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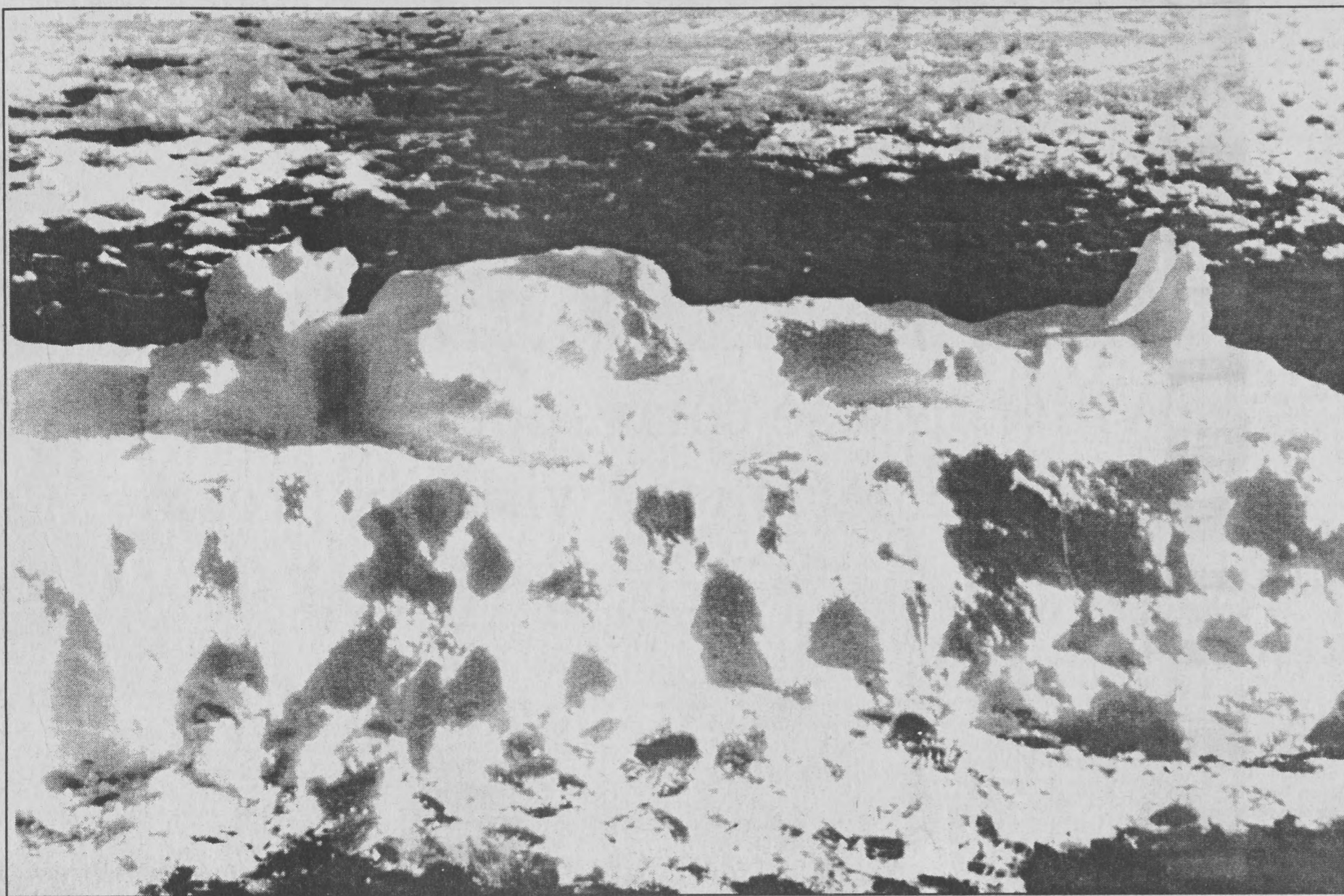
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**A long winter's nap**

Photo by Betsy Green, *The Ring-tum Phi*

Robert E. Lee wandered out of the chapel Tuesday to enjoy the first major snowfall of the season. Bob Nelson, Bob Ross, Malcolm Burke and David Stillman, all of the class of '96 sculpted the replica of the Reposing Lee. The area received 6-10 inches from the collective snowfalls of Saturday and Monday.

## Arrests made in gun incidents

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Staff Writer

Two Lexington teenagers were arrested Thursday in connection with the attempted armed robbery of two Washington and Lee students.

The two students were held at gun point at different times on Friday night.

Lexington Chief of Police Bruce Beard said one teenager was charged with attempted robbery, grand larceny and entering a dwelling with the intent to commit larceny. Police charged the other suspect with attempted armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Beard said police are still investigating and other arrests will be made.

A sophomore was walking north on Randolph Street with two friends near the coin laundry around 8:30 p.m., said Beard.

A group of eight male teenagers confronted the student and asked him for money. The student and his friends kept walking until one of the teenagers pulled out a gun and pointed it at the student. At that time, a police car passed by and the teenager put the gun away and fled with his friends.

Beard said the student walked to a house at the intersection of Randolph Street and Massey Street. After a short time, the gunman knocked on the door and someone let him in the house. Police said that the teenager went upstairs and returned with a stereo. Beard said the student asked the teenager to put the gun away and turned to walk away. Another teenager apologized and said his friend who pulled out the gun was drunk.

Lts. Wayne Straub and Torben Pedersen are investigating.

Later that night at 11 p.m., a freshman was walking north in the 100 block of Randolph Street.

Beard said a group of three males followed the freshman. One of the men approached him and pointed a gun at him, asking for money. The freshman told him that he didn't have any money, according to Beard.

The man fired a gun at the freshman, but did not hit him. Afterward, the man told the freshman that his friends made him do it. The other two men told him to empty his pockets, Beard said. After they determined that the freshman had no money, they walked ahead north on Randolph Street.

Both students' descriptions of the gunman matched.

## Freshman arrested for marijuana possession

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Phi Staff Writer

A second Washington and Lee student was arrested after a W&L security officer found marijuana in his room.

Freshman Omar Vannoy was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with marijuana possession, a misdemeanor under Virginia state law.

On Dec. 2, 1994, freshman Eric Daur was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute 6 ounces of marijuana valued at \$1,100, which is a felony.

Police said Vannoy had three ounces of marijuana valued at \$540.

Vannoy said he was watching a movie with his girlfriend when W&L security knocked on his door. Security told his girlfriend to leave, he said. He admitted to having marijuana when security asked him about it.

Security evicted him immediately and told him to wait

there. Vannoy then went to Dean Howison's office, escorted by dorm counselor Adam Plotkin.

He said he got the marijuana in Texas during winter break. Vannoy paid \$320 for it. Officer Gary Coleman who arrested Vannoy said that had a dealer sold it on the street, the marijuana would have cost \$540.

Vannoy contends he was never arrested, but Coleman said that in Virginia, the moment a suspect is served with a warrant, he is arrested.

"Any time you have a warrant where the suspect cannot leave, he is arrested," he said.

Coleman said because the charge was a misdemeanor, he had the choice of whether to release him or not. He believed Vannoy would not flee the country.

Vannoy was told that he had to be out of Graham-Lees dorm by Monday night. He said he stayed at the Holiday Inn. On Tuesday he said he talked with his lawyer, H. David Natkin. Vannoy said on Thursday, Jan. 26, he went to the Lexington Police Department and was officially charged with marijuana possession.

Vannoy suspects his roommate, freshman Douglas Bryan Hesney, tipped security off. He thinks his Hesney turned him

in so he could have the room to himself.

Plotkin and Hesney both refuted that charge. Plotkin declined to say who told security about Vannoy.

Director of Security Mike Young also refuted Vannoy's suspicions.

"I think it's unfortunate that Mr. Vannoy would say things like that."

Vannoy said he originally had four ounces of marijuana before he smoked it. He said he had at most two ounces left when security found it. Coleman said it was three ounces but he will not be sure until the marijuana comes back from the lab where it was tested and measured.

Vannoy said his court date was February 14 but has been changed to February 21. He said he will probably join the Marijuana Offenders program for first-time offenders. He said the program lasts 10 to 12 weeks, and participants are subject to urine analysis. His license has been suspended for six months, he said. After the program, Vannoy said he will be under unmonitored probation and after a year the charges will be dropped. The school is waiting to see how his case goes before the Student Conduct Committee.

Presently Vannoy is living at the Dutch Inn. Police are still investigating.

## Women and Leadership promotes unity among female leaders

By DAN ODENWALD  
Phi Staff Writer

Carol Pierce '95 and Karlene Jennings '96 want to make Washington and Lee a friendlier place for female student leaders. Last spring the turned their hope into a group called Women and Leadership.

Women and Leadership is a loosely bonded group of female student leaders dedicated to "contributing to the success and self-esteem of women leaders on campus."

They hold special events throughout the year including receptions and dinners that promote unity among women leaders. The events also serve as opportunities for "affirmation, education, and the exchange of ideas," between those leaders.

For example, a post-Women's Rush

reception was held Wednesday night for freshmen women. Class of 1998 Vice-President Mary Jo Mahoney and Katherine Steuart '98 led the event. It was intended to unify the freshmen women after a divisive Rush.

The group is currently planning a plethora of events. On January 31, Women and Leadership hosted a reception for Helen Thomas, the former UPI White House correspondent. They are also working on a newsletter detailing what women leaders are currently doing on campus. In the Spring a women's leadership conference will be held at Skylark.

"There is a need for more communication between the women's groups on campus," said Co-founder Carol Pierce. She sees a need to "encourage campus involvement," among female students.

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## Samples to play Superdance tonight

By PETE WEISSMAN  
Phi Staff Writer

By dancing at the Samples concert tonight in the Pavilion, Washington and Lee students can raise thousands of dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Big Hairy Posse, a band that includes recent W&L graduates, will kickoff the 16th Annual Superdance for MDA at 9 p.m. Last year, the event raised \$12,000 for wheelchairs and special services. Superdance co-chairman Trey Block hopes the event will gross \$30,000 this year.

The Samples concert has sparked calls from across the state for tickets, said co-chairman Tina Hand.

"They've really established themselves as a great band," Hand said.

BHP's performance will be a welcome flashback for many W&L upperclassmen.

"The fact that they're coming back together after some of them have graduated is really exciting," Hand said.

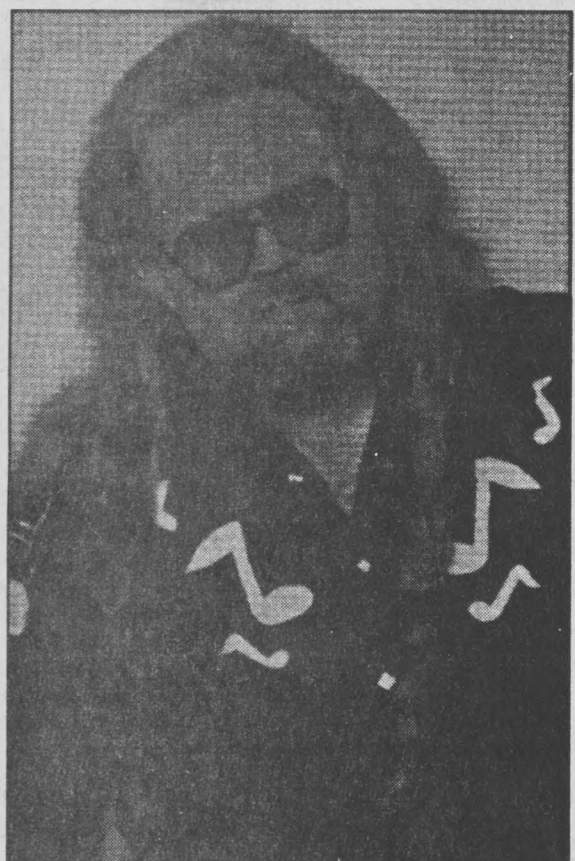
For Superdance, students collect donations and pledges and attend a concert. Last year, about 800 students attended the David Allan Coe concert, and about 50 of them collected contributions.

If W&L donates \$25,000 to MDA, W&L can send a representative to Las Vegas to present the check to Jerry Lewis on the Labor Day weekend telethon. In 1985, when the minimum was \$20,000, W&L sent a representative, said Fontanne Bostic, University Services administrative assistant.

Through the years, the event has evolved from a battle-of-the-bands to a dance-a-thon to its current format as a single night concert, Hand said.

Past acts include Drivin'-n-Cryin' and the Dave Matthews Band.

Prizes will go to the fraternity and sorority that raise the most money. Last year's winners were Phi Delta Theta with \$2000 and Chi Omega with \$700.



File photo

David Allan Coe played at last year's Superdance

The \$10 admission can be paid at the door. People who raise \$100 in donations will get in free.

"It promises to be an outstanding evening," Hand said.

**Black History Month: Check out the independent supplement, Crossroads**

## BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

### The World



#### Europeans flee from flood waters

More than 120,000 people across northern Europe fled their homes because of surging flood waters this week, mostly in the low-lying Netherlands, where water levels continued to rise and river dams threaten to burst. Twenty-six people have died and 85,000 people have been evacuated since Monday. Dutch authorities told another 140,000 to prepare for evacuation later this week.

#### Death toll in Algiers bombing reaches 42

The death toll from a suicide bomb attack on Algiers police headquarters rose to 42. President Liamine Zeroual vowed to "exterminate the monsters" who carried it out. Another 286 people, many of them children, were wounded, according to state radio.

#### Xiaoping misses New Year message

Chinese senior leader Deng Xiaoping failed to deliver his traditional greeting for the lunar New Year. In recent years, Deng's televised appearance has become an annual event during the holiday. His failure to appear underscored growing concerns about his health.

### The Nation



#### Americans support caps on baseball salaries

In a recent Washington Post-ABC News Poll, the majority of Americans want President Clinton and Congress to stay out of the ballpark. The poll also found many Americans supporting the owners. Many believed the players were making too much money and agreed with the owners that a cap on team payrolls was necessary and supported the use of replacement players if the strike is not settled by the start of the new season.

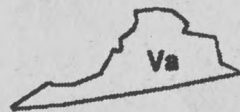
#### AIDS leading cause of death for young adults

AIDS has replaced accidents as the leading cause of death of young adults, experts said. New figures released Monday show that in 1993, HIV infections became the number one cause of death among Americans 25 to 44 years old. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said more than 441,000 Americans have gotten AIDS since 1981, and more than 250,000 have died.

#### Lawyer says FBI orchestrated terrorism case

A defense lawyer in the case of the World Trade Center bombing argued that the FBI orchestrated a vast terrorism case against 12 Muslims to save its reputation. The attorney said the FBI was embarrassed by its failure to heed warnings of a plot to bomb the World Trade Center. Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, a 56-year-old blind Egyptian cleric, is accused along with 11 alleged disciples of plotting to blow up the New York bridges and tunnels, the United Nations and an FBI office.

### The State



#### Norfolk Southern trains collide

The two Norfolk Southern trains that collided at a switch point near Radford's Bisset Park on Monday were both moving, said a railroad spokesman Tuesday. A train headed west was supposed to be waiting for an eastbound train to move past it, but both trains were moving. The collision is still under investigation.

#### Report gives guidelines for religious activities

School divisions in Virginia should try to preserve the religious heritage and pluralism of the United States without resorting to indoctrination and proselytizing, according to a report on proposed guidelines for school religious activities. Prepared for the state Board of Education by the state attorney's office, the report recommended the prohibition of school activities designed to inspire religious devotion but not the banishment of all religious expression in schools. The report suggested that religious activities be treated like other extracurricular activities and religious groups be treated like other student groups.

#### New restaurant to open

The Phoenix Bar and Grill is scheduled to open Tuesday, February 7th. The Phoenix is located where The Bone used to operate, and is owned by the owner of Hunan Garden.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Michael Hewlett



## White House correspondent speaks about experiences with six presidents

By CINDY YOUNG  
Phi Staff Writer

"All roads lead to the Oval Office," Helen Thomas declared in her speech in Lee Chapel Tuesday evening; one might add that for the last half century she has traveled most of these roads.

In her speech co-sponsored by Contact, Women's Forum and Women in Leadership, Thomas reflected on her impressive career as a journalist, spanning five decades and six presidencies.

Hired by United Press International in 1941, Thomas first conducted radio interviews dealing with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Capitol Hill.

In 1960, Thomas covered the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy and followed him to the White House the following year.

In covering presidential personalities, Thomas soon became a personal-

ity herself. Her "Thank you, Mr. President" at the close of a press conference has become a White House tradition.

Thomas's presence has not been limited to the arena of White House interviews, however.

In 1959, Thomas became president of the Women's National Press Club, later being named the first female officer of the National Press Club itself.

In her speech, "Inside the White House," Thomas first highlighted the current achievements and problems of the Clinton administration.

Thomas credits Clinton with playing a significant role in the stabilization of Haiti, the end of apartheid in South Africa, the continued suppression of Saddam Hussein, and talks recently begun to end the violence of Northern Ireland.

To this list of foreign accomplishments, Thomas added such domestic measures as the Motor Voter Bill, NAFTA, the Brady Bill, Goals 2000, the Family Leave Bill, and the National Service Act.

Even with both the House and Senate now under Republican control, and his unimpressive public approval ratings, Thomas doesn't "count Clinton out." (She points to Bush's 90 percent approval rating in 1991.) The president, Thomas quipped, "has many miles to go before he sleeps."

Turning from Clinton's career to her own, Thomas spoke of her impressions of the office of the presidency in general, and over time.

