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GENERAL NOTES

AUDITION FOR ONE ACTS:

The Theater Department will hold open auditions for The Annual Festival of One Acts on Feb. 11 from 7-10 p.m. and Feb. 12 from 4-6 p.m. in the Johnson Theatre. The One Acts, directed by Adrienne Bryant, John Tissue, Phil Flickinger, Joe Merlino and Helen Kim will run March 27-April 2. For more information, call 463-8001.

SIGN UP FOR HOUSING:

If you are interested in University housing for 1997-98 school year, the housing process is now open. Applications are available in Payne Hall #4 and are due by Feb. 14. If you need more information about the process, a question and answer session will be held on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

LEYBURN GETS A BREAK TOO:

Leyburn Library will be operating on a reduced schedule during the February break. On Friday, Feb. 14 the library will close at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, the hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. For Monday-Friday, the hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.. On Saturday, Feb. 22 the library will be open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. The library will resume its regular 24 hour schedule after opening at noon Sunday, Feb. 23.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCUSSION:

On Thursday, Feb. 13, Dr. Kathleen Kenney and Ms. Lorri Olan will present a workshop from the perspective of the Christian Church on the problem of domestic violence. The workshop will take place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Nelson Street from 5-8 p.m.. The presentation will deal with how the church can react to the problem of domestic violence. Members of all churches and synagogues are invited to attend. For more information, call Burr Datz at 463-3533 or Lorri Olan at 463-7861.

GOOD MUSIC, A GOOD CAUSE:

Talented musicians including Mike Seeger, Larry Keel, Carol Elizabeth Jones, Ginseng, wildShadow and many others will be taking part in the seventh annual One Acoustic Evening benefit concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Lenfest Center. Admission for non-students is \$5 and \$3 for students. All proceeds will go towards alternative spring break opportunities for W&L students. For more information concerning One Acoustic Evening, please call 463-3533. Tickets will be available at the door.

CLEAN A RIVER BEFORE FD:

Since Rockbridge Area Conservation Council's Annual Clean-Up Day fell on the same day as FD, they moved the event to the preceding weekend. On Saturday, March 8 from 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., students are invited to bring dates to help clean-up the Maury River banks and flood plains. To take part in this effort to beautify the Rockbridge area, meet an RACC representative in the parking lot of Tilson Real Estate at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 8. For more information call, 463-3193.

LEARN TO EAT HEALTHY:

Lifestyle Information For Everyone and Women's Forum will sponsor a lecture entitled "Awaken A New Relationship With Food" on 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 in the Johnson Theater of the Lenfest Center. The speaker is Gail Robb-Todter, Ph.D. of The Dogwood Institute, Charlottesville, VA. She will talk on how people can shift perspectives to establish a healthier relationship with food. For more information, call the LIFE office at 462-4045.

LEARN POLISH FOLK DANCING:

The Michas Polish Dance Ensemble will demonstrate traditional folk dances and then teach students the steps on Feb. 9 from 3-6 p.m. in the Johnson Theatre. For more information, contact International Club Vice President Bill Overbaugh at 462-4718.

JOIN ORIENTATION COMMITTEE:

Applications for the Freshman Orientation Committee are available in the University Center and are due on Feb. 12.

—COMPILED BY TOM WADLOW

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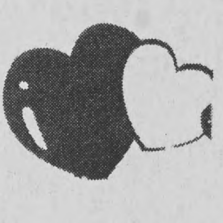
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W&L's swimming teams have rough time this weekend in Cy Twombly Pool. Wrestling earns first winning season since 1987. The Big Fan discusses the return of the old school coaches.



Celebration heightens awareness Black administrator, faculty member voice concerns

By AARON FOLDENAUER
Phi STAFF WRITER

Two black Washington and Lee University staff members believe that not enough is being done to promote racial diversity on campus.

Associate Dean of Students Anece McCloud thinks upper administrators are not putting enough effort into recruiting minority students. Professor of History Theodore DeLaney is disturbed by the lack of black professors and the lack of effort to recruit them.

"The coeducation of Washington and Lee was very successful, as it should have been," said DeLaney, "but I don't believe that the integration of Washington and Lee has been an equal success."

According to DeLaney, W&L's effort to integrate the campus has been weak compared to the effort to admit women. Black faculty can serve as role models for all students and evidence reveals that more black students would be attracted to W&L if there were more black faculty members, he said.

Approximately 35 black students attend W&L. There are four black students in this year's freshman class.

"I think that administrators who are involved in determining the student population on campus believe they are committed to admitting more African-Americans," McCloud said. "Now there is a saying that actions speak louder than words. There is something lacking."

McCloud works with W&L's black students as the advisor to the Minority Student Association.

"I would like to have as many African-Americans as possible and mean it when we say it," she added. "Having a critical mass of African-American students would help black students adjust to the campus and give other students a greater opportunity to interact with African-American students."

Both McCloud and DeLaney agree that more black faculty are needed to improve W&L's atmosphere.

"We obviously have a bad situation as it stands now. White students need to see black professionals just as much as black students do," DeLaney said. "What I would like to see is the recruitment of well-qualified black faculty become a campus-wide priority."

While DeLaney is currently the only full-time black professor, two black professors are teaching on one-year

contracts while they are completing their Ph.D.s. W&L attempts to recruit minority faculty but, given the small pool of black Ph.D.s, it is difficult, said Associate Dean of the College Cecile West-Settle.

"We are very cognizant of the fact that we want to expose our students to wide range of ethnic backgrounds," she said. "We always want to enrich the academic atmosphere on campus - to bring students in touch with other world views - but we are looking for qualifications and teaching abilities."

West-Settle added that the location of W&L probably counts against its efforts to recruit minorities.

DeLaney disagrees. "Given W&L's reputation, blacks who want to improve their careers are not going to worry much about the town."

He acknowledges the market for recruiting black Ph.D.s is very competitive, but "if there is a real concerted effort, the results could be better."

A W&L alumnus, DeLaney emphasized that he is here because he wants to be here. He is treated well and has "great relationships" with students and colleagues.

His advocacy for more black professors on campus is partially derived from speaking with a black perspective student and her mother who thought black faculty is important. That student turned-down W&L's offer of admission.

