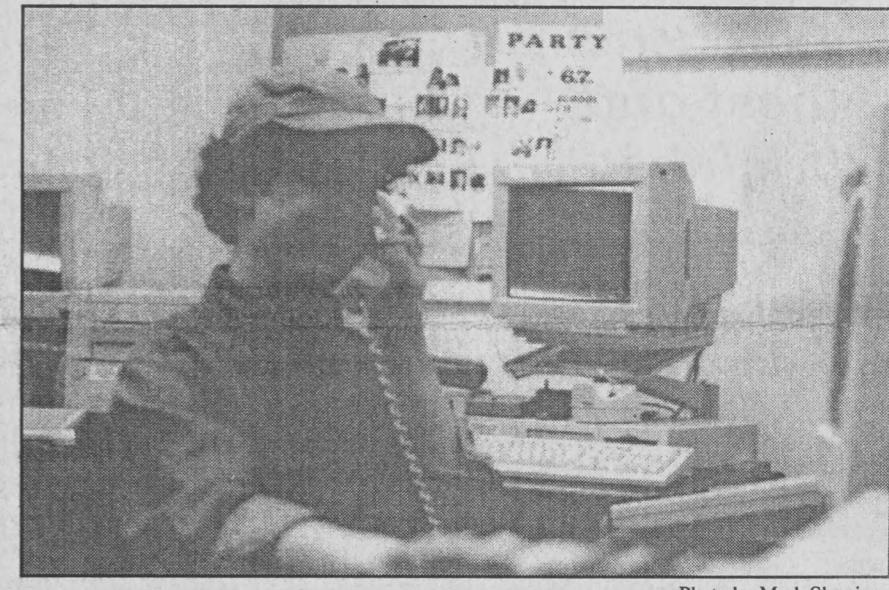


Photo by Mark Slomany

Sophomore Cliff Woolley, one of the founding members of the UC Help Desk, assists students with their computer questions.

Classes will be scheduled by what type of Operating System (OS) the applicant is currently running.

Students can apply for the few remaining ports on the hub in their dorm by going to the "In the Spotlight" section of W&L's Web page and filling out the form supplied online.

The SNC would like to thank Bob Williams, Ruth Floyd and Tom Tinsley for doing an excellent job on this project.

Alum joins ranks of Walter Cronkite, David Brinkley

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Staff Writer

Charlie McDowell did it differently. And, as Robert Frost surmised, that has made all the difference in the world.

"He did it because he could," said former CBS newsman and colleague Roger Mudd. "He had the talent, the eye and the sense of the absurd."

On Tuesday, McDowell, the 47-year veteran of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, was given the National Press Club's highest accolade, the Fourth Estate Award. Recognizing careers that have embodied the profession's highest standards, the award has previously been given to such notable figures as Walter Cronkite, Helen Thomas, David Brinkley and James Reston.

McDowell graduated from W&L in 1948 and then went to the Times-Dispatch the next year as a features reporter. Editors soon realized his journalistic talent and moved him to their Washington bureau. He became the paper's first full-time Washington correspondent in 1965.

According to Mudd, what separated McDowell from the rest of the pack was his sense of the offbeat and his ability to deliver the news in a fresh perspective. Essentially, he offered the reader a break from the monotony of the "who-what-when-where-how" style of journalism that had plagued the pages of the Times-Dispatch since its inception.

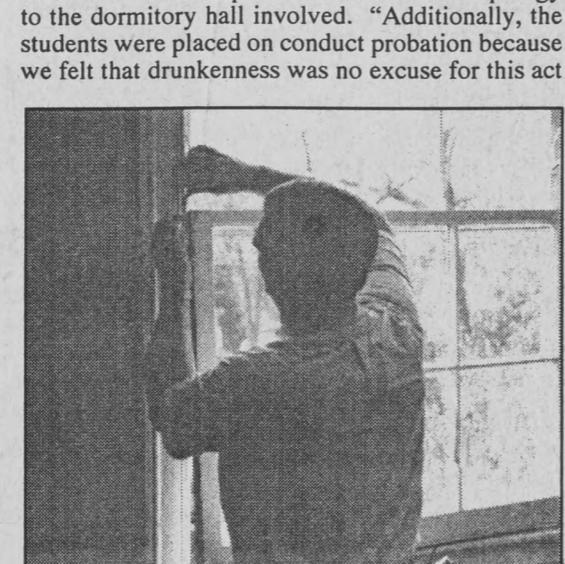
Mudd recalls one of the first stories McDowell ever covered. The grounds surrounding the capitol building in Richmond had been invaded by legions of squirrels. Frustrated with their presence, the governor ordered his Buildings and Grounds crew to get rid of the annoying

Vandals leave their mark on campus SCC convicts eight sophomore males

By TARAH GRANT
Phi News Editor

For a school so proud of maintaining a long-standing tradition of honor, the recent focus of attention on poor student conduct is unusual. While the subject of hazing has been brought into the spotlight, another conduct violation, vandalism, is also being highlighted. In the past two weeks, eight sophomore males have been convicted for vandalism by the Student Conduct Committee (SCC).

On October 29, the SCC brought charges against three sophomore males involved in vandalism in the dorms. According to SCC President Robert Covington, the incident caused minimal damage and was accidental in nature. One student was sentenced to payment of 150% of the cost of damages, and all three students are required to write a letter of apology to the dormitory hall involved. "Additionally, the students were placed on conduct probation because we felt that drunkenness was no excuse for this act



Buildings & Grounds repairs a window broken by vandals last week.

even if it was unintentional," said Covington.

The vandalism, however, not only damaged property, but also endangered students' safety. Two students were standing below the window when it broke. "When [my friend] heard the glass break, he pushed me under the eve," said a freshman female who witnessed the act of vandalism. "He looked up and glass fell in his eye."

Security drove the couple to the emergency room, and the doctor "scrapped a tiny sliver of glass off his eyelid."

The following week, charges were brought against four more students in two SCC hearings on November 5. The SCC found another sophomore male guilty of vandalism and imposed the same sentence as the previous cases. In addition, four sophomore males were found guilty in regard to a vandalism incident at a fraternity house.

The students involved with this incident were required to write a letter of apology to the housemother and Buildings and Grounds, pay 150% of the cost of damages, and were put on social probation for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, one student must complete 15 hours of community service by the end of the Winter term and the other three students must each serve 10 hours.

Associate Director of Buildings and Grounds Randolph Hare says that vandalism concerning university housing has always occurred. "Historically there are always problems with vandalism," he said. "From our standpoint, there has not been a significant increase, but to the credit of the SCC, there has been greater awareness and stricter enforcement of penalties."

According to Hare, the new "scheme" this year seems to be water balloon slingshots targeted at windows. Director of Security Michael Young believes that vandalism is usually motivated by intoxication rather than a desire to cause damage. "Vandalism here is not a large problem compared to other places that I have been," said Young.

The SCC, however, is taking every case seriously.

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Hazing treats W&L students like animals

Life on the Hill

C. E. Miller '98

The black and white photographs make me nauseous, the captions curdle my stomach. So stark, so revolting. Then the realization that this isn't happening to someone else, someplace else. This is Washington and Lee University.

We made *The New York Times* this last Sunday, and unlike being at the top of *US News and World Report*, this isn't something I plan on sharing with the world. I don't think Mom and Dad want to acknowledge that boys I know believe that pain and humiliation is the only way to ensure loyalty and unification. And that those same boys will pay the price, financially and physically, just to belong.

I'm starting my third year at this University. I don't have any regrets. I don't wish I were someplace else. Because of that there is no way I can claim ignorance or surprise at the hazing pictures displayed in *The Times* this Sunday. Many of my friends have shared

"They tell us we're smart kids, America's best and brightest."

similar stories with me, but they were just stories. You can't avoid these pictures. You can't argue with them. Sometimes, the truth is very hard to see. But these pictures show things very clearly. Some of the acts depicted aren't about brotherhood and bonding. They are human beings being treated like animals.

It seems these are tactics to break men down, not bring them closer together. These practices are archaic, animalistic something to feel shame about as a university, as a fraternity as an individual.

I have heard so many different reactions this week, so many boys laughing about it, so many of my

Quote of the Week:

"How old is he? He looks good!"

