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## Thanksgiving is around the corner

By Melinda Conkling  
Staff Reporter

As exams begin to loom over W&L and teachers start handing out tests and term papers, it can only mean one thing: Thanksgiving break. To many students, Thanksgiving is 10 days to work on term papers, but traditionally it is a time for families to unite and give thanks for all that they have. Thanksgiving, one of two national holidays, was proclaimed so by William Bradford in 1623, two years after the historic first celebration with the Indians in the Plymouth Colony. The Pilgrims established this day to thank God for the bountiful harvest He had given them so they could survive another winter. The Indians also participated in the festivities because they had taught the pilgrims how to plant and fish. Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday in November and like all holidays, Thanksgiving means different things to different people. "Thanksgiving is getting together with all your relatives, eating, and having a good time," stated sophomore Cecily Tynan.

Different factions of the W&L community celebrated Thanksgiving this week. On Monday night, Evans Dining Hall sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner. They offered a special turkey dinner complete with candlelight and cloth napkins. Dorm counselors carved the turkeys, which were accompanied by other traditional Thanksgiving favorites, like mashed potatoes, peas, pumpkin pie, and apple cider. "It was awesome, and just what the school needed to promote a communal Thanksgiving spirit," summed up Head Resident Assistant Esther Huffman. To further promote the communal Thanksgiving spirit, an informal Thanksgiving service was held in Lee Chapel on Tuesday night. Accompanied by guitars, the participants sang songs of thanks, and then opened the program to the audience for them to contribute what they were thankful for. Answers ranged from friends at W&L to thanks for the break, as well as thanks for the opportunity to be ourselves. "I'm thankful for the incredible beauty that God has given us and the ability to perceive it," stated senior Elisabeth Fowler.



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### Turkey in the D-Hall

Senior Elisabeth Cummins serves her freshman at the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Evans Dining Hall.

## Amnesty celebrates human rights

by Stacy Morrison  
Staff Reporter

U-2, Sting and concerts were among the replies W&L students made when asked what they first thought of upon hearing the words "Amnesty International." These reactions are because of the widely publicized Amnesty International tours in 1986 and 1988 that were produced to expand public awareness of the human rights group. The tours were widely successful in achieving their goal. In the 1986-87 school year, the number of student groups doubled from less than 200 to nearly 500, and is still increasing. W&L saw the formation of an Amnesty International chapter here last year, largely through the efforts of a single student. Many may remember the all-day concert on the Colonnade last spring that was sponsored by the W&L Amnesty International chapter. Once again, good music and good times. But to about 40 W&L students,

Amnesty stands for much more than good music. Amnesty stands for human rights work, helping release prisoners of conscience and supporting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. W&L Amnesty International Coordinator Eve Mullen explained that the most effective action an Amnesty chapter can take to further human rights is to write "Urgent Action Letters" for "prisoners of conscience." According to Amnesty International literature, prisoners of conscience are "people detained because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion who have not used or advocated violence." Amnesty International regional offices supply each Amnesty chapter with the names and addresses of prisoners of conscience in need of help. Then, each member of the chapter writes an individual letter that states who he is, what he is concerned about and urges that the prisoner be released or some other positive action be taken. The letters have had great success in

moving political leaders to release such prisoners, and Amnesty International works on behalf of almost 3,000 prisoners of conscience each year. "Letter writing puts international pressure on governments who use threats, imprisonment, torture and the death penalty against their people. If enough people write, the pressure is enough to affect change," says a booklet about Amnesty International. Aside from urging the release of prisoners of conscience, Amnesty chapters support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1948. This declaration contains 30 articles that delineate the freedoms that are "fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person." The 30 articles range in tone from Article 5: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment," to Article 24: "Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and

periodic holidays with pay." To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International chapters signed petitions supporting the declaration. The W&L Amnesty chapter featured an animated version of the declaration, in which top animators of the world each did a 10-15-second clip on one of the declaration's articles. The W&L Amnesty chapter also will bring other activities to campus soon. Mullen said after Christmas the W&L chapter will sponsor an "AI Week." During that week, AI will have speakers and information tables on campus. These activities are "just to try and get our name out," Mullen said at a recent Amnesty meeting. W&L's Amnesty chapter meets twice a month to organize its activities and, as always, to write Urgent Action Letters. "If you belong to Amnesty International, you come to the meetings when you can and write letters. That's all it takes," said Mullen. "It's a pretty good way to spend a half hour of your time every other week."

## Indecision booked for Superdance

By Christie Champlin  
Staff Reporter

One of the bands has been announced for the Eleventh Washington & Lee University Superdance, the annual fund-raising event to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Superdance will take place the weekend of February 3-4. Indecision has been booked to play Saturday night and negotiations are in progress for another Saturday night band. There will be a "Battle of the Bands" competition on Friday night and the winner will open for the bands on Saturday. All of the slots for the "Battle of the Bands" have not been filled, so anyone with a band who would like to play can contact Harry Murphy or Allen Richardson for more information, according to Fontanne Bostic, the advisor of the dance and Administrative Assistant of University Services.

community and surrounding schools can have a good time for a good cause," said Ledbetter. The change was made to attract more dancers and spectators. "We are hoping for more dancers, because they will not be committed during the day on Saturday, and more spectators because people come out at night for entertainment," said Bostic. Tickets for weekend admission to all events will be sold. Dancer participation is vital to the success of Superdance. The minimum amount of pledges required to qualify as a dancer is \$100 for a single, or \$125 for a dancer and a date. This sum must be collected in cash and/or checks. Any pledges over the base amount that are less than five dollars must also be collected in cash or checks. The money donated by Superdance to MDA is used for research and patient services, which include wheelchairs, crutches, clinics, and camps. "It is important that this year we take a new look at Superdance and see it as an opportunity to do something for others and have a good time while doing it," said Ledbetter. The grand prize will be awarded to the person who brings in the largest total with a combination of cash and pledges. This prize has not been determined, but a four day trip to Fort Lauderdale is being investigated. The second place prize will be a weekend trip. A weekend trip will also be given to the person who raises the most cash donations. Donations raised by a couple will be divided and half will be allocated to each member. Weekend trips to the Williamsburg Hilton and the Greenbriar have been finalized.

After last year's Superdance the tote board showed total donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in excess of \$24,000 and committee members are working to match that total. This year the Superdance Committee is co-chaired by seniors Debi Hurtt and Wright Ledbetter, with junior David Allen working as the vice-chair.

The format of Superdance will differ greatly from last year. Last year the dance was a 15-hour marathon. This year, the event will be a 15-hour Superdance. The difference comes with the breaking of the time into two periods - half on Friday night and half on Saturday night. The chairmen believe this will provide "an attractive environment so that the W&L com-

## Visitor parking extends parking problems

by Banks Ladd  
Staff Reporter

Last week, to the chagrin of many students, three parking spaces in the parking area known as the "corral" were designated for visitor parking only. These three spaces are located at the immediate right after one passes through the War Memorial into the Corral and are clearly marked. According to security officers, students with registered cars will be ticketed if caught parking in these spaces during chapel hours. When asked why these spaces were designated for visitor parking, Assistant to the President Frank Parsons replied that the university has a responsibility to provide parking for Lee Chapel. Lee Chapel has been declared an historical landmark by the Commonwealth of Virginia and money for the chapel and visitor parking has been donated by various historical organizations. He also noted that the parking area in the corral nearest Lee Chapel has been marked for visitor parking on the "Washington and Lee

University Parking Map," but W&L upperclassmen have been allowed to park there because of the growing parking problem that exists. The reason for the recent designation of these spaces for visitors arises from an incident that occurred earlier this fall concerning a Lee Chapel guest's car that was towed for not having a student parking sticker. The security officers were not aware that the car belonged to a visitor and assumed that the owner was in violation of student parking regulations. Despite the efforts to accommodate visitors, unmarked cars including those of female fraternity guests and students who failed to register their vehicles may be the true beneficiaries of the effort to provide visitor parking for Lee Chapel guests. On the subject of parking, Parsons added that measures are being taken to alleviate student parking problems. Upon the advice of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity members, the university has recently leased the parking lot between Phi Kap and University Cleaners to be used for upperclass student parking.

