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## EC secretary leaves school

By JASON LISI  
Assistant News Editor

Executive Committee Secretary Michael Webb resigned his post by withdrawing from school Friday and will return as a "second-semester junior" in September, according to Associate Dean of the College Pamela Simpson.

Webb was the first black student to be elected to the EC in one of the "Big Three" positions — president, vice president or secretary, according to Dean of Students Lewis G. John.

Webb, a junior, said being secretary became too big a job when combined with his school work.

"I think I overextended myself," he said in a telephone interview. "I just wasn't getting any sleep or anything."

"I just wasn't functioning the way I thought I should be functioning."

In addition to being EC secretary, Webb participated in the Minority Student Association and other projects.

Webb mentioned that he had talked with Simpson about his busy schedule. "She had warned me earlier in the year that I was overworked," he said.

He said he is going to "learn how to relax" at his home in Jersey City, N.J., and possibly look for a job.

"I was really disappointed about leaving — I kind of fell in love with



MICHAEL WEBB

W&L," Webb said.

"There was so much that I really wanted to do at W&L; that's probably why I'm sitting here — at home."

Webb said that being a minority had nothing to do with his reasons for withdrawal.

EC President John Lewis said Monday that senior Representative Pat Hayden would be Webb's replacement, with senior class Vice President Tony McCann stepping in for Hayden.

"Mr. Webb had undertaken a great deal this term and he was physically and mentally tired," Lewis said. "So

he has decided to take a term off; he will return in the fall."

Lewis said later he had not known of Webb's decision until Friday afternoon. "I discovered it through a note left by Michael Webb," he said. "I was surprised."

Lewis said he understood Webb's action. "It's his decision — he just needs some time off," he said, adding that he realizes the decision was in Webb's best interest.

"That's all that matters," he said. Simpson said she talked with Webb and his father on Thursday to make sure that Webb considered all the options and rules concerning withdrawal. "I was satisfied that Mike had," she said. "He received all the advice that we can offer."

She said she was surprised by Webb's decision. "I was shocked because everybody looks up to Mike and depends on him," she said. "He's always so good about ideas and following through on things and he's so reliable and dependable that I was really surprised," Simpson said.

"I'm going to miss him a lot, but it's not like he dropped off the face of the earth. He'll be back in September," she added.

"I knew Mike because of the work with the Minority Student Association, and because of his position in the student government — and also because he was the sort of person you really like when you get to know," she said.

Simpson said Webb's withdrawal will have some effect on his date of graduation because he will be a term behind his classmates.

"I'm certain it'll have some impact," Simpson said. "He's going to be out-of-phase in some manner."

Associate Dean of Students for Minority Affairs Anece F. McCloud said she was sorry to see Webb leave but she is "happy that it's only temporary."

Lewis Monday explained the succession that left Hayden in Webb's former position and McCann in Hayden's. According to the Student Body Constitution, the senior representative who received the most votes in the last general election becomes secretary — in this case senior Michael Black, who declined the position. Hayden, then, stepped into Webb's position.

According to Lewis, the empty senior representative position was first offered to senior class President and Student Control Committee Chairman Townes Pressler, who turned it down.

"It was for the good of the SCC that Townes stayed," Lewis said.

Senior Vice President Tony McCann was then, in Lewis' words, "the logical choice" to fill Hayden's position.

The EC suggested to Pressler that he choose someone to take McCann's place and give that name to the EC at next Monday's meeting.



Christa McAuliffe's family reacts with horror

## Shuttle disaster stuns W&L, VMI

By MIKE ALLEN  
Executive Editor

Washington and Lee students swarmed around University, fraternity house and barber shop televisions at lunchtime Tuesday as word of the explosion aboard the space shuttle Challenger raced down the Colonnade and throughout Lexington.

Knots of students chatted about what many called the "morbid" nature of the network coverage. Other remarks were of the "round up the usual suspects" variety: "sabotage," "terrorism" and "the Russians" all were discussed as possible causes of the inferno.

Many students watched videotape of the replay two or three times, then became bored and wandered away, leaving behind the more-recently arrived viewers.

The three wide-screen televisions in General Headquarters were switched to Cable News Network, and conversations abruptly ceased as the footage of the disaster was shown for the tenth, fifteenth, twentieth times.

The wall-size screen in the University Library's Northern Auditorium also displayed the afternoon's grim, repetitious broadcast coverage.

Christa McAuliffe, the 11th-grade teacher who was one of the craft's seven crew members, had planned to carry with her a poem by Journalism Professor Clark R. Mollenhoff. The poem, "Teacher," has been publicly read by President Reagan on more than a half-dozen occasions, including to the finalists for the Teacher-in-Space program.

Mollenhoff talked by telephone with McAuliffe in July shortly after she'd been selected for the mission, and he said she had "no reservations at all" about heading into space.

"Her personality is such that she's bubbly and enthusiastic, but rather clear and precise in her enthusiasm," he recalled. "She'd been impressed by the poem when she heard it."

Virginia Military Institute also had a special interest in the seventh and final launch of Challenger: McAuliffe took along the VMI ring of her husband, 1970 graduate Steven J. McAuliffe. Her locker aboard the shuttle also sported a VMI decal.

Col. Beverly M. Read, the VMI Alumni Association historian, said he corresponded with her several times before the launch.

"She was enthusiastic about the disciplined life Steve had led at VMI and said she also is a very disciplined person," Read recalled.

In a biographical sketch of McAuliffe in the 1970 VMI yearbook, the Bomb, the last line is: "His future: Christa."

On Tuesday afternoon, VMI sent a telegram of condolence to McAuliffe, and the institute's flags flew at half staff.



By Steve Sadler/The Ring-tum Phi

## Tuckered out

Last weekend's Superdance raised \$34,038 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year Superdance organizers used a wrist band system to regulate the distribution of beer. In addition, identifications were rechecked Saturday night. Superdance co-Chairman

Paul James described the measures as "very effective." He was also pleased with participation. "This school came around for Superdance in a way I haven't seen for a while," he said. Kappa Sigma senior Jimmy White won a new Honda Civic in a raffle Saturday night.

## Entrepreneurs to convene this weekend

By SIMON PEREZ  
Staff Reporter

Want to start your own business?

A great way to find out how would be to attend this Saturday's conference on entrepreneurship, which will be hosted by the Washington and Lee chapter of the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs, and is open free of charge to all W&L students.

Junior Marquis Smith says the group tries to give students a "head start on preparing for the job market while in college."

ACE, which began in 1983 with seven chapters nationwide, has "grown tremendously," Smith said, and at present has 250 chapters in the United States and even more abroad.

W&L's chapter has undergone similar growth. Beginning with three students last spring, the group now boasts 30 members.

Smith described the group's efforts thus far as having "decent success," but he hopes recruitment will pick up next year.

One-third of all new businesses are started by entrepreneurs under the age of 30, according to the ACE, and it gives the young businessmen a chance to get together and share ideas as they begin their own business adventures.

W&L's chapter has some ambitious goals for its first year on campus. The group hopes to bring a series of speakers to W&L to discuss topics relating to successful entrepreneurship; to set up a mentor program in which students can be paired with businessmen to get valuable experience; and to send several representatives to ACE's national conference in Los Angeles in February.

Saturday's conference will have chapter members from Georgetown University, the University of Virginia, James Madison University, George Washington University and Tidewater Community College.

The purpose of Saturday's conference is "to get area schools in Virginia to come to W&L to consolidate before the national conference," Smith said.

