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New freshman dean gets first taste of Lexington

By Tom Elsenhauer
Staff Reporter

For Dennis G. Manning, the newly appointed dean of freshmen and residence life, Washington and Lee is the place to be.

Manning, associate headmaster of the Woodberry Forest School, will replace Kenneth P. Ruscio as assistant dean of students in July.

Manning, who was in Lexington this week, said the W&L position is the next and best step for him.

"Working at Washington and Lee and living in Lexington just strikes me as an extraordinary opportunity for me and my family," Manning said.

"Every time I've been here I get more and more enthusiastic and excited about the dean of freshmen position," Manning said.

Manning received bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Wake Forest in 1981 and 1983. He also worked as a graduate assistant to the Wake Forest basketball program.

He took his first step into the field of education when he accepted the position of administrative assistant to the president of Wake Forest for the 1982-83 school year.

Manning's next move was to discover what he did not want to do with his life. He therefore spent a year studying for the MBA at Wake Forest.

"I think it was the best investment of my life," Manning said. "For about \$15,000 and

a year of my life, I found out exactly what I didn't want to do for the rest of my life."

Returning to the academic world, Manning took a position at Woodberry Forest as an English teacher, dormitory master, student advisor, and basketball and tennis coach in the summer of 1984.

A few years later, Manning won a fellowship to study for his doctorate in English at Rice University. But before he could leave, he was pulled back to Woodberry Forest.

"I was leaving Woodberry to go to Rice when in February or March I got a note from the headmaster and he appointed me to the position of assistant headmaster for internal affairs and student life," Manning said. "I was responsible for every facet of the

residential life program for 360 students — and at the same time was still coaching basketball, teaching English, and serving as an advisor," Manning said.

Manning soon appointed associate headmaster, director of summer school, and director of college counseling. These jobs especially prepared him for the job of dean of freshmen.

"I've been at a secondary school where the whole purpose of the four years is preparing students for a university experience, he said.

Manning said he will not teach during his first years as assistant dean.

"My first year or two here, I just want an absolute, undivided focus upon my responsibilities," Manning said. Then "I'd love to teach a composition class or a course in poetry."



Dennis G. Manning

Alum takes student's car

Moore won't press charges

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

A Washington and Lee student whose car was taken by an alumnus over the weekend has chosen not to press charges.

Junior Jeff Moore appeared in district court Tuesday morning and declined to prosecute James G. Chantilas, '87, charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

The incident occurred Saturday night at Beta Theta Pi, of which Moore is an active member and Chantilas an alumnus.

Moore said he parked the car, a 1988 Chrysler LeBaron convertible, in the Beta lot in Red Square at about 7:30 p.m. He said he left the keys in the dash console and the top down.

When Moore returned to the lot an hour later, the car was missing. He said he waited until 9 p.m., in case a friend had borrowed the car. He then called friends to see if they had the car and searched in other places for it.

At 10 p.m., when the car had not been returned, Moore called the police and reported the car stolen. Moore said the police issued a statewide all points bulletin on the car.

Lexington police Patrol Officer Gary B. Coleman said he spotted Moore's car at 12:30 a.m. being

driven south on Main Street and intercepted it at the intersection of Jefferson and Henry streets.

According to Coleman, the car was being driven by Chantilas and there were two other occupants in the car. He said Chantilas admitted taking the car and was arrested.

Moore, who talked to the other occupants of the car on Saturday and to Chantilas on Monday, said the incident was "all a big misunderstanding."

Moore said the alumni told him that when they wanted to go get some dinner their car was blocked, so they took Moore's. Moore said the alumni went to Super 8 Motel, where they were staying, to eat and fell asleep.

Moore said the alumni were returning the car to Beta when they were stopped.

Coleman was not pleased Tuesday when Moore dropped the charges against Chantilas.

"It does not set with a good taste in my mouth," Coleman said.

Coleman said that when he called Moore Saturday night and told him the car had been found, Moore said he wanted to press charges.

Moore said police told him when he reported the car stolen Saturday that he should promise to press charges against whoever took the car or police would not look for it as hard.

Moore contends that after he found out on Saturday night that it was an alumnus that took the car, Coleman told him that Moore would "have to talk to a judge about dropping the charges."



Moore



Aaaghhhh, when do I let go?

Performing one of the rites of Spring Term, Junior Franklin Pridgen swings out over the Maury River on a rope swing.

Recent hot weather has enticed students outdoors to Goshen, Panther Falls, and the river just outside of town.

ODK inducts five students

Omicron Delta Kappa initiated five juniors in Saturday afternoon's ceremony. The purpose of ODK is "to recognize leadership, combined with academic achievement," said Kenneth Ruscio, assistant dean of students.

• John Donaldson — co-chairman of the 1992 Mock Convention; scholastic chairman and rush chairman for Beta Theta Pi; university scholar; member of Kathekon and Fancy Dress Committee.



• Charles Edwards — member of Alpha Epsilon Delta; two-time scholar athlete; two-year cross country team member, president of Sigma Chi; Sunday school teacher at R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.



• Jodi Herring — member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and Phi Eta Sigma; 1991-92 swim team captain; varsity letter winner in swimming and cross country; two-year dorm counselor; 1991-92 assistant head dorm counselor.



• Ashley Hurt — member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma; university scholar; Dyer Scholarship recipient; women's soccer team captain; 1990 all-ODAC Second Team member; Kappa Kappa Gamma scholarship chairman.



• Clayton Kennington — Executive Committee representative; chairman of SAMS Lip-Sync Contest; state chairman for Mock Convention; Student Recruitment Committee member; Freshmen Orientation Committee member; member of Kappa Alpha.

PHC says no relief

Women reject plea to fund Contact

By Jennifer Mayo
Staff Reporter

The Panhellenic Council decided not to fund the Contact Committee after Executive Committee President-elect Giles Perkins asked PHC President Dale Wyatt if the women's Greek organization would contribute.

"It would make a bad situation worse for Panhellenic to start funding Contact," said Associate Dean of Students Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins Tuesday.

The Interfraternity Council withdrew their annual \$10,000 support of the guest speaker committee on April 30, leaving Contact with only two-thirds of its \$30,000 budget.

IFC President Greg Hicks said the men's complaints stemmed from a lack of fraternity representation on the committee's selection board. He also felt it was unfair for Greek men to be paying more than other students to support guest speakers from which everyone will benefit equally.

"The fraternities already fund the university's social life," Hicks said last week, "but at least in that case they have a say in where their money is going."

Atkins agreed that the fraternities carry a disproportionate amount of financial burden.