"So many presidents and their wives," Thomas said, "have mourned the goldfish bowl they live in," yet she does not sympathize with them.

In her experience, presidents actually enjoy "lots of privacy and much privilege." Thomas cited such privileges as private helicopters and Air Force One.

The close scrutiny of the press which accompanies these luxuries is a fact for which Thomas does not apologize: "Irreverence is the way we play this game."

Jefferson, after all, once said that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"People can handle the truth," Thomas emphasized, "and deserve no less."

Expressing her disappointment in the increasing tabloidization of the mainstream press, Thomas nevertheless intends to play under the newest rules, instead of wishing for "the good old days."

Thomas sees other important developments in the media as well, owing to technology.

"With CNN bringing the world's pain into our living rooms everyday, we do live in a global village."

The chief responsibility of the press, for Thomas, remains the same, however: "to keep the people informed and democracy alive."

In her impressive career, Thomas has adhered to this purpose, even as the press and the world beyond evolve.

Thomas's dedication to this principle, the basis of her career, can be glimpsed in her own words.

Asked by a member of Tuesday's audience how long she intends to be doing what she does, Thomas instantly replied, "Forever."

## Women and Leadership unites W&L females

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The group was organized last Spring Term after a dinner for female students and faculty was held in which over 200 women attended.

"There was a desire for female students to get to know the female faculty members and to find out what their life was like," said Dean Anne Schroer-Lamont, Women and Leadership's faculty advisor. Female students can boost their self-confidence by emulating female faculty role models, said Schroer-Lamont.

Since freshman men were meeting upperclass men through Rush, Women and Leadership hosted a freshman reception in October to give freshman women a chance to meet upperclass women, said Pierce.

"We want to see freshmen women use the lead-

ership potential that got them into W&L in the first place," said Co-founder Karlene Jennings.

Women and Leadership receives funding from many different campus groups including the Women's Forum, the four sororities, Panhellenic, the Deans, and the E.C.

While the group was founded to solidify bonds between female student leaders, it was also created in response to statistics which reflect a discrepancy between the numbers of male and female leaders.

"Women are not well represented in the top student government slots," said Schroer-Lamont. She added that in ten years of coeducation at W&L the E.C. has never been 40% female.

Schroer-Lamont also believes women are at a disadvantage in student elections because male students tend to vote in blocks.

"Males in fraternities tend to support each other and vote together for other males. Female students are

more individualistic in their voting behaviors and often suffer as a result," she said.

Despite this trend, Pierce, Jennings, and Schroer-Lamont said Women and Leadership will not be a lobbying group for female candidates during student elections.

Schroer-Lamont also believes that women are under-represented in the faculty and administration as well.

"Some female students go through this University without ever taking a class with a female professor," she said.

She pointed out that no women are represented in W&L's top administrative echelon.

"Not one woman is involved in making the really big decisions," she added.

If Women and Leadership succeeds in its goals, these situations may change.

## Symposium to discuss plays

By JENNIFER LATHAM  
Phi Staff Writer

When she directs a play in French, Domnica Radulescu begins rehearsals by asking her student actors to make animal noises in unison.

Radulescu, a Washington and Lee French professor, thinks the warm-up helps students forget their inhibitions and improves their acting in a foreign language.

"It takes them out of their routine," said Radulescu. "It forces them to take risks, to express themselves."

Radulescu will share these kinds of ideas with other professors who direct foreign-language plays in the First National Symposium on Theater in Academe. The symposium will be held at W&L Feb. 4 and 5.

About 50 students, professors, actors and playwrights from more than 10 states will give speeches on directing and acting in foreign-language plays. The speeches will highlight the benefits of theater as a pedagogical exercise and the challenges that students encounter as inexperienced actors.

A group of W&L students will present skits in German. And French students will perform a scene from Eugene Ionesco's "Rhinoceros,"

which they staged last spring.

Radulescu said symposium participants seem excited about sharing ideas about foreign-language theater.

"It's as if people were waiting to express what they've gathered from their experience," Radulescu said.

W&L senior Ginny Guthrie, who is helping Radulescu organize the conference, will talk about her acting experience in "Rhinoceros."

"Not only do you have to understand what's going on [in a foreign language], you have to make other people understand, too," Guthrie said. "Seeing it all played out and doing it ourselves...takes regular literary analysis a step further."

Guthrie said she had worried that Radulescu's class could not learn lines, gather props and rehearse enough during spring term to make "Rhinoceros" a success.

"In six weeks instead of 12 weeks, there are so many different pieces that have to come together," said Guthrie.

Radulescu agreed. She and other directors at the symposium will discuss the ways they solved students' problems in acting.

"The hardest part [of directing "Rhinoceros"] was to get the feel of the characters, the nuances...the spirit of the people, of the language, the gestures," said Radulescu.

As a director, German Professor

Roger Crockett said he also focuses on helping students develop stage presence.

"I find it very difficult sometimes to get students to come out of their shells, to stop speaking in monotone and to get the woodenness out of their voices," Crockett said.

Actors and directors at the symposium will share performance success stories, as well.

Crockett said students who have acted in the German plays seem to have more energy when they perform for audiences.

"All of a sudden it just spills out of them," said Crockett. "When the chips are down, it comes out."

Radulescu said she also wants to talk with other directors about the acting skills students sometimes hide until opening night of a play.

"The most thrilling part is when I see a spark that comes from the student," Radulescu said. "Something comes out of the student that I never saw in class and conversation, sort of like a little epiphany."

The symposium will begin Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in room 109 of the University Center. After 6 p.m., foreign-language theater workshops will be held in the Lenfest Center's Johnson Theater until 9:30 p.m.



## O.J. images infiltrate America

By BROOKE KEMPER  
Phi Staff Writer

The images bombard American society — on the front page of the newspapers, on the cover of magazines, on tradable cardboard pictures, in the movies, on the television screen, even on boxes of cereal on the supermarket shelves.

These are the images of celebrity sports player, a new breed of hero which has permeated all aspects of twentieth century American society. Gone are the latter day heroes such as Henry Ford or Paloma Picasso, aptly reveled for paramount breakthroughs such as technological advancements in transportation or innovations in the arts. Modern day America has ushered in a new era, an era in which those who sparkle on the recreational playing fields earn huge salaries as well as acclaim.

With the passing of time the evolution of the American hero and the forms of reward for these heroes has been drastically altered. Now that sports figures have won the acclaim of America they have also earned the spotlight. American fascination with the outstanding athletic qualities of these figures has led to a constant scrutiny and publication of the lifestyles of professional athletes.

How do they do what they do? What makes them so special? Americans' wonderment has produced a barrage of journalistic recognition. It is this attention which can elevate sports celebrities to their eminent status, yet it is also this attention which can prove debilitating to the glamorous lifestyle of famous athletes.

Would Pete Rose make national newspapers headlines after receiving a jail sentence for tax evasion if he were not an All-Star professional baseball player? Would the drug rehabilitation of professional tennis prodigy Jennifer Capriati be featured on newscasts if she had remained a fledgling amateur tennis player?

Surely the alleged double murder of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman would not make

national headlines if it were not for former phenom, Simpson.

The hype surrounding the murder is play illustrating the link between celebrity status and public

scrutiny. Sociology professor David Novack offered his

regarding the extensive publicity. "There is a

fascinating popular and O.J. is those heroes. Novack

tributed the lack of positive news stories and the publication of the O.J. story to society's bizarre

fascination with violence and death.

The public scrutiny surrounded the trial of this superstar is unbelievable. Even international

audiences are opening their local newspapers to view headlines telling O.J. Simpson's

woes. Radio talk shows are now devoting themselves entirely to public conjecture concerning the guilt or innocence of O.J. Television

networks are devoting huge time slots to five coverage of the trial. Bookstores are filled with a selection of newly published books chronicling the incidence. Even O.J. himself is

featured as an author of one of those narratives of the circumstances surrounding the trial.

In the informational black hole of Lexington, students are voicing opinions about the publicity of the O.J. Simpson trial. Most students convey a general feeling of distaste for the continued comprehensive coverage of the issue, yet some students voice genuine concern about the events surrounding the trial.

One student said, "I think all the hype is ridiculous. Doesn't America have anything better to do?"

Law students Dave Payne and Rob Grant questioned the fairness of the trial when asked their feelings about the publicity of the O.J. trial. Grant fears that the televised presentation of the pretrial events and the trial itself has created an environment which is not conducive to the existence of an unbiased jury.

Sophomore Vivian Stone took matters into her own hands. The night Fox aired its T.V. movie of the O.J. story she attended an O.J. party. Guests were required to bring appropriate cocktails, of course. "You have to bring a drink with 'o.j.' or some kinds of 'juice' in it," said Stone while the party was still in the planning stages.

While many feelings are ambivalent and subject to change with the revelations to come, one thing will remain constant — the coverage. The coverage of the Simpson trial reflects more than mere curiosity on behalf of the American public. The publicity represents the malleability of public opinion and the continued evolution of the American hero.



Mrs. Hardcastle (Phaedra Cianciulli '96) is vexed with the antics of her son Tony Lumpkin (Denis Riva '97) in *She Stoops to Conquer*, Oliver Goldsmith's rollicking classic comedy of love and highjinks. The show opens tonight, February 3, and runs through the 7th in the Keller Theatre. Tickets are free to W&L students, faculty and staff. Reserve your ticket by calling the Lenfest Box Office at (703) 463-8000 Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and two hours before each show.

## She Stoops to Conquer opens tonight



By KATHRYN MAYURNICK  
Phi Staff Writer

Today brings a break from the same old weekend — the critically acclaimed play "She Stoops to Conquer" makes its debut at the Lenfest Center on Friday, February 3.

The seventeen talented cast members will perform through Tuesday, February 7.

Jeff Tibbals, playing the role of Young Marlowe, and Mandy Irons, playing Kate Hardcastle, lead what is called "a sentimental

comedy."

Other cast members include W&L graduates Mark Daughtery ('74), playing Mr. Hardcastle, and Rob Mish ('76), playing Sir Charles Marlowe and Landlord.

Written by Oliver Goldsmith in 1773, this satirical play was a little too much for some eighteenth century people to stomach. It was referred to a "very wretched comedy" with "no moral" and "no edification of any kind." (This sounds a little like some W&L students' reactions to Suzi Landolphi.)

However, this narrow view of the play is overshadowed by its timeless vitality and longevity.

In the first year of its production, Dr. Samuel Johnson said that "it makes the audience merry."

Filled with outlandish practical jokes and cases of mistaken identity, the show promises to keep the audience in a constant state of laughter.

Mandy Irons, playing the lead role for her senior thesis describes the show as "really, really funny."

"The highlight of the show is when everyone's plans backfire and ram headlong into each other," said Irons.

The most ironic thing about the play, however, is that even though Oliver Goldsmith wrote it as a way out of debt and to relieve the pressure from his creditors, the cost for W&L students is free.

"When else in life are you going to be able to see live theater for free right out your back door?" said Irons.



Jeff Tibbals ('95) as Young Marlowe flashes a mischievous smile at Mandy Irons ('95) as Kate Hardcastle.



Lovers Hastings (Aaron Brotherton '98) and Constance (Adrienne Bryant '97) plan their elopement. Meanwhile, Constance flutters her eyelashes at Hastings.

## Getting permission to make moves under the covers

By LORI RAMSEY  
Phi Staff Writer

In 1992, Antioch College, located in Yellow Springs, Ohio, passed its "Sexual Offense Policy." The policy has since spawned much discussion, criticism and publicity.

The policy was founded in an attempt to combat the problem of date rape at Antioch.

Antioch also founded the policy based on the assumption that many students had been victims of sexually related violence before coming to Antioch, and that Antioch should provide an atmosphere that promotes healing.

The policy requires the initiator in a romantic situation to obtain consent from the other person before moving on to another level of physical intimacy. Consent is defined as "verbal and willing," and the policy applies to heterosexual and homosexual couples as well as groups.

The policy has been criticized as a threat to individual freedom. It has been parodied on *Saturday Night Live*. However, few people realize that the policy was drafted by students. Many of them are happy with the rules they have created.

"It's made me feel 100% more comfortable, more respected and more empowered," said

things such as pre-marital sex, homosexuality, promiscuity and pornography were not tolerated by the mores of society. The sexual revolution changed morality.

Today teen pregnancy, child abuse, acquaintance rape and domestic violence are major social problems. Sex scandals such as Packwood, Fisher/Buttafuoco and Bobbitt stories carry the news.

Traditional social codes no longer exist. Women are afraid of social violence, and men are afraid that they might be misconstrued as monsters.

Maybe both sexes might benefit from a few guidelines. Antioch has tried a new policy in an attempt to deal with changing social mores. maybe it isn't perfect, but has Hall said, "The policy is humanizing — it brings both people actively into a sexual relationship."

Antioch junior Claire Mills. The policy also requires students to take responsibility for what they say.

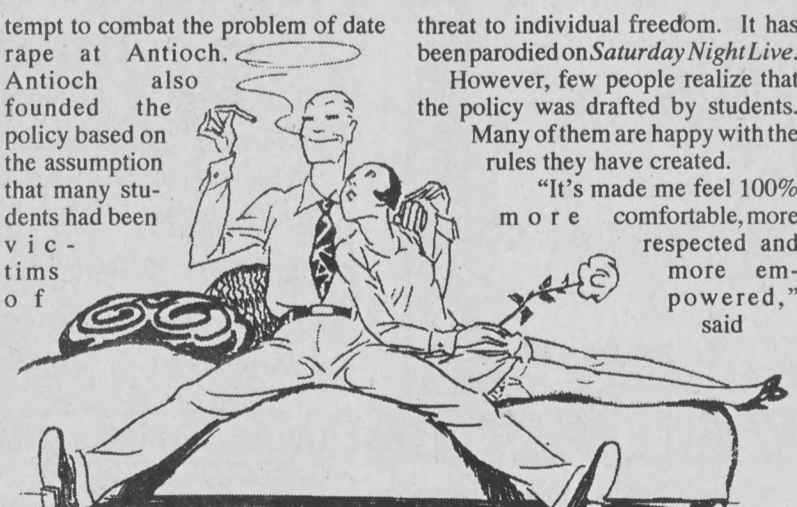
Karen Hall, Antioch's Director of Sexual Offense Prevention and Survivors' Advocacy Programs, said, "Antioch is not in the business of 'legislating kids.' Respect and communication start early in a relationship; under the covers is a little late."

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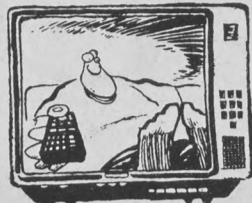
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by Jack Ohman

