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Girard suspended by SCC

By JIM STRADER
 News Editor

Senior Gene Girard has been suspended for the remainder of the academic year for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it.

The Student Control Committee met for more than seven hours Thursday night before convicting Girard of the offense, which is classified as "major" under Washington and Lee's disciplinary rules.

The suspension, which Girard appealed, was upheld by the Student Affairs Committee on Friday, according to its chairman, Dean of Students Lewis G. John.

Under new SCC guidelines that took effect this year, the SCC could have expelled Girard.

Girard, who came to W&L from Coral Gables, Fla., in the fall of 1981, is a former tri-captain of the football team.

He was convicted Aug. 13 in Rockbridge County Circuit Court of possession of cocaine and sentenced to five years in prison, a sentence that was suspended after he served six months in the Rockbridge County Jail.

A trial earlier in the summer, in which Girard was charged with possession with the intent to distribute,

ended in mistrial. He was arrested March 1 by Lexington police at the East Lexington grocery store when he went there to pick up a Federal Express package, later found to contain about an ounce of cocaine.

Girard, who did not attend classes in the fall term, had applied for and was granted re-admission for the winter semester, according to John. He said he did not know whether Girard had attended any classes last week.

While Girard was serving his sentence, he participated in a community service project in Lexington as part of a work-release program. For his part of the ACCESS project, Girard mapped the downtown and historic areas of the city to help determine whether those sections are accessible to handicapped people.

During his time in jail, Girard also worked in the W&L library on a thesis for his major, and spoke several times to church, athletic and youth groups about his drug-related experiences.

Senior Jay Kendall, one of Girard's roommates, said Girard left Lexington Friday night for Washington, D.C., and was planning to go to New York City to interview at some architecture firms. Girard's major at W&L is architectural history, an independent course of study.

Kendall said he was unsure of

Girard's plans for the future but that they might include returning to W&L. "He told me that although it's somewhat discouraging and frustrating, that he plans on coming back in the fall," Kendall said.

The SCC, an all-student committee, met for more than seven hours Thursday night before convicting Girard, according to John.

Senior Townes Pressler, chairman of the SCC, would not say who reported Girard's case to the Committee and John said he wasn't sure how the case got to the SCC.

"I don't remember if I officially reported it," John said. "But there has been so much publicity, that I'm not sure it's really important how it got into Student Control channels."

SCC regulations state that following a report to the committee of an alleged offense, an investigation is to be conducted by the chairman and vice-chairman of the SCC. If the possibility exists that the offense is major, the case is referred to a certification committee, made up of the SCC chairman, the SAC chairman and a faculty member of the SAC.

Girard's case was judged a major offense by the certification committee of Pressler, John and Assistant English Professor Jean C. Dunbar.

John said that at Girard's hearing, the SCC used transcripts from the

court proceedings last summer as a basis for its questioning of Girard.

Girard's advocate at the hearing, third-year W&L law student Steuart Thomas, said the defense he presented was that Girard had no intent to distribute the cocaine, thus making the offense a minor rather than a major charge. Minor offenses carry possible penalties such as cash fines, social probation or conduct probation.

Thomas said the hearing Thursday evening lasted about three hours, and that he and Girard were informed of the SCC decision several hours later that night.

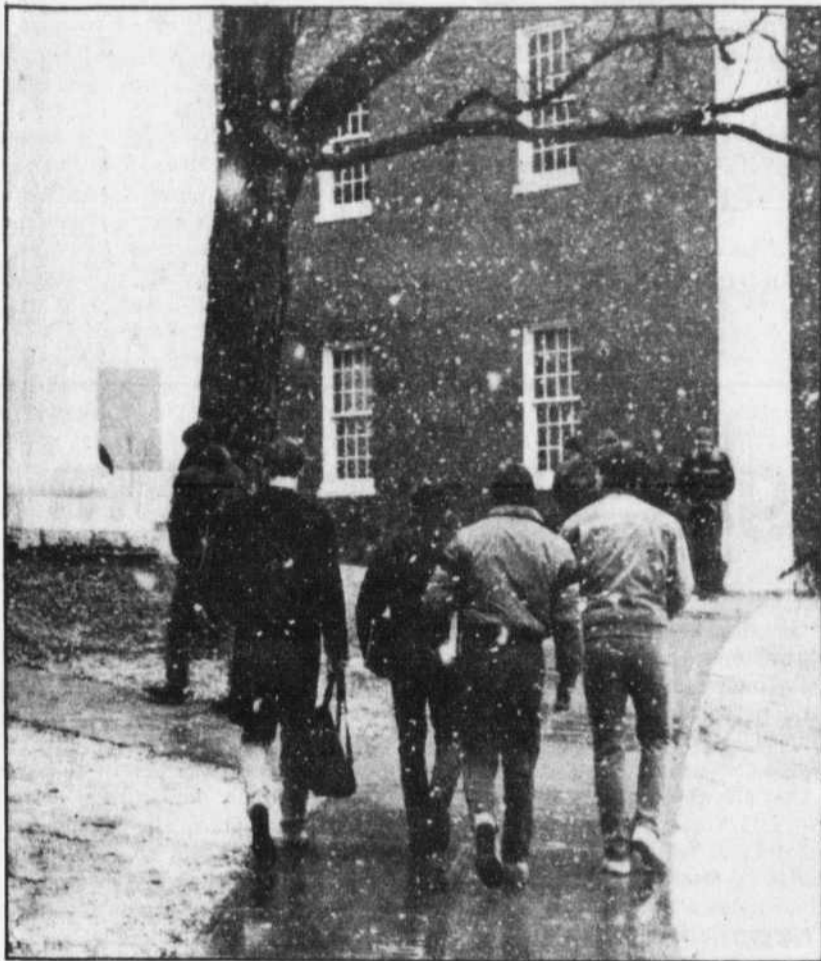
Thomas said his primary function at the hearing was to make opening and closing statements for Girard and to advise him in answering questions from the committee.

Because the student and faculty SAC can only lighten sentences passed by the SCC, "it would be stupid not to appeal," according to Thomas.

At the SAC hearing Friday, a tape of part of the SCC proceeding was played.

Senior John Lewis, student body president and a member of the SAC, said that at the hearing, Girard's defense was the same as it had been before the SCC.

"He thought it should have been a minor offense because he had no intent to distribute," Lewis said.



By Steve Sadler/The Ring-tum Phi

Real snow

A sudden snow flurry surprised students Monday morning and left a dusting of snow that was gone in an hour. The National Weather Service says higher temperatures in the extended forecast will keep any snow from falling in the near future in the Roanoke vicinity.

Police arrest nine students

By SEAN BUGG
 and JIM STRADER
 Staff Reporters

Lexington police responding to a noise complaint arrested nine Washington and Lee students and one former student on marijuana possession charges Sunday evening at one of the students' apartments.

A plastic bag containing less than half an ounce of marijuana was seized, along with drug paraphernalia including "a couple of bongos and a couple of pipes," police said.

The students arrested are:

- George Thomas Corrigan Jr., a senior from Villanova, Pa.
- James Edward Culnane, a senior from Fitchburg, Ma.

- Frederick Paul Driscoll, a junior from Dedham, Ma.
- Bradford Jenkins MacCachran, a junior from Sudbury, Ma.
- William Allen Michaud, a senior from Pearl River, N.Y.
- Christopher William Reavis, a junior from New City, N.Y.
- Edward Augustus Richardson, a senior from Holden, Ma.
- John Scott Schreiber, a senior from Williamsburg.
- William Francis Zola, a senior from Sudbury, Ma.

Also arrested Sunday was Gregory Bryan Morcroft, W&L Class of 1985, of Hollywood, Fla.

