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'Preppy' author's book said 'unfair'

By BRUCE POTTER
Chief Editor

The review of Washington and Lee in "Lisa Birnbach's College Book" is unrealistic and unfair, according to student leaders interviewed by Ms. Birnbach when she visited the campus last October.

Ms. Birnbach, author of "The Official Preppy Handbook," reviewed 186 colleges around the country for her newest book, scheduled to be in bookstores Monday.

"We got probably the worst treatment from the ones I've read," said Marty Chapman, a junior who represented the W&L News Office at the interview.

In addition to touring the campus and sitting in on a history class, Ms. Birnbach interviewed seven students during lunch in the Cockpit. She also distributed questionnaires, about 25 of which were mailed back to her, Chapman said.

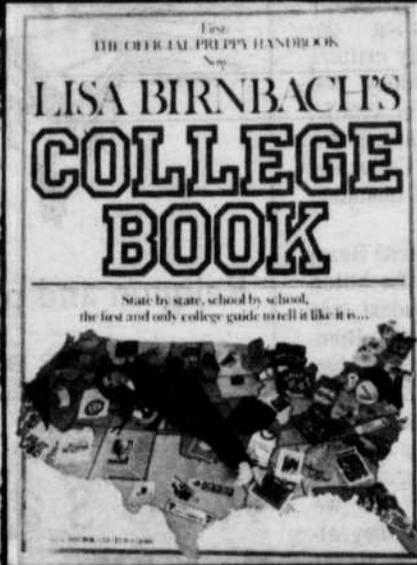
The review of W&L is divided into two parts — a 1,000-word essay, and a list of goods, bads, favorites and worsts about the school. Much of the information for the essay came from her interview with the students in the Cockpit, Chapman said,

but the list seemed to have been compiled from answers to the questionnaires.

Although quoting administrators, deans and students, Ms. Birnbach mentioned no one by name.

The first half of the essay is an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of coeducation. W&L's deci-

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Lisa's lexicon of W&L

- MOST POPULAR MAJORS:** Pre-law; Business.
- LEAST POPULAR MAJOR:** Art.
- BEST PROFESSOR:** Dr. Coulling (English): "Brilliant, good lecturer, easy to talk to, knows his shit."
- BEST PLACE FOR SOCIAL STUDY:** "There's no social place, there are no girls."
- BEST PIZZA:** Frank's is best, but Domino's delivers till 2 a.m.
- FAVORITE DRINK:** Beer — "very important."
- FAVORITE DRUGS:** Coke; pot.
- BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR:** Fancy dress, given by Student Activity (sic) Board; party school.
- PARKING SITUATION:** No problem.
- GAY SITUATION:** "No gays (that anyone knows of)."
- MINORITY SITUATION:** "Very few, less than 2 percent, and they are suppressed."
- GREEK LIFE:** Very big, more than 65 percent. Much pressure to rush, "it is expected and socially advantageous."
- ACADEMIC PRESSURE:** "HA, HA, HA. (sarcastic laughter)"
- INFIRMARY:** No active role in birth control.
- SPORTS:** Lacrosse is big. "There is really nothing else."
- FAVORITE SCHOOL TRADITION:** "Going down the road — a bunch of guys get drunk, pile into a car, and set out to abuse girls at a chosen girl's school."
- BEST THINGS ABOUT SCHOOL:** "Small, academics good; good teacher-student rapport."
- WORST THINGS ABOUT SCHOOL:** "It's too conservative; no women; lots of rich, preppy assholes."

Students feel 'burned' by Birnbach

By TED LeCLERCQ
Staff Reporter

Student leaders and an unscientific cross section of the student body expressed outrage this week about the depiction of Washington and Lee in "Lisa Birnbach's College Book."

Some branded her observations as "superficial," while others decried what they called her "National Enquirer" approach to research.

Two aspects of the review which drew particularly caustic student ire were the omission of any mention of the Honor System and the notation of "sarcastic laughter" as the response to the question about academic pressure.

Following is a sampling of the comments:

• Darby Brower, president of the Student Control Committee and senior class president. "I'm really offended by being put in the class of rich, preppy assholes." On academic pressure: "She ought to be shot for having put that." On sports: "She totally neglects the fact that we have other sports besides lacrosse here which not only have been popular but also very successful."

• Andrew Caruthers, sophomore Executive Committee representative. "There's a word for Ms. Birnbach, but being the W&L gentleman that I am, I won't use it. She sounds like she's someone who went to one of the girls'

schools and couldn't get a date for Fancy Dress.

"Naturally, any bad review does some damage. But it's going to be the same kind of damage the National Enquirer does to a big celebrity. Everyone reads it and snickers, but no one believes it."

• James White, student body vice president. "She sees W&L as a more conservative school than most. I think she was offended by that because she's obviously ultra-liberal."

• Sam Dalton, Executive Committee secretary. "I think the worst thing on here is the 'Favorite School Tradition.' We laugh and joke about things like that around here, but I don't think

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Bail request by Fiji fire suspect denied by judge

By MIKE ALLEN
Chief Editor

The man indicted for arson and murder in connection with last spring's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire was denied a reduction in his \$150,000 bail yesterday.

Scot Tanner Mesner, a 19-year-old resident of Hollins College, has been held at the Rockbridge County Jail since his indictment by a grand jury Sept. 4.

Following two hours of testimony by five witnesses, Rockbridge Circuit Court Judge George E. Honts III concluded that "the bond that has been set in this matter is a proper bond." Mesner did not testify.

Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read had requested that bond be denied altogether because of Mesner's "prior criminal conviction and propensity to set fires, which constitutes a danger to himself and to society," according to a motion filed with the court.

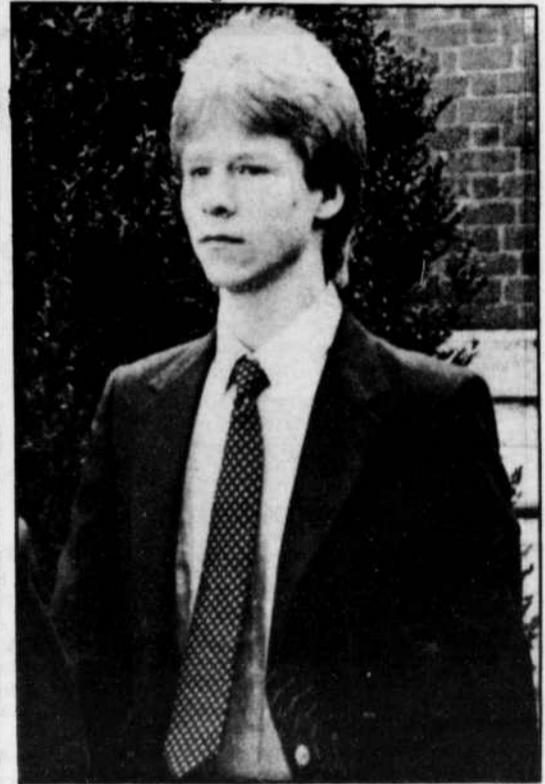
G. Marshall Mundy of Roanoke, who in conjunction with Eric L. Sisler of Lexington is representing Mesner, argued that his client was the son of "responsible, good, law-abiding citizens" and that his release would pose no "unreasonable danger to himself or the public."

From the moment Mesner entered the courtroom wearing a blue blazer, khakis and Topsiders until the time he left the chambers to return to jail, the blond youngster impassively watched the activity around him, saying little and displaying no emotion.

Mesner, the son of two Hollins College professors, is currently on a one-year probation for a previous arson-related conviction.

On Oct. 22, Mesner was charged with three

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By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

Scot Mesner walks from the Rockbridge County Jail to the courthouse for yesterday's bond hearing.

Moanin' Lisa

Four years ago, Lisa Birnbach gave birth to "The Official Preppy Handbook," in which she discussed "sarcasm" as one of seven notably preppy attitudes. "If a colleague is wearing a short-sleeved shirt with the Table of Elements depicted on the back," she sniffed, "it would be absolutely appropriate to comment, 'Nice shirt.'" Equally apt, she added, would be "Nice girlfriend."

Now she has emitted a second volume, "Lisa Birnbach's College Book."

Nice book, Lisa.

Employing a clever combination of context-free quotations, outlandish exaggerations and damaging omissions, Miss Birnbach has savaged Washington and Lee in a book that likely will become the "in" item among trendy high schoolers in search of a college.

Turning to the W&L entry, they will find the description of a school populated with self-centered, classless louts. The type of student W&L hopes to attract is likely to grimace, hold his (or her!) nose and quickly look elsewhere.

Miss Birnbach's tirade is easily dismissed, if for no other reason than because of the multitude of errors that riddle the book. Sweet Briar becomes "Sweet Brior"; V.M.I.'s Ring Figure ball becomes, of all things, the "Ring Finger"; the drinking age here becomes 18 instead of 19 (congratulations, freshmen!); and a "Girls in the Hay" banner becomes "a popular bumpersticker."

In last night's (this morning's) "Late Night with David Letterman," Miss Birnbach shared that through her scrupulous research she had learned that Robert E. Lee founded V.M.I.

On a "Today" show appearance Tuesday, Miss Birn-

bach joshed that a "typographical error" in the book made it appear as though she had rated Indiana University as having the nation's ugliest collegiate males, when she actually meant to so designate a school in Pennsylvania. Miss Birnbach is laughing about it; the folks at Indiana U. likely are not.

Neither are we. After perusing Miss Birnbach's glowing descriptions of the cuddly critters over at Hampden-Sydney and the devoted denizens of V.M.I., we are at a loss to imagine how she can come to the Collonade and find nothing but neanderthals and narcissists.