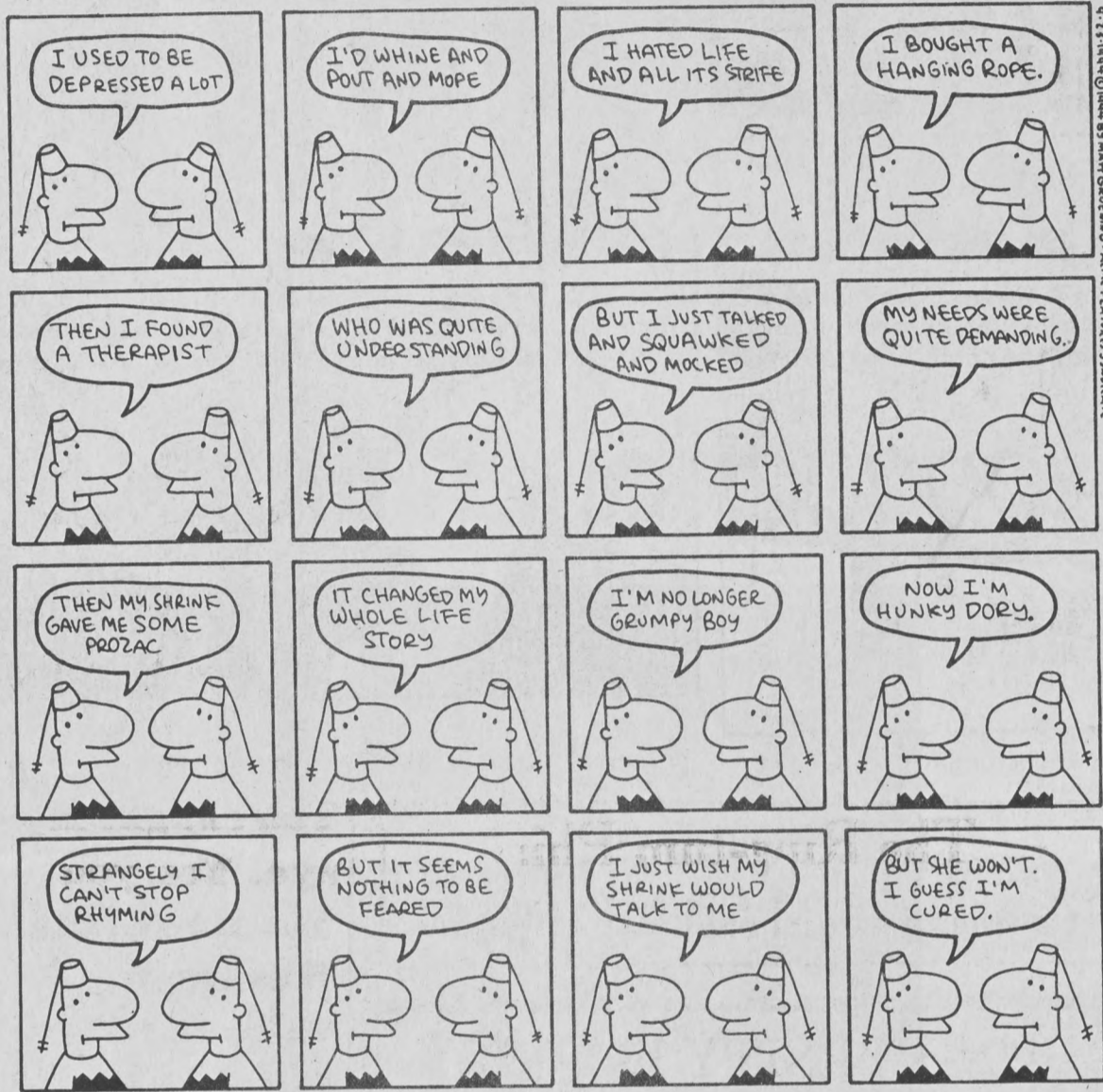
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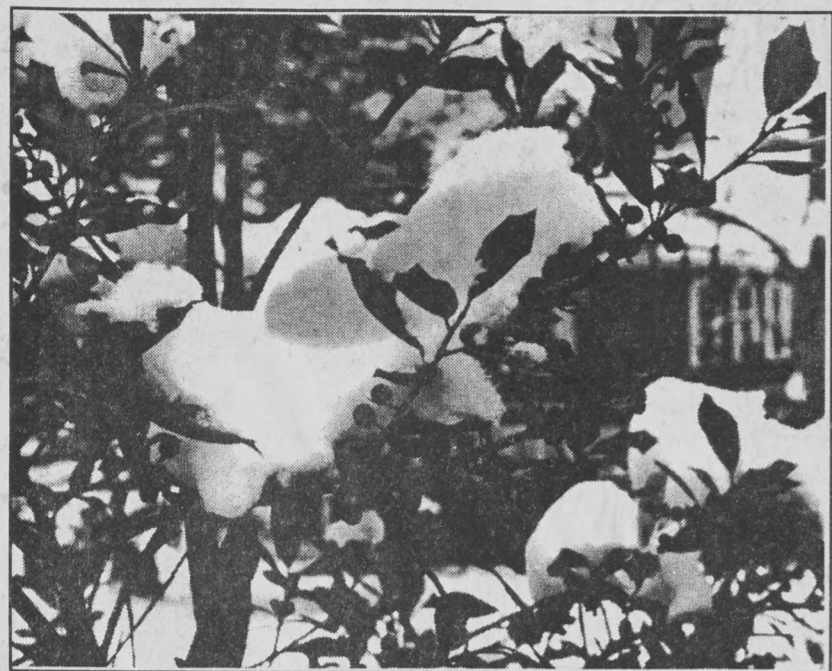
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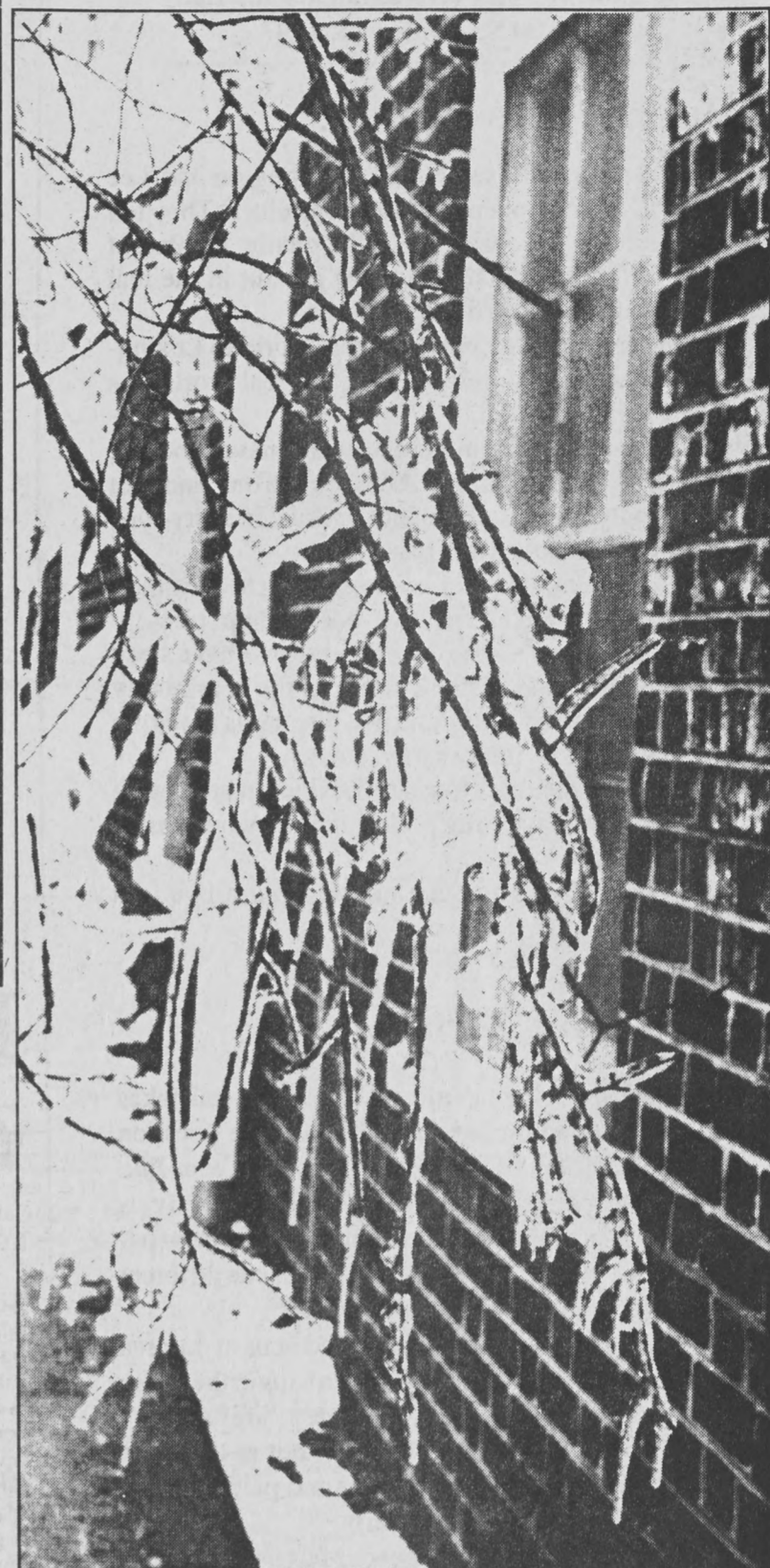
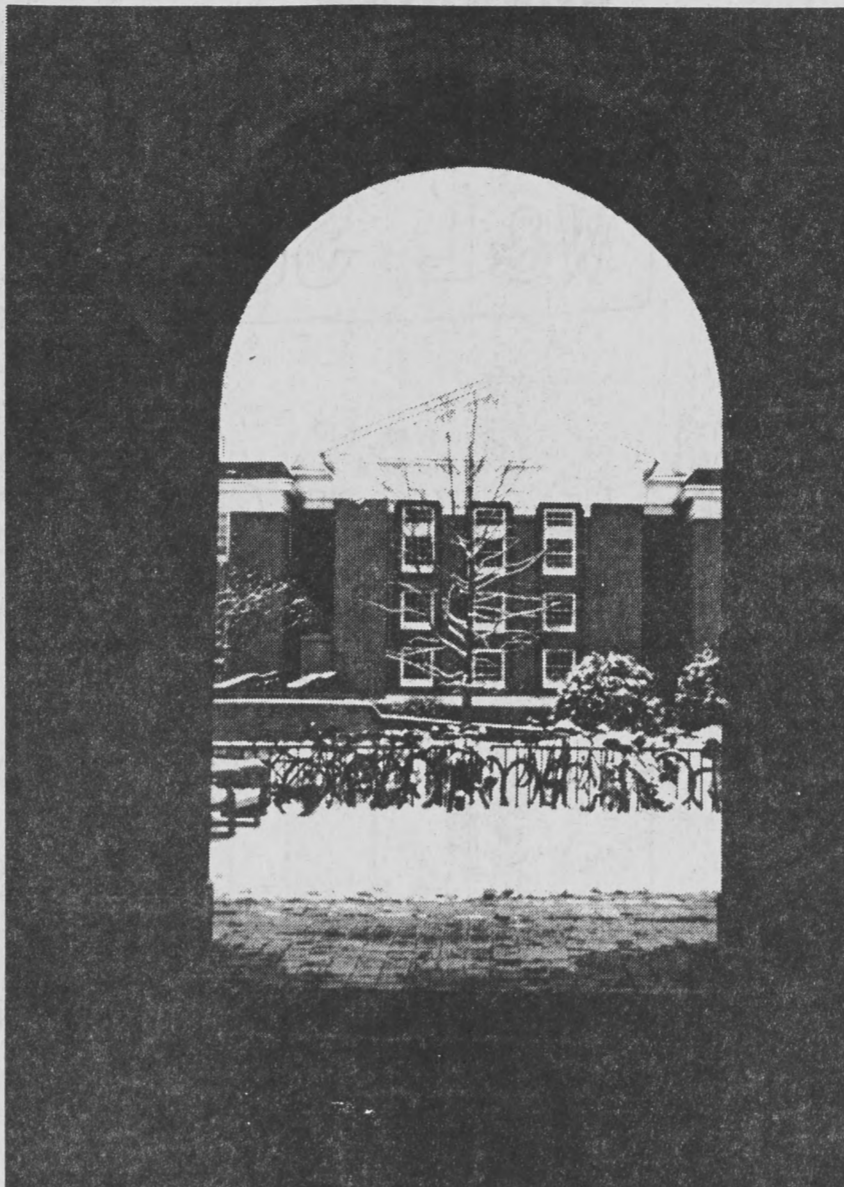
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## Our Bubble Has Burst...

Crime has always been something Washington and Lee students treat as what happens to "someone else." They tell us that we, here in the peaceful little quaint hamlet of Lexington, live "in a bubble." Once we get out in the real world, they tell us, things will be different.

Washington and Lee welcomes the real world to Lexington. Not with open arms, perhaps, but the real world has come, and we must accept it.

We refer to those recent criminal acts which have shocked, or at least startled, our fair campus. Guns pulled on...and shot at...students. Pretty scary stuff, but not unusual in a city-type situation that we will soon be thrust into.

Students at Washington and Lee are starting to lock their doors more regularly. Bikes are always locked up, now.

The honor code is as strong as ever, but we have been unfortunately bombarded with members of the community who were never required to sign little white cards pledging not to lie, cheat or, most importantly, steal.

Late-night worries on the streets of Lexington are beginning to go further than avoiding police officers when carrying open containers.

At least we can now argue that no, we do not live in a bubble.

## A Word About Ethics...

Several recent issues concerning corrections, mistakes and the omission of certain facts have brought the question of journalistic ethics to the forefront at *The Ring-tum Phi*. We have been considering the question of what, exactly, is the journalist's responsibility? To whom does the newspaper have to answer? How is a campus newspaper different from a "regular," or commercial, newspaper?

As a campus newspaper, more is expected of us in the area of responsibility and ethics, but less is given to us in the realm of remuneration. We are expected to be very careful of the "feelings" of those about whom we write, but at the same time, we are less well trained, monitored and paid than our less emotional professional counterparts.

As hard as we at the *Phi* work to get our facts straight, and to deal with our subjects fairly and objectively, sometimes unavoidable errors appear. Some things which we could not possibly have known or been expected to know have brought us a great deal of stress and hurt feelings.

Though we have fewer resources available, a greater standard of care is expected of us. Legally, we know that nothing we have done or are likely to do has violated the First Amendment in the slightest. We are safe in this regard. But we cannot be safe from the violent emotions of our readers; the majority of which, ironically, are younger and less mature, and thus, much more volatile, than the average reader of commercial newspapers.

We have a high expectation of morality and careful reporting at the *Phi*, and we do our utmost to fulfill it. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to do so.

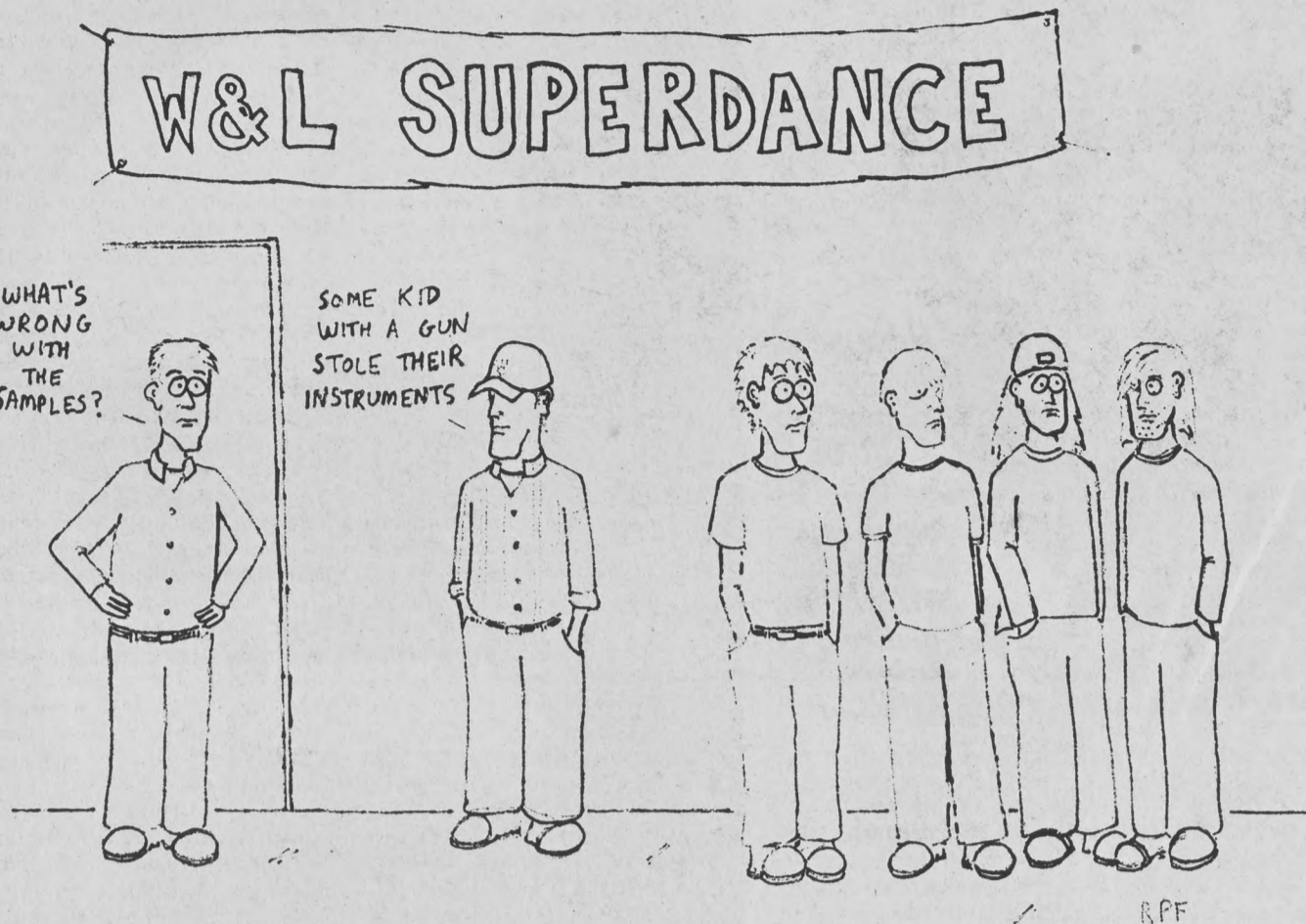
We can only hope that our readers will understand when they are older and wiser...for now, we will continue to work harder than you know to bring the news objectively.

## Quote of the Week

"Savage man would have flushed his own toilet."

--A W&L student discussing infrared toilet flushers

## OPINION



## Republicans kiss '96 election good-bye

### THE FAR MIDDLE

ALEX CHRISTENSEN

Hmm...Mock Convention's Spring Kickoff is coming up soon...I wonder who we could get to speak here for that once-in-four-years occasion. It'd have to be someone with revolutionary ideas. A Republican, of course. Maybe even someone who has been willing to stand up against momentary swells of popular opinion to try to actually exert his leadership. I know what you're thinking, and I agree it's pretty obvious: Barry Goldwater.

What? Oh, I know he doesn't have the influence to shape his party's policies anymore, despite leading a conservative revolution in 1964 that was the ideological as well as practical precursor to the Reagan Revolution, such as it was.

If he did have that kind of influence, maybe the Republican Party could leave out its infamous pledge to work for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion, since it has never been paid much attention, anyway. Maybe there wouldn't be such a silly, pointless debate about gays in the military and so-called "special rights" for minority groups, which are really just rights denied by a majority unwilling to label itself as bigoted.

But alas, those who claim to be Goldwater's ideological descendants are not so much concerned with first principles as with gaining power. So Goldwater's opinions have lost their weight among Republicans. But hey, if we like the guy why not bring him in?

I am making this argument because in many ways, it is just as pointless to bring in Jack Kemp to speak at the Kickoff as it would be to bring in Barry Goldwater. They, the two revolutionaries who first invented practical conservatism and who translated it for Ronald Reagan, and then shaped it again for a new era, have been abandoned by their party like so much bad seafood. And so, Jack Kemp, weary of fighting the good fight alone, has bowed

out of the '96 presidential race. Unfortunately, this means he has also bowed out of relevance in the near future of the Republican Party.

