

Arch
#378-755
R552
v.96
no.12
c.2

JAMES G. LEVYBURN LIBRARY
WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY
LEXINGTON, VA 24480

NOV 18 1996

The Ring-tum Phi

VOLUME 98, NUMBER 12

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 15, 1996



GENERAL NOTES

HONE YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS:

Unsure of your interview skills? Career Development will host a Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers (VACE) workshop for students and VACE members interested in improving their interview techniques.

Barry O'Donnell, of the Pamplin MBA Program at Virginia Tech, and Keith Potts, assistant vice president and college relations manager for Signet Banking Corporation will be the principal speakers.

The speakers will cover topics including new methods for conducting productive interviews and will alert students to what recruiters look for in an interview. The workshop is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18 in Northern Auditorium.

W&L PROFESSOR HONORED:

Pamela Simpson, W&L art history professor and local author, received the "Outstanding Exhibition and Catalogue" award from the Southeastern College Art Conference. Simpson was honored for her work on *The Sculptor's Clay: Charles Grafly, 1862-1929*; the catalogue of the first comprehensive exhibit of Grafly's work since 1930. The exhibit ran from Feb. 15 through May 1, 1996, and Simpson served as guest curator.

Other achievements include Outstanding Faculty Award from the Virginia Council of Higher Education (1995), an Award of Excellence from the Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians and a VFIC Mednick Fellowship Award. She is currently on a one-year fellowship at the National Humanities Center at the Research Triangle Park, N.C.

HEROIN ARRIVES AT W&L:

The Film Society will show the controversial Scottish film *Trainspotting* this weekend at the Troubadour. The movie, directed by Danny Boyle, focuses on the recovery from heroin withdrawal through the addict Mark Renton. *Trainspotting*, the second highest grossing British movie of all time, is a black comedy based on Irvine Welsh's novel of the same title.

Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Troubadour. As always, admission is free, but contributions are welcomed.

WILLIAM'S WOMEN REVISITED:

British Actress Claire Bloom, internationally known for her work on stage and in Hollywood, is coming to Lenfest's Keller Theatre for a one-time performance of Shakespeare with a twist. The actress performs alone with no props or costumes and portrays only the women in the well-known plays. Ms. Bloom takes the stage as Juliet, Portia and others Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:00 p.m.

SOPHOMORES PAY DUES:

All members of the Class of '99 should stop by the sophomore class table outside the co-op next week. Members of the Sophomore Leadership Council will be collecting \$10 class dues, distributing class t-shirts to those who ordered them last spring, and packing canned-food donations to be given to the homeless.

KELLER HOSTS PLAYREADING:

The Theatre Department will host a reading of Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance*, a Pulitzer-prize winner that was recently revived on Broadway.

A Delicate Balance is the story of a long-time marriage sustained by controlled emotion. The characters come to recognize how they have lost love, frittered it away, until they are at that delicate balance between sanity and madness.

The cast features Maria Hardin '97, Jason Shaffer '97, Andrea Rosa '98, Shelly Adams '99, Joe Merlino '97, Megan Johnson '98, and Holly Estes '00.

The reading will take place on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Keller Theatre. Tickets are not required and all are welcome to attend.

TREE HUGGERS UNITE:

The first issue of *The Washington and Lee*, the W&L Environmental Awareness Committee's newsletter, is now available in the D-Hall.

The EAC will sponsor their second Campus Clean-up project on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Interested students should meet in the B-D-G quad.

If you have any suggestions for activities or questions about EAC activities, contact EAC President Anthony Dvaskas at 463-7202.

—Compiled by Peggy Stuntz

Inside The Ring-tum Phi

OPINION

E.C., I.F.C. speak out against hazing. Pledges in GreenLand. Political gloating From the Left. page 2

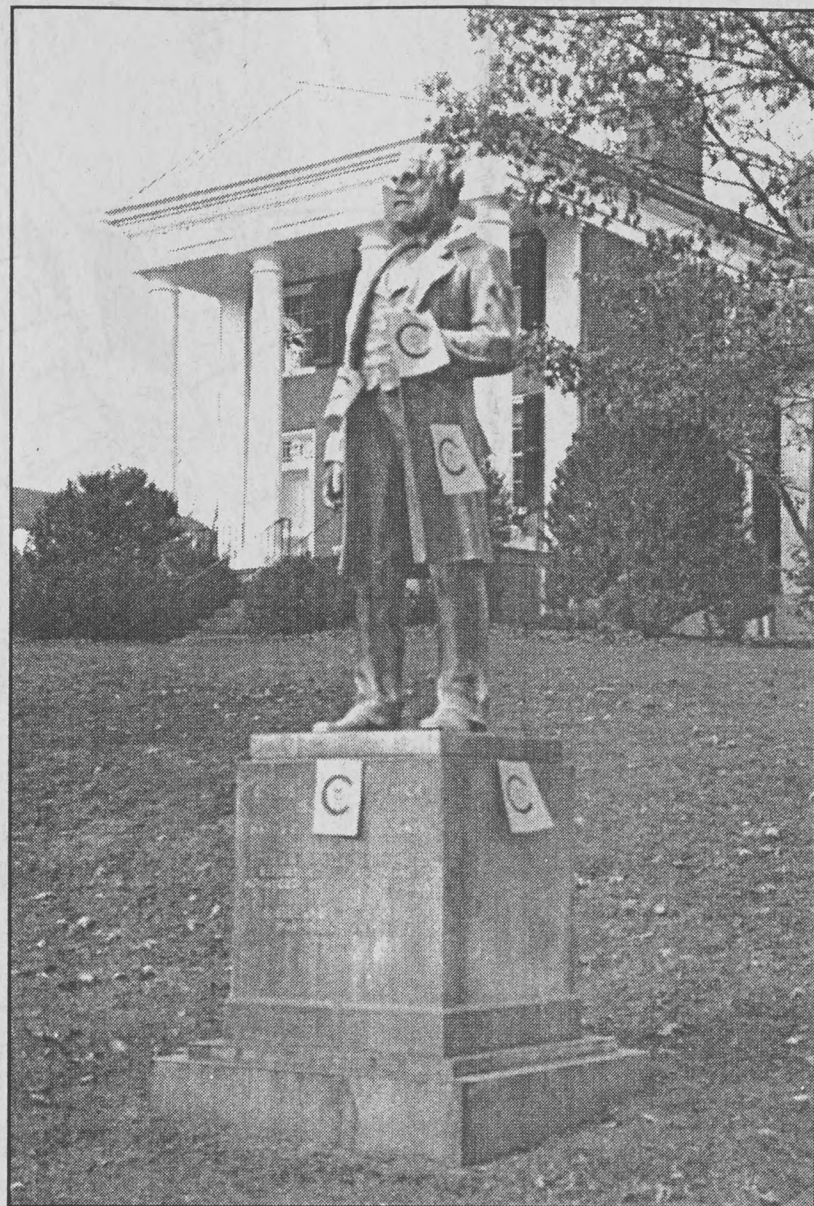
FEATURES



Southern Collegian reemerges on campus. Roger Day, "acoustic alum," keeps coming back for more. Students prepare for music recital. page 3

SPORTS

Men's soccer and volleyball teams fall in ODAC championship games. Emory and Henry denies Generals' football a chance for the league title. page 6



Papyrus on Ol' Cyrus

Still recovering from his recent cardboard Spam-Can coronation of last week, Cyrus McCormick is plastered with the familiar "C" and skull of the elusive Cadaver Society.

University of Minnesota changes tenure policy, faculty feels freedom of thought jeopardized Tenure safeguards W&L professors' jobs

BY LIZ DETTER
PHI STAFF WRITER

A headline on the front page of last Saturday's *Washington Post* read, "Minnesota Faculty, Regents Put Tenure to the Test—Campus at center of growing battle over job guarantees and power in academia." Could this be the start of a national trend?

This is a professor's fear, that universities will eliminate tenure, that sacred institution which guarantees them the ability to teach and research without fear of retribution for their politics.

But professors here at Washington and Lee need not fear that tenure will be dissolved. Dean of the College Laurent Boetsch commented, "We are not discussing doing away with tenure."

Professors rely on tenure as a safeguard that they will not be pressured by the University to adhere to certain ideologies. "We want the faculty to feel that views that are expressed are unimpeded," said Boetsch. "The whole point of a liberal arts education is the free exchange of ideas, so we think it is important that the faculty is free to engage in that exercise."

According to History Department Head Robert McAhren, "Tenure is an important guarantee of a

faculty member's independence, but it is a privilege which I don't think faculty members ought to abuse. They ought not to think because they are tenured they can do or say whatever they want."

Faculty members can become tenured as soon as they are hired, or within their first six years at W&L. Generally, the promotion from Associate Professor to Assistant Professor is regarded as the signal that one has become tenured.

"Under [both] former President Wilson and President Elrod, the whole tenure process has been tightened up," said McAhren. "That makes the whole thing more rigid, more formal and often more frightening for the tenure candidate."

Tenured professors can be dismissed, but such cases are rare. As long as professors continue to be good instructors and stay involved in their discipline, they are seen as fulfilling the job requirements. "Teaching effectiveness is the number one priority," said Boetsch. The second is academic research, and the third is academic citizenship through participation in the University community."

Although some liberal arts colleges such as Amherst and Williams have moved toward a policy commonly called "publish or perish," which makes tenure contingent upon publication, such plans are regarded with

distaste here.

McAhren voiced concern that such a philosophy damages academics. "If even more [research] is to be expected, then faculty will say they need a smaller course load," said McAhren. "The institution cannot afford to expand the faculty, and so class size goes up, writing and student/faculty interaction goes down. If you cut course loads, course offerings goes down. The implications subtly work their way throughout the institution."

Boetsch commented that, "We generally think that it is very difficult to remain an effective teacher unless you are keeping up with your discipline." He pointed out that while the school encourages faculty to research, W&L has no publishing requirement. The Office of the Dean of the College provides the resources to enable professors to continue to do research, give lectures, and go on sabbaticals. Boetsch allayed any fears of a "publish or perish" move here. "W&L is a unique institution and we are not out to emulate anyone."

"We think that our guidelines for professional development and academic citizenship are working fine for us," summed up Boetsch.

Faculty here can rest assured that the anti-tenure movement in Minnesota has not made it's way this far South.

Entrepreneurs cash in on talents

BY C.E. MILLER
PHI STAFF WRITER

There are many ways to make money around Lexington. Some students work in the community or on campus, but a select few, actually earn money from business they do themselves. It isn't easy, but the rewards can be outstanding.

Sophomore Eric Bittner, who calls himself a "crafty guy," gets his spending money by making wreaths and swags for Christmas. His clientele is mostly from home, where his mother acts as his agent showing her friends and other perspective clients her son's work.

"It is easier than working part time. I do things on my own time in my spare time when I don't have a test to study for," Bittner said. "Plus work is more fun, because I enjoy what I am doing."