Do we protest too much? Bearing in mind that it's the bitten dog that barks the loudest, are we attacking poor Miss Birnbach to avoid accepting her harsh assessment of W&L?

We think not. If the honor system, which she fails to even mention, is not an integral part of life here, what is? Do we "abuse women," or do they allow themselves to be abused? (It takes two to tangle, you know.) Are minorities "suppressed," or do they purposely avoid the campus mainstream? Is it true that "there are no women here," or is the person who said that a social misfit?

To us, Washington and Lee is more than button downs, illicit sex and male chauvinism.

We challenge Miss Birnbach to return to campus to find out what General Lee's College is really like. Lunch is on us.

"This book," she writes in the Introduction, "should make you laugh, make you wince, get you excited and agitated, and make you think what a truly insightful writer I am."

Oh.

The Princess of Preppiness has spoken. We invite her to take her penny loafer out of her mouth and try again.



'Religion and politics should be separate, but please pray for my campaign.'

Gentleman: Definition remains the same

MY VIEW

By Erik Curren



The recent decision by the Board of Trustees in favor of coeducation has prompted much interest in the University's identity, an identity shaped by the peculiarities of the school's development. One aspect attracting much interest is that of the concept of the "Washington and Lee gentleman." We try to decide what this means to us and how to apply it to the particulars of mundane life. This idea, though it is hardly clear now, has evolved over time through complicated stages. It seems that we must now decide, in light of what confronts us, whether we shall redefine this idea or hold to a static notion of who shall be a "gentleman."

The ideal of the W&L gentleman has existed since at least the late nineteenth century. It had its basis in a concept of the gentleman developed from early times, and, as Philip Mason shows in his book "The English Gentleman," is exemplified in Chaucer, Shakespeare, Thackeray, Dickens, Trollope and Waugh in literature, as well as in painting music and other expressions of the genius of man. As Mason said, "No one was quite sure who was a gentleman and who was not."

It was hard to decide what was a gentleman, and various notions of this person existed side by side and at different times. Some considered that a gentleman could only be in a certain class into which he was born, while others would allow that three generations were sufficient to create a gentleman from new money. Since this country began as a middle-class venture, Americans have ostensibly valued merit more than birth. While various aspects of the idea changed when it was brought from England, certain values of gentlemanliness were retained. I think I may fairly add courage and foresight to General Lee's values of honesty, fairness and respect for private property, which traditionally come to constitute gentlemanliness to us.

Men who valued these ideals, among other things, formed brotherhoods for their preservation and propagation. These fraternities were formed of like-minded men pledged to their ideals and to each other. They only admitted those considered worthy, but, once admitted, one could expect to be treated as a

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Who's abusing whom?

MY VIEW

By Mike McAlevy and Scott Henderson



It's that time again. Carloads of anxious college students "going down the road" to their sibling schools for that social interaction between male and females that so many people outside our colleges feel must certainly be lacking in a single sex school.

This, though, is not the issue we wish to address. Certainly, there are enough social functions to draw the droves of eager trekkers. However, upon arriving and engaging in these functions, are one's expectations met? Does an air of mutual



respect and appreciation prevail?

First, let us address the case that received so much notoriety in last week's Phi — namely, the man's mistreatment of women. It's easy to envision: just tilt your chair back and think of young ladies, — some outgoing, some not; some attractive and many less so voluntarily yet bravely subjecting themselves to a throbbing mass of predictably sauced men that characterize W&L social events.

It is here that, although one may attempt to deny it, women are sometimes targets of foul language, sexual harassment and other acts of overt rudeness. Enhanced by a few cups of warm keg beer, which in its own right can make the most religious turn sour, emotions and judgment are distorted.

Basically, most incidents of alleged mistreatment fall into three categories. Number 1: The girl is actually out-thought and -talked and thus sees herself as being made to feel stupid —

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General thought

To the Editors:

This morning I read a newsletter (?) on the bulletin board in Newcomb Hall called "The Unknown General." I had hoped, rather foolishly I suppose, that we would not have to deal with such garbage this year. But since it was marked vol. 1, no. 1, I suppose that we may expect to see such litter about our campus for the rest of the year.

For those of you fortunate enough to have missed "The Unknown General," it bemoans the fact that W&L has gone coed and explains, in extremely inept comparisons, why such action should not have been taken. For now I will pass over the unfounded and ungentlemanly (I have a

feeling we will all soon be sick of that tar-baby-like word) attack upon President Wilson's character. He is far more eloquent than I and has no need of my defense. I will likewise pass over the inaccuracies regarding past and present admission statistics; one only needs to walk to the second floor of Washington Hall to get the real figures. What needs to be addressed is what General Lee would have thought of such a publication as "The Unknown Soldier." I think I am correct in saying that he would be sickened.

General Lee is widely known for having worked to heal the wounds caused by the Civil War.

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New dean envisions ideal students, faculty

By JAKE AMSBARY
Staff Reporter

John W. Elrod, Washington and Lee's recently installed dean of the college, is swiftly familiarizing himself with W&L faculty, students and curriculum, while making plans for enabling the university to turn out the "ideal" student.

Although the former Iowa State philosophy department head has only been in Lexington since August, Elrod said he is beginning to realize the all-encompassing capabilities of W&L gentlemen.

"The overall quality of the student body at W&L is higher than the overall quality of the student body at Iowa State University," Elrod said.

A highly respected authority on Danish philosopher Soren

Aaybe Kierkegard, Elrod's philosophically oriented approach to the ideal administration and student is extremely evident.

"The goal that we have before us always is introducing students into an appreciation of the life of the mind — helping them to see how the life of the mind is connected to living a good life, and making sure that we have the kind of faculty we need in order to accomplish that goal," Elrod observed.

Elrod said he sets his sights for W&L high, and part of accomplishing his goals is what he termed his "faculty development program."

"We have a faculty that's highly tenured," he said. "We're a middle-aged faculty. We've got a lot of good people here, and one of the things we want to concentrate on, since we're not going to

be bringing in a lot of new people any time soon, is figuring out ways to help them get away from the University, to go other places and teach."

"We want to keep the faculty invigorated and give them an opportunity to be stimulated in their thinking and their research and writing," he continued.

"The way we have to do that, I think, is to give people an opportunity to get away, so I'm going to encourage people to take sabbaticals and encourage people to find faculty members in another part of the country who would exchange positions with them."

"Students are worried about getting jobs and worried about getting into graduate school," he said. "So often those career worries or job worries interfere with coming to appreciate and understand what the life of the mind is

all about. It's really an end in itself."

"A college education is clearly a means to an end, but it also has an intrinsic value and worth and excitement," the dean added. "And our job at W&L is to help students to come see and appreciate that, and to participate in it fully."

"I would like the students not to think of education at W&L as a time when we're in a classroom, or in a lab hearing a lecture, or preparing for an exam," he said. "I'd like the students to think of the educational experience as one that's going on all of the time."

"I would like to see students constantly talking with each other about intellectual issues outside the classroom, students not being able to find enough time to read everything they

want to read, students who want to go the extra mile in running their lab experiments simply because they're excited about what it means to do and discover," he said. "That's the kind of attitude, or frame of mind that we want to engender in our students."

"We want to put somebody out into society who's got a mind, and a tongue, and a pen that will help them face a world that we really can't prepare them for," he continued.

"We want to put people into the world not with knowledge and not with information, but with habits of mind, analytical abilities, evaluative abilities and reasoning facilities," Elrod said.

"The bottom line is helping people to cope in an intellectually, morally and culturally respectable and creative way."

McAlevey and Henderson

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mistreated. Number 2: The young lady is a quick thinker and rather than trying to duel with her using his pickled brain, the man chooses to ignore her, and thus she feels as if she is the victim of unfriendly behavior. Otherwise, the drunken male senses defeat or inferiority and lashes out with a string of four-letter words that make Scarface look like Snow White. She is mistreated. In the third scenario, some amorous male decides to sow a few wild oats and grabs a female flank. This, again, constitutes mistreatment, and is possibly something to get upset about, but these occasions are about as frequent as cold keg beer.

Now, out of fairness, we must present that ideal situation which is easily recognized on the streets of Lexington or, in its budding stages, off to one side of the fraternity house dance floor. Bleary-eyed looks, induced by love, lust, drunkenness or lack of sleep, the courageous parting with one's smoke-permeated, beer-drenched jean jacket to keep their beloved warm on those cold Virginia evenings (or

mornings); a girl's sweet voice charming her man's car keys away. Those are just a few of the characteristics of the ideal hookup.

This situation fosters weekends of monogamous felicity; the certainty of the companionship of the opposite sex; at least in most cases, a guaranteed place to stay; as well as other benefits. These harmonious relationships come and go, heartbreaks are inevitable, marriages are improbable and pregnancies undesirable, but at any rate, an air of justice prevails.

Out of duty to accuracy more than desire, we must present another of those unfortunate cases — female abuse of males. Whether your eyebrows raise in skepticism, satisfaction enters your brain at having "them" blamed for once, or your heart quickened with expectancy at the reassurance that there have been others like yourself, it is all the same sad fact.

Let us consider this hypothetical but not uncommon set of circumstances. A girl (apologies — woman) comes up the road with clearly selfish

motivations and objectives. She drinks a fraternity's beer, vomits on their floor, leaves them to clean it up and blames them for encouraging her to drink so much so they may take advantage of her.

Or what about the hordes of savage women that descend upon any W&L man in hopes of getting that Fancy Dress bid? They'll even chase a red head's stepchild to get a chance at showing their face at that annual fiesta. The elusive M.r.s., more uncommon today than in previous years, provides a perfect set-up for the male to get scammed. It goes something like this: boy meets girl; boy invites girl to parties; and just when things look good, boy picks up girl in an Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser station wagon with wood paneling, luggage rack and AM tunes. Poor boy bites the big one.

