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# The King-tum Phi

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## **GENERAL NOTES**

#### Strut your stuff

All student organizations who are interested in informing the incoming freshmen about the opportunities available within their groups are asked to contact Dean Huntley before the end of the year. This concerns the matriculation orientation schedule for next year.

#### Almost there

SENIORS: If you have not already done so, please return Evaluation of Career Development and Placement forms in person or by mail, before graduation.

#### Book roundup

From time to time, students mention that they have seen library books lying around their house or apartment which they did not check out but no one else seems to be responsible for. If this is the case where you live, please gather the books up and return them to the circulation desk or put them in the book drop. We will be glad to send someone over to pick them up if there are more than can be carried conveniently by one person. Thank you for your help.

#### For sale

ACE is sponsoring a furniture clearance sale. Anybody is welcome to bring their worldly and collegiate belongings to the freshmen quad on Friday afternoon. The sale will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A small pickup will be available for transporting the goods to and from the area. ACE is not responsible for unsold goods. For more details contact Joe Jefferis at 463-2955. Underclassmen are encouraged to attend with cash in hand.

#### Overdue books

All books checked out by students from the University Library should be returned by Monday, June 1. All fines and service charges should be paid before leaving for the summer to avoid having grades or transcripts withheld. Seniors should check with Mrs. Wilson at the circulation desk on Monday concerning books which should be returned or charges which are due.

#### Watch it!

The Registrar's Office asks that we remind you that the University Catalog states: "If amounts owed the University are not paid, the University may withhold a student's grades; withhold transcripts; withhold the granting of a degree...and registration may be denied for an upcoming ses-

MAY 27, 1987

## Trustees make faculty promotions

From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee board of trustees approved several faculty promotions during its May meeting last week at the campus.

Five faculty members were promoted from associate professor to professor. They are: Philip L. Cline, Craig W. McCaughrin, J.Holt Merchant, Ronald L. Reese and Gordon P. Spice.

Two faculty members - Wayne M. Dymacek and Edward O. Henneman - were promoted from assistant professor to associated professor.

Kathy J. Koberstein was promoted from instructor to assistant pro-

A 1967 graduate of W&L in

economics, Cline received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Oklahoma State University. He served as research associate at the department of agricultural economics at OSU from 1974 to 1975, when he joined the faculty at W&L. Cline's areas of expertise are the principles of microeconomics

macroeconomics, elementary applied statistics, quantitiative models for adminsitration and economics, and mathematical economics.

McCaughrin joined the W&L faculty in 1981. He received his B.A. degree from Wayne State University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. Mc-Caughrin served as an instructor and assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania from 1973 to 1981. His

teaching areas include comparative, developmental, international, and Soviet politics, political behavior, and political analysis.

Merchant received his B.A. degree from W&L in 1961 and his Ph.D. from the University of Virinia. He joined the W&L faculty in 1970. His areas of interest include American and Afro-American history, the history of the federal constitution and the history of the Civil War and reconstruction.

Reese received his B.A. from Middlebury College and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He served as assistant professor of physics at Bates College and visiting assistant professor of physics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Pacific University before joining the W&L faculty in 1979. Reese's areas of interest include astronomy, electronics

Spice received his B.A.B. degree from Toledo University, his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Ohio State University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He joined the faculty at W&L in 1975. Spice's teaching areas include classical and baroque music, the literature and style of vocal music, fundamentals of voice production and introduction to music.

Dymacek received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic and State University. He served as a cryptanalytic mathematician for the National Security Agency from 1978 to 1981, when he joined the faculty at W&L. Dymacek's areas of teaching interest are real analysis, calculus, discrete mathematics nad graphtheory.

Henneman received his B.A. from

Yale University and his J.D. from the Harvard Law School. He served as an associate with the New York firms of Kelley, Drye, Newhall, Maginnes & Warren adn Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts before being named associated director of development at W&L in 1972. He remained in that position until 1978, when he was named to the W&L faculty. Henneman's teaching areas include family law, family wealth transactions and estate planning.

Koberstein received her B.A. from Carroll College, M.A. from Middlebury College and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. She served as instructor in French at Valparaiso University and Wofford College before joining the W&L faculty in 1984. her areas of interest include French and Spanish, and contemporary French literature.

## Frat renovation study planned

From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee board of trustees has authorized the university to begin the first phase of a major fraternity house renovation effort.

At its spring meeting held in Lexington on Saturday, the trustees approved a proposal from their campus life committee that the university employ an architectural firm for a feasibility study of the renovation project.

In addition, the board has established an ad hoc committee to examine possible financing options to perform the recommended renova-

The feasibility study will involve on-site inspections of the university's 17 fraternity houses in an attempt to identify needed improvements.

Those inspections, which will begin this summer, will include such areas as the heating, electrical and fire safety systems. The condition of each of the fraternity houses in relation to all the other houses will be evaluted. Among the recommendations that

could be made as a result of the feasibility study are for improvements in space utilization, modernized kitchen/during facilities and renovation living spaces. The study will include a preliminary cost estimate for all the recommended improvements.

"This is a necessary first step in order to get a better handle on what we are actually talking about in terms of renovating the various houses," said J. Thomas Touchton, chairman of the trustees' campus life committee. "We anticipate ther will be considerable variance between the renovations required by some houses as opposed to others."

Once the feasibility study is completed, the trustees' ad hoc committee will be in a better position to consider possible methods of financing the renovations and repairs. That committee will work closely with representatives of the fraternities' house corporations, which are composed primarily of alumni who are, in effect, the landlords who rent the

fraternity property to the current student members.

"I think it is important that the university's students realize that his board of trustees is interested in having our fraternities play as positive a role in the total university and Lexington communities as possible," Touchton said. "Authorizing this feasibility study is one indication of that interest and this board's commitment to an overall renaissance of the Washington and Lee fraternity system."

The renaissance movement has begun on several different fronts. A committee of the university's alumni association has been at work throughout the year and sponsored a symposium on the campus last fall when students, administrators and alumni discussed several important topics concerning fraternity life.

Approximately 75 percent of W&L's male undergraduate students are members of fraternities. More than 225 upperclassmen live in the fraternity houses each year.

## Law school graduation emphasizes lifelong tests

By STEVEN POCKRASS Assignments Editor

Just when they thought it was safe to put away their pens and paper, Washington and Lee University's law school graduates were told Sunday that their examination period had not yet ended

Outstanding

Standing on the temporary stage that had been erected on W&L's grassy front lawn, President John D. Wilson reminded the 114 graduates and their guests about the upcoming bar exams. So did Sol Wachtler, chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals and one of W&L's most distinguished alumni.

