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MC on track with budget

By Jennifer Latham
Staff Reporter

Mock Convention remains in stronger financial shape than its 1988 predecessor while providing more speakers and other activities, said MC Treasurer Jay Darden.

"We're spending very well and getting a lot more for our money," Darden said.

He said MC's mailings and phone-a-thon bring in revenue daily, and funds raised last spring term have also increased revenue, giving this MC greater financial resources than the previous one.

"We have access to a great deal more money than the last convention had," Darden said.

While MC spent about \$136,000 in 1988, this convention expects to spend between \$175,000 and \$190,000, Darden said. So far, MC has spent about \$30,000 to \$35,000, he said. The convention has about \$95,000 remaining and expects individual states to raise the final \$40,000, Darden said.

"Each state is responsible for raising the money to supply its own activities," Darden said. "If they raise less than that, then they will make do with less."

The convention's greatest expenses have come from new offerings to the student body, Darden said. He cited events like the November Presidential Gala and the Spring Kickoff.

"For Spring Kickoff, we spent a little less money [than the 1988 convention] and provided more for students," Darden said.



Winds warp world

The goal post at Wilson Field had a distinctly crooked character Wednesday due to 40-mile-per-hour winds that swept through the area.

Photo by Leigh Allen, The Ring-tum Phi

Alpha awaits OK from nationals

IFC votes 11-4 yes on issue

By Rick Peltz
Editor

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity may begin colonization at Washington and Lee whenever it is ready, but that will not be until 1992-93, if at all.

The Interfraternity Council voted 11-4 on Nov. 21 to approve re-establishment of the W&L chapter of the historically black fraternity.

Now the proposed chapter must receive approval from the national fraternity at its next convention in the summer of 1992, according to Karen Sullivan, a spokesman in Alpha's membership department in Baltimore. If Alpha does open here for 1992-93, it still will not participate in fall Rush, as its academic requirements will bar freshmen until winter term. So the soonest Alpha will solicit freshman members is 1993.

Sullivan said Wednesday that Alpha's national Committee on Standards and Extension will review the proposed W&L chapter to determine "if there's a need for it," she said.

"There's no guarantee it'll be approved," Sullivan said.

Meanwhile, Alpha has met all the requirements of the W&L fraternity system.

The IFC vote in favor of Alpha represents 73 and one-third percent of the voting council members, just short of the constitutionally-mandated three-fourths.

Under *Robert's Rules of Order*, which governs IFC under the council's constitution, the difference may be rounded if a precedent of rounding has been set, according to Lewis LaRue, alumni law professor.

IFC President Greg Hicks said Tuesday he did not know at the time of the vote that 11 out of 15 was less than 75 percent. But he said he is comfortable with setting the precedent of rounding, because 11 out of 15 is closer to three-fourths than 12



Penn

out of 15 is.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi voted against Alpha.

IFC Treasurer Thomas Snedeker said SAE President Gene Pride was late to the meeting but said when he arrived he would have voted in favor of Alpha.

Hicks announced his support for Alpha at an IFC meeting on Nov. 12, 11 days after the Student Affairs Committee approved Alpha.

"This school is big on student autonomy," Hicks told IFC. "To get [Alpha] turned down goes against a lot of what this school stands for," because students are petitioning to bring Alpha, he said.

Senior Courtney Penn, one of the petitioners for Alpha, said Wednesday that the re-establishment of the fraternity represents his most important contribution to W&L in his four years here.

"We've worked hard," Penn said. "This will be a pretty big graduation present."

Sophomore Maurice Cole, a black student who attended the vote, said that the vote on Alpha was a step forward for W&L.

"It's a positive statement being sent out that the other houses and the school in general will not neglect a

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President Carter to lecture at W&L spring term

By Alsha Johnson
Staff Reporter

Former President Jimmy Carter will speak at Washington and Lee during spring term.

Carter was asked to speak because of his work after leaving the White House, said Dean of the College John Elrod.

"Everyone has been impressed with President Carter's post-presidency," Elrod said. "He has established a center for peace [the Carter Center] at Emory University and has taken a leadership position in Habitat

for Humanity.

"He has played a large role nationally and internationally since his presidency," Elrod said. "It is nice to meet a man who has given so generously of himself, even after his time as president of the United States."

Carter will speak April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The topic of his address has not yet been decided.

Elrod said an alumnus, Landon Butler, '63, helped persuade Carter to consider coming to W&L. Butler, who was a member of Carter's administration, said he has stayed in contact with the former president

since their days in the White House.

"Carter has been to Washington and Lee before and has nice memories of his time on campus," Butler said, referring to Carter's keynote address at W&L's 1972 Mock Convention. "A number of his long-time supporters in Atlanta have attended W&L. He felt it was an honor to be asked to be the first speaker in the lecture series" this year.

Elrod said he is pleased with Carter's decision to come to W&L.

"Whatever you say about him, he is an exemplary former president of the United States," Elrod said.



Carter

Top Soviets to visit W&L

By Joshua Manning
Staff Reporter

Two top-level Soviet economists will spend next Monday and Tuesday lecturing at Washington and Lee.

Vladimir Koblov and Yuri Yaremko will give two public lectures as part of the newly created William Lyne Wilson II Symposium Series.

Koblov, acting chairman of the State Military Industrial Commission, is a member of the Soviet cabinet. He is charged with changing the Soviet economy from a military base to civilian control.

Koblov will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Commerce School 327 on "The Political Economy of Reform."

Yaremko, chief economic advisor to the State Council, is charged with reorganizing the Soviet economy from a command base to a competitive free market.

Yaremko will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in C-School 327 on "The Political Economy of Crisis."

Arriving Saturday, just ahead of a threatened Soviet pilot's strike, they will spend until Wednesday meeting with classes and having dinner with faculty and students.

"It is very unusual for cabinet-level officials to travel out of the country for so long," Program Director Craig McCaughrin said. "They will be traveling directly to Boston to sign the latest Soviet aid package."

The two Russians will be accompanied by official interpreter Oksana Kozhina. Kozhina was an exchange student at W&L last year.

"I think the credit for setting all this up really goes to Oksana for being our contact," McCaughrin said.

William Lyne Wilson II, '27, the grandson of the late University President William Lyne Wilson, was a frequent W&L benefactor before his death in November 1989.

Rules force short break for the next three years

By Maureen Levey
Staff Reporter

University officials blame a late start to the school year for Washington and Lee's shortened December break.

According to W&L Registrar Scott Dittman, who also chairs the Committee on Registration and Class Schedules, the vacation will last two weeks, instead of three, for the next three years.



