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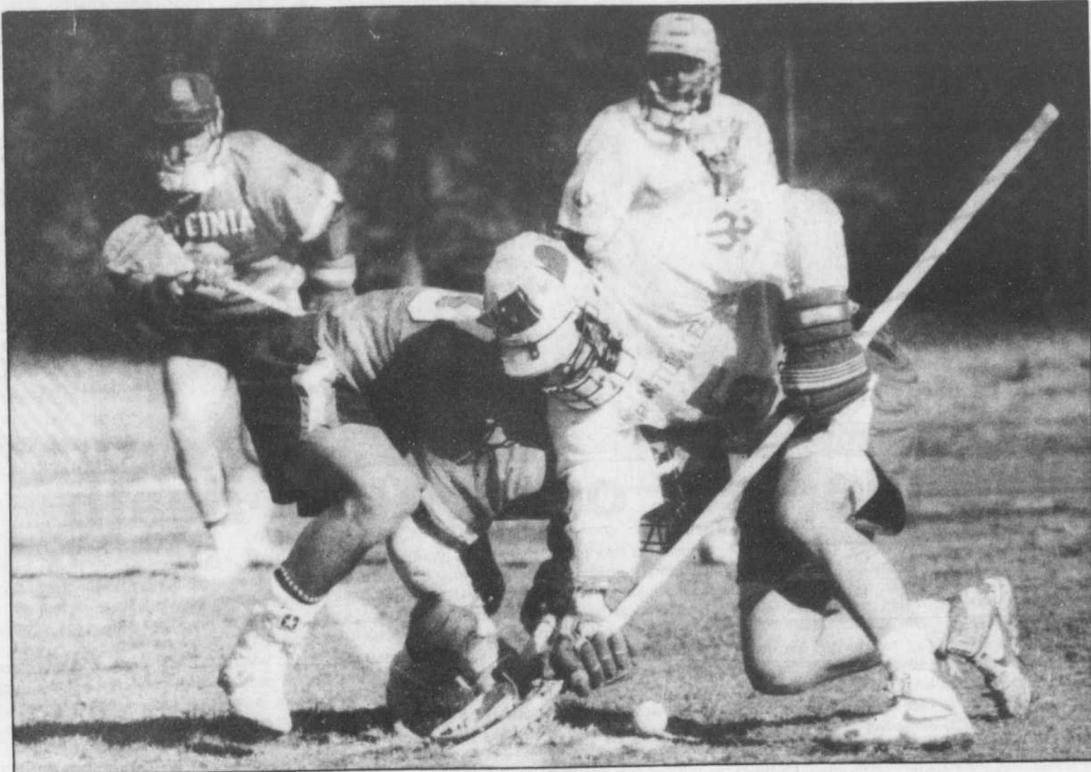
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Face to Face

W&L's Jeff O'Brien faces off against a University of Virginia player during the Lacrosse season opener yesterday. The Generals lost 19-5 to the third ranked Division I Cavaliers.

Spurgeon resigns as SCC chair

Class president charged with second DUI, stays on board

By Pat Lopes
Editor

Washington and Lee senior Tom Spurgeon on Monday resigned his position as chairman of the Student Conduct Committee, one day before he was found guilty of his second drunken driving offense in Lexington.

Judge Joseph E. Hess fined Spurgeon \$200, sentenced him to two days in jail and suspended his driver's license four months.

After the four months he will be able to drive with a restricted license if he attends the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Charges made at the time of his arrest on Jan. 19 for reckless driving and driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

Spurgeon said he personally resigned before the Executive Committee in a closed session after the EC's regular Monday meeting. The committee voted to unanimously accept his resignation, according to EC President Tom Hatcher.

That vote allowed Spurgeon to continue to serve as a member of the SCC and president of the senior class.

A motion by senior EC Rep. Willard Dumas to remove Spurgeon from the SCC entirely as well as from his office as class president failed 6-7, Hatcher said.

Hatcher, Dumas, junior EC Rep. Caroline Wight, sophomore EC Rep. Kirk Ogden, third-year law Rep. Mark Cobb and first-year law Rep. Daniel Munroe voted to remove Spurgeon.

Hatcher refused to comment about specifics of the debate on Dumas' motion except to say, "It was lively."

Hatcher said individual students and EC members can talk about discussions that led to the closed vote, but he refused to allow specifics of the debate to be printed.

"There were some harsh feelings expressed," Hatcher said. "The ill will that might have been felt doesn't need to be public knowledge. The vote has been taken, the motion failed and it's time to move forward."

Spurgeon added that specific SCC case information, which the student constitution says is to be held confidential, was discussed during the debate. The cases were used as examples of the types of cases the SCC may face in the future.

Spurgeon said he has made a personal decision to limit his duties on the SCC. For the rest of the year, he said he will not vote or comment on cases brought to the committee.

"I just don't want anybody thinking there's going to be a problem. I don't want to be an issue," he said.

Spurgeon said he will primarily work on proposed reforms, which have become urgent since President Wilson's decision earlier this month to overreach what Wilson called ineffective student government by suspending three fraternity members for breaking windows in the recently renovated Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

He will also advise the committee on procedural matters and help complete paperwork.

Sophomore Richard Burke will serve as temporary chairman until the EC selects a permanent replacement for Spurgeon at their meeting next Monday. Hatcher said the EC will consider all class officers currently serving on the SCC.



Spurgeon

Phase II finish delayed 5 months

By John Foster
Staff Reporter

The university has delayed the completion of the Fraternity Renaissance Program's Phase II by five months.

"We are more convinced than ever that the premature occupancy of a house under renovation poses inconveniences to the residents and unacceptable impediments to the overall success of this program," said Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins in a Feb. 7 letter to fraternity members and their parents.

Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi, originally scheduled to be finished in August, will be ready Jan. 3, 1992. Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Chi will be completed by Sept. 5,

1992. Atkins said the university has revised the renovation schedule to give the construction company at least an extra 30 days to finish construction work. The extra time will insure that all furniture is moved in and the houses are cleaned after construction.

"Those guys [members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu] didn't get the full impact" of seeing a spotless house, Atkins said.

Phase I of the Renaissance Program is only slightly behind schedule, Atkins said. Phi Delta Theta moved in Monday.

Pi Kappa Alpha will be finished on April 13. The university will not force any PIKA's to occupy the house for spring term unless at least 10 members want to move in, Atkins said.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Sigma could be

completed by April but it is unlikely, Atkins said. These two houses will be finished by the end of the summer at the latest.

Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon could be finished with Pi Phi and Sigma Chi in September 1992. Plans for Delta have not been completed and KA and SPE have not had their renovation applications approved.

Because even these revised plans are subject to change, Atkins urged fraternity members to choose campus housing if they need housing for less than an academic year. University housing leases can be terminated if fraternity members have to move into their houses earlier than planned, Atkins said.

"Our first concern remains and will always remain the protection of our students from academic difficulty and financial burden," Atkins said.

EC motions sent to polls

By Rick Peltz
Staff Reporter

The Executive Committee will send six student body constitution revisions to the polls March 18, including one to allow appointment deliberations behind closed doors.