"I suspect that as openings occur, people are very conscious of the need to recruit female professors," DeLaney said. "I'm not sure that the same consciousness is at play when it comes to the recruitment of minority faculty."

W&L can work in two areas to make the campus more conducive to black students, according to McCloud.

First, W&L can work internally by recruiting more black faculty and emphasizing diversity which would help all students be more respectful of blacks. Second, contacts can be made off-campus in order to sell the W&L experience to more minority students.

While McCloud will continue to try to diversify W&L, she doesn't see many positive changes on the horizon.

"There are realities and there are dreams," she said. "My dream is that things will begin to look up for African-Americans at W&L... but I'm afraid that I cannot be too optimistic about the future of African-Americans here."

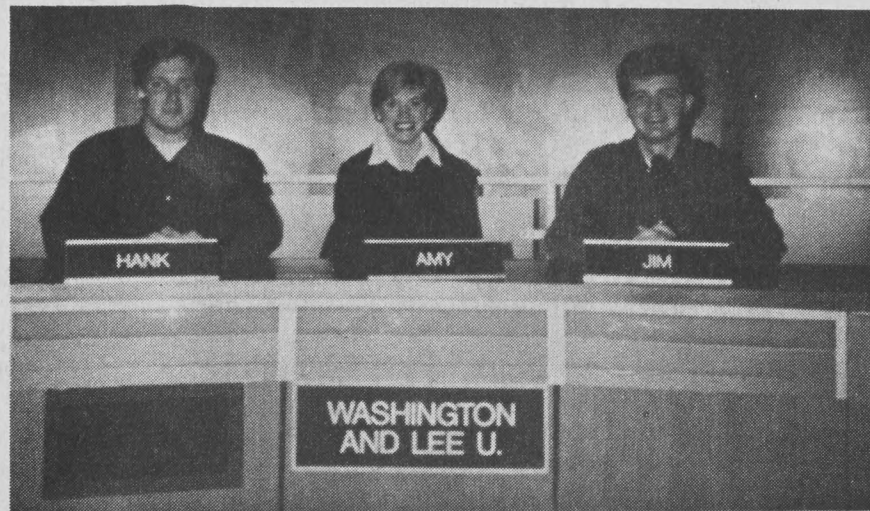


Photo courtesy of Hank Cosby

Seniors Hank Cosby, Amy Gorham and Jim Felton compete on MSNBC's "Remember This."

Students 'remember' for game show prizes

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK
Phi STAFF WRITER

With a little help from Bill Gates and Al Roker, three Washington and Lee University seniors may be on their way to winning W&L \$25,000 in scholarship money. Amy Gorham, Jim Felton and Hank Cosby won two out of four games last weekend on an MSNBC game show for college students called "Remember This." In addition to winning Microsoft software and having a few big city adventures, the trio traveled back to New York City this past weekend to compete in the semi-finals for the money.

The game show, hosted by Al Roker, aired on the Microsoft/NBC cable station, delves out a myriad of questions dealing with history, arts, sports and film. The three students said Roker was as friendly as he seems on TV.

"They are a fun group and I'm glad that they got to be on the show," Roker said in an e-mail interview. "Jim is quite the character... Hank grew up on a farm and Amy wants to be a financial news reporter on TV. Jim, well, let Jim be Jim."

In his e-mail, Roker came across like a true person. "I enjoy the show for just that reason - I love talking to people and 'Remember This' gives me a chance to do just that."

The three students were watching the show a few weeks ago and realized that they could answer most of the questions. A week later, they were winners themselves.

"On the way up to New York we studied from this book that has the front page headlines from the New York Times from the

past 100 years," Gorham said. "We were studying about Martin Luther King's assassination in the car, and we were able to answer the question really quickly when we had a question on it on the show."

Although the competition was steep and the pressure was on, the three friends were confident. "We were jumping up and down when we won," Felton said. "We waited until the cameras went off us and we did little dances like the wave and the sprinkler."

Of course, there was a little play mixed in with all of that mind-taxing, game show work. MSNBC put them up at The Double Tree Suites, a luxurious hotel overlooking Times Square. When they thanked the MSNBC guest coordinator who made the reservation, his response was, "Sorry, I ran out of cardboard boxes."

And to dispel all those myths that people meet movie stars when they go to New York, Gorham, Felton and Cosby only saw "Friends" star Matthew Perry in a posh establishment called Au Bar, where the company was impressive and a bottle of water costs \$15. "We didn't go up to meet him because of what happened with Chris O'Donnell getting swarmed at the Parents Weekend tailgate," Gorham said.

The three plan on holding up a sign in front of the "Today Show" window this Monday to promote the show, and maybe for a little more air time.

Tune in to MSNBC, channel 40, next Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., to see Gorham, Felton and Cosby show a New York game show how we do it in Lexington.

Activities highlight African-Americans

By C.E. MILLER
Phi STAFF WRITER

A little laughter, a little music and a little thought will help Washington and Lee University students celebrate Black History Month.

The Minority Students Association (MSA) and the Student Activities Office are sponsoring comedian Andre Browne, reggae band D-KGB and musical act the Voltage Brothers during February.

Browne has been described as "Sinbad meets Robin Williams". He had a small part in Eddie Murphy's "Distinguished Gentleman" and performs at colleges around the nation. He will perform this Tuesday in the GHQ at 9 p.m.

D-KGB is from Washington D.C. They will be playing cover material that is familiar to the casual reggae listener i.e. Bob Marley. Since they have dual guitars and a tight rhythm section, their sound is a little rougher than the more traditional reggae. D-KGB will perform in the GHQ at 9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 11.

The Voltage Brothers will perform in the old gym on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 9 p.m. The boys have been together since 1969 and sing a wide range of songs.

The celebration of Black History Month kicked off on January 24, by Yolonda King, eldest daughter of the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

MSA President Nefertiti Phipps-Smith dedicated the evening in Lee Chapel to her father who recently died. Over the summer he recommended that she try to have one of the King children speak.

"I was just happy to have her here," Phipps-Smith said. "Her presence a week after the celebration of her father's birthday and a week before the start of Black History Month was incredible."

King focused on the choice people have to believe in her father's dream. "I believe because I choose to believe," she said. "Choice is a powerful tool. What makes each life unique is the individual set of choices that we make."