"It seems crazy for all students to pay for SAB activities and then have fraternity men or women turn around and pay twice," Atkins said.



Dale Wyatt

Atkins said SAB and Contact funding are weaknesses of the student government at W&L and should be addressed. The Student Activities Fund should cover it all, Atkins said, and no student should pay more than another.

Wyatt expressed her concern that PHC funding of Contact would only lead to the same problems that IFC funding caused.

The IFC withdrew its annual \$10,000 support from

"We are a similar organization and if the IFC had so many complaints, I don't see why we wouldn't," Wyatt said.

"I hope that the IFC and Panhellenic can use their money more productively elsewhere," Atkins said. "But if they have nothing better to do than turn around and start another guest speaker group...well, that's stupid too."

Water bottle lands W&L freshman in jail

By Joshua Manning
Staff Reporter

Lexington police arrested freshman Edward S. "Ted" Elliott early Sunday morning charging him with throwing a water bottle at an unmarked police car.

Elliott, on his way home from a party, threw a plastic bottle of Evian water out the back window of a car driven by Sweet Briar College student Alison Trout, according to police reports.

The bottle hit the driver's side door of Sergeant E. Wayne Straub's unmarked police car while he was heading south on Lee Ave.

While the bottle missed Straub, the water

remaining in the bottle hit him in the face.

Straub then pulled the car over and arrested Elliott on the felony charge of throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

Elliott was taken to the Rockbridge County Regional Jail and held until 7 a.m. Sunday morning, when he posted a \$1,000 cash-secured bond.

A preliminary hearing is set for May 21 in Lexington General District Court, where Elliott faces up to five years in jail, more if found guilty of malicious intent.

Elliott said he had been drinking and did not mean to litter.

"I feel a lot of remorse that the bottle hit officer Straub," said Elliott. "I'm sorry that it happened. It was an accident."

Chapel director donates art to hang in EC room

By Jameson Leonard
Staff Reporter

Navy Capt. Robert C. Peniston and his wife, Frances, are donating two prints to the Washington and Lee Executive Committee in the name of their son, Robert Carl Peniston.

Peniston, director of Lee Chapel, said EC President Tom Hatcher asked him to suggest two prints the EC could buy and hang in its meeting room. He suggested the two paintings of Robert E. Lee, *Lieutenant Lee* and *General Lee*, by Theodore Pine. The originals of both of these paintings hang in Lee Chapel.

Peniston then offered to buy and frame the two prints, and donate them in the name of his son.

Robert Carl Peniston died on April 8, 1975 from heart failure, according to the April 17, 1975 *Ring-tum Phi*. He would have graduated the following month with a degree in Business Administration.

Peniston was a dean's list student and member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He is buried in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery, according to the *Phi*.

"Captain Peniston and his wife are very fine people," said Hatcher. "The EC is very honored to receive this gift from them."

Benchwarmers

It must have been an interesting sight for an alumnus to step into the University Center this weekend and find the benches in front of the GHQ overflowing with publications.

For many years the *Phi* was the only general interest publication on the W&L campus. This year, there were no less than three W&L student publications (a fourth didn't make it to print for the weekend), and a national publication with a W&L student editor. What do we think of the competition? We love it.

After the demise of the *Southern Collegian* in the late 1960s, the *Phi* alone bore the heavy burden of providing news, commentary, and opinion to the student body as a whole. With the appearance of *The Washington and Lee Spectator* two years ago, a new era of student involvement arrived. Paul Lagarde and Ray Welder's *Spectator*, providing its own distinct brand of commentary and reporting, was such a success that other groups decided they, too, could publish magazines.

Common Ground, a journal of Christian news and opinion, published its first issue in March. Close on *Common Ground's* heels, *The Traveller* galloped onto the scene just last month, providing yet another forum for student opinion and reporting. Earlier this year, Paul Lagarde became an editor of the nationwide *Campus* student magazine.

There are also numerous special-interest publications (many of which have been active for a number of years) produced by W&L students, including: *Ariel*, *Una Vox*, *The Outer Circle*, *The Star*, *Theatre at Washington and Lee*, *Political Science Review*, and *the Journal of Science*.

We believe the sheer number of publications found on campus disproves the oft-stated opinion that the W&L student body has suffered an intellectual death. We have published numerous letters on this page from alumni, professors, and administrators who complain that all students at this school are interested in is partying and landing high-paying jobs after graduation. We invite these nay-sayers to survey the writings on the bench and still say that our campus is intellectually dead.

We are encouraged Not just the sheer proliferation of journals, but also the wide range of their political For a school stereotyped as of a solitary, universal and conservative opinion, there are plenty of forums for individual expression. There is no longer any excuse for you, the W&L student, to not share your point of view with your peers. Go by the University Center, and you will surely find a publication to your liking. We look forward to hearing from you, both on our own pages and on those of our new-found colleagues.

Quotes of the Week

- No, I said you have to shrink her.
 - I did, but her dimensions came out bigger.
- Phi staffers Joshua Manning and Teresa Williams deciding just how to crop Carol Calkins...for Talkback.
- Excuse me, did you know that your telephone number is 1-800-DON'T-CALL?
 - No it's not, sir. It's 1-800-FOOTBALL.
- Former *Phi* editor Brian Root disagreeing with an 800 operator late in the night.



Law ban raises larger issue Gay alum speaks out against discrimination

MY VIEW By Ed Joy

I was very pleased to see the law school's ban on employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation debated in *The Ring-tum Phi*. The tone of the debate, however, was quite discouraging. I would like to take this opportunity to do something I was not prepared to do during my days as a student at Washington and Lee. I would like to speak up for the rights of gay people. In fact, I feel I have an obligation to do so, since I am gay.

The time has come for the university and the student body to recognize that discrimination against gays is wrong and to impose sanctions against those who engage in such discrimination. Of course, I realize that many at W&L would disagree. The school has a proud conservative tradition, but equality for gays is not a matter of the political right vs. left, but rather right vs. wrong. The prevailing anti-gay attitudes at W&L

Discriminating against someone on the basis of his sexual orientation is bigotry pure and simple. People do not choose to be gay.

cannot be changed without debate, so I ask, at the very least, that this editorial be read thoughtfully and thoroughly. You are part of a great university and one of the fundamental objectives of any great university is the pursuit of truth through higher education. Truth is not achieved through mere acceptance of the status quo, but through questioning and examining the foundation of your values and beliefs.

The need for change is great. As much as "fag" jokes serve to belittle the discrimination and dehumanize gays and lesbians, the fact remains that discrimination has real and harmful consequences.

