

The Ring-tum Phi

Dorm thefts puzzle police

By Pamela Kelley
Associate Editor

Lexington police and Washington and Lee security are still investigating a series of thefts which occurred last week in unlocked rooms in the freshman dormitories.

According to W&L Security Director Charles "Murphy" Murray, four freshmen reported a total of \$1,200 of missing property Thursday. Lexington Police Sgt. Torben Peterson said the thefts probably occurred Thursday in the early morning hours after 1 a.m.

Peterson said the stolen property was mostly jewelry, tapes and compact discs, and things which were "quick to get out and easily concealable."

Police said the thefts occurred in one third-floor room of Baker, Gilliam and Graham-Lee's each. A VCR belonging to one student was also taken from a second-floor lounge in Baker

dormitory.

One key to solving the break-ins may be in a report filed with the police by Rebecca Parkins, who also lives on Baker dorm's third floor.

Parkins awoke shortly after 4 a.m. Thursday morning when an unidentified black male entered her room. Parkins told authorities the man ran away when she screamed, although she glimpsed him long enough to help police create a composite of his face.

In addition to the freshman dormitory thefts, W&L security members also think the burglars attempted to steal a VCR from Newcomb Hall. According to Murray, Custodian Sharon Nicely encountered two black males, whom she did not recognize, on the building's ground floor at approximately 3:30 a.m. After they left she found a VCR from the hall's third floor in the main hallway.

Nicely said Newcomb Hall's lights were out and she heard voices on the building's second or

third floor when she entered the building around 2:30 a.m., but assumed some students were upstairs studying.

According to Nicely, one male descended to the first floor and saw her cleaning. She said he went back upstairs, returned with another man, asked her where the restrooms were and the two left shortly afterward. Nicely called campus security when she turned the ground floor lights on and found the VCR.

Nicely said the police sketch made from Rebecca Parkins' description resembled one of the men she saw.

Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard said the investigation has turned up a few leads, although nothing concrete. Authorities checked the license plate of an automobile that was towed from the parking area near the freshman dormitories shortly after the time the robberies are thought to have occurred. Peterson did not say whether the owner was a suspect.



Lexington police released this composite, drawn from a W&L student's account, of a man suspected of intruding in Baker dormitory.

SAB reports deficit

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

Members of the Student Activities Board told the Executive Committee Monday that the SAB will end the year over \$3,000 in debt because of unexpected costs from Fancy Dress.

FD Chairman John Flippen told the EC that FD came up \$6,300 in the red. He said the deficit consisted of \$500 for missing rented equipment, \$400 for a second printing of invitations for faculty and staff, \$1,000 for fireworks, and \$2,000 for cleanup.

Flippen said the extra cleaning costs were "totally unexpected."

SAB Chairwoman Kathleen Duwel said the \$2,000 paid for 20 people at \$11 per hour to clean. Duwel said the cleaners were mostly "friends and family" of Buildings and Grounds personnel. She said B&G was supposed to do the whole job and the SAB would file a formal complaint.

EC President Tom Hatcher said the problems were partly due to the fact that no financial records survived from last year's FD, so there was no guide for this year's planners.

Duwel said the SAB will probably end the year with a surplus of about \$3,000 which will be applied to the \$6,300 FD debt. Thus SAB will end the year with about a \$3,000 deficit. Duwel said she will present the final figures to the EC at its Monday meeting.

Duwel said another reason for the deficit was the disappointing turnout at last week's Neville Brothers concert. She said about 430 people attended instead of the projected 800 to 1,000. As a result, the concert, which cost the SAB about \$18,000, only brought in \$3,000 in revenues.

The 1988-89 SAB left a deficit that ultimately amounted to over \$20,000 in unpaid bills, taking the 1989-90 SAB and EC largely by surprise.

That earlier deficit resulted in a concentrated SAB-EC effort to more closely monitor SAB and FD spending, including by the closing of charge accounts. Efforts were also directed at bringing the 1990 FD under budgetary control for the first time, a feat Duwel said had not been accomplished in remembered history.

In other business, the EC-elect, in executive session, named Christopher Haley as the chairman of the Student Conduct Committee for 1991-92.



Cry of the Wolfe

Author Thomas Wolfe, '51, speaks to the third-year law class at Saturday's law school commencement in the Warner Center. His speech focused on the perils universities are facing in the era of "political correctness." Degrees were awarded to 110 graduates in W&L's 136th law school graduation. Phi photo by Hal Waller.

Court hands Hui probation, fine

By Thomas Eisenhauer
Staff Reporter

Former Washington and Lee sophomore Ulysses Shiu-Ting Hui was sentenced to a \$2,500 fine and two years of probation Friday for smuggling and possession of drugs.

U.S. District Judge James Turk said in the *Roanoke Times and World-News* that he did not imprison Hui because Hui had not been in trouble previously.

Turk could have sentenced Hui to a prison term of up to six months.

Hui testified at his sentencing hearing in Roanoke that he accepted full responsibility for his actions.

"I realize how stupid what I did was," Hui said. "I let down those who trusted my judgement - my family, my friends. I will not make the same mistake again."

In February, Hui pleaded guilty to charges of illegally importing a one-ounce package of hashish and possessing 75 grams of marijuana.

Hui was arrested at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house on Jan. 10 by federal agents after accepting a package of hashish that he had sent himself from his home in Hong Kong. Hui had addressed the package to an unwitting fraternity brother.

When arrested, Hui had marijuana and a hashish pipe in his pocket. The agents also found a plastic bag of marijuana in his freezer.

The fraternity expelled Hui the night of his arrest.

SPE President Brad Peterson, a junior, said some fraternity members think the sentence is too harsh, but that he disagrees.

"I feel that it's a felony charge of a pretty serious nature, and that the sentence is pretty just," Peterson said.

Hui told the *Roanoke* paper he intends to reapply to W&L.

Dean of Students David L. Howison said Hui withdrew "from the University prior to a [Student Conduct Committee] judicial action" and is eligible to reapply.

"I expect to hear from him [Hui] very soon," Howison said.

Peterson had not spoken to Hui and said he does not know if Hui will seek to affiliate with the fraternity. Hui would have to undergo a long and tedious process of appeal to the SPE national fraternity, Peterson said.

"We don't talk about it much because he is not around here much," said SPE Vice President Max Dunlap, a sophomore.

Hui's application would be reviewed by the Committee on Readmission, which includes Howison, Dean of the College John W. Elrod and several faculty members, according to Howison.



Hui

Cadet gets diploma in U.S. court

By Craig Burke
Assignments Editor

Despite opposition from Virginia Military Institute's Board of Visitors, a federal court in Roanoke ordered the military academy to hand over a cadet's diploma.

Michael Scott Milner received his diploma in a federal courtroom Monday, two days after VMI commencement exercises.

Milner's attorneys, Bernard and David Natkin, filed a petition Friday in the U.S. District Court in Roanoke, asking the court to allow Milner to graduate Saturday with the rest of his class.

The petition stated that Milner was told he couldn't participate in commencement exercises or receive his commission into the United States Air Force, because VMI claimed it was investigating him.

The investigation was rumored to center around an audio recording of a sexual encounter between a cadet and a female VMI employee.

Officials from VMI and Milner's lawyers refused to comment on the investigation.

The two parties reached an agreement Friday afternoon. VMI agreed to mail the cadet his diploma Monday if he didn't participate in Commencement.

VMI's Board of Visitors, however, voted unanimously Saturday morn-

Panhel may cut pledge class sizes in half

By Jennifer Mayo
Staff Reporter

Sorority women may see their pledge classes cut in half next year, Panhellenic President Dale Wyatt said on Tuesday.

The PHC is investigating different quota setting techniques for women's winter rush 1992 for two reasons, both to lower pledge class and chapter size of the three groups here and to make room for a fourth group to rush successfully.

"Pi Beta Phi said that they will not come if they are not assured that their chapter size will equal those of the existing sororities at W&L

within two years," Wyatt said, "so we need to make a drastic change in our present system or look for a new plan."

Wyatt said that even if Pi Beta Phi should reject the invitation, another group will be invited to colonize as the fourth sorority, so the quota adjustment is necessary either way.

Last week, PHC invited the Assistant Dean of Women and Greek Affairs from the University of Richmond, Alison Bartel-Lord, to visit W&L to explain Richmond's present extension methods, which have been extremely successful. Dean Bartel-Lord discussed goal-setting for rush with a new group.

"Because they are similar in size and rush statistics, we feel that we can benefit more

from their experience than we can necessarily from National Panhellenic suggestions," Panhellenic Rush representative Brannon Aden said. "Richmond's system would allow the newest sorority to start with many more girls during rush than the other three, giving them a strong chapter from the start."

Kappa Kappa Gamma nationals oppose the proposed quota change mainly because it is not in the National Panhellenic Council handbook. Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta nationals have not been contacted for responses, but PHC expects similar reactions.

"Our nationals are all scared of seeing our chapters get smaller numbers, but it's gonna take drastic reductions to get a fourth group on,

and our nationals know that we need one," Wyatt said.