Freshman Tim Story, owns T-Tech, his own computer business which he started when he was 15 years old. He

wasn't even old enough to drive. T-Tech builds, sells and services PC computers and networks. He also puts together machines designed for CAD/CAM, software which is used by architects for drafting. A newer division in T-Tech handles some desktop publishing.

"After I take Bill Gates over, I intend to thank all the people who have helped me," Story said. "It is a real challenge starting your own business, no matter what age you are."

Peter Eliades '81 helped Story start his business. While Story was volunteering with Eliades' campaign for a delegate seat, Eliades noticed Story's talent with computers and mentioned he could make a lot of money trouble-shooting people's problems. Story became interested and asked Eliades to help him with the necessary paperwork.

"The cheapest business license in



Photo by Mark Slomiany

Freshman Tim Story, owner of T-Tech, repairs an Apple PowerBook.

Please see BUSINESS, pg. 4



V.M.I. IN TRANSITION



The Phi's continuing coverage as V.M.I. follows in W&L's footsteps and goes co-ed

Last Wednesday, lawyers from the Justice Department told US District Judge Jackson Kiser that they need a plan.

The plan they are asking for is a comprehensive agenda on how Virginia Military Institute (VMI) plans to recruit and assimilate women into the state-funded school. This query stems from a belief that VMI has been lax in their recruitment operations in regards to women.

This probe into VMI's operations has been met with resistance, and campus officials state that this accusation by the Justice Department could not be further from the truth.

"That's essentially a false statement," said Neil Whitmore of VMI Admissions in regards to the allegations. "We have been actively recruiting by doing [everything from] name searches to contacting public and private schools."

The Justice Department's lawyers want Judge Kiser to force the institute to submit a written plan in no more than 30 days.

VMI is planning an open house for this weekend and officials expect 18 women to be among the perspective students.

Sleepless in Lexington

BY ERICA PROSSER
PHI STAFF WRITER

Does the idea of co-ed slumber party under the stars in a group of fellow students interest you? The Outing Club and Habitat for Humanity are sponsoring Sleep-Out in the Dell in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Week on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 10 p.m.

Senior Brad Philipson, president of Habitat for Humanity, says this annual event which, occurs nation wide, "combines activities which educate college campuses and raise community awareness."

"This is W&L's first time participating in Hunger and Homelessness Week," said Philipson. "We expect this to be the first step toward a more involved recognition in the future."

The event will include a campfire, hot chocolate, and s'mores, and the Outing Club will provide extra sleeping bags to those who need them.

National Hunger and Homelessness Week is organized on the national level by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, which spent some time near W&L at its Annual Conference at UVA in 1992.

This is an opportunity for interested W&L students to experience a winter night like millions of homeless do. All are welcome to participate in this free, strictly platonic Sleep-Out to support National Hunger and Homelessness Week.

Focus on our real education, not our grades

Life on the Hill

C. E. Miller '98

The freshman midterm grades are in, and looks like the administration has proof. Winter Rush is a good thing, the grades are the highest they have ever been. It seems this school keeps getting better and better. If I applied for the class of 2,000 there would have been a big fat rejection in my mailbox. I am not smart enough to be at this school. At least smart as the administration has defined it with the selection of the sophomore and freshman classes.

What do I mean, well the way I see it many of the students accepted here have learned to jump through all the hoops. Apply to a specific number of schools and have the correct amount of community service and extra curricular activities on the resume. They performed well in high school and took the SAT prep courses. The list goes on and on. It is a formula for success in the world these individuals are looking to gain en-

"There is so much more to life than getting an A. Maybe professors need to stress that more."

trance into. I thought maybe this process would stop when we reached college. But it is so much more formalized. I always hear students complaining bitterly about the grades they have received jeopardizing the chance to get into a good graduate school, law school, or medical school. I get told by these same people that its okay for me to have a B- average because I only want to finish college.

What I want to know is: where is the learning process. Is it through classes where the only answers given to my professors are out of the textbook. Directly out of the textbook word for word. These aren't science or math classes, these are classes that ask for students to analyze. These classes ask for the person to think about the reading, to apply it, and to understand it.

To think for oneself. To read, to understand, to think beyond the surface of the material. This is what a liberal arts school is about. Espe-

cially when one is in the arts departments. Science majors are a different breed. I know one, I live with one. The issue is about facts, about X=Y. I don't care if my doctor understands Homeric epithaphs.

The people I am really concerned about are those sophomore and freshmen that I see fumbling to survive in a liberal arts atmosphere, by simply following the formulas that got them here. I hear conversations all the time that refer to cold tests, and what the formula to follow is to get the A.

There is so much more to life than getting the A. Maybe professors need to stress that more. I don't know if the school is failing to educate us, or we are failing to educate ourselves. I don't want to include everyone in this. I have been in many classes where this was not true. Mostly upper level classes with fewer than 10 students; classes that demanded participation and original thought.

I guess this is mostly a message to those of you who hyperventilate at the mention of a B-. Get over it. It isn't the end of the world. To the administration this isn't about turning out a school full of people with the same grades, who can recite the same information, and make the university statistics little bit better.

This is about preparing students with a liberal education, one that will help them in many areas of their life, teaching them to think, to apply, to understand.

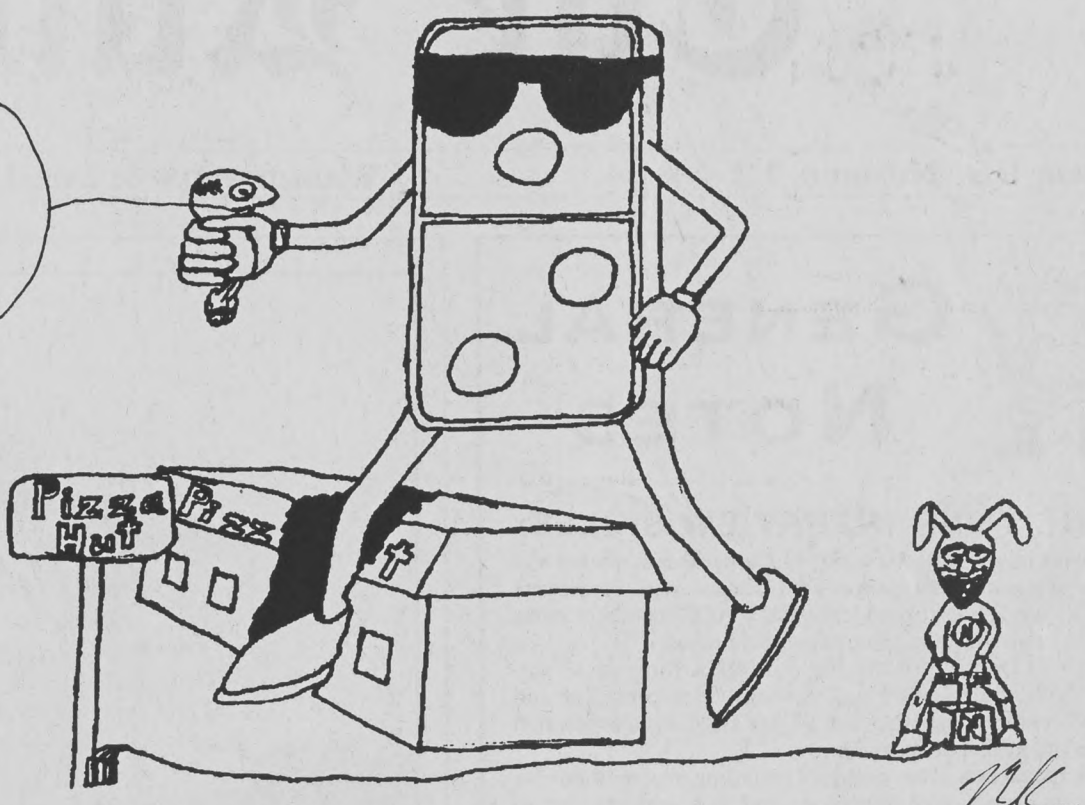
Stop the intense focus on grades. My freshman class had the highest first term grades ever, the class after us beat our record, and I am sure the freshman of '00 will shatter that record again.

Acknowledge the accomplishments that really matter, Habitat for Humanity, Community Big Brother/Sister program, Society for the Arts poetry readings. Students fighting hunger. This is what makes us real, what binds us together. Grades are irrelevant. In 10 or 15 years, I'll come back and no one is going to care that I graduated with a B- average, and it probably won't have destroyed me that I didn't go to a prestigious graduate school. What matters is teaching us to really think, think of solutions to the everyday unsolvable issues—crime, poverty, balancing the budget.

So this is my challenge to the administration—publicize the service of the students that make a difference in the character of the student. The Robert E. Lee ideal gentlemen and lady. Grades are such a small part of success and are overwhelmingly stressed. The obsession with breaking into the top 10 in US News & World Report is misguiding the focus of Washington and Lee students.

Hope no one is looking up my toga!

Dominos Returns



The big W&L hazing compromise

GreenLand Betsy Green '97

By now, everyone is probably aware of the article in The New York Times magazine about hazing at A Certain Conservative, Selective Liberal Arts School In The East Named After Two Dead Generals Which Shall Remain Nameless.

Reactions here have been strong. Some have said that the hazing described in that article is repugnant, barbaric, and simply wrong. Others have responded with an eloquent, "Yeah, so?"

I think hazing, especially the things described in that article, is disgusting. It has no place in the civilized and otherwise gentele society of Washington and Lee. I also think that fraternities and sororities are a vital part of life at Washington and Lee that should be perpetuated. I do not think these two points of view are mutually exclusive.

Becoming a brother or sister in a fraternity should mean something to pledges. Our new pledgship should not become a mere formality. Pledges should know what a particular fraternity stands for, or else it's just a group of guys who give out plastic cups. It's not unreasonable to expect that pledges recognize more of the Greek alphabet than the letters of

their particular house. Basically, if all you had to do to consider yourself a brother in a fraternity was to hang out at the house and go to a few parties, then call me a brother. On the other hand, I don't think anyone who forced me to wear vomit soaked clothes or to partake of an armpit snack is anyone I would want to call my brother. Surely there is a middle ground.

Compromise will not be easy. A suggestion I had heard was for pledge trainers to call up the IFC or Dean Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins to get potential pledge activities approved. Can you imagine it?

Fraternity Guy: Dean Atkins, we were planning on getting our pledges real drunk and tying them naked to trees next Saturday. What do you think?

Buddy: Hmmm... I'm going to have to say no to that right away. I know for a fact there's an SAB-sponsored concert at the pavilion on Saturday. Maybe you should take your pledges there instead.

Fraternity Guy #2: Our house is planning one of its most treasured pledgship activities for next Friday night. It's the one where we line up all the pledges and kick them in the face. Y'know, the annual Face Kicking. Would that be okay? We've already made sure the pledges don't have too much studying to do that night, and there are no alternative gatherings in the Pit either. Also, in light of our sensitivity to the new hazing

policy, we've asked the brothers not to wear their boots this year.