A recent study by the Department of Health showed that the suicide rate among gay teenagers is three times higher than their non-gay counterparts. Twenty-five percent of all gay men are physically assaulted during their lifetime because of their sexual orientation. An estimated 40-50 percent of all homeless runaway teenagers are gay. Over 100,000 people have died from AIDS, including one of Washington and Lee's very own professors. Yet, only \$1 billion has been spent in search of a cure since the discovery of the disease a decade ago (the equivalent was spent each day to pay for the Gulf War). Apathy prevails because AIDS is largely viewed as a gay disease and gay lives somehow do not matter as much. It is no wonder that *The Wall Street Journal* referred to gay people as America's last true minority.

Discriminating against someone on the basis of his sexual orientation is bigotry pure and simple. People do not choose to be gay any more than they choose to be black or hispanic. Prevailing scientific knowledge indicates that one's sexual orientation is set by three years of age. If you do not believe this and still think people choose to be gay, then imagine for a moment that you were gay. Look again at what I detailed above and observe the many problems you would face. Now, listen to your families, friends and the world around you. Do you still think that you would choose to be gay if there were a choice to be made?

Given that being gay is a characteristic of mankind, it would seem wrong to think that there is a right to be gay. It is more appropriate to say that gays have rights, human rights. Yet, our society does not extend fundamental rights to gays and lesbians.

People justify discrimination against gays by referring to the Bible and traditional moral values. In the past, passages from the Bible were used to justify segregation of blacks and subordination of women. Past generations committed these wrongs without even recognizing them. Now, our current society does the same with respect to gay people. The Bible does not advocate anti-gay bigotry, rather it is more accurate to say that human beings read their own prejudices and biases into the Bible.

If people want to find the true source of their bigotry and hatred, then they need look no further than their own flaws and weaknesses. Only a morality that teaches that all are created equal and fosters a respect for the dignity of every individual is truly moral.

If I believed that there were no other gays and lesbians at Washington and Lee, I would not see the need for change as being so urgent. Surely this is not the case. Just as I spent my years at W&L

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hiding my sexuality from my friends and denying it to myself, there are students there now who do the same in an attempt to survive in an atmosphere that is hostile to their true identity. The fear they feel ensures that there will be no debate. This fear puts the burden of initiating the debate on those who are not gay and need not fear the costs of discrimination.

While attending W&L, I was a good student, a good dorm counselor and a good friend. Yet, I was frequently confronted with "fag" jokes and other similarly insulting statements. In order to conceal the fact that I was gay from even my closest friends, I remained silent. Because I fit none of the grossly inaccurate stereotypes of gay people, no one ever thought twice about making such statements in front of me. Though I remained silent, the pain I felt inside was very real. My hope is that you will now choose to reconsider your actions and attitudes because you begin to see that they are wrong. At the very least, I hope you choose to reconsider your actions and attitudes because the people who are hurt may be your friends, colleagues or fellow students.

Ed. note: Edward Joy graduated from Washington and Lee in 1989. He was an economics major.

LETTERS

Art chair supports prof

Dear Editor,

Since the *Spectator* comes out less frequently than the *Phi*, I follow the time-honored tradition of using your paper as the vehicle for expressing my dismay over their recent attack on my colleague, Valerie Hedquist. All she did was to write to two local businessmen who are known to have socially conscious views and to ask if they knew the content of the magazine they were advertising in. She enclosed a copy of the *Spectator* so they could judge for themselves if they shared her view that the magazine carried racist, sexist and offensively conservative material. She did not attempt to start a campaign to undermine the advertising revenue of the magazine. She did not even threaten to boycott their businesses. She simply asked them to read the magazine and come to their own conclusions. For this she had her classroom invaded by three angry editors of the *Spectator*, who, when she asked them to come back during her office hours, returned with hostile accusations. Their confrontation with her, and their subsequent conversation with me, were not done in a spirit of civility and tolerance.

The great irony in reading the scurrilous attack on Professor Hedquist in the latest issue of the *Spectator* is that they accuse HER of incivility! I have never read anything so full of misinformation, innuendo and hate-filled prose. Valerie Hedquist is a superb art historian, an excellent teacher, and a wonderful person. We are very fortunate to have her at Washington and Lee. She has the respect, admiration and full support of all of her colleagues in this department.

When I last spoke to Cameron Humphries (the Editor of the *Spectator*), I reiterated my offer to get a group of people together for a discussion of what we find objectionable in his magazine. If he and his friends really think it would be hard for anyone to point out examples of racism and sexism in the *Spectator*, then I would be delighted to give it a try.

Thank you,
Pamela H. Simpson, Chair
Art Department

Alum criticizes Phi cartoon

Dear Editors:

Some things never change. Leave it to *The Ring-tum Phi* to include, in the Alumni Reunion issue, a cartoon which implies continued denigration of women at this University. Many of us who graduated years ago did NOT think women were the sort of "sex symbols" implied by the recent cartoon. We saw, especially in graduate school, that their contributions to academic institutions were every bit as worthwhile as ours. Men are not here to parade around looking attractive, and to portray women in this way convinces me that you have not yet made this the kind of University which welcomes women.

On another issue, might I also point out that your editorial on sexual harassment misses a major point. Stealing is an honor violation and a criminal act; but we do not routinely turn in thieves to the police. Would you prefer a system in which these violations ARE handled by the community? I think not. By the same logic, no

University committee has the right to routinely turn in reports of rape, unless the victim agrees. The "real world" protects victims of rape in many ways not accorded to other types of victims, and you are in error if you do not provide extra protection here as well.

T. Morris
Class of '69

Visitors Center thanks W&L

Dear Editor:

I would like to express the thanks of the Lexington Visitors Bureau to the Interfraternity Council, the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, and Kappa Alpha Theta for their contributions to the Visitor Center landscaping project. Without their donations we could not have made it as beautiful as it is. I do hope that everyone concerned will feel that they want to watch over the landscaping so that nothing disturbs what they helped pay for.

Others that contributed to the project are the Lexington Garden Club, the Rockbridge Garden Club, the County Council of Garden Clubs, the Natural Bridge Garden Club and the Lexington Rotary Club.

The Lexington Visitor Center is the gateway to the community for at least 85,000 visitors each year. Some of them even donated to the project.

Thank you W&L students for helping to make the visitors feel welcome here.

Sincerely,
Martha M. Doss, Director
Lexington Visitors Bureau

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Wolfe will address third-years

110 students will receive JD degree in Sunday ceremony



Tom Wolfe, '51

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

Tom Wolfe, best-selling author and Washington and Lee alumnus, will deliver the address for the Law School commencement Sunday.

