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University issues new standards for frats

By David Emrich
Co-Editor

As part of its fraternity renaissance program W&L has published a set of standards all fraternities must meet. The *Washington and Lee Standards for Fraternities* were introduced in October after a year and a half of preparation.

According to Associate Dean of Students Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins, the goal of the new standards is "to make sure that the fraternities at W&L are providing what they should be providing—which is a quality of life in an environment that doesn't detract from the academic community and environment."

"In fact, it should add to it, primarily by providing a social life, and providing a social life in an environment

that would be an asset rather than a detriment to the reputation of the whole community and to the whole university."

"The intention is not just to fix up the houses physically but also to fix up the fraternities spiritually."

Toward that end the standards were developed over the past year and a half by the Alumni Fraternity Council.

The standards, according to the document's preamble, are intended to "give direction and support to those entities crucial to and responsible for the vitality of the fraternity system." The preamble goes on to name the six "entities" as the University, the national fraternity, the Interfraternity Council, the house corporation, the local chapter and the chapter house.

The standard themselves are organized into six sections corresponding to the six entities. Each section spells out

the requirements each particular entity must observe.

According to the preamble, "These standards...are not to be construed as optional guidelines, but rather as reasonable requirements necessary for the local chapters to realize the University's expectations enumerated in the Board's 'Statement Relating to Fraternities': *Chapters...are expected to maintain adequately the physical appearance of the fraternity property and to assure the structural integrity of chapter houses. Chapter members are expected to conform to standards of gentlemanly conduct and to exhibit a concern for the rights and sensibilities of others.*"

Five of the six sections of the guidelines are "in effect now," said Atkins. The sixth section, the part covering the chapter house, is not.

Said Atkins, "Everybody's expect-

ed to be in compliance with [the first five standard] by the first of next September... The principal thing that [the individual chapters] have to do is either develop or revise their by-laws so that they put them in compliance with what's required [by the standards.] And that they then enforce those by-laws... and be able to document that that's how they're operating their affairs."

According to the standards, each chapter's by-laws must define the duties and responsibilities of all chapter officers, establish parietal regulations for residents of the chapter house in accord with the IFC and the Student Affairs Committee, prohibit illegal drugs, provide for regular cleaning and maintenance of the chapter house, set guidelines for responsible alcohol use, require that all members "behave as gentlemen" and have strict enforce-

ment policies for all the above regulations.

Said Atkins, "We're not going to have a situation where we've got 10 or 12 houses that are in great shape and everybody's doing what they're supposed to do and things are running the way they're supposed to run and have four or five or six others hanging around on the fringe waiting to self-destruct."

"That's not intended to be a threat. It's just a simple statement that the standards are set and people are going to have to get up to them and stay there in order to survive."

"There's nothing unreasonable in those standards. In fact, ...not complying with [the standards] would probably cause a chapter to fail eventually on their own without the University withdrawing any recognition anyway."

Although the renovation of the chapter houses is not the only part of the overall renaissance, it certainly is a large part.

Said Atkins, "Basically what we want to get out of that is to have all of our fraternity houses on a standard pretty close to what the [Phi Gamma Delta] house is... basically a brand new fraternity."

The renovation program is "geared toward putting all of our fraternity houses in the condition where they would have another 50 years of useful life as really quality places to live and quality places to have parties," said Atkins.

However, said Atkins, before a fraternity can be considered for renovation, it must be in compliance with the first five parts of the code.

Next week: *The Renovation Program*

IBM and Waxing Poetics to play Superdance '88

By Christie Champlin
Staff Reporter

The two bands slated for this year's Superdance are Waxing Poetics and IBM. The dance begins Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. and continues until Sunday at 1 a.m. Waxing Poetics will play Saturday at 9 p.m., followed by IBM at 11 p.m.

Saturday afternoon will include a battle of the bands with local bands performing. Negotiations to determine which bands will play are still underway as progress continues in the planning of this annual fund raiser.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories this year: highest total donation raised, which will receive the grand prize; highest cash donation raised and highest donation for a single organization or fraternity. The grand prize will be to "someplace warm for five days and four nights," according to Chuck Hustling, one of the three co-chairmen of the Superdance Committee, which has about 100 student members. The final details of the prize are still being worked out by the Prize Committee, headed

by Debbie Hurtt and Dave Weaver. Other prizes, said Hustling, include weekends at the Greenbriar, Williamsburg, and Hotel Roanoke as well as ski passes for Massanutten and the Homestead.

Last year more than \$25,000 was raised by the event, which is in its 10th year at W&L. This was the highest per capita amount raised by any college or university in the United States. W&L ranked second to Syracuse University in the total amount raised.

Fraternities play a large part in the Superdance according to Wright Ledbetter, the head of the Fraternities Committee. "Fraternities usually generate one third of our goal because they are such a big student organization and because of a lot of pledges and a lot of houses which encourage students to dance. This year we hope to get at least as much participation as in the past," said Ledbetter.

Fraternities contribute in two ways. They encourage their pledges to dance, which raises at least \$100 per pledge, and they make separate donations. "We would like to encourage each fraternity to increase its donation

by one dollar per member," said Ledbetter adding, "we really appreciate what they do and the money that they donate which ultimately goes to a good cause." Last year more than half of the houses on campus pledged \$200 or above.

To date the pledge classes of Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, and Pi Kappa Alpha have agreed to dance. Lambda Chi Alpha has at least five pledges and Sigma Phi Epsilon has at least six pledges who've agreed to dance. Phi Kappa Psi has a national obligation which will prevent them from dancing.

"Every fraternity contributes in its own way," stated Ledbetter. "As many chances a fraternity has to do a good deed helps not only with the public image of the fraternity, but also the overall image," he added.

The Special Events Committee, co-chaired by Kathy Kelso, has organized three slave auctions at area women's colleges and is also organizing pie throws to be held during the break be-

□ See Dance, page 4



By Perry Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

Two seniors present papers

By Stephanie Guittard
Staff Reporter

Senior anthropology majors John Metz and William O'Brien presented papers at a recent annual meeting of the Archaeological Society of Virginia.

Metz's paper was titled "Problems in Assessing Structure Function: Exploring Artifact Distribution at Structure I of the Liberty Hall Academy Site Complex." It was co-written with Kurt Russ, research archaeologist at W&L, and John McDaniel, professor of anthropology at W&L.

The research for this paper resulted in the identification of an early frame schoolhouse located on Mulberry Hill. The schoolhouse was used prior to the construction of the limestone academy building, of which two walls are still standing.

The site was excavated in 1976 and 1977. It lies behind the baseball field. The data from these excavations is stored in a computer and handwritten in catalogued forms. Nine structures have been uncovered, and the department is collecting the data and presenting a paper on each one in turn.

Metz became involved with the

project through the anthropology department.

"I've been working for the anthropology department since I was a freshman on the Liberty Hall project, and they are putting together a final site report and they needed labor scholars to work on this," Metz stated.

O'Brien's paper was titled "What Do Springhouses 'Look Like' Archaeologically? Defining Material Culture Patterning at a Late 18th-through 20th-Century Springhouse from the Valley of Virginia."

The paper was also co-written with Russ and McDaniel. It described the excavations conducted at the Liberty Hall Academy springhouse, and compared the data to that of other springhouses of the same period in the valley. It also provided information on how springhouses functioned within the context of domestic sites.

"It was a paper that had to be done," O'Brien stated. "I was specifically interested in what the springhouse looked like archaeologically. By that I mean analyzing the material we found to see what the pattern was."