Dittman

Dittman said the break was cut to accommodate the university's three-term undergraduate calendar, which requires that matriculation occur after the first Saturday in September. At the same time, seniors must graduate no later than the first Thursday in June.

"This year the first Saturday in September was the seventh. We had

the latest possible start. So we were left with shortening Christmas break to two weeks," Dittman said.

The committee, which is comprised of five appointed faculty members, proposes the schedules several years ahead of time. The university faculty must approve the recommended calendars.

Over the past few years, several proposed amendments to the current system have been rejected by the faculty, or were not supported by student who were polled, Dittman said.

Suggested changes have included creating a three-day weekend in October and starting school earlier, he said.

The schedule currently includes two 12-week terms and a six-week term in the spring. In addition to December break, the calendar allows for 10-day breaks before spring term, during Thanksgiving and for Washington's birthday in February.

Dittman said calendars have been scheduled through the 1995-96 school year, and those will remain unchanged unless some new ideas are addressed by the committee.

Superdance to aid grad's son



Publicity photo

Superdance 1992 will make a donation to MDA in the name of Andrew Slay, son of Joe Slay, '72. The boy has spinal muscular dystrophy.

Washington and Lee's Superdance will raise money for one of W&L's own this year, according to a press release from Superdance Co-Chairman Fred Renneker.

All proceeds from this year's event will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the name of Andrew Slay, the five-year-old son of Joe Slay, '72, Renneker said. Andrew is confined to a wheelchair because he suffers from spinal muscular dystrophy, a neuromuscular disorder.

Superdance grossed more than \$30,000 last year. Renneker said the goal is to raise even more money this year.

Superdance Co-Chairman Laura Hendrey said researchers are close to finding the gene which causes MD.

"They've narrowed it down from three billion possible genes to just two million, and that means it's really within striking distance," she said.

Superdance, which will be held Feb. 8-9 in the pavilion, will feature a "Battle of the Bands" and a dance band Friday night. On Saturday night, the winner of Friday's contest will open for The Truly Dangerous Swamp Band.



Christmas in Lexington: a tour of the town

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Hoops wins first game, drops next three

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The Ring-tum Phi

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Now you know how it feels

Well now, it seems our fine hosts in this fair city have gotten a little taste of their own medicine, and it doesn't look like they like it a bit.

The Lexington City Council and many area residents have been in a tizzy of late over Adelpia Cable's \$3.00 rate hike. Mayor H.E. "Buddy" Derrick spent most of a recent council meeting whining that the increase was unfair and unjustified, and, darnit, he was mad.

"The city is powerless," he said. "We've scheduled a public hearing to amass public opinion to show [Adelpia] that people disagree with what I consider to be an excessive increase."

What we find funny is that he and his compatriots seem most upset over the fact that they have no control over the cable company's rate schedule. Lexington's contract with Adelpia is not up for review until 2003, and short of suing the cable operator, it looks like viewers can't do a thing except sit back, pay their three bucks, and enjoy the modern miracle of cable television.

Let's look into our scrapbook and see if we can't remember the last time people around here were upset that they were being charged a fee they had no way of avoiding and no say in implementing.

Here it is, just a few pages back. It seems the ol' Lexington City Council itself thought it would be a great solution to its budget problems if it started charging W&L and VMI students a tax on their personal property.

"Yeah, why don't we tax their cars," the council reasoned. "Since students don't have any say in city government, we can force the students to pay anything we want. And the best part of the plan is those rich little kids can't do a thing about it."

Now we're not so sure we're on the side of Adelpia. Unregulated monopolies do tend to do bad things, but somehow, we're just plum out of sympathy for our city council members and their fearless leader, Buddy.

Dear Santa,

We know it's still 20 days till Christmas, but since this is our last issue until January, we figured we'd better get in our wish list now. We're not asking for much this year, things have been going pretty well for us. However, there are a few other people we know that could use a thing or two. They might not include these things on their own lists, but we know what they really need:

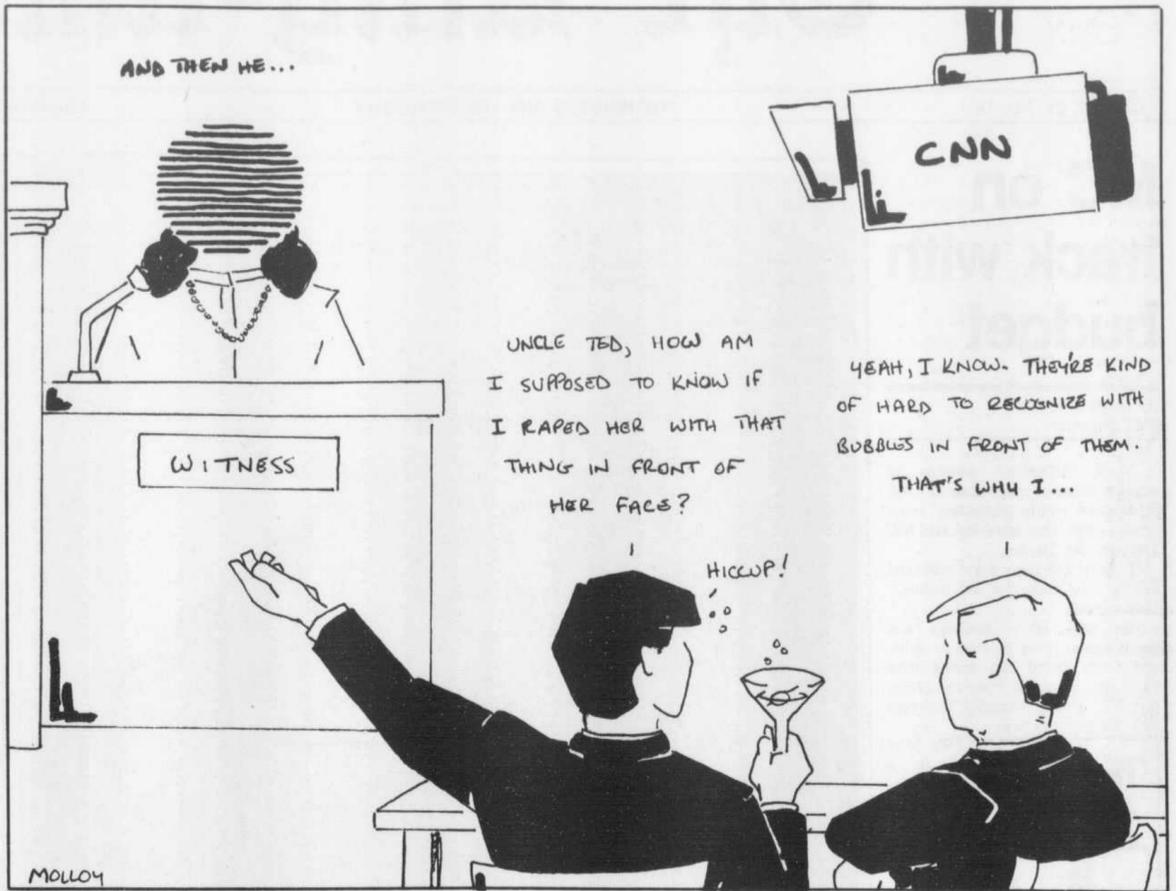
- For President Wilson: a colonnade of his very own on which to build as many art galleries as he wants.
- For Brian Shaw: a red-phone hotline to the Phi office so he can alter or spike any story he feels might jeopardize the good name of Washington and Lee.
- For the Generals: a one-game season, preferably only a last game season.
- For the EC: a reserve reserve fund.
- For Pi Phi: a ♂ or a ♀.
- For the student body: magazines! magazines! magazines!
- For the IFC: a calculator.
- For Dean Elrod: a new schedule book so he won't be able to complain if he misses another deadline.

