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## Student Granted Second Private Honor Trial

A former Washington and Lee student who was asked to leave school last spring because of an honor offense has been granted a second closed trial, apparently in response to a federal suit asking for the proceeding, according to a story which appeared in the Roanoke Times and World News yesterday.

Peter Engel of Oakhurst, N.J., was found guilty of an honor code violation last May, four weeks before he was to graduate, according to the suit filed last spring in Lynchburg Federal District Court. The suit contended Engel's constitutional rights of due process had been violated and asked that he be reinstated as a student and given another trial in order to

present additional evidence.

Engel confirmed to Roanoke Times reporter Richard Lovegrove that University officials have granted another private hearing to be conducted later this month, an almost unprecedented occurrence in the history of the school's honor system.

Washington and Lee's honor system is run by the students. Members of the student body Executive Committee are charged with the duty of hearing reported honor code violations and generally upholding the honor system. Honor hearings are closed to the press and school officials are forbidden to comment on cases either pending or resolved.

According to the suit, Engel was accused of an honor violation on May 1 and received his closed trial on May 2. After the trial, the senior was given a five-day extension to uncover

further evidence to prove his innocence—also an unprecedented move. Engel did not produce the new evidence until May 8, or later than the extension allowed for, according to the suit.

As could be expected in such a circumstance, University President Robert E.R. Huntley and W&L attorney Eric Sisler declined to comment on the case. Engel's attorney, William O. Roberts, and student body president Steve Abraham also refused to comment on the honor trial.

The Ring-tum Phi has learned that Engel's federal suit against the school has been withdrawn.

The student body Executive Committee meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. in their room in the University Center building and is expected to be questioned about the status of the case at that time.

## Break In

## No Prosecution For Intruder

An Evans Dining Hall construction worker who apparently tried to enter through the window the room of a female law student, Sept. 3, has been expelled from campus, but will not be prosecuted.

"In order to press charges and prosecute," said Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. Read, "an intent to commit crimes prior to the offense of break-in must be established."

Read cited a lack of evidence and peculiarities in Virginia's law dealing with trespassing as major factors contributing to the decision not to prosecute.

"My duties as prosecutor are governed by Virginia law," said Read. "And if a technicality of the law prevents a man from being charged, then it would be improper to have a man arrested without sufficient evidence."

Read explained that trespassing can only be prevented by prior notice.

The worker has been notified by the University and is no longer allowed on the W&L campus, subsequently causing him to lose his job.

According to the student, she first noticed the man staring in the window while she combed her hair, looking in a mirror.

On the following day, Thursday, the worker came to the student's door and apologized for

staring through the window.

Later that night the man returned and knocked on the student's door.

Recognizing the voice as belonging to the worker whom she had seen staring in her window, the student locked her door, told the man to leave and ran through an adjoining bathroom and into another student's room.

Apparently, the man ran outside and tried to climb through the window.

Lexington police arrived and found a crushed window screen, and a muddied footprint on the window sill.

According to Lexington Chief of Police James A. Kirby, the police picked up a suspect shortly before 8:00 A.M. Friday.

Kirby attributes the decision not to prosecute to Read while Read claims both men had a hand in the decision.

Read said he and two law clerks investigated the case and could not find grounds for prosecution.

"Often actions take place that may be crimes, but if there is not sufficient evidence, charges cannot be placed.

School Proctor Bob Murray said patrolling of the area has been stepped up, but no other changes have been planned.

## IFC Discusses Noise

by John Billmyre

Strict enforcement by police of Lexington's noise ordinance for amplified music seems to have driven a wedge between Interfraternity Council representatives and members of the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board.

During the Tuesday evening meeting many IFC representatives complained that the IFC lacks unity and purpose in facing the city on the noise ordinance question.

Six fraternities, Lambda Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Nu, have been served summonses to court for violating the noise ordinance.

Under a rule passed by the IFC Judicial Board, the elected body which handles fraternity discipline, fraternities receiving summonses will not go before the IFC Judicial Board until the fraternity has been to court.

Lambda Chi, which received its summons earlier in the year than the other houses, has already been to court and fined \$63.

The Judicial Board decided not to act on the Lambda Chi noise violation because it involved individuals living in the house and making repairs and not a party. Those individuals

were ordered by the board to pay the fine.

"We have no jurisdiction over the case because it was not a fraternity function," said Syd Farrar, IFC President.

A special meeting between Chief of Police James A. Kirby, City Manager John Doane and several W&L officials was scheduled for yesterday.

But it was earlier in the meeting that tempers flared and discussion was loud.

Dave Meyers, President of Phi Kappa Psi, suggested the IFC hire a local attorney to defend the fraternities in court.

Meyers was arrested on Sept. 8 on a noise ordinance violation.

Delta Tau Delta President Andy DeMuth suggested to representatives that noise permits be taken out in the name of individuals instead of fraternities.

"Then the individual and not the fraternity will lose the privilege to take out a permit because of a violation," said DeMuth.

Without permits, fraternities making excessive noise are subject to larger fines and generally harsher punishment.

IFC Vice President Charles Terry told representatives to hold their suggestions until IFC President Syd Farrar arrived.

When Farrar arrived several minutes later a heated discussion

began.

### Split Body

Most representatives complained that the IFC lacked cohesion on the noise issue and some representatives even blamed the Judicial Board for the problem.

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## Five Fraternities Cited For Noise Violations

by David Greer

Once again, the Lexington noise ordinance is on the minds of the fraternity members. Already, five fraternities have been issued summons for violating the city code.

