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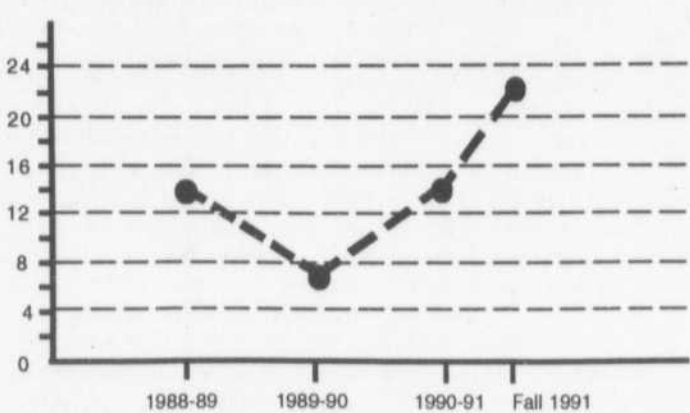
IFC President Greg Hicks said he supports the resolution, in part because he said SAC did not even consider the IFC's recommendation that Delt be placed on critical probation after chapter members destroyed walls and a brick bar in the house.

Three fraternity presidents volunteered to draft the final wording of the resolution after February break. The IFC plans to present it to President Wilson and SAC Wednesday Feb. 26, but President Wilson said Monday he expects to rule on the appeal next week.

President Wilson can either uphold SAC's decision or send the case back to SAC with a recommendation to reduce the penalty.

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According to recent information from the national Centers for Disease

Control, about 30,000, or one in 400, American college students have tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. At that rate, W&L could expect to have as many as five HIV-positive students on campus.

Since the university began offering confidential HIV-antibody testing in 1988, the Student Health Center has administered 57 tests, Horton said. More students requested testing from the infirmary this fall than have been tested in any other single year.

Horton said all of the tests have had negative results.

Horton emphasized that the health center's negative results do not mean that no W&L students are HIV-positive. She said some students may

not know they are infected and others may have been tested elsewhere.

According to the "University Policy on AIDS," any student or employee who knows or suspects he is HIV-positive should notify a university physician, counselor or a member of the Dean of Students office.

However, Horton said there is "no guarantee" that an HIV-positive student or employee would reveal his condition.

The policy also says that HIV-positive individuals are obligated "ethically and legally" to conduct themselves responsibly in order to protect other members of the W&L community.

information about HIV-positive individuals must be kept confidential. Horton said the names of HIV-positive individuals would be revealed to the administration only if it became necessary for the health of the infected individuals or other members of the community.

Although she cannot disclose the names of infected students, Horton said she would inform administrators and the student body about the number of HIV cases on campus.

"I would find it reasonable to report that we have had positive test results, if we have," Horton said. "I would use the opportunity to let people know that better prevention and education were necessary."



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This week's scores:

Wrestling - 5th at Mid-South Invit.
Basketball - RC 98, W&L 76;
WVC 86, W&L 74
Women's Swimming - W&L 137, BC 25
Men's track - at VMI relays
Women's track - at Va. Tech

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Next week's games:

Basketball - 2/8 at Guilford, 2/12 (h) LC
Wrestling - 2/9 at Va. College Meet
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2/8 at Mary Washington
Men's Swimming - 2/8 at MWC

Brown caps winning month with Phi honor

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Staff Reporter



Senior Doug Brown swims his way to another win in a meet earlier this year.

It has been quite a month for senior swimmer Doug Brown.

He was honored by his teammates and coaches in the last home meet of his career against Georgetown. He has been the catalyst behind the Generals' 3-2 mark for the month.

He can add one more feather in his cap. He is *The Ring-tum Phi* Athlete of the Month for January.

"It caught me by surprise," said Brown.

But not much has been surprising for Brown this month. He's been the model of consistency for the Generals. He had three-win meets against the College of Charleston and Georgetown.

He also had two-win meets against Buffalo State and Swarthmore. Brown will admit that this has his best year.

"I'm swimming consistently faster in the dual meets this year," he said. "I think it's going to help me swim faster and score better at nationals."

Coach Page Remillard is just

as confident in Brown.

"It will be [his best year]," said Remillard. "A swimmer doesn't have his best year until his last year, and this is Doug's last year."

However, Brown's been working up to this year for the past three years. He made a commitment to himself to succeed and has stuck to it.

It's determination that keys Brown's success.

"My strongest attribute as a swimmer is that I'm determined," said Brown. "I do what it takes to win. You can't beat me in the first few laps, you have to beat me in the last lap."

This determination has made Brown the team leader. It's a role he doesn't shy away from, but one he believes where mere words can't do the job.

"I'm not very outspoken. Talk is cheap," he said. "I like to lead with my efforts and results. I also like to find motivational material that will inspire the guys. Little phrases or speeches that will add to what I'm trying to show them."

There is a price to pay for

being so focused, though, and Remillard says that he hopes Brown doesn't pay that price for being so focused on swimming.

"Doug's the type of guy you don't tell 'you can't do it' because he'll go out and do it. For me as a coach, it's a pleasure to work with an athlete like that, but there are other things at college that you miss out on with that kind of drive."

"I think Doug could have been a little less focused on swimming and still done a great job. But like I said, he has that drive to do everything he sets his mind to. That is an honorable trait that will probably work for Doug, but it may not work for everyone else."

The year isn't over for Brown and his teammates. There are still two dual meets to go and then the championships and nationals. This is the time where Brown believes the team will start to peak.

"Coach times everything perfectly here. The entire team will start to swim much faster and will be at peak performance come the championships," said Brown.

However, there is also one personal goal Brown has yet to

achieve. John Hudson has two long-standing records in the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyles. Brown believes that they will be his by the end of the year.

"Yes, I can break them, and yes, I will break them," he said emphatically.

Remillard believes Brown can do it, but the records are not a main goal.

"It's not even a conscious thought. I believe he can do it, but he has to understand that wanting it has nothing to do with breaking it," he said.

For right now, though, Brown and the Generals must get ready for a very tough dual meet at Mary Washington this Saturday. Remillard sees this as the meet that either brings W&L out of the shadows of other teams, or leave them behind.

"It's not a must-win, but it would help to solidify our program's reputation among other Division III teams. The loser will have to wait a year for another opportunity," said Remillard.

And if Brown maintains his Athlete of the Month numbers, the Generals won't have long to wait.

Hot hands drop hoops

By JAY PLOTKIN
Phi Sports Editor

More and more, the 1991-92 basketball season looks like it holds a stacked deck against the Washington and Lee Generals.

Every team the Generals play has a player or group of players who have their best games of the year — against the Generals.

In Bridgewater's 78-71 win, Jeff Berry had a career-day. Early in the year, Emory & Henry's Ross Kirtley scored a career-high 32 points. The latest addition to the list is the entire Roanoke College team.

In the Maroons' 98-76 win over the Generals Saturday, Michael Thorton scored a career-best 21 points, and the Maroons shot an incredible 73 percent for the game.

The Generals watched in amazement as the Maroons missed just five first half shots, shooting 78 percent. Hillary Scott made all six of his shots and Roanoke led 43-27 at halftime. In contrast, the Generals shot 36 percent in the half.

W&L started strong, getting out to a 12-6 lead on the strength of two Bryan Watkins three-point shots and four points from Mark Melton, but Roanoke responded with a 23-3 run, keyed by seven points from Joe Schrantz.

The Generals got within 10 points in the final minute, but

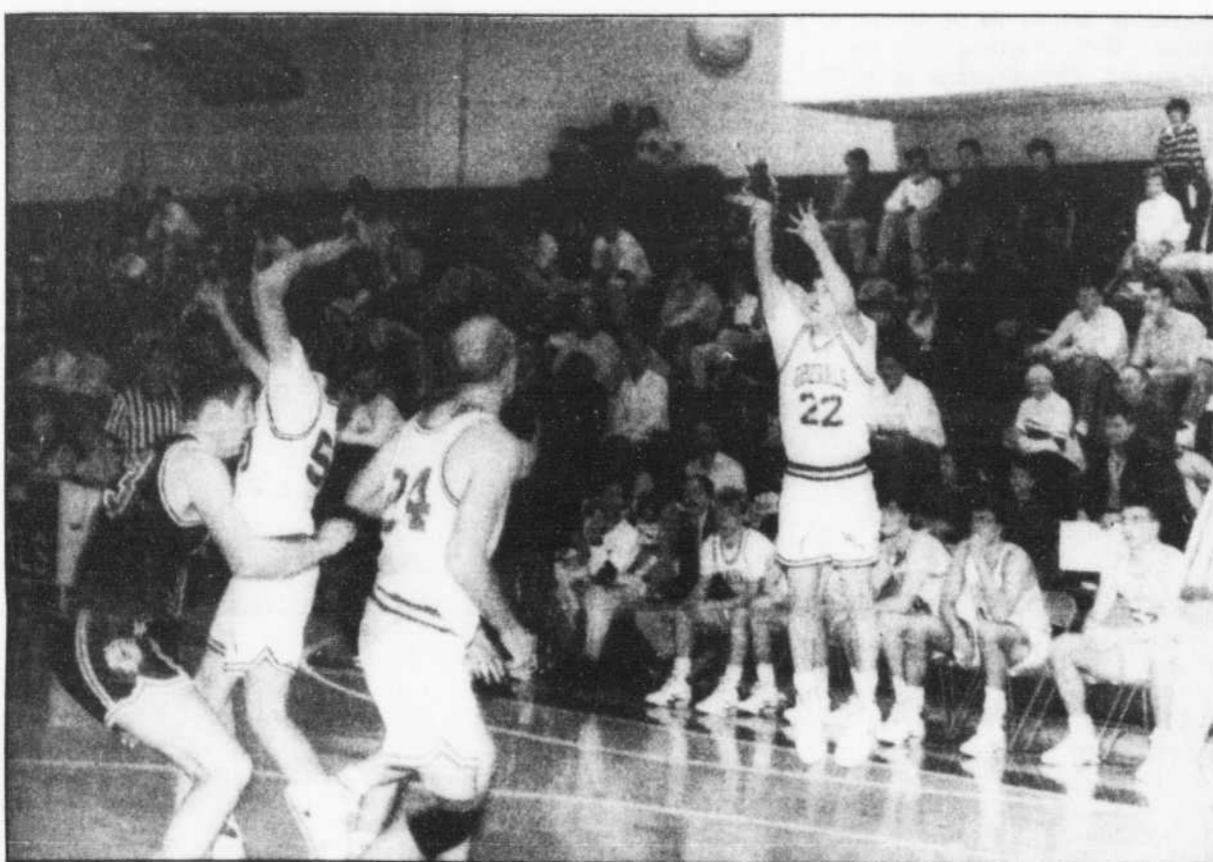


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Junior Bryan Watkins knocks down one of his team-leading 49 three-pointers against Hampden-Sydney last week. The Generals are the leading three-point bombers in the ODAC.