The Constitutional Revisions Committee proposed the EC be allowed to enter executive session for only honor matters, appointment interviews and disciplinary hearings.

The EC passed that proposal Monday with an amendment allowing executive session for appointment deliberations as well, though, according to EC President Tom Hatcher, members' voting records would be made public.

The EC proposals approved un-amended include:

- Succession if a Big Three officer leaves prior to taking office and there is not enough time for a special election.
- The EC representative on the Publications Board to hold no vote.

The EC did not endorse proposals to:

- Forbid EC restriction of Pub Board expenditures, allowing an EC vote

only for record of approval or disapproval.

- Mandate earlier EC and class elections.

EC Vice President Raymond Welder endorsed open appointment deliberations last spring, but the EC-elect decided to close the door. Welder now admits, he changed his mind.

"Having the closed door last year, some things were said about people's abilities that had to be said," Welder said. "It would be best if they were not exposed to the entire campus."

Welder said he was specifically persuaded by an argument referring to the undisputed proposal of executive session for disciplinary action.

Sophomore EC Rep. Joshua MacFarland said, "If you go into closed session for firing, you should go in for hiring."

Walter Scott, head of the revisions committee since Chairman John Falk's graduation, called the issue "a Catch 22."

"We'd like to see the EC more open," Scott said, "but we don't want to scare off people or hurt anybody's reputation" with open deliberations.

Third-year law Rep. Mark Cobb was the sole opponent of the amen-

ded proposal, but did not object to its spirit. He said he opposed the proposal because it was passed too quickly, before the wording was clear.

Scott said there will be a forum to discuss the proposals at 5 p.m. on March 12, tentatively set for Lee Chapel.

Polls for the proposed revisions will open with undergraduate elections and will remain open for three days. A proposal requires two-thirds support to pass, with at least half the student body voting.

'Bo' Russell wins vote for EC veep

Hamilton "Bo" Russell defeated Joshua MacFarland for 1991-92 EC vice president 575-289 in the Feb. 14 run-off.

Russell, in campaigning, advocated an EC less "like a Big Brother committee." He said the EC should "protect the values of the school and the students" and prove itself "completely trustworthy."

Russell opposed any changes to the White Book Philosophy in the recent revisions hearings.

Taxed about cars

Students reluctant to pay bills received for car tax

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

W&L students have begun receiving car tax bills, but don't seem willing to pay them.

Meanwhile, student leaders are continuing to investigate ways to dissuade the city from trying to collect the tax.

Some students returning from Washington Holiday have found tax bills in their waiting mail. Others say their parents received bills during and just before break.

Senior Melinda Conkling said her father received a bill for \$348, the tax assessed on her 1987 Honda Accord.

"He was furious because [the car] was only here for four months," Conkling said. Virginia law states that in order for a municipality to tax a vehicle, the vehicle must be principally garaged or kept in that municipality for a majority of the year.

Conkling said her father called city officials and told them the bill amounted to "taxation without representation" because students are not residents of the city and do not vote in elections here.

She said officials told her father that students use roads and police service nine months of the year, so they should help pay for it.

Conkling said her father then wrote a letter to city officials stating his intention not to pay the tax on the

basis that the bill and accompanying letter did not include any kind of description of the car or a license plate number, just a statement of the assessed value of the car and the tax owed.

Conkling, who is from Chestertown, Md., said the car on which the tax was assessed is not even in Lexington anymore. She said she brought back a newer Honda after Christmas break and her brother, a sophomore, brought back a new Jeep.

Freshman Steve Bender said his father received a bill for \$142 on his Suzuki Samurai. Bender says he told his father not to pay it yet.

"I want to wait and see whether other people are going to pay it," he said.

Meanwhile, Executive Committee president Tom Hatcher said he has come up with four possible options to try and persuade the city not to collect the tax.

The first is to conduct a cost-effectiveness study to determine what kind of money the city would make. Such a study would have to determine how many



Conkling

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Clarification

By Rick Peltz
Staff Reporter

A story that appeared in Feb. 14's *Ring-tum Phi* was misleading. W&L sophomore Ulysses Hui mailed a package of marijuana to junior George Benson without Benson's consent.

Benson has been cleared by customs officials of any involvement in the charges brought against Hui.

The *Phi* regrets any confusion the story may have caused.

Recruitment policy angers Law students

The Executive Committee Monday condemned a Law School faculty policy that prevents employers who legally discriminate against homosexuals from using the Law School's placement facilities.

The Law School discrimination policy excludes employers that discriminate on basis of "sex, age, race, religion, national origin, handicap or disability" from using the career placement facilities.

The law faculty in closed-door session on Feb. 11 amended that policy, adding "sexual orientation, or any other legally impermissible or irrelevant ground" as criteria opposed by the school.

The EC Monday unanimously passed a resolution, written by third-year law EC Rep. Mark Cobb, that condemns the policy and asks for reconsideration.

The EC resolution says the faculty policy would bar from recruiting at the Law School the "Armed Forces and certain intelligence agencies" that "comply with all federal and Virginia laws involving discrimination."

Senior EC Reps. John Fialcowitz and Willard Dumas Tuesday withdrew their support for the EC resolution. Both said they needed more time to investigate the issue.

Michael Carlson, '92L, led an effort to circulate a petition at the Law School calling for the faculty to reconsider their proposal. He told the EC Monday that the petition was signed by about 60 percent of the law students when he stopped collecting signatures.

EC President-elect and second-year law Rep. Giles Perkins said the law faculty should not decide "who I can interview with and who I can't."

"Discrimination is horrible, but the only way we can define it is how the law defines it," he said. "To step out of that becomes vague."

The law faculty adopted the policy in response to a regulation passed by the Association of American Law Schools, with which W&L is accredited.

The AALS regulation calls on member schools to observe AALS bylaws by denying use of their placement facilities to organizations that discriminate on a number of grounds, identical to those of the amended W&L policy.

Law School Dean Randall Bezanson said accreditation with the AALS was one issue in

law faculty debate on the policy. He said the faculty also discussed:

- Sexual preference relative to ability as a lawyer.
- Other Law School policies, such as admissions, which do not consider sexual preference.
- Impact on employers.
- The school's right to impose restrictions on which employers can use placement facilities.

Bezanson, who chairs law faculty meetings, would not identify professors for or against the policy change. Law Prof. Timothy Philipps, however, put his dissent on record.

In a memo to faculty, Philipps said the policy "has caused more divisiveness and hard feelings here than any issue in recent memory."

Best minds

The voices and thoughts of seven students at Vanderbilt University reached out from Nashville, Tennessee to Washington, D.C. and then throughout the nation in a recent *Washington Post* article focusing on their lives and their thoughts during this time of war. However admirable this may sound, the young men will undoubtedly find it difficult to face readers they may know. In their comments on serving in the armed forces, it was shockingly clear that despite all the wonderful opportunities these men had for the best of educations and lifestyles, they had not grasped the most basic lessons of responsibility and fairness.

