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Kemp to speak at Mock Convention Spring Kick-Off

BY MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

Possible Republican presidential candidate Jack Kemp will speak on Tuesday, April 25 in front of Lee Chapel.

"The real group responsible for bringing Kemp is Contact," said Mock Convention Chairman David Stewart, "because of their generosity of their decision to co-sponsor this with us."

Amidst growing concerns from Executive Committee members over Contact's inability to bring speakers, the committee voted Wednesday, Jan. 18 to contribute \$15,000 to the Mock Convention to bring Jack Kemp for the Spring kick-off.

Contact president Andrew Schneider and representative Jim Pike voted against the proposal.

Mock Convention tried to get Kemp before but he declined because of money, said Contact Vice-Chair and Mock Convention Speakers Chair Jason Bearden.

In an EC meeting two weeks ago, student president Kevin Webb and Vice-president Alex Cross said Contact had failed to bring enough prominent speakers to the campus. At Monday night's EC meeting, Webb said Contact should look into whatever opportunities are out there to bring good speakers.

Schneider wanted Contact to bring a speaker on their own to prove to the EC that the Committee is doing their job.

Mock Con chairman and Contact member Bob Ross disagreed.

"We have to be concerned with what's best for the university," he said.

Contact representative Trey Copeland said getting a good speaker for the Spring kick-off was essential for a successful Mock Convention.

"Mock Convention is a big deal," he said. "If the kick-off doesn't go off, it will make it harder to get other good speakers."

Catherine Bassett said Mock Convention will probably not get a big speaker like Kemp without Contact's support.

Junior Andrew Olmen said with Contact's support, Mock Convention will be able to raise more money from other organizations.

"The Hill will recognize that other groups will want speakers," he said, "and if they don't give us money, they're will be less funds available."

Schneider said Monday that Contact is no more behind than previous committees.

"I've been on two other committees," he said, "and I know how fast and how slow things move."

Jason Bearden said Contact needs to spend the money on a big speaker.

"I don't think we can blow \$20,000 on small speakers," he said.

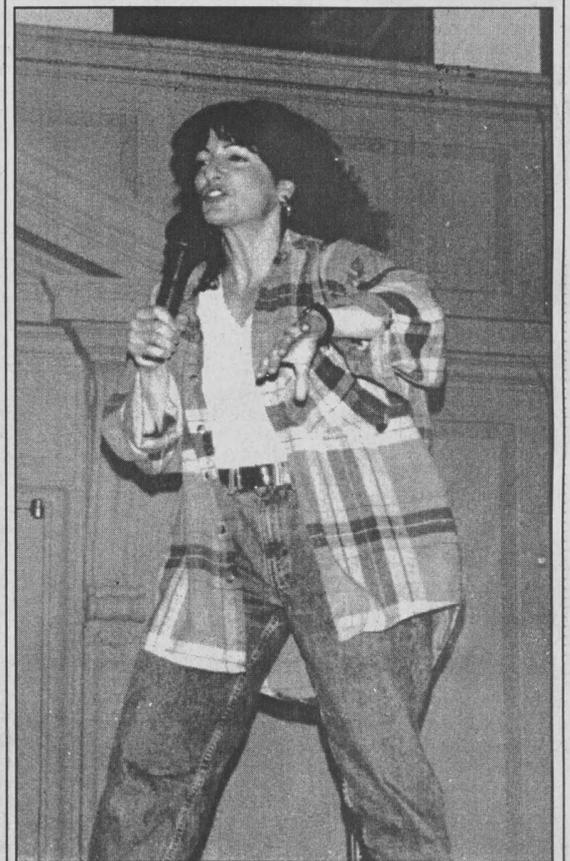


Photo by Betsy Green

Sex is cool, but not in Lee Chapel

Sex guru Suzi Landolphi spoke in the D-Hall after protests caused her talk to be moved from Lee Chapel. A reception in Fairfax Lounge followed, featuring lemonade, cookies, and condoms. Story on page 2.



W&L students in synch

BY PETE WEISSMAN
Phi Staff Writer

The pledges of Kappa Kappa Gamma wanted R-E-S-P-E-C-T Friday night, and they got it.

Five girls in black boots took first place in the 9th Annual Lip Synchron Contest mouthing the words to the Aretha Franklin standard. Another Kappa act, took second place for "Step By Step" by the New Kids On The Block. Sigma Phi Epsilon came in third with a rock medley of three songs.

Mary New, one of the winning Kappas, said their victory shocked her.

"I about had a heart attack because we weren't out to win," New said. "We threw the thing together. Up on stage, it fell into place."

The contest, sponsored by Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger (SARAH), raised \$2800 for local food pantries, said event founder Jerry Darrell, director of University Food Services. The winners will get Fancy Dress tickets and cash. More than 500 people watched 21 acts.

"If you stand up here and look out at the crowd, everybody's psyched," Darrell said. "It was the best show we've ever had. There was not a flaw."

The acts ranged from the provocative—Phi Delta Theta's rendition of "Strokin'" featured shirtless guys gyrating—to the innocent, Kappa Sigma's version of "I Got You Babe."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's act had three opera singers in tuxedos mouthing "O Sole Mio." Two singers pulled

the pants off their fellow singer, freshman Jonathan Gorab. Gorab, now in a pair of tiger-skin bikini briefs, maintained his serious air as the audience roared.

Gorab said his act required diligent preparation.

"I spent most of the night stripping [on] the first floor of Graham-Lees testing people's reactions," Gorab said.

Several acts had gender themes. Females in the audience cheered a Pi Beta Phi act that showed women leading Washington & Lee men around.

"We were working off the stereotypes of the W&L girl and guy and the Hollins girl," said freshman Dana Hood.

Phi Kappa Psi pledges kicked a Lisa Loeb look-a-like off the stage.

"It looked to me like it was a rape scene," said freshman Nicole Richard. "I was booing."

About 20 student volunteers helped put on the show and picked up empty beer cups afterward, Darrell said.

"Years ago, charity was done door-to-door," Darrell said. "Now, there's a better way."

Darrell said he would buy food at 14 cents a pound from a food bank in Verona and distribute it to local food pantries. Because the food bank has a limited inventory, Darrell said, he would make monthly trips to Verona to buy the food. He may also buy food from W&L suppliers.

The contest, which until last year benefited the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will give 10 percent of the proceeds to NMSS this year.

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Va. area code to change

BY KATHRYN MAYURNIK
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As of July 15, 1995, the area code for Lexington and surrounding regions will change from 703 to 540.

Presently, the 703 area code also shared by Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties, as well as western Virginia. After the switch in July, Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties will keep the 703 code.

The switch is a manifestation of the growing need for phone numbers. The increased use of fax machines, cellular phones, pagers, computers, and Identri Ring has created a general shortage of phone numbers in general, and a new area code

seems to be the answer.

"The growing number of local extensions such as the 570 extension prove the growing need for phone numbers," commented Dana Camper of the Washington and Lee Telecommunications office.

However, not informing your parents of the new code isn't an instantaneous solution for avoiding their phone calls.

The phone company will allow a grace period of a year in which the 540 and the 703 area code will put the call through. This "Great Schism" of the area code will be in effect mainly to give people enough time to change their business cards.

Student leaders, faculty discuss alcohol

BY MICHAEL HEWLETT
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Over a dinner that featured iced tea, 60 well-dressed Washington and Lee student leaders and faculty members agreed that W&L does have an alcohol problem, but they disagreed about how to solve it.

Most students thought education would be the best policy, but University psychologist James Worth said afterward that education is not enough. "Education is necessary but not sufficient," he said. "I think we will never have a change until student self-governance takes the position that truly dangerous levels of alcohol consumption should be discouraged on this campus."

Selected student leaders and faculty attended the dinner sponsored by the Student Health Committee on Sunday in the University Center. Reporters were allowed to attend on the condition that they did not directly quote anything said in the discussion.

"An education program that continues into the fraternity and sorority pledgeships would be valuable," said sophomore Executive Committee representative Amy Gorham afterward.

Junior Kim Gartrell thought alcohol abuse was part of a deeper problem. She said some of the reasons given for alcohol use during the dinner dealt with students feeling uncomfortable not drinking.

"For somebody to feel unaccepted unless they drink says something about they feel about as a person," she said.

Worth agreed. He said too many students do not feel free to abstain from alcohol or to drink at healthier levels. He said students feel pressured to drink to fit into the

W&L social scene.

"My perception is that the campus needs more freedom—not less—in regards to alcohol consumption," he said.

Junior Thomas Kernan thinks stricter enforcement of Virginia state law that prohibits underage drinking would help.

"I like the idea of not serving [alcohol to] people under 21," he said. "It is certainly not going to be an absolute, but it's going to help."

He said stricter enforcement would reduce the availability of alcohol and provide an economic check. He said if more people had to pay to consume alcohol, then they would buy less of it.

Kernan said more alternative social functions like the acoustic coffeehouses student activities director Michelle Richardson has organized would help. He said a student center where students could socialize without the pressures to drink would reduce alcohol abuse on campus.

Worth also pointed to the lack of social options and the scarcity of role models for alternative ways of behaving. He said students must free themselves of the notion that in order to have fun, they must drink.

"We say that our tradition is work hard and play hard," he said. "The truth is that we work hard and drink hard here. Hard drinking is risky drinking."

Dean of the College John Elrod said there needs to be a clearer understanding of what kind of drinking problem the school has. The issue of alcohol consumption should extend to the entire student body, said Elrod.

"I think that one of the most effective things we can do is to get lots of students to go through the exercise we went through [Sunday] night," he said.

Kernan agreed.

"I think [the dinner] is a good beginning," he said, "but the process needs to be continued because the problem is not going to be solved by a bunch of student leaders sitting around and discussing it."

'Flesh-eating' disease strikes Rockbridge

From Phi staff reports

Eight cases of a dangerous strain of strep have been reported in the Shenandoah valley.

