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The Candidates

President:

- ✓ Patrick Hayden
- ✓ Lee Hollis
- ✓ James White
- ✓ John Lewis

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Vice President:

- ✓ Michael Black
- ✓ Andrew Caruthers

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Secretary:

- ✓ Steve Best
- ✓ Bill Cooper
- ✓ Ted LeClerc
- ✓ Sam Svalina
- ✓ Michael Webb

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By CottonPuryear/The Ring-tum Phi

Executive Committee presidential candidate John Lewis, a junior, makes a point during a forum Tuesday as his opponents, (l-r) Patrick Hayden, Lee Hollis and James White, listen. Most of the discussion at Tuesday's forum, which attracted about 20

people to a Commerce School classroom, centered around the Honor System and any problems it may be having (See story, Page 2). Voting for the Big Three elections will be Monday, with runoffs Thursday.

Dawson: Vote 'Yes'

MY VIEW

By Cole Dawson



ters and another possible advocate for open hearings. This will facilitate the operation of the Honor System University-wide. Secondly, it will give needed representation to the second-year law class — a class that has had no representation in the past.

As other honor systems crumble under legalistic pressure or simply fade away due to a lack of interest, we have the unique opportunity to strengthen our 120-year-old tradition.

Monday through Wednesday, we will be able to vote on a constitutional amendment that will add an additional law representative to the Executive Committee. This position is long overdue and will serve the entire undergraduate and law campus in two very important ways.

First and most importantly, it will give the EC added experience in honor-related mat-

To pass, however, two-thirds of one-half of the student body must favor such a change. Last year, this same motion failed because one-half of the student body did not vote. It was, however, heavily supported on the undergraduate campus, as I hope it will be again this year.

I urge everyone to exercise their right to vote in both the Big Three elections and on this amendment. It will add strength to our very traditional University.

Cole Dawson is president of the student body.

Brower: Pick Big 3 wisely

MY VIEW

By Darby Brower



The election next week for the Big Three offices of the Executive Committee may be at the back recesses of most students' minds. The obvious reason is its proximity to Fancy Dress — a mind-blinding occasion which takes place over the next three days and tends to linger on into next week. The main reason for the lack of interest, however, originates from last week's Phi editorial "E.C.: No Comment" on page two. Many people either choose to be or simply are more distant from the business of the Executive Committee. There is nothing wrong with this, until it begins to greatly affect the outcome of the elections, just because students with a valid opinion don't bother to vote.

In my opinion, the purpose of the editorial was not to totally abuse the present Executive Committee or to discourage students from caring or believing in the future role of the Executive Committee. I think the stern overview of this year's committee was meant to startle students who are not as well informed about our student government's affairs. (The author also wished to motivate a committee which he felt has been somewhat dormant, but the explanation of this is not my purpose.) It is no secret that with the first year of coeducation, there will be added controversy and a more diversified community over which the executive committee must govern. Thus it is more important in this election than any other in our recent past, that we consider the candidates not just for their popular names and characters, but also for their realistic leadership abilities. Ask yourself if these potential leaders have the motivation to tackle successfully those problems which our com-

munity will face. If you don't know the candidate, inquire about him. I do not question the integrity of any student when it comes to this decision-making process, but it is too easy for a student to vote for the name he recognizes on the ballot.

The members of the Executive Committee sacrifice a great deal of time during the year, attempting as best as they can to uphold the Honor Code and govern effectively for the student body. It takes very little sacrifice on our part to make a knowledgeable choice in these elections. Don't allow students who cannot fully handle the responsibility of these offices to be elected. It can be a waste of the Executive Committee's time, as well as your own since your legitimate expectations may not be reached.

Please note: Seniors and third-year law students also vote on Monday.

B. Darby Brower is the senior class president and served on the Executive Committee his sophomore and junior years.

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EC balloting to begin Monday

Honor stressed at Big Three forum

By BRUCE POTTER
Chief Editor

The Honor System and its ramifications were discussed by candidates for Monday's Big Three elections at a forum Tuesday.

The forum drew about 20 students to a Commerce School lecture room as this year's Executive Committee campaigns officially began. Candidates had turned in their petitions Monday night to the Voting Regulations Board.

The first round of voting for EC president, vice president and secretary will be Monday, with runoff elections scheduled for next Thursday.

Three of the five questions asked the four presidential candidates by the audience dealt specifically with the Honor System. The candidates, Patrick Hayden, Lee Hollis, John Lewis and James White, expressed the following opinions on the Honor System:

•Hayden: "The Honor System works well only out of the willingness of the students to make it work... The faith that the students have in the EC makes the Honor System work well."

"Of course, confidentiality is the basis for the Honor System. The only way to strengthen it is to have the EC enforce it."

"The Fancy Dress theme is usually a better-kept secret than most honor violations."