The ceremony, to begin at 2:30 p.m. on the Lee House lawn, will award 110 juris doctor degrees to students in W&L's 136th graduating law class.

According to Dean of the Law School Randall P. Bezanson, Wolfe, '51, was the overwhelming favorite speaker among third-year law students for

the May 19 ceremony.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved to Warner Center.

Bezanson said that despite the fact that Wolfe is not a lawyer, the author should do a good job. "He is a wonderful speaker," Bezanson said, "and he has a great deal to say, not only about the legal system, but also about social issues that are relevant to law and lawyers."

Wolfe is the author of such books as *Bonfire of the Vanities*, *The Right Stuff*, and *The Painted Word*. He has also had published a collection of drawings, entitled *In Our Time*.

Baradel fills alumni staff spot

By Tom Hespos
Staff Reporter

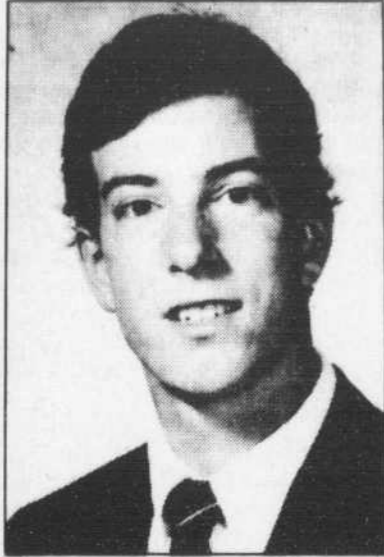
Senior Christopher C. Baradel, a Journalism major, accepted the position of Alumni Staff Associate for the 1991-92.

Baradel, an Annapolis, Md. native, is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served *The Ring-tum Phi* as editorial page editor and worked with Cable 9 News as an anchor. He was a volunteer coach for the Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization and a member of the Student Recruitment Committee.

As part of his new job, Baradel will assist in the planning and execution of events such as Homecoming and reunion weekends, an alumni office press release said.

He will also serve as editor of the Classnotes section of *The Alumni Magazine* and will edit a newsletter to chapter presidents. He will develop programs for young alumni and will travel to several of the university's 83 alumni chapters.

Baradel said he is "really excited to get this position.... I am looking forward to promoting the university with the alumni [office]



Senior Chris Baradel

staff," according to the alumni office release.

James Farrar, Jr., director of alumni programs, said, "Chris has all the tools to make a real contribution to the Alumni Office programs and to the university. The current staff associate, Joel Smith, '90, has made a great contribution, and I know Chris will be every bit as strong."

Smith said the job has been a positive experience for him.

"You stay around W&L another year and get paid for it," Smith said.

"You're not like the new guy," Smith said. "They give you a substantial amount of responsibility."

Smith said the best thing about the job is, "You're at W&L, and you don't have to study."

Lenfest's Evita starts Wednesday

Musical dramatizes life of Eva Peron; show uses slides of real personalities

By Jennifer Gibson
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's theatre and music departments will present *Evita* May 22-25 as part of the official opening of the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.

The documentary-style production follows the major events of Eva Peron's life through two acts.

Beginning as an illegitimate child from the small village of Junin, Argentina, Eva rises to become a powerful and controversial 20th-century figure.

The play depicts Eva's sordid background as she leaves her hometown and travels to Buenos Aires with a popular Tango singer, Augustin Magaldi. While in the capital, Eva Duarte meets Juan Peron, a presidential candidate.

In Act Two, Eva, now the country's first lady, is received more enthusiastically by the people than the new president. She basks in the glory of her wealth and popularity.

But eventually Eva's health begins to decline, and her husband's power over the military weakens. In the end, the dying Eva wants only to be remembered as a loved and honored countrywoman.

Although the basic plot is the same, this show also differs from other productions of *Evita*, agreed cast members.

Because the stage directions are vague, much is left to individual interpretation, actress Jennifer Gladwell said.

"J.D. Martinez, the director, has added some nuances," actor Robby Aliff, who plays Che, said. "He is trying to make it a clean production centered on the show itself without a lot of set changes or props."

This "doc-musical" will also feature intermittent slide projections above the stage showing real photos of the actual Eva and Juan Peron.

Overall, cast members agreed that it's been a lot of hard work.

"Everyone is dedicated to making it the best show it can possibly be," Aliff said.

Area service group seeks goods

Relief Association finds homes for unwanted furniture, clothes, food

By Maureen Levey
Staff Reporter

Before leaving school this year, you might want to rid yourself of an overused couch or some old clothes.

The Rockbridge Area Relief Association is asking Washington and Lee students to donate their unwanted goods to charitable organizations in the area.

Sue Ann Mead, former director of RARA, said W&L students helped the organization by collecting money in the past.

"I think W&L could be very helpful in donating and raising money, especially for people who need help paying for utility bills and buying food," Mead said.

W&L senior Jane Allen is orga-

nizing a drive for food, clothes, etc., with Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity.

Although the drive will not begin until the last week in May, Mead said RARA encourages students to donate now.

RARA and its affiliate, Helpline know that the end of the school year approaches, and they hope that after spring cleaning, students will decide to donate. They encourage students to give canned goods too.

RARA started over 10 years ago in a volunteer's kitchen and reached a small number of people to alleviate their financial problems. The organization grew bigger and is now able to help many more of the needy in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County.

People who can't pay their utility

bills, those in need of food, and people just passing through town without a place to stay are but a few of those that RARA helps.

Once a person calls Helpline, RARA will aid them in any way possible, sometimes by giving meal vouchers, canned goods, and even by paying bills.

RARA refers donors and people in need of relief to other organizations such as local churches, in order to coordinate funds and relief for the poor.

"We're kind of a clearing house for other charitable groups," a volunteer said.

The Helpline suggested several places which are nearby W&L to leave furniture, clothing, food and even kitchen utensils. The food houses include:

- The Lexington Food Closet behind the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 617 S. Main St., open from 3-4 p.m. Mondays.

- Total Action against Poverty (TAP), 534 E. Nelson St., open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

- Randolph Street Community Center at the United Methodist Church, 118 S. Randolph St., open Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Community Share in Buena Vista, 2340 Beech St., open 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Habitat for Humanity Resale Store, 321 N. Main Street welcomes anyone who wants to donate furniture, and they are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. TAP and any thrift shops in the area will take clothes.

GENERAL NOTES

Wolf Flick

The General Admission Film Series will show the Academy Award winning film *Dances With Wolves* starring Kevin Costner tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Lewis Hall Classroom A. Admission will be \$2.