Lexington Police Chief L.O. Sutton said the arrests were made after police responded to the noise complaint at 201 E. Nelson St., Apt. G, where Culnane and Michaud live.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 18 at 9 a.m.

The misdemeanor charge carries a possible penalty of up to 12 months in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

Court records show that of the 10 arrested, only Zola has a criminal record in Rockbridge County. He was convicted Oct. 15 in Lexington District Court of petty larceny charges brought after an incident last spring involving a stolen tub of wine valued at \$160.28 from Spanky's restaurant.

Zola was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence and fined \$50. Records show he appealed the conviction, but last week he filed a motion to drop that appeal and paid over \$100 in fines and court costs. Zola is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 12 to drop the appeal.

Women to fill out sorority survey

By SYDNEY MARTINSON
 Staff Reporter

No one knows when or whether sororities will become a part of Washington and Lee, but every female undergraduate student on campus will be asked her opinion on these issues in a survey that was distributed to them starting this morning.

With the help of Dan N. Murphy, associate dean of students, and sociology Professor David R. Novack, five freshman women — Caroline Boone, Elizabeth Cummins, Patience Jones, Anne Large and Melissa Thrasher — composed a survey to evaluate the level of interest in sororities among freshmen and upperclass women. They are hoping that the survey can be compiled within two or three weeks.

If the survey reveals that as few as 30 percent of the women are in favor of sororities, Murphy may still form a committee to attend presentations given by the many sororities that have shown interest in coming to Lexington.

So far, between 11 and 15 have made serious inquiries to Murphy's office, but he has not told the students which sororities he has been in contact with.

"We've got to start with something really strong nationally," said Large, one of the students Murphy met

with. She said she is unsure when colonization should begin.

"We're still arguing about that....I don't really think it would be realistic to try to do it this year," Large said.

Boone feels that the sooner, the better. "If we don't get started now, it's going to be a lot harder in the future."

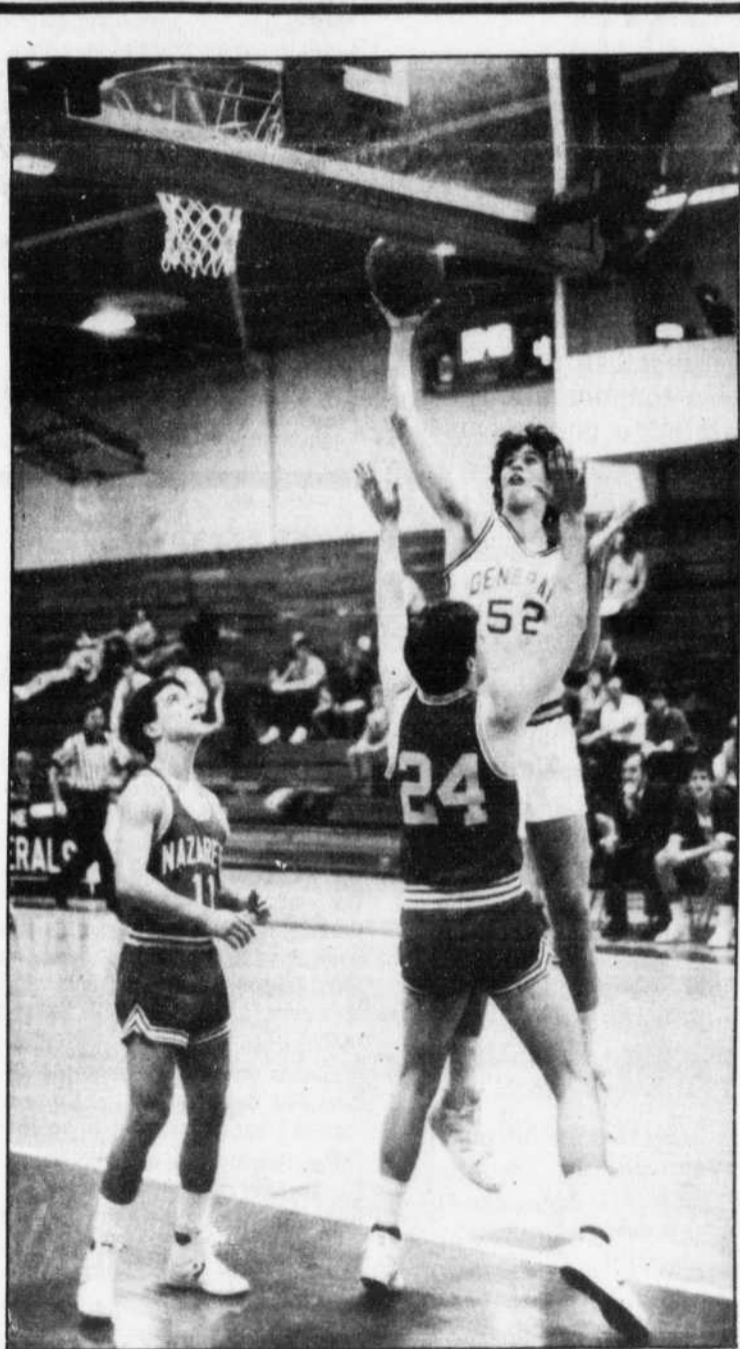
Once the decision to bring a sorority onto campus is made, the national chapters will have the students rushed by either alumnae or by sorority members from nearby colleges and universities with strong chapters.

Both Murphy and Cummins believe it would be more beneficial to start with more than one colony. Most chapters like to begin with at least 25 women, but it may be that the sororities are so anxious to establish themselves here, that they will be willing to start with fewer pledges.

Cummins said she's hoping for at least three or four sororities to start. "Two is just too competitive."

"No one's going to be left out," Boone said. "If we start with four sororities, you may not get to be in the top one, but everyone will be included."

The five women seemed unconcerned about acquiring a house if sororities take hold. Thrasher thought the sororities were so optimistic that they may be willing to buy a house fairly soon after colonizing. She explained that it would be possible to find a location for a sorority "when the fraternities go down."



By Paul Foutch/The Ring-tum Phi

Harmon Harden tosses one up in Saturday night's loss

Roanoke rivalry continues

By ROB MacPHERSON
 Staff Reporter

As most of us know by now, Washington and Lee is a very traditional place. And one of the biggest traditions during the month of January is the W&L-Roanoke basketball game, a confrontation that often goes beyond the 10 athletes on the floor of the Warner Center.

According to WLUR-FM sportscaster Ken Jacoby, the place will be packed for what has become simply "The Game."

"There's always a huge crowd," said the senior who will bring the game to those who don't make it to the Warner Center tonight. "It's by far the most highly attended game of the year."

Junior Sam Foley agrees. "It's intense. I don't care what you say, it's outrageous. It's the best game of the year."

In Roanoke, the students are just as enthusiastic. Roanoke junior Fred Palmer gave his prediction: "We're going to wipe them out, as always." W&L hasn't beaten Roanoke since 1982.

Sophomore Anna Liles expressed her view on the game: "It's one of the main focuses down here at Roanoke. You wait until we get there." But don't count on the W&L fans getting outdone by their Roanoke counterparts. Not as long as the Unknown Fans are around.

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Sweet Briar security tightened

By MIKE ALLEN
 Executive Editor

An "inexperienced" attacker has attempted unsuccessfully to rape Sweet Briar College students in two separate incidents this month, prompting concern and increased security on the campus, officials say.

Director of College Security Jesse F. Miller said that on Monday, a Washington and Lee student "almost caught the guy" when he saw the suspect lurking in a parking lot.

The student said, "Hey! What are you doing?" and "the guy ran into the woods," according to Miller. An unsuccessful two-hour search followed.

