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GENERAL NOTES

ALL NUDE, ALL THE TIME:

The W&L Art Department will be holding a porn exhibit, Tuesday in duPont Auditorium. This is the first in a series of events the Art Department is planning in order to expand its horizons. Next week they will be presenting a series on decorative taxidermy.

LEYBURN HOSTS STORY TIME:

Leyburn Library will be holding a special "read-aloud" story time for kids six and under. The event will be held in Northern Auditorium on Thursday.

Some examples of the works which will be read include excerpts from novels by Stephen King, the Book of Revelation and poetry by Charles Manson.

BRING YOUR OWN SACRIFICE:

A symposium hosted by the English department will be held in Lee Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday. The symposium entitled "Starting Your Own Cult: People Will Like You," will feature discussions on everything from demon summoning to recognizing your ride off the earth. For more information, contact Satan via the Registrar.

W&L WANTS YOUR GOAT:

Due to the sudden breakdown of all Building and Ground's lawn equipment, the University asks all students with grazing farm animals to bring them to the Hill on Friday to help graze down the grass.

Note: To protect your animal's safety, all goats must be off the lawn by 5 p.m. as not to coincide with the cult symposium.

OUTING CLUB SHOWS SKIN:

To celebrate the opening of the Art Department's porn exhibit, the W&L outing club will be hosting a nude party in the Dell on Tuesday. Party goers are asked not to stare too hard at President Elrod if he decides to attend.

JOIN DRUG SUPPORT GROUP:

Local area residents and W&L professors have teamed up to try to teach drug awareness to the Rockbridge area community. The group will meet on Tuesday nights.

GHQ SERVES SPECIAL MEAL:

After the cult symposium in Lee Chapel on Friday, the GHQ Bistro 9000 X v0.9 Beta will be holding a special meal for all attendees of the event. The menu will include roast lamb, Rocky Mountain oysters and applesauce laced with Phenobarbital. Shots of vodka will be served for dessert.

DO YOU WANT TO DANCE:

The music department at W&L will be sponsoring a class on how to dance the Lambada. The unique aspect of this event is attendees will be taught the dance using inflatable turtles. Classes will be held on Thursday and Friday. For more information, please contact the music department.

PSYCHIC TO SPEAK IN CHAPEL:

On Saturday, three psychics from the highest peaks of Tibet will speak in Lee Chapel. The talk, entitled "What Your Dead Relatives Say Behind Your Back," will cost \$3.50 for the first minute and \$1.50 for each additional minute.

For more information, concentrate and they will contact you.

WE HATE YOU, TOO:

Do you think no one likes you? Do you feel like you are the least popular person on the Hill? Well, you're right.

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH:

Blah blah blah, ba blah ba ba blah. Blah blah, blah ba-blah ba blah blah; blah ba blah. Ba blah blah blah, blah ba blah blah blah blah. "It was great!"

—COMPILED BY YO' MOMMA

President Elrod tours with KISS

By I.P. FREELY
Phi Staff Writer

President Elrod sent a letter to the Trustees last week informing them of his leave of absence starting spring term and lasting throughout 1997.

Details of the letter were leaked to *The Ring-tum Phi*. In it, Elrod told the trustees that he had to "follow his dreams," and went on to say, "this is an opportunity that few collegiate presidents get. I think that it will help the University's exposure." This evidently includes subbing in for Kiss bass player Gene Simmons.

Elrod has been a long-time friend of several Kiss members. In the mid-1970's a Kiss spokesperson said, "Our makeup and outfits are inspired after those actually worn by John Elrod."

Over the years, Elrod has written freelance songs for the band. His credits include "Lick it up," "I Like it Loud," and the smash hit "Rock 'n' Roll All Nite."

"It was a shame he left the band, but at his successes, we support him one

hundred percent," said Kiss guitarist. "He is a kick-a** bass player and a real asset to the band."

Elrod's announcement came as a major shock to the Trustees. "I respect his decision," Gerry Lenfest said. "His reasons were solid and his motives were clear. I think the University should stand solidly behind President Elrod."