Dean Atkins agreed that the proposed change would give the new group a much better chance to survive.

"If we give one-half of the rushees to the new group right off the bat, we will make them a strong group immediately," Atkins said. "Otherwise they might end up very small like DG and no one will want to join because such small numbers are not an attractive option."

Aden also acknowledged the need for a major adjustment.

"In the situation that we're in, we must compromise to avoid last year's problems," Aden said.

Graduating seniors anticipate future, reflect on past

By Thomas Eisenhauer
Staff Reporter

The end of the road is just around the corner for seniors at Washington and Lee.

W&L will graduate 403 students with 405 degrees on Thursday, June 6, said University Registrar Scott Dittman. Dittman said Lovell West and Shana Horrigan, will have each earned two degrees.

The College will award 268 degrees and the School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics will award 137, Dittman said.

The traditional Baccalaureate Service will take place at 11 a.m. on June 5. Commencement will follow the next morning at 11 on the president's front lawn.

University President John D.

Wilson and Executive Committee Vice President Raymond Welder will speak at Commencement.

Despite the beginning that "commencement" implies, many seniors view it more as saying a tearful farewell to an old and changing friend.

Student Activities Board Chairwoman Kathleen Duwel said she will miss the intimate W&L environment.

"I'll miss the small classes, where you know everyone, and the teachers who really seem to care about you," Duwel said. "Next year I'll be one of the masses."

Former Kappa Kappa Gamma President Linsly Hunt said she appreciates the natural beauty of the Lexington area.

According to University Registrar Scott Dittman, the

Sheepskin sets W&L diplomas apart

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

What do W&L graduates have in common with graduates of schools like Notre Dame, Amherst, Smith, and Williams?

A diploma.

Of course, every college grants diplomas. But W&L is one of only eight institutions left in the United States that gives out genuine sheepskin diplomas.

So what goes into making the diplomas destined to grace office and den walls across America?

According to University Registrar Scott Dittman, the

William Cowley Co. of Buckminster, England is the only source of sheepskin for diplomas in the world.

The sheepskin is sent to Herff-Jones in Pennsylvania, the only company which will still print on sheepskin.

In turn, Herff-Jones prints the diplomas with the only ink which will both adhere to the skin and meet federal Environmental Protection Agency standards for safety.

The ink, of course, is produced by only one company. In Germany.

Each graduate receives special instructions with the diploma detailing how it should be framed.

Dittman said the instructions are the result of an 18-month experiment done by the Cowley Co. at the request of W&L.

The cost for each diploma comes to about \$46, according to Dittman. Thus the university, with about 400 undergraduate and 100 law students graduating each year, spends close to \$25,000 a year on diplomas.

Dittman said W&L could get "good-quality parchment diplomas" for \$10 each.

However, a sheepskin diploma is more durable than paper. Dittman said sheepskin cannot be ripped and must be cut with a blade to be destroyed.

Boys and girls,

We have listened to the angry tirades from both camps. We have read and re-read the statements of the warring factions. We have spoken with the generals from each side, as well as many of the foot soldiers. This week we have stood by, as our own pages have been transformed into a battle ground. We have observed the battle from a safe, albeit noisy, stronghold, and we have seen the light.

There is a way to end this war. There is only one way to end this war. The antagonists must stand up, brush themselves off, step out of the sandbox, and walk away.

The recent tumult between *The Washington and Lee Spectator* and its supporters and Assistant Professor of Art Valerie Hedquist and her backers has done nothing but show that Washington and Lee is most certainly not the special place it tries so hard to tell the world it is.

The world has grown accustomed to childish bickering in other arenas: the World Wrestling Federation, Congress, "Geraldo," France. Apparently, onlookers must now expect the same from W&L.

We are dismayed that both students and faculty at our university would allow themselves to be whipped into such a frenzy that there is no longer any hope for a mature, reasoned discourse.

It wasn't always this way. In the beginning, there were serious issues raised by both sides, issues that otherwise would demand our attention. The problem is, those issues have been overrun by a largely useless adolescent squabble.

When we decided to explore the issues surrounding this case, one thing we did not expect was to find two armies so blinded by hate, that they could do no better than throw insults in the general direction of their opposition. Unfortunately, this is exactly what we have found. And this is why the solution proposed above is the only feasible one.

Get up and go home, both of you. Play with your own friends until you learn how to behave.

Thankfully, the perfect opportunity for the two of you to do just that is upon us. Summer is fast approaching. We will provide no more forums for these hate-exchanges, at least for now. We will leave this place and hope that upon our return in September, we will find the peaceful, friendly, mature community that once welcomed us here at W&L.

None tonight

In case you haven't heard, the Lenfest Center is having another Grand Opening this weekend. Actually, this is the Grand Opening. Publicity abounds. The denizens of the long-neglected Washington and Lee Drama Department are now going to great lengths to bathe in the congratulations of an adoring media.

It would seem that success has gone straight to their collective head.

If the *Phi* staff had a dollar for every complaint from the Drama Department we've received about a lack of coverage, we would all be quite rich. In response, the new editorial staff has attempted to better cover the Lenfest Center.

In following with what seems to be a recent tradition at W&L, our efforts have been met with a less than civil response. The best thing about drama stories is that they are often accompanied by entertaining pictures. That's apparently not going to happen with *The Ring-tum Phi*, because we were prohibited from taking flash photography during a recent rehearsal of *Evita*, and will apparently never be able to. We do not propose to disturb any actual performances, merely to use about .005 seconds of time to shoot a couple of photos.

Obviously, as recent on-campus feuds go, this is a pretty boring one. Nevertheless, when an entire department of the university acts in such a manner, we think you ought to know about it.

Quote of the week

As you can see here gentlemen, we've got a full house. We appreciate the publicity, but obviously we don't need it.

— Lenfest Center employee Mike Gorman informing the *Phi*'s photo editor that no flash photography would be allowed during Tuesday's rehearsal of *Evita*, thank you.

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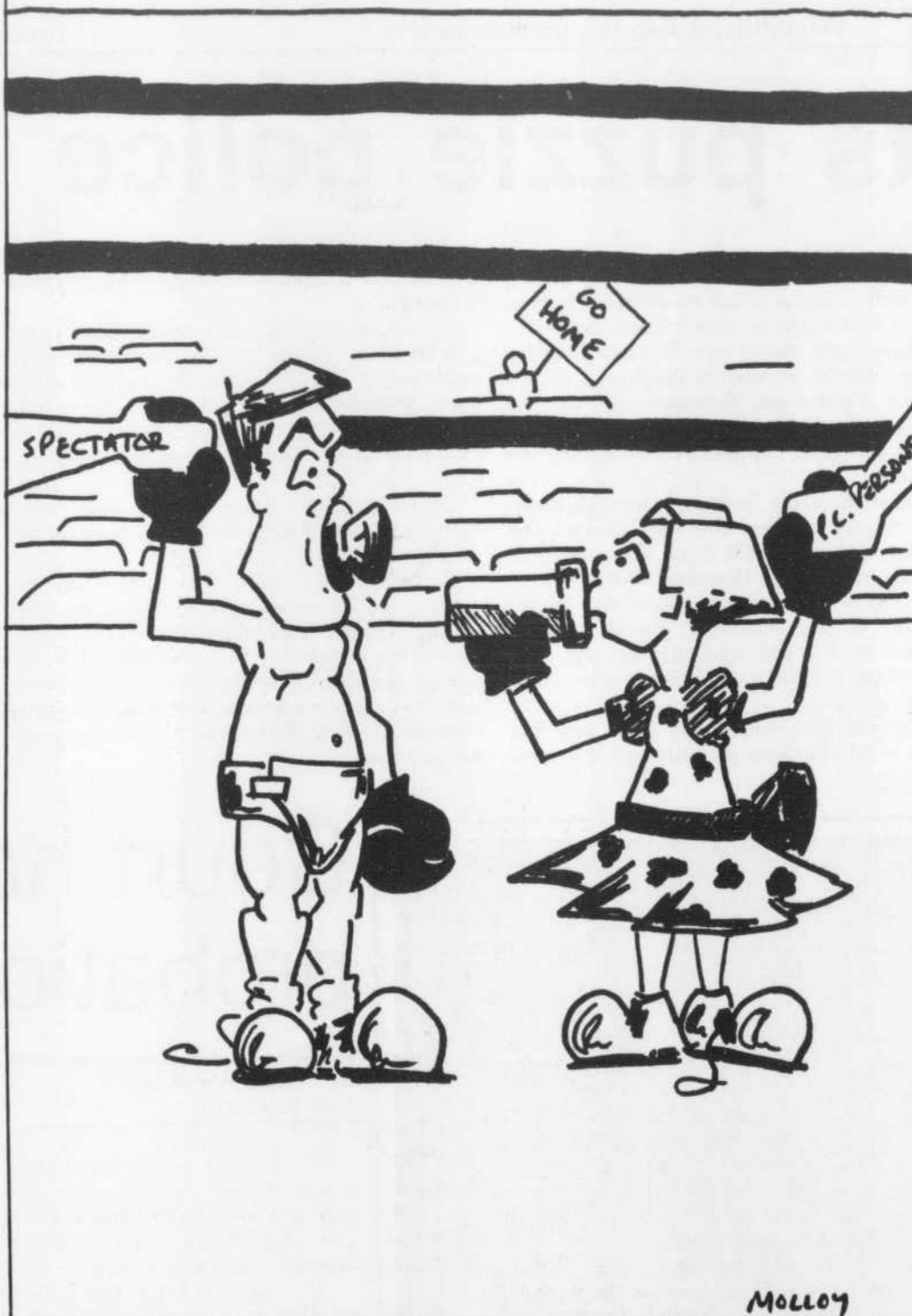
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MOLLOY

Alum returns to changed W&L

MY VIEW

By Harvey Allen, Jr., '61

You can go home again. I know because I did. For the first time in almost fifteen years, I came back home to Washington and Lee this month for a weekend reunion "with my classmates," few of whom I actually got to see. Reunions are great if the people you were closely in touch with come back too... like fraternity brothers, or folks who did the same extra-curricular activities.