Highlights of the day-long conference will include several speakers discussing such topics as "Characteristics of the Successful Salesman," and a number of films related to a variety of business topics.

One of the speakers will be journalism Professor Ronald MacDonald. Registration is at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Commerce School.

## EC questions SAB on freebies for members

By MARSHALL BOSWELL  
Entertainment Editor

Members of the Student Activities Board will continue to be allowed to attend all SAB functions free of charge, senior Mike Guerriero, president of the SAB, said at Monday night's Executive Committee meeting.

Guerriero was defending charges raised two weeks ago by sophomore representative Brad Root that several SAB members were abusing the privilege.

"I see no abuses that are flagrant," Guerriero said. "It's not a problem right now."

The controversy arose from an incident three weeks ago when several SAB members reportedly walked to the front of a long line in order to be admitted free to a SAB-sponsored performance by Speidel, Goodrich and Lille at the General Headquarters.

"It's not annoying to have people get in free but it's annoying to watch them cut in line," said junior representative Baltzer LeJeune.

Guerriero said the solution was to make an announcement that SAB members not cut in line. He resisted a proposal to designate a separate door for SAB members.

"My mistake was letting the people in at SGL who were cutting in line," he said. Guerriero and the SAB's business manager submitted the SAB's budget for fall term and records showed that the organization stayed \$7,883 under their projected budget.

According to Guerriero, Wednesday night concerts at the GHQ run on a "zero gain, zero loss" theory. In that sense, Guerriero maintained that the cover charge the SAB could have received from every member it admitted free was not counted as a loss.

"Every SAB member who gets in free is paid for by the other people," said Guerriero.

The number of SAB members who attend each GHQ show is usually less than 20, according to Guerriero.

"We're talking about small numbers," he said.

EC Secretary Pat Hayden said, "I find it extraordinary that other people pay for the entertainment of SAB members. Many other people work around campus and don't get into anything free."

"From you not being on the SAB, Pat, I have a lot of trouble justifying your statement," Guerriero said.

According to Guerriero, the average SAB

member works about three hours for each major student activities pavilion concert and about two and a half hours each time he works at a GHQ concert. An SAB member's duties include loading bands in and out of the concert, selling beer and beer tickets, and working at the door. In addition, SAB members handle the catering and publicity for the shows.

For the two weeks immediately following Washington Holiday, Guerriero said every SAB member is required to work a minimum of five of the seven days in the week of preparation for Fancy Dress. This usually involves two or three hours of work a day, Guerriero said.

Guerriero admitted, however, that outside help is usually enlisted to reload band equipment after some SAB shows.

"By the time 3 a.m. rolls around, we've exhausted our supply of SAB members," he said.

According to Guerriero, an effort has been made this year to monitor the amount of work done by SAB members.

"This year has seen a change in the SAB," he said. "We're making an effort to get rid of people who don't work."

Hayden asked Guerriero to inform the EC, by name or number, of any members who are removed.

"I can say that between zero and five members will be kicked off in the next two weeks," said Guerriero.

Sophomore SAB member Ty McMains said he worked about one-and-a-half hours for December's R.E.M. show and has yet to work at the GHQ for a Wednesday show.

"It's not that much work," he said. "The benefits far out-weigh the amount of work. It's definitely not strenuous."

Sophomore SAB member Jon Solomon said that if one added up the amount of money an SAB member saves by not paying for admission, the "pay for this job would seem pretty good." He figured he saves \$50 a year on GHQ shows, around \$32 for the larger pavilion shows, and at least \$30 for Fancy Dress. That comes to \$112 a year.

"I haven't been called to work a Wednesday night once," he said.

Junior SAB member Jeff Mandak said he felt the work/privilege ratio is "pretty fair."

He said that much of the time an SAB member has to work is when one would rather be doing something else. Mandak said he worked the entire R.E.M. show.

"Like at Fancy Dress," he said. "You might need to pick up your date at the airport but you might also have to put up posters."

# Clarification

The smooth transition of power in the Executive Committee after the resignation of the student body secretary last week speaks well of the institution and its members. While we regret to see Mike Webb leaving for the remainder of this year, we're glad to see two able students — Pat Hayden, former senior representative, and Tony McCann, a former senior class vice president — taking new seats on the EC.

But although the transition may appear to be seamless and orderly, some rough edges need to be smoothed before another similar situation arises.

Foremost, the Student Body Constitution remains unclear as to the proper line of authority to be followed in such events. Article III of the Constitution, titled "Duties of Officers," notes that the "Senior Representative who received the most votes during the general election" shall become secretary should the seat be vacated.

Fine. That works. But who should succeed the senior representative? That particular article doesn't say. You have to refer to Article V, Section I, to find out.

There, you can see that the EC receives instructions on how to fill seats emptied during the six-week spring term. But that is not the same as a student leaving at the end of January. Regardless, Article V says that the class president replaces a class representative who leaves. It goes on to say that "in the event the president of the class also leaves [for the spring term], the vice president shall fill the member's chair for the remainder of the term."

But therein lies the problem: The clause does not address the possibility that the president of the senior class may refuse to fill the vacant EC seat, as Townes Pressler did last week. And this time, there were three vice presidents, as is the custom with the senior class — one for each of the "colleges." Which vice president should get the tap for the EC seat in that situation?

We would recommend several changes to the Constitution to remedy similar situations in the future.

First, Article III, Section D, should make clearer reference to the order of succession should the secretary's seat be made vacant. Perhaps even a reference to the Article V details on succession would be helpful.

Secondly, Article V ought to clarify the order of succession in a situation in which more than one vice president might exist. If the EC passes the current proposal to change the election of the three senior vice presidents from election by the college to election at large, the student who has received the greatest number of votes obviously should receive preference in succession.

Finally, we hope that the syntax changes might clarify the right of a senior EC representative or the senior (or junior or sophomore or freshman) class president to refuse whatever post may be offered in the case of a vacancy. The current wording, while not explicit on this point, might be enhanced with careful editing.

# Why we did it

It's often tempting, but seldom productive, to write columns explaining why the newspaper has a certain policy or made a given decision in a specific situation. Such exercises bespeak a self-consciousness and self-centeredness that are unhealthy for a newspaper. For that reason, I've always tried to just do my job and then shut up about it. Although generally sound, that approach occasionally can lead to some pretty serious misunderstandings, one of which came to a head last week.