But Wachtler, who received both his undergraduate and law degrees from W&L, as well as an honorary

doctorate in 1981, also told the new alumni that they would be examined for the rest of their lives no matter how hard they tried to escape being

Jefferson D. Futch, is the 1987 Pusey award winner and Shayam Menon, is the

Gilliam award winner. The awards, given by the Executive Committee, were

presented at last night's Senior Night ceremonies in Lee Chapel.

By Skip Bertram/The Ring-tum Phi

Workers are scrutinized by their employers and supervisors. Wachtler said. Sole practitioners will find that the defeated client is one of the toughest examiners. Judges will have their rulings overturned by higher court judges. And even chief judges of courts-of-last-resort will find their work cut up and attacked by dissenters, commentators, journalists and law-review writers.

Dressed in their traditional black caps and gowns, some holding wooden staffs - another W&L tradition - the graduates listened quietly on the hot, humid afternoon, as a rain-threatening breeze occasionally

whipped the Virginia flag at Wachtler's left side.

They all could take consolation in that they had at least passed this first test, especially Richard E. Whalen, of East Hampton, N.Y., who was awarded the John W. Davis Prize for the highest cumulative grade point

average. And although Wachtler - who started the moot court program at W&L - talked of tests, he was very positive about their value. Rather than speak of examiner as executioner, Wachtler instead said that the examiner remains a close companion who spurs one on to higher achievements.

Even the U.S. Constitution, which was written in 90 days and now has lasted 200 years, is being examined,

"Those who came before us did their work well," Wachtler said. Because lawyers have been responsible for much of our present state of affairs, they must expect to bear at least an equal responsibility for the nation's future

"That responsibility, I believe, does not include an acceptance of the belief that the past has done its work for the present, and that pure liberty, which is the cornerstone of democracy, is forever guaranteed," he said. All of the country's greatest documents "are only words, dependent on each generation to give them a meaning and significance for our

Wachtler said he did not know how the founding fathers would have viewed such problems as Hudson River pollution or telephone

eavesdropping. But he also said that he did not think the writers of the Constitution wanted the current generation of lawyers to interpret that document without considering contemporary morality.

He said that the United States had survived precisely because lawyers and judges had recognized their obligation to adapt the law to what Thomas Jefferson called "the crises of human affairs.

"Time moves quickly," Wachtler concluded, "and while the present may seem eternal, all too soon future generations will be here to appraise our work as we now appraise the work of our forebears. When they do, they will hopefully conclude: This was our nation, still in its youth, and that we too passed the test, that we too did our work well."

## Lexington blue law issue to be decided in Tuesday vote

By MARIE DUNNE **Editorial Page Editor** 

Lexington and Rockbridge voters will decide if area stores should be allowed to open on Sundays in a special vote on Tuesday

Area stores such as Roses and Maxway began closing on Sundays starting Jan. 1, after local police started enforcing the blue law.

The blue law is a Virginia code that requires stores selling primarily nonessential items to close on Sundays. The code contains a provision that allows localities to repeal its effect in their area.

According to a story in Lexington's News-Gazette last fall, the blue law was never formally repealed for this area, even though many stores opened on Sundays anyway. One complaint was all it would take to make this the police enforce the laws, said the article.

A city merchant subsequently complained and the police began to enforce the law at the beginning of 1987.

Several merchants from Lexington and Rockbridge then formed an informal committee to see about getting the law repealed. According to Brian Shaw, a member of the committee, a petition signed by 10 percent of registered voters was needed to schedule a special vote on the law. There must also be 60 days' public notice before any vote.

June 2 was selected for the vote because "that was about the earliest we could do it," said Shaw.

The News-Gazette has received many letters to the editor on the Sunday closings. Local residents and businesses seem divided on the issue. One group favoring the enforce-

ment of blue laws calls itself 'Citizens Against Sunday Openings." Gene Williams, manager of the Lexington Leggett store and chairman of "Citizens Against Sunday Openings," was out of town this week and could not be reached for comment. The group's treasurer, Bryan McFadden, who also works for Leggett, said, "I really have no comment to make

The committee of merchants in favor of Sunday openings has launched a publicity campaign, complete with bumperstickers and buttons, calling for the repeal of the blue laws. The group will have full-page ads in area papers and run radio ads on Lexington's two area stations, WREL and WVLI, according to Shaw. Roses produced and paid for large blue-and-white posters that are hanging in business' windows.

"We don't perceive the blue laws as a religious issue, but an issue of freedom, freedom to shop on Sundays," said Shaw.

Frances Ruley, an employee of Maxway and member of the committee, agrees. If a merchant wants to open on Sundays "that merchant should have the freedom of choice," said Ruley

Even local businesses that do not have to close on Sunday are concerned the law will cause them to lose

"What it affects is really what we can offer in the area as far as our guests are concerned. We have

weekend guests that come to see the historical sites in the area, and it's a major inconvenience for them not to be able to shop on Sundays," said Sandra Hatter, general manager of

Many of those who support the blue laws say the county is losing money by holding a special vote. The election will cost less than \$10,000 total, \$1,500 for the city and about \$7,000 for the county. Although no estimates are available, many people feel the cost of the election is "just a drop in the bucket" compared to the revenue already lost from Sunday closings, according to Maxway manager

Barry Guffy. "In sales per hour, Sunday (was)

our best day," said Guffy. A major argument for Sunday closings is that they allow employees to spend time with their families.

"If any employee needs to get off to their mother or grandmother or relative, all they have to do is ask,' said Guffy, who cited that 90 percent of Maxway employees are willing to work on Sundays.

Pat Richardson, senior assistant merchandizing manager for Roses, said, "I think basically (the employees) are supportive of (repealing the blue law) because it means extra money for them. They get paid time and a half on Sundays. There are always going to be two or three (who don't want to work), but we're not forcing anybody to work on Sundays. It's all on a volunteer basis. We've always had enough people volunteer without having to draft

As for the vote this Tuesday, Shaw said the group of merchants favoring Sunday openings is "cautiously optimistic" that the voters will repeal the blue law. The group is concerned. however, that voters don't assume that support is so strong that the law will be repealed without their vote.

Hatter of Days Inn favors the repeal of the blue law but says she is not sure how the vote will turn out, because my feeling is that the people who are against it are more likely to go out and vote, rather than the people who are for it.'