King received a degree in African American Studies and Theater from Smith College. Since then she has built a career based on performance. King appears in Rob Reiner's "The Ghosts of Mississippi" which is in theaters now.

King's visit received attention from local news stations. After her speech she autographed books about her late father at a reception in the W&L Alumni House.

Black History Month Series:
Is diversity at W&L still just a dream?
Phi Reporter Aaron Foldenauer looks at student perspectives in next week's issue.

Women plan improvements

By TARAH GRANT
Phi NEWS EDITOR

Lack of a women's studies program, the present women's center facilities and a male biased judicial system are the top concerns of Washington and Lee University women, according to attendees of last Thursday night's Women's Forum.

Forty-one women attended the meeting held in the University Center. Treasurer Katie Moore, who believes that W&L women are "obviously not treated that well," wants women to voice their concerns and then improve the situation. She opened forum by asking attendees, "What pisses you off?"

Sophomore Erin Kraal started the discussion by commenting on the proposal for a new Women's Center. The proposal letter explains that the current Women's Center is "clearly unsatisfactory" and university women are in "dire need" of adequate facilities. Kraal believes the administration will respond that women do not use the current facilities, and, therefore, do not need more.

None of the Women's Forum meetings this year were held in the current Women's Center in the basement of the University Center or in the Women's Suite in Gaines.

Kraal then volunteered to organize activities to be held in the suite.

SCC reverses decision

By KATHRYN MAYURNIK
Phi STAFF WRITER

A change in witness testimony prompted the Student Conduct Committee to reverse their Jan. 14 decision to automatically suspend a Washington and Lee University sophomore male. The student was charged with trespassing, verbal intimidation and harassment. The infraction occurred in November and was alcohol related.

The witness did not necessarily reverse his or her testimony, SCC member Paul Saboe says. Although Saboe cannot reveal the nature of the testimony, he did say that a ruling could be reversed if the witness merely changed the testimony in mood in tone.

The student appealed to the University Board of Appeals after the SCC's decision to suspend the student Winter Term and institute social probation and restriction from a particular dorm Spring Term. The student now can remain at school, but must perform 45 hours of community service. The SCC held to its original ruling of dorm probation and social probation for the remaining year. The student will remain on

conduct probation through the 1998 Spring Term.

Saboe says that SCC members keep their "eyes and ears" open for probation infractions. If, for example, a member sees this student at FD, or even at the "General's Monkey," he will be automatically suspended from school.

The SCC has taken the matter of conduct more seriously this year, resulting in more hearings and stricter penalties, Saboe says. The committee is also paving the way for the new Student Judicial Committee, which some predict will have as much power as the Executive Committee. Some students feel it would have too much power.

"We're adults now, and we don't need people to tell us how to act," Junior Justin Riedell said. "I don't think that we should have a committee watching over our shoulders."

However, Saboe says that the new SJC will in fact curb the SCC's power. Currently, when an appeal is made, it is turned over to the University Board of Appeals for review. The Board can only advise the SCC, but the committee can act on its own. When an appeal is made to the new SJC, the University Board of Appeals can oppose the SJC verdict.

"Hypothetically, the SCC could accuse

Clinton's address falls short of expectations

"You are questioning Bubba?," a disbelief-stricken Republican friend recently asked me when I offered my critical appraisal of Clinton's Inaugural Address. But I certainly have the right to do so; while I am a liberal and a Democrat, the

From the Left

Laura Knapp '99

combination of the two does not automatically or necessarily make me a complete and utter "Clintonophile." I do believe that Clinton was the best choice this past November (especially when considering the other candidates) but that distinction does not put him above reproach. I concede that Clinton definitely has a long road ahead if he even dreams to secure a positive legacy for himself. He definitely stumbled on his first step with his less-than-auspicious Inaugural Address. However, Clinton's problems

are indeed the same as those of modern leadership — a success in recognizing the problem but a failure to propose a way to go about solving it.

In his first inaugural address, Franklin Roosevelt promised "A new deal for the American people," and inadvertently set a precedent that would be evident even in Clinton's address. FDR used this first speeches a way to quell the fears of the Depression-struck Americans. While it identified the problem of mass unemployment and wide-spread poverty, the speech did not set forth a clear plan of action.

The same can be said for Clinton's address. However, given the track record from his first administration, Clinton will never achieve the same degree of success as FDR. Clinton needed to clear and forceful, qualities that will be essential for the next four years while waging a fight for change against unrelenting Republican congressmen. Instead, his

speech is replete with breezy, insubstantial verbiage, invoking only half-hearted patriotism and profound puzzlement

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about what the future might hold. Clinton uses lofty phrases like "Guided by the ancient vision of a prom-

ised land, let us set our sight upon a land of new promise," and conjures Utopian-Sequa visions like, "In this new land, education will be ever citizen's most prized possession. Our schools will have the highest standards the world, igniting the spark of possibility in the eyes of every girl and boy. . . Our streets echo again with the laughter of our children, because no one will try to shoot them or sell them drugs anymore."