- anonymous sophomore females watching President Elrod jogging

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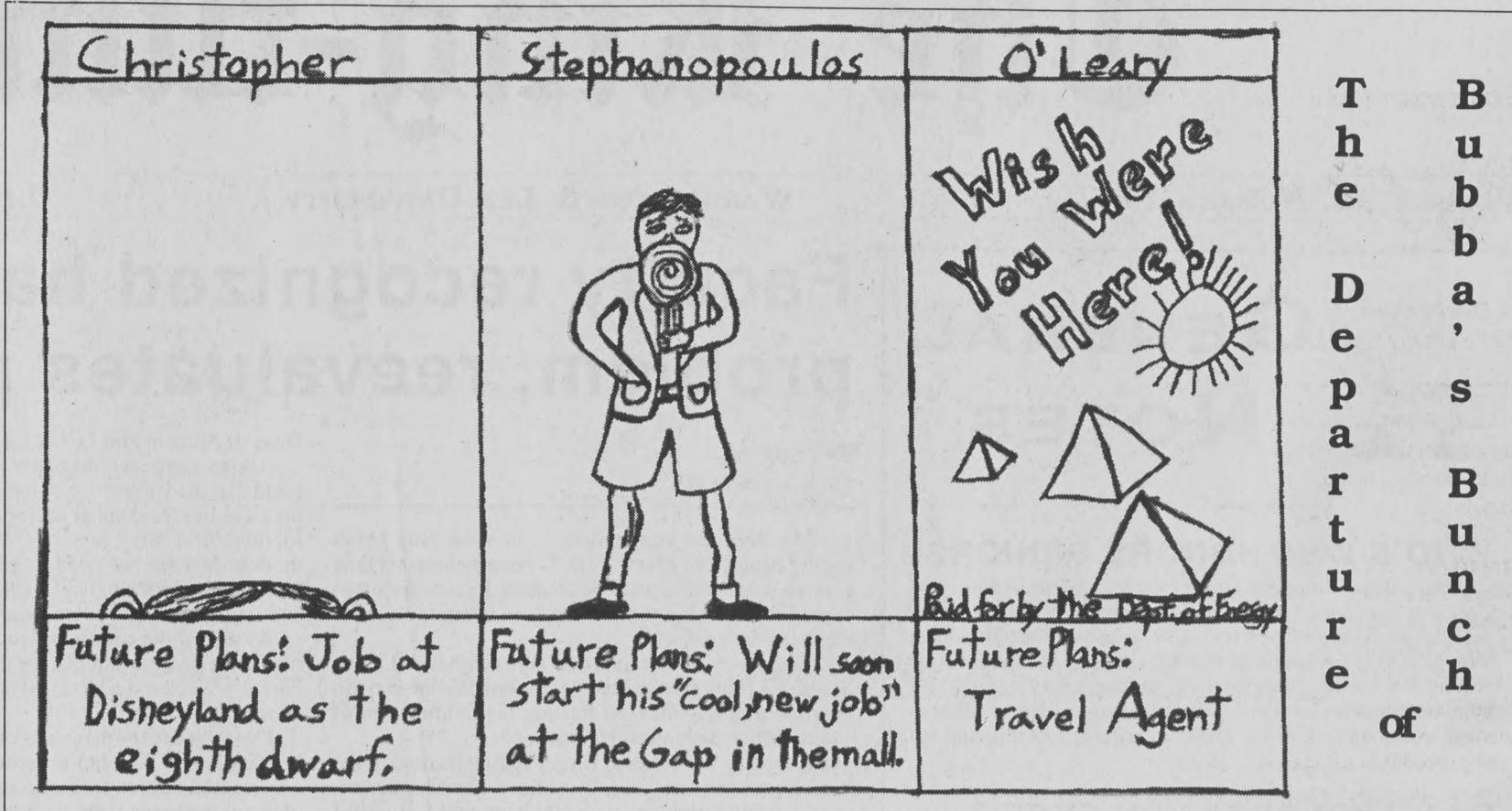
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The Departure of
Bubba's Bunch

The bureaucracy is everywhere

GreenLand Betsy Green '97

What an exciting week it's been. Winter Term registration and the election have certainly kept me occupied. It is these two activities that inspired me to make this week's column Betsy's Salute to Bureaucracy.

Course registration has become ridiculous. One of the reasons a small school appealed to me was that I thought life would be much easier. In a small school, I reasoned, I'd be able to talk to my professors whenever I wanted, find the library books I needed, and not have to stand in line and put up with hours of frustration to get the classes I want. Two out of three isn't bad, but it could certainly be better.

On Monday, chaos reigned. A line stretched out of Karen Lyle's office and down the stairs. Dan Odenwald went to four different buildings trying to figure out where to get a signature for a literature in translation class. Allison Simmons stood in line at 4:50 in the morning and barely got into the history class she wanted. I myself chose one of my classes for the sole reason that permission was not required to take it. And it's not over yet. I'll see you bright and early in the morning on Monday, January 6 to sign up for P.E. classes.

It's time to stop the madness. We absolutely need to simplify

this whole stupid registration process. Every department has a different policy right now. Wouldn't it be easier if all of them worked the same way? At least then we'd know what to expect and could plan our attack plans accordingly.

As for the popular classes we all get up early and stand in line for, maybe the departments could informally survey students to determine a level of interest. If it's high, more sections could be taught. Or professors could get sneaky. We'd all love to take that one hour a week, professor give free doughnuts, show up and get an A class... but would it be so popular if it were Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8am?

And can anyone think of any earthly reason for P.E. registration to take place two months after everything else? I can't, although I'm willing to be *The Phi* will get a letter within the next week explaining this phenomenon. I welcome it—I'd love to know the reason. It'll give me something to think about while I pitch my tent outside the gym at 2 in the morning this January. Okay, now I'm ranting. I'll admit that. But it's time we made some changes around here.

My other big event this week was voting in my first presidential election. I got up on Tuesday morning and walked to City Hall (I'm registered in Virginia) feeling like a good citizen, excited to be a part of the process.

Voting really is pretty neat. It

beats standing in line for history class any day. After all of MTV's Rock The Vote hype, I half expected Kurt Loder to be waiting at the polls to shake my hand. The volunteers at the polls were, to put it delicately, not of the MTV generation. They may well have voted for Bob Dole because he seems

"After all of MTV's 'Rock The Vote' hype, I half expected Kurt Loder to be waiting at the polls to shake my hand."

like a nice young man (by the way, for the humor impaired, I honestly respect and applaud the people who volunteer to work the polls and probably get no more than a cup of coffee and a button in return for their time and I'm only kidding so relax already).

Anyway, I went to the lovely volunteer and told her I was Elizabeth Green and gave her my address. She and the woman next to her began flipping through volumes of pages. She said, "Could I have your full name please?" So I told her I was "Elizabeth Ann Green."

Once You are initiated into the fraternity, you will have the right to make of it what you wish. Most of you will go on perpetuating the cycle while the rest you will silently ignore what goes on in your pledge programs. After all, those of you who ignore it don't have much right to protest. Had it not been for your fraternity, you wouldn't have several of the closest friends you've ever made.

Most of what I have said should come as no surprise to anyone. All of us upperclassmen know what goes on. And many of you administrators know what goes on. And please don't pretend that you are so terribly surprised when something like this blows up in your faces. I'm calling your bluff.

Hazing is wrong. But unfortunately it comes along with the type of student life we have chosen to perpetuate. We have a strong Greek system which enables strong friendships but also actively promotes a strong system of hazing. For males at least, Greeks and hazing are inseparably linked at almost any university in this country. What can be done about hazing? I believe it to be very little, as evidenced by our own pitiful attempts and the attempts of many universities to around our country to eradicate it. Maybe if the fraternity system were not so central to this university's identity, things would begin to change and everyone, administrators and students alike, would begin to escape this no-win situation.

In conclusion, I apologize for the cynical nature of this letter, because it will certainly obscure the many merits of this university and its fraternities. But I believe it is time to address a serious problem openly, and without the cowardice we have seen for too long. Furthermore, I do not wish to sound self-righteous, because I, too, openly share the blame for the shortcomings of a fraternity system in which I have participated for three years. And finally, although I have been very critical of the administration, I understand that only certain individuals are to blame. You know who you are. As for the rest of the administrators and faculty, we are all grateful and especially lucky to have you.

Atticus J. Gill, '97

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

What's all the fuss about this *NY Times Magazine* article? Is anyone surprised by what they saw? Freshmen males, administrators? Let's get something straight. Hazing is here and it is here to stay. What we all saw is commonplace in most all pledgeships, at one point or another. Freshmen, make no mistake about it, you will be hazed if you join a fraternity at Washington & Lee University. And administrators, I don't think you can do a thing about it.

Of course you could ban fraternities. But what will we do? Go to Lenfest every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday night? Sure. If you ban the fraternities, you will destroy the entire social fabric of this institution. It is my opinion that Washington & Lee will not survive long without fraternities which are the social life of this university. In addition to seeing us plummet in the ever so important ratings because we have the most bored student body in the nation, you will lose the support of countless alumni who generously contribute to this university.

But you won't ban fraternities. After all, you spent \$15 million on the Fraternity Renaissance. And, of course, the administrators in charge of the fraternity system will ensure that the system remains intact. A powerful good old boy system is not easily broken.

Hazing has been going on at this fine *U.S. News and World Report* institution since we have had fraternities. Many of the administrators and faculty know this. But, they have chosen to ignore it because they either condone it or they fear the repercussions both personally and for the institution as a whole.

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'W&L Swing' on Broadway?

BY DAVID BALSLEY
PHI FEATURES EDITOR

Larry Wynn, a 1934 Washington and Lee graduate, would like to introduce his alma mater to Broadway.

Wynn's 1619 Broadway, The 1940's American Musical Review brings Washington and Lee to the stage. The show, a musical comedy which Wynn has co-written along with Chapman Roberts, incorporates aspects of W&L into its storyline.

1619 Broadway traces the struggles of a Washington and Lee graduate as he strives to break into show business.

The graduate travels to New York, which serves as the show's setting, where he encounters the show business people of Tin Pan Alley. When asked by agents to give an example of his talent, the

graduate sings Washington and Lee's very own "W&L Swing."

The show also contains other references to W&L, such as Fancy Dress and Traveller.

Robert Mish, Associate Director of

1619 Broadway is the first show which Wynn has written.

True to his love of Washington and Lee, Wynn has chosen W&L as the sight for a public read/sing through of the show. Wynn and his five-member production team will be in Lexington for the reading.

They hope to use the reading to obtain a sense of how 1619 Broadway will appear on stage.

"It caught me by surprise when I was sitting in this little theater and the main character mentioned W&L," Mish stated. "Wynn is the class of '34 and he really loves this place."

Wynn has been composing music for the stage since the 1940's, including songs for the Broadway smash hit *Five Guys Named Moe*.

Alumni Programs, saw a staged reading of the show in mid-October in New York's Ensemble Theater.