But hey, as "a highly placed source" asked the other day, why run for President when you can make \$30,000 a pop just threatening to run? This is facetious, of course, but the point is, there is very little reason to have an irrelevant player in '96 kickoff Mock Convention. That is not to say that it's not a tragedy that he has been made irrelevant.

Dick Cheney and Jack Kemp have both been made irrelevant by their declarations of non-candidacy. Cheney would have been a sharp, competent, competitive candidate for the Republicans. Kemp would have been a leader who would have been able to transcend party and create a new Republican majority. But you don't get ahead in a party by transcending it. Not these days. These non-candidates can say they will be engaged in the debate all they want, but the reality in politics is, if you're not willing to put it on the line, your part of the debate is over.

The fact of Kemp's sudden plummet from the most popular candidate among delegates to the '92 convention to idiosyncratic oddity has not been Kemp's doing, but the result of an ideological drift among Republicans, not the right, but to the fringe. It's been several years in coming.

And now we have a crop of candidates largely composed of crass politicians lined up to exploit that drift to the fringe. They say they are pro-life; this depends on how you define it. They say they are for cutting government; only a few have actual ideas to make government smaller and more responsive, something at which Bill Clinton has actually made a fine start. The say they are conservative; in reality they are moderate in the way only career Washingtonians can be: it's the moderation of creeping bureaucracy.

Let's take a look at the field as it stands:

"Former Vice President Dan "Wavy Lays" Quayle: Please! Besides all that (you know what I mean) we've had a

rocky history with vice presidents. Besides Adams, Jefferson, and Teddy Roosevelt, Van Buren, Coolidge, Lyndon Johnson, Nixon, and Bush exemplify the vice-president elected president. And those guys were smart...

"Senator Phil "Prairie Earthquake" Gramm of Texas: Nixon with a Southern accent? This megalomaniac is wasting valuable PAC money to buy off all of the preliminary straw polls so he can look like a contender. Bereft of ideas and appealing to the lowest common denominator, he describes himself as "ugly." You might add "mean-spirited" and "shady."

"Commentator Patrick "America First!" Buchanan: Protectionist and isolationist, but lovable. Sort of a Don Quixote without ideals, out jousting at windmills in a "cultural war" that doesn't exist. Just as slick as Gramm, but without the folksy charm.

"Representative "B-1" Bob Dornan of California: A loser. Pat Buchanan without the folksy charm.

"Governor Pete "Green-Card Pedro" Wilson: A leader of the Fascist wing of the Republican party that Jack Kemp tried to overcome by opposing the nativist, big government, Proposition 187 (If you think illegal aliens are annoying now, wait till they're illiterate and tubercular!). Re-elected governor by promising to cut taxes in a state that used to be able to offer higher education to all high school graduates — before Pedro Wilson was governor.

"Former Governor and Education Secretary Lamar "Who?" Alexander: He tries to look cerebral and outsiderish, but a man who sat through his term as Education Secretary quietly and only now calls for the abolition of the Department of Education is always suspect. Panders to the fringe as well, but in a nice way.

"Senate Majority Leader Bob "Hey I'm hip, I'm hip: Twenty-three skidoo" Dole: Dole would be the oldest person elected president for the first time. He would be a Republican LBJ, kicking...uh...teeth and taking names. This might or might not be good for the country in the long run, though Dole trying to keep Gingrich in line would be a modern political soap opera.

So with these somewhat dim prospects, how can the Republicans win? Clinton is really not doing what could

**"The only way the Republican party can win is to nominate someone who is pro-choice, socially moderate, and fiscally conservative."**

be called a bad job, though it is confused and often seems directionless. The only way the Republican party can win is to nominate someone who is pro-choice, socially moderate, and fiscally conservative. That's right, I've left out the brightest prospects: Governor William Weld of Massachusetts: This Republican has rescued his state from high taxes, stagnant unemployment, and overbudgeting. He is pro-choice, progressive, and fiscally brilliant. Weld is probably the only Republican besides Bob Dole who can win and make it stick for more than the modern political honeymoon of about a week.

There are others who fit Weld's qualities: former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, a Democrat who placed well in the Republican New Hampshire primary in '92, former Representative and Labor Secretary Lynn Martin of Pennsylvania, and Governor Christie Todd Whitman of New Jersey all spring to mind, but they have less fund-raising ability and less stable political bases from which to launch successful campaigns. All would balance a Weld ticket in '96...if the Republicans want to win.

All would be better choices to kick off our Mock Convention than Jack Kemp.

## Deficit spending overburdens future

### MY VIEW

MELISSA SAWYER, '97

Fourth grade was easy. Two plus two equalled four and there were no such things as negative numbers. Now, however, being a politics major has changed my whole perspective about algebra. Two plus two equals approximately enough to let you borrow six back. I thought I might remind myself how to do pure algebra by also majoring in economics, but as I watched Senator Phil Gramm (a professional economist and presidential candidate) reply to questions about the deficit, I realized that the purity of our calculations is highly relative to the percentage of the vote that we seek.

We have been toying around with potential balanced budget amendments in this country for years, and of late our fervor in pursuing that end has culminated in the Republican *Contract With America* and like promises. Nonetheless, the details of the proposals are still shaky; nobody can decide whose portion of the budget to balance first. Understandably, no class, race, gender or age group is willing to be the first to refuse government handouts, and the debates over controversial deficit spending have not yet yielded a fully damning critique of its policies.

This policy of borrowing from the future to finance tax cuts and entitlement spending of the past and present became a standard aspect of each new budget after World War II. Initially, few questioned the policy because it seemed to be naturally derived from Keynesian economic theory — theory that appeared to have helped to pull America through the Great Depression. In the political

context of the time, the West was becoming increasingly devoted to the liberal democratic regime, and some academics had even predicted an end to ideological conflicts. The conflict was not to end so easily, however, as our economic problems escalated in proportion to our increasing sphere of influence. The policy upon which we relied so heavily, of borrowing from our children to pay for our own retirements and defense, fundamentally conflicts with a premise of liberalism: as Thomas Paine wrote, "the dead can have no authority over the living or the unborn."

In burdening future generations with the debt of a society too cowardly to effect Social Security and Medicare reform, too dependent on its military for the international influence, and too inexorably caught up in a web of welfare politics, we are prohibiting those generations from exercising their freedom of choice. They are forced to assume responsibility for our choices, lest all of their tenuous economy crumble beneath them. They will no longer have the option of cutting out so-called pork programs, inefficiencies, and counter-incentives.

While the government certainly serves a useful purpose in providing a pump, a safety net for potential disaster and despair, if you will, the well is slowly running dry. We are left in conflict, selfishly refusing to sacrifice ourselves, but knowing that in doing so we demand our children sacrifice. The

sacrifices forced on them may eventually drive future generations away from a liberal society. When they no longer have control over a government budgeted decades before, the people will be driven to seek freedom from the debt — a debt for which they will have received none of the benefits and all of the costs. Perhaps they will find the relief they seek in a command economy, a dictatorship, or a monarchy. Will the United States then suffer a political coup like that of the Soviet Union? Will the American economy experience five-hundred percent inflation like many Latin American countries did in the 1980s?

Economists point to today's college students as the first who will suffer from past deficit spending patterns. As frightening as the prospects of this may be, Generation X will still have continued to enjoy some of the benefits of the policy in a way that will soon be impossible. The United States has fought the wars against hunger, Communism, drugs, and immorality by borrowing from the future, but we cannot assume that those in the future will support these same causes. Rather, we must find a way to strengthen our society while limiting our debts to short expanses of time: the loans must be signed with the understanding that repayment will be due within just a few years from their inception.

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OPINION

# Instant wealth from your P.O. Box

## DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

I would like to state right now that I am a winner. How do I know? I received word in the mail this past week from American Family Publishers. The really big writing said: "Richard Weaver. It's Confirmed—You're Our New \$10,000,000.00 Winner!" I didn't read the small writing, because, hey, if it's small writing, it must not be very important.

Underneath the bulk rate stamp on the outside of the envelope was a row of stamps I could tear off to indicate how I wanted to receive my payments. I chose, naturally, 360 monthly payments of \$27,777 each. Fancy Dress is coming up soon and I want to hire my own band to bring to the ball with me. I also owe Columbia House some money.

The funny thing is that I received another letter from American Family Publishers a few days later that said that I, Richard M'weaver (!), would be receiving "ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY EVERY DAY FOR 30 YEARS — Right into the year 2025 to be exact! You could sleep till noon every day of the week and still draw one of the biggest paychecks in the

entire State of Virginia." Kind of like the contractors who built Fraternity Renaissance.

And then I got a big envelope from Publishers Clearing House. I didn't read all of the stuff inside — it looked complicated — but I did see a form where I could indicate what color Jaguar I wanted them to send me. I've chosen British Racing Green.

Now the question arises — What am I going to do with my guaranteed \$20 million and a new Jaguar? My first purchase will probably be to give enough money to W&L that I'll be allowed to rename Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall in honor of myself. Pasta Bar and Wok Night will be replaced with monthly "Deep Fryer Madness Days;" the menu will include deep fried vegetables covered in breading, cheese and salt; deep fried chicken patties covered in fried cheese; deep fried lettuce for salads, etc.. There will be a plaster statue of me next to the salad bar; diners can get more chick peas from my hands.

Next item to buy: a helicopter to get me from my apartment to class. I'll build a heliport on top of the library; probably no one will notice. Military helicopters from VMI will escort me when I'm airborne.

I'll pay the W&L Film Society to show *Richie Rich* (starring Macaulay Culkin) every Friday night in the Troubadour Theatre.

Next will come the bribes. This reminds me of my high school history teacher, Mr. Stein. Mr. Stein said if we wanted the answers to a test that he, indeed, did have a price. It was a new grey Mercedes 560SEL. No questions asked. We'll just say that there's a new British racing green Jaguar waiting for that special professor who'd like to do some "new math" in their gradebook.

And then there's the matter of a new career for myself. Forget broadcast journalism. I'm considering purchasing the services of the less successful members of the Jackson family and putting the Jackson 5 back on tour, with myself as lead singer. Though I'm not technically a part of the Jackson family, I'll spend some of my money on sequins from Wal-Mart, so I'll fit in. Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts will open for us every night.

Every wealthy person needs an entourage. I'm going to hire a personal stenographer to take notes in my classes, someone to cut in line for me at the Cop, someone to put cheese on my Stop-In hot dogs, etc. My bodyguards will pummel anyone who takes the last sausage without telling the clerk to put more on the rolling grill. In addition to performing, Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts will also have to follow me around.

Probably the most important thing I'll do with my money is plan my upcoming Lee Chapel wedding to Lynda Carter. I figure she's not been doing much since she stopped being Wonder Woman, and, hey, I've got \$20 million dollars. Something can definitely be worked out.

I plan to be pretty charitable with my money, too. I've already hired a team of scientists to find a cure for the chicken pox I gave my roommate. For \$20 million, I can be generous.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Careers

There will be a Career Focus Workshop on Tuesday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited to attend.

### Interviews

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

### Open Forum

There will be an open forum with Dean of Students David L. Howison to discuss delayed rush, the alcohol policy, the drug policy, Sophomore housing, and Chocolate Pudding Wrestling, on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Northen Auditorium.

### Barcelona

The next presentation of the Washington and Lee Film Society will be *Barcelona*, directed by Whit Stillman. Screenings will be at 8:05 p.m. on Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4, in the Troubadour Cinema, at the corner of Man and Henry Streets. As always, there is no charge for admission.

### Internships

There will be an Internship Workshop on Wednesday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited.

### Loans

The Student Loan Committee can help students who are low on cash. Call Paul Wright at 463-4360 for information.

## LETTERS

### Donations needed for relief in Japan

To the editor:

Although the news of the recent earthquake in Kobe, Japan, has moved off the front pages of the newspapers, rescue work still continues, and complete recovery and rebuilding, from all accounts, will take years.

Donations to help the rebuilding may be mailed to the following addresses:

"The American Red Cross has established a fund. Please make your check out to the "American Red Cross" and note "For the Japan Earthquake" on the memo line. Mail them to: The American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

"Kobe Steel USA Inc. has contributed \$25,000 and invites donations. Founded in 1989, USS/Kobe Steel

Company is a Lorain, Ohio based joint venture between USX Corporation and Kobe Steel, Ltd. There are 20 Kobe Steel USA Group companies, all of which are supporting the relief effort. Contributions to this fund should be made payable to the "Kobe Relief Fund" and addressed to: Lorain National Bank, 457 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio 44052.

"The Japan Society has also established a fund to aid victims of the disaster. Please make your check payable to "Japan Society, Inc." and indicate "Kobe Earthquake Fund" on the memo line of the check. Address: c/o Japan Society, Inc., 333 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.

"Many churches have established funds for which you may already have addresses. Contributions to the Episcopal Church fund may be made out to "The

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"The "Asahi Shimbun" (Asahi Newspaper) will also channel funds to Japan. Please make your check payable to "Asahi Shimbun International Inc." note that it is for the "Earthquake Rescue Fund" and mail to: Asahi Shimbun International Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Donations to any of these groups will be forwarded to the appropriate relief organization in Japan.

Ann T. Rogers  
Director, East Asian Studies

### Misprint causes dismay, questions of credibility

To the editor:

During my two and a half years at Washington and Lee, I have been impressed with the many improvements and innovations *The Ring-tum Phi* has adopted. However, there still exists a problem which raises serious concerns about the *Phi*'s credibility: the careless attitude adopted by the editing staff. Last week I was dismayed to learn that my interview in the "Talkback" section was incorrectly written — not only was the connotation erroneous, but the words were not mine! Perhaps more disturbing, the interview was altered after it was submitted by the reporters. How can the *Phi* be trusted when the reporters are undermined by their own staff? Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident: tales abound of students being misrepresented by the *Phi*. At an institution where honor remains the strongest tradition, I challenge the *Phi*

to implement better policies to ensure trustworthy reports. With the capable leadership exhibited by the executive editor, I believe the *Phi* can meet this higher standard.

Deborah Munson

*Editorial Response:* The *Ring-tum Phi* apologizes for any confusion that may have arisen from the misquote in *Talkback* last week. We offer our assurances that "Talkback" and every other submission we receive is thoroughly edited and proofread. When possible, facts are checked against the reporter's notes. This was possible with "Talkback" last week, and it was done. The notes read as the publication did. Because the quote made sense, we had no reason to believe it was incorrect. We have advised our reporters to make sure their notes are correct, as to avoid any such confusion in the future.

### W&L Students unfriendly to Cadets

To the editor:

On Tuesday evening, a cadet friend of mine needed to use Leyburn Library. The treatment he received there left him feeling angry and humiliated.

When he politely asked some students for help locating a book in a strange library, some rudely refused,

some laughed and pointed, and one girl actually ran away as if she thought he would attack.

This type of behavior really upsets me. Cadets are no different than us. In fact, many of them would fit in quite well at W&L.

I heard the vicious rumors that circulated about them when I was a fresh-

man, but I took the time to get to know some cadets, and found out that they are not all psychos or rapists. Would these students have treated a lost freshman like that?

VMI's library is temporarily closed for renovation, so we will most likely be seeing more cadets at ours.

I hope that most students will

be polite, if not friendly, to our neighbors.

To the students who treated my friend so poorly: I think that President Lee would have been deeply ashamed of your behavior. I know I am.

Lisa Greenhouse  
President, Preston Society

### Landolphi ignores several important issues

To the editor:

Perhaps the saddest thing about Suzi Landolphi's presentation, "Hot, Sexy, and Safer," is that I sensed that she genuinely believed that she was helping her audience. Regrettably, however, her talk, due to several critical omissions, was seriously flawed.

While Landolphi did say that no precaution was 100% effective, she said nothing whatever about the extent of the physical risks involved even in protected sexual activity. When a chief concern is the feared transmittal of a deadly disease, it seems that the audience should be told, for example, exactly what the failure rate for a condoms is. Landolphi also said nothing about the failure rate of contraceptives in

preventing pregnancy.

Landolphi presented a simplistic vision of the emotional component of sexual involvement. Based on her talk, an undefined "love" plus consent appear to be the only relevant criteria. I recall no mention of genuine commitment.

There was no recognition that sex is emotional dynamite and no discussion of the point at which a person is ready to handle sex emotionally. Landolphi did acknowledge a right not to be sexually involved, but her program was hardly an encouragement to contemplation of this option by individual students.

Landolphi several times flatly asserted that sexual expression was "spiritually" proper. She said not one word

about the sources of her view of spirituality. She said nothing about any religious teachings pertaining to sex, even though most of the students undoubtedly have some type of religious heritage.

Landolphi stated that, while students should feel free to engage in a variety of sexual activities with one another, they should wait before engaging in sexual intercourse. Nothing was said as to why they should wait, or until when, or how. The latter omission is ironic in view of Landolphi's use of "hot" in her title. She totally ignored the fact that passions aroused by sexual activity short of intercourse tend to lead to intercourse itself. Given that Landolphi is also in the business of selling condoms (which she did dis-

close), I find her counsel of restraint difficult to take seriously.

My position is not that Landolphi's presentation was completely without merit.

Her strong condemnation of mixing alcohol/drugs with sex was particularly worthwhile. Still, the foregoing omissions, together with the carnival-like atmosphere of the event, convince me that the program as a whole was more damaging than beneficial. If W&L believes that it has a responsibility to foster meaningful discussions on issues relating to student sexuality, Suzi Landolphi's talk failed to accomplish this purpose.