•Hollis: He said he would like to see "intensive orientation to the Honor System when they first get here. Unless it's embedded into their head like a rock, there's no way the system can survive."

Hollis recommended that, if possible, orientation at Natural Bridge be reinstated to give the freshmen "one-on-one contact rather than a lecture."

"The confidentiality of the Honor System is the key to it," he said. "It should never be leaked out that someone was brought up for an investigation and it was dropped."

•Lewis: A student accused of an honor violation should be given 48 hours, not 24, to prepare his case before the EC hearing, and there should be a much greater degree of confidentiality, Lewis argued.

"I, John Lewis, member of the student body, can find out about too many cases," he added. "I think it's vitally important that the air of confidentiality remain that way. If you have people talking about it, you are not going to get a fair trial."

On the topic of orientation, Lewis suggested a less formal approach to encourage respect for, instead of fear of, the system and "a more folksy approach...rather than a reign of terror approach."

•White: "There's no real gauge to measure the Honor System," said White, adding that if it is working, students can give

positive answers to such questions as "Is there trust among your peers? Do you feel comfortable leaving your books on the benches outside?"

"I think the orientation process has been excellent," White said. "I really don't see any room for improvement." He said he would try to utilize Law School student leaders for first-year orientation.

The problem with confidentiality is not entirely the EC's fault, White said, but it is "a pressing problem."

"It plays a great part [in the Honor System] and we have had a problem with it this year," he said.

Arguing that the trials should be based on honor, not "legalisms," Hayden and Hollis spoke against a recent White Book revision that gives the EC the use of an additional advocate from the Law School in open



Sophomore vice presidential candidate Andrew Caruthers responds to a question at Tuesday's forum as his opponent, Michael Black, listens. Lewis and White said they disagreed.

The two vice presidential candidates, Michael Black and Andrew Caruthers, emphasized their experience as Executive Committee members and on the various subcommittees.

None of the five secretarial candidates, Steve Best, Bill Cooper, Ted LeClerc, Sam Svalina and Michael Webb, has served on the EC before. They answered questions about their time commitments and their typing and spelling abilities.

Amendment would add second-year law rep to EC

From Staff Reports

Students will have the opportunity to add a member to the Executive Committee when they vote next week in Big Three elections.

Although the initial stage of Big Three balloting will be over

Monday, voting also will be held Tuesday and Wednesday on a constitutional referendum giving the Law School an additional representative on the EC.

The Law School currently elects two of the 12 EC members — a first-year representative and an upperclass representative. If the amendment is ap-

proved, the upperclass representative — who now represents both second- and third-year law students — would be divided into two positions, one for each class. This would increase the EC membership to 13.

In order for the amendment to pass, two-thirds of the students voting must vote in favor of it and at least half of the student body must vote.

A similar amendment proposed last spring failed because not enough students voted. Although more than two-thirds supported the amendment, 70 students fewer than 50 percent cast ballots.

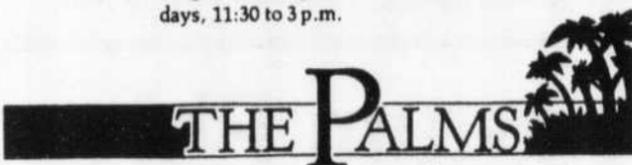
The EC voted unanimously in November to put the amendment before the student body again this year and has expressed support for the amendment.

"There seems to be a lot of support for another law rep, and there seems to be a feeling that the second-year students do not have a rep to turn to," EC President Cole Dawson said in the fall.

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About the profiles

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✓ VICE PRESIDENT

Black: Coed committee experience helpful

Michael Black says one of his main objectives in running for election is to ensure a smooth transition to coeducation next year.

"Being on the Coeducation Steering Committee has really helped me a lot in opening my eyes to what problems might arise next year, and there will be problems," said Black, also a junior representative to the EC.

The coeducation committee recently passed a resolution asking the EC to appoint a woman ad hoc member to the Student Control Committee if one is not elected. Black said that resolution, which he helped pass, is the kind of action needed to make sure women are treated as fairly as men next year.

Black compared the problems that women might have next year with the problems he sees minorities as having now.

"People would assume that if [the Student Association for Black Unity] had a problem with the EC they would speak up

about it, but that's not the case," he said.

Minority students might be hesitant to bring their problems to an all-white committee they feel cannot possibly understand them, Black said, and the same thing might happen with next year's women.

"Next year is really going to make it or break it for women in the University," he added. "If it is a bad transition, the sour aftertaste will persist for a few years, and I don't want that to happen. I love this school."

Black said that keeping lines of communication open between the students and their government — and opening them for minority students and women — is one of the reasons he is running.

As for the EC's job of administering the Honor System, Black said he sees himself more as leaning toward the accused "until the evidence goes against him."

"I'm not out to get anybody,"



MICHAEL BLACK

he said. "If there is any doubt about the guilt or innocence of the accused, I lean toward the accused."