Miller said the attacks appear to be attempted sexual assaults. "Why would you jump on a girl and tackle her on the ground?" he asked. "It's not robbery; rape is the only obvious motive."

"These failures on two attempts show that he's not very experienced," Miller added. "This man seems to be nervous and would try to build up his confidence by talking to" the victims.

The first attack was Jan. 7 at about 11:55 p.m., when the man approached a sophomore outside Meta Glass residence hall and asked her for directions, Miller said.

The man followed her into the dormitory elevator, still repeating the directions, pretending he was lost. When the door began to close and he was in the elevator, "she realized that she was in trouble," according to Miller.

The second attack was Sunday around 6:20 p.m. on two seniors walking along Lake Road toward the school's boathouse. He said it was near the intersection with the road to the president's house and is "not a secluded area." The assailant was pretending to be a jogger, according to Miller.

"He tackled her and knocked her to the ground," he said of the attack on the first woman. "He tried to get on top of her but she fought back with her fists." Miller said that when the other student resisted, the attacker "carried her about five feet on his back" before he "dropped her and ran."

"We had a real problem with doors being propped open; that has stopped," Miller noted. "We've tripled and quadrupled our patrols."

"It's put a strain on all of us," added Commander Willie H. Neal of Sweet Briar Security.

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Board fires Ariel editor

Senior Bob Strickland was dismissed as editor of the literary magazine Ariel by the University Publications Board on Sunday.

The board said in a statement that Strickland was removed "for exercising poor judgment in defacing a library book in connection with the preparation of the Winter 1985 issue of the magazine."

Applications for the position of Ariel editor will be accepted in Carol Calkins' office in the University Center until Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Burned

I thought it would be the ideal time to study in the library. A Thursday evening at the beginning of the term to want to get the assigned work done weeks in advance.

I obviously was mistaken.

After all, it is not any Thursday evening (or so I hope) that one can observe students playing out their pyrotechnic fantasies on trash cans in the library.

You know the situation: the trash can is full of scrap paper or old newspapers. Someone, on a dare or just out of lunacy, decides to light a match and throw it into the trashcan in the middle of the floor. Maybe a flame, as was the case last week, or smoke or both will rise from the union of paper with lit match. What joy that creates in the hearts of the youthful pyrotechnics.

And what disorder it creates for those trying to study. Not only do the shouts of glee from the successful arsonists-to-be distract one's attention from fascinating study of American political theory, but the children also insist on chasing each other about one end of the library, perhaps out of a sado-masochistic desire to have the next match applied to some part of their anatomy.

It is not difficult, for most rational people, to see what is wrong in this situation. Not only does the smoke freely floating about the library floors damage the books, but it also damages the eyes and lungs and throats of those students who might — just might — have wanted to study that evening.

Every year, someone always has a complaint about the library. Either it's too noisy or too crowded or filled with VMI cadets or the books are never shelved that you're looking for or someone has "borrowed" a text or notes from your carrel without permission. Lighting fires and playing with matches outside of the designated smoking areas on each floor is a quaint addition to the old complaints, but it is also one I think we could do without. The library is too fine a facility to be wasted on juvenile minds or by juvenile actions.

While this year's freshman class may be touted as the best and the brightest, certain members of that group have to learn a few lessons in library etiquette. Especially important among those first few rules is one I thought they (like every other class here) would have learned in kindergarten — don't play with matches.

-NRP

Technical foul

They call it "The Game."

The Unknown Fans will be there. Professors and students will attend in droves. Ten students will run up and down a wooden floor and throw a round orange ball into a steel, circular rim for 40 minutes. People will cheer from both sides of Warner Center.

But unlike past years, it won't be odd to see the bleachers filled. Students have been attending basketball games this year in great numbers. Apathy, often a common ailment in recent years plaguing attendance at athletic events, seems to have gone the way of single-sex education.

But while it is nice to see students and faculty taking greater visible pride in the school through public support of athletic teams, it is also disheartening to hear of students being charged with misdemeanors for possession of illegal substances or students being suspended from school for possession and possible distribution of cocaine.

Life may be full of incongruities, but to see students taking pride in self and school through public attendance of sporting events while members of the same student body — people who also represent the Washington and Lee reputation in the community — are busy making noise or doing bong hits seems both out of place and unnecessary.

Although the Admissions Office deserves applause for recruitment of a very competitive early-decision class, we wonder why, at times, the people would want to come here. When we see a full house at a Warner Center match-up, we know why this school exists and why we take pride in it.

But when we have to report, week after week the public relations blunders with the Lexington community, we often wonder what value students (including us) have in the scheme of things. When we can't keep our act clean, or when we can't keep the noise down, it seems of little consolation that attendance is up at basketball games or that Roanoke will be crushed tonight.



Gentlemen don't fight over sexism

By MARIE KOTHMAN
Assistant Editorial Page Editor

I always thought one of the major goals of coeducation was the assimilation or integration of women into the W&L student body. Everything, I was once led to believe, would then proceed normally, as at most other schools.

I believe we ought to attempt to achieve this goal, but some people — including many in the faculty and administration — just can't let well enough alone. Their efforts seem to be the proverbial three steps backward for the two forward others seem to make.

For example, consider all the recent flurry of statistics on how women and men (wouldn't it be easier — and less sexist — just to say students?) are doing at this school. The faculty and administration have gone to great lengths to compare, compile, record and announce to the world the grades of freshman males and females. The emphasis is on how the sexes differ, which ironically is just the opposite of the professed goal of many administrators to create a "sexless" atmosphere. There have been attempts to change the names of courses, i.e., "The Descent of

Man," that might seem offending to the freshman women (never mind that the students in question were never consulted on this matter). You people advocating "Hu-person-kind": Get a real cause.

Who really cares that seven out of the top 10 students in the freshman class were women? Oh well. That's very interesting. Does the desire to know these "sexist" facts and figures stem from faculty insecurity? Are the faculty and administration hoping to prove that the freshman females are smarter than the freshman males?

Well as long as we're gathering statistics, let's find out how much time the average freshman male was committed to spending on extra-curricular activities (such as pledging a fraternity) as compared to the average freshman female. Let's find out how much the grades of males and females differed in English and math, to see if the old gender-based (or are they genetic?) stereotypes are true. Let's also see how women did in P.E. courses as compared to men. Maybe that will prove men might (heavens!) be more athletically inclined. Let's figure the ratio for how many women skipped classes on Thursdays (after Wednesday night

parties) as compared to men. How many more men's restrooms are there than ladies rooms? That might prove men have weaker bladders. How interesting and what an intellectual pursuit for the intellectually inclined. How many freshman men have cars as compared to women? After all, women don't have to drive to VMI. Maybe the men need more cars to drive to the restroom. How often do freshman females do their laundry as compared to males? (Oh, I forgot, we already know that one.)

What purpose would the gathering of all these statistics serve? None. Satisfaction of intellectual (after all, that is why the faculty and administration are here, to guide students in the cultivation of the mind) curiosity maybe, but that's about it. Comparing the grades of the males and females in the freshman class only promotes rivalry. No, the freshman women aren't goddesses or super women. They are students who are here to do the best they can. As one freshman male put it: "There are men in the freshman class too."

But why is the administration so constantly compelled to compare the female students to everybody else? Do they need to reassure themselves that coeducation was the right move?

Or is it that certain members want to rub the noses of other members (who were initially against coeducation) in the success of the move? Are they trying to say, "Look at just how wrong you were?" After all, this is supposed to be the school for "gentlemen" (a genderless term, we have been repeatedly told). How easily certain members of the faculty and administration seem to forget this basic definition of civility and decency. Where have good manners gone?

