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Low voter turnout kills amendments

From Staff Reports

Revisions to the student body constitution failed in referendum Wednesday, because less than half the student body voted.

Only 160 students voted on the proposals. The Voting Regulations Board did not tally the votes, since at least half the student body must vote in order for a revision to pass.

Thomas Spurgeon, member of the committee that prepared the revisions, said, "It's very difficult to get students at W&L to vote, especially for something that complicated."

On the ballot were 10 proposals dealing with Executive Committee quorum, succession, relations with the Publications Board, and executive session. Measures on the latter issue clarified when the EC could close its door, as the current restrictions are ambiguous.

Senior EC Rep. Willard Dumas said that since the revisions failed, "It will be left up to each EC to interpret the constitution as we did two years ago on succession."

Dumas said confusion over when the vote would take place contributed to the low turnout.

The referendum was originally scheduled for March 26-28, but was moved to April 6. On April 6, VRB Chairman Andrew Gaffney forgot to set up polling places, EC President Tom Hatcher said.

The referendum was rescheduled for a third time and set for Wednesday.

EC President-elect Giles Perkins said he does not think the failure of the referendum will have much effect on the EC.

"The changes that were proposed were good ones," Perkins said, "but [their failure] will not change how the EC operates."

The current EC handles committee appointment interviews and deliberations in closed session, but posts voting records. Dumas speculated on future ECs adopting a different policy.

"When people are appointed to committees in the dark, and the EC doesn't publish voting records, you will have to ask your rep why and how they voted," Dumas said.

Staff Reporter Greg Patterson contributed to this story.



Sophomore Karen Bosi can't watch as a blood sample is taken last week to test her cholesterol level. Phi photo by Leigh Allen.

Students work for health

By Maureen Levy
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty raised over \$1,500 Friday in "Jump Rope for Heart," a marathon event to benefit the American Heart Association.

The university Health Education Committee and Kappa Kappa Gamma co-sponsored the second annual fund raiser on the final day of Washington and Lee's Heart Healthy Week, April 22-26, a focus on good exercise and nutrition.

"This culmination of our Heart Healthy Week was definitely a positive experience as it brought students and faculty together for a charitable cause," HEC member Christine

Gorman said.

All fraternities, sororities and student organizations, as well as faculty and staff entered teams of three people to jump rope from 2-4 p.m. in front of Doremus Gymnasium.

Junior Raphael Porres emerged as the top individual jumper Friday, as he lasted for one hour and 58 seconds. Sigma Chi's team won first place for the longest jumping time. All of the winners received trophies.

Sigma Nu donated the most money, and Sigma Phi Epsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma each raised over \$100 for the event. Mock Convention donated \$200.

Staff reporter Jennifer Gibson contributed to this story.

EC denies second ACLU request

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

The Executive Committee Monday rejected a request by the Washington and Lee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union for \$160 saying the group should be able to support its activities through member, not EC, support.

The move came after the EC last week gave the ACLU chapter \$30 of the \$500 requested. The money was allotted to pay for publicity for an "open mike" Speak-Out on the topic of the Law School recruitment policy.

EC members who voted in favor of the \$30 donation last week said they did so because the Speak-Out's purpose was not to support the goals of the national ACLU organizations and would benefit the entire student body.

On Monday, ACLU Chapter Founder and President Andrew Schneider asked for \$160: \$60 to

publicize a second Speak-Out and a speaker, and \$100 to take the speaker, Ken Willis of the Virginia ACLU, four professors, and four students to dinner.

Schneider said he requested money for the dinner because Willis will not be paid for his speech.

When asked whether he had requested money from chapter members in order to support its activities, a recommendation made by EC members last week, Schneider said he had collected about \$125, but wished to save it to be used for "more political" activities the chapter could sponsor.

Senior EC Rep. Willard Dumas made a motion to give the group \$160, but the motion was not seconded.

Then a motion was made by senior Rep. John Fialcowitz to grant \$30 to support another Speak-Out.

EC President Tom Hatcher, before he called for a vote, said he considered last week's \$30 allotment a "re-

1991-92 EC Appointments

SAB Chairman - Will Jones
VRB Chairman - Ward Maedgen
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Contact Chairman - Tim Gallagher

trieve so you could collect dues from your members" and to grant money again would open the way for a "never ending battle" with the ACLU continually requesting funds for events.

The motion was rejected, 8-2, with Dumas and Fialcowitz voting in favor, according to Dumas.

Schneider later said Hatcher "apparently changed his story" about for what the original \$30 was. Schneider said the money was not a "re-trieve" because the ACLU chapter had al-

ready paid for the Speak-Out, but was actually a reimbursement.

Schneider said the first \$30 was granted because Speak-Out was a non-partisan, non-controversial activity and that EC members who changed their votes this week were "pressured by the 'My View' column in last week's Ring-tum Phi."

"The EC should fund all political groups with significant support," Schneider said. "Part of the university experience is being exposed to various political ideas."

IFC yanks \$10,000 in Contact aid

By Jennifer Mayo
Staff Reporter

The Interfraternity Council announced Tuesday night that it intends to withdraw its \$10,000 annual support of the Contact Committee.

IFC President Greg Hicks told Executive Committee President Tom Hatcher during Tuesday's IFC meeting that the council voted before spring term to stop funding the committee for two reasons, inadequate representation on the Contact selection committee and, as a result, a lack of fraternity involvement and interest with the Contact program.

EC President Tom Hatcher feels that the decision was abrupt.

"I feel like they were little kids who decide that they don't want to play anymore, so they just pick up their toys and leave," he said.

Hatcher said that the withdrawal is not in the university's best interest and that the disagreement could have been more constructively resolved, but Hicks argues that the IFC's role in the Contact selection has become increasingly inadequate, and it is time that something be done.

When the IFC founded Contact in the late sixties, the school was all male and primarily Greek and the IFC appointed all Contact members. Over the past several years, despite the fact that there is a smaller percentage of fraternity men in W&L's student population, the IFC has still been giving \$10,000 a year, nearly one-third of Contact's \$32,000 budget.

Hicks feels that such a sizable donation deserves at least one-third of the seats on the selection committee, but the Executive Committee disagrees and rejected the proposal.

"We didn't want any members on it, and we didn't want to change it at all," Hicks said. "With each house paying \$12 per member to Contact every year, we just want to be part

of the selection process."

Hicks explained that Greek interest in the Contact Committee is decreasing and will continue to decrease over the years if the fraternities do not become more active in the organization. People do not want to give money when they don't know where it is going and have nothing to show for it, Hicks said.

Hatcher said he understands the IFC's concern, but he would have liked to have been able to discuss the problem before such drastic action was taken.

"The EC appoints the board and has always made sure that there is adequate Greek representation," Hatcher said. "I feel like this is a misunderstanding we all could have avoided with some discussion."

Contact Coordinator Charles Kranich said that he has seen this problem coming for several years.