The fact that both honor convictions this year were unanimous verdicts is evidence of the EC's care in ensuring that inno-

cent students aren't convicted, Black said.

The vice president's major responsibility, though, is to oversee the student body budget, and Black said he is qualified to handle that job.

"Last year, I owned and ran my own business — the Campus Linen Service," he said. "Just having to run a business's books I think makes me extremely qualified for the budget part."

In addition, Black said, his enthusiasm and outgoing nature will enable him to stay in contact with the student organizations that receive funds.

"If they had some problems, they would know I was there and I would help."

Black said his involvement in student activities — the Student Activities Board, student recruitment and the track team, in addition to his EC work — will help him understand the varied interests of the organizations.

He said he would like to see an EC next year that will involve it-

self in any issue that affects the student body, even if the issue does not specifically involve the EC.

He gave as a suggestion the possibility of the EC's buying banners or arranging for someone to lead cheers at football games to increase school spirit.

"I feel like, 'Get in there and — not get your finger in every pie and get pie all over the walls — but get involved and show your interest.' I think that is something we have not done this year."

"This year the EC has been 'silent supporters,' and I want to change that."

A friendly, outgoing EC can reduce the fear some students might have for the EC, Black said. "I want the student body to not feel threatened."

He also hopes that breaking down the barriers between the students and the EC will keep next year's women from becoming alienated.

Caruthers: 'Spunky' has 'matured greatly'

Sophomore Andrew Caruthers, an Executive Committee member for the past two years, says he has "matured greatly" during his time in office and has "a better sense and understanding" of the needs of the student body and the University.

"If I see a problem or something that should be working differently, I'll try to come up with ideas for how it might work a little better," he said. He discussed three projects to which he has devoted special attention:

•Voting Regulations Board: "For the past two years, there've been complaints about elections," he said. "There's always been a chairman of the Voting Regulations Board, but no board. I decided we should have a board."

He worked this term to recruit VRB members and last month successfully argued that the VRB, not the EC, should run next week's elections.

•Independent Union: "I tried to take a sincere, genuine interest in getting the IU organized, even though the EC, I think, treated it poorly," he said.

He said he attended several meetings during the group's formative stages last year and gave it suggestions for obtaining EC funding, which it has done. He said he's pleased to see the social and intramural events the IU is now sponsoring.

•Student Bar Association: "It's important for us to walk across the footbridge and actually show our faces over there," said Caruthers, who is the EC's ad hoc representative to the SBA.

Last year he was a vocal proponent of "fiscal autonomy" for the Law School and feels they should have "their own reins."



ANDREW CARUTHERS

He added that by attending SBA meetings he's improved communication between law and undergraduate students, and that "each truly appreciates the importance of the other."

Turning to other topics, Caruthers said the student body looks to the EC for stability. "I think people are tired of reading in the paper every week about some proposed change or new committee," he said.

"People just want everything left the way it is. The students expect us to take up for them and express their views when these proposals come up."

"When a big thing comes up, we can't be arbitrary or act on our own personal whims," he added.

Caruthers said he'd like to see less polarization among fraternities and between fraternity members and independents. "I really hate to see disunity in the student body," he said.

"It's very important to have friends in other fraternities and friends who aren't in fraterni-

ties," he said. He added that regulations mandating one-house parties "only promote disunity."

As a member of last year's EC, Caruthers voted twice to oppose coeducation, but he said he's now eager for its arrival. "I'm excited about coeducation, and I'm not saying that to kiss up to anybody," he said.

"Everyone who's honest will admit that now that it's passed, our diploma is going to be more valuable since the standards are higher," he continued. "I'm glad that all of us are going to be here to ensure that it goes the right way. We need tradition through the transition — and I'd like to be one of those people."

Caruthers said the EC's approach to the Honor System is frequently misunderstood. "Sometimes I get the impression students feel like the EC is a Gestapo committee," he said.

"We realize what a serious matter the Honor System is and yet we are not overly zealous, as we should not be," he said. "A lot of times people don't understand the emotional stress we go

through in these things. We don't enjoy our job when it concerns honor."

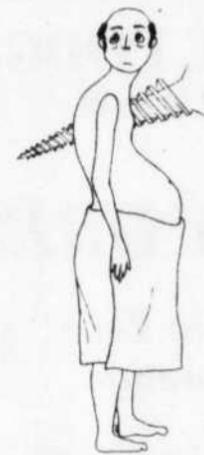
He said a "commonsensical attitude" is important in honor matters. "This student generation doesn't want people who take a road sign to be dismissed from the student body," he said.

He said it is the "fine line" involved in such cases that makes

him believe the EC "should concentrate on academic matters" such as cheating.

Caruthers last year was nicknamed "Spunky" for the energy and zeal he brings his projects and for his willingness to offer some comic relief at meetings. He is an English major from Shreveport, La., and was pledge president of Phi Delta Theta.