Buddy: I'm afraid I can't approve that program as it stands, but I can think of a good compromise. If you have an equal number of brothers getting kicked in the face, then it's not hazing. Then y'all are

"The next chapter meeting is the one where all of the brothers are asked to volunteer to be kicked in the face."

just stupid. Imagine where this scenario would lead. The next chapter meeting is the one where all of the brothers are asked to volunteer to be kicked in the face. Suspecting that a few people might choose to skip that particular meeting, the president imposes a \$500 fine for anyone not attending. Other brothers are reported to say, "Who cares? I'm just going to charge it home anyway."

I do think that pledges need to

have some kind of common experiences to be a cohesive unit. And men might not respond to the kind of bonding experiences in sorority pledgship... like your big sister maliciously breaking into your room, filling it with crepe paper, and giving you candy and cookies. I really don't think it will be so hard for guys to figure out what's okay and what's not if you follow one rule of thumb: Would you want your mom to know you are doing this?

Would your mom be upset if you knew the Greek alphabet really well? No, she'd find some way to be proud of you for it. Would your mom be traumatized if she saw you asking a younger student to get you a beer? If she did, she'd get over it. Would your mom be worried if you had to clean a house after a party? She'd probably just ask why you don't do that at home. And would mom mind if you and a bunch of your friends went to Hollins for the night? Nah... boys will be boys. But would it be okay with mom to see you getting branded? To see you chugging Mad Dog and raw eggs? To see you beating another guy with a paddle? Unless your childhood was radically different than mine, I'd bet not.

So, you see, hazing isn't such a complicated issue after all. Be decent, be safe, and don't forget about your mom.

Clinton's victory is a victory for America

From the Left

Laura Knapp '99

It has been well over a week since President Bill Clinton scored an amazing, decisive, but totally anticipated victory over Bob Dole. But because it has been a week, my gloating has subsided quite a bit. Had I written this a week ago, the column for the most part would be filled with comments like "Nyah nyah nyah nyah! We won, and you lost! Told you so! So there!" But within the space of seven days, I developed a new sense of maturity and am now able to discuss the outcome of the election with minimal boasting and bragging.

In all honesty though, I am breathing a sigh of relief for the United States, for world civilization, as well as for humanity itself rather than brimming with arrogance over Clinton's victory. The United States is virtually ensured of entering the twenty-first century on stable footing, of course not taking in account a double assassination of both Clinton and Gore where in which the Speaker of the House would become President (a fact that was recently

brought to my attention which I consider just crazy on the part of the Founding Fathers. But to their credit, they did not know about Newt Gingrich when they were drawing up the Constitution; for had they known him, I am sure that they would have thought twice about including such a provision! Could you even imagine Gingrich as president? I myself would take the bullet and endanger my life for Clinton or Gore in order to prevent such an occurrence.) I shudder with fear when I consider the effects of a Dole presidency would have on the present and future of our nation. His 15% tax cut—although assumed to be politically popular equated to financial irresponsibility—would have propelled the United States into a huge financial crisis as well as exacerbate the problem of the burgeoning budget deficit even more.

There are just a plethora of reasons why Americans—Democrats and Republicans alike—should be relieved that Bill Clinton won. We have been promised a moderate and thoughtful administration. Improvements for public education, the environment, race relations, Affirmative Action programs, welfare and general tolerance will all be realized over the next four years. I could not write such a

thing had Bob Dole won.

What I believe to be the most comforting about a Clinton presidency is that he actually cares about what the American people really want. He is not subservient to special interests, military complexes or a professed Washington insider as was Bob Dole. The triumph of Clinton in this election symbolizes the fact that a president can be independent of such forces that have at times dominated the presidential arena. It is a remarkable trend that I hope continues. It is obvious from the results of the election—a Democratic executive and Republican legislature—that Americans are showing that they are indeed moving towards the center of the political spectrum; they have had enough of extremism. The fact that Bill Clinton has made an effort to include Republicans on his cabinet indicates both a sense of maturity on his part as well as a realization that Americans are not either Democrat or Republican. What is right for the nation is no longer—if it ever was—dependent on party distinction. Clinton embodies tolerance, moderation and what is right for the nation. If you don't believe it, I'll let you quarrel with the 2.5 million people that voted for him.

The Ring-tum Phi

Executive Editor.....Anne Alvard
Managing Editor.....Hillary Coombs
News Editor.....Tarah Grant
Assistant News Editor.....Tom Wadlow
Editorial Page Editor.....Jason Zacher
Sports Editors.....Scott Bookwalter, Bethany Bauman
Features Editor.....Dave Balsley
Assistant Features Editor.....Andrea Ewing
Photography Editor.....Mark Slomiany
Business Manager.....Will Hershey
Advertising Manager.....Chip Harrell
Circulation Managers.....Daniel Harrell, Justin Laborde

The Ring-tum Phi is published Fridays during the undergraduate school year at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. Funding for The Ring-tum Phi comes primarily from advertising and subscription revenues. The Washington and Lee Publications Board elects the Executive Editor and Business Manager, but The Ring-tum Phi is otherwise independent.

The Ring-tum Phi welcomes all responsible submissions and letters. All submissions must be in the Phi office, room 208 of the University Center, by noon on Tuesday to appear in that week's edition. The Ring-tum Phi reserves the right to edit submissions for content and length. Letters, columns, and "My Views" do not reflect the opinions of The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Board. Advertising does not reflect the opinions of The Ring-tum Phi or its staff. This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.

The Ring-tum Phi
Post Office Box 899
Lexington, Virginia 24450
Telephone: (540) 462-4060
Fax: (540) 462-4059
E-mail: phi@wlu.edu

Quote of the Week:

"W&L not only teaches us to be alcoholics, it teaches us to be functioning alcoholics"

- anonymous sophomore discussing his weekends

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

Turn all submissions in to the University Center:
Send them to:

Editor
The Ring-tum Phi
Washington and Lee University
Lexington, VA 24450

or e-mail them to:
jzacher@wlu.edu

Southern Collegian shakes off the dust

By DAVID BALSLEY
Phi FEATURES EDITOR

Having been dead for nearly thirty years, *Southern Collegian* will soon walk the hallowed grounds of Washington and Lee University once again.

Notoriously raunchy in its later years, *Southern Collegian* disappeared from Washington and Lee's campus in the late 1960's. It has been resurrected this year by Alex Christensen and Cathy Resmer, who feel that *Southern Collegian* will provide a greater arena for the discussion of political topics at W&L.

"We felt that the campus needed a place for intellectual debates that wasn't stupid," Christensen commented.

Southern Collegian will address political issues from nearly every perspective.

"I don't think this magazine should be merely a reflection of our political views,"

commented Resmer. "We don't want to speak to any individual people. We want to provide a forum for independent voices."

To this end, *Southern Collegian* will include representatives of various political viewpoints on its staff. Also, the magazine will welcome all opinions, with the exception of the opinions of the extreme right.

a literary journal as well," commented Resmer. "We're hoping that *Southern Collegian* will evolve into something that's a combination of the three."

In addition to political articles, each issue of *Southern Collegian* will include three or four poems, as well as a short story.

"We want to be more general," Christensen stated. "We welcome any-

to Spectator," Resmer commented. "We don't want to be so serious."

"We just want to have fun," she added. "We want our stories and articles to be provocative and interesting."

Southern Collegian is an independent publication. The magazine will fund itself through advertising, donations, and subscriptions, but it will receive no funding from the Executive Committee.

Christensen and Resmer are hopeful about the magazine's future; last week's organizational meeting for *Southern Collegian* was well attended.

Students interested in writing or drawing for *Southern Collegian* are encouraged to either contact Christensen or Resmer or to attend next week's storyboard meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20 in Payne 26.

"If you feel passionate about something, then write about it and submit it to us," Resmer stated.

SOUTHERN COLLEGIAN

"*Southern Collegian* will represent everything but the fringe right because we feel that is already being represented," Christensen stated.

True to its original format, the recent re-incarnation of *Southern Collegian* will extend itself beyond politics to include fiction, poetry, and humor.

"We have basically three goals: to be a political forum, a humor magazine, and

one who can write well."

"W&L already has *Ariel* and *Spectator*, but we really wanted the pieces in our magazine to be by people who don't normally have their work printed," Resmer stated.

Resmer hopes to make *Southern Collegian* as humorous and interesting as possible.

"*The Traveller* was a serious answer

GHQ WELCOMES ROCKIN' ALUM

By ANDREA EWING
Phi ASSISTANT
FEATURES EDITOR

Need something to do this Friday before heading out to all those fraternity parties, or do you just want to sit back and enjoy some really kickin' tunes?

The Fridays! Committee offers the music of Roger Day to break the boredom or to get the energy level extra high. Day will perform in the Gaines Gatehouse on Friday night at 9:00 p.m.

The admission is free and that means that if you want to take that girl or guy out for a really great time and are a little short on cash, this is the perfect opportunity.

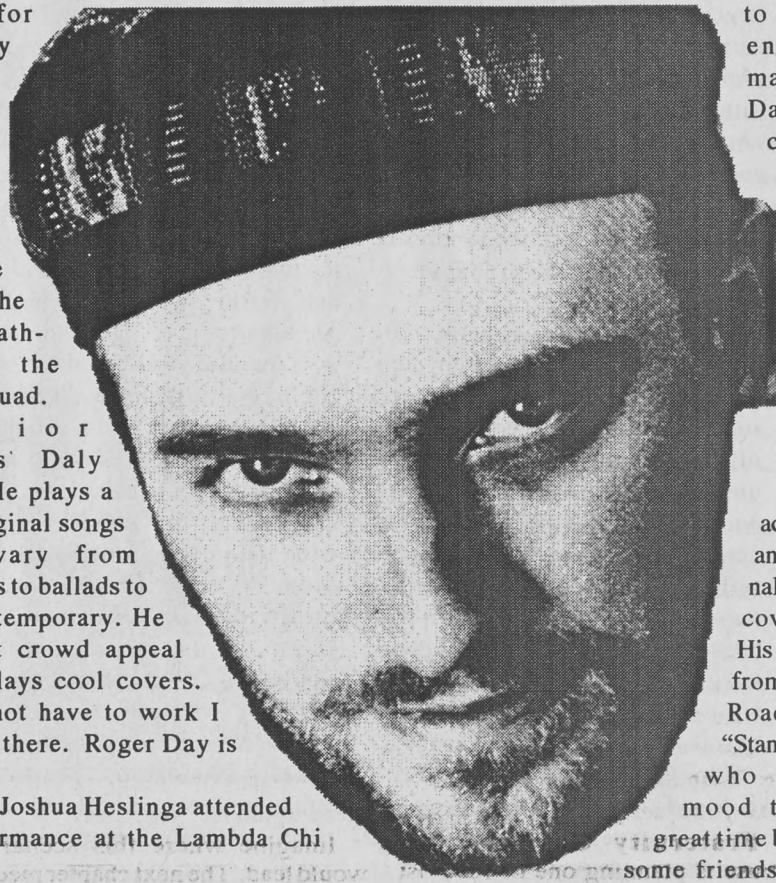
The "acoustic alum" graduated from Washington and Lee in 1985. Day played at Washington and Lee many times in the past. He graced the Lambda Chi Alpha house with his pres-

ence for Fancy Dress Week last March, and for Alumni 1996 he thrilled the crowd gathered in the Gaines Quad.