#### LEXICON

## One more milk for the road

By Steven Pockrass

So there we were, once again sitting in the old milk bar, downing a few smoothies during The Final Days.

Then it happened. The question every senior is sick and tired of hearing: "So do you know what you're going to do next year?"

We all hate having to answer that query, yet like some sort of sadistic cult, we ask each other anyway. Yes, yes, yes dammit! I've got a reporting job. Well, at least through the end of August, but it might become full-time. And if not? Well, I'm sure I'll be doing something. At least drinking milk and chasing chicks on the beach, if

But seriously, folks, what if you really DON'T KNOW what you're going to be doing next year? Sure, that W&L degree probably qualifies you to fish out burgers at the local greasy-spoon laundromat. But what if you want something better?

Well, have I got a deal for you, a bargain you can't refuse. Now it's a well-known fact that we J-types devote our lives to writing, while you pre-meds, pre-laws, and C-Schoolers devote your lives to making money. So let me write about just a few entrepreneurial ideas that have been floating around in my head and let you take all the credit.

My own favorite is a senior button kit that would answer the dreaded question. Selections might include: "Yes, I'm A Senior; No, I don't Have A Job," Unemployed But Looking," "Unemployed But Begg-"Unemployed But Groveling," or perhaps simply "DON'T

For you cuisinary chemists, why not invent a machine that would put all the sugar and caffeine back into diet sodas when all the real soda runs out? Or manufacture a fruit juice with 10 percent real soft drink in it. How about a "dorm counselor's coffee cup" for continental breakfast, about six inches wide and 12 inches deep?

For you key-punches, let's see a computer with a "you-know" button on it. (Source - Ham Smith). That's the button you push when you

know what you want to do and you want the computer to know it too. If you're a back-to-nature type who lives in New York City, why not develop a "Make-your-own condom" kit? Or how about a home AIDS test? I can see the ads already. "Now, in the privacy and comfort of your own home, you too can find out if you're one of the millions of unlucky Americans ....

And although I've never actually worn a pair of women's shoes, it's always been my contention that the most-loved man in the world will be the one who invents a good-looking, comfortable pair of women's shoes. I've seen too many women walking to work in tennis shoes and watched too many women take their shoes off behind their desks to remain blind to the fact that the female shoe market is just waiting to be conquered.

And what was I doing looking at women's legs behind their desks, you may ask. Well, I'd like to tell you but I'm afraid we've run out of space in this week's Phi, and besides, it's time for another milk, perhaps with a little Strawberry Quik in it. Now there was an inven-

I know we're out of space, but one quick thought: As you make buttloads of bucks off these great ideas, remember me, okay? Checks will be accepted. Have a good life.

## **Positive**

One criticism that is often leveled at the Ring-tum Phi is that the paper dwells too often on the negative. Why don't you ever write about all the good things that happen at Washington and Lee, people ask.

Well, Wednesday evening was our chance to celebrate what's good about our university. The Ring-tum Phi presented its annual awards to five individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Washington and Lee

Carol Ann Calkins, Jeffery G. Hanna, David W. Sprunt, Brandt Surgner and Rob Vienneau have all gone above and beyond the call of duty in their service to their university. They should serve as an example to all of us.

Of course, there are countless other students, faculty and administrators who have contributed much to W&L (including Jefferson Davis Futch and Shayam Menon, who received the Pusey and Gilliam Awards, respectively, from the Executive Committee Wednesday night).

And there are many others, far too numerous to name in his limited space. What about the Calyx staff members, who spend long sleepless nights trying to meet an impossible leadline? What about the students who drag themselves out of bed at 6 a.m. to host "Morning Magazine" on WLUR?

Or how about the members of Contact, who work out the endless details necessary to bring nationally known speakers o the campus? Or the SAB and the Student Telephone Union, he Mock Convention and the Glee Club? The list goes on and

These are the people who make Washington and Lee pecial. And although we can't present them all with engravd awards, every, once in a while we ought to sit back and ive them our thanks.

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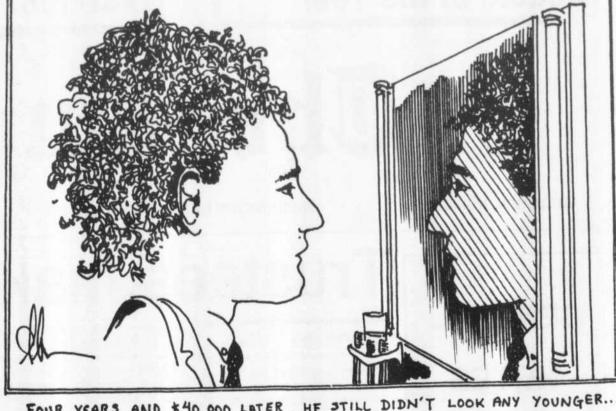
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## Senior writes his last column

**MYVIEW** 

By Chris Carter



FOUR YEARS AND \$40,000 LATER, HE STILL DIDN'T LOOK ANY YOUNGER ...

I have one paper left to write; I've read the last book, my thesis is handed in, and I've completed my P.E. requirement. All that's standing between me and a diploma is this 15page paper, which, I suppose, I will somehow find the motivation to finish. After four years we are truly on the home stretch. I even watched the law students graduate today just to get prepped for mine.

Naturally enough, as I get ready to step across that chasm of the bachelor's degree into my futnre of Reality (and unemployment) I've been doing a lot of thinking about what this place means to me. This then is what you've dreaded all year -that "A Senior Looks Back" end-ofthe-year essay with the lamentations of not having done all that he set out to do and original comments like "You get out of this place what you put into it!" Well, I'll try not to be quite that trite.

Four years is a long time, and the class of 1987 has been through a lot in those years - everything from changes in the drinking laws and coeducation to dealing with all-nighters and the Cold Checkplace, but not all of us are fortunate enough to have a column in which to immortalize them - too bad, 'cause here I for a year!