## Faculty to review CRC in January of 1990

By Stacy L. Morrison  
Staff Reporter

The faculty voted not to accept any of the student Executive Committee's proposals for substitute formation of the Confidential Review Committee, said President Christopher deMovellan at the EC meeting Monday night. "Basically, they decided they wanted to let it ride for a year," deMovellan said. The faculty plans to review the CRC in January 1990 after the committee has been able to operate for a full year, said deMovellan. In other business, dogs will be allowed to remain on the W&L campus without any restraints, reported Junior EC Rep. Jud Parker. "As it stands now, dogs are not going to be banished," Parker said. Parker and freshman EC Rep. Clayton Kennington spoke with Dean of Students Lewis G. John last week about dogs on the campus. The EC had received a few complaints about large dogs running loose on campus a

few weeks ago. Parker reported that Dean John spoke to the owners of some of the dogs about the problem and felt that no action was necessary right now. The EC adopted the three White Book revisions concerning the return of transcripts of closed hearings that the committee voted on last week. EC by laws require that there be two votes to revise the White Book. The revisions state that all transcripts of closed hearings given to persons involved in an open honor trial be returned to the EC after the trial is concluded so the EC may destroy the transcripts. Contact, the Field Hockey Club, Mock Convention, the Ring-tum Phi, the Rugby Club and the Soccer Club all gave budget reports at the meeting. The EC said that all these organizations are financially stable. The EC voted \$1,650 from the Mock Convention's Summers fund to its operating budget. Junior E.C. Rep. Chris Giblin was given an excused absence, and Kennington was late. The meeting lasted approximately one hour.

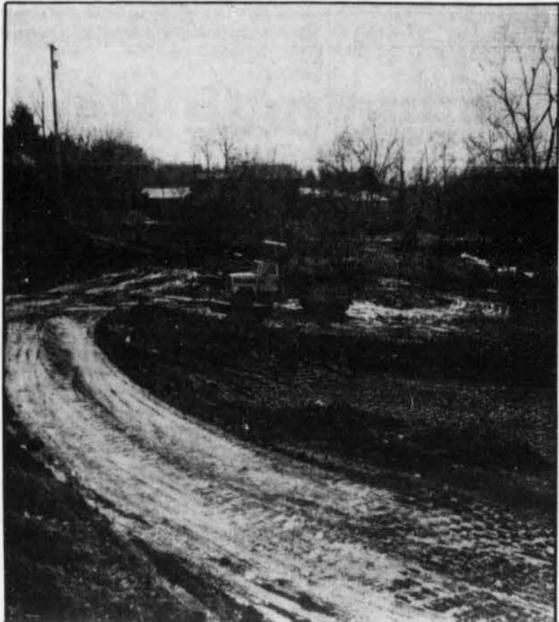


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### More construction . . .

The river of mud grows as construction begins on the new Lenfest Performing Arts Center.

## Student Car Tax

City could raise up to \$250,000

By Jim Lake  
Staff Reporter

The high amount of tax-exempt property in Lexington and the city's no-annexation agreement with Rockbridge County are the main reasons behind the city's move to consider a tax on vehicles owned by local students, according to City Manager Joseph King.

Speaking to a journalism class Tuesday at Washington and Lee, King said 60 percent of the land within Lexington's city limits is owned by tax-exempt agencies, such as churches and schools. And King said that figure is not likely to change anytime soon because Lexington has a revenue-sharing plan with Rockbridge County that prohibits any move by the city to extend its boundaries. Please See Car Tax, page 4



File Photo

Dean of the College, John W. Elrod

## W&L running smoothly Elrod says

by Heather M. Midkiff  
Staff Reporter

Shortly after the Convocation to the University, on Sept. 14, President John D. Wilson took his first leave of absence to Oxford University in order to do some research. It was at that time that the dean of the college, John W. Elrod, stepped into the position assigned to him by the board of trustees as temporary president of Washington and Lee University. Dean Elrod said he sees his position of president as one of a "caretaker—my thought is to keep the university running on a level keel." Dean Elrod came to Washington and Lee Univer-

sity during the summer of 1984. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College and a native of Griffin, Ga. He received his master's and doctorate at Columbia University. He has, since then, lectured on the philosophy of religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and was a professor of philosophy at Iowa State University. He came to W&L as a professor of philosophy, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. Dean Elrod said one reason for his coming to W&L is the "opportunity to work at a liberal arts college of high distinction — it is an opportunity to work with a faculty and student body of high quality." Dean Elrod has not initiated any new policies at the university during

the president's leave. However, he currently is the chairman of the steering committee. "The committee is engaged in a long-range planning process of planning for the future of the university. The committee will stay in existence until December 1989," he said. Dean Elrod says that he has not experienced any unexpected difficulties since President Wilson left. Furthermore, he has managed to accurately divide his time so that his mornings are spent in the office of the dean of the college, while his afternoons are spent in the president's office. He claims, however, "It has been interesting to look at the university from the point of the president's of-

fice; the president spends a lot more time worrying about the university than a dean does." He also mentioned that "a lot of the administration has taken over additional responsibilities during the president's absence." As for the students' response to a temporary transfer of power, Dean Elrod said, "I think the students have had a quiet fall. The university has been on its best behavior; there haven't been major problems or unexpected problems with the student body. Everyone seems to be determined to be on their best behavior since their leader is gone." President Wilson will return on the 15th of December.

# OPINION

## Police Give Their Side

In recent weeks, the Ring-Tum Phi editorial page has been very critical of the Lexington Police Department. While I believe the anti-police articles and cartoons were justified, I think our coverage of the police department has been very lopsided. There are two sides to every story and so far we have only shown one. I now seek to correct this error.

Last week, I interviewed two policemen at the police department — Sgt. A.M. Miller and Officer Jimmy Ruley. Both were obviously dedicated to their work and sincerely concerned about problems between the community and the student body of W&L. I asked them questions on the issues, which bring them the most criticism from students — noise violations and speeding tickets.

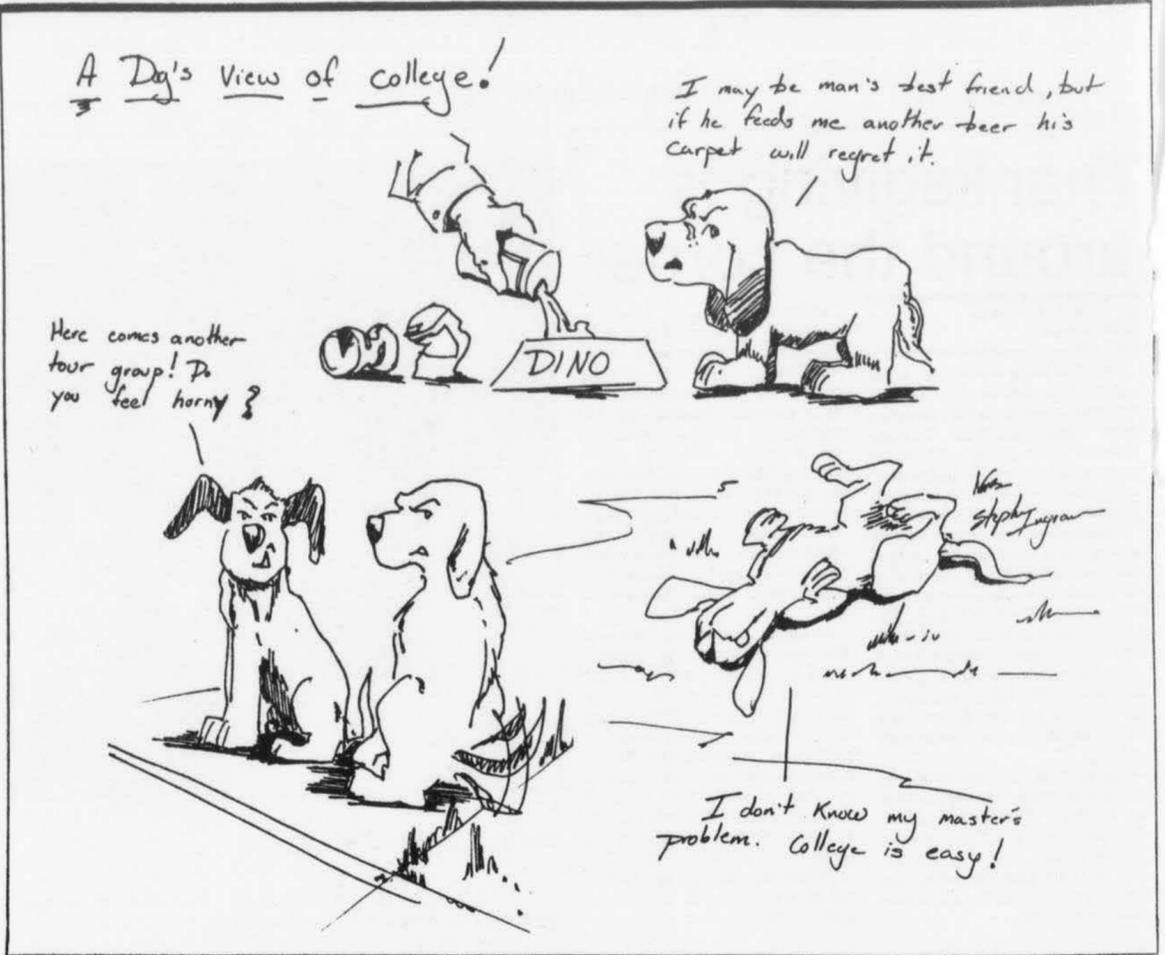
I asked why the police give the fraternities in red square noise violations when there are obviously no residential areas in the near vicinity. Miller replied that while red square noise does not normally disturb residents, many of the other frats are in residential areas and the police department constantly receives complaints from residents on loud nights. Since the police are forced to enforce the noise ordinances for the fraternities in residential areas, to be fair they also enforce them in non-residential areas.