Junior Milagros Daly raved, "He plays a lot of original songs which vary from children's to ballads to adult contemporary. He has great crowd appeal and he plays cool covers. If I did not have to work I would be there. Roger Day is great."

Junior Joshua Heslinga attended the performance at the Lambda Chi house.

He stated, "Day's music is fun and happy, and it is really good to sit, relax, and enjoy. He loves playing at Washington and Lee, and talks



to the audience and makes jokes. Day will play cover songs and add funny and original alterations. He is extremely entertaining."

Day plays acoustic guitar and sings original as well as cover songs. His songs range from "Country Roads" to "Stand." Anyone who is in the mood to have a great time bring along some friends and come support one of W&L's own.

All you have to do is show up.

Publicity Photo

W&L Music Recital

By BILL OVERBAUGH
Phi STAFF WRITER

Friends, Lexingtonians, campus persons, this coming Tuesday, November 19, marks the date of a musical recital in Washington and Lee University's Lenfest Center. The recital will begin at 8:00 p.m. and should last one to one and one half hours.

About fourteen Washington and Lee students, from freshmen through seniors, will present pieces which they have been working on with their professors for the past eight weeks.

The voice students will perform show tunes, well-known jazzy standards, and beautiful classical pieces, as well as popular contemporary songs in Latin, German, and English. Your peers will also play piano, cello, bass, and violin, among others.

This fun-filled evening will make a fabulous study break and a terrific chance to experience some of the musical talent which makes up Washington and Lee.

SCA cavorts in heavy armor

By ANDREA EWING
Phi ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

"My Lord, what may I do to service you?" This statement is not often heard, but if you were to attend an event sponsored by the Society of Creative Anachronisms, this would not seem so strange and maybe even commonplace. The SCA was begun by a group of students attending the University of California, Berkeley, in the 1960's. Members attempt to "recreate the best of the Middle Ages" says Scott Silvers, President of the SCA here at Washington and Lee.

The group has a 2 year history here at W&L with 10-15 active members. The group holds meetings every Monday night at 8:30 in room 113 of the University Center. The group sponsors activities like the movie night held 2 weeks ago. A dance practice will be held Tuesday night in the game room of the University Center. The dances of the Middle Ages are relatively easy and quick to learn. Anyone who is interested may contact Scott Silvers for more information or come to the meeting this Monday.

One of the main activities of the group is recreation of medieval fighting.

Silvers commented, "The SCA is your chance to live out that fantasy of being a knight in shining armour. Our battles are non-choreographed, and in the larger battles there can be several thousand fighters on the field."

Scott became involved in the SCA his freshman year. "I was a fencer and I heard about the SCA and thought that sounds cool. There was no one to fence with so I started heavy fighting." Silvers authorized to fight in events in 1995 and since then has taken part in baronial as well as kingdom level fighting. Women also are able to take part in heavy fighting, and are encouraged to do so. A crown tourney is held every six months in which fighters battle for the crown. The king is the winner of the tourney and can be either male or female.

Silvers believes that everyone would find something appealing about the SCA. "There is more than just fighting in the SCA. We dance, we sing, and have artisans who make all kinds of crafts (i.e. brewing, woodworking, sewing, and armouring). "A person can create a new persona and become whatever they want. It is really up to them. Silvers invites anyone to come and learn what a cloven fruit is and the wondrous joys it evokes.



Photo courtesy of Scott Silvers

John Jordan, '95 Law

Luhrmann, Shakespeare meet happily in R&J

By ALEX CHRISTENSEN
Phi MOVIE CRITIC

☆☆☆ of 4 stars;
better than bad, it's good

The pitch:
"It'll be like *Pulp Fiction* meets *Romeo and Juliet*."

I was quite cautious in making the *Pulp Fiction* reference in my pitch (above). The purpose of my "pitch" is to give you an idea what the film is like, or what the makers might have thought it was like. Too many films have been compared to *Pulp Fiction* recently, but I think that in this case it is warranted. Both tell complex stories, both use violence and witty dialogue to maximum effect, and both are jarring both in style and in content.

Romeo and Juliet has had many incarnations. I still have part of the balcony scene memorized from high school English class. And I've seen the 1968 Franco Zeffirelli version where you see Olivia Hussey's bosoms and Leonard Whiting standing naked in the window. I've missed, however, most of the other versions, including some silent ones, clunky early ones with old actors, the ballet, and some freer adaptations like *West Side Story* and others.

William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is a fine film. For those of you who have not seen *Strictly Ballroom*, Australian director Baz Luhrmann's wonderful comic romance about professional ballroom dancing, it may be a bit jarring to experience a Baz Luhrmann film—so many bits of *R+J* played for their comic effect, the elder characters treated like buffoons who don't "get it," and the constant blare of "cool" music. It is jarring, and it is meant to be so. Luhrmann's film work, so far at least, has been about youth, and how in its optimism, energy, and inexperience, it is so ultimately human and real. That's why he's perfect for this modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's play.

Luhrmann also understands what the point of an updating of a classic work is. Of course, it's a completely different approach, than, say, Kenneth Branagh takes when adapting such works as *Henry V* or *Hamlet*. The point is not to honor every intention of the author, but to reveal new things both about the work and about the time we live in. So Shakespeare purists may not like this film. However, what Luhrmann does is truly a work of genius.

Luhrmann sets *R+J* in a mythical Florida town called Verona Beach. This town is completely created artistically by the filmmakers—you can't visit it. It was filmed in Mexico City and in locations around Veracruz, Mexico, but the way it is handled, it becomes a real place to the audience. Towering over the city are a blocky stone Virgin Mary at the Chapel Monument and two great skyscrapers, marked "Montague" and "Capulet."

The young members of each faction carry guns emblazoned with family crests and duel openly in the streets. The story unfolds quickly, wittily, and touchingly, not weighed down, but rather wonderfully revealed, by the Elizabethan dialogue of the characters. Yes, the text has been cut, some have said too much, but I felt that the film worked. I could, I suppose, go back and get my copy of the play and bring it in and mark all the cuts, but that would hardly tell me anything about whether it worked. I think it did, quite well.

Another thing that Luhrmann has done in his handling of the story and the language is to exploit new meanings of old words to great effect. In doing so, he rather disarmingly takes advantage of the great mystery of language, which almost never takes away or assigns a new meaning to a word without enriching rather than empowering its power.

Specifically, in a device which works quite well, Luhrmann changes Mercutio, Romeo's best friend, into a black, dreadlocked youth who dresses in drag, uses drugs with Romeo, and is ultimately the catalyst for the second half of the story. John McEnery did a superb, haunting job with the "conventional" Mercutio in Franco Zeffirelli's version, so I was both dreading and looking forward to Harold Perrineau's (of *Smoke*) take on him in this version. He went far beyond my expectations and alleviated all my fears. Perrineau is alternately grave and insanely blissful in what is ultimately a very enlightening deconstruction of the character, which takes place without relieving him of any of his deep reality.

Other notable performances are the two leads, Claire Danes (of ABC's much-missed "My So-Called Life"), who will one day rule the world and Leonardo DiCaprio, Oscar nominee for *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* They both perform well, though DiCaprio seems just slightly, very slightly perhaps, out of his depth. Still, whatever he lacks is more than made up for by the grand vision of Luhrmann and his co-screenwriter Craig Pearce.

\$5000 First Prize!

Develop an innovative web application help companies in Virginia exploit the benefits from the new Internet Economy. Win cash prizes from \$1000 to \$5000.

For details, including contest rules and entry forms, see our web site at <http://www.cit.org/> and click on the **WWW Business Innovations Contest icon.**

Wanted!!!

Individuals, Student Organizations and Small Groups to promote 1997 Spring Break Travel Packages. Earn substantial MONEY and FREE TRIPS Call INTER-CAMPUS PROGRAMS (800) 327-6013

papyrus: n., pl. -pyri 1. a tall, aquatic cyperaceous plant, *Cyperus Papyrus*, of the Nile Valley. 2. a material on which to write, prepared from thin strips of the pith of this plant laid together, soaked, pressed and dried, used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. 3. an ancient document, manuscript, or scroll written on this material.

Leyburn Library Thanksgiving Break Hours 1996

Friday, November 22
Close at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 23
Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23
Closed

Monday - Wednesday, November 25-27
Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday - Friday, November 28-29
Closed

Saturday, December 1
Open at 12:00 noon and resume 24-hour schedule

Letters to The Ring-tum Phi

E.C., I.F.C. speak out against hazing

Dear W&L Community,

Taylor Crothers might have done his alma mater a favor when he published those pictures in *The New York Times Magazine*. To be sure, the article and pictures cast a dark shadow on our University. However, if we are smart, we'll use this dubious publicity to our advantage. The advent of these pictures only speaks louder to students in telling them that the University's commitment to ending hazing is firm.

President Elrod set the ball rolling last January when he invited the fifteen fraternity Presidents to Lee House to ask for an end to hazing. Then, the Board of Trustees charged last year's Student Body President, Keith Benedict, and Dean Atkins to author a hazing policy. This fall, the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), composed of six students, four professors and two deans, set out to fine-tune an already aggressive policy that was begun last year. The student members who sit on SAC include the Student Bar Association President, Student Body President, IFC President, Panhellenic President, SCC President and Head Dorm Counselor. These elected officers from all walks of W&L student life collaborated with members of the faculty and administration and approved the University Policy on Hazing which, for the first time, makes individuals accountable for hazing violations. By punishing an entire fraternity for hazing, one also punishes the pledges (the very group this policy aims to protect). Such punishment has proven a failure in the past.

It should be clear, then, that the University has been at work shaping this vigorous hazing policy long before these pictures were published. *The Times* piece might well preempt any example-making by a hazing judicial board, and it might heat off pointless injury resulting from hazing. What this article will not do is heighten or reduce the seriousness of this policy.

Among other things, this aggressive policy allows for a judicial board composed of five SAC student members and a non-voting faculty advisor to hear cases where sufficient evidence of hazing has been found after an investigation. Clearly, SAC is giving student self-

governance a chance to work by trusting students to solve what amounts to be a problem for the whole university. There has never been an official student committee whose sole purpose is to try individuals for hazing. In other words, students have not yet proven that they cannot hand down proper punishment for students guilty of hazing.

Hazing has become an anachronism on the large majority of college campuses today. Even at a school that holds history so dear, most would agree that it is time for our tradition of hazing at Washington and Lee to die. The large majority of students are ready and willing to make hazing a memory. For those students who still wish to haze, a clear message has been sent from the faculty, administration and fellow students through the Student Affairs Committee: there will be an aggressive University policy on hazing, and it will be enforced. It is our hope that the faculty pass the SAC policy as it stands.