Inconsiderate men exist here at W&L, at VMI, at Hampden-Sydney, in all colleges, and, yes, in the real world. The same is true of the women at S.B.C., M.B.C., H.C. and R.-M.W.C., S.S. and the entire female population in general. For we all are subject to the same weakness — intergender inconsideration and even abuse at times.

As for the girls in last week's article, "Women students shun 'the W&L attitude,'" we suggest exerting a little more effort in finding suitable company, or hop in your Daddy's car and head to Squid Heaven.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of The W&L Film Society Monday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Payne Hall-Room 3

NEW MEMBERS INVITED

best reaction was given by Robert E. Lee after Pickett's Charge when he whispered "Too bad, too bad, oh, too bad!!" The sentence is written so as to make the reader believe that this is Lee's reaction to coeducation rather than to the destruction of a division 15,000 strong. It offends one's intellect to read a comment so obviously taken out of context.

Mr. Unknown Soldier, please do not subject us to this garbage all year long. This university will need the full support of its students, alumni, faculty, administration, and staff in the coming year. It does not need you.

Christopher R. Carter, '87

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He never allowed an unkind word toward General Grant to be spoken in his presence. Likewise, he deplored the idea expressed in the phrase, "The South will rise again!" He was a man to let bygones be bygones. Although it is uncertain as to whether Lee would support coeducation, it seems certain that after such a decision had already been made, he would have supported it and worked to make the transition as easy as possible.

Consider also "The Unknown General's" last sentence: "The

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gentleman and to have to behave as one. These high ideals were associated, by tradition, with the male gender. This association was sometimes rigid. Emmanuel Skikaneder, Mozart's librettist for his fraternal opera "The Magic Flute," wrote of a manly brotherhood, where the very presence of women profanes its holy temple, for the "tittle tattle of women (is) made up of lies."

Ideas change, especially ones which are variously defined. The evolution of the constitutional structure of England is a good example of this, resulting in the extension of the franchise, showing the evolution of the idea of who is fit to govern. Both the ideals of gentleman and fraternity might be considered in this way.

Perhaps General Lee meant his school to be one large fraternal body. In his time that body was much more homogeneous than it is today. It had to accept successively its first non-Presbyterian, its first man from below the middle class and its

first non-white (even its first Texan!). Lee must have meant his ideals to continue to be valued despite these particular changes and for the "fraternal" body to accept, and assimilate, new "gentlemen."

Now it seems we are presented with another change. Throughout its past men of this school have responded in a manner consistent with their professed ideals. Shall we be manly enough to follow their example now? Shall we accept these ladies as "brothers" and "gentlemen," or shall we treat them as unwelcome coeds? Perhaps our own identity is at stake in this decision. Unlike some cultures, Britain's has kept much of what was good in the aristocratic order despite the growing power of the middle class. It has done this through the wisdom of its better men, who had faith in themselves and their ideals. We must show faith, so that our ideals will be worth accepting and our identity not lost. By being honest to our own code, we can perhaps keep this, in the true sense, always a "gentleman's college."

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it's a generally held attitude." On "Worst Things About School": "It looks like a quote that a Hampden-Sydney guy would say about us."

• David Perdue, Interfraternity Council President. "I always resent the fact that we are accused of abusing girls. Yet the article is correct — there's a good bit of joking about it."

"The academic pressure is certainly deserving of much more than sarcastic laughter. Also, the honor system is certainly the most important strength to us, but this woman will never understand that till she takes a fair look here."

• Townes Pressler, junior class president. On academic pressure: "Tell her to go take freshman chem and Thursday labs ABCD. It's obviously been written by someone who has not spent a lot of time here. I think the Honor System is one of the most important things here. I can't believe it wasn't mentioned."

On sports: "This is something I really feel strongly on. Almost anyone who wants to participate in sports can here. It's one of our big pluses."

• Bob Tomaso, head dormitory counselor. "I thought it was provocative. She wants people to read this and laugh, like they did with 'The Preppy Handbook.' You've

got to take what she says with a grain of salt. I was amazed that there was nothing in there about the Honor System. She sold us short in that respect and over the academic pressure."

• B. Scott Tilley, "Political Review" editor. I think she goes overboard in making the same false assertion about the whole campus that was made during the coed debate — that we see girls only as diversions and sexual play out there."

• Cole Dawson, student body president. "This to me is not classy at all and it doesn't do a thing for our school. As far as an indication of W&L and our community, this doesn't even come close. It doesn't get near the heart of the school, which is tradition."

"I think not mentioning the honor system reflects the shallowness of the article. I can't see people placing much emphasis on its contents."

• Bill Bloom, a junior from Indian Head, Md. "I'd say they are not altogether accurate on the majority of these points. The Honor System is one of the strongest things we have going for us that larger universities can't maintain."

• Taber Smith, a senior from Darien, Conn. "These are all really superficial observations. The camaraderie and the honor system which are more deep-rooted in the school would take a bit longer to see."

Jean King, Jerry Falwell and nuclear disarmament.

"A guy can get a good education at W&L," she concludes. "Students want to be like Gen. Robert E. Lee, and if they can't, emulating their fathers would be satisfactory."

Reaction to advance copies of her book has been good. Ms. Birnbach said in a telephone interview this week. "Actually, I haven't had very much negative feedback at all," she said. "The few letters I've gotten from college administrators have been positive."

Although she admitted that some people "probably will be ticked off" by the book, Ms. Birnbach noted that it was

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sion to begin admitting women at the undergraduate level, Birnbach writes, "really burns a lot of students who like it just the way it is...the thought of coeducation to (the student) and most of his friends is horrifying."

"Most of the guys at W&L see girls solely as diversions. They have no concept of women as thinking beings," she asserts.

The article outlines student opinions toward homosexuals, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Democrats, Richard Nixon, Billy

Financial statements questioned

By BILL MARTIEN
Staff Reporter

Fraternities that provided distorted figures for inclusion in this year's Rush Book "financial statements" may face disciplinary action by the Interfraternity Council or the Student Affairs Committee.

Along with the usual photos, names and "welcome" paragraphs, the Rush Book included information about each house's dues, social charges and room and board rates.

There has been some criticism that some figures, especially estimates of special assessments, were "low balled" by a number of houses.

Dan N. Murphy, associate dean of students for fraternity affairs, said he felt the information would assist the freshmen in evaluating the houses.

The idea was considered a few years ago by the SAC and recommended by last year's ad hoc committee on fraternities.

"The honor system obviously applies here," Murphy said. "I asked the fraternities for financial information and they gave it. I don't feel that I bear the

responsibility for investigating the validity of these statements."

A letter from Murphy to fraternity presidents requesting the information said "fluctuations greater than 10 percent for any item would be grounds for review by the Student Affairs Committee."

Rush Book editor John Buchanan said the statements were

the idea of University administrators, and he simply followed Murphy's directions to include them.

Buchanan expressed concern about one possible effect of including the monetary information.

"I'm a little worried that freshmen will bargain shop for a fraternity, which is ridiculous," he said.

Remember . . .

Following are the Interfraternity Council's "no nos" for pledge education:

•No fraternity shall violate the basic principles of good taste, and a fraternity will initiate no activity which will be detrimental to the reputation of the Washington and Lee community.

•No initiation or pledge training activity shall constitute any physical or emotional hazard to the individual. Such potential hazards include dangerous physical exertion or exhaustion, physical violence, paddling and other types of obvious abuse. It is understood that the frater-

nities will exercise no jurisdiction over the pledges when such activity will hinder the pledges' academic work in any manner.

•No pledge training or initiation activities will take place outside the corporate limits of Lexington with the exception of such functions as a formal initiation banquet or service to the community.

•All forms of Hell Week or Help Week stand abolished.

•No pledging activities are to take place in or around the freshman dormitories or after 8 p.m. Pledging activities are restricted to one night only during the academic week.

meant to be in good humor.

She said a large part of her essay deals with coeducation because "I was a little unhappy at the anti-coed feelings of the students, which were very strong and very well expressed to me last year when I visited."

The W&L students who participated in the interview said they were disappointed that Ms. Birnbach expressed only one side of student opinion on the coeducation issue and that she didn't make any reference to the W&L honor system.

"I remember specifically what was said, and I remember specifically who said it, and ... she kind of picked and chose what she wanted to use," said John Cleghorn, chief editor of The Ring-tum Phi last year.

"I think we said some things that she didn't put in there," Cleghorn said. "I think she had the notes and asked the right questions to get a good interview. She chose not to use them."

Ms. Birnbach, who graduated from Brown in 1978, had "a pretty good fix on what W&L was going to be like and she let us know she didn't think much of the atmosphere," said Steve Lewis, co-chairman of the 1984 Mock Democratic Convention.

"She obviously had this preconceived notion of what she wrote about. I don't think it's anywhere near accurate," Lewis said. "I really don't know where she came up with all those stereotypes about what she wanted W&L to be like."

Bob Jenevein, last year's student body president, said

that in the interview, "Nobody had too many bad things to say...She could've painted a more realistic picture."

A discussion of the W&L honor system evolved into talk about Lee, the students said. "He's a god," she quoted one student as saying. "We call him St. Bob."

Ms. Birnbach, who said she'd expected W&L to be "preppy heaven," added that the students' fascination with Lee surprised her. "I didn't realize it was going to be an academic shrine to Robert E. Lee," she said.

She did not mention the honor system, however, because, "I just had to make choices. There's only so much that you can say about a school. I was limited by space."

During the October interview, the honor system "was discussed pretty much, and we all agreed it worked," said Marty Bechtold, a dorm counselor who graduated in May.