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.

Big Poem

The International Society of Poets is accepting poems for the "World's Largest Poem for Peace." The document is expected to be longer than seven football fields and will be presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations in August. To be part, send an original poem (20 lines or less) to: World's Largest Poem, P.O. Box 627, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117.

Be a Peer

Interviews for next year's peer counselors will be held on May 20, 21, and 23 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Applications may be picked up at Carol Calkins' office in the University Center. Anyone is welcome to apply.

Pub Board

There will be a Publications Board meeting on Monday, May 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the Phi office. Old and new members please attend.

For the Record

In the May 9 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*, the reunion year of Assistant Dean of Students Kenneth Ruscio and Assistant Director of Alumni Programs Robert W.H. Mish, both

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The Neville Brothers will perform Friday night at the Student Pavilion. Tickets may be bought in advance in front of the Co-op for \$6. Tickets bought at the door are \$8 for students and \$12 for non-students.

Cable 9

Cable 9, the Washington and Lee TV station, is opening up its programming schedule this September. The station is meant to be the benefit the school and school organizations as well as be a working journalism laboratory. If your organization is interested in a TV show, contact Professor De Maria at 463-8436.

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Get It Out

You too can have your event or announcement in the General Notes. Just write a brief message and place it into the envelope hanging outside the Phi office, room 208 of the University Center.

Interviews and photos by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

What impact did 'The Sbar Side' have on your life?



Scott Dittman, University Registrar - "The Sbar Side" was responsible for every iota of pain I tried to subject the student body to."



Maureen Levey, '93, Livingston, NJ - "I always wanted to send photos to 800 McCorkle Drive, but I was too shy."



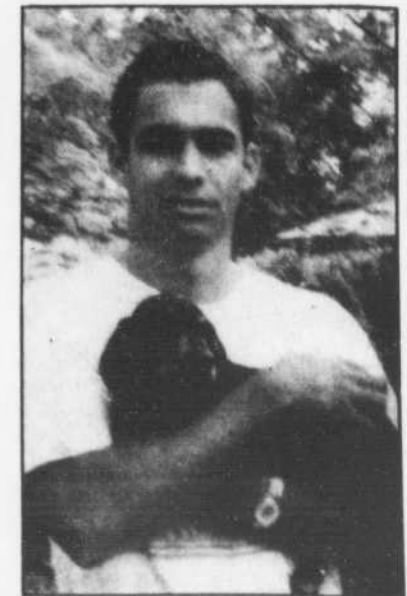
Will Davis, '92, Fullerton, CA - "I've become a communist."



Russ Leavitt, '93, Greeley, CO - "It has me a much improved world view and increased knowledge about W&L life."



Carol Calkins, University Center Coordinator - "...It made me wonder, where is he coming from? This boy is strange."



Jon Sbar, '91, Tampa, FL - "While it drove me to a life of crime, drugs, and debauchery, it gave me the confidence to appear in a Talkback question."

Upset places men eighth

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team, ranked 12th in the nation, upset Emory University to advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III tournament before losing three times and finishing eighth in the nation.

W&L trailed 4-2 after singles Sunday, getting wins from freshman Rob MacNaughton at No. 2, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) over Todd Kennedy, and senior Reid Manley at No. 4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 over Jim Burns. Manley's was the last singles match to finish.

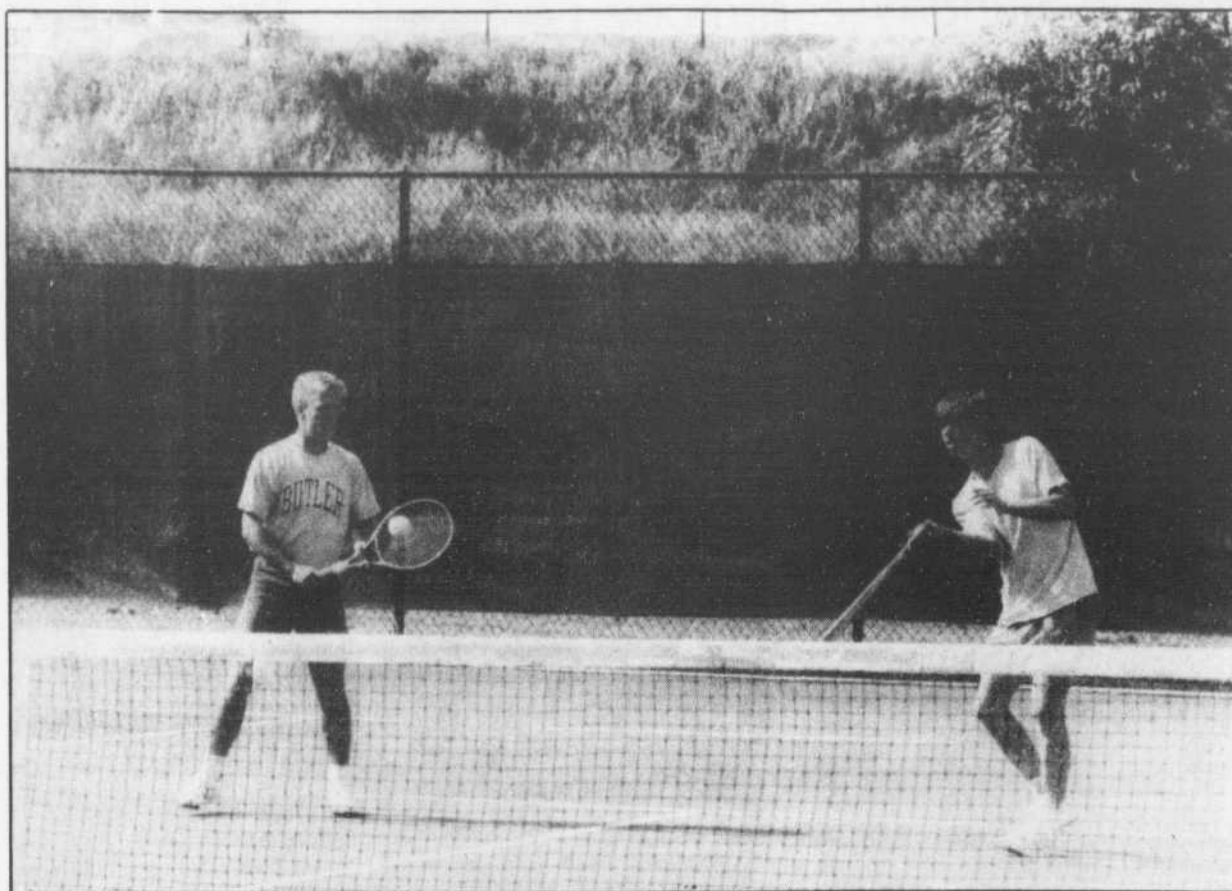
In the doubles, W&L's No. 3 team of freshman Robert Wein and sophomore Travis West were down a set and 4-1 in the second before rallying for a 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-1 win over Burns and Adam Brewer. The No. 2 team of Manley and junior Richard Yates topped Rick Grossman and Colin White in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) to tie the match at 4-4.