Thorton hit two three-pointers to send the Maroons into the locker room with momentum.

W&L got as close as 14 points in the second half, but the Maroons controlled things and coasted to the 98-76 win. Paul Baker led W&L with 17 points, all in the second half. Watkins finished with 16, Bryan Brading had 13 and Melton 11.

The loss caused head coach Verne Canfield to make some changes in the offense.

"We're going to go with four players on the perimeter and one underneath the basket," he said. "Our strength is on the perimeter, so we'll try to focus on our strength."

Despite being in a battle for eighth place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference standings, the Generals are far and away the best three-point shooting team. W&L made 11 against Roanoke and has made seven or more in 11 of its 18 games.

Watkins is W&L's top gun. He has made 49 three-pointers. Freshman John Rogers has made 27, and Brading has made 21.

The Generals are 5-13 and 2-10 in the ODAC, and Canfield thinks the team still has a good shot at making the ODAC tournament. The top eight teams qualify.

"We have games left with the two teams we're competing with," he said. "We need to keep working hard and finish as strong as we can."

Soderberg places second at Mid-South

By JACOB KIMBALL
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The Washington and Lee wrestling team did not take a full team to the Mid-South tournament in Jefferson City, Tennessee, but the Generals still had a strong showing.

Findlay College of Ohio captured the team championship, and W&L finished 5th.

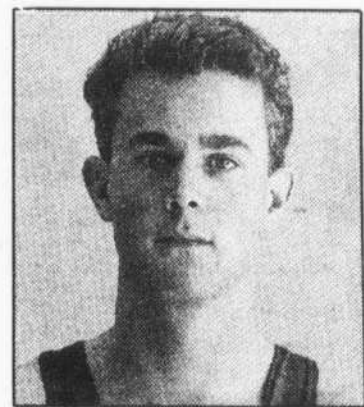
For the second consecutive tournament, senior Peer Soderberg swept through his first two matches to reach the finals in his 177-pound weight class.

In the final, he led Steve Donat of Finlay 3-2 heading into the second period, yet found the match knotted at three before the final period. Soderberg took the lead by one and looked to finish first, yet in the final seconds, Donat scored the crucial points that led to his 5-4 victory.

Soderberg hopes to break his string of bad luck in the next tournament, but his opponent from the W&L championships two weeks ago will be present.

"He has been very close to winning, so he is a little disappointed," said head coach Gary Franke. "But that will just make him work harder because he has another challenge this week."

Also placing for the Generals was Eric Shirley, a member of the promising freshman crop. Shirley started the day with a loss, but turned things around in the consolation



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He beat John White 6-3 to get to the third-place match and beat Rob Fierro 5-3 with two takedowns.

Besides Soderberg, the squad traveling to Tennessee was comprised of freshmen. Shirley was joined by Adam Williams, John Cherry, Beau King, and Lea Abercrombie, and both Williams and King recorded wins during the tournament.

Franke was pleased with the freshmen.

"Most of them are only a match away from placing, and they show some real potential to start doing so," he said.

Next up for the Generals in the State Championship tournament in Norfolk this Saturday.

"It will be a real competitive tournament," Franke said. "Longwood and Newport News Apprentice look to be the frontrunners, so we will try and stay up with them."

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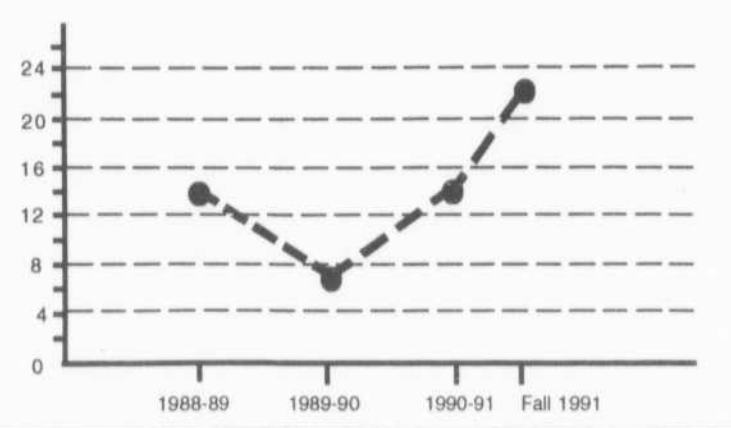
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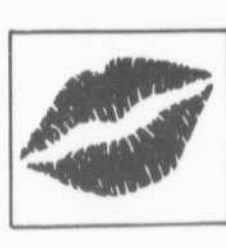
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Control, about 30,000, or one in 400, American college students have tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. At that rate, W&L could expect to have as many as five HIV-positive students on campus. Since the university began offering confidential HIV-antibody testing in 1988, the Student Health Center has administered 57 tests, Horton said. More students requested testing from the infirmary this fall than have been tested in any other single year. Horton said all of the tests have had negative results. Horton emphasized that the health center's negative results do not mean that no W&L students are HIV-positive. She said some students may

not know they are infected and others may have been tested elsewhere. According to the "University Policy on AIDS," any student or employee who knows or suspects he is HIV-positive should notify a university physician, counselor or a member of the Dean of Students office. However, Horton said there is "no guarantee" that an HIV-positive student or employee would reveal his condition. The policy also says that HIV-positive individuals are obligated "ethically and legally" to conduct themselves responsibly in order to protect other members of the W&L community.

According to the policy, information about HIV-positive individuals must be kept confidential. Horton said the names of HIV-positive individuals would be revealed to the administration only if it became necessary for the health of the infected individuals or other members of the community. Although she cannot disclose the names of infected students, Horton said she would inform administrators and the student body about the number of HIV cases on campus. "I would find it reasonable to report that we have had positive test results, if we have," Horton said. "I would use the opportunity to let people know that better prevention and education were necessary."



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The EC forgot to follow the rules

The handling of "Big Four" elections this year by the Executive Committee and Voting Regulations Board has been slipshod and unconstitutional at best, but lacking practical accountability to students, not much can be done.

Last week we commented on the sparse notices placed on campus by the VRB to make students aware of election deadlines. The VRB made an effort to correct that mistake by putting up posters reminding students to vote on Monday, but the damage, after all, was done. The posters essentially reminded students to vote for Josh MacFarland or Josh MacFarland for EC president.

MacFarland was elected EC president by 792 of the 1,412 voting students, a majority, but only 56 percent. Of course, leaders have been elected by narrower margins. But who did MacFarland narrowly beat? Mickey Mouse?

No, actually the official runner-up was senior B.J. League, whose name 260 students wrote in. League ran against MacFarland because no one else did.

Maybe one of the other almost 2,000 students might have filed a petition to run, but did not know about the deadline. How could just anyone have known? Unlike MacFarland, most students do not sit on the EC.

There is an answer to this problem. The student constitution demands that any variance from the usual election dates be published in every *Phi* in February. But EC President Giles Perkins said he saw that mandate as more of a guideline than a requirement.

The constitution does not say anything about guidelines. All students should be informed, and the writers of the constitution recognized the *Phi* as an efficient means of notification.

Obviously, the constitution intends that elections be held after February. If scheduling absolutely necessitates a February election, early publicity is even more important. But neither the EC nor the VRB published adequate notice of election dates in the *Phi*.

The constitution was shrugged off as an inconvenient set of guidelines, and as a result, a presidential hopeful was kept out of the race. Consider: 260 students wrote "B.J. League" on their ballots. Not bad for a last-minute word-of-mouth and poster blitz. How many would have voted for League if her name had been on the ballot? Two hundred sixty votes for League and 318 "invalid" votes for president indicate not a radical, anti-MacFarland movement, but a reasonable cross-section of students who would at least like a choice.

Washington and Lee students are not known for their tendency to rally to a cause. If EC members are waiting for disgruntled students to storm the University Center demanding a new election, they had best not wait long. W&L students, on the other hand, express themselves best when they do not express themselves, and that is exactly what happened Monday. About 44 percent of voting students did not vote for MacFarland. That's a W&L statement.

The EC is now sailing on the smooth waters of silent dissent. It will not act, as elected officials do not respond well to silent criticism.