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PRESIDENT

White: Stability, aggressiveness crucial qualities

Stability, experience and aggressiveness. Those are the big three qualities Executive Committee Vice President James White says he would provide as student body president.

White, a two-year EC veteran, said next year doesn't need to be one of upheaval, in spite of the move to coeducation. "I think the student body doesn't want any controversy," he said. "They're tired of it."

He said having an experienced EC president will be more important next year than most. "With the first year of coeducation, it's crucial to have a good start," he said.

"In the past, for the first half of the year or so, the EC kind of sputtered and had to get hands-on experience as they served," he continued. "Next year, there's no time for that. Everything's going to start right off the bat."

White said he tries to strike a balance in his approach to leadership. "I see myself as pretty aggressive but level-headed at the same time," he said. "I can see how some people might think I've been too forceful about certain things, but I guess that's better than being too wimpy about something."

"I like to run a tight ship," he said. "I think next year's EC would be run very authoritatively, but I would never let that get in the way of seeking outside students' opinions. I think you can find a pretty good median."

White said the decision for him to try to move from the number-two to the number-one EC position was not automatic. "I thought about it for a long time," he said.

"I hate it when someone decides to do something and then half-asses it," he continued. "You've got to follow through. If

you can't do that, you shouldn't attempt to do it in the first place."

White said one of the biggest campus problems is administration regulation of fraternities. "There is no single problem that has plagued the students more this year as far as campus life goes," he asserted.

"I think the EC is in a power position and they need to utilize that power to represent students," he said. "I think student opinion now is that fraternities are grossly over-regulated."

"We do need some regulations — everybody does," he added. "I think students would like to see these regulations come through their own authority, like the IFC."

White, who was an outspoken opponent of coeducation, said he trusts the judgment of the trustees and thinks "coeducation is going to be a positive thing at W&L."

"This is such a sticky question," he admitted. "I guess the trustees saw that they needed to keep up with the times and evolve like everybody else has."

"I think it's going to add a new dimension to W&L it hasn't seen before," he said. "They're going to be very sensitive to their rights and how they're perceived on campus. I think the EC needs to take the initiative in seeing that these girls are assimilated into our community efficiently."

The primary responsibility of the EC vice president is monitoring student body funds.

"I'm really proud of the fact that this year has gone so well financially," White said. "The fact that we've run a tight ship directly influenced the fact that we didn't have to raise the student tax for next year and had more money to allocate this term."



JAMES WHITE

White said the EC this year has been "incredibly efficient" in handling honor matters. "It's hard to gauge the Honor System, but if there is an indicator it's our convictions," he said. "We've had two convictions and nobody's gone to an open hearing."

EC members should take "a realistic view" of the Honor System, White said. For example, he said some offenses are more in the "prankster-like category" than they are genuine honor offenses.

White reflected on the scrutiny given student leaders. "You're up to everyone's judgment," he said. "Everyone is judging you, which can be stressful, I guess."

"You just have to focus on the big picture, and hope that when the dust settles people will think you've done a good job. If you were doing it just for the prestige, it wouldn't be worth it. There are too many hours involved."

"When you're EC president, it kind of becomes your life at the time," he said. "You've got to be incredibly committed to the job. It's easy when you're in there to start taking things personally and lose sight of what students want."

White has been a kicker on the football team all three of his years here. "Football is great, especially at W&L," he said. "It gives people who aren't Division I athletes the chance to play."

"It helps you off the field, too," he added. "My grades are consistently higher during football season. It gives you more responsibility."

White is an administration major from Dallas who is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Hayden: Familiarity with honor important

Junior Patrick Hayden says his experience distinguishes him from his opposition for Executive Committee president.

As a representative to the EC this year, Hayden has served on the budget subcommittee, the White Book Revisions Committee and the Voting Regulations Board revisions committee.

"These go to the heart of the EC's jobs, and I think I'm pretty much experienced in these areas," Hayden said.

"When the main job of the EC is administering the Honor System, it's very helpful to have someone who's familiar with it."

Another thing that distinguishes him from other candidates, Hayden said, is that he does not belong to a fraternity.

"I think I can be a little more objective in that particular aspect of the job because I don't have a vested interest in any one fraternity," he added. "I can do what's best for fraternities overall."

Administering the Honor System is the EC's most important responsibility, Hayden said, and the system does work, although students often don't see it in action.

"There have been almost as many investigations already this year as there were all of last year. Maybe that's because the student body feels more confident letting the EC look into something they consider dishonorable," he added.

The Honor System, Hayden said, "keeps it a more friendly University. I doubt it could work like this on a much larger scale."

This year's freshman orientation to the Honor System was held at Liberty Hall. Although Hayden said this was a good idea, "you still have problems with freshmen not really understanding when they sign those cards in the first week."

Hayden said he would establish a formal program with dormitory counselors so that



PATRICK HAYDEN

they can better help their freshmen understand the Honor System.