Quote of the Week

Imelda, Part Two:

She made a surprise farwell visit Saturday to her late husband's shed-like wooden crypt outside Honolulu. After aides opened the tomb and then the casket, she spent more than an hour with the corpse. She wept, prayed, dabbed its shiny forehead, held its stiff hand, ran her fingers through its black wig and whispered in its waxen ear. She twice invited photographers up to the wooden platform to record the ghoulsh scene.

— from The San Francisco Chronicle



A Christmas poem for you, love Chris

Jolly old Santa Claus in Lexington? Join in singing as Swann gets the perfect gift

LET IT RIDE

By Chris Swann

Contrary to popular belief, I am not an alcoholic, but the following piece probably won't dissuade you from thinking that I am. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and may Santa visit you as well...

'Twas the night 'fore exams
And all through the school
Not a student was studying,
As a general rule.

Our stockings were hung
By the coldbox with care,
In the hopes that beer bottles
Soon would chill there.

John Wilson was settled
In his bed,
And visions of arts centers
Danced through his head.

(My roommate was snoring
And having a dream;
For him, Santa poured
Some vodka, it seemed.)

While all alone (sob)
I could not wait 'till later,
I had just settled down
To write my term paper.

When out on Main Street
There arose such a clutter
I sprang from my desk
To pull tight the shutter.

A full moon did shine
On the new-fallen snow,
Brightening the drab scene
With an ethereal glow.

When what did I see fly,
Like a bat out of hell,
But a miniature sleigh
Pulled by eight tiny elves.

And over the groans
Of the elves did I hear,
A deep gravelly voice
That was no reindeer.

"On you dumb little sprites,
Or I'll fix you quick,"
Yelled a voice that could only
Belong to St. Nick.

To the end of the street
And not a bit more,
Cried the elves with one voice,
"Our damn feet are sore."

Then I noticed with horror
That they sped toward my home,
Eight maniacal elves
And me, home alone.

The roof they did hit
With a shattering smash,
And all tumbled in quickly
Through the hole with a crash.

I won't bore you with details
On how St. Nick looked;
You know well enough
If you read a Christmas book.

Not a word did he say
But went straight to his task,
Grabbed a beer from the fridge
And chugged in a flash.

I whispered, "What happened
To Donner and Vixen?"
The elves muttered, "Strike
By the damn reindeer union."

St. Nick winked and said,
"Any item you need?
I'd be glad to provide it
For a reasonable fee."

I said, "Nice five-four blonde,
Are there any around?"
He shook his head sadly,
Said there's none to be found.

I sighed to lament this,
Then pulled out some Beam;
Said, "Here, this goes down
Like a cool mountain stream."

I asked him to spare me
The commercial palaver
He said, "Excuse me,
But just what is the matter?"

So I told him my story,
Said I was tired of the world;
How we've just had a war
And th'economy's absurd.

We're heavily in debt,
California's on fire,
And I'll probably go bankrupt
'Fore my parents retire.

He gave me a lollipop,
Said, "Here you go!
This'll help bring you out
From your miserable low."

I yelled, "Stupid elf!
You fat, greasy slob!
I don't want your gifts,
I just need a JOB!"

Then I trembled and shook
At the deed I had done;
I had just screamed at Santa Claus,
Our patron of fun!

But Santa just chuckled
And said, "Is that it?
I think I'll find something
That you will find fit."

And out of his bag
He slowly withdrew
A small wrapped-up package
That read, "From Santa to you."

And when I had opened it
I shouted for joy;
In my hands lay a JOB,
Better than any toy.

I turned 'round to thank him
For the heavenly gift,
But as I said thank you,
His spectacles slipped.

He looked not a whit
Like Santa Claus then;
To my utter astonishment,
It was SAINT BOB, our friend!

With a pull on his ear
And a sneeze through the nose,
He just disappeared;
Through the roof-hole he rose.

The elves all did cheer
Upon leaving my room;
Yet Saint Bob said nothing,
Just flew up to the moon.

But I did hear him say,
'Fore he passed out of sight:
God rest ye southern gentlemen
Y'all drink well and sleep tight!

LETTERS

Columnist objects to Neurock firing

To the Editor:
Forget the fact that I am a humor columnist whose every word leaves you quivering with glee. I'm pissed off today.

Three weeks ago, WREL-FM radio in Lexington fired disc jockey Mitch Neurock. They fired him for doing his job. While commenting upon a Lexington High School football game against Buena Vista, which the Lex High team severely lost, Neurock said that he believed bad coaching calls led to the defeat.

After the game, Coach Nola of the Scarlet Hurricanes heard about Neurock's commentary. He subsequently called WREL and complained about Neurock's opinion. Consequently, WREL fired Neurock.

Does this seem strange to any of you? That a "sports commentator" (and the only thing close to a professional disc jockey that WREL had), commenting on a game's coaching decisions, got canned because the coach whined to the radio station? I don't know who to be more mad at, the station or the coach.

Let me insert that Mitch Neurock is a friend of mine, but he is also a third-year law student at Washington and Lee. In other words, he's a member of our student body.