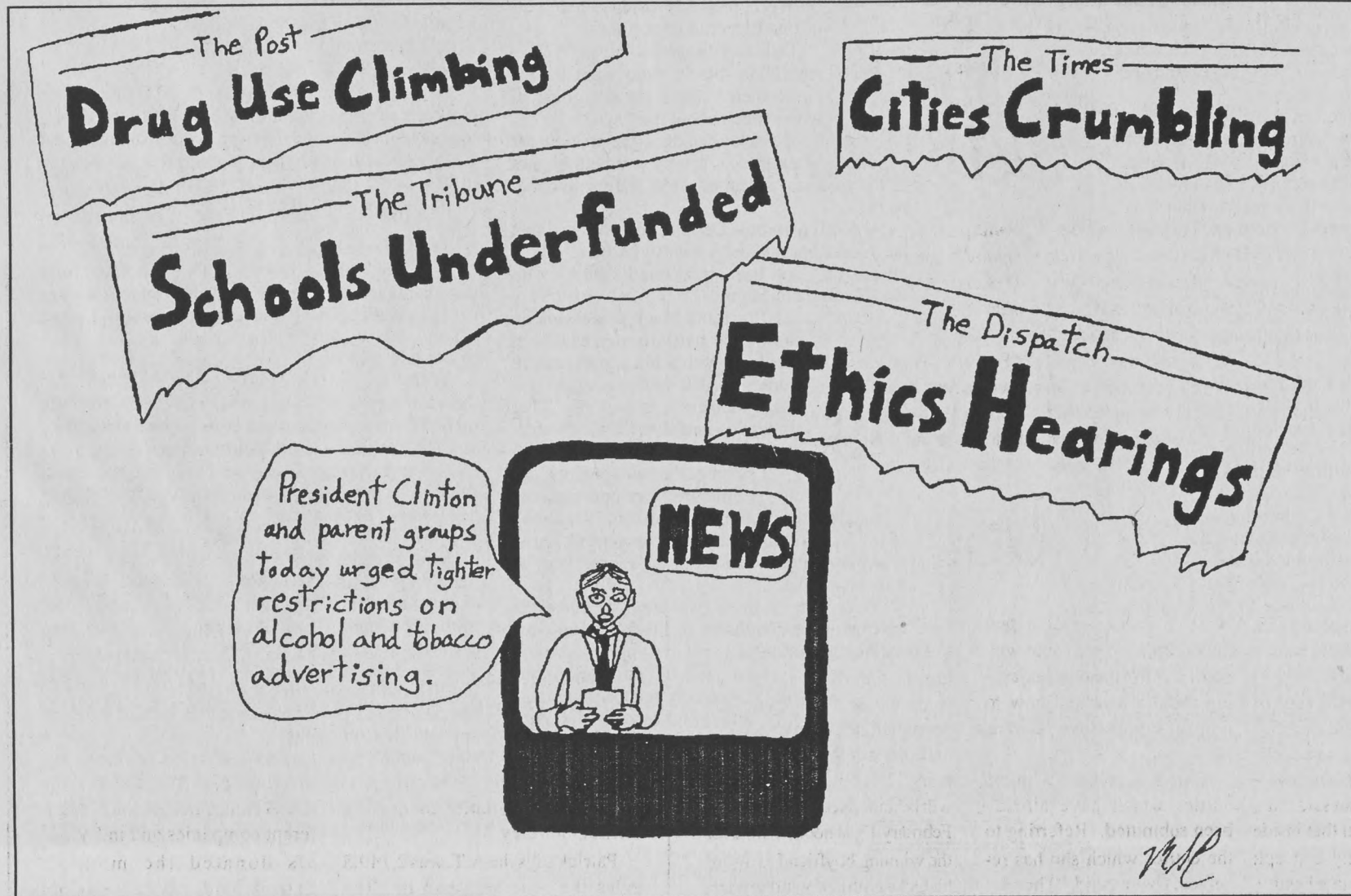
While all that he does say sounds wonderful and desirable, Clinton does not offer any specific measures of HOW to go about achieving such dreams. He is setting the American people's standards too high and disappointment is thus inevitable.

Clinton states that "Government is not the problem and government is not the solution. We — the American people — are the solution." Yet again, exactly HOW we are the solution and what exactly we can do is left to our own imagi-

nations.

The American people elected Clinton to lead, not to fall, back into ranks with the general citizenry. It appears as though our president does not even possess an inkling of HOW the problems he so artfully outlined could or will be solved. Clinton's "Bridge to the 21st Century" looks something like the overpass in "Speed" — dangerously incomplete and desperate for a miracle.

However, in the tradition of 10-step programs, recognition of the problem is always the first and most important step. The problems facing the United States are age-old. Every president and generation of American since FDR have grappled with them, all with varying degrees of success. So my often harsh analysis should be tempered with the understanding that there is only so much a president can do.



Make your own rules: W&L style

I have found yet another reason to love Washington and Lee. Our bookstore has put the book *The Rules* in the humor section. For those of you who aren't fa-

GreenLand

Betsy Green '97

miliar with the book, it is a best-selling guide for women on how to snag and marry a man. It is also one of the stupidest books I have ever seen. Among the rules the book lists are, "Don't call a man and rarely return his phone calls," "Don't live with a man or leave your things at his house," "Never accept a weekend date

after Wednesday," and considerably more vague advice such as "Be a creature unlike any other." The basic premise of the book is that if you act like you don't like a man, he will fall at your feet and beg you to marry him. Apparently the women who wrote this book have never met the guys I know.

Besides the many things that are wrong with *The Rules*, they really don't at all apply to life as we know it here at W&L. One of the more obvious examples of that is the not accepting a date rule. A date? What's that? There is a chapter of the book devoted to helping college age women, with advice that made me laugh aloud, such as, "Be sure to study. Re-

member, smart is sexy." Yep, that's exactly what I'm thinking when I pick up my Spanish book: damn, I'm sexy. More importantly, the entire focus of the book is not only on finding a man, but getting him to marry you. I imagine that most people who come to W&L are not planning on getting married any time soon (I know I wasn't, in spite of the fact that I have now chosen my china pattern).

But Valentine's Day is coming soon, not to mention Fancy Dress. Who wouldn't appreciate a little help in finding a guy? Which is why this week, I'm making my own rules.

1. Decorate your room to impress men. When he drops by, he'll be way impressed to see some clay skeet pigeons peeking out from your closet and a thing of Skoal on your bedside table. It might also be a good idea to have a copy of the Victoria's Secret catalog in plain view. You don't have to actually own anything in it, but he'll stay with you for months waiting for you to surprise him with a black lace bustier. Better still, set a copy of the Jenny McCarthy Playboy video on top of your VCR. You can tape *Melrose Place* over it; it doesn't matter. All you really need is the case. He'll either hang out because he likes being around Jenny or because he thinks you're bisexual. Either way, you win. If he ever asks you why you have it, say something vague like, "I like to work out to it." He'll be putty in your hands.

2. Spend as much time at his place as possible. Those other *Rules* suggest you play hard to get and make him come to you. They are obviously missing the great bonuses of spending as much time at his place as possible. You'll never have to clean your room, since you'll never be there. Free fraternity house lunches will save you a fortune. And even if you don't like this particular guy that much, if he

lives with a bunch of other guys, you might hit it off with one of them.