We do not claim that MacFarland will not make a good EC president or that he is not qualified for the job. Our objection is to a student government that has become so distant from its constituency and so insensitive to student apathy, that it no longer fears being held accountable by students. The student government believes it can go about its business, interpreting the constitution in whatever way is convenient, and no one, except sometimes the *Phi*, will raise a fuss.

And maybe they are right.

Quote of the Week

Why have a snack when you can have a meal?

— A larger-than-average male student trying out a new pick-up line on a woman talking to a smaller male student

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Don't vote! Our system is a farce

MY VIEW

By Niall MacKenzie, '93

Because the people who own the United States have never much liked the idea of democracy, we have no such thing. Our political apparatus and its obedient servant, the media, are tailored to keep the American people as ignorant of and unengaged in public decision-making as the people possibly can be. For the most part, they succeed. But every once in a while some issue comes up that cannot be skirted; much to the irritation of our corporate owners and their lackeys in politics and journalism, the people do have to be made aware of a few issues of national concern. Supreme Court nominations are one example. Presidential elections are another.

Voting in American elections is no longer merely a waste of time, it is immoral! It lends an aura of legitimacy to a totally corrupt system.

Generally speaking, the truth about anything is always embarrassing to the government and the overall system it works for. Plainly, the truth can never be confronted. So, last fall we were all forced to endure the Uncle Thomas Show; and now, here we go again. Right on cue. It's flip-a-coin for president time, and the lurid daytime-drama-like preoccupations which will crowd out all meaningful discussion in the coming months are already being whipped-up by the media.

A supermarket tabloid called *The Star* got the fun off to a start, weighing-in recently with a riveting story about Bill Clinton's alleged colorful history of extramarital amusements. Outwardly indignant but inwardly grateful, the mainstream press was quick to lap up this gift from its maligned colleague. There ensued a general flurry of excited chatter about propriety and privacy and the rest of it — with a good deal of, "Do you think he *really*, you know, Miss America?" thrown in.

It is hypocritical for mainstream media organizations to condemn rags like *The Star* for their contemptible sleazemongering. For these rags are only taking to its logical extreme the very tone of public discourse which the mainstream media has set. The race for nominations has, to date, been characterized by a general swapping of brainless catch-phrases ("twinkie economics") and childish outbursts ("jumping all over my you-know-what"). This insults both the people's intelligence and the lofty tradition of American political discourse. Sadly, as competition for the presidency heats up, we can only expect this trend to intensify, with the added spice of some more irrelevant personal innuendoes. All this is part of a general scramble by the manufacturers and dispensers of opinion to divert attention away from the reality of our political life. U.S. politics has degenerated into a mephitic kindergarten, completely empty of meaning or dignity.

What to do? Electronic media have certainly abetted the forces of diversion in public discourse. America's attention span is presently something like 9.8 seconds, just the length of an average campaign-trail "sound-bite." We might try to control the damage by banning all paid political ads and giving all candidates equal time to express their views on radio and TV. This might force them to convey some impression of what and how well — and if — they actually *think*. We might also join the civilized world in limiting election campaigns to eight weeks, in hopes of preventing the worst excesses of smearing and trivia-hyping which currently prevail in our carnival-like presidential lotteries.

These suggestions are insanely optimistic and, even if they were not, they are limited in their potential to actually affect so decadent a state of affairs as this one. If you really want to do something, don't vote. Voting in American elections is no longer merely a waste of time, it is immoral. It lends an aura of legitimacy to a totally corrupt and undemocratic system.

Half the people currently eligible to vote have clued in... and don't. If that proportion can be swelled to 75 or 80 or 90 percent, then the collapse of the American state's legitimacy will be ostentatious and undeniable. Its imperial directives can be ignored, as they should be, and its political officers can be dismissed, as they should be. And then maybe, just maybe, the American people can come together to rethink and re-order a government which has never, in recent memory, been by or for them, but only of.



Queries both to guide you and to clear Swann's mind

LET IT RIDE

By Chris Swann

Being the English scholar that I am, I've been pondering the mysteries of life over the past few weeks. Like, what is the mystical force that removes an article of clothing from my possession every time I do my laundry? The keys to the universe, as Bruce Springsteen says, can be found in the engine of an old parked car, so maybe I'll find something in these musings.

A friend of mine was asked to describe a Jewish nose, and he pointed at mine. Gee, wouldn't my old-fashioned Protestant grandparents be thrilled. "All right, where did your nose come from? Who did it? It was Uncle Bernie, wasn't it? I knew he was Jewish!" Perhaps I'll touch off a minor religious war amidst my family. And what exactly is a Jewish nose? Call me *meshugenah*, but I thought it was a mean stereotype directed at Barbara Striesand.

I want to print something from the "greatest writer of English literature," John Milton:

They who to states and governors of the commonwealth direct their speech, high court of parliament, or wanting such access in a private condition, write that which they foresee may advance the public good, I suppose them, as at the beginning of no mean endeavor, not a little altered and moved inwardly in their minds; some with doubt of what will be the success, others with fear of what will be the censure; some with hope, others with confidence of what they have to speak. — Areopagitica.

And that is the opening sentence. What would your teachers do if you wrote this? Run it through a grammar checker: "extremely lengthy, sentence fragments," perhaps? My computer diagnosed the writer as a schizophrenic paranoiac and called Bellevue. I had to convince the guys in the white coats at my door that the writer had been dead for over 300 years. Those straitjackets are scary.

And why did Darth Vader have to be Luke's father? Did Luke have some sort of Oedipal complex and want to off dad? He already flirted incestuously with Princess Leia. And why did Vader have to wear that stupid outfit like black Kevlar? Sure, every time you asked that in grade school, some fat kid with glasses said it was because Vader fell into a volcano and needed it

for a life support system. And where did he hear that?

Are the Star Trek guys getting older, or is it just me? In the last movie I kept waiting for Spock's ears to fall off or McCoy's dentures to fall out. And William Shatner — would somebody please give him an acting lesson! "Bones, this... man is (head jerk) DEAD. Givemearreading. Spock, is there... anything suspicious on the planet?" This guy can make Steven Seagal look like an accomplished Shakespearian.

I've been pondering the great mysteries of life over the past few weeks... Why can't we all be sophomores and live in a pre-CRC world?

I think cartoonists are the sickest people on the planet. Charlie Brown has this obsession with a red-headed girl we never see. It's probably mom, who, incidentally, never appears either. Are there no adults in this world? There are none except those voices that sound like Jimi Hendrix feedback played in reverse through a megaphone. And have you seen those people DANCE? Take a look at Garfield — does Jon have a life outside of this fat, lasagna-eating cat? And nobody can tell me that Odie doesn't have serious problems. How about Calvin — he's been six years old for the past decade. He makes Dennis the Menace look well-adjusted. I'm not even going to mention Gary Larson.

Would somebody explain to me why there are no *caramel* Twix candy bars in the Co-op anymore? Oh sure, I can have Oreo Cookie, Peanut Butter, or (shudder) Chocolate Fudge. What are they trying to do, get me to buy another brand of candy bar? My snack of choice, vanished. Life is so unfair.

Why do freshmen always look completely lost? Why do seniors always look anxious around May? Why do both envy the other?

Why, oh why, do I go to the Palms? Let's examine this alcohol concept. About 10,000 years ago, some prehistoric neanderthal grew some wheat, stomped on it with his muddy feet, boiled it in water for days with some yeast and drank it. Anybody want a beer?

Why can't we all just be sophomores and live in a pre-CRC world?

Advice from General Lee for the CRC

MY VIEW

By James Lake

You know the PC-types have gone too far when *Time* starts busting on 'em.

A cover story in the Feb. 3 issue of that magazine brought home how far the forces of political correctness have taken this country.

"The Fraying of America," moaned *Time* as it launched a self-proclaimed "scorching look at political correctness, social breakdown and the culture of complaint." Readers more accustomed to *Time*'s customary not-quite-conservative views no doubt were shocked to read gems such as this:

Americans are obsessed with the recognition, praise and, when necessary, the manufacture of victims. ... The range of victims available 10 years ago — blacks, Chicanos, Indians, women, homosexuals — has now expanded to include every permutation of the halt, the blind and the short, or, to put it correctly, the vertically challenged.

Wow! Is Ayn Rand really dead? Or is she hiding out somewhere with a modem, using it to sneak stuff into *Time*'s computers?

No, probably not. What is happening, one can only hope, is that PC-stormtroopers are waking up to the evil they have wrought. Even those with a permanent tilt to port must see something ridiculous in a banner recently unfurled at the University of Michigan: "I used to be a white American but I gave it up in the interest of humanity."

Hopefully, whatever good sense flowed into *Time*'s editorial offices this month will soon waft its way to the Valley of Virginia. With W&L's harassment policy under review by the Student Affairs Committee and the Confidential Review Committee, this would be an ideal time for our school to break away from the PC pack.

There's a lot wrong with the current harassment policy, but *Time*'s article points to one partic-

ular flaw: its glorification of "victim" groups. W&L's policy lashes out at, among other things, conduct of a "racial, ethnic, religious or sexual nature" that has the "purpose or effect" of "adversely affecting an individual's quality of life."

I've never understood why W&L adopted this bureaucratic-sounding, group-based code, particularly since it supplanted a far simpler rule — a rule adopted by one of our founders and thus far more respected by students than something that reads like an import from the University of Michigan.

I'm referring, of course, to President Lee's simple rule that every student must be a gentleman.

How novel! How simple! But, oh, how incorrect!