Describing himself as a "fiscal conservative," Hayden said he has several criteria he would require student body organizations to meet before getting money from the EC.

"Any organization that gets money should be potentially open to any student," he said. "The person asking for the money should be able to give some documentation of interest and if there's going to be enough students to make it worthwhile. If there are only 10 guys involved, I can't justify giving an organization \$1,000."

Several weeks ago, Hayden voted against giving the Hockey Club an extra \$220 ("It seems like they were getting more than their fair share back of the student taxes.") and donating \$100 to the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance. ("Student taxes are meant for student organizations. I don't think I should tell somebody to give their money to charity. They can do that if they want to.")

With the arrival of the first female students in the fall, Hayden said, an important job of the EC will be to ensure fairness to all students.

Although a female ad hoc member on the Student Control Committee would help toward that end, he said, one on the Executive Committee probably wouldn't be necessary.

"Apparently there hasn't been any problem in the past with the EC being all-male and being objective about it," he said.

Hayden is a politics and history major from Rochester, N.Y. In addition to his EC work, he is chairman of the College Republicans and was assistant secretary for the 1984 Mock Convention.



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PRESIDENT

Lewis: Student body needs a spokesman

Junior John Lewis says the student body has lacked an effective spokesman in recent years and hopes to have the chance to rectify that shortfall.

"I'm going to speak the mind of the students, whether it's popular with the administration or not," he said. "What I feel is the pulse of the student body is what I'm going to give to people who request that view."

Lewis said an example of the message he'd like to convey is that "fraternities are liked here and are a good thing."

"Tell people who complain about the fraternities to look elsewhere before they criticize us," he said. "I think before they smash the fraternities they should think about what type of students would be attracted to a school with absolutely no social life at all."

"W&L has always prided itself on the full man," he added. "Wisdom without character is

nothing"

Lewis said that with the advent of coeducation, women should be welcomed but not coddled.

"Since it was handed to us as a fait accompli, I think for the good of the University and the progressive spirit, the student body should stand behind it and make the very best of it," he said.

"I'm having a terrible problem with this 'boys will be boys and girls will be girls' attitude," he added. "I think honor is something that, male or female, is characterized by the same actions."

"W&L has a real honor code and women can fit into that beautifully," he continued. "It should treat women exactly the same as it treats men. That's what women want these days, and I think W&L with its new progressive attitude should do that."



JOHN LEWIS

Lewis said equality should also characterize committee appointments. "To give token positions, to have affirmative action programs, is not what W&L should do," he said.

"If women get elected, that's what we want, but women should not just be put there. That will cause resentment among men."

Lewis was unhesitating in his assessment of the current state of the Honor System. "The honor code at Washington and Lee works," he said. "If I didn't think it worked well, I wouldn't run for head of it."

Lewis is impatient with constant discussion about loopholes in the Honor System. "For me, it's so simple," he said. "To act honorably encompasses all the technicalities. If you have honorable men, you don't need the technicalities. You have the regulations to nail those that are dishonorable."

The fraternities should be among next year's EC agenda items, Lewis said.

"Fraternities are an example. I hate to keep bringing that up, but it's true. Nobody is looking out for them."

Lewis said that as a dorm counselor this year, he has learned that W&L "selects really good men."

"I think that's something that in many cases the faculty and administration fail to put their finger on," he said. "They see it as a bunch of little boys running out and joining fraternities. Many of them are very responsible and much more mature than they come across on Friday night at a party."

Lewis said the fact that his brother was a "seven-year man" is helpful to him in understanding law students' perspectives on campus issues. "I also have friends at the Law School who give me good advice and keep me in touch with their concerns," he said.

Lewis is a history major from Greenville, near Staunton. He is a past president of Phi Kappa Psi, serves on Contact and is a member of Kathekon.

Hollis: has 'ground floor' to lead transition

Junior Lee Hollis says that since he's "been on the ground floor" of coeducation plans, he's a logical person to lead the student body that change next year.

"I'm surprised the EC hasn't been involved in it this year," said Hollis, who is chairman of the fraternity affairs subcommittee of the coeducation committee. "I figured they'd want to take a little more active role."

"When the EC gets recommendations plopped in its lap, it's going to need to know whether they came from and understand them," he said.

"The biggest thing the EC can do with regard to easing the transition to coeducation is to wing it," he said. "You can't anticipate all the problems that may come up. You have to try to alleviate the problems when they come up or before they come up."

Hollis said he supports the recommendation that a woman ad hoc member be appointed to the Student Control Committee, and added that he would favor similar representation for black students.

"I think it sets a precedent for that type of action," he said. "I don't know if it's likely or not. I don't know how they feel they're being represented. My guess would be that they don't feel they're being adequately represented. 'If I were in their shoes, I probably would' request such representation, he added.