McDaniel is a member of the Archaeological Society of Virginia, which is a professional organization of

archaeologists. Annually they meet to present papers on their projects, their findings, and the techniques they used in the research.

Both of the seniors think their papers were well received.

"It was the first chance I had to really present a scholarly work in front of a group, and the experience of making that kind of public presentation was just tremendous," O'Brien said. "It's a difficult thing, but when it's all done it's very rewarding."

The Founders Day-ODK Convocation class schedule will be as follows:

- A—8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- B—8:50 a.m.-9:35 a.m.
- C—9:40 a.m.-10:25 a.m.
- D—10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- E—11:20 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
- Convocation—12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
- F—1:50 p.m.-2:35 p.m.
- G—2:40 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- H—3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
- I—4:20 p.m.-5:05 p.m.
- J—5:10 p.m.-5:55 p.m.

Take this job...

This workman clearing snow in front of the Co-op Friday morning looks as though he'd rather be doing anything else.

Seminar attempts to show students current concerns

By Eleanor Nelson
Staff Reporter

A stock market crash, a weak dollar, a growing national deficit. These situations confront economists and members of the business world daily but do not necessarily confront college students in their routine of classes and activities.

These concerns were brought closer to selected college students when they met with top level executives recently to discuss "Corporate America in the International Arena." The 200 selected students and 150 executives met in Chicago Nov. 8-10 to participate in a

three-day all expense-paid seminar sponsored by Princeton University's Foundation for Student Communication. Among the participants was W&L senior Mike Henry.

The conference's strength came from the opportunity for students to interact with each other and with professionals from the business world. Henry commented on the success of the group workshops and informal discussions concerning such current issues as drug testing.

Business and government leaders brought society's and the economy's problems closer to the students' perspective by discussing corporate America's problems and what situations college students will soon face. Alan Bloom, author of *The Closing of the American Mind*, spoke about his view

of the increasing trend among American college students to keep themselves from a broad exposure to numerous subjects. He emphasized the benefits of a liberal arts education and knowledge of the classics in today's society. He feels that an education which overemphasizes certain subjects hinders a youth in realizing what is important.

The students also benefitted from the opportunity to get advice from the top executives about various fields of business. There was time for students' individual questions about approaching the job market after college.

The conference brought together a diverse group of college and corporate leaders to address what is going on now and to consider what can be done in the future.

VMI's cadet investment group risks real funds in the stock market

By Brooke Jarabek
Staff Reporter

"The cadets who have been in the investment group have gotten some fantastic jobs. The experience in handling \$100,000 has really been a plus in the job market. It gives them a little bit of an edge," explains Captain Daniel Tatar, the VMI Cadet Investment Club advisor.

The Investment Club consists of a group of 24 cadets who are able to use real money to actually play the stock market.

The group is divided into two competing groups of about 12 people.

"I like to call it friendly competition between the two groups," says Tatar. With the division into two groups, the club is kept on a more personal level. Furthermore, the cadets have an added incentive that is not purely money-based.

Cadets must compete for positions in the club and take a test. After the selection process is furnished, Tatar teaches the cadets how to use the Dow Jones Data bases to receive and analyze information about the various stocks. Once they have learned to manipulate the computer data, Tatar gives them no assistance except as a technical advisor.

According to Tatar, "Once they

start in, that money is theirs and they run it totally by themselves." The cadets are left with the responsibility of conducting all their own research and calling their stockbroker at Scott & Stringfellow in Richmond.

At about every weekly meeting, a committee makes a presentation for a stock and tries to convince the other members to vote for the purchase of that stock. In the meetings, "they pick on each other," says Tatar. "That's all part of the process. You're held accountable for a real monetary decision."

One cadet who invested in Minnetonka, a fragrance company which makes perfumes such as Obsession,

had to face the rest of the group when the shares that he bought at approximately \$18 dropped down to \$7 as a result of the stock market crash.

When the stock market crashed, the cadets' losses were lower than the Standard and Poor 500. One group currently has \$90,000 invested which is down 10 percent; the other group is only down 7 percent with \$93,000 to invest. The SNP is down 18 to 20 percent.

The investment club began with about 12 to 14 cadets who were interested in playing the stock market. Bob Wentze actually came up with the money from the VMI Foundation so that the cadets would not have to contribute their own money. This year, in

its fourth year, over 90 cadets tried out for 20 slots.

A few of the companies the cadets have bought stock in are Dow Jones, U.S. Steel, Squibb, and Dow Chemicals. At the end of the year, the cadets will sell their portfolio and give the profit back to the VMI Foundation. Over the past 3 years, the cadets have earned over \$120,000 in profit. Each year the investment group starts fresh with a \$200,000 endowment.

Tatar said he became the cadets' advisor because he's "always had a fascination with the market," and because he has a degree in finance. He stresses that the cadets' experience is important because it "adds another dimension to the classroom."

He continued, "You see the Federal Reserve increase the interest rates, and you see the stock market crash. Suddenly, you see what is happening not just as a classroom discussion. You're actually holding a position and having it affect you. That's where the real advantage to this process is."

"We're not training [the cadets] to be stockbrokers. [The experience] helps them to get jobs with the telephone company. It's a real help in finding jobs," claims Tatar.

Apparently, the cadet investors who have graduated are still investing and playing the market on their own. Says Tatar, "I get letters from them all the time about what they're doing and what they're investing in."

Be aware

The upcoming week will be a very important one for the Washington and Lee community. Drug and alcohol awareness week begins Monday, featuring a schedule of presentations, including a speech by Len Bias's mother, and displays. We believe it is important for every student to take the time to understand what is being presented.

We do not believe that W&L should have a Carrie Nation attitude and raid every fraternity party serving alcohol. We do not even believe the current legal drinking age is correct (18 as the legal age would seem much fairer in many ways).

However, we do believe that people who are going to drink or use drugs should be well aware of the consequences. With the news of drug and alcohol-related deaths surrounding us, everyone should realize their actions do affect others.

We urge students not to view the week as being a prod toward total abstinence. Instead, view the week as an opportunity to learn, so informed choices can be made. Knowing what one is doing is the first step in becoming a responsible adult, which is supposed to be one of the functions of college.

So don't view the awareness week with disdain. Instead look at it as an opportunity.

(The Ring-tum Phi would like to note that the opinion expressed in this column may not reflect the opinions of the Student-Faculty Health Education Committee, which is sponsoring the event.)

Write in

Perhaps some readers have noticed that there have been virtually no letters to the editor printed in the past few issues, in fact the entire year so far. Some may ask why this is.

It is certainly not because we're not printing those we receive. In fact, it's our policy to run every letter space permits (and barring any obscenities). We like to print letters, purely because it's the easiest way for members of the school to express their opinion publicly.

Sadly, however, we just have not been receiving letters this year. Is this because everyone thinks they won't be printed? Or is it because too many people think their opinion won't make a difference?

Either way, the situation is unfortunate. In most newspapers the letters column serves an important function, letting readers know what people think about certain issues and events going on around them. In addition to editorials, columns and cartoons, letters help the reader better understand the world.

Students, faculty and administration all need to know what the general feeling on campus is. The letters column is a perfect way for all these groups become informed. But until members of these groups take an interest in submitting their opinions, they will continue to operate in the dark.

So send in your opinion. Otherwise no one will ever make a difference.

Belted in

In case everyone doesn't know it yet, there is a new law in the state of Virginia, requiring everyone to wear seatbelts when in an automobile.

The law provides that police officers cannot stop motorists for not wearing a seatbelt. However, anyone who is pulled over for another offense, such as speeding, can be fined for a seatbelt violation.