If one has a cause to promote in all of this (feminism, perhaps), then fine. State it as such. Lay your motives on the table. But it seems an awful lot of finger pointing and change is being done in the name of coeducation that really does more harm than good. Changing the names of courses that are offensive to a small minority often ends up as offensive to the majority.

In the words of another freshman, someone needs to choose their battles better. Everyone needs to take a long look before doing any more leaping. Fighting over what most people consider trivial details is not in the best interest of the freshmen or the student body. It is petty. And it reflects as poorly on the school as does any publicized honor trial.

Can sophomores control the dorms?

MY VIEW

By John Pensac

The more things change, the more they remain the same. An old saying, perhaps, but a very accurate one. With the inclusion of rising sophomores as potential dorm counselors, the selection process has changed. But at least there is still the understanding that these men and women have an important role in the Washington and Lee community. However, are sophomores up to the task?

Every student remembers those first few days at W&L and the feelings of anxiety that accompanied it.

For those who were leaving home for the first time it was a rough time, but even for those who had been away from home before, there were cases of nerves to be dealt with.

Walking into the empty room that was to be my home for the next year, my stomach did flip-flops as I listen-

ed to the echo of my footsteps. In time, the room would become livable with the addition of rugs and posters, but it lacked the comforts of home. Being livable was a long way off. For now, it consisted of four beige walls and a tile floor.

The same was true of the University in general. At first, it was nothing more than buildings and unknown people.

As I joined clubs and got involved with my classes, the University began to take on a new dimension.

For the first few days, the world was contained in the dormitory, which my parents had seen. They had also met my dorm counselor, and the meeting did them good. Over the course of the year, if I had a problem I was urged by my parents to talk to him. He took on the role, not of surrogate parent, but of an adviser whose opinion should be sought. After all, my parents reasoned, as an upperclassman he had been around the block and knew the ins and outs of the school.

As a hall, we decided the rules we would live by. The only concrete rule established for us by our dorm counselor was to try to work out any

problems among ourselves before we went to him.

Living in the dorms that first year taught me a lot about myself and about other students. But the learning came, not only from doing, but also from following an example, that of my dorm counselor.

I had the benefit of his experience, and I learned from his mistakes. He told me what he thought was the best way to get through my distribution requirements and which professors should be avoided. Can sophomores do this if they are still completing their General Education requirements?

A counselor is, to a degree, a representative of stability. Upperclassmen have the advantage because they have been here longer and are more comfortable with the system. They have a major and are working toward completing it. Sophomores do not have to declare until the end of the year and will be spending, one hopes, a lot of time making this important decision. How much time then will be left for the freshmen as they struggle with these decisions?

There is a tendency at the end of

the freshman year for students to think they know it all, and because of this sophomore year comes as quite a shock. No dorm counselor is there to help solve problems between roommates. No quiet hours exist to help students manage time. This second year helps a student mature and, I believe, is necessary before someone is entrusted with guiding other students during that first year. How can a student really help guide another student to maturity if he has not had the maturing experience of living on his own?

After freshman year, W&L becomes an entirely different place. Professors suddenly become more than people who lecture at you. They become human beings you can talk to.

During orientation, University President John D. Wilson tried to sum up the characteristics of my class. This is a hard enough task at graduation, let alone the first week of school.

It takes time for the true leaders of a class to emerge. Once they do, it's time for them to become dorm counselors, and not before.

LETTERS

Reader defends the actions of Ariel editor

To the editors:

I wish to compliment Jason Lisi on his superb piece of investigative reporting. Who would guess the Ariel could be subject to such scandal? I find it comforting that at least one member of the student body has the guts and determination necessary to make it as a reporter for the National Enquirer.

Since I share an apartment with Mr. Strickland, the editor in question, I think I am more aware of the circumstances than the average W&L student. I watched Bob on many an occasion working on both the layout and the design. He wanted to do something new and interesting with a previously undistinguished student publication.

The Scavullo interview offered a chance to add this new dimension. The pictures were to help the reader realize that Scavullo was known in most magazine and art circles, if not to the stu-

dents at large. Granted, cutting the pictures out of a library book was not in the best judgment; but with a deadline it was the easiest.

To question Bob's authority to print those pictures is understandable. The copyright laws could have placed the University in a quandary if he had not obtained permission. But the point remains that he did have permission.

What I do find appalling is Mr. Lisi's implication that Monica Burke had plagiarized the interview. It seems, having not found the scandal he so desperately sought in the pictures, that he grabbed at straws. We must realize that there are a finite number of questions one can ask these people. Miss Burke would have had to have done extensive research to have not asked him an already used question. Obviously Mr. Lisi has not read many interviews or I'm sure his inquiring mind would have discerned this.

Let us rest this "scandal" next to his previous "attempted scandal" and merely dismiss it to

experience. Hopefully Mike Allen will watch his contributors in the future.

James Hansen
Class of '87

Student clarifies gun policy

To the Editors:

Student Control has asked me to write this letter explaining the University's policy on firearms. There are to be no guns in the dorms. Anyone living in the dorms who wishes to keep a firearm at school for hunting must store it with Dean Huntley for safekeeping. Handguns are not permitted. Students not living in the dorms are not subject to any school policy but are subject to state, county and city laws. Lexington law prohibits the carrying of a loaded firearm and the discharging of a firearm within city limits.

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Forum planned to address women's issues

By DEBORAH HATTES
Staff Reporter

A Women's Forum that will address some of the concerns voiced by freshman women is in the planning stages, Associate Dean of Students Anne C.P. Schroer said this week.

"Several women have come in to ask about developing programs that will begin to meet the needs of women students," Schroer said.

Areas the forum will be involved in, each of which will have its own committee, are housing and lounging, health and counseling, leadership, social, recreation and athletics, Greek, academic advising and career issues, spiritual growth and development, and community service. Each committee will have an adviser from the W&L or Lexington communities.

Associate Dean of the College Pamela Simpson, who was chairman of the Coeducation Committee, said the committee members heard repeatedly at a series of freshman hall meetings in the fall that the freshman women did not have a chance to meet other W&L women, that they "felt isolated to their own living unit."

"There was the feeling that guys have the fraternities but the women don't have anything comparable,"

she said.

Dormitory counselor Sydney Martinson stressed that "it's not a feminist group."

"Many of the programs will be open to both men and women students, faculty and staff, and community members at large," Schroer said.

Valerie Pierson, a freshman who supported the Executive Committee's decision to appoint a temporary female member to the Student Control Committee, said she sees the Women's Forum as "having the potential to be a very positive thing on campus."

"My main concern is that the guys won't respond to it positively," she said.

Susan Lewis, a freshman who opposed the appointment of an ad hoc woman on the SCC, said she supports the planned Women's Forum.

"It would be useful, and I would participate in it, but part of my participation would stem from the fact that through my conservative views on the issues, a working balance could be brought about," Lewis said.

Dormitory counselor Kathleen Plante said the forum could help bring about needed changes in health care for the women students.

"I feel as if the Women's Forum could help in that area. And with concern to Greek life, this could either

help in organizing sororities or help find out more closely student interest," Plante said.

Pierson said, "As far as fraternities are concerned, we're always welcomed and invited to go there, but we're not members — we're perpetual guests. I'm not opposed to fraternities at all; I simply think it would be nice to have some reasonable alternative."

Lewis added that there are some changes she would like to see made.

"Housing sticks out in my mind," she said. "With women here now, I don't really think the University's doing enough to help us find someplace to live."

She said she became concerned after visiting a realtor and learning that it might be too late to find off-campus housing for next year.

The housing sheet freshmen received in their orientation packet "didn't put enough emphasis on it, that it needed to be done immediately," Lewis said.