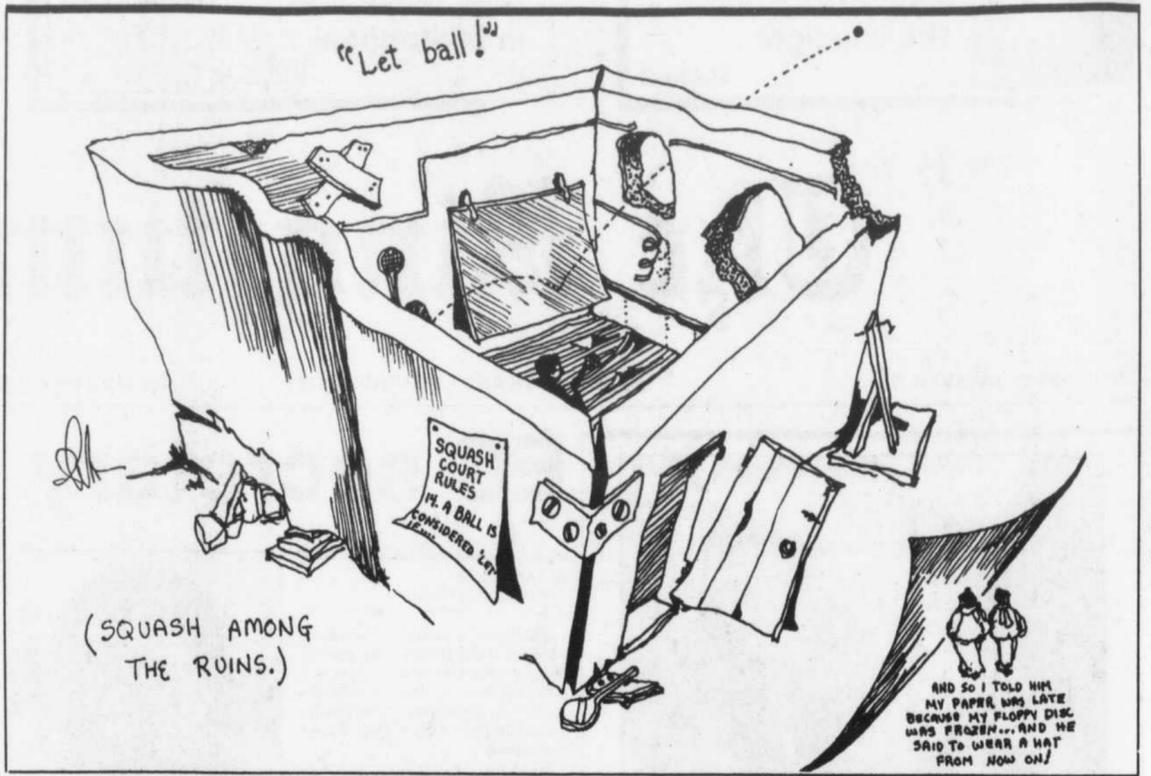
The Phi printed an advertisement, signed by three students, that commented on another student. Although the meaning of the message wasn't clear from the ad itself, if you've been reading the paper lately, it took all of about two seconds to figure it out. Since Thursday afternoon, a couple of dozen people have come up to me and asked, with varying degrees of diplomacy, "Why the—do you print that—?"

The Phi is in close to a monopoly position as far as being an outlet for student opinion. About the only other choices are the Executive Committee minutes, which not many people see, and tacking something up on the Colonnade, which between wind and idle hands isn't very effective either. So that gives The Phi an extraordinary responsibility: It must provide a forum for the spectrum of student views — whether we agree or not — as long as they aren't libelous or in bad taste.

Editors who arbitrarily decide what opinions the student body should have access to are at least arrogant and at worse dangerous. We're journalists, not censors. You don't go into this business for money or popularity, but instead to promote certain values. One of those is freedom of expression and consequently we try to make our columns available to all responsible points of view.

We still aren't wild about that advertisement, and have a certain amount of sympathy for the individual it addressed. But through news judgments and editorials, we get plenty of chances to express our views. When it comes to opinion columns, letters and ads, it's someone else's turn.

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# Dedication: Pursuing 'the dream'

## MY VIEW

By John Pensec

In his broadcast after Tuesday's shuttle explosion, Peter Jennings declared that we comfort each other in our tragedy. Today, we mourn as a nation.

While it is doubtful that we will forget the incident, let us hope that years from now, when we look back on this day, we remember not only the horrible explosion but also the motivations of the seven astronauts.

The seven were on their way to explore space, something many dream of doing, but few grow up to do. They gave their lives in pursuit of a dream they were determined to make a reality.

In that there is a lesson to be learned. Too often, people are willing to bow to the pressures of day to day living and give up their hopes and aspirations. But to the seven, the dream of going into space was their life.

And while there is no way of saying for sure, we hope they never knew what happened and that they died happy.

Space is all that is left to be explored. We don't know what is out there, but it is man's natural urge to find out that keeps him going. Someday, the questions we have will be answered. To achieve this, however, we must depend on those who are willing to sacrifice many of the luxuries of life. They will have to volunteer their time, and maybe even their lives, to discover the unknown.

Those who dedicate their lives to pursue a dream are often isolated

from their peers. They are different. They don't want to conform to the norms of society, but to change it in some way. And while at times these dreamers may be ridiculed, it must not be forgotten that it is because of them that so much has been achieved.

What would air travel be like today had Charles Lindbergh never flown across the Atlantic Ocean? Or what would we be today had not a few men dreamed of being independent of England? They dreamed and suffered so that we might reap the rewards.

We often hear that life is short. How many times though, do we let those words be forgotten? If we dedicate our lives to pursuing our dreams, not only will we be better for it, but the community around us will be rewarded.

The members of the space pro-

gram have given us hope. The success of previous missions has instilled in us the knowledge that we have the capability of exploring unknown worlds.

Not long ago, people scoffed at the idea of putting a man on the moon, and yet in 1969, we did just that. The surface of Mars has even felt our presence. None of this could have been done if it weren't for the sacrifice of a few for many.

President Reagan, in his address to the nation, said that the space program would continue, that there will be more volunteers and more teachers in space. This is the only course of action we can take. We have accomplished so much, but there is so much yet to be done.

For those who lost their lives, and for their families, all that we, as a grateful nation, can say is thank you.

# Insensitivity causing unnecessary change?

## MY VIEW

By Steven Pockrass

The chocolate shake was so thick I would have gotten a hernia if I had tried to drink it with a straw. But I needed a thick one — a double in a dirty glass — to drown myself in my sorrows.

"Hey pardner, what's the matter?" asked a friend as he walked up to my barstool.

"Just trying to numb my senses," I said.

"Numbin' your senses? What are you doing a thing like that for?"

"Well, ever since this school went coed, it seems like there's been a real lack of sensitivity on the campus toward everybody except for the women here. And the proposed Women's Forum is just about the last straw."

"What's wrong with a women's forum?" asked my friend.

"Nothing," I replied. "What's wrong with a men's forum? Or better

yet, a students' forum?"

"Nothing." "Exactly," I said. "Listen to some of the topics that The Phi reported will be included in this forum, and tell me why men don't have similar needs. We've got housing and lounging, health and counseling, leadership, social, academic advising and career issues, spiritual growth and development, and community service."

"I'm not arguing against coeducation," I said. "I've been in favor of it for a long time. And that's important, because if someone like me, a supporter of coeducation, feels this way, think about how anti-coed people must feel."

"And the fires are being fueled. A female freshman is quoted in The Phi as saying that sororities will be able to find locations 'when the fraternities go down.' That's insensitive. Associate Dean of Students Anne C.P. Schroer says that W&L women tend to be much more independent than those at area women's colleges. The Phi reported that this means they have more confidence to express

their values than students who have been less successful academically and socially.

"We read in the Milwaukee Journal that 'The bottom portion of our classes, the bottom third or fourth, was getting very soft,' a quote attributed to Frank Parsons, an assistant to President Wilson. 'We were having to dig deeper and deeper into the barrel to get a class,' Parsons said.

"If the university did not want the aforementioned students, it shouldn't have accepted them. Shouldn't our emphasis, no matter what type of students enroll, be to produce better men and women?"

"If we look at coed as an academic panacea, then we will be no better a university because we will be happy with mediocrity rather than unlocking students' potential. If we think of coed as an admissions panacea, then we will still lack the diversity this school should be able to attract.

"Don't you think you're being a bit rough on your own school?" asked

my friend. "All they're doing is looking out for the needs of the women."

"Sure, that's no problem. But you'd think that as high up on a pedestal as these women are being placed — whether they want to be put up there or not — that they wouldn't have any problems. Actually, they're just like the other 11/12ths of the undergraduate students."