The only part that made him upset, Bechtold said, was the listing, "Academic Pressure: 'Ha, Ha, Ha, (sarcastic laughter)'. I totally disagree with that," he added. "That's totally ridiculous."

None of the students interviewed recalled remarks during the interview quoted in the book about academic pressure, favorite school tradition ("Going down the road — a bunch of guys get drunk, pile into a car and set out to abuse girls at a chosen girl's school"), or worst things about the school ("It's too conservative; no women; lots of rich, preppy assholes.")

Pete Cronin, editor of the

Calyx last year, said that although Ms. Birnbach was intelligent, he was wary of her.

"I'd say she obviously had a preconceived notion before she ever showed up," Cronin continued. "She thought W&L is full of a bunch of rich, white, right-wing, upper middle class, chauvinistic men. Everything bad you could ever say about W&L she has said; I don't think she's said any of the good stuff."

Ms. Birnbach seemed impressed with the campus and the class she visited, Chapman said. However, he said, "there was a good deal of controversy" during the interview.

"She was prodding Bob (Jenevein) a little bit, and he gave back as good as he got," he said. "But she did seem a little bit startled at the depth of his views, how firmly he held his convictions."

The essay part of the review, Chapman added, "was Bob Jenevein's vision of Washington and Lee." Many of the quotes came from Jenevein, he said.

Chapman said the interview evolved into "polite debate, that sometimes wasn't so polite," both between the students and Ms. Birnbach and among the students.

Cronin concluded that the article is neither fair nor accurate:

"I think she presented a slanted view, and hence a view that was not accurate and it's too bad that there are people who are going to read this and come away with a preconceived notion about a Washington and Lee that doesn't exist as she presented it."

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SBA, EC agree on tax percentage

By ROB SCHLEGEL
Staff Reporter

The Student Bar Association will keep 83 percent of Law School student taxes this year, representatives of the Executive Committee and the SBA decided Thursday.

SBA President John Sicilian said he thinks 83 percent is a good figure. He added that the difference between 80 percent and 83 percent is about \$400 or \$500, which he called a sum not worth arguing about.

"With the \$5 (student tax) increase, I think we can make it on that," Sicilian said.

EC Vice President James White, chairman of the EC's finance subcommittee, said SBA representatives were unsure whether 80 percent would be a sufficient figure. He had said before the meeting that he expected this year's percentage to be between 80 and 82 percent.

White noted that the EC reserve fund is available if the SBA needs more money. "They can still come back at the end of the year if that 83 percent doesn't cut it," he said.

If 83 percent is sufficient this year, Sicilian said the SBA will ask the EC to pass a resolution keeping the same percentage

each year.

"It's silly to start every year fighting about it," he said. "It's not that much money."

White said Sicilian and the other SBA officers have been "very cooperative" throughout the negotiating process.

"I think they'll (SBA) be happy with it and I know they'll be glad to govern their own funds," White said. "I think it's going to be a whole lot easier this way."

This year marks the first time that the SBA has been autonomous from the EC. In past years the EC has allocated funds to the SBA as if it were a student organization rather than as a student government.

Based on the total of 367 law students who matriculated, the total amount of law school taxes will be \$27,525, 83 percent of which is \$22,845.75. That means \$4,679.25 of law student taxes will go to the EC this year.

Law students pay a \$120 student activities fee; \$25 goes directly to funding the building of the student activities pavilion and \$20 goes directly to the SBA. Undergraduates pay \$100 in activity fees, \$25 of which goes to the pavilion.

Sicilian said the SBA will begin approving requests for funds from law school organizations within the next two weeks.

Candidate slates announced

Twenty-four students are running for five class offices in Monday's special elections for first year students.

Seven freshmen are running for class president, two for class vice president, eight for Executive Committee representative and two for University Council representative.

In addition, five first-year law students are candidates for the office of junior law representative to the EC.

The candidates were announced at Monday night's EC meeting.

The committee also announced that a special election will be held Oct. 1 to fill the vacancy in the UC left by junior Lewis

Puleo, who did not return to W&L this term.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in the quads of Graham-Lees and Davis dormitories for freshman elections and at the law school for law elections.

Candidates are limited to ten 8½-inch-by-11-inch posters and one banner of any size. There is a limit of \$10 per person on campaign expenditures.

Freshman class president candidates are Andrew Abernathy, Porter Davis, Michael Henry, Tommy McBride, Steve Roth, Norman Sigler and Stephen Szczecinski.

Candidates for vice president are Marcelo Fernandes and Jim

Lancaster.

Running for EC representative are Darryl Evey, Wade Hampton, Rob Jones, David Makepeace, Jay Markley, Nick Thompson, John Wilson and Brandt Wood.

Candidates for UC representative are John Faulkner and Lance Rae.

Law students running for EC representative are James Crutchfield, Sarah Kirby, Glen Koontz, Paul Morrison and Bill Thompson.

Candidates in the special election for junior UC representative should submit petitions with 50 signatures to the EC office in the Student Center by 7 p.m. Monday.

SABU won't request EC funds

By PAUL FOUTCH
News Editor

The Student Association for Black Unity will not request any funds from the Executive Committee this year, SABU President Bryan Johnson said Tuesday.

Neither Johnson nor Director of Minority Affairs John L. White had any comment as to where SABU's funds for this year would come from.

EC Secretary Sam Dalton said that he thought one of the reasons SABU didn't request money might be that the group thought it had been treated poorly in the budgeting process in previous years. Last year SABU requested \$5,100 but received only \$1,500 from the EC.

Dalton said that when he talked to SABU Vice President Kim

Brunson about why the group did not submit a budget request Monday night, Brunson said, "I don't think we're going to ask for any funds from the EC this year."

Last year SABU held its annual ball at a cost of over \$10,000 and at an estimated loss of over \$5,000.

Then-President Ron Magee said after the ball that he thought SABU's budget was in the red.

"We took a beating and it will have repercussions on our future activities," Magee said at the time.

In other budgetary action, the EC has \$100,950 to dole out to student organizations. Budget requests totalling \$111,537.90 have been made by 15 organizations. The Student Activities Board made the largest request, asking for \$53,250.

Budget hearings will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, when leaders of the student organizations will defend their requests.

White Book in error?

By PAUL FOUTCH
News Editor

Confusion over a sentence in the White Book arose in the Executive Committee meeting Monday night, when representatives Bob Tomaso and Andrew Caruthers announced that there is a change in this year's White Book that was not approved by the EC last year.

The sentence says that a student who is found guilty in either a closed hearing or in an appeal in an open hearing will have the phrase "not in good standing" stamped on his official transcript when he is expelled.

"The only way that should be in there," Caruthers said, "is if we voted on it. In a sense, that amendment is not really approved."

After a moment of confusion, EC President Cole Dawson explained that he added the sentence himself after a conversation with University Registrar Harold Head.

"I talked to Col. Head, and he said it should say 'expelled'

Dawson explained, adding that he wasn't sure it was in the EC's power to make decisions about what a student's transcript says.

"It was not passed last year," Dawson said, "but I added it when I sent (the White Book) to (EC Secretary) Sam (Dalton) to be typed up."

Last year's EC approved adding the bad-standing clause only for students who appealed a closed-hearing guilty verdict and were then found guilty in the open hearing.

This would deter a student who knew he was guilty from appealing, Caruthers said last night.

"The way it's in there now, there is no deterrence to appealing," Caruthers said. "Everybody's going to go to the open trial."

Last year three of the four students who appealed their closed-hearing verdicts were found innocent in the open trial.

Caruthers made a motion to strike the sentence from the White Book "pending the EC's decision in two weeks." The motion passed unanimously.

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New dormitory being planned for 1987-88

By ANDY HOPPE
Staff Reporter

Planning is underway for the addition of a new dormitory for Washington and Lee, with completion of the facility scheduled for the fall of 1987.

The residential study committee will be chaired by Frank Parsons, assistant to the university president, and will report to the new Coeducation Steering Committee.

"We want to come up with solutions that meet the greatest need," Parsons said. "Any decision we make will be subject to criticism from one group or another. We've got a real task before us."

Parsons estimated that with the planning time and an 18-month construction period the most likely date for the opening of a new dormitory would be September 1987.

"It's conceivable if everything falls into place we could have housing in place by 1986," he said. "I think that would be rushing things unnecessarily. Unless there is a compelling reason why we should make a crash study, we'll go with '87-'88."

Parsons added that he still needs to clarify some of the guidelines of the project with, Associate Dean of the College, Pamela Simpson and President John D. Wilson, and the committee's decisions would be reviewed

by committees of the Board of Trustees.

Parsons said it was premature to speculate what form the new housing would take.

"We have to create housing that is attractive, functional and that students will want to rent," noted Parsons.

Parsons did discuss some of the options and issues that the committee might consider while planning for the additional housing.

Parsons said the university has several locations available for new housing. One possible site is on a tract of university-owned land west of U.S. 60 near the old railroad station. Other possibilities are to extend the Woods Creek housing to the other side of the footbridge or to add another wing to Graham-Lees Dormitory in order to completely enclose the freshman quad, Parsons added.

"At the moment there isn't any clear direction as to the kind of housing or the number of beds we would provide," said Parsons.

Parsons said the committee could decide to make the new housing a traditional-style dormitory or something similar to the Woods Creek Apartments, or a style somewhere between those two.

One popular trend in dormitory housing, according to Parsons, is "living and learning." This type of dormitory is "more than just a place to sleep and

study," Parsons said. Lounges, a browsing library, seminar rooms for classes and other "commons" areas are often included in "living and learning" dormitories, added Parsons.