Also leaving the University will be David Howison, who signed on after Elrod asked him to be a Kiss roadie. "I'm excited," said Howison, "this is like all my childhood dreams come true."

Many other professors have stated they would like to go on tour with Kiss as well, but their classes do not permit it.

"I would love to go out and groove with Kiss," Lloyd Dobyons of the journalism department said. "Unfortunately, I just don't have time with my classes and my techno band's rigorous funk practice sessions."

Elrod and Howison will join the band in Richmond on Wednesday. Mimi Elrod will join them in San Francisco.

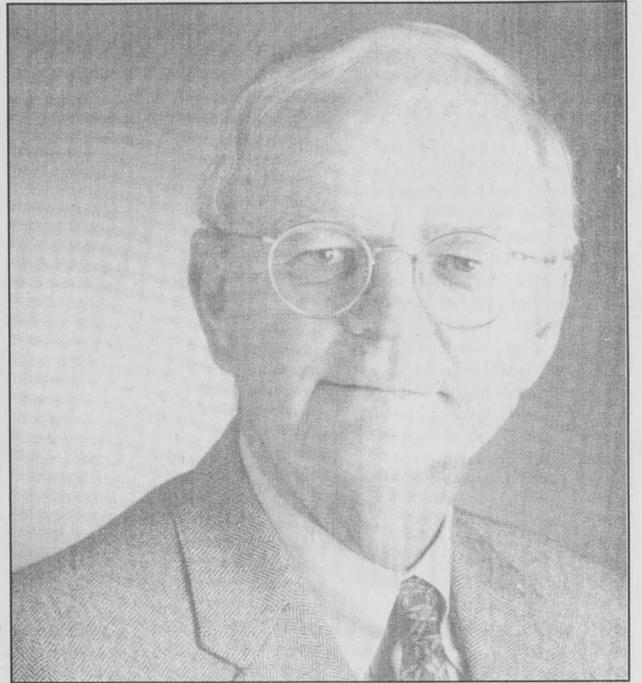


Photo by Uh...I forget

W&L student goes Mexicano

By RICKY ARNEZ
Phi Staff Writer



Photo by Cheech and Chong

Senior Steve Frame has given up his job search for after graduation. Although Frame has been offered management-track positions by several Fortune 500 companies, he has decided to pursue a career as a guitarist with a strolling mariachi band.

Spring Term, Frame will intern at El Puerto Mexican Restaurant. "I'm really glad I'll be able to spend [Spring Term] getting practical experience in my field," Frame said. "El Puerto actually has been very supportive of the arts since its opening. For a while, they had a woman who would dance on the bar during the break between lunch and dinner."

Beverly Lorig, director of the Career Development and Placement Office, helped arrange Frame's internship. "This is another of our many success stories. We're really quite proud of Steve. We're still exploring options for after graduation, but right now we're thrilled with his internship. If we can't get anything solid by June, Steve is just going to go to Tiajuana and see what he can find."

Frame's musical career is a success story. He got his start entertaining people during the Mr. W&L contest in 1994. He has high hopes for the mariachi band and hopes to eventually become the most well known mariachi player in all the world.

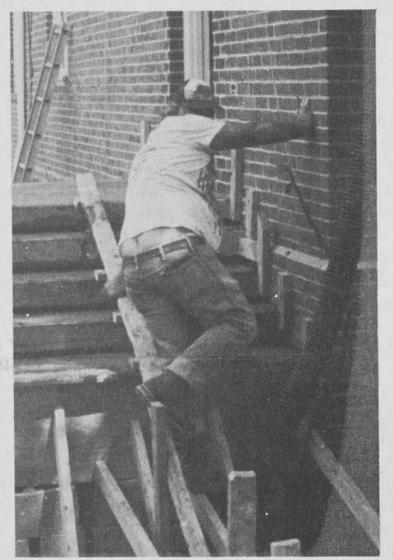


Photo by Seymore Butts

In another decisive move, the Lex P.D. made another huge bust which turned up a whole lot of crack.

Play that funky music white boy.