I'm not advocating anything as drastic as marching on WREL or fire-bombing the owner's home. But the fact that someone got fired because of the fragile ego of a high school football coach leaves me appalled. "Neurock at Night" may not have been the best radio show ever produced, but it was the only one I listened to in Lexington. Would Dan Dierdorf be fired from

NBC if he was to say on the air that Mike Ditka's errors in coaching the Chicago Bears led them to lose a game? The whole affair is absurd. I have not spoken to WREL or Coach Nola because I'm in the middle of exams. But I would definitely like to, and I plan to find out more. Somebody ought to call or write the station and tell them to get their best DJ back, or they'll be awfully lonely broadcasting to radios switched to 'off.'

Sincerely,
Chris Swann, '92

Atkins recognizes service fraternity

To the Editor:
Enclosed is a letter whose author has given permission for you to print it, if you like. It recognizes exceptional community service by some students who deserve a public commendation via the Phi.

Thanks,
Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins
Associate Dean of Students

November, 11 1991

Dean's office to conduct poll

To the Washington and Lee Student Body:
After hearing students talk about The Bat Cave, Aqua Velva, Petticoat Junction, Disneyland, etc., I have decided to write an article on "The Top Ten Off-Campus Houses of Washington and Lee Students."

If you live in an off-campus house and would like your house to be considered for my top ten list, either stop by my office (in Payne Hall) and give me some historical background or write me a brief history of your house. I am especially interested in how specific house names were created and any interesting (and printable) anecdotal incidents that give character to your house. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

David L. Howison
Dean of Students

Dear Alison:
Please thank all the members of Alpha Phi Omega for me for all your hard work here at the hospital yesterday. I hope you know how grateful the Department of Human Resources, indeed the entire hospital staff, is for your help. The fact that it came unsolicited made it even more appreciated!

We'd love to have your help again another time, so feel free to call me when you have some time again for a project. In the meantime, please convey my gratitude to Josh, Will, Dana, Elizabeth, Susan and Jason for giving up a Sunday afternoon for Stonewall Jackson Hospital. I hope to see you again soon.

Warmly,
Jayne Litzenburg
Director of Volunteers

Ed note: Ms. Litzenburg is writing to Alison Mosher, Alpha Phi Omega's Service Vice-President.

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Peer counselors listen more than they talk

By Greg Patterson
Staff Reporter

Peer counselors are not "mini-psychiatrists," but University Psychologist James W. Worth says that's a common misconception students have about the group.

"They are not advice-givers, they are not 'Dear Abby.' They are not there to rescue people," Worth said. "They are only there to listen and help people learn what is best for themselves."

Worth said he began the peer

counseling program three years ago after seeing it work at other colleges. He said the basic premise is that "sometimes students are not ready to talk to a professional counselor because they don't want to or because it's not that big of a deal."

He said the peer counselors are mainly trained in listening skills because "being listened to by somebody can be a very nurturing experience."

Additionally, peer counselors are taught problem-solving skills "because 90 percent of students have the tools at their disposal to solve

their own problems," Worth said.

Worth said that the majority of problems counselors deal with are "the common daily hassles of college life that get you down," such as time management, or problems with room-mates, friends or romances.

But Worth stressed that peer counselors are trained to know their limits and what types of situations they can handle.

"Students who come to a counselor with bigger problems such as eating disorders, depression, sexual assault or a desire to commit suicide are to be referred to myself or Dean

[Anne] Schroer-Lamont, [associate dean of students and counselling psychologist]," Worth said.

"We are not trying to turn students into mini-psychiatrists," Worth said. "That would be impossible and irresponsible to try."

Counselors said they mostly hear from people they already know, rather than people who call anonymously.

"Several times I've had people come up to me and start talking to me, and gradually I'll realize that they're talking to me as a peer counselor and not just as a friend," peer counselor Mary Goetz said.

New group will revive old forum

By Nicole Keeler
Staff Reporter

A group of Washington and Lee women are trying to revive the old Women's Forum, which was replaced by Trident a couple years ago.

Sophomore Kate Stimeling is part of a 13-woman "core group" she said believes Trident lost its influence when sororities came to W&L. The new group wants to provide a place for women to meet regardless of their sorority affiliations, she said.

The group, which held its first meeting on Nov. 21, is currently writing a charter and making plans for future activities.

Erika Lee, a member of the group, said Women's Forum plans to bring well-known female speakers like U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder and television correspondent Diane Sawyer to W&L, as well as foster discussion groups on topics like bulimia and anorexia, date rape and nutrition.

Stimeling said the group also wants to include W&L men in its membership. She said the group will try to increase men's understanding of women.

"Men are the antithesis of women," Stimeling said. "They'll give [us] an opposing opinion."

SAB to feature MTV comedian

By Missy Curtis
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board is bringing actor and MTV comedian Dan Wilson to the General Headquarters 8 p.m. tonight.

Wilson, who has performed on MTV's "1/2 Hour Comedy Hour," in the movie *Dog Fight* with Keanu Reeves and at more than 100 colleges, headlines Christmas activities this week, said John Flippen, SAB special events coordinator. Kevin Jones, another comedian, will open for Wilson.

The SAB will sponsor more comedians Wednesday nights in the GHQ and bring a "really big comedian" to W&L in the spring, Flippen said.

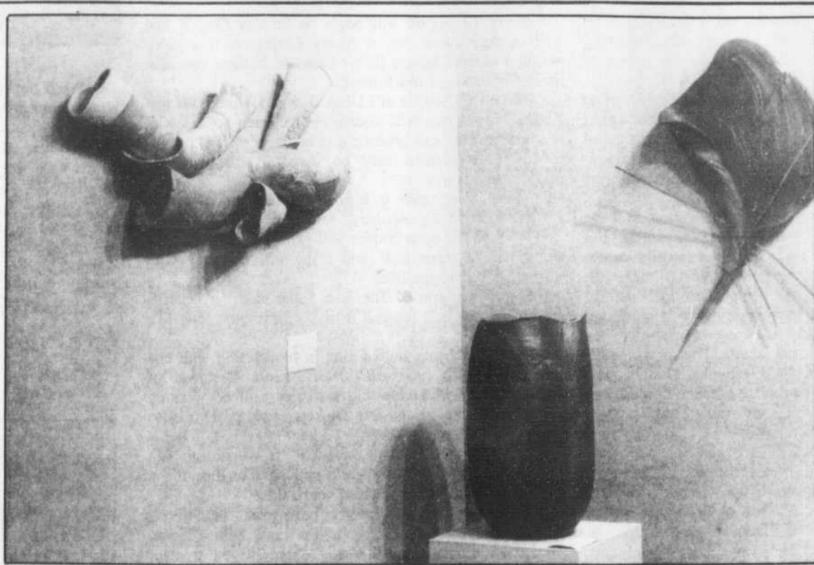


Photo by Leigh Allen, The Ring-tum Phi

Touchy-feely

A number of art objects are on display at the "Textural Illusions" exhibit in the duPont Galley until December 12. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 8-5.