Next I asked about the speeding tickets. The typical attitude on campus in that Lexington is one big speed trap, the speed limits are way too low and that the police prefer ticketing students over local residents. Ruley answered that the speed limits are a product of the narrow streets, which are very dangerous at fast speeds. Until the streets are widened, the speed limits will remain fixed. Ruley added that the main reason the streets haven't been enlarged is to preserve the historical significance of the university. Even before I asked about tickets, Ruley assured me that when the police stop a car for speeding, they stop it for speeding and only speeding. According to him, the driver of the car makes absolutely no difference.

I also asked Sergeant Miller to give his opinions on the problems between the community and the students. He seemed to feel that the situation would improve if the students would start treating Lexington like they live here instead of a town they go to college in. He added that the condescending attitude of students toward local residents has strained relations between the college and the community. I agreed with Miller on this topic. I have frequently witnessed rude behavior from students towards locals. On a positive note, Ruley added that things have improved a lot in the last few years, especially with the fraternities.

I hope students will give serious consideration to the words of these two policemen. I don't think we give the police department credit for providing one of the most important services in a city. Police work is dangerous, demanding and usually thankless, but I for one would not want to live in a city without the security of a police department. In addition to the police officers I interviewed, I also talked to Chief Beard. The department is open-minded and willing to cooperate with the students. If you don't believe me, go to the department and talk to the police yourself. I know they will be more than happy to discuss their policies and reasons behind them.

J.B.S.



## The Saga of a 'Woods Geek' Life

### MY VIEW

By Courtney Payne

My four roommates and I live in "Woods Creek." Now, don't get me wrong. There are some pluses to on-campus housing; they just escape me at the moment. The proximity-to-the-hill advantage is ruled out by the fact that we have to rappel up a manure-scented mountain to get to class every morning. Let me tell you the saga of life in "Woods Geek" ...

We should have known last year that our apartment (affectionately called "the hole") would be trouble. We discovered in a trip to see our new "home," that the former inhabitants had furnished the living/dining area with a bed. The dining room table, of course, was on the balcony.

We're still not sure what they had done with the rest of the Brady Bunch-style furniture that miraculously appeared to grace our apartment this year. Steam iron burns in the carpet

that leads down the hall to the bathroom also remain unexplained.

Did I mention our "accent walls"? According to a buildings and grounds representative, "Woods Geek" buildings were "engineered" in order to have an accent wall in each room. ENGINEERED? Can I just tell you that we have pea green, burnt orange and puke yellow ACCENT WALLS in our apartment?

There are many other perks to life in "Woods Geek." We currently have six cats and one "possum living in a bush in our front yard, two wolfhounds on the loose, a "peeping Tom" law student in the next building and neighbors who break windows at three in the morning.

Four of our seven window shades are PERMANENTLY drawn. The plumbing hangs above our toilet in a way that defies all laws of gravity, and we have a stall and three sinks in our bathroom. Our shower head threatens to fly off the wall at any moment — it is a favorite theory that our heat and shower do not function at the same time. We arrived in September to find a year's supply of toilet paper dumped beside our front door.

"What's wrong with that?" you might ask. Well, nothing until a freshman guy decided it was the perfect place to throw up.

The smallest noise is audible in EVERY corner of the apartment; we have no secrets here. One bedroom remains 10 degrees colder than the rest of the apartment (mine, of course). The B&G man mumbled something about the room being "engineered" without a heat duct as I recall.

Our kitchen, however, really takes the prize. We have blown the only existing socket in our kitchen twice in four weeks, simply because we used our microwave and toaster oven at the same time. I had to disengage my roommate from the microwave as she cried "This can't happen! My life DEPENDS on this microwave!!" We steamed our veggies and made cheese toast in the hall for two days.

Our regular oven cuts the heating time of most standard ovens in thirds. In other words, Mrs. Stouffer's Frozen French Bread Pizza cooks in eleven minutes instead of 38. Our freezer door does not close properly because permanent life sculptures

form inside. Because B&G has no mop, my roommate scrubbed two years of crud off the floor on her hands and knees before Parent's Weekend.

These apartments also have no garbage disposal; therefore the cats in the front yard are treated to a steady diet of fried chicken, chocolate chip cookies and burnt pudding (thoughtfully thrown over the balcony by a roommate). It's a wonder she didn't get stung by one of the yellowjackets that live out there.

But I feel safe here. We have a fire extinguisher (that almost gave me a concussion), a sprinkler system, and a large red pull-down fire alarm in our "living room." We also have killer wolfhounds patrolling the building. I went down the stairs the other day to discover a half-digested (dead) cat and the culprit wolfhound. When I had sufficiently recovered enough to drag a roommate down, I found other "Woods Geek" inhabitants, a Hefty "body bag" with cat inside, and the Subway delivery man holding his nose. I love this place... and I promise it's all true.

## Emancipate Man's Best Friend

### MY VIEW

By Jon Sbar

Due to a few problems caused by unleashed dogs on campus, there has been much talk by leash law advocates of clamping down on dog freedom. While the leash law advocates have brought up some good points, they are forgetting one important point. Unleashed dogs give Washington and Lee its edge over other schools. If dogs are restricted, the admissions office will be devastated. If it wasn't for dogs, I know I wouldn't be here. I can remember my visit to the campus in my senior year of high school like it was yesterday. I was thinking this: This college is cold; it's four and a half hours away from surfing; there are more girls in auto mechanics class back at high school; the classes look hard and this honor code thing is overrated. I mean, who cares if I can leave my wallet in the library without anyone stealing it? Why would I do that anyway?

I was already thinking about getting home so I could apply to the University of Florida when all of a sudden I noticed there were unleashed dogs on campus, generally in a state of pure chaos. At that point, I knew W&L was the school for me. One can only guess how many students had this exact experience — probably thousands.

Another good thing about unleashed dogs is it keeps people in class. I mean, who would go to class if they didn't think there was a chance of a dog stopping by to listen in on a lecture (Note: Dogs prefer the philosophy department).

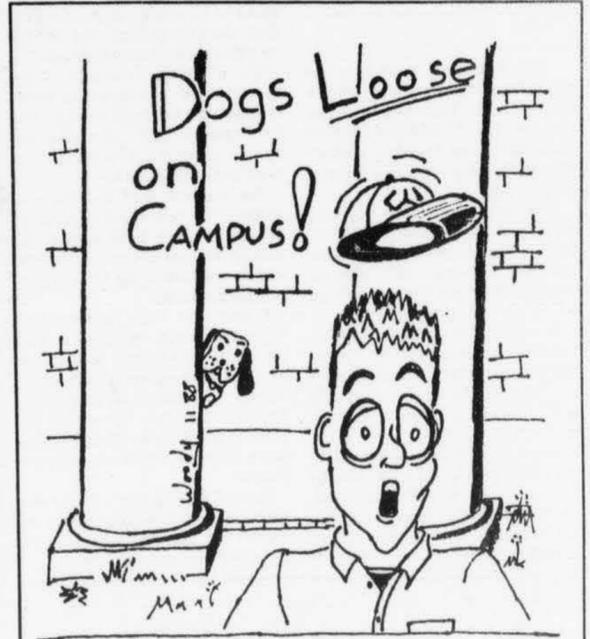
Of course, there are more important reasons for letting dogs roam free other than admissions and academic benefits. First of all, if dogs are leashed, they can't chase cats. And everyone knows dogs have to chase cats. Why? For one thing, it's fun. I

know some of the best years of my dog's life have been spent in hot pursuit of terrified cats. Also, man's best friend has rights, too. My dog, a recent law school graduate, is preparing to go before the Supreme Court to advocate Amendment 44 (The Milk Bone Bill), proposed by a Doberman Pinscher from California. The Amendment states: Congress shall make no law abridging a Canine's freedom to roam free, dig through garbage and chase cats and mailmen.

Another reason dogs should be guaranteed emancipation is their intelligence. Next to dolphins and whales, dogs are the smartest creatures on earth. If you don't believe this, consider the recent *Wall Street Journal* article about Rex, the canine defendant in a leash law arrest, who convinced the jury to rule in his favor by balancing a dog biscuit on his nose. And then there's my dog who has a law degree (I'm very proud of this) and watches *Lassie* reruns with total comprehension.