Parsons said he feels the university as a whole needs an improved "commons" area where students can congregate. The main commons area on the campus now is the Co-op, which frequently is overcrowded, Parsons said.

Regardless of what form the additional housing takes, both freshmen and upperclassmen will be able to live in it, Parsons said. Although the building of the Woods Creek Apartments several years ago temporarily alleviated student demand for on-campus housing, the increase in the size of the Law School once

again has resulted in a housing shortage, Parsons said.

"I really think that there ought to be more opportunity to live on campus," he added.

Whether the dormitory will be single-sex, coed with men and women on separate floors or coed with men and women in different rooms on the same floor will be considered by the committee.

"One of the simplest options would be to designate one dorm over there as the women's dorm," said Parsons.

"The women might not like that. I think we might find quicker dissatisfaction with just a women's dorm. We would go that way if the entering women expressed a preference for that," remarked Parsons.

Parsons conducted a survey of

W&L men's opinions regarding single sex and coed dormitories during matriculation, but the results have not been tabulated.

The committee would also have to consider what additional security measures would be needed to protect women in the dormitories from intruders.

"We've learned a lot from our female law students," Parsons said.

Parsons explained that when women first entered the Law School they pointed out that the walk across the footbridge was unlighted and dangerous. In response, the University added a number of lights along the sides of the bridge, Parsons said.

The University also will try to improve the lighting in some of the darker areas of the campus before next year, Parsons said.

Wilson names Dean Simpson to head coeducation committee

Pamela H. Simpson, associate dean of the College at Washington and Lee, has been appointed chairperson of the university's Coeducation Steering Committee.

Appointed by Washington and Lee President John D. Wilson, the 13-member committee has been asked to provide the university community with suggestions on all matters associated with the decision to admit women in the fall of 1985.

The committee members are junior EC representative Michael Black, English Professor Jean C. Dunbar, law student Lee Doane, administration Professor Joseph Goldsten, junior Lee Hollis, Associate Dean of Students H. Robert Huntley, athletic director William McHenry, law Professor Andrew W. McThenia Jr., psychology Professor Nancy Margand, executive assistant to the president Frank A. Parsons, reference librarian Anita

Williams and senior Chris Williams.

In his charge to the committee, Wilson said the group's main work "will be to ensure the happy and successful induction of young women into our collegiate life by anticipating new opportunities we should seize upon and potential problems we should avoid if we can."

He added that the committee will be encouraged "to use the experience of other institutions of our size and character which have undertaken similar changes."

Ms. Simpson said that the committee met last Thursday and plans to meet weekly.

She said the committee talked about Wilson's memo that outlined what its agenda should be and provided a series of planning assumptions within which it will work.

Those assumptions include a 10-year initial planning period during which the size of the undergraduate student body will increase to about 1,500 students — 1,000 men and 500 women.

Ms. Simpson said the committee will meet today with the admissions office to begin studying admissions policies and procedures.

In his memo to the committee, Wilson noted that the committee should anticipate the need to increase the residential capacity but should not adopt a policy that mandates on-campus residence beyond the freshman year.

Further, the president made specific reference to adopting a strong program of athletics for women "to parallel, in appropriate ways, our program for men." He added that continuing efforts to address ways of bringing improvements to the fraternity system will be especially important during the transition.

Among specific subjects that the committee will address are admissions policies and procedures, residential accommodations, university health and counseling services, athletic program development, dining hall operations, student organization, faculty and staff appointments, campus security and campus renovations.

The Coeducation Steering Committee's reports on specific topics will be directed to the appropriate standing committee of the W&L Board of Trustees for appropriate action.

Simpson has been a member of the Washington and Lee faculty since 1973. A graduate of Gettysburg College, she received her master's degree in art history from the University of Missouri and her Ph.D. in art history from the University of Delaware.

She was named assistant dean of the College in 1981 and was elevated to associate dean in 1983. In addition to her administrative duties, Simpson continues to teach courses in art history.

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Proposed 'termless' calendar called flexible

By STEVEN POCKRASS
Staff Reporter

A "termless" academic calendar of five six-week units enabling professors to schedule combinations of courses varying from three to 18 weeks in length has been proposed by a Washington and Lee psychology professor.

"Hey, that's a neat idea", or "Geez, are you trying to drive us

crazy?" are the two responses professor David G. Elmes said he has received from faculty members and administrators who have seen his idea.

According to Professor John H. Wise, chairman of the ad hoc calendar committee, Elmes' alternative calendar was presented too late for his committee to consider completely, but was presented with his committee's report to the faculty Executive Committee Monday.

Elmes' proposal rests upon five premises: a typical student will average 10 courses (30 credits) per year; a school year of more than two terms is desirable; the 12-12-6 calendar is inflexible because special courses and programs are limited to the spring term and unlinked courses are limited to a duration of six or 12 weeks; courses differ in the length required for adequate coverage; and a shortened Christmas vacation is not de-

sirable.

The proposal calls for an academic year broken up into five six-week units, each separated by at least one week. Examinations, grading and vacations would occur during this week.

Courses could last three, six, nine, 12, 15, or 18 weeks, according to the professors' desires, explained Elmes. "In this kind of scheme, terms have no meaning," he said.

"It seems to me the program ... we're in right now is somewhat inflexible. If you want a one-shot course, you've got some problems," said Elmes, explaining why he designed this proposal. Specific benefits of the alternative calendar, according to Elmes, include flexibility of scheduling for both students and faculty, and access to internship programs throughout the year.

"The faculty should be able to tailor their courses and teaching load to their own needs and desires," wrote Elmes in his explanation of the calendar.

Elmes believes that his calendar would benefit weaker students who could take a lighter

course load when they had one difficult or time-consuming course. The calendar would begin and end "at times more congruent with other schools in our area . . ." wrote Elmes in the proposal.

This calendar would necessitate students' planning an entire year's course load at one time. "Under a system like this, I'd think you'd have to," Elmes said.

If Elmes' proposal were approved, several months of study would be required, according to Wise. "The ball would be back in their (the calendar committee's) court," Elmes said.

Terming his calendar "a could-be administrative nightmare," Elmes said he has not tried to solve all of the potential administrative problems.

"If people thought this had enough advantages . . . it would take some time," Elmes said. "I want people to think about it. One of the purposes is getting people to think about it. One of the purposes is getting people to think of alternative ways to set up the calendar."

Mesner

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felony arson counts in connection with several small, early-morning fires at the dormitory in which he was living at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.

As a result of a plea agreement, Mesner on May 15 pleaded guilty in Bergen County Municipal Court to one misdemeanor count of criminal mischief, according to testimony yesterday.

Teaneck Police Chief Bryan Burke said Mesner was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence and fined \$1,000. Through an interstate agreement, Mesner has been allowed to report to a Roanoke probation officer. He was living with his parents on the Hollins campus at the time of his arrest on the Lexington charges.

Mesner's father, 39-year-old Thomas H. Mesner, testified that if the \$150,000 bail were reduced and his son were released, Scot would immediately begin taking 15 credit hours of classes at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke.

"We have managed to scrape together right at \$50,000 through savings and through loans," said Mesner, a reference librarian and history instructor at Hollins.

Mesner, who has round spectacles, a receding hairline and a diminutive appearance, said "it hasn't been easy for us, going to the family to ask for money." He said his parents had been "very generous" in loaning money for the bond.

The father said that in October he went to New Jersey to pick up his son following his arrest on the arson charges, but that they had not talked about the allegations.

"We went to see a counselor about it, and the counselor said that it was best that we not discuss it with him and just move on from there," he testified. "We encouraged him to seek work, and went on from there."

The elder Mesner confirmed by telephone that Kaye Lynn Mesner was his first wife and Scot's mother. She was shot to death on Jan. 10, 1976, in Iowa City, Iowa, and Michael Dean Remmers was later convicted of premeditated murder in the case, according to Johnson County public records.

Mesner's stepmother, Jeanne Larsen, an assistant professor of English at Hollins who has been married to Mesner's father for seven years, said that "his mother is deceased and I've been his full-time mother."

Read asked her about the closeness of her relationship with Mesner. "Extremely close?" she asked, smiling and tossing her head. "As closely as suits a 19-year-old...I was not aware of where he was at every moment."

On April 13, Mesner was served with a "no trespassing" notice from the Hollins security force "directing him not to place foot on the Hollins College campus" - except for his parents' house, according to testimony yesterday.

Arthur Hafdelin, Mesner's Roanoke probation officer, said the order was issued by Hollins College because "there'd been some problems with some coeds that apparently he had threatened in some way."

"I didn't ask him why he was served with that," Ms. Larsen said. "I felt that was between Scot and the people at Hollins...I have some hearsay knowledge, but I never asked him about that."

"Hearsay knowledge?" exclaimed Read, addressing the judge. "How in the world can she come in here and say she properly supervised her son if she doesn't know anything about him?"

Robert Lynn, a substance abuse counselor at the Southwest Virginia Treatment Center in Roanoke, said he treated Mesner beginning at the end of May because "he was addicted to drugs and alcohol."

Hafdelin testified that if Mesner were released on bond, "I would be concerned about the threat that he could set more fires...I have no personal problems with Scot, but he has a problem with pyromania and arson."

In a statement Mesner made to New Jersey police on Oct. 22 which was entered as evidence at the hearing, he admitted that he had set the dormitory fires "using a cigarette lighter" in order "to raise hell and to strike back, but at what, I don't know."

In the remarks to police, Mesner said that when he was young he had set a fire on a metal bridge in Iowa City, Iowa.

"I did not get along well with my stepmother, and in general just disobeyed the fami-

ly rules," he told police. "Recently I have felt rather depressed and oppressed. I am not sure what I am feeling."