The group A streptococcal infection has killed five people and hospitalized three in the past six weeks. Three cases occurred in Augusta County, two in Rockbridge County, one in Rockingham county, and one from the city of Lexington.

Phyllis Parker, wife of W&L professor David Parker checked into Stonewall Jackson Hospital on December 31.

"After realizing the severity of her condition, the doctors here transferred her to the hospital at the University of Virginia," said Donna St. Clair, director of Community Relations at Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

Mrs. Parker has recovered and returned home Thursday.

"Everyone is delighted to have her back here," said her husband. "We're a family again. She's home. That's a big, big step in the right direction."

Normally an area the size of the Shenandoah

Valley would average nine cases in 12 months. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 10,000 to 15,000 severe infections occur every year in the United States, causing 2000 to 3000 deaths a year.

Most Group A Streptococci bacteria are found in the throat and on the skin. GAS usually results in the non-lethal strep throat.

Other life-threatening infections caused by GAS include septicemia, or infection of the blood, cellulitis, or infection in and under the skin, necrotizing fasciitis, or destruction of fat and muscle, and sometimes streptococcal toxic shock syndrome. These lethal forms are called "invasive GAS."

Cases of the disease have risen over the past ten years.

Strep infections are usually treated with antibiotics. Some forms of invasive GAS are resistant to antibiotics. In these cases, surgery is sometimes needed.

Infective GAS can occur in people with open wounds or an underlying disease. The disease is spread through direct contact with infected people or those who carry the virus. People can carry the virus without even knowing it.

There is no vaccine to protect against the disease. For prevention, people with wounds should keep them clean, and watch for signs of pain, swelling, or discoloration around the wound.

The disease can also be spread through discharge from the nose and throat, and by contaminated blood, so family members of those infected should be particularly careful.

Spread of the disease can be reduced by frequently washing hands, particularly after coughing or sneezing, and before preparing food.

GAS became infamous this summer when "the British tabloids started calling it 'the flesh-eating disease,'" according to Assistant State Epidemiologist Suzanne Jenkins. "There was an outbreak of it in Britain, and the media created the hype."

Everyone should be careful of their health, said St. Clair, but the disease should not cause a panic.

"It's a cause for concern," she said, "not a cause for alarm."

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



U.S. pulling troops out of Haiti

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's government is increasingly concerned that the United States is pulling its troops out too fast with inadequate preparation for the imminent turnover to a United Nations peacekeeping force. About 6,000 troops of the original 20,000 remain in Haiti. By March 31, the number will drop to 3,000 and the U.S. troops will make up half of the U.N. forces that will remain in Haiti through Feb. 1996.

Air Force officer and son found

A U.S. Air Force officer and his 10-year-old son were rescued in the mountains of northeastern Turkey. They had been missing for nine days and disappeared on a ski outing. They took shelter in a cave and ate snow. Forest rangers reunited them near the town of Bolu in western Turkey, about 18 miles northeast of the ski resort where they disappeared Jan. 15.

Yeltsin fires official

President Boris Yeltsin fired his privatization chief, who had alarmed investors home and abroad with plans to renationalize Russian industry. The chief criticized the director last week for statements he had made. Free market advocates inside the government celebrated Yeltsin's decision, which followed months of a general slide by the president away from reform and toward hard-line positions.

The Nation



Clinton speaks of leaner government

President Clinton spoke about a new social contract committed to civic responsibility and a leaner—not meaner—government to newly elected Congressmen in his annual State of the Union address. Although he admitted to making some mistakes, he said the country has benefited from his policies. He challenged Republicans to cooperate with him on welfare reform and to protect Medicare and other programs from cuts to pay for GOP tax reductions.

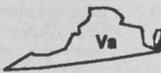
Simpson trial begins

Prosecutors opened their case in the O.J. Simpson trial by outlining in vivid detail what they called "devastating proof" that O.J. is guilty. They showed graphic color photographs of the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman. Just as the defense team prepared to respond to the opening statement, Judge Ito halted the proceedings after learning that the sole television camera had turned on an alternate juror's face. Judge Ito decided to keep cameras in the courtrooms.

N. Carolina killer put to death

A North Carolina man was put to death for raping and killing a cheerleader, becoming the second white person executed for killing a black woman since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976. Kermit Smith, Jr., 37, was convicted in the 1980 rape and murder of Wheette Collins, who was kidnapped from North Carolina Wesleyan College along with two other cheerleaders. Authorities say he smashed her head between two cinder blocks while the other cheerleaders were locked in the trunk.

The State



First execution by lethal injection

Dana Ray Edmonds was executed at the Greensville Correctional Center, the first man in Virginia history to die by lethal injection. Edmonds, 32, was sentenced to death for murdering John Elliott, a 62-year-old Danville grocer, during a robbery in 1983. Elliott's head was smashed with a brick and stabbed in the neck.

Allen seeks Republican support

Governor Allen sought to rally fellow Republicans around his package of proposed budget and tax cuts. General Assembly Democrats seem likely to kill or change the budget. Allen said he will fight the Democrats plans to kill his budget and tax-cut initiatives over breakfast in the Executive Mansion.

Sixty percent vote against Carrier

James Madison University faculty hit President Ronald E. Carrier with a vote of no confidence. The vote was 305-197, more than 60 percent against Carrier. The vote is considered a statement of opinion to the JMU Board of Visitors, which released a statement last week supporting him.

The Campus



A freshman was kicked out of Graham-Lees dorm on Sunday for having marijuana in the dorms. Omar Vannoy was charged with possession of marijuana Thursday.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by
Michael Hewlett



Photo by Betsy Green

Super Freak

A Lambda Chi Alpha grooves to the music at last week's Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger Washington and Lee University Lip-Synch competition. Kappa Kappa Gamma won the competition, taking home both first and second prizes. The event raised about \$2500 for area hungry.

Write to the Phi

Cable 2 plans new shows

By PETE WEISSMAN
Phi Staff Writer

Unlike the dark, casual coffeehouses in which they usually play, Brian Boland and Tommy Esposito sat in the bright studio of Cable 2 to tape a new television show.

"I certainly had the willies," Esposito said. "There were two giant cameras staring at you. You gotta block everything else out and focus on the music and what you're saying in the songs."

"Cable 2 Unplugged," a new student production, marks a different direction for Boland and Esposito and for the station that created the show. The music program premiered in Northern Auditorium on Jan. 21 at 7pm and will air on Cable 2 Jan. 23 at 8pm.

Like MTV's show, the student program features acoustic performances in an informal setting. The group played originals on the show in addition to covers of Peter Gabriel and Dave Matthews. Boland and Esposito also commented on their songs in segments that were filmed outside. Chris Albert, Frank Olah and Catherine Gartin directed the program.

"It's a neat way for the people who are in a band to get some exposure," Gartin said. And "for us to get some experience."

Since Boland and Esposito met last Spring, the pair have played at Harbs, The Raven and Crown, and W&L's acoustic coffeehouse.

"I think they have a lot of talent, and they're very entertaining," said Michelle Richardson, the Student Activities Coordinator who has booked the group for the GHQ.

Their music draws on blues roots, and their repertoire of original songs is growing. Unlike the Pearl Jam they cover, their music does not have social messages.

"We're not pissed about stuff," Esposito said. "We're just trying to have a good time."

The increased exposure has not weakened Esposito's modesty.

"There's not a big ego problem in our group," Esposito said. "I'm always so nervous, and [Brian's] always laid back."

For Cable 2, the production is a break from its "Rockbridge Report" and "Dating Game" shows.

"It's very freestyle and directing it you get very creative," Olah said. For the show, they used a new studio design and lighting scheme, Olah said. The set featured stools, pedestals wrapped in red and blue velvet, and candles. Albert said it took 10 to fifteen hours to prepare the studio. Gartin said that each song requires about an hour of editing. They also used five cameras instead of the usual two and

employed new camera techniques. But Albert admits, "the equipment certainly is not what MTV uses."

"They'd never done anything like this and neither had we, so it was a learning experience for everyone involved," Albert said.

Esposito agreed. "When we do a show like this again, we'll know what to expect and how to prepare for it," Esposito said.

The station plans to introduce other new shows including "W&L Genes," a public affairs show that profiles W&L personalities, "The Hills House of Style," "Saturday Afternoon Beer Party," and monthly interviews with the Executive Committee.

"These are all student productions," Albert said. "A lot of schools don't do stuff like this."

Boland and Esposito are evolving quickly. Since the show, they have changed some of their original songs. The two have formed a somewhat louder band with Pat White and hope to perform at fraternity houses. The pair will play at the Raven and Crown on Jan. 27th.

Olah, a junior, said he would like to produce "Cable 2 Unplugged" in the future when seniors Albert and Gartin graduate.

"I think it's interesting to see the talent that's out there and going to school right next to you," Olah said.

Correction

The Ring-tum Phi apologizes for an error in last week's editorial. The editorial stated that an unidentified student had been arrested twice for driving under the influence. However, the arrest records at the city police station were misleading (on careful examination, even the Chief of Police had misunderstood them), and the second offense was, in actuality, the serving of papers for the first offense. The Phi apologizes for any damage caused by the record idiosyncrasy.

Lip Synch

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this year. Darrell had not received serious complaints about the use of profanity by emcees John Turner and Greg Lynch and did not stop the Kappas from jumping onstage during an encore.

Once change planned for next year; moving the judges' table away from a large speaker and into the beer garden. Judge Mark Rush said that his ears were ringing Saturday morning. Rush, a politics professor, said moving the judges would have another advantage. "It'll make it more enjoyable. The beer will be more accessible."

Landolphi urges sexual responsibility

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

"Why don't we have a group safer sex experience?"

That's how Suzi Landolphi opened up her "Hot, Sexy and Safer" program Thursday night at Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall. Landolphi, author of Hot, Sexy and Safer, is a nationally known speaker who has taken her one-woman show to high schools and colleges around the country. She has appeared on talk shows such as "Donahue," "Rolonda" and many others.