"It might be different if Panhellenic and all other student organizations had to pay equal amounts," Kranich said, "but the fraternities seem to be carrying the load for the entire student body, and they don't feel that they get enough recognition for that."

Another member of the IFC commented that the fraternities already make contributions above other students in areas such as the university's social life. They seem to be carrying a disproportionate load, he said.

Kranich said that the IFC's intentions are not to cut the funding of Contact, but rather to see it funded totally by student activities money.

Hicks agreed, saying that the \$10,000 could be used for the fraternities more productively elsewhere.

"We want something to give fraternities a good name and to raise interest," Hicks said. "The EC was not willing to give us that, so we're still considering, but I don't know if we will change our minds or not."

Howison names administrators

By Tom Eisenhauer
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee University hired two new administrators last week.

Dean of Students David L. Howison named Dennis G. Manning associate dean of students and Michael L. Young director of university security.

Manning, associate headmaster of the Woodberry Forest School, will replace Kenneth P. Ruscio in July as dean of freshmen and residential life, Howison said.

"We're very delighted to have him [Manning] come here," Howison said. "He'll be a great addition."

Ruscio will serve as associate dean of the commerce school, a new-

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Callers seek cash

By Brian Root
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year again. For the fifteenth straight year, Washington and Lee students are on the phone to alumni in the Annual Fund Phonathon, asking for contributions.

"Calling alumni is a lot more effective than direct mail notices," said Alumni Fund Director Timothy McMahon. "It's a lot harder to say no to a fellow W&L student than it is to throw away junk mail."

As of Tuesday, McMahon said, the Phonathon has been surprisingly successful.

"Through the first three days, we have gotten 258 pledges totalling almost \$21,000," he said. "I wasn't expecting that kind of success."

The university has set June 30 as the Annual Fund deadline with a goal of \$2,165,000. That translates to about 8.5 percent of the university's annual operating budget.

According to McMahon, the phonathon is mostly directed toward recent alumni classes, which make up over 20 percent of the entire alumni body. This group, however, also has the lowest percentage of contributors, he said.

The school has also attempted in

recent years to solicit pledges from each senior class.

"We want the seniors to learn to contribute before they leave campus. The amount of the contribution is not as important as that they get in the habit of giving to the school," he said.

"We understand that it's often difficult for people just out of college to contribute, but even small contributions add up to a lot of money," he said.

W&L ranks last among the top 25 national liberal arts colleges in the percentage of alumni that contribute, and the school has made a "considerable effort" to raise the percentage, McMahon said.

McMahon said he hopes to hold even more such events, because of their success rate.

"Many other schools do much more calling than W&L does. I hope to begin having another phonathon each fall as well," he said.

Equally surprising has been the amount of student support. Each night there have been more student volunteers than there are phones for them to use.

"Part of the reason that we hold this during the spring is because it is a much more relaxed time, and it's easier to find volunteers," he said.

Yankee twin joins Old South tradition

By Jennifer Gibson
Staff Reporter

Three fraternities will sponsor a Sherman's March to the Sea party Saturday night at Chi Psi while Kappa Alpha hosts its Old South formal.

The Sherman's March to the Sea party, a venture by Chi Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Tau Delta, is a new concept, while the Old South formal is an annual, national KA tradition.

Chi Psi Social Chairman Kevin Fliess said the party is intended to celebrate the Union victory in the Civil War.

The Sherman's March to the Sea theme refers to the Union general's march through the South, a campaign that included the burning of Atlanta. However, Fliess said the theme is not intended as hostile.

"There won't be any belligerent ruckus or northern hell raising," he said.

KA isn't taking the new theme as an offense, according to KA senior Fraser Bowen.



T-shirt designs for this year's Old South and Sherman's March to the Sea parties.

"I'm just taking it in good humor," Bowen said. "They mean it in the spirit of fun."

KA junior Trey Cox agreed. "If we're going to have our party, we don't have a right to criticize theirs," Cox said. "I think you can find merit on both sides."

Students at Auburn University

last week dealt with the KA Old South party there differently.

According to Auburn Director of Student Affairs Grant Davis, flowers around campus and an announcement in the student newspaper brought a number of students out to protest the KA Old South parade along the school's College Street.

University officials were notified of the protest, and the event occurred without incident, Davis said.

At W&L, conflicts seem confined within fraternities planning the Sherman's March to the Sea party.

"The fact that the party is on the same weekend as Old South just happens to be a coincidence," Fliess said.

But Fiji sophomore Darren Johnson said the party was intentionally planned for the same weekend as Old South.

"I don't believe it's in good taste to support Sherman's march when it was just a pillaging raid on the South," Johnson said. "I don't support the party and I won't be there."

Richard Hughes, Fiji's new social chairman, refused to comment on the party, saying he didn't believe in everything it represented.

"Some people are going simply because it's a social event," Johnson said. "They aren't taking the Sherman's March theme too seriously."

No one else to blame

Where were you from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 1991?

That's the question future generations of Washington and Lee students will ask us as a student body when they inherit the ambiguities of our student body constitution.

But who cares? Obviously not the current student body. The 160 votes cast in Wednesday's referendum were not enough for the Voting Regulations Board to bother tallying. The sum fell drastically short of the one-half of the student body that must vote to amend the constitution.

Okay. Maybe you didn't know. We admit that *Phi* stories on constitutional revisions are not always as interesting as Talkback — less pictures, to be sure. But the issue is important, or we wouldn't cover it at all.

The proposals made by the Constitutional Revisions Committee appearing on the ballot were vital to update the constitution and clear up some very vague areas about how student government works.

One proposed amendment, for an example of which we were particularly fond, determined when the Executive Committee can enter executive session, thus excluding *Phi* reporters and others. The constitution states that the EC can close its door only "in the case of possible honor violations." That means every time the EC enters executive session for appointment interviews and deliberations, as it now does, it violates the constitution.

We do not advocate executive session for the entire appointment process, but we do like to see the EC follow the rules. Now W&L student government is faced with separate *de jure* and *de facto* constitutions. Under such a system, who will draw the line on EC actions? If the constitution can be so blatantly violated in one respect, it can be equally abused in any other. Who will intervene when a future EC decides to close the door while it allocates student dollars?

The fault for this tragic mishap can be laid on many doorsteps. The VRB amnesia that postponed one vote, and sparse EC publicity on the last vote, didn't help.

The most serious fault of all, however, lies with the apathetic student body. Apathy has not been a symptom of poor polling organization, rather a cause. The first postponement of the vote happened because only one student outside the *Phi* and student government showed up for the revisions forum in Lee Chapel mandated by the constitution. It happened to be a beautiful, warm day, and the students playing Frisbee outside the chapel didn't think the forum was important enough to come in.

Even the revisions committee members, which should have seen more than anyone the need for these amendments, have been stricken with this same strain of apathy. Of five we contacted after Wednesday's vote (the sixth graduated), three didn't know the results and, of those, two claimed they did not remember what the revisions they had written were about.

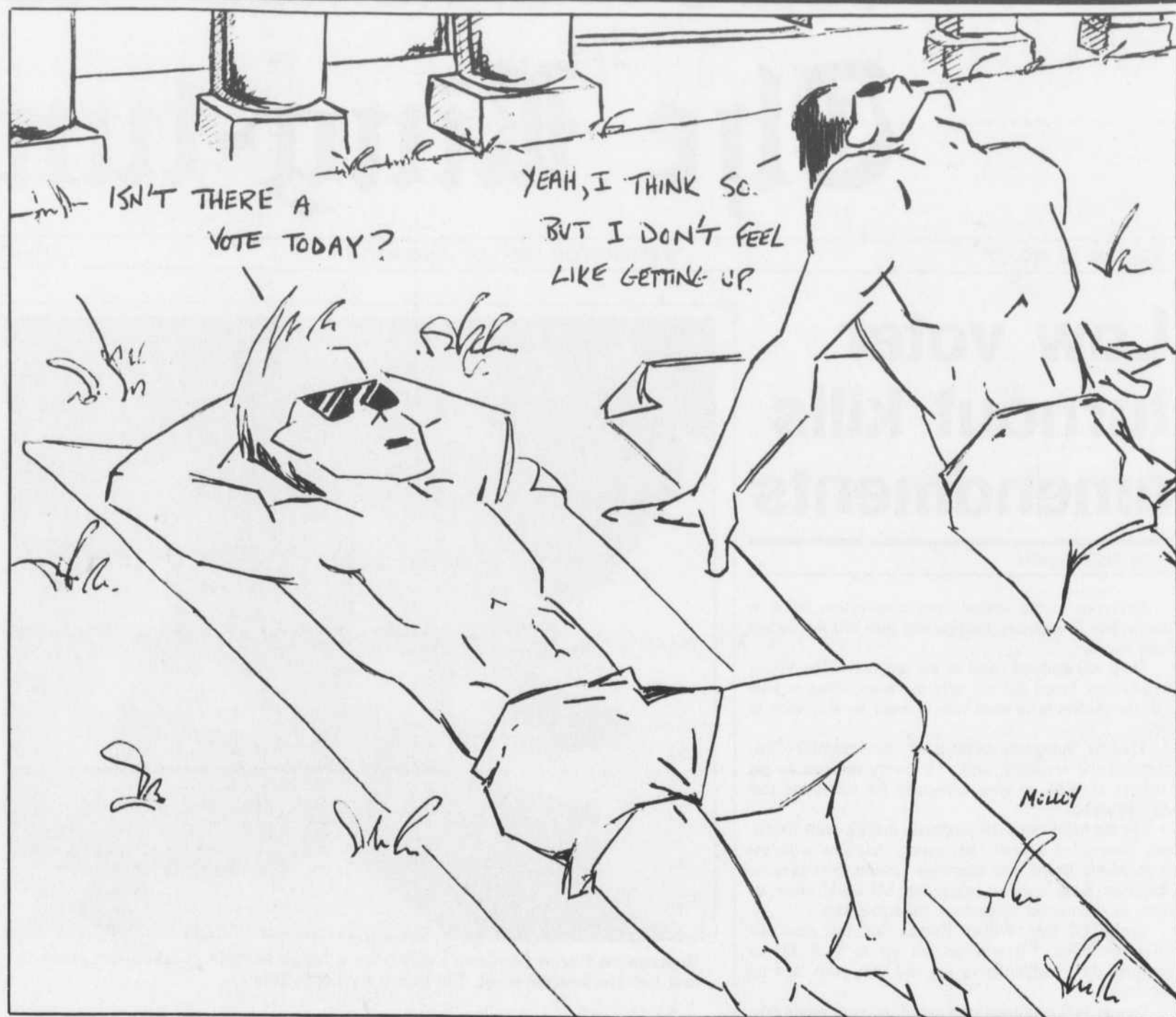
We don't expect everyone to become avid readers of student government news, or even to know every EC member by name. We don't expect anyone to be able to recite the constitution chapter and verse, or even the White Book without a copy handy. But sometimes, at W&L and in the world in general, things come up that we have to concern ourselves with to fulfil our obligations as good citizens in a democratic system. Constitutional amendments are like that; they're important, whether it's the U.S. Constitution or the W&L student body.

At a time when student autonomy is said to be in crisis, and student leaders are working desperately to reestablish the confidence of alumni and administrators, the student body could do no worse than express utter apathy toward the supreme laws that govern student life and protect student rights at W&L.

Quote of the week

I don't believe some small segment of the population should deprive all the citizens of enjoyment of the wildlife.

— A Virginia woman commenting on the shutdown of a wildlife refuge after it became a rendezvous for homosexuals.



Sbar starts satirist search Offers seven pearls of wisdom to Sbarlets

The Sbar Side By Jon Sbar

As I begin the first paragraph of my last *Phi* article, my eyes are so blurred with tears that I can barely see my computer terminal. My hands are shaking like fig trees in the wind and every so often I emit a primal scream. I think of all the great articles I should have written, but never did. Like the one I had planned about the buildings and grounds guy (the one with the baseball sized tobacco plug) who pulls a rotating pitchfork all over the colonnade behind a tractor, putting little tiny holes in the grass. I think of all the literary allusions that I will never drop. Oh, WOE is me! I feel like two ragged claws scraping across the dark surface of a chalkboard in Payne Hall. I feel like this all too solid flesh may melt and thaw. I feel like finding out what a fig tree shaking in the wind looks like.

I realize that my first paragraph was a little dramatic, but it is true that I'm upset about my *Phi* career ending. Where else am I going to find a newspaper that indulges my irresponsible and tasteless writing style? With *The Weekly World News*, that's where. I've already signed a lucrative contract which included a big signing bonus. I have even started working on my first story — *Pregnant Man Carrying Elvis in Womb - Doctors hear the fetus singing "I ain't nothing but a hound dog."*

Wanted: Irresponsible journalist to write humor for The Ring-tum Phi. Must love beer and big canines and hold no political views.

Now that I've gotten past the hors d'oeuvres, we can get to the meat and potatoes of my farewell article:

Wanted: Irresponsible Journalist to write humor for The Ring-tum Phi. Must love beer and big canines and hold no political opinions. Apply now - the pay sucks and you'll hate your editor. Call Josh Manning immediately if you're interested.

That's right readers, the *Phi* is looking to replace me after my four years of dedicated service. Along with getting rid of me a month early,

they have also requested that I write an article soliciting a replacement. Can you believe that? Talk about adding insult to injury. I gave them the best years of my life. A man is not a fruit (but if he was I'd want to be a mango). They can't just eat the nectar and throw away the peel. I demand a party in my honor involving attractive female strippers, my own "Talkback" question, songs dedicated to me on the campus radio station, and a year's supply of free beer.

Now that I've gotten those bitter feelings out of my system, it's time for some sentimental reflection on my four years writing for the *Phi*. I sure have learned a lot in that time. When I submitted my first article in the second week of my freshman year, I was immature, loved socially deviant humor and had no knowledge of modern grammatical laws. Now, in the last weeks of my senior year, after hundreds of articles under the supervision of eight different editorial editors, my writing is as infantile, socially unacceptable and unpolished as ever. In fact, I think my writing is getting worse. Maybe we should just skip the nostalgic journey into the past. Instead I'll help out my replacement by sharing my definitive seven rules for writing humor in the *Phi*.

Rule One: Drink lots of beer and write about large canines. For some reasons, all humor writers do these things. I really don't know why. If you like wine coolers and small dogs (under 30 pounds) or cats then you should check into openings on the W&LIFE page.

Rule Two: Keep in mind that humor writers are sex symbols just like actors, musicians and professors. Attractive females frequently offer me their bodies in return for autographed articles. It's OK to consort with your groupies, but don't let it interfere with your writing. And if you believe that you should check into "Talkback" openings. The truth is that writing humor for the *Phi* will probably make you unpopular with most members of the opposite sex. Whenever a girl approaches me to discuss my writing it usually means that she is angry. Anyone who is really interested in you because of your writing is probably a complete weirdo and I advise you to stay as far away from them as possible.

Rule Three: Try to intimidate the editorial editor if it's at all possible. In my years at the *Phi*, I have been screwed by editors more times than I can remember. I've been censored, buried on page

four, and held over to make room for "My Views" about political trends in Bangladesh. I've had entire columns of an article backwards and key words misprinted. Usually, the editor's decisions are for the good of the paper and the errors accidental, but it's a good idea for you to hassle

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them anyway. However, occasionally you'll run into an editor who just plain hates your guts. Last year, for example, the editorial editor basically refused to run my columns until one or two weeks after she received them. If it wasn't unethical and inappropriate I'd tell you that her name was Tina. If it wasn't so unfair I might also take a cheap shot at her and tell you that her idea of a good time was reading *The Wall Street Journal*. I finally solved my problems with her by writing a column in which I threatened to bludgeon her with a sledgehammer. My favorite editor was Chris Baradel whose idea of good humor was a description of a guy picking his nose at a stoplight.

Rule Four: Maintain an apathetic political posture. Don't vote and avoid reading any serious news. Political agendas and humor do not mix.

Rule Five: Don't waste your time trying to get women to send you photographs of themselves in sexy lingerie. I've tried this hundreds of times and it hasn't worked yet. However, if any attractive females out there are thinking about it, it's not too late to send me some photos (Jon Sbar, 800 McCorkle Dr., Lexington, VA 24450).

Rule Six: Read Ann Landers religiously. I get most of my ideas from her column.

Rule Seven: Never write under your real name. "Jon Sbar" is just a pseudonym. My real name is John D. Wilson and the rest is silence, which is what Hamlet said after killing his uncle and driving his girlfriend to suicide.

Ed. Note: It is true that The Ring-tum Phi is searching for a humor writer to fill the gigantic shoes left behind by Jon Sbar. If you are interested, contact Joshua Manning at 463-2397 or Rick Peltz at 464-5518.

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LETTERS

Totally Disappointing

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed with the entertainment (or attempt at entertainment) in the Pavilion Friday night. The opening band was hopelessly monotonous and annoying, which made the wait for Pauly Shore all the more infuriating.

Shore opened his act with a generous dose of profanity and never progressed. In fact, his entire show was a tasteless exercise in vulgarity, which might have been bearable had he demonstrated any talent or sense of humor, which he never did.

I feel especially bad for the ladies in the audience who could only have been alienated, repulsed, and embarrassed by Shore's crass sexism.

I know some people asked for their money

back. Maybe the University should do the same. I am left wondering why we had a "comedian" from MTV appear in conjunction with Mock Convention in the first place. With the money we wasted on Shore we might have had another political speaker to complement the visit of Senator McGovern, which would have made more sense as a Convention event anyway.

Justin Peterson, '94

Soderberg Apologizes

Dear Readers:

I would like to apologize to both the Lexington and Washington and Lee communities for my inappropriate and ungentlemanly behavior on October 17, 1990, when I fired a shotgun into the ceiling of my fraternity house in an attempt

to end a serious confrontation. I especially apologize to those who were present at the time for potentiating an already dangerous situation. I would also like to assure everyone that I have been sufficiently punished for my actions, by both the Student Conduct Committee and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In defense of myself and our student government, my trial by the SCC was fair and untainted. In response to comments made during the interrogation of President Wilson last semester, my father is not some "influential alumnus," as I am the first in my family to attend Washington and Lee. Furthermore, if he was, wouldn't his rumored ability to influence SCC proceedings be but a reflection upon our student government and not our administration?

Peer Soderberg, '92

Ed. note: The Ring-tum Phi received this letter, dated January 5, 1991, on May 1, 1991.

W&L history class blasts into past

By Kimberly Boots
Staff Reporter

A dozen W&L students are spending spring term delving into W&L's rich and lengthy history by taking History 395B: The History of Washington and Lee.

Professor Taylor Sanders initiated the course last spring after students had repeatedly requested to take such a course. Sanders, who has taught at W&L for more than 20 years, said the main objective of the course is to "... relate W&L to higher education in general" over the course of its history and to encourage the students to "think about the university in ways maybe they hadn't thought about before."

The course, only open to juniors and seniors, focuses on the period between 1910 and 1945. Each student must complete a research paper on some aspect of Washington and Lee as a prerequisite for the class. Sanders said the paper requirement keeps the size of the class small and, because the students have already done extensive research by the time the class begins, they have specific areas of knowledge to contribute to class discussions.

Paper topics included the Honor code,

General Lee's presidency, a history of violence at W&L and histories of the journalism school, the cross country team and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house. In addition to the initial paper, students must also present oral reports, write several essays and compile a 15-page final research report.

The curriculum also includes lectures outside regular class hours on various events in W&L history. Most of these are conducted by W&L faculty. Topics to be covered include W&L's 1949 Bicentennial, the 1956 Mock Convention and student life in the 1950s. The lectures are open to the public.

This week's class discussion centered on W&L's standing with regard to other relatively old colleges. Sanders said W&L is a mixture of the qualities of the "robber baron" colleges such as Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt and those of "colonial" colleges such as William and Mary, Harvard and Yale.

Sanders said that students interested in taking the class should contact him early next fall. Research work for the course should be done during the fall and winter, although according to Sanders, there are no plans to extend the course to the fall and winter course offerings.



The W&L history class will focus on topics such as student life in the late 1800s to the 1950s. Above, students participate in the 1953 Homecoming parade.

McGovern speech draws 400

By Spain Brumby
Staff Reporter

About 400 people gathered on the lawn fronting Lee Chapel as possible 1992 presidential candidate and former senator George McGovern kicked off the 20th W&L Mock Convention with a speech Friday.

"We had an excellent turnout and great media coverage," said Mock Convention Committee Member Talley Woolley. "The media was very interested in whether he was going to announce his candidacy."

McGovern told the crowd he will run if no other candidate emerges who will stand for the liberal achievements of the Democratic Party.

"I prefer a younger and less battle scarred candidate who is committed to change," McGovern said. "I would not hesitate to yield to a better candidate."

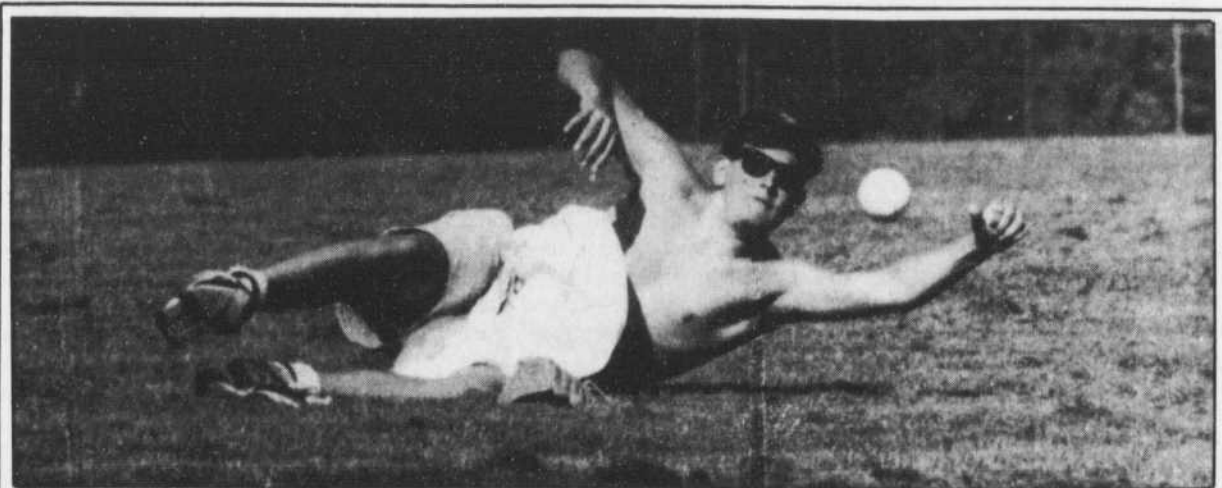
A small portion of the crowd applauded when McGovern called for cuts in defense spending to be a vital part of the Democratic platform.

"It's time Uncle Sam stopped playing Uncle Sugar to Western Europe and Japan and bring 400,000 troops home," McGovern said.

McGovern told reporters after his speech that the Democrats have a chance of beating President George Bush.

"I think it's tough to take on an incumbent president," McGovern said. "I found that out in 1972. But if the recession lingers, [Bush] will be vulnerable."

McGovern also told reporters that other possible Democratic candidates are Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, New York Governor Mario Cuomo and Nebraska Senator Robert Kerrey.



No problem!

Freshman Brennan McBride is caught sitting down on the job while playing right field in an intramural softball game Wednesday. Phi photo by Leigh Allen.

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ly created position in which he hopes to combine academic work and counseling, he said in January.

Manning received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wake Forest University and later worked there as administrative assistant to the president.

Manning has served at Woodberry Forest for the past eight years as an English teacher, dormitory master, basketball coach, admissions officer, and director of the summer school, Howison said in a letter to the W&L community.

"He [Manning] was a jack-of-all-trades at Woodberry Forest," Howison said.

Manning said he is exhilarated about his new position.

"I'm very interested in the transition to college," Manning said. "I'm fascinated by the freshman year experience."

Manning said he is impressed by the general character of W&L.

"Washington and Lee has a clear commitment to education that extends

beyond the classroom—specifically, the honor system," Manning said.

"I think [W&L] is the most attractive school—certainly in the South, and maybe in the nation," Manning said.

Howison said he selected Manning from a pool of about 120 applicants from across the nation. Howison said he primarily wanted someone who could relate to freshmen and their concerns.

Although Howison made the final decision, he said he heard from administrators, a search committee composed of freshmen and faculty, and many other students.

"We had a lot of people give input into the process," Howison said.

Manning was "recommended highly" by several of his former students at Woodberry Forest, Howison said.

Hal Waller, W&L '93 and Woodberry Forest '89, said he is "very excited" about Manning's appointment. "Judging from the fine job he did

at Woodberry Forest, he should be a huge asset to the W&L community," Waller said.

Young, Director of Campus Safety at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, will replace Director of University Security Charles F. "Murph" Murray, who is retiring after 32 years at W&L.

Young has more than 20 years of experience in the field of campus security and law enforcement, Howison said. Young has served as a military policeman, a security officer at the University of Iowa, and chief of police in Tipton, Iowa.

At Rollins, which has an enrollment of 1,500 students, Young oversaw all safety and security concerns. He developed informative programs concerning fire safety, date rape, orientation of new students, and alcohol and drug abuse for students and staff.

In addition, Young serves as president of the Florida Association of Campus Safety and Security Administrators, according to Howison.

GENERAL NOTES

Health Ed

The W&L Athletic Department will offer two health education classes this May. A CPR class will be offered May 7, 9 and 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the 500 level gym classrooms. A First Aid class will be offered May 13, 14, and 15 same time, same place. Call Cinda Rankin at 463-8687 for details.

Tennis Time

The W&L tennis team will offer a tennis clinic for all levels of play on Sunday, May 5 from 3-4:15 p.m. at the upper tennis courts. Register now, space is limited. Call Cinda Rankin at 463-8687 for details.

AI Elections

Get involved now! W&L's Amnesty International Chapter will nominate officers at their May 7 meeting. The election will take place the following Tuesday. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in Newcomb 7.

Calyx Candidis

The Calyx still wants your pictures of friends, vacations, or whatever else! Place them in the envelope on the door of the Calyx office, room 206 of the University Center.

Give Blood

The bloodmobile will be on campus Tuesday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors of all blood types are needed. The donation center will be located in Doremus Gym.

Be Famous

Seniors and third year law students: if you want the folks back home to hear about your graduation and stellar accomplishments, please fill out and return current info sheets to the News Office on the first floor of Reid Hall ASAP. Extra forms are available at the library and the co-op.

New Handbook

The 1991-92 Student Handbook is now being compiled. Any new student organizations should notify Bernadette Kempton or leave an entry consisting of a short description of the organization and the names of its leaders in the Student Handbook box outside the Dean of Students' office in Payne Hall.

Russian Lecture

Alexei Yablokov, member of the Supreme Soviet and personal advisor to Boris Yeltsin, will speak on the "How socialism can be reconciled with democracy" Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in C-School room 327. The lecture is sponsored by the Telford lecture series, and co-sponsored by the International Club.

King Flick

The Film Society's final presentation of this season will be Kenneth Branagh's version of Shakespeare's *Henry V* (English, 1989). The master's story of war, politics, and the brutality of battle come alive with performances featuring Paul Scofield and Ian Holm. The film won an Academy Award and was nominated for Best Actor and Director. The film will be shown May 3, 4, and 5 at 8:05 p.m. in Lewis Hall room A. Admission is free.

Paint House

The Baptist Student Union is organizing a "scrape 'n paint bonanza" for Lexington's homeless shelter, the Gladys' house. This community service project will take place May 2, 3, and 4. Volunteers are needed. Call Warren Hammonds for information, 463-3313 (days) or 463-1136 (nights).

DoC Awards

Scholarships are available for Virginia residents who attend Virginia schools and are of lineal descent of Confederate Veterans from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Deadline for applications is July 1. Applications and additional information are available at the Financial Aid Office.

GM God

Retired General Motors Chairman Roger B. Smith will address Lee Chapel Wednesday, May 8, at 8:15 p.m. The speech, sponsored by Contact, is open to the public.

New Sbar

Think you're funny? Well here's your chance to prove it. *The Ring-tum Phi* is looking for two hilarious humor columnists to write a monthly column for this esteemed publication. Interested? Call Josh Manning at 463-2397 or Rick Peltz at 464-5518.

Interviews and photos
by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

In light of the Mock Convention kickoff, who would you like to see nominated?



Pauley Shore, MTV Personality — "I have no idea who you are talking about..."



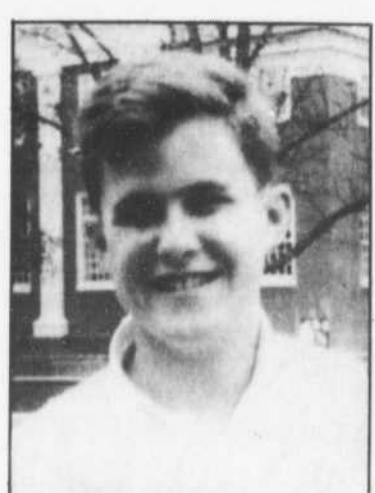
Tara Makoski, '92, Dallas, TX — "Hunter S. Thompson because he is the only guy crazy enough to run against Bush."



Harrison Shull, '93, Nashville, TN — "Wouldn't it just be a lot easier for the Democrats to nominate Bush? ...Bush could go out and murder someone and he'd still win."



Elizabeth Besenfelder, '93, Richmond, VA — "Senator Albert Gore from Tennessee because if I have to look at someone on television for eleven months he better be good looking."



Mark Van Deusen, '93, Englewood, CO — "Al Gore because the only way the Democrats have a chance of winning the Presidency is with a conservative southerner."



Senator George McGovern — "...Jesse Jackson still has presidential aspirations if he gives up his TV show."

Tennis wins yet another ODAC title

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

Washington and Lee has captured the Old Dominion Athletic Conference men's tennis title every year since 1985, and the rest of the conference has grown tired of looking up at W&L.

Tired as they may be, however, 1991 offered no more rest for stiff necks than previous years. W&L out-pointed second place Hampden-Sydney 69-52 in winning six of nine flights to win the title again in 1991. "Everybody gets up to beat us," said senior Bill Meadows, who placed second at No. 1 singles. "This is the end of the season for everyone, and it would make their season to beat us. It makes things a little tougher for us."

W&L won three of the six singles flights and swept the doubles in winning the team title. Freshmen Rob MacNaughton and Robert Wein and sophomore Travis West captured their singles flights at No. 2, No. 5 and No. 6 respectively.

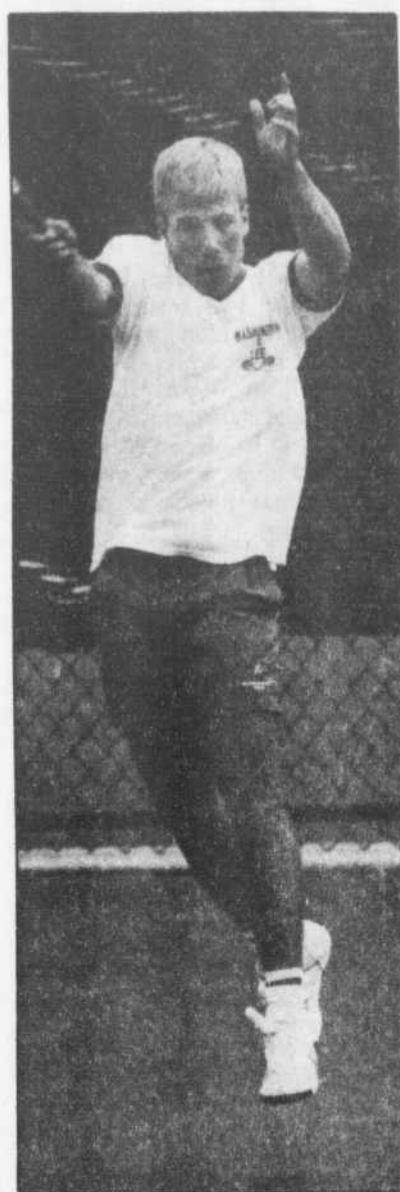
Meadows and MacNaughton teamed to win the No. 1 doubles flight, while Wein and West brought home the No. 3 flight. Senior Reid Manley and junior Richard Yates captured the No. 2 flight.

For Meadows, the No. 4 player in Division III, the loss in the singles final marked his first loss in 40 ODAC regular season and tournament matches. He called it a sobering loss. W&L will now hope to go from the role of favorite to underdog. Ranked No. 12 in Division III, the Generals must wait to see if they are extended a bid to the NCAA Championships, held in California.

"We've beaten one of the teams ranked just below us already this year," said Meadows. "That helps us. Everyone is pretty confident we're going to go."

The Generals finished the regular season with a 5-13 record, but Meadows thinks W&L can play with teams ranked in the second five.

"We have so much potential that



Senior Bill Meadows follows through on a forehand in an ODAC tournament match. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

we haven't showed yet," he said. "We've got more going for us than our No. 12 ranking shows. We're as good as any team in the nation. It just boils down to winning the big points."

W&L won't know if it is included in the NCAA Tournament until Sunday, and the Generals will bide their time practicing hard.

The team will be ready, Meadows says, when the bid comes. The nature of the NCAA's will guarantee that.

"Nobody can be playing any better than they are right now, especially the doubles," he said. "And the atmosphere at the NCAA's is so intense that you can't help but play your best tennis."

W&L impatiently awaits bid

By Chris Simon
Staff Reporter

One might think an Old Dominion Athletic Conference title and an ODAC Coach of the Year honor would satisfy the Washington and Lee women's tennis team, and one might be wrong.

Despite finishing 30 points ahead of the defending ODAC champions and second place Sweet Briar, head coach Cinda Rankin and her squad won't be satisfied without a bid to the 1991 NCAA Division III women's tennis national championships.

The Generals, one of four teams ranked eleventh in this week's Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association (ITCA) poll, wait impatiently for an invitation to the May 15 NCAA Tournament to be played at Emory University in Atlanta.

"We'd love to go," said senior Kathy Leake. "It would be a great

accomplishment."

As if giving the NCAA tournament committee food for thought, the Generals cruised to their second ODAC championship in three years, recording four singles victories and two doubles titles en route to 66 team points and the title. Seniors Kelly Martone and Leake, and freshmen Eugenia Foster and Kim Dickinson combined for the singles flights victories.

Foster and senior Jean Stroman joined Martone and Leake for the doubles titles.

"Going into the finals we had placed all six individuals [singles], and two out three in the doubles finals," said Rankin. "We were all over the courts."

Stroman and Foster finished the regular season ranked twelfth nationally by ITCA as a doubles tandem. In singles, Stroman is 21st in the nation. Even if the NCAA doesn't offer W&L a position in team competition, Stroman and Foster may

head to Atlanta for the NCAA's individual tournament May 19.

ITCA ranked Sewanee, Washington College, and Trenton with W&L at the eleventh position. Although the Generals haven't played Sewanee this season, Rankin hopes the NCAA will compare W&L's and Sewanee's performances against similar opponents before choosing the nation's top twelve.

Both W&L and Sewanee beat Hope College earlier this year. The Generals won 9-0, Sewanee 7-2. Fourth-ranked Mary Washington beat W&L 5-4 while defeating Sewanee 6-3.

The NCAA will make its decision this Sunday. Until then, the Generals will continue to practice each afternoon, waiting impatiently for a chance to compete as a team in their first Division III tournament.

"The chance of going to the tournament keeps us motivated," said Stroman.

Golf defends ODAC crown vs. Macon

By John Laney
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee golf team won its second straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference title this past weekend and head coach Buck Leslie was named ODAC Coach of the Year.

The Generals shot 302 in the opening round of the ODAC Championships and then recorded a second-day 308 to hold off second-place finisher and tournament host Randolph-Macon for W&L's third conference title in the last four years.

"We thought we could win, but we didn't underestimate the other teams," Leslie said. "We played good golf and consistent golf. The round of 302 was a peak performance."

Junior Clay Thomas shot a pair of 73s to lead W&L and finish as the second-place medalist, while classmate Jay McKnight carded a 152. Both Thomas and McKnight were named All-ODAC for the second year in a row.

"Clay and Jay anchored us, but [junior] Brad Thornburn shot a 75 and an 80 which helped and [senior] Brian Kopet played steady with a 78 and a 79," Leslie said.

The Coach of the Year award was the sixth for Leslie, who became W&L's golf coach in 1975. In December, 1989, Leslie was diagnosed as having leukemia and was in and out of the hospital for the next four months. He stayed in contact with his players by phone, and when he could, he would go to matches and watch them warm up.

"Winning the award was very rewarding to say the least," Leslie said. "I feel lucky, very humble and thankful to have been out there. It's certainly an emotional high for me."

W&L (29-2) now must wait until May 14 to learn if it receives a bid to the Division III national championships, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 21-24. The Generals finished seventh out of 20 teams at last year's championships in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Generals put scare into RC

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

When a team loses a close game, it often searches for excuses as to why it lost. Very seldom does a team admit there is nothing more it could have done.

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team lost to Roanoke College 8-7 Saturday in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament semi-finals, but the Generals make no excuses for their performance in Salem, Va.

"It was the best game I have ever seen," said senior Shawn Wert. "There is no way we could have played a better game."

"It was the best game we have ever played at Washington and Lee," said senior Melinda Conkling. "They gave us opportunities, and we capitalized. Everybody played as well as they could have played. It was an amazing game to watch."

W&L scored first against the

fifth-ranked Maroons, setting the tone of the game, said Wert.

"The game was close right from the start," she said. "We scored first and that sent them a message. They wanted to win big. They are a physical game, and we showed them that they weren't going to push us around."

"Everything was working for us," said Conkling. "Kimberly Bishop was back after an appendectomy and she played beautifully. Ginny Dallum was everywhere and Erica [Ingersoll] made the key saves."

After W&L opened the scoring, the teams traded goals until the final 15 minutes, in which Roanoke took an 8-7 lead. W&L then had to chase the ball while Roanoke ran out the clock.

"[Head coach] Jan [Hathorn] tells us that at the end of a game, we shouldn't be able to run any more," said Conkling. "That's how it was Saturday. We gave everything we had."

W&L reached Saturday's semifinal

by beating Sweet Briar for the second time in three days Friday.

"It was a pretty easy win for us," said Wert. "We went in knowing we could win the game. After we did, we were really psyched up to play Roanoke."

Although W&L lost to Roanoke early in the season, Wert said it was a different W&L team the second time around.

"They beat us 8-3 early in the season," she said. "We weren't as prepared then. We were still trying to put everyone in the right place on the field. By Saturday, we were ready to play."

"We played the number five team in the nation to within one goal," said Conkling. "We couldn't have played any better. It was a great way to go out."

W&L finishes the season 10-6, the most wins ever for the Generals. Five of the losses came to teams ranked in the nation's top 15.

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Roberts, offensive explosion produce first-ever ODAC title

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

Sometimes it's best not to wake a sleeping giant.

Hampden-Sydney found that out last Saturday. The Tigers scored the first three goals of the game before the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team exploded for seven straight goals en route to a 13-5 win.

The win gave the Generals their first ever Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship, and more importantly, kept W&L's hopes for an NCAA Tournament bid alive. The tournament field is announced Sunday.

Junior attackers Jeff Roberts and Drew Anton keyed the W&L

explosion. Roberts scored a career-high six goals and Anton added four as the Generals improved to 10-3 on the season. Each added an assist.

"It was an important game for us because we had to win to keep our play-off hopes alive," said senior attacker Mike Moseman. "It was also for the outright ODAC Championship, and we had never won that before."

Senior defenseman David Farace said it took a while for the Generals to get settled down.

"I was a little worried because they jumped out to a 3-0 lead," he said. "We weren't playing real hard in the first quarter. Then we settled down."

W&L scored once at the end of the first quarter and then outscored the Tigers 7-0 in the second quarter

to take firm control of the game.

While Roberts and Anton did the scoring damage, much of the credit to the offensive success belongs to the midfielders, seniors Clark Wight and Todd Garliss and sophomore John Hunter.

"Our middies did a great job beating their men," said Farace. "Once our middle beat his man, the defenseman slid, and we hit the open man. Jeff and Drew finished things off better than they have all season." Hunter was the main distributor. He handed out four assists while scoring a goal of his own.

"Their defensive middies had a hard time controlling us," he said. "We just went by our men and dished the ball. Roberts and Anton scored the goals."

It was not all offense for the Generals. The defense was again superb, allowing just two goals over the final 45 minutes. Senior goalie Tom Costello made 11 saves on the afternoon.

"The defense played well," said Farace. "We weren't real aggressive in the first quarter, but we settled down. Cos came up big again, just like he has all season."

The 13-5 win sets up another must-win game for the fifth-ranked Generals in Saturday's Lee-Jackson Classic against VMI. "We can't afford to lose," Farace said simply. "We're looking at this as the most important game of the season. If we lose — there goes the playoffs. If we win, we have a great chance to get to the playoffs."



Sophomore John Hunter scores a goal in W&L's 13-5 win over Hampden-Sydney last Saturday. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.



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History repeats, history repeats

By Marcy Brown
Entertainment Editor

James A. Garfield once said "History is constantly repeating itself, making only such changes of programme as the growth of nations and centuries requires."

The following articles appeared in *The Ring-tum Phi* five, ten and 25 years ago. Although some of the details have changed, the events and the debates they generated may resemble closely certain world and campus issues the W&L community has encountered recently. See what you think...

May 1, 1986

ALIVE AND KICKING, OR JUST KICKING OUT?

By Marie Kothman, Assistant Editorial Page Editor
If the number of people leaving school because of honor violations is any measure of the usefulness and health of the Honor System, the system is indeed alive and kicking. But the disturbing fact is that these dismissals have resulted from illegal activities that warrant heavy fines and prison

terms in a court of law. Each week The Phi headlines stories about credit card fraud, check forgery, alleged rape, vandalized frat houses, and students shooting other students. Alumni, bewildered by what they read, write letters begging students to "please be gentle with our University." What's going on here? It seems the W&L student body is the sole cause of the crime rate in Lexington.

The attitude of the majority of students seems to be not "Let's try to do what's honorable," but "Let's see how much we can get away with." With such an attitude, the Honor System becomes a farce.

April 30, 1981

KA FINED, PENALIZED BY IFC JUDICIAL BOARD

The judicial board of the Interfraternity council met Tuesday night to settle a dispute involving members of the Lambda Chi Alpha and the Kappa Alpha fraternities. Throughout the winter term, members of the two fraternities have traded bottle throwing incidents and several fights have erupted. On return from spring break, the window

breaking and bottle smashing continued.

April 30, 1966

U.S IN LAND WAR, AGRONSKY SAYS HERE

By Ralph Fuller
What was once only American support of a government in South Vietnam has become an American land war in Asia, a CBS news correspondent said here today, and he added that "for the United States what is truly at issue in the world crisis is how we will use our power."

Delivering the final address of the SIPA convention in Lee Chapel, newsman Martin Agronsky said the U.S. has become involved in a land war it cannot win and cannot afford to lose.

But the problems of Vietnam relate and project beyond the immediate situation, he added. He cited the United States position as the most powerful nation in the world, and its "awesome responsibility...the power to destroy absolutely."

Agronsky noted the view of Sen. William Fulbright that the United States is in danger of succumbing to the arrogance of power, and, he added it is easy to be impatient with those who question our policies.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 6

Registration for Fall Term 1991 begins.
4:30 p.m. FACULTY MEETING: Northern Auditorium.
5:30 p.m. President's Reception for Seniors. Lee House.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

4 p.m. CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PLACEMENT: "Juniors Get a Jump on Next Year." Lee Chapel.
8 p.m. ACLU LECTURE: "A Quiet Civil Rights Revolution--How the Voting Rights Act is Reshaping Virginia's Political Landscape." R. Kent Willis, executive director, Virginia ACLU. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

4 p.m. GLASGOW ENDOWMENT PROGRAM: A reading by Heather Ross Miller, prose fiction writer. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.
4:30 p.m. W&L HISTORY SPRING SEMINAR: "From 'Gator to Gone: The Demise of Big-Time Football," Frank A. Parsons, '54, coordinator of capital planning at W&L. Room 221, Commerce School. Public invited.
5:30 p.m. President's Reception for Seniors. Lee House.
8:15 p.m. CONTACT LECTURE: "Motoring into the 21st Century: The Future of the Automobile," Roger Smith, former chairman, General Motors Corp. Lee Chapel. Public invited.



Play draws viewers Into the Woods

By Bernadette Kempton
Staff Reporter

Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* brought fairytale land to Lexington Wednesday and took its audience on an exploration of the human soul.

The make-believe quality of the children's stories, upbeat music, catchy lyrics, and witty lines provide a medium through which Sondheim speaks to the audience in the language of the heart. As the musical begins, the giant storybooks of Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Baker and His Wife literally open to draw the audience into the action. As all of the characters suggest, life has been unfair to them and there is something they wish to change. The plaintive "I wish" rings out and draws us to the central motif.

Little Red Riding Hood joins the scene to declare her purpose for going into the woods. Although she is afraid, she must go to take bread and sweets to her grandmother. Gina Valentine, as Little Red Riding Hood, provides a delightful portrayal of childhood innocence, curiosity and fear.

The Witch appears, and explains the curse of infertility which she has placed on the Baker and his Wife. She has also locked up the Baker's sister, Rapunzel, in a tower in the woods. All, she claims, in vengeance for the Baker's father's wrongdoing. To remove the curse, the Baker and his Wife must obtain Jack's cow, Red Riding Hood's cape, Rapunzel's hair, and Cinderella's shoe. Every character's desire leads them into the woods and on a journey through terror, evil, and the choices that come with the maturation process.

As the Baker and his Wife set out to fulfill their goals, they become lost in the web of right vs. wrong and necessity vs. desire. As the Baker's Wife takes advantage of the rather dense young Jack, trading her purportedly magical beans for his milky white cow, she declares "If the end is right, it justifies the means!" A touching scene reveals a heart within the seemingly evil Witch, brilliantly portrayed by Kelly Ellenwood, as she explains her attempts to protect Rapunzel from the evils of the world. She wishes Rapunzel to remain a child, a selfish wish despite its good intentions. The first act ends with a rendition of "Ever After" portraying all the fairytales with happy endings while hinting of the uneasiness of the moral integrity sacrificed in the process.

As the second act commences, the characters still long for more, al-

though they claim to be happy. The character's return to the woods, this time in pursuit of a giant ravaging their town. As the characters have selfishly pursued their own desires, they have become liars and thieves, and their actions end in death and destruction. Just as the Baker's Wife realizes that she must reach a higher level of maturity and leave the woods, she is crushed by the giant. The overriding themes of maturation as an ongoing process and of the importance of parenting by example rather than a dictatorship lead into the last refrain. The lyrics ring out: "You have to go.... There is more to learn and less to know," and "Be careful what you say... children will listen." We must all go into the woods, but we must also remember that "no one is alone," and we must consider the effects of our actions and our words.

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