The last reason for letting dogs run free probably is more important than Constitutional rights or intelligence. Many of you might have noticed dogs spend a lot of time sniffing grass, barking at vacuum cleaners and digging holes. While those activities may seem arbitrary, the truth is dogs have a secret agenda. They are looking for something very important. No one knows exactly what, but researchers agree that it's important. My confidential sources tell me dogs are on the brink of discovering a pollution-free alternative to nuclear energy.

If this article has convinced you that leashed dogs will destroy our campus and maybe the universe, then I urge you to do two things. First, join PAAFD (People Advocating Anarchy for Dogs), a for-profit organization started by me right now (please send me all your money, jewelry and kitchen appliances). Second, get psychiatric help immediately.



READERS CHOICE THIS WEEK:

- IT'S A TOWN OUT OF CONTROL! (Again)
- IT'S AN ACT OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE BY DOGS.
- (I WANT TO GO HOME EARLY for Thanksgiving You Fill It In)
- IT REALLY IS NOT AN ISSUE WORTH PURSUING

The Ring-tum Phi Staff extends wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving to the W&L community

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## Let's shape up!!!

by Heather Logan  
Staff Reporter

"Ughh! I feel sooo fat! Wow! I am sooo out of shape!"

Okay! so, what are you going to do about it? Instead of patting your protruding stomach and huffing and puffing up four flights of stairs to a class you've already overslept for, take some time out and exercise. It will be amazing how much better your pants will fit when you can button the last button and how much easier it will be to make it on time over the last step if you could just dedicate 30 minutes of your day to some type of physical fitness.

You do not have to be an athlete in order to get any exercise. However, as Coach Norman Lord says, "It is important for you to enjoy doing the things that will get you fit because, that way, you will continue to do them."

So, if you are prone to getting bored with one activity, don't just quit, find something else that you like. Try doing something different every day.

What to do? Well, believe it or not, Lexington Va., is not devoid of things to do in order to increase one's physical fitness. Actually, there is a wide variety of activities offered on and off campus.

First, if you like to devise your own workout, there are a multitude of facilities available on campus that are easily accessible. The largest facility, the Warner Center and Doremus Gymnasium, is open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. This means that the basketball courts, indoor track, racquetball courts, squash courts and weight room, which offers both universal weight system and free weights, are available between those hours except for class and team times, which usually are (there are exceptions) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Since pools require lifeguards for safety, their hours are restricted. The lower level 1 pool (competitive pool, 25 yards) is open Monday-Friday 7 to 8 a.m. and noon-2 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 7-8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 4-5 p.m. The "old pool" on level 3 is open Monday-Friday 5-6 p.m. Also, there is a Nauticus weight room, including some free weights, located in Gaines Hall across the street from the gym, which is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and to faculty and Gaines residents between 8 and 9 a.m. and 10 and 11 p.m.

Besides these indoor facilities, the tennis courts, upper and lower level, and the track, which incidentally is 1/4 mile in circumference, also are available for use at all times except when occupied by sports teams. There also are the Chessie and Woods Creek trails, which not only make a good jog, but also a scenic walk. And contrary to popular belief, the Chessie Trail does not stop at the Water Treatment Plant. For the avid nature lover, it continues approximately 7-7 miles into Buena Vista.

Next, for the people who do not like trying to find someone to play, run or walk with, there are organized exercise activities also available on and off campus. Monday-Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., Anna Hampton, Debbie Hurt and Catherine Boardman offer aerobic workouts in the wrestling room. The wrestling room is located behind the basketball court in the Warner Center. The workouts consist of 10 minutes of warm up, 30 minutes of high impact aerobics, and 20 minutes of floor exercises. Fees are \$10 a term and new classes will begin winter term.

For adults and faculty, Lucinda Rankin offers aerobics Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Also on campus, the ROTC department welcomes people to join them for their physical training program Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. The PT workout involves stretching, conditioning (push-ups, sit-ups) and aerobic exercise (circuits, runs, sprints).

Moving to the off campus scene, there are two dance studios, Halestone Studio (463-744) and Lexington School of Ballet (464-1620). Along with these studios, the W&L PE department also is offering ballet and modern dance classes for the first time winter term. Another new opportunity for W&L students is the Lexington Fitness Center located on 16 E. Nelson St. above Hunter and Huntress. The center offers aerobics, weight training, and karate to people of all skill levels. The membership fees are \$35 per month for three months or \$30 per month for a year. For more information, call 464-1-FIT.

If it's a team activity you are interested in, then club sports might be the solution. For information about the club sports offered and to be offered, contact the PE department. Another alternative might be intramurals. This year, along with the other intramural sports normally provided, there also are the Resident Halls Intramurals, where people living in any type of campus housing can participate. There is a women's club basketball team forming from the Residents Hall Intramurals that meets every Monday night. For more information about the program or the club basketball team, contact Mary Alice McMorrow.

## Spanky's remodeled

By Holly Buffington  
Staff Reporter

W&L students may have noticed changes in Spanky's main dining room.

According to Jane Plogger, Spanky's manager, the old paneling on the main dining room walls was torn off and a new concrete wall was poured. The ceiling was lowered, and a life-size Spiderman was placed on it.

Plogger stressed that the wooden tables with various past and present students' names carved in them were left as they are because of the sentimental value attached to them by Spanky's customers.

Plogger said the changes were made because Spanky's wanted more of a "party atmosphere." Plogger feels that the dining room is now "much prettier and brighter."

Spanky's remodeling changes have definitely helped business, drawing "more older family types" to Spanky's, according to Plogger, in addition to their usual student customers.

Spanky's own company construction workers were in charge of the remodeling and spent approximately \$5,000. The remodeling, which took two weeks, has been completed for three weeks now.

Future remodeling plans for Spanky's include the expansion of the bar from six seats to one that will accommodate up to 40 customers. Plogger predicts that this phase of the remodeling will be completed by the first of spring.



Photo by: Cheryl Barrett/The Ring-tum Phi  
"A Night of Thanksgiving" held in Lee Chapel Tuesday featuring songs, prayers, and a note of thanks.

## Spaces available

Staff Report

Faculty and staff who park on Letcher Avenue are urged to park only with their vehicles headed downhill toward Jefferson Street. Letcher Avenue, which is privately owned by W&L and not a city street, provides important access for visitors to our own Admissions Office and to VMI's grounds as well. While "wrong way" parking is tolerated on many residential streets in Lexington, this practice is not permitted on most of Lexington's downtown streets, nor on Letcher Avenue. Drivers with "A" stickers who park headed the wrong way on Letcher will risk tickets that carry a \$25 fine.

A new small parking lot with a capacity of about 20 vehicles is now available to students with "C" stickers on their cars. The lot is located between Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house and University Cleaners on Jefferson Street. Only "C" stickers are permitted in this new area between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.; violators are subject to the customary risk of ticketing, fines and towing.

## The Democrats just don't learn

### MY VIEW

By Ray Welder

The election held two weeks ago was an election on liberalism, and liberalism lost. Once again, the American people told the Democratic party, "If you send us a liberal, we'll send him home." And once again, Ronald Reagan's assertion that the American people didn't leave the Democratic party—the Democrats left the people—is held true.

At the polls two weeks ago, not only was Michael Dukakis defeated, but his

ideas on governing were defeated as well. The American people said no to socialized medicine. They said no to having the federal government force individual employers to provide all types of insurance to employees. They said no to being easy on criminals with weekend furloughs. They said no to the infringement on the right to bear arms. They said no to allowing homosexual couples to adopt children. They said no to having the IRS automatically dock workers' paychecks if the worker owes the government money (something that banks can't even do). In short, the American people said no to a bigger, more intrusive government.

The election for the 41st president

will go down in history as a contest between ideologies. George Bush was correct when he told the American people this fall that there were stark differences for governing between himself and his opponent. Inherent in Dukakis' vision for America is the belief that there exists some special elite out there who can make better decisions for individuals than the individuals can make for themselves. Bush disagrees. The president-elect believes strongly that individual citizens CAN make the best decisions concerning themselves, and don't need some imposing, know-it-all bureaucrat telling them how to do things.

The American people have spoken.

But will the Democrats listen? Recent evidence suggests they don't even want to hear. In last Sunday's Washington Post, for example, the Democrats began to make excuses that dodge the real issue on why they lost.

Come on, the coffee is brewing; it is time for the Democrats to wake up and smell it. The Democrats have lost five of the last six presidential elections. Surely it is time for the Democratic

party to gain the gumption to stop making excuses and ask themselves, "Can something be wrong with our message?"

If they don't hurry, they just might excuse themselves into oblivion.