IFC OKs fraternity

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group of students who desire to participate in the fraternity system," Cole said.

Sigma Nu President Heath Dixon, who voted for Alpha, said he opposes historically single-race fraternities in principle, but believes the current W&L fraternity system does not meet black students' needs.

Phi Kapp President Marc Short said Nov. 19 that one argument against Alpha was that it might segregate the campus. But he said any chapter voting against Alpha would have to commit to improving black students' social lives if Alpha did not pass.

The IFC vote on Alpha was postponed from the regular Nov. 19 IFC meeting to Nov. 21 by Hicks. He wanted to give fraternities that did not attend the Nov. 18 information session more time to talk to the Alpha petitioners.

The information session was led by Penn, seniors Jonathan Harris and William Toles, and a representative from Alpha.

At that Nov. 18 information session, Executive Committee President Giles Perkins urged fraternity members to vote against Alpha.

"My... reservation about... Alpha... is that it will promote segregation on this campus," Perkins said.

Petitioners for Alpha at the Nov. 18 session objected to Perkins statement, saying that the W&L fraternity system does not meet their needs.

"Try to relate to what we're going through [as black students]," Harris, a former Chi Psi member, said. "I gave it [the W&L fraternity system] a shot for two years. It was not what I want in fraternity."

IFC members on Nov. 18 also asked petitioners why the Alpha chapter at W&L in the 1970s closed.

Penn said that chapter closed due to low membership, and Harris said that will not be a problem with the new chapter.

"All we're asking for is an honest shot," Harris said. "Let's not hypocritize about numbers."

Staff members Cathy Lopiccolo, Thomas Eisenhauer and Greg Patterson contributed to this story.

Drive promotes registration

By Jennifer Mayo
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee College Republicans will sponsor a voter registration drive after December break to encourage students to participate in their hometown elections.

Chairman of the College Republicans Amanda Stewart said it is not easy to get students politically involved at home while they are at school.

"We really can't do much to register students," Stewart said.

But the drive should make it easier for students to obtain absentee ballots and participate in their hometown elections that they might have otherwise missed, Stewart said.

She said students should register to vote during December break.

"They have to go to city courthouses at home to register, but we can obtain absentee ballots in Lexington for those students who sign up to receive them."

GENERAL NOTES

DCs 'n' RAs

The application process for students interested in being a Dorm Counselor or Resident Assistant next year began this week. Notices will be posted listing application procedures and deadlines.

IU

The Independent Union will hold a brief meeting for "A Winter Picnic in Lex Vegas" in Fairfax Lounge on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested should attend.

Film Society

The next presentation of the W&L Film Society will be *The Icicle Thief*, directed by Maurizio Nichetti. Showings will be at 8:05 p.m. on Dec. 6-7 in Lewis Hall Classroom A. There is no charge for admission. The film is in Italian, with English subtitles. *The Icicle Thief* starts out as a parody of the neorealist classic *The Bicycle Thief*, but then this highly inventive film moves on to satirize the pompous and slick world of contemporary television and movies, as commercials which at first intrude later become entangled in the plots of feature films.

Internships

The Washington Term Program has internships available with the U.S. House of Representatives, Senate, and White House. These internships are worth 6 credits. They are open to all classes and majors. Applications are due by Jan. 14. For more information, contact Prof. Connelly at 463-8627 or in C-School 108.

Research

Are you interested in spending 10 weeks next summer collaborating with federal scientists on the cutting edge of research and development? If so, the U.S. Department of Energy's Student Research Participation Program is for you. The application deadline is Jan. 21. For application materials or additional information, contact Pat Pressly at (615) 576-1083 or the Student Research Participation Program, Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117.

Guest List

W&L security advises all students expecting weekend visitors to come by the security office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, to get a weekend visitor permit. The permit allows visitors to park in any university area.

Housing

Students interested in living in Gaines or Woods Creek Apartments for the 1992-93 academic year should stop by the Housing Office (Payne 4) and pick up a housing application. Applications may be submitted anytime after Dec. 1.

Soviet Visit

Top Soviet Advisors Vladimir Leonidovich Koblov and Yuri Vasilyevich Yaremenko will give two public lectures for the William Lyne Wilson Symposium on Economic and Political Freedom on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 10, both at 7:30 p.m. in C-School 327.

Laughs

Comedian Danny Wilson will perform tonight in the GHQ at 8 p.m. An admissions fee will be charged.

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Food Drive

Fraternities are collecting canned food and donations for the needy for the coming holiday season. The economy has been tough on the Rockbridge area residents this year, so please give what you can.

New Mag

Editors and a business manager are needed for the new magazine sponsored by the Publications Board. Applications are due Dec. 20 to Pub Board President Rick Peltz at P.O. Box 40 and should consist of a letter of interest that includes why you want the job and your qualifications. Applicants will be contacted to set up interviews, which will begin on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. For details on the magazine, see the WANTED ad in this week's *Phi*. Call Rick at 464-5518 with questions.

Pub Board

The Pub Board will meet on Jan. 6 and Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Ring-tum Phi office.

Happy New Year

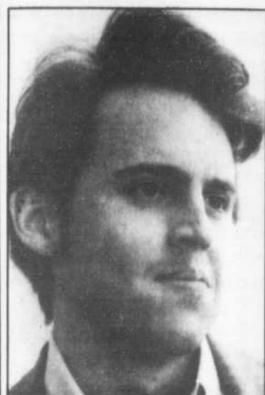
The Ring-tum Phi will not come out next week, but the General Notes envelope is eager for entries for January. Leave a brief, typed note in the General Notes envelope outside The Ring-tum Phi office at room 208 of the University Center.

Jameson Leonardi compiled General Notes.

Interviews and photos by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

In this season of final papers and exams, what's your favorite way to reduce stress?



Robert Little, '92, Laguna Niguel, Calif. - "I retreat to Babe-alon, you know what I mean? So, what are you doing after this Talkback thing?"



Mason Pettit, '92, New York, N.Y. - "I weep."



Amy Panella, '93, Baltimore, Md. and Jennifer Mayo, '93, Gulf Breeze, Fla. - "Beverly Hills 90210."



Meriwether Nichols, '93, Memphis, Tenn. - "Watching as many Love Boat reruns as possible. I'm a big Charro fan."



Thomas May, '93, Oklahoma City, Okla. - "A nice cup of General Foods International Coffee in front of a warm fire."