Sam Calhoun  
Professor of Law

## TALKBACK

Photos and Interviews by Darcey Livingston

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Steve Frame, '97, Stone Mountain, GA—"Fat men in love with prom queens."



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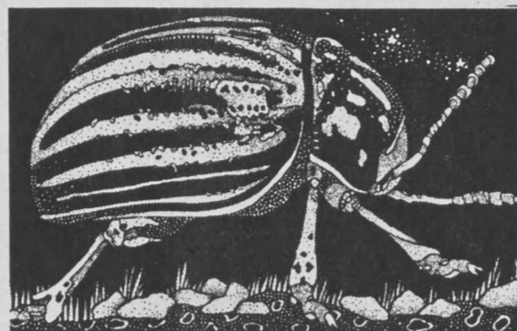
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Kim Gartrell, '96, Powder Springs, GA—"A day in the life of a Sesame Street Puppet."

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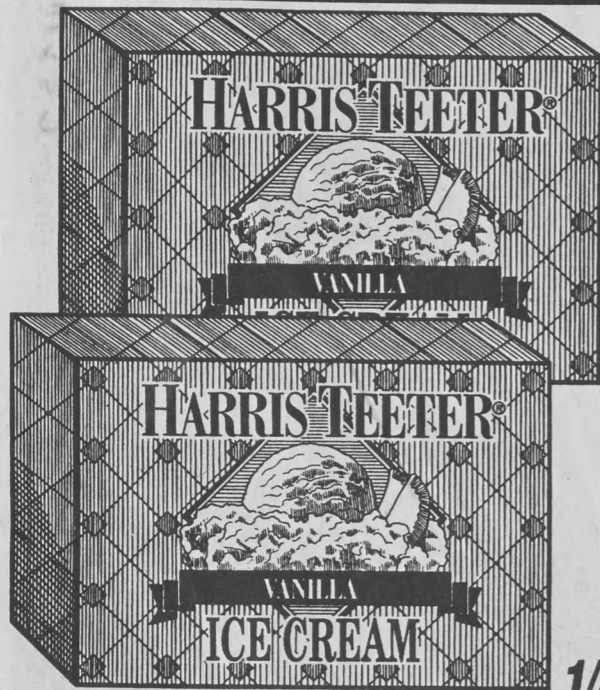
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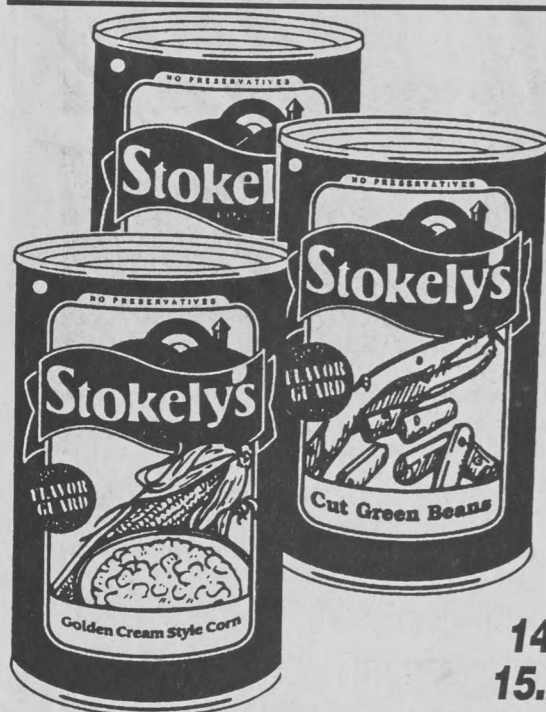
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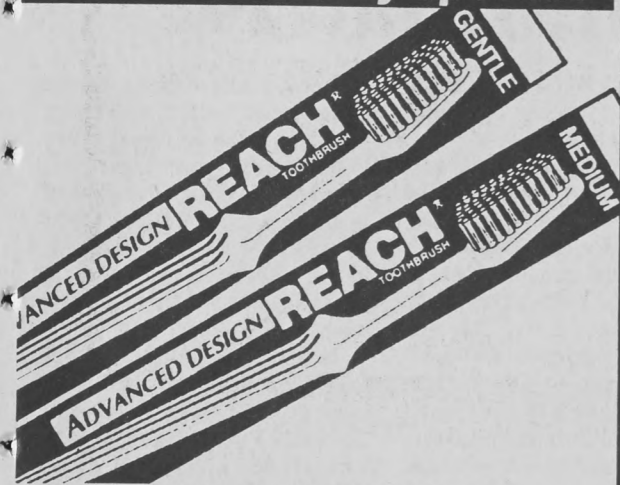
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SWIMMING- (W) def. Dickinson 116-87  
(M) def. Dickinson 106-79  
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# The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

## This Week:

SWIMMING- (M&W) home vs. Mary Washington  
BASKETBALL- (M) home—Eastern Menonite,  
Randolph Macon; at Lynchburg  
(W) at Emory and Henry; vs. Hollins  
WRESTLING- at Apprentice Invitational  
INDOOR TRACK- (M) VMI Relays; (W) Dickinson Inv.

## Demise of a Dynasty

### THE LAST WORD

BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

How much does a coach mean to a team? Why don't you ask the Duke Blue Devils.

With Coach K at the helm, the Devils defeated Michigan and Georgia Tech and nearly upset Connecticut. At one point the Devils were ranked as high as seventh.

At that point, however, the screen goes blank.

Since Kryzewski left the team with a bulging disk in his back that required surgery, the Duke Dynasty has fallen on hard times. The Devils are 1-8 in the intervening time span, and things aren't looking up as Kryzewski is now sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Granted the team has not been blown out in any of their losses, but a loss is still a loss. Most can't even remember the last time a Duke team had 10 losses in a season.

The string of Atlantic Coast Conference losses includes some heart-wrenching beatings.

Against the Virginia Cavaliers, Duke blew a sizeable halftime lead and fell in double overtime. The Devils led the number two ranked Tar Heels by as much as 12 in the second half before fading in the second overtime 102-100.

They took Maryland down to the wire (lost on blocked shot at the buzzer), Florida State, too (had two chances to get off a shot to tie the game before losing by three), yet they now sit at 0-8 in conference play (the victory over Georgia Tech in the Maui Invitational doesn't count in the conference standings).

The team is built around a core of youth. Three freshmen got substantial playing time (Price, Wojcickowski, and Langdon) and Jeff Capel and Greg Newton are only sophomores.

Despite the young talent, and the presence of Cherokee Parks in the middle, the team lacks the go-to leader that defined Duke teams of the past. There is no Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Christian Laettner, Danny Ferry, or Johnny Dawkins on the current Duke squad, and while Trajan Langdon may fill that void in the future, he is not there yet.

Still, the most noticeable difference is the lack of Mike Kryzewski's presence on the sidelines.

Some coaches have a gift that enables them to get the most out of their players. Coach K has that gift. When it came down to crunch time, Kryzewski always had his team ready to perform any kind of miracle. Just ask Kentucky, Connecticut and UNLV.

While the Devils stand winless in the unforgiving ACC now, they haven't gone down quietly, and there is still a half of a season to play plus the tournament.

By the end of the season, the young squad that is suffering through so much hardship now will have matured.

Don't be surprised to see this squad come up strong near the end of the season.

Even though the team has only an outside chance at making the NCAA tournament at this point, that chance remains. After all, what were Laettner's chances against Kentucky?

Then there is always next year. With a healthy coach and young players who gained frontline experience early, Duke will again be a force to be feared in the conference and in the nation.

# Canfield bids farewell to Warner Center

By KEITH GRANT  
Phi Staff Writer

A long chapter in Washington and Lee sports concludes this week as Verne Canfield coaches the final two home games of his 31 year career as head men's basketball coach.

The 8-11 Generals will take the floor Saturday night versus Eastern Mennonite in their continuing fight for a spot in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament.

Then on Monday, Canfield will pace the Warner Center bench for the 340th and final time as W&L head coach.

"Next Monday, I'll walk off the floor with my head up," said Canfield, the winningest coach in Washington and Lee sports history.

Adding to the drama, the Generals will be meeting Randolph-Macon College in the home-court finale. The Yellow Jackets have beaten W&L 12 straight times dating back to February 9, 1977.

The eighth-place Generals wrap up the regular season with three away games, the final obstacles on the road to their first ODAC Tournament berth since 1990-91.

It has been an odd time for a coach that has averaged 15 wins per year during his tenure. Eight conference championship banners were raised in a 14 year span that included four trips to the Division III national tournament.

Canfield's 458 victories are nearly half of the win total of the program's 87-year history. W&L's second-winningest coach trails Canfield by 369 wins.

The three-year playoff drought is the longest any ODAC team has suffered.

Emory and Henry head coach Bob Johnson remembers the powerful Generals of the seventies being a boost to the newly formed ODAC.

"[Canfield] gave the conference some credibility in the early years," Johnson said. "He's been highly respected nationally, and lended a level of class and respect to the league."

After taking three of the first four ODAC titles, W&L has weathered 14 banner-less seasons. The frustration has worn on Canfield in recent years. For a man who suffered only four losing seasons in his first 26 years at W&L, four in a row has been a difficult experience.

"I've worked through it," he said. "I think I've grown as a person because of it."

Yet, with each added losing year, the coach felt increasing outside pressure to step down.

"It's been a struggle. At times I felt very isolated," said Canfield.

The pressure apparently reached a climax last May when, as Canfield says, he was forced to resign. He admits he wants to continue coaching and would have preferred to stay on at W&L until he felt ready to move on.

"This is not the way to go. A man should have the right to pick his time."

Johnson believes Canfield, who he calls a mentor, has held up well during a difficult season. "He's maintained his dignity and class, I think," Johnson said.

Although Canfield will argue that the time to step down had not come, he leaves behind a legacy few coaches can match.

When he arrived in 1964, the UC-Santa Barbara graduate inherited a squad that had suffered seven straight losing seasons. W&L was 26 years removed from the Blue Comets, as they were known, last Southern Conference championship.

Since leaving the Southern Conference five years before Canfield's arrival, the Generals totaled 29 wins. The new coach had quite a task ahead.

"I've got to do more selling than coaching this year," Canfield told the Ring-tum Phi before opening his first practice in 1964.

With a fast-break offense, a pressing "goulash" defense, and a Dixieland band to entertain the crowd, the first-year coach promised his team would surprise, but did issue a warning.

"It's going to take time," he told the Phi. "We're not going to end ten years of losing overnight."

W&L would wallow through a 2-17 campaign that season, but the real surprise came two years later.

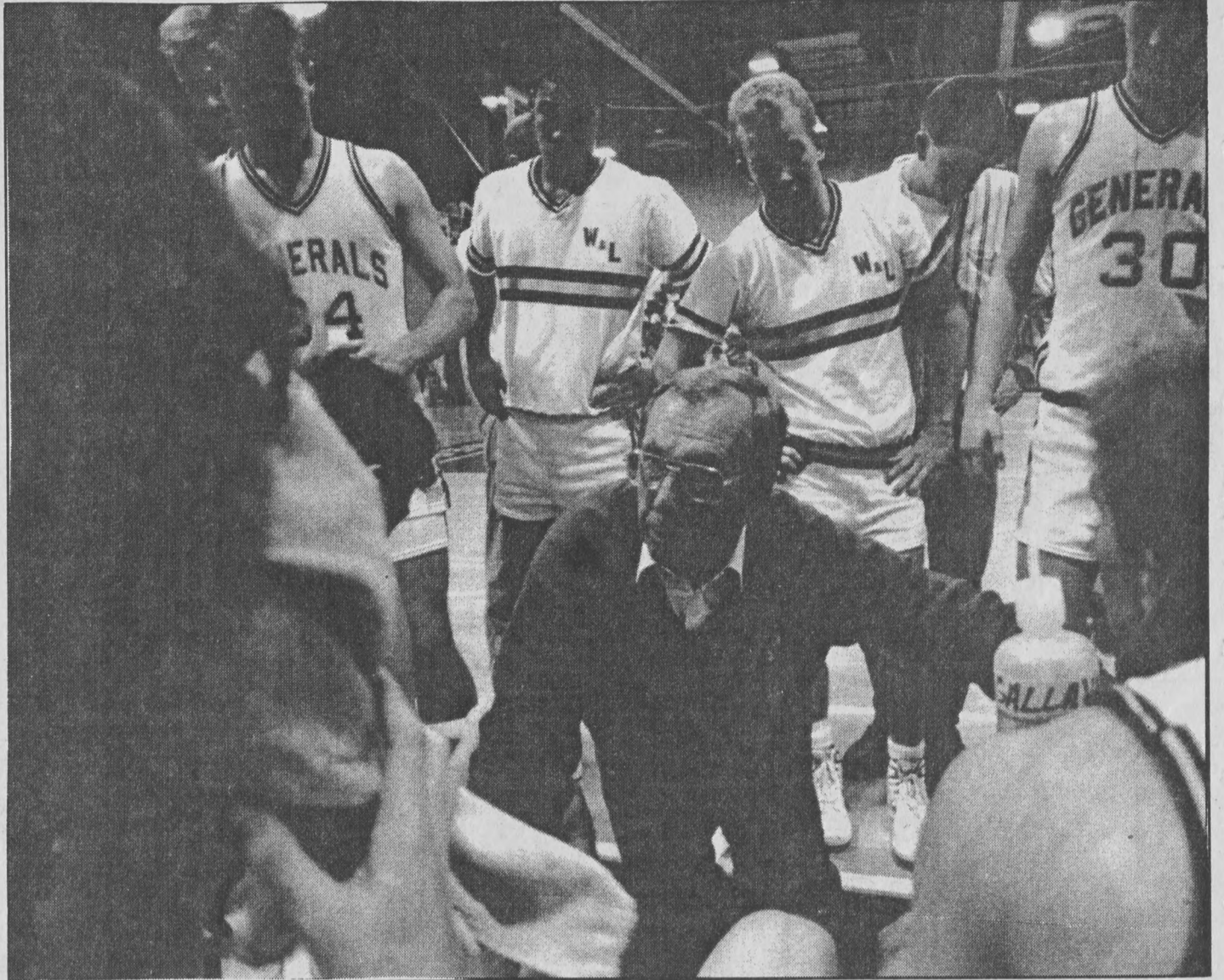
The 1966-67 Generals marched to a 20-5 year and the first of four College Athletic Conference titles in five seasons.

That quick of a turnaround meant a great deal to Canfield.

"The players started believing in themselves," said Canfield. "They even carried themselves differently. You could see it in their eyes."

It was not the first time Canfield had turned around a losing program. At Groveton High School in Alexandria, VA, he took over a team that had won four games in two years. In his six seasons before coming to Lexington, Canfield's teams posted six consecutive winning records.

The winning tradition contin-



Scenes like this will soon be only Warner Center memories as men's head basketball coach Verne Canfield prepares to coach his last game in an arena that didn't exist when he began his tenure. Canfield will take a sabbatical next year, but will remain as a tenured Physical Education instructor.

ued at W&L as the Generals rolled to 13 straight winning seasons. Along the way, W&L picked up four CAC titles, a Virginia small college championship, a Virginia College Athletic Association championship, and two ODAC crowns.

W&L's Doremus Gymnasium was as intimidating a place for a visiting team as any. The Generals dominated their home games there and, later, at the Warner Center.

Since the Warner Center's opening in 1971, the Generals have won 70 percent of their home games.

Even the season that finally broke W&L's run of winning records brought a trophy to Lexington.

The 1979-80 squad went 14-15, but won the ODAC tournament with victories over Emory and Henry, Eastern Mennonite, and a last-second 58-56 win at Hampden Sydney for the championship.

"I have fonder feelings for this squad than any other team I have coached," Canfield said following the victory.

The Generals have advanced to the final game three times since that season, but have come away empty each time.

Their most recent trip came in 1988-89, when a group of sophomores led the team to a 20-7 mark and a first-place regular season finish.

However, the following year would be Canfield's last trip to the ODAC Tournament unless the '95 version can get there.

At whatever point the 1994-95 season ends, W&L athletic director Mike Walsh says a national search will officially begin for the school's first new basketball coach in three decades. Walsh hopes for a decision by April 1.

"We've received many inquiries already," said Walsh. "We have 20 applications, though the position is not officially open, yet."

Walsh believes that, despite the distractions, the Generals will finish up the season strong and make a return trip to the ODAC Tournament.

"I hope the team continues to play well and the season finishes on a good note for the players and Coach Canfield," Walsh said.

Canfield has earned the NCAA Division III Regional Coach of the Year three times, and garnered the ODAC's equivalent honor three times, also.

He is planning a sabbatical for next year, before returning as a tenured physical education instructor.

Although he would like to keep coaching and will listen to offers, Canfield says he also plans four more years of running his Lexington youth basketball camps that he has operated for over a quarter-century.

One thing he does not intend to do next year is appear in the

Warner Center.

"It won't be the right thing to do," he said. "I want to see [the players] mature, though, whether I see it on the road or read about it."

At this point, Canfield says he has lost all bitterness over the resignation. He says he has "purged himself" of it because of how it can consume a person.

One thing he does appear to be bothered by, though, is the pressure in society put on athletes to win.

"It's a shame there is so much pressure to win. There's got to be something said for kids who play really hard."

The coach who has never missed a game or a practice in 31 seasons believes he has done more for his players than teach them a game.

"This job has been special because I touched some lives," Canfield said. "My fondest hope is that I taught something besides basketball."