## LETTERS

To the Editors:

The parking terrorists have struck again! Three of the spaces in the corral, the lot most dear to all students, have been stripped away. Three spaces do not matter so much given the enormous parking problem that we face—the problem that the university continues to ignore. But it does matter that our rights continue to be blatantly disregarded. They have given these parking spaces to visitors who can park anywhere in the downtown area's "two-hour" parking zones. These zones are not at all feasible for students. How many students spend only two hours on the Hill at a time? The corral is about the only lot in which students can park all day.

Realistically, however, the problem is even worse than it seems. A student living off-campus scarcely has a chance at the corral because it stays filled with the students' cars who live in that area. This is also true of the lot behind the gym.

This incident is a clear example of the university's misplaced priorities. In the administration's mind, the university's image is more important than the students' happiness, and I don't think that the students will let this negligence go on forever.

This new development in the parking problem, the ground-breaking of the fine arts center, and the attempt to widen the diversity of the student body, are all products of the image problem within the university. It will be wonderful to have a new theater on campus and it's great that we are attracting the "better students" that the university wants to have, but the problems of the students who are already at W&L should have precedence over any other concern of the administration. Otherwise, the Hill better prepare itself for an all-out revolt with respect to parking. Threatening the university's self image in this way may be the only

way the students can get through to them.

DAVID ALLEN '90

To the Editors:

It has come to our attention, not for the first time, that someone of below average intelligence may be running this university. If recollection serves us properly, the biggest controversy at the opening of this school year concerned parking, or, more accurately, lack thereof. The change of all spaces on Washington Street to hour parking and a new university policy of extremely limited parking in "the corral," coupled with the ever-increasing student population at W&L, created the classic problem of too many trying to fit into too few. Now the administration has seen fit to take a section of "the corral" that can normally accommodate four or five cars and mark it for "Visitor Parking Only," specifically three visitors' parking only. What are these supposed wise men in our administration thinking? Why are they aggravating a situation that is already volatile? It seems to us that the administration might take some of the nine million plus dollars being spent on a theater department that is hardly overpopulated with students and spend that money on something we could all use, more parking. In fact, there is probably enough money in the university coffers from the security department's overzealous enforcement of the ridiculous parking situation to finance a multi-level parking complex. Finally, if the university needs three parking complex. Finally, if the university needs three parking places for visitors, why not take them from the faculty lot behind Graham-Lees Dorm and the C-school where there are usually extra open parking spaces. Besides, wouldn't those spaces be more convenient to visitors because of their proximity

to our fine parking ticket subsidized university? Please, something must be done to remedy this ridiculous situation.

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To the Editors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Alpha Phi Omega and the Newman Club for their efforts last Friday evening in collecting food for the Community Share Project in Buena Vista. Over \$150 worth of canned and boxed goods were received, as well as almost \$60 in cash donations.

This food will be distributed in Thanksgiving boxes later this month, and will go a long way toward giving some of the poor and needy in our community a lot to be thankful for. We are all grateful for the volunteers who helped make this event so very successful.

WILLIAM DATZ  
Catholic Campus Minister

Interviews by  
Cheryl Barrett

## TALKBACK

Photos by  
Betsy Parkins

### What are you planning to do over Thanksgiving break?



Kristin Haring, Junior, Mansfield, OH—"Going home to Ohio to watch the Ohio State-Michigan game and eat turkey."



Bryan Patterson, Sophomore, Shreveport, LA—"I'm going to UVA or something."



Mike Holton, Sophomore, Indianapolis, IN—"Playing a lot of basketball and chowing down at home."



Melissa Anemojanis, Senior, Oaktown, VA—"I'm staying here in metro Lex."



Catherine Baillio, Junior, Virginia Beach, VA—"Going home to spend time with my family and work on hydrology."

## "Alternate Futures for Africa" panel holds symposium at W&L

By Jon Ryan  
Staff Reporter

A struggle for national unity amid ethnic factionalism is what Africa can expect in the future, according to members of the "Alternate Futures for Africa" symposium panel.

The symposium was held last Thursday in Northern Auditorium. The symposium panel was comprised of W&L Professor of Politics Craig McCaughrin, Grand Duke Mengesha Seun of the Ethiopian royal house and two former U.S. ambassadors to African nations, Walter Carrington and Frederick Hasdel.

According to Carrington, the struggle of unity overwhelms any considerations of ideology.

"The prevailing 'ism' in Africa is not capitalism or communism, but nationalism," he said.

Carrington spoke on the fact that Africa's problems of unity stem from the fact that European colonizers split the continent up without regard to the established kingdoms. The result is present-day nations comprised of several ethnic groups, with ethnic rivalries.

Carrington said national leaders in Africa have to create a sense of unity, making nationalism the greatest force for political stability on the continent.

Carrington gave the example of

Angola, whose ethnic groups split into three parties fighting for control of the government.

Hasdel said, "Unity is a precious commodity at best."

According to Hasdel, part of Africa's problems were caused by the "battle-by-proxy" policies of the United States and the Soviet Union, in which the two superpowers support factions of the appropriate ideology in struggles for power inside nations.

Hasdel said he saw the U.S. position as one of continuity for the next few years.

"The new administration is likely to be more of the same."

## Cans stack up to feed poor

by Becky Reynolds  
Staff Reporter

Service organizations from Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee and the W&L law school collected \$150 worth of food and \$50 in cash in a Thanksgiving food drive held last Friday, according to Catholic Campus Minister William C. "Burr" Datz.

Newman Club, a service and prayer organization of university students from St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Alpha Phi Omega, a Washington

and Lee service fraternity, co-sponsored the food drive, which was held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

According to Datz, more than 20 students from VMI, W&L and the law school were on hand at the Lexington Market and Kroger in Lexington, and the Quality Market and Food Lion in Buena Vista to collect boxed and canned food from shoppers.

Datz said, "People were tremendously cooperative and the response from the community was overwhelming. We were only there for two hours and we collected a lot."

The food was donated to the Community Share Project in Buena Vista

and, according to Irma Thompson, director of the Community Share Project, will be used in Thanksgiving food baskets next week.

Thompson said, "We are very appreciative that they (the service organizations) had the food drive because it will help us with the food baskets. Without the donated food, we would have to buy most of the food for the baskets because we have not been getting too many donations."

According to Thompson, 12 families will receive food baskets from Community Share for next week's holiday.

## Car tax

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"Because we're so small and have no possibility of growing," said King, "the city is going to be looking for opportunities like this for increased revenue."

King said Lexington could perhaps raise as much as \$250,000 annually through a tax on student vehicles, thanks to a 5.5 percent personal property tax rate in Virginia.

The legal thinking behind a student

vehicle tax is spelled out in state law. According to King, if a vehicle is "primarily parked or garaged" anywhere in Virginia, then the local government has the right to tax the owner of it, regardless of whether the owner is a state resident.

When asked how the tax would be levied, King said VMI and W&L would probably be asked to provide the city with a list of students who own cars.

And what if school officials refused to turn over such a list?

"I think it would be embarrassing for them to refuse," he said.

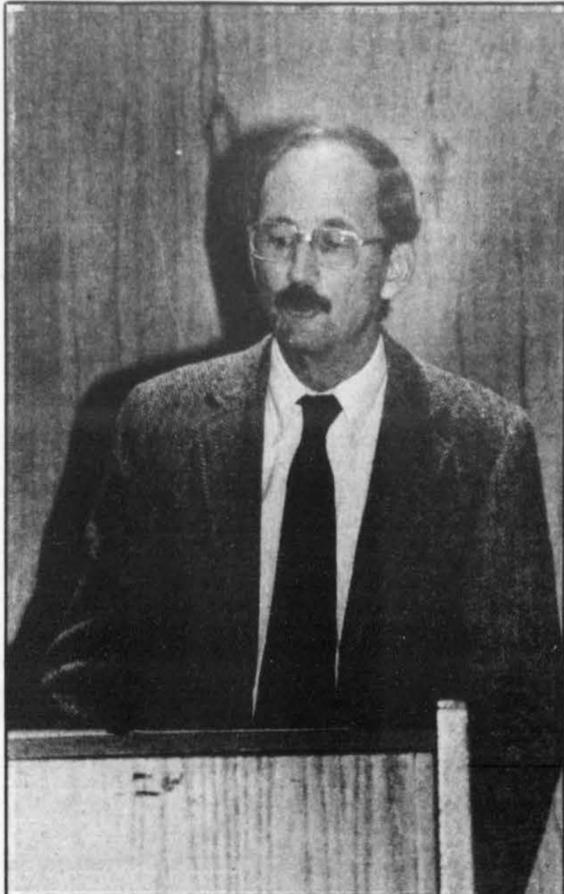
But, if schools refused to cooperate,

King said the city could take down license plates, identify owners and send them bills.

"If it came down to that, I'm not sure the university could block the city," he said.