Now, it is perfectly arguable to say the government has no right to force people to wear the belts. If concern for safety of citizens is the basis for forcing people to protect themselves, what will be outlawed next? Parachuting? Smoking cigarettes in private? Walking on icy sidewalks?

Obviously, many everyday activities of citizen involve some element of danger, either long or short term. Although it is commendable for the government to help protect the innocent citizen from the harmful action of others (drunk drivers, for example), it is deplorable for the government to try to protect individuals from themselves.

In a "free" society, freedom of individual choice is paramount. People should have this freedom to the extent that they do not infringe upon the rights of others.

However, the new seatbelt law is in effect, so we advise students to pay attention to it.

Selling books shatters ideals

MY VIEW

By Jon Sbar

Try to imagine me the last week of last semester.

(Important note: You will probably encounter difficulty in doing this since a college atmosphere tends to discourage the use of the imagination. I suggest that you pretend you are in high school where you depended heavily on your imagination for a necessary amount of daydreaming (4 to 6 hours). If this does not work drop out immediately).

I have just taken my last exam. Now I am walking to the bookstore to sell my books. My contented state of mind borders on euphoria. Looking down at my heavy load of books, I suddenly think of my father; what sacrifice. Besides mortgaging the house and selling his car, he took a night job so that I could have these books.

Thinking about how much they cost makes me nauseous, but my euphoric state soon returns when I remember how much I will get back by selling them. Probably, I could retire on the interest alone. This blind idealism was soon to be shattered.

When I walked into the bookstore, I saw him. Yes, with my very own eyes, I saw that money-wielding demon whose propensity for evil is matched only by merciless dictators and Sunday morning evangelists. For lack of a better term I will call him the "Book Man." Without even blinking, the Book Man turned the retirement fund I expected into a meal at the Cop and a trip to the laundromat.

Luckily, I just happened to be carrying a tape recorder with me (your English professor would say, "This tape recorder appearance" is plot manipulation. Don't worry, this isn't English class, it's a poorly written newspaper article, and as you all know anything can happen in poorly written newspaper articles), and recorded the entire conversation. For your reading pleasure I have put the taped conversation on paper. I would be more than happy to lend the Book Man tape to anyone who doubts that I walk around with a tape recorder, recording conversation. The only problem is that I just locked the tape into an important document file that cannot be opened for twenty years. If you are a disbeliever please see me in twenty years. Anyway, here's the conversation between me and the Book Man.

Me: "Hi, how much will you give me for this complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. A certified appraiser told me the set's worth \$2,500."

Book Man: (barely looking at them) "Well, unfortunately we've already met our encyclopedia quota. Besides, they plan on adding a five page section on monopolies for next year's edition. I know this because I'm writing it. I guess I could give you \$9.80 for them if you throw in your jacket."

Me: "Nine dollars and eighty cents?! Are you joking? If I charged myself labor for carrying the damn set over here, it would cost more than that."

Book Man: "I apologize but my hands are tied. Maybe if you try in the spring..."

Me: "Thanks, but I think I'll use the books for starting large factory fires. By the way, exactly what type of material is the Book Man Factory made out of?"



Chasing down checks just for fun and games

MY VIEW

By Sean Bugg

I've been playing a game recently, which I'm sure just about everyone at this university has played. It's called "Beat the Check."

The rules to this game are very simple. First, make sure that you have no money, or at least less than five dollars. Next, find some large expense that you did not expect, one that will run you at least thirty to forty dollars (By the way, the game is much more fun if your credit cards are all maxed out).

Now comes the fun part; figuring out how to cover the expense, completely out of thin air.

Is everyone catching on now? You write a check of course. I know there are some purists out there screaming at the thought of writing a pure rubber check in Big Lex. "People like you are going to ruin it for us all! Pretty soon no one will take our checks at all!"

Obviously, these people have never had their car towed away on a Sunday morning, while two people desperately need a ride back to school, and there are only three dollar bills to be found in the old wallet.

Anyway, you now write a check for whatever the amount. To make things more interesting, you can write the check for more than needed so you can get extra cash into your hand (you know, for beer, cigarettes, or safe sex products). But this version of the game should only be done by experts. Amateurs should not try this at home.

Trying to find the money that will cover the check comes next. Go carefully to every friend you have (if you play this game too often, the list could be very short) and see if they will spot you the amount. Remember to look as needy as possible. Wear old clothes, if necessary.

The next day, put off going to the bank as long as possible. Of course, since the banks in Lexington close at the ridiculous hour of two o'clock, if you make it before closing time you're safe. But try to make it interesting. Go to Lloyd's at 1:45 and play a couple video games or something (maybe write another check?).

If you make it to the bank by closing and get the deposit in, you've won the game. It's that simple. Losing, though, is a bad scene, as anyone who has appeared before the Cold Check Committee can tell you. I can.

Fortunately everything turned out okay in this latest round of this game. I wish I could say I have a perfect record, but I'm actually batting about

.800. Of course, these aren't the only games that W&L students play to amuse themselves. There is the old stand-by, Drop-Add Sheet Roulette. In this game students try to see how long they can delay trying to get out of that "A" hour class, and then see how many people they can fit into the registrar's office at one time.

Then there is party favorite "Dodge the Date." This is extremely simple to play. All you have to do is see how long you can avoid your date during the course of an evening. You win if you never see your date again and you break even if your date happens to find you before the night is over. However, you lose if he or she pours a beer over your head and ransacks your room.

"Dodge the Date" is usually played at the same time one plays "Find a Quick One-Night-Stand." This game in itself yields many other fun-filled amusements, such as "Get Out of Bed Without Waking It Up" and "Charge a Penicillin Shot Home."

I'm sure there are plenty of people out there who have games that they either play or observe, but I can't mention them all here. It's just great to know that W&L is such a fun-filled place.

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CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of The Ring-tum Phi, the Director of Career Development and Placement Rick Heatley was incorrectly identified as Richard Heatley. Also, in the story "Not one negative response to column," the quote "I think [McManus' article] reflected well on W&L and I think we can be justifiably proud of it" was incorrectly attributed to President John D. Wilson. It should have been attributed to Brad Root. The Phi regrets the errors.

LETTERS

APO thanks benefactors for help in charity fast

To the Editor:

On behalf of OxFam America sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, I would like to extend our thanks to the entire Washington and Lee community for their support in this year's "Fast for a World Harvest" held on December 1, 1987. The program was quite a success and we managed to raise our estimated goal. Although this was the first year of OxFam America on our campus, we hope that it will be the first of many in the years to come.

The majority of the donations came from Evans Dining Hall, which sponsored each member of the meal plan who was willing to sacrifice his/her

meal for the evening. For this and a great deal of help, we would also like to thank Mr. Darrell and his staff. In addition, a special thanks to Phi Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta whose generous donations helped us tremendously.

This year's fast was an important beginning, but we would like to see it become a significant annual activity on the W&L campus. If you have any questions or would like to help organize next year's fast, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you everyone for your support.

Sincerely,
Dan Betendorf
Alpha Phi Omega

Skiing class is extremely popular

By Andy Nixon
Staff Reporter

As most students slipped and slid to class in the ice and snow this week, some W&L students took advantage of the winter weather to head for the slopes.

The opportunity to enjoy skiing this term comes courtesy of the physical education department and the Homestead Ski Resort in Hot Springs.