Christmas...



The Holiday spirit is alive

By Francesca Kefalas
Entertainment Editor

Get out your stockings and trim your trees! Christmas is coming and Lexington is pulling out all the stops. For the sixth year in a row the Lexington Downtown Development Association is coordinating "Merry Lexington" and "Holiday In Lexington."

One of the big events this weekend is the Community Christmas parade. There will be floats, and marching bands, and ribbons in six categories and prize money in two.

The parade route will travel down Houston Street to Main Street. It will travel down Main Street until Washington Street where it will take a right and travel down to Varner Street. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. Senior Gabrey Croft is assisting LDDA with the parade.

Croft, parade chairman for Mock Convention, said she would be helping LDDA with the marching order and placement of stakes where there will be a need for people ready to help in case of problems on Friday night. On Saturday, she will be at the parade early to help out.

"I'm trying to help the interaction between W&L and the community," Croft said.

The Christmas spirit is not confined to town. W&L will be the sight of many holiday activities as well. The fraternities will be hosting Christmas Weekend parties and decorating for the holidays, and many students are decorating their own rooms.

University President John Wilson and his wife Anne Wilson are also preparing for the holidays. The presidents house will be a feature of the "Historic Holiday House Tour" on Saturday, and will be decorated for the event. Mrs. Wilson said the LDDA requested that the Wilsons allow the Jefferson Florist to decorate the house.

"I usually do the decorating myself. We like to decorate with a lot of greenery such as magnolia, and wreaths along the staircase, which the Jefferson Florist will be doing," Mrs. Wilson said.

The large Christmas tree outside is a different story. At press time Mrs. Wilson had not been able to find out from Buildings and Grounds exactly when the tree would be decorated and lit.

Last year there was a great deal of damage done to the lights, and the tree had to actually be turned off before Christmas, said Mrs. Wilson. She did not believe, however, that the tree would not be decorated.

Mrs. Wilson said she believed it would be decorated before the tour.

The Wilsons will be decorating the indoor tree themselves.

Merry Lexington will begin on Sunday Dec. 8 and will continue until Jan. 6 Merry Lexington is a combination of open houses for 57 business, holiday concerts, theater events and much more.

Executive Director of LDDA Dianne Herrick said that LDDA's main role is to coordinate the open houses with the other events and produce a calendar of events for the month. The calendar may be found at many of the participating stores.

"Merry Lexington is a good combination of public and private coming together," said Herrick.

Most of the open houses will offer refreshments and a discount of some kind, and many will be ready with Christmas gift suggestions.

Beth Thompson of The Best Seller said "it benefits the community, it's fun and it makes Lexington look like a fairy land."

Some merchants are working in conjunction with one another to offer new gift ideas. Paula Cushman of Postmarks and Pleasures said that they will be working with Harbs' to create gift baskets. Spanky's is also offering gift baskets.

Cushman said Merry Lexington "is wonderful. I'm from a big, big city and there's nothing like this. It's a feeling of unity and it restores your faith."

The final event of "Merry Lexington" is Twelfth Night Bonfire, which will be held at Lime Kiln Theater.

LDDA along with Adelphia Cable helped to decorating the town. Adelphia has donated their basket truck to help decorate the taller, private buildings in town. The Lexington Public Works Department decorated all of the public building and streets.

Starting this Friday will be "Holiday In Lexington," a weekend event that begins with an open house at Cambell House, and end with two performances of *The Nutcracker Ballet*.



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The Phi Deltis were the first fraternity to decorate, but B&G had already trimmed the campus.

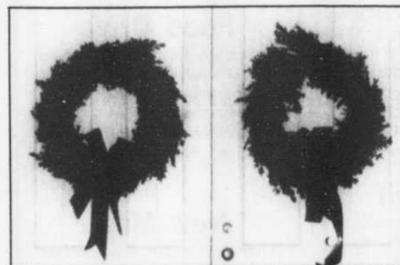


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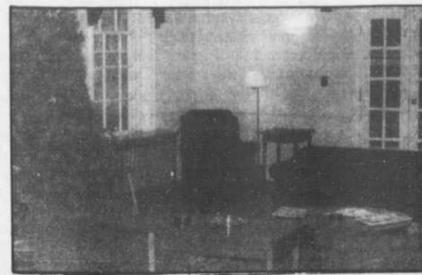


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The PIKA house is preparing for the Holiday House Tour with simple, elegant decorations.

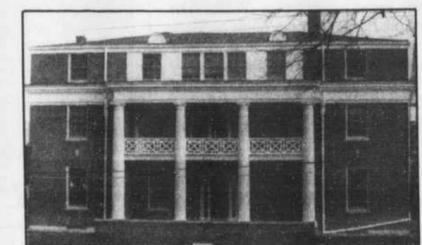
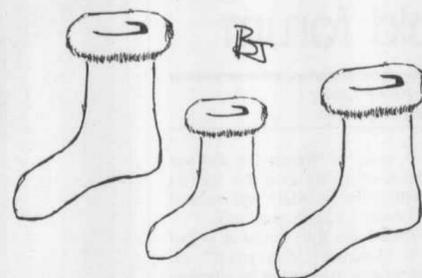


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Beta will be visited by many people this weekend, as one of the stops on the tour.

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W&L featured on tour

By Cathy Lopocolo
News Editor

This weekend two Washington and Lee fraternities are expecting a few guests -- about 1,000, to be exact.

The newly-renovated Beta Theta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha houses will be open to the public Saturday afternoon as part of Lexington's Historic Holiday House Tour. The tour, sponsored by the Lexington Downtown Development Association, features eight homes in the city and on the W&L and Virginia Military Institute campuses.

The tour, which will run from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, is being presented as part of the annual "Holiday in Lexington" weekend.

The LDDA included the fraternity houses on the tour because of the public interest in the recent renovations, LDDA Executive Director Diane Herrick said.

"The public likes to see the changes that have been made, especially with them being decorated for Christmas," Herrick said.

Beta Housemother Marnie Stewart said she volunteered the Beta house for the tour at a meeting of fraternity housemothers.

"Our home is so nice and new, so I thought we'd show people the big change," Stewart said. "I think all the people will be pleased."

The Beta house will be decorated outside and on the first floor, including the housemother's quarters. Stewart said Town and Country Garden Club members will be trimming the house and will act as hostesses for the afternoon.

"[The garden club members] thought decorating a fraternity house would be a great challenge," Stewart said. "All the ladies have been by to see the house and plan the decorations."

Stewart said several fraternity members will

also be on hand to answer questions about the house.