Easter Bunny captured by locals

By SANTA CLAUS
Phi Staff Writer

The most wanted criminal since Charles Manson was captured this morning at approximately 5:30 a.m. The Easter Bunny, wanted in all 50 states, was shot 43 times by local area hunters' tranquilizer guns.

"He went down like a 80 pound bag of manure," Keith R. Rockenheimer, a Lexington resident, said.

The Bunny, who has been sought after by the police, the national guard and all four divisions of the armed forces, was wanted for breaking and entering, kidnapping, libel, slander, drunk in public, indecent exposure, petty larceny, bad taste, terrible body odor and the murder of the Energizer Bunny, who was found battery-less last Friday, his drum torn from his mangy pink hide.

Apparently, the Easter Bunny was making his Easter rounds, stealing all of the children's eggs in the area in order to make a giant omelet when local hunters caught sight of him.

"I was out looking for deer to kill and decapitate for a wall-hanging, when I caught sight of his ugly yellow hide," Rockenheimer said. "He was standing with his back to me. I think he was relieving himself."

Rockenheimer went on to explain he quickly loaded some tranquilizer darts into his rifle and opened fire.

"When all my buddies heard me shooting, they all started firing too. We were lucky that they were shooting tranqu too or that big Bunny would be full of holes instead of full of dope," Rockenheimer said.

The Easter Bunny was taken to the Lexington Police Department where he was booked and thrown into the drunk tank to sleep off the tranquilizers.



Photo by The Tooth Fairy

The men who shot the Easter Bunny look at their prisoner.

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OPINION

Our opinion is that you suck. Your hair cut is ugly, you have terrible BO and you have a really fat butt. Your mother must have been Dr. Ruth.

FEATURES

Dr. Ruth speaks in tongues and then shaves her head. Squirrels attack! Dastardly Dave reviews the finest in porn. "They're all four stars!" Dave says. It is the dawning of the age of Aquarius.



NEXT ISSUE:

The Ring-tum Phi speaks to the dead.

Big Mouth gets beaten

By THE INSTIGATOR AND THE BALL BOY
Phi Staff Writers

Freshman Kevin McManemin, who in last week's *Phi* suggested fraternities "create new methods of socially acceptable torture" for their pledges, is now eating his words.

It seems the brothers of the house McManemin pledged have taken him up on his offer. Last Friday, McManemin was taken to Schenectady, New York's infamous red-light district.

Upon arrival, McManemin reports, he was forced to drink horse semen. "It really is a lot like Pabst and Natty Light," McManemin said. "I was just making that up when I wrote it in my column."

McManemin was paddled, forced to define and use the word "delineate" in a sentence, figure out the meaning of life, change his socks and make passes at inanimate objects.

McManemin was hit with a brick the size of a ham, a ham the size of a brick, the BBC's Mr. Bean (actually, Mr. Bean was unavailable, but a very good imitator stepped in) and a ham the size of Mr. Bean.

While he was being pummeled, McManemin was forced to chant the Greek alphabet, "Ohm, shanti shanti," "We are the knights who say NI!" and "Hello Mudda/Hello Fadda/Here I am at/Camp Grenada."

When all of the torture and chanting was over, the brothers and McManemin returned to Lexington, where McManemin was welcomed into the full brotherhood and given a pack of gum and a coupon book.

McManemin says of his experience in Schenectady, "I never knew Schenectady really had a red light district. Now that I've been there, I have to say that with the right advertising, Schenectady could give Amsterdam a run for its money."

"It's really good to be in a fraternity with a sense of humor about initiation rituals," McManemin said, "but I wonder if I shouldn't have joined one of those fraternities that just beats you for an hour."

PledgeTazer electrifies Hell Week

BY ANTONIO BANDERAS
PHI UNICYCLE REPAIRMAN

Tazer, Inc. has supplied W&L fraternities with a new toy for Hell Week.

The PledgeTazer appeared at Washington and Lee last week. The invention, which promises to "outperform any boring old paddle," is designed to give fraternity pledges a shock of electricity when it comes into contact with a pledge posterior.

A spokesman for Tazer, Inc., appeared at W&L last Thursday.

"Tazer, Inc., feels that the fraternity system offers a large potential for sales," Pat Youontheheadwitharock said. "It is the belief of Tazer, Inc., that the violent act of hazing and those who participate in it can benefit from the use of our product. We are making every effort to extend fraternity brothers our support."

Commenting on the apparent popularity of the product, Youontheheadwitharock said, "Who would want to use a paddle when they can fulfill their sadistic fantasies on unsuspecting boys with thousands of watts of Tazer Power?"

"On behalf of the Interfraternity Council, I would like to extend our thanks to Tazer, Inc.," IFC President Anthony Mazzarelli said. "We feel that this is just the sort of kick in the pants the fraternity system needs, no pun intended."

Mazzarelli acknowledges that along with new pleasures,

PledgeTazer offers new responsibilities.

"We are tightening our restrictions on fraternities to avoid abuse of the PledgeTazer," Mazzarelli said. "However, we recognize that we can't watch fraternities all the time, so brothers will basically be able to do whatever they want most of the time, no matter how many rules we make."

"I think the whole thing's absurd," Professor Holt Merchant, Professor of History, said. "Students already come to my classes drunk. Now they're going to be armed, too. In my personal opinion, it's not good to combine alcohol and hand-held weapons."

The popularity of the device on campus seems to have carried over to the community. The Lexington Police

Department, realizing the PledgeTazer's usefulness, has placed an order with Tazer, Inc.

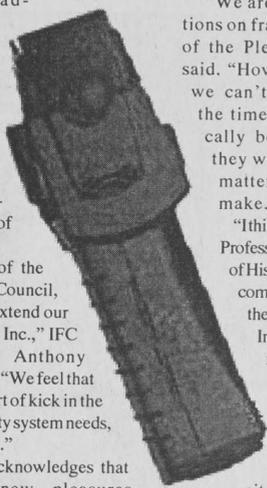
"We're not exactly sure what we'll use them for," Officer B. Eatyouwithmyrightstick said. "But we're getting sort of tired of our three-wheeled parking enforcement thing, and we need something new to play with."

Letters from concerned parents of freshmen have begun to arrive in Washington Hall.

"Naturally, parents are concerned that their children are going to be harmed as a result of the use of this device," President Elrod said. "And their concerns are justified. Freshmen get hurt here."

For a while, at least, the PledgeTazer will be prevalent on campus.

"I just love this thing," Joe Hardon, a brother at a W&L fraternity, said. "Sometimes I even use it on myself. It's hard as hell to paint, though."



Leyburn Library razed for sake of esthetics

BY HONG KONG FUEY
PHI #1 SUPERGUY

Rarely has destruction been such a cause for celebration.

The recent destruction of Leyburn Library, considered long overdue by many in the Washington and Lee community, rid the university of one of its greatest blights. The day was a cause for campus-wide celebration.

"We've been planning this for months," President "John John" Elrod said. After a farewell speech, in which Elrod promised a more aesthetically pleasing future, a small thermonuclear warhead was detonated in sub level three of the library, leveling the building and drawing applause from the throng of people who had come to see the building's demise. The event was followed by a concert featuring Elrod's latest band, Kiss. (Please see the News page for more information.)

Leyburn Library will be replaced with a new structure which will embody some of the administration's plans for future building projects. The new "hyper-library," as it is already being called by many on campus, will include: a

parking garage, a student union, a movie theater, an ice skating rink, four sorority houses, a GNC supercenter and a library.

The new hyper-library is being funded by a donation left to the university by a wealthy Texan alum.

"Thank God for Texas," Elrod said. "Because of the alum's donation, we won't have to worry about what to name the hyper-library, unlike that [expletive] science building."

University administration has begun to work with the architect in charge of designing the new building to ensure that Leyburn Library's replacement will fit in with the rest of campus.

"Columns: it has to have lots and lots of columns," Elrod said.

Before it was destroyed, certain essentials were removed from Leyburn Library and retained so that they could be installed in the new library.

"We kept those boss orange chairs," Dick Grefe, Senior Reference Librarian, said. "The students seem to love those. We also kept all our microfiche terminals because they remind me of instruments I see on 'Star Trek.'"