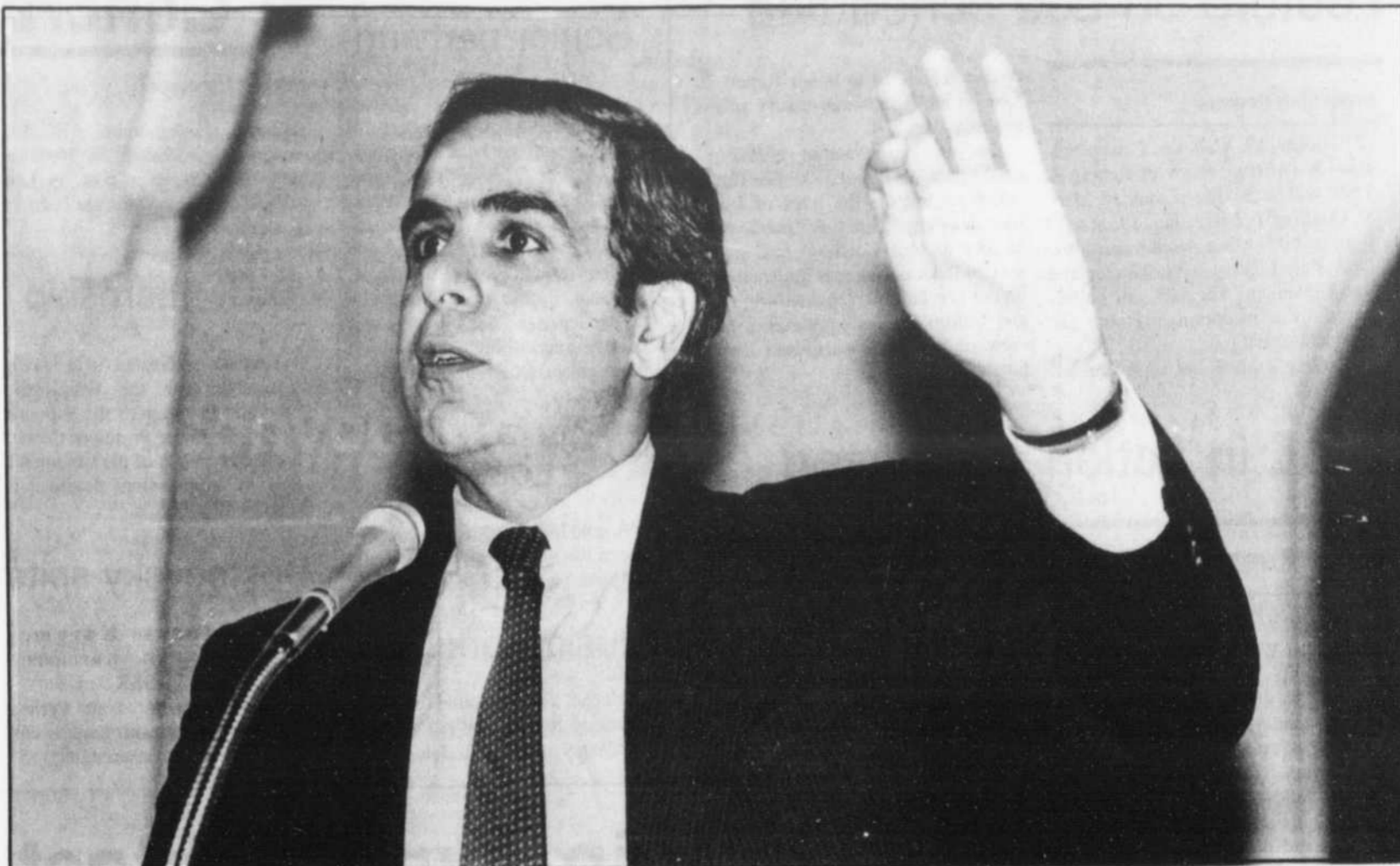
The fact that 220 students, the largest number ever to sign up for the course, attended the first meeting indicates this is one of the more popular courses on campus.

The Homestead has seven slopes open to the students encompassing over 40 acres. Even though the

Homestead relies upon 100-percent snow-making procedures, and students must provide their own transportation to and from the ski area, the price of the program more than compensates the students.

The cost for students with their own equipment is only \$42, and for those students who rent equipment the cost is only \$60. After paying the fee, students receive six sessions of instruction and practice as well as lift tickets for all the lessons.

Instruction ranges from beginner to intermediate and advanced levels, which allows all students to ski, no matter from what tropical climate they might come. So as the ice and snow prepare to descend once more on the Lexington area, certain students will certainly await the white powder with anticipation.



By Perry Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

Seatbelts are law

By Francis Coryell
Staff Reporter

All Washington and Lee students now have one more thing to worry about on their road trip—the new seat belt law.

Governor Gerald Baliles signed the bill in March, and it became law on Jan. 1. Now, the driver and the front seat passenger must be wearing their seat belts.

Virginia became the 32nd state in the nation to enforce this law. In Virginia, the seat belt law is a secondary law, which means that a police officer must pull your car over for a different reason. An officer can still write out a ticket, \$25 for not wearing the seat belt, even if the other violation does not result in a ticket.

Although the law requiring seat belts is new, lawmakers have been trying to get it on the books for fifteen years. In 1986 the bill was defeated by one vote.

According to Charles Bond, Direc-

tor of Information for the Virginia State Police in Richmond, having the law enforced as a secondary law may have been used as a compromise to get the law passed. If there are fewer fatalities on the road this year, said Bond, it is possible that the law could be "promoted" to a primary law.

Because it is still early in January it is too soon to judge whether the law is effective or not. Also complicating the judgement is that it is difficult to credit the cause of death in an accident to just one factor. Bond said that there may have been fewer deaths on the road in the year to date than in the same period last year.

At the end of the month, a summary will be issued showing how many tickets have been issued. This is to gauge how well the law is being accepted.

According to polls, most believe that it is a good law. One of the most commonly asked questions is: "If a car has the seat belts torn out, can the driver still get a ticket?" According to Bond, the answer is yes.

So buckle up or pay up.

Memorial service will honor King

From Staff Reports

The W&L Minority Students Association will sponsor a memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King at 8 p.m., Jan. 18, at the First Baptist Church in Lexington. January 18 is Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday.

The address at the service will be given by the Rev. Haywood Robinson, Jr., pastor of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Lynchburg and a close personal friend of King's.

A native of Lynchburg, Robinson received his B.A. from Hampton University and his doctor of divinity from the Virginia Seminary. He conducted postgraduate studies at Oberlin University. He is executive director of the

Lynchburg Community Action Project and is a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The service will begin with an invocation by the Rev. James B. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church. Ophelia Waters, president of the W&L Black Law Students Association, will offer a welcome. Robin Bean, vice president of the W&L Minority Students Association, will provide reflections on Martin Luther King. Closing remarks by Anece McCloud, associate dean of students for minority affairs at W&L, will follow Robinson's remarks.

Music for the program will be provided by Rev. and Mrs. Harris, the Gospel Way local gospel group, and the Washington and Lee women's choir.

A reception will follow the service.

On the Defensive

Richard J. Joseph, Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, Department of De-

fense, spoke last Monday in Lee Chapel. He was second speaker this year in Contact's lecture series.

Awareness Week starts Monday

From Staff Reports

W&L will sponsor its second annual Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week, Jan. 18-22. The week will feature a variety of activities designed to heighten the awareness among students, faculty, and staff at W&L of the problems related to drug and alcohol abuse. All events are free and open to the public.

"Our goal is to make the entire university community aware of the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse," said Anne Schroer Lamont, chair of the university's Health Education Committee and associate dean of students. "There are members of the university community who have a serious problem with abuse. It is our hope we can educate those individuals and their friends about the seriousness of the problem and ways to deal with it."