Wynn wants to have a reading here to see what it looks like," commented Albert Gordon, Professor of Theater.

Open auditions will begin next week in Washington and Lee's Keller Theater in Washington and Lee's Keller Theater

for the nineteen parts available.

"Since Wynn is an alumnus, he wanted to do a reading here," Gordon stated.

So will Washington and Lee be the next big thing on Broadway?

"That's the hope," Gordon chuckled.

Auditions for 1619 Broadway will be held in Washington and Lee University's Keller Theatre on the following dates: November 11 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for individual roles; November 12 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. for individual roles and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for ensemble members; November 13 will be reserved for callbacks from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and, if necessary, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in auditioning, please call the Washington and Lee Theater department secretary at (540) 463-8001 to sign up for an audition slot. Cast descriptions will be posted at the Theater Department reception area. Please prepare a ballad and an up tempo 1940's song for your audition. All are welcome to audition, and this is an excellent opportunity for established singing groups to perform. An accompanist will be provided for the auditions.

The Long Movie That Seems to Last All Night

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worse than worthless

The pitch:
"It'll be like
La Femme Nikita meets
Earth Girls Are Easy."

The Long Kiss Goodnight is a very interesting phenomenon, if not a movie that's interesting to watch. It takes elements from several different recent films and jumbles them all up until they are completely incomprehensible. If you've watched a lot of movies lately, as I have, you might be able to find something to think about instead of having to completely dissociate and form a second personality to deal with the horror of it all.

Here's the story, as near as I can tell: Geena Davis plays herself. After the shooting of *Cutthroat Island* (directed, as was *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, by her weird Swedish husband Renny Harlin), Ms. Davis, tired of her horrible, dried up movie career which hasn't seen a hit since 1992's *A League of Their Own*, jumps off the pirate ship into the ocean, attempting to drown herself. Instead, she lives, and washes up on the beach without being able to remember who she is. Authorities convince her that she is Samantha Caine, a school teacher, and over eight years she manages to build a new life in upstate New York.

Meanwhile, Jules Winnfield (Samuel L. Jackson) of 1994's *Pulp Fiction* has given up his life of crime and "wandered the earth" to New York City, where he has become a fleabag detective who relies on prostitution rackets to keep his bills paid. Of course, he's still a "bad motherf---er." Winnfield uncovers Davis's "true identity" in a series of shocking revelations. It turns out that she's really a government assassin named Charlie Baltimore (what kind of Charlie girl are you?) who works for "The Chapter," a supersecret agency so supersecret its director meets with the President in the White House kitchen. The president in this alternate universe is R.J. Hacker, the arms dealer from 1995's *Canadian Bacon*, now invested with real power.

Anyway, as Charlie tries to surface and reclaim her old glamorous life of fakey bleached hair and killing people, she encounters Lyman Collier (Brian Cox) of this year's *Chain Reaction*, still up to his old corrupt stunts. He's offed pretty quickly, presumably meaning we'll have abundant clean energy in the foreseeable future, whether Keanu signs for the sequel or not. He's murdered by the fella Charlie was supposed to hit before her amnesia, code name Daedalus, who is really Dr. Peters of last year's *Twelve Monkeys*. He's joined forces with The Chapter so they can keep getting their funding, and he works with the father of Davis's mystery daughter, who is played by Jean-Claude Van Damme, who apparently has been working hard on getting rid of his accent. Nice work, Jean-Claude.

Now, in addition to trying to save the world and kill people, Davis has to foil the big plan to stage a terrorist attack so The Chapter can keep its funding, and save her daughter who has been kidnapped by Jean-Claude Van Damme. Anybody wanna take bets if she can do it, especially with Jules Winnfield as backup?

The whole movie is basically a backdrop for screenwriter Shane Black and director Renny Harlin's grand, brutal wet dream of brutalizing women and then looking lovingly at the scars inflicted. Geena Davis plays right along, staring mysteriously at her bruises in big mirrors and saying, "Sometimes I stand and stare at my scars and wonder where they came from." If you don't puke, you might be Renny Harlin or a fourteen-year-old ADD-afflicted, *Mortal Kombat*-addicted slackjaw with just maybe one too many porn magazines under your mattress. Lots of children get threatened with guns and bombs, as well, so if you think that sounds like fun, this winner's for you, too.

To sum up, people may tell you that there's some good dialogue (there is, but only about eight lines' worth, and it's so spread out and disconnected that you look at your watch waiting for one, or, like, a big explosion), and some people might tell you there's some good action (there's about five minutes' worth an hour and fifteen minutes in), but overall, this is the worst movie of the year, worse even than *The Crow: City of Angels*, and that's saying a mouthful.

U. of Virginia speaker to give address on AIDS

BY KATHRYN MAYURNIK
PHI STAFF WRITER

A Biblical proverb tells us that we must walk in our neighbor's shoes in order to truly empathize with his situation. The experience allows one to omit prejudice and forget judgment.

"A Walk in My Shoes," an interactive program about AIDS sponsored by the health education group Lifestyle Information for Everyone (LIFE), aims to put students in the shoes of someone with the virus.

"As far as the infirmary knows, no one at Washington and Lee has AIDS, though chances are someone might,"

states Susan McMurray, the Administrative Director of LIFE.

"I think this program will bring the AIDS virus a little closer to home."

Carol Johnson, a health educator at the University of Richmond, will place the audience in interactive, role playing situations concerning AIDS.

"The audience will be put in the place of someone who had the AIDS virus," says McMurray.

People in these role-playing situations will have to make decisions which victims of the AIDS virus would have to make.

"I think that this will give the students more of an idea of what it's like to have AIDS or to know

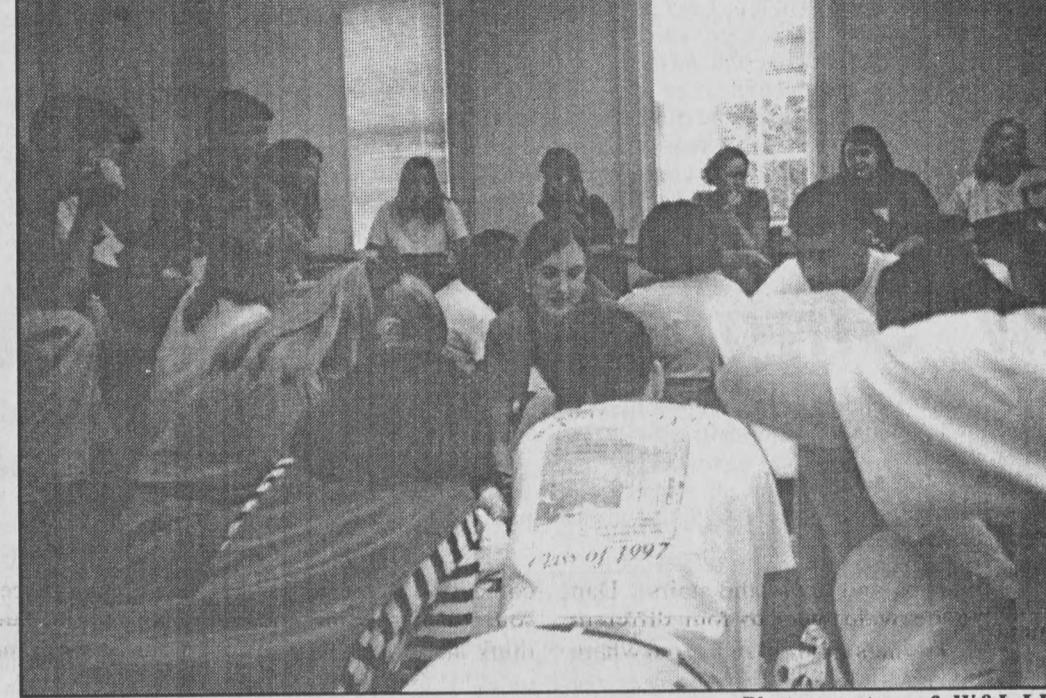


Photo courtesy of W&L LIFE

The circle of LIFE: W&L LIFE helps students make educated lifestyle decisions.

someone who has AIDS. I also think that it will make students think about their behavior and

lifestyle choices."

"A Walk in My Shoes" will be held on Monday, November

11, at the Gaines Gatehouse at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

W&L students destined for Oxford

BY B. J. WALKER
PHI STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee provides many unique opportunities to undergrads. Perhaps the most prestigious is the Oxford exchange program.

Each year a committee chaired by professor Leonard Jarrard of Psychology selects one sophomore to spend their junior year studying at University College at Oxford University. The application process involves two recommendations, and essay, and interview. The committee evaluates those who have applied on a variety of criteria: intellectual curiosity, fluency in speaking and writing, diligence, and ability to complete W&L graduation requirements by their senior year.

"Each year about six or seven people apply," said Jarrard, but only one can be chosen. The program originated as an exchange program for faculty. Set up by Jarrard and then President Huntly, the original program allowed W&L faculty members to spend a year in Oxford. The program was expanded to include students several years ago by professor emeritus William Watt. It is specifically designed for a third year W&L student.