Photo by Bootsy Collins (actually, the mothership gave it to him)

Nice rod, Dick:

Dick Grefe, Senior Reference Librarian, stands triumphantly over the remains of Leyburn Library. The building's demise was celebrated by all, as was Grefe's Viking costume, which he referred to fondly as "Wanda."

The new hyper-library will be more geared toward the student and their needs.

"All of the fishbowls will be outfitted with condom machines and sliding covers for the windows on the doors so that students will better be able to, um, study," Grefe said. "Also, we will install special red light phones linked directly to professors' offices to allow students to call and plead for extensions right

from the library." Grefe promises that the new library will not stand taller than the statue of George Washington.

"We've eliminated a lot of need for space by throwing away books and things that no one ever uses," Grefe said. "We got rid of all our texts on British naval poetry. I never read that crap: I don't know why anyone else would."

Grefe does not seem too

concerned about the loss of one of the campus' buildings.

"The whole thing was slipping into the Dell anyway," Grefe said. "Besides, it was ugly. Between you and me, I hear that the Woods Creek Apartments will be the next to go."

The new library should be completed some time after you graduate, because that's the way these things always work.

Earth mounds return from outer space

BY RASPUTIN
PHI DANGER SPECIALIST

Students who go to the front lawn to "study" while they soak up the sun will find some old friends waiting for them.

The Earth Mounds, following their interstellar travel to the far reaches of outer space, have returned to campus and reseeded themselves in front of Tucker Hall. Their visit has sparked interest both on campus and in the scientific community.

Having left without explaining the purpose for their trip, the Earth Mounds claim they had a good reason to go.

"We needed dates for FD," Head Earth Mound said. "Sure, there are plenty of attractive, intelligent, fun female Earth Mounds around here, but let's just say there are certain 'advantages' to taking an Earth Mound from off campus, if you know what I mean."

"Besides, if the female Earth Mounds want dates, they can find plenty of physically-fit, well-mannered Earth Mounds over at Earth Mound Military Institute who will probably behave far more like gentlemen than we ever would," Head Earth Mound said.

Unfortunately, the Earth Mounds were detained in their travels, returning too late to attend FD.

"We stopped at a Chinese restaurant outside of Sector 7," Head Earth Mound said. "They serve drinks to just about anyone there. We would have come back in time for FD, but

by the time I had my third 'Volcano,' I didn't even know where I was."

An official NASA spokesman, visiting the campus to observe the behavior of the Earth Mounds, commented on the significance of the Earth Mounds' return.

"What's really incredible is that they all returned to exactly the same place," Guy Withallyourtaxes said. "These Earth Mounds had as much of a chance of returning to the same exact spots from which they left as Bob Dole had of getting elected, which was not a very good chance at all."

Representing the administration of Washington and Lee University, President John Elrod expressed his pleasure over the return of the Earth Mounds.

"I am always glad when members of another culture come to our fine university," Elrod said. "I know the student body here is about as culturally diverse as the faculty."

The Earth Mounds are pleased with the interest they have generated.

"We're hoping that they'll name the new science building after us," Head Earth Mound said. "I think 'The Big Earth Mound' would make a lovely name for a building."

Unfortunately, the Earth Mounds' visit will not last for long.

"We'll have to leave by the end of the semester," the Earth Mounds explained. "We won't

have anything to eat then because Food Services will make our Food Debit accounts disappear like Tom Arnold's career, never to be seen again."

At least some people on cam-

pus will be happy to see them go.

"If they don't leave soon, I'm going to have to tow them all," Baner said. "And right after that, I'm going to go get a real haircut."

