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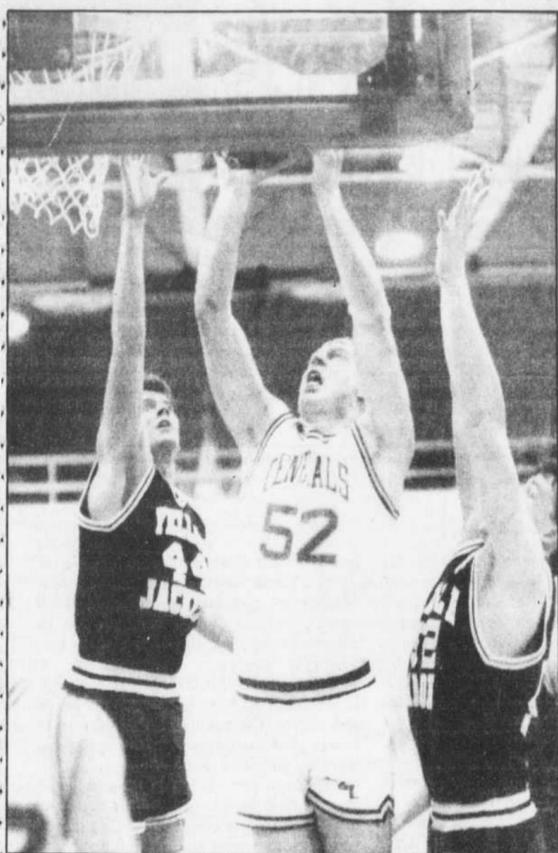
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## One bright spot

W&L reserve forward Franklin Pridden scores over two defenders from Randolph-Macon College Wednesday night in the Warner Center. W&L lost to R-MC 90-58. Please see the story on Page 5. Staff photo by Chris Lelphart.

# Wilson suspends students

## Broken house windows result in punishment

By John Foster  
Staff Reporter

President of the University John Wilson suspended two Washington and Lee sophomores and one junior for breaking windows in the newly-renovated Sigma Alpha Epsilon house and the Phi Kappa Psi house.

Keith Camp and Kevin Gorman, sophomore members of Phi Psi, and Chris Sullivan, an SAE junior, were suspended for the rest of the winter term last Friday after each met with Wilson.

"Renaissance really started when we occupied the SAE house," Wilson said. "Three weeks later I'm confronted with evidence of people who couldn't care less."

The window breaking incident happened two Saturdays ago, Gorman said. Camp and Sullivan did not want to comment on the event. Gorman said he was at a small upstairs party at Phi Psi when a member of SAE smashed a window with a bottle. Gorman said he and Camp decided to retaliate.

"I threw a bottle through the house mother's window and, I don't know, Keith [Camp] threw a bottle through another window," Gorman said.

Wilson said he did not hear about the broken windows until the next Wednesday, four days after the event.

"I was shocked that windows had been broken in the SAE house," Wilson said.

Wilson contacted the presidents of Phi Psi and SAE and asked them

## W&L students criticize Wilson at forum

By Andrew Waters  
Associate Editor

About 400 students crowded into Lee Chapel last night to hear University President John Wilson explain why he superseded student government authority and suspended three students for breaking windows at two fraternity houses.

Keith Camp and Kevin Gorman, Phi Kappa Psi sophomores, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chris Sullivan were suspended for the remainder of the term for breaking windows at the newly-renovated SAE house.

Phi Kappa Psi President Mike Skarda, who initially refused to identify Camp and Gorman, invited Wilson to address the student body in a public forum that lasted about 1 1/2 hours.

While many students complained about the severity of the punishment and what they considered excessive use of the president's authority that could lead to an erosion of student autonomy, Wilson insisted that the "crude and dangerous" act warranted suspension.

This is the second time in eight years Wilson has bypassed student government to discipline students, he said.

"I think it's wrong that we weren't informed of the incident" until Sunday, said Student Conduct Committee Chairman Tom Spurgeon. "I think it's a really broad and improper use of that power."

Wilson told the sometimes restless crowd that the incident presented a threat to both SAE's house

mother, who occupied the room into which a bottle was thrown, and the \$12 million Fraternity Renaissance Program.

Despite his intervention in the matter, he said he remains committed to student autonomy.

"I hope you will recognize that you are being addressed by someone who has great confidence in student government," he said.

Self-government "can't be a shield. It's got to function, but it didn't function very well," Wilson said. "I had to intervene and I did."

"How can you say" student government "wasn't working when it wasn't given a chance?" asked Matt Smith, a Phi Psi junior.

Wilson repeatedly maintained he believed that the fraternities' handling of the matter was inadequate, the SCC was helpless without the identity of the students and the IFC had no jurisdiction.

"I see that as evidence that it didn't work," he said.

Several questions posed to the president elicited applause from the audience, most of which appeared to oppose the suspensions:

Why try to make a statement with Camp, Gorman and Sullivan? Why not tell the student body before hand what's going to happen?

Why has a student who fired a shotgun into a fraternity house not been suspended?

Why not bring them back and try it again?

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who broke the windows and how the guilty students were being punished. Both presidents said that they had promised the students involved that their names would not be revealed.

Mike Skarda, president of Phi Psi, said the two members of Phi Psi would have to pay for the windows and write an apology to the house mother.

"I handled things as they always have been handled in the past," Skarda said.

Andrew Gaffney, SAE's president, said the student involved from his fraternity was given a similar penalty.

Wilson told both presidents that the guilty students should turn themselves in to the Student Conduct Committee. By last Friday, six days after the event, none of the students had done so, Wilson said.

Because no action had been taken by student government almost a week after the incident, Wilson said he decided to act.

"Students were in a vacuum,"

Wilson said. "The SCC didn't know, the IFC had no jurisdiction, and the houses only fined them. I think there was an absence of student government in this case and I filled the vacuum."

Wilson said he met with each student individually that Friday and informed them that they would be suspended for the remainder of winter term and would be reinstated in the spring.

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## Prof. Parker hospitalized in Roanoke

By Alesha Priebe  
Associate Editor

Associate Professor of History J. David Parker was admitted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital for neurological tests Wednesday morning.

Robert McAhren, head of the History Department, said Parker woke up unable to walk yesterday.

According to McAhren, Parker's wife called the Lexington Life Saving Crew Wednesday at about 8 a.m. which then transported him to Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington.

The staff at Stonewall Jackson then sent Parker to Roanoke, which McAhren said is not uncommon in neurological cases.

Parker had been experiencing severe headaches, numbness in his limbs and slurring of his speech in the last few days.

McAhren said the symptoms seem to indicate a stroke, although officials at Roanoke Memorial said last night they did not yet know the cause of Parker's illness and were still conducting tests.

McAhren added that Parker will remain in the hospital until Friday and possibly through the weekend.

Parker specializes in teaching Latin American history. Last term, he accompanied several W&L students to Costa Rica, where they made presentations to an international convention.

# W&L alumnus dies in Gulf

By Pat Lopes  
Editor

The W&L community has had its first loss to the Persian Gulf War.

David R. "Chip" Herr, Jr., class of 1984, died Monday when the UH-1 Huey helicopter he was flying crashed in eastern Saudi Arabia. The crash was not combat-related and might have been due to mechanical failure, military authorities said.