The PiKA house will be decorated simply, but elegantly, Housemother Ann Davis said.

"The feeling of the house was that less was more," Davis said. "The gentlemen didn't want the decorations to be fussy."

Davis said PiKA will be decorated with greenery and garnet bows to complement the house's simple Shaker furniture.

The university provided both Beta and PiKA with Christmas trees grown on the W&L property at Skylark, Davis said.

In addition to the fraternity houses, homes on the tour include the residence of Mayor H.E. "Buddy" Derrick, Stonegate, the Pendleton-Coles House, the VMI Superintendent's Quarters and George C. Marshall Library, and the Lee House.

The first level of Lee House will be shown on the tour, and will feature Lee family heirlooms. Visitors will see an 18th century grandfather clock in the central hall, and will visit the drawing room, the dining room, the library, which was originally Mrs. Lee's bedroom, and the music room which served as the Lee family sitting room. Featured in the music room will be the Lee piano, and photographs of the house during the Lee years.

Twelve members of Chi Omega sorority have also volunteered to sell tickets and conduct house tours on Saturday, Chi-O Service Chairman Amy Beall said.

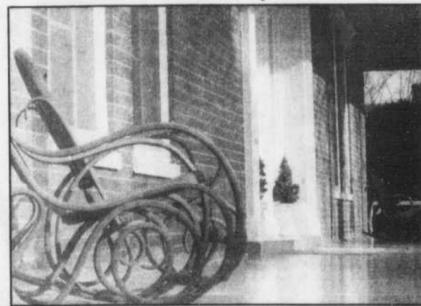
"All we have to do is go to certain locations and help guide tours through the houses," Beall said. "The LDDA really wants to make the tours nice this year, and they appreciated the help."

Tickets for the tours are \$6 for adults and will be available Saturday at tour locations and at the tourist center on Washington Street. Tickets can also be purchased in advance from the Jefferson or University florists.



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Lee House has much to show its visitors this weekend. It is the home of many heirlooms.



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27 Coin of a kind	PEEP FLOE
28 Archaeologist's find	FELLFOR LARDER
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Generals top Sewanee to open year, fall to ranked teams

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

Despite losing three of its first four games, the Washington and Lee basketball has not pressed the panic button as it heads towards exams. "We've got ten new players," said head coach Verne Canfield. "We have played a very difficult schedule so far, and we're struggling to get everyone acquainted with themselves and our system. But we'll come around."

The Generals won their first game of the year, but since have dropped three games in a row to teams ranked nationally. Seventh-ranked Wooster, 11th-ranked Hampden-Sydney and the preseason pick to finish fourth in the South region Bridgewater represent W&L's three losses.

The Generals opened the season

with a 67-58 win over Sewanee in the first round of the W&L Tip-off Tournament. Sophomores Paul Baker and Robert Miggins led a second-half charge that erased a 19-6 first half deficit.

Baker scored seven of the Generals' first 12 second half points, and Miggins scored seven points in the second half, including the basket that gave W&L the lead for good. Once W&L got the lead, Sewanee never got closer than six.

Junior Bryan Watkins scored a career-high 17 points to lead the way, and Baker added a career-high 11. Junior Bryan Brading was also in double figures with 10 points, and Miggins added nine points and nine rebounds in the win.

Wooster dominated the championship game, using a balanced inside attack. The Scots opened up a 34-12 first half lead behind tournament

MVP Stan Aukamp's 11 first half points. The Generals made a late run. Miggins scored seven points late in the half to cut the Wooster lead to 36-21 at the half.

Wooster pulled away in the second half. The Scots 55-31 when W&L made a run to make the score respectable. Sophomore Matt Newton scored seven straight points and freshman John Rogers added four and the Generals cut the lead to 63-47 before falling 76-53.

Miggins led W&L with 13 points and a game-high nine rebounds and was named to the all-tournament team.

"Robert has some nice tools that will be useful," said Canfield. "He does some good things at both ends of the floor."

After falling to Hampden-Sydney 84-55, the Generals looked to even their record at 2-2 against Bridge-

water last Sunday.

Rogers scored 12 points in the first half, and the Generals opened up a 35-31 halftime lead despite playing without starting point guard Brading. Newton filled in with five first half points.

The Generals went cold in the second half, shooting a miserable 28 percent, and Bridgewater used a dunk and blocked shot from Ashley Watson to overtake the Generals and pull away for a 74-61 win. Watson hit all seven of his shots, and the Eagles shot 59 percent for the game and 63 percent in the second half.

Watkins led the way for the Generals with 16 points. Rogers did not score in the second half and finished with a career-high 12.

"I was disappointed with the Bridgewater game," Canfield said. "I thought we should have won, but we didn't run our offenses and didn't

execute on defense."

Despite the disappointing loss, Canfield is pleased with his young team's early effort.

"We're playing hard," he said. "I'm pleased with our attitude. We're correcting our mistakes and making progress every day."

The Generals will look to move the progress from the practices into the games this weekend. The Generals play Pomona-Pitzer in the first round of the Washington University Lopata Basketball Classic in St. Louis Friday night. Washington U. plays M.I.T. in the other first round game. The consolation and championship games are Saturday.

"It's nice to be amongst academic teams that have similar priorities to us," said Canfield. "But it's tough to play teams we don't know much about."

The Generals return home next

week to take on Emory and Henry before breaking for exams.

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The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

Next week's games:

Basketball - 12/10 (h) vs Emory & Henry
 Wrestling - in Lebanon Valley Tournament
 Women's Swimming - 12/10 (h) vs. Sweet Briar

Hannah saves best race for last meet

By Jacob Kimball
 Staff Reporter

After running a strong race in the regional meet, Bo Hannah and Charles Edwards returned to Newport News, Va. to run in the NCAA Division III Championship Meet on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Just the week before, they had recorded their respective fastest times of the season, and they returned to try to better their times, and to run in the most competitive race of their lives.

Hannah and Edwards found themselves among the mass of 177 runners that earned a birth by either being a member of one of the top 21 teams in the nation, or by finishing in the top five of one of the eight regions across the United States.

Hannah, a junior, ran with the lead pack for the first three miles and finished the race 40th overall. He bested his fastest time ever by 30 seconds as he finished in 25:22. With that finale, Hannah had recorded a personal record time in each of the last three races of the year, each the biggest of the year at the time: the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, regional, and national championships.

"Bo ran as well as I thought he could in Regionals," said coach John Tucker. "Then he took thirty seconds off that time. It was incredible. He ran a stronger middle and also looked stronger coming across the finish line."