Perhaps most disturbing and severely specific, yet reflective of the tone of much of the thinking relayed in the story, was the attitude of one student toward the draft. He told the *Post* "This might sound selfish, but I think it would be a shame to put America's best young minds on the front line. If we have to go, we have to go, but I think it would be a shame." He was right. He does sound selfish. Selfish, irresponsible, arrogant and uninformed.

There is no basis for his supposition that his mind or those of his classmates are the best. Perhaps they are best in terms of opportunities offered or in terms of wealth they live with. But certainly the minds and lives of their counterparts from the other side of the railroad tracks are equal to theirs. Such a basic concept, but one they missed despite their "privileged" upbringing.

What is important for the readers of the *Post* to note is that the thoughts of these men are not representative of all students at Vanderbilt or those across the nation. Readers must realize that only seven young men at a school sought by the privileged were interviewed. There are a number of college students who could have much more thoughtfully and maturely responded to the reporter's questions, opposed to or in favor of the war. It is regretful that the reporter turned to "America's best young minds" at Vanderbilt.

Paper changes

In this issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*, we bring to our readers several changes. First, and most importantly, Andrew Waters has replaced Brian Root as one of the editors-in-chief. Working as associate editor for almost a year and as a senior majoring in journalism, Andrew is well prepared for his new job. Brian could not return to school after the Washington Holiday for health reasons.

A more minor but probably more immediately noticeable change involves our headline style. The heads are now darker and bolder. We hope you find them easier to read and we welcome your comments.

Finally, we have twice this semester suspended the W&Life features pages because of unusual circumstances, more recent of which is our 20-page Fancy Dress supplement in this week's issue. This is not the start of a trend. W&Life will continue to appear faithfully each week.

Quote of the Week

"We started collecting hazardous duty pay, \$110.00 a month in Saudi. Wow, I'm rolling in the big bucks. Just kidding, the actual reward I hope to get is bringing everyone in my platoon home in one piece with sound minds."

— W&L Alumni John Legters '89, now a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp in a letter to a student here mailed from his camp in Saudi Arabia. Or by now possibly Kuwait or Baghdad, Iraq.

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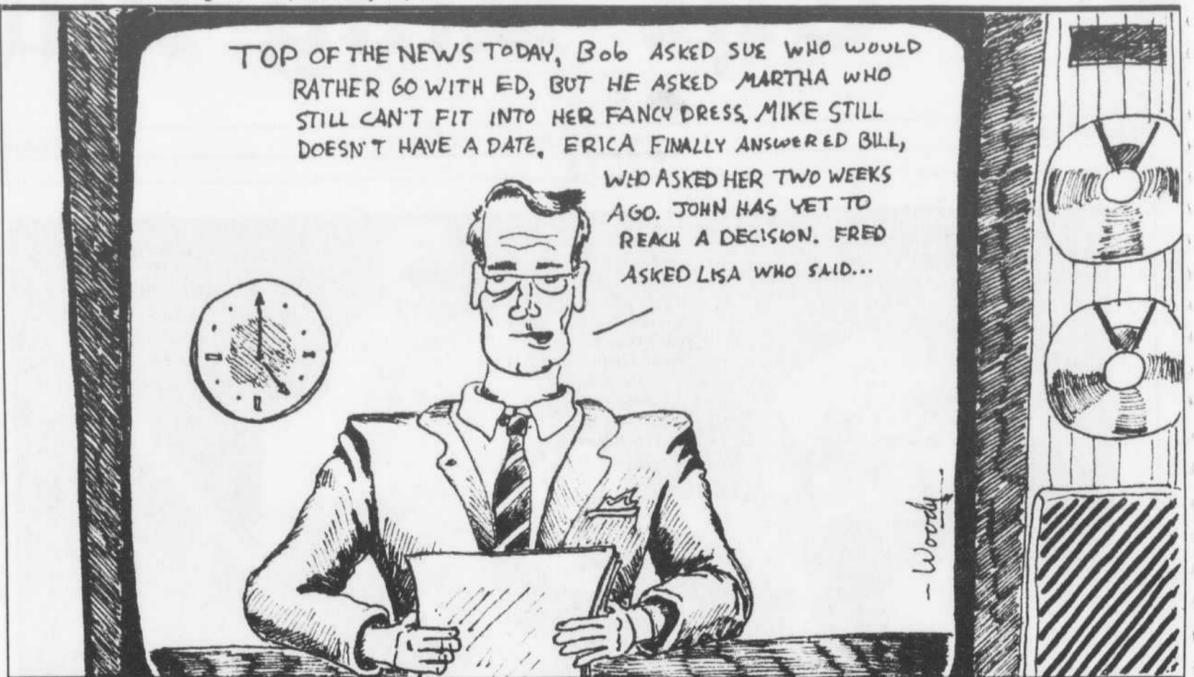
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Give me beer or give me death

MY VIEW

By Jon Sbar

You are in the grip of the devil. I am in the grip of the devil. We're all in the grip of the devil. Yes, friends, Satan has been inside of us ever since Adam and Eve ate forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Yes, friends, they plucked that fruit right off that holy tree in disobedience to the Lord Our Father and ever since we have been sinful creatures of Satan. Until one day the good Lord took pity on us and sent down his son, the Lord Jesus Christ, friends, to take away our sin and...

Oh, pardon me, readers. You see, I've been doing some freelance work writing Sunday morning radio sermons and it's tough getting back in the habit of irresponsible journalism. I apologize for my long absence from the editorial page, but I felt a little guilty writing about naked housewives and related subjects when the country is involved in a major armed conflict in the Middle East. I have also been hampered by a nagging case of halitosis.

The main reason I've decided to end my hiatus from the editorial page is that since I quit writing, people have started accepting me socially and I find that intolerable. I've also been itching to say something about the ridiculous rise in the price of beer. Due to new federal taxes, it is now cheaper to buy diamond jewelry than a case of *Budweiser*.

Obviously, the federal government has forgotten what happened when King George III (or was it King Richard the Lion Heart) tried to raise beer taxes in the American colonies. The colonial beer-drinkers became patriot rebels and decided to

protest the beer tax by dressing up like Indians and dumping something into the Boston Harbor. The beer-drinking patriots congregated on the Boston Harbor docks as planned, but no one could decide what should be thrown in the water.

Ben Franklin's girlfriend suggested that they throw their beer into the harbor and the patriots replied by pushing her into the water. The day was finally saved when Patrick Henry rode onto the dock with an idea and a saddle bag full of *Liberty Beer* 12-packs.

"I've got an idea," he said. "Why don't we drink the beer and throw tea into the harbor. Give me beer or give me death."

All of the patriots cheered except for Thomas Jefferson who had paid the security deposit on the dock and wanted Patrick's horse to get off it.

So the patriots got drunk and dumped the tea into the harbor. You don't really believe that the patriots dumped tea into the harbor to protest tea taxes, do you? That's just a vicious rumor propagated by American high school teachers.

When the British government reacted to the Boston Harbor protest by banning the consumption of alcohol during political demonstrations, the beer-drinking patriots raised an army and declared war. And the rest is history. Consequently, if it weren't for beer, America would probably still be a British colony.