## Basketball suffers skid; Men drop fourth in a row

By JOSHUA HESLINGA  
Phi Staff Writer

In sports, a week is often a lifetime, and that is certainly how the past week must seem to the men's basketball team as the Generals find themselves caught in the throes of a four-game losing skid.

Just last Monday night, the Generals knocked off Bridgewater to raise their record to 8-7. Since then, it has been a story of heartbreaks and heartaches.

After last Wednesday's crushing run—in with Old Dominion Athletic Conference leader Hampden-Sydney, the Generals traveled to Guilford Saturday night.

The Generals trailed early and looked as though they were folding when Guilford took a 14 point lead in the second half. But in a repeat of their effort against Bridgewater, the Generals came storming back and took a 64-63 lead with 3:44 to play, after back-to-back three-pointers from junior Derek Carter.

Carter scored again from inside to put the Generals up by three, but this time it was not to be. The Quakers came back to tie the game at 68 and sealed the 75-70 victory with 7-8 shooting from the foul line in the final minute.

Carter led the Generals with 19 points. Sophomore Chris Couzen hit for 15 points, and junior Cam Dyer added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"We outplayed them in the second half, but we're still learning what it takes to win and what not to do in the last minute," Head coach Verne Canfield commented.

Monday took W&L to Bridgewater for a rematch with the Eagles. This time the Generals couldn't repeat their late-game performance, falling 83-72.

The Generals were down 38-37 at half time and played competitively for most of the second half, taking their final lead 65-64 with 6:50 left on a shot from downtown by Couzen.

The Eagles responded behind a game-high 33 points from Dan Rush to pull away in the final five minutes for the win.

Couzen and senior captain Mark Connelly led the Generals with 17 points apiece. Dyer added 15 points, and Carter reached double figures again with 11.

The Generals looked to break the three-game hex Wednesday night as they returned to the Warner Center with a four-game home winning streak to face the Marlins of Virginia Wesleyan.

Things looked grim early as the Marlins took a 41-31 lead at the half, but the Generals executed another second half turn-around to take a 58-54 lead late in the game, only to have the Marlins manage to tie it at 58 and send the game into overtime.

Junior Jon Coffman hit a pair of free throws to give the Generals a 65-62 lead with 24 seconds left in the extra period. But the Marlins hit a three to tie the game again at 65, and when Dyer's shot at the buzzer for the Generals fell short, the game went to a second OT.

The Generals led again 72-71 in the final minute of the second overtime, but W&L couldn't hold the lead again, as the Marlins' Sean Blackwell scored with nine seconds left and then blocked Connelly's shot to end the game in a 73-72 double OT heartbreaking loss.

Connelly led the Generals with a stellar 18 point, 18 rebound effort, and Dyer contributed 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Freshman forward Jimmy Schweer also tallied 13 points for the Generals.

The streak leaves the Generals reeling at 8-11, 4-9 in the ODAC.

They face Eastern Mennonite Saturday night in the Warner Center, where they will look to break out of the slump, and then take on Randolph-Macon in their final home game of the season, and the final home game of head coach Verne Canfield's illustrious 31-year career.

Every game for the Generals takes on added importance as the ODAC tournament approaches. The Generals are looking to make their first appearance in the ODAC tournament since the 1989-1990 campaign.

"The kids are continuing to play extremely hard, sometimes not as intelligently as they should, but that's coming," Canfield forecasted.

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER  
Phi Assistant Sports Editor

It was not an ordinary week for the Washington and Lee men's swim team, but the outcome of it cannot be disputed.

After last Saturday's meet with Radford was snowed out, the Generals were faced with a midweek three and a half hour road trip up 1-81 to face Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Despite leaving several swimmers behind due to academic conflicts, W&L still managed to return to Lexington with a surprisingly easy 106-79 triumph in its pockets.

The victory raised the Generals' season mark to 5-1.

Sophomore Davis Reed led the way for the Generals with two of the team's six event victories, and assisted in a third place finish for the 400-medley relay team.

Head coach Paige Remillard expressed satisfaction with the Generals' performance 200 miles away from home.

"We're glad to swim a school such as Dickinson," Remillard

commented. "We're very fortunate that we got strong swims from everyone."

He added, however, that next year's Dickinson meet will be held on a weekend.

Washington and Lee wasted no time in the starting block, as the Generals' men put away the Dickinson men early. This was due in large part to the 400-medley relay team of junior Craig Sears, freshmen Jacob Garrett and Erik Hollbrook, and Reed, which touched the side in a time of 3:54.70.

Reed captured his first individual victory in the 1000-freestyle in 10:52.62, with freshman teammate Dan Gurnon finishing second. Sophomore Nathan Hottle got his name back in the victory column after his 1:48.23 in the 200-free, and senior John Rowe dashed off to a strong time of 4:30.69 in winning the 400-individual medley.

Only .49 seconds separated four Generals in the 100-butterfly as W&L captured the top four spots. Junior Frank Braden won in 56.35, and was trailed by Hollbrook's 56.44, freshman Robert Mayhew's 56.82, and Hottle's 56.84.

The Generals placed the top three in the 100-free, with junior David Stillman paving the way in 48.69, which gave them a commanding 93-32 lead in the meet.

Dickinson rallied late, but to no avail. Reed's second victory, in the 100-free with a log of 1:04.97, helped W&L secure the win.

Next on the agenda is another tough opponent in Mary Washington, who will pay a visit to Twombly Pool on Saturday.

Since Mary Washington and W&L are the only Division III programs in Virginia, and intense rivalry has formed between the two schools.

"It will be a very difficult meet," Remillard said. "It will come down to the team which is the most focused."

Besides being a meet the Generals desperately want to win, it will also prepare them for the Southern States Championships on February 17-19.

"We have fared well against Division I programs in the past and it will provide us with a challenge," Remillard mentioned.

"But right now our focus is on every individual getting the best time of his life."

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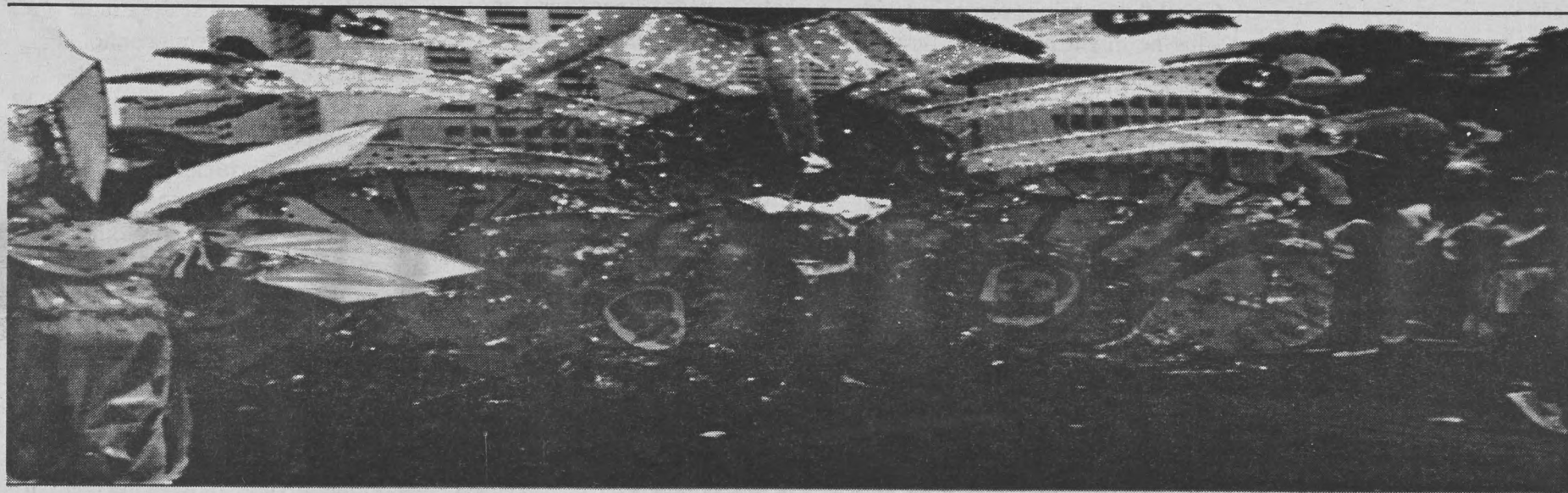
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## Mardi Gras is more than a party

BY JACK THORN  
Crossroads Staff Writer

For sixteen hours, I traveled to get there. Well, actually that's how long it takes to get to Shreveport. It took another five hours to get to the most talked about place in the country during February.

My trip was stalled forty minutes because my tire blew out forty-three miles outside of the city limits. Suddenly, a man walked up to offer his assistance. I wondered from where he came. To my right, there was a slimy ditch that led to miles of swampland. To the left, I could see nothing but my hand which was barely three feet in front of me and extended it to the kind man. Before he left, he asked me one last question. In a dialect I hadn't heard in months, he asked, "Are you going to New Orleans?" I, with a smile on my face, shook my head in affirmation.

The great spectacle I am referring to is Mardi Gras. And last year the opportunity arose to go during February break. The chance only comes around every few years, so I had to go. Mardi Gras happens to be one of the few times that Northerners and Southerners, blacks and whites, young and old party without discrimination. Everyone

is too involved in having fun to hate. However, this time for urbanization is more than an excuse to drink unlimited amounts of beer and consume as many illegal drugs as you can find. Visitors and spectators sometimes fail to remember that Mardi Gras has deep religious and seasonal significance for the people of the Gulf Coast Region.

Depending on the year, Mardi Gras is a two-week celebration period before Lent. Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday", the last day of the party season followed by Ash Wednesday, the first day of lent.

During the celebration period, the streets overflow with floats throwing beads, dublorns, cups, and the like to a crowd that reaches into the millions. You have Brouchers, Endymion, Rex, and the Zulu Krewes, to name a few, that annually masquerade themselves and open the doors to their secret societies to the patrons of New Orleans. Each of the Krewes have a ball where the elite of the city come out and display their wild sides. I couldn't begin to count how many floats I saw. People pushing and shoving, stretching their fingertips to the end to grab a plastic bead necklace.

The first alleged Mardi Gras

occurred in 1705 at Fort Loris de la Louisiana.

The soldiers and settlers at the fort celebrated by eating, drinking, dancing, and singing. Some wore masks and painted their faces red to show their festive souls. It was almost six years later that the first parade was incorporated to the carnival.

By 1718, Mardi Gras moved to the present-day market squares in New Orleans by order of Bienville. The eighteenth century wasn't complete before the population of New Orleans doubled. Remarkably, the population was made up of nearly 60% Blacks. More free blacks were migrating to the cities and towns where the social life was less restrictive and economic opportunities were greater.

Behind the mask, a person's race couldn't be distinguished. Slaves, free blacks (light-complexion and dark) and whites took the Mardi Gras season as a time to overlook social differences.

The social tension during Mardi Gras always seems to decrease. Even today, blacks and whites parade down the streets arm in arm, laughing to an old tradition.

The festive masks and party antics are the contributions of blacks from Louisiana, Cuba, Trinidad, and

other Caribbean countries. Blacks added a new flair to the parade surrounded by the Zulu Krewe. The Zulus perform first on "Fat Tuesday." They stroll down Bourbon Street black-freed and adorned in wigs, grass skirts, and umbrellas. The members of the group try to perform traditional African songs and dances. Mardi Gras day isn't the only day this Krewe comes out from hiding. They perform throughout the year to benefit blacks in the area.

So for all you party goers, take the time to go down to the richest cultural event the south has to offer.

Taste the food and listen to the music of a world few think of yearly. We Louisianians are more than welcome to invite you to our backyard and dance and party without letting the music die.

Stores, restaurants and bars open their doors without closing early for three weeks to insure that the temporary residents of New Orleans can enjoy their stay in the land of carnival.

Don't forget your cigars, balloons, and party hats and maybe I, Jack Wesley Thorn, will see you dancing the jig in the middle of Bourbon Street, letting the good times roll.

# Women's Lib is still an issue

BY PAULA EFFLE  
Crossroads Staff Writer

The following excerpt from a 1950's vintage home economics textbook was obtained off the Internet and posted on a bulletin board in the law school. According to the sender, "The page this text was lifted from features a picture of a 'June Cleaver' type-of-gal unloading a full oven of food. Of course, she is in a dress, apron, and has a huge smile."

**"Have dinner ready:** Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal—on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospects of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed.

**Prepare yourself:** Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your makeup, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.

**Clear away the clutter:** Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up school books, toys, paper, etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift, too.,

**Prepare the children:** Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.

**Minimize all noise:** At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, dryer, dishwasher or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and be glad to see him.

**Some don'ts:** Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day.

**Make him comfortable:** Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.

**Listen to him:** You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.

**Make the evening his:** Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or other places of entertainment. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to be home and relax.

**The goal:** Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit."

In the backlash against "political correctness," I have been told by a few individuals—men, women, and members of Congress (via the media)—that we need to return to the "family values" the 1950's represented. Whether you respond to the "family values" with disgust, outrage, wistful sentimentality, laughter, or the thought "scary" (as was written on the bulletin board next to the article), by now it should be clear that as a society, WE CAN NOT GO BACK!

The women's movement has been condemned by some as the

source of nearly every social ill the country currently faces. The conservative elite claim that the skyrocketing rates of illegitimacy, abortion, teenage pregnancy, and divorce directly result from the fact that more women have left the world of home and entered the world of work (and home). The radical feminist elite feel that women who choose to stay home, taking care of the house and children, are somehow contributing less than their share to society. They claim that men are still "bad"

and women are "good"; whether you sit or stand to pee determines one's value in the community. Somehow in the middle of this political rhetoric, the real value of the women's movement has been missed.

The beginning of the women's movement is commonly marked as 1963, when Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mys-*

*tique*. Although Ms. Friedan, Gloria Steinam, and others pushed the envelope on sexual and gender equality, women throughout history have made tremendous contributions in every field. A few examples: Harriet Beecher Stowe writing *Uncle Tom's Cabin* just before the Civil War; Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on the bus, sparking the Civil Rights Movement; Susan B. Anthony leading the fight for voting rights; Amelia Earhart crossing the Atlantic Ocean; Margaret Sanger heading the Planned Parenthood Foundation, after combatting the initial hostility of the medical profession (in the 1920's) to birth control; Jane Addams winning the Nobel

Prize for peace in 1931. What's important is not knowing these individuals and their accomplishments, but rather what they represent—a refusal to be pigeonholed by societal expectations and limitations. The lesson to be learned from these examples is that each of us has the capacity to drastically affect our community. As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." The *Dictionary of Cultural Literacy* defines the women's movement as one "to secure legal, economic, and social equality for women." At the beginning of 1995, most of the residue of the previous generation's thinking—that equality means being just like a man, in everything from the way we dress to our attitudes toward sex and relationships—seem to be fading. What our generation has yet to do, however, is to define equality for ourselves.

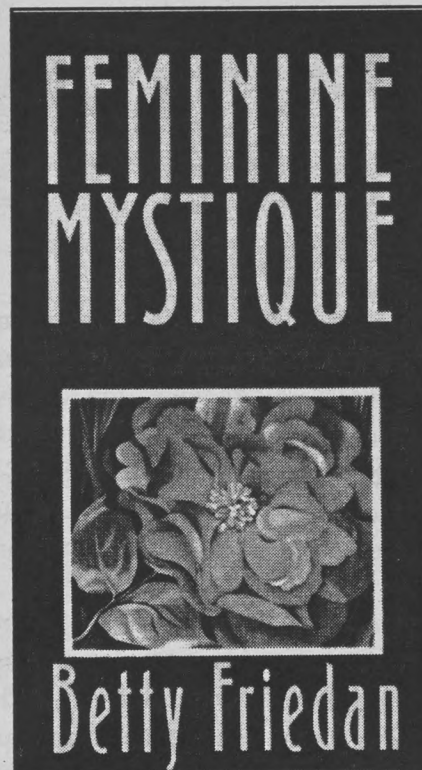
I must admit that when doing this article was suggested to me, I hesitated because I'm not sure where I fit on the spectrum of possible labels. At the same time, however, I think I am representative in some ways of most women.

I believe that the true of the women's movement comes from increasing the choices available to both men and women, without judging those choices.

Whatever combination of career, marriage and/or family an individual chooses, it is the "right" choice, so long as the decision is made by the individual, in his or her own best interest, without any outside societal pressure determining the path to be taken.

Artificial barriers, regardless of what stereotypes and prejudices create them, disadvantages us all in the long run.

We must become educated, and offer our knowledge to others; our genius for sitting idly, watching injustice and prejudice fester because "it's not my problem" could also be our great destruction.



# Guinier on the majority

By NOVA CLARKE  
Crossroads Staff Writer

In 1993, president Clinton nominated Lani Guinier to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Justice Department. She appeared to be the perfect candidate. Guinier was an African-American woman, a former Justice Department official with an excellent record and she had been a litigant with the NAACP Legal Defense Education Fund. Everything seemed to be on track for her nomination. She was a respected scholar, had a lot of experience, and no skeletons in her closet.



Unfortunately a campaign begun by right-wingers and carried through by moderates in Congress. Ended Guinier's chances for confirmation and eventually led to the withdrawal of the nomination. This campaign was based on a misunderstanding of Guinier's position on the rule of the majority. As the right-wingers explained it, Guinier writes in the tradition of the anti federalists. Her goal not to undermine democracy but to protect people from the 'tyranny of the majority'.