In the final match at No. 1 doubles, W&L's team of MacNaughton and senior Bill Meadows upset Emory's O'Connell and Kennedy 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 to give W&L the upset. O'Connell and Kennedy are the nation's sixth-best doubles team.

Emory had defeated W&L 7-2 during the season.

On Monday, W&L couldn't extend its upset string. The Generals fell to fourth-ranked Swarthmore 8-1, with the lone win coming at No. 1 singles, where Meadows blitzed Steve Tignor 6-4, 6-2. Meadows is the nation's 15th-ranked singles player.

The loss dropped W&L into consolation play, where California-San Diego handed the Generals their



Senior Bill Meadows watches freshman doubles partner Rob MacNaughton volley in practice last week. MacNaughton and Meadows teamed for the clinching win in W&L's 5-4 upset of Emory in the NCAA Division III Tournament Sunday. Phi photo by Leigh Allen.

second loss in as many days, 6-3.

UCSD, ranked eighth, won five of the six singles matches to earn the win. W&L's win came from Yates, who topped John Cross 7-5, 7-5 at No. 3. W&L's two doubles wins came from Yates and Manley and Wein and West.

On Wednesday, the Generals played seventh-ranked Gustavus Adolphus in a match for seventh place

and fell 8-1. The lone win came from MacNaughton, who topped Gordon Reid in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

W&L, 6-16 on the season, finished eighth in the 12-team event. It was W&L's sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in the last seven years. W&L last reached the tournament in 1989, finishing fifth.

Individual play begins today at the Claremont Colleges in California. In

singles, W&L is being represented by Meadows and MacNaughton. Meadows takes on 37th-ranked Manish Bhatia of MIT. MacNaughton, ranked 30th, takes on Steve Ivankovich of Chicago. Ivankovich is ranked 16th.

In doubles, Meadows and MacNaughton will play Dave Jussila and Ryan Skanse of Gustavus Adolphus. Meadows is the defending NCAA doubles champion.

W&L golfers return to NCAA meet

From W&L Sports Information

The Washington and Lee golf team, the 1991 Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions, was selected Tuesday as one of the 22 teams that will participate in the NCAA Division III Championships.

The Generals will be making their second straight trip to the national tournament. The tournament will be held May 21-24 at the Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln, Neb. Nebraska Wesleyan is the host school. The Firethorn course is a par-71, 6,505-yard course and is ranked among the top 65 courses built since 1962 by USA Today.

W&L finished seventh in 1990, equalling the school's best finish at the event. The Generals will be represented by juniors Clay Thomas, Brad Thoburn and Jay McKnight and senior Brian Kopet, all members of last year's team. Joining them will be junior Cliff Burrow.

Both Thomas and Thoburn were All-Americans last year. Thomas, a two-time all-ODAC selection, leads W&L with a 77.67 stroke average. McKnight, also a two-time all-ODAC selection, is second on the team with a 79.22 average.

Thoburn, a two-time top-ten finisher at the ODAC Championships, has an 80.56 average. Kopet rounds out the top four with an 81.56 average. As a team, W&L enters the NCAA championships with a 318.33 average.

The golf team becomes W&L's fourth team to earn a bid to the NCAA championships, joining the



Junior Jay McKnight and W&L make a return trip to the NCAA tournament. File photo.

men's lacrosse and men's and women's tennis teams. Never before have four W&L teams competed for national championships in one season.

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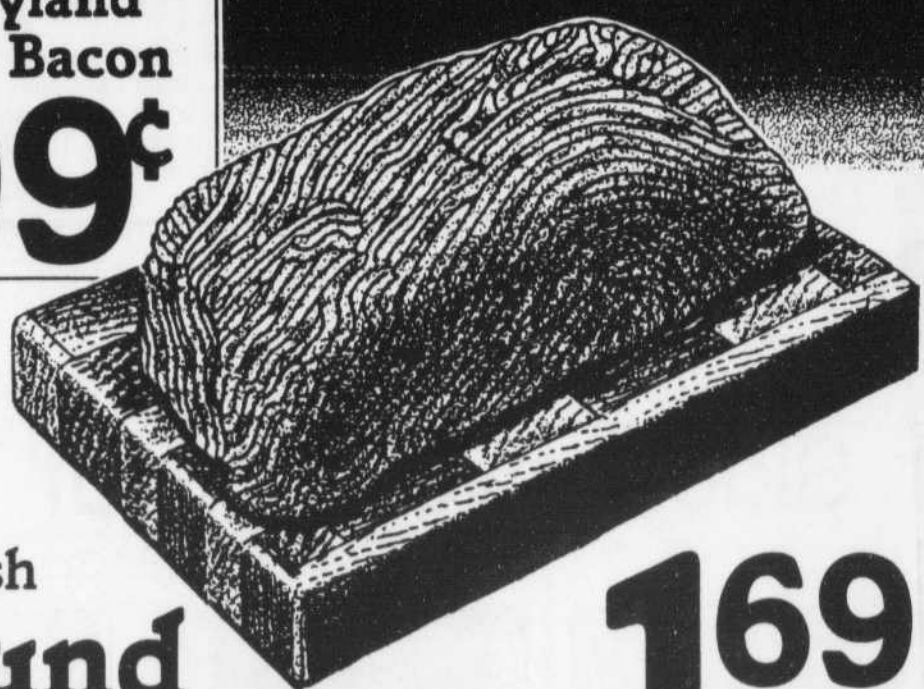
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Women's tennis loses first match

From W&L Sports Information

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team dropped its opening round match of the NCAA Division III Tournament Wednesday, falling to St. Thomas 6-3.

The Generals, ranked 11th in the nation, fell to 18-2 with the loss to the third-ranked Tommies. St. Thomas of Minnesota improved to 18-4 on the year.

The Tommies led 4-2 after the singles by virtue of two key three-set wins and then clinched the win by taking two of the three doubles matches.