Hollis said he was originally against coeducation, but that he has no bad feelings about it now. "There's no need to hold a grudge. From the beginning, I didn't have any qualms about the idea of coeducation in general."

His objection, he said, was centered around tradition. "Now that it's here, there are certain traditions that might be lost next



LEE HOLLIS

year," he said. As an example, he cited Robert E. Lee's idea of honorable behavior being simply behavior becoming of a gentleman.

Hollis said his subcommittee has found that "we don't have to accept the fact that we're going to lose some fraternities under coeducation."

"We're trying to get financial data that shows a fraternity of 30 can survive and thrive," he said. "Although it looks probable that you're going to lose a few, it doesn't have to happen."

Hollis said this year's EC "has done a lot for the Honor System," and he said he'd like to continue that trend. "The important thing to me is raising awareness of the Honor System," he said.

Hollis said some students have misunderstood the administration position on fraternities. "From what I've seen of the administration, and I've been ex-

posed to a lot of it this year, there's no vendetta against the fraternities," he asserted.

"What the administration wants is for the fraternities to alter their ways a little bit... and to run themselves a little more efficiently."

"I hope we'll come up with some ways to fix the problems ourselves before the administration lays down the law," he added. "Coeducation is a golden opportunity for the IFC to take the bull by the horns and go ahead and do a few things."

Hollis said he supports an additional Law School EC representative ("they're as much a part of the University as anyone else") and a second freshman EC member ("there's no reason two of them can't learn like the one does now").

Hollis is a European history major from Memphis. He is the vice president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and is a member of Kathekon. As a sophomore, he was vice chairman of the Cold Check Committee.



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SECRETARY Webb: Communication key

Best: EC must aid transition



STEVE BEST

Junior Steve Best foresees an uneasy passage into coeducation, but says the Executive Committee can help "facilitate the transition."

"In three or four years, the problem won't exist," he said. "For the first couple of years, there's going to be less than an amiable atmosphere with the girls. This can be predicted — almost assured — just because the students were against it and the teachers were for it."

"At W&L, it's hard enough as it is to succeed academically and socially without being put down by some spiteful males," he said. "Our concern is that we try to keep this to as much a minimum as possible."

Best said that while "you have to be fair to them — they're Washington and Lee students now," there will be a "general bad feeling" if there are rules "that we have to have a woman" in any particular organization.

"I don't believe in maintaining quotas at all," he said. "I don't believe a lesser person should be put into a position that could be held by a more qualified student just because of race, creed or sex."

Best said because the EC has the "final say" in all matters, it will have an influence on the transition even though there is a coeducation committee. "The EC can take it upon themselves to do something if someone comes up to them with an idea," he said. "They don't have to wait until somebody on a subcommittee thinks of it."

Best said the EC also can be helpful to fraternities next year. "The fraternity system at W&L is integral to the community," he said. "The EC should treat it as such. The EC should be

involved with everything that's important at W&L."

Best said that in spite of the campus changes in the last year, the Honor System remains intact. "I've been to different schools, like J.M.U. and U.Va., and I've been amazed at the amount of cheating," he said. He views the degree of student honesty here, on the other hand, as "absolutely fantastic."

"Granted, you're going to get a couple of cases where students want to take the short way out and cheat instead of studying," he added.

"I'm a stickler about being a gentleman and being honorable, but I also don't see things in black and white," he said.

Best, a politics major from Arlington, is the secretary of the coeducation subcommittee on student organizations and is the incoming rush chairman of Pi Kappa Alpha. He was vice president of his freshman class and was a member of the Student Control Committee and this year's Who's Who selection committee.

Best has worked on Capitol Hill for the last six summers. He plans to attend law school and then become a trial lawyer. "I'm not the kind of guy who's going to be a tax lawyer and sit behind a desk," he said.

He said if he loses his bid for secretary, he plans to run for senior EC representative or vice president of the Commerce School.

Although sophomore Mike Webb is a minority student, he hopes other students will perceive him just as one of them.

"I'm not just running as a black student," Webb said. "I'm running as a Washington and Lee student, and I want the students to perceive me that way. I'm pretty much doing this because I'm interested in what's going on in this University."

Even so, Webb said, there is a role for a black student on the Executive Committee, particularly in the administration of the Honor System.

"A lot of minority students feel that because there isn't a quote-unquote 'brother' up there, going up against an all-white executive board nullifies their chances of getting acquitted or whatever," Webb said.

The EC must make an effort to let students, especially minorities, "know that they're not out to get them," Webb said.

"I don't think the EC's out to get people. If you are an honorable student, then you really shouldn't have any fears of the EC."

Any racism that does exist at Washington and Lee is at least partly overexaggerated, Webb said.

"I don't see the racial problem too much at Washington and Lee," he added. "I think that it's partly paranoid...If something

happens there are cries of racism."

Webb defined his campaign theme as better communication between the Executive Committee and the student body.