With a shortage of members from the Class of '61, I immersed myself in meeting and talking to as many current students as possible, went to Frank Parsons' class, paid my respects to General Lee, and talked with new and longtime faculty members and administrators. It was also a special event to talk with my fraternity brothers, Kappa Sigma, hear their concerns, and rejoice over their new home the old ZBT house.

Reading the business news on WLUR-FM Friday night was a mountaintop experience for me. I recalled, my days as a senior editor of "Home Edition," an evening radio news show that was then broadcast over WREL, then the AM station in town. My thanks to WLUR-FM, especially Pam Kelley, for my "air time."

You current students and almost graduates are really terrific. I am truly impressed by all whom I met and talked to, which is more than I can say for some of the administration and faculty. You are bright, good-looking (the girls only), and appreciative of the rich heritage of your university.

You value the honor system, being yourselves, treasure your friendships (some of which will last a lifetime), and just enjoy being a part of what only a Washington and Lee student can fully comprehend: what some folks call "a Mink." When I was a student, I really didn't pay much attention to the "mink" stuff, although the VMI folks liked to call us that for some reason. However, they still liked to party with us and keep various personal items stashed in our houses.

Thank God Saturday classes are gone; they were a severe limit on serious partying which usually began with the Saturday departures to the "neighboring riding academies" to bring back the girls for a weekend. Now you have the best of both worlds - female "minks" and the neighboring riding academies (the term used in the *Phi* during the 50s and 60s).

Your appearances have changed from my days at the University, but mostly for the better. It would be nice to see coats and ties on the guys (and skirts on the girls), but it's not really as important as who you all are. Inside and out you are all that I hoped for.

You are the University and you are keeping the Honor System and the traditions of being great Washington and Lee students alive and very well, thank you. Please keep doing what you're doing. I, for one, am very proud.

PC pros make unjustified attack

MY VIEW

By Paul Lagarde

As a soon-to-be alumnus, I wish to express my disappointment over several professors' actions concerning the *Spectator* and Professor Hedquist. Since I am no longer an editor of the magazine, I can speak only for myself; the current editors will respond in their own manner.

As a former editor of the *Spectator*, I have a unique perspective on the whole affair. The *Spectator* is a conservative magazine, and for that reason it is controversial, especially among the faculty. No one would admit that he doesn't like the *Spectator* simply because it is conservative, but I believe it's true. So the illiberal educators come up with other reasons to disparage it. I can't tell you the number of times that the magazine has been criticized for its "tone." Many professors, as well as deans, have personally told me that they do not mind what the *Spectator* says, only how the magazine says it.

Well, listen to what the professors say about the *Spectator* - and how they say it. So far, the

magazine has been accused of being "blatantly racist, sexist, and offensively conservative" without substantiation (by Professors Hedquist and Simp-

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son). Simpson has called its editors "angry," "hostile," uncivil, intolerant, and writers of "hate-filled prose." Professor Peck will have her turn in the new issue of *The Traveller*. Other professors are actually signing some sort of protest, which I assume will be made public, against the *Spectator*.

Everything that the *Spectator* has written about Professor Hedquist has been in response to specific actions that she took on her own initiative. The first editorial in the April issue of the *Spectator* was mild when compared to the latest issue which featured Hedquist on the front cover. Professor Hedquist ignored the first editorial, and, accordingly, the *Spectator* reacted to her subsequent actions.

In my opinion, the outcry against the *Spectator*

by a vocal minority gets to the heart of the PC issue. The professors seem to think it illegitimate for the *Spectator* to defend itself against its critics. The *Spectator* "attacked a professor," they decry. Yet, these professors seem to have no qualms about attacking the *Spectator*; Professor Simpson even personally attacked its editor.

The double standard is obvious. One doesn't write letters or sign petitions over a mere disagreement. In truth, the PC professors cannot stand the very fact that the *Spectator* exists. For them, academic freedom is a subjective concept; question authority, question society, question your parents' values. But don't you dare question the academy or any of the illiberal faculty members! That is intolerant and uncivil.

In today's university, if one has a liberal opinion, he is open-minded; all conservatives are considered close-minded. And so, the "open-minded" faculty members continue to write letters and sign petitions and call the conservative students racist, sexist, and intolerant. But when *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New Republic*, and *The Atlantic* join *National Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* in denouncing the PC crowd, it's time for everyone to take notice.

General who?

Publication mocks Lee's code of honor, civility

MY VIEW

By Damon L. Sanders

The Speaking Tradition is a part of the legacy left by General Lee to the students of W&L. The gist of it is understood by all: greet people kindly, and expect the same from others. This greeting does not have to go beyond "How are you?" to which the response is something like "I'm fine, thank you. And yourself?" Some students at W&L have a difficulty remembering their lines or responding to their cues.

W&L possesses individuals that wish to cling to the traditions of Lee. A few individuals that espouse their reverence for Lee's codes of honor and civility lack creativity, rationale and... civility. I judge them by their reactionary, irrational and vitriolic writings or by my personal experience with them. Several of these individuals write for a publication that places the last nails in the coffin of civility and gentlemanly behavior.

Some of their criticisms have some validity, but the thesis of virtually each and every article seems to get lost somewhere amidst race and sex. Affirmative Action, military appointments, deconstructionism and a host of other items are debatable and amendable, yet nothing can be accomplished until the frustrated authors of these misbegotten articles deal with the fundamental principles behind each of these issues. They should first explain what are the principles behind what they are complaining about, what these principles are intended to accomplish, will the policies inspired by these principles accomplish their goal and why or why not.

Articles on Affirmative Action end up being tirades on unqualified Blacks. Without going into what "unqualified" means, the history behind Affirmative Action, why it was implemented, what it has done and is supposed to do is left unchallenged. Their solutions to the problems that they neglect to deal with, the ones that brought the

policy about in the first place, are grounded in another era. The necessity for the United States to prepare for an uncertain future goes beyond the "glory days" of the turbulent sixties and Lee's era. Forward looking citizens are trying to figure out ways to utilize all human capital at their disposal. The face of the nation is changing, and if we continue to act blithely about it, we will fail to recognize ourselves and our strengths in the future.

A few individuals that espouse their reverence for Lee's code of honor lack creativity, rationale, and civility.

Our country has a magnificent as well as sordid past. Many injustices were necessary and eliminated in order to pave the way for this magnificent past. However, sins of our past and present creep upon us. Affirmative Action and other initiatives seek to atone for these sins. The effectiveness of these policies is debatable, but they attempt to make changes for the better.

In an article entitled "Brave New College," the authors state their objections to the International House and the Chavis House. Their complaints refer to inequality and favoritism in housing, as well as lack of access to the students that live in these residences. These whining individuals should speak with the appropriate administrator if they are unhappy with their accommodations.

There have existed openings at the Chavis House. We would not have objected to having either of the authors live in the vacant room (before having read their article, of course.) I'm sure if the situation of a vacancy in the I-House were the same, its residents would have a similar response. Before making statements on such matters, did the authors of this article take the time

to investigate the procedures on acquiring a residence in either of these two houses?

I doubt that either Nomikos or Ebner have made a serious effort to make the acquaintance of the residents of the I-House or the Chavis House. Curiously enough, I have never seen either one of them come knocking at my door with "Greetings and felicitations to all!" Part of the problem with them not making enough friends at the I-House and at Chavis is that they just don't care to or are not trying very hard at all!

Race(ism) and sex(ism) seem to take the place of valid arguments against progressive policy. A particular article in the publication that undermines civility states that whites parading around in "blackface" is not racist. "Blackface" had and still has a mocking, condescending and offensive connotation towards Blacks. If it no longer does, I would like Nomikos and Ebner to inform me of when the connotation changed and what it means today.

The same publication now attacks professors in an effort to promote or restore "civility" to the University. A particular professor objects to the depiction of women as those-who-should-stay-at-home-if-they-don't-want-to-be-raped, and as incapable authors with nothing befitting the canon that scholars study. For this, she is defamed by the publication. Remarkable! There are women that are conservative on this publication's staff. However, their acquiescence, assistance and association to articles that promote sexism can only be trying on their rationale and intellect.