3. Be sure to drink. Drunk is sexy. The advice that other book gave about how you should study and be smart is good and all, but guys really like to drink. Why not associate yourself with

"Why not associate yourself with one of their favorite hobbies?"

one of their favorite hobbies? Later on you can impress him with your knowledge of the Periodic Table of Elements. . . after you get his attention by slamming some Jagermeister.

4. Special Rules for Date Functions: Anywhere from one to two weeks from a date function, hook up with as many guys as possible. Chances are, one of them will ask you. Now, I know that "hooking up" is a pretty vague term, and that it can mean anything from kissing to something involving a trapeze. All I can say is that the more inclusive your definition of hooking up is, the better your chances. Sure, people might talk about you after you hook up with the entire wrestling team, but people might talk about you if you didn't go to FD, too. This way at least you get a tea-shirt out of the deal.

5. Final Rule: Be yourself. The other *Rules* are trying to keep you from appearing to be man crazed, slutty, and desperate. But if you are man crazy, slutty, and desperate, then go with it! Best of luck—and have fun.

Sometimes the best publications make mistakes

It is scandalous and outrageous to think that one person was given enough power to do so much damage. Mr. Hershey didn't just lose \$4,000 he damaged the reputation of our newspaper. What is he guilty of? Not doing his job. That's right. He just didn't do his

Life on the Hill

C. E. Miller '98

job. The Publications Board couldn't do anything but fire him, and he actually resigned before that happened.

I don't know Mr. Hershey personally and I don't mean this to be a personal attack. There are several problems with this whole situation that don't involve Mr. Hershey's neglect of his duties. First, where are the checks and balances in this system? I want to know why nobody noticed before local merchants began to close accounts that the *Phi* was broke. If a student writes a bad check, the Cold Check Committee goes into action.

The check is covered, the student notified and the situation resolved. This system allows the students of Washington and Lee University to write checks in Lexington without showing three pieces of I.D. and turning over rights to his first-born. It doesn't work that way in my hometown. Check-writing is a very painful and tedious process, often only used when the bill comes for those 10 CD's for the price of one deal.

The account was \$1400 overdrawn. Wow, if I did that at my bank, I think I would be arrested. No kidding. I received threatening phone calls for a month when I was \$15.32 overdrawn.

The loss in advertising revenue is perhaps the worst blow of all. *The Phi* is not an independent newspaper. *The Phi* does rely on money from the executive committee, but its advertising revenue gives *The Phi* freedom to improve the paper beyond the basic four-page colorless edition that was put out last week. It allows the freedom to use excess funds to purchase badly needed equipment, and compensate our editors for the

many hours they put into their jobs.

I want to compliment the Publications Board on the quick and decisive action that was taken as soon as the problem was discovered. Darcey Livingston did a fabulous job fixing the mess created by Mr. Hershey's neglect.

Now a more serious note. I was almost embarrassed that our scandal was aired in *The Trident* it was if the *Phi* ignored the problem so no one would find out about it.

I will not make any accusations but still I feel it should have been covered here first. To allow a rival paper to air our dirty laundry is wrong. Much respect could have been earned if the *Phi* had owned up to its problems.

I am not an editor any longer, so I don't have say in what goes in or out of the paper that I write for. If my editors think I am attacking them in a large part they are right. the *Phi* has a reputation among the professors and the community as being the place to get the news.

We don't print pictures of butts on the front page, we don't allow our columnists to continually attack the same organization, and we don't cater to those who want easy reading.

If the *Phi* is going to maintain that reputation we need to own up to our own problems. This is not the opinion of the editorial staff of this paper. This is my opinion as a former editor, and a devoted journalist.

Everyone on campus knows that *The Trident* is a great student newspaper. It is however different from the *Phi*. We have 99 years of tradition behind us, and there are expectations for our behavior. I think this time the *Phi* let down those expectations.

We hired a business manager who didn't do his job, and nobody noticed. The local merchants are very forgiving, I hope we can keep that respect after this.

I like writing for the *Phi*, I stand up for it, but in standing up for it I need to call it as I see it—bad or good.

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February promises host of activities

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Are you frustrated? Bored? Ready to make a change in your life? Forget the Psychic Hotline, a number of events guaranteed to relieve your winter doldrums grace the W&L Entertainment calendar for the month of February.

Comedian Andre Browne will appear on Tuesday, February 4, at 9 p.m. in the GHQ. The Entertainment calendar describes Browne as a cross between Sinbad and Robin Williams, although Browne would describe himself as "just plain silly." Browne has appeared in national college campus tours as well as

in Eddie Murphy's "Distinguished Gentleman." Browne's comedic performance is one of several Black History Month events scheduled for February.

If you enjoy the improvisational humor of The General's Monkey, go see The Have Nots! on Friday, February 7, at 8 p.m. in the Johnson Theater. The Have Nots! consists of a five-member improvisational comedy troupe. According to the group's press release, "the show is a fast paced interactive adventure into what the company can make up right before your eyes."

Sandy Katz, a reviewer for Charleston's Free Time, describes the members of The Have Nots! as "talented funny,

funny fine comedic performers." Katz adds, "This entire troupe has a refined quality you see among the best entertainers."

The Friday's! Committee is sponsoring The Have Nots! performance. Robert Taylor, Press Chair for The Friday's! Committee, commented that the show exemplifies the committee's new programming. According to Taylor, the committee's new programming is more geared to the type of entertainment which students indicated they wanted to see.

Take advantage of the activities and events taking place on campus this week. You don't need to be psychic to know that you'll have a good time.



Photo courtesy of Student Activities Office

Andre Browne will appear tomorrow in the GHQ.

SAB explores alternative uses of pudding

BY ERICA PROSSER
PHI STAFF WRITER

Think that dessert and the WWF don't mix? Think again. The Student Activities Board will sponsor chocolate pudding wrestling Feb. 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Pavilion. One male and one female, or one team of each sex will win two tickets to the

Fancy Dress concert.

Hollis Leddy, president of the SAB, said that this idea isn't new: the SAB put on a similar event two years ago. The original idea came from a student interviewing for the SAB who mentioned that her high school had a pudding wrestling competition. The event is supplied by a company called RTA. They make all the pudding, which is totally edible, themselves. The

company offers a choice between pudding and Jell-O wrestling, but in order to wrestle in Jell-O, the school would have to provide 140 to 160 pounds of Jell-O.