Originally, she was scheduled to speak in Lee Chapel. Some students criticized her speaking there because they thought the topic of her presentation was inappropriate for Lee Chapel.

The speech was sponsored by Panhellenic, Contact, the AIDS Education Project, the Health Education Committee and the Interfraternity Council.

Talking to a roomful of students, she defined two things: safe sex and safer sex. Safe sex is when someone has a sexual experience with himself (masturbation). "You cannot give yourself anything but a smile," she said. Safe sex gives people the right to like themselves, she told the audience.

Safer sex is when a person has a sexual experience with another human being and both people are drug and alcohol free, she said.

She said people have been misled by the alcohol industry to believe that alcohol loosens them up or eliminates their inhibitions. Actually, alcohol simply turns off the part of the brain that prevents people from engaging in risky behavior, she said. Landolphi said alcohol makes it easier to risk one's reputation, dignity and life.

Most bad sexual experiences and rapes occur while people are under the influence of alcohol. But the biggest problem in this country, said Landolphi, is the inability of people to talk honestly about sex.

"When we talk about sex in this country, we talk around it," she said. Women are brought up to not love their private parts while men can be proud of theirs.

"We bring up half our population to believe they don't own their private parts," she said.

Women and men need to know they are of equal value, she said. She said what is needed is not a change in behavior but a change in attitudes. Women grow up not knowing how their bodies work and are sent out into the world to hook up with some man, she said.

Young men and women grow up without learning how to properly use a condom. She said a condom is not 100 percent effective, but it can offer better protection if used correctly. For example, a man should pull out before orgasm during intercourse, she said. She demonstrated condom use with a male volunteer. The student unrolled the condom, stretching it to show its strength. A female student came up and put the condom on his head. Holding his nose, Landolphi said sex does not equal intercourse. She said a woman's orgasm resides in the clitoris—not the vagina. Once people realize this, the whole idea of sex is redefined, she said. She said they realize that people can have an orgasm without removing their clothes.

In fact, her first sexual experience occurred when she was 15. It happened in gym class when she climbed a rope and had an orgasm. She didn't have intercourse until she was 21.

She emphasized that sex does not have to mean intercourse. "It angers me that we use only one word for sex," she said. Sex can be a step process to intercourse, she said. She said the process helps build a sexual foundation and can make a person feel comfortable with his sexuality. Landolphi said a woman should not feel obligated to have intercourse with a man if he gets an erection.

"I'm responsible for my own orgasm," she said. The 44-year-old praised the younger generation as one of the best in this century while warning them that they will face the problems her generation failed to solve.

"You've got to get rid of all the things our generation told you they would get rid of and copped out," she said.

She said she doesn't want this generation to make the same mistakes hers made.

"I'll be damned if I allow to let what happened to my generation happen to another one."

Higher Learning flops



Higher Learning - ☆☆
John Singleton's first film, the excellent *Boyz 'n' the Hood*, was about the travails of a young black man growing up in Los Angeles. With his latest, *Higher Learning*, he hopes to expand his scope to bigger, more broadly relevant issues.

He chooses as his microcosm the fictional Columbus University, a large, respectable, West Coast college, perhaps patterned after Stanford or Berkeley.

At the beginning of the term we meet three young freshmen, Kristin (Kristy Swanson), Malik (Omar Epps), and Remy (Michael Rapaport). All three are having difficulty adapting to the pressures of college life.

Kristy is cute, naive and a bit dazed by everything. She gets drunk and is 'date-raped' by a lecherous fraternity man. (Curiously enough, it's not that she minds having sex with him - just having sex without a condom.) As a result she flees to the lesbian embrace of the campus feminists' group.

Malik is on a partial track scholarship and has trouble balancing his running with all the work expected of him by his professors. However, he gets a beautiful female runner to teach him about comma splices, run-ons, and so forth. All the while, he must fight the oppressive forces of racism all around him.

Remy is a geeky engineering student from Idaho. His roommate, played with delightful malice by Ice Cube, is a huge, offensive and inconsiderate sixth-year senior who smokes a lot of marijuana. Angered by this black man, Remy quickly becomes caught up in the skinheads on campus.

After various encounters between the different characters, the racial tension explodes in a horrible climax, as Remy shoots at people attending a peace festival, and eventually kills himself and Malik's girlfriend.

Boyz 'n' the Hood was such a success that this film was greatly anticipated. However, despite the high quality of both its acting and directing, the movie fails as a result of the sad script.

John Singleton makes the screen expressive and keeps the film moving along very well; he also throws in a few clever camera tricks to make it seem a bit more interesting and arty (such as Kristy's two, simultaneous romantic encounters).

Thank heavens, he also avoids lingering for too long on any of the typical set-up scenes we always see in films set at large universities, such as shots of busy cafeterias or green lawns filled with hackey-sackers.

The cast is quite large, so it is impressive that there are such solid performances from most of the characters. Leading the way is Omar Epps, who does a great job as the resentful, troubled Malik Williams. Though he adequately handles all the emotionally charged scenes, he is also careful and dignified in his approach to the 'normal,' calm scenes Malik has.

A nice surprise was the amount of screen time Laurence Fishburne has as the crusty, mentoring politics professor, Maurice Phipps. He again does exceptional work, displaying the talent and versatility which began as a young soldier in *Apocalypse Now* and has recently seen something of a comeback, as with Ike Turner in *What's Love Got to Do with It*. This is yet another distinguished, poised and tightly acted role for a great actor.

Some of the actors and actresses tend to let their characters slip into silliness and caricature, but is that their fault or the fault of this horrendously bad script?

Written by John Singleton, this script is full of absurd stereotypes, empty sentimentality, and dreadfully predictable plot 'twists.'

The dialogue is bland and pointless, the characters are embarrassingly fake, and nothing happens which surprises the audience or even really gives us pause to think.

There are scary black men, wacko white men, and cute, peaceful feminists.

The fraternity men are a stereotype as far from the truth as *Animal House*, but presented with complete seriousness and objectivity.

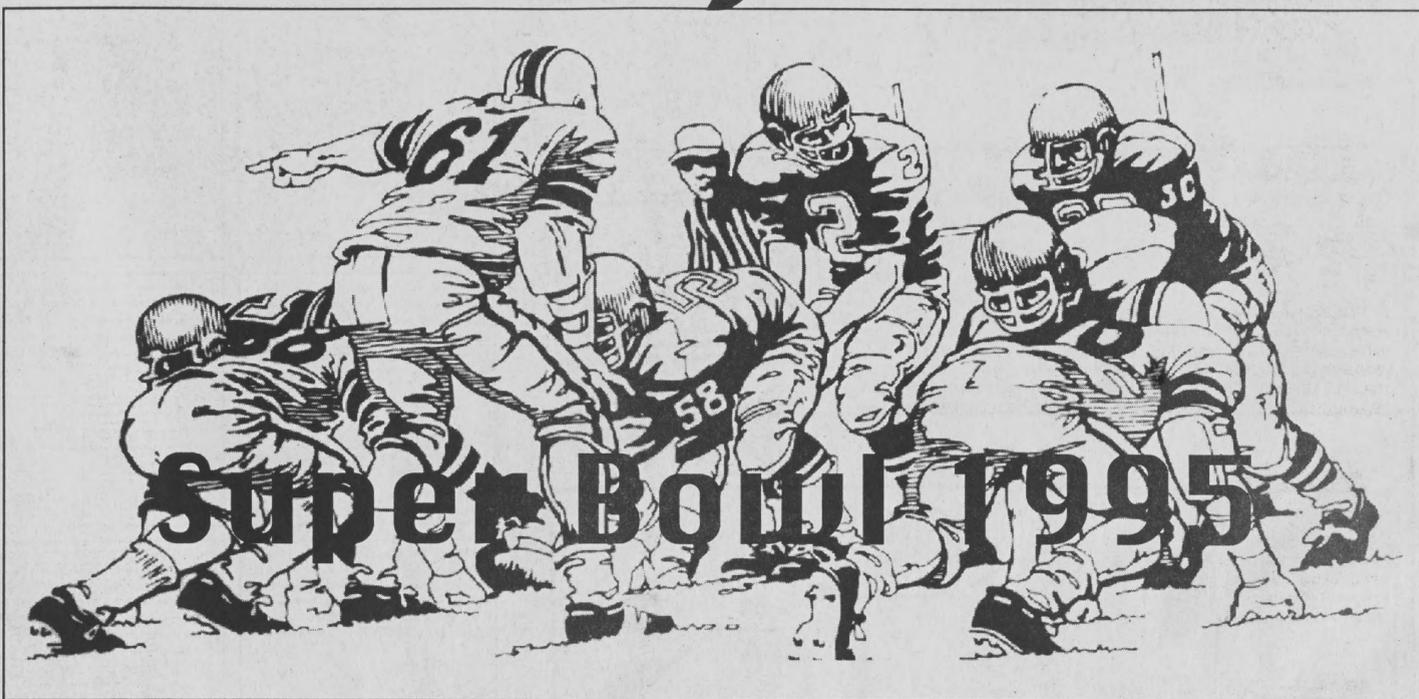
The whole movie is fake, and transparently so at that. It is truly a testimony to the acting that this film is bearable.

John Singleton goes to didactic extremes to ask, "Why can't we all just get along?" So it's curious that *Higher Learning* made me appreciate even more the sense of community and intimacy provided by W&L's homogeneity. Whatever the whiners might say about our lack of diversity, the campus faces few of the problems that poor, fictional Columbus U. encounters in this film.

Essentially, *Higher Learning* is not a very good movie.

It has fine performances from a number of actors, but the entire script is so stale and preachy that the film becomes difficult to watch seriously.

Once again, Laurence Fishburne and Ice Cube have given John Singleton good characters, but in this film he has wasted them.