Sam Rutigliano, former head coach of the Cleveland Browns, will kick off

the week's activities at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 18 in Lee Chapel when he will deliver a talk on "An Ordinary Person Trying To Make A Difference." Other activities during the week include two lectures by Bob Lynn, a substance abuse counselor at Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke, and a talk by Lonise Bias, mother of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias who died from a cocaine overdose.

A two-time National Football League coach of the year, Rutigliano was a pioneer in dealing with drug and alcohol problems in sports. As coach of the Cleveland Browns he formed the now-famous Inner Circle within the team. The purpose of the group was to help players and their families come to terms with drug and alcohol problems and to provide peer support for those players with problems. Rutigliano credits the group with saving the lives of 11 players and countless other individuals who came in contact with the group.

Rutigliano received his B.A. from Tulsa University and his M.Ed. from Columbia University. After coaching in the high school ranks for eight years, he coached at the University of Connecticut and the University of Maryland before joining the NFL. He served as an assistant coach for the Denver Broncos, the New England Patriots, the New York Jets, and the New Orleans Saints before being named head coach at Cleveland. Rutigliano now spends his time doing commentary on NFL games for NBC and ESPN and touring the country delivering talks on drugs and alcohol abuse.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Lynn spent 12 years in the retail field before entering the area of drug and alcohol treatment. He holds a master's degree in counseling from Virginia Tech. He is presently continuing his education in the field of addiction.

Lynn will speak at 3 p.m. in North Auditorium and at 7:30 p.m. in

Lee Chapel on Jan. 21. His topic will be "Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents." In his talk, Lynn will address the problems of adults who grew up in families where one or both of the parents had problems with drug or alcohol abuse. He will also talk about intervention and how one should approach a friend or relative who has a problem with substance abuse.

Bias will speak at 7 p.m., Jan. 22, in Lee Chapel. Two days after her son, Len, was the first round draft pick of the Boston Celtics, he died from a cocaine overdose. Bias has taken the loss of her son as a mission to help others avoid her son's tragic end. She tours the country talking about drugs, alcohol, family, hope and love.

Prior to taking on her current speaking engagements, Bias was employed by the National Bank of Washington. She was educated in the public school system of Washington D.C. and continued her studies in the area of religion at the Bible Institute in Washington D.C.

ODK convocation to induct new members

From Staff Reports

W&L will celebrate Founders' Day at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Lee Chapel.

W&L President John D. Wilson will be the principal speaker.

Robert E. Lee died on October 12, 1870. On the day of his funeral three days later, the board of trustees of Washington College resolved that Lee's birthday, Jan. 19, should always be celebrated at the College. This is the 117th such observance.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honorary fraternity founded at W&L in 1914, will tap 24 students and three honorary initiates during the Founders' Day convocation. ODK recognizes superior leadership achievements in various aspects of campus life.

The three honorary initiates are John W. Elrod, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Washington and Lee; Stewart Morris, president and co-chief executive officer of Stewart Information Services Corp. of Houston, Tex.; and NASA astronaut G. David Low, a 1978 W&L graduate.

Elrod came to Washington and Lee in 1984 from Iowa State University where he was chairman of the philosophy department. He received his bachelor's degree from Presbyterian College and his master's and doctorate from Columbia University. He is the

author of two books, *Being and Existence in Kierkegaard's Pseudonymous Works* (1975) and *Kierkegaard and Christendom* (1981).

Morris, a native Houstonian, has devoted his business career to the management, growth and expansion of the subsidiary companies of Stewart Title, a network of 1,200 offices and agencies. He is a past advisory director of the National Trust for Preservation and the Harris County Heritage Society. The Morris House, W&L's guest house and seminar/reception center, was named for Morris and his wife Joella, whose substantial gift to the university made possible the restoration of the antebellum house.

Low received a B.S. degree in phys-

ics-engineering from W&L in 1978, a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Cornell University in 1980, and an M.S. in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University in 1983. From 1980 to 1984, he worked in the Spacecraft Systems Engineering Section of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at California Institute of Technology, where he was involved in the preliminary planning of several planetary missions. Low was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in May 1984. In June 1985 he completed a one-year training and evaluation program, qualifying him for assignment as a mission specialist on future Space Shuttle flightcrews.

The Founders' Day convocation is scheduled to end at 1:30 p.m.

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TALKBACK

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Cathy Boardman

What was your New Year's resolution?



Charlie Benedict, senior "To beat John Roach in an argument."



Karen Dash, sophomore "I don't have one. I didn't even think about it."



Fray McCormick, junior "To high jump higher and get closer to the school record."



Lee Brading, junior "To go to UVa and watch more sports."



Brian Turnau, junior "To quit drinking, but it just didn't work out."



Sean Campbell, senior "To graduate."

Lecture on Lee scheduled

From Staff Reports

"Nicknames, Cats and Catsup Bottles—A Different View of Robert E. Lee" will be the title of a talk by Mary P. Coulling Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the Northern Auditorium of the University Library at Washington and Lee University. The talk will be followed by a reception and both are open to the public.

Coulling's talk is one of several ac-

tivities scheduled to honor Robert E. Lee on the 181st anniversary of his birthday (Jan. 19).

Coulling is the author of the recently published book, *The Lee Girls*, which documents the lives of Lee's four daughters. Since the publication of her book, Coulling has given several talks throughout the southeast on the Lee family. "Nicknames, Cats and Catsup Bottles" presents a new view of Lee as a warm and loving father.

W&L in fiction discussed

From Staff Reports

William W. Pusey III, professor emeritus at Washington and Lee University, will give a reading of his paper, "Washington and Lee in Fiction," Monday, Jan. 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the University Library's Northern Auditorium. Refreshments will be served following the reading. The public is invited to attend.

Since the middle of the 19th cen-

tury, Washington and Lee has been extensively discussed in eight fictional works, the most recent being the best-selling French novel *l'Etudiant Erranger (The Foreign Student)* by Philippe Labro.

Pusey read his paper to the Fortnightly Club, a local literary society, earlier this year.

In conjunction with Pusey's talk on "Washington and Lee in Fiction," an exhibit on the subject will be displayed in the Boatwright Room of the library from January through March.

Dance

Cathy Woodward of Hollins College and Tommy McBride.

We are "trying harder with the women's colleges so we are hoping for higher participation from them. The committee is doing a great job. I hope the rest of the student body is aware of the importance of participation and that they are enthusiastic about participating," commented Hustling. At least one hundred registration packets have been distributed at each women's college, according to Blessey.

Pledge packets and registration information can be picked up in Carol Calkin's office in the University Center. Dancers must have at least \$100 in cash or checks to dance.

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tween the bands Saturday night. The auction at Mary Baldwin raised \$500 and the auction at Sweet Briar raised \$800. Tuesday night a slave auction at Hollins raised over \$1300, with the Phi Kappa Sigma pledge class being auctioned for the highest amount.

"It was by far the best slave auction of the year," said Christian Blessey, co-chairman of the Student Involvement Committee, adding that "it was a really good show emceed by

Senior partying

The first Senior Class Party of the year will be held on Friday, Feb. 5, at Zollman's pavillion from 10-2. All seniors from W&L, Hollins, Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Sweetbriar will receive written invitations in the mail. Music by "The Generics" and beverage will be on tap for all invited guests and their dates. Questions, call Mike Henry.

Lost

A gold loop bracelet was lost between the library and Gaines Hall. If found, please call 463-9808.