Well, if we could — for a moment — forgive Lee for being a dead, white male, maybe we could see the virtue in his policy and why it should be restored as the standard for student conduct.

More than a century after Lee's presidency ended, W&L retains a commitment to courtesy. Of course this is not the school's only mission; W&L recognizes the importance of conveying information from faculty to students, and our school, like many others, performs that task ably.

But Lee's maxim reminds us of another W&L goal: teaching civility, a virtue valuable both for its own sake and because it makes life easier and, consequently, nourishes scholarship. For those reasons, W&L would be a far better place if we shelved the current policy in favor of a coeducational version of the instruction Lee gave nearly 13 decades ago: "Students, behave as ladies and gentlemen."

Among the greatest strengths of Lee's standard is that it doesn't list attributes, such as race or religion, that are protected. Such lists, though well intended, are laden with liabilities.

First, such lists stigmatize women and listed minorities by implying those persons are in need of special protection and are thus inferior to a benevolent, coddling majority.

Second, such lists deflect attention away from individuals and toward particular groups; this focus on groups implies the policy is designed to protect only members of those groups, not anyone who is harassed.

Third, such lists necessarily incite debate over who merits protection; the more important question — whether W&L students should behave like jerks — is neglected.

And, finally, such lists direct attention toward a symptom and away from the problem — ungentlemanly conduct. Remember, teaching civility is one of our school's central missions. In striving for that goal, Lee was telling his students to behave as gentlemen in all circumstances, not just when they might get caught "adversely affecting an individual's quality of life."

W&L students and employees must have the opportunity to express bold ideas without fear of reprisal. But that is not the only fear W&L must prevent: the school also cannot allow its students to live in fear of emotional harm. It is the university's duty to provide an academic setting free from harassment. Fortunately, free speech and freedom from fear can be protected without stigmatizing individuals, without bureaucratic codes and without trampling student autonomy.

And the restoration of Lee's maxim to a place of prominence would do more than that. Frequent reference to his advice would further one of this school's central missions — producing civil, courteous men and women.

Because requiring gentlemanly conduct would both protect current students from harassment and perpetuate W&L's legacy of honor and civility, I hope those reviewing the harassment policy will find a minute or two to consider Lee's simple advice — even though he is a dead, white male.

James Lake, '90, '94L, is a former associate editor of The Ring-tum Phi.

GENERAL NOTES

Election breaks the constitution

Members of the Student Body:
I am writing to express my concern regarding the Executive Committee elections held this past Monday, Feb. 10, 1992. I believe that the date of this election has been changed in a manner that is unacceptable in regards the student body constitution. The constitution, in reference to elections, states:

By the ninth Monday after January 1 of each year, a petition with the signatures of 150 students shall be required from every candidate for President, Vice President and Secretary of the Student Body. The election shall be held on the tenth Monday, and the runoff election on the Thursday of that week.

However, the constitution does provide for a change in election dates:

In January of each year, if the Executive Committee determines that the school schedule will interfere with winter or spring elections, on a two-thirds vote, the voting dates may be altered from that contained in this Constitution. Notice of such change shall be posted in February, and shall be published in every Ring-tum Phi issued during February that year.

Eminently obvious is that if the date of the election is changed, than ample notice, i.e., all four issues of *The Ring-tum Phi* issued in February, will announce this change. Again, the obvious conclusion is that the new date must be after February. This is certainly not what happened this year and why I therefore think that the election this past Monday was unconstitutional.

Given this irregularity in constitutional governance, I hereby ask the Executive Committee of Washington and Lee University to forfeit the results of this week's election and to reschedule a new election in accordance with the student body constitution. I also ask the students on the campus in Lexington to join me in this request. I ask this because I believe that nothing less than the self-governance of the W&L student body is at stake. We have a wonderful heritage of independence and self-rule. We take that upon ourselves by living with a certain set of rules, both in the constitution and the Honor Code. If we fail to live by the rules we set for ourselves, how can we possibly live in the rules imposed by society? How can we possibly ask others to believe in our word, which is, after all, only bound by the rules of honor we each individually provide for ourselves? So again, I ask you, A NEW ELECTION, PLEASE!

Ladies and gentlemen, one more word of warning, if you will permit me. Do not let this test of our student community relinquish your commitment to Washington and Lee. Rather, let it redouble your efforts to make W&L the best place it can be... the best place to be. Let this be your inspiration to make Washington and Lee the most wonderful place anybody associated with it can possibly think of.

With that, I leave you with thoughts of rectification, reconciliation and, next fall, matriculation.

Sincerely,
Niv Goldberg, '93
On Leave of Absence

Mackenzie tires irate law student

To the Editor:
I, for one, am sick and tired of reading Mr. Niall MacKenzie's smug, left-wing potshots in this space. While the *Phi* is indeed a forum for the expression of student views, it is assuredly not a bulletin board for gratuitous personal attacks, such as those which appeared in the two most recent issues of this publication.
Mr. MacKenzie evidently revels in his self-

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proclaimed glory as the liberal "campus wit." (Unfortunately, he has a lot of competition.) What self-deluded arrogance he showed in attacking a *Phi* story before it was published! His deficient omniscience was happily exposed by the *Phi*'s objective coverage of Mrs. Thatcher's speech, which appeared the same day as his cocksure prediction. Mr. MacKenzie must, no doubt, be red-faced at such a glaring demonstration of his lack of insight.

As for the merits (if any) of Mr. MacKenzie's latest diatribe: the *Spectator* is merely engaging in something which is apparently foreign to Mr. MacKenzie; humor. Mr. MacKenzie's feeble sense of humor seems to be confined to shrill attacks on "the way things are." Like a frustrated child who cannot have his way, he tilts at windmills, hoping the world will turn in his direction instead of that which the rest of us have chosen.

Mr. MacKenzie takes perverse pleasure in using strident language to further his marginal viewpoints. He hopes to "prick our conscience" by reminding us of the alleged misery of the fraternity maintenance staffs. I am certain that his condescending words have done little to invoke a sense of remorse in anyone. Certainly the maintenance staffs work hard at their jobs; at the same time, fraternity members are entitled to receive full value for what they spend.

Let us not forget, Mr. MacKenzie, that limousine liberals like you are constantly shrieking about economic inequality. At the same time, you enjoy a significantly higher standard of living than those you claim to care about. It is the height of hypocrisy to demand that the *Spectator* check its sense of humor at the door, while you reap the benefits of the fraternity system yourself.

The *Spectator* is a harmless and humorous magazine. Recognize it as such, lighten up and enjoy it.

Yours, etc.,
Mitch Neurock, '92L

YAWP article bashes Sig Ep

The following letter was sent to the Phi in response to an article in YAWP magazine.

To Bill Alberque:
I have read your article "Fraternity 'Renaissance' or 'Swan Song'" that was printed in a recent issue of the *YAWP* that is periodically distributed on our campus. I enjoyed having Democratic and liberal views in print until your story unpleasantly crossed my path.

First of all, many houses on campus may seem as if they were "in trouble" of closing. One of the factors that you seemed to be referring to that could lead to the end of a chapter was pledge class size. I agree that it can influence whether or not a house will "fold," but I think that quality also plays an important role. Many fraternities on campus have gotten quality pledge classes while receiving quantity at the same time, and they have remained one of your "thirteen hot-spots." Of the three houses you named in your article, Sigma Phi Epsilon needed a large, strong pledge class most of all. Well, sir, they succeeded. However, we are still hearing derogatory remarks made toward us. For instance, our pledge class act was booed at Lip Synch; some of the people that didn't think Sig Ep would or should be around much longer are thinking again.

As you have probably noticed, I have a lot of pride in my fraternity; the rest of the pledges and brothers do, too. I think that we have reason to be proud, but you are entitled to your own opinion. Let me ask you how you formed your opinions. Do you know any other Sig Eps besides

John Flippen? Do you know any of the pledges? My pledge brothers were not thrilled upon reading your article, as I am sure my friends in the other two houses you mentioned were not.

I, sir, also consider myself a Democrat, and a liberal. However, I consider myself to be open-minded, and I try not to prejudge others. It is a fault that everyone has, but some do not publish such views for all W&L to see. Be careful, you may even be friends with someone that you not only get along with, but even respect; he may be a Sig Ep.

Concerned,
John W. Cox
Sigma Phi Epsilon,
Virginia Epsilon Chapter

YAWP writer clarifies position

To the Editor:
Several weeks ago, an article of mine was published in the new magazine, *YAWP*. This article has caused a good deal of confusion and consternation. I wish to clarify several points.

1. Regarding Sig Ep, my remarks were meant to highlight two things:

a. Sig Ep's class of 1992 has shown remarkable leadership qualities for the past four years. Now it's graduating. Where do they go from here?

b. Over the past two years, justice has come down hard upon bottle throwers and bar disassemblers. I still find it remarkable that the administration's own "angel of death" passed over Sig Ep after last year's shotgun and international drug trafficking incidents. Is it really so outlandish to suggest that the class of '92's leadership quotient had something to do with it? You make the call.

2. Regarding Phi Delt, sorry, fellas, but the stain of the Scarborough incident has yet to wash off. We're the last class that will remember the incident itself, and, quite frankly, it has yet to be fully exorcised. Perhaps nobody noticed Comer's disappearance that night, I really don't know. I don't think that new, extraordinary action needs to be taken, but I would like to hear what the senior Phi Delt think of the whole thing; after all, it is they who have been cheated of her company for the past four years. Her memory may go with us, but the stain remains firmly on Phi Delt.