But according to W&L's acting president, John Elrod, the university hasn't even discussed the possibility of a student vehicle tax with Lexington officials.

While W&L "does have a policy of restricting the list of students," Elrod said that "whether we would make such a list available to the city is a question we have not addressed."



Professor J. Holt Merchant delivers an address on his specialty, history of the U.S. around the Civil War, on Tuesday night in Northern Auditorium. Photo by: Cheryl Barrett/The Ring-tum Phi

## Goods sell fast at W&L open auction

by Tina Vandersteel  
Staff Reporter

More than \$6,000 worth of departmental furniture and relics were sold this past weekend at an auction held by University Services.

Fontanne Bostic, who works for University Services, said that everything was sold in three hours, starting at 10 a.m., and she said the money earned on each item was given back to the department that donated it. She said about 90 bidders showed up to buy, and the auction went smoothly.

Bostic also said University services is planning to hold other auctions periodically to clear our storerooms full of obsolete departmental furnishings. She said that departments should contact her office to reserve space in storerooms for future auctions.

Other W&L staff who donated their time Saturday morning for the auction include: Charlie Conner, Agnes Gilmore, David Weeks, Kenneth Swink, Tony Muterspaw and William Mohler.

## Phi Eta adds 37 members to honor roll

Staff Report

Thirty-seven Washington and Lee University sophomores have been elected to membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society recognizing academic excellence in the freshman year.

The minimum requirement for membership is a cumulative 3.5 grade point average at the end of the freshman year.

Those W&L students who were initiated into membership during the ceremonies on Friday, November 4, are:

Amy E. Aussiker of San Antonio, Tex.; Alison K. Bell of Charlotte, N.C.; John T. Buchanan of Sewickly, Pa.; Lee O. Butterfield of Newport News, Va.; Catharine A. Caldwell of Birmingham, Ala.; Laurel E. Empie of Goshen, N.Y.; Richard W. Feuring of Wantagh, N.Y.; John Paul Foster of Floral Park, N.Y.; William D. Gottwals of Crownsville, Md.; Ann Marie Gregory of Springfield, Va.; Michael W. Holton of Indianapolis, Ind.; Melissa Anne Jay of Houston, Tex.; Jane Lee Joyce of Little Rock, Ark.; Mary J. Kelley of Annandale, Va.;

Bernadette M. Kempton of Harrisonburg, Va.; Paige C. Kilian of Forest Hill, Md.; Paul V. Lagarde of New Orleans, La.; Paul C. Lee of Doraville, Ga.; Thomas C. Locke of Maitland, Fla.; Patricia Lopes of Lexington, Va.; Gregory L. Lyford of Casper, Wyo.; Laura M. Lyman of Gurnee, Ill.; Amy N. Miles of Smyrna, Ga.; George C. Nomikos of Richmond, Va.; Harry T. Pearce of Mount Airy, Md.; Tomas Luis Perez of Harrisonburg, Va.; Paige P. Powell of Virginia Beach, Va.;

Lydia J. E. Reid of Athens, W. Va.; Amy C. Sapp of Cohutta, Ga.; Ingrid M. Schroeder of New City, N.Y.; Robert A. Shelton of Houston, Tex.; Teri Leigh Snider of Buena Vista, Va.; Bryant J. Spann of Atlanta, Ga.; Cecily Joan Tynan of Somerset, England; Krista Beth Vollack of South Orange, N.J.; Lovell M. West of Jacksonville, Fla.; Elise M. Whitaker of Atlanta, Ga.; and Matthew J. Wise of Roanoke, Va.

## Fort Lee weekend trained cadets in marksmanship

by Robert Haley  
Staff Reporter

More than 100 cadets from Washington and Lee and three other affiliated schools participated in the annual fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Fort Lee, Va. The purpose of the exercise was to train third-year cadets for the ROTC advanced camp they will attend this summer, and to expose freshman and sophomore participants to Army tactics, training and barracks life.

The cadets left their respective universities on Friday, Nov. 11, and arrived at Fort Lee that night. There they received their initial block of instructions from senior cadets on barracks life and basic Drill and Ceremony. The next morning, cadets conducted physical training and individual tactics. This training included camouflage and individual movement techniques, which included high crawl, low crawl, 3-5-second rushes, and a demanding obstacle course.

"Obstacle courses require teamwork, physical strength, and stamina, and they also provide an exciting challenge," said one cadet.

The afternoon activities included

squad movement techniques, crossing danger areas, reaction to artillery fire, and hand and arm signals. All of these classes taught the cadets how to react, survive and destroy the enemy in a combat situation.

On Sunday, the cadets were introduced to the M-16 rifle. Each cadet learned Basic Rifle Marksmanship and was permitted to fire on the Zero Range in order to adjust the sights on Field Fire Range, with multiple targets ranging from 50-300 meters. Cadets received their scores after firing.

The weekend was fun and involved for everyone. Captain Ramos, an officer from Washington and Lee, said, "The freshmen and sophomores who participated on the exercise area were enthusiastic about the program and enjoyed their weekend."

Those who participated learned about many different facets of the U.S. Army, as well as making friendships with fellow squad and platoon members. Lieutenant Colonel Snow, professor of military science at Washington and Lee, deemed the weekend a success, saying, "All cadets were highly motivated during training and this is what it takes to be a United States Army officer."

## General Notes

### Call Time now

Time Magazine is searching for college juniors who have distinguished themselves academically and in extracurricular activities. Time will select 20 winners who will each receive \$3,000, an invitation to the awards dinner in New York City, an all-expense paid trip to New York City and a day with the Time editorial staff.

More information may be obtained by calling 1-800-523-5948 or contacting Dean Lewis John in Payne 9. Deadline is Feb. 1, 1989.

### Super Bowl

For those wanting a Tuesday night break on Nov. 29, a Superdance Super Bowl will be from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Fast Lanes. Rides can be arranged by calling 463-1104 or 464-1654.

### Super Dance

An important Superdance meeting will be at 7 p.m. tonight in University Center 113. Attendance is mandatory.

### Tea time

The English Club will have two meetings after Thanksgiving break: Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in Payne 21 for a discussion of spring seminars, and Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in Woods Creek West F4 for an open reading and critique. Both meetings will be brief.

More information is available in the English Club newsletter from the English Department secretary.

### New homes

Students may pick up housing applications for the 1989-90 academic year in Payne 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Students are urged to sign up early.

### New hours

There has been a change in the library hours during Thanksgiving break. The library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 21-23.

### Peace time

Peace Corps representatives will be in University Center 109 at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, and Independent Educational Services representatives will be in University Center 113 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.

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## Defense sparkles in football victory

### Streaking Generals end 5-3-1

By Jim Lake  
Staff Reporter

The bend-but-don't-break-defense that has been the trademark of W&L football for nearly a month compensated for a slow-starting offense, and junior quarterback Phillip Sampson came back from early turnover troubles to throw for over 200 yards and lead the Generals (5-3-1) to a season-ending 17-13 win over Washington University Saturday in St. Louis.

Like the game the week before against Ursinus, this one was a mud-bath — only worse.

"It was a sea of mud from sideline to sideline," said head coach Gary Fallon. "I thought there would be even more turnovers than there were."

But Sampson probably thought his three first-half turnovers — two fumbles and an interception — were more than enough. The W&L defense was yet again called on to cover for the offense — and the defense yet again responded.

After the game opened with an exchange of punts, the Sampson-led Generals drove to the Washington 1, where Sampson fumbled and the Bears' Ben Hess recovered. But the defense held, and Sampson and company got another chance.

Starting at the WU 33, the Generals moved the football to the 11, where a Sampson pass was intercepted by the Bears' Rod Shelton. But the defense held, and Sampson and company got another chance.

Starting at the WU 44, the Generals moved the football to the 2, where, no, this time, they cashed in. Senior halfback Tony Waskiewicz powered into the end zone and sophomore Carter Quayle added the extra point that gave the Generals a 7-0 lead with 6:44 left in the half.

After a Bear fumble, a Sampson fumble and a Bear punt, the Generals took over at their own 12 with 3:32 remaining. Backup QB Chris Smythe came in, and Fallon shifted to a ground-based offense. Four straight rushing plays — including two 10-yard-plus carries by Smythe — moved the football to the W&L 38. But a false start penalty and an incomplete pass stalled the drive, and time ran out after a 10-yard carry by Waskiewicz.

Both teams did a better job of holding on to the football in the third quarter, but only the Generals took advantage. Sampson built a 10-play, 52-yard scoring drive with passes to Craig Irons. The sophomore split end pulled in five catches for 69 yards on that drive alone (the Generals were hit with two ten-yard penalties), including a 13-yard catch that put W&L at the Washington 2. Waskiewicz scored a play later, and Quayle's kick put the Generals up by 14.