"Because of their graduation requirements, the per-

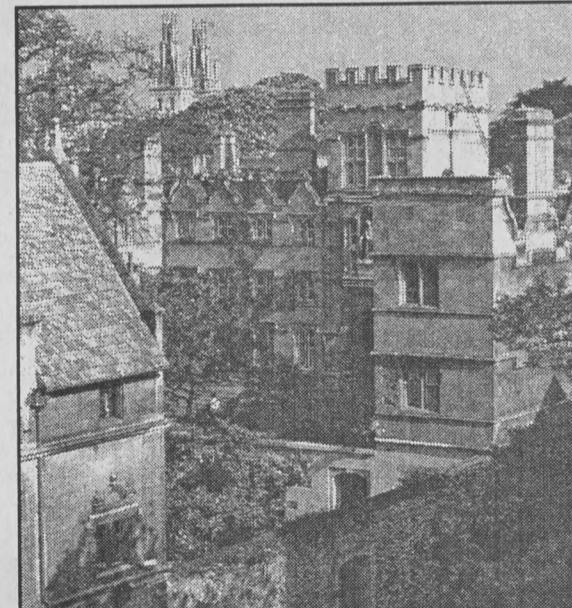


Photo by Chris Andrews

Oxford's Radcliffe Quad:

The Oxford exchange program offers students a scenic setting to study.

son they send over here is usually a recent graduate," said Jarrard.

While at Oxford, those selected are considered full members of the University. Students are assigned the same tutors and live in the same housing as the British students.

"The place I lived was cold and tiny," said Bunny Wong, last year's representative. "But the people are really nice."

Oxford's sports teams are also open to the W&L students. "I was on the rowing team," said Wong. "It was really fun."

One W&L student became somewhat of a hero four years ago. A member of W&L's women's soccer team was selected and played on the Oxford team. In the game against their arch-rival, Cambridge, she scored the winning goal.

"I think they were glad she was there," said Jarrard.

The unique Oxford schedule allows students the time to explore Britain and Europe. Classes start in October and continue until June. The academic year is divided into three eight week class periods with five week breaks in between.

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Englishman enjoys W&L enrollment

BY JAMES SAMMONS
PHI STAFF WRITER

think about 85% of my grade was based on my final exam.

"Around Christmas time you have to decide between jobs, grad schools, and prepare for the exams.

"There aren't many exchange programs, and it seemed it would provide me with an interesting year."

Unlike W&L, Oxford is not a "liberal arts" institution, so without "gen-eds" to worry about a degree would be far more intense in a certain subject.

How work is given out is also very different.

"I attended lectures about fifteen hours a week for geology.

"At Oxford, the exam system is slightly different. I

one to two hours, where I was given reading assignments and a paper of about five to eight pages for each week.

"The tutorials are one or two students and a tutor, so they are pretty intense."

"At Oxford you get all your work in one fell swoop instead of a trickle, so there is quite a lot of pressure."

There are no fraternities at Oxford, but there are not too many social differences.

"Oxford is cliquey, but it is not an organized cliqueyness as opposed to fraternities."

And as for drinking?

"Well, we have a college bar...."

Guy has spent some time in the States before. He has vis-

ited many sites of interest in the West, such as the Grand Canyon and Death Valley.

He also visited quite a few cities, including Cincinnati and New Orleans last summer.

As for plans after W&L, "I want to see more of America. I'd really like to drive coast to coast, then probably go to grad school back in England."

"That's more probable than a job. Most jobs require a degree, as in the United States."

Guy expressed his pleasure with Washington and Lee University.

"I'm really enjoying it here, and would recommend it to almost anybody."

"I think travel is an important thing."

Lexington for sale

BY KELLEY TOTTEN
PHI STAFF WRITER

The object of the game is to own Lexington.

The Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club created the game, "Wheeler Dealer," under the premise of the board game "Monopoly."

There is no Boardwalk or Park Place equivalent, but players can purchase local businesses, doctors' and dentists' offices, Lee Chapel, Virginia Military Institute and other Lexington landmarks.

Local shops and Rotary members will sell the game, due out in December, for \$10.

Half of the proceeds will benefit childhood disease prevention, dental care, and teen pregnancy prevention in the county. The remaining funds will go to Rotary International, which serves humanitarian

charities. "We had a presentation from a local community health official who said there are lots of things they could be doing, but that they just don't have the money," said organizer Lori Sadler.

"We say this as a great way to help those programs."

The game has had a great response from the community, Sadler said, and there are only ten spaces left. Corner spots on the board sell for \$500 and the other spaces sell for \$250.

Companies are purchasing spots as a way to combine advertising expenses with a charitable donation, Sadler said.

The club is hoping to sell 1,000 games, creating a profit of \$10,000.

"They'd be great gifts for any occasion," said Sadler. "I think it's just a great souvenir of Lexington."

W&L's landmark receives 1.5 million for renovations

BY KATHERINE MAYURNIK
PHI STAFF WRITER

Lee Chapel, "the Shrine of the South," will undergo an estimated 1.5 million dollar renovation within the next year, thanks to an anonymous \$1 million dollar donation and a matching grant from class of 1941 alum Jack Warner. Another \$1 million dollar endowment and alumni support will maintain the chapel's continuing operation.

Other than a project to improve the air conditioning system, the renovation will be limited to the museum in the chapel basement. In order to preserve the University's valuable painting collection, a sophisticated cooling system will be installed to closely control the temperature and humidity. The museum collection includes the Peale portrait of George Washington, the Pine Portrait of Robert E. Lee, and the Washington/Custis/Lee Collection.

According to Thomas V. Litzenburg Jr. '57, director of the Reeves Center and a former editor of the Ring Tum Phi, the paintings underwent restoration in the late 1960's and the early 1970's, and although they are presently in good condition, the new system will preserve them more effectively.

"Our highest priority is to create a museum level quality environment for the University's greatest treasures," says Litzenburg. "A lot of money spent on the project won't be seen, as we take on the critical task of improving the environment in the entire building."

According to the Lee Chapel Director Robert C. Peniston, the museum will be thoroughly renovated to include "state of the art displays," conveying a new storyline which Peniston says will "speak to the heritage of George Washington, Robert E. Lee, and the history of the University." The story line entailed three years of research by the special collections committee, headed by Mr. Litzenburg. Other members include author Mary Coulling (The Lee Girls), Mr. Peniston, and Washington and Lee historians Taylor Sanders and Holt Merchant.

The story line will weave together the stories of three great families of Virginia and our institution," says Litzenburg. "The three families, the Washingtons, the Custises, and the Lees are remarkably related to each other. The history of the institution covers much of the history of the families. History itself unfolds naturally to give principle focus to Robert E. Lee."

Renovation downstairs also includes a handicapped access to the museum near Traveller's gravesite, new restrooms, and an improved security system. Although



Photo by Mark Slomiany

The picturesque Lee Chapel, with over 55,000 visitors per year, is the most popular tourist spot in Lexington.

Lee's office will remain in its current location, his original burial site, characterized by a plaque in the center of the museum floor, will be highlighted in the plan.

Lee Chapel hosts nearly 55,000 visitors per year and is often a site for weddings, even with the absence of a center aisle. Like most of the traditions at W&L, Lee Chapel has witnessed little change throughout the years. A section was added in 1883 with monument to Lee and the recumbent statue of General Lee by Edward Valentine. Lee's remains were removed at that time from beneath the chapel to the crypt where his parents, wife, seven children, and other family members were laid to rest. The lastest renovations took place in 1963 with a generous gift of \$370,000 from the Ford Motor Company.

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unaware of the problem. He asked his Management 101 and International Trade classes, "Do we have a hazing problem on campus?"

A few students nodded their heads yes, while the majority said no. "A number said we are no worse than anyone else," Anderson stated.

He followed by asking, "Is our community open enough that if someone felt strongly enough about it, they could step forward and say something?" Nearly all of the students who spoke up said yes.

Anderson was troubled by the response of his classes. "What I find disturbing is that most of the class believes our community is open enough to tolerate dissent on the question of hazing, yet none of those students who nodded their heads were willing to speak up, and I am left wondering why."

Prof. Anderson is not the only member of the W&L community to be troubled by the article and its implications. Freshman Romy Rosenbaum said, "It makes me really upset that my classmates would let this be done to them, and then turn around and do it themselves."

Obviously, the University has been disturbed by the New York Times piece on hazing. "The article, without a doubt, is not good for the University or for our Greek system," said Mazzarelli. "But one positive effect that will come out of it is that it will bring to the attention of all the Greek males the severity of the situation."

Dean Atkins echoed Mazzarelli's sentiments. "I hope that the positive impact of the article will be that fraternities will realize how bad this really looks— That no matter what kind of perverse attachment they have for [hazing], they will take the lead and say they will not allow guys who are going to do that to remain in their fraternities. That it is totally unacceptable."

The SAC's proposed policy has been distributed to the faculty and will be voted on at December faculty meeting. If passed, "The bottom line is that the choice [to haze] is up to each person who is Greek," said Mazzarelli. "If you take the chance, you won't be able to hide behind your house."

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According to their Statement of Belief, a standard of behavior is inherent in the University's dedication to honor, and students are bound to this standard just as they are bound to the Honor System.

"I feel strongly that vandalism shows disrespect for personal or university property and that under our new constitution, the focus is on respect for others as the corner stone of student conduct," said Covington.

Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life, Dennis Manning, believes the student sanctioned SCC allows students to send an important message to other students—that vandalism will not be tolerated in any form. "The policy is much more meaningful when it is enforced by students' peers."

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If the investigation finds no evidence of hazing but does uncover other violations of regulations governing pledgeship established by the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council or Student Conduct Committee or violations of the rules of other student organizations, the Director of University Security will send his investigative report to the appropriate judicial body for its review and action. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council are responsible for all other regulations governing pledgeship for prospective new members of fraternity and sorority chapters respectively and for sanctioning chapters that violate those rules. The Student Conduct Committee is responsible for reviewing cases of other student organizations and for sanctioning those organizations and individual students when appropriate.