On the general issue of coeducation, Lewis said she feels that she has been accepted pretty well.

"I always got the impression that the guys, although they might have been against it at first, knew there was nothing they could do to change it, so they might as well make the best of it," Lewis said.

But, she cautioned, "If things are

Appointment of SCC woman postponed

By JASON LISI
Assistant News Editor

The Executive Committee is reviewing its power to appoint a female ad hoc non-voting member to the Student Control Committee, according to EC President John Lewis.

The EC approved a motion to appoint a female ad hoc non-voting member to the SCC by a 7-6 vote last month. The EC has accepted no applications for that position because it cannot find evidence in the Student Body Constitution that it has the power to create that position.

"Our very ability to make that vote is in question," Lewis said.

Senior Representative Pat Hayden said he asked Dean of Students Lewis G. John if the EC has the power to appoint an ad hoc member.

"There is no simple answer to that question," John

said in an interview yesterday. "My opinion is yes."

"I'm sorry the appointment was not done before," John said.

"The EC is questioning its authority to do so because the Student Control Committee is a creation of the faculty and the faculty has nowhere said that the EC can do this," he added.

"This is a legitimate question that they can raise as to their authority."

The point was raised at Monday's meeting My senior Representative Michael Black.

"Now that it's voted upon, I really think we need to act on it," Black said.

Hayden read a letter from John that outlined John's opinion on the matter.

"The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, appoint such ad hoc non-voting members as it deems appropriate," Hayden read. He continued to say that John recommended that a female SCC position be created.

Early decision applicants' SATs soar

By JOHN KALITKA
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee has become, in the words of Assistant Director of Admissions Julia M. Kozak, "a very selective institution."

"We've become a very popular school," Kozak said in an interview Tuesday. Moreover, she continued, "We have every reason to believe that the academic standards here at the University will increase both quantitatively and qualitatively."

Of the 214 applications received before the Dec. 1 early acceptance deadline, 75 were offered admission, a "conservative" 35 percent acceptance rate. Last year, 52 percent of early decision applications were approved for admission. Kozak discouraged any further comparisons, citing the familiar analogy of "apples and oranges."

The average SAT score jumped from 1157 to this year's 1207, while the average class rank increased four percentage points from the 79th to the 83rd percentile.



By Steve Sadler/The Ring-tum Phi

In the trenches

Columbia Gas of Virginia workmen lay a main gas line through the front yard of Chi Psi and along Lee Avenue this week as part of the re-routing caused by Washington and Lee's plans to build its new dormitory. Harold Washington, Columbia Gas' plant and service supervisor in Lexington, explained that the main gas line that connects W&L and Virginia Military Institute with the gas pipeline that serves Lexington currently runs under the

planned dormitory site. Because of maintenance problems with gas lines under buildings, and because W&L owns the land for the dormitory, Columbia Gas is having to re-route the line up Nelson Street, across Lee Avenue and down Washington Street to Jefferson Street, where it will meet the old line. Washington said that with good weather the work should be done by the first week in February.

ODK to initiate 27 at Monday ceremony

By PETER BOATNER
Staff Reporter

Omicron Delta Kappa, the national collegiate leadership society founded at Washington and Lee in 1914, will induct 27 new undergraduate and law student members at its convocation ceremony Jan. 20.

Five juniors, 15 seniors and seven law students will be initiated, as will 4 honorary alumni members. Though the inductees have been notified, their names are kept secret until the ceremony.

The selection process for ODK, which recognizes student leaders in various areas of campus life, has been questioned in the past by some student leaders who have been passed over.

According to Religion Professor David W. Sprunt, a faculty member of ODK, this situation comes about because the selection committee is limited by the national charter of the society to considering only students in the top 35 percent academically of the school. Several times in the past, Sprunt says, and again this year, campus leaders will be barred from

membership because of their grades.

Senior David Lewis, student president of ODK agreed. "Everyone is considered," he said. "W&L is small enough that no one falls through the cracks."

While the society is leadership and character-oriented, Lewis says, the 35 percent guideline has to be followed. Decisions about students who are on the border academically are held off until the end of the fall semester to give them a chance to improve their grades.

As far as deciding who the student leaders are, Lewis conceded that the decisions are subjective. "Basically, a lot of it is a judgment call," he said.

The class schedule for Monday will be affected by the convocation. "A" through "D" hours will remain the same, with the convocation running from noon to 1:25. The rest of the schedule follows.

E — 1:30 - 2:10
F — 2:15 - 2:55
G — 3 - 3:40
H — 3:45 - 4:25
I — 4:30 - 5:10
J — 5:15 - 5:55

NEWS BRIEFS

Ex-student pleads guilty to fraud

Staff Reports

A former Washington and Lee student pleaded guilty to felony charges of credit card theft and fraud yesterday and was fined \$500 and given a 12-month suspended sentence in Rockbridge County Circuit Court.

Felton Edwin May II, 20, of Harrisburg, Pa. pleaded guilty to charges of receiving a lost credit card with the intent to use, and forgery. He confessed to Lexington Police Sgt. Torben Pedersen last spring that he found a brown wallet belonging to David A. Shugart, a W&L student, and that he used an AT&T calling card that was in Shugart's grandmother's name. May also confessed to purchasing several items at the College Town Shop in Lexington with a Visa card that also belonged to Shugart.

Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read opened the case by questioning Pedersen about May's confession. Pedersen testified that May confessed to having taken the two credit cards on Feb. 10, the day they were reported missing by Shugart. Pedersen also said May told him he tried using the card that evening and proceeded to make 104 calls totalling \$160.31 between that day and sometime near the end of March.

Pedersen testified that May told him he purchased two rugby shirts and other items from the College Town Shop, paying for them on the store's voucher.

Several other W&L students were involved in making some of the telephone calls with Shugart's credit card. Two students, Walter Hopkins and Calvin Rankin, were convicted of misdemeanors in June in Rockbridge County District Court.

Pedersen completed his testimony by reading a statement from May that explained May's inability to cope with the W&L environment.

"It was a way of getting back at them," the statement said. "It is a racist school. They are all rich and they treat us (minorities) like dirt."

May's attorney, Bernard J. Natkin of Lexington questioned Pedersen about who actually picked up the wallet since there was some confusion on the point. In his closing remarks, Natkin told Judge George E. Honts III that May was unable to cope with his environment and, although his actions were wrong, "he was just trying to get back at the system."

—Rick Pierce

Dining hall to help MDA

Contract and point-card patrons of Evans Dining Hall can support the Muscular Dystrophy Association Superdome by giving up their Tuesday dinner with the proceeds going to the MDA.

Signups for the donation will be in the dining hall during Monday dinner and Tuesday lunch.

Roadtrips to the slave auctions and happy hours to promote the dance will leave from Fairfax Lounge for Hollins College at 5:30 p.m. today, Sweet Briar College at 3:45 p.m. Friday and Randolph-Macon Women's College at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

Check charge matter resolved

The Student Financial Relations Committee first was irked when it learned that Domino's Pizza was charging students 20 cents to write checks to defray the cost, the committee thought, of bad checks. After all, the purpose of the committee, better known as Cold Check, is to guarantee students' checks for local merchants.

The problem was cleared up when it was learned that the 20-cent charge is to defray regular bank charges and is a national policy.

The surprise came when the committee was covering a bad check written to Domino's by a student — and the committee's check to Domino's required a 20-cent charge.

"It's pretty much all cleared up," Chairman Peter Bennorth told the Executive Committee Monday night. He said he talked to the manager of the local pizza delivery store, who decided to drop the 20-cent charge on the committee's checks.