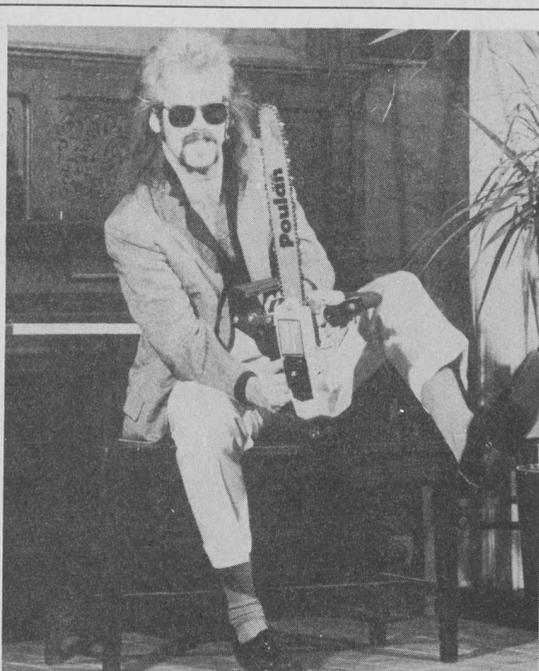


Photo courtesy of Mork from Ork

I smell, and my socks don't match:

Professor George Bent shows off his big, metal, gas-powered tool. And he can't play piano, either.

Fraternity house mother arrested for public nudity

BY DIONNE WARWICK
PHI PSYCHIC CORRESPONDENT

Delta Tau Chi's housemother Emerald Flame displayed her true talents to the brothers Friday night. Known as the "most limber" housemother on campus, Flame proved her talents true and upheld her reputation.

When Washington and Lee security entered the basement of DTC hoping to find illegal pledge hazing, they instead found Flame involved in another form of fraternal bonding.

"She was involved in questionable acts. She has been known to have a history of such activity" was all that Director of Security Mike Young would say.

Flame has been arrested previously for indecent exposure after frolicking nude on the front lawn of W&L. "She really added to the picturesque landscaping," Senior Richard Nutz said.

"I like to sunbathe nude, and those nasty bathing suit line are really annoying," Flame said when asked why she was clothed in such a fashion.

"Emerald is a very talented woman and does a lot for the fraternity," President John W. Elrod said when asked why she was kept on after her arrest.

Flame was escorted to Lexington City Jail where she is under the personal custody of Police Chief W. F. Smith. She has not been charged.

Rita Fitz, a neighbor of the fraternity house, claims that Flame comes and goes at rather strange times and "much too frequently in my opinion." Other neighbors state that Flame is known to frequent one house more than any other—that of Police Chief Smith.

Before moving to Lexington, Flame lived in Amsterdam and Las Vegas where she says she was finishing her education.

"Everyone here in Lexington is so nice to me," Flame said, "My boys are the best."

Questions have arisen as to whether Flame will keep her job. "She is a very caring housemother, and she's hot," Elrod said.

Flame has been in counseling for repressed sexuality and states that she feels that she is getting better.

"I have so much support from the boys," Flame said, "They want to see me get better and are willing to help in any way that they can."

Smith refused to comment saying that he felt that he did not know enough about the situation. Flame feels she will receive the best treatment while in Smith's care.

The brothers of DTC feel that Flame is the best housemother they have ever had.

"She won't let us want for anything," Tim said, "She will bend over backwards to make us happy."



Photo courtesy of Larry Flynt

Fly like a beagle:

Emerald Flame, Delta Tau Chi's multi-talented housemother, displays the flexibility which has made her a favorite in the house.

W&L campus switches from Pepsi to Coke

BY THE CANADIAN PIRATE
PHI "EH" EXPERT

The event that's been more greatly anticipated than the return of "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan has finally arrived—Washington and Lee University has moved into the twentieth century by switching to Coca-Cola.

Products bearing the Coca-Cola trademark will be available across campus starting today. Students will no longer have to brave the dangerous path which leads to the back of the science building construction site, or the far more dangerous path which leads to Reid Hall to find their beverage of choice.

Taking a break from his busy touring schedule with the hit rock group KISS, President "John John" Elrod commented on the University's decision.

"Why do you think we have so many deans, anyway?" Elrod said. "We get paid to make this sort of command decision."

Responding to opposition to the change, Elrod claimed that the two beverages are very much alike and that fans of one beverage should at least sample the other.

"Coke and Pepsi are like Lexington cousins," Elrod said. "Only their mamas can tell them apart."