Mundy argued that the Teaneck conviction should not be a factor in determining bail in the Lexington case.

"The events that caused his charge to be reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor are something that I'm sure the people in New Jersey regret," Read said. "This young man obviously has a problem with pyromania and with arson."

"That's inflammatory, your honor," Mundy said, as a wave of laughter at the unintended pun swept the courtroom.

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Cockpit to rock Fridays

By JIM STRADER
Staff Reporter

The Cockpit and WLUR will embark on a joint venture tomorrow afternoon — Rock and Roll Happy Hour. Beginning at 3 p.m., the campus radio station will broadcast live from the Cockpit for two hours in what program director Brian Olinger calls "a great way to unwind for the weekend."

Olinger said the idea of running a radio show from the Cockpit came from journalism Professor Robert J. deMaria and Cockpit manager Mike Jacoby.

Since this is the first attempt at broadcasting from the student bar, planners say all the bugs have not yet been worked out of the system.

Take for example, the on-air talent. Friday's show will be co-hosted by Bob Halloran and Cotton Puryear. "The thing is, we're all pretty clueless," said Puryear, who will open the show at 3.

"I'm going to walk in there Friday with a MARTI (remote transmitter) and a tune list and wing it."

Halloran, who is scheduled to be in class at airtime, will join him later.

Don't expect to walk into the Cockpit tomorrow afternoon and see stacks of records, turntables and "cart" machines, either. All the music will be broadcast from the WLUR studio in Reid Hall, via the magic of Marconi, with a little help from a station engineer.

Future plans for the Happy Hour, which will air every Friday afternoon, include guest DJ's from the radio stations at Sweet Briar and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Since the purpose of the show is to broadcast in front of a crowd, Cockpit patrons will have an opportunity to be heard on the radio. Puryear said that he and Halloran plan to do live interviews during the show.

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5 p.m. — Chemistry Seminar. Howe 401. Preceded by tea at 4:30 in Howe 402.

Friday, September 21

8 a.m. — VMI-W&L GOLF CLASSIC. Lexington golf course.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: Water Polo at Northeast Varsity Invitational in Providence, R.I.

Saturday, September 22

8 a.m. — VMI-W&L GOLF CLASSIC. Lexington golf course.
2 p.m. — SOCCER: Generals vs. Averett. Wilson Field.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: Cross country at Mary Washington and Washington College; Football at Centre; Water Polo at Northeast Varsity Invitational.

Monday, September 24

8 p.m. — LECTURE: "Thucydides and Athenian Imperialism," by George Cawkwell, vice-master, University College, Oxford, England. Sponsored by the history department. Public invited.

Tuesday, September 25

3 p.m. — PLACEMENT WORKSHOP. University Center.
4:30 p.m. — LECTURE: "Let Sleeping Dons Lie," by George Cawkwell. Sponsored by the English Speaking Union. Northern Auditorium. Public invited.
7 p.m. — FILM: The Merchant of Venice. BBC/Time-Life series. Sponsored by the English department. Northern Auditorium.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: Soccer at Mary Washington College.

Wednesday, September 26

7:30 p.m. — ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE: Lee Chapel. Public invited.

Independent Union requests EC funds

By ROBERT DORAIS
Staff Reporter

The Independent Union, which was denied funds by the Executive Committee last year, has requested \$1,200 in student taxes this year in order to expand its social calendar, chairman Chuck Diffenderffer said this week.

Diffenderffer said the Independent Union plans to sell permanent memberships that would admit a student and his date to IU parties free of charge this year.

The EC cited the IU's failure to charge any kind of dues when it rejected the IU's budget request last year.

Diffenderffer said he hopes the

IU can raise \$1,000 from both individual ticket sales and dues payments.

The IU's budget calls for \$1,600 to be spent for bands either in the Cockpit or the new Pavilion, scheduled to open Oct. 12. Diffenderffer said he would like to have another "Saturday Night in the Pit," which the IU co-sponsored with the Student Activities Board on Fancy Dress weekend last year.

The Independent Union offers students "the services of a fraternity without the obligations" of time and money, Diffenderffer said.

In addition, the IU plans to organize intramural teams. Students may sign up at an organizational meeting Sept. 26 to play intramural tennis and golf. Independents interested in playing intramural football should contact Diffenderffer at 463-3130 by Saturday.

About 50 students attended the first meeting last year, but attendance dipped after that, Diffenderffer said, because "it was really all up in the air."

The Independent Union has a permanent office, Room 205 of the Student Center, this year, and both Dean of Students Lewis G. John and Associate Dean of Students Michael Cappeto will serve as advisers.

Another service the IU plans to offer this year is a cold test file that students can use either by paying a fee or by contributing one of their cold tests. The file will be in the IU's office.

W&L's new phones: convenient, cost-efficient and confusing

By CHRISTOPHER DEIGHAN
Staff Reporter

Although Washington and Lee's new computerized telephone system may be confusing, it will make telephone use more convenient and cost-efficient, officials say.

The University's Central Telephone Co. of Virginia system was "approaching the upper limits of its capacity to serve us," said Frank A. Parsons, assistant to the president.

The new ROLM Computerized Branch Exchange (CBX) system, which began service Aug. 1, has many convenience features not available on the Centel system.

Carole Chappell, University Center secretary, called the variety of new features on her 21-button telephone "very confusing."

"I have been cutting people off," she explained, "including the dean of the law school at Yale. However, if I ever figure this thing out, it will be a fantastic piece of equipment."

The need for operator-assisted long distance calling has been eliminated on most of the system's approximately 460 push-button telephones, reducing the cost of such calls by 25 to 30 percent. Also, the system's "least cost routing" capability insures the most economical long distance rates.

For example, the Washington and Lee campus is now connected to the city of Roanoke through a trunk line installed this summer. The cost to the University for leasing this trunk line is "very expensive," said Parsons, but he added that the normal cost of long distance calls to that area would greatly exceed the leasing price.

University operator Agnes Gilmore called the system "certainly more economical" since the W&L community makes "tremendous amounts of long distance calls."

Parsons anticipates that the \$450,000 system will pay for itself over a three- or four-year period.

The phones on campus are one of the three models: the 120, 240 or 400. The 400 model is the most exclusive, and the University purchased only five, two of which are in the president's office. Each professor and most clerical and secretarial workers use the 120 model, while many administration officials use the 240 model.

Although the software quality of the CBX system allows flexible growth for changing needs, features now available include automatic callback, call forwarding to other extensions and transferring and reconnecting capabilities.

In addition, incoming calls may be transferred automatically to the different phones in what is known as a "hunt" group. For

example, if Laura deMaria of the Summer Programs office is unavailable to answer her phone, the caller will automatically be transferred after four rings to the office of Robert Fure, director of Summer Programs.

Another "marvelous" feature, according to Parsons, is system speed. In the computer's memory have been stored 230 long distance numbers. System speed allows the user to connect with those numbers by pushing only four numbers instead of 12.

Among the numbers included are those of board members, local emergency groups, banks and investment agencies, news media, printers, suppliers and libraries, as well as those of other schools.

Station speed is a similar feature, except the numbers are more personal and are associated with individual telephone extensions.

Because each phone now can be reached by dialing direct, office extensions are accessible even when the central switchboard is not manned.

Mrs. Gilmore noted that a problem in past years occurred during summers, when the switchboard closed at 5 p.m. and cut off all outside calls, excluding calls for administration officials whose phones were already accessible through direct dialing.

Parsons said that in planning the new system, consideration was given to the "possibility and probability that all professors will want to have a personal computer" within the next few years.

Before next summer, the University will acquire data modules which will make it possible to send computer data transmissions over the existing telephone lines. This equipment will be connected to the CBX

system, which already is housed in the basement of Graham-Lees Dormitory.

Parsons, who was involved eight years ago in the selection of the Centel system, pointed out that the breakup last January of AT&T prompted the decision to investigate new systems.

Since 1976, Washington and Lee had paid a monthly tariff to Centel for the use of the old system. When AT&T was forced to break up, local offices were given more freedom. Centel subsequently offered W&L the chance to buy the system it had been leasing for eight years.

The University instead hired the Communications Consultants Corp. of Virginia to analyze its position.

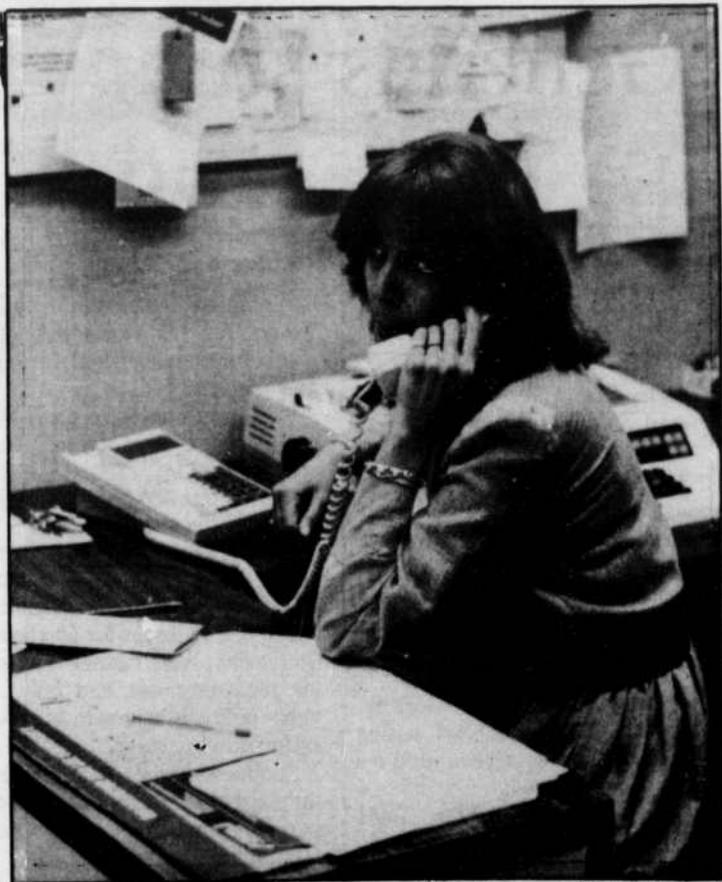
The ROLM Corp. offered the best technology and in the end was "able to meet our specifications at the lowest cost," Parsons said.