The framers of the Constitution intended to put something in the First Amendment about beer. ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion ... or abridging the right to petition for redress of grievances or the right to drink beer at reasonable prices.") Unfortunately, the framers stopped in the middle of the First

Amendment after learning that it was "nickel draft beer" night at the bar across the street. When they reconvened the next morning, the framers were too hung-over to think about beer and decided to re-write the preamble instead.

If you're still not convinced that heavy beer taxes are unacceptable, consider the facts in a recent Associated Press article. According to an anthropologist at the University of Pennsylvania, beer is the "cornerstone" of civilization because "ancient man turned from hunting to farming to raise grain for beer." One of the earliest known clay tablets, which dates back to 1800 B.C. is a Sumerian beer recipe in the form of a hymn. And "by 2000 B.C. the Sumerians had 55 words describing different varieties of beer."

If the government needs to raise money, they should tax wine coolers because the only people who drink them are girls in high school and wine cooler-consuming teenie-boppers don't have constitutional rights.

My point is that the beer drinkers of the country must unite and protest this unconstitutional and immoral tax of mankind's most sacred beverage. If beer prices don't go down soon, someone should organize a demonstration at the Boston Harbor docks. We could all meet there and dump carbonated water in the ocean.

In the meantime, readers could send me a 25-200 word essay describing what they love most about beer. (800 McCorkle Dr., Lexington, VA 24450). This is no joke, readers. Send me those essays now. My editor will buy the author of the best essay a 12-pack of expensive imported beer. I will accept essays from anyone, including C-School professors and administrators.

LETTERS

Clarification on Christian West

Although I share Ms. Taylor's distaste for the style and tone of the *Spectator* [My View: Christian West Is Not Perfect, Feb. 14], I am afraid that I must point out that a number of her "facts" condemning the shortcomings of the Christian West are misleading. I shall attempt to do this in a parallel form.

CLARIFICATION: St. Augustine of Hippo was not a hypocrite, at least not because of Ms. Taylor's evidence. Yes, Augustine did father an illegitimate child, and, yes, he did extol the virtues of "foregoing the pleasures of the flesh;" however, Augustine's unfortunate offspring appeared before his famed conversion to Christianity, while his praise of chastity came, of course, thereafter.

CLARIFICATION: I do not profess to know how Ms. Taylor uses the phrase "condemned as heretics," but surely she is incorrect in making her list. Thomas Aquinas may have been disliked by contemporary popes — but he was never condemned as a heretic by the Church. He died a Dominican friar and was given a proper Christian burial, never to be excommunicated and certainly never burned at the stake.

CLARIFICATION: "Suspicious" men were also executed in Salem, not just women.

CLARIFICATION: To my knowledge Catholics were not exterminated under Hitler for being Catholic. In fact, his staunchest supporter were the Bavarians, known for their ultra-orthodox Catholicism. Those admirable Catholics, both religious and lay, who died under Hitler's persecution, did so because they had the moral fortitude to stand up for what their religion taught them, and I expect that just as many Protestants were "exterminated" for the same reason.

CLARIFICATION: Yes, there are many more rapes in our country than in Saudi Arabia. But we should remember that it was only a few years back when a princess in that country and her lover were beheaded for the crime of fornication. That seems to me to be a high price to pay for respect that women surely deserve.

I do not wish to argue against Ms. Taylor that the West is perfect in any sense of that word. I do not, however, believe that this argument is defended in many circles (Perhaps it is in the *Spectator*; I don't bother reading it anymore). I might mention that I did not read Mr. Humphries' articles on Multiculturalism; nevertheless, I do have a recommendation for Ms. Taylor and others who would appreciate an intelligent discussion touching on some of the inherent dangers in certain approaches to

Multiculturalism, namely "Free Speech and the Academy" by the former Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate and President of Boston University, John Silber (*The Intercollegiate Review: A Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, Vol. 26, No.1).

Sincerely,
Daniel M. Bettendorf, '91

Wilson's motives absolutely sound

I am writing in response to the Phi's extensive coverage of the bottle throwing/window breaking incident which culminated in President Wilson's decision to suspend three students for the remainder of the winter term.

While an undergraduate in the early 70s, I served two terms as president of Phi Kap. My experiences in the fraternity system were among the most important I had at W&L. After graduation in 1974, I worked for two years and came back to law school. I ate all of my meals at Phi Kap and remained in very close contact with many undergraduates. During my third year of law school, I served as president of the student body and I was honored to receive the Gilliam Award in 1979. As a member of the Alumni board and the Phi Kap house corporation board, I am on campus at least twice each year.

Most important for the purposes of this letter, I yield to no one in my love for and support of the fraternity system at Washington and Lee. I enjoyed fraternity life as much as anyone during my years in Lexington, so your readers need not fear that this letter is coming from a milk and cookies type.

I respectfully suggest that current students are overlooking very important and broader issues if they characterize this case as an isolated or "routine" incident of window breakage. Literally speaking, that's all it was, but the vehement criticism President Wilson is receiving ignores that unique nature and timing of this particular event and the climate in which President Wilson's decision was made.

John Wilson has been criticized strongly by some for giving fraternities at Washington and Lee their last, great chance to flourish under the renaissance plan. Many other schools across the country have given up on their fraternities in one fashion or another, yielding to pressure over destruction of property, excessive drinking and other examples of misconduct which have taken place on those campuses and on ours. Bucking that national trend, President Wilson has essentially placed a \$15,000,000 bet on the current generation of fraternity members. He is willing to go the

extra, very costly mile to save fraternities.

Have gone out on this limb, it is not difficult to see how President Wilson would react angrily to misconduct which threatens serious injuries and which is unquestionably prohibited under the renaissance standards, yet which neither the chapters involved, the IFC nor the SCC chose to handle. From the articles in the February 7 *Phi*, it appears that the response of the fraternities was, in effect: "We made them put the windows back in and we're not going to tell you who was involved."

Wake up and smell the coffee, gentlemen. I do not fault President Wilson one iota for being furious with that sort of arrogant response, which suggested that there was no need for any real punishment. Who among you would remain silent if you thought a \$15 million investment in which you were a key partner was in jeopardy in its early stages?

Perhaps it is fair comment to say that President Wilson acted a bit hastily. Also implicit in many student comments is the notion that he acted without warning to the appropriate student entities. However, I can imagine accusations of "meddling" in student affairs had he suggested to any of the responsible bodies that the administration expected them to deal with this incident quickly and forcefully.

Student government run solely by student is one of our most honored traditions. However, we must remember that this authority is delegated to the students by the Board of Trustees, faculty and administration. It has worked for so many years because students have honored that trust and there have been few instances when the administration has felt it had no choice but to intervene.