W&L should be the last place that would defend total freedom of speech and expression. The Honor Code and the code of civility appear to deem some speech and expression unacceptable: making racist and sexist remarks is not civil behavior, and throwing beer bottles through fraternity house windows is not acceptable expression. These codes are in difficult times, and a few that supposedly value these traditions are pushing them over the edge of obscurity.

LETTERS

Hedquist states position

Editor:
In hopes of clarifying my actions which I believe have been misunderstood, I offer the following facts.

In early spring, I wrote two local business owners regarding their advertisements in the independent paper, the *Spectator*. Since I shopped on a fairly regular basis at both businesses, I felt comfortable asking these two individuals to reconsider their decisions to advertise in the *Spectator*. I enclosed a copy of the *Spectator* so that they could draw their own conclusions.

I believed at the time I wrote the two letters in February, as I do now, that I have not only a Constitutional right to express myself in this manner, but that I also have a social responsibility to do so. It was, and is, in this spirit that I will continue to conduct my private and professional life.

Sincerely yours,
Valerie L. Hedquist, Assistant Professor

Spectator replies to prof

Editor:
I write to inform you of my utter dismay and disbelief concerning Dr. Pamela Simpson's letter in the May 16 issue of *The Ring-tum Phi*. Professor Simpson deliberately and repeatedly misrepresented the truth with regard to the *Spectator's* disagreement with Professor Hedquist.

For the record, we take strong issue with the following parts of Dr. Simpson's letter.

"For this she had her classroom invaded by three angry editors of the *Spectator*." The three editors, myself included, were led into her classroom, which had already been dismissed, by a student in Dupont Hall. We were neither angry nor did we "invade" her classroom. Indeed, all three editors were aware of (and discussed before we ever saw Dr. Hedquist) the need to remain completely calm when approaching a professor over this sensitive matter in order to avoid any possible misrepresentation of our actions or motives. We did just that.

"Who, when she asked them to come back during office hours, returned with hostile accusations." After Professor Hedquist learned who we were, she quickly told us that evening's *Phi Beta Kappa* dinner, among other things, required her immediate attention. She therefore asked us to come back at 8 a.m. the next morning. Our alleged "hostile" accusations consisted of asking the professor if she actually wrote the letters as we had been told, if we could have a copy of the letter to print unedited in the magazine and if she planned to continue writing letters. The tone of each of the three conversations (she insisted upon seeing us individually and with the office door closed) never approached any form of "hostility."

"Their confrontation with her, and their subsequent, conversation with me, were not done in a spirit of civility and tolerance." Not only did Professor Simpson welcome all three of us into her office, she readily agreed with us that we were generally civil people, and at no point in the conversation did she ever indicate that our discussion violated this civility. In fact, the conversation was light, pleasant, and marked by periodic laughter -- both by the professor and the editors. I have had several discussions with the professor over the past two years; they have always been pleasant in tone. I find this assertion some two months after the meeting in question most interesting since in a conversation I held with professor Simpson in late April she described my offer to further discuss Professor

Hedquist's actions "sweet" but unnecessary. During this April conversation Professor Simpson was also non-committal regarding her offer to "get a group of people together for a discussion of what we find objectional in the magazine."

"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." Professor Hedquist did far more than this. At least Professor Simpson dropped the earlier claim that the two businessmen she wrote were her friends. They were not. Furthermore, according to one recipient of the letter, it was "hostile" in tone. The businessman who showed us a copy of the letter felt that she was campaigning against us. She wrote that she would take their advertising in the *Spectator* into consideration when she conducted business in Lexington. Is this not a boycott? She mailed her second letter (casual correspondence) via registered mail and stamped CONFIDENTIAL on the envelope. Her actions suggest an intentional and methodical campaign against the magazine.

I also wish to inform you that the magazine has contacted the media, the Board of Trustees, and legal counsel regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cameron Humphries
Editor-in-chief
The Washington and Lee Spectator

Club objects to 'ill-informed' article

Editor:
In regard to the *Spectator* issue of May 1991, we, the officers and members of the International Club, feel the need to publicly air our grievances against the article "Brave New College." This article refers to the International House and Club in a way which is uninformed. Obviously, neither Mr. Ebner nor Mr. Nomikos sufficiently researched their topic before reaching their erroneous conclusions.

In the article, the authors state, "Facilities like the Chavis House continue the segregation of the undergraduates which began even before matriculation... It is similarly unfortunate that international students are treated in a comparable manner -- by having their own residence house which separates them from the campus at large -- with analogous results."

They continue, that if this situation perseveres, "W&L will always be divided," and that we will never again be favored with the presence of someone like Phillippe Labro, "the accomplished French exchange student of the 1950s who integrated himself memorably into the W&L community." We would like to address these points in order:

First, not all international students live in the International House. Of the international students, more live in the Gaines and freshman dorms, Woods Creek apartments, and off-campus housing than in the International House. In addition, not all residents of the International House are international students. In fact, eligibility to live in the House is open to any International Club member, most of whom are not international students.

Second, the International Club and House are integrating factors for both international and regular students alike. The Club provides a forum for communication between the two groups, and allows them to participate together in many events in which both share the planning. Furthermore, the International House furnishes an important meeting place, especially for the one-year exchange students who find they can not

take full advantage of the fraternity and sorority programs. Also, the International Club is larger than several fraternities, with a current membership of 62.

Finally, with regard to Phillippe Labro, our understanding of his book, *A Foreign Student*, leads us to believe that Labro felt forced, rather than willingly chose, to conform in order to survive. Washington and Lee, as the *Spectator* continually espouses, is a liberal arts college. A liberal arts education is one which liberates the mind. Being forced to conform is the antithesis of this ideal.

We, therefore, invite anyone, including the staff of the *Spectator*, to visit the House and participate in Club events. In this way we can promote integration in an environment comfortable to all.

Sincerely,
David Gilligan, President
Ashwin Mirchandani, Vice-President
Niv Goldberg, Secretary
Unanimously endorsed by the International Club membership at a meeting on Tuesday, May 21.

'Civil' behavior spurs action

Editor:
The *Spectator* "civilly" listed my course "Women and the Creative Arts" among those that are "polluting the catalogue." I assume that they will not then protest when I "civilly" write to their advertisers to suggest that the *Spectator* is polluting this campus. Now, won't the intellectual atmosphere of our campus profit from this stimulating free exchange of ideas? Is this Washington and Lee?

With the utmost civility,
Kathy Koberstein, Associate Professor

Professors speak out

Editor:
We strongly protest *The Washington and Lee Spectator's* public vilification of our colleague, Valerie Hedquist, in its most recent issue.

K. Lambert, D. Peck, P. Scofield, G. Campbell, J. Barnett, C. West-Settle, H.R. Huntley, D. Stuart, C. Hankla, N. Margand, K. Koberstein, D. Novak, M. Rogers, E. Scott, W.L. Sessions, A. Brown, C. Camuto, K. Van Ness, P. Bourdon, P. Wilson, M. Wall, L. Jarrard, J. Lambeth, A.G. Fralin, S. Kozak, A. Rogers, H. Beckley, M. Pellicciaro, K. White, R. Marks, L. Olsen, P. Simpson, G. Spice, T. Gaylard, L. Stene, M. Brouwer, J. Donaghy

Posthumous BA for Peniston

Editor:
My wife and I were most pleased to donate the two prints of Robert E. Lee to the EC. We did so knowing our son would approve.

There is one bit of information I should like to provide in addition to last week's *Phi* article. Our son was awarded a Bachelor of Science with Special Attainments in Commerce on May 29, 1975, albeit posthumously. We take great pride in the fact that he is a graduate of Washington and Lee University. It has provided us a bit of solace these past 16 years, and for that we are most grateful to General Lee's college.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Peniston

GENERAL NOTES

Clean Sheets

All freshmen using the campus linen service, remember to turn in all your white stuff to the University Cleaners by June 3.

Junk Wanted

APO will be collecting unopened food, furniture and clothes for donation to Habitat for Humanity, RARA and other organizations on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1 in the Baker, Davis, Gilliam and Gaines Quads.

Interns

Career Development and Placement is interested in knowing if you have been offered an internship for the summer. If you have finalized your summer plans, come by the CD&P office and complete the proper forms, or speak with Beverly Lorig, Assistant Director.

Parking Purge

The following university parking areas will be closed after 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 for the dedication of the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts:

Parking area by the A-wing at Gaines Hall.
Upper and lower parking lots behind the gym.
Lot A pool entrance at gym.
Parking on d-hall side of Washington Street.

Alternate parking may be found in Woods Creek, faculty parking, or the corral.
This will be for Saturday, May 25 only.

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.

Ariel Winners

The *Ariel's* literary contest winners are:
Prose, John McWhirter, '91 "The Promise"
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Want Roomie

Do you know anyone who needs a place to live winter/spring term next year? How about a three-bedroom house on campus. Please call Kimberly Gladysz at 464-5472.