The fourth quarter saw the W&L defense bend badly — but not break. Washington scored less than a minute into the period on a 22-yard pass from Robert King to running back Pad Boyle, and Jeff Chrusciel's kick made the score 14-7.

After a Tom Skeen punt, King was intercepted by senior defensive end Tony Onorato at the WU 12, and that set up a 28-yard field goal by Quayle that gave the Generals a 10-point lead with ten minutes remaining.

The Bears would cut that lead to four by driving 84 yards in 13 plays and scoring on a 9-yard pass from King to Bob Lavender. Washington went for the two-point conversion in an effort to set up a winning field goal, but King's pass was incomplete, and the Bears would need a touchdown to win.

W&L tried to run out the clock but was forced to punt with :27 left. Skeen's kick sent Washington back to its own 20, though, and, three plays later, the clock ran out and W&L had its first winning season in three years.

**HASHMARKS**— W&L finished with wins in five of its last six games and was 5-1-1 in its last seven. It was the Generals' first winning season since 1985, when W&L was 7-2.... The Bears netted only 33 yards of offense in the first half.... Junior linebacker Mike Pack made nine tackles Saturday; Skeen, W&L's other starting linebacker, had six stops.... Fallon is 8-3 in season finales at W&L.... Quayle's field goal was his tenth of the season (he already owns the school record). Quayle finished the season 10-of-12 in field goal attempts and perfect on 14 PATs.... Sampson completed 18 of 23 passes for 207 yards against the Bears. Irons caught eight passes for 108 yards, and Waskiewicz caught five for 64 yards.



Senior Lee Brading's passing, as well as scoring, will key W&L's success.

## Basketball tips off season Friday

By Jay Plotkin  
Staff Reporter

Head coach Verne Canfield is entering his 25th season as coach of the men's basketball team here at Washington and Lee. This year he has a special gleam in his eye when he talks about his team.

"I like the kind of young men in the program this year," he said. "They are a joy to teach and to be around. They have teachable attitudes and listen to instruction. That doesn't mean they do everything I say. I expect mistakes from them. This is one of the best groups of young men I've seen in my 25 years of coaching."

Why does Canfield expect mistakes from the 1988-89 edition of Generals' basketball? One reason could be the fact that of the 17 members of the team, 15 are either freshmen or sophomores. The only two players who don't fall into this category are senior guard Lee Brading and junior center Del Clark. Brading, a 6-3 Rex Chapman look-alike, didn't play during his junior year but started in 12 games as a sophomore. The team also returns 10 lettermen.

With the preseason over and the season starting with the W&L Tip-Off Tournament Friday night in the Warner Center, Canfield said the team will try to generate its scoring from the defense. "We'll use a multiple defense system—several different sets and variations of them. We want to score a lot from defense and free-throw situations."

Canfield said the team is also relying on the three-point shot to provide most of the offense. "We're going to shoot the bejabbers out of the three-pointer. We have that capability. We have to realize though, that when they aren't falling, we have to stop shooting them. We also have to hold on to the ball and work for a good shot. So far we haven't shown that patience."

The team can go nine or ten players deep without suffering a significant drop in talent. According to Canfield, there are five to seven players capable of scoring in double figures with two freshmen lurking around the

corner waiting to show what they can do. "The ideal situation would be for our leading scorer to average 15 or 16 points a game, and the next guy to be around 13 or 14. I would like six players in or around double figures."

And don't assume that the five players that Canfield starts will be the same five he has on the floor at the end of the game. "I'm not real concerned with who is starting the game. It's who's in when the game is on the line that I go by."

"For instance, right now, in a tight situation, I would want both [sophomore Jim] Casey and [sophomore Michael] Holton in the game [at the guard positions] along with Brading. Right now, only one of the two, Casey or Holton, will start because of what I'm trying to do with our big men," said Canfield.

As for who will shoulder the scoring burden, the leading returning scorer is 6-5 forward Ed Hart. The sophomore averaged 14 a game last season along with 6.5 rebounds. Brading also averaged in double figures at 10.3 his sophomore year. Look for he and Holton to have the green light when it comes to the three-point shot. Holton should provide a spark on defense as well. He led the team in steals last year. Sophomore forward Chris Jacobs will be a key player on the frontline. Jacobs came on strong in the latter stages of last year, averaging 8.5 points a game for the season.

Canfield is the type of coach who doesn't like to dwell on weaknesses, but he said maturity is the one weakness this team has—albeit a temporary one.

"When you get a team who accepts their roles, then you've got a nucleus," he said. "We're not there yet, but we will be soon."

Canfield also thinks the Generals will make a serious challenge for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. "I see a tremendously balanced league this year, but I think we can make a run for the championship. I am very excited about the potential of this team."

The Generals play Gallaudet Friday night at 8 in the Warner Center. The winner of that game will play the winner of the 6 p.m. Marymount/N.C. Wesleyan game in the championship on Saturday at 4 p.m.

## Water polo finishes 8th in the East

By Tom Wingfield  
Staff Reporter

This past weekend's trip to Brown University for the Eastern Championships did not go as Washington and Lee's water polo team had hoped. In fact, it went very poorly for the Generals who lost all three of the games they played. It was a bad ending to a good season for the Generals, who finished eighth in the East with a 15-9 record.

The Generals opened the tournament against their nemesis, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The Trojans had defeated W&L twice earlier this year, including just a week before in the Southern League Championship game and were looking to make it a hat trick against the Generals.

W&L kept the game close but came up on the short end of a 16-12 score. The Trojans proved to be a better team as they out-muscled and out-played the Generals. "We played well against Arkansas but it was just not quality Washington and Lee water polo," said head coach Page Remillard. "By not beating them we came up short of season-long goals."

After the opening round loss, the Generals had to play consolation games against Army and Harvard. W&L could not rise to the occasion after the loss to Arkansas, however, losing to Army 12-5 and dropping 12-7 decision to Harvard. These losses seemed to upset Remillard the most.

"I was very disappointed in our inability to bounce back after a serious setback," he said. "Part of this was due to our success for most of the season but a good team must be able to handle these setbacks. It will up to the our underclassmen to learn from this and to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Senior David Reavy was not pleased with the weekend either. "We didn't play as a team and that really hurt us. After the Arkansas game it was hard to get motivated for the other two. It was definitely a disappointing way to end a four-year career."

The Generals will lose some of their fire power when senior co-captains Reavy and David Dietz graduate. "Losing those two guys will hurt us, but we will also lose Matt Brady and Tom Rawls who both played very well this year," said Remillard.

## Wrestlers look to rebound after last year's problems

By Chris Baradel  
Staff Reporter

Head coach Gary Franke's wrestling team enters the 1988-89 season looking to improve upon last year's 3-9 record, the first losing season at Washington and Lee in nine years. This will be an arduous task for the wrestlers, because as things stand now the Generals will be going into each meet having to forfeit the 118-pound match. There are only twelve wrestlers currently on the team, a small number considering ten weight classes

are contested each meet.

Nonetheless, the person who ranks first on W&L's all-time wrestling coaches' victory list is optimistic. "Certainly, on of our first goals will be to rebound from the kind of season we had last year," said Franke. "I think we're going to give our individual wrestlers more of a thrust this year, but I think the team as a whole is looking to improve our dual-meet performance, too."

The key for the Generals will be their three seniors. "Our leadership usually comes from our captains [

seniors Manoli Loupassi and Mark Robertson]," said Franke. "[Senior] Richard Redfoot didn't wrestle last year, but now he's back. We expect a lot from them."

Right now, the lineup begins at 126 pounds, with sophomore Larry Pilkey, last year's outstanding freshman wrestler. Next comes junior Jonah Glick 134; then junior Lee Garlove, who was an Academic all-American last year, at 142. Garlove had the most wins (18) last year of any returning General and got off to a good start this year by placing third in the VMI

Tournament. Sophomore Bill Avery is at 150, and Peer Soderberg, the only freshman starting, will wrestle 158.

Robertson wrestles 167 and Loupassi goes at 177. Redfoot, a NCAA Division III National Championship participant, is slated for 190. Redfoot won his weight class in the VMI Tournament. Tim Place, a junior, will take the heavyweight spot. There is no one scheduled at this time for the lowest weight class, 118 pounds. Sophomores Thompson Lykes and Mark Monahan will be on the team as will Robert Stallard, a freshman.

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

### From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams finished their 1988 seasons at the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regionals in Seawane, Tenn., with some of their best individual performances of the year.

While none of the Generals were able to advance to nationals, senior Bill Clark and freshman Charles Edwards of the men's team and sophomores Paige Cason and Cecily Tynan and freshman Jenny Nasser of the women's team turned in admirable performances.

The men's team finished ninth in field featuring runners from 17 teams—the biggest field in the history of the regional. W&L's Edwards grabbed 30th place, while senior co-captain Clark finished 33rd.