The event is open to all students, faculty, and staff. Participants must sign a contract and adhere to a dress code: at least shorts and tee-shirts worn by both men and women. Men will only wrestle men, and women will only wrestle women.

Participants can decide to go tag-team or solo. An emcee will introduce the wrestlers, and a referee will determine the winners.

"It'll be a lot of fun," Leddy said. "People really get into it. There was a huge student response last time, and we're expecting a huge turnout again this year." All potential participants must sign up in front of the Co-op Feb. 3-6. Admission is free.

Positive Imaging offers Valentine's Day contest

BY DAVID BALSLEY
PHI FEATURES EDITOR

Attention men: if your heart is set on surprising your girlfriend with a special token of affection this Valentine's Day, Heather Owens would like to help you.

Owens, the owner of Positive Imaging, is hosting an essay contest for boyfriends and husbands on the Washington and Lee campus and in Rockbridge County. The contest requires

entrants to submit an essay totaling fifty words or less which describes why "your sweetheart is a Timeless Beauty." The winner of the contest will bestow their girlfriend with a free facial, body treatment, hand or foot treatment, and make-up application, courtesy of Positive Imaging.

What makes your girlfriend a "Timeless Beauty"? Owens feels that the answer to this question entails more than just a description of your girlfriend's physical beauty. According to

Owens, all women possess inner-beauty, which is the source of their outer-beauty.

Owens described the sort of responses which she expects. "It doesn't have to be 'she has great legs' or 'she has a triple D bra,'" Owens said. "It's okay to write about that inside beauty. That's my concept: once you find the inner beauty, the outside is easy, it's just a shell."

Both students and residents of Rockbridge County have responded to the essay contest.

"I've gotten quite a few phone calls from people who don't identify themselves, asking about where and how to drop off submissions," Owens said.

Owens is pleased with the entries which have already been submitted. Referring to the entries which she has received, Owens said, "They are cute; they get an A for effort; but I'm hoping someone will get really creative."

Entries for the contest should be neatly printed or typed and

mailed or hand-delivered to Positive Imaging at 131 1/2 W. Nelson Street. Entries should also include the entrant's name and phone number. The deadline for the contest is Wednesday, February 12, at 5 p.m. The winner will be announced on Thursday, February 13, at noon, in time for the winning boyfriend to award his lucky girlfriend with her prize.

Why not enter? With creativity (and possibly a little help from Cupid), you could win a special Valentine's Day for your girlfriend.

The Rules encaptures steps for snagging a husband

BY ANNE ALVORD
PHI EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I'll be honest. My luck with men lately has been less than plentiful. Not that I don't have men chatting me up; it just never seems to go anywhere good. I was talking to a friend of mine about it a few weeks ago. She said she's more or less in the same boat. But she was taking action. She bought *The Rules: Time-tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right*, and recommended it to me. So I borrowed it and read it.

The authors of *The Rules*, Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider, explain that *The Rules* began as a "secret underground", a network of women helping women. The catch was that because the network was entirely through word of mouth, some women were getting *The Rules* wrong. Fein and Schneider decided to write the rules down, so there would be no more mistakes.

At first, I found it nothing short of

ridiculous. "Rule #2: Don't Talk to a Man First (and Don't Ask a Man to Dance)." "Rule #12: Break Up With Him if He Doesn't Buy You a Romantic Gift for Your Birthday or Valentine's Day." "Rule #20: Be Honest But Mysterious." That's just a sample.

I was reminded of my grandmother, and her own personal set of rules that she passed on to my mother and to me. The man you marry has to be two years older than you, she says, and he has to be the exact height which allows your head to rest perfectly on his shoulder.

I quickly realized that *The Rules* was written for women who are a lot more desperate than I am. There are chapters, for example, on how to write and answer personal ads. Plus, the overall theme of the book is how to get a man to marry you. I quote from Rule #32: Don't Break the Rules, "...The Rules is not a hobby, but a religion. We keep doing The Rules until the ring is on our finger!" In answer to the question "Will he still marry me if I break The

Rules?" the answer, "Maybe yes, but probably no."

The Rules don't apply to me, or to most W&L women, on the grand scale (for more on this, see "Greenland", page 2), but the book isn't worthless. There are

some valid points that we need to be reminded of. The essence of the message is this: be confident, take care of yourself, and remember you don't need a man. Know who you are, and the rest comes naturally.

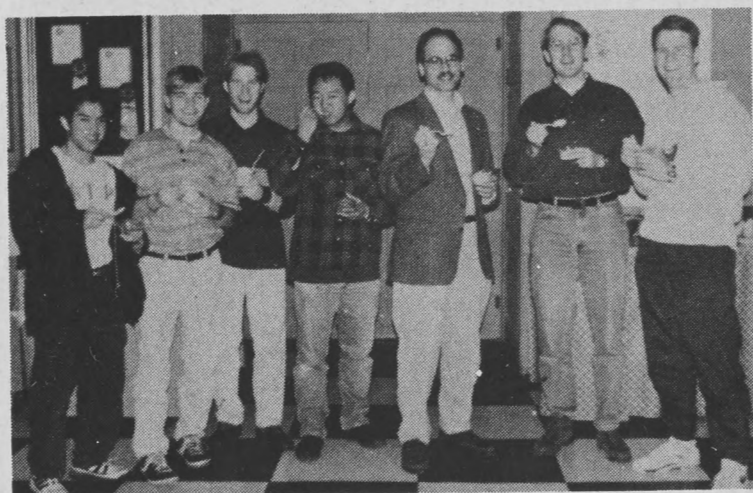


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Fred "Chico" Lager and friends enjoy a bowl of ice cream.

Minister leaves home for sake of homeless

BY ANDREA EWING
PHI FEATURES EDITOR

Go into the woods.

Reverend Kenneth Patrick of Trinity United Methodist Church of Lexington went "into the woods" when he hiked the Appalachian Trail to raise money for a homeless shelter in Roanoke.

Patrick was the Chairman of the Board for Roanoke Area Ministries when the decision was made that a day shelter for the homeless was needed. An evening shelter existed, but in bad weather there was nowhere for the homeless to go for cover. An Old Roman Catholic Church where the shelter could be located became available. However, there was still a great need for money to operate the shelter.