"I never have taken a psychology course, but it seems pretty obvious that men — and women — naturally resist change. So if there are things that really don't need to be changed immediately, why don't we leave them alone and ease through the transition?"

"Yes, the solution is very simple," I told my friend. "We must listen to all the students' complaints and try to find solutions that will benefit all the students. We must be sensitive to the needs and characteristics of everyone on and off this campus."

"Then I wouldn't have to spend so much time and money on wooden barstools and chocolate shakes."

## LETTERS

# Participant chastises absent MDA dancers

To the editors:

After participating in last weekend's Muscular Dystrophy Association Superdance, I have several observations and opinions to express concerning the behavior of many people involved.

The Superdance is billed as a "30-hour dance marathon." All of the sponsors who pledged a certain donation per hour were billed as though each dancer had completed all 30 of those hours. Unfortunately, the vast majority of the registered dancers did not participate for the duration of the dance, but in fact attended only for a few hours on Friday and Saturday nights. It seems unfair to bill sponsors for 30 hours worth of dancing when perhaps only six hours were completed. Granted, many of the dancers missed only a few hours early Saturday morning, but still, their sponsors should not have had to pay for the entire time. Perhaps, in Washington and Lee's quest for their annual record-breaking total, honest participation takes a back seat to fraudulent gain of pledged monies.

This problem leads me to wonder why these dancers commit themselves to 30 hours of dancing if they do not intend to carry through on their promise? I realize that several fraternities require their pledges to dance, which is all well and good, but why did many people who were not required to register to dance and then renege on their commitment?

An answer to these questions is apparent in the pattern of attendance at the dance. More dancers were present at night, when registered dan-

cers had a better view of the name bands which were playing and free beer was available. Perhaps these dancers were more concerned with securing a good viewing position and free alcohol than with raising money for MDA; this is the conclusion that I reach. When the Steering Committee analyzes the impact which beer has on the Superdance, I hope they include not only the receipts from beer sales, but also the amount of money raised by those dancers who participated only for the sake of receiving free drinks.

Despite these problems and complaints, I am glad to have participated in this year's Superdance. I commend Chairmen Sandy Whann and Paul James for their organization and leadership, and all of the committees who helped plan this event. I also salute Cotton Puryear, Mike Stachura, and the other staff members of WLUR who ran the Rock-a-Thon. Most of all, I congratulate the other dancers who completed all 30 hours and fulfilled their sponsors' expectations.

Margaret Pimblett  
Class of '89

## Example of honor given

To the editors:

Against all the death knells of the Honor System which have been sounded in recent

months, I wish to pass on this note of hope.

Sunday night I was looking in my closet, wondering where all my shirts were, since I hardly had any laundry to be done. Then I remembered — I hadn't brought them home last time I had done laundry. Furious with myself and in a pessimistic state of mind, I walked to the Graham-Lees laundry. And against all odds predicted on the pages of The Phi, there were my shirts, exactly where I had left them one week earlier. Available to anyone who passed through, \$100.00 worth of clothing were untouched after one week.

I do not say that the Honor System is perfect. No doubt there are liars, cheaters and thieves in our midst, yet after my experience, I am more inclined than ever to think that such people are the exception and not the rule here at W&L. I don't advise anyone's leaving their laundry or calculator lying about, and I certainly hope that I don't forget my laundry again, but isn't it nice to know that such things can be done? It is true that the Honor System is by no means perfect, but it is just as true that it is far from being dead.

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# Trible mixes politics and religion well

By DEBORAH HATTES  
Staff Reporter

"For over 200 years the leaders of our nation have joined in prayer and our national life has been greatly enriched," U.S. Sen. Paul S. Trible, R-Va., told an audience of about 200 in Lejeune Hall at Virginia Military Institute Saturday morning. Although delayed by snow, Trible, a 1971 graduate of the Washington and Lee Law School, delivered the keynote address at the prayer breakfast for VMI's fourth annual Religious Encounter Weekend.

Trible spoke on the importance of religious faith and prayer in his own life and the lives of other national leaders.

He said that despite having realized his life's ambition by age 29 — election to Congress, and getting married and having a daughter — he had found something missing in his life. "And that something missing was an intense, personal relationship with the risen Lord," Trible explained.

Acknowledging that the audience might find it hard to believe, he said, "My own faith has deepened and intensified since I've gone to Congress."

Trible is one of approximately 40 senators actively involved in the Senate Prayer Breakfast held on Wednesday mornings. Describing it as "a marvelous experience shared by members of the Congress for over 40 years," he said that about 20 senators attend each breakfast.

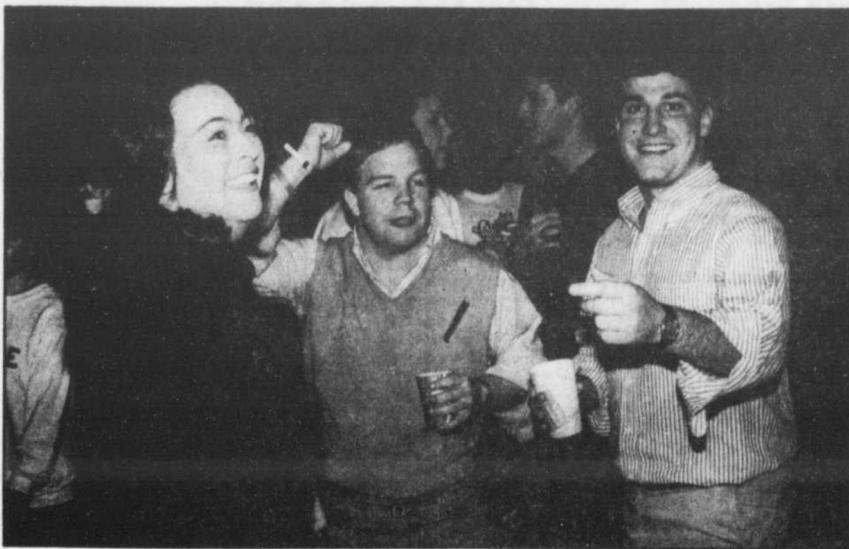
At the conclusion of each breakfast, "We stand and we hold hands and we ask God for His blessings and His direction in our lives," he said.

"By coming together in the name of the Lord, by focusing on His life and His message, we find that there is a unity in spite of our diversity."

Trible cited his relationship with Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash., as a specific example of this. Although Trible is a conservative Republican and Bonker is a liberal Democrat, they have eaten breakfast and prayed together once a week with two other members of Congress for the past five years.

"We've come to know and love each other in spite of our differences. And there is little we would not do for one another," Trible said.

Similar groups exist in the parliaments of nations in Western Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, and the Far East, according to Trible.



Fontanne Bostic (left) with Jack Benjamin (center) and Randy Ellis

By Steve Sadler/The Ring-tum Phi

# Eight-year MDA volunteer is force behind Superdance

By STEVE SADLER  
Staff Reporter

Officially, Fontanne S. Bostic is the business manager of the University Print Shop.

To the Muscular Dystrophy Association Superdance, though, she is much more. In the words of steering committee member Jack Benjamin, "She is the committee."

Despite that hearty commendation, though, Bostic's name is not among the dozens of people listed in the acknowledgements in the Superdance program.

When Benjamin included Bostic's name in the acknowledgements, she objected, saying that she was on the committee and didn't need further thanks.

"I don't represent Washington and Lee in the Superdance," Bostic said. "I do it for Fontanne Bostic. I am very happy to maintain a low profile."