Herr, a geology major and an independent from Fort Worth, Texas, flew helicopters as a Marine Corps captain.

"I am sad, but very proud," his mother told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Monday. "After the Marines [who brought news of their son's death] left the house, my husband and I walked around the block, and decided there is not one moment that we would change of his growing up."

"He did everything the way we would have wanted him to. We had twenty-eight wonderful, wonderful years, and frankly, if he had to die I would have rather he died with the Marines because he loved them so much."

Herr's parents, David and Connie Herr, said it was at Washington and Lee that their son first became interested in the Marines.

His mother thinks he was approached by a recruiter during his freshman year. His sister, Sally, added that he may have been thinking about classmates who joined the corps from Fort Worth Country Day School.

Before his freshman year at W&L was finished, Herr decided to join a training program that allowed him to concentrate on his school work during the academic years and train during the summers without making a commitment.

At W&L, as well as in his hometown, people who knew him readily recall his sense of humor. Geology Professor Samuel J. Kozak recalls how Herr could roll with the punches and throw a couple in himself, too. Herr also played indoor soccer, leading the team as captain.

During his senior year, Herr decided to join the Marines. While his family and friends were initially surprised, the decision reflected his personal nature.

"Chip was very self-contained," his mother told the *Star-Telegram*. "He was a person who didn't go with the crowd if he didn't think it was right. He had his own set of values, and they were very strong."

"In his world, there was a right and wrong way of doing things, and the right was the way to do it."

Herr's mother said he felt fortunate



David Herr

...Persian Gulf casualty

to have the opportunity to be commissioned a second lieutenant before General Robert E. Lee's tomb in Lee Chapel.

"He always treasured being commissioned in Lee Chapel," she said. "That was very special to him."

Connie Herr said she and her family were caught by surprise with the heavy coverage of her son's death in newspapers, on TV and the radio. The coverage is understandable, however, because his is the first in the area, she said.

"I think people are realizing the war is touching everyone."

# Pro-troops rally set for Saturday

By Joshua Manning  
Staff Reporter

Virginians for Victory expect 2,500 people on hand for their support rally in the Warner Center this Saturday at 2 p.m., according to Co-chairman Marc Short.

The organization has invited delegations from nearly 30 other colleges from across the state. Short said that large groups of students are expected from the Virginia Military Institute, James Madison University, and the University of Virginia.

"Our goal is to spark this idea nationwide," said Short. "Students should learn to show their support with pride."

The keynote speaker at the "Saturday Rally" will be Admiral Jeremiah Denton, former United States Senator from Alabama and 7-year POW in Vietnam. Denton, the first POW taken by the Viet-Cong, leaked the cruel tactics of his captors to the U.S. by blinking the word "torture" in Morse code during a hostage interview.

Short said Denton will probably discuss the effect student rallies had on the morale of troops stationed in Vietnam.

Several other guest speakers are also scheduled to appear: Congressman Robert K. Dornan (R-CA) from the House Armed Services

Committee, Dr. Ali Al-Tarrah representing the Kuwaiti embassy in Washington, and T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr., W&L '70, a former advisor to President Reagan and currently President of the Inter-Collegiate Studies Institute. Cribb will speak about W&L during the Vietnam era.

Virginians for Victory was founded in Charlottesville two weeks ago by Short and Co-Chairman Kate Obenshain, a senior at UVa.

Impressed by a recent rally at UVa, the group decided to arrange a statewide gathering.

While Short said his supporters here at W&L felt that Charlottesville might be a better location for the Saturday Rally, Obenshain felt that another demonstration, coming so soon on the heels of the previous rally, would withdraw from the uniqueness of the event.

The organization is supported by the Young America's Foundation, a Virginia-based educational firm that gives out scholarships every year. According to Short, the foundation was very receptive to the plans arranged by Virginians for Victory. They provided funds necessary for publicizing the rally.

According to group officials, Virginians for Victory has no specific plans for the future.

"Hopefully this will be a short war," said Short. "Then there will be no need for another rally."

# Dance the night away to benefit MDA

## Drivin' and Cryin', battle of the bands head annual Superdance lineup

By Craig Burke  
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee students are putting on their dancing shoes as they prepare to battle muscular dystrophy at the annual MDA Superdance this weekend.

Atlanta-based rock band Drivin' n' Cryin' will highlight Saturday night's activities after performances by the winner of Friday's local Battle of the Bands, and The Phase.

Drivin' and Cryin' is currently touring in support of their newest album, "Fly Me Courageous." This is the band's fourth release. The others are titled "Scarred but Smarter," "Whisper Tames the Lion," and "Mystery Road," which was released two years ago.

"We like to work for our crowds," said band member Buren Fowler in a telephone interview. Fowler said the band prefers to play in smaller arenas, to more vocal crowds.

Both night's activities will begin at 7 in the Student Pavilion.

This weekend marks the 13th year of W&L's connection with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Thirteen years ago, the Roanoke chapter of MDA asked W&L to raise money for the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Dance marathons were popular at the time, so organizers decided to hold an all-weekend, 30-hour Superdance in Evans Dining Hall.

That first Superdance far exceeded the \$5,000 goal, and W&L's association with MDA was firmly established.

The Superdance format has undergone

numerous changes in subsequent years. As marathons began to fade in the early 80's, the W&L Superdance was shortened to 15 hours.

Superdance Faculty Advisor Fontaine Bostic has been involved with the program since its inception at W&L. She found the new format to be less than ideal.

"It was extremely hard to motivate people to come in on Saturday morning and dance for 15 hours when the live band wasn't there until that night," she said.

As a result Bostic decided on the current format of dancing seven hours Friday night and seven hours Saturday night.

Superdance aids in the fight against muscular dystrophy, a debilitating disease that weakens the muscles and makes it difficult to perform such basic tasks as eating and exercising.

There are several different types of muscular dystrophy that strike people of all ages. Bostic said she hopes to raise \$30,000 this year for MDA.

Eighty to ninety percent of the money raised at Superdance will go directly to MDA, which will use it for patient services and medical research, she said.

Bostic said W&L's Superdance has a reputation for raising enormous amounts of money for MDA.

"In 1986 only one other school raised more money than W&L, the considerably larger Syracuse University," she said.

"I hope we can keep it up," she said.

Staff reporter Andrew Keller contributed to this story.



Fontaine Bostic

...Superdance faculty advisor

## A call to students for responsibility

A controversy is raging here at Washington and Lee, and President Wilson is doing all he can to avoid being consumed. He has been almost unanimously cast by the students in the role of villain. Three young men are removed from our community, only temporarily we hope, and their schoolmates are making them martyrs.

But let's examine the situation a little more closely. Yes, Pres. Wilson acted imprudently in by-passing the Student Conduct Committee when he suspended the men for the winter term. True, he could have been more sensitive to student concerns and our long tradition of self-government. But he did not act without justification.

To his credit, Wilson gave the system a chance to work. When he first heard of the bottle-throwing incident, he called meetings with the presidents of the two fraternities involved, to see how that first and most basic level of "student government" was handling the situation. They were, in the words of one house president, dealing with the problems "as they have always been handled in the past." Great.

That's punishment along the old lines of "you break it, you buy it." In the old days, that attitude was tolerated, however, the millions of dollars being invested in Fraternity Renaissance are indeed ushering in a new era. Pres. Wilson is now forcing students to learn lessons of responsibility and respect that they should have learned long ago.