At the time, Patrick served as the minister to Weston United Methodist Church in Roanoke, a church with a very active community ministry. Patrick decided to hike the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) to raise money for the Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) House. Patrick received a four month sabbatical to hike the trail.

The trip began on April 21, 1987, at the beginning of the Appalachian Trail, Springer Mountain, Georgia.

Patrick used the time to be alone. He describes the trip as a "communion with nature. It was a long extended retreat." A journal, spiritual diary, and poetry all resulted from Patrick's experience. "I never really had time to write poetry before," Patrick said, "This trip provided the opportunity to make a spiritual journey."

Patrick says the A.T. was 2,149.5 miles the year he hiked it. The length of the trail changes from year to year, but there is now a set general corridor. White blazes 2x6 inches mark the A.T. These blazes are generally at eye level and located on either trees or sometimes rocks. "In Vermont the trail passes beside an old junk yard," Patrick states, "The blaze was located on the fender of an old car." Hikers find their way by following these marks.

Three-walled shelters can be found intermittently on the A.T. They offer no heat, food or electricity but do provide shelter from the elements. Generally hikers camp beside the trail.

Mail dropping is a process that provides hikers with food and other supplies. The trail generally comes near a town every 5-7 days, and here the hiker goes into town, gets a cheap hotel room and a good meal and goes to the post office where a package awaits him. The hiker has mailed to himself the articles he believes he will need. The package arrives at the post office marked "Hold for Hiker" with the hiker's name. The post offices in these towns are used to the hikers and do not mind providing this service.

The A.T. is a challenge that most people undertake during a period of transition in their lives, such as preparation for college or divorce, according to Patrick. Some hikers are trying to deal with the terminal illness of a loved one; for others, this is their life-long dream and they are finally able to undertake the trek.

Whatever the cause, hikers tend to have a lot in common, Patrick said. They tend to be well-educated, affluent, quiet people who love nature. These common traits ease the process of bonding with other hikers. "I knew the people who hiked before me and those in groups behind me," Patrick said. Each hiker also receives a trail name. "I was the Homeless Hiker." The name derived from the reason for Patrick's trip.

Rev. Patrick raised approximately \$20,000 for the RAM House in Roanoke. "Different companies and individuals donated the money," Patrick said, "But, I was not the only one trying to raise money." Patrick did more than others. His story raised publicity and awareness when it ran in local papers.

Injuries suffered on the trail slowed Patrick. "At one point I was caught in a terrible thunder storm, and the lightning struck the frame of my backpack electrocuting me. I lost my sight and hearing for several days." In Maine, Patrick also suffered broken ribs in the last days of the trek.

Patrick finished the AT in 5 months despite injuries, but more important is the reason.

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Generals in action this week:

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Saturday vs. Eastern Mennonite, 7:30 p.m.
WBASKETBALL - Tuesday vs. Eastern Mennonite, 7:00 p.m.;
Thursday at Hollins, 4:00 p.m.;
Saturday vs. Randolph-Macon, 2:00 p.m.
WRESTLING - Sunday at Va. State Championships, 9:30 a.m.
INDOOR TRACK - Saturday at Virginia Tech Invitational

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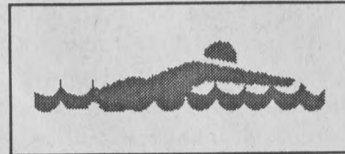
MBASKETBALL - L, 87-59, at Hamp.-Syd.; L, 83-81 (OT), at Guilford
WBASKETBALL - W, 63-55, vs. RMWC; L, 78-52, at Guilford
MSWIMMING - W, 115-90, vs. Sewanee; L, 114-83, vs. Mary Wash.
WSWIMMING - L, 105-100, vs. Sewanee; L, 122-68, vs. Mary Wash.
WRESTLING - W, 34-22, vs. Swarthmore;
L, 28-18, vs. Western Maryland;
L, 44-3, vs. Ursinus at Ursinus Quadrangular

Swimming squads look to recover after tough weekend

Men split pair of meets; women's team drops both

By SUZANNE SCOTT
Phi Staff Writer

It was a disappointing weekend for the Washington and Lee women's swimming team. The Generals lost Friday night to Sewanee and Saturday afternoon to Mary Washington in Cy Twombly Pool.



The loss to Mary Washington was a discouraging 122-68. Freshman Brooke Stanley set a new record of 25.28 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle event. This lone triumph was not enough to bring the Generals to victory.

The previous night, the women lost a tough meet to Sewanee, 105-100. Sophomore Margaret Hoehl led the team by capturing three events.

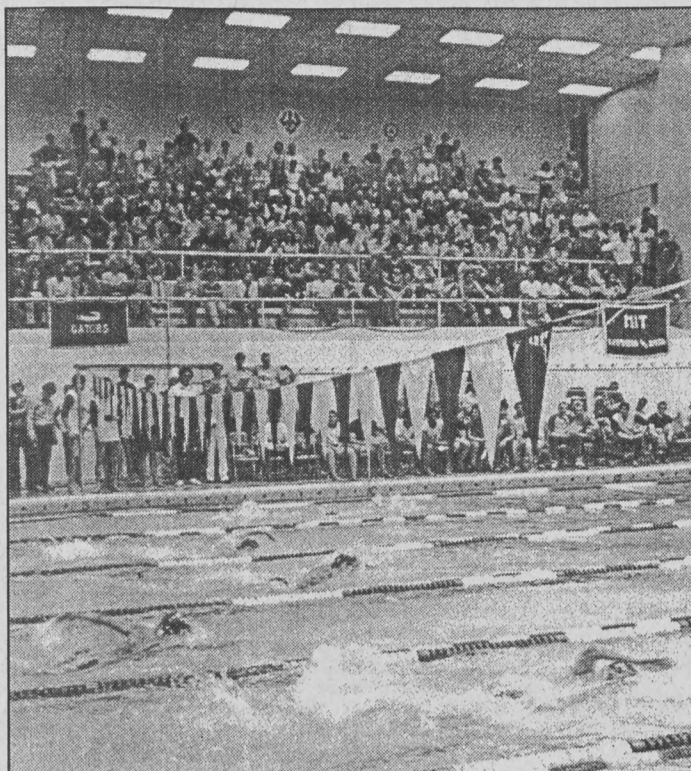
The men's swimming team fared a little better. The Generals defeated Sewanee, 115-90, on Friday night, but fell to Virginia rival Mary Washington Saturday afternoon with a final score of

114-83. Senior Nathan Hottle and junior Steve Brigance each took three events Friday. Freshman Jared Fribush and Brigance were victorious Saturday in the 50 and 100-yard events, respectively.