If the investigation finds evidence of hazing, the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council or Student Conduct Committee will suspend immediately and indefinitely all activities related to pledgeship or a new member program. The Director of University Security will submit his report to the Student Affairs Committee Hearing Board with a charge to conduct hearings for those students who are subject to disciplinary action. The SAC Hearing Board will be composed of five student members of the Student Affairs Committee — President of the Student Conduct Committee, Head Dormitory Counselor, President of the Student Bar Association, President of the Interfraternity Council, and President of the Panhellenic Council. The SAC Hearing Board will be chaired by the President of the Student Bar Association. A faculty member of SAC will serve as Advisor to the SAC Hearing Board.

The Chair of the SAC Hearing Board will provide each student with written notice of the charges and will schedule a Board hearing with each accused student at which time the student will be permitted to submit a written response to the charges, provide a verbal statement, and present witnesses. After completing the individual hearings, the SAC Hearing Board will evaluate the evidence and make a decision which may include expulsion, suspension, or referral to the Student Conduct Committee or other appropriate judicial bodies as warranted by the circumstances of each case.

The complainant, accused and Director of University Security have a right to appeal the decision of the SAC Hearing Board to the University Board of Appeals (Dean of Students, senior faculty member of the Student Affairs Committee, and President of the Student Body). Grounds for appeal of the case must be made in writing to the University Board of Appeals will have the final decision.

In addition to the University Policy on Hazing, all Washington and Lee students and student organizations are subject to the Commonwealth of Virginia statute on Hazing (Virginia Code 18.2-56).

Hazing is a criminal offense in Virginia and any person found guilty of hazing is subject to a Class 1 misdemeanor, unless the injury would be such as to constitute a felony, and in that event the punishment shall be inflicted as is otherwise provided by law for the punishment of such felony. Any person receiving bodily injury by hazing or mistreatment shall have a right to sue, civilly, the person or persons guilty thereof, whether of adults or infants.

Furthermore, in serious hazing cases or in cases where evidence is not forthcoming, the President of the University may refer the case to the attorney for the Commonwealth of Rockbridge County.

This University Policy on Hazing will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee during the Fall Term 1997.

New Cable 2 show 'Singles-Out' students

BY C.E. MILLER
PHI STAFF WRITER

Cable channel two will be a little spunkier, a little lively and a little lovelier. "Singled Out" Washington and Lee-style will begin to air this Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Junior Omar Vannoy and Freshman Lora Ellison will be producing the show. The two came up with the idea after they met at an introductory meeting for Cable 2.

"I thought it was a shame that the school had all this equipment and nobody was using it for anything," said Ellison. "I wanted to do a show or something, and Omar and I came up with idea of reproducing "Singled Out" for Washington and Lee."

The show will be almost identical to that on MTV, but instead of 50 single men and women there will be around 30.

"That's all the room will really hold," said Ellison. "Fifty would be stretching it a bit."

The concept behind "Singled Out" is that there is one female and one male trying to find a match from the pool of 30 contestants. The contestants are eliminated on the basis of categories, such as Body Hair, Chest Size, Lip Size, Party Attitudes, etc.

After the pool has been narrowed down to a manageable

number, the male or female doing the picking whittles the remaining few down to three by eliminating the others through humiliating tricks.

Finally, the last round consists of the final three contestants who choose one of two answers to a preset question. If their answer matches the individual's, they advance. The first contestant into the circle wins.

Okay, if all that confused you, check out the show on MTV; it is a lot easier to watch than to explain.

Auditions for hosts were held last night. The male host will be Paul Hourigan '98 and the female host will be Meagan Johnson '98. The producers were looking for two hosts like Jenny McCarthy and Chris Hardwick from the MTV version.

"We weren't looking for a Jenny McCarthy body double," said Vannoy. "We wanted someone who is spunky, spontaneous and looks good on camera."

The show will be filmed this Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. According to Vannoy, there isn't time to do more than one

take, so the host needs to be able to go through the show without doing a lot of stuff over.

Ellison and Vannoy stress the need for participants. The show needs 30 single guys and 30 single girls to participate. A freshman girl and a senior guy have agreed to be the first singled-out contestants.

"The girl is pretty and the guy is really witty," Ellison said.

The winners will be given a gift certificate for a dinner at one of the restaurants in town.

Anyone interested in helping out with "Singled-Out" is encouraged to contact Vannoy or Ellison.

"We need lots of people for this show to work," Ellison said. "If you don't want to be a contestant, we need people to work behind-the-scenes too."

The last game show to air on Cable 2 was "The Washington and Lee Dating Game," hosted and produced by Chris Albert '95. It was similar to "Singled-Out" in that it sent couples on dates, but it followed the format of "The Dating Game." It was successful and many students participated.

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pests. McDowell was assigned to the story. Later that afternoon, he returned to the newsroom with his copy. The dateline read: Somewhere in Capitol Square with the Governor's Squirrel Expedition. Everyone loved it, and McDowell's reputation flourished.

Mudd said it was a common morning experience to hear the familiar chatter of "Did you read Charlie?" It seemed like everyone read Charlie McDowell. When the Times-Dispatch sent reporters to the national political conventions, McDowell was always among them. He once befriended a bell-hop at the 1952 Republican Convention in Chicago so that he could make his way into the kitchen where party leaders were directing the show. The series entitled "Keep it Clean" was typical McDowell — informative and compelling, yet stylish and readable.

"He had this way of relating what was happening to the reader in a simple and direct way," said Mudd. "He's been recognized because he's a steady hand. His sharp eye and gentle humor have not succumbed to the blandishments of Washington's elite."

McDowell grew up and developed his trademark sense of humor here in Lexington, Virginia. He loves to tell the story of a zoology professor who paid him \$10 to place the department's skeleton of a dog next to the skeleton of Traveller, which used to be on display in the Lee House garage. When confused tourists would inquire about the smaller set of bones, McDowell would chime up, "That was Traveller as a pony."

Once he was enrolled at Washington and Lee, McDowell played on the basketball team. As he was an unusually tall and lanky kid, his uniform had a way of falling off his shoulders and exposing his pasty white belly. To remedy the problem, McDowell used to tape his shirt up so as to secure it upon his torso. When his name was called during the team's introduction to the fans, McDowell would run out of the locker room and onto the court where invariably the tape job would come undone. The shirt would fall to its usual length and he would be exposed much to the crowd's delight.

Although McDowell formally resigned from the Times-Dispatch in 1992, he continues to contribute special assignments and write a Sunday column. He can also be seen on PBS program "Washington Week in Review."

McDowell was recently quoted in the Times-Dispatch where he said of his long and distinguished career, "It's been a good run, a darn good run."

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Spectator provides alternative perspective

BY ANNE ALVORD
PHI EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Spectator, Washington and Lee's editorial magazine, which publishes commentary on Washington and Lee life and national politics, released its first edition for the 1996-97 academic year at the end of October.

The magazine included the work of nine contributors, and discussed topics such as Virginia Military Institute's move to co-education and Bob Dole's campaign problems. There were also articles criticizing the new Student Judicial Committee, the overemphasis of the U.S. News and World Report rankings, and a letter from senior Marcus Raynor to the freshmen class, reflecting on his time at W&L.

According to Editor-in-Chief Tim Jenkins, the reactions to the magazine were mixed as expected. "Some were very positive, some critical," he explained.

The next issue of the Spectator is slated to be released the first week in December. Four or five issues are expected for the year.

Anyone interested in working for the Spectator in the areas of photography, writing, editing, layout and design, business, advertising or computers should contact Tim Jenkins at 464-1024 or James Vollbrecht at 464-1223.

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While Emory & Henry's thoughts will be squarely on winning the title, Mirello said the Generals will concentrate more on playing well than discussing the magnitude of the game.

"It would be a tremendous victory if we won," he said. "It's going to take a monumental effort to do it. It's not going to be easy for us."

The Generals will need to move the ball better and not depend as much on turnovers, since according to Mirello, the Wasps do not make many mistakes.

In fact, the Wasps' game plan will be pretty simple.

"They're gonna try to run the ball down our throats," Mirello said. "This game is not wearing on their minds. I hope they come in overconfident."

But at least the Generals seem to be catching Emory & Henry at the right time. This will be the first time since 1978 that the two teams did not meet in September, a month in which the Generals have gone 1-6-1 over the last three years. In October and November the last three years, however, W&L has a record of 13-5.

The same trend of gaining momentum late in the season has held this year,



Photo by Julien Williams

The Generals celebrate a defensive stop. The defense came up huge for W&L Saturday as it held Bridgewater to 175 total yards.

since the Generals have won three straight to nullify a 1-4 start.

The football team's slow starts and fast finishes are largely dependent on the schedule and the many new faces in the lineup early each season, Mirello said.

"The first half of the schedule is usually more difficult," he said. "In the

second half, we're playing schools somewhat similar to ourselves."

No matter how they got to this point, the Generals have a chance of upsetting Emory & Henry this Saturday and possibly capturing a league title. Considering their 1-4 start this year, a chance is all the Generals could ask for.

**OXFORD,
from pg. 3**

"I was able to go to Ireland, France, and Switzerland," said Wong.

"I had a great opportunity to travel."

"It is so expensive to live over there," said Wong. Students pay the Oxford "fees", which are roughly equivalent to

W&L's tuition.

"That makes it easier for those receiving aid to go," said Jarrard.

Each eight week period, the student is assigned to a tutor. The students' tutors serve as an one-on-one teacher, helping to specialize the skills in a particular field of study.

"It's no problem finding a tutor in a field that

interests you," said Wong.

If necessary, students may be assigned to a tutor in any of the University's 31 colleges.