In July, ROLM surveys were conducted to meet the needs of individual offices. "We've tried to give people the phones they need at the minimum cost," explained Parsons, who added that acquisitions for higher standard telephone models will be considered later.

Parsons recognized "some element of dissatisfaction (with the new system) since some offices operated around the old system." He said he also realizes that "low-level intimidation" has been generated.

Since the faculty and office numbers are not yet available to the public, the University switchboard still must handle many incoming calls.

Switchboard operators have noticed, however, a reduction in the number of personal phone calls, and one student worker, John Janner, remarked that "people are pleased to bypass the switchboard."



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

University Center secretary Carole Chappell tries her phone.

Teaching the teachers

Anyone who's grappled with the new university telephone system knows that when all else fails (hardly unlikely), you don't read the directions. That would just make it worse.

Instead you talk to Arlene Black, a Rolm Corp. communications system designer, who spent two weeks here last month answering questions about bugs that professors and other university staffers had encountered in their initial weeks with their new phones.

Each day she taught several sessions of 20 people each in a Commerce School conference room.

Ms. Black, who did much of the training when the University of Virginia installed a similar system, treats with great humor the irony of instructing academics in the seemingly simple skill of using their desk phones.

"They've been very responsive and say 'Hey, wow' when they master a new feature on the phone," said Ms. Black, who has worked out of Rolm's Charlottesville office for three years.

"One man came in here saying that no one needed to teach him how to use a phone," she recalled. "I told him he was right: if you want to make a call, you just pick up the receiver and do it. The same goes for answering the telephone."

"It's nothing more than a telephone," I told him, but he must have been interested in spite of himself, because he stayed around to listen to how to use the other features."

"He was probably stewing because he thought it was nonsense to come and learn about a telephone, but at the same time he was curious enough to stay," she added.

Ms. Black said she occasionally is asked about the necessity of some of the phones' more es-

oteric capabilities.

"You have these features to make it easier for you to do your work," she explains patiently. "They are shortcuts for your convenience. You may never use them, but you should know they're there and how to work them."

"Everything's going toward computers now, so having a computerized phone is a big deal," she added.

She contends that showing people repeatedly how to use their "pick" potential' their "camp-on" capability or their "flash" function is not as tedious as it might seem.

"Every group is different and has different questions," she explained. "You don't get up there and read off the instructions like a robot."

"It takes a certain type of person to train a telephone system and have the users respond to it."

Ms. Black said she uses a combination of slides and "hands-on" training to make her trainees comfortable with the system.

She said she tries to maintain an attractive yet unobtrusive appearance so that "they're focusing on their telephone and observing what the phone is like rather than what I look like."

Ms. Black, who went to work for the company after having worked for 10 years at a law firm which had a Rolm system, said she plans to remain in the customer service end of the operation, rather than move to sales, which is "where the money is."

"On the support end, I'm doing something for them," she explained. "When I'm selling something, I'm always asking them to do something for me. I prefer to be helping them."



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Polo ties Hopkins in Classic

By DAVID NAVE
Staff Reporter

"That one goal could make the difference in our whole season," said head water polo coach Page Remillard, referring to Kevin Lederer's last-second game-tying goal against Johns Hopkins that allowed the Generals to finish among the top four teams instead of the bottom four. The Generals placed fourth in a field of eight teams in the W&L Fall Classic last weekend. Johns Hopkins and W&L won two games and lost two.

Navy won the tournament with a perfect 5-0 record. The University of Arkansas/Little Rock finished second.

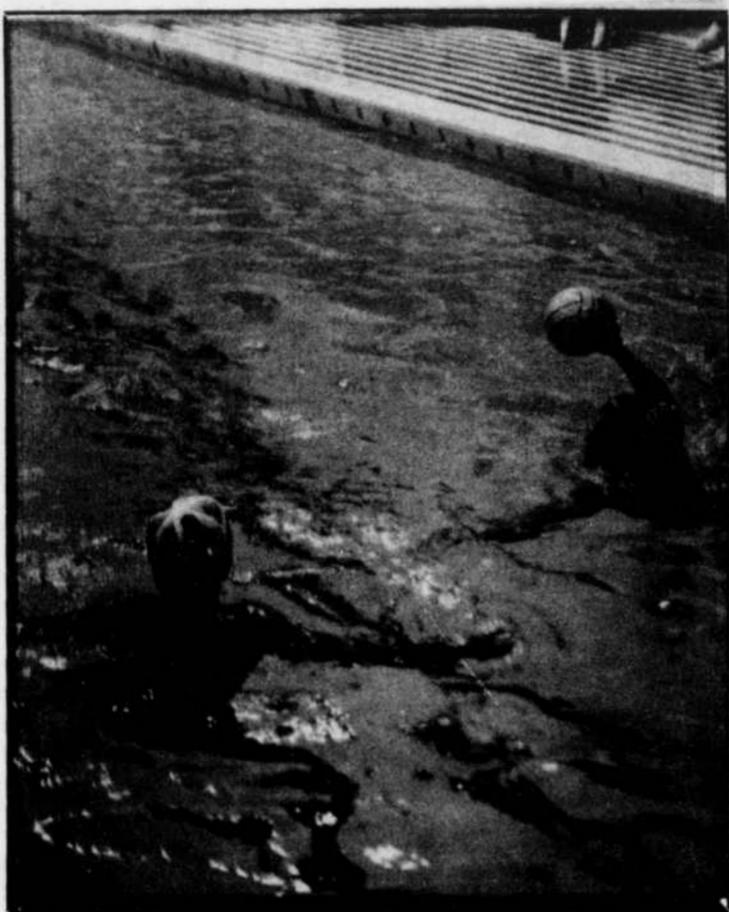
If the Generals had lost to Johns Hopkins, they would have had to play Duke. Remillard did not want his team to play Duke this weekend. Because Duke is in Generals' conference, Remillard prefers to play them after his team has had time to improve.

In their final game of the weekend, the Generals defeated Dayton 12-11 when Bobby Pearson scored on a penalty shot late in the game.

Dayton had previously won its game against Arkansas, who crushed the Generals in the second game of the tournament. "I thought that said a whole lot about how much we improved over the whole weekend," said Remillard.

Remillard added, "Our freshmen were making mistakes against Arkansas that they did not make against Dayton."

Coach Remillard also noted that his team's performance was not a fluke because the entire team played well. He stated that if only one of his players had played well then one might consider the Dayton game a fluke.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

W&L's Eric Sullivan (6) winds up and fires a shot in the Generals' crucial 13-13 tie against Johns Hopkins. W&L finished fourth in the eight-team event, earning victories over VCU and Dayton.

Despite the Generals' victory against Dayton, W&L finished fourth because the total goal differential for the tournament went in Dayton's favor.

Before losing to Arkansas in their second game, the Generals defeated Virginia Commonwealth, 20-5.

Tim Stanford scored 12 goals to lead the Generals last weekend. Stanford, however, had trouble with personal fouls, according to Coach Remillard, and fouled out of the Dayton game. Remillard said, "It (foul trouble) is nothing that he can't get under control and I am sure that he will get it under control."

Remillard also noted that sophomore Kevin Lederer "looks very sharp."

Prior to last weekend only two of Remillard's 21 players had varsity experience. Remillard took advantage of last weekend to give experience to his players.

During practice this week, the Generals will concentrate on

ball handling and goal keeping, Remillard said.

"We are still waiting for an average game from our goalies," said Remillard. He added, "If our goalies come around like they are capable of, we are going to be a typical W&L team and a very strong contender for the conference crown."

The Generals will travel to Annapolis, Md., this weekend to play in the Southeast Varsity Invitational. The top four teams on the East Coast are also playing in the tournament. Brown (1), Slippery Rock (2), Bucknell (3) and Navy (4) are also ranked among the top 20 teams in the country in NCAA Division I.

Despite having many inexperienced players on his team, Remillard believes his team has a positive attitude about facing the tough competition this weekend. "The players want to play these big teams and test their individual skills," said Remillard.

Remillard stated that if his team improved as much as they did last weekend then his players will have made a lot of progress.

Remillard concluded, "We could go 0-4 this weekend and come away having made progress."

Generals stung by Wasps, 28-0

By WILLIAM KING
Staff Reporter

The Emory and Henry Wasps used a four-touchdown blitz in the second half to defeat Washington and Lee 28-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference football opener for both teams.

E&H (2-0) was its own worst enemy in the first half, committing four turnovers. However, W&L (1-1) was unable to capitalize on the Wasps' mistakes, and the two teams entered the locker room tied 0-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, E&H third-team quarterback Sam Blevins ignited his team's offense, leading it to two third-quarter touchdowns and a 14-0 lead.

The Wasps added two insurance scores in the fourth quarter, making the final score 28-0.

Blevins clearly was the key to E&H's second-half resurgence.

He completed 10 passes in 15 attempts for 125 yards and one touchdown and rushed for two more scores.

W&L was unable to move the ball consistently against the stubborn E&H defense. The Generals tallied only 115 yards offense in the game.