Students feel Pres. Wilson may have been stepping way beyond his jurisdiction in suspending our three schoolmates. What students seem not to realize is that in all these years of window breaking and other acts of destruction, they have been stepping beyond the boundaries of civilized behavior and plain decency.

In this case, the students pushed further beyond the civilized norms than usual. According to Pres. Wilson's speech last night, one student admitted to throwing his bottle unprovoked through the living-room window of another fraternity. The other two students retaliated by tossing bottles back, one of which came blasting through the window of a fraternity house mother's living room. According to Pres. Wilson, in Virginia, such an action can be termed "battery," a low-grade felony. At Washington and Lee, it is at the very least "ungentlemanly."

After hearing the "punishment," Wilson asked the fraternity presidents to tell the guilty parties to turn themselves into the SCC. For whatever reason, these three men did not appear before the SCC. While we do not completely agree with the punishment handed out to the individuals in this case, we agree with Pres. Wilson that student government had failed everyone in this instance.

The fact is, the student government failed. Student government should have acted promptly to resolve the matter with due apologies and punishments for all. Student government should have made it unnecessary for Pres. Wilson to step in.

The attitude on this campus is such that breaking windows for no reason and acting with utter disrespect for private property and personal safety is acceptable behavior. It's gone on unchecked for years so any word to the contrary seems sacrilege to us.

That is sorry commentary about a university that prides itself on upholding the traditional ideals of gentlemanly behavior. It is ridiculous that a student government system allowed such flagrantly boorish behavior to be punished by no more than a pat on the hand. An angered and disappointed Pres. Wilson recognized this and justifiably intervened.

The particular method by which he sought to rectify the situation has been criticized, and rightly so. He himself admits that certain decisions might have been made in haste and out of anger. We in no way condone the seemingly drastic measures imposed on the three students. But we do recognize the necessity for Pres. Wilson to have acted to rectify a problem he saw in this case with the student government.

- CB - PL - AW

## Quote of the week

Being angry that Hunter Thompson showed up drunk is like hiring Jean-Paul Sartre to come to W&L and then being upset because he spoke in French.

- Journalism Professor Brian Richardson, expressing surprise that some members of the W&L community were unhappy about Thompson's apparent mental and physical condition Monday night.

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## LETTERS

### President Wilson deserves respect

Let me start by saying that I did not necessarily support President Wilson's decisions concerning the suspension of three students. What I do condemn is the behavior, and general attitude of disrespect during the Forum on Wednesday night. First, by treating President Wilson like a fool, (which he does not deserve whether he is right on this issue or not), the student body left him with no graceful solution except to cling to his initial decisions. If he were to compromise after the rough treatment he received, he would then be considered a fool and wimp.

Secondly, even assuming he was wrong in his actions, do the students have the right to jeer at him, and cut him off in the middle of his answers? I say no. Not only do we owe him respect as the President of this University, but one must consider the question from a second angle. When one is tried by the Student Affairs Committee, or the Executive Council, are they treated like fools, or with a lack of respect, even if the committee knows that the person being tried is guilty?

I know that these student organizations always act with respect to students on trial. Do we not, the student body at large, owe the same respect for our President when he volunteers his time to create such a forum? Now to my main point. We can criticize his actions, maybe justly, but our suggestions will fall on deaf ears if the proper basic respect is not shown.

Sincerely,  
Frank Martien '92

### Let SCC handle student conduct

It has come to our attention that a member of the junior class and two members of the sophomore class were recently suspended for one term without refund by President Wilson for a case of student misconduct. We as officers of the junior class and members of the Student Conduct Committee feel that President Wilson has shown complete disregard for our system of student government. Perhaps he is not aware of the fact that, as the student handbook points out, "the SCC was created by the university faculty to exercise its inherent power to control student government." The by-laws of the SCC go on to state that, "The SCC shall have primary, first-instance responsibility for deciding misconduct cases and imposing penalties..."

We have devoted a substantial amount of our time this year to the SCC and we feel that all cases have been decided fairly. However, President Wilson's actions indicate that he perceives us as incapable of handling such cases. We believe very strongly in the tradition of student government here at Washington and Lee and are concerned that President Wilson's blatant disrespect for our current system might affect other traditions at our school.

Sincerely,  
Read Folline, Junior Class President  
Chris Haley, Junior Class Vice-President  
**Wilson ignored student govt.**

I am writing to protest President Wilson's expulsion of the three students involved in the bottle-throwing incident of several weekends ago. Just as we should not condone those individual's conduct, we should not passively accept the president's actions. When compared with the sentencing, or lack thereof, or more serious offenses, this decision demonstrates an alarming amount of inconsistency. Even more disturbingly, the president has exhibited a troubling disregard for the students that we elected to deal with such matters.

Sincerely,  
Allan Chisholm '91

### Punishment didn't fit the crimes

As we all know, our university is currently undergoing a complex Fraternity Renaissance program. Millions have and will be spent. This fact signifies the administration's support of Greek life here at Washington and Lee. It is certainly justifiable that the Hill expects to

augment its role in Fraternity life in return for such a valuable commitment. This increased involvement is especially valid when it involves a desire to maintain the healthy architectural state of the newly renovated houses. It is only justifiable then that they should no longer tolerate the extensive abuse of the houses that has existed in recent years. Nor should we the students condone such actions amongst ourselves.

A week or so ago a few windows were broken during a harmless conflict between members of two neighboring fraternities. One of the houses involved, Phi Kappa Psi, has not yet undergone renovation. The other, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was the first to complete the restoration process. With the advent of such events the administration realized the importance of demonstrating its virgin capabilities. Rightly so, without stern and quick punishments for those involved they would lose any just authority gained. The three fraternity members involved were suspended from school for the remainder of the term.

I question the given punishments for two reasons. First of all, I feel the administration has overstepped its bounds. Although I understand their increased involvement concerning the upkeep of the refurbished houses, I resent the fact that they have stomped on the numerous student-run organizations whose job it is to provide disciplinary actions in such matters. It seems as if the authority of the house leadership, the Interfraternity Council and the Student Conduct Committee have all been destroyed. Now, hypothetically speaking, let's suppose the Hill is somehow given consent to command such situations. This brings me to my second point. In my opinion, any governing body should only expect its rulings to be supported and obeyed when the punishments fit the crimes. Breaking a window does not warrant expulsion. I, for one, have lost much of the respect I had for the parties involved in this unreasonable punishment.

My attempts here are not to undermine the Hill. I believe the current University officials are doing what they see fit. Unfortunately they are grossly mistaken. I urge them, especially President John D. Wilson, to rethink their most recent actions. Hopefully, the transition of the houses from old to new will be one that all of us can live with.

Sincerely,  
Jean-Paul Boulee '93

### W&L discipline is incomprehensible

The disciplinary process at W&L has reached a new level of inconsistency and incomprehensibility with President Wilson's suspension of three Washington and Lee students on Friday, February 1, 1991. Accordingly, the student body should know that the following actions will neither cause them to be suspended from school nor hurt their good standing with the university:

1. Shooting a 12-gauge shotgun in a fraternity house.
2. Mailing drugs from Hong Kong to Lexington while living in a fraternity house.
3. Killing a fellow student while driving under the influence and then remaining silent about your involvement for the next six months.
4. Receiving a DUI from one of Lexington's finest while you are chairman of the Student Conduct Committee.
5. Threatening the female editor of The Ring-tum Phi with physical harm which, besides being disgusting and ungentlemanly, is a felony.