"I'd say it's a great experience. I'd recommend it to anyone," said Wong.

For more information on the program, contact Professor Jarrard in Tucker 115.

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Forcing both parties to the center

From the Right

Jason Zacher '98

The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Editor

Recently, G. Gordon Liddy said, "Clinton's 'bridge to the 21st century' is a toll bridge, and we're all going to have to pay."

Everyone breakout their change. Election '96 is over, and, not to anyone's surprise, Bill Clinton has been reelected. However, to some people's surprise, he still did not receive a majority, just a plurality. Clinton received 49.2% of the vote, compared to 40.8% for Dole, 8.5% for Perot, and 1% for Ralph Nader.

Another surprise was that a majority of women voted for

Clinton and a majority of men voted for Dole. ABC said that had never happened before--usually both sexes vote for the winner, if by different margins.

There were several important ballot initiatives, and in the biggest mass case of schizophrenia ever witnessed, California voted to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes and voted to end affirmative action programs in the state.

Florida jumped on the schizophrenia bandwagon also, passing the initiative designed to force the billionaire sugar farmers to clean up pollution in the Florida Everglades, but did not pass the one cent tax increase to help pay for it. Florida also passed

an amendment to their constitution calling for a two-thirds majority for new taxes to be written into their constitution, designed to fight a movement for a state income tax.

As of Thursday evening, the Republicans look like they will have a 55-45 majority in the Senate, picking up two seats (the still-contested Oregon race is being led by the Republican candidate as of 4pm Thursday). The House is still Republican also, but there are six seats still outstanding. The Missouri Independent, Jo Ann Emerson, will probably align herself with the Republicans. The 38 seat majority they had in 1994 now stands at 19.

Does this send any kind of mandate to Washington?

Plainly spoken, no. The Washington politicians should see that the American people want the two parties to work together, and since the last Congress got done what they said they would, the people might hold them to it this time.

Bill Clinton's next term will be interesting to watch. The "egomaniacal" President Clinton, as Senior Mark Tobias so eloquently stated, has done everything in the hopes of getting re-elected. Now what? He has no election to work for, so he is reportedly going to set his sights on "writing his name in the history books." Some of his advisors have said he will turn to the international arena, which should frighten America and our allies.

Luckily, there will be a new Secretary of State. Warren Christopher is resigning, along with Transportation Secretary Fredrico Pena, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, Commerce Secretary Micky Kantor, and Defense Secretary William Perry. Others are rumored to be on Clinton's chopping block, and Republicans may fill a few of the spots.

One thing we will see is Vice-President Al Gore's emergence in national affairs. Clinton wants to prep him for Gore's "A new tree in every yard and an electric car in every driveway" campaign in the year 2000. We may see America taking another shift right.

The election has told us that the country is actually moderate. I truly hope we can have bipartisan rule for the next four years.

But I'm not holding my breath.

Editor's note: Starting this week, Laura Knapp's "From the Left," will be alternating with the "From the Right" column. Knapp's election response can be read next week.

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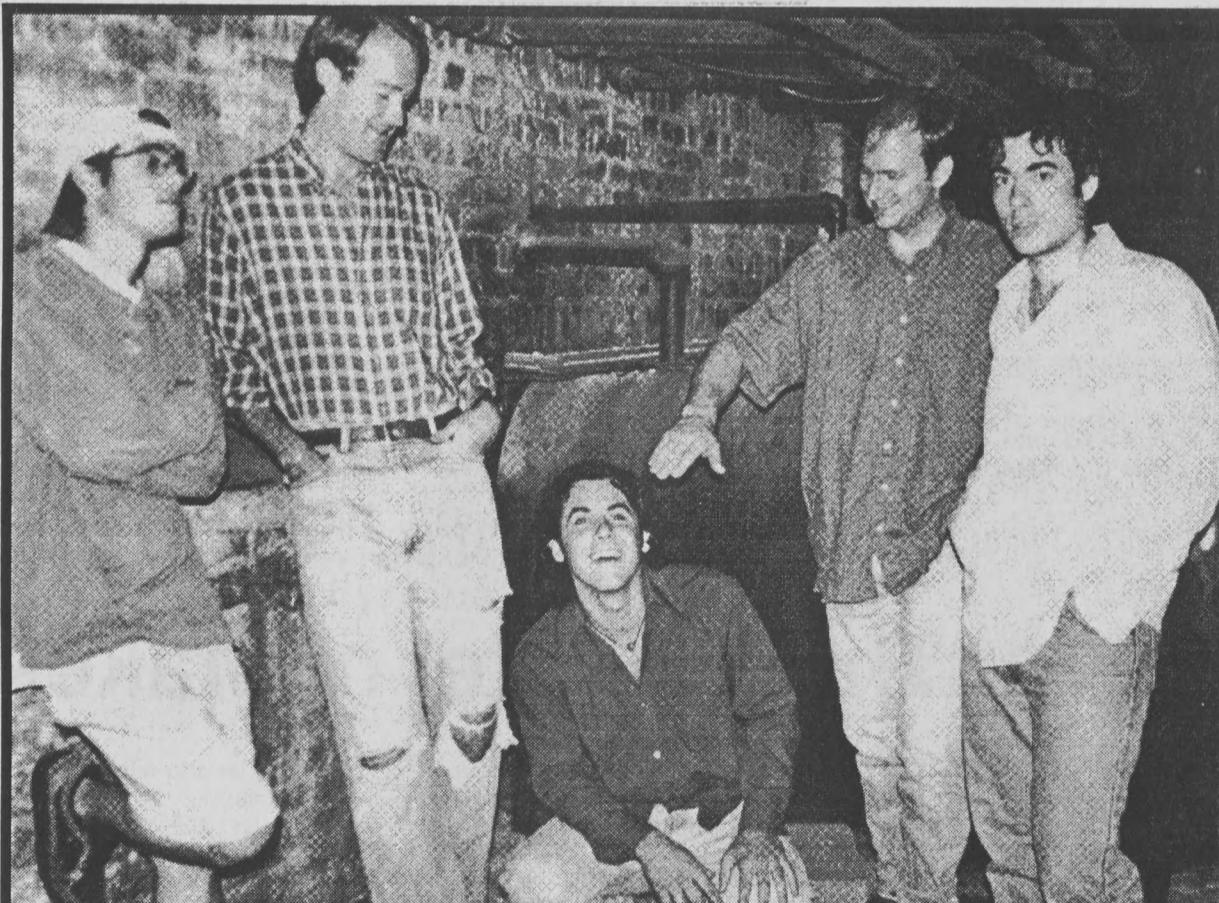
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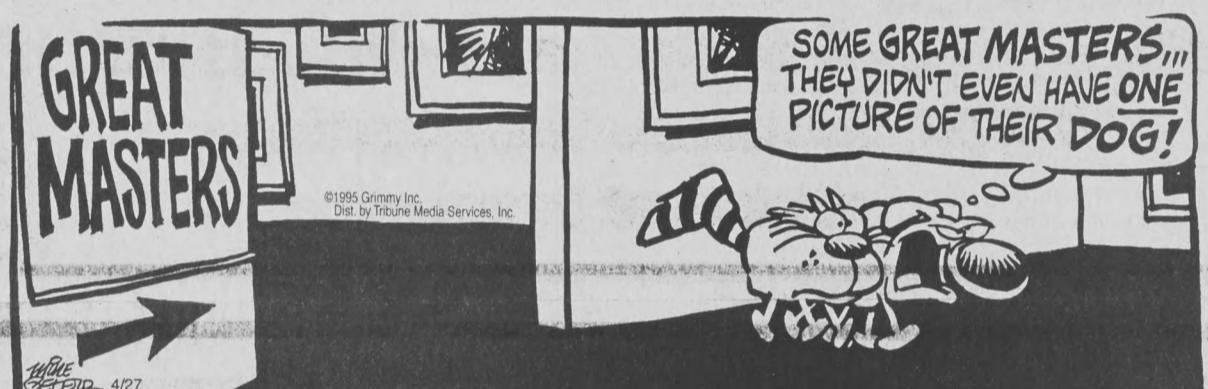
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Generals in action this week:

FOOTBALL - Sat. vs. Emory & Henry, 1:30 p.m.
MSOCER - Today vs. Roanoke in ODAC tournament
VOLLEYBALL - Today vs. Randolph-Macon in ODAC tournament quarterfinal at Emory & Henry
CROSS COUNTRY - Sat. in South regional championship at Mary Washington (M&W)

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL, SOCCER, WATER POLO, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY

Last week's results:

FOOTBALL - W, 24-13, at Bridgewater
MSOCER - L, 3-1, vs. Virginia Wesleyan
WSOCER - W, 2-0, vs. Randolph-Macon in ODAC quarterfinal
VOLLEYBALL - L, 2-0, vs. Roanoke in ODAC semifinals
CROSS COUNTRY - Women 1st, Men 2nd at ODAC Championships

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Cross country teams perform solidly at ODACs

Men fall short of third straight

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

It just wasn't to be this year for the men's cross country squad.