Chargers meet 49ers Sunday

By KEITH GRANT
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The question comes up at this time every year, just before the biggest Sunday of them all. It's decision time.

Just how can one have fun and stay interested for three-and-a-half hours in what is inevitably a one-sided, unentertaining blow-out?

In the NFL's 75th season, the league (and sponsors) were undoubtedly hoping for a more marquee match-up than two west coast teams that don't match up.

A Pittsburg-Dallas Super Bowl meeting would certainly have brought minds back to those teams' glory years of the seventies, an era of both dynasty-building and league parity.

Yet, fans are left with no voice in determining Super Sunday's attractions and must decide how to put up with an eleventh straight NFC triumph. I'd love to predict something else, but

it just is not going to happen unless Stan Humphries' helmet receiver is hooked up directly to Joe Namath on the back nine.

How to spend the time?

Well, for those who in years passed have spent late evening with the Evans Dining Hall's big-screen hookup, forget it.

However, since our dining services crew is well aware of what a big game can do to the appetite, they want you to enjoy your meal and

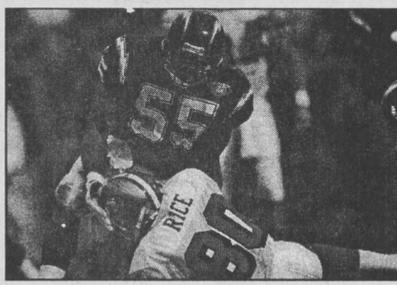


Photo Courtesy of SI

San Diego's Junior Seau and San Francisco's Jerry Rice will be in the spotlight Sunday.

the game at the same time.

The D-Hall has moved the serving time for Sunday up to between 5:00-6:00 pm.

Also, the option to carry-out one's food back to the lounge or wherever you plan to watch the Joe Robbie massacre is being offered.

To add some holiday flair to the meal, the D-Hall will be serving (No joke!) Stan Humphries' chicken sticks (Chicken? Stan? Nah!), Deion's bagel hot dogs (kosher, no doubt), Steve Young's taco bar, San Diego's vegi sticks, 49ers chips'n'dip and, of

course, Jerry Rice's touchdown pretzels.

For Gaines Hall residents looking for a bit of community, and Charger fans looking for comfort, Gaines' fourth floor lounge will be having a Super Bowl party.

Rising sophomores may want to check this one out.

You're going to have to get used to it. By the way, did I mention the D-Hall's Pupunu cookies and Junior Seau nachos and cheese sauce?

Speaking of cheese, Frank's Pizza (the closest thing to New York this side of AID Amato's D.C. office) is offering two large cheese pies for \$10.99.

Of course, San Francisco might have already covered the virtual three-touchdown spread before you finish the first.

Here's hoping Stan Humpty can do a Joe Willy and give us all something worth sitting through.

If not, at least we've got hockey to watch again.

How to find great sex

By BETSY GREEN
Phi Staff Writer

Let's face it: all of us want to have one very special thing. Great sex. As if that weren't complicated enough, in the modern age, great sex also has to be safe sex. It might seem impossible to achieve both, but the book *Hot, Sexy, and Safer* by Suzi Landolphi proves that safe sex can be great sex.

Last night, Landolphi also proved that she's an excellent speaker. In this book, she proves that her honesty and sense of humor transfer well to print. Her tone is blunt, frank, and very funny. Landolphi addresses every possible aspect of sex and sexuality.

Hot, Sexy, and Safer deals with a variety of subjects. She discusses homophobia, masturbation, sexually transmitted diseases, the proper use of condoms, and sexism. Landolphi's scope is large, but she manages to give sufficient attention to all of her subjects.

One of the most important issues that Landolphi tackles is the attitude that women have toward their own sexuality. She writes, "We women need to like our private parts more. We need to be aware we were brought up to dislike our own bodies. That we let others use our private parts before we do. That we allow sexist beliefs to govern our sexuality and sense of self worth... Women won't make better choices about sexuality until they believe they own their own private parts."

Landolphi explains that when women consider their bodies to be "beautiful and unique," they will recognize that

"we deserve orgasms." Sex will be better for both women and men. Landolphi's crusade to destroy the myth of the vaginal orgasm deserves the attention of both sexes.

To Suzi Landolphi, safer sex also means better communication between sex partners. She emphasizes alternatives to intercourse so that couples will know each other better. "Two human beings who give each other physical pleasure is sex. In my book, sex and sexual intercourse are not synonymous." According to Landolphi, the best turn-on is "honesty and trust." Sobriety is vital to safe sex—as *Hot, Sexy, and Safer* explains, "Four hours of getting bombed with someone does not create the basis of an honest, trusting relationship. The only thing you'll have in common the next day is a headache." Landolphi also emphasizes all of the possible problems that could be associated with sexual intercourse, from "Hair get[ing] pulled or caught on something," to the risk of pregnancy or disease. In short, sex is a very difficult thing to do well. It is easier if done with someone you care about.

Hot, Sexy, and Safer includes detailed information about sexually transmitted diseases. For each STD, Landolphi lists "What is it?" "What are the symptoms?" "How do you treat it?" and what happens "If you don't

treat it?" She then explains what sexual activities are riskiest and what precautions should be taken. The proper use of condoms is explained. The STD and safe sex chapters could be tedious, but Landolphi is never preachy. She gives the information that is needed in the simplest way possible.

Maybe you feel like you know all there is to know about sex. Maybe you're in a long-term, monogamous relationship. Maybe you simply can't see yourself sitting down and reading a book with a title like *Hot, Sexy, and Safer*. If this is your attitude, you are missing out. Who couldn't stand to have better sex? Who doesn't need to learn more about their sexuality? I would recommend Suzi Landolphi's book to anyone. I read it and I want my children to read it some day so that they will have healthy, and, yes, hot, sexy, and safe attitudes about sex. Read Suzi Landolphi's book. You'll laugh, you'll cry, it will change your life.



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Fatheralong explores the search for father figures

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

In many ways, human beings search for father figures, whether they are biological or heavenly.

John Edgar Wideman searches for his father on the backroads of his past.

Why are fathers so important? What role do they play in society?

Wideman attempts to answer these questions in his new book, *Fatheralong: Meditations on Fathers and Sons, Race and Society*.

Wideman travels to South Carolina to improve their relationship.

In his book, Wideman tries to understand his father's life and way of thinking. Along the roads between Philadelphia and South Carolina, he takes the reader into his painful family history.

In a flashback to his hometown, he remembers how he searched for his father.

"If I sensed I might run into my father, over there in the disreputable, darker streets of Homewood, then crossing Hamilton must have been a way of seeking him.

"Not his person, but all the power and privilege I associated with his person."

In a larger sense, Wideman writes that all men are searching for a physical, spiritual, or

historical father.

Religious people search for their Heavenly father.

Even authors such as James Baldwin sought a literary father.

Some African American men seek fathers like Nelson Mandela, Mao Tse-tung, Ghandi, and Karl Marx from other continents.

Stylistically, Wideman, like William Faulkner, uses stream of consciousness to weave the many voices from his past.

His writing is lyrical and fierce and original.

Never have I read a writer who expressed his feelings so honestly and intelligently and powerfully.

"A motherf***er, ain't it.
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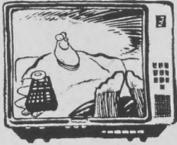
brick or rock or coal pile and me signifying such a search is the very brick-and-rock foundation of various political philosophies, survival strategies from integration to separation to burn-baby-burn incineration to self-annihilation and starting all over again."

"Maybe the search for fathers is finally only a trope, a ropa-dope trope containing enough rope to hang you up terminally, you black bastard."

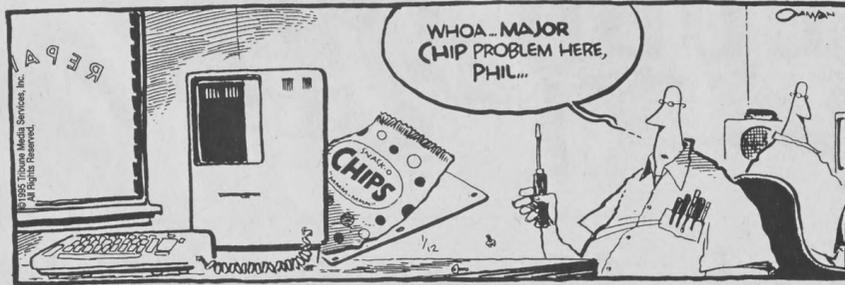
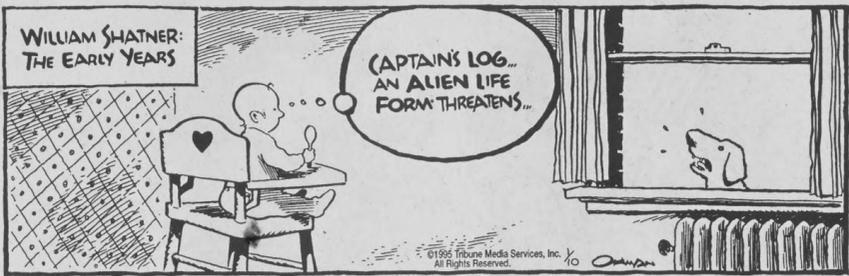
I hungrily read every word, discovering a new insight or a vivid image.

I agree with Village Voice writer Nelson George that Wideman is one of the most exciting, unrecognized writers out there.

Now that I've read his book, I've discovered all the fathers that I never knew I had.