However, if a student should happen to throw a bottle and break a window at the fraternity house next door, he will be immediately suspended for the rest of the semester and urged by President Wilson to discover the fine art of bagging groceries.

Sincerely,  
Larkin Fowler '91  
Robert Shelton '91

### Spectator wrong on diversity issue

Having just gotten the opportunity to peruse the latest issue of the Spectator, I happened to read an article by Mike Skarda entitled "The Community We Once Had." Seeing as the magazine itself has no forum for responding to articles appearing within the magazine - I guess they don't like to be challenged - it appears this letter is the only way of challenging the rhetoric

present in the aforementioned article.

Mr. Skarda states that many of the students at Washington and Lee are being admitted just because of their diversity. Considering the last entering class had the highest average SAT scores in the history of the school, certainly higher than when Mr. Skarda was admitted, there is absolutely no basis in fact for this self-serving and utterly false statement. I had always thought it was good journalistic practice to back up wild theories with some actual basis.

The next part of the article goes on to state that the diversity that is becoming more prevalent at W&L "hinders campus traditions that call for commonality among student livelihoods." I have no idea what traditions those might be, but the statement itself is ludicrous. What Mr. Skarda is seeking is a school completely full of what I'm sure he is: rich, conservative, Southern preppies who live to drink beer at fraternity houses. A question for him: Why does that type of student deserve to attend the school more than anyone else?

The "article" also referred ad nauseam to traditions at this school and how they should be upheld. Sure, traditions are nice and the Honor System is certainly an integral part of the school. The traditions can also be carried too far, as in the article in question. As long as we're being so traditional, why not carry it a step farther? The school should stop admitting women again and that dress code thing sure sounds like fun to me. And hell, who needs these modern conveniences like computers and that ghastly arts building, the Lenfest Center? If people want tradition, the school should do it all the way.

After reading Mr. Skarda's article, it became all the more obvious to me why so many freshmen I've talked to, including myself, are considering transferring. If the people in the school all have this same idea that if everyone is not exactly alike, they shouldn't be here, they may get exactly that.

Sincerely,  
Eddie Smallwood '94

### Ogden clarifies proposed revisions

I am writing this as a clarification and explanation to last week's article concerning a proposed White Book revision. The article correctly stated that I suggested the deletion of the phrase "lie, cheat, or steal" from the introductory philosophy section (p.1). That change, however, was merely for syntax and to avoid redundancy in the White Book, and the article misses the gist of the proposal.

The main point of the proposal was to move the phrase, "The system applies to any conduct considered dishonorable by the student generation involved," from the introductory section on enforcement (p.2) to the philosophy section (p.1) where I thought it properly belonged. The phrase, "lying, cheating, and stealing are clear examples of breaches of the Honor System," would remain in the enforcement section as it now stands. It was my opinion that this move would serve as the clarification that the White Book Revisions Committee sought without adding a word to the White Book's concept of honor.

Unfortunately, several members of the E.C. felt that the proposal, despite the fact that it added nothing to the phrasing of the White Book, would expand the realm of the Honor System beyond manageability.

I firmly believe in the Honor System as based on the conception of honor of the "student generation involved." A limitation of that system to the three big "evils" undercuts the idea of honor and reduces the system to a set of three rules with a very severe sanction. The Honor System becomes a Code of Convenience. I am not suggesting any expansion of the Honor System to deal with every minor infraction of the rules. That is ridiculous. But I do feel that the Honor System, as our heritage from Lee and previous student generations, should be rooted in an honor that is broader than lying, cheating and stealing.

If we are unwilling to accept a broader concept of honor, then let's stop lying to ourselves. Continuing with the phrase, "conduct considered dishonorable by the student generation involved," is hypocritical, and the phrase should be removed. It is however, in my opinion, precisely that phrase that gives the Honor System life and makes it ours.

Sincerely,  
W. Kirk Ogden, Jr. '93  
Sophomore E.C. Rep.

# Car tax issue still unresolved

By Greg Patterson  
Staff Reporter

Student and city leaders Tuesday failed to agree on whether or by what method students should be charged personal property tax on cars.

Student leaders say the failure to formulate a compromise leaves two possibilities open — making a formal proposal to Lexington City Council or reinstating the postponed boycott of city businesses.

Tuesday's meeting, the second informal discussion between students and city officials on the car tax issue, included student leaders, the mayor, members of the City Council, and a representative of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting two weeks ago caused the cancellation of the scheduled boycott.

According to sophomore EC Rep. Kirk Ogden, who attended the meeting, city officials offered to "pro-rate" the tax and only bill 75 percent of the assessed tax value of the car since students are only in Lexington three-fourths of the year. In return, the city would ask W&L to cooperate with the city and provide a list of student cars.

"The opposition to that from the student leaders was very high," said Ogden.

Michael Skarda, IFC vice president and co-author of the boycott resolution, said the student delegation asked the city to establish a fee that the students could pay in lieu of the

car tax.

Skarda said city officials were not willing to consider any proposal that did not include the city getting a list of student cars registered with the university.

Mayor H.E. Derrick said the student proposal was "legally and practically not a viable option."

Derrick has written a letter to *The Ring-tum Phi* explaining the city's position and hopes "students will receive it in the spirit in which I sent it — a spirit of goodwill and an effort to communicate to the students."

Both Ogden and EC President Tom Hatcher said they plan to seek more student opinion on the topic and will try to formulate a proposal to take to the City Council's March 7 meeting.

Skarda, however, thinks students "need to be a little more active than that" and says "it's time to boycott."

"It's time to take our Fancy Dress business to Roanoke. Buena Vista has places where you can get tuxedo rentals," said Skarda.

Skarda said he is willing to do the work to organize a boycott, but that he would want the support of the student body and the approval of the EC first.

Hatcher is not sure it is time to resort to the boycott tactic.

"I would not want to boycott without an awful lot of input from an awful lot of people," said Hatcher. "My gut feeling is that it would hurt people that really don't have much say" in whether or not the city collects the tax.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Watch a flick Classical DJs

The W&L Film Society will show *Drugstore Cowboy* (U.S., 1989) on Fri., Feb. 8 and Sat., Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in Lewis Hall's Classroom A. The show follows in the tradition of great American outlaw-road pictures.

WLUR's Classical Music Department is looking for a DJ to fill its 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday shift. No experience, only an interest in classical music, is required. Call Josh at 463-2397 or leave a message with Mrs. Cox at 463-8432.

### Study law

A Marine Corps representative will talk about law opportunities in the corps on Wed., March 6 at 4 p.m. in the University Center. See the Career Development and Placement Office for details.

### Join Kathekon

Kathekon is accepting applications for membership. See Carol Calkins in the University Center beginning February 7.

### Get a job

Meet W&L alumni in Atlanta on Feb. 19 and in D.C. on Feb. 21 with Career Connections. Pre-registration at the Career Development and Placement Office is required. For D.C., pre-registration is especially important because of security.

### Oxford Summer

The Virginia Program at Oxford is accepting applications for a six-week summer course on Tudor-Stuart History and Literature. For more information contact Pamela Simpson, in the Art Department, 463-8861. Application deadline is March 1.