3. Several houses have started with the closed party business. I didn't name a particular name so that everyone would have a different idea as to what particular fraternity I meant. Judging from the reactions, it worked. Now let's open up those damn parties again.

4. I consider myself neither a Democrat nor a liberal. While I am grateful to *YAWP* for publishing my (I thought complementary) views on fraternities, I must reiterate my ideological distance. I remain, as I've always been, a political and economic hard-line conservative.

Sincerely,
William P. Alberque

Traveller editor responds to job

To those crazy guys and gals at the *Spectator*:
In response to your "If You Want the Answers" advertisement in your latest thought-provoking issue, I have only one thing to say: "Up your butt with a coconut."

Hugs and kisses,
Alex Ruskell
Former Co-Editor of *The Traveller*

Ariel

Ariel, W&L's literary magazine, is now accepting submissions for its upcoming spring issue. Undergraduate, alumni, staff and law student submissions are welcome. The deadline is March 9. Send all submissions to Carol Calkins' office. The winter edition of *Ariel* is coming out on Valentine's Day.

NOW

"Women's Studies and 'Political Correctness'" will be the subject of Professor Martha Evans' presentation at the Rockbridge Valley National Organization of Women meeting Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the R.E. Lee Church library. Professor Evans has lived in Lexington for 17 years, is a professor of French and coordinator of Women's studies at Mary Baldwin College. She has recently published a book, *Fits and Stats*, about hysteria in France. NOW invites the W&L community to join them for the talk and discussion.

Calyx News

The *Calyx* is now accepting senior pictures. We are also accepting candid photos from the general campus population. Bring them to the *Calyx* office in the University Center.

Bow Hunting

Billy Stockton, a Montana guide, will be at the Lexington Moose Lodge on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss bow hunting. Admission is free and all are welcome. The Moose Lodge is located on Rt. 251 South on the left, just past the golf course right before the turn to Zollman's Pavilion.

Amnesty

Amnesty International meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in Newcomb 7 beginning the first week following break. A movie/pizza party has been scheduled for Feb. 28, from 5-7:30 p.m. in Woods Creek Apt. E2 and is open to anyone interested and willing to donate \$1-2 for food. On Feb. 25, we will decide which movie is to be shown and make concrete plans for a charity activity.

CD&P Winners

The Career Development and Placement Office is pleased to announce the winners of the drawing for the flamingoes publicizing Summer Opportunities Day. Would Brandi Henderson and Christine Hamlet please stop by the CD&P office. Ms. Lorig will give you the flamingoes. Congratulations!

Daffodil Days

As an American Cancer Society fundraiser, daffodils will be sold at \$4 for a bunch of 10. The money raised will pay for early detection brochures, pre-school anti-tobacco kits and to help pay for mammograms and lodging for patients undergoing treatment. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the orders on March 19. If you would like to order a flower or help distribute, call Kelly Fujiwara at 463-9378.

Lost

A pair of navy blue "Gortex" ski gloves have been lost. If found, please call 463-9312.

More Lost

W&L security has found a blue jeans jacket with a white lining, an extra small Banana Republic jacket with a set of keys in it and a yellow rain jacket with purple fishnet lining. These items can be claimed at the security office.

Writing Center

The Writing Center is open for winter term Tuesday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m. in Payne 2B. Students who want help with writing projects of any kind are encouraged to sign up or to stop by for an individual conference with a writing tutor. This semester we have double tutors available on Thursday nights.

Help Wanted

The Publications Board is now accepting applications for these positions for the 1992-93 academic year (*Ring-tum Phi* terms begin this spring): *Ariel* editor, *Calyx* editor, *Calyx* business manager, *Journal of Science* editor, *The Ring-tum Phi* editor and *The Ring-tum Phi* business manager. The board might appoint more than one person for any post. Apply by Feb. 26 with a resume and letter of interest to the Publications Board. Mail your application to board President Rick Peltz, P.O. Box 40, Lexington, or deliver to Carol Calkins in the University Center. Interviews are mandatory and will be held on March 2, from 8-11 p.m. You will be called to arrange a time. Call Rick at 464-3775 with any questions.

Get It Out

Need to get a message to the student body? Put it in the General Notes. 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 the General Notes.

Interviews and photos by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

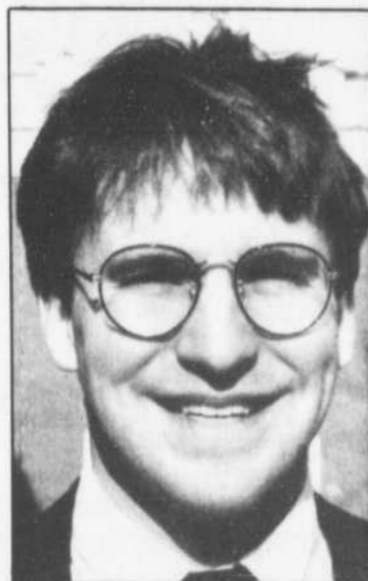
What are you doing to celebrate Safer Sex Week?



Kip Schaumloffel, '92, Cincinnati, Ohio - "I get none. So what?"



Susan Watkins, '92, Birmingham, Ala. - "Heading to Natural Bridge to hang out with high-schoolers."



Robert Wilson, '93, Tyler, Texas - "Loving people with latex."



Andrea Cardamone, '93, Gladwyne, Pa. - "Sex? What's that?"



Koren Washington, '92, Denver, Colo. - "I'm continuing to be an example to my peers."



Chris Smith, '92, Mercerville, N.J. - "She'll get none and like it."



Photo by Leigh Allen, The Ring-tum Phi

Chavis was first

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Staff Reporter

In winter term 1795, John Chavis became Liberty Hall Academy's first black student. But there wouldn't be another until 1966.

"Legend has it that Chavis was the object of [a bet between] two planters on whether or not an African could be educated, and the one who thought Chavis couldn't [be educated] lost," visiting Professor of History Ted DeLaney said Monday at a lecture honoring Black History Month.

After leaving the academy, Chavis became a widely respected Presbyterian minister, teaching at his own private school in North Carolina, DeLaney said.

DeLaney, who was a lab assistant in the W&L biology department from 1963 to 1983, spoke on "John Chavis: A Man Caught Between Freedom and Slavery."

In 1964, when the issue of integration was sweeping across the country, W&L remained an all-white university. The issue of desegregation was the hottest topic for debate in *The Ring-tum Phi*.

Dr. Edward L. Pinney, then associate professor of political science, said in a February 1964 issue of the *Phi* that "according to an official in the W&L administration, a Negro has never applied to the college." Pinney suggested that "were such an application made, it might serve as a catalyst to decision on the part of the Board of Trustees."

Some readers of the *Phi* claimed that since no black students ever applied to W&L, that there was no policy of segregation.

Ed Rodman, president of the student body at the all-black school Hampton, told the *Phi* in 1964 that "no high school graduate who is a Negro particularly wants to be a 'first' at a formerly all-white college."

Rodman said if he wanted to attend an integrated university his first choice would be a one that has already addressed the integration issue problem.

"Intelligent Negroes from any high school can gain admission to Dartmouth, Princeton, Bowdoin or Amherst, where they can pursue their academic interest without the pressure of white racists," he said.

DeLaney said many of the arguments used by the advocates of segregation were similar to those used to fight W&L's 1985 shift to coeducation. For example, he said, one argument against integration asked the question, "Where are they going to go to the bathroom?"

"They didn't know what to do," DeLaney said, "because at the time the South was still full of separate bathrooms for blacks and whites."

Finally, in 1966 two black students, the first since Chavis, enrolled at W&L.

But the fifteen black students of the class of 1974 were the first sizable class of black graduates.

"They were a very impressive group of students," Professor of Politics Lewis John, who was dean of students from 1969 to 1990 said. "They were determined to succeed."

John said the black students had some "initial social difficulties because of the relatively small black community in Lexington and the surrounding women's colleges."

Because black students were coming into a traditionally white-upper-middle-class university from historically black high schools, they had to struggle academically early on, according to John. He said that through extra studying they caught up with their white peers.

"All the students were admitted for their potential and ability," John said. "The addition of black students to W&L went fairly smoothly."

Today there are several organized opportunities for blacks, other ethnic minorities and whites to interact with one another, Associate Dean of Students Anecce McCloud said. She cited *Una Vox* as one example.

"I and several others thought we needed a paper on campus that filled the gap of bringing together news of diverse groups on campus," McCloud said, "especially those groups that may not be covered by other campus publications."

Honor wears a changing face

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS
Phi Entertainment Editor

"The Honor System is not ours to do with as we please; it is ours only to preserve."

— Sidney M. B. Coulling, '46, in the 1961 *Alumni Magazine*

The idea of honor has been around a long time at Washington and Lee, in fact since before Lee came here. But the meaning of honor has not always been the same.

Honor in the pre-Lee years was more like an honor among thieves, according to Professor of History and University Historian Taylor Sanders.

Sanders said there was basically a war between the faculty and the students, and the only way for the faculty to exercise control of student conduct was with pages and pages of rules. Those rules included no dancing, no nicknames and no leaving the campus without permission.

According to Ollinger Crenshaw's *General Lee's College*, the Washington College faculty in 1853 decided that conduct would count as one-sixth of a student's standing.

When Lee arrived in 1865, he ended the student-faculty battles.

Crenshaw said the once strict discipline of the college was replaced by "a gentlemanly, lofty code of conduct." Lee stressed the importance of acting honorably and having self-respect.

"The main thing that stops students from cheating," Sanders said, "is the mutuality of respect between the faculty and students, and the Honor System supports that."