In an article in the *National Civic Review* (Spring 1993), titled, "Second Proms and Second Prima-

ries: The Limits of Majority Rule," Guinier outlines her arguments for proportional rather than majority based voting. She cites the case of *Whitfield, et al. v. State Democratic Party*. This case from Arkansas illustrates the problems of majority rule. Phillips County is a rural area, and the majority of its residents are black; however, the majority of voters are white. In primaries, a candidate is required to get a majority to win. If there are two white candidates and one black candidate. Even if the black candidate receives a plurality of the vote, he is required to participate in a run-off with the person with the second highest number of votes. Whoever gets the majority in this case is the winner

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## Tea with Helen Thomas



By LAKEISHA TOWNES  
Crossroads Staff Writer

A mixture of charm, grace, and intellect sprinkled with a whole lot of wit and topped with unforgettable experiences - that's what Helen Thomas presented at the tea and discussion held in her honor last Tuesday.

The tea, sponsored by Women & Leadership, was an informal question and answer period with the White House Correspondent.

Giving insights on everything from former presidents and their times in office to the plight of women today and discrimination, Helen Thomas provided only a look at what was in store for her evening lecture in Lee Chapel.

She highlighted several presidencies she once covered as a part of the Washington Press Corps and entertained with her own editorialized additions.

All in all, the day with Helen Thomas was a valuable learning experience.

# Women leaders take charge

By CATHERINE LAWRENCE  
Crossroads Staff Writer

Already hard at work with different events, Washington & Lee's newest female organization, Women & Leadership, co-sponsored Helen Thomas' speaking in Lee Chapel last Tuesday night and held a yogurt and coffee social last month. And this is only the beginning.

The organization wanted to bring the freshmen back together after women's rush. The reception for the social included a performance by the Jubilee singing group.

Women & Leadership came together last year when several underclass women were invited to a dinner for law school women students and faculty. The underclass women thought the dinner was so rewarding that they hosted their own.

"We wanted to bring women who are interested in improving their leadership skills together to share ideas," said junior Karly Jennings,

one of the group's members.

Just before Spring Term last year 120 underclass women and several female faculty members met for dinner. The dinner was sponsored by the deans' offices and organized by Jennings and several Women's Forum members.

The role of women at W&L and their place as leaders on campus was the main topic.

The group has grown to about 60 members in the past year, a minority of which are campus leaders.

"It is a great way for W&L women to get to know each other," senior Carol Pierce, a group organizer, said.

Pierce said she sees Women & Leadership as a special events group that brings all campus women's groups like Panhellenic and Women's Forum together.

Women & Leadership was

given \$1400 by the Executive Committee just before Christmas break.

Associate Dean of Students Anne Schroer-Lamont and Michelle Richardson, Student Activities Coordinator, are helping the group get a strong start on campus.

Jennings said group members

Missy Curtis and Christina Petrides

are publishing a newsletter for campus women. Women & Leadership is also plan-

ning a Women's Alumni Directory, which will make it easier for seniors to talk to women alumni.

In the next couple of months, the group has several activities planned.

On February 28, Women & Leadership will host a dinner in the D-hall with faculty and students, and a Skylark Retreat is planned in March.

*"It is a great way for W&L women to get to know each other."*

*Carol Pierce*

**Lani Guinier  
"Don't Ask, Don't Tell":  
Civil Rights  
Thursday, Feb. 24  
7pm  
Lee Chapel**

# Learn from a Butterfly

BY KANDICE DURDEN  
Crossroads Staff Writer

*butterfly  
in cocoon  
sunshine beaming  
heat thrusting, pulsating  
sensation  
butterfly awakens  
shifts in his cradle  
yearning for the light  
beckoning and calling  
imminent light  
butterfly free,  
emerge in the light.*

I wrote this poem to symbolize yearning for a passion. Any passion that drives you through physical and mental struggle. A passion's empowerment so strong that you take up the struggle for it made you what you are—Black butterfly. It is the struggle that made you stronger and gave you the inspiration to persevere. Black butterfly free. And freedom prevails at what cost? You lose your old self, the inching caterpillar and become a butterfly whose boundaries are unlimited.

Through the struggle limi-

tations are to be broken. You are a beacon of determination. You, like the caterpillar, are transformed into something more wonderful. It was Frederick Douglass who said it best, "Without struggle there is no progress."

This progress is exemplified by African American artists. Edward Mitchell Bannister struggled to overcome the claim that "while the Negro may harbor an appreciation of art, he is unable to produce it." This statement empowered him and the struggle pursued. It was this inspiration that gave him determination and made him the great artist he became. Like the figure in *Approaching Storm*, he is not "overwhelmed by the forces of nature."

I agree with Henry Tanner that race can be "a ghetto of isolation and neglect," but only if you let it. Like the butterfly who forces the walls of the cocoon to break away so that he may become his true self, African-Americans must exude determination and break the boundaries set by racism and prejudice. You must follow with the same at-

titude and perseverance of these Af-

frican-American artists. You must not be *overwhelmed*. In keeping with Tanner's motto, you must "get it, get it better or get it worse."

What you become and your greatness do not rely upon where you are from or where you go. It is not Africa, America or Europe. It is what you choose to make of yourself, how you choose to excel and

achieve. And it is what you do for yourself that speaks for others. The artists we studied were fulfilling personal goals. It is their personal achievements that we celebrate, not what they did for someone else, but themselves. It is their accomplishments despite obstacles that make

them great.

Yes, there are obstacles, but it is up to you to decide not to be overcome. You must become a beacon of faith, faith in yourself and your abilities. You cannot become impeded by the opinions of the next man. What counts is what you think of yourself and what you do to make yourself worthy of respect. Life is not fair but there is no excuse to giving in to it. Your will must supersede that which strives to oppress you.

You must not lose the struggle and wastefully live the life God gave you. It is not a matter of choice. It is your destiny to succeed.

The walls of the cocoon were made to be broken. Black butterfly, spread your wings—emerge into the light.



"Banjo Lesson" by Henry Owassa Tanner

If you haven't seen it, Go see it

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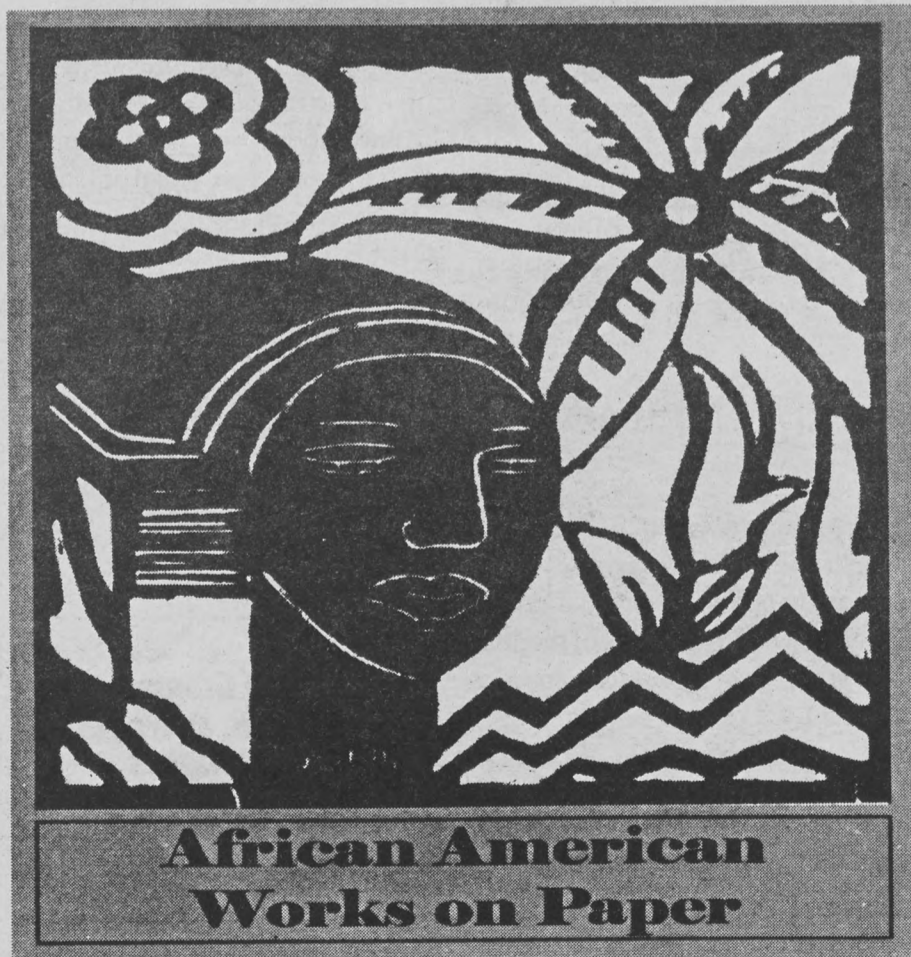
"THE LIFE OF AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTIST"

By Mildred Thompson

Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.

Reception Following

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**African American  
Works on Paper**

# I too sing America

By ROBERT TAYLOR  
Crossroads Staff Writer

Why should there be a black history month? All that stuff's in the past and has no real place in modern society. And if blacks are a minority in American society, why should there be a whole month dedicated to that race? And finally, why be so open about black history month? It's fine if blacks celebrate within their race, but why involve the whole world or even the whole nation for that matter when not every one is black and not every one cares about black history?

Well, the answers to

those questions can be summed up in one very simple word that every one knows but few wish to admit they possess: ignorance. Ignorance continues to disrupt harmony both within the race and between the races. It causes one to accept, without questioning, what is told to them, by rumor or otherwise. Ignorance makes us fail miserably where we might otherwise succeed. It can darken an otherwise bright future. So let's not be ignorant; let's learn. This February, let us learn about that which we know so little. We can no longer afford to let ignorance guide our decisions

about something so important and so crucial as how we feel about another person or a whole race of people. We can no longer rely on the news and other sources of biased media to paint us a picture of an evil and greedy black America, just because we lack the initiative to find out the real story and to get a glimpse of what the real black person has been doing, is doing, and will do. We can no longer rely on the bigoted propaganda of riotous, divisive hate groups who incite. What's more, we can't allow the visionary dream of a black man to go fruitlessly down the drain.

So to answer why there should be black history month, it's resoundingly obvious that it is now more than ever that the ignorance of black history must be challenged. And it's now more than ever that every one, of all races, must participate in black history month; ignorance, like death itself, is never selective. But if we engage in the struggle together, we'll see that the success we achieve against it is not selective either.

Then maybe we'll see all races as equal, Americans with hopes and ambitions as real as the American dream itself.

## Reflections on Black History Month

By MICHAEL HEWLETT  
Crossroads Staff Writer

I look back and wonder how we got over. Images of Africans chained together in slave ships as the stink of death floats in the air.

The Middle Passage. Sixty million and more, said Toni Morrison in her novel, *Beloved*. Those who made it landed in a land unfamiliar to them. Questions rambled through their brains.

"Why are we here and why did they bring us here? Who are these strange pale people?"

I'm reminded of Kunte Kinte when he arrived in America, looking at these tuobab, or white people. In *Roots*, Alex Haley took Kinte's experiences to represent the struggles and the pain of the black experience in America, from past to present time.

Four hundred years of struggling to become educated, to succeed, to progress. This is why we celebrate Black History. This is why we remember.

We remember the slaves who picked cotton and sweated in a strange land, trying to figure out their place in a culture alien to theirs.

Remembering Frederick Douglas who learned to read at a time when an educated black man was a threat, a time when a black would be punished if he dared to free his mind.

Slaveowners knew once a slave learned to read, he learned the broader possibilities of his life.

We remember all of them, from Fannie Lou Hamer to Mary McLeod Bethune to George Washington Carver to Marcus Garvey to Malcolm X to Martin Luther King, Jr.. Yet, listing names isn't what black history is about. Black history encompasses more than that. Black history is my grandmother who worked wherever and whenever to give my mother and my aunt a better life than she

had. Black history is all the black women who graduated from historically black colleges such as Fisk but were forced to mop floors and clean kitchens to put their children through school. Black history is black men lynched but like Claude McKay "pressed to the wall yet fighting back."

That's what black history is about. Despite slavery, Jim Crow, lynching, or whatever obstacle, black people have surpassed, overcome and succeeded.

The accomplishments of Daniel Hale Williams and M. J. Walker and my hometown heroine, Maggie L. Walker speak of the strength and the endurance of black Americans.

The soulful stirrings of jazz, blues and rap have enriched American culture. The names of James Baldwin, Zora Neale Hurston, Phillis Wheatley, and Ralph Ellison have taught us about the complexities of black culture.

But more importantly, black history teaches us that these things are possible. When I think back on my history and the struggles I must go through as a black student on a predominantly white college, I realize that my sojourn is a joke compared to what my ancestors experienced.

I begin to appreciate the sacrifices they made so that I could partake of this opportunity to expand my mind and to better myself. It strengthens us and sustains us in the face of what seems to be overwhelming odds.

It tells us that despite everything, we can achieve anything through faith and determination. It gives us reason to achieve and contribute to society.

So this month and every month afterward celebrate black history. Not to memorize a bunch of meaningless names, but to think about their contributions and their struggles. And how these things relate to our life and our struggles.

Did you  
know  
that ...



**Brazil is not the only place  
Carnival is celebrated.**

"Carnival is celebrated throughout the Islands. It's a two week long party."

-- Nejma Petit '98, Palm Harbor, FL (Trinidad, West India)

**Children get money for New Year's.**

"Parent's give their children red packets filled with money [to symbolize wealth] because they want them to have money throughout the year."

--Rita Yeung, Lam Tin, Hong Kong



## International overview

By MELBA MERRITT  
Crossroads Staff Writer

Aside from attracting top students from all across America due impart to its prestige of being ranked one of the best liberal arts schools in the country, Washington & Lee has also attracted a number of students from foreign countries. As a matter of fact there are approximately 60 students on this campus who have some sort of international background. This group includes exchange students, here for one year and no more than two years and students here for four years. Such a vast array of cultural backgrounds

should be an invitation to learn more live in America and who does not



about a different culture that could be vital to your line of work simply by taking the time to get to know them.

In fact odds are that you will encounter someone who does not

live as Americans do in the workplace.

Exchange students come every year from Rikkyo University and Kan Sai Gai Dai University in Japan, which are two universities

that Washington and Lee has an exchange program with.

Some are majoring in studies that deal with America such as American literature and others come here to have a different experience and learn about American culture first hand. This year there are exchange students from China and Moscow and a German student at the law school. International Teaching Assistants also attend W&L for a year. They are short term employees who assist in teaching various classes and also have the option to take classes.

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## Divergent paths in our future

By TIM SCOTT  
Crossroads Staff Writer

The National Black Leadership Conference has become as much a hallmark of the New Year as fireworks and confetti. This past January 8th members of W&L's Minority Student Association, along with three administrators, joined over one thousand participants from a myriad of higher education institutions across the nation in the Ninth Annual NBSLD Conference at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The three day conference, entitled "Divergent Paths: Who shall Determine our Lead-

ers and Who Shall Chart our Course? A Wake-Up Call", consisted of speeches and workshops on various topics ranging from networking, graduate school, and self-esteem to challenging racism, mentoring programs, and multiculturalism. Freshman Nejma Petit attended a workshop entitled "The Role of Black Women in Society."

"I left [the workshop] feeling very inspired," said Petit, "I now have a greater sense of what my purpose is on this campus."

The conference was kicked off by motivational speaker and talk show host Les Brown, whose dynamic mes-

sage was to set your goals high and perservere in pursuit of them.

Student Activities Coordinator Michelle Richardson was particularly motivated by Brown's statement, "someone else's opinion of you does not have to become your reality."

"The universal appeal of the message was particularly memorable for me," said Richardson.

Dr. Dennis Kimbro, author and educator, rivaled Mr. Brown for the honor of most captivating speaker with his speech, "Blueprints for Success."

Kimbro urged the students to ignore the distance

between where one is and where one wants to be.

The conference also featured speeches by talk show host Bertice Berry, Newsweek contributing editor Ellis Cose, and USA Today columnist Dr. Barbara Reynolds.

In addition to the winter conference, the College of William & Mary sponsors a more intense program during the summer which resembles the three-day weekend. Each year schools are invited to nominate one student leader to attend the Black Student Leadership Institute. The university sponsors the student if the Institute accepts that nominee.



# My Visit to the King Center

By LAKEISHA TOWNES  
Crossroads Staff Writer

Interviewing for a job was the only thing on my mind when I went to Atlanta in early January. Sure, I'd take in a few sights, find out what the city was like, and concentrate on that one thing alone. But then I did something I hadn't planned to do - I visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in downtown Atlanta. I got more than I expected.

Yes, I'd heard about the Center and yes, I thought it would be nice to visit. And I was prepared to be historically enlightened. That I expected. What I did not expect was the emotional reaction I later fought hard to contain.

Walking outdoors at the Center filled me with a sense of awe - seeing the

eternal flame that burned in Dr. King's memory, as well as his tomb and the reflecting pool that surrounded it.

Center and saw his legacy. Pictures of Dr. King speaking with dignitaries and presidents, of him giving

Coretta Scott King clinging to both her children's and Ralph Abernathy's hands after her husband's death. I saw the pain on her face; the agonizing look of a struggle she'd only begun to fight. Behind the sadness and pain lurked an inner strength. I felt tears come to my eyes.