Cable 9

Cable 9, the Washington and Lee TV station, is opening up its programming schedule this September. The station is meant to 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.

Lawyer Award

Law professor Judith A. McMorrow will be presented with a Distinguished Faculty award from the Virginia Women Attorneys Association Foundation tomorrow at an awards ceremony in Lewis Hall. The VWAFF presents four such awards each year statewide to recognize outstanding faculty members at accredited Virginia Law Schools. McMorrow has taught law here since 1988.

New Sbar

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

No Notes

Given that this is the last *Ring-tum Phi* of the year, we are no longer accepting General Notes. The first regular issue of next year is scheduled for September 12. Please feel free to submit your information at that time. Have a great summer.

Interviews and photos by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

What will you miss the most about W&L?



Charles F. 'Murph' Murray, Director of Security -- "I'll miss the people around here, the students and everybody. But I won't miss these late nights, fooling around with these parties, and parking.... It's what I've been doing for almost 33 years."



Todd Pearce, '91, Mount Airy, MD -- "Murph. Definitely Murph."



Chris Smith, '91, Chevy Chase, MD and Ian Shupack '91, Weston, CT -- "Cold beer, good women, big parties, and the memories...."



Tammi Simpson, '91, Nashville, TN -- "The Colonnade and all my friends."



Professor Buford S. Stephenson, German Department -- "Two words: my students."

Library to go hi-tech

By Sarah Drain
Staff Reporter

Innovative Interfaces, a library automation company, will computerize the undergraduate and law libraries over the summer with about \$450,000 in hardware and software.

Head Librarian Barbara Brown said the automated system "will change the way we use the collection."

The libraries had not earlier pursued an automated system because "we weren't ready to do it yet," said Brown said.

Washington and Lee examined other schools' automated library systems, particularly ones by Innovative Interfaces, such as at Georgetown University Law School and the University of Virginia Law School.

The criteria for choosing a system was based on the question: "How easy will it be for students to use the system in the middle of the night, when no one will be there to help?" Brown said.

Access to the online catalog will be available through 83 staff and public computer terminals in the undergraduate library, its branches, and the law library. Eventually, any computer on the campus network will be able to access the system.

CADET

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ing to withhold Milner's degree.

Milner and his attorneys returned to court Monday, asking the judge to force VMI to present Milner with his diploma.

U.S. District Judge James Turk granted a restraining order, barring VMI from withholding the degree.

"Give the degree to him now, then you can go ahead and appeal if you want," Turk said.

Milner, ranked 12th in a graduating class of 250, received a United States Air Force commission Tuesday. He plans to join the Office of Special Investigations.

Alums tell tale of war

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

Two Washington and Lee alumni who served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm say that while conditions were rough, knowledge of support on the home front kept them going.

Lt. Cliff Deal, '89, and Lt. Jon Missert, '88, are both members of the Army 82nd Airborne Division, which was the first unit of U.S. troops deployed to Saudi Arabia after the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Deal and Missert, who share an apartment near Fort Bragg, N.C., said they were watching television at about 10 p.m. when the call came.

"They said to come in and that was the last time we saw the apartment" for eight months, Deal said. "My parents came in [later] and there were still glasses in the sink and food on the table."

The division was flown to Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia and a few days later took up defensive positions at Al Jubail near the Kuwaiti border, part of the "line in the sand" drawn by President Bush.

According to Missert, they were stationed on the border waiting for "the hordes which never materialized" until the end of September. Then, because armor and artillery units had been summoned to positions on the border, the 82nd pulled back.

While Missert was stationed around Dhahran to defend the allied forces' secret air base, Deal was sent to Abqaiq, an hour west of Dhahran to defend oil refineries against terrorist attack, he said.

Missert said the troops spent their free time playing cards, writing letters, and playing sports. Deal said the men "lived for mail call. You could tell each day who got mail and who didn't."

Deal said he spent time reading a book on Arab history that was sent to him by W&L chemistry professor Dr. Lisa Alty.

The only difference between Christmas and any other day in the



2nd Lt. Cliff Deal, '89, and 1st Lt. Jon Missert, '88

desert was "a little better chow," Deal said. Other than that, he said it was "business as usual."

Once the air war against Iraq began on Jan. 16, the troops began gearing up for a ground offensive. Deal said that while the likelihood of ground war may have been "debated in the newspapers," there was never any doubt to the troops that they would be used.

On Feb. 23, Deal's battalion led the westernmost coalition forces over the border into Iraq at the outset of the ground war. Because the area had been "pounded" by artillery during the night, Deal said there "wasn't a lot there."

Deal said support from American citizens, both at home and in the Middle East, was "incredible."

Deal, who arrived back in the

U.S. on March 31 and Missert, who got back on April 2, said coming home was a memorable and moving experience.

On the flight home, Deal's plane made a surprise stop in Bangor, Maine.

"We figured it was just a routine stop," said Deal. "But the whole town was out there with banners and flags. Then they played the 'Star-Spangled Banner' and I was in tears."

Deal said that after coming home "it was hard to get used to everything being so green. I was used to everything being brown and flat."

In summing up the whole experience, Deal said, "The end feeling was that we were the baddest country on the planet. There was no way they could have beaten us."

Students plan trips to the Old World

By Maureen Levey
Staff Reporter

When one thinks of an ideal place to spend a summer, Europe many times comes to mind. Europe's history, culture, beauty and mystique will draw several Washington and Lee students and faculty in the upcoming weeks for a little work and a lot of play.

Jennifer Noble, a junior Spanish and Economics major, will study in Madrid for seven weeks this summer through an East Tennessee State program.

She will take an art class at the Prado Museum and a Spanish civilization and culture course. She applied for the program earlier this year and will receive credits for her studies.

"I am looking forward to traveling through Spain and enhancing my Spanish," Jennifer said.

Several Pi Kappa Alpha seniors planned a two month, post-graduation excursion throughout at least ten northern European countries.

Judson Blazek, Michael Danzansky, Jeffrey Woodland, Douglas Denby, Richard Perry and John Buchanan each purchased a Eurail

pass which allows them to travel on trains in most European countries for a fee of \$560.

"Traveling by Eurail is ideal for students because it gives you complete flexibility," John Buchanan said.

Youth hostels will also provide for an economical place for the travelers to stay at each destination.

Seniors Ed Wilson and Mark Lotruglio plan to backpack through Europe this summer and travel by Eurail. They will spend six and a half weeks going from England all the way to Austria.

Senior Eric Mutz will travel similarly but through the countries of Spain, France, Italy, Germany and Turkey with two of his friends. He thinks the trip will be appropriate for this summer.

"Our age is the perfect time to visit some of the more distant cities I may never get back to again," he said.

Professor Follo of the German Department said he anxiously awaits his ninth consecutive summer trip to the Alps.

He plans to read German and study plants and animals to enhance his knowledge as a professor and as the Outing Club Coordinator.

GRADS

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"Most of all I will miss being in the middle of the Shenandoah Valley," Hunt said.

In contrast to such sentiments, several students fear the changes they believe W&L has undergone during their four years here.

"It seems to me that one of the biggest changes has been in the make up of the student body," EC President Tom Hatcher said.

"The students that come in each year seem really concerned with studying and not at all with enjoying the rest of the W&L environment," Duwel said.

Many seniors also expressed concern over an ideological shift of students and faculty to the left.

"Basically, I've witnessed the

unfortunate degeneration of conservative opinion, i.e., there're more liberals," senior John Miller said.

"I think most of the new professors have shown they're not thinking along the same lines as W&L traditionally has," Hunt said.

Senior Richard Perry summarized the complaints of many seniors.

"When I entered as a freshman, it was a nice, conservative student body," Perry said. "Now we have a bunch of Eurofags."

"First of all, we have a new \$10 million art center; secondly, we have a new bistro in town; and finally, there are a bunch of freshman walking around with long hair and earrings - and they're not girls," Perry said.