For starters there are the roommates. I've had a new one every year - you want to talk memories! Freshman year I lived in the only triple at W&L with John and Allison. I'd love to give him a hard time about how he never had to do laundry for himself, but then Allison was always nice to me and would sew buttons back on my shirts, so I'll just give 'em best wishes. Then there were Pete and Woods Creek. We weren't sure we'd make it through the year what with the three other crazies (literally) we lived with, but somehow we made it, Pete living on yogurt (how much money did you spend on that girl at F.D., Pete?), and I on fried bologna. Then last year as I made my one foray into the class of '86, there was Bart, the only person I've ever known who could cook sweet-and-sour pork while discussing Mozart in Russian and painting a German countryside in oils. Finally this year, one of my oldest friends from freshman year, the self-styled genetic mutant with no lungs and no time for anything non-logical except a pizza, Mark. Hats off to all of you for lots of fun and putting up with me

Then there's the gang in the Glee Club and University Chorus. Five foreign countries and four years later, I still have more fun with this group than just about anyone. Andrew, Christie, Kristen, Jim, Davids, and Tom - keep up the good work, have a blast in England, and drink a few pints of bitter for me. My life has revolved around those rehearsals, concerts in the Chapel and tours, and I'm really going to miss them and

I think one of the things which is most unique about W&L is that some of the best friends we make are with the faculty. I have enjoyed getting to know nearly all my professors, and wish I could have gotten to know many of them better. But two professors stand out in my mind as people who have really been important to me. Professor Craun of the English Department has given me more than my fair share of good advice over the years and I only hope that when I have students of my own some day I will take the time andconcern over them that he has over me. Dr. Spice as director of the Glee

Club and Chorus has probably been the biggest constant in my W&L career; "Doc" manages always to combine work and pleasure, resulting in witty lectures and fun yet productive rehearsals. I can't imagine not being able to walk into his office at 9:00 to ask just one question and leave at 10:30 - only to realize that I forgot to ask him my question. And more often than not there was no question to begin with. These two are what W&L is all about, and I'm glad to have known them, and more importantly, to have had them as

From the (illegal) Halloween Hall Crawl freshman year to the road trip up to Ohio Wesleyan two weeks ago, these past few years have been a lot of memories. But what makes these memories is people. W&L has some great people - students and faculty and I think they, more than anything else, make this place special. To my classmates I say good luck guys, it's been a great four years. And to those who still have some time left in Lexington, I hope you leave here with the memories and the friends that the class of '87 has. And now I suppose I better get back to that d--- 15-page paper.

#### **LETTERS**

## Student upset with editorial cartoon

The editorial cartoon printed in last week's edition of the Ring-turn Phi was in extremely poor taste. The residents of Fishbait have not been convicted, they have only been charged. They deserve more than to be publicly humiliated and convicted by the campus newspaper. What useful comment were you struggling to make by printing that cartoon? Your cartoon showed not only a serious breach of trust, but a lamentable lack of style. Is that your version of satire? Other students have been charged with similar crimes, was there any particular reason this group was singled out? Before openly condemning a group of our fellow students, perhaps you could have the decency to wait for the trial.

Sincerely, Chris Munsey

#### Thanks to everyone

To the Washington and Lee University Community:

I just wanted to write a quick note and say how much I have enjoyed interning at W&L this semester. Everyone with whom I have worked

has been extremely friendly and helpful. From the fraternities to the residence staff to the deans and staff, I have been impressed with everyone's concern for excellence, both academically and personally. My realm of professional experience has increased immensely

since my stay here. Thank you again for a great semester and my hope is that Washington and Lee continues to reign as one of the premier academic institutions of the South.

Sincerely,

Stacey Bean, M. Ed. '87 University of Virginia

#### Cartoon is 'irresponsible'

To the Editors:

Last week's editorial page cartoon fails far short of any semblance of humor. The irresponsible journalistic practices of the cartoonist; editorial page editor, Marie Dunne; and of the Ring-tum Phi's editorial staff as a whole have once again been clearly illustrated by the printing of this "humorous" cartoon. In my opinion, this was not only an unethical but also a dishonorable act, although I am defining "honor" here a bit more broadly than simply as abstinence from lying, cheating, and stealing.

As for myself, the printing of this insulting cartoon served to destroy the last shred of respect which I held for your feeble attempts at journalism which you continue to try to pass as an ethical, responsible and unbiased school newspaper.

The unnecessarily malicious nature of the caricature is further illustrated by the idiotic lettering of the "sign" and the ridiculous depiction of "a young W&L student." (Messrs. Lutz and Kubly are both seniors and Mr. Thompson is a junior, hardly "young" W&L students.)

Why did you choose to assault these gentlemen? There have been much more serious drug arrests made against which there was no similar edict issued from the apparently morally superior editorial department of the Ring-tum Phi. Are there other reasons for this unnecessary

attack of which we are ignorant? Finally, it is my belief that a formal apology should be issued not only to Messrs. Lutz, Kubly and Thompson, but also to the entire Washington and Lee community whose intelligence has once again been insulted by the kind of irresponsible journalism which has characterized the Ringtum Phi all year long.

If you are aspiring to be responsible, credible journalists, then you are on the wrong track.

Sincerely, Bruce D. Partington '87

Smith on Jackson

To the Editors:

In response to "Reader Disagrees with Jackson's Platform," I disagree with Mr. Maass's assertion that Presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson displayed "sadly misguided (liberal) politics," vis-a-vis the American role in Central America. Of all the Presidential candidates thus far, I believe that Jackson has maintained the most reasonable position, urging a cessation of military operations, and a return to negotiations buttressed with a commitment for economic aid

Notwithstanding the fact that American policy in Central America is riddled with inconsistency, arms scandals, and an incompetent President who tries to moralize the Contra-cause by comparing them, most shamefully, to our Founding Fathers; reality dictates that America not get involved, at least not militarily. To take the comparison that Mr. Maass develops when he writes, "I would hate to see what America would be like today if the French had adopted the same policy (non-involvement) toward our fledgling nation in 1779," I would pose this question to Mr. Maass -Did the French send in official troops to win the war for us? Yet this is what the U.S. has begun to do with a troop infiltration of Honduras in the number of 1,400 troops. These American troops have begun a commitment to Honduras, and to the Contras, at a time when the U.S. has no defined strategic goals in the area. And if they have been defined (i.e. in the Pentagon exclusively) then they have yet to be presented to the American people to be embraced or rejected.

Why is involvement of the American people so important? Consider this quote by Colonel Harry Summers in his book "On Strategy: The Vietnam War in Context," printed by the Army War College: "The failure to invoke the national will was one of the major strategic failures of the Vietnam War. It produced a strategic vulnerability that our enemy was able to exploit." Besides those various wealthy individuals who have illegally contributed to the contra-scam fund, there has been no indication of national will in terms of America's role in Central America.