### Explore the sea

A trip to the Everglades National Park and the National Seashore is planned for the Washington Holiday. For info, call Tim Clark, 464-3780.

### Battle bands

William and Mary's Class of '92 is sponsoring their Second Annual Battle of the Bands to take place in April with more than \$2,000 worth of prizes going to the victors. The deadline for entry is at the end of this month. For details contact Melissa Cales, College Station Box 2467, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, 23186.

### Get outdoors

The Outing Club will hike the Appalachian Trail on Sat., Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Meet at Baker 109. See the club's bulletin board for details.

Fly-casting practice for all skill levels are Thursdays, 4 p.m. at the Liberty Hall ruins. The club also offers kayaking and canoeing instruction as well as mountain bike and road rides.

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The next environmental section meeting is on Tues., Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at University Center 113.

### Pub Board

The Publications Board will meet Feb. 11, 8 p.m. in *The Ring-tum Phi* office.

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## Council to study colony withdrawal

By Pamela Kelley  
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's Panhellenic Council will be investigating the cause of Delta Gamma sorority's second failed attempt at colonization here.

Panhellenic Publicity and Extension Chairman Sonja Tillberg will be heading what she called "an evaluation of why DG's colonization attempt was unsuccessful."

The evaluation will begin some time next week. Tillberg was unsure how it would be conducted.

Last week Panhellenic President Dale Wyatt said women who did not pledge a sorority will be asked to fill out a Rush survey. "We also need to know what the DG nationals are feeling. There are several problems to deal with."

Wyatt said she doesn't feel Panhellenic did anything wrong. She also said last week the Panhellenic Council must consider other sororities before next year's Sorority Winter Rush in January, and "it's going to be very hard."

Tillberg said although the Panhellenic Council regrets DG's failure here, it is committed to the idea of inviting other groups onto campus. She said, "We must realize whatever happened with DG can't happen again."

"We have proven for the last two rushes there is an interest in sororities."

With the addition of 34-member pledge classes, W&L sororities will each have more than 100 members. Tillberg said ideal sorority chapter size was estimated at 75 members.

"We need to evaluate where we stand now and why, as well as what our needs are," she said.

While the Panhellenic Council is researching the DG failure, some minority students are hoping traditionally minority Greek organizations may be invited to colonize at W&L.



Sonya Tillberg

...Extension Chair

Minority sorority advocates have been in contact with deans and members of the W&L administration for almost a year concerning the matter, although no plans or promises to bring on such organizations have been made.

Some minority women are particularly interested in the historically black sorority Delta Sigma Theta.

In a recent letter junior Karen Pope denied that the issue of minority sororities is a "black versus white issue." Rather, she said it is something to fill a void minority sorority advocates feel is present on the W&L campus.

Pope discussed one reason why some blacks do not want to be integrated with the already established Greek system at W&L.

"The black females who are interested in Delta Sigma Theta are being asked why we will not give up a part of our tradition and compromise ourselves by becoming part of the already established system and accept their heritage and tradition."

Pope added in her letter that just as blacks are free to choose Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, or Chi Omega, whites would be free to choose Delta Sigma Theta.

Tillberg said the issue has not been formally addressed to the Panhellenic Council.

## 'Lean on Me' subject to speak

From W&L News Office

Former Eastside, N.J., high school principal and educator Joe Clark will speak in Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel, Monday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. The speech, sponsored by Contact and the Minority Student Association, is free and open to the public. Contact is a student sponsored and financed organization that brings noted speakers to the W&L campus.

Clark made headlines in 1982 by instituting drastic reforms in his first year at Eastside High. A former Army drill instructor, Clark met the lines of students at the door with a bullhorn in one hand and a Louisville slugger in the other. He later chained doors to keep out drug dealers, forbade hats and other gang clothing, and gave tardy students latrine duty. On a single day, he threw out 300 students for fighting, vandalism, drug possession, profanity, and abusing teachers.

After only two years of Clark's leadership, the formerly raucous

Eastside High was declared a model school by the governor of New Jersey and he was named one of the nation's 10 "Principals of Leadership." He was subsequently the subject of a *Time* magazine cover story and a "60 Minutes" profile, and made appearance on "Nightline" and "Donahue." His achievements were the subject of a Warner Brothers film, *Lean on Me*, starring two-time Oscar nominee Morgan Freeman as Clark. "Tough leaders have an important place in the nation's schools. Sometimes you need Mr. Chips, sometimes you need Dirty Harry," said William Bennett, Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Education, of Clark.

Through his recent book, *Laying Down the Law*, and through his speeches, Clark shares his beliefs, strategies, and success stories with teachers, school boards, parents, businesspeople, and students around the country. His message, told in tough terms, is one of pride in self. He believes that "every day, pride in self must be reinforced. Every day the value of academics must be demonstrated."

## Hicks elected IFC president

By Kimberly Boots  
Staff Reporter

The Interfraternity Council elected new officers Tuesday night who will officially take office April 23, the first week of spring term.

Greg Hicks, Pi Kappa Phi, will preside over the IFC. He ran unopposed. Others elected are: Rob Rambo, Beta Theta Pi, vice president; Nick Phillips, Kappa Alpha, secretary; Tom Snedeker, Phi Kappa Sigma, treasurer; Hill Goodspeed, Phi Kappa Psi, senior justice; Jim Eddings, Phi Delta Theta and Sam Rock, Kappa

Sigma, junior justices. None of the current officers ran for reelection.

Many of the candidates stressed their support of continued Fall Rush and said the IFC should not allow the administration to "overstep its boundaries," as Rambo pointed out it has done in the past.

Phillips said that he wants to "make sure the IFC remains an important power at W&L," a sentiment which other candidates echoed.

The new officers will attend the Southeastern IFC Conference in Atlanta during the first weekend of Washington holiday. They will meet with IFC officers from universities in the Southeast.

## Interviews and photos

by J.R. Smith

## TALKBACK

# What do you think of Pres. Wilson's decision to suspend three students?



Rich Scherer, '93, Tampa, FL - "I think his actions were a little extreme considering what else has happened on campus this year."



Jennifer Gladwell, '93, Pittsburgh, PA - "Aren't there better reasons to suspend students?"



Craig Hatfield, '91, Falston, MD - "All I know is that he comes to basketball games so he is alright in my book."



Giles Perkins, '92, Lufkin, TX - "His actions were an insult to student government. And I hope that he can give us a better explanation of why his behavior is justified."



Clayton Kennington, '92, Dallas, TX - "It's unfortunate that he has over stepped the defined channels in student government and made a decision on his own."



Mason Pettit, '92, New York, NY - "It's kind of weak."

# Trustees to plan campaign

By Chris Simon  
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's Board of Trustees will meet this weekend to discuss the first steps of a major endowment campaign by 1992.

"The Board will take a very careful look at the beginning steps of our fundraising campaign," said Secretary of the Board of Trustees Ferris Hotchkiss. "This campaign is essentially to increase W&L's endowment to subsidize scholarships and faculty salaries."

According to Hotchkiss, Washington and Lee completed its last endowment campaign in 1981. The eleven-year program raised money for physical improvements on campus, and resulted in the construction of the Warner Center, the Law School, and the University Library.

Currently, the University's endowment hovers around \$150 million. Endowment size is an important factor when comparing colleges and universities throughout the nation.