Bennorth said the problem was not with the 20-cent charge as much as the idea of being charged to write a check when the committee performs a service to local businessmen.

"It isn't the amount, it's the principle," he said. "I don't want to argue over 20 cents," explained Domino's manager Tim Camden. The charge, he said, is to defray costs the bank charges to process the checks as well as other costs. "It falls into all kinds of categories," Camden said.

He added that the amount the bank charges him for handling and processing his checks is high. "It's more than you would believe," Camden said.

Camden said that while he places a charge of \$10 on community members who write bad checks, he waives this charge in cases of students because of the services of the Cold Check Committee.

In other EC action, President John Lewis said Dean Lewis G. John told him the positions of sophomore dormitory counselors would probably only be considered for next year. According to Lewis, the law student dorm counselors are being "phased out" and sophomores will not be dorm counselors after next year.

—Jason Lisi

TALKBACK

What do you think of the idea of sororities at W&L?

Interviews by SYDNEY MARTINSON

Photographs by HANK MAYER



Gretchen Bell, freshman, Lynchburg (left), and Beth Cousland, freshman, Winchester: "We don't want them. We think the girls have it good now because we get the social life without any of the responsibilities."



Sandy Whann, senior, New Orleans: "I think it's going to add an interesting new dimension. I like the way the administration is letting the girls make the decisions about sororities. Without support from girls, it wouldn't have the positive impact that it could."



Jim Godfrey, junior, Johnson City, Tenn.: "It could be a good thing. I mean, this past weekend I went skiing with some sorority girls from Florida State and it seemed a lot different for them. It seemed like they had a decent relationship with the guys they went to school with. They had a lot in common because they'd been through a type of pledgship."



Susan Lewis, freshman, Wachapreague: "I think it would be nice to have them. It would do a lot for the social life because the girls won't have to depend on fraternities. But, then again, it's probably too soon because I don't think there are enough girls here to start two or three sororities. It would be too competitive."

AIA not welcome, leaders say

By SIMON PEREZ
Staff Reporter

Accuracy in Academia, a group formed to monitor liberal propagandizing by professors in college classrooms across the country, would meet harsh opposition at Washington and Lee, according to faculty and student leaders.

Adamantly opposed to such investigations is Dean of the Commerce School Edward C. Atwood. He said students making reports on class lectures would "make professors feel under attack" and also would "curb academic freedom."

Although noting that "biases are present" in all classrooms, Atwood said that he knows of no professors at W&L that would not "give students an opportunity to speak" in class and to challenge what professors are teaching.

AIA, which gets its information from students recruit-

ed on various campuses, began monitoring classes in September and publish their findings in a monthly publication.

Reed Irvine, AIA's founder, also began Accuracy in Media, which attacked what he perceived as the liberal biases in the national news media. He began AIA because he thought college students were being exposed to only one point of view.

AIA's executive director, Les Csorba III, defends his group's actions by saying that professors should not be immune from criticism.

W&L's College Republican chairman, junior John Pensec, said it was "not AIA's responsibility" to deal with propagandizing problems.

"If there are problems, they should be taken care of within the school, internally," he said. Pensec disagreed with "an outside organization deciding right and wrong" on college campuses.

T-shirts show anti-coed sentiment

By PETER BOATNER
Staff Reporter

"Women at W&L: The beginning of an error!" So proclaim T-shirts being sold at the local women's colleges by two W&L students.

The shirts, which have the above words along with the picture of a female student with a red slash through her on the back, and "The Roadtrip Continues '85-'86" on the front, have been selling briskly so far, according to sophomores Brad Shaw and Lester Coe, the two students who came up with the idea.

About 170 of the shirts have been sold to students at the other schools, and about 50 have been sold to W&L students of both sexes, at a price of \$8.

Shaw and Coe are quick to point out



The back design of the T-shirt

that their shirt venture is "just a business," and "definitely nothing

personal" against the women at W&L.

"Several girls have come up asking for shirts, so they can see it's just a joke," says Coe. But, he adds, "we weren't stupid enough to think there wouldn't be some animosity."

Still, they do have an argument to make. "Some guys resent how quickly change is coming," Shaw said. The T-shirt represents "just a quick jab to show we're still a little upset."

"The administrators have to be kidding themselves if they think that after 250 years, going co-ed is going to blow over in four months," Coe added.

Shaw said that he is not against the coeducation decision, and that he came here this year with an open mind. Coe said he was against the decision but that now he "can see the advantages."

Senior loses Rhodes bid

By DANIEL BUNCH
Staff Reporter

Although five Washington and Lee students applied for the prestigious Rhodes scholarships and one made it to the finals in Atlanta, it was a Hampden-Sydney student who won the Virginia award this year.

W&L's John-Paul Bouffard made it to the finals after applying with Gerald Shepard, Mike McAlevy, Ted LeClereq and Larry Anker. The five seniors applied in early autumn for the scholarship, which provides for two free years' study at Oxford University in England.

Shepard, McAlevy and Bouffard were selected to be interviewed in the semi-finals. Bouffard was then chosen to advance to the final interview in Atlanta.

Of his prospects for winning in Atlanta, Bouffard said, "I thought I had a good chance. I wasn't expect-

ing to win in Richmond. I was intimidated by the competition."

Philosophy Professor Joseph Martin, who is in charge of the Rhodes program at W&L, said, "It's definitely the most prestigious scholarship in the Western world...what they're looking for is someone who has demonstrated unselfish leadership."

Other requirements are that the applicant be a citizen of the U.S., be unmarried and be under 24 years of age. Martin said they also look for what he called "Victorian virtues"—strong character, devotion to duty, physical vigor and a concern for the weak.

The physical vigor requirement is usually met by being on a sports team. Martin said most applicants have a grade point average of at least in the mid 3.0 range.

This year's winner from Virginia, Maurice Jones, attends Hampden-Sydney College. Martin said W&L's last winner was in 1984.

Roanoke

Continued from Page 1

The Unknown Fans — an...enthusiastic group of W&L students who annually attend the Roanoke game wearing bags over their heads to conceal their identities.

According to Chris Komosa, a four-year bag-head, the Unknown Fans will be present and accounted for on Thursday night.

"We'll be out in full strength again this year," he said.

Komosa added that the purpose of the Unknown Fans is to promote participation from the W&L side of the bleachers.

"We just want to have fun and get the fans involved. We try to keep ourselves calm and try not to get anybody mad," Komosa said.

In the past, the Unknown Fans have found it hard to restrain their enthusiasm, continued Komosa. In 1983, the officials had to stop the game to move them off the court, and in 1984, a fight broke out after the game, the blame of which was eventually pinned on the Unknown Fans.

"The whole thing looked like it was our fault, but we really had nothing to do with it," said Komosa. He also said that this year the group will be "a little more restrained."

One group that won't be restrained in the least is the W&L starting five. Although half the team is new to the rivalry, the players realize what they're in for.

"Roanoke is always a big game, always tense and physical," said junior forward Jefferson Harralson. "I expect a good team effort."

Rob Spencer, another junior forward, had this to say: "This is our year to beat them, it's the best team we've had since I've been here."

Head coach Verne Canfield downplayed the rivalry. "This year, it's not nearly as important," said the 22-year mentor, citing the youthful team as the cause for the game's supposed lack of significance.

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GENERAL NOTES

Summer Scholars '86, a four-week academic and recreational program for rising high school seniors (June 29-July 25), is looking for a few good men and women to serve as counselors. Inquiries should be made at the Office of Summer Programs, 36 Washington Hall, 463-8723.

The Minority Student Association will hold a dinner in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., on Sunday in Evans Dining Hall. A program featuring Gospel Way Choir and author Garnell Stamps will be

held at 7 p.m. Monday at United Methodist Church on Randolph Street. A reception will follow the program.