Nevertheless, the administration has committed itself and the country to the Contra-cause

plagued by lack of direction, lack of any better alternative government, lack of international support, and finally and most importantly -lack of any moral imperative. Basically, we have committed ourselves in a very undemocratic way, to a group of terrorists, coming from an old tradition of terrorists and high-handed despots. Their aim is to topple the present authoritarian left-wing regime, and establish their own authoritaria right-wing regime (even conservatives agree on this one). The net benefits, however, do not outweigh the costs involved, the many young American lives that will be shed for no real benefit. Yes, Mr. Maass, I do agree with Mr. Jackson when we say something has gone awry; in this case, the way in which America involves herself abroad militarily. One drop of American blood shed in that region, is one drop too many.

> Paul J. Smith Class of '87

#### FIJI helps charity

To the Editors:

The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta would like to thank Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, and the ROTC team for graciously giving up time this past Saturday afternoon to help us conduct our softball marathon for the American Cancer Society. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did.

We would also like to thank Carmen Clement, Jack Mitchell, and the rest of those involved with IM softball for allowing us the use of the equipment. The event could not have been successful without your help.

Thank you,

#### Caruthers thanks Menon

To the Editors:

As a W&L student I wanted to write and thank Shayam Menon for serving as President of the Student Body this year. The job is an extremely demanding and time-consuming one, and it can detract greatly from a senior's final year at W&L. Nevertheless, Shayam has exemplified the ultimate in commitment and dedication to the University. In fact, his zealousness during his three years on the Executive Committee, as well as simply all four years here at W&L, has been

Over the past year, he has dutifully expressed student opinion to the faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees in an impressive and effective manner, while at the same time eliciting nothing but respect from all parties - something which is rare. I take this time to toot his horn for fear his service to the W&L Student Body will go unappreciated. He has commanded the entire E.C.'s respect and admiration. I want to thank him for a job - and a W&L career - well done.

Sincerely,

Andrew Caruthers Class of 1987

## 280 receive diplomas

From Staff Reports

Washington and Lee plans to award diplomas to more than 280 undergruaduates during commencement exercises Thursday, June 4, on the Front Lawn of the campus.

Commencement activities will begin Wednesday, June 3, with the baccalaureate service at 11 a.m. in Evans Hall. Speaker for the service will be David W. Sprunt, university chaplain and professor of religion.

Following the baccalaureate service, the graduating seniors and their families will be guests for a luncheon on the Front Lawn. From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be an open house tour of the historic front campus buildings.

On Wednesday evening, the university faculty will host a reception for

Roy L. Steinheimer Jr., the Robert

E.R. Huntley professor of law at

Washington and Lee, has retired

from active teaching and has been

designated professor emeritus by the

Steinheimer joined the W&L facul-

ty in 1968 as dean of the law school,

succeeding Huntley, who had become

president of the university, and for

Under Steinheimer's guidance, the

law school moved into Lewis Hall, its

ultramodern \$9 million facility in

1976, and instituted an admissions

Thomas L. Shaffer has been ap-

pointed the Robert E.R. Huntley Pro-

fessor of Law at Washington and Lee.

Established in 1982 by the board of

trustees, the professorship honors

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ly retired from active teaching. He

has been designated the Robert E.R.

Huntley Professor of Law, Emeritus.

at W&L since 1980. He also served

from 1983 to 1985 as director of the

 A specialist in the area of legal ethics, Shaffer is the author of

Frances Lewis Law Center.

Shaffer has been a professor of law

Huntley's 15-year presidency of

whom the professorship is named.

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W&L board of trustees.

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Steinheimer retires

the seniors and their families in Evans Hall.

Commencement day activities on Thursday will begin at 9 a.m. when the university's Army ROTC unit holds its commissioning ceremony in Lee Chapel. Approximately 25 commissions will be awarded. Frank Slayton, a senior member of the House of Delegates for the Commonwealth of Virginia and a practicing attorney in Halifax, Va., will be the speaker for the ceremony. Slayton is a retired colonel in the Virginia National Guard.

Washington and Lee President John D. Wilson will be the principal speaker for the event. Shayam K Menon, president of the student body's executive committee, will deliver remarks on behalf of the graduating seniors.

program that made the law school a

strong national institution with a

diverse student body. Steinheimer

retired as dean of the law school in

1981 and returned to full-time

Steinheimer's primary field is

commercial law. He served for

several years on the Uniform Com-

mercial Code Committees of both the

American and Michigan State Bar

Steinheimer is a member of the

American Arbitration Association

and the American Law Institution,

Phi Beta Kappa, and the Order of the

numerous works on that subject, in-

cluding a volume published earlier

this year titled Faith and the Profes-

A graduate of the University of

Albuquerque, Shaffer received his

law degree from the University of

Notre Dame, where he taught for 17

years and served as dean for four

years prior to joining the Washington

ships, including service on the ex-

ecutive committee of the Association

and Lee faculty.

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## Award winning

Winners of the 1987 Ring-tum Phi awards are David W. Sprunt, Rob Vienneau, Carol Calkins, Brandt Surgner, and Jeff Hanna. The Ring-tum Phi

awards are given for outstanding contributions to the W&L community.

## Diversity, Variety needed for school activities

**NEWS ANALYSIS** 

By STEVEN POCKRASS **Assignments Editor** 

Does Washington and Lee provide a wide enough variety of student activities? Not according to some of the people who are responsible for student activities at W&L

Student activities take many forms here: fraternity functions, film society films, athletic club contests and others. Although the fraternities are funded by student dues, almost all the other organizations receive student tax money allocated by the student Executive Committee. Each student pays \$100 a year in student taxes, \$25 of which goes to pay for the Student Activities Pavilion.

Far and away, the organization that receives the greatest portion of the tax money is the Student Activities Board, which this year received \$46,000 out of a total of

The purpose of this article is to reflect the thoughts of some of those people who help make decisions about the diversity of activities here

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES In addition to his work in legal The board of trustees is the ethics, Shaffer has also conducted ultimate custodian of all aspects of research in the fields of theology, campus life at W&L, according to J. jurisprudence, wills and estates, Thomas Touchton, head of the alternate dispute resolution and legal board's campus life committee. The board doesn't make many specific Shaffer has held several directorrecommendations about day-to-day the university by establishing

The Campus Life Committee was formed when the trustees began discussing coeducation' Its purpose was "to seek to determine, from a campus life point-of-view, how Washington and Lee might change if W&L became coed," Touchton said. The committee continues to function as a monitor of campus life.

policies for the W&L community as a

He said that it's always been important to have extracurricular activities at W&L, but there now may be more interest because of coeduca-

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE Dean of Students Lewis G. John

said that in general, actiVities are controlled through his office. But most of the responsibility falls on the students

The deans report to the board about what is being done on campus, John said. In return, they receive suggestions from individual board

For example, the board is encouraging greater use of the Student Activities Pavilion, he said. But it's hard to make the pavilion attractive for smaller groups and - because of

the new drinking laws - for groups that want alcohol

John said he goes to many meetings, especially to discuss programming under the new drinking laws. "We obviously need to come up with more imaginative and creative programming without alcohol as the

Many student activities come under the umbrella of Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins, associate dean of students in charge of Greek and student affairs.