"The unusual place we find ourselves is with W&L's endowment size far less than other schools with comparable reputations," said Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss explained that the Trustees will analyze both the amount the school needs and how much it can get. The Secretary estimated that the Board would seek approximately \$100 million.

In other business, the Trustees will induct one new member into the existing Board, and secure nominations for two other vacancies. John Mullin will be sworn in this weekend and the two remaining positions will be filled at the Board's Spring meeting.

Included in this session will be the 1991-1992 preliminary budget discussions. The Trustees will determine adjustments in tuition, room rates, and Dining Hall charges.

# Fear and loathing in Warner Center

By Brian Root  
Editor

Chivas Regal can really mess you up. In journalism, one is taught to lead every news story with the "most important item."

In this case, accuracy demands that Chivas Regal, and its effects on the human mind, take a prominent place in any account of Hunter S. Thompson's Contact lecture Monday night in the Warner Center.

"The feedback I've gotten has been very mixed," said Contact Chairman Charles Kranich. "I think it went well. It was among the most successful lectures we've had in terms of attendance."

Thompson, who has enjoyed considerable success as both a writer and lecturer for more than two decades, addressed a number of subjects, ranging from the Persian Gulf war to his recent legal troubles, in his two-hour speech.

By the time Thompson arrived for his speech, the available seats had long since filled, and people were sitting in the upper level of the gym.

The overflow crowd had a considerable amount of time to get comfortable, as Thompson did not arrive until 8:45. Posters advertising the speech said Thompson would begin to speak "around 8."

The first of his many topics was the Persian Gulf war. Periodically, he would refill his glass from a bottle of Chivas Regal under the podium.

"I'm not sure I understand why we're over there," he said. "Public perception of this thing

would change if there were a draft. Is anybody here for the draft?"

"I have the whole war on tape at home," he said. "I took George at his word when he said the war wasn't going to last long, so I plan to watch it when I get home."

Thompson questioned the wisdom of becoming militarily involved in the Middle East. "There are easier ways to go through life than to get bogged down in a Muslim war," he said. "The emir of Kuwait is one of the worst swine in the world."

Thompson said he doesn't want to cover the war.

"I have no intention of spending the next six months in a tent in Saudi Arabia, without beer," he said.

Thompson also discussed what he considers to be the overly-zealous attitude of the U.S. Secret Service.

"The Secret Service and I have learned to get along," he said. "I was told that if I went to Washington [to cover the Iran-Contra hearings], my life would become a series of unfortunate accidents."

Thompson said his writing style, which often includes exaggeration, is misunderstood.

"A lot of people don't get it when I say that George Bush was seen in the streets of Washington sucking the life out of a dying cat."

Thompson was asked if the Democratic Party would be able to field any viable Presidential candidates in 1992.

"Gary Hart was the closest thing we had to a President-in-waiting," he said. "He was 16 points

ahead until the day he tripped over his [male reproductive organ] and lost."

In response to another question, Thompson said the war on Drugs was a "total failure," and that he favors the legalization of marijuana.

"To get genuinely, crazily stoned is a pleasure, but of course I don't advocate it to you," he said. "We've pretty well suspended our constitutional rights to fight a losing battle," he said.

Thompson ended his speech by recounting his recent legal battles and announcing that he is part of a "Fourth Amendment Committee." Last year, Thompson escaped several felony indictments because police had illegally searched his home.

"There is no excuse to make us give up your rights," he said. "Freedom is all you're willing to fight for."

"This kind of thing happens all the time," he said. "But most people can't afford to fight it. Now, we've made it possible to beat them in court. You can beat city hall, and it's fun."

Kranich said Thompson was "the most unusual speaker we've had to deal with."

Thompson, while waiting for Kranich to take him to his hotel, took Kranich's car for a ride around Lexington.

"When [Contact Co-Chair] John Stump and I came out of the University Center, both he and my car were gone. We jumped into Stump's car and took off after him," Kranich said.

According to Kranich, Thompson phoned him at 1 a.m. with instructions to bring him some food. "I had to drive out to Lee-Hi and buy him a bunch of hamburgers," said Kranich.

# FORUM

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Dean of Students David Howison, who accompanied Wilson to the stage, said the purpose of the suspension was not primarily to set an example but was appropriate "given the circumstances."

"This really has to do with change," Howison said, echoing Wilson's reference to a "new era" brought about by the Fraternity Renovation.

Wilson said the case of Peer Soderberg, a Sigma Phi Epsilon junior who was placed on probation for firing a shotgun into his fraternity house, was handled promptly by student government and was not analogous to the recent incident.

Wilson admitted he "may have made some mistakes in my handling of this matter," but said he would not respond to questions about the reversal of the decision.

Most applause was in support of student criticism, often bordering on ridicule, of Wilson's action. But junior Frank Martien received applause for his criticism of students' sometimes harsh and curt questions. "I don't think we're showing" Wilson "the respect he deserves as president," he said.

Senior Mason Pope at one point said he would have trouble recommending W&L to prospective students when he has "Mom and Dad on the Hill telling me I can't break anything in my own home. We don't have any say in what we do."

Though the comment drew reserved applause, EC President and moderator Tom Hatcher broke in for the only time during the forum.

"I think we're missing the point," he said. "It's a new day. We're going to have to play a different game. We're going to have to go to the SCC and we'll have to go to Mom and Dad because it's Mom and Dad that let us renovate the houses."

Wilson pointed out that the eight-week suspension was the minimum length of time he could have imposed and that the students have the right to request admission for spring term.

"I haven't the slightest doubt that they are good and decent young men and that they will return here in eight weeks to vindicate themselves many times over."

# WINDOWS

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Wilson said he thought suspension was warranted because the Fraternity Renaissance Program had been placed in jeopardy. It is hard to ask alumni for money to support the program when students damage the newly-renovated houses, Wilson said.

"I was worried about the viability of the Renaissance program, including the hiring of house mothers," he said.

Gorman said he told Wilson he thought the penalty was too harsh when they met.

"(Wilson) said I was a hoodlum and I was bringing the Bronx to W&L," Gorman said. Gorman said Wilson told him "maybe when you're bagging groceries back home

you'll understand what you did."

Wilson did not remember calling any of the students hoodlums and said they were definitely not hoodlums. He said he did make the Bronx remark, but he meant the three students had brought an atmosphere of fear to W&L by breaking a house mother's window. Wilson said the grocery remark might have been his angry response to one of the students asking what they should do for the next eight weeks. Wilson said he did not mean to insult the students.

Most administrators and faculty supported Wilson's decision to suspend the students.

Dean of Students David Howison said he recommended suspending the

students to Wilson.

"Given the circumstances of this incident, the throwing of a bottle through the window of a house mother during the first stages of the Renaissance, (there was) a threat to the (Washington and Lee) community," Howison said.

At Monday's faculty meeting Professor of Religion Harlan Beckley "made a motion to support the president in his action of suspending three students which was seconded and approved by voice vote by a large majority," according to the minutes of the meeting taken by University Registrar and Secretary of the Faculty D. Scott Dittman.

Professor of English Sidney

Coulling said he and most other faculty members were behind the president.

"I support the president and the overwhelming majority of the faculty support him," Coulling said.

Wilson emphasized that he did not want to take student government out of the students' hands.

"Student government, to work, must find discipline and will-power to punish students," Wilson said. "Student government wasn't working in this case."