"Basically, I've witnessed the

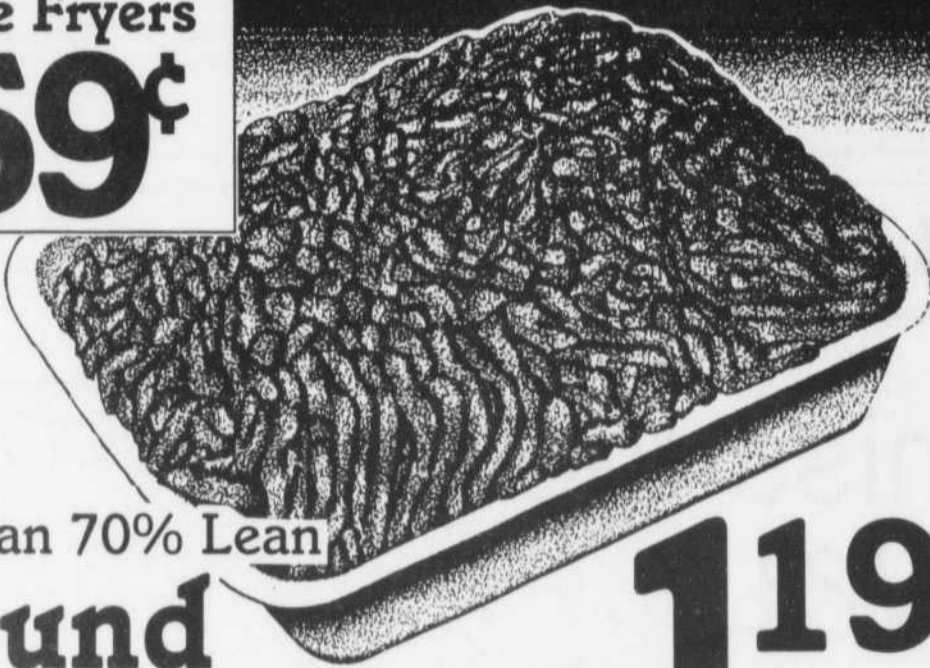
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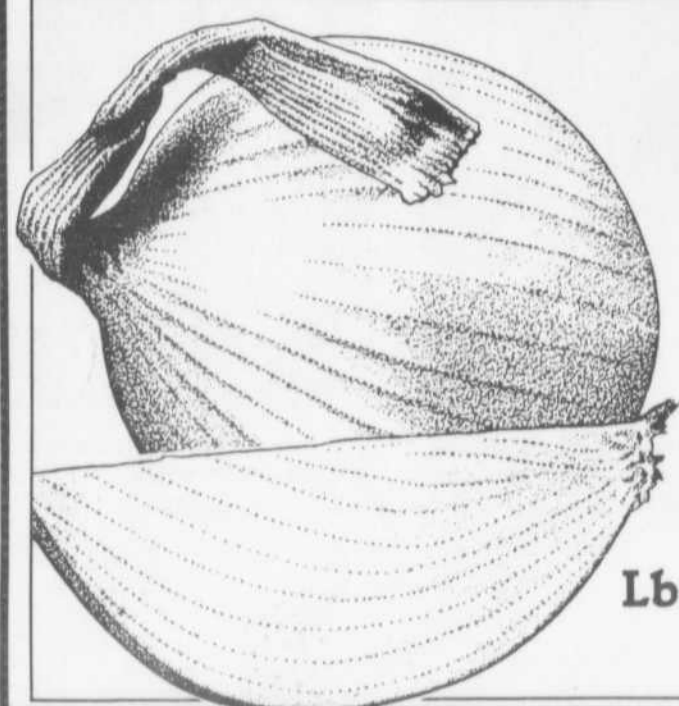
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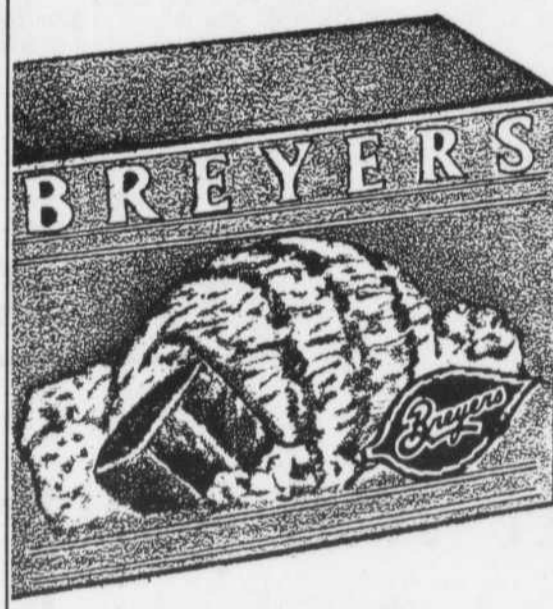


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'Murph' to step down

W&L Security Director retires after 32 years

Alisha Johnson
Staff Reporter

After more than 32 years of lurking behind bushes and stalking unauthorized vehicles, Charles "Murph" Murray will retire from his position as Washington and Lee's Director of Security at Washington and Lee.

"That's a joke here around the office," Director of Communications Brian Shaw teased. "Murph has retired every year for the past five years."

This time however, Murph is not joking. Michael Young from Rollins College will replace Murph as Director of Security in July.

"I'm going to miss all this, but when you get old age on you, you have to think about being able to do something on your own and not having to worry about everything," Murph said.

Born in Lexington, Charles Murray moved with his family to Lynchburg when he was ten. He attended Lynchburg High School, now called E.C. Glass. Shortly after graduation he joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to a cruiser stationed in the Mediterranean.

After a few years of patrolling North Africa, Sicily, and southern Italy, the young Marine was stationed in Virginia. In 1945 Charles Murray returned to Lexington where he settled down and married his longtime sweetheart, Marita Frenche Mays.

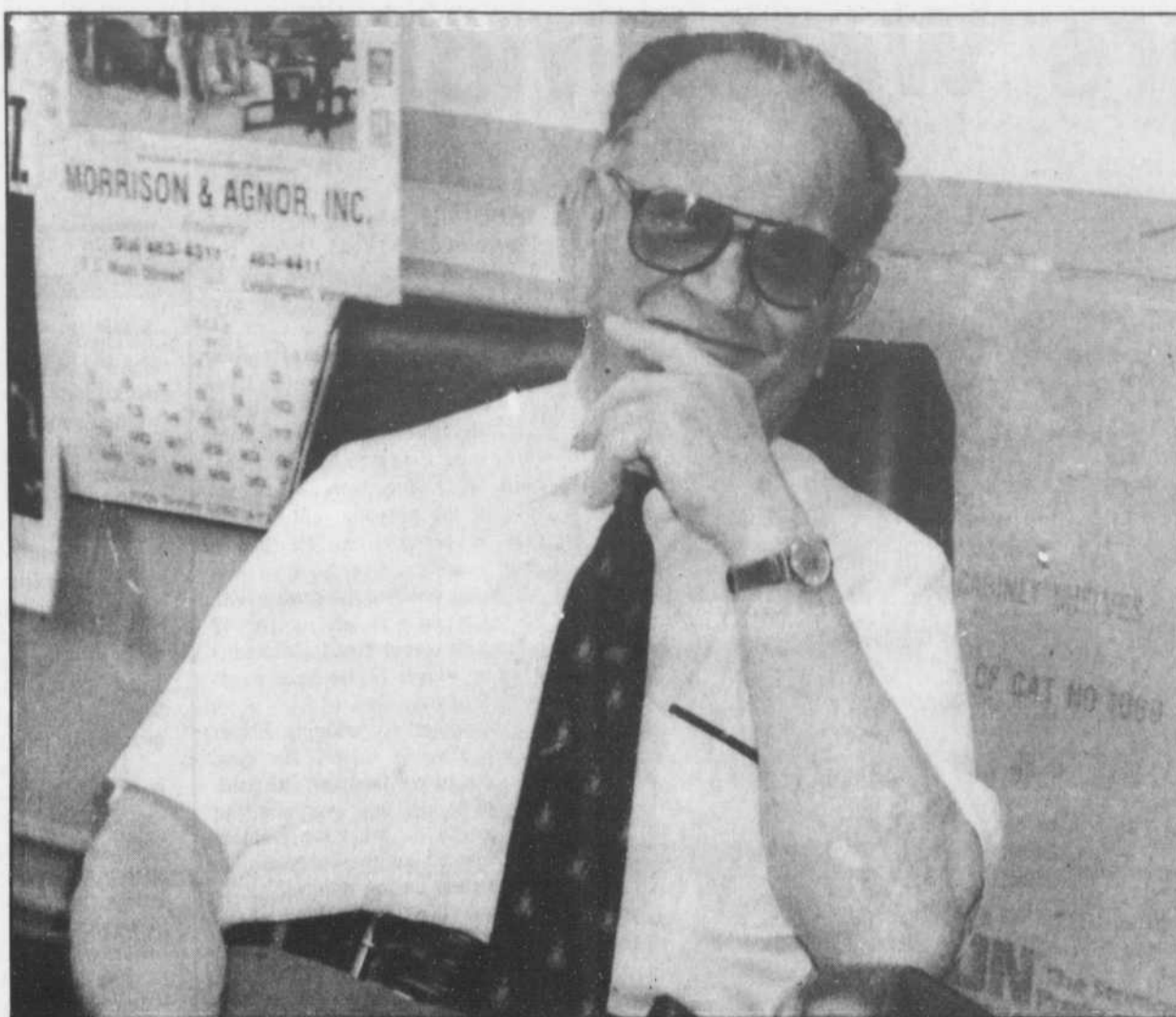
Murray served as Lieutenant of the Lexington Police force for more than ten years before coming to W&L as Director, or overseer, of the university property. It was here that Murray would find his life's calling and here he would lose the name Charles Murray forever.

In 1962 Bob McHenry, a W&L alumnus and basketball and lacrosse coach, who invented the nickname that would follow Murray for the rest of his life.

"He started that 'Murph' stuff," Murph said. "The students just heard everybody calling me that, so they started picking up on it. I even put it on my license plate."

"It's one of those rare one-word names--the kind that becomes so familiar that whenever someone says it, everyone at Washington and Lee and most everyone in Lexington knows immediately to whom the speaker is referring," Shaw wrote in the November/December 1987 issue of the *Alumni Magazine*.