Atkins is responsible for the University Center, although his office is located in Payne Hall. He delegates most of his authority concerning the University Center to Carol Ann Calkins, the receptionist for the building.

Atkins said he thinks the SAB replicates much of what the fraternities do, which is unfortunate. He said he thinks the SAB needs to provide some activities for students who don't enjoy fraternity parties. "I think there's a great need for diversity." he said.

"My role is to point out to people the need to have things like that," Atkins said. "It's not my role to dichate those things. I think my role is only to give advice to those people who are spending the money.'

By Skip Bertram/The Ring-tum Phi

THE SAB Glynn M. Alexander Jr., head of the SAB, said he too would like to see more diversity in the programming.

But that's easier said than done. Although he was executive director of the SAB last year, he said it took him until January just to feel comfortable with what he was doing. He said it's very easy to get in a rut and decide to stick with the standard forms of entertainment

Alexander said it is hard to get a wide variety of music at a small, outof-the-way school because "working with one date is really hell." Other colleges have bands on weekdays. They put on shows for the whole school, but they don't expect the whole school to attend.

The SAB used to show movies, but 'the interest for that just plummeted," Alexander said. It's become much more feasible for a student to go to a video store and watch movies at home on a VCR.

Like Atkins, Alexander said he thought the SAB should try to have more activities that are relatively inexpensive and would provide entertainment for smaller groups. The SAB shouldn't be afraid of failing, and the students shouldn't be afraid to try something new.

"You at least try something once,"

## Seven new editors named

By JOHN PENSEC

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, meeting last week.

The Washington and Lee Publications Board appointed seven people to positions for the 1987-88 school year.

Sophomores Marie Dunne and David Emrich were appointed coeditors of The Ring-tum Phi. Dunne is a journalism and English major from Charlottesville. She is editorial page editor of the paper.

Emrich is an English and politics major from West Chester, Pennsylvania. He is the sports editor for the Phi

Rhona Hughes was reappointed business manager for the Phi. A

Louis W. Hodges, professor of

religion at Washington and Lee and

director of the university's program

in applied ethics, has been appointed

The appointment was made by the

The Thomas Professorship was

established in 1977 in memory of

Fletcher Otey Thomas, a prominent

religious, business and civic leader

W&L board of trustees at its May

the Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor

Hodges gains new post

business administration major from York, Pennsylvania, Hughes was appointed business manager earlier this year.

Murray Stanton and Betsy Vegso were appointed co-editors of the the literary magazine of Washington and Lee. Stanton, a second year law student from Rochester, New York, was co-editor of the magazine this year. Vegso is a sophomore from Buffalo, New York.

Abb Jones and Caroline Boone were appointed co-editors of the

Greg Dale was appointed editor of the Political Review.

from Bedford, Va. The professorship

was created by Thomas' sons, John

Newton Thomas, '24, of Richmond,

David W. Sprunt was named the

first occupant of the Thomas Pro-

fessorship. Sprunt, who will retire

from active teaching in June, will

hold the professorship on an emeritus

Hodges has been a member of the

A graduate of Millsaps College,

Hodges received both his bachelor of

divinity and Ph.D. degrees from

W&L faculty since 1960.

Duke University.

and the late William O. Thomas, '31.

#### Board Alumni New

From Staff Reports

John W. Folsom of Columbia, S.C., has been elected president of the Washington and Lee Alumni Board of Directors. The announcement came during the board's spring meeting held in Lexington.

life at W&L but does set the tone of

Five new members were also elected to serve four-year terms on the board, which oversees the operation of the alumni association.

Folsom, a 1973 graduate of the university, has served as chairman of the Alumni Programs Committee of the board of directors. He has also been president of the Palmetto alumni chapter in Columbia and was a representative for the university's alumni admissions program.

Folsom is president and chief executive officer of South Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is on the board of directors of the South Carolina League of Savings Institutions and is the former director of the Rotary Club in Columbia. He has also served a three-year term as director of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

The new board members are G. Ar-

cher Frierson II of Shreveport, La.; Clay T. Jackson of Nashville, Tenn. Eugene C. Perry Jr. of Somerset. N.J.; John W. Robinson IV of Tampa, Fla.; and Warren A. Stephens of Little Rock, Ark.

Active in alumni affairs, Frierson, 73, served as class agent for 1976 and 1977. He was academic alumni vice chairman between 1979 and 1980 and served as president of the northwest Louisiana area alumni chapter from 1983 to 1987.

Frierson is a partner in G.A. Frierson & Son, a cotton plantation located in Shreveport. He is a member of the Shreveport Downtown Rotary Club and the Caddo Parish School Board. He is also director of his local Goodwill Industries and of the Caddo Parish Farm Bureau. In 1985, he received the Shreveport Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

Jackson, a 1976 graduate, served as president of the Middle Tennessee Alumni Chapter from 1983 to 1987. He has also served as representative on the university's alumni admissions program between 1983 and 1984 and as class agent between 1982 and 1984.

Jackson is executive vice president of Cooper, Love & Jackson, an in-

#### president elected

dependent insurance company that is based in Nashville. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Perry received his B.A. degree in 1975 and his J.D. degree from the university in 1978. He headed the fund-raising activities for W&L's minority recruitment committee as part of the alumni admissions program. He has also served as a council member in the university's New York City alumni chapter.

Perry is president of Wilkinson & Perry, a partnership representing sports and entertainment figures in legal and financial matters. The partnership is based in Philadelphia.

Robinson served as agent for the class of 1972 and as a member of the university's alumni admissions program for 1985 and 1986. He co-chaired the Florida West Coast Scholarship Fund campaign and served as president of the Florida West Coast alumni chapter for 1986 and 1987.

Robinson is an attorney with Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal & Banker of Tampa.

Stephens, a 1979 graduate, served as representative in the university's alumni admissions program for 1983 and 1984. He currently serves on the advisory committee for the W&L Institute for Executives, an annual twoweek humanities and ethics program for upper middle-level managers.