The W&L women took sixth place in a field containing runners from 13 teams. Cason came in 23rd overall with a time of 21:54, while Tynan was close behind, finishing 25th overall in a time of 21:57. Freshman Nasser had her best meet ever, finishing 36th with a time of 23:42.

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference made its all-conference selections in football, soccer and women's volleyball this week.

For the football Generals, senior linebacker Tom Skeen, senior defensive end Jim Johnson, and sophomore kicker Carter Quayle were named to the all-conference first team at their respective positions.

Named to the second team for the Generals were senior offensive linemen David Surface and Julian Phillips, junior tight end Bob Martin, sophomore wide receiver Craig Irons and junior defensive backs Bobby Rimmer and Bland Warren. Skeen was named to the second team as a punter.

W&L head football coach Gary Fallon received the top honor as he was selected by his peers as ODAC Coach-of-the-Year for leading his team to a 5-3-1 record after an 0-2-1 start.

For the men's soccer team, senior back Steve "Sid" Udicious and junior forward Patrick Brown were both named to the conference's first team. Senior Vanessa Hartman garnered first team all-ODAC honors in women's volleyball.

The W&L men's swim team opened up its season last night with an impressive 148-79 victory over host VMI. The women's swim team plays host to ODAC rivals Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Sweet Briar and Hollins this weekend in the W&L Invitational.

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## Commentary

By Michael Tuggle  
Entertainment Editor

One has to wonder at what point Hollywood will quit commercializing the Vietnam War. I mean it's no secret that for years Hollywood has been notorious for taking a successful film idea and then turning out dozens of bastardizations to turn a profit by pulling in viewers from the original success. After all, *Gremlins* (not an all together pleasant film) did spurn such classics as *Ghoulies* and *Critters* which, though it wasn't that difficult a task, were far worse than their predecessor.

Still, I suppose if you examine film history, commercialization, especially in the case of war, has been happening since the film industry exploded in the 1930s. As for war films, let's face it- John Wayne alone kept the WW II film industry in business. (It should be noted, however, that many of the Duke's war films are American classics, unlike the mindless wastes of celluloid previously mentioned.)

So, I guess the question at hand is how long will Hollywood continue to bring back the nightmarish memories of Vietnam that America either never knew or tried to forget? The answer is- as long as there is a film idea and money to support it. As long as Americans continue laying down \$4, \$5 and even \$6 to watch Stallone kill commies for cash and continue to support films like *Death before Dishonor*, then producers will continue to back these worthless, insulting films.

I wish that the industry would quit producing films about Vietnam that are nothing but insulting to the men who fought there. Our veterans are real and they do see. They do absorb what is going on around them. Many still think that America hates them for doing

Two weekends ago in Washington, I interviewed a homeless man in Lafayette Park across from the White House who is a Vietnam Veteran and who sleeps in and eats out of trashcans. Part of his commentary to me was: "We came home and the government said here, take this drug, take these valium and you'll feel better but, how can they teach you how to love after you've killed so long?...You can't do it man. No one ever said coming home from Vietnam would be easy, but no one said, hey, love you. They all said, 'you were wrong man, you were wrong...Hey, sorry about what you did.' Sorry's too late."

If Hollywood is so concerned with presenting a quality film about the effects of Vietnam and about what happened then it should do so and quit turning out sequel after sequel of contrived garbage that never and could never have happened. It's absolutely absurd and infuriating. Stallone was in Sweden during Vietnam, I wonder why? Oh, and how about another one- Springsteen singing "Born in the U.S.A." after dodging the draft. Where is the justice here?

Please do not get me wrong. I am not blasting every Vietnam film that has ever been released. Many such as *Platoon*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *Hamburger Hill* and the film I am reviewing today, *Bat 21* are excellent. But please let's put an end to this sickening displays of commercialization and make a serious statement about getting quality films. Remember, the road begins at the studios, but it ends at your wallet.



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## Hackman and Glover excellent in Bat 21

By Michael Tuggle  
Entertainment Editor

Every now and then a film comes along that sets itself apart from the mainstream and makes a serious statement. Every now and then director, actor and cinematographer put together a film that makes a difference and says something new. Every now and then a film is truly worthy of being seen and discussed. *Bat 21* is such a film.

The film is the true story of Col. Icael Hambleton, an electronic specialist and high ranking colonel who was shot down over Vietnam and saw for the first time in his military career just what combat was like. Using golf terminology to throw off the Vietnamese (the Vietnamese had never been introduced to golf) he disclosed his position to Cap. Bartholomew Clark, callsign "Birdog," who tracked him in his recon plane and helped him reach "the clubhouse."

As always, Gene Hackman and Danny Glover are superb. As Hambleton and Clark, they give the film the emotion and believability it needs to succeed. Unlike most Vietnam films though, it has an inherent feel with scene after scene for support that say it doesn't have to succeed, it just does.

There is one scene where Hackman must kill a farmer and then another where he meets a little Vietnamese boy on a bridge where Hackman lets the little boy pass unharmed. As Hackman approaches a sprung trap at the end of the bridge, the Vietnamese boy runs back and trips it for him and saves his life. Hackman gives the boy something and the boy in turn gives Hackman his hat. It is in these scenes that one can see the character of Hambleton realize how futile and terrible the Vietnam War really is. Hambleton sees then for the first time that the Vietnamese were people just like us and that the war is nothing but a waste.

*Bat 21* starts off like just another war film, but quickly turns into one of the better films of the year. Enough cannot be said for Hackman's and Glover's performances. Hackman is as good as he was in *The French Connection* for which he won a Best Actor oscar and gives probably his best performance since then. Glover proves again that he is the finest young black actor working today. Anything of his is good from his first film to this one. Even Jerry Reed, (of *Smokey and the Bandit* fame) who produced this film, puts in a very solid performance as Glover's superior officer.

Put *Bat 21* on your list of films to see over Thanksgiving break. It's an excellent piece of work and thanks to the incredible cinematography, a beautiful film to watch.  
Tug's Tag - ★★1/2

## Two new R.E.M. released

By Greg Ossi  
Music Critic

R.E.M. fans have something to smile about this fall. The band has two new releases out. *Eponymous*, a greatest hits album, was released by I.R.S. and *Green*, their latest record, by Warner Brothers.

The first single off of *Green* is "Orange Crush," an interesting tune that has Michael Stipe telling us "I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush." Immediately likeable, it will probably do well of the pop charts. But even if the song is a musical success on the disgusting pop scene, it will make some smile to see a tune written about an unfortunate Vietnam killer, Agent Orange, on the charts at all. Yes, this album is more accessible than others previously released. Perhaps STIPE and the rest of the band realize this as the title of the first song is "Pop Song '89."

The band's sound is very tight throughout the entire record. Peter Buck still prefers a ringing guitar chord to a blistering lead. Bill Berry and Mike Mills provide solid rhythm but nothing exceptional. Stipe, however, as a lyricist and singer has grown up. His voice is no longer muffled at all and the lyrics are not as obtuse and difficult as before.

But as for all this talk of selling out, that's undeniably wrong. The band certainly changed since the release of *Chronic Town* but they are still progressive. It is true that their music crosses over into pop but to say they sold out is totally false.

The band has branched out incorporating mandolin



playing in "You Are the Everything." The song starts out with the sound of crickets recorded outside of their studio in New York. Accompanied by organ, piano and mandolin, Stipe sings a haunting and catchy ballad.

On "Stand" Peter Buck does the unheard of and plays a lead. Nothing blistering or inspiring but something that fits well with the song and demonstrates that his playing has moved up slightly.

Another unheard of occurs on this record as well: R.E.M. printed the actual lyrics to the song "World Leader Pretend." The song encompasses the band's world peace and understanding ideology. It is no coincidence that this album was released on November 8 and it is true that Stipe was a volunteer for the Dukakis campaign. The song is well-written, played and will have you dancing and thinking at the same time.

R.E.M. turns up the distortion for "Turn You Inside Out" and it works. It rocks only the way an R.E.M. song can. Then it's back to the mandolin for "The Wrong Child," a song that one can only guess tells the story of a child that cannot communicate with the rest of the world, or is not allowed to. Another haunting tune that hooks in the listener.

The album lists only ten songs but there is an eleventh track that is unnamed. Several songs recorded did not make the album and probably will be on the "B" sides of singles released.

Just where does this album stand among the R.E.M. albums? I'll leave that to your preference. If you do decide to fork over the ridiculous amount that record stores charge for recordings you won't be disappointed and might even be pleased at what you hear.



## Christmas tree program gets underway

The "Light Up a Life" Christmas tree program is currently accepting donations for bulbs to decorate the tree on the Courthouse lawn in Lexington.

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