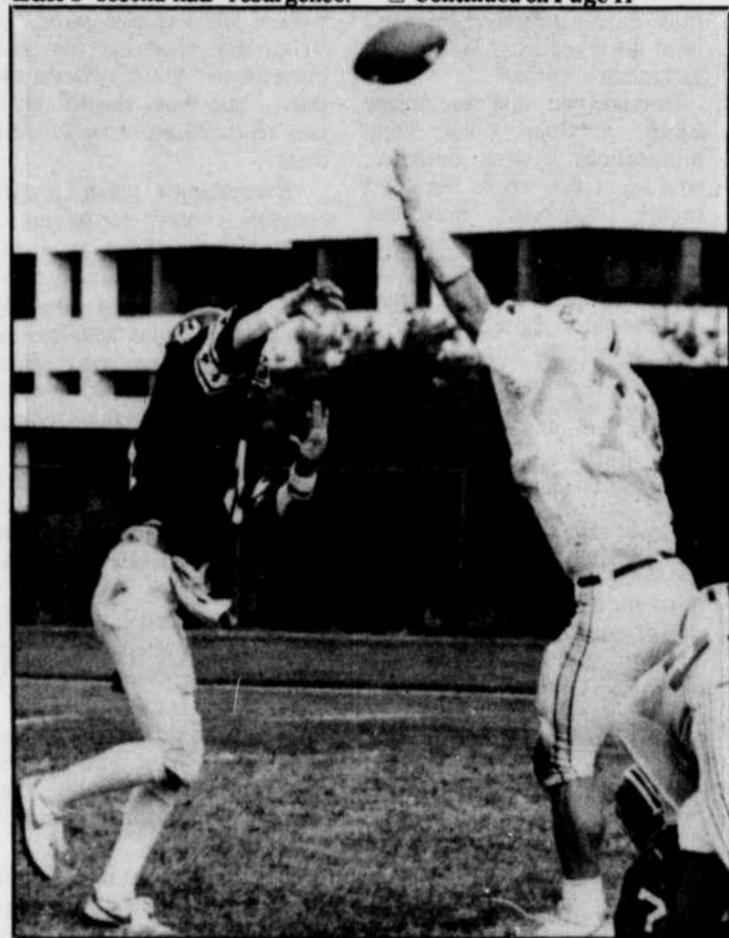
Quarterback Bobby Wilson, under heavy pressure from the Wasp defensive line, completed four of his 17 tosses for 59 yards. On the day, W&L runners rushed for 132 yards but had only 54 yards net rushing due to 78 yards suffered in losses.

Fullback Frank Surface led the Generals on offense with 41 yards rushing on 14 carries and three receptions for 39 yards.

Free safety Chris Wilson headed the General's defense with two interceptions to go with his five tackles and seven assists. Linebacker Kurt Specht added three tackles and seven assists.

W&L head Coach Gary Fallon said he was not pleased with his

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By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

W&L quarterback faces strong pressure in the Generals' error-filled 28-0 loss to Emory and Henry.

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TIME OUT

By Mike Stachura



....The news from Gainesville over the past week has proved again that the college game has become a bit too big bucksy for its own good. Charley Pell and the Gator scandal has reached a head with the former's dismissal and the latter's being indicted by the NCAA on 107 recruiting violations. George Vecsey of the New York Times pointed out in his space on Sunday that the great problem in college may lie not only with the college coaches but also with that maniacal species known as the "booster." Vecsey wisely calls these beings "who believe their school should be No. 1...as big a blight, in their own way, as the people who push drugs (on athletes)." True' and what's more, Mr. Vecsey, the

drug problem perhaps can be combatted (as is presently being done by 30 major college programs, where drug testing has been implemented), but the problem with the booster is as old as the game itself and all the indictments, no matter how numerous or flagrant the violations, will not dissuade Richie Rich, sports hungry alumnus from East Podunk Tech, from shelling out a few monetary favors to ensure that the Techies have another winning season. No, the problem does not lie with the booster — he is an animal beyond control. (Indeed, we could all be alumni someday and heretofore the potential to be boosters looms large.) Rather, as Vecsey slams dances on the issue, the problem lies with "coaches who teach young people that breaking the rules is justifiable as long as the good guys win." The notion of athletic competition has been forgotten with the tendency toward bigger and bigger price tags in college sports. Season tickets no longer go to those who simply want to root for the home team and pay the listed price.

No, oftentimes in today's big money college game, you'll get your requested season ticket only by throwing in an excessive and mandatory "donation" in addition to the exorbitant ticket prices. So what, you say. Happens all the time. Yes, and so it does. My gripe is not with someone specific, not the players, the coaches or even the boosters. They are already diseased. My complaint is with the whole college system. It's reached a point where wins and losses are viewed in terms of dollars and cents rather than in terms of lessons learned and characters strengthened. I'm proud to say that W&L had enough foresight to get out of the rat race over 30 years ago. We can only wonder why the rest of the college world didn't see the same light...
....Returning to athletic decency and the Colonnade, I haven't much to say. The W&L harriers begin their title quest this weekend and this group looks very strong. (Hint: very strong means "will go a long way.") Polo finished fourth but Coach Page Remillard sees reason for

hope, and so do I. This team showed a good bit of character, and I'll take character over talent any day. Soccer reports are dismal, but let us not give up the ship at such an early date. Football: Bad days and good days come and go. Let us hope the bad have come and gone and that they can take advantage of opponents' turnovers. Would also like to see some offensive confidence....
....More Colonnade notes: A tip of the cap to last year's baseball standout captain Dave Warrenfeltz on earning Second Team All-America honors...And here's another baseball related matter from the Politics in the ODAC? Dept.: Phenomenal W&L pitcher Billy White is to be congratulated on the release of final NCAA Division III baseball stats. White ended his brilliant 1984 campaign with the second best ERA in the country. Now, figure this one out: White was not named to the All-ODAC team....
....Now that North Carolina has played and lost its first game, it's time for an early-

season look at the Heisman. Bo Jackson will not win because of the team he plays for. Mr. Flutie from Boston College is my front runner right now. The man's got poise' a knack for getting the most out of any situation and, of course, the talent and stats to put him in front of the rest. Outsiders that are not to be overlooked include Napoleon McCallum of Navy and Johnny Jones of Tennessee (400 yards, two games and what's more the Vols are 2-0)....
....Here's one from the Hard to Believe Dept.: A recent NCAA study says the new rule requiring freshmen to achieve a minimum SAT score of 700 would disqualify a large percentage of black athletes who eventually graduate. Not being discriminatory, but if they can't get 700 and they're graduating, then I have to wonder just what courses they're taking....
....And before we leave, here's a confidential to The W&L Law News: Brown challenging Woof-ter is akin to the Orioles deciding that now would be a good time to make a run at the pennant....

Cross country team is faster, confident

By STEVE GREENEBAUM
Staff Reporter

This Saturday the Washington and Lee cross country team will open its 1984 season at Mary Washington College where they run against the Scots and Washington College.
To say the team is enthusiastic would be an understatement. "After Saturday we will be 2-0," commented team co-captain Frank Pittman.
"We're not trying to sound cocky," said sophomore David Andrews, "But this is a tighter and faster team than we had last year." The time trials from last Saturday prove Andrews to be correct. About three minutes separates junior Eddy Goundry, the number one runner, and the number 12 runner. This is ahead of last year's pace, Coach Dick

Miller said.
Behind Goundry is a veteran group of upperclassmen including senior captains Pittman and Mark Pembroke.
The team had two major losses from last year's roster, captain Angus McBryde, an All-American, and Paul Chapman.
But the team did pick up Conrad Boyle, Kevin Kelley and Gordon Ogden from the track team as well as eight freshmen. Of those freshmen, several are in the team's top 12. Because of the new faces the team seems to have more depth.
Coach Miller refused to make any predictions for the season, but Pittman said, "We will win the conference and go to national, and that's no goal or ambition, it's a legitimate estimation."

Soccer throttled

By WILLIAMHANNA
Special to the Phi

The Washington and Lee soccer team opened its 1984 season with two losses at the Emory University Invitational Tournament last weekend. The generals were beaten by Emory 6-1 on Friday and lost again to Georgia State on Saturday by a score of 10-0.
Head coach Rolf Piranian said he is not going to focus on any one aspect of the Generals' play

in preparation for Saturday's home opener against Averett.
Piranian said, "Obviously, when you give up 16 goals, you have to focus on defense, but, then again, we only scored one goal and we'll be working on that as well."
If last weekend's games, Piranian said, "We are disappointed, but still optimistic. We will be a different looking team Saturday than we were last weekend."
Game time for Saturday's match is 2 p.m.

Football

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team's play against E&H.
"As pleased as I was about the Dickinson win (36-7 last week), I was disappointed in the Emory and Henry loss," Fallon said. "We put in a good effort, but we just didn't execute."
"I cannot blame the loss on any one phase of the game, because we didn't do many things right," Fallon continued.

"Emory and Henry was, as expected, a tough, aggressive team."
The Generals return to action against the Centre College Colonels Saturday in Danville, Ky. W&L won the 1983 meeting between the two teams, 28-7.
Centre (1-1) lost its season opener to E&H 19-14 before bouncing back to defeat Washington University (Missouri) 17-16 last Saturday.
The Colonels feature a potent offense led by quarterback Mike

Hall. Hall completed 19 of 36 passes for 233 yards and one touchdown in Centre's victory over Washington.
"We have our work cut out for us," Fallon said. "They have an explosive offense that can move via the air or on the ground."
Tight end Ian Banwell and linebacker Bob Berlin, both starters, will miss the Centre game due to injuries suffered against E&H. Banwell separated his right shoulder, and Berlin has a badly sprained ankle.

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