MIXED MEDIA
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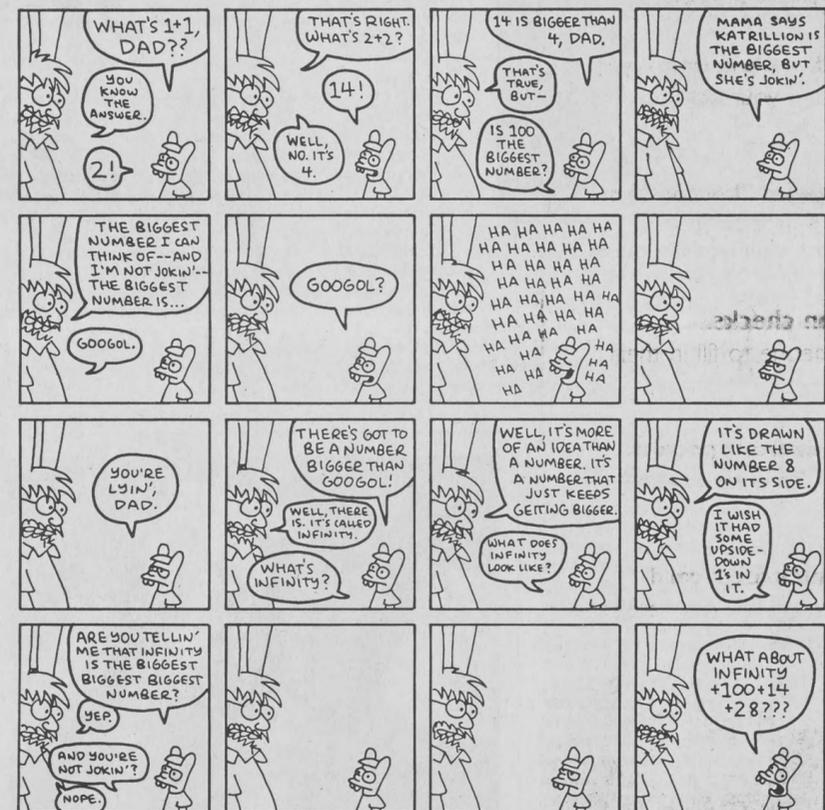


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Right, a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge flips over another's head. Far right, a Kappa Alpha Theta pledge acts out, "The Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun." Below, a Phi Delta Theta pledge croons to the delight of the female audience to "Strokin'."



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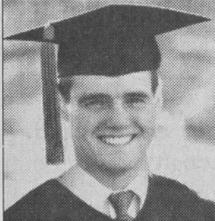
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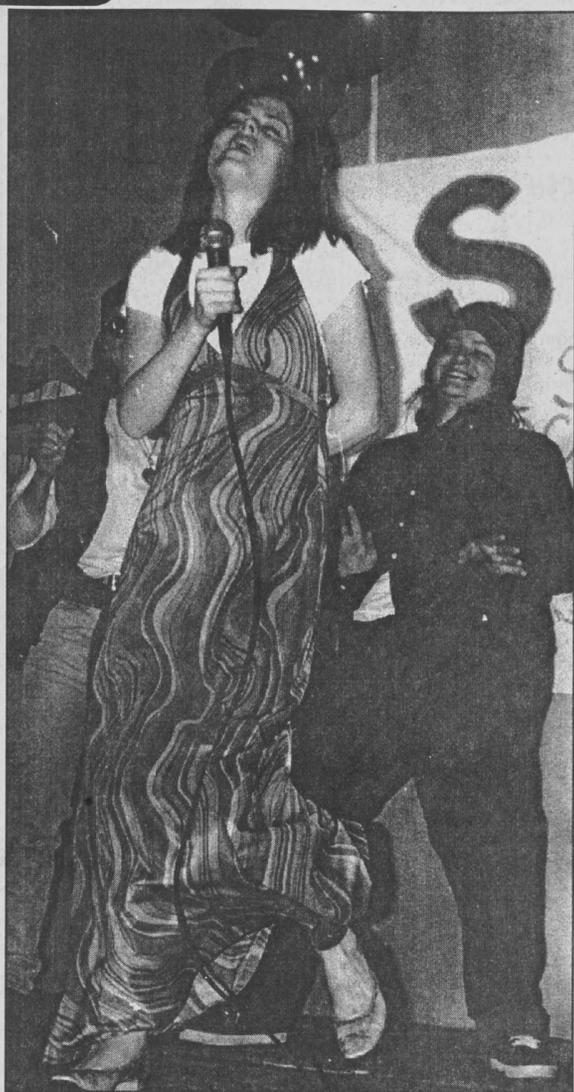
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Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger hosted Washington and Lee's 1995 Annual Lip-Synch contest Jan. 20. Above, a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge rocks to "Run DMSpe." Women from Kappa Kappa Gamma won the contest, \$150 and four Fancy Dress tickets with their acts, New Kids on the Block's "Step by Step," and Aretha Franklin's "Respect."



To the left, a pledge from Kappa Alpha Theta grooves to "I Will Survive."

Above, "The Shady Ladies" strut their stuff in their act, "Creep." The contest raised about \$2,500, which will be donated to local food pantries. Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger raised the money by charging a \$30 entry fee for each act and a four-dollar admission fee for spectators. Traditionally, the event has also raised funds by selling video composites of the acts after the completion of the event.



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Think about impacts of Winter Rush

Last night, the IFC conducted an open forum between fraternity members and faculty members to address the problems surrounding the fraternity rush process.

Each side presented its point of view and arguments for the system it thought was the least evil. The faculty, some of whom have been at W&L for twenty-plus years, enlightened the students as to the history of changes that the rush process has undergone over the years. As a student and fraternity member, this was helpful because it revealed the reasons some things were tried and were scrapped and perhaps why the faculty is concerned at all with the fraternity rush system (and why they are interfering in our student autonomy).

There were a number of reasons the faculty members gave as reasons for change, whether to winter rush or pre-school rush or just something else.

As one might expect, their primary concern was their students' academics and the fact that we should not have to compete too much with rush. They obviously want what is best for the academic life of every student (on both sides of the rush process): freshman, sophomore, junior and senior. But many of their reasons ended in similarity at that. It seemed as though each member of the faculty had a different anecdote pointing to a fault with the rush system or the IFC's handling of its autonomy. With each story of a troubled freshman year experience or sophomores in grade trouble because of rush commitments, the problem seemed to have its root in that the student's fraternity came before his academics. Additional factors seemed to include historically ineffective guidance of freshmen during their transitional fall term and basically too much "necessary" partying when students should be studying or, at least, not hurting themselves.

From this standpoint, winter rush loses and a shorter pre-fall term rush would solve the problem.

Other aspects then came into the equation of rush, which complicated the discussion a little. The strongest argument for a winter rush — better bonding among the freshmen — is a valid concern. However, it was brought up that the freshmen do not splinter into fraternity groups until they are split physically when they become sophomores.

This reasoning, however, is outweighed by the starker reality that if winter rush was implemented, it would last all fall term whether contact rules are enforced or not. Perhaps in a perfect world, where all alumni gave money and all W&L students had 4.0 GPAs, winter rush could work, but sadly, the reality cannot physically support this type of system.

In support of winter rush, a large part of the argument is the comparison of fraternity winter rush systems at other schools (and even the sorority rush system here) to W&L's, which is largely like comparing apples to oranges (with the exception maybe of Hampden-Sydney).

The other schools do not have a Greek system which is the principle social activity, and since freshmen do not have false identification to go to the Palms, etc. as with other larger universities, they will want some social outlet (way to drink), which is the perfect dirty rush tool.

What we should look at is improving communication between the freshmen and the IFC and the hill (including spelling out in big letters that pledgeship is deferred until winter term and that they should study in their free time during rush — not get behind and catch up later).

This year's rush probably worked better than any of the three different rushes of which I have been a part. It was short and to the point. Besides that, it interfered as little as possible with school as most of the final week of rush was closed contact, and the week previous to that was the first week of classes and principally closed contact. Ideally the party/open contact aspect of rush should be out of the way as quickly as possible while there are no conflicting academics.

Quote of the Week...

"What's with the flak jacket? Where does this guy think he is, El Salvador?"

—Johnny Lampert, comedian, keeping the GHQ crowd wildly entertained as he discussed a certain male photographer of a campus newspaper

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Great Britain highest civilization



NICHOLAS L. WADDY, '96

This is Part Three in a series on the many virtues of Western Civilization.

And so the end has finally come. Now I have only to complete the circle — to lay down the definitive vindication of the time and place we honor with the distinction of Highest Civilization: 19th-century Britain.

The reasons for this choice are varied, and I would be the first to admit that prejudice and intuition may have played an ever-so-tiny role in my decision, but I am nonetheless confident that my position can and will be adequately explained below. Knowing as I do that my readership prizes intellectual consistency, I will try to confine my arguments to the three-tiered model of civilization I articulated in Part One.

Learning is the most ambiguous of the three categories of civilization where British primacy is concerned; that is, it is by no means obvious, even to me, that Great Britain, in the 19th

century or any other, has possessed a decided and obvious advantage in terms of its educational and scholastic advancement. Partisans of French, German, American, or Italian intellectual achievements, for example, might have an equally strong case. Nevertheless, one thing is clear: the importance of hierarchy and class divisions, which we mentioned in Part Two, has overtones in the sphere of learning that necessarily disqualify the contemporary American educational system from any reasonable claim to high achievement. Today's American system, and the systems of all too many other nations, are based on the same facile notions of human equality we criticized so justly two weeks ago. Any effort to supply bright and slow students with the same generalized level of education is decidedly uncivilized, as well as disastrous in its effects. In this respect, at least, we can feel confident that whatever defects the British educational system may have had in the 19th-century, egalitarianism was not one of them.