"A lot of students know who the EC members are, but sometimes the EC members don't know who the students are," Webb said. "The key to any good government is communication. As long as people know what's going on, you can't go wrong."

Communication is going to be particularly important next year with the arrival of the first female undergraduates, Webb added.

"I think that if we make initial contact with the women students, then they'll feel that they are a part of the community and that if they have any problems they can come to you," Webb said. "If the EC and other large campus organizations don't extend their hands first, I think there's going to be unnecessary tension."

Appointing women ad hoc members to the Student Control Committee and the Executive Committee if none is elected in the fall also would help ease the transition to coeducation, Webb said.

"It will be a — and I hate to use the word — token effort to let the women know that we're concerned about their problems and



MICHAEL WEBB

things like that," Webb said.

Webb acknowledges that administering the student body budget is another important aspect of the Executive Committee. When a new organization comes to the EC for money, Webb said, "If it's something that represents a valid student concern, then I think you should give maybe like seed money. I'm willing to take a chance with something that sounds good."

However, Webb said, he would require the club to have a specific use in mind for the money and to show that it has a certain number of members.

Webb, a public policy major from Jersey City, N.J., hopes to attend law school after graduation. He was freshman representative to the College Republicans last year and is finance chairman this year.

LeClercq: Honor stressed

Junior dorm counselor Ted LeClercq said this week that administration of the Honor System is the most important job of the Executive Committee and that he would be able to give any student a fair hearing.

"I think the best thing about the Honor System is that the students interpret where they go in terms of specific violations," LeClercq said. "I think that prevents something that the student body as a whole might not agree with."

"I care very much about how the Honor Code here at W&L is enforced, and I'm interested in participating in the EC," he continued. "I think it's important to use just good common sense."

Next year's EC will have to ease the transition to coeduca-



TED LeCLERCQ

tion "in whatever way it can," according to LeClercq.

He said he supports the ap-

pointment of a woman ad hoc member to the Student Control Committee next year if one is not elected.

"I think it's important to avoid both the appearance of unfairness as well as unfairness itself," he said. "I think that is one of the questions the EC will have to resolve, as far as a woman feeling she's potentially not going to get a fair hearing."

A required spot for a female on the EC, though, will require more discussion, LeClercq said.

Returning to the issue of honor, LeClercq said he is disturbed with what he has heard about how much information escapes from closed honor trials.

"If a student is accused of an honor violation and is acquitted, I feel it's crucial that the individual's right to a closed hearing be preserved."

"It just strikes me as inappropriate that details of a closed honor trial would have been discussed in some way that would have breached confidentiality."

LeClercq said his experience in student activities — dorm counselor, a reporter for The Ring-tum Phi, and a member of student recruitment and Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity — qualifies him for the job.

"I'm very interested in the position and think I have the experience to do a good job," he said.

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Cooper: Unity important

Coeducation will be a major issue next year, and EC secretary candidate Bill Cooper says he has an idea of what next year's freshman class will be facing.

Cooper, a second-year law student from Chatham, N.J., attended Hamilton College in New York during the first four years that school was coeducational.

"Especially next year, with the change to coeducation, there's going to be a felt need for accessibility. People are going to have to be more conspicuous than ever," Cooper said. "Maybe I might be able to drag some direct experience out of [Hamilton College]...It gave me a good basis for being able to offer a lot to the EC next year."

Although he is a law student, Cooper emphasizes that he spends plenty of time on the undergraduate campus. He is a member of the brass and percussion ensemble and works as a bartender in the Cockpit.

These experiences, Cooper said, "have given me a feeling of what being a W&L undergraduate is all about...Over in the Law School, we don't get the full exposure to that whole ethos of the University that the undergraduates do."

On the division between the Law School and the undergraduate campuses, Cooper said, "I think both sides need to try to understand the other side a little



BILL COOPER

more. There's got to be some degree of voluntariness."

"We're all students at Washington and Lee University first and then undergraduates and law students."

At Hamilton, Cooper's activities included managing the hockey team and performing in the brass choir.

"I think I have reasonably good skills at dealing with so many different types of people," Cooper said. "I want to make them feel satisfied that I'm communicating with them. I'll try to do something if I can do it. I'll try to be honest with them."

The EC secretary, Cooper said, is "one of the three people who represent the student body that everybody has access to or

should have access to. I think my people skills will help me be accessible."

During a year off between Hamilton and W&L, Cooper worked on the successful state senate campaign of his state assemblywoman. "I have a good grasp of what an elected official should do," he said.

Next year's EC, Cooper said, "is going to have to exercise a good deal of leadership just to preserve what we want to preserve about Washington and Lee."

Among things the EC must help to preserve are the Honor System, which promotes trust and respect for other students, Cooper said.

"Preserving an atmosphere of trust and honor is the single most thing" the EC is responsible for, he added.