"Fontanne is without a doubt the major motivation

behind the Superdance. She gives direction to the committee," co-chairman Sandy Whann said.

"It wouldn't happen unless she was there. With eight years of experience, Fontanne knows more about the event than anyone on campus," Benjamin said.

Randy Ellis, co-Chairman of Student Involvement, explained, "It would be really hard to find someone as dedicated as Fontanne. She is the brains behind the operation."

"I never think of it as putting in time," Bostic said. "I like working with the guys on the committee and the satisfaction of knowing that I'm helping people in need."

Steering Committee co-Chairman Paul James agrees with the other committee members.

"Fontanne is the heart and soul of the Superdance," he said.

The committee members' admiration of Bostic seems justified.

"I don't have a whole lot of money to give to charity, but I do have time," Bostic said.

# 'Roll tape'? Not so fast

By MIKE ALLEN  
Executive Editor

A knot of students huddled around a television set in the University Center on Tuesday afternoon, silently watching a tape showing the reaction of the family members of the teacher aboard the space shuttle when they discovered she'd just been blown up.

The footage began, some static followed, and then the screen went to black before ABC anchorman Pete Jennings reappeared. "We've lost that tape," he noted somewhat sheepishly, "and I must confess it's not such a bad thing to have lost it."

Jennings is not the only person concerned about possible excesses in television coverage of the space shuttle Challenger disaster. So is Religion Professor Louis W. Hodges, director of Washington and Lee's Society and the Professions ethics program.

He says that in their crisis coverage, the networks behave in predictable but not always desirable ways, and that this week's marathon coverage of the horror above Cape Canaveral reflected both the strengths and the flaws of the form.

Hodges, who teaches a course in the ethics of journalism, deplored the repeated showing of the isolated-camera view of the teacher's family during the explosion (see photo, page 1), calling the broadcasts "an unwarranted invasion of their privacy."

"People who are in the initial stages of grief," he explained, "ought to be able to do that privately even though they are in a public place, without the shock and horror of it registering on their faces."

Hodges also found the constant replaying of the explosion tape unseemly, noting that "the networks tend to overdo it" when they abandon their regular programming and are faced with hours of time to fill.

He said television news organizations air pictures such as the parents and the blowup over and over again partly because "as a matter of actual fact, they don't have much other tape to show."

Despite his reservations, Hodges is no network-basher. He commended them, for example, for scrapping their commercials during the initial hours of shuttle coverage.

"I'm fully sympathetic to the size and the magnitude of the problems they have," he cautioned. "Since I don't know what to recommend for solutions to their problems, I can't be too critical of the way they do it."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hearing rescheduled for March

From staff reports

A preliminary hearing for the freshman charged with the rape of a former Hollins College student has been tentatively rescheduled for March 7, according to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office in Lexington.

The hearing for Burgess A. "Tommy" Thomason, originally set for Jan. 21, was postponed because the Lexington police investigation and certain laboratory tests were incomplete, officials said.

Angela T. Morrison, victim-witness coordinator in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, said one of Thomason's attorneys, Eric L. Sisler of Lexington, proposed the new date and is clearing it with the court before the hearing is officially scheduled.

-Jim Strader

### Judaic lecture series begins

Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the Religious Action Center, will inaugurate a new lecture series on Judaic studies tonight at 7:30 in room 221 of the Commerce School.

The lecture, titled "Economic Justice: A Jewish Perspective," is sponsored by the Weinstein Endowment for Judaic Studies and the religion department and is free and open to the public.

### Professor to speak on humor

Humor is a serious business to University of Tennessee psychology Professor Howard R. Pollio, who will be lecturing today and tomorrow.

At 4 p.m., Pollio speaks on the topic of "Taking Humor Seriously."

"Humor is really important," Pollio said this week. "Psychologists haven't taken it seriously enough. I'm

studying what it [humor] means and why people are funny."

Examples he will use in his speech will be "humor in other cultures and antic ceremonies such as the Mardi Gras or carnivals in general," he said.

Another topic important to Pollio is the subject of grades. He said, "I don't like them. I'm not sure they're very helpful. Grades are really relativistic and they're treated like absolute."

Pollio probably wouldn't find much disagreement with that among students, but on Friday he will be trying to convince faculty members when he speaks on the topic "Grades: A Tiger Looks At His Stripes."

-Daniel Bunch

### Blood drive set for Tuesday

The Rockbridge area Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Warner Center on Tuesday for another blood drive sponsored by Chi Psi social fraternity.

"There is a serious deficit in the blood bank this year as a result of the '85 flood and illnesses that kept people away from area blood drives," said senior Jake Squiers, who is organizing the drive for Chi Psi.

The hours of the drive will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served to the donors.

### New Ariel editors chosen

Junior Sean Butler and first-year-law student Murray Stanton on Monday were appointed co-editors of the Ariel, the Washington and Lee literary magazine.

Butler is from Williamsburg and Stanton is from Rochester, N.Y. They also become members of the University Publications Board. Their terms run through the end of the academic year. Ten students applied for the position.

## TALKBACK

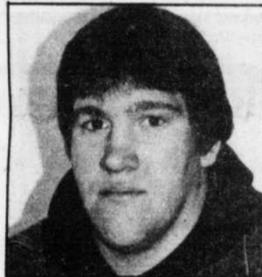
### Would you dance at next year's Superdance if beer were not served?

Interviews by SYDNEY MARTINSON

Photographs by HANK MAYER



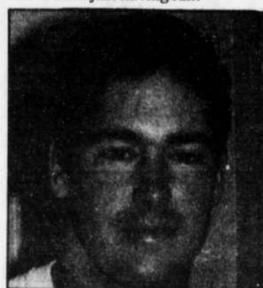
Leeann Flood, freshman, Ft. Worth, Texas: "Oh, yeah. Because I was on a committee this year, I know how everyone's getting so scared about not coming next year because there won't be beer. But I think the principle is more than just having fun."



Jay Gorlowski, sophomore, St. Mary's, Pa.: "One, I didn't participate in the Superdance because I don't dance. It wouldn't matter to me if it were dry or not. I normally park cars or work security."



Casey Krivor, sophomore, Sun Valley, Idaho: "Yeah, I'd do it. I like it more as a pledge duty."



Parkhill Mays, junior, Lakeland, Fla.: "I didn't participate this year. I contribute money, but I don't dance in things like that. Lack of interest, I reckon."



Steve Sklenar, freshman, Pasadena, Md.: "I'd be willing to participate because of the cause, but I think it would hurt the atmosphere of the event."

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# Food sales increase 22% in GHQ

By MATT HORRIDGE  
Staff Reporter

Food Services Director Gerald Darrell says the General Headquarters tavern is showing a marked improvement in sales this year.

With the increase of Virginia's drinking age to 21, Darrell had been worried that it might mean the end of the GHQ, which primarily was a beer tavern for W&L students.

But the GHQ expanded its dinner menu and began accepting dining hall point cards in October. Through Nov. 30, the tavern had \$17,400 in sales, up from \$14,200 through the same date in 1984, according to Darrell. This is a 22 percent increase in food sales.

There has also been an increase in the sale of point cards, according to Darrell. He said that for the first term of this year, 704 point cards were sold, compared with 525 during the same time the year before.

The popularity of the tavern is distributed among contract patrons and point-card holders, Darrell said. About 7,000 contract meals have been served in the GHQ thus far, and \$13,000 has been spent in "points."

Darrell said that not only are more people spending money in the tavern, but "people are spending more money." That, he says, is attributable to the fact that people like what is being served.