Insofar as charity is concerned, I will remind the reader of Joseph Chamberlain's confident assertion that Imperial Britain was "the greatest force for good the world has ever seen". Times have changed since Chamberlain put forward this analytical gem, of

course. The United States, because of its unique contributions during both World Wars and because of its leadership in the anti-Communist crusade of the Cold War, can now lay, I think, very plausible claim to the title of history's most benevolent power. In one crucial respect, however, Britain's role as a Great Power was played with greater "charity". Here I speak of colonialism. I realize it may be unpopular these days to speak of colonialism in anything like a positive light, but this prejudice rests on a fallacy that is all too easy to expose: that colonialism is a thing of the past — that we enlightened Americans have no part in it today. This is, of course, nonsense; even now the United States and the other Western powers consciously maintain a de facto control over events in virtually every corner of the globe. When our interests are threatened by events in the Third World, we rarely think twice about using whatever means we think necessary to re-establish the Pax Americana wherever it may be threatened. The crucial difference is that British imperialism admitted its own existence — a proper tribute to intellectual honesty — and the British were more willing to admit that with power, formalized or not, comes responsibility. British imperialism was a none-too-unsuccessful exercise in noblesse oblige. Some may quibble, but that is my view.

Lastly, I must address the role played by order in human civilization. The social and political order current in Britain during the 19th-century was, to my discriminating eye, very nearly perfect. Socially, Britain had the benefit of a well-defined and healthy class system.

Egalitarian and Socialist agitation did not become a major factor in Brit-

ish politics until the turn of the century. What is more, while Britain possessed just the kind of hierarchical social structure that I favored in Part Two, hers was not so rigid as to prevent worthy individuals from rising above the circumstances of their birth. Men like David Lloyd George and Alfred Milner were able to rise from the low end of British society to become two of its leading lights, albeit at the close of the period in question. In short, individual progress was possible, but the social order was nonetheless held intact.

Politically, Britain was still possessed of that most ingenious and practical of all governmental systems: the mixed constitution. Monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy each occupied a central place in the British system (though by this time the actual power of the Monarch had become dangerously inadequate).

The House of Lords continued to act as a respected and powerful component of the British government, articulating the legitimate concerns of that country's historic ruling and landed classes. The House of Commons, elected throughout most of the century by a small minority of Englishmen, proved eminently capable of governing both Britain and the Empire efficiently, prudently, and (within limits) magnanimously.

My defense of the primacy of British civilization must end here. I could speak at length about British achievements, or about British decline for that matter, but that will have to be for another day. Let me only add that I hope any of my readers who disagree with my views on this most important of subjects will avail himself of the opportunity to respond. As always, the battlefield of ideas awaits a brave recruit.

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DNC must be rebuilt from grassroots up



NOVA CLARKE, '96

As some of you may know, the Democratic National Committee has just appointed Christopher Dodd, a Connecticut Senator, as General Chair of the DNC, and Don Fowler of South Carolina as National Chairman. This demonstrates a definite change in the orientation and focus of the DNC. The past chair, David Wilhelm, did not have the necessary personality to be an effective chairman. Both Dodd and Fowler are at home in the company of politicians. This is an important asset in managing the various factions and egos within the Democratic party. Dodd, as a Senator, is used to both building coalitions and dealing with politicians as individuals. Fowler, a veteran of South Carolina, is versed in the changing dynamics of the South. Both of these qualities are necessary for the Democrats not to be totally wiped out of the picture in 1996. An article defined him as a "visceral" Democrat. One definition of visceral is "proceeding from instinctive rather than intellectual motivation." I can hear the groan now; Democrats acting from the heart and soul instead of from the brain is precisely what got this country into trouble.

For me visceral doesn't imply the big-hearted liberals, but the Democrats who are emotionally tied into the country as a whole. They weren't Democrats because that is the party they could win the election with. They were Democrats because that is the party

they felt a connection to. As a Democrat, I can totally understand this sentiment. There is great appeal for me to abandon the Democratic party for the Green party, whose specific policies and goals are more in line with my ideals. A larger part of me, however, is attached to the Democratic party. My mother's family has always voted Democratic. My mother will not vote for a Republican. If she doesn't approve of the Democrat, she votes for the independent. I'm not quite as adamant about this; I voted for a Republican in last year's Florida Senate race. There is also a sentimental tie to the great traditions of the Democratic party, and a spark of hope that the party can now return to its roots of being the people's party, instead as the party of big government.

Dodd is aware of this need to communicate with the people. In an interview shortly after his nomination he stated his desire to rebuild the party from the grassroots up. Another Democrat stated it even better. Senator Barbara Mikulski, in an editorial in the *Washington Post* said, "Democrats must figure out what works. We must be advocates for people and not automatically defend every government program."

Another thing that Democrats must realize is that people are alienated when they think politicians are basing their actions purely on the calculation of their re-election chances. Disgust with government originates from the idea that politicians never descend from Washington to see what the rest of the country wants. They stay in DC and let the lobbyists inform

them, becoming professional politicians. Though the idea of politicians being controlled solely by the special interests is misinformed, it is the perception not the truth that often matters. Dodd's desire to take the party back to the grassroots is even a better move under these circumstances.

Personally, I would like to see the Democrats articulate some positive goals. The Republicans have taken over the conversation, and are dominating it with their Contract and their goals for the future. Democrats are left responding to the Republicans, and appear as obstructionists since on many occasions they don't have a cohesive alternative to offer.

When asked what the Democratic party stands for, I often respond with what I wish it would stand for, since what it stands for is not really known. I hope that President Clinton articulates some goals for the Democrats. He has two more years during which he will be the single most powerful person in America. It is imperative that those two years count. There has often been a reluctance to use the veto because it is perceived negatively. Clinton needs to use the veto to stop legislation which goes against the stated goals of the Democrats. In doing so, however, he must provide a justification and suggestions so the veto does not take on the air of a partisan weapon. Clinton's most important role is to take control of the debate and reassert himself as chair of the Democratic party.

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OPINION

Presidential Search, look no further

GREEN LAND

Betsy Green

I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about that whole search for a new President of Washington and Lee and I've come up with the perfect candidate: me. At this time I would like to throw my hat in the ring.

I would make one excellent University President. It seems like the perfect job for me. I can schmooze with trustees, hit people up for money, and live in the Lee House with Mrs. Wilson. She comes with the job, doesn't she?

My past experience will be sure to help me. Really, it would. My job detaching corn when I was a junior in high school, um, taught me a lot about corn, and...I'm sure it will come up somehow. And then I know my job in the Exciting World of French Fashion (sales *associe* at Express) will help me out. My work there has given me tons of skills for sucking up to wealthy people. I can find some way to compliment *anyone*. Instead of saying things like, "That's a really slutty outfit you've chosen," or say, "That's a really ugly building you want us to build," I can come up with something that would be tactful yet get the point across. I can also serve as a wardrobe advisor for the many wayward professors we have here. I can give advice like, "Maybe you should own more than one tie."

Just think of all of the fun controversy that having me as President would

cause. W&L has been a pretty controversy-free place, with the notable exception of the Suzi the Sex Girl (I love her) in Lee Chapel thing. With a woman as President of W&L, any alumni who were opposed to co-education but maybe sitting on the fence as to whether or not to donate money will have a much easier time making up their minds.

My first act as W&L president would be to refuse to park my car in the final home of Traveller. I just could not bear to park my beloved Subaru in such an historic place. I will instead park in the Corral like everyone else. Granted I will probably have a hard time getting a spot...unless of course I use my power. I think all of you will eventually realize that putting your Jeep in the President's parking space is simply not a good idea. I can see to it that after you graduate, the Capital Fund people call you at least three times a day. You can run, but you can't hide.

As President of the University, I can also try to start fun new traditions. One of them, amazingly enough, was suggested by Richard Weaver. He pro-

posed Washington and Lee Naked Day. Go to class naked (don't worry, kids—you can still wear your pledge pins somehow). Get served your potatoes in the D-hall by nude FIJI's. They'll probably have some kind of special Nude-Themed dinner with open-faced sandwiches or something. Think of how great it would be...for one thing, W&L students are all good-looking -- almost eerily so. And think of how your relationships with your professors would change.

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Sarah Gilbert's upcoming book *Cooking with Alcohol*. Wealthy graduates and their checkbooks can come to the Lee House for dinner with me and the results will be amazing. If we put enough white wine in Sarah's Swordfish with Roasted Yellow Pepper and White Wine Sauce, enough bourbon in the Mashed Sweet Potatoes With Bourbon, and then fill them up with Sarah's Secret Recipe Irish Creme Fudge for dessert, we can have that science building paid for in no time.

Probably the my most lasting legacy will be when I make an improvement on an aspect of W&L life that is notoriously bad. This is a problem so horrible that it made me seriously reconsider coming here. I am referring, of course, to the coffee served in the cop. This vile excuse for coffee will be rapidly phased out as soon as I take office. Instead we will drink freshly ground gourmet coffee from Lexington Coffee Roasters. All the wimps who put stuff in their coffee (cream and sugar) will be charged extra.

I have to admit, though, that I want to be W&L's President for some fairly selfish reasons. The Lee House would be great for parties. I'd have the whole parking problem, the biggest challenge in Lexington, all wrapped up. Most importantly, I remain confident that my grades will improve in spite of the long hours I'll have to spend doing presidential stuff. All I'll need to say is, "Perhaps you should rethink giving your boss such a low grade. Besides, I've seen you naked."

GENERAL NOTES

Hamlet

Tickets are on sale in the Lenfest Center Box Office for the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express performance of *Hamlet* on March 9. The show will begin at 8:00 in Johnson Theatre.

Twelfth Night

Tickets are on sale in the Lenfest Center Box Office for the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express performance of *Twelfth Night* on March 8. The show will begin at 8:00 in Johnson Theatre.

Open Auditions

Open auditions for Washington and Lee's annual *Festival of One Acts* will be held on Wednesday, February 8, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 9th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Johnson Theatre. This year's plays are *Hopscotch*, *Graceland*, *The Other Side*, and *Self Torture and Strenuous Exercise*. There are parts for six women and six men. The *Festival of One Acts* will run from March 23 through March 28.