Those students who have received three or more notices to attend meetings of the Cold Check Committee will be sent to the Student Control Committee unless they pay outstanding fines by Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the Student Center.

FILMS

"2001: A Space Odyssey," by Stanley Kubrick, will be shown Thursday and Saturday nights at 7

and Friday at 4 p.m. in Room 203 Reid Hall. This unusual departure from conventional sci-fi and the prequel to "2010" is a technically innovative attempt to legitimize extraterrestrials' role in human history. No one will be permitted entry during the last 14 minutes. Free admission. Public invited.

MEETINGS

Inter-Varsity will meet this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Student Center. The Lamp-post will sponsor a General Lee Birthday Bash following the meeting.

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Good Luck On The New Term!

Cagers raise mark to 6-4

By DAVID EMRICH
Assistant Sports Editor

Last week the Washington and Lee basketball squad won two and lost one. Unfortunately, the one loss was in the championship game of the W&L Invitational.

The Generals won Friday, 92-80, over Thomas College to advance to the finals of the Invitational. But on Saturday, in the finals, they failed to convert on two key freethrow chances and lost the tournament for the first time in seven seasons. However, they rebounded to end the week on a winning note by defeating Maryville 67-62 in conference action on Tuesday.

After Saturday night's loss, head coach Verne Canfield was subdued. "We hope to use this loss to learn and grow," he said. "The game bothered the kids and that's a good sign."

Canfield's guarded optimism was

rewarded when the Generals came up with a 67-62 win against the Maryville Scots.

The Scots entered the game with the ODAC's leading offense, averaging 76.7 points per game, and the league's top scorer in Clay Freels, averaging 21.5 points per game.

But the Generals' defense rose to the occasion and tightened up considerably, especially on the inside. Freels was held below his average, scoring 18 points, but more importantly, he was forced to foul out with 5:11 remaining in the contest.

Freshman Lee Brading's two free throws in the last minute of play iced the victory for W&L.

In Saturday's game, Jefferson Harralson hit one of two free throws with 1:32 to go, giving a W&L a 66-61 edge over the Nazareth Golden Flyers. Then the Generals stopped scoring, they did not put a point on the board for the remainder of the contest. Nazareth, on the other hand,

kept right on scoring.

They immediately took the ball down court and scored on a strong inside move by Richard Sparks, cutting the Generals' lead to 66-63.

"I'm very disappointed," said Canfield. "We allowed them to make too many shots in the paint."

With 30 seconds left in the game, Fred Bissinger had a chance to put the game out of reach, but he missed the front end of a one and one. So, when Joe Convertino drove the lane with ten seconds left, the W&L lead shriveled to one.

Nazareth then fouled Harralson to get the ball back. Harralson also had the opportunity to seal the victory, but he too missed the first shot of his one and one. Convertino grabbed the board but during the transition, Harralson fouled Convertino while going for the ball.

When the teams returned to the court, the 5-10 guard coolly sank both of his free throws to give his team the



JEFFERSON HARRALSON

67-66 victory and the championship.

AROUND THE RIM... Steve Hancock was named the Invitational's MVP... Harralson had 59 points in the Generals' last three games... The Generals play archrival Roanoke tonight at 7:30 in the Warner Center; the game will be carried live on WLUR-FM (91.5). Both teams are tied for third place in the ODAC....

Lame standards



TIME
OUT....

By Mike
Stachura

...The idea ultimately behind the NCAA's Proposal 48, which, by the way, became The Law Monday night, is an attempt — albeit a feeble one — to restore some validity to the term "student-athlete." That some actually opposed the proposal — vehemently so, given the fact that it was proposed two years ago and has been struggling for approval ever since — leads me to believe that it's going to take more than watered-down proposals to save play-for-pay college athletics from itself.

If you're wondering, campers, Proposal 48 is that nifty edict that seeks to prevent insufficiently educated high school students from receiving a free ticket to the institution of higher learning/motor club/health spa/leisure resort of his or her (Are you listening, Northeast Louisiana?) choice. What the NCAA approved in New Orleans (and isn't that city of sin a fitting place?) was a set of academic criteria that entering freshmen on athletic scholarship must meet if they are to compete in their scholarship sport. The standards that these respective whiz kids must be able to attain during their high school careers are as follows (please refrain from laughing too loudly):

- A 2.0 grade point average in 11 prescribed subjects.
- A score of 700 (total) on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

A phone call to the College Board people reveals just how lame these "standards" are. Fred Mareno, assistant director of public affairs at the College Board says the 1985 national average scores were 431 verbal, 475 math. That adds up to 906. Mareno said 14 percent of all those who take the test score below 700. I submit that, for the most part, it's unreasonable to allow anything that scores 200 points below the national average into a supposed institution of higher learning.

That doesn't mean it isn't done. Granted, there is the notable exception of black student-athletes. Of blacks taking the SAT, 56 percent score below 700, a result of what some researchers claim is a prejudiced test. Prejudiced or not, if you only answer less than half the questions on the SAT correctly, I can't justify your getting a free ride to college, Mac.

Mareno provides us with one further tidbit that leaves me wondering if those NCAA types were aware of what their decision involved. The man from the College Board cited a recent study that shows that athletes across the board did as well in high school as their non-athletic counterparts. The average SAT score for high school athletes was 910. That's (again) 200 points above the NCAA's lofty standard. In other words, 700 just doesn't make it, as far as a legitimate academic standard goes.

All these numbers aside though, folks, doesn't it strike anyone as peculiar that a collegiate association has to pass proposals to remind itself that academics and college are somehow related?....

Duke hands grapplers first loss in a year

By CHARLEST. GAY
Staff Reporter

It was an up-and-down week for the Washington and Lee wrestling squad. After sweeping the Johns Hopkins Quadrangular on Saturday, the Generals were humbled by Division I Duke last night.

Yesterday's 37-12 loss to the Blue Devils was the first W&L wrestling loss since Jan. 19, 1985.

The Generals started out well enough when scrappy 118-pounder Steve Castle carried the first bout. Castle's technical fall put the Generals up 6-0.

Co-captain Brian Lifested, who fell to Duke's Bill Perri 9-1 in the next match, commented, "Steve wrestled really well. He was our bright spot."

Bright spot, indeed, as from there W&L lost seven of the eight remaining bouts to the quick and countering Blue Devils. Co-captain Lary Anker

chalked up the Generals' only other points on the evening, forcing his opponent at 142 lbs. to withdraw.

General wrestlers effortlessly swept the Johns Hopkins Invitational in Baltimore last Saturday by alternately manhandling Loyola, Hampden-Sydney and Johns Hopkins, and in the process, got head coach Gary Franke his 100th win as W&L head coach.

Franke described his reaction to

the squad's performance by joking, "We're doing cartwheels."

"We were very pleased with our performance," he said. "We had a lot of nice efforts."

According to Franke, the key element in W&L's victory was the fact that, "almost everybody performed."

The Generals resume action Saturday at noon against Davidson in the Warner Center.

Swimmers return to competition on Friday

By LEIF UELAND
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee swim fans, the wait is over. After a month and a half of training, the Generals will resume competition this weekend.

Friday night, the men's team (2-1) will swim at James Madison, Saturday, both the men's and women's teams will host Georgetown and Frostburg in Twombly Pool at 1 p.m.

While Friday's meet against James Madison, a top Division I team in the region, offers little hope for a victory, the team hopes the outcome will be a rare occurrence.

"We want to make that the last loss of the season," said head coach Page Remillard.