"The students have made it clear that they like the tavern," Darrell said.

GHQ Manager Bill Torrence has been keeping an informal chart of how many dinners are sold in the tavern each night. He said there has been a steadily increasing number of people eating in the GHQ since it started its full dinner menu.

There has been some criticism this year about the tavern's slow service.

"We're struggling with that right now," Darrell said of the complaint.

Darrell said the shortage of space in the kitchen and the lack of a large cooking oven prevent the staff from getting food to its patrons faster.

The fact that waiters sometimes get blamed for the delays bothers Darrell. He said the workers in the GHQ do the best they can with the space constraints.

In the original plans of the tavern, there was no kitchen, according to Darrell. "It was a broom closet. You can't work in that tiny space."

"We've got to do some renovating," he said. Ideally, he would like to "double the size of the kitchen."

Darrell said that next month he is going to University Treasurer E. Stewart Epley with plans for improving the tavern. He said he would like to eliminate the bar and bring the kitchen out to where the divider between the bar and the restaurant is located.

Because fewer students will be able to drink in the future, Darrell said, the large bar would be

replaced by a "sub-bar" with a single tap. Darrell said the tavern would continue to stock bottled beer.

He also would like to add an institutional-sized oven to the kitchen. Right now, most of the food is prepared on a grill, a hot plate and in frying vats. Torrence said that with a large oven, more items could be added to the tavern's menu.

Ovens and renovations, of course, require money. Darrell said the oven he would like to purchase costs around \$5,000. He would not speculate on how much money will be required for the improvements but defended the expenditure by saying that he feels the GHQ would eventually be able to reimburse the University.

Darrell said similar plans have been proposed in the past but the administration was hesitant to appropriate funds for the then-faltering establishment.

This year, Darrell predicts, the results will be different. He hopes the figures up to Nov. 30 will convince the administration that the investment is worthwhile.

Darrell said that sometime in the future, the game room may be eliminated to make room for more seating. He emphasized, however, that no more seating can be accommodated without enlarging the cooking facilities.

Darrell said that he is quite pleased with the GHQ's performance this year but thinks the improvements could make it even better.



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## IFC wants longer Rush

By PETER BOATNER  
Staff Reporter

The Interfraternity Council has recommended to the Student Affairs Committee that fraternity Rush be extended from two to three weeks and that it not be deferred until winter term, according to IFC President Jamie Hayne.

The final decision on what form Rush will take next year is up to the SAC, which plans to conduct its own study of a deferred Rush and will make its decision near the end of this term.

The study by the SAC will consist of a survey next week of all W&L students to determine their opinions about Rush, and will include contacting schools similar in size and form to W&L in order to learn from their experiences with different kinds of Rush, according to Associate Dean of Students Dan N. Murphy, a member of the SAC.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### GENERAL NOTES

Raymond Shonholtz will present a lecture on Thursday Feb. 6 at 4:15 p.m. in the Law School Moot Courtroom, on the availability and value of mediation on the community level. The lecture is being sponsored by the Washington and Lee Tucker Law Forum.

"Judgment At Nuremberg" will be shown Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 29 and 30 in Room 327 of the Commerce School at 7 p.m. The film is part of the Politics Filmfest.

"The Overcoat" will be shown Friday, Feb. 7 in Room 327 of the Commerce School. The film is part of the Russian Film Series and is in Russian with English subtitles.

Alan Alexander, lecturer in politics at Britain's University of Reading, will speak on "Crises in Cabinet Government" at 4 p.m. in 221 Commerce School, and on "Change in British Parties" at 7:30 p.m. in 327 Commerce School — both on Tuesday, Feb. 4. He has held numerous posts in Britain's national and local government and has lectured on the British scene in several countries. He has authored or co-authored four books and scores of articles in both scholarly journals and the press.

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Emory Edwards, W&L Class of 1984, will be speaking at the Evening service, Sunday Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. at R.E. Lee Memorial Church.

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## Grapplers take first in W&L Invitational

By CHARLES T. GAY  
Staff Reporter

Another superb team performance highlighted the Washington and Lee wrestlers' most recent triumph: a first-place finish at Saturday's W&L College Invitational. Elon provided the greatest challenge to the Generals. But W&L's performance in the championship rounds (nine of 10 General wrestlers placed) was enough for the victory. W&L garnered 102 points, followed by Elon with 91 1/4 and Pfeiffer with 40.

W&L head coach Gary Franke praised the efforts of senior 167-pounder Win Phillips, who was named the Invitational's "Outstanding Wrestler." Phillips recorded three technical falls on his way to the title.

But Franke was pleased with more than just one of his wrestlers. "It was a fine all-around team effort," he said.

Three other W&L grapplers took top honors in Saturday's meet. Senior co-captain Brian Lifested won the 126-pound weight class, freshman Mark Robertson claimed the title at 158 pounds and classmate Rich Redfoot was first in the 177-pound division.



WIN PHILLIPS

Five grapplers earned either second- or third-place points on the day.

The Generals face LaSalle on Saturday in the Warner Center. Franke said the Explorers "could be a challenge."

## Athletes with 3.5-plus GPAs recognized by department

By SAM FOLEY  
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee athletic department has established an Academic-Athletic Honor Roll that recognizes those student-athletes who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

According to Sports Information Director Mark D. Mandel, 44 students made the new honor roll for their efforts during the fall term, and eight of them had an average of 4.0 or better.

Mandel said that the idea for the honor roll really got started during a wrestling meet when he and Athletic Director William D. McHenry were talking about how well many of the student-athletes were performing in the classroom.

"We decided to institute the Academic-Athletic Honor Roll because we wanted to recognize the extraordinary efforts of some fine individuals. We also wanted to illustrate that success in the classroom and in sports can coexist," McHenry said.

Of W&L's 15 varsity teams, 14 had GPA's of 2.6 or higher, with the women's tennis team leading with a 2.96, followed by the track and field team at 2.74. The football team placed 12 athletes on the honor roll, the most from any one team.

"I am very proud of those numbers. They show that W&L athletes are students first and that there is a correlation between athletic success and academic achievement. I think that indicates a discipline that is required for proficiency in both areas," McHenry said.

James Barker, a varsity football player who made the honor roll, was very enthusiastic about it. "The athletes have compiled an impressive record. It shows what we have always said about W&L athletes: They are students first."

## Swimmers douse Towson State, 65-47

By LEIF UELAND  
Staff Reporter

In similar fashion to last week's victories over Georgetown and Frostburg, the Washington and Lee men's swim team once again gained an early lead which proved insurmountable as the Generals beat Towson State last Saturday, 65-47. The win brought the men's season record to 5-2. W&L's women's team did not compete.

The Generals shot out quickly with a win in the 400-yard medley relay and did not slow down until after the fifth event, the 200-yard individual medley, where they had a 36-7 lead.

While the match, on paper, looked to be a lot closer, head coach Page Remillard attributes the meet's lopsidedness more to the efforts of Towson State than to W&L. "They didn't perform as predicted. I'm sure that their coach was upset with their performance. I think we swam okay. Our times were generally about a half second off what they should be," commented Remillard.

This weekend both the men's and the women's teams will travel to Shepherd on Friday and Gettysburg on Saturday.

## Getting sick



TIME OUT....

By Mike Stachura

....I'm really getting sick of this. I've had it with NCAA Division I. I am now convinced that 1) an athletic scholarship is a contradiction in terms, 2) play-for-pay college athletic programs, in general, have no concern for the education of their athletes, and 3) the elimination of athletic scholarships would be a beneficial and necessary — step for the NCAA.