From issuing parking tickets to investigating rashes of theft and vandalism, Murph has always managed to keep abreast of what is happening on campus. Last month the Lynchburg Chapter of the Alumni Association presented him with a plaque, acknowledging his competent service and "ubiquitous and comforting presence" at W&L for more than three decades.



Charles 'Murph' Murray

Washington and Lee's Director of Security and honorary alumnus Charles Murray, affectionately known to students and faculty as 'Murph,' will retire after 32 years. *Phi* photo by Leigh Allen.

"Virtually nothing happens on the campus or at the fraternity houses without Murph catching wind of it," Shaw said. "To call Murph ubiquitous is an understatement. Back in the 1970s, the *Phi* once reported that Murph was sighted in three different places at the same time on the same party night. He was, and is, everywhere. Or so it seems."

But everybody knows that a 69-year old person cannot try to be everywhere at the same time. Everyone except Murph.

"I don't act like a 70-year-old man," said Murph, who will celebrate his birthday on November 22. Murph said alumni have visited W&L and commented that, although everything from the students to the appearance of the campus has changed, Murph is always the same.

What does Murph plan to do with all the spare time that accompanies retirement?

"I guess I'm going to have to find some hobbies," Murph said. "I plan to be here [at W&L] more than at home," Murph said. "I'm not going to sit around the house for 24 hours. The Dean asked me about working a couple days a week."

Murph said he also looks forward to being able to

spend more time with his wife, Marita.

"After 47 years of marriage, I don't know how she's put up with me," Murph said in deep reflection.

Murph said that he will always cherish the memories he has of his 32 years at W&L. According to Murph, his most memorable moments are when the Lynchburg Chapter presented him with a plaque for his expertise in law enforcement and for his ability to effectively relate to colleagues and collegians, and when he became an honorary W&L alum in 1988.

"I'm real proud of my awards," Murph said. "When Norwood Morrison presented me with that plaque, I didn't say a word. I told him afterward that the reason I didn't say anything is that I didn't want them to see a grown man cry. And that's just what I would have done."

Murph also said that he will always remember the friendships that he has made, past and present, among the student body.

"I'm going to miss all the togetherness with the kids at this school, girls and boys, and I'll miss all the people I've been working with...but I'll be back!"

Seven profs will retire

By Sarah Drain
Staff Reporter

Seven treasured Washington and Lee professors will soon become glowing memories when they retire at the end of this school year.

Jay D. Cook, Jr., professor of accounting; James Keith Shillington, professor of chemistry; Buford S.



Dr. Keith Shillington

Barritt will continue his involvement in Habitat for Humanity, as well his hobby with guns and antiques, Dean of the College John W. Elrod said. Sharp retired at the end of winter term and immediately traveled to England. Coulling has been on leave spring term to study at Oxford University.

Some of the retirees have been involved in the university's phase retirement program. Phase retirement allows professors to teach half-time for two to four years before retirement. While the professor's work load decreases, a new faculty member is hired and integrated into the department.

At retirement, a citation is prepared by each retiring professor's department. The citation chronicles the retiring professor's career and includes anecdotes. The citation is read to the faculty members and included in the faculty meeting's minutes.

Retiring professors are also presented a W&L chair that includes a plaque on the back with the professor's name, rank, and years of service. In addition, President Wilson will pay homage to the retiring professors by mentioning them in his commencement address, Dean Elrod said.

Stephenson, professor of German; Henry Sharp, Jr., professor of mathematics; Sidney M.B. Coulling, professor of English; Milton Colvin, professor of politics; and C. Westbrook Barritt, professor of romance languages, are retiring.

All retiring professors are tenured. Several of the professors plan to pursue personal interests in their extra time.



Prof. Milton Colvin

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Phi honors Wert, Wight

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

For most teams at Washington and Lee, 1990-91 was a very successful year. In the spring, four teams competed for NCAA Championships. Throughout the year, six teams won Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships, and 12 teams finished with records .500 or better.

Seniors Shawn Wert and Clark Wight each had standout years for four successful teams. For their exploits, they have been named *The Ring-tum Phi Athletes of the Year*.

In the fall, Wert was the mainstay of the ODAC champion women's cross country team before tendinitis slowed her down. Wert was the top W&L finisher against Mary Washington (23:33), Lynchburg (22:19) and Eastern Mennonite (21:04).

"At the beginning of the year I was running the best I had in my life," she said. "I got tendinitis in the middle of the season, but I ran through it, with some help from Advil. Towards the end of the season I wasn't able to hit my peak speed."

For Wert, it was hard work over the summer in expectation of some tough competition that led to her early success.

"I trained real hard over the summer because I knew we'd be facing some tough competition, both in practice and in meets," she said. "As a team, we knew we were going to be good. We all did a lot of intense training."

And the hard work paid off in W&L's first ODAC title.

"We worked together, trained hard, and it all paid off," she said. "It was a lot of fun despite all the training. We were a close knit team."

Over the winter, Wert exchanged her running shoes for a lacrosse stick, and in the spring led W&L to its most successful



Senior Shawn Wert moves in a game last year. Wert, along with Clark Wight, was named *The Ring-tum Phi Athlete of the Year*.

women's lacrosse season ever.

The Generals finished 10-6 on the season, losing to nationally ranked Roanoke 8-7 in the ODAC semifinals. Wert was the team's top goal scorer with 26 and second leading scorer overall with 33 points. For the second straight year, she was named to the all-ODAC first team.

"I started slow, but I eventually started scoring at getting more assists," she said. "I felt like I was in groove with everyone. We had a tremendous season."

In the fall, Wight was a mainstay on W&L's football team that finished the year with four wins in its last five games to finish 5-5. Wight was seventh on the team in tackles with 58 and second with four interceptions.

In W&L's 21-7 upset win on Homecoming against Hampden-Sydney, Wight recorded eight tackles, including a touchdown saving tackle. He also had two interceptions, one of which came in the end zone.

"We had some tough losses at the beginning of the year," he said. "We had some big wins over Hampden-Sydney and Guilford. It was one of those seasons where everyone committed everything they had to the team and worked hard every day."

In the spring, Wight traded his football helmet for his lacrosse helmet and his hard work, along with others, helped W&L enjoy its best season in five years.

In leading W&L to an 11-4 record, its first ODAC title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament,

Wight also earned the ODAC Player of the Year honor. But Wight is quick to point out he was no more important than anyone else on the team.

"Coach [Jim Stagnitta] worked us real hard," he said. "We didn't have one person we could turn to. Everyone picked each other up. Everyone worked real hard. We were bummed out to lose in the playoffs, but we put that in perspective. We had a great year."

Wight finished the season with 24 goals and 19 assists for 43 points, all career highs. He credits winning Player of the Year mostly to Stagnitta.

"A lot of my winning Player of the Year is Coach. He gave me a lot of confidence," he said. "He gave me, and everyone, the freedom to do what we wanted. He worked with everyone to utilize their strong points."

Both Wert and Wight have many memories from their four years at W&L.

"For cross country," Wert said, "my best memory is winning the ODAC Championship. When we started out as freshmen, we had a few good girls, but we were slow and not very good. But we've improved. We can now say we really were good."

For lacrosse, Wert's memory is more personal.

"I will remember most getting voted MVP by my teammates," she said. "That means a lot to me, knowing my teammates thought a lot of me to vote me MVP."

For Wight, the memory is not individual.

"I won't remember wins and losses so much," he said. "I'm going to remember how both teams were tight. We had such a successful year, and I learned a lot and made a lot of friends. I'll remember a lot of successful experiences."

Women's tennis 12th in NCAAs

By Phil Spears
Staff Reporter



Jean Stroman

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team journeyed to Atlanta last week and became the first W&L women's team - in any sport - ever to compete in NCAA playoff action.

Despite a twelfth-place finish, W&L gave several higher-ranked teams extremely tough matches and confirmed their new role as one of the nation's elite teams and a serious national championship contender.

On Wednesday, third-ranked St. Thomas of Minnesota edged the Generals 6-3 in the opening round. W&L dropped three tough three-set matches in the contest.

The Generals points came from freshman Eugenia Foster at No. 2 and senior Kathy Leake at No. 4, who both gained straight set victories in singles. The No. 2 doubles team of Leake and senior Kelly Martone garnered the final W&L point in the match with a three-set victory.

The Generals moved to the consolation round on day two of the tournament where they met 10th-ranked Vassar College. W&L fell 5-4, again dropping three three-set matches. The Generals played Vassar even through the singles matches. Foster won easily, and classmates Mary Nabers and Kim Dickinson won at Nos. 5 and 6 respectively. W&L's lone doubles win came from Leake and Martone.

On Friday 11th-ranked St. Olaf defeated the Generals 7-2, bringing W&L's season to a close. W&L's points came again from Foster in singles and Leake/Martone in doubles. Foster won all three of her singles matches at the nationals without losing a set. Leake and Martone won all three of their doubles matches.