Sincerely,

Sandy Hooper
Student Body President

Anthony Mazzarelli
Interfraternity Council President

Student offended by statement made on WLUR

Dear Editor and Fellow Students:

I am writing, in all seriousness, because I have been offended by something I heard on our campus radio station.

On Wednesday morning, at about 7:45, I was listening to WLUR. The two DJ's were talking about a movie, and one of them mentioned that one of the actors "looked like some total faggot boy." I'm sure that this was a casual comment and was not meant as an insult. Even so, I was offended. Let me tell you why.

The word "faggot," used in that context, is akin to the word "nigger." Think about what would happen if the student had made a similar comment, using instead the inflammatory N-word. Virtually everyone at W&L would be offended. The station, and the student involved, would publicly apologize. As it is, however, the use of the word "faggot" at W&L

does not elicit a similar public response. This does not mean that the word is any less offensive to members of this community; it simply means that few people here have the courage to admit that such language is profane and unnecessary.

The most disturbing thing about the incident is that the student did not apologize when I called the station to make her aware of what she had said, and how it had affected me. She did not apologize on the phone, nor did she mention the call on the air in the half hour that I listened to the show. I realize that it was early, and that she was probably shocked that someone would call about a seemingly insignificant remark, but that does not excuse her behavior. Students who volunteer for radio shows should be held to the same standards of decency as are the students who write for university publications.

The militantly anti-gay staff of the Spectator would not allow the word "faggot" in their publication. Even Glenn Miller, on his back page Trident columns, hadn't used the word, though I must admit he's been very creative (if often unsuccessfully so) at coming up with other ways to slam G&L. Clearly this word is offensive if even the most homophobic students at W&L would not stoop to use it.

Please do not misunderstand my intentions. I'm not writing to further a leftist agenda, nor am I calling for the student DJ to be punished. I think she should continue her show, provided that she apologize for her careless mistake. I wrote this letter because I think that too often at this school such behavior goes unchecked. We pride ourselves in providing a unique atmosphere of friendliness and civility at W&L. Why, then, are we so reluctant to recognize actions which are antithetical to those principles? We should all be offended when such actions occur.

Sincerely,

Catherine C. Resmer

Hazing need not be part of pledge experience

Dear W&L Students:

The *New York Times Magazine* piece on hazing has brought to the surface an unpleasant fact about our special community. Hazing is

a fact within our fraternity system and within some of the secret societies as well.

I was first presented with hard evidence last December and January when I received a number of anonymous communications from freshmen and parents of freshmen alleging hazing in fraternity pledge programs. The agreement within these communications (letters, telephone calls and one personal visit) in the description of hazing activities testified to their veracity and provided the basis for my conviction that this problem is severe and in need of correction.

I immediately reported my findings to the Board of Trustees at its 1996 winter meeting in Lexington and received its strong endorsement of my request that the Office of the Dean of Students address this problem by revising our hazing policy and implementing steps to prevent its re-occurrence in the 1997 rush/pledge period and thereafter.

Deans Howison and Atkins have worked closely with the IFC, the EC, fraternity officers and the Student Affairs Committee to create and implement a preventive program this winter. They have also established new procedures for investigating allegations of hazing and new penalties for those found guilty of it. The faculty will vote on the new University Policy on hazing at its December 2nd meeting.

There has been considerable conversation these last ten days about hazing at Washington and Lee. Discussion in classes, faculty offices, fraternity houses, the freshmen dorms, all over our campus, and I am glad that it is so. Most, but not all, of these conversations have reflected an appalling regard for these activities and a concern that they be eradicated. Most students have been embarrassed for their University by the debased picture of fraternity life displayed in the C. Taylor Clothiers' photographs.

My deep hope is that there exists a rising determination on your part that hazing must be ended at your University and that you and your leaders in the EC, the IFC and the fraternity chapters will simply say "No More!" It will take a deep and lasting resolve on your part to bring an end to hazing and courage too, for not all of you agree that it is wrong and should be ended. So for those of you who are willing to make the effort to raise the spiritual level of Washington and Lee by bringing an end to this debased

activity, I can only promise you my full and complete support. I will do all that I can to assist you, but you must know that the administration and the faculty and the trustees and the alumni and the press cannot end this practice alone.

What can you do? The IFC is designing a challenging and positive pledge program which all fraternities are to follow. Each chapter on this campus can pledge that it will conduct its own pledge program according to the IFC guidelines. Chapter presidents and pledge trainers can vow that hazing will not occur in their chapters and can closely monitor the pledging activities of their new classes. Sophomores can resist the long-standing principle that "It was done to me, and I am going to do it to them." Juniors and seniors can exercise the authority which falls to them as upperclassmen to insist that IFC guidelines be followed and can use their influence to dissuade individuals who are inclined to haze. Pledges can collectively and individually resist hazing if their fraternities engage in it, remembering as you must that it is wrong. And pledges and brothers alike can take the courageous step of informing the Dean of Students Office if hazing activities occur. And every student on this campus can and should bear in mind that hazing is inconsistent with both the values of honor and civility that define Washington and Lee University.

You should know that I am a Sigma Nu. I spent three wonderful years in the Zeta Theta Chapter of this fraternity at Presbyterian College. I was not hazed, and I am certain that my bonding experience with my fellow pledges and brothers was as strong as it could be. I had a wonderful opportunity to serve as faculty advisor to the Sigma Nu Chapter here. So I am perfectly well aware of the rich potential of fraternities to create lasting friendships, to provide ample and meaningful opportunities for leadership development, to amplify occasions for service to the University and the community and to provide a place for an active social life. Fraternities have a long and historic place in the life of this institution. No one whom I know of wants to bring an end to this long and historic association between national fraternities and Washington and Lee University.

I write this letter to inform you of my very deep concern about hazing at our University. I worry

that it is eroding the integrity of Washington and Lee and that it will damage the reputation of this fine university as well. I want you to know that the Trustees, the faculty and the administration are opposed to this activity and will do whatever we can to bring this practice to an end. I ask that you join us as partners in this endeavor. I cannot help believe that if you reflect upon the ideals of honor and civility that constitute the moral cornerstones of Washington and Lee University, you will insist that this practice come to an end and will see that it does so.

Sincerely,

John W. Elrod
President

Director of Tucker Multimedia Center extends thanks

Dear Washington and Lee Community,

I write you this note of thanks after having worked with so many of you in organizing and setting into motion the recent conference--Ingenious Methodologies through Technology--held on our campus the weekend of October 18, 1996, and funded by the Charles E. Culpepper Foundation.

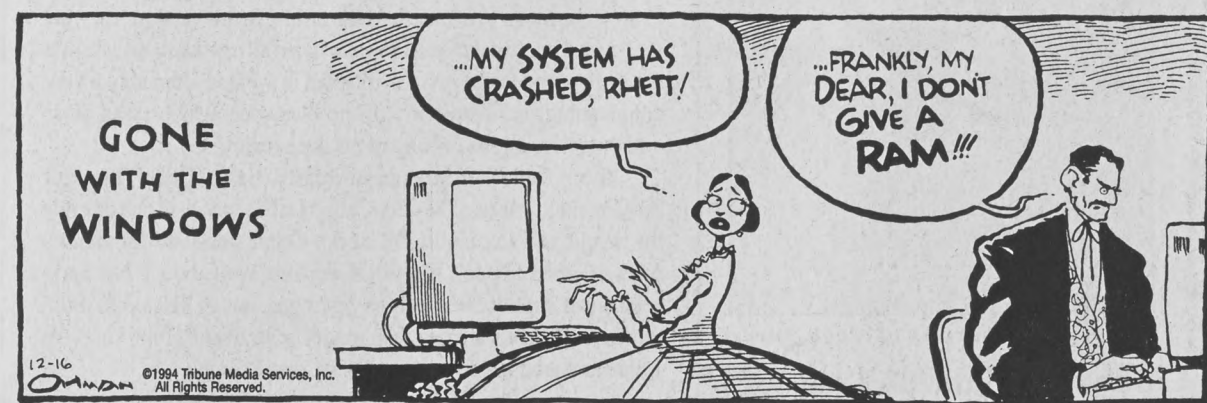
From start to finish, your continuous support has proven itself fruitful as the letters and notes of thanks and congratulations continue to be received. There are too many of you to mention individually in the space allotted me here, but rest assured that the conference's success can be only attributed to genuine team effort and acceptance of responsibility.

As Director of the Tucker Multimedia Center, it is nice to say proudly that Washington and Lee University continues to hold a grand place in the domain of language teaching technologies. But it is all of you who have helped to put us there for which I personally thank you!

Most sincerely,

Paul R. (Dick) Kuettnr
Correction

A picture on page 8 was misidentified in the November 8, 1996 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*. The subject of the photo was identified as Sam Chase. The person in the photo was Colin Connolly.



BUSINESS, from pg. 1

Hopewell, Va. is \$30," he said. "I saved my allowance for three weeks until I had enough money to buy it."

After obtaining a business license, Story set up shop and began to establish T-Tech.

Story is big on personalized service. He brings it right to his customers' doors. "The first shop I had was tiny, and now that I am at school, I don't have room for people to bring their stuff to me," he said, "so I started going to them."

Story's services are a little more expensive than many other computer support operations, but he feels that his customers receive the complete package. Included with a purchase of a T-Tech computer is 6 hours of Story's time any way the purchaser wishes to use it.

"If you buy a printer," he said "it comes with the paper."

Last year Story grossed \$30,000. It sounds like a lot, but after taking out expenses and such, his net was negative.

"It takes a few years to stabilize a business," Story said. "The first year

you have an extreme negative cost, and after that, it gets smaller and smaller, until you can turn a profit."

Story chose to come to Washington and Lee in large part to the attorney who helped him start his business.

Story has only taken two computer courses in his entire life. He attributes his computer knowledge to experimentation, "taking them apart and

putting them back together again."

Bittner is also a self-taught his skill with wreaths and swags. "I love Christmas stuff, and it is just something I picked up," he said.

Bittner has also had inquiries for his products from his peers. He sells his art for \$25 to \$75. Bittner's hallmate recently ordered a Christmas gift for her parents, a wreath decorated

POVERTY, from pg. 1

encourage us to apply for the grant, yet that doesn't mean that they will give it to us," he said.

According to the executive summary written on the program, it will "nourish a sense of civic duty and self sacrifice in behalf of our fellow citizens through lessons and experience."

W&L students already work with Habitat for Humanity, Alpha Phi Omega and some even travel to Nicaragua for a service project during spring break. Students will be encouraged in the class to participate in

similar volunteer activities and to examine how poverty affects their lives and their environment.

"One of our goals is to help students redefine their vocation as journalists, as lawyers, as doctors or any

other vocation and how they go about performing their job," said Beckley. "This course will make students better informed and more sensitive to poverty in the United States and the Third World."