But even Lee had some disciplinary problems with students. In 1870, two students were suspended for disorderly conduct and intoxication in a Lexington hotel. The students were not readmitted until they

signed a pledge stating they would avoid violating school law. The practice of the honor pledge had begun.

Sanders said that generally, the Honor System of Lee's time was very informal, and could be because of the small size of the student body. If a student was suspected of an honor violation, a student body meeting would be called in the chapel. If the students agreed he was guilty, he was forced to withdraw.

Sanders said the student body started electing officials about 1906 or 1907. As the school grew in size, the need for a more formal student government grew, and the Executive Committee came to be. By the 1920s, the EC as we know it existed.

Sanders said he once heard a story he believes set the tone for the Honor System.

Soon after Robert P. Doremus donated a large sum of money to W&L, Sanders says, Doremus found himself riding home on a train with a W&L student who had just been forced to withdraw for an honor violation. The young man expressed his regret to Doremus, who wrote a letter to the university president.

Doremus asked the president to accept the young man back at W&L, Sanders says. The president responded that he could not possibly do that, as the student body made its decision.

The codification of the Honor system is harder pin point. *The Ring-tum Phi* consulted numerous sources and none could give a date for the writing of the first *White Book*.

The strength of the Honor System has always surprised many visitors.

According to a January, 1925 *Alumni Magazine*, the Citadel football team was shocked to see the boxes of apples left unattended in the hallway of the gymnasium. The price of the apples was on a card and next to the card was a box in which to leave the money, and sure enough there was money in

the box.

In 1988, Michael J. McManus, father of a W&L student and a syndicated columnist, was pleasantly surprised to find that his son's lost wallet was returned to him with \$15 dollars in it, according to a February 1988 *Alumni Magazine*. McManus subsequently wrote about the honor and integrity of W&L in a column.

Sometimes belief in the Honor System spread to those who didn't attend W&L. *The Alumni Magazine* of September 1974 reported that the widow of a 1923 graduate had found and sent back a book her husband had checked out of the W&L library and subsequently lost — 50 years before.

However, apparent disregard for the Honor System by students does happen.

A June 1954 *Alumni Magazine* in 1954, 15 students were brought before the Executive Committee for involvement in a cheating ring.

The students had in their possession pass keys to all the offices in Newcomb, Payne, Washington, Robinson and Reid halls. They also had a key to the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's office where all the university keys were kept, including the key to the file cabinet where tests were kept until professors picked them up.

Almost all of the students involved withdrew voluntarily rather than stand trial, and all signed statements indicating their part in the cheating ring. A night watchman was also involved in the cheating ring and was immediately fired.

Throughout the years the Honor System has been tested and re-examined again and again.

"It might be that such an atmosphere of trust and honor is rarer in the world today than ever before," former university President Robert E.R. Huntley said. "If so, it is even more to be cherished and coveted among us here."

Black History Month Events

A video of the play "The Meeting," will be presented tonight in Room 203 of Reid Hall.

Tuesday Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: Aleana Carter will perform at the Lenfest Center.

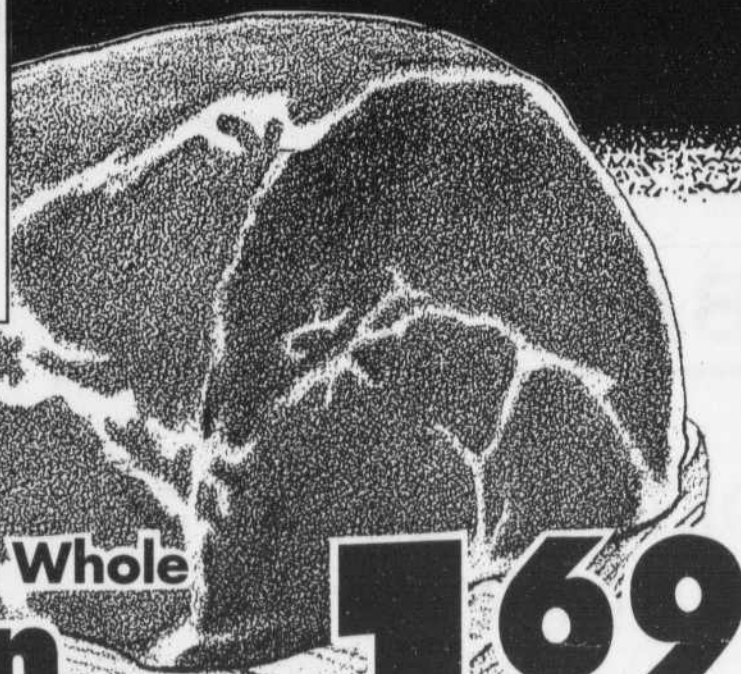
A series of broadcasts will air Fridays on WLUR-FM from 11:15-11:45 a.m.. The programs are "Malcolm X: The Prospects for Freedom" (Feb. 28); "James Farmer: The Freedom Ride" (March 6); "Jesse Jackson: The Use of Race to Confuse" (March 13); "Early African-American Presence in America and the Historic Role of the African Queens" (March 20); and "The Mugging of Black America" (March 27).

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The Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble will bring a new kind of performance to the Lenfest Center

Dance ensemble appeals to many

By LAKEISHA TOWNES
Phi Staff Reporter

If you've been hungering for a different kind of cultural excitement, check out the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, a modern dance group performing at the Lenfest Center on February 27.

Lenfest Theatre Director Michael Gorman said he is "very pleased that this group is coming." He said he feels the performance will appeal to a variety of interests. As evidence, he cited the speed with which the performance has sold out.

The dancers in the ensemble are students picked from New York City's Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, which was established in 1974. The center and the dance group are named for their creator and renowned choreographer, Alvin Ailey, who died in December 1989.

After Ailey's death, the group

looked to Sylvia Waters for direction. Ms. Waters, a former principal dancer for the company, has been the Artistic Director of the ensemble since its formation.

Although the company has been predominately black, Waters stands behind Ailey's goal of having an integrated company. Ailey wanted to avoid categorizing "any one kind of person," he said, because there is only "good dance and bad dance." And the ensemble exemplifies good dance.

The group may perform "Work-out," an athletic ballet choreographed by Louis Johnson and performed to contemporary music. Other pieces include "Isba," choreographed by Alvin Ailey, and "Hunger and Thirst," which was choreographed by Kathryn Posin.

Gorman said he hopes this performance "will be the beginning of more dance programs."



Cupid is coming

By NICOLE KEELER
Phi Staff Reporter

Contrary to popular marketing myth, Valentine's Day was not created by Hallmark in order to increase greeting card sales. Even die-hard romantics are often ignorant about the rich history of St. Valentine's Day.

The holiday harks back to ancient Rome, where teenage boys paid homage to the lusty god Lupercus by drawing the names of single girls from a box, according to Charles Panati's *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things*. The boy and girl were then considered a couple for the rest of the year, until the next drawing.

But when Christianity spread across the Roman Empire, the Catholic Church found that its newly converted populace wanted to hang onto its pagan ritual, Panati says. So the Pope decided to offer people a Christian substitute: the story of St. Valentine.

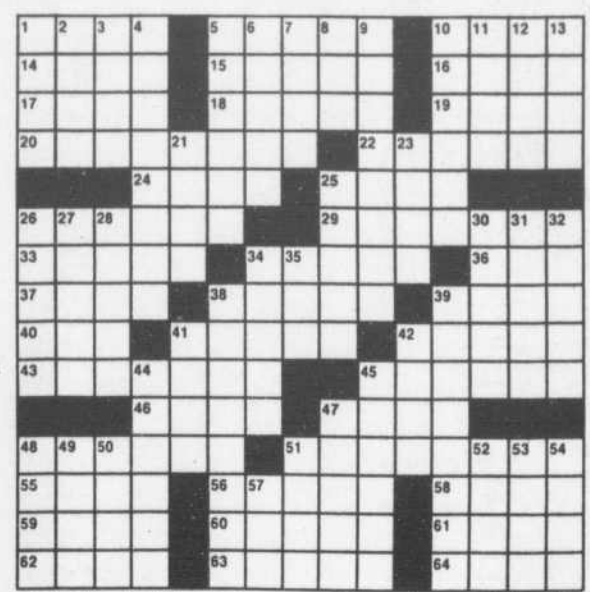
According to the church, Valentine was a young priest during the reign of the mad Roman Emperor Claudius, Panati says. Claudius believed that marriage and love weakened the fighting spirit of the people. And since he couldn't outlaw love, Claudius outlawed marriage.

Panati says that in response, the heartbroken Valentine secretly invited young lovers to his home, where he married them. When Claudius discovered this, he had Valentine arrested. While he was in jail, Valentine fell in love with the prison keeper's daughter, Asterius. Knowing that his martyrdom was inevitable, the young priest wrote his love a letter, signing it, "From Your Valentine."

Variations on this legend have come down to the present day. And now couples celebrate the holiday of love by exchanging gifts like flowers, chocolates and a card or "Valentine."

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33 Eisenhower or Van Doren
34 Make very wet
36 Moray
37 Mine entrance
38 Barely enough
39 Red quartz
40 Hodges of baseball
41 Overact
42 Throb
43 "Able was I — Elba"
45 Time of year
46 Complex of stores
47 Word
48 Songbird in Persian poetry
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The Superdance Committee takes a moment out of Superdance clean-up to pose for the camera.

MD Superdance tops last year by \$3,000

By SEBASTIAN CROSS
Phi Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's 14th annual Superdance raised \$30,240 for the Muscular Dystrophy Administration, surpassing last year's take of \$27,000.