Cooper, who was not in a fraternity at Hamilton, said that regulations on fraternities should not be imposed but should be worked out through discussions and compromises.

"I think [the fraternity system] plays a vital part in the social life. I think it can play a greater role in the academic life, in the learning environment, and I think it should," Cooper said.

Cooper, a history major and music minor at Hamilton, is specializing in international law at W&L.

Elections to be run by independent board

From Staff Reports

A rejuvenated Voting Regulations Board will administer Monday's Big Three and referendum votes.

"There was a potential conflict of interest when the Executive Committee conducted the election and so many of its members were running again," said senior David Hanna, the newly appointed VRB co-chairman.

His co-chair is Bill Metzger and they have a committee of 10. "It's not a closed thing — we figure, the more the better," Hanna said.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Davis Dormitory Quad, outside the Commerce School and the University Library and at the Law School.

He said results should be available at the Executive Committee room shortly after 7 p.m.

The vote on the constitutional referendum will be conducted Monday through Wednesday, but polls will not be manned the second two days. Big Three runoffs are scheduled for next Thursday.

Spending limits for candidates this year were increased to \$25

for the initial election and \$20 for the runoff.

Each candidate is allowed a banner as large as a king-size sheet, and 15 standard-sized posters. Hanna said "there seems to be a fairly high turnover among the posters," so a large portion of the spending allowance goes to printing costs.

The VRB set the rules this year, another example of its increased authority, and it will do all ballot-counting. "The EC is delegating power," Hanna said.

Sophomore EC representative Andrew Caruthers worked to establish the revitalized committee. "We don't bring the SAB in here to watch them book Fancy Dress bands," he said. "We delegate that."

IFC elections also Monday

The Interfraternity Council also is holding its elections Monday.

Nominated for president are juniors David Butler of Beta Theta Pi and Jamie Hayne of Kappa Alpha, the current IFC treasurer.

Candidates for vice president are juniors Jamie Berger of Phi Kappa Psi; Eddie Villameter of Beta; Greg Wheeler of Pi Kappa Alpha, a current junior justice; and Bill Zola of Delta Tau Delta.

Svalina: Strength needed in EC

Junior Sam Svalina says he decided to run for Executive Committee secretary after perceiving that recent student leaders have "buckled under" to the University administration while changes were being made against the wishes of the student body.

Specifically, Svalina said, changes in the fraternity system that stemmed from a faculty report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Fraternity Affairs have been helped along by student leaders who are "looking for resume fodder and not trying to make waves and not standing up for what the student body wants."

"People are fed up with the EC because they're being wishy-washy," he said.

Svalina said he wants a student government that represents the students on the issues that concern them, but not one that involves itself in matters that don't concern it.

"What they're there to do is protect the student body, to represent the student body," he said. "They're there to guide and referee."

"If there are rocks rolling down the hill, they should stop them, but they shouldn't go turning over rocks looking for things to do."

Svalina said he supports the creation of a required spot for a woman on the Student Control Committee and the EC.

"Guys don't know what girls want, and you need to have them represented," he said.

However, he said, they should only be in an advisory position, and not given a vote, unless they were elected.

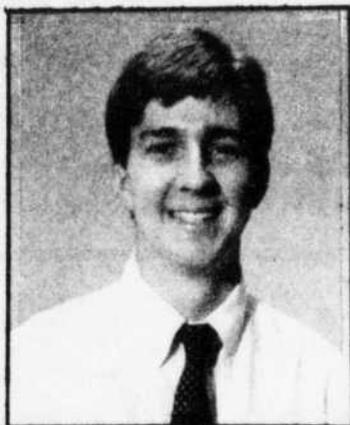
One problem that must be guarded against is women's and men's issues becoming polarized and creating a rift in the student body, he said.

In investigating possible honor violations, Svalina said, he would treat a violation the same, regardless of its degree.

"It's the intent, not the act," he said. "If he stole a thousand dollars or a nickel, he stole it and he should be kicked out."

"The EC's got to be strong, and I think I'm strong enough to be on it and do what needs to be done," he said.

"I feel like I can do what the student body wants without worrying about what the administration or special interest groups want me to say or do," he continued.



SAM SVALINA

"It seems to me that the people in the Ad Hoc Committee are trying to change the campus and put regulations on the student body.

"The truth of the matter is, I believe that regulation leads to regulation and then confusion, and they're just doing it to put their foot down."

Svalina said that regulation of fraternities goes against the theory of a liberal arts school, in

which students are given a choice in their education: "That choice is being taken away from the W&L student."

"The only thing I think the school should be involved with is making sure the fraternity isn't in the red or falling apart," he said.

Although the EC doesn't have a direct say in fraternity affairs, Svalina said, he hopes next year's EC will support the issues as the student body sees them.

He said his experience as Chi Psi's secretary will help him if elected. He has also been a member of the golf team and worked on the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance the last two years, the last one as special events chairman.



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