Jock Shorts

Cross Country

The Washington and Lee cross country teams finished their seasons with strong showings at the NCAA Division III South regionals.

The men's cross country squad finished fifth out of 17 teams at regionals, only twenty points away from third place.

Junior Jason Callen led the way for W&L, placing eighth in 26:43 and winning all-region honors.

Teammate Will Olson just missed all-region honors with his 16th-place finish in 27:06, which was only a half-second away from the all-region award.

Sophomore Steve Guenther crossed the line in 30th with a time of 28:07 for the Generals.

The women's team improved their finish at regionals by two places from last year by coming in sixth out of 13 teams.

Junior Carson Flowers crossed

with gold angels, for \$35.

"It's a Bittner Original," exclaimed Sophomore Rachel Goddu, a pleased customer who felt her purchase is worth every cent.

Both Bittner and Story are earning money doing what they want to do. For these two students, it beats the grind at Harbs or Spanky's—better hours, better pay, and more fun.



the line first for the Generals, placing 17th overall in 20:17, which was six seconds away from all-region honors.

Senior Nat Messmore and sophomore Natasha Dorofeeva both placed in the top-30 for the Generals. Messmore came in 26th in 20:43 while Dorofeeva latched onto 29th in 20:48.

Spicy Italian

Now serving breakfast

Try our Spicy Italian sandwich—
Pepperoni & Genoa Salami with your choice of
veggies and toppings on fresh baked bread.

SUBWAY

453 E. Nelson Street
Lexington VA
463-3322

© 1996 Doctor's Associates Inc.



Harris Teeter

Your Neighborhood Food Market



Sale Begins Wednesday, November 6, 1996



Weekly Special

Diet Coke or
Coca-Cola

1.29
6 Pk. 12 Oz.
Cans



PRESIDENT'S
CHOICE
SALE

President's Choice
Soft
Drinks

59¢
2
Liter



10 Oz. Selected Varieties
Harris Teeter
Pretzels

**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

Bugles
Corn
Snacks

99¢
5-6 Oz.

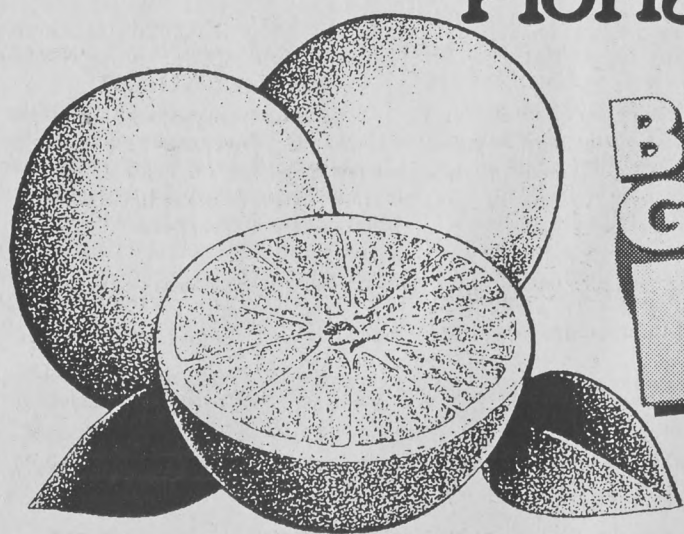
Selected Varieties
Ralston
Chex Cereal

1.99
12-16 Oz.

7 Oz. Puffed or Crunchy
Cheese
Doodles

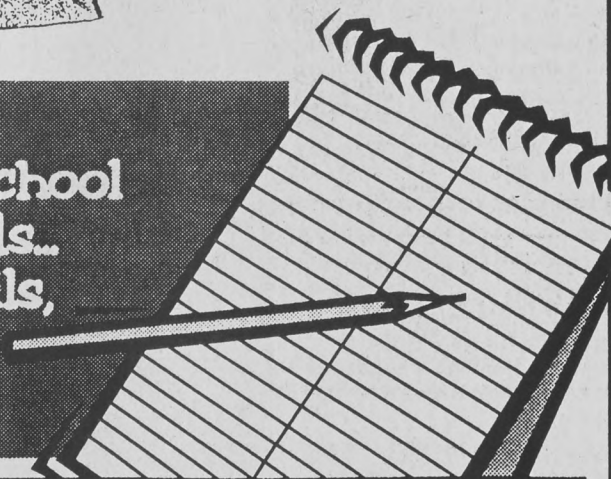
**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

4 Lb. Bag
Florida Oranges



**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

Remember,
We Have All Of Your School
and Dorm Supply Needs...
Notebooks, Pens, Pencils,
Cleaning Products
And More!



The Best Deli/Bakery Around

BBQ or Hot & Spicy
Buffalo Style
Wings

Weekly Special

2.99
Lb.

Roast Beef &
Turkey
Sandwich

Weekly Special

2.49
Ea.

16 Inch
Italian Combo
Pizza

7.99
Each
Weekly Special

8 Piece
Fried
Chicken

4.99
Each
Weekly Special

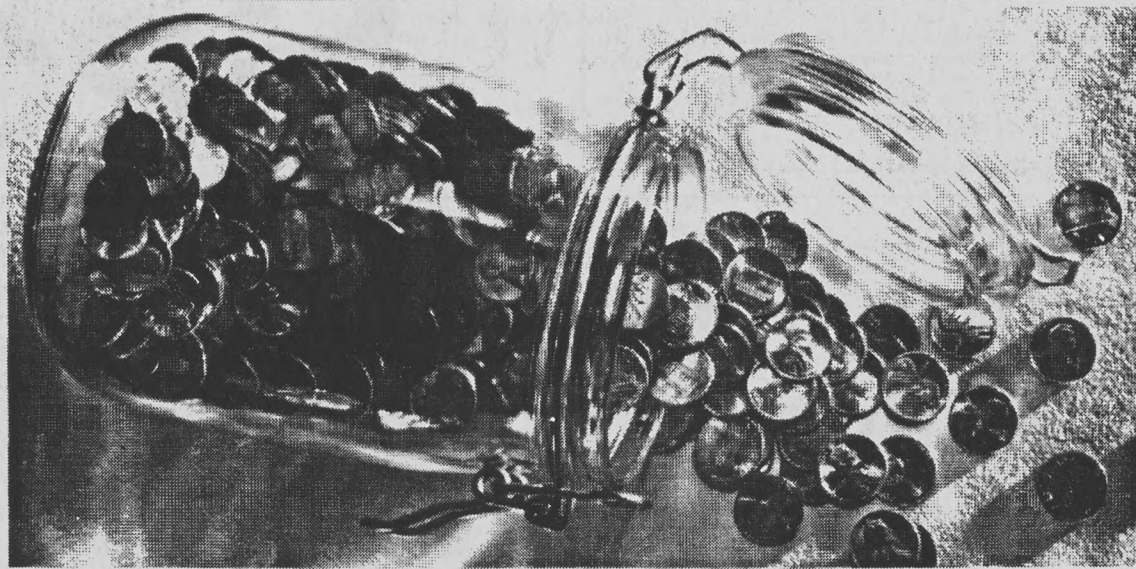
In The
Bakery 6 Ct. Weekly Special
Selected Varieties
Muffins

**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

Prices and Offers Good Wednesday, November 6 Through Tuesday, November 12, 1996
At Your Athens Harris Teeter.

We Reserve The Right To Limit Quantities. None Sold To Dealers.

PRINCIPLES of SOUND RETIREMENT INVESTING



EVERYONE WILL GIVE YOU THEIR TWO CENTS WORTH, BUT WILL THAT BE ENOUGH TO RETIRE ON?

Today there seems to be an investment expert or financial advisor almost everywhere you turn. But just how qualified are all these experts?

Peace of mind about your future comes from solid planning. From investments and services designed and managed with your needs and retirement security specifically in mind. The kind of investments and services TIAA-CREF has been providing for more than 75 years.

**WE'LL HELP YOU BUILD
A REWARDING RETIREMENT.**

Our counselors are trained retirement professionals who have only you and your future in mind. So you're treated as the unique person you are, with special needs and concerns about retirement. And that makes for an understanding, comfortable relationship.

With TIAA-CREF, you have plenty of choice and flexibility in building your retirement nest egg - from TIAA's guaranteed traditional annuity to the investment opportunities of CREF's seven

variable annuity accounts. And we're nonprofit, so our expense charges are among the lowest in the insurance and mutual fund industries.* That means more of your money is where it should be - working for you.

TIAA-CREF is now the largest private pension system in the world, based on assets under management - managing more than \$150 billion in assets for more than one and a half million people throughout the nation.

**TIAA-CREF:
THE CHOICE THAT MAKES SENSE.**

It's tough to wade through all the "advice" to find a reliable pension plan provider. But as a member of the education and research community, your best choice is simple: TIAA-CREF. Because when it comes to helping you prepare for retirement, our annuities will add up to more than spare change.

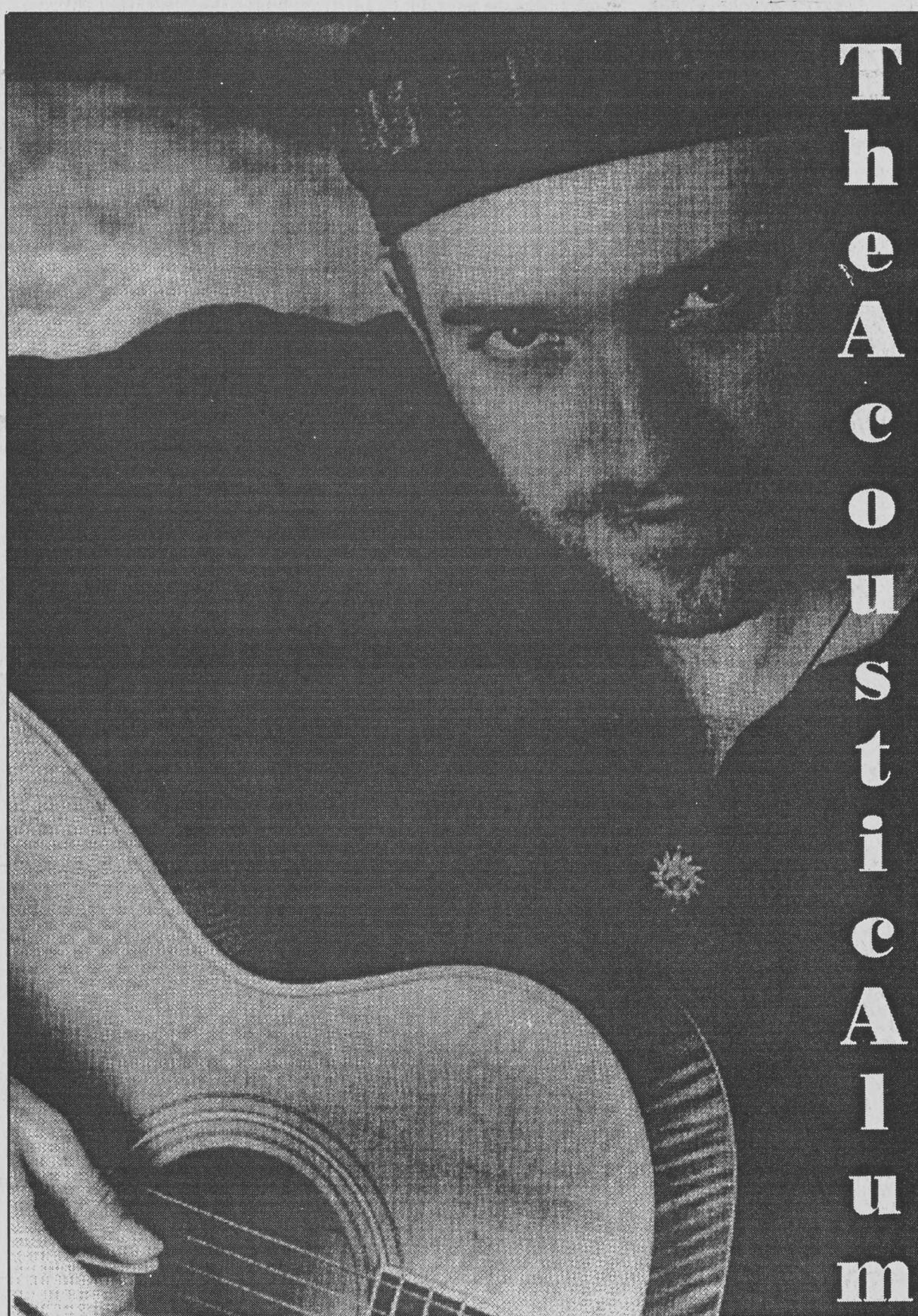
For more information about how TIAA-CREF can help you prepare for the future, call our Enrollment Hotline at 1 800 842-2888.