Stephens is president and chief executive officer of Stephens, Inc., which is based in Little Rock. He is a member of the board of directors of the Arkansas State Chamber of Com-

## Eight win English awards

From Staff Reports

Eight Washington and Lee students were honored by the W&L department of English during an awards ceremony Tuesday

Both of the annual departmental scholarships were awarded to juniors. Peter L. Boatner of Alexandria, Va., received the Elizabeth B. Garrett Scholarship; the Catherine Houston Campbell Scholarship went to Michael J. Longshore of Atlanta.

Erik D. Curren, a senior from Chicago, won the Jean Amory Wornom Award for Distinguished Critical Writing for a paper titled 'Mirage and Inversion in 'Puddinhead Wilson ' "

Ted L. Byrd, a senior from Morgantown, W.Va., won the Academy of American Poets Prize for a series of lyric poems.

Four students received George A. Mahan Awards in Creative Writing. Mark Trainer of Devon, Pa., won the senior prose award for his story "Insulation." The junior prose award went to J. Marshall Boswell Jr. of Little Rock, Ark., for "Sunday Morn-

Shaun A. Crawford of Birmingham won the sophomore prose award for his story "Chocolate Bar." The award for poetry was presented to senior Thomas J. Randolph of Hamp-

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# Seniors key track team's winning years

By JIM LAKE Staff Reporter

For five W&L seniors, four years of track competition at Washington and Lee have brought nothing but success.

Since coming to W&L in the fall of 1983, Ash Andrews, John Burlingame, Tom Murray, John Carder and Matthew Steilberg have spent most of their afternoons from January through April trying to run a little faster, throw a little farther, and jump a little higher.

And, for each of them, the hard work has paid off.

"This group of seniors we have has just had phenomenal success since they've been here," said head track coach Norris Aldridge. "They have not lost a dual-, tri-, or quad-meet [in four indoor and four outdoor seasons and ] have won six of the eight titles that it was possible for them to win."

Since 1984, W&L track teams have not lost a single regular-season meet, compiling a 27-0 record, and have placed no lower than second in eight Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship meets, winning all but two of those contests.

A four-year letter-winner in cross country, Andrews is an economics major from Floyds Knobs, Ind. "He did an excellent job" competing in distance events in a conference that "has always had outstanding

distance runners," said Aldridge.
Burlingame, an economics major
from Metairie, La. was the ODAC indoor long jump champion in 1986 and
1987 and missed first place by half an

inch in 1985. Burlingame also ran the 400 meters and was on W&L's conference champion 400-meter relay team in the 1987 indoor season. Unfortunately, a recurring hamstring injury kept Burlingame from competing for conference championships outdoors in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

The ODAC and school recordholder in the shot put, Murray was the conference champion in that event indoors in 1986 and 1987 and outdoors in 1985 and 1987. He was presented the Captains' and Coaches' Trophy for dedication and loyalty at last week's All-Sports Barbecue. Murray, also an economics major, is from Princeton, N.J.

Steilberg won the ODAC pole vault title indoors in 1985 and outdoors in 1986. An English major from Richmond, he also performed well this year, clearing 13 feet and taking third place at the ODAC indoor meet and second at the outdoor meet.

In 1987, Carder took over as the Generals' leading vaulter. The chemistry major from Roanoke finished second in the indoor pole vault and was the conference champion in that event for the outdoor season.

Although they did not run as freshmen, Aldridge commended three-year letter-winners Kevin Weaver, who ran on five ODAC championship relay teams, and Steve Pockrass, who ran cross country for four years and was a wrestler during his freshman year.

"The seniors are really to be congratulated for their effort," said Aldridge. "We'll really miss them



Sweet Dhata

Track team senior (clockwise from bottom right Thomas Boyd, Tom Murray, Ash Andrews, Steve Pockrass, John Burl-

Track team senior (clockwise from bottom right Thomas ingame, Kevin Weaver, Matt Steilberg and John Carder.

## W&L Athlete of the Year



Jefferson Harralson

By MIKE SHADY Assistant Sports Editor

When Jefferson Harralson arrived at Washington and Lee University for his freshman year, he was six feet, four inches tall and barely earned a varsity letter for playing basketball. By the time he finished his senior season, he had grown to his present height of 6' 6' and had scored 1,219 career points, placing him 11th on the all-time career scoring list. It is for his incredible final season that Jefferson Harralson has been chosen as the Phi's Athlete-of-the-Year.

Check out the numbers. Harralson scored 524 points (a 21.0 per game), grabbed 198 rebounds (7.8) and dashed off 48 assists (1.9). He led the team in scoring in 19 of the Generals' 25 games and in rebounding in 17 contests. He connected on 172 out of 330 fieldgoal attempts (52.1 percent) and nailed 147 out of 198 free throws (74.2 percent). And finally, Harralson was named to the first team all-Old Dominion Athletic Conference squad, was named to tne all-South Region basketball team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and was an honorable mention all-American in Division III basketball.

But it was on Jan. 27, 1987, when Harralson entered the W&L record books. With exactly 10:52 remaining in the first half of an away game versus Hampden-Sydney, Harralson buried a 10-foot jumper for his 999th and 1,000th career points.

"I kind of expected it," said Harralson of reaching the milestone. "If I didn't get it, I would have been disappointed. I guess when I look back it will be more of an accomplishment."

What can be viewed as a major accomplishment is the way Harralson's game has progressed through his four years on the court here at W&L. Harralson, who began playing basketball in Princeton, Ky. when he was eight years old, was a member of the Generals' squad during his freshman year. But "member" is about all you could call him.

"I had no idea what to expect in Division III," he said, "There are no Division III schools in the area I'm from.

"But I went to the gym to play

and I saw a bunch of slow, white dudes. I said to myself, 'I think I can play with these guys.'''

Playing behind three other

freshmen, however, Harralson saw precious little playing time and even considered quitting the team. He decided to stick it out one more year and, after the fifth game of his sophomore season, he had earned a starting position. With that hurdle cleared, Harralson turned his attention to scor-

ing more points.

"I didn't think I had to [score a lot of points]," he said, "but coach [Canfield] felt I should step to the forefront. I always played better as a complementary player.

"By my senior season," he said, "I felt like I was the guy that had to score."

But, although he attained his achievements by himself on an individual basis, Harralson didn't hesitate to cite as his most memorable basketball experience a team accomplishment.

"My junior year in the ODAC tourney quarterfinals, we were behind 13 points at halftime. Then they scored four straight points to take a 17-point lead, two of them coming on a slam dunk. But we ended up beating them by eight

points.
"That comeback was the finest team effort I ever saw. It was definitely the game I will remember the most."

## Shades on sports

By Mike Shady Assistant Sports Editor



## Here's to a job well done

This is going to be hokey, but what the hell.

The Ring-tum Phi has honored two people this week — Jefferson Harralson and Norris Aldridge — for their outstanding contribution to Washington and Lee athletics over the past academic year. In singling out these two individuals, however, we run into a problem. Every athlete who participated in intercollegiate athletics for W&L is just as deserving of receiving such praise.

But what exactly am I trying to get at here? Well, I guess I am saying that, whether or not your picture made it in the Phi as Athlete-of-the-Week, you all have earned some recognition for the time, effort and dedication you have given to your respective sports teams.

As the lacrosse amd men's tennis teams play in the limelight, we sometimes forget about the people who play the so-called "minor sports." Cross country, track, wrestling, golf, women's tennis and swimming almost inevitably take a back seat to football, lacrosse, men's tennis, basketball and water polo.

I remember David Emrich wrote a column earlier in the year in which he too expressed his feelings about the dilemma of the unequal amounts of coverage given one sport over the others. "Second to no one" was the headline and nothing could be closer to the truth.

Why should an athlete who saggified just as much time for one sport

Why should an athlete who sacrifices just as much time for one sport not receive his or her due while someone else is grabbing the spotlight? It sometimes just doesn't seem fair.

I was talking with a basketball player the other day and this person (who didn't even play a whole lot of minutes) was estimating that during the season he spent an average of five hours a day (including weekends) practicing and sitting in meetings.

Five hours a day? Add five more hours and you are holding down a steady job. And basketball players are not the only ones. I think it's safe to say every sport here requires at least three hours a day, without even considering the amount of time taken up for traveling to away games.

When you consider these time demands, it becomes even more amazing to see the list of those athletes who have obtained a 3.5 or higher GPA for one of the two semesters. I'm positive the number is just as high for those who make the Dean's List.

In order to rectify the problem, throughout the fall, winter and spring sports seasons, David Emrich and I have tried extremely hard to make sure each team was awarded equal coverage in The Phi. This task was very difficult, considering the fact that certain sports are more popular than other ones. Is your lead story the football team's great comeback or cross country winning yet another dual meet? I hope the job we did was good enough and my apologies to those people who feel their teams were slighted.

I guess the purpose of this final column is to say "great job" to all the hundreds of athletes who have worn a Generals' jersey on the playing field or courts. In terms of winners, we had four Old Dominion Athletic Conference team champions, three Coaches-of-the-Year, two Players-of-the-Year, six all-Americans and two teams come oh-so-close to capturing W&L's first national championship. The athletes have represented this University well with exemplary sportsmanship and hard work. To all those who were involved, you have every right to be proud of yourselves.

(I said it was going to be hokey)

Notes... Turning our attention to the world of the professionals, the New York Mets are beginning to realize that it ain't so easy when you are the defending champions (I think I predicted this somewhere but I can't recall exactly where). Dwight Gooden is back, but the loss of Bobby Ojeda and the inconsistency of Sid Fernandez and Ron Darling have made the most feared starting rotation seem very tame... Finally, I think a special thanks is in order for Skip Bertram, Perry Hayes and Mathew Horridge for their efforts in taking sports pictures for The Phi. Their work was top notch and added a positive dimension for our sports pages this year...

## W&L Coach of the Year

By JIM LAKE Staff Reporter

Coach Norris Aldridge, whose track teams won two conference titles and went undefeated in 1987, is The Phi's Coach-of-the-Year.

Aldridge came to Washington and Lee in 1969 as an assistant in football and track and field. He took over the leadership of the track program in 1971. Since then, W&L track teams have compiled a record of 94-42. And, since 1976, his squads have never suffered more than three losses in a single season, compiling a record of 63-15, or an 80.8 winning percentage. W&L is riding a streak of four consecutive Old Dominion Athletic Conference titles in indoor track, and an Aldridgecoached team has not lost a track meet since 1983.

A native of Natural Bridge, Aldridge was a standout quarterback at Natural Bridge High School for three seasons. He went on to earn three varsity football letters and a degree in business administration from the University of Richmond.

The year 1987 saw W&L track teams blow away the ODAC, taking the indoor championship by 48 points and the outdoor title by 55 points. But, typically, Aldridge gives all the credit to his athletes.
"We really had some outstan-

ding performances," he said. W&L "lost a lot of good people from last year," and two conference championships really were not expected, but this team "was able to come together" exceptionally well.

ceptionally well.

The indoor season began with a record-setting performance by freshman Phil Sampson in the VMI Relays. In his first meet as a collegian, the rookie pole vaulter cleared 14'6", a full six inches better the about personal record.

ter than the school record. In the ODAC Indoor Championship meet, held at VMI, W&L crushed the conference, taking first place in five events and finishing in at least one of the top four places in every event but one. Junior Andrew White won the 55meter hurdles, ran on two relay teams, and took second place in the 400-meter run. He was named ODAC Runner-of-the-Year, and Aldridge was named conference Coach-of-the-Year in indoor track. Murray set new school and conference records in winning the shot put, and senior John Burlingame took first place in the long jump. Junior John White scored in four individual events and ran on two winning relay teams.

The outdoor season began with

a trouncing of Roanoke College in which W&L won 11 of 17 events and swept four of them. Junior John White and Andrew White won two events, and freshman Wes Boyd won the 100-meter dash in his first college track meet.

The Generals prepared for the ODAC Outdoor Championships by participating in the Catholic Invitational.

The outdoor conference meet once again demonstrated W&L's affinity for large margins of victory. The Generals embarrassed the ODAC, taking one of the top four places in every event but one and winning nine of the day's 17 events. Once again, Andrew White led the Generals, winning the 110 and 400-meter hurdles and running on the victorious 1600-meter relay team. Boyd won the 100 and 200-meter runs and placed third in the long jump. Murray set a new outdoor conference record and again won the shot put, and Moore took the conference title in the 1500-meter run. Carder won the pole vault, and McCormick again won the high jump.

Not surprisingly, Aldridge was again named ODAC Coach-of-the-Year. His 6-0 dual-meet record and two conference titles in 1987 demonstrate outstanding ability and talent on his part.



Norris Aldridge