Of Saturday's meet, Fribush said, "We didn't do as well as we would have liked to have done. Probably because we were tired from last night's meet against Sewanee."

The women's team is 7-6 in dual meets with one more left to go. Its next meet will be on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Hollins.

The men's team is 7-4 in dual meets this season. Its next meet will be at the SCAC Invitational on February 20.



W&L went 1-3 at Cy Twombly Pool this weekend. Publicity Photo

Jock Shorts



By JEREMY McNAMEE AND SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Wrestling:

This past weekend the Generals traveled to Collegeville, Pennsylvania for the Ursinus Quadrangular. Washington and Lee's grapplers beat Swarthmore 34-22 on Saturday, and despite losses to Western Maryland (28-18) and Ursinus (44-3) finished the season with a dual meet record of 4-3, marking W&L's first winning season since 1987.

The Generals next take to the mat at the Virginia State Championship Tournament on February 9.

Men's Indoor Track:

Junior Will Olson won the 3000-meter run as Washington and Lee's men's indoor track

team made their 1997 debut at the 45th annual VMI Winter Relays. Olson won the race with a time of 8:58.8. Senior co-captain Sandy Hooper took fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:02.1.

Basketball:

W&L suffered two tough losses Saturday at Guilford.

The women's team quickly fell behind 26-6 in the first half and could never catch up, losing 78-52 to the Quakers.

The men lost an 83-81 heart-breaker in overtime. The Generals trailed 81-79 when a Walt Plyler jumper tied the score with seven seconds left. But a Kenyatta Ramsey tip-in at the buzzer gave the Quakers the win.

Tough guys Ditka and Vermeil back stalking the sidelines

THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

The old school is back.

There were ten head coaching vacancies in the NFL this offseason and with the exception of the ongoing Bill Parcells-to-the-Jets saga, all have now been filled. But the two hirings that drew the most waves were the Saints' hiring of Mike Ditka and the Rams' hiring of Dick Vermeil, since both men had been out of coaching for awhile.

The last time you saw Iron Mike outside of the NBC studios was during a turbulent 1992 season when his Bears staggered to a 5-11 finish. You may also remember his infamous sideline confrontation with Jim Harbaugh, who has since developed into a top-flight QB with the Colts. It was clear to everyone that Ditka was burned out. He already had suffered a heart attack several years before, so it looked like Ditka would spend the rest of his life next to Joe Gibbs at NBC, saying "They're just not playing good defense" and "You can't keep turning the ball over and expect to win."

But Ditka was wooed back into coaching by the New Orleans Saints, who gave him the chance to rebuild a horrid 3-13 team with Jim Everett at quarterback. It was an interesting choice of cities for Ditka, who went from the cold, grass, beer and blue-collar mentality of Chicago to the humidity, turf, wine and parties of the New Orleans. But there can't be that much difference between the beloved Campbell's Chunky Soup ("Soup is GOOD FOOD!!!") and gumbo, can there? At least Ditka will have a more laid-back fan base to work with instead of having to listen to Ted from Rosemont calling into talk radio everyday. The Saints have not won a playoff game and have only five winning seasons in their 30-year history, so Saints fans have gotten used to waiting.

Iron Mike vows to change that and the guess here is that he will. This is a man who compiled a 106-62 record in Chicago and suffered only three losing seasons in 11 years. His 1985 Bears team was the last team to go 15-1 during the regular season. He inherits a defensive mentality with the Saints, who for years featured a conservative offense and an attacking defense under Jim Mora. Unfortunately for Ditka, the defense no longer has Sam Mills, Rickey Jackson and Vaughan Johnson. It will take some major retooling on both sides of the ball for Ditka to implement his

smashmouth style. The Saints finished 29th in total offense and last in rushing yards. Wonder what Walter Payton's condition is these days?

It will be interesting to see how well Ditka hits it off with the wimpy Everett, who has a talented arm but has been known to fall and take a sack before even getting touched. Expect that to change. Either Everett matures into the next Harbaugh or Ditka will feed him to the alligators.

It would be nice to see Ditka turn things around in the bayou, because the Superdome is one of the best atmospheres in football when the crowd is rocking, like it was earlier this decade. The increased discipline and religious devotion to defense that Ditka brings should be good enough for at least three more victories next season. And it would have been really cool if Ditka hired someone like Dick Butkus as defensive coordinator.

The hiring of Vermeil in St. Louis raised even more eyebrows. Vermeil had been out of football for 15 years after burning himself out after seven years of sleeping in his office in Philadelphia. At least now Vermeil can escape the obnoxious Brent Musburger in the broadcast booth, but can he still be as effective as he was in Philly where he turned around a moribund Eagles franchise and led it to four playoff and one Super Bowl appearance between

1978-81?

Vermeil brings to the table many of Ditka's traits, including a relentless desire to win and having his team practice to near-exhaustion to do so. Nothing should interrupt his concentration. During the Bicentennial fireworks display in Philadelphia in 1976, Vermeil was in the middle of a team meeting and he supposedly asked clubhouse attendants if they could go out and tell them to keep the racket down.

The other challenge for Vermeil besides returning after 15 years will be to reinvigorate a once-proud Rams franchise that has been nothing short of a pushover this decade. There is arguably more talent in St. Louis than in New Orleans, but Lawrence Phillips needs to mature and the defense needs to stop acting offensive for the Rams to finally become winners.

The major criticism of Ditka and Vermeil is that their coaching philosophy is about two decades behind. Back in their day, free agency did not exist and it was common for players to be devoted and to play through pain instead of worrying about million-dollar contracts and endorsements. But the common denominator is that both men know how to win. They have won before and they will win again. Even if Jim Everett is around.

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