Howison said there should be no problem with the three students returning to school for spring term.

"I've encouraged them to do so," Howison said.

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## Yellow Jackets sting Generals 90-58

By Jay Plotkin  
Sports Editor

"No one played well. We didn't do anything right," said Washington and Lee head coach Verne Canfield after Randolph-Macon routed W&L 90-58 Wednesday night in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference game in the Warner Center.

"But you have to give Randolph-Macon credit. They stuck it to us," Canfield said.

W&L led 2-0 on a basket by senior guard Jim Casey, but from then on, it was all R-MC. David Kagey scored 15 points as R-MC jumped out to a 25-10 lead.

R-MC led by as many as 21 points, 44-23 with 51 seconds left, in the first half as Kagey scored 17 of his 21 points in the first 20 minutes.

W&L cut the lead to 44-29 on consecutive three pointers by senior Pat Gallavan, but R-MC then jumped out to an 81-47 lead with 5:00 left on a dunk by Pat Holland, who finished with a game-high 24 points.

W&L shot just 33.8 percent for the game, their second lowest percentage of the season. W&L shot just 32.9 percent when the two teams met in Ashland, Va. earlier this season.

R-MC shot 50.9 percent for the game and converted 30 of 40 free throws. W&L went to the free throw line just five times, making four.

Gallavan and senior Craig Hatfield led W&L with 10 points each. The 32-point loss was the worst home loss since 1975, when Virginia beat W&L 101-57.

"We simply got whipped," said Canfield. "They totally kicked our butts, and we had no excuses."

The loss was W&L's second

straight. On Monday, W&L erased a 12-point halftime deficit before falling 86-83 in overtime to Averett.

W&L trailed 40-28 at halftime, but came back to lead 57-56 on a three pointer by senior Mike Holton. Averett led 74-72 in the final minute, but Holton hit a jumper and was fouled with 15 seconds left. His free throw gave W&L a 75-74 lead.

Averett's James Braxton tied the game by making one of two foul shots with seven seconds left, and a shot to win the game by Casey wouldn't fall, and the teams went to overtime.

**Now we play a team that took Macon to the buzzer before losing. Good teams take a loss like the one we had and learn from it.**

— Verne Canfield

Averett jumped out to a five-point lead in overtime, but W&L tied the game at 80 on basket by Hatfield and a three pointer by Holton, his sixth of the game, but Averett went back out to an 86-83 lead when Kevin Sims converted one of two free throws with six seconds left.

W&L had one shot to tie, but a three-pointer by Casey rattled out as time expired. Holton led W&L with a season-high 23 points, and Hatfield continued to play well, scoring 17 points before fouling out in overtime.

Senior forward Ed Hart scored 14 points, Casey finished with 13 points, and junior center John Witherington

added 10.

W&L started the week with a win Saturday over Virginia Wesleyan in Va. Beach. W&L led 40-27 at half-time and scored the first seven points of the second half while forcing the Marlins into turnovers on their first seven possessions to put the game away.

Hatfield, the ODAC Player of the Week, scored 19 points for the second straight game (1/29 vs. Emory and Henry), and Hart added 16 points as the Generals beat the Marlins for the second time this season, 81-51.

W&L forced VWC into 23 turnovers while committing only seven. Every W&L player either scored or grabbed a rebound in the 30-point win, the largest for W&L since 1988-89.

After the loss to R-MC, the No. 10 team in Division III, W&L (10-12, 6-8) will have to regroup and take on a Roanoke team that is 3-9 in ODAC play, but took R-MC to the final seven seconds before losing.

"Now we have to get ready to play a team Saturday that took Macon to the buzzer before losing," said Canfield. "Good teams take a loss like the one we had Wednesday and learn from it."

W&L will play Roanoke in Salem at 7:30 on Saturday night. The Generals will finish the regular season next week with home games against Eastern Mennonite and Guilford.

Wins this weekend would give the Generals a fourth place finish in the ODAC. A fourth place finish would give W&L a home game in the first round of the ODAC Tournament, to be played Feb. 19.

All games will be carried live on WLUR-FM (91.5) starting at 7 p.m.



Junior Franklin Pridgen works inside against Randolph-Macon's Pat Holland for two of his career-high six points in Wednesday's game against the Yellow Jackets. Pridgen and the Generals lost to R-MC 90-58. Staff photo by Chris Lephart.

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## Same old faces lead wrestlers

By Chris Simon  
Staff Reporter

The beat goes on for the Washington and Lee wrestling team, as the two top performers placed again at the Mid-South Invitational.

Junior Peer Soderberg won second place with two wins in his 177-pound weight class as W&L finished ninth this past weekend in the ten team tournament.

Soderberg, who has accounted for more than 36 of the 89 team points this season, improved his record to 13-8.

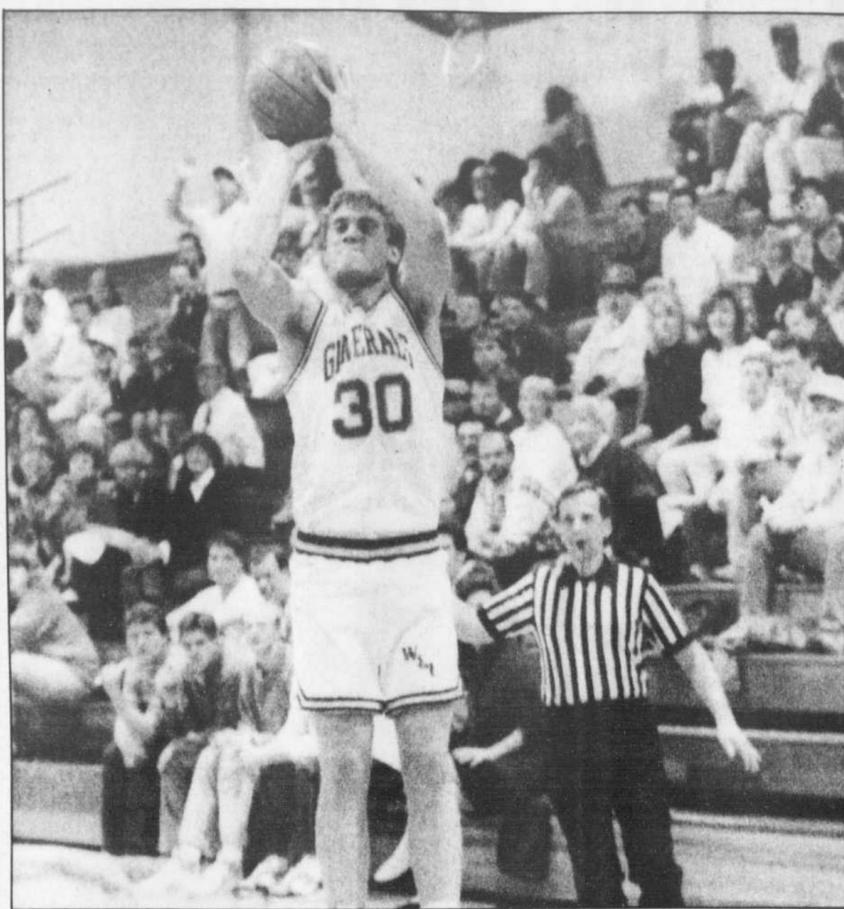
"Peer had a good tournament and an exciting match in the finals, said head coach Gary Franke. "To place in that tournament you really have to wrestle well."