Phonathon

Have you seen millions of people with "Do it for W&L" or "For a good time call 1-900-Phonathon" T-shirts? Are you dying to be in on this fun? The fall Phonathon is approaching rapidly, and we need your help in soliciting donations from alumni. The Phonathon will run from January 29 to February 2, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., in the Development office in Washington Hall. Calling shifts last only half an hour, and you will receive a free T-shirt, drink, and a free five minute phone call anywhere in the United States. If you are interested, please call Maureen Levey in the Development Office at x8487.

Naked

The Film Society will present *Naked* on Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28 at 8:05 p.m. in the Troubadour Cinema, at the corner of Main and Henry Streets.

Interviews

There will be an Interviewing Workshop on Monday, January 30, at 4:00 in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited to attend.

Video Practice

CDPO will be conducting videotaped practice interviews all day on Friday, February 3 in Room 109 of the University Center. Priorsign-up is required. Sign up in the CDPO.

Coffee House

Tom Acousti will be playing in the GHQ at 9:00 p.m. The event will be sponsored by Student Activities. Admission will free.

Last Lecture

On Thursday, February 2, Professor of Economics John M. Gunn will present a talk entitled "Preserving the Core of Goodness in American Civilization" as part of the Last Lecture Series. Following dinner in the GHQ at 6:30, the lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the former game room of the W&L University Center. The lecture is open to the public.

Xi Pi Xi

Xi Pi Xi will be conducting formal rush beginning February 20. Contact Sarah Gilbert at x4559 or Betsy Green at x4236 for more information.

Do College Honor Codes Make a Difference?

There will be an Honor System program entitled "Do College Honor Codes Make a Difference?" in Lee Chapel at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1

The panel for this program will include:
Professor Donald McCabe, Rutgers University

Dean of Students David Howison

Executive Committee President Kevin Webb

Professor Louis Hodges

Carol Pierce, '95

Professor Lamar Cecil

David Stewart, '96

Professor Roger Croot

Caroline Cuerin, '96

A reception will follow in Fairfax Lounge

The Ring-tum Phi maintains a policy that all letters to the editor must include a name in order to be printed.

LETTERS

SARAH thanks ninth annual Lip Synch volunteers

To the editor:

The Ninth Annual Lip Synch Contest is history. Once again this event, sponsored by SARAH (W&L Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger), was a huge success. Twenty one acts and 503 paid admissions grossed \$2643 for the purchase of food for local food pantries.

Thanks go out to so many who volunteered their time for this worthwhile, charitable event: our esteemed judging panel - Dennis Manning, Kevin Webb, Sam and Julia Kozac, and Morgan Warner Fuller (a 1992 SAMS committee member), the emcees John Turner and Greg Lynch, the

members of our campusB&G staff who do so much in assisting us, W&L Security and the student security volunteers, and Rachele Rowe and T.J. Wiley who worked behind the scenes. Thanks to the members of the twenty-one acts who worked hard in putting together some dynamite performances.

Congratulations to the winners: 3rd place - Run DMC SPE, who performed a medley of pop hits; 2nd place - KKG1, with their rendition of the New Kids On The Block's *Step By Step*, and 1st - KKG2 performing Aretha Franklin's *Respect*.

The greatest praise, however, goes to the members of the

SARAH committee, chaired by Lawson Brice and Beth Provenzana. Lawson and Beth are the first members to chair the committee for two years. Consequently, they have been working unselfishly for the past three years to raise money to feed the hungry of Rockbridge County. If you were at the Pavilion on Friday night, you know they succeeded. All of those mentioned here (and my apologies to anyone who may have been overlooked) should be proud of their contributions. Thank you for this monumental effort.

Very Sincerely,
Jerry Darrell, SARAH Advisor



Ethan...

Things just aren't the same without you.

TALKBACK

Photos and Interviews

By Darcey Livingston and Yen Nguyen

If you choose W&L's new president from the cast of *Melrose Place*, who would it be and why?



Annemarie Paulin, Honolulu, HI, '95 — "Dr. Peter Burns, because we wouldn't need the 'On the Shoulders of Giants' Campaign."



Debbie Munson, Wyckoff, NJ, '96 — "Rikki the porn star because her sense of humor is impeccable."



Caroline Amason, Birmingham, AL, '95 — "Jake because he's hot!"



Yabiz Sedghi, Houston, TX, '95 — "Amanda because she symbolizes the school."

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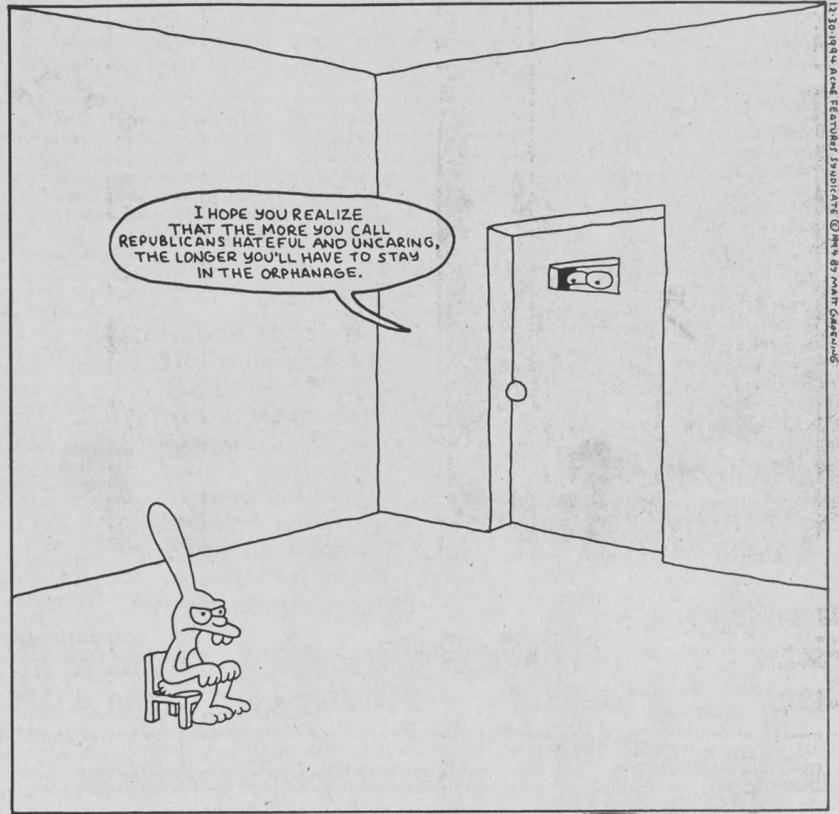
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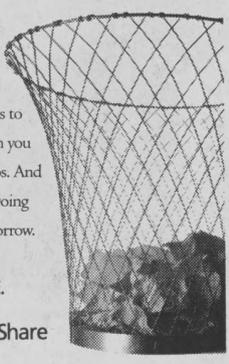
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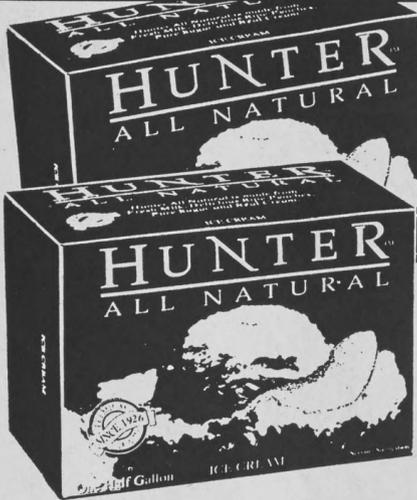
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Last Week:

BASKETBALL- (M) def. Catholic, B'dgewater; lost-H. Syd.
(W) lost- Guilford, Rand. Macon
SWIMMING-(M) lost- J. Hopkins; def. Emory
(W) lost- J.Hopkins, Emory; def. M. Baldwin
WRESTLING- 7th out of 8 at W&L Invitational
INDOOR TRACK- unscored meet at Virginia Tech

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

SWIMMING- Richmond and Dickinson (M&W)
Hollins (W)
BASKETBALL-(M) at B'dgewater, Guilford; vs. Va. Wes.
(W) at Catholic, E&H; vs. M. Baldwin
WRESTLING- at Swarthmore Invitational
INDOOR TRACK-at E. Tenn. St. Invitational (W)

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BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, WRESTLING, INDOOR TRACK

JANUARY 27, 1995

Baseball Returns

THE LAST WORD BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

Baseball is back. Alright, it may be electricians, career minor leaguers, and instructors who are dressing up as Yankees, Braves, Red Sox and Dodgers, but they are headed out onto the field, and after all, isn't that what baseball is?

In no way does this mean that I have suddenly become a fan of baseball management. As far as I'm concerned, the management can go to hell right along with the players union. Both parties are responsible for turning baseball into a game for lawyers and negotiators.

Still, I have a hard time feeling sympathy for athletes who are paid over a million dollars per year to play a game. It is even harder for me to be sympathetic towards a players union that threatens managers and coaches with a loss of benefits for working with replacement players.

And by the way, what exactly is the principle that the players are fighting for when the major league minimum salary is over \$100,000, the average over \$1 million, and the daily papers are filled with stories of players who are playing for countless millions of dollars?

As teams continue the search for the highest quality replacements, the union continues to talk about the principle of the matter.

Apparently, some "union men" are not quite aware of what the term even means.

White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas apparently needs to rethink his stance.

The highly touted Thomas, while building his multi-million dollar mansion, apparently forgot exactly what a union was.

It seems that over 70 percent of the plumbers working on his home were non-union.

In probably the most ironic moment of the year, Thomas soon discovered a picket line in front of his house.

Another of my favorite strike moments was when Brett Butler criticized Michael Jordan's attempt at playing baseball.

According to Butler, Jordan was tarnishing the game. Hello? What about the pot calling the kettle black?

Besides, at the time, Butler was sitting at home in LA, while Mr. Jordan was in uniform for the Birmingham Barons. Who's playing the fool now?

I have a serious interest in how the replacement season goes. These will be players who are living a dream.