Moving on further to a wall where King's life is outlined in detail, including childhood and family photographs. Opposite this wall were relics from his life - his clerical robe from his co-pastorship at Ebenezer Baptist Church (which still stands next to the Center), several ties and shoes he wore along with a business suit, a suitcase containing personal belongings, a sermon he wrote, and his Bible. All of these things were awesome from



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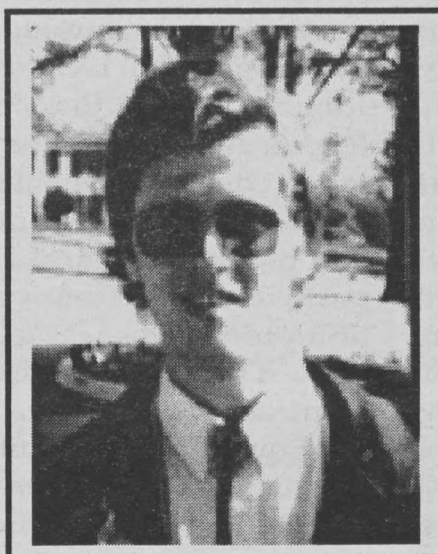
Then I walked indoors.

"A Letter for Birmingham Jail" was playing from a screen. I was moved listening to the words. I then walked further into the

speeches and sermons, and of him standing with such key civil rights' figures as Ralph Abernathy and Jesse Jackson. I turned the corner to see a picture of

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Russian Army Day is February 23.



"It celebrates the day in 1918 when the newly formed Red Army stopped German troops from entering Petrograd (now St. Petersburg)."  
-- Sergei Karamaev, Moscow, Russia

Women don't get gifts on Valentine's Day.



"Women don't get anything in return until March 14."  
-- Akiko Yabe, Shizuoka, Japan

"Women buy chocolates for the men."  
- Akiko Tada, Yokohama, Japan

In Guyana there is a special parade.



"Valentine's Day is celebrated by having a festival called Mashimony, people dress in costume and parade in the streets all night long."  
-- Colleen Thompson '96  
Riverdale, Maryland (Georgetown, Guyana)

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a historical perspective, but for me at this point it had become more than that. I realized these things were part of a great man - a man who fought for my right to sit at the front of a bus, for my right to shop in any store I choose, to eat in any restaurant I choose, to work to become anything I choose to become, to study at a school like Washington and Lee.

Dr. King fought for equality - my equality. He fought a struggle so I wouldn't have to fight that same segregation today.

I also realized he fought for love and unity not just among African-Americans, but among all

people, no matter their nationality or the color of their skin.

We should all be proud to finally have the opportunity to set a day aside in honor of this man.

He is not merely someone African-Americans should admire and respect, but all people should at least honor, respect, and admire what he stood for.

Sadly, this is a key point that many people today seem to have forgotten.

I cannot describe to you how culturally, socially, and historically enriched I feel from one short visit to this Center.

It was not only a look into his and my past, but an inspiration and hope for the future.

## Facts on Affirmative Action

By ANDREW HERON  
Crossroads Staff Writer

Few issues in the annals of American politics have provoked as sharp and diverse points of views as affirmative action. In the United States, affirmative action is a series of steps, procedures, policies, and programs designed to prevent effects of past discrimination on members of minority groups due to their age, race, religion, national origin, or sex. It also seeks to remedy practices that do not intentionally discriminate but have an adverse impact which results in minorities and women being underrepresented.

"Freedom is not enough. You do not take a person who, for years has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him to the starting line of a race and then say 'You are free to compete with all others' and still justly believe that you have been completely fair," said President Lyndon B. Johnson as he celebrated the degree to which racial barriers were knocked down after the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Beginning with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, the thirteenth and fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery and granted blacks citizenship, and the fifteenth amendment in 1870, which allowed all citizens to vote regardless of "race, color, or previous servitude."

Nevertheless, racial discrimination still prevailed as these new rights were often viciously withheld from blacks by local governments, industries,

and organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan. All of this resulted in the formation of our nation's ghettos as blacks converged in low income areas of major cities in search of any job they could get.

In 1920, seventy-two years after the birth of the women's suffrage movement at Seneca Falls, New York, Congress passed the nineteenth amendment, which allowed women to vote. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 required equal pay rates for both sexes but did not legislate against discrimination that prevented women from acquiring the same jobs in the first place.

The 1950's and the 1960's brought about remarkable progress for the Civil Rights Movement. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruling of *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education* overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which made segregation on the basis of race legal in 1896.

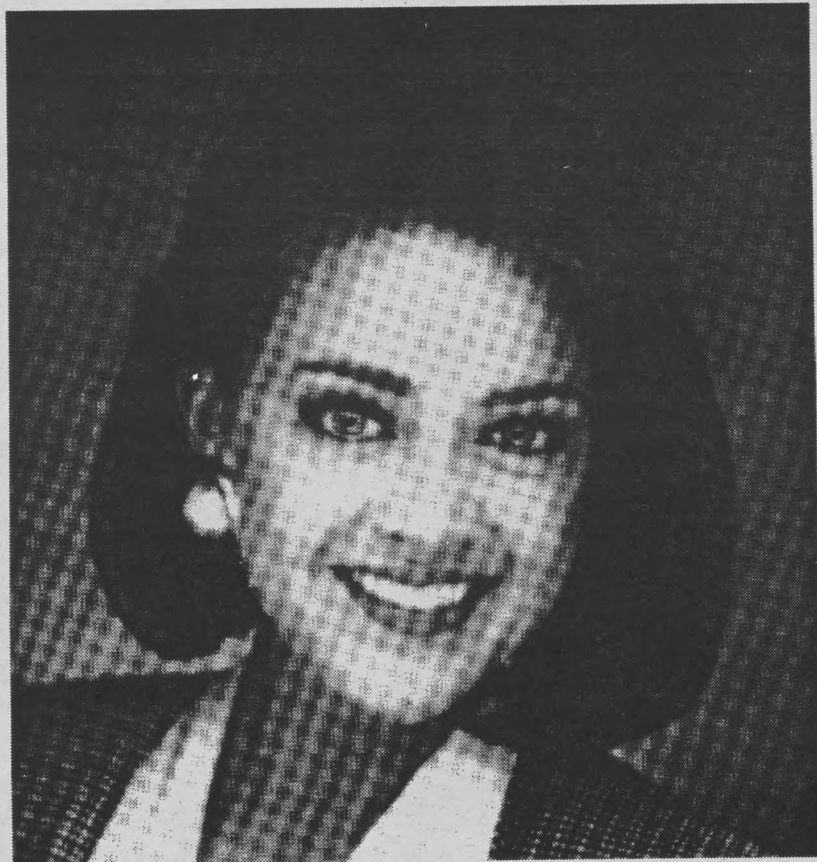
The Civil Rights Movement became affirmative action, however, when John F. Kennedy initiated the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, subsequent executive orders and judicial decisions, and Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which required certain businesses and educational institutions that received federal funds to develop affirmative action programs.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was established to monitor them.

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## Gay Rights

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Crossroads Staff Writer

As we celebrate Black History Month this February we reflect on the courage of the African American civil rights advocates of the 1960's. While those civil rights leaders' immediate goal was to achieve equal rights for racial minorities, the principle they advanced was one of freedom and equality for all Americans. In doing so they played a major part in setting the stage for the lesbian and gay civil rights movement. The modern lesbian and gay rights movement began in 1969, when patrons of a New York City gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, rioted against police who had routinely harassed them. By doing so, they brought national attention to the idea that America's lesbian and gay citizens deserve equal protection under the law. Since the Stonewall riots, lesbians and gay men have made a great deal of progress in the area of civil rights. Twenty-eight states have abolished their sodomy laws, another seven states have adopted legislation barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, and voters in the states of Idaho and Oregon in November rejected proposed state constitutional amendments that would have legalized discrimination against lesbians and gay men. Legislation to legalize same-sex marriages is currently pending before the Hawaii state legislature, and there are currently three openly gay members

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even if the number of votes garnered by the winner to get to the majority is less than the number of votes that the plurality winner of the original election received. This happens every time since the third place finisher switches his backing to the other white candidate. Due to the poverty and lack of public transportation, it is extremely difficult to get the black members of the county to participate in the runoff. In Phillips county the person who gets the most votes is not necessarily the winner.

The District Court that heard the case rejected the arguments of the plaintiff. In their opinion they stated, "[A] majority vote gives validation and credibility and invites acceptance; a plurality vote tends to lead to a lack of acceptance and instability." This is patently untrue. Our presidential election system is based on plurality victory and not absolute majority.

Guinier's support for plurality rule is what ended her chance for confirmation. Her arguments for proportional elections raise some of the issues that the American public is concerned about. In the cases of proportional representation, voters are forced to get involved. In recent years, we have heard much about the apathy of the voters. In the case of proportional representation, interest groups have an opportunity to be heard because

they can group behind a candidate that represents their views and not depend on a candidate that represents their views and not depend on the two official parties.

There is more room for debate since there are more candidates. Witness what happened in the 1992 election with the entrance of Ross Perot. He mobilized a group that obviously wanted alternatives and debate.

Another benefit of proportional voting described by Guinier is the requirement that groups cooperate. Currently in a Republican District, a politician does not have to listen to the arguments of the other side because he is secure in his knowledge that he will get a majority. If there are multiple candidates that represent diverse interests, he will need to work to build consensus in order to win. Proportional representation would end much of the complaints about partisanship and gridlock in Congress.

Her opponents distorted these ideas about proportional representation to make her appear a "quota queen", wanting more votes for blacks at the expense of fairness. At the end of her article she states, "Ultimately, however, representation and participation based on principles of proportionality are political equality, and so the ideal of democracy itself." She is not an advocate of quotas, rather she advocates a voice for all that takes into consideration all people whether they be or majority or minority groups.

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Washington and Lee students, faculty, and administrators are usually the first Americans that some exchange students and teaching assistants are exposed to. Lexington while not a booming metropolis, is enriched with a lot of southern history as is the surrounding area. Furthermore, Washington D.C., being only three hours, is a place that can give a good introspective on American History.

In addition to taking regular classes international students are also involved in extracurricular organizations such as the International Club, a social organization that is here to introduce for both International students and American students to one another. During meetings and events, the students learn about each others culture and society. Some events planned for the rest of the year include flyers being posted to recognize different country's holidays, shopping trips, hikes and in the spring picnics at Goshen and trips to Natural Bridge.



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As a result of this action to provide minorities and women with such safe guards in employment and education, affirmative action has readily been criticized as "reverse discrimination" (usually against white males). Yet, in a society where there is preference in government jobs for veterans, or in colleges for the children of alumni, why is the use of affirmative action for minorities and women so resented? After all, it is naive to think that after centuries of racism, America can just adopt color-blind standards and expect the vestiges of racism to disappear. As a former U.S. Supreme Court justice stated in a case disputing affirmative action, "In order to get beyond racism, we must first take account of race. There is no other way." Affirmative action appears to be our only significant counterweight to the institution of racism. Without it, women and minorities, especially minorities in the inner city, worry that their chances for improving their situation will be lost. In addition, the "victims of reverse discrimination" can hardly argue that they do not in any way benefit from pass discrimination against other races and should, therefore, reap the ill consequences of these same benefits. Furthermore, for every opportunity that they may have been denied because of affirmative action, minorities and women were denied more because of their ethnic and/or sexual orientation.

Regardless of the

battles for equality that were fought and won, racism and sexism still exist. Until another applicable safe guard is created, affirmative action should remain, but without the use of quotas. Even if the benefactors have not been suppressed by this government in the pass, diversity should still be encouraged in all institutions. Supreme Court Justice, Lewis Powell confirmed this when he stated "A farm boy can bring something to Harvard College that a Bostonian cannot offer. Similarly, a black student can usually bring something that a white person cannot. The quality of the experience of all the students in Harvard College depends on these differences in the background and the outlook the students bring with them." However, this goal for diversity should focus more on the economically disadvantaged than it does now on those of the middle class.

Most important, we need social policies that are committed to two goals: the education and economical development of disadvantaged people regardless of race, and the eradication from our society—through close monitoring and severe sanctions—of racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination. The disadvantaged then will have to know and seize their own opportunity to better themselves, and the need for affirmative action will be no more. Then one day, the dream Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. revealed in his uplifting "I have a Dream" speech, of an America where his children will be judged solely by "the content of their character," will become a reality.

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of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In spite of these achievements, most lesbian and gay Americans do not enjoy the same freedoms as other citizens. In many states, including Virginia, gay men and lesbians may legally be denied housing and employment based solely on their sexual orientation. Lesbian and gay teenagers are still three times as likely to commit suicide as their heterosexual counterparts, and verbal and physical abuse of gay men and lesbians remains common-place in our society.

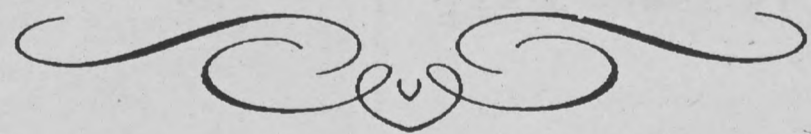
Additionally, our own state legislature and courts have too often served to promote bigotry, rather than to discourage it. When the 1994 Virginia General Assembly enacted hate crimes legislation it deleted language that would have protected

gay men and lesbians, despite the fact that many hate crimes against gay men and lesbians are reported in Virginia each year. A Virginia judge in 1993 denied a Henrico County woman custody of her son because she is a lesbian. She was later awarded custody by the Virginia of Appeals, but the case has been appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court. Only the municipalities of Arlington and Alexandria have enacted laws to protect lesbians and gay men from housing and employment discrimination.

As with the African American civil rights movement, the struggle for equal rights for gay men and lesbians is ongoing. It is our duty to use our courts and our votes to promote equal rights for all Americans.

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# Letter on Tolerance

The typical W&L student would be more inclined to condemn a new idea than to seek its merits. Why? Because it is easy. This is an immature attitude, and it's tragic to see such laziness on a campus which supposedly contains many of tomorrow's leaders.

Almost everyday I hear someone slight another because of what fraternity he belongs to. How can a person be judged solely on a decision he made hurriedly his freshman year? The fact is that the decision was probably made by an uninformed kid who was away from home for the first time and was looking to pledge with whomever would be nice to him. Then again maybe it was made by some calculating, power hungry, freshman who wanted status and signed with the "coolest" fraternity, putting him above the rest of his classmates. Neither situation seems to be an ideal one by which to judge a man.

Next I come to the issue of race. W&L students, like many college students across the United States, are not tolerant of those persons of another race or culture. I do not blame the students themselves for their blindness, but instead I blame the framers of our Constitution. When TJ and company failed to deal with slavery, they condemned posterity to a hideous fate—the Civil War. Out of our Civil War grew more hatred and intolerance and generally led to the proliferation of racial inequality. Racial inequality abounds in our society and is a problem of Herculean proportions. With all the ignorance in our country, racial equality seems like a little more than a dream which some great man (whose birthday, embarrassingly enough, we did not celebrate) dreamed. However, while at W&L we are part of a unique society, composed of people who are intelligent and educated. Here racial equality should be easy to attain. After all, as

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Americans, surely, we believe that all men are created equal. We form a more tightly knit community; we all share a common pursuit—education; and we are free from many of the stresses that irk people in the real world. What stands in our way? Intolerance. There are those among us who insist on judging others by their color of their skin. To me, this is the mark of immaturity.

The most puzzling thing about the lack of intolerance on this campus is that it practically vanishes in the classroom. In an academic setting students question their beliefs and challenge age-old hypotheses. They tolerate their classmates' viewpoint in class, but their open-mindedness vanishes once off "the Hill". Has no one here studied the Enlightenment? It is considered "good" to question tradition. You do not have to automatically accept what your father and grandfather believed. You can argue with your professors and dispute their teachings. Hell, someone might even reward you for coming up with something original. But if you denounce an idea, do it only after careful contemplation—not out of ignorance.

I suggest that W&L students translate some of their intellectual maturity into social maturity. Use the cognitive skills you learn in class in your life. Secondly, I ask that some students think before they speak. This alone may avoid much of the conflict caused by intolerance. Finally, realize your self worth; you do not need to criticize someone else to make yourself look good.

This letter is not intended to offend. It's purpose is to encourage thought. If you are offended by its contents, look within yourself to ask why. If you do not know why and wish to debate with me, I welcome it.  
-Jesse A. Taylor, '96.

## Letter from the editor

When I first thought of the idea of a Black History Month newspaper, my main concern was producing a publication that would attract the attention of the entire campus. People tend to reject holidays such as Black History Month because they feel they are being forced to participate in ideologies that they might not understand. Many times too much of one thing turns people off. That is why I wanted to incorporate more than just black issues in the supplement.

There has been much controversy between black and white students on this campus regarding the icons from our history. The argument

relies on the meaning of an "X." For most blacks the confederate flag symbolizes hatred of our people, while for most whites it symbolizes "southern pride." The two issues are in constant debate, not only on our campus but across the country. Many people don't see the confederate flags as being any different from Malcolm X paraphernalia. According to some whites, Malcolm X represents a hatred of the white race, even after his trip to Mecca. There is a popular T-shirt that has raised debate. It pictures a confederate flag with the caption "You wear your X, I'll wear mine." The debate is

endless and perhaps pointless.

These racial debates among our students is why I named the supplement "Crossroads." Each Washington and Lee's student body is more culturally diverse. It is time we stop fighting and strive to meet each other at the "Crossroads." "You call it an X, I call it a Crossroads" - Patricia Russell-McCloud, J.D.

I would like to thank the entire "Crossroads" staff for their time and effort spent on the supplement. I'd also like to thank the *Ring-Tum Phi* for opening their publication to new ideas from the student body.

-Ayanna Brady

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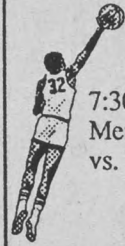




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