The latest bad news comes from Georgia, where an instructor in a "developmental studies" department is bringing suit against her superiors after she was dismissed for, more or less, believing that an institution of higher learning is also an institution of higher learning for its athletes. For those of you not paying attention, "developmental studies" is a euphemism for a program designed to help illiterate, grant-in-aid athletes stay in school until their eligibility runs out.

The garbage that is being aired in Atlanta includes such distasteful morsels as your traditional favoring of the athlete over any reasonable academic standards (changing failing grades so athletes are allowed to participate, and so on), strange, if not inexplicable, guidelines for the developmental studies program, and these sad words (that's as in, "It's a crying shame that there exists an attitude like this in the university's administrators") from the attorney for the directors of the department of developmental studies: "We may not make a university student out of [an athlete]. But if we can teach him to read and write, maybe he can work at the post office rather than as a garbage man when he gets through with his athletic career."

I think the rest of the collegiate world ought to take a look at what happened to a small Virginia men's college in the early 1960s. That school, showing wisdom that the NCAA needs to get (and fast), realized that athletic scholarships were more trouble than they were worth. Of course, that's assuming academic enhancement is the reason one continues his education beyond high school. Assumedly, one knows how to read and write and need not spend four years in a supposed institution of higher learning shooting baskets and raising your market value from that of a garbage man to a postal worker.

I think it is a safe claim that the dollar weighs much more heavily on the minds of those running Division I programs today than it did with the W&L Board of Trustees in 1954. What W&L realized then, as it continues to affirm today, is that if we disregard the notion of higher learning (and "higher learning" should never include such ludicrous programs as "developmental studies") and forget the responsibilities of a university as a place where the ideas of tomorrow are nurtured, even for a moment, even for a select few who can fill it up from 20 and bring countless dollars into the school (to be spent, no doubt, on good-will trips to China for the basketball team), we are inviting the demise of the academic foundation that anything calling itself a college should strive to uphold.

Ironically, it seems athletic scholarships encourage athletes to hone their jump shots, not their minds. When an athlete gets his scholarships, I am afraid it is seen as a license to play basketball or whatever, not as an opportunity to get an education. If we eliminate athletic scholarships, if we adhere to some adequate degree of academic standards for all college students (and chuck that silly 700 rule and every developmental studies program out the window), and if we begin to place academics (that's as in Plato, Darwin and Burke as opposed to Sally, Dick and Jane) above our infatuation with games, only then can there be truly higher learning in all institutions of higher learning.

If this means less opportunity for functional illiterates to take up desks in universities, so be it. I wonder that if college was something you had to earn your way into — imagine that — rather than simply something that was offered to you free of charge (that's in dollars and academic sense), if it then might not have all the internal strife it's having now.

But then, I'm sure the NCAA knows what it's doing.... Some Colonnade notes: Take a gander at those grapplers if you get a chance. They've lost only once (to Division I Duke), and nobody else has been close all season long. Let's appreciate quality, when the opportunity presents itself.... Speaking of appreciating quality, that Athletic-Academic Honor Roll is a pleasant sight to see, especially in light of Georgia's (and who knows how many other institutions') developmental studies program. No postal workers in this crowd, that's for sure....

## Hoopsters go winless in last four

By DAVID EMRICH  
Assistant Sports Editor

From the lofty heights of leading the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, to the mediocre depths of playing .500 basketball, Washington and Lee has covered the spectrum.

Two weeks ago, the Generals owned first place in the conference. After Tuesday's 78-58 loss to Hampden-Sydney, W&L has dropped into a three-way tie for fourth place in the conference with a 4-4 ODAC record (8-8 overall).

Tuesday's loss was W&L's fourth in a row (and its third consecutive in the ODAC).

Forced to play without the team's leading scorer, Steve Hancock (injury to right shoulder), and starting center Harmon Harden (flu), the Generals were never in the game. W&L committed 18 turnovers and never got closer than nine points at any point in the contest.

Hancock's status has improved, according to W&L head trainer Tom Jones, and he is expected to play tonight at Emory and Henry. Jones said Hancock suffered a mild separation of his right (non-shooting) shoulder, but has responded well to treatment. Harden, who was in the infirmary on Tuesday and checked out on Wednesday, will probably not be strong enough to play tonight, Jones said.

The loss in Farmville comes on the heels of two losses in two days last week. Thursday, the Generals lost a conference game to Emory and Henry (now the ODAC leader) by a single point.

Despite the loss, W&L head coach Verne Canfield was happy with his team's performance. "We played well enough to win, and we really should have," he said.

But the Generals hurt themselves down the stretch by missing some key free throws.

"The guys were a little tight," explained Canfield. "They shouldn't feel bad. That sort of thing evens itself out in the end."

The Wasps took advantage of W&L's tightness by scoring four points in the final 30 seconds to take the win, 66-65.

"This is our second one-point loss in a row (last Tuesday's 51-50 loss to Eastern Mennonite)," Canfield said. "It's all very draining."

The emotional effects might have been showing the following night, when the Generals were outplayed by Mary Washington, 80-69.

Tonight, the Generals travel to Emory and Henry.

## W&L checks Tech

Staff Report

The Washington and Lee Hockey Club raised its record to 2-0 with a 6-3 win over Virginia Tech Sunday night in Vinton.

Senior G. T. Corrigan scored three times in the final period to lead the W&L skaters to the victory. Corrigan finished the game with four goals.

"We seemed to put things together [Sunday] night," Vin LaManna, club president said. "It was a tough game, but we were up to it."

The club's next action will be Sunday against Roanoke College.

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## Open season begins for Fancy Dress bids

By PAUL DAVEY  
Social Critic

As the winter term gets underway, we are no doubt on the brink of entering "The Season." You may be wondering: "Which season? Winter track, lacrosse, the job-hunting season, or what?"

"The Season" is none of these. It is, rather, that season which, to many W&L students and even more so to certain members of the student bodies of our sister schools, is more important than any other. Let us need a post-Washington Holiday schedule to realize what I am talking about, you no doubt now realize that the season is, of course, the Fancy Dress season.

At the present time, many expect that Fancy Dress will fall on March 7. This being the case, we are left with 36 days in the season.

The reason that the time before Fancy Dress is such an interesting one can be understood, at least in part, in mathematical terms. According to "The College Handbook" for 1984-85, there were 845 full-time students at Hollins College, 820 at Mary Baldwin College, 750 at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 699 at Sweet Briar College.

Thus, assuming the numbers have not changed significantly there are about 3,114 girls going to school full time within 45 minutes of Lexington. There are about 1350 undergraduates at W&L, of which approximately 100 are female. Thus, for each W&L male, there are about 2.5 females who would love to receive the coveted bid.

Seen from the objective point of view, who could argue with a young lady wanting to attend Fancy Dress. Who would not like a date for the

weekend with one of the South's finest gentlemen? Add to that, 2 to 3 nights of nice lodging, three nights of bands, and parties, a T-shirt, and most of all, the ability to tell one's friends, relatives, recent acquaintances and summer house neighbors that, "Of course, I-I-I've been to Fancy Dress."

The season operates as follows: During the next 36 days, we will begin to see here at W&L many girls who we have not seen for many months. This is to be expected. Anyone with half a mind knows one cannot be asked to a party if she is not in the presence of the askers. With the influx of new girls, some of whom may not have set foot on Rockbridge soil since March of last year, one might begin to think that Rugby Road had been demolished and that Farmville had been encircled by a Berlin-type wall. As far as the influx goes, it will be fairly slow at first and begin to really expand toward the end of this month. Remember, there are but three weeks before Washington Holiday and everyone, except for those who like to roll the dice with a previously-harvested crop, has already gotten an F.D. date.