This year the money was raised in the name of five-year-old Andrew Slay, the son of Richmond

alumnus Joe Slay, '72. Andrew suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy, one of the 40 strains of Muscular Dystrophy and the leading killer of children under two-years-old.

Fred Renneker, Superdance co-chairman, said he was pleased with the results.

"All organizations involved were extremely helpful and supportive of the cause," he said.

"The entire effort went very smoothly, we couldn't ask for a better weekend."

Friday night featured a eight-contestant "Battle of the Bands" and Boy-O-Boy. The top two bands, the Bleeding Potato Brothers and Tiny Purple Cho Kitchen, returned Saturday to open for The Truly Dangerous Swamp Band.

Lack of attendance was pointed

out as the only low point of the dance.

Pavilion Manager Taylor Crothers said, "The crowd peaked for the student bands and had ... thinned out by the time the big bands came on."

Bill Meadows, the lead singer of Tiny Purple Cho Kitchen, said he believed the fact that alcohol was not allowed in the pavilion might have been a major reason for low turnout.

Publications Board removes Calyx editor

By CATHY LOPICCOLO
Phi News Editor

Senior Pete Trammell was removed from his positions as Calyx co-editor and Publications Board member after the Pub Board voted 4-0 Monday night that he had not fulfilled his duties.

The board recommended that Trammell hold a lesser position on the Calyx staff, such as assistant editor. Board President Rick Peltz would not comment on the specific reasons behind the Pub Board vote, he said, because all board discussions about personnel are closed.

Neither Trammell nor Calyx Editor Kelli Klick were present at Monday's meeting, and no Calyx representative voted.

Peltz said he and Vice President Tonya Yoder, Ariel editor, were appointed to talk to Trammell and Klick about the board's vote and to decide if the recommendation should stand.

"We were concerned because Kelli [Klick] was not able to be at the meeting and expressed a desire to talk to us about it," Peltz said. "The

board wanted to hear if she had a compelling reason not to remove Trammell."

After talking to Trammell and Klick, Peltz said he and Yoder decided the board's recommendation should be carried out.

Klick said she will not appoint a new co-editor and that Trammell will remain "an integral member" of the staff.

"Right now, I'm still working with Pete as a co-editor," Klick said. "Pete has my full support."

Trammell declined to comment. In other business, the Pub Board is now accepting applications for 1992-93 editors and business managers for Calyx, The Ring-tum Phi, Ariel, Journal of Science and Political Review.



Trammell

Mock Con students target local businesses for blitz

By JAMESON LEONARDI
Phi Staff Reporter

The 1992 Washington and Lee Mock Convention launched a public relations blitz on the downtown merchants last week.

MC Public Relations Co-Chairman Courtney Hall said the PR Blitz was suggested by Dianne Herrick, chairman of the Lexington Downtown Development Association.

"We thought that students going around to the local merchants and explaining what MC was would be a

good idea," Herrick said. The original plan was to leave brochures at the Visitor's Center for people to pick up, Hall said.

But Herrick had a better idea. "Mrs. Herrick thought it would be a nice touch for students to go to each store individually and give them the brochures," Hall said.

"We wanted to be noticeable, so everyone wore red, white, and blue," Hall said.

"I think it was a huge success," Hall said. "The local merchants were very responsive and very supportive."

Chapter initiates five pledges

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tion)," Robert Wilson said.

In preparation for the possibility of losing its charter, Delta initiated five of its seven pledges last Sunday.

"We wanted to initiate those guys in light of the fact that we might lose the appeal," Robert Wilson said. "If we lose [university] recognition, by policy the national fraternity can't allow us to keep our charter, and without a charter we wouldn't be able to initiate anyone." The chapter gave the pledges the choice to initiate, Robert Wilson said, and only two decided to remain pledges while awaiting the appeal.

Delta did not break any rules by initiating its pledges because its suspension does not take effect until the appeal is decided, according to Asso-

ciate Dean of Students for Greek Affairs Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins.

"We didn't make any rules that said what you could or couldn't do while you're appealing," Atkins said. "Maybe the spirit [of the initiation] bothers me a little, but probably not."

Atkins said Robert Wilson told him that he thought the initiation ceremony may have included some hazing, but that nothing dangerous occurred. Atkins said the Delta president gave him the impression that it was some "silly kind of stuff."

Robert Wilson said the initiation ceremony is confidential, but nothing harmful or dangerous occurred.

"There was never any question of risk," he said. "Nothing happened that risked life or limb . . . [or] that compromised anyone's morals or values."

Dorm Counselors, R.A.s chosen for 1992-93

Head Counselor: Philip Spears
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Local woman arrested at pavilion, later charged with arson

By GREG PATTERSON
Phi Staff Reporter

A local woman arrested at the W&L pavilion and charged with drunk in public is accused of later setting fire to a mattress in a Rockbridge County Regional jail cell.

The woman was first arrested at a private dance at the pavilion on Feb. 2. Capt. James Yeager, acting administrator at the jail, said the

woman was brought there to be held until she sobered up and could be released.

Yeager said the woman put a mattress on the floor, stuffed toilet paper around it, and lit it with matches.

She was then charged with arson, he said.

No W&L security officers were assigned to the pavilion that night, but officer Joseph Peltz said he was called to go there at about 12:45 a.m. because the woman refused to leave after being

asked to be the people in charge of the party. Peltz said he called the Lexington Police for backup before he went to the pavilion.

The pavilion was rented out for that night to an individual by Assistant Dean of Students Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins. Atkins would not give the person's name and said he did not know the nature of the event. He said the pavilion is rented for private events whenever possible "in order to keep the cost of student events down."

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By Dr. James W. Worth
University Counseling Psychologist
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Second-half surge pulls Generals past Hornets

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Rogers followed Watkins with a three-pointer of his own, and Lynchburg was forced to take another time-out.

"If those shots don't fall, it's a completely different game," Watkins said. "Luckily, they went in."

After Dooks scored, W&L spread the floor and Newton went back-door for a lay-up, and the Generals hit their free throws down the stretch to hold on for the win.

In the second half, W&L forced Lynchburg into just 29 percent shooting and held their own on the boards.

"We turned it up in the second

half," said Canfield. "Melton did a good job of shutting down Dooks, and he looked for his shot and he hit them tonight."

Dooks finished with 20 rebounds, but had just 12 points. Roy Roberson led LC with 24 points.

Watkins led the Generals with 19 points, and Melton added 15, but the Generals' biggest contributions may have come from two players who combined for just six points.

Pless and Ehret combined to anchor W&L's inside effort in the second half and combined for 11 defensive rebounds, most coming in the deciding moments of the game.

"Pless and Ehret deserve a lot of credit," Canfield said. "Bryant is working hard to get better, and he's

playing well. So is Bob. He gives us an element we need — physical play."

The two split time in the second half after Miggins left with the technical foul.

Despite the strong inside play on the defensive boards, Canfield wasn't pleased with the inside game on offense.

"We passed the ball inside exactly six times tonight. That's pathetic," he said. "All six times resulted in scores — five on ball reversals to outside shots, and one on Pless' basket. And when we go inside, it helps the outside players."

Watkins agreed that the Generals need to go inside more often.

"We need to get the ball inside, because that opens things up on the outside," he said. "It's so much easier to shoot when the defender has to go down and help out than when he is running at you."

Watkins hit two of his three second-half three-point attempts. They came off passes from inside players.

W&L, not 6-15 on the year and 3-12 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, play Roanoke Saturday night. The Generals are still trying to lock up the eighth and final spot in the ODAC Tournament.

"We haven't given up yet, and we're still working hard," said Canfield. "Getting into the tournament is still our goal, and it is an attainable one."

Soderberg second again in State Championships

By JACOB KIMBALL
Phi Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee wrestling season sounds very much like a broken record. "Senior Peer Soderberg finished second...second...second..."

Well Soderberg finished second again, but he wasn't the only one to do well.

Eight W&L wrestlers placed in the Virginia College Division State Championships, yet the team still finished fifth. Longwood College, winners of the W&L Invitational, took the team championship.

Senior co-captain Peer Soderberg led the team by finishing second in the 177-pound division. In his third consecutive appearance in a final, Soderberg went up against Art Whitaker, his foe in the W&L Invitational finals. Again Whitaker proved too experienced, and Soderberg had to settle for second. The victories at the meet helped Soderberg improve his season record to 12-7.

Freshmen Adam Williams and John Cochran both captured third place finishes by winning their consolation matches. Williams came back from a broken nose, and wrestled with a facemask, to defeat Harold Babetto and up his record to 10-9 on the year. Cochran secured his third place finish by pinning John Gerlis late in the third period of their consolation match.

The Generals had a quartet finish fourth as John Cherry, Beau King, Kevin Batteh, and John Conkling rounded out the scoring for the team.

The Generals head to Longwood College for a dual meet tonight, which should be good news to Soderberg. He is 4-0 in dual matches this season and he will try to post his third consecutive victory over Longwood's Bryan Hartley. Soderberg also has added incentive in this match as his career record stands at 49-34. He is looking to become the first W&L wrestler since All-American Rich Redfoot to win 50 matches in a career.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Washington and Lee sent some of its top track and field performers to New England and saw three individuals place in the meet at Williams College.

On the men's side, junior Bo Hannah won the 3,000-meters and freshman Grant Cowell finished third in the 800-meters.

On the women's side, freshman Sarah Gilbert scored enough points by herself to finish ahead of one school. Gilbert placed third in the high jump with a jump of five feet, seventh in the long jump and eighth in the triple jump. She also competed in the 55-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash.