Music workshop

Relache, The Ensemble for Contemporary Music, will perform in Lee Chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at

General Notes

8 p.m. The ensemble will also conduct a workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. in Lee Chapel. Both sessions are open to the public.

D.C. internship

Students interested in a spring internship with the Washington Semester Program or the Supreme Court should see Professor Connelly in Room 108 of the Commerce School. Application deadline is January 22, 1988.

Dostoevsky spits

"Brothers Karamazov"/"Brat'ya Karamasovy" (1968, USSR, US release-1980, dir. Ivan Pyriev, color, in Russian with English subtitles (when not censored out), 155

min.(shortened for US audiences from an original 3-part work) runs on Fri., 1/22-Sat. 1/23, 327 Commerce, 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the German Dept. Controversial enough to delay its release, this epic saga of progress through innocent suffering is vintage Dostoevsky, spitting at God and Satan alike.

D.C. internship

Juniors with a 3.0 (and above) GPA who would like to be interviewed on Monday, Feb. 8 for a summer internship with Hecht's in Washington, D.C. should sign up in the Career Development and Placement Office, University Center.

Surf's up

"From Here to Eternity" (USA, 1953, dir. Fred Zinnemann ("High Noon"), starring Frank Sinatra/Burt Lancaster/Montgomery Clift/Donna Reed/Ernest Borgnine, 2 hrs. at 7:30 p.m., Fri. 1/15-Sat. 1/16, 327 Commerce, sponsored by the Politics Dept. Closely following James Jones's famous novel, featuring the now-classic "surf scene," and evoking Sinatra's, Lancaster's and Clift's best-ever acting performances, this eulogy to "the day that will live in infamy" remains a must-see flick.

Formal aid

FAF's are in the Financial Aid Office. Pick one up between 8:30-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Lip Sync Contest slated for Jan. 22

By Melinda Conkling Staff Reporter

Coming to the Generals' Headquarters soon: Bruce Springsteen, Run-DMC, U2, and the Grateful Dead. All these bands and many more will be represented as the second annual Multiple Sclerosis Lip Sync Contest takes place on Jan. 22.

The contest is basically self-explanatory. Contestants provide their own tape and are given fake micro-

phones and chairs. Contestants pay \$3 for six minutes of actual stage time.

A few of last year's "bands" were a Fiji-based group who performed Run-DMC's "Walk This Way," Chi Psi's Billy Idol impersonation, Phi Kap performing Bon Jovi, and the California Raisins who did "Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Expectations are high for this year's contest, according to senior John Lowe.

"It's going to be twice as good as last year's," said Lowe. "The few

mistakes we encountered have been cleared up. The sound system wasn't adequate before, but we are going to have six speakers this year, and it'll be great."

Spectators can expect to pay \$4 to watch the exhibition which raised close to \$400 last year.

In addition to cash prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$20 for the top three contestants, there will be door prizes such as albums, Fancy Dress tickets, and gift certificates from local restaurants.

"The Lip Sync contest originated

last year when Director of University Food Services Gerry Darrell, who is also the Regional Multiple Sclerosis Director, handpicked a group of students who were active and wanted to conquer student apathy at W&L," said Lowe.

Junior Jim Cobb will be the emcee of the competition, which will take place at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the GHQ.

Any interested contestants can register with Carol Calkins in the University Center.

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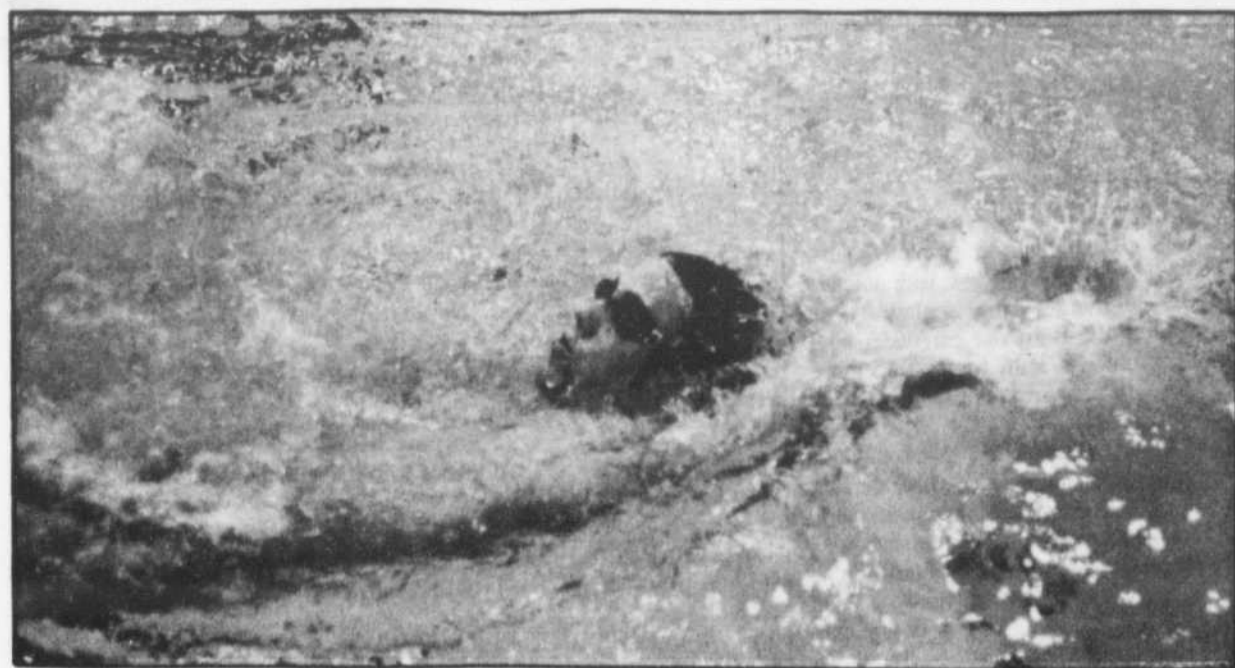
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Senior Simon Perez swims the backstroke in Sunday's win over Georgetown.

Swimmers halt Hoyas

By Jim Lake
Staff Reporter

Led by three first-place performances from sophomore Shawn Copeland, including his best time ever in the 200-yard freestyle, the Washington and Lee men's swimming team recorded a 20-point win over Georgetown Sunday at Cy Twombly Pool.

"I really enjoyed this meet," said head coach Page Remillard. "We had some outstanding swims across the board. I felt really good about W&L swimming Sunday."

Copeland started his hat trick by taking a two-second win in the 200-yard freestyle. His time of 1:47.03 shattered his previous best by four seconds and puts pressure on ju-

nior David Reavy, who holds the school record in the 200 but has been out of competition due to illness.

Copeland recorded his second win of the day in the 200-yard butterfly, edging W&L junior Moose Herring by almost four seconds. In Copeland's first appearance in that event this year, his time of 2:01.92 was the best performance by a General this season.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Copeland completed the hat trick by taking first place in the 200-yard breast stroke. Once again there was no waiting for the instant replay, as Copeland beat out W&L freshman Tomas Perez by over three seconds, 2:18.07 to 2:21.54.

After the meet, Remillard called Copeland's success an example of hard work and a great attitude paying off. "He's been working very, very

hard. He came back early, on December 26, and has just taken everything that we've given him. The guy's attitude is just terrific."