Charles Edwards, a senior, also finished very strong in the last race of his collegiate career. Edwards' finish brought him in 107th in a time of 26:25. Edwards finished his stellar career and season strongly. He recorded the same personal record time in his last two races.

The winning time was 24:26, and the top 15 runners were all under 25

minutes. The 25 finishers receive all-American designation, and Hannah was only 15 seconds off that pace.

However, this was an exceptionally competitive race according to Tucker.

"Bo's time would have won Regionals last week, and would have brought him in the top 25 at Nationals last year."

Hannah's performance was the second best in W&L history. Only Angus McBride and his 10th-place finish at the 1984 National Championships.

Edwards and Hannah turned in remarkable individual accomplishments throughout the year, but Tucker was also pleased with the overall team effort this season.

"In all of the years I have coached, this was the best team as far as improvement and performance level when you look at where we began and where we finished."

The Generals finished 8-1 and were the only team to defeat #1 ranked Lynchburg in a scored meet. Tucker noted that the team really came together at the end of the season. Eight out of the twelve team members ran personal records in the last or next to last race of the season.

The team is poised to have another strong season next year.

"We will lose both Charles and Lee [Parker] out of our top five, but I look to freshmen Matthew Brock and Doug Boyles along with junior Jim Gilreath to be strong contributors and help fill the void," said Tucker.

And don't forget Hannah. He led W&L in every race this season, and will return next year to try and top this year's effort.

"Coupled with Lynchburg losing their top two runners, the prospects for winning ODAC's may be brighter than ever."

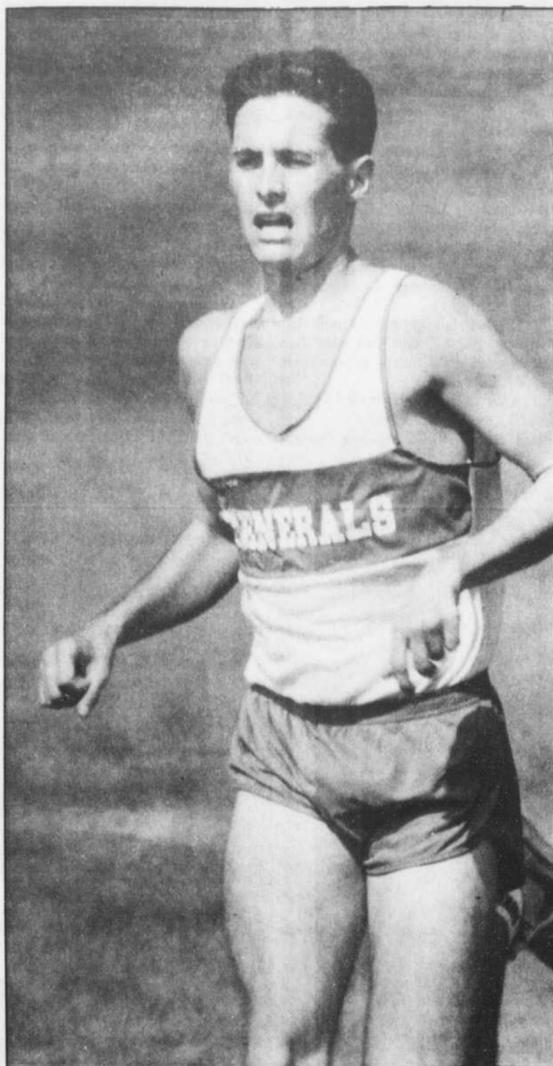


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Junior Bo Hannah runs all alone ahead of the pack in a meet earlier this year. Hannah, along with senior Charles Edwards, ran a personal-best race in the NCAA Championship meet in Newport News, Va.

Men's swimming rips VMI, avenges remarks

By Sean O'Rourke
 Staff Reporter

Two weekends ago, the Washington & Lee men's swimming team opened its season with three successive meets, two against Allegheny and one against Centre in the W&L Dual Meet Invitational.

The outcomes of those meets sent out mixed signals as to the type of season the Generals were going to have. The team opened on Friday against powerhouse Allegheny, losing 119-67. W&L returned on Saturday to trounce Centre 134-42. The Generals then met Allegheny again on Sunday losing again, but by a more respectable score of 123-79.

Despite the roller coaster scores, coach Page Remillard was upbeat about his team's performance.

"I was pleased with how we performed. We swam well, and if this is a starting point, it's a great one."

It was especially great for Doug Brown, Andrew Pearson, and John Rowe. Brown led the way with five wins in the three meets, and he scored a meet-high 53 points.

Pearson followed with four wins, and Rowe, only a freshman, added three.

Remillard wanted his team spirited when the Generals took on VMI in a meet last night. Remillard said the Keydets made some negative remarks about W&L's swimming team.

"We can't be too pumped up for this meet," he exclaimed prior to last night's meet. "Their comments in their school newspaper were uneducated, and therefore, wrong."

The Generals definitely proved the Keydets to be wrong with a convincing 137-67 drubbing of their in-town rivals. W&L was again led by Brown, Pearson and Rowe. The trio was responsible for seven wins.

The win brings the Generals to an even 2-2 mark going into break.

Women's swimming nips Centre, readies for SBC

By Erin McKinney
 Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team had a promising showing at their first official meet of the 1991-92 season back on Nov. 23 and 24.

The Generals hosted the first annual Dual Meet Challenge against Allegheny and Ithaca, both of whom are nationally ranked, and Centre, who offered an evenly matched team both in skill and numbers.

The Generals beat Centre 95-87 behind junior Claire Dudley. Dudley won the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke.

First year coach Kiki Jacobs was impressed by Dudley's performance. "She had some really great

strokes," Jacobs said.

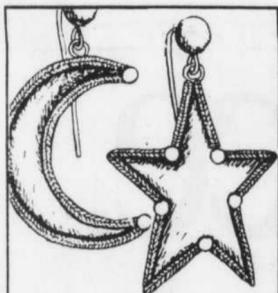
Freshman Susan Fisher also won twice. She won the 200-yard backstroke and the 400-yard individual medley.

W&L also got strong showings from seniors Jodi Herring and Louise Adamson, sophomores Kari May and Jeanette Burgess, and freshmen Stacy Cofield and Brandi Henderson.

Allegheny and Ithaca both topped the Generals soundly, but the Generals displayed some strong individual performances.

Cofield took first in the 100-yard freestyle on Friday and Fisher won the same race against Allegheny.

The Generals will next swim in the Cy Twombly Pool against Sweet Briar on Dec. 10. The meet, which opens the Old Dominion Athletic Conference season, starts at 7 p.m.



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