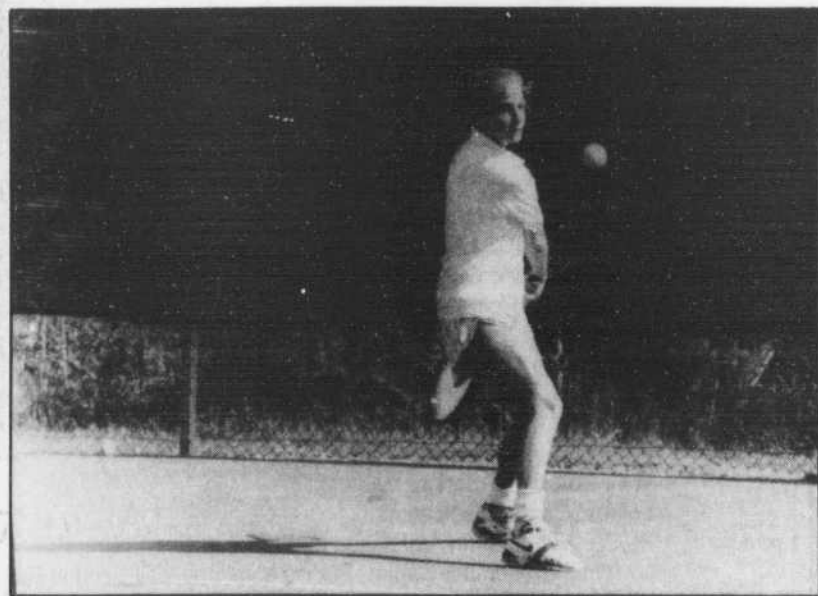
W&L dropped tough three-set matches at No. 1 singles, where Jean Stroman lost to St. Thomas' Jennifer Harkins 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 and at No. 3

singles where Kelly Martone fell to Emily Shea 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

W&L's three wins came from freshman Genia Foster, senior Kathy Leake and the doubles team of Leake and Martone. Foster, at No. 2 singles, topped Shannon McGraw 6-1, 6-2. Leake, at No. 4 singles beat Kary Bymers 6-4, 6-3. Leake and Martone, W&L's No. 2 doubles team, defeated McGraw and Shea 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The loss moved the Generals into consolation round play. W&L faced 10th-ranked Vassar today at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

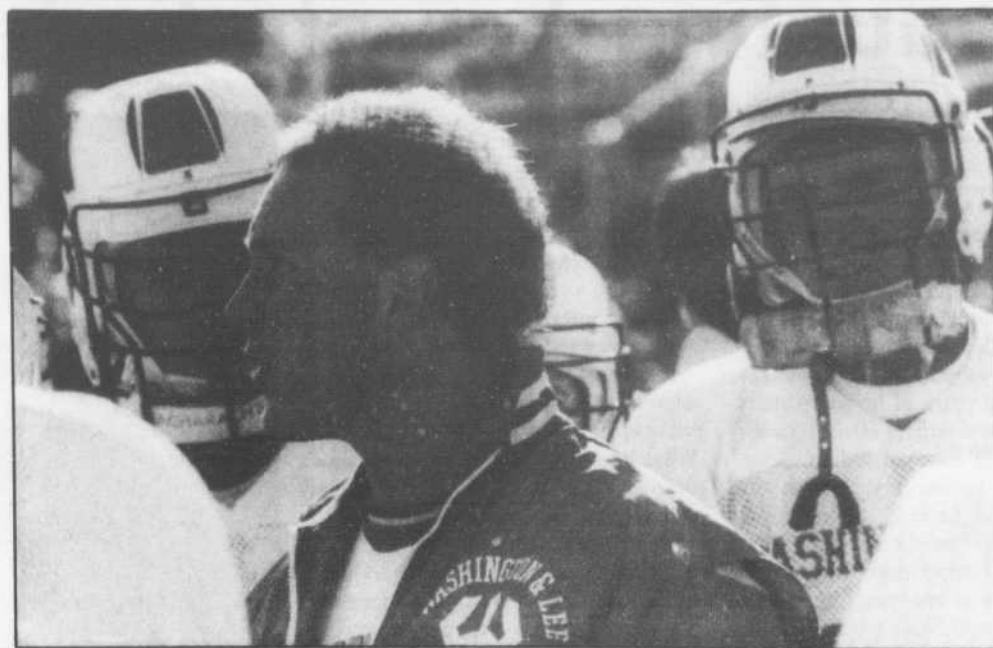
The women's tennis team becomes the first women's team at W&L to earn a bid to the national championships. W&L is in just its sixth year of coeducation.



Freshman Genia Foster had one of W&L's wins in a 6-3 loss to St. Thomas Wednesday. Phi photo by Leigh Allen.

His honor

Head coach Jim Stagnitta earned the ODAC Coach of the Year honor after guiding W&L to the ODAC title and an NCAA Tournament berth. In his two seasons, Stagnitta has a 20-8 record, including 11 wins this year. Phi photo by Chris Leiphart.



W&L puts four on all-ODAC lacrosse teams

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

Washington and Lee was well represented on the all-Old Dominion Athletic Conference teams in both men's and women's lacrosse.

The men's team placed four players on the all-ODAC team, including the player and coach of the Year.

Senior Clark Wight became W&L's first ODAC Player of the Year, and Jim Stagnitta received Coach of the Year honors in his second season.

Wight and classmate Todd Garliss were both named to the team at midfield. Wight finished the season with 24 goals and 19 assists. Garliss finished with 32 goals and seven assists.

Senior Mike Moseman was se-

lected to the team at attack. Moseman led W&L in assists in 1991 with 25. He also scored 14 goals.

Junior Robert Huke was W&L's lone selection at defense. Huke was named to the team after his first year of extensive playing time.

The women's lacrosse team also had four players earn all-ODAC honors.

Senior Shawn Wert was named to the first team for the second time. Wert led W&L with 26 goals on the season.

Sophomores Ginny Dallum and Lisa Dowling, along with freshman Angie Carrington, were named to the second team. Dallum, a defensive player, scored two goals and had three assists on the year. Dowling had 21 goals and 14 assists while Carrington tallied six goals and six assists.



Senior Mike Moseman moves against VMI. Moseman and three teammates received all-ODAC honors. Phi photo by Leigh Allen.

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Graduating law students look back

By Karen Lee
Special to The Ring-tum Phi

Three years is a considerable amount of time to devote to any activity, let alone one that forces a person to forego any semblance of normal, independent life. In fact, voluntarily submitting one's self to three intense years of non-stop studying, exams and papers could be viewed as nothing short of ludicrous.