The Generals finished the season with an 18-4 mark ranked No. 12 in the nation.

Head Coach Cinda Rankin was extremely pleased with her team's first performance in what will hope-

fully become an annual trek to the national championships.

"It was a great experience," she said. "The whole thing was impressive and perhaps a bit overwhelming for us. We went in as an underdog, but we played everyone tough and lost several close, three-set matches. I was thrilled with the performances of our kids. We had a great year."

W&L will say goodbye to the nucleus of the team for its first few seasons: seniors Jean Stroman, Leake Martone. The trio was been vital in helping W&L produce a 51-10 record and two ODAC championships the past three years.

Despite the losses, Rankin is excited about next season. "We are gearing up and getting a tough schedule to get us ready for the kind of competition we will face in the nationals," she said. "I think this year's team will be the foundation of many more great teams."

Stroman, W&L's No.1 player throughout her career, two-time ODAC Player of the Year, and the only W&L player ever to compete in the women's singles national championships, competed for her third straight year in national singles play.

Stroman dropped her first round match but bounced back to post two straight-set consolation round victories. Stroman's run ended when she was subdued by the No. 6 player in the country, Cameron Tyler of Sewanee. Stroman finished her career with a 62-29 singles mark.

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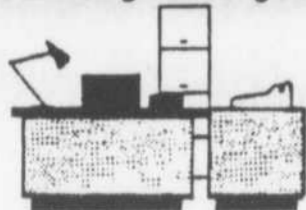
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A chat with Charles Neville...

By Joel Dyes
Special to The Ring-tum Phi

I found Charles Neville alone last Friday evening behind the pavilion under the trees doing what seemed to be an odd sort of dance. He was wearing a pair of army camouflage pants, a purple Neville Brothers' Tour T-shirt and a black beret with a pin of the "yin-yang" symbol on it. Slowly, he would bring his left leg up and turn his right arm out and then do the reverse with the opposite limbs. Next, he would rotate his head and shake his entire slim body as if erasing every previous movement so he could start over again.

He did not notice me at first; or if he did, he simply ignored me. I thought perhaps he was meditating. The evening was pleasant and peaceful; maybe he was becoming one with nature. I could dig that.

I decided to set aside my notebook and tape recorder to flip through some magazines I had checked out of the library with articles about the Neville Brothers. In *People Weekly*, there was a picture of Charles doing his peculiar dance. The caption called it *l'ai chi*. When I looked over at him, he had stopped and was looking back at me.

"Nice *l'ai chi* (ty chy)," I said, happy to finally have his attention, trying to impress him.

"*T'ai chi* (ty chee)," he corrected, smiling.

"Thanks." He tuned me out again and went back into his rain dance.

Well, so much for making an impression. I flipped through some more pages and continued to wait.



Aaron Neville

The Neville Brothers is comprised of the Neville siblings, Aaron, 50, Art, 53, Cyril, 42 and Charles (the one in bushes kicking the air), 52.

Aaron, a vocalist, is a big dude with muscles and tatoos all over visible parts of his body that say things like "Mom" and "Aaron." It threw me a little that the voice that can hit high notes that put Michael Jackson to shame comes from a man like that.

Art, aside from being the oldest, is the keyboardist and group leader. In the illustrations and on stage, he reminded me of a big teddy bear. He is credited for setting the family course.

Cyril, the baby of the family and the only member who sports dreadlocks, eventually joined brother Art's group, the Meters. A percussionist and vocalist, Cyril is thin like Charles and has a flair for African jewelry and clothes.

Charles, an accomplished jazz and rock player, is a saxophone demon. His performance in the grass was no indication of what was to come. Later on stage, the way his hands held - no, *caressed* his saxophone made me wonder what other talents they could render.

Within a moment, I decided I had done enough. After a day of classes, I had come back to my room, showered (this always wins points), made myself up and put on one of my Sunday best. This was enough, I thought. It had to be. Just remember, I said to myself, be firm and professional; don't take no for an answer.

"Hello." Charles had completed his business and was approaching me.

"Hi!" I said, almost too eagerly.

"Hello. Mr. Neville? My-name-is-Joei-Dyes-and-I-would-very-much-like-to-interview-you-for-our-student-newspaper-would-you-mind-talking-to-me-for-a-few-minutes?"

"Yes."

"It's not authorized," he said.

"This interview has to be cleared through the office in New York."

"I've-tryed-Mr.-Neville-Honestly!-All-week-A & M-Records-has-given-me-nothing-but-the-run-around." I began to rattle off names of people I had left messages for, who had not returned any of my calls.

"Okay, okay," he said, climbing up the steps. "I don't want to do this, but okay." He looked at me and

frowned. "You know, if you're staying for the concert, you may want to change. You'll probably get pretty hot in there."

"I thought if I looked nice, you'd talk to me," I said, opening my notebook.

He smiled. "You know, I'd talk to you no matter what you looked like." I wanted to tell him I liked his smile. It put me at ease. Instead, I began firing questions.

"What's that you were doing out there?" I asked.

"*T'ai chi*," he explained. "It's a martial art."

"Do you do that to prepare for a concert?"

"I do that for me."

Charles Neville went on to tell me about his upbringing, which naturally included music. "Music is a part of life," he said. "It's been there since pre-school and kindergarten. At home, our grandparents sang spirituals around the house when we were kids. Our parents performed together. My mother, Amelia, was a dancer."

"You all record albums solo and as a group," I said. "You're all so talented. Do you go solo because you need the additional outlet to express your own abilities?"

"No," he said, quickly. "When we record as the Neville Brothers, the record company expects all of us to perform. We all contribute. We all sing. We all write. We all give. Music is music. It just flows. That's the real appeal of working together and of watching us work together. You'll see.... Of course, we all do our own thing, too."

"We've always played music," he continued. "Art and Cyril were recording with their group, the Meters. Aaron was recording. I went to New York for awhile. Around 1966, my uncle George Landry, my mother's brother, called us together to make an album. I then decided to move back home. [After all,] everyone else was there." This Island Records release of "Mardi Gras music," titled "Wild Tchoupitoulas," was a regional hit, but the brothers really did not begin concentrating on their music until 1977. Before that, they supported themselves with odd jobs, said Charles. "Longshoremen, laborers, construction workers, restaurant workers, truck drivers," he rattled off. "You name it."



Charles Neville

The Neville Brothers current prosperity has been an uphill climb. Charles says Aaron's success has certainly helped the group, which toured with Linda Ronstadt for three months last year. The experience "introduced us to a wider audience," he said. "Black radio stations won't play our music because they don't consider it black music. Rap and urban pop get a lot of play. But, not what we do."

"Well, what exactly constitutes black music?" I couldn't help but ask this aged question.

"My only definition of black music is music played by black people," Charles said. "Big corporations are interested in money, not music. Rap is what the kids buy because that is all they are given to listen to on the radio. They have nothing to compare it to."

"Our fans are mostly white because white stations and college stations play our music," he went on.

In spite of the group's current success, they have obviously decided there is no place like New Orleans.

"Art and I still live in the old neighborhood," said Charles. "Aaron and Cyril have both moved to the other side of town. But, anywhere we go in New Orleans, we'll be near somebody we know.... Have you ever seen a Neville Brothers concert?"

"No," I admitted.

"Well, there's nothing like it," he said. "We just get together and jam. The music just flows. You'll see."

"Thank you," I said concluding our interview.

"You're welcome," he said.

"But, trust me. You'll see." And that I did.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 24 to June 6

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- W&L Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 3 p.m. 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.

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.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

- 4:30 p.m. ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY. Room 21, Payne Hall.
- 8 p.m. CONCERT: Applied Music Recital by W&L music students. duPont Auditorium. Public invited.
- 8 p.m. W&L HISTORY SPRING SEMINAR: Panel: "Student Life at W&L during the late 1950s and early 1960s." Edward C. Atwood, professor of economics and former dean of student; Charles F. "Murph" Murray, director of security and university proctor; J. Holt Merchant, professor of history. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- 6:30 p.m. SENIOR NIGHT: Awards Ceremony, Lee Chapel. Followed by dinner on Alumni House Grounds.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- Undergraduate examinations begin.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- Undergraduate examinations end; December 1991 degree applications due.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- Senior grades due by 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- 11 a.m. BACCALAUREATE SERVICE: Speaker: Robert L. Shaw, music director emeritus and conductor laureate of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Front Lawn.
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON ON THE LAWN.
- 2-4 p.m. PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION. Lee House.
- 2-4 p.m. TOURS OF HISTORIC FRONT CAMPUS BUILDINGS.
- 3 p.m. FINE ARTS SENIOR THESIS PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS CEREMONY. duPont Auditorium.
- 8 p.m. FAIR FOOTLIGHT PRODUCTION: "The Last Resort," a play by Tom Ziegler. Lenfest Center. For information and reservations, call 463-5900 (through June 9).

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:45 a.m. MILITARY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY: Speaker: Col. Andrew Jackson, Fourth Brigade Commander. Front Lawn North.
- 11 a.m. COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: Speaker: W&L President John D. Wilson. Front Lawn.

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