Herring also performed well for the Generals, taking first in the 1000-yard freestyle in 10:19.57 and the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:08.57. Other firsts for W&L were recorded by juniors Jeff Bercaw and David Dietz, who tied for the win in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 22.71, and by the 400-yard medley relay team of freshman James Dunlevy, Perez, Bercaw and Dietz. Perez also had his own first place, a win in the 200-yard medley with a time of 2:04.36.

The Generals will return to competition this Friday, January 15, when they face Shippensburg College in a dual meet at Cy Twombly Pool.

Great performances turned in by women

By Amy Packard
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee women's swimming coach Page Remillard had anticipated Georgetown's victory over the General's but he was not prepared for the outstanding performances by the W&L athletes, which resulted not only in the relatively close final score of 129 to 75, but also in the team's higher level of confidence.

Remillard stated freely that he was thrilled with the meet, and he attributes its sustained upbeat mood to the team's success in the first event. Remillard never thought W&L could win the medley relay, and the Generals were behind until junior Nancy Whalen came in as the anchor. Swimming in freestyle, the two competitors fought for the lead continuously, each one pulling just a few strokes ahead of the other. Finally, toward the end of the lap, urged on by the cheering of both the fans and her teammates, Whalen went ahead and won the event for the Generals.

Such an accomplishment encouraged the swimmers as well as the spectators, who provided excellent support, said Remillard.

"This was an incredible feat in it-

self, and it also set the stage for the rest of the meet," he said.

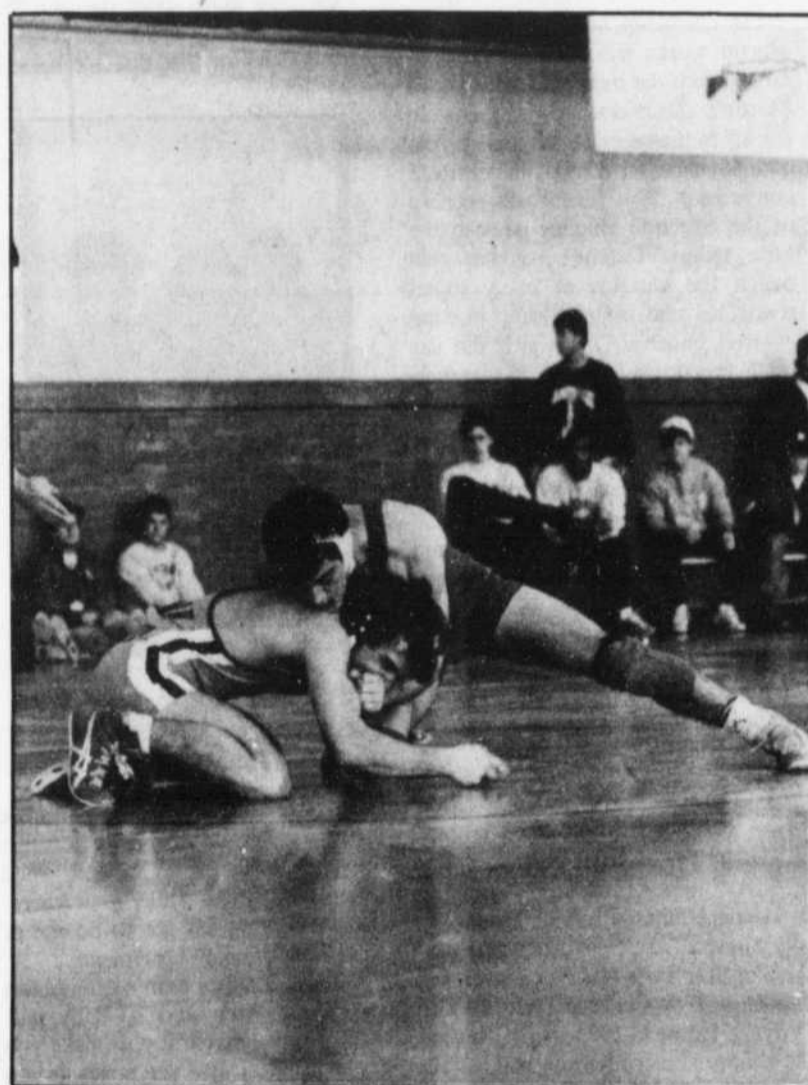
Whalen finished with an impressive time. According to Remillard, she has been "training excessively." He also believes she employed a tactic that he refers to as "leaving your heart in the pool."

That was just one of two particularly notable achievements. Freshman Kristen Wagner scored a personal victory while placing third in the 1000-yard freestyle event.

In the 50-yard intervals, which constitute one-twentieth of the race, Wagner kept her pace within tenths of her goal plan. As a result, she was beaten by only four seconds—a time difference less extreme than Remillard had predicted.

The meet ended with everyone feeling pleased about the events and looking ahead optimistically toward the next opponent—Johns Hopkins. Remillard evaluated Hopkins as a very formidable Division III team on a par with Georgetown. And since W&L performed so strongly against Georgetown, the next meet appears less threatening. Remillard summed up the feeling of the team:

"The message we need to send to Johns Hopkins is that [our program is] only three years old, and we're getting better quickly."



Sophomore Lee Garlove scores a 9-3 victory at 142 lbs. against Western Maryland.

Grapplers falter in heavier classes

Generals blow 17-0 lead

By Mike Shady
Sports Editor

The W&L wrestling team got the light and the heavy of it last weekend in a dual meet against Western Maryland at Doremus Gymnasium. Light in the sense the lower weight classes dominated. Heavy in the sense the higher weight classes were unable to hold onto an early lead as the Generals lost 28-22.

W&L got off to a fast start, grabbing the first four weight classes. The Generals, 0-1, began things with freshman Rich Weinstein winning by forfeit at 118 lbs. Senior Steve Castle then scored a 21-9 victory at 126, followed by an 8-0 win by senior John Lowe at 134 and a 9-3 triumph by sophomore Lee Garlove. Team score at this point: Generals 17, Western Maryland 0.

"We got some outstanding performances from our guys in the lower

weight classes," said head coach Gary Franke. "But, we just came up a little short."

Short, indeed. Western Maryland took the next four matches, including two pins and a technical fall. The turning point of the meet was when senior Kevin McNamara was pinned at :58 of the second period in his bout at 158. After William Avery suffered a pin at 1:51 of the second at 177, the Generals saw themselves trailing 22-17.

Junior Greg Loupassi earned a tough 6-4 win at the 190 weight class to make the score 22-20 going into the heavyweight division, but Western Maryland wrapped up the meet with another pin.

The Generals will travel to wrestle in the Lebanon Valley Dual Meet Invitational Tournament on Saturday. W&L will take on the winner of the Baptist Bible/Lebanon Valley match in the morning. Each team, regardless of whether it wins or loses, is guaranteed three dual matches.

Basketball extends streak to four

Archival Roanoke at the Warner Center tonight

By Mike Shady
Sports Editor

Tuesday night at the Warner Center was the same old story for the W&L basketball team. The Generals played poorly but were still able to come away with a 76-71 win over Mt. Saint Mary.

"No one played well," said head coach Verne Canfield, whose club upped its record to 10-1. "We're not adjusting within a ball game. When someone's taking something away from us, we have to be strong enough mentally to adjust."

The Generals failed to adjust to the quickness and tough, fullcourt man-to-man pressure that the Knights threw at them. W&L committed 17 turnovers, attributed for the most part to the lightning-fast hands of Keith Higgs and Curtis Britt, who each had four of Mt. Saint Mary's 15 steals.

The game was close from the opening tipoff to the final buzzer with neither team able to dominate the other. The Generals went into halftime with a 39-33 lead, mainly on the shoulders of senior guard Steve Hancock. Hancock carried W&L during the first 20 minutes, scoring 17 (including 3-3 on three-point shots) of his game-high 24 points.