To Remillard and the team, such a prospect is not as grim as it seems. Having trained intensively for the last month and a half, the swimmers are temporarily run-down and presently they may not be capable of turning out two top-flight performances back to back as they should be able to when the national championships roll around in mid-March. Thus, Friday's meet will be both a physical warm-up for Saturday and also a chance to experiment with the team's line-up.

"We cannot go into that meet and be irresponsible. Everyone will be in a certain event for a certain goal," Remillard said. "The damage will come if the swimmers don't take the meet serious-

ly.... Our meet Saturday kind of begins Friday."

Georgetown and Frostburg are both strong teams, together promising what should be a close meet Saturday. Key events look to be in the free-style events. The men's relays could also play deciding roles if Georgetown takes the diving competition.

Remillard points out that, having just endured a good deal of intensive training, the swimmers may have excuses for a loss Saturday, but he sees that as no obstacle to their rising to the challenge.

"If they capitalize on those excuses it will be a real ho-hum season.... There is no indication that this is a team that jumps at a chance to fail...."

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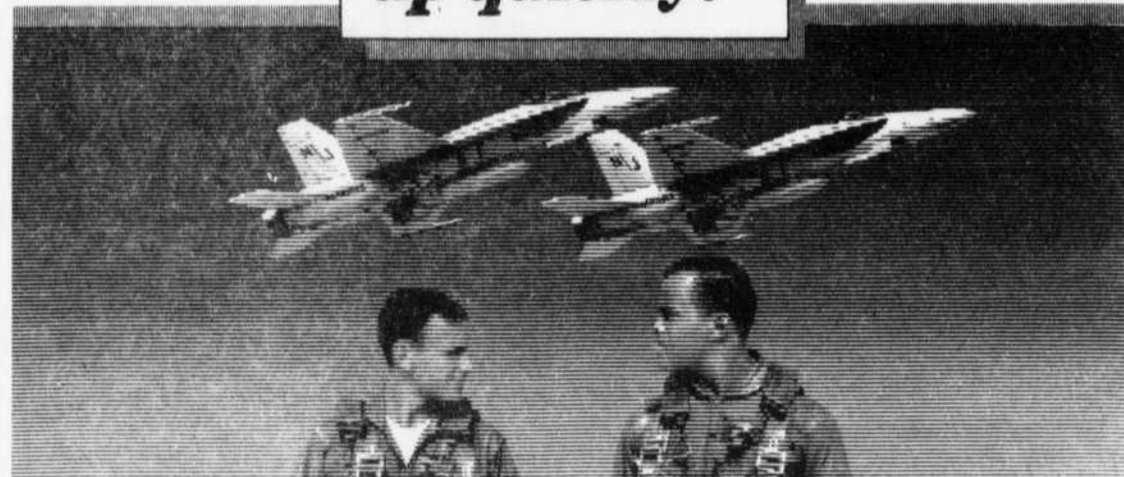
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By Steve Sadler/The Ring-tum Phi

The Suspects (left to right): Cliff Coppola, Teddy Pender, Taylor Abbot, John Vita

'Suspects': New band plays 'what we like'

By MARK TRAINER
Staff Reporter

Rising from the ashes of the mostly-graduated Nabobs, the Suspects, this year's musical offering from the W&L Law School have begun playing the local bar scene including a Friday night gig at General Headquarters.

The band was formed at the beginning of the school year by Taylor Abbot, who approached guitarists Cliff Coppola and John Vita and drummer Teddy Pender with the idea of forming another "all-law" band.

Nabob veteran Abbot was the only member of the group who did not graduate last spring. Vita was the founding member of the Convertibles

before leaving that band in 1983. Coppola's experience has been limited mostly to coffee house performances.

The Friday night GHQ show was only the fourth time the band has played for an audience. While the crowd was extremely receptive, Vita expressed dissatisfaction with the group's performance.

He blamed this on the lack of rehearsal time the band had during the previous week. He also attributed the band's slow start to the difficulty of balancing the Law School study load with necessary rehearsal time.

Still the band has reached a point where it feels ready to put some original songs into its mix of rock standards and contemporary popular songs. Coppola has penned many

songs that will be included in upcoming shows.

The Suspects' song list has changed from oldies, which were aimed at the tastes of law students, to modern songs by Talking Heads, R.E.M., The Police and Elvis Costello. With their relaxed attitude toward the future, the bottom line is still "what we like."

With two of the four members graduating at year's end, Vita admitted that the Suspects were formed to "be a diversion and have fun."

Now, with exams behind them and more time to concentrate on the band, The Suspects want to expand and enjoy themselves. The group plans to play at Sweet Briar College in the near future and hopes to make a number of fraternity appearances.

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Thespians to stage Greek sex comedy

By MARSHALL BOSWELL
Entertainment Editor

The Washington and Lee drama department's winter production, "Lysistrata," is an anti-war comedy written in 411 B.C. by Greek playwright Aristophanes. The play is concerned with the Peloponnesian war between Athens and Sparta, but it is certainly not meant to be a history lesson.

The operative word here is "comedy."

"Actually, it's a lot like Saturday Night Live," said director Al Gordon. "There was a skit on that show once which was set in Beirut. A boy was called inside for dinner but couldn't make it because he was too busy killing people. That kind of satire is a great deal like Aristophanes."

The play centers on Lysistrata (Pamela Simpson), an Athenian

housewife who devises a brilliant scheme to stop the war. She convinces every Athenian, Boeotian and Lacedaemonian woman to withhold sex from their husbands to bring about an armistice. According to Gordon, this "sex-strike" results in some very funny scenes.

"We've tried to do it in a very modern style," said Gordon. "It's no more absurd than what's going on today."

Because the original play included references to politicians living at the time it was written, Gordon said he streamlined it a bit in order to play up the relevance to current events. On the other hand, he didn't want to "beat people over the head."

"Lysistrata" will begin its run Feb. 7 and continue through Feb. 12. All performances will begin at 8 p.m., except a Sunday, Feb. 9 matinee.

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7 p.m. — POLITICS FILM: "2001: A Space Odyssey." Room 327, Commerce School.

7:30 p.m. — BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Roanoke. Warner Center.
8 p.m. — LECTURE: "Popular Images of George Washington from the Carson Collection." Stanley Preston Lewis '85, guest curator. DuPont Auditorium. Reception following the lecture. Public invited.

Friday, January 17

4 p.m. — POLITICS FILM: "2001: A Space Odyssey." Room 327, Commerce School.

7 p.m. — Newcomer's Gathering (prior to Film Society film). Lobby, Lewis Hall.

8 p.m. — FILM: "Nosferatu the Vampyre." Classroom A, Lewis Hall. Sponsored by the W&L Film Society.

9 p.m. — BAND: "The Deal." Sponsored by GHQ. Cover charge, \$3.

Saturday, January 18

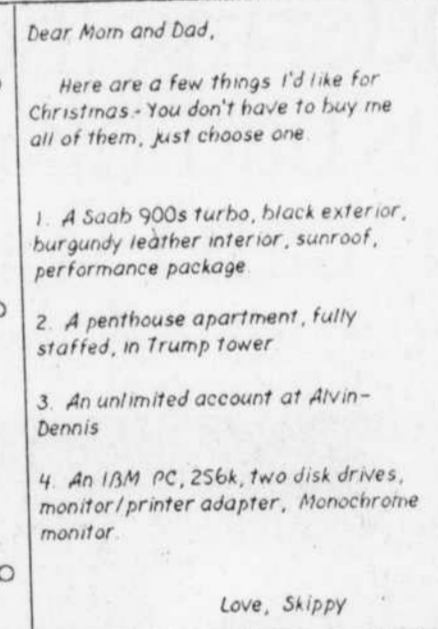
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