Ensuring the future
for those who shape it.™

* Standard & Poor's Insurance Rating Analysis, 1995. Lipper Analytical Services, Inc. Lipper Directors' Analytical Data, 1995 (Quarterly). CREF certificates are distributed by TIAA-CREF Individual and Institutional Services.

© 1995 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund, 200 Third Avenue, New York, NY



**T
h
e
A
c
o
u
s
t
i
c
A
l
u
m**

**R
O
G
E
R
D
A
Y**

Friday, November 15
9:00 p.m.

Gaines Gatehouse

Free Admission

Sponsored by the Fridays! Committee

Generals in action this week:

FOOTBALL - Saturday at Swarthmore, 1:30 p.m.
 MSWIMMING - Saturday at Marymount, 2:00 p.m.
 WSWIMMING - Saturday at Marymount, 2:00 p.m.
 WRESTLING - Sunday at VMI Keydet Invitational, 10:00 a.m.

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

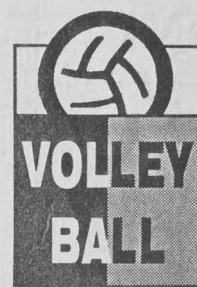
Last week's results:

FOOTBALL - L. 43-27, vs. Emory & Henry
 MSOCCER - L. 3-1, vs. Eastern Mennonite in ODAC final
 MSWIMMING - W. 100-76, at Centre; L. 112-90, at Transylvania
 WSWIMMING - W. 118-73, at Centre; L. 104-101, at Transylvania
 VOLLEYBALL - W. 15-11, 15-8, 14-16, 15-8, vs. Guilford (ODAC)
 L. 15-10, 15-10, 15-12, vs. Bridgewater tourn.)
 CROSS COUNTRY - Men 5th, Women 6th at Division III regionals

Volleyball falls to Bridgewater

By JEREMY McNAMEE
 Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee volleyball team reached the ODAC championship game for the second straight year, but the Generals were unable to repeat as conference champs, losing to archrival Bridgewater in the finals at Emory & Henry.



W&L whipped Randolph-Macon in four games in the quarterfinals as freshman Nancy Reinhart and senior Virginia Yoerg each had 11 kills.

In the semifinals, W&L coasted past Guilford in four games, 15-11, 15-8, 14-16, 15-8, behind 13 kills from Reinhart and 12 kills from junior Holly Thomssen.

However, the Generals finally met their match against Bridgewater in the final, succumbing 15-10, 15-10, 15-12. Yoerg was her usual self with 13 kills in her collegiate finale.

W&L finished the season with an impressive mark of 29-4, tying the school record for wins set by last year's squad.

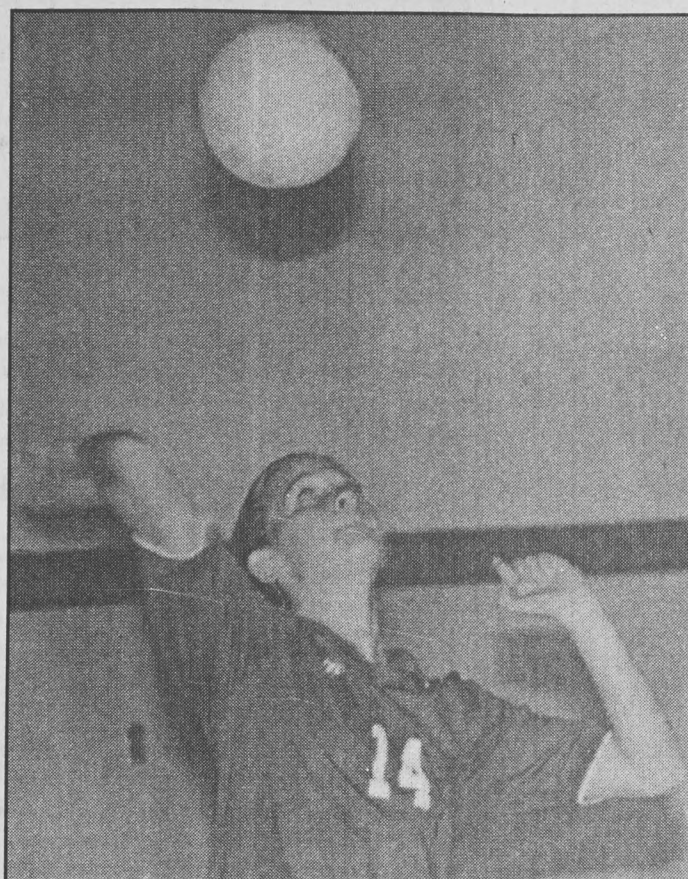


Photo by Ron Bookwalter

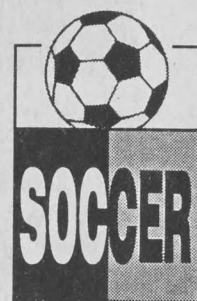
Sophomore Lee Ann Gschwind prepares to serve for the Generals. The volleyball team finished its year with a loss to Bridgewater in the ODAC final.

Men's soccer finishes season in ODAC final

W&L closes with record twelve wins

By JEREMY McNAMEE
 Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team's unlikely run through the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament ended with a 3-1 defeat to Eastern Mennonite in the tournament championship game this past Saturday afternoon.



Last Friday, W&L took out top-seeded

Roanoke, 2-1, in the Maroons' backyard.

Sophomore Sam Chase gave the Generals a 1-0 halftime lead off a corner kick from freshman Ben Thompson before the Maroons tied it at 1-1 early in the second half.

Midway through the second half, Chase struck again with the eventual game-winner on an assist from junior Colin Connolly.

This victory snapped Roanoke's 11-game winning streak.

The Generals returned to the field the following day to play fellow Cinderella Eastern Mennonite for the ODAC crown.

EMU jumped out to a 1-0 first half advantage before freshman Jamie Parker notched

the equalizer just over seven minutes into the second half off an assist from Thompson.

This tally marked Parker's school-record 20th goal of the season.

The score remained knotted at 1-1 until the Royals took the lead for good at the 67 minute mark on a Nate Derstine goal. EMU would then add an insurance goal seven minutes later for a 3-1 margin.

Despite the loss, W&L finished the season with a 12-6 record, setting a new school record for wins.

Parker, Chase and sophomore back Mikel Parker were all named first-team all-ODAC.

Junior Mike Germain received second team honors and sophomore goalie Garry Hill received honorable mention.

Tyson-Holyfield I: not just another bout

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE

By ERIC ZAVOLINSKY

One man, a body chiseled out of stone, a scowl that could scare little animals and a prison record as long as the Declaration of Independence. The other man, a mere mortal by comparison, with a bad heart, various body ailments and a record of class.

Tyson vs. Holyfield was more than just a boxing match. It was a battle of wills and heart. Hey, wait a minute, when did I start working for Don King?

The words written above are an absolute joke and it is something that the crooked boxing promoters would love you to believe. All right, we all love underdogs. We all love when the little man beats the bully, but let's not kid ourselves, this is boxing.

Boxing, the most corrupt sport on the planet, the most brutal display of manhood that exists, and we pay for it. We buy pay-per-view so we can watch a man beat the living whatsoever out of another man.

I truly believe that half the fights are fixed and the other half usually end with some major brain damage or the promise of a rematch. Lucky you, the Tyson-Holyfield match may have ended with all three of those lovely components.

I believe that there is a possibility that the Tyson-Holyfield fight was fixed. With Don King, you just never know. I don't know if Holyfield knew it either. I would like to believe that Holyfield is one of the good guys of boxing, one with some pride and dignity, and that he would not get in the ring if the fight was fixed, but who knows? As far as Mike Tyson and Don King, we have all seen what those two loonies can do, and there is no putting anything past them or the ridiculous Team Tyson.

I also don't think Holyfield should have been allowed to fight in the first place because of his heart condition. As if boxing Tyson isn't a danger in itself, Holyfield is not the most healthy athlete on the planet. Something terrible could happen to him if he continues to box.

But let's not kid ourselves. We all know that there is going to be a rematch for this fight, a rematch that will reward both men handsomely for their time and effort in the ring. Not to mention the time for the foolishly-staged press conferences at which Tyson always speaks.

We all know that Tyson will claim that he trained harder this time to avenge the loss and when it all comes down to it, Tyson will win the rematch. And then, you guessed it, Tyson-Holyfield III.

The fight will have a ridiculous title like "The Final Chapter" and the fight will be for even more money and more pay-per-view dollars. And in the end, who really cares? When I worked at USA Network's Tuesday Night Fights, I sat at ringside and watched lower-ranked boxers pound each other until I got blood on my scorecard. Boxing is still brutal, boring and corrupt, but hey, so is politics.

I don't know how it happened, but a friend (C.C.) and I ended up in *The Sporting News* Fantasy League basketball league and it is now making me crazy. We decided to enter the league to spice up the season and to have a little fun, but now it borders on an obsession.

We look in the paper every day for the previous night's stats, and watching SportsCenter three times a day is now a must (actually, it was always a must). Penny Hardaway or Damon Stoudamire. Shawn Kemp or Tom Gugliotta. Stephon Marbury or Ray Allen. These are the things that I agonize over every day in my pathetic life.