Senior Larry Pilkey also finished the tournament with two wins, which included ten takedowns and six escapes. With a 10-10 record, Pilkey leads the team with 32 takedowns.

The tournament, perhaps the toughest for the Generals this season, featured a skeleton of W&L's squad. Only five wrestlers were healthy enough to compete.

Among the missing were sophomores Rich Paine and Doug Lamb, at 118 and 134 pounds, respectively. Lamb will miss the remainder of the season with a shoulder injury.

The Generals will host the Virginia Intercollegiate Championships this weekend at the Warner Center. Following the VIC tournament, where W&L will meet Gallaudet, Longwood and the Apprentice School, Soderberg and Pilkey will head to the Eastern Regionals.



### Perfect form

Senior Pat Gallavan makes a three pointer at the halftime buzzer in Wednesday's game against Randolph-Macon. Gallavan led the team with 10 points, but the Yellow Jackets beat the Generals 90-58. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

### From W&L Sports Information

The Washington and Lee indoor track teams got strong performances in meets where success from Division III participants was limited.

For the men, junior David Martin became the first W&L runner to win an event in the VMI Winter Relays in the 21-year career of W&L head coach Norris Aldridge. In winning the mile, Martin was the only Division III athlete to win an event at the meet.

The women also competed against Division I opponents at the Virginia Tech Women's Invitational.

Head coach John Tucker was pleased with his 1600-meter relay team and also highlighted the performances of freshman Wendy Neel in the 60-meter dash, sophomore Nicole Casteel in the 3000 meters and sophomore Rita Poindexter in the 200 meters.

"We're gaining valuable experience against some of the best right now," said Tucker. "It will pay off tremendously when we run schools Division III."

This weekend, both the men's and women's teams will be in action at the Virginia Tech All-Comers Meet.

The Washington and Lee Athletics Promotion Committee is sponsoring several events next week at home athletic events.

At the swim meet between W&L and Mary Washington on Saturday, the seniors on both the men's and women's teams will be honored on Senior Day. There will also be giveaways, including hats and t-shirts.

On Tuesday, during the W&L-Eastern Mennonite basketball game, the Rockbridge Area Recreation Association will be honored and youths in the RARO basketball league will play during halftime.

On Thursday, six seniors on the W&L basketball team will be honored before the game in Senior Night. The ceremony starts at 7:20 before the 7:30 tip-off against Guilford. Fans are encouraged to arrive early for the ceremony.

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- (1) to recognize undergraduates as alumni-in-residence and therefore familiarize and involve them with the Alumni Association and its work on behalf of the University, and
- (2) to work as a civic leadership group on campus, using its energy and influence to affect the W&L community positively and constructively.

From its inception Kathekon has been involved in numerous campus events of a public relations nature. KATHEKON, among other things, assists at Homecoming and Spring Alumni Weekends, hosts the Freshman Orientation Barbeque and a New Faculty Cocktail Party each Fall, and writes personal letters of congratulations to all students admitted under the early decision program.

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For more information, contact any KATHEKON member and look for the KATHEKON article in the Ring-tum Phi.

## Kennington, Perkins seek presidency

Clayton Kennington, '92, and Giles Perkins, '92L will face off for 1991-92 Executive Committee president in Monday's Big Three election. Joshua MacFarland, '93, Kirk Ogden, '93, and Hamilton "Bo" Russell, '92, will compete for the EC vice presidency.

Caroline Wight, '92, faces no opponents for EC secretary.

Election boxes will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. Run-offs will be on Thursday.

Presidential candidates answered before the Wednesday forum the following questions. All candidates responded to the first question.

1. What should be the main role of the EC?
2. How strong is the W&L Honor System today?
3. What do you think of the Confidential Review Committee?
4. How has the EC so far handled the White Book Revisions Committee's proposals?



Clayton Kennington

...candidate for EC president

"[1.] The Executive Committee must fairly implement the Honor System, not be the police force. When you have a problem you can easily feel like you're more than welcome to come and talk to any member and not create an us vs. them relationship."

"[2.] The Honor System is working. It's fairly evident that the system is strong now. Students support it as well as faculty. There doesn't seem to be that us vs. them attitude like there was last year. It's more that the Executive Committee is just there to enforce the Honor System. We're not looking for people, and we're not trying to get people."

"[3.] The main change is that we need more education, because I don't think a lot of people even know what the CRC stands for. Educating would also get rid of the fear. Maybe as a result more people would turn in more things. They would know the Confidential Review Committee is a very confidential committee, and there's no reason not to turn something in."

"[4.] It's been a healthy experience for us to find our faults, but it's been a learning experience on both sides. It was good that the Executive Committee evaluated the Honor System. The committee discussed each individual proposal, and they're in the backs of our minds now, where as before they might not have been."



Giles Perkins

...candidate for EC president

"[1.] The traditional role of the EC is always associated with the Honor System. Enforcement of that code is essential to the school. However, we are elected representatives of the school. As the school is going through changes, and the administration is assuming new roles which may or may not be appropriate, the EC's most important task is going to be to represent the student body's opinions of the issues on campus. I mean representing to the administration, to the board, and to the alumni at large."

"[2.] The Honor System is strong here, but it's changing as the typical W&L student changes. It's very important that we instill to every entering class that the Honor System is a lot of what W&L is about. The Honor System is as strong as the people that are running the EC."

"[3.] I would like to see the student representatives to CRC elected. As it stands, while it may work effectively, there's very little student trust in the CRC, because the students don't have a role in defining who's on it."

"[4.] The EC has handled the proposals well. We didn't agree on everything among ourselves, but the fact that we engaged in discussion about the issues is probably the best thing that could come from the White Book proposals. The few changes we made were good. By failing to make major changes we went a long way toward preserving the Honor System."

### MacFarland



Josh MacFarland

...VP candidate

"The main role of the EC, aside from the Honor System, of course, in protecting the White Book, is to reflect the interests of the students. The EC can be less of an arm for the administration and more out there to protect the students. A good example of that is with the car tax. The EC has fully supported the boycott. Also with the recent incident of three students suspended by President Wilson for breaking windows at fraternities. That shows his disdain for the student government. That kind of thing has to go to a student conduct committee."



Kirk Ogden

...VP candidate

"The EC should uphold the White Book and the honor code. That's one of the most important things. Also, what is often overlooked in campaigns like this is the role of EC as effective student government. It should represent, articulate and fight for the students' interests. I was the only underclassman to participate in discussing car taxes with the mayor, the city council and the commissioner of revenue. There should be a balance between defending, maintaining and protecting the honor code, and a government that articulates the students' interests."

### Ogden



Bo Russell

...VP candidate

"The Executive Committee almost frightens students, especially last year. The Executive Committee was almost like a Big Brother committee, and the students were intimidated by it. The Executive Committee ought to be there to protect the values of the school and the students. It ought to give them the confidence in the EC as completely trustworthy until proven otherwise. It should be there to insure that students' rights are not violated."

### Russell



Caroline Wight

...secretary candidate

"The main role of the Executive Committee is preserving and maintaining the Honor System. Also the fact that power is in the students' hands. From going to the West Point Honor Conference and talking to other schools about their honor systems, they profess to have power in the students' hands. We actually do, and that's incredible. We are elected, and decisions are made on behalf of students by students."

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