While I review my time at Washington and Lee in terms of six semesters, 87 weeks of class, three moot court competitions and indeterminate hours of studying, my friends in the real world can't believe it has been three years already. But, I am finally graduating; my three years of fervor are over.

The best part of attending W&L Law was the sense of unity and belonging I felt as part of the law school community. I enjoyed personally knowing every member of my class, sharing the joys and sorrows of life and law school with fellow stu-

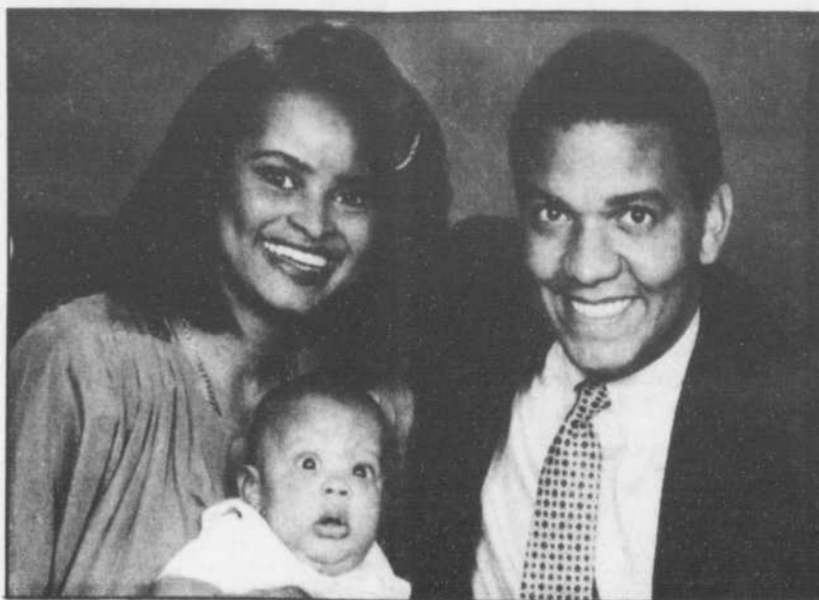
dents and discovering professors who were genuinely interested in us as unique individuals rather than just another batch of bluebooks to grade.

I also appreciated the fact that W&L Law School is not limited to graduating a particular type of lawyer, such as conservative, money-oriented, or partnership-bound.

I have learned that having a law degree is not a ticket to success; success depends on the ticketholder. What one ultimately does with a law degree depends upon the personal convictions and professional goals of each person.

This encouragement of individual diversity, along with the personal attention students receive from the faculty and staff, is what makes W&L Law a special experience.

I hope to convey these qualities to prospective students as a recruiter for the law school next fall, after which I plan to put my law degree to use by returning to Texas and practicing in the area of elder law and estate planning.



Graduating law student Charles Grant with his wife, Terry, and their oldest son.

By Charles Grant
Special to The Ring-tum Phi

I came to Washington and Lee Law School three years ago from the Citadel in South Carolina. Prior to my undergraduate years, I spent four years in the United States Air Force. I am married and the father of two sons, both born while I was here attending law school. As one can imagine, my law school experience has been anything but typical.

Nothing could have adequately prepared me for the stress of the first year of law school. On top of the difficulty of the work, my wife was living in a different city first semester finishing up her masters degree.

How one reacts to the tremendous stresses of law school is quite individualistic. I, for one, gained thirty pounds in my first semester alone. Some of my classmates started smoking, some turned to drugs or excessive drinking and a few managed to keep their heads when all about them were losing theirs, to paraphrase Kipling.

Unlike Professor Kingfield in "The Paper Chase" (the movie is on permanent reserve at the Law Library for those of you who haven't see it), most of my first year professors didn't seek to intimidate and humiliate us. For the most part, they were an engaging, enlightening bunch who made what was often times boring

and tedious work reasonably refreshing and meaningful. I will leave the law school with fond memories of them.

I ended my first year of law school with a flourish. My first son was born to my wife Terry and me one week before final exams. While this certainly wasn't ideal timing, it was preferable to his being born in the middle of finals, as was Dave Clark's son during our second year.

The work load increased tremendously second year, but at least some of the anxiety about surviving law school had lifted. Straight academics were supplemented with moot court competitions, mock trials, and extracurricular activities.

The things that stand out from my third year are the birth of my second son in February, competing with the National Mock Trial Team at the Regional Competition in Richmond, Va. and serving as president of the Black Law Students Association.

The BLSA this year especially wanted to convey how race still plays a significant role in the criminal justice system in this country. It was only several years ago, for example, that the Supreme Court struck down the practice of excluding blacks from the jury merely because the defendant is also black.

I leave school with many fond memories of my classmates, the law professors and the administration.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8 p.m. PLAY: "Talley's Folly," by Lanford Wilson. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center. Free Admission.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8 p.m. PLAY: "Talley's Folly," by Lanford Wilson. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center. Free Admission.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

2:30 p.m. LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT: Speaker: Tom Wolfe, '51, author, journalist, and member of the W&L Board of Trustees. Front Lawn.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

3 p.m. MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM: "Invariant Measures of Group Actions," Harry F. Hoke, W&L '79, University of Richmond. Room 6, Robinson Hall. Refreshments at 2:30 in Room 7. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8 p.m. PLAY: "Evita," a musical based on the life of Eva Peron. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center. For reservations, call Lenfest Box Office, 463-8000 (through May 25).

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8 p.m. PLAY: "Evita," a musical based on the life of Eva Peron. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center. For reservations, call Lenfest Box Office, 463-8000 (through May 25).

FRIDAY, MAY 24

3 p.m. W&L Board of Trustees Meeting. MATHEMATICS SENIOR HONORS PRESENTATION: "Hilbert Spaces and Quantum Mechanics," H. Todd Pearce, '91. Room 6, Robinson Hall. Public invited.

8 p.m. PLAY: "Evita," a musical based on the life of Eva Peron. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center. For reservations, call Lenfest Box Office, 463-8000 (through May 25).

SATURDAY, MAY 25

W&L Board of Trustees Meeting. Lenfest Center Dedication. 1 p.m. PLAY: "Evita," a musical based on the life of Eva Peron. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center. For reservations, call Lenfest Box Office, 463-8000 (through May 25).

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Romantic evening

Talley's Folly, a romantic one-act play by Lanford Wilson, will be performed in the Johnson Theatre of the Lenfest Center at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. Al Gordon will direct the production, which will serve as the acting thesis for theatre majors Douglas Nelson, '91, and Devon McAllister, '92. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 463-8000. Admission is free.



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