Oh yes, this thing has become more than just a Fantasy League. This "game" now runs my life, and my partner, who insists on owning 51 percent of the team, thinks he is George Steinbrenner. Every good move that we have made was his idea and every boneheaded move was mine. So, basically, this thing is ruining my life.

And by the way, you should join one if you get the chance; it certainly makes the season more interesting when the Nets play the Clippers. Actually, bag that, I have players on those teams...turn on ESPN, would ya!

That is the View From Above.

Emory & Henry rushes past Generals

W&L loses 14-0 lead as Wasps win third straight title

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
 Phi Sports Editor

For one quarter, the Washington and Lee football team had defending ODAC champion Emory & Henry right where it wanted.

An shocking upset and a chance for the ODAC title appeared within the Generals' grasp. But then the Wasps' J.D. Davis revved up his engine and reality began to sink in for the Generals.

Emory & Henry erased a 14-0 deficit by reeling off 29 consecutive points en route to a 43-27 victory over the Generals at Wilson Field Saturday afternoon.

The Wasps' victory gave them their third straight ODAC title. Since Randolph-Macon lost to Bridgewater, a Generals victory over the Wasps would have given W&L its first title since 1985.

Still, the Generals performed very admirably against a team that had beaten them 13 straight times, mostly in blowouts.

"I was proud that the team came ready to play from the first snap," senior quarterback Brooks Fischer said. "I can remember times over the last four years when guys were intimidated by playing Emory & Henry. On Saturday there was no fear—everyone felt that way."

The Generals played anything but scared. One minute into the second quarter, W&L looked more like the team that had won two straight titles.

After a missed field goal on W&L's first drive, senior wideout Tommy Rueger gave the Generals an early 7-0 lead on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Fischer with 3:46 left in the first quarter. The score was set up when sophomore Ben Middendorf recovered an E&H fumbled punt return at the W&L 47.

Rueger and Fischer then switched places on W&L's next drive. On an odd double pass play, Fischer threw to Rueger in the backfield, who then threw back across the field to Fischer, who scampered 19 yards into the end zone for a rare

touchdown reception. "Catching the touchdown pass from Tommy was one of those plays that I will always remember," Fischer said. "As a quarterback, you always want to catch a pass because it makes you feel more like an athlete."

The Generals now led the Wasps 14-0 with 16 seconds gone in the second quarter and looked to pour it on. But they would never get the opportunity. Emory & Henry got its ground game churning and began driving downfield at will.

The Wasps' onslaught began on Jimmie Clark's leaping 29-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Aaron Brand to make it 14-6. The PAT was blocked, but E&H came right back with the first of three J.D. Davis touchdown runs, a 6-yard dash, with 8:38 remaining in the half.

The two-point attempt failed, leaving the score at 14-12, but the Wasps finally caught up to the Generals on a safety with 3:37 left. Following the free kick, E&H marched downfield once again. Another Davis TD run, this time from 11 yards out, gave the Wasps a 21-14 advantage at halftime.

The Generals had to contend with the elements as sleet and snow flurries fell and the wind picked up in the second half, but dealing with the weather seemed easier than dealing with Davis.

The Wasps' running back ran roughshod over the Generals for an E&H school record 288 yards rushing on an amazing 40 attempts. Davis's third touchdown of the day, a 4-yard run, gave the Wasps a 29-14 margin four minutes into the half.

W&L then mounted a final charge, awakening the crowd with a four-play 57-yard drive, capped by a 4-yard Seth McKinley touchdown run to close within 29-20 at the 5:04 mark in the third quarter.

But Emory & Henry refused to wilt, and it regained control in the fourth quarter. Brand scored on a 2-yard plunge and Shane Tucker added a 4-yard run, extending the lead to 43-20 and sealing another league title for the Wasps.

McKinley scored his career-high sixth touchdown of the season with 45 seconds left to cap the scoring.

Unlike its 132 yards in total offense one week ago at Bridgewater, the Generals' offense was not a problem this past Saturday.

The offense turned in its best performance of the season with 361 total yards, but the defense was steamrolled for 492 yards against the Wasps, including 397 on the ground to Davis and Co. Brand, meanwhile, completed only three passes

for the Wasps.

Fischer, on the other hand, became the Generals' all-time passing leader with an 18 for 27 effort for a season-high 211 yards. The senior from Atlanta now holds school records in yards (4,600), completions (441), and is now only one touchdown pass away from tying Phillip Sampson's (1986-89) record of 32.

"It's difficult to think about the record right now, partly because the loss to Emory still hurts," Fischer said, "but also because we still have one more game to win. The team's success is much more important to me. I would trade some more wins for any record."

Junior receiver Nick Hodge also had a huge day for the Generals on offense, catching six of Fischer's passes for a career-best 159 yards. Senior Jon Gardner hauled in four passes for 36 yards, giving him the most receptions (26) for a W&L tight end since 1989.

Sophomore Floyd Young led the Generals' ground effort with 6 rushes for 28 yards.

The W&L defense spent a lot of time on the field as E&H controlled the ball for more than 36 minutes, but senior linebacker McGuire Boyd made the best of it with 16 tackles, including a season-high 8 solo stops. Boyd now has 114 tackles on the season, the highest for a W&L player in five years. Sophomore Trey Carr added nine tackles while se-

nior Chris Watson and junior Matt Luka had eight.

The 4-5 Generals will look end their season on a winning note and close their season with four wins in five games for the third straight year as they travel to winless Swarthmore (0-9) tomorrow. The Garnet Tide's defense has been a wash-out this season, yielding an average of 39.6 points per game.

The Generals, however, are not taking Swarthmore lightly. Last year, the Garnet Tide prevailed 2-0 in the infamous Mud Bowl on Wilson Field. The previous year, the Generals turned five Garnet Tide turnovers into a 14-11 victory at Swarthmore. The teams' only other meeting came back in 1914, a 10-0 W&L victory in Norfolk.

"The scariest thing about Swarthmore is that they are 0-9," Fischer said, adding that the Garnet Tide is talented, but young at some key positions. "We are good, but not good enough to take any team lightly. We remember well that they spoiled our season last year."

A win would give the Generals three straight .500 or better seasons since 1988-90 and would make head coach Frank Miriello the fastest to 10 career victories since George Barclay in 1949-50.

"Hopefully we can show up with the same intensity as last Saturday," Fischer said. "If we do that, good things should happen."

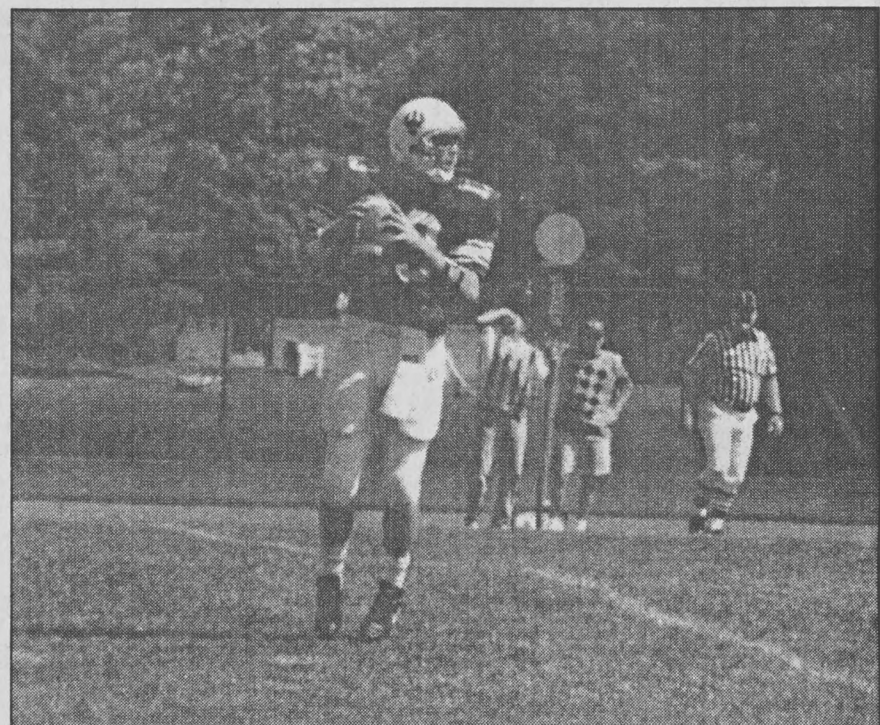


Photo by Julien Williams

Senior Brooks Fischer drops back to pass. Fischer had a huge day Saturday, becoming W&L's all-time passing leader.

Swimming teams split meets in Kentucky

Men and women beat Centre, fall to Transylvania

By JASON ZACHER
 Phi Staff Writer

Freshman Brooke Stanley started her Washington and Lee swimming career in style, breaking two school records in a strong showing for the

women's first meet of the season.

On Saturday morning, W&L trounced Centre, 118-73. In the afternoon, the Generals met Transylvania for their second meet of the day, narrowly losing, 104-101.

Stanley broke the W&L 50-yard freestyle record against Centre with a time of 25.09, and then broke the same record later in the 200 free relay with a time of 25.02.

In the afternoon, she broke the 100 freestyle record with a time of 54.82.

Stanley also won the 50-yard freestyle at Transylvania.

Also leading the Generals was sophomore Margaret Hoehl, who picked up two wins in the 1,000 freestyle. She also picked up a pair of second place finishes at Transylvania, missing the 200 freestyle victory by two hundredths of a second.

Freshman Lauren Beckenhauer picked up two victories in the 200-yard backstroke.

Captain Laura Marshall and freshman Tasha

Sedlock also picked up victories for the Generals. W&L won the 200-yard medley relay in both meets and defeated Centre in the 200-yard free relay.

The swimmers are very optimistic about the season.

"The addition of nine freshmen added a lot of needed depth to our team," remarked Hoehl.

Sedlock, Stanley and Beckenhauer will fill the shoes left by several key swimmers. The Generals lost Rebekah Prince to graduation, and junior

Megan Wiedmaier is taking the year off. Junior Bligh Wollner is injured, but should return in January.

The men also split their meets Saturday.

They beat Centre, 100-76, in the morning, but despite the first-place finishes by senior All-American Nathan Hottle in the 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 200 IM, the Generals lost to Transylvania, 112-90.

Junior John Reed won the 200 breaststroke and 200 freestyle against Cen-

tre, and won the 200 breaststroke again against Transylvania in a time of 2:26.69. Hottle won the 200 backstroke and 200 IM against Centre.

Also picking up victories against Centre were freshman Brian Rogers in the 200 butterfly, freshman Jared Fribush in the 50 freestyle, and the relay teams in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay.

The men's and women's next meet is tomorrow at Marymount, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the W&L - VMI basketball game at VMI on Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m. will go on sale next week in the W&L athletic department. Tickets will also be sold the week of the game in the D-hall and the Co-op. All tickets cost \$4.