Lambda Chi Alpha was found guilty of violating the noise ordinance and of having amplified sound without a permit. Substitute Judge Robert S. Culpepper fined the fraternity \$25 and costs for each offense.

Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu were each issued summons for violations at 2 a.m. on September 7. Pi Kappa Alpha was issued a summons at 4 a.m.

on September 9 and Phi Kappa Psi at 2:30 a.m. the same day. Those cases have not appeared in court.

Lexington Police Chief James A. Kirby said he will not issue amplified sound permits to fraternities for weeknights. "Any music that's amplified must have a permit," Kirby said.

Interfraternity Council president Syd Farrar said University Proctor Charles F. Murray will try to keep an eye on the fraternities and warn them when the music is too loud.

Wednesday afternoon Farrar, IFC Vice-president Charles V. Terry, Assistant Dean of

Students Danny Murphy, Kirby, and Lexington City Manager John B. Doane met in Doane's office to discuss the noise ordinance and its relation to fraternities.

The group agreed to have all amplified sound permits for houses that have been issued summons first approved by Farrar and then by Kirby. "This is to make the IFC aware that a house has had trouble," Terry said. The IFC Judicial Board cannot act until after a house has been tried by the city.

"The meeting was to help us understand each other's positions and get on good footing for the rest of the year," Terry said.



# State Chairmen Gear Up For Mock Convention

Intensive work toward the 1980 Mock Convention has been underway since the spring of 1977, under the leadership of co-chairman Craig Cornett, Dick Schoenfeld and Sidney Simmons. As the 17th W&L Mock Convention draws near, every possible means to carry on the traditions of authenticity and accuracy are being used. The Convention staff and state delegation chairmen have been named, and their work is already well underway.

State delegation chairmen and research directors have perhaps the greatest responsibility for assuring the accuracy of the Mock Convention; their diligent, conscientious efforts are crucial to success. The Washington and Lee Mock Convention will take place three months before the actual Republican convention and prior to many

state primaries. In feature articles to appear every week we will be addressing various aspects of the convention from candidate profiles to updating the progress of the committees and state delegations involved in the planning and coordination of the Mock Convention.

by Guy Stewart

When embarking on a political exercise such as the Mock Convention, problems arise which can only be alleviated through cooperation and diligence by everyone involved. From the Convention Chairmen down to members of each state delegation, a total commitment is required in order for the Mock Convention to succeed.

Vital to the Convention's success and continuation of the reputation for accuracy is the State Chairman and his delegation. The selection of the State Chairman is undertaken with great care for a state represented by an irresponsible

and unorganized State Chairman results in a state delegation which cannot contribute significantly to the nominating process at the Convention.

The fundamental assignment of a State Chairman is to organize his delegation and try to infect its members with a dedication towards making their delegation the best coordinated at the Convention.

There are an abundance of duties for which each state delegation is responsible; however the most important tasks are fund raising and political research. State Chairmen solicit contributions from donors in their states. The money raised is budgeted for expenses which include a fixed fee to the Steering Committee, postage, stationary, phone expenses, and accommodations for visiting dignitaries. There are also expenses for parties and the state float which each delegation is committed to entering in the parade.

The main obstacle to be hurdled for a State Chairman and his delegation is their deficiency of knowledge about their state's political process. This situation is remedied through

the establishment of political contacts within the actual state delegation and by researching as detailed as possible, each state's political affairs.

It is the duty of the State Chairman to know how the state he represents feels about certain issues and how each candidate reacts towards these issues. By maintaining correspondence with state leaders, party chairmen, Convention delegates and by reading the state's major newspapers, a state chairman will be able to capture the political mood of his state and generate that same feeling within his Mock Convention state delegation.

The true indicator of the Mock Convention's excellence is the ability of the student delegates to accurately represent the many diverse sectors of the national political scene. Although the students who constitute the 1980 Mock Convention delegations are not as geographically varied as the American citizens, their attempt to emulate the diverse society will be successful if they can correctly predict the 1980 Republican Presidential candidate in May.

## Students Arrested For Playing In Street

by David Greer

Three Washington and Lee students were issued summonses Sunday for throwing a football in the street.

Lexington Police Officer Jack Purvis issued summonses to Ham Davis, Hall Vetterlein and Scott Graham. Purvis confiscated the football, which belonged to another student.

Lexington Police Chief James A. Kirby said the three were violating a city ordinance which prohibits playing in the street, throwing objects in or across the street, or "running things across the street, like a water hose."

Kirby said the police had the football and the owner had not claimed it. He said it will be held until the court decides what to do with it.

"We tried to get it back and he (Purvis) wouldn't give it to us," Davis said. "They've played catch in front of the Delt house before and no one has ever been hurt."

The case will be tried Oct. 2.

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# Changes In Rush Rules

by David Greer

Freshmen will not be allowed to pledge fraternities until after the fourth rush-date on Sept. 21, according to new Interfraternity Council rules.

IFC Vice-president Charles V. Terry said this measure was enacted to "take the pressure and confusion of Rush off the shoulders of the freshmen."

According to the new rules, freshmen will return to the dorms after the fourth rush-date. At 11 p.m. the freshmen will go to the houses they have received bids from and wish to join.

All fraternity members must be inside their houses at 11 p.m., and no fraternity can provide transportation to the house.

Freshmen will turn in preference cards on Monday, Oct. 1, stating which fraternity, if any, they wish to join. Freshmen can also pledge anytime after the fourth Rush-date.

No contact rