

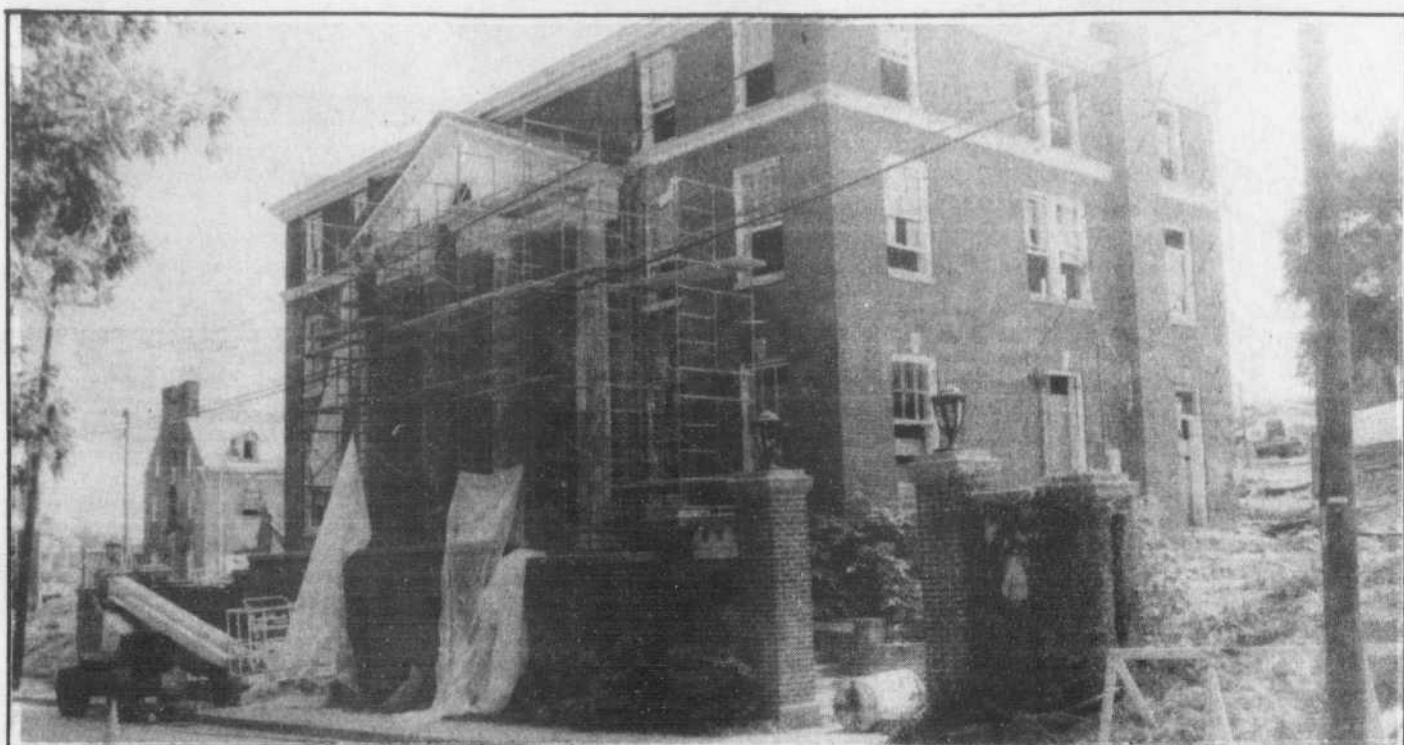
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Washington and Lee's Fraternity renaissance turns the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Jefferson Street into a shell of its former self. University officials hope construction on the house will be finished by January. (Staff photo by Chris Leiphart)

## Hill says phase one on time

Parsons and contractor optimistic, architect has doubts

By Jason Kelley  
Senior Copy Editor

Fraternity Renaissance is on schedule and the phase one renovations will be completed on time, Washington and Lee director of capital planning Frank Parsons said. But architects handling the renovations doubt that phase one can be completed by January.

"I have no reason to believe otherwise," Parsons said. "Bass Construction has said that they are proceeding on schedule and will be finished with the current renovations by January."

Bill Shirey, site supervisor for Bass Construction, said the company originally had some problems with a few of the sub-contractors working on the houses, but that now everything is back on schedule.

But Architect David Oakland of the Charlottesville firm VMDO, which is handling all the renovations, disagreed. "They could have every contractor in Southwest Virginia working on those houses full-time and they still wouldn't finish on time."

Oakland noted that there were delays at the beginning of the project in the spring as Bass began hiring and organizing a largely local work force that now numbers 70.

"They had to find and hire all these people.

Phase two will start faster since Bass will already have its work force in place," he said.

The university is renovating six W&L fraternity houses, including those in Red Square — near the intersection of Henry and Jefferson Streets — and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in exchange for the house's land titles.

Other fraternities will follow suit in the second phase of the Fraternity Renaissance. Their houses will be vacated and renovated after the completion of phase one.

Construction on the SAE house is scheduled to be finished by November. SAE members will not, however, re-occupy their house until Red Square fraternity members move back into their houses.

Houses will have new heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. Most of the floors have been re-configured to make better use of the space, and extensive landscaping work is being done.

At the Red Square houses, workers are still using jackhammers and rock crushers in the basements, and the upper floors have only bare stud walls and loose, disconnected pipes. Bulldozers push piles of old bricks and concrete around the backyards and new foundation walls are being built.

Over at SAE, sheetrock contractors walk around on stilts to finish touch-up work on the ceilings and electricians are installing recessed lighting in the hallways. Cleaned and patched

radiators have been returned to the rooms, ready to be connected to the new furnace.

Shirey said that wherever possible, original moldings and hardware have been saved from the houses and will be re-hung in order to maintain the unique character of each house.

Houses will get new hard-wood main floors, concrete or tile floors in the basements and carpet on the upper floors.

Each fraternity must meet the University's new Standards for Fraternities. Among other things, these guidelines require that houses hire a live-in resident advisor, install a sprinkler system and other safety devices, and build a separate area for parties that can be closed off from the rest of the house.

Parsons said all fraternities are participating in the University's funding program except Chi Psi and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Phi Gamma Delta, whose house was rebuilt after being destroyed by a fire in 1984, already meets the University Standards.

Kappa Sigma will move across the street from Lambda Chi Alpha into the old Zeta Beta Tau house, which is scheduled for renovation in phase two. Their old house will become University property and might be used to house a sorority.

Parsons says that the University has not yet received an application to participate from Kappa Alpha, but they assume KA will participate.

## ROTC retreats from W&L

### Tight budget causes cuts at 49 campuses

By Tracey Thornblade  
Staff Reporter

The United States Army announced in July that it would deactivate Washington and Lee's Officer Training Corps program after this school year, along with programs at 49 other college campuses.

As budget cuts in the military are made, the number of troops are reduced. Consequently, fewer junior officers are needed to fill the ranks.

The deactivation of ROTC programs around the nation was based on each program's viability. The United States Army judges viability according to enrollment figures, the number of officers a program produces and the quality of the officers.

"Quality has never been a problem at W&L," Lt. Col. Joel J. Snow, chairman of W&L's Military Science Department, said. For nearly 40 years, the program has produced fine officers, Snow said, but "Our numbers have been consistently low for the past six years."

W&L's program was placed under "region intensive management," a form of probation, four years ago. At that time, the department intensified its recruiting efforts, but the results were not sufficient to keep ROTC on campus.

The ROTC program will continue to operate at W&L this year. Twenty-three returning cadets, along with seven freshmen scholarship recipients, will participate. No new students will

be admitted.

Once the program is deactivated, all cadets will have the option of leaving the program with no obligation to the Army, transferring to another school that has an Army ROTC program or completing the program at W&L under the direction of the Virginia Military Institute's ROTC personnel.

VMI will begin conducting the ROTC program at W&L in the fall of 1991 using the same program. Col. James Joyner of the Army ROTC program at VMI said one of their goals will be to "keep the spirit and identity of the W&L cadets at the same level as before."

There are no plans to continue ROTC at W&L with VMI's personnel after the current freshmen class graduates in 1994. "More manpower would be needed to continue the program in the long-term," Joyner said.

Tim Wolff, a sophomore cadet, said that he first heard about the closure at the end of the summer. Wolff said that he was "surprised" because ROTC has been on campus for so long and there are so many ROTC-related activities to participate in. He plans to remain in the program and complete his training with VMI's personnel.

"ROTC has been a tradition at Washington and Lee for the past forty years," Wolff said. "The values that we often associate with W&L — honor, service to country, service to humanity — are the same set of values that ROTC represents."

## Comer may go free soon, sentence criticized

By Brian Root  
Editor

Although former Washington and Lee student Charles "Blake" Comer was sentenced to six months in jail for involuntary manslaughter and felony hit and run, he could be released as early as the end of this month.

Virginia State law states that for each day a jail sentence is served peacefully, time is removed from the sentence. The law was enacted to relieve overcrowding in the state penal system.

"A six-month sentence is very light, particularly for the two crimes involved," said Lillian DeVenney, the chairwoman of Virginians Opposed to Drunk Driving. "Hundreds of innocent people are sentenced to death every year by drunk drivers. That's forever, they're never coming back."

Although his trial was held Aug. 29, Comer turned himself in to the Lexington police and began serving time in the Rockbridge County jail on June 23. That time is considered part of the six-month sentence imposed on him by Judge Rudolph Bumgardner III.

"He (Comer) knows he did

something wrong and he wanted to pay for it," said Comer's attorney, Thomas Spencer, before the trial.

"The severity of the sentence is not that unusual," said Washington and Lee law professor William S. Geimer. "Sentencing is supposed to be an individual matter for each judge concerning the offense and the offender."

"I believe he (Comer) should have been given the fullest sentence possible," said DeVenney.

Geimer said, if a defendant is trying to mitigate a possible sentence, the judge must believe he is truly remorseful of the crime.

"The problem is, the judge must determine whether the defendant regrets committing the crime, or is he just sorry he got caught," Geimer said.

Comer's sentence came in a time when judges are becoming more willing to impose stricter penalties for such crimes. Last month, in Norfolk, Va., a judge sentenced a 47-year-old housewife to one year in prison for involuntary manslaughter, the crime with which Comer was charged.

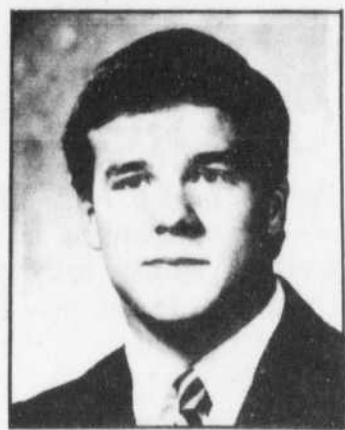
"I think this decision will help others to know where their responsibilities are," said Circuit Judge John Clarkson upon sentencing the woman.

Involuntary manslaughter carries a possible prison term of 10 years, and felony hit and run is punishable by five years.

However, Geimer said that state judges are not bound by precedent in sentencing.

Following his release from the Rockbridge County jail, Comer will be placed on probation for an additional five years, the terms of which will be implemented at that time.

Because Comer withdrew from W&L as a student in good standing, he is eligible to apply for readmission to school. Comer has not said whether he plans to apply.



Blake Comer

## IFC ears closed to excuses

By Jason Kelley  
Senior Copy Editor

"Ignorance will not be an excuse" for freshmen who go to fraternity parties before Rush has begun, Interfraternity Council President Goodloe Lewis said at the first IFC meeting of the year Tuesday night.

Some potential pledges this year attempted to attend fraternity parties over the weekend despite Rush rules prohibiting off-campus contact, Lewis told the council, and he will accept "no more excuses."

He noted, however, that some freshmen were unaware of the casual contact rule that remains in effect until contact is allowed Friday night.

In response to these problems, Lewis and IFC vice-president Mike Skarda posted flyers in freshmen dorms advising freshmen men that they would lose Rush privileges for a year if they were caught breaking Rush rules.

Lewis warned that watchful dorm counselors would report to him if the freshmen were "coming in late at night throwing up all over the place because they got drunk at a fraternity party."

Lewis scheduled the next IFC meeting for Sept. 18, three days before rush ends. Associate Dean of Students for Greek

Affairs Leroy "Buddy" Atkins echoed Lewis' point that ignorance of Rush rules would not be considered an excuse for rule violations.

"The old palms-up salute just doesn't cut it anymore," he said. "There shouldn't be any Rush violations. There's just no reason for them because you know the rules now."

Noting that there are 30 fewer freshman men enrolled this year than last and that usually 75 percent pledge a fraternity, Skarda said "If we cooperate and let them have a good fraternity experience during Rush so they're turned on by the system ..., we should look for 90 percent to pledge."

Atkins agreed. "The ideal is for everyone to get 15 pledges; the idea is for everyone to just be in a fraternity, to be able to have the fraternity experience. The idea is not for one house to beat out another."

Atkins also warned that fraternities need to be especially careful not to serve alcohol to the freshmen as they come through Rush in the next two weeks.

Because some fraternities will hold rush functions on athletic fields as a result of Fraternity Renovation, Atkins warned about the potential danger of an intoxicated person walking home along Route 60.

"You never know when some local wahoo is going to come roaring over that

hill in a pick-up truck and then it's bye-bye," he said. "People would blame the fraternity system at W&L for allowing this dangerous situation to occur."

Skarda, who's role as IFC vice-president designates him as IFC Rush Chairman, explained to the committee how rush would work this year.

All this week freshmen men and fraternity members are only allowed to be in casual contact while on the hill.

On Friday night during the band performance at the student activities pavilion, the two groups will be able to meet each other, but no fraternity members are allowed to offer freshmen rides to or from the event.

Saturday after the W&L football game, freshmen are allowed to be at fraternity houses or at other locations with members until 7 p.m.

Contact is then closed again until 8 p.m. when freshmen may attend parties thrown by fraternities.

Freshmen who intend to go through Formal Rush must attend a Rush orientation meeting 1 p.m. Sunday in Lee Chapel. There, the procedure will be explained by Skarda and Lewis.

Formal Rush begins at the shot of the gun at 6:45 Monday night when Fraternity members will begin picking up freshmen for the first Open Houses.

## New card to make W&L a campus free of cash

By Cathy Lopiccolo  
Assignment Editor

Now that you have the University Card, what can you do with it? Eventually, you'll be able to do a lot, Washington and Lee's Assistant Treasurer John Cuny said.

The University Card not only replaces the old student I.D.'s, it will replace copier cards, point cards and bookstore charge cards. Washing and drying machines and vending machines are also being adapted to accept the card.

"Wherever cash is used on campus, the University Card will take its place. It will be a full service card in every sense of the word," Cuny said.

The card's features will be phased in throughout the year, depending on when the university buys or leases the necessary equipment. Cuny estimated the price tag for the card readers and a central computer at about \$100,000.

Students should be able to use their University Cards for copying by Oct. 1. Cuny said the bookstore and food services will be equipped to use it by winter term.

The University Card is "a step above" similar cards at other schools because it gives students the ability to charge some purchases, Cuny said.

"We do what most colleges do not. We put charging as a possible option. Most cards like this operate on a declining balance, but ours can do both," Cuny said.

The card has two magnetic strips that contain account information. The bottom, or "off-line," strip functions like the one on copier cards used now. Students will purchase credit from the Business Office, and when the University Card is used, the cost will be deducted from the student's existing balance.

The wider, "on-line" strip contains a student's account number. Food and bookstore purchases will be relayed to a central computer that will tally each student's total charges. Students or their parents will be billed monthly. The Business Office can also deactivate lost or stolen cards.

Cuny said the card might someday be used to charge tickets to activities like Fancy Dress, and to monitor elections by limiting each student to one vote.



## Business ethics in fraternity Rush

Next week, it's going to get serious. Fraternity Rush, by this time next week, will have begun in earnest. Open houses, rush dates, and also the occasional party will fill the social calendar.

Rush is no longer quite as lighthearted as it once was, however. Fraternities no longer enjoy the lofty, protected status either at W&L or nationwide. Here, Rush is now cutthroat competition for an ever-dwindling number of potential pledges.

The numbers are clear. Washington and Lee may soon not be able to successfully support 16 fraternities. With the Fraternity Renaissance, each house's costs will rise greatly.

How do you defray those costs? Get more members. To do that, you have to have big pledge classes each year. Increasingly, houses are deciding that the answer to this Catch-22 is simple...you cheat.

The present environment is a dangerous one. Each house feels compelled to break Rush regulations because if it doesn't, the members feel other houses gain an enormous advantage. This can result in games of one-upsmanship between competing houses.

The only people who lose in this are the houses, who can be fined upwards of \$1,000 for repeated violations, and the freshmen, who could lose their precious Rush privileges.

Attempting to evade Rush regulations must surely be a practice as old as Rush itself. However, these days, the stakes are much higher than they ever have been for the whole fraternity system. If the faculty perceives that fraternities are unable to regulate themselves, they will be more than happy to regulate it for them.

For fraternities, we believe, that is not an acceptable option for a number of reasons.

Virtually every fraternity was founded on the principle that such organizations build character in its members. If the houses at W&L cannot enforce the rules they themselves enacted, does that not betray a lack of character?

Also, we fear that some members of the faculty, in their haste to limit fraternities, may also eliminate what makes fraternities special.

In our opinion, the only solution is for the Interfraternity Council to fairly and equally enforce its Rush regulations.

Rest assured, the Hill will be watching Rush very closely. It's time for W&L's fraternities to prove something to them, and to themselves.

## To our readers

The Ring-tum Phi is Washington and Lee's only student newspaper. Not all of it, however, is under the control of the editorial board.

The opinion page of the Phi presents the university community with a unique opportunity to comment on issues concerning W&L.

We are obligated to publish every letter and "My View" that we receive, as long as they conform to simple rules against libel or obscenity.

We welcome your submissions.

## Quote of the Week

Let's sit on top. I like sitting on top.

— An unidentified freshman woman, indicating to a friend that the best view of the..... Honor System Orientation lecture may be obtained from the upper level of Lee Chapel.

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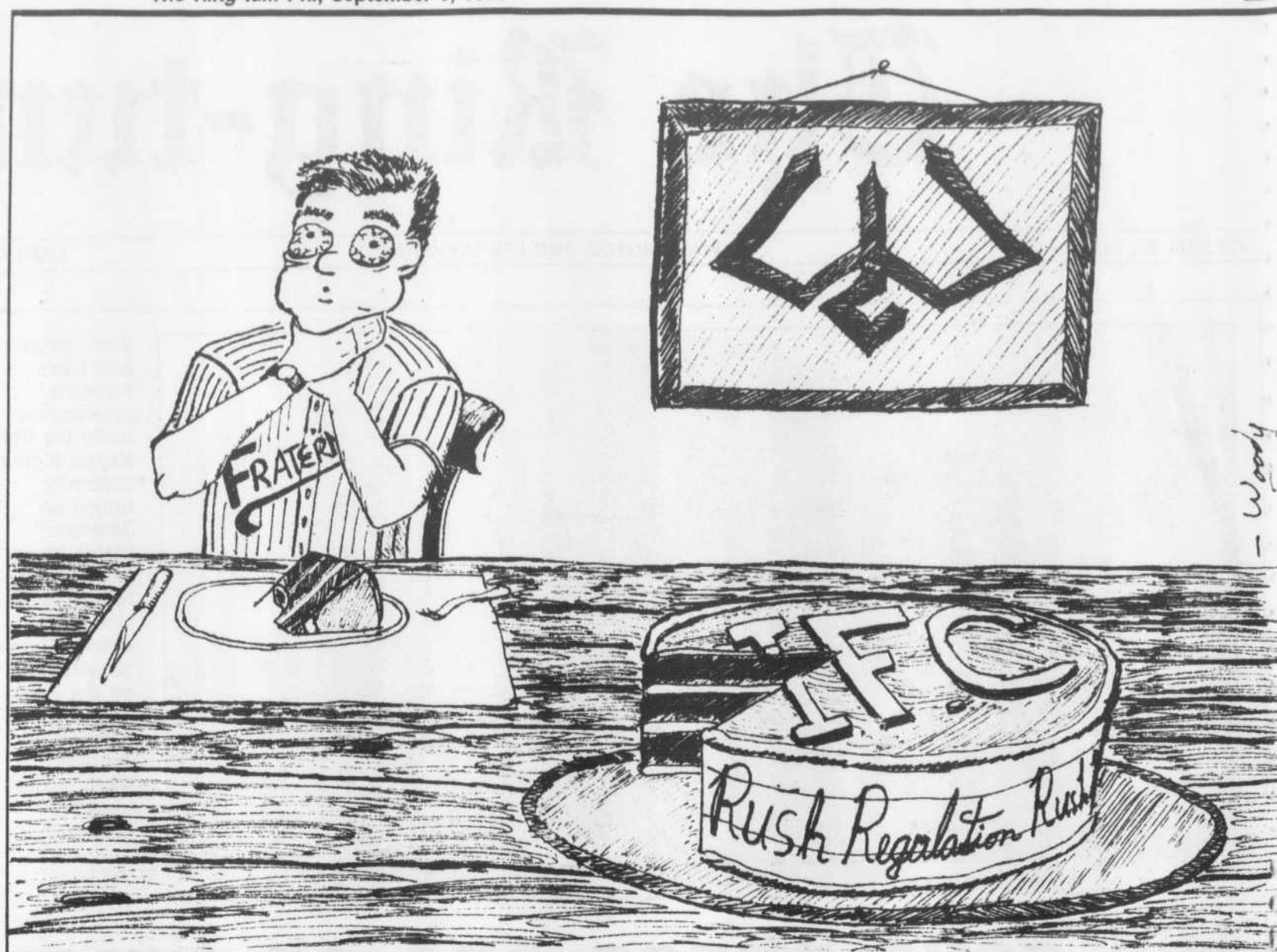
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## Howison talks to the Phi

New Dean of Students supports fall Rush, PHC voice on Student Conduct Committee

### MY VIEW

By David Howison  
with Chris Baradel

PHI: I think there is a lot of confusion among the student body as to what exactly the Dean of Students does. Could you shed some light on that?

HOWISON: First of all, I have administrative responsibility for staff, so on one level it's pure administration. My own personal philosophy is that you get good people, don't try to over-manage; you give a lot of autonomy to people.

I see myself as an educator with ideas about education and whenever I have a chance I'll try to present those ideas. I also see myself as very formally being charged by the president through the Board of Trustees to support certain rules and regulations, but I don't want to be preoccupied with that.

What I try to do is encourage student leaders to be responsible. Ninety-nine percent of the time it will work, but that one percent of the time it doesn't work, there has to be accountability.

PHI: What do you think of the fraternity renaissance program? Was it a good investment?

HOWISON: I think Washington and Lee has made absolutely the right decision. There's not a school in America that has made a commitment comparable in terms of strengthening the fraternity system.

I tend to look at it not just as a fraternity issue, but also as a residential issue. These are houses, and obviously they will house several hundred men...I would say when this project is completed in two years, Washington and Lee will have a fraternity system that is physically incomparable.

PHI: Can it be said you think perhaps your role will be more one of overseeing the people in charge of the fraternity system rather than getting personally involved in every aspect of fraternities?

HOWISON: Absolutely. I have great confidence in Buddy Atkins; and I've got confidence in the leadership of the Interfraternity Council, so it remains to be seen just how direct I'll be involved in this...I see [running fraternities] as a cooperative adventure, and it's obviously one of the major challenges of this job.

PHI: There's a rumor going around campus that when you were at St. Lawrence three fraternities were closed down. Could you comment on that rumor?

HOWISON: I've heard a couple of people say

I was brought here to "shape up" the fraternities; I hope people will find out that's not my personal professional style. I don't see myself as a hard-nosed person coming in here to shape up anything, I think what we've got here is absolutely extraordinary. It's a matter of refining it.

Now to your question, "were three houses suspended?" I think two were. Both were reinstated and both are in good standing at this point, but yes, when I was there in the course of six years, because of really extraordinary problems in the two houses, thousands of dollars worth of damage during a certain specific time, houses were suspended...I have to be frank with you, one of the things I caution myself about is reflecting too much on my past, because I'm here at Washington and Lee.

I really want to concentrate on what we can do here and now. I'd like to see fraternities maintain high standards, emphasize academics, have great responsible social life, establish close friendships and get involved in spirited intramural competition, which I understand is really an important part of the fraternity experience right now.

I'd also like to see in the long run...a balance in student activities outside the classroom in all areas, whether its athletics, or independent students, or the development of a student activities center, so that even though maybe 80% of the men belong to fraternities, the 20% or so that aren't don't feel excluded.

PHI: The faculty has shown support for a plan to move fraternity Rush to the winter. What's your feeling about the current Rush system, and what are your views of the proposal to move Rush to the winter?

HOWISON: I'll be very interested to see how the Rush program works. If things work, I don't think there's much of an interest to change them.

PHI: Where do you stand on the question of the interests of the faculty verses the interests of the students?

HOWISON: I see a balance there. Students have the primary focus on their lives, but I will look very carefully at what the faculty believe and the one thing that I guarantee is that there is an open discussion of all of this.

On some issues the faculty have more input, obviously in the classroom, than students, on other issues relative to student life, students have more input.

PHI: The IFC has input into the Student Conduct Committee, but the Panhellenic Council does not. Do you think this is fair?

HOWISON: No, it's not fair. It doesn't make

sense to me that the Interfraternity Council is represented, but for some reason the Panhellenic Council is not. I have not had a chance to talk to the president of the Panhellenic Council but I look forward to meeting her and getting her thoughts about it...absolutely the Panhellenic Council ought to be directly represented as far as I can tell.

PHI: How do you think the increase in the academic credentials of the incoming freshmen class has impacted the student body? Do you think that the character of the student body has been sacrificed for the school's academic reputation?

HOWISON: I certainly hope we haven't seen the death of the well-rounded student because that's a hallmark of Washington and Lee. If the climate the students come to supports the idea of a well-rounded education, then a student's SAT scores aren't really going to make that much difference.

I guess that the new admissions standards have in fact made some changes, but I can't believe it's fundamentally changed the character of W&L. Women certainly have. I've got to believe that's one of the best decisions the university has made.

PHI: What are your views on the Conduct Review Committee? Where do you stand on the problem of the right of privacy for the person who is accusing verses the right to an open public trial for the accused?

HOWISON: I think that a residential college should establish some reasonable guidelines that deal with cases of date rape and sexual assault if their existing judicial system is not equipped to do so. My impression is that the judicial network here would have a tremendous problem dealing with a real case of sexual assault.

I support the concept of the CRC, but the key to it is having honorable men and women involved in the system. You can have the best system in the world, but if you've got people in that system who have a preconceived notion of what should happen, you've got problems.

As I understand it from talking to Anece McCloud, she dealt with quite a few cases, but none were forwarded to the CRC. To me, that would be the ideal, where a person would feel free to come forward with a concern and hopefully the people could work things out. The existence of a CRC does encourage the possibility that a victim would more likely come forward then if he or she had to go before an open forum.

PHI: What you think about W&L making

□ Please see Howison page 4

## Equal justice for all at W&L

### MY VIEW

By Brian Root

"Whoever said that this world was fair?"

How many times were you told that as a child? Your parents, teachers, or various other authority figures probably told you this when they couldn't think of a better answer to one of your questions or complaints.

Nevertheless, the message is a good one. The world isn't fair. Want proof? Blake Comer could be out of jail by Halloween. If he so chooses, he can, upon his release, apply for readmission to Washington and Lee.

Now, you may say something like "Yeah, but there's no way they would ever let him back in."

But, as Bart Simpson says in the

Butterfinger commercial, "au contraire, mon frere."

Imagine yourself as a member of the readmissions committee. You are presented with a student who withdrew from W&L while still a student in good standing. Yes, he committed a terrible crime, but has he not paid his debt to society? There can be no doubt of his remorse for what he has done. After all, he started crying during the trial, didn't he?

Let's take another example. Let's say, hypothetically, that a student accused of raping another student is taken before the CRC. Because the vast majority of rapes go unreported to the police, no formal criminal charges are filed by the victim.

The CRC finds the student guilty and expels him from school. However, it stipulates that the student may be readmitted after one year if he

undergoes therapy for his disorder. He does so, and is subsequently readmitted.

One more hypothetical example. A student is thrown out of school because he turns in another student's homework for his own, even though he wasn't aware that the work was not in fact his.

Because, as the White Book states, "ignorance is not an excuse," the EC has no choice but to find the student guilty.

College life and life in the real world, as our professors are eager to remind us, are very different. No one can confuse the stress of 10 a.m. accounting class with commuting to your job every morning.

Unfortunately, there is one aspect of real-world life from which not even the ivory tower of academia can protect us. Injustice.

There is one difference. At W&L, injustice is a little bit easier to fight. For years, the call has gone out for volunteers to serve on the White Book Revisions Committee. Until last spring, the call went largely ignored by students. As the committee works to finalize its recommendations, we should all pay close attention.

Washington and Lee has long been enamored with "the single sanction."

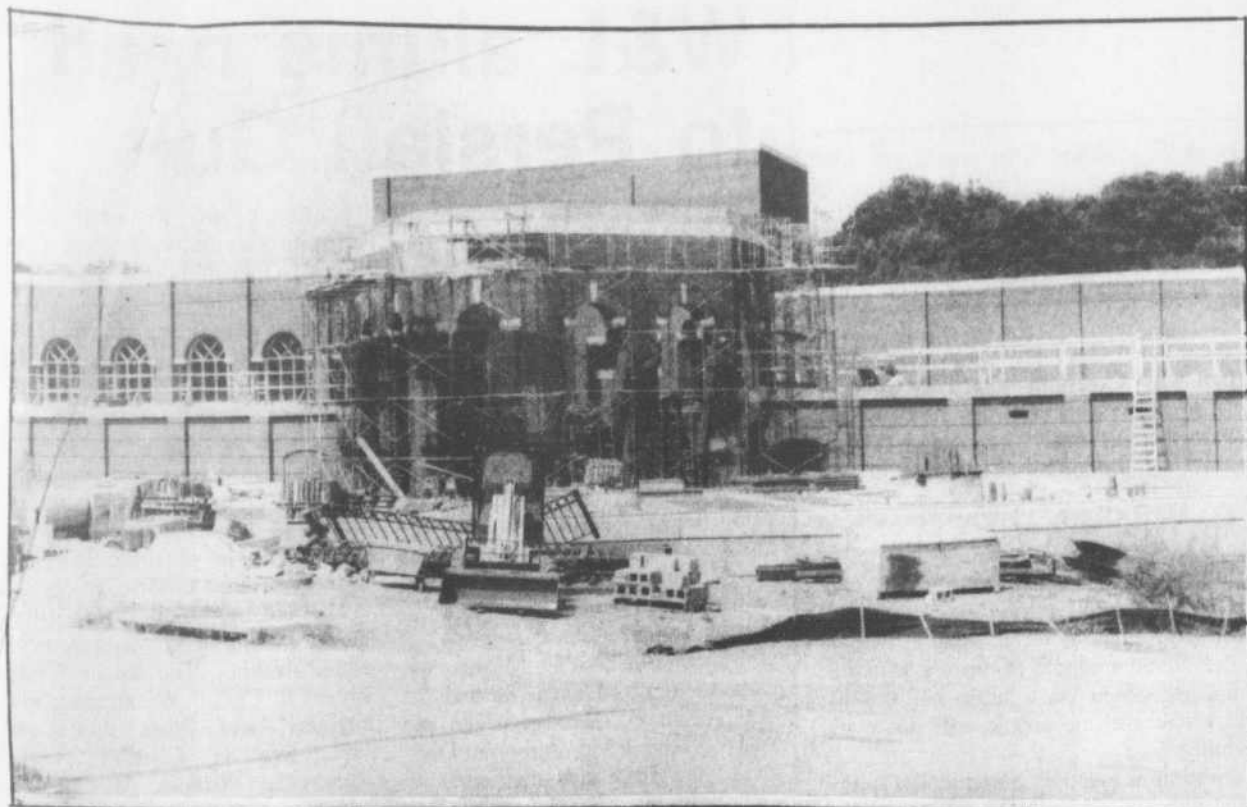
Yet, this single sanction seems to be danced around with frightening regularity on matters not strictly concerning the White Book.

For better or worse, this is a betrayal of the standards that Gen. Lee's college was founded on.

Something's got to give here. The best any community can hope for is an evenhanded distribution of justice.

Right now, we aren't even close.





The Lenfest Center on East Nelson Street is still under construction. Builders say it will be completed in November, in time for the Drama Department's first production in January. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## EC to budget \$185,000 at Monday meeting

By Rick Peltz  
Staff Reporter

Allocation of over \$185,000 in student body funds and appointments to the Fancy Dress Committee and Student Activities Board will top the agenda Monday night at the first 1990-91 Executive Committee meeting.

EC President Tom Hatcher said that the amount of money available for student body allocation will not be certain until two weeks from yesterday's matriculation, but the EC anticipates at least \$185,250.

The university transfers \$95 to the EC from each student's \$120 student activity fee, the other \$25 paid toward the pavilion. Hatcher expects no less than 1,950 undergraduate and law students enrolled this year. The

university will credit the EC's accounts with the full amount of activity fees even though students are only required to pay half for the first term.

The EC will release a schedule for budget allocation hearings Monday night.

Hatcher added that the EC will discuss the financial performance of last year's Student Activities Board as soon as possible, but those figures are not yet definite.

Vacancies in committee appointments left by the current EC last spring will also confront the EC Monday night.

Acting as EC-elect, the 1990-91 EC decided last spring not to appoint applicants to the positions of SAB operations director and Law School publicity director/representative; FD-chairman, vice chairman and auditor;

and Mock Convention secretary.

Applications for the SAB and FD positions will be available at Carol Calkins' office in the University Center by Monday. EC Vice President Raymond Welder said that the Mock Convention officers will select someone to fill the secretary position.

The EC will set a schedule Monday night for the election of first-year law and freshman EC representatives.

Hatcher said that the EC will wait until at least October to handle the recommended amendments of the Constitutional Revisions Committee.

The revisions committee last spring introduced a set of proposed amendments, including a clarification of the use of executive session. The 1989-90 EC voted to refer those amendments to this year's EC for consideration.

## New date set for Lenfest

By Chris Bray  
Staff Reporter

The Lenfest Center, Washington and Lee's new center for the performing arts, should be ready for occupancy by Oct. 23, according to the University's Coordinator of Capital Planning Frank Parsons.

Barring further delay, the Drama Department will occupy the building by November, giving the department time to prepare for its first production of the year, *Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder. The production will open in the Lenfest Center Jan. 18, 1991.

Although the Lenfest Center will be ready for the Drama Department soon, Parsons said that a familiar problem to W&L construction work may delay completion of the struc-

ture.

"The 'curse of the gatehouse' has hit W&L again," said Parsons. "In the Lenfest Center, as was the case in Gaines Hall, the gatehouse will be the last part of the building to be completed."

Parsons said completion of the gatehouse, which will be ready by the first production, will have no effect on the occupancy of the building. The Gaines Hall gatehouse was finished while students resided in the dorm.

Originally scheduled to open by April of this year, the Lenfest Center has fallen victim to the usual delays encountered on a construction site, according to Parsons.

Initial delays stemmed from a combination of the Bass Construction Company's underestimation of construction time and site problems such

as rock excavation that arose during early construction. In the University's contract with Bass, site problems permit delays in the completion of the Center, said Parsons. As a result of these delays, August 31, 1990, was set as the new date of completion.

The most recent delay, however, sets the completion date at Oct. 23, and results from a request from Bass for an additional 35 working days to make up construction time lost during the winter due to inclement weather.

Construction of the \$9.8 million project began in the summer of 1988 after the school received a \$3 million donation earmarked for the fine arts center from Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lenfest of Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania. Lenfest is a 1954 graduate of W&L.



### Blue and White

The Washington and Lee Generals battle among themselves in the Blue and White scrimmage last Saturday. The Generals play their first game of the season against Emory and Henry Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on Wilson Field. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

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## Howison

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perhaps some special efforts to recruit minority students?

**HOWISON:** One of the principles of a liberal arts education is that you're exposed to new ideas. Outside the classroom there also should be opportunities to have your ideas challenged. So, for example, your roommate happens to be from Alaska. That brings a little different perspective.

The bottom line here is qualified. I wouldn't compromise the standards in any way...[but] yes, I do believe the university should continue to look at ways to bring in diverse people.

**PHI:** Do you think W&L should concentrate on making an extra effort to recruit minority professors to come to campus and teach?

**HOWISON:** To me, that is a much more difficult issue than the issue of recruiting minority students. The reason is that, over the last ten years, the number of, we'll focus on blacks in this case, who are completing their doctorates has declined, so the pool of available people is relatively small.

So, when Washington and Lee says should we attempt to bring in qualified minority teachers--absolutely. But we've got to realistic about it, it's very difficult.

I do think the university has to use its resources in a reasonable way to find ways to diversify the environment, and getting a first-rate teacher with a different perspective is one way to do it. But we should not kid ourselves, this is a very difficult and tough process.

**PHI:** W&L has a number of "senior" faculty members. As they retire, do you think there's going to be a shortage of professors in the upcoming years, and do you think the quality of the faculty is going to be affected?

**HOWISON:** That's a very significant concern because the national market for outstanding teachers is declining at the time that there is this significant number reaching retirement age.

The difficulty with Washington and Lee is that even though we are extraordinarily strong, we are going to be competing with the finest schools in America for these teachers, and that's the key: we want the best teachers possible. I am confident we can do it, but it's not going to be easy. It is vital to find the people that would find Washington and Lee and Lexington an attractive community.

**PHI:** Since you really haven't had a chance to meet with the whole student body, if you could tell

them something as a group, what would you like it to be?

**HOWISON:** First of all, I'm honored to be here as the dean and I couldn't be happier. I see my role as being a facilitator to achieve the goals of Washington and Lee, and that's the key thing for me.

At all times when there are tough issues and we have differences of opinion, what I try to do is come back and say "what are the fundamental purposes of this university?", so that whatever we're doing we're not compromising those in any way.

Also, I see myself as being here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, right on campus, and I look forward to individual contact so that students feel welcome to walk in here. I have an open door policy. I also will plan to have what I call an auxiliary office where a couple of times a semester I just set up my office on a table out on the campus somewhere and the people will just walk by and see me.

Let me try to tie it together: commitment to the university and personal accessibility. Those are the main messages.

## W&amp;L alums head to Persian Gulf

By John Laney  
Staff Reporter

At least six Washington and Lee alumni are amid the military buildup in the Persian Gulf, according to W&L's Military Science Department and the Alumni Office.

Three alumni are part of Operation Desert Shield, now the largest U.S. military mobilization since D-Day in World War II. The other three reside and work in Saudi Arabia.

Second Lt. Jon D. Missert '88, 2nd Lt. Clifford Deal '88 and 1st Lt. Arthur A. Kandarian '86 are part of the 82nd Airborne Division, the first unit that went to Saudi Arabia.

Missert and Kandarian were also in Panama in December as part of Operation Just Cause.

Lt. Col. Joel J. Snow, W&L professor of military science, said that other W&L graduates may be stationed in the Persian Gulf at this time, but he does not yet know who they are.

Snow also said that any correspondence to these three soldiers would be appreciated. Their addresses can be obtained from the military science department.

The W&L Alumni Office listed three alumni with addresses in Saudi Arabia. The list said that Robert A. Cashill '68, an industrial engineer, and Ellen Westbrook '89L live in Dhahran, while Norton L. Wisdom, Jr. '59, an architect, lives in Tobruk.



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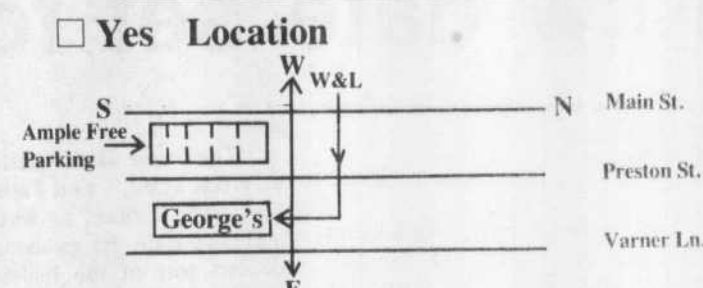
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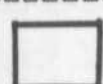
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## Women's soccer enters tell-tale year

From W&L Sports Information

In three years of guiding varsity women's soccer, head coach Janine Hathorn has seen marked improvement with each passing season. Each campaign has brought new highs, and with those highs have come new expectations and new challenges.

In 1990, the expectations again have risen, and Hathorn says the struggle now is particularly important.

Hathorn sees 1990 as the water-mark year for W&L women's soccer. While the Generals have gotten themselves in position to contend for the ODAC crown, getting there and doing so are two different things. Four veteran starters, including two gritty defenders and W&L's all-time leading scorer, have been lost to graduation.

Hathorn will have to mix the old carefully with the new to get the right formula for success. So far, the strides have been gradual, but progressive. Her team finished fourth in the 1988 ODAC standings and reached the ODAC semifinals with an upset of Roanoke in 1989.

One of the permanent parts of the W&L soccer program is talent. Hathorn has plenty of that commodity returning. Nineteen letterwinners from last year's 6-9-3 squad return, including seven starters and four of last year's six goal-scorers.

Heading the list of returnees is two-time All-ODAC honoree Nancy Mitchell, the junior who is the guts of the W&L defense. Joining Mitchell on the defensive end is two-year letterwinner Ashley Hurt.

Also gone is two year starter in

goal Sherri Brown. Her 12 career shutouts and experience will be sorely missed, but talented freshmen Sarah Butler and Katie Stimeling will look to make it as tough if not tougher on opposing offenses to score.

So it appears there will not be too much of a problem with defense. The same cannot be said for the W&L scoring punch. Only two players who scored more than one goal last year are back. Sophomore Andrea Cardamone, who led W&L in scoring with five goals and two assists and junior Ann Shaughnessy, who had two goals, are the leading returning scorers.

Goal production was a problem in '89. The Generals were shut out themselves 11 times. Hathorn hopes some of the problem might be alleviated by the healthy return of junior

scorers Ashley Gray and Morgan Warner, both of whom were slowed by injury last year. Gray, a 15-game starter as a freshman, had four goals and four assists in her first year, while Warner, who also started 15 games in '88, had a pair of goals her freshman season.

Hathorn hopes the scoring will come. She has faith in her team's work ethic, and she says that will help her players reach their goals.

"I think we've got some good leadership, players who lead by example," she said. "We will be a little more intense, make more sacrifices. I like the mindset of these women. They're aware of where they are and where they can go, and they're ready to make that commitment."

### Lacrosse Meeting

There will be a meeting of all those interested in playing men's lacrosse this year. Meet at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10th on the 500 level of the Doremus Gymnasium. All players interested must attend. Bring writing utensils.

## W&L faces QB questions

By Jay Plotkin  
Sports Editor

In 1989, the Washington and Lee passing attack was deadly for opponents. Over the course of the season, head coach Gary Fallon's offense either tied or set 26 school records as a direct result of passing the ball.

The entire offensive line returns, as do a host of experienced, young players, so it would be fair to say that the future looks bright for W&L.

But in spite of the experienced players returning, Fallon still has one simple question to answer. But this question has a not so simple answer. Who will direct the team on offense?

Gone from the 1989 team are record setting quarterbacks Phillip Sampson and Chris Smythe. In their stead stand juniors George Sakin and Fred Renneker and sophomore Darren Johnson. None of the trio have thrown a pass in a college game, and only Sakin has taken a snap. Renneker was a defensive back last season, and Johnson lent his 6-5 frame to the basketball team.

Sakin will be the starting quarterback on Saturday when the Generals take the field against Emory and Henry, but if he is unable to move the team, Fallon won't waste any time going to Renneker and Johnson.

The quarterbacks should have plenty of time to pick out a host of more than capable receivers, led by pre-season first team All-American Craig Irons, who is just 45 catches shy of the W&L career record.

Four Generals should handle the rushing chores in 1990. Two time leading rusher senior Mason Pope will handle the bulk of the load. Spelling him will be the tandem of senior Kirk Sohonage and sophomore Wade Robinett. Sohonage and sophomore Mark Goglia will take turns at fullback leading the way for the tailbacks.

Paving the way for the offense will be a five-man front that averages 6-2, 237 pounds. Senior preseason All-American Rob Robertson will look to rebound from a preseason hamstring injury to anchor one side of the line at tackle along with classmate Rob Christensen at guard. Senior Frank Sudell will again handle the snapping duties, and juniors Rob Thomas and Jim Henry will anchor the other side of the line.

Defensively, the Generals are young, experienced and ready to take on the world. Back to bolster the defensive line are junior middle guard Greg Kiehl, sophomore tackle Phil Spears and junior ends John McCallum and Scott Williamson.

At linebacker, junior Trey Cox

will get lots of help trying to fill the shoes of the graduated Mike Pack. Sophomores Paul Mallos and Lyle Smith will play large roles immediately, as will newcomer Evans Edwards.

In the secondary, juniors Doug Lefevre and David Frankhouser will be hard pressed to replace Warren and Rimmer, both all-Old Dominion Athletic Conference players. They will join the experienced duo of Clark Wight and Brad Miller, who occupy the safety positions. Also seeing time in the secondary will be sophomore Donald Dempsey and newcomers Tom Mandia and Bill Harker.

Renneker, says Fallon, might see time in the secondary while also occupying the second-string quarterback position.

The questions remain for the Generals. Can Sakin or Renneker or Johnson move the team and keep the ball in the capable hands of Irons? Will the young defense mature quick enough to bail out the offense should it falter? Will Fallon's love affair with the passing game continue in 1990?

All questions will be answered on Saturday against Old Dominion Athletic Conference favorite Emory and Henry. Game time is 1:30 on Wilson Field.

## Volleyball set to spike conference opponents

From W&L Sports Information

Washington and Lee volleyball head coach Susan Dittman is tired of hearing how well her teams have done despite the relative youth of the volleyball program.

In just their third season of Old Dominion Athletic Conference play, the Generals and their coach are eyeing a shot at the league title, a crown that has been captured by only one of two schools in ODAC history. But Dittman sees it as a pretty logical next step in the development of the W&L program.

Six of last year's top seven performers return, including All-ODAC first team playmaker Lisa Jay and All-ODAC second team hitter Mena McGowin. The senior-junior duo were a large part of why W&L averaged over eight kills per game last year.

Jay has been the mainstay of the W&L program since her arrival, and 1990 figures to be no different. Jay accounted for over 80 percent of W&L's assists last year, and she will direct the W&L attack. Jay also had 13 block points, which was fourth best on the team, and she served at a

.922 clip.

Jay obviously can't do it all by herself, and in 1990 she'll have a proven stable to fuel her attack. McGowin's 214 kills led the team last year, and the 5-10 junior figures to be the go-to gal again this season. But she will have company. Leslie Hess is coming off a fantastic freshman season in which she was third on the team in kills, first in digs, and fifth in block points.

Other returning players who should bolster the W&L attack include junior Rashmi Sachan and sophomore Liz Randol. Sachan saw action in 68 games and had 32 kills and 15 block points last year. Randol had 17 kills and a healthy .172 attack percentage in '89.

With all those positives, it's hard not to think the Generals should be a shoe-in for the conference finals. But Dittman knows there are too many intangibles along the way for her to start making reservations for the championship match.

With a supply of veterans and an impressive group of youngsters nipping at their heels, there's no reason not to think big.

## Men look to retain title

From W&L Sports Information

The Washington and Lee men's soccer program put together one of the most impressive finishing runs in school history with last year's 10-5-2 campaign. W&L closed the season with six consecutive victories, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship and a victory over cross-town rival VMI.

With 17 lettermen and a host of starters returning from that championship season, it would be fair to say the Generals are already on their way to defending that ODAC title. Indeed the other coaches in the NCAA Division III South Region. They picked the Generals tenth in the preseason poll.

There's no question about the talent at W&L for 1990. Three all-conference players return to the Generals' lineup this year. All-ODAC

first-teamer Mike Mitchem led W&L in assists with nine and tacked on five goals to place him second in the conference scoring race. The Generals also will benefit from the return of All-ODAC second-teamers Greg Williams, a defensive stalwart, and Reid Murphy, a versatile player who combined three goals with tenacious defensive play last year.

And defense is where the defending ODAC champs will start. W&L allowed more than two goals in just four contests last year, while shutting out five opponents in posting a team goals against average of 1.5.

Another vital contributor is senior goalie Jon Bull, a seven-game starter in 1989. Bull led the Generals in minutes played (715) and saves (58) and had a 1.51 goals against average last year.

Head coach Rolf Piranian says the goalkeeping will have to be more

consistent than it has been, but he says a larger problem will be finding some finishers to make the offense go. In all, W&L will be without nearly half of its goal production of last year.

The potential is there, though. Mitchem's nine assists last year tied a single-season record. Murphy is a proven goal-scorer, as are junior co-captain David Hooker and quick-footed junior David DeFalco.

The ODAC again will be a struggle, and W&L will try to play itself into position for the conference tournament against a field that hasn't lost a step from last year.

Making the whole thing even more of a challenge is the dearth of home games. At least 10 road games await W&L in 1990, and after a 2-5-1 road record in '89, Piranian is justifiably concerned, but still very optimistic.

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# Wolfe to hit Hollywood again

By Ashley Harper  
Entertainment Editor

Novelist Tom Wolfe, Washington and Lee class of 1951, will hit the big screen once again.

First, Wolfe's novel *The Right Stuff* hit the silver screen. Now his most recent best seller, *The Bonfire of the Vanities* is ready to be released.

At W&L, Wolfe majored in English and was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He went on to earn a doctorate's degree at Yale University.

Brian De Palma directed the film, which stars Tom Hanks as Sherman McCoy, Melanie Griffith as McCoy's mistress Maria Ruskin and Bruce Willis as tabloid reporter Peter Fallow.

Other stars include Morgan Freeman, F. Murray Abraham, Kim Cattrall, Saul Rubinek and John Hancock.

McCoy is a successful businessman and father who is caught with his mistress in a hit and run accident which leads to an entanglement with the most powerful black politicians in New York City.

Although much of the filming took place in California, the company spent 10 weeks in New York and New Jersey after filming began April 16th.

Some of W&L's students from New York will recognize the Rockefeller Center, Park Avenue, the Supreme Court Building in the Bronx and the Bronx Expressway ramp.

The screen play was written by Michael Cristofer, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screen-play writer.

One of many award winners contributing to *Bonfire's* production is Academy Award recipient Richard Sylbert, recognized for his production design on *Dick Tracy*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and *Reds*.



Tom Hanks, Melanie Griffith and Bruce Willis star in *Bonfire of the Vanities*, a movie based on the best-selling novel by W&L graduate Tom Wolfe. Hanks plays main character Sherman McCoy, Griffith plays his mistress Maria Ruskin and Willis plays reporter Peter Fallow. Publicity photo.

## W&L Weekly Calendar

September 7 to September 17

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Class Agents' Weekend.  
Hall of Fame Banquet.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Class Agents' Weekend.  
WOMEN'S SOCCER: Generals vs. Gettysburg. Liberty Hall Field.  
11:30 a.m. FOOTBALL: HALL OF FAME GAME: Generals vs. Emory & Henry. Wilson Field.  
1:30 p.m. AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: VOLLEYBALL: Haverford Tournament.  
MEN'S SOCCER: York College (at Franklin & Marshall).

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: MEN'S SOCCER: Franklin & Marshall.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

SCIENCE RESEARCH POSTER SESSION: An exhibit of student research projects by All Day R.E. Lee Summer Scholars. Lower Level One, University Library (through Sept. 14).  
Public invited.  
7 p.m. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Pre-Law Meeting. Moot Courtroom. Lewis Hall.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12 Noon W&L Employee Christian Fellowship Brown Bag Lunch. Room 114, University Center.  
4 p.m. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Senior Placement Meeting. Lee Chapel.  
8 p.m. RECITAL: Amy Cochran, soprano. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Drop/Add ends (4:30 p.m.)  
4 p.m. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Resume Workshop. Room 109, University Center.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: WOMEN'S SOCCER: Sweet Briar.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

All Day GOLF: W&L Fall Invitational. Lexington Golf & Country Club.  
7 p.m. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Senior Placement Meeting (athletes and make-up). Room 114, University Center.  
Last date to register for Oct. 13 GRE Exam. CD&P Office.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

All Day MEN'S TENNIS: Rolex Regional Tournament. Varsity Courts.  
All Day CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Resume Critique (walk-in). CD&P Office.  
1 p.m. GALLERY RECEPTION/LECTURE: "Landscape Paintings by Robert Stuart, Ryan Russell, and John Borden Evans." duPont Gallery. Public invited.  
8 p.m. FILM SOCIETY: *Do the Right Thing* (USA, 1989), directed by Spike Lee. Classroom "A," Lewis Hall. Public invited.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

MCAT Exam.  
All Day MEN'S TENNIS: Rolex Regional Tournament. Varsity Courts.  
1 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER: Generals vs. Guilford. Liberty Hall Field.  
8 p.m. FILM SOCIETY: *Do the Right Thing* (USA, 1989), directed by Spike Lee. Classroom "A," Lewis Hall. Public invited.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: WATER POLO: EWPA "South" Varsity Invitational, Annapolis; VOLLEYBALL: RMWC Tournament; FOOTBALL: Methodist; MEN'S SOCCER: Johns Hopkins (at Carnegie-Mellon); MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Eastern Mennonite, Messiah College.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

All Day MEN'S TENNIS: Rolex Regional Tournament. Varsity Courts.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: WATER POLO: EWPA Invitational, Annapolis; MEN'S SOCCER: Carnegie Mellon.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: VOLLEYBALL: Bluefield College, Concord College.



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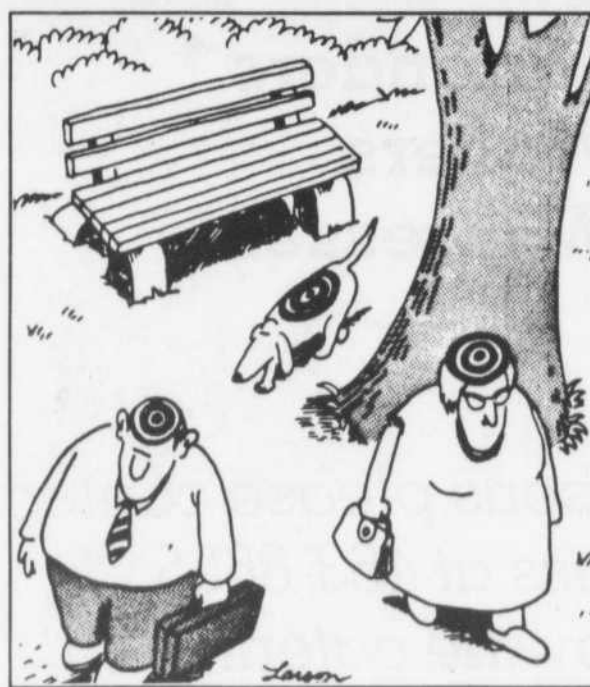
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