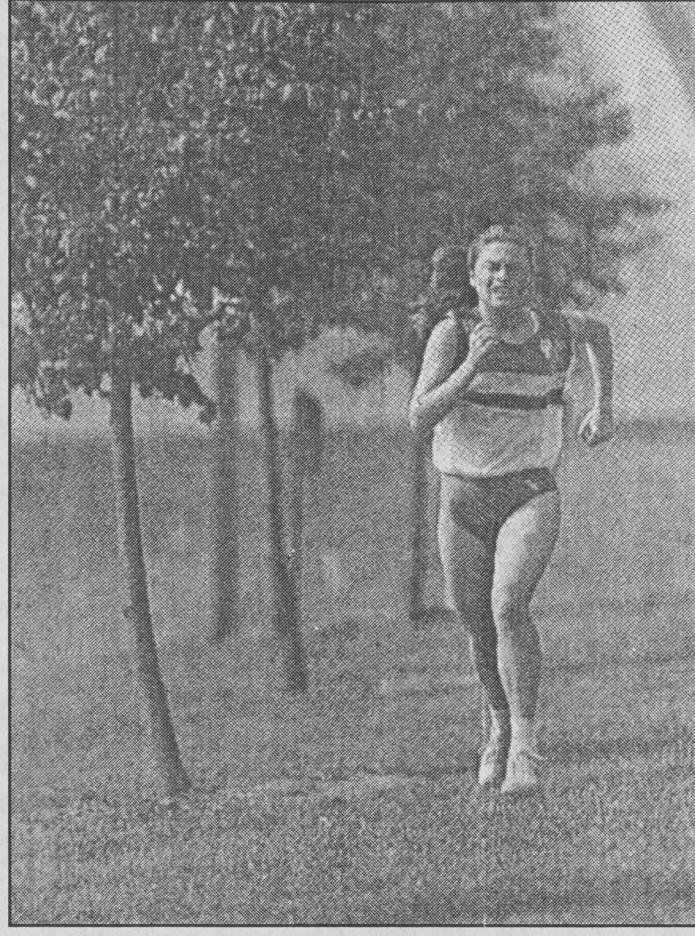
The Generals were looking for their third straight ODAC title in Lynchburg Saturday, but they were halted by the host Hornets. Lynchburg captured its first title since 1993 with a total of 27 points, while W&L earned runner-up honors with 45 points, ahead of third-place Roanoke's 57. The Hornets had five of the top ten finishers.

Junior Will Olson ran a terrific race, finishing second best-

hind Lynchburg's Jeff Conant in a time of 27:11.42. Junior Jason Callen was not far behind as he pulled into fifth place with his 27:21.92. Olson and Callen's outstanding performances earned them each All-ODAC honors.

Junior Taylor Shultz also placed in the top-ten, as he crossed the line in ninth with his time of 28:00.54. Sophomore Darrick Alford came in 12th in 28:26.26 and sophomore Stephen Guenther placed 17th in 28:49.06.

The Generals may not have defended their title successfully in Lynchburg, but they will be back in title-defense mode again this weekend when they compete in the Division III South regionals at Mary Washington. The men snared the regional title last year in Memphis.



Publicity Photo

Nat Messmore charges down a tree-lined path. The senior dashed into third place Saturday, helping the women's team win the ODAC Championships.

Women capture fourth title in five years

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

Carson Flowers has quickly proved that there is life after Josephine Schaeffer.

"No one will ever be Josephine," Flowers said.

But one would not have been able to tell much difference at Saturday's ODAC Championships in Lynchburg. In Schaeffer-like fashion, Flowers won the women's cross country race and boosted the team to its fourth title in five years.

While Flowers has been in the league's top echelon of runners all season, she surprised even herself in her performances this year as well as her leadership ability with Schaeffer having graduated.

"I did not know prior to the season if I would be able to step in and lead the team," she said. "We had many excellent runners returning, and I didn't know what the season would bring for my teammates or myself."

All it has brought is a conference title and an ODAC Runner of the Year award, respectively.

"I was very excited and hon-

ored to be named the ODAC Runner of the Year," she said.

Flowers sealed the deal after crossing the finish line Saturday in 20:24.61, a startling 41 seconds ahead of runner-up Shellie Stevens of Roanoke. Nat Messmore was right behind Stevens in third place, as the senior finished her final ODAC race in a time of 21:06.70.

Sophomore Lisa Brennan also had a terrific race for the Generals, placing sixth in 21:26.97. The performances of Flowers, Messmore and Brennan earned them All-ODAC awards.

Also placing well for the Generals were sophomore Natasha Dorofeeva in 11th position and freshman Jenny Webb in 12th place.

Despite running on Lynchburg's turf, the Generals easily out-distanced the host Hornets. W&L had 35 team points while Lynchburg was well behind with 60. Eastern Mennonite, Roanoke and Emory & Henry finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

"We were pretty confident that we would be able to win ODACs if we all ran hard," Flowers said. "Our main competitor

was Lynchburg College and we had beaten them before. They have a very challenging course, and we felt confident, due to our training, that we could beat them on their home course."

The Generals will try to win on an opponent's turf once again this weekend when they travel to Fredericksburg to run in the South regional championship at Mary Washington College.

"We are really excited about regionals this weekend," Flowers said. "I feel very confident that the team will run well. A few of us have aspirations for nationals and we all hope to run well enough to qualify."

With yet another ODAC championship in tow, the women's team will be placed in the familiar position next year of being the team to beat, just like during the Schaeffer years. But it is hard to bet against W&L as Flowers and her teammates plan to keep the ODAC crown in Lexington for awhile.

"Next year we are hoping to win the ODACs once again and all run well and injury-free," she said. "I hope to continue running well and help our team keep our ODAC title."

One for the Birds

THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Five weeks ago, I had a great column idea. My beloved Philadelphia Eagles were home on a Monday night to host their hated archrivals, America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys. Although the Cowboys had won 8 of the last 9 in the series, they went into that game 1-3 and reeling, while the Eagles were 3-1. If there was ever a time to beat the Cowboys in the last four years, it was then. I was so confident of an Eagles victory, I could just see the words that I would write. I could just see "Dallas 1-4" in the next day's standings, and I looked forward to writing about how the Cowboys were finally dead.

One problem: the Cowboys decided to win that night. And the next three games. I learned a lesson that night: never underestimate the defending champions.

So nearly five weeks after that Monday night, the Eagles rolled into Dallas Sunday. This time, the expectations were completely different. The Cowboys had Michael Irvin back, were on a roll and were heavy favorites. They had just won the much-ballyhooed "Commotion by the Ocean" against Miami and had the first-place Redskins in their sights.

So what happened? The Eagles won. In fact, they won in Dallas for the first time since September 1991 when Jim McMahon was their starting QB and their defense sacked Troy Aikman 11 times. Times have definitely changed since then. The Eagles endured several lean years and went through people like McMahon, Randall Cunningham, Brad Goebel, Pat Ryan, Jeff Kemp (yeah, Jack's son), Ken O'Brien, Bubby Brister and Rodney Peete at quarterback.

On top of the humiliating defeat to the Cowboys September 30, the Eagles lost Peete for the season. That meant turning the controls over to Ty Detmer, the former Heisman Trophy winner who mainly dusted the bench for Brett Favre in Green Bay. There were plenty of knocks against Detmer too short, not strong enough and little experience. While few others harbored much confidence in Ty, apparently Eagles coach Ray Rhodes did.

First, Detmer engineered a comeback against the Giants. Then he shredded Miami for over 300 yards, and coolly withstood the blitzing Carolina defense the following week. Suddenly, Ty was the toast of the town, but as everyone in Philadelphia knows, it means little unless you beat Dallas.

Although the Eagles-Cowboys rivalry had undergone little excitement since the Buddy Ryan-Jimmy Johnson wars and Bounty Bowls of the late '80s and early '90s, the rivalry was resurrected last year after Barry Switzer went for it on 4th and 1 from his own 29, costing Dallas a win in Philadelphia. Then after a playoff win over the Eagles he told the press, "We kicked their asses." That remark left the normally stoic Rhodes steaming, and he vowed to get revenge.

He finally did Sunday, and Detmer showed the Cowboys what he was made of. Ty ran for a TD and threw another to Irving Fryar as the Eagles took a 24-21 lead late in the game. But Dallas marched down the field and had a first down inside the Eagles' 5 with less than two minutes left. The inevitable seemed ready to happen. But on third down from the 3, Troy Aikman was picked off by linebacker James Willis, who lateralized it to Troy Vincent, who ran 90 yards for a stunning TD in a play you probably saw on Sportscenter.

Although the Eagles won this time, I'm no longer naive enough to think the Cowboys will go away. As long as they have Aikman, Irvin and Emmitt Smith around, they will always contend. But are they as strong as they used to be? Probably not.

Even in easy-win games against the Cards and Falcons, the Cowboys struggled. It appears Dallas has relied too much on its talent for too long. Just showing up and glaring at its opponents no longer guarantees a victory. While Aikman, Irvin and Smith have not lost much over the years, opponents have quickly tired of their lack of respect for them. For instance, Aikman tried to squeeze in his final pass Sunday past Willis instead of throwing the ball away and settling for a game-tying field goal. Opponents have had to listen to Jerry Jones and Deion Sanders' self-promotions, Switzer sputtering off and the national soap opera that the Cowboys have become for too long. Dallas has to be at the top of its game every week now to hold off its fired-up opponents.

Meanwhile, the low-key Rhodes has crafted a team in Philly with only one marquee player (Ricky Watters) and has it at 7-2 right now. Norv Turner has done a similar job in Washington with a young team and has it tied for first with the Eagles. It will be an interesting race in the NFC East as the remainder of the season unfolds. Dallas, who at 5-4 finds themselves only one game ahead of the Giants, will play at the 49ers and the Giants and home against the Packers and the Redskins in the next four weeks. A 7-6 record after that stretch is not inconceivable, and games against New England and the Redskins loom in the final two weeks.

Five weeks later, I finally get the chance to write a column about an Eagles-Cowboys game and I will not make the mistake of thinking the Cowboys are out of contention again. But now is the time for teams to do what the Eagles did to Dallas Sunday. Since the Cowboys don't always feel like showing up and playing, it is entirely possible that any hungry team can beat them. Just maybe, they can reward Cowboy-haters everywhere by denying the Dallas prima donnas another trip to the Super Bowl.

Men's soccer knocks off R-MC in quarterfinals

Women ousted in semifinals by Roanoke, 2-0

By JEREMY MCNAMEE
Phi Staff Writer

Sam Chase and Jamie Parker e a c h s c o r e d s e c o n d half goals to lead Washington and Lee past Randolph-Macon 2-0 in the quarterfinal round of the ODAC men's soccer tournament Tuesday.

W&L will now meet regular season champion Roanoke in the semifinals Friday afternoon.

The victory improves W&L's record to 11-5, tying the school record for wins set in 1986.

After a scoreless first half, Chase gave the Generals a 1-0 lead just over five minutes into the second half off an assist from sophomore Mikel Parker. Superfresh Jamie Parker then iced the game on a goal with just over six minutes remaining in the contest.

The goal was Parker's 19th of the season, breaking the school record of 18 set last year by Chase.

Things then turned ugly in the waning moments. A brawl ensued, resulting in the ejection of two Randolph-Macon players.

W&L sophomore goalie Garry Hill made five saves to record his third shutout of the

season.

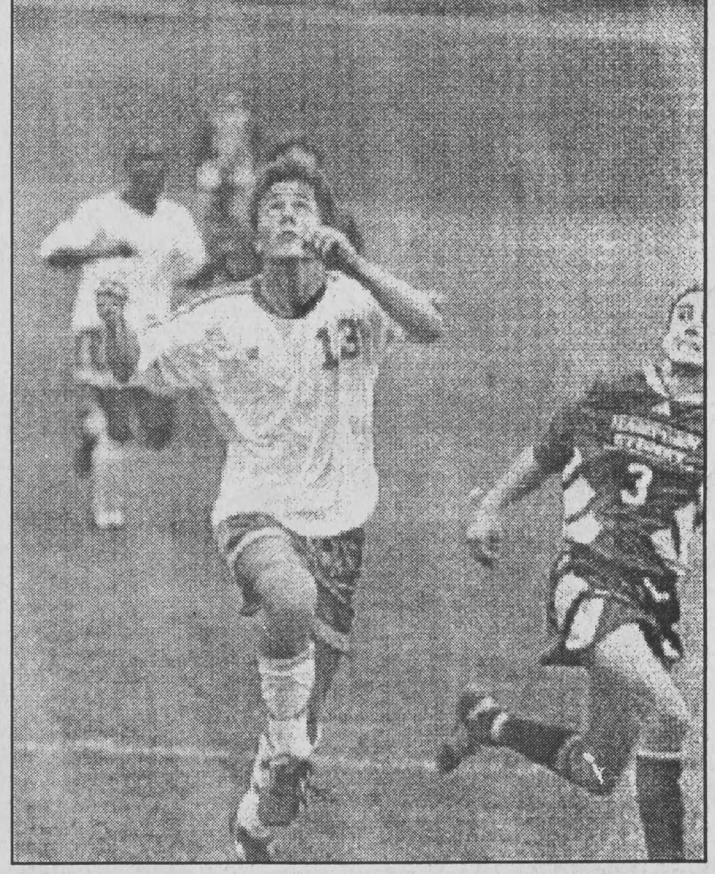
This marks the Generals' first trip to the ODAC semifinals since 1992. They are looking to avenge a 3-1 regular season defeat at the hands of the Roanoke Maroons.

Meanwhile, the women's soccer team ended its season on a disappointing note, the victim of a 2-0 upset to Roanoke in the ODAC semifinals. Roanoke scored a goal in each half for the victory.

Despite the loss, the Generals finished up the year with a record of 12-5. The twelve victories set a new Washington and Lee school record for wins in a season.

Sophomore Karin Treese's 18 goals tied the W&L record for tallies in a season, set by Erica Reineke in 1994.

After this year's strong showing, expectations will be high for next year's squad.



Sam Chase prepares to head the ball. Chase scored a goal in the Generals' quarterfinal win Tuesday.

W&L capitalizes on Bridgewater mistakes

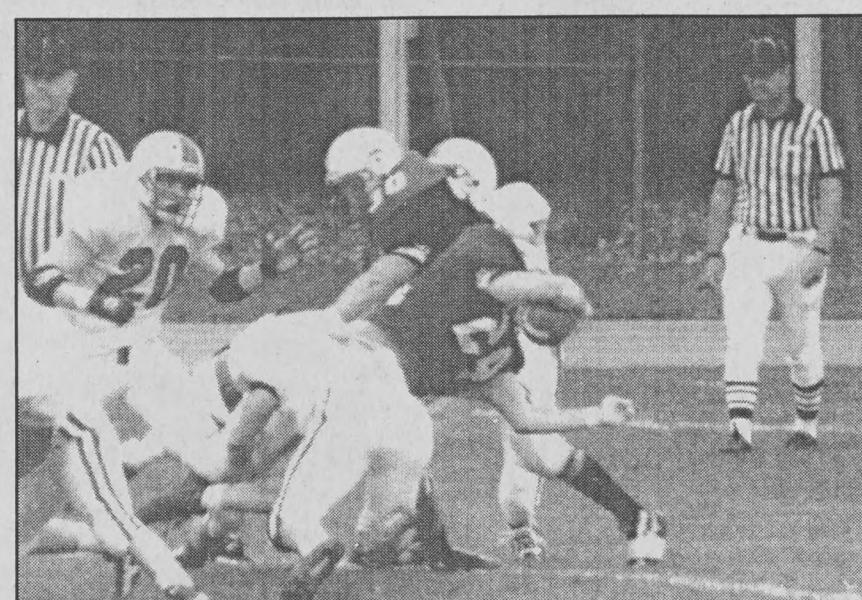


Photo by Ron Bookwalter

Seth McKinley lunges over the goal line in a recent game. The junior scored two touchdowns in W&L's win at Bridgewater.

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

It may have been ugly, but the Generals will take the win.

Washington and Lee and Bridgewater combined for 15 turnovers, many of which McKinley said was caused by the wind and the fact that W&L was experimenting with some younger players. But considering that Bridgewater, a perennial league doormat, was coasting along at 4-3, 2-2 in the league this year, the Generals were happy to escape with the win.

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"Sometimes it wasn't very pretty with the turnovers," head coach Frank Miriello said, "but it was a critical game for us to get to .500."

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Bridgewater's Mario Webb scored on a 19-yard run to give the Eagles a 7-0 edge in the first quarter. W&L turned the ball

back over to Bridgewater on the next series, but the Eagles returned the favor when W&L junior safety Lee Miller picked off a pass and scampered 61 yards all the way to the Bridgewater 4-yard line. From there, junior Seth McKinley grabbed a touchdown pass from senior quarterback Brooks Fischer to knot the score at 7.

Junior Matt Holbrook notched his seventh field goal of the season midway through the second quarter when he connected from 35 yards out to give the Generals a 10-7 lead.

It remained that way until late in the half when disaster struck again for Bridgewater. Freshman Scott King busted through to sack the Bridgewater quarterback and caused a fumble that was recovered by senior noseguard Neil Kelleter on the Bridgewater 2. The Generals once again took full advantage of the break when McKinley scored again on a one-yard plunge to give W&L a 17-7 advantage at halftime.

Bridgewater looked to rally in the second half, but the Generals' defense was not in the mood. Early in the third quarter, junior linebacker Matt Luka smashed the Bridgewater quarterback from behind, forcing another fumble. Defensive end Jack Boyd grabbed the loose ball and chugged 24 yards to pay dirt, giving the Generals a commanding 24-7 lead.

Boyd wreaked havoc on the Eagles' offense all day as he also intercepted a pass, broke up another one and made three tackles. His brother McGuire led the Generals with ten tackles on the afternoon.

Sophomore Brad Baker and senior Chris Watson also made interceptions to facilitate the Generals' stifling defensive effort, while junior Omar Moneim joined King and Luka in the sack department. The Generals defense held Bridgewater to only 175 yards of total offense on the

day. The Eagles also hurt themselves with eight penalties.

After the teams slogged back and forth for most of the second half, Bridgewater scored an academic touchdown on a Von Lewis touchdown catch with only 2:28 remaining in the game. The Eagles then missed the PAT, making the final margin 24-13, the same score as the Generals' win last season.

While the W&L defense rose to the occasion in Bridgewater, the offense could not get going. The Generals had a difficult time moving the ball all afternoon, totalling a mere 132 yards of total offense, although they scored when it counted. Fischer completed 12 of 19 passes for 75 yards, leaving him 60 yards short of overtaking Phillip Sampson (1986-89) as W&L's all-time passing leader. Fischer now has 4,389 yards passing for his career.

The Generals could not get much of a ground game going either Saturday. Sophomore Floyd Young led the team with 31 yards on 13 carries and McKinley added 28 yards on 15 attempts. Senior Jon Gardner was W&L's leading receiver as he caught three passes for 23 yards.

The key win on the road sets up an interesting matchup this weekend in Lexington when W&L and Emory & Henry square off with yes, the ODAC title on the line. Emory & Henry would win its third consecutive league championship with a victory over the Generals. But if the Generals prevail and second place Randolph-Macon loses either to Bridgewater this week or Hampden-Sydney next week, W&L will capture its first ODAC title since 1985.

One big problem though: Emory & Henry has beaten W&L 13 straight times dating back to 1982, including a 35-22 victory last year. E&H leads the all-time series 19-6.

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