Former Washington and Lee lacrosse stand-out Ted Bauer was inducted into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame in ceremonies on Feb. 8 at the Sheraton Towson Hotel.

Bauer was a three-time first team Division I All-American during his playing days at W&L. Bauer, a 1974 graduate, led the Generals to the NCAA Tournament in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

Men's swimming keeps wave rolling, engulfs Mary Washington 110-95

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team is on a roll.

The team has won four meets in a row with the latest coming Saturday against a tough Mary Washington squad. The visiting Generals came from behind to post a 110-95 victory and up their season mark to 6-4.

"We are very happy with how we swam," said coach Page Remillard. "It was a tough meet and we handled it extremely well."

After the first four events the Generals trailed 38-35. But in the fifth race, the 200-yard individual medley, W&L took the top two spots to take a 49-43 lead that they never relinquished.

However, MWC was always in striking distance and Remillard was proud of his team's character under that kind of pressure.

"It was a pressure-filled meet. The guys stayed keyed and looked forward to their events because they wanted to be the one to clinch the meet for us," said Remillard.

W&L had a swimmer place first

or second in every event.

freestyle.

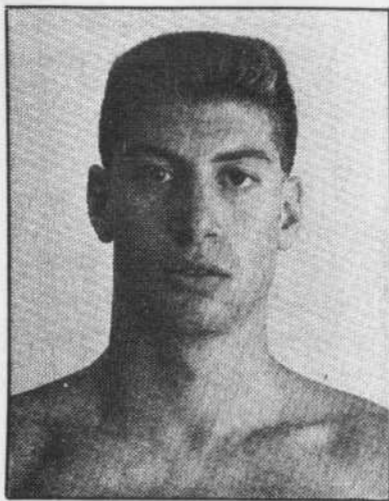
However, it was the consistent finishes by the rest of the Generals' swimmers that solidified the victory. Freshman Grant Holicky posted two second-place finishes, classmate Derek DeVries finished in the top three twice. Chris Hagge, Larry Brown, Roland Chase and Joe Tison all posted third-place finishes.

"If our kids didn't win," Remillard said, "they finished in the top three. And that's what solidified the win."

The Generals will wind up their regular season Feb. 16 with a meet at Radford. After that, it's on to the championship season.

However, Remillard isn't looking ahead yet. He says the team is still preparing for the post-season.

"The Radford meet will be different for the swimmers," said Remillard. "I want them to swim some different meets, especially sprints, so that they can focus on their times to carry into the championships. After Radford, the team can really start to focus and begin to prepare for the Liberal Arts Invitational."



Brown

Freshman John Rowe led the Generals with first-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley, the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard breaststroke. Junior Andrew Pearson followed with two first-place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. Senior Doug Brown rounded out the first-place finishers with a victory in the 200-yard



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Goal bound

Freshman Andy Dutton moves in on the goal in Sunday's scrimmage with Hartwick. Hartwick topped the Generals 11-6 in W&L's pre-season opener.

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 W&L 71, LC 65
 Women's Swimming - W&L 139, HC 123
 Men's Swimming - W&L 110, MWC 95
 Track - at Williams meet

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Next week's games:

Basketball - 2/15 at RC, 2/17 at MWC,
 2/19 at EMC, 2/22 R-MC
 Wrestling - 2/13 at Longwood
 Women's Swimming - 2/15 ODAC Sprints,
 2/16 at Radford
 Men's Swimming - 2/16 at Radford



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Generals rally to top Lynchburg

By JAY PLOTKIN
 Phi Sports Editor

When a team is 5-15, it really doesn't care how aesthetically pleasing a winning performance is. Just ask Washington and Lee head basketball coach Verne Canfield.

"I was satisfied only with the fact that we won," he said after W&L's 71-65 win over Lynchburg last night. "I was upset with our lack of execution, but I was pleased that we won."

After senior Mark Melton hit a three-pointer to start the game, Lynchburg scored seven straight points and Canfield called an early time-out.

"We weren't running the offense and were missing long jump shots," said junior Bryan Watkins.

"They were getting the long rebounds and running. Coach told us if we didn't start running the offense, they were going to blow us out of the gym."

The Generals responded by taking an 18-17 lead on a Watkins three-pointer, but the Hornets bounced back using their rebounding strength. Daryle Dooms had 11 first-half rebounds, including six offensive, and the Hornets regained the lead 32-30 with 1:27 left.

At halftime, the Generals trailed 36-32, and Canfield was not thrilled. The Generals were out-rebounded 28-12 by the Hornets, who had 15 offensive rebounds alone. Canfield let his team know about his displeasure.

"Coach gave us the business at halftime," said Watkins. "That really woke us up for the second half."

It was a delayed wake-up, though, because the Hornets opened up a 46-38 lead after sophomore Robert Miggins was hit with a technical foul. It was then the Generals woke up.

Melton hit a three-pointer, and sophomore Bryant Pless hit a jump-hook to cut the lead to 46-43. After Dooms hit a free throw, Melton scored again, freshman John Rogers hit an eight-footer, and sophomore Matt Newton found a wide-open Bob Ehret for a lay-up to give the Generals a 49-48 lead.

While the technical seemed to spark the team, truth-be-told it was the defense that got the Generals back into the game.

"We came out and turned up the defensive pressure," said Canfield. "We trapped and played

aggressively, and that got us going."

The Generals forced 10 second-half turnovers and held the Hornets without a field goal for over six minutes in the second half. W&L went on an 11-2 run during that stretch.

Lynchburg weathered W&L's first rally to regain the lead at 58-55, but couldn't withstand W&L's final push.

Senior Courtney Penn followed a Paul Baker basket with one of his own to tie the game at 59, and after a Lynchburg time-out, Watkins gave the Generals the lead for good with a three-pointer.

"At the time-out, Coach said if we had an open shot that we needed to step up and take it," Watkins said.

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Women's swimming extends streak

By ERIN MCKINNEY
 Phi Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team won their 14th consecutive Old Dominion Athletic Conference meet Friday with a win over Hollins College, 139-123.

"There is usually a pretty good rivalry with Hollins," said coach Kiki Jacobs. "Everyone was pretty excited (about the win) because it was a conference meet."

Jacobs felt that the Generals swam well in all of the individual events. Three members of the team each won three races.

Junior Claire Dudley dominated the breaststroke events. She won first place in both the 100-yard and 200-yard races, and she also captured a first place in the 200-yard freestyle.

Captain Jodi Herring also had an impressive outing. She claimed both the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyles. Herring finished first in the 200-yard butterfly.

Freshman Susan Fisher had an impressive showing as well. She took first place in the 100-yard and 200-

yard backstroke. She also claimed top honors in the 200-yard individual medley.

Saturday, W&L swam against a tough Mary Washington team.



Herring

The Generals lost 110-59 but coach Jacobs said that "after having a meet on Friday, I think that we swam well."

Herring was W&L's lone winner. She took home first place in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of

2:24.22.

Dudley turned in a season-best time in the 200-yard individual medley. She finished in 2:19.97.

The busy weekend behind them, the Generals will now look ahead to their championship season.



Dudley

The ODAC Sprint Meet is this Saturday in the Twombly pool.

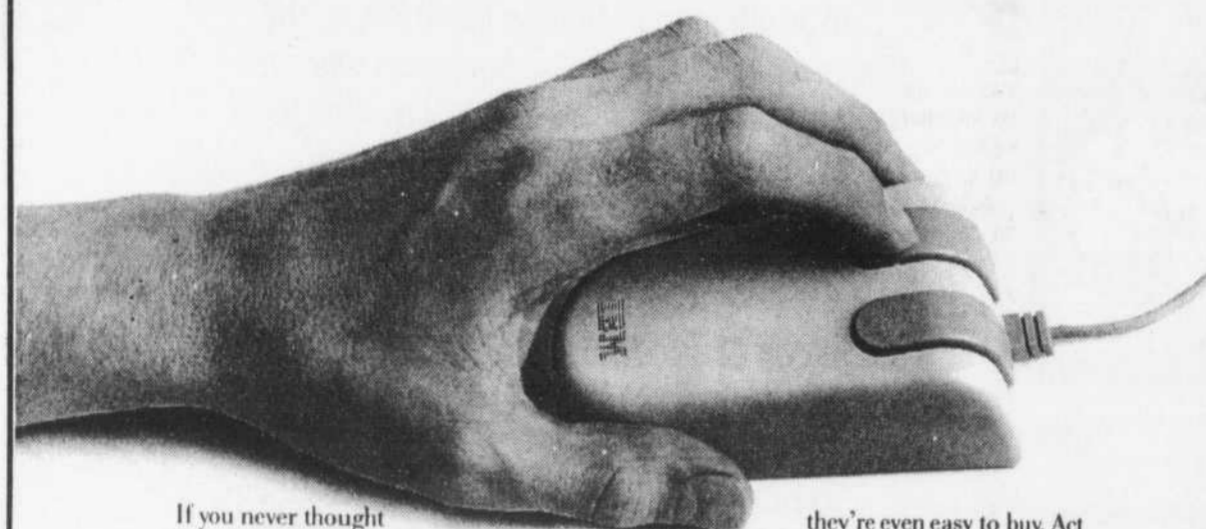
According to Jacobs, Hollins will provide the most competition for the Generals.



Sliding home

A W&L baseball player slides home safely in a game last year. Despite the snow, baseball season is set to begin when classes reconvene from break. The Generals will have their Spring Training in Florida next week.

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