The Knights hung close and tied the score at 57-all with 7:54 remaining in the second half. Two minutes later,

Mt. Saint Mary had built a four-point lead at 61-57 and the pressure seemed to be getting to the Generals.

Somebody, however, forgot to tell that to freshman forward Ed Hart and junior guard Emmanuel Klump. With the Generals trailing 68-67 and 1:15 showing on the clock, Hart flashed across the lane, turned and popped home a 14-foot jumpshot to give the Generals the lead. Delor Johnson made one of two free throws to tie the ballgame with :57 left, but then it was Klump's turn.

Spinning in the lane, Klump was fouled with 19 seconds to go. After confidently stepping up to the line, Klump coolly swished both of the free throws. A Knight turnover nine seconds later put Klump back on the line, this time in a one-and-one situation. But the unfazed junior, who scored 17 points in the game, buried both of them and the Generals had a 73-69 lead they would not relinquish. In all, Klump hit 7 of 8 freethrows down the stretch.

"Last year we played like we were afraid to win," he said. "We knew we were going to win this game. We all had confidence in ourselves. Last year we would have lost a game like this."

With this game behind them, the Generals, with a 2-1 Old Dominion Athletic Conference record, can now look forward to lots of conference games, starting with the archival Maroons of Roanoke College (7-2,

0-1 in the ODAC) tonight at the Warner Center. Roanoke was one of the preseason favorites to win the conference, although the Maroons got mangled last weekend by Emory and Henry at the Salem Civic Center.

"They have five players who can play extremely well together," said Canfield. "I have tremendous respect for them. They will come in fired up. You probably have to look it up the last time they lost two games in a row."

"We just have got to be ready to play," said Klump. "I think we have already proven that we can play with anyone in the conference."

HOOKSHOTS—Roanoke had three players last week battling amongst themselves to reach the 1000-point marks for their careers... Canfield will start freshman guard Mike Holton instead of senior forward Gary Schott. Schott has been struggling and the Generals have had success with the three-guard offense. Also, Canfield said they "match up better" against the three-guard offense of the Maroons... Generals lost last year's home game against Roanoke, 81-58, when W&L shot a pitiful 16 percent from the floor in the second half... Tipoff will be at 7:30 p.m. with the game being carried live on 91.5 WLUR...

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Hughes & Hollywood grow up

By Michael Tuggle
Entertainment Editor

'Tis the season for bittersweet comedies, or at least ones that know how to tug on the old heartstrings. Just when it seemed that Hollywood had become obsessed with violence, murder, and adultery (a la nearly every major film released before November), along came three handsome bachelors, two stranded clowns, and a baby in a pink hardhat to save the day. Maybe Hollywood is starting to grow up a little. Now we will just have to wait and see whether *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* and *Three Men and a Baby* are the rule or the exception.

While the verdict is still out on Hollywood, there is no question that John Hughes has finally jumped over from his sophomore world of tragically naive parents and rebellious teen control into the wonderful world of adulthood. In short, Hughes has finally learned how to make a touching film that neither goes overboard nor insults your intelligence with its absurdity.

Until now, all of Hughes films have been nothing more than amusing fantasy anecdotes about what it would be like if teenagers could make up life's rules. *Pretty in Pink*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Some Kind of Wonderful* which Hughes produced, all tried to make serious points in the

midst of slapstick and sassy dialogue and totally missed their marks. Even Hughes' most successful film *The Breakfast Club*, which at times possessed a poignant insight into the often cut-throat world of high school, just



The funniest film of the season.

never reached its potential; a typical Hughes trademark. That is, until now.

In *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* John Hughes proves that he too can be a real director. The story, the actors, and the resolution of the film are all wonderful. John Candy puts in the finest overall performance of his career as the rotund king of shower

curtain rings Del Griffith. Candy's ability to act without humor is a dimension of his talent that the public hasn't seen before and one that may surprise you. While Candy is good, Steve Martin is fantastic.

Steve Martin has for many years been one of Hollywood's foremost comedians but his last two roles as straight men in this summer's smash *Roxanne* and now in *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* are establishing him as a fine actor as well. Last year, many critics were crying that Martin was robbed of a Best Supporting Actor nomination at the Academy Awards for his role as the sadistic dentist Orin Scrivello in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Maybe this spring he'll receive one for Best Actor.

The chemistry between Candy and Martin works from the very beginning. From the moment Candy steals Martin's cab in downtown Manhattan it's off to the races on a hilarious ride of annoyance, friendship, and ultimate compassion. This film works because of the attention Hughes pays to the little things. Candy's pajamas that match the curtains of every motel room he and Martin stay in, the charred Diner's Club Card, the melted speedometer, the velvet painting of Roy Orbison on the motel wall; they all add to the beauty of this film. Hughes gives the audience just enough but he never goes overboard.

While all of this works, it is still the finale that makes this film a real gem. The conclusion is compassionate, its beautiful, and its what Hollywood has been missing for quite some time; the happy ending. Bravo to John Hughes. He is finally learning what it takes to make a real movie.

said "If you don't ever want to be upstaged, don't ever work with animals or children." After seeing *Three Men and a Baby* one can understand his sentiment. Baby Mary steals more than just scenes in the film. She steals your heart.

Tom Selleck, Ted Danson, and Steve Guttenberg give fine performances as the architect who can't figure out how to put on a diaper, the cartoonist who can't stop Mary's crying, and the actor who finds out that being a father is not a two-month shoot but a permanent role. The three men work beautifully as an ensemble and really make the film work. The scene where they sing "Goodnight Sweetheart" to the baby is wonderful.

The only thing about the film that hurts it is that it gets dragged down in a drug subplot that doesn't belong.



Lessons on Fatherhood?

Other than that *Three Men and a Baby* is very amusing and a treat that everyone who likes to feel good should see. And while you're there, check out what has got to be one of New York's coolest apartments.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles and *Three Men and a Baby* will make you laugh and it will make you cry, but it will give you some insight into people and their emotions. Compassion and human nature are funny things. I guess that's why it's so beautiful when directors get them just right.

TUG'S TAGS: *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* ***1/2
Three Men and a Baby ***

Hot new sounds from The Silencers

By Greg Unger
Music Critic

Behold the Silencers' debut album *A Letter from St. Paul*—an artistically superb first effort from this Scottish quartet. Though pop oriented, this stuff still retains an authentic progressive persona that is anything but trivial. Their music is up-tempo and catchy without being teeny-bopper-like.

"Painted Moon" starts the L.P. off and is fairly representative of the whole album. The Silencers make effective use of synthesizer molested guitar work that is refreshingly different and that is what sets their music apart from the veritable plethora of "new" music that continually bombards us. "I Can't Cry" is slower and more poignant but the first side immediately picks up again with "Bullets and Blue

Skies." "God's Gift" rounds out the "A" side.

The "B" side starts off with probably the best tune on the whole album—"I See Red." In fact, the whole second side is strong. "A Letter from St. Paul," the title track, is a wonderfully weird tune with that characteristic guitar work and some manic/depressive dialogue from guest Mary Lou Colombo. No singing here, but take a listen. "Possessed" is a fiery dance track that resembles the faster music by The The on their *Infectious L.P.* It gets stronger every time one hears it.

I believe we can expect more music from The Silencers of this and even better quality. I also heard somewhere that they could go on tour around these here parts sometime this spring. Add this to your collection.

Ear Value: ***1/4 (out of 4)

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