Now that the girls are here during January and February, they seem a good deal friendlier sometimes, than they did before Christmas. No longer is the middle-of-the-road W&L guy given a cursory yet courteous "hi" while the girl of the road rushes off to lay a big hug on the fraternity "face man" who is known to have a hometown girlfriend.

Appearances matter too, and the fact that Fancy Dress Season is during the Winter seems to be a relief to some bid demanders. It seems to me that many more of those big, shapeless, "total cover" sweaters come out during the Fancy Dress Season

than in the earlier, yet cold, months. You know which ones I am talking about (and some of you probably own them.) I just don't see how those big sweaters can be comfortable. They go down to an 1/8 of an inch or so above the knee, greatly constricting movement, and must weigh 15 or 20 pounds. I guess they have their benefits, or girls wouldn't wear them, but I have a feeling some guys don't bid on totally covered merchandise. Another appearance factor that is interesting is the "January tan." I guess chicks get them in northern Vermont over Christmas.

In general, now that the W&L campus resembles a commodity trading floor, the date selection process works fairly well. It must, since everyone proclaims to have had "the best time ever" at F.D. on the Monday after. Apparently, for those who came to Fancy Dress, it was a season worth road trips to Lexington, "studying" at W&L, the foregoing of UVa, and a little work from the dusty Jane Fonda album.

At the close of the season on March 7, no doubt most people will have had an enjoyable evening. As in many activities, the intrigue of the build up may be more interesting than the event itself, but I'm not sure of that.

In the end, those who come will have fun and for those who don't, there is always next year, a state school fraternity party, Farmville society, or the repeating of the old standby, "I don't care. I really didn't want to go anyway."

In any case, it is hoped that everyone has the best season possible and that in light of all the intrigue and energy involved in the season, that no one forgets that Fancy Dress, although it may be the finest social event in collegiate America, is still just a party.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

## Whistle while you work

The acoustic guitar-playing duo Heinsohn and Day performs in a show at the Subway last Thursday night right off the heels of a successful Southern tour that took them

to Atlanta. The group is made up of two Washington and Lee alumni. Eric Heinsohn (left) graduated in 1982, and Roger Day graduated in 1984.

## Feature films spark '86 Filmfest

By TIM McMAHON  
Movie Critic

Since it was developed, film has been an important medium because through motion pictures, directors and writers can impress mass audiences with ideas that otherwise would not reach the public with the same impact.

Washington and Lee politics Professor Craig McCaughrin not only has recognized this fact, he has decided to utilize film as a teaching tool.

"It is important to use a medium people could link up with," McCaughrin said. "And in this point of the 20th century, it's cinema."

When he arrived here in the fall of 1981, McCaughrin was already familiar with the use of film as an aide from his days at Wayne State University in Michigan, and when Professor William Buchanan, then head of the politics department, asked him if he would be interested in using film with his classes, the Politics Filmfest was conceived.

The Filmfest, conducted each term, is designed to incorporate theories expressed in classes and texts with those present in popular and classic films. The list of films shown since the program's inception in 1982 is im-

pressive and includes everything from documentaries on modern Stone-Age tribes found in the Philippines to "Gone With the Wind."

Still, its major purpose is to teach by exposing classes to differing viewpoints on political theories. In fact, McCaughrin tries to design the Filmfest with more than one class in mind.

"While there is an attempt to make it applicable to the course with the largest enrollment, which is usually Politics 101, I try to keep an eye on other courses that might be applicable," McCaughrin said.

In the past, as many as three or four courses have utilized the Filmfest at once, and its appeal has spilled over into other departments as well. Since the Media Center at the University Library was created in 1982, the history, Russian and Romance languages departments have also begun film festivals and film showings, and the journalism department offers courses studying both past and contemporary films.

With the success the Filmfest has had, McCaughrin still wonders what the future of the program will be, especially next fall, when he will have a semester-long sabbatical.

He feels strongly, however, that the Politics Filmfest should continue — so strongly, in fact — that he jokingly suggests: "Maybe I'll come back next fall just to show the movies."

## Waterboys dive into mystic

By MARSHALL BOSWELL  
Entertainment Editor

The Waterboys want nothing less than to evoke the fury of Mother Nature herself. Last year, when head-Waterboy Mike Scott sang, "I have heard the Big Music and I'll never be the same," he was talking about the music he was playing as much as he was talking about the spiritual call he was heeding. "This is the Sea" is an ambitious, thematic record that attempts to study the gulf between mortality and the soul, between man and spirit. On "The Whole Of The Moon," Scott's voice spirals upward in a sort of ecstatic hysteria as he pits his own mortal shortcomings against the wondrous power of the soul. "I saw the rain dirty valley/You saw Brigadoon/I saw the crescent/You saw the whole of the moon?"

This gulf is no easy one to fill. Scott

realizes that, but he has a couple of ideas on how to close it a bit. On "The Pan Within," he takes the listener on a frantic journey of the body. As the music swells, so does Scott's desire. "The wind is delicious/sweet and wild with the promise of pleasure..." he urges. "All we gotta do is surrender."

Other tracks examine more down to earth topics. The touching "Old England" attacks the current U.K. heroin problem and "By My Enemy," a frantic Dylan-inspired rocker, is about paranoia and revenge.

In the end, Scott finds a balance. The closing title track sums up the battling forces that have been plaguing the whole record. Layer after layer of sound is added until the track comes crashing down with a resounding roar. "Once you were tethered/Now you are free," shouts Scott over the thunderous music. "That was the river/This is the sea."

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4 p.m. — PHI BETA KAPPA LECTURE: "Taking Humor Seriously," Professor Howard R. Pollio. Moot Courtroom, Lewis Hall.  
5 p.m. — CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: "The Mauler From Maryville." Byron T. Eppley '86. Room 401, Howe Hall. (Tea at 4:30 in Room 402.)  
7 p.m. — POLITICS FILM: "Judgment at Nuremberg." Room 327, Commerce School.  
7:30 p.m. — LECTURE: "Economic Justice: A Jewish Perspective." Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center. Room 221, Commerce School. Public invited.

Friday, January 31

11 a.m. — SEMINAR: "What Would A Psychology of Human Experience Look Like?" Professor Howard R. Pollio, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. Room 7, Newcomb Hall.  
9 p.m. — BAND: "Tough Luck" Sponsored by the General Headquarters. Cover charge \$2.

Saturday, February 1

9 p.m. — BAND: "The Suspects." Sponsored by Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs. Cover charge \$2. GHQ.

Tuesday, February 4

11 a.m. — RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: Sponsored by the Chi Psi Fraternity. At the Warner Center until 5 p.m.  
4 p.m. — COMPUTER SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM: "What Operations Researchers Do." Professor Carl M. Harris, George Mason University. Room 25, Robinson Hall. (Refreshments at 3:30 in Room 21). Public invited.  
4 p.m. — CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT WORKSHOP: Job Hunting Techniques. University Center.  
8 p.m. — CONCERT: Southern Comfort, the University Chorus. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

Wednesday, February 5

4 p.m. — CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT WORKSHOP: Resume Writing. University Center.  
4:30 p.m. — GLASGOW ENDOWMENT LECTURE SERIES: Poetry Reading by Michael Harper, Northen Auditorium. University Library.  
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