Oil Can Boyd said it best, "And if anyone calls the Can a scab, I'll kick their @\$\$...Ain't no kid nowhere paid the dues that I paid to play in the big leagues...There's nobody who can tell me what to do."

Anyone who says the replacements will make a mockery of the game is wrong. It's big money that is making a mockery of the game.

At least we can thank the establishment for one thing, though. We will have the opportunity to see players who care about the game.

I'd rather see a dozen errors by a Class A first baseman than one Brett Butler stolen base. I wish good luck to every player who plays this year.

--Credit to the Sporting News and Bob Nightengale for specific information.

Men knock off Bridgewater; fall to Hampden Sydney

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
Phi Staff Writer

The men's basketball team ended last week's two-game losing skid last Friday night with an 81-75 win over Catholic in Washington, D.C.

The Generals grabbed a 34-28 halftime lead and fought Catholic to a draw the rest of the way to preserve the six-point victory.

Junior Cam Dyer converted a critical three-point play with 0:54 to play to seal the game, recording a career-high 31 point effort to go along with his game-high 11 rebounds.

Fellow junior Derek Carter grabbed 10 rebounds and added 17 points, connecting three times from downtown, and senior Mark Connelly contributed 16 points in 19 minutes.

On Monday, the Generals continued their recent successes at home, raising their home record to 6-3 by coming from behind to defeat Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Bridgewater 78-74.

Bridgewater held leads as large as 14 points, but the Generals pulled to within two late in the second half.

After Bridgewater rallied for

a six-point edge with less than two minutes to go, sophomore Matt Clark hit the boards for a putback and a foul, and Carter followed with a score to cut the lead to one.

Junior Jon Coffman completed the turnaround on a go-ahead three-pointer with 29 seconds remaining. Coffman posted 18 of his 21 points in the second half to lead the Generals comeback drive, along with Carter's 17 points. Leading-scorer Dyer added 15, and sophomore guard Chris Couzen hit for 12.

Head coach Verne Canfield commented, "I was obviously pleased to come back from 14 points down to win, and the kids are continuing to re-learn what it takes to win."

Wednesday took the Generals to face the South's top-ranked team, ODAC leader Hampden-Sydney. The game was tied 8-8 early when Hampden-Sydney racked up a 24-4 run to take command with a 56-30 halftime advantage.

W&L cut the lead to 17 on a three-pointer from Coffman early in the second half but couldn't draw any closer, losing by the score of 96-79, as Hampden-Sydney remained undefeated in the ODAC.

Freshman Jimmy Schweer

had a career-high 21 points to lead the Generals, and Dyer and Connelly each had 10 points in the losing effort.

The 2-1 week leaves the Generals even with a 8-8 record, 4-5 in the ODAC.

When asked if progress had been made on improving team defense and addressing other concerns, coach Canfield equivocated, "Yes and no. It's a matter of consistency and sustaining an effort. We need to stop those lapses, but I see good progress. As long as they're playing hard and playing together, we'll be fine."

Consistency continues to be a problem for the Generals, who have experienced several ups and downs so far this season.

"There's no so much you can do to address that," Canfield remarked. "You just keep working in the direction you set out at and keep people focused on the goal. It's always a problem when you have two or more losses in a row. It's called momentum. Most people think of momentum as a positive thing, but it can go the other way too."

The Generals now face ODAC rival Guilford in Greensboro, N.C. on Saturday, before taking to the road against Bridgewater.

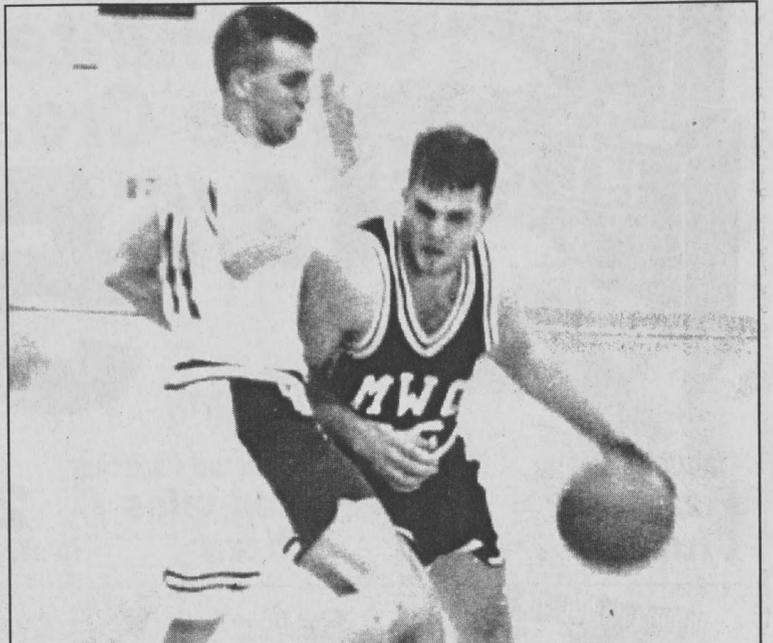


Photo by Elizabeth A. Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Sophomore Chris Couzen defends a Mary Washington player in one of Washington and Lee's most notable victories. The Generals set three NCAA records, including 51 total points in a five minute overtime between two teams and 28 points by one team (W&L) in an overtime.

Swimmers face tough foes at UNC meet Men successful in Chapel Hill Women fall twice to top squads

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team left the University of North Carolina last Saturday with a split following an intense tri-meet with Emory and Johns Hopkins.

The Generals routed an excellent Emory team 83-39, but were edged by Johns Hopkins 65-57 in a meet which came down to the final race.

Washington and Lee won eight individual races in the meet, but Hopkins accumulated enough points to stick with W&L and force the winner of the meet to be decided in the final event, the 400-freestyle relay. Hopkins prevailed in 3:12.63, a scant .48 of a second faster than the Generals.

Despite the tough finish, head coach Paige Remillard remained upbeat over the meet.

"We beat a top ten team in Emory, and we're not depressed that we lost to Johns Hopkins," he stated.

Numerous key individual performances facilitated the Generals' effort. Sophomore Nathan Hottle stormed his way to three victories, and junior Frank Braden garnered two individual wins.

Braden captured the 200-freestyle in a time of 1:46.97, and senior Tony Diedrich finished behind

him in 1:48.00.

Following an impressive victory by Emory's Peter Hommer in the 100-back, the Generals reeled off four consecutive triumphs.

Hottle led off the streak and scored the first of his three individual conquests in the 100-breast, finishing in just over a minute at 1:00.02.

Senior Grant Holicky took third in 1:01.09. Freshman Erik Holbrook prevailed in the 200-butterfly with a time of 2:03.05, and junior David Stillman followed by triumphing in the 50-free in 48.73 seconds to complete the victory string.

Junior Craig Sears posted a personal best time in the 200-back by finishing third in 2:03.39.

Hottle and Braden outswam the competition in their victories in the 200-breast and 500-free, respectively, and Hottle's conquest in the 400-IM in a time of 4:15.95 set the stage for the dramatic final event.

"We can't be upset over the finish," Remillard remarked. "We have no control over what the other team does. We can only control what we do. We're excited about the times we ran, and we're pleased with where we are now."

The Generals tote a record of 4-1 into this Saturday's home meet against Radford at Cy Twombly Memorial Pool.

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Having clobbered Mary Baldwin College on Wednesday, Washington and Lee's women's swim team is off to a strong start with a 6-2 overall mark.

The Generals took first place in all 12 events in the 139-66 win. Senior Brandi Henderson (200 & 400 free) and junior Rebekah Prince (200 breast & 200 IM) had two wins apiece in the romp.

Overall, the Generals are looking at one of their best seasons ever.

"We're doing pretty well on the year as a whole," said head coach Kiki Jacobs. "So far we've had some real good swims, and the big win against Catholic."

The team has two weeks to gear up for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships, to be hosted by W&L, and seems to be approaching peak form.

Jacobs was pleased with her team's performance last Saturday at UNC-Chapel Hill although the Generals were beaten by perennial NCAA powers Emory and Johns Hopkins.

Emory topped W&L 101-20, while Hopkins posted a 95-23 victory.

Jacobs said the Generals were not expecting to win the meets, but were looking for experience against some top competition.

Prince was one bright spot for the Generals in the meet, taking second in the 100 backstroke in 1:03.52, and third in the 200 back in a time of 2:15.27. Both are the top times in the ODAC so far this season.

Women lose sixth in a row

By ERIC SWENSEN
Phi Staff Writer

Coach Terri Dadio remains pleased with her squad's improvement this year, only the second for W&L women's basketball, but the improvement didn't translate into victories last week as the Generals dropped contests against Randolph Macon and Guilford to extend their losing streak to six games.

In Greensboro last Saturday, the Generals were able to hang close for a half against Guilford before fading early in the second frame, losing 69-52.

In the Guilford game,

Michelle Hicks concluded a strong week in which she averaged eight points and six rebounds per game with nine points and ten boards.

Last night Randolph Macon took on the Generals for the second time in a week as they visited the Warner Center.

The result was much the same as the Generals came out on the short end of a 63-48 score.

Sandra Holmes led the way with 14 points and 12 boards as W&L dropped its sixth consecutive game.

The next home action for the Generals comes this Tuesday as they take on Mary Baldwin Col-

lege in the Warner Center.

The Lady Generals take to the road against Catholic on Saturday as they look to end their current slide.

Even with the apparent lack of success, head coach Terri Dadio remains upbeat as her Generals look for a strong finish to the season in order to qualify for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament.

"I think we are getting better each game," said Dadio. "If we play as hard as we have been playing and if we show any more signs of improvement we are going to have a strong finish to our season."



Photo by B-E-T-S-Y Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Allison Hull takes control of the ball against Randolph Macon last night. The Generals dropped the game 63-48, however, as Randolph Macon outscored the Generals 18-3 to end the first half and start the second.

Athletes of the Week



Amy Mears



Jon Coffman