I wish that the houses involved, the SCC or the IFC had moved quickly to punish these three men very forcefully (perhaps short of a full term suspension), so that this incident would not have occurred. Had they done so, I am sure President Wilson would not have acted as he did. However, if this entire matter serves as a loud wake-up call to student leaders to "use it or lose it" by doing whatever is necessary to preserve the spirit and letter of the renaissance program, then it will have been an unfortunate but invaluable lesson. If not, this generation of students may well witness the demise of fraternities and, right or wrong, be blamed for it.

As one alum who cares deeply for fraternities and for W&L's other great traditions, I hope that the former will occur. Meanwhile, let us not be too quick to criticize President Wilson by failing to understand that his motives were absolutely sound.

Sincerely,
Walter T. Dudley, '74, '79L

W&L cancels programs planned for spring term

By Chris Simon
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee administrators canceled European spring term programs in response to the Persian Gulf War and the subsequent danger to Americans traveling abroad.

Associate Dean Laurant Boetsch said the University has been monitoring State Department Western European travel advisories, as well as the withdrawal of other programs currently traveling in foreign countries. Boetsch said a Syracuse University group has already returned from Florence, Italy.

"This decision was made only after careful consideration of all the facts available to us," said Boetsch in a letter to students and faculty.

"[It] is based primarily on the likely increased threat to Americans traveling to, within, or from European countries which are a part of the coalition forces in the Mideast."

Included among the canceled programs were trips to Spain, Germany, England and Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

The last time the University canceled spring term programs was in 1986, after United States bombers attacked Libya ten days before spring term.

Boetsch said University officials wanted to make their final decision before spring term registration so faculty and students could make alternate academic plans.

"We already ask [students and faculty] to take on enormous risks," said Boetsch. "This was just too much to ask."



Laurent Boetsch

...Associate Dean of the College

Kathekon has open selection

From the W&L News Office

For the first time, Kathekon, Washington and Lee's student-alumni service group, is accepting applications for membership from rising juniors and seniors.

According to Kathekon President Bob Fuller, in previous years new members were selected by students already involved in Kathekon, so there was no way for students to express interest in and apply for membership.

"We are at a point in our evolution where we feel like we need to open up the application process to involve upperclass students from the entire university community and be truly representative of the student body," Fuller said.

Kathekon, founded in 1984, currently has 22 members and is a creation of the Alumni Office and the Alumni Board of Directors.

Fuller said Kathekon's purpose is to recognize undergraduates and law students as alumni-in-residence and therefore involve them with the Alumni Association and its work on behalf of the university.

Kathekon's activities include serving as hosts and hostesses for the Freshman Orientation Barbecue, helping with Board of Trustees meetings, and meeting with the Alumni Board of Directors.

Applications and an interview sign-up sheet are available outside Carol Calkins' office in the University Center. The final day to apply is March 7.

LAW

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For that reason, said Philipps, he proposed the faculty amend the policy to specify that the school "opposes unlawful discrimination."

Among other advantages, Philipps said his compromise makes "an honest attempt" to comply with AALS by-laws but allows lawfully discriminating employers back on campus.

Though Carlson said the policy could keep the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency from recruiting at the Law School, spokesmen for both organizations disagreed.

FBI Personnel Staffing Specialist Gwen Hubbard and CIA Spokesman Ceferino Epps both said that the AALS policy does not affect their agencies, as they do not discriminate.

Epps said the CIA has determined heterosexuals "may be vulnerable to outside pressures just as homosexuals." He added that national origin is lawfully taken into account as a security issue only for non-U.S. citizens.

Army Recruiting Officer Allison Polchek said implementation of AALS policy has kept the Army's Judge Advocate General Recruiting Office off 60 to 65 law campuses nationwide, but students from those schools still apply individually.

Polchek said the military lawfully discriminates on grounds of age, handicap and sexual preference for active duty officers, but not for the Civilian Attorney Program or internships.

The reason for discrimination in the active JAG, according to Polchek, is that JAG officers must be able to do the same job as any officer, including combat duty. Military regulations state that homosexuals are not permitted in combat.

Carlson said accreditation is probably not at risk if the AALS policy is not adopted, because too many other AALS member-schools do not obey or have the policy.

The law faculty will meet in regular closed-door session Monday.

Beating the Lexington tax bandit

MY VIEW

By John Stump

Before leaving Lexington for Washington holiday, I decided to give dear old dad a call. Of course I wanted to talk to him, but there was also the important issue of funds. As usual, I was running low. Much to my chagrin however, earlier that day someone else from Lexington had come tugging at the purse strings: none other than the Lexington Commissioner of the Revenue. Dad informed me that he had just received a letter requesting the first of two installments towards the dreaded car tax. Apparently, R.D. Clark, the new meter-maid/dog catcher/bicycle safety inspector had not handed out enough tickets this year to give the aspiring New York of south west Virginia enough revenue to keep the city council's pockets full.

We both know the car tax scam is a back alley below the belt cheap shot at W&L students and their parents, but getting into a discussion on the high cost of living in Lexington and the hair brained

schemes of the locals to suck every possible penny out of W&L wasn't going to help my case. I tried to change the subject, but to no avail. I cringed to hear the contents of the letter: they wanted their first payment, one hundred and thirty bucks. "I say we don't pay it!" I said. "Of course we're not going to pay it son, we already pay personal property tax in Northern Virginia!" he said, somewhat troubled that I would even consider something so asinine. "But dad, don't they have a legal right to the tax, it says something here about..." I was stopped dead in my tracks. "Hogwash!" came the response. "Your car is principally garaged in Fairfax county, that's where we pay tax on it, that's where it's listed on the insurance, and we don't need to confuse matters by getting into a big Car Tax hoo-hah with the city of Lexington!" Dad went on to explain that anyone whose car is not principally garaged in Lexington is not subject to the car tax.

Now, just what does "principally garaged" mean? Well, I don't really know, and today when I asked the Commissioner of the Revenue, she

confessed that she didn't know either. After some calculation, we determined that my car is not principally garaged in Lexington, I signed a statement to that effect, and she agreed to leave me alone. The tax bandits had been beaten, and they knew it.

As everyone else will soon be getting a similar bill, and presumably will be no more excited than I was about paying it, let me offer the following suggestions so that we can all beat the car tax bandits together. First, if you live outside the city limits, you're exempt from Lexington city tax, so go down to city hall and sign your statement of exemption. Second, for those who live inside the city limits, as I do, you need to do a few calculations. The commissioner and I agreed that six months is a nice round figure for "principally garaged". Well, lets see... We have three months of summer vacation, about a month of Christmas break, 10 days for Washington holiday, 10 days for spring break, 10 days for Thanksgiving, and many of us go away for weekends, and often leave our cars at home, or parked outside of the city for extended periods of

time. Surely, even if it means swapping cars with mom or simply parking outside of the city limits, we can all find a way to keep our cars from falling under the rough "principally garaged" guidelines laid out here. Third, don't be intimidated by thugish threats implying that anyone who has signed a one year lease in Lexington has to pay the tax because they therefore must also keep their car in Lexington. This is a colossal non-sequitur, but not atypical of bureaucratic tom foolery in and about Lexington. So why worry about a boycott of city businesses? Why send your car home? Why deal with the hassles of meddling petty bureaucrats? Head on down to City Hall and sign your statement of exemption, let the burden of proof be on the city. If you sign the statement saying that your car is not principally garaged in Lexington, they will have to prove that it is in order to get their tax, and we are all energetic and creative enough to keep our cars out of Lexington long enough to qualify for the exemption. So let's all beat the tax bandits together, and wait patiently for their next intrusive revenue raising scam.

GENERAL NOTES

Hookers

Watch the rugby club in action at the VMI playing field Saturday at 1 p.m.

Proofs

Seniors need to check their proofs of photos taken earlier and choose one for *The Calyx*. Go to the Calyx office in the University Center 7-9 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 28 or Sun.-Tues., March 3-5. Undergraduates have until March 2 to go to Andre Studios on Main Street past the White Front Market to check their proofs. Pictures will be chosen for you if you can't get to the studio. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9-12 p.m.

Intern

James Madison University sponsors an internship program placing students all over the world. Call Judy Cohen, 703-568-6979 for more information.

Report

Learn how to get newspaper internships and full-time jobs. Register for a newspaper job clinic run by real people in the industry right now. Contact Prof. Hampden Smith, 463-8432 for more information. Deadline for registration is March 11.

Run and Ride

The American Lung Association of Virginia will hold its third annual Biathlon April 20 at Thousand Trails in Campbell County. You or a team runs 10K and bikes 48K. Call 804-846-1829 for more information.

Finds

Carol Calkins, Room 104 in the U. Center has 10 sets of keys, a gold charm bracelet, a gold heart locket with the initials GAC and info about more than 10 watches turned into the Security Office in Graham-Lees.

DG Alums

Any Delta Gamma alumnae currently at the law school who would like to form an Alumnae Association with undergrad alums, call Cathy at 464-4553.

Get It Out

Need to let people know what you're up to? Leave a note in the General Notes envelope outside *The Ring-tum Phi* office.

Lead the Class

Petitions for class president, vice president, Executive Committee representative from 1991-92 will be available Mon., March 4 at Carol Calkins office in the University Center. Each class has one president, one v.p. and two EC reps with the exception of the seniors, who have 3 v.p.s. Due Mon., March 11, 5 p.m. in the EC chambers.

CIA Director

Admiral Stansfield Turner, former Director of Central Intelligence under the Carter Administration and Class of 1963 Fellow for Winter Term, will speak on social democracy Tues., March 5, 7:30 p.m., C-School 327. For more information, call Prof. Craig McCaughrin, 463-8624.

Oxford

Go to Britain with the Virginia Program at Oxford. Apply for six week summer course on Tudor-Stuart history and literature at St. Anne's College. Deadline March 1. Contact Art Prof. Pam Simpson, 463-8861.

Big Two

Applications for Mock Convention state chairmen will be distributed at an orientation meeting tonight, 6:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. If you miss the meet, go to Carol Calkins in the University Center. Interview sign-up sheets will also be posted outside her office.

MC Speakers

The Steering Committee of the Mock Convention is now beginning to solicit speakers for the MC's Kickoff weekend this May as well as for the convention this March. They are asking the student body for their insight and assistance. Contact the MC offices at 463-8579 with suggestions.

Cartoonist

The Ring-tum Phi is looking for a new cartoonist to take over during Spring Term. Call Pat at 464-3738.

Reporters

Anyone interested in reporting for *The Ring-tum Phi* call Cathy at 464-4553.

Interviews and photos

by J.R. Smith

TALKBACK

Should the U.S. continue the war despite Saddam's announced withdrawal?



Hunter Catlett, '91, Richmond, VA - "No, it would just give him a chance to regroup and we would have to deal with him again later."



Pat Smith, '94, Middletown, NJ - "Without eliminating Saddam, the U.S. is not assured any victory in the long run."



Brooke Jarabek, '91, Atlanta, GA - "No."



Thomas Gottsegen, '91, New Orleans, LA - "Would you trust a guy that looked that silly?"



Terri McFarland, '91, Memphis, TN - "He's slime and you can't trust him."



Jason Dunn, '94, Greenwood, AR - "No, I think we should continue the war until we have his head on a platter."

ACLU chapter organizes here

By Sarah Drain
Staff Reporter

A chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has been formed at Washington and Lee.

To become a "card carrying ACLU member" at W&L, a \$5 annual due is required to the national ACLU. Freshman Andrew Schneider, founder of W&L's chapter, is currently organizing political speakers and events.

On March 18, W&L alumnus Bruce Kramer, who is the director of the Tennessee ACLU, will be speak on campus. The speech will be open to all students.

Schneider said he also hopes to have a symbolic open mike forum to remind people of the importance of the right to freedom of speech. In addition, Schneider plans to publicize the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights by organizing a celebration, including speakers and discussions.

According to Schneider, the response has been "surprisingly terrific." More than eighty people, mostly freshmen, have paid the \$5 required due.

The next ACLU meeting will be March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Fairfax Lounge.

Dick's Island

Hollins College alumnae Caroline Cromelin '79 and Ginger Donelson '76 assume 11 different characters in a look at life on Dick's Island, off the coast of Georgia. A zany comedy, the storyline revolves around the death of a wealthy man and the division of his fortune.

Cromelin and Donelson, who have made several appearances on TV's *The Guiding Light* and *Saturday Night Live*, wrote the play. *Dick's Island* will be playing at the Lenfest Performing Arts Center March 5-7 at 8 p.m. Call the box office at 463-8000 for tickets, which are free to W&L students, staff and faculty.



TAX

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students already pay personal property tax on cars in their home state and are thus exempt from the tax here.

Hatcher also said he wants to discuss with President John Wilson the voluntary donations the university makes to the city every year to see if they could be used as a bargaining chip.

Other possibilities include asking for legislative help from any W&L alumni that might serve in the state legislature and conducting a letter writing campaign to merchants to ask them to intercede with City Council on behalf of the students.

Hatcher said such a letter might be drafted and approved by the EC "in recognition of the fact that we are trying to help them out by avoiding a boycott and ask them to

exert some influence with the City Council."

Hatcher has recruited first year law student Pete Silvain to do research on the legality of the tax.

Silvain, who recently received a bill for "over \$400" on his Nissan, said he will try to write a formal brief on the question. He says there are a number of angles he wishes to explore.

"One angle is to look at due process - whether the city gave students adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard," said Silvain.

Silvain said he will try to "reason with" city officials and offer them a "good rational option. If they don't accept it, we'll have to look at other options."

The Publications Board is currently accepting applications for **editors-in-chief** and **business managers** of *The Ring-tum Phi* and *The Calyx* and **editors-in-chief** of *The Political Review*, *Ariel*, and *The Journal of Science*.

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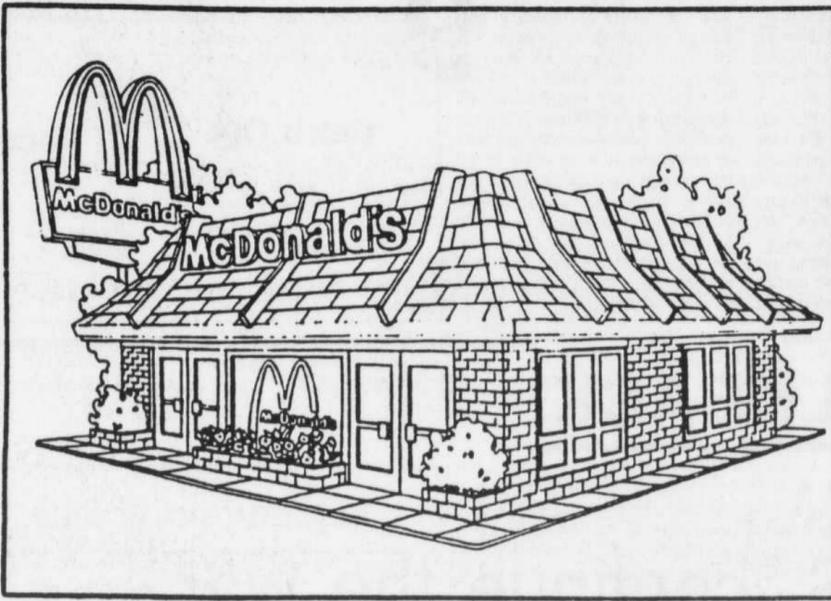
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Generals think big despite loss

Brown, W&L steal show in ASC meet



Sophomore John Hunter moves against Virginia. Hunter scored his first career goal in the game. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

Things aren't always as bad as they seem.

Witness Washington and Lee's 19-5 loss to Virginia in the 1991 season opener in men's lacrosse Wednesday.

Virginia is ranked No. 3 in Division I, and according to W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta, they may be even better than that.

"They are the best team I've seen since the Pennsylvania team I played on lost to Syracuse in the Final Four in 1984," he said. "What do you do against a team like that? We won't see anything else like that the rest of the year."

Virginia jumped out to a 7-0 lead with seven different players scoring goals before W&L got on the board. Senior Todd Garliss scored on an extra-man situation, and senior Clark Wight scored off a feed from senior Mike Moseman 31 seconds later, closing the gap to 7-2 with 8:25 left in the first half.

Rich Florin scored for the Cavaliers with just six seconds left in the half to break some W&L momentum and start the Cavaliers on a run that would put the game away. Virginia

scored nine unanswered goals to take a 16-2 lead before junior Jeff Roberts could get W&L back in the scoring column in the fourth quarter.

"The goal they got at the end of the first half was the one that really killed us," said Stagnitta.

Sophomore John Hunter scored off a feed from classmate David Schiminger and Wight scored seven seconds from the end to make the final score 19-5, and all in all, Stagnitta was pleased.

"We played well," he said. "I was disappointed in some aspects of the game. We're just one pass away right now. We didn't finish well when we had opportunities, but we had some guys play really well."

"John Hunter and Clark Wight ran by whoever was guarding them whenever they wanted to. [Senior] Tom Costello was solid in goal, and [junior] Jeff O'Brien and [senior] Mike Pardo played well defensively."

Costello made 13 saves on the day, but saw 55 shots. Virginia's defense held W&L without a goal for the first 21 minutes of the game, and then for 28 minutes until Roberts' goal in the fourth quarter. W&L got off only 15 shots, but still, Stagnitta is not concerned.

"We ran up and down the field, hit them and played with them at

times," he said, "and they are a good, good team."

The Division I opponent gets the Generals ready for the Division III portion of the schedule, which begins Mar. 6 against Randolph-Macon at 3 p.m. on Wilson Field, and Stagnitta can't wait.

"I wish we were playing again Saturday," he said. "I have a feeling that our guys are going to take the field against Randolph-Macon and dominate. I'm looking forward to the Division III portion of the schedule. We're better right now than we were last year at this time. We will be a good team."

W&L will be able to be more aggressive in games against Division III opponents.

"We can go after teams on the D-III level," Stagnitta said, "and we will. We had to play differently to stay in the game with Virginia, but against D-III opponents, we can attack them."

Stagnitta sees his team as being a Top 10 team. W&L is ranked 13th in the first Division III Poll.

"We'll be able to play in the top 10," he said. "Maybe not the top five, but we'll be in the top seven or eight. We are ready for anything Division III has to offer."

By Randall Ellis
Staff Reporter

In a final blaze of glory, the Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams finished their season with a handful of victories.

Not only did both teams win their last dual meets at Radford, 124-61 for the men and 114-90 for the women, led by sophomore Claire Dudley went on to capture their fourth consecutive Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship as well as the Atlantic States Championship at the combined ODAC/ASC meet last weekend.

The lady Generals won 19 of the 20 events giving them a 117-point margin of victory for the ODAC title and a 159-point margin in the ASC title. They are the first team to win four consecutive ODAC team titles in the league's history.

While leading her team to victory Dudley was named the Atlantic States Swimmer of the Year. She also established a new school record with her victory in the 200-yard individual medley and also won the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke races.

The men placed second at the meet, but junior Doug Brown captured the spotlight by being named the ASC Swimmer of the Meet, qualifying for the Division III nationals in the 1650-yard freestyle. Brown also won the 500-yard freestyle and placed second in the 200-yard freestyle.

Head coach Page Remillard said that he was thrilled with the performance of his swimmers.

"This is exactly what we were looking for. It is really a nice way to end the season. We went up against some tough teams at the beginning of our schedule but as the season progressed our meets became more and more competitive," he said.

"Doug also swam a really great race in the 1650. He did not have the times going into the meet to indicate that he had national potential. He really took some people by surprise."

Brown and Dudley were not alone in their successes. Sophomore

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Women's indoor track wins mythical ODAC title

By John Laney
Associate Sports Editor

Led by freshman Wendy Neel, the Washington and Lee women's indoor track team won their second straight unofficial Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship on Saturday at Wake Fieldhouse in Lynchburg, while the men's team finished second to Lynchburg.

"We performed tremendously well," said women's coach John Tucker. "We were clearly the dominate team."

W&L scored 195 points. Second-place Lynchburg had 56.

Neel, the high scorer for the women, accounted for 22.5 of W&L's points by setting a school record in the 60-yard dash, winning the long

jump and running the first leg of the Generals' first-place 440-yard relay team.

"She had an excellent day," Tucker said. "But everyone who competed for us scored points."

Neel was followed by classmate Kristen Moore, who placed second in the one-mile run, second in the 800-yard run and was on W&L's first-place two-mile relay team.

Junior Shawn King won the 440-yard run and ran on the first-place one-mile and 440-yard relay teams.

"She may have been our high-point scorer if she had not been disqualified in the finals of the 60-yard dash," Tucker said. "It was a very questionable call. She didn't jump out of the blocks, she was just shifting her weight on her hands."

Also scoring points for the Generals

were sophomore Lyray Van Clief and freshman Stefanie Brown. Van Clief finished second in the 440-yard run and third in the 60-yard dash, while Brown was second in the 60-yard hurdles and second in the 440-yard run. Both Van Clief and Brown were on the 440-yard relay team.

Senior Catherine Caldwell won the 880-yard dash, senior Sarah Bolte won the high jump with a leap of five feet, one inch, and sophomore Kelli Klick set a school record in the shot put.

For the men, coach Norris Aldridge said the team ran well.

"We had a real good effort from our team," he said. "We performed as well as we could have. We just ran into a Lynchburg team that was really good."

Lynchburg's 204 points gave the

Hornets their second consecutive ODAC indoor title. W&L, with 90 points, edged out Bridgewater by three points for second place.

Junior Jim Henry won the shot put with a heave of 46 feet, 1 1/2 inches, while senior David Johnston won the pole vault by clearing 12'6".

Freshman Scott Covey finished second in the 60-yard hurdles and junior Bo Hannah placed third in the one-mile and two-mile runs.

Senior Craig Irons finished third in the long jump in the first time he has ever competed in that event.

The next meet for the men and the women will be outdoors at Bridgewater on March 15.



Sarah Bolte

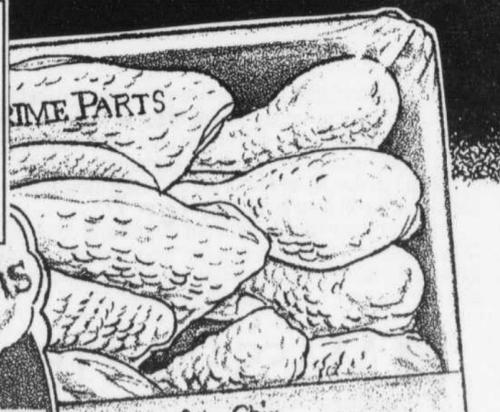
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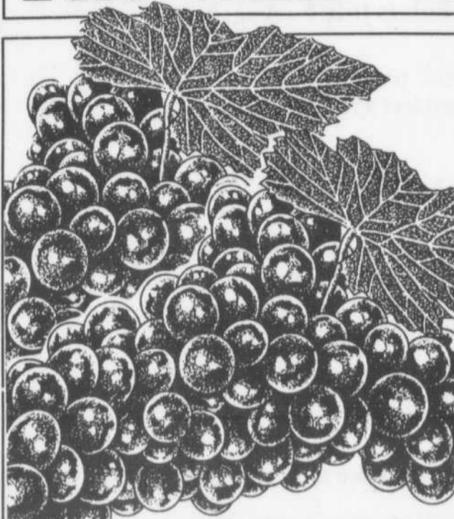


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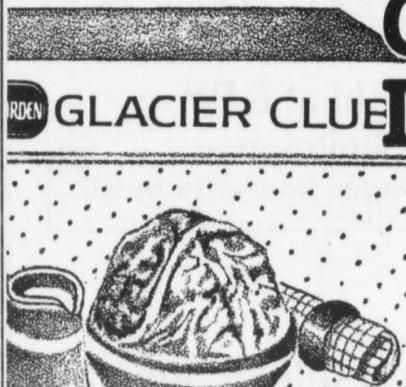
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Generals look to improve in 1991

From W&L Sports Information

Washington and Lee head baseball coach Jeff Stickley says his team needs to improve in three areas this year to have a better season and compete in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference: hitting, fielding and pitching.

"I expect we might be a little bit better," says W&L's fifth-year leader. "Most of the young guys got a lot of experience last year. Of course, I don't know whether it was good experience or bad experience, but it was experience."

Stickley's tongue-in-cheek analysis is a little more revealing than a first glance might indicate. Eight of his top ten hitters from last year are expected to return for this season. A full stock of infielders and outfielders are back, and a proven catcher returns behind the plate.

And to top it all off, Steve Momorella, the ace of the pitching staff, is back for his third season.

Eleven lettermen return to the roster in 1991, and Stickley has a host of proven players to build his team around. Seniors Tim Wheeler and T.J. Daly are both clutch performers who can help the Generals with the bat and the glove. And Daly, who started all 20 games, was second on the team in starts as a pitcher with five.

Other veterans like Brian Harper in the outfield, J.T. Swartz at third base, and Chris Kavanagh at catcher

give Stickley solid experience at every area of the field.

Heightening Stickley's concern is the Generals' dearth of pitching. You've heard of "Spahn and Sain and two days of rain?" Well, W&L's refrain isn't even that cheery. It's more like "Momorella, and well, uhhh...."

True, Momorella is about as good as they come. The junior was a first-team All-ODAC selection despite his 2-5 record and his 63 strikeouts and nine starts nearly doubled any other W&L pitcher's numbers last year. Daly and junior Toby McCoy are the only other returning hurlers.

The Generals look to be steady everywhere else on the field. Kavanagh will be starting his second full-time season behind the plate, and Stickley says the senior who led the team in hits should be ready for his best year yet. In the infield, Swartz and Daly will alternate between first base, third base and designated hitter, while sophomores Jon Hesse and Mike Steinbrook should shore up the middle infield.

Stickley likes his outfield, and it all should start with centerfielder Brian Harper, who in addition to his error-free play last season is W&L's top base-stealing threat. Joining Harper in the outfield are familiar faces like Fred Renneker, Tim Wheeler and Ron Katz, all of whom are potential designated hitters, too.

"I think if we can find a third-baseman, we'll be a pretty good team



Junior ace Steve Momorella focuses in on a batter last year. Momorella will lead W&L's pitching staff again. File photo.

defensively," Stickley said. "It's a pretty good outfield, and I think Kav will help us even more than he did last year. "We will need to get some help from all of our players if we're going to win games," Stickley said. "I think we can do that. If we can take advantage of our opportunities when they come up, we'll be all right."

Swimmers

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Stephanie Sauers won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Her times in the 50-free and 100-back established new school records.

Junior Jodi Herring won the 200-, 500-, and 1650-yard freestyles. Another school record was set by senior Sharon Coleman with her win in the 100-yard butterfly. Coleman also won the 200-yard fly.

Dudley and Brown will continue to train for the next month in preparation for the National Meet in Atlanta on March 21-23.



Doug Brown

Basketball loses in ODAC tourney to Virginia Wesleyan, finishes 12-14

From Staff Reports

The 1990-91 basketball season came to a close for Washington and Lee in the first round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament on Feb. 19.

Virginia Wesleyan, the fifth seed, avenged two regular season losses to W&L with an 82-71 win over the fourth-seeded Generals in Lexington. Steve Weddle led five Blue Marlins in double figures with 17 points as the Marlins ended W&L's season at 12-14. Seniors Ed Hart and Craig Hatfield led the Generals with 21 and

17 points, respectively.

Hart was named second team All-ODAC for the season. Hart led W&L with 15.0 points per game and was second on the team in rebounding at 7.0 per game. He shot 53.2 percent from the field and led W&L in total rebounds, blocks and steals.

Senior Mike Holton received a post-season honor when he was selected to the GTE/CoSIDA District III Academic All-District team. Holton's name will be placed on the national ballot. Holton averaged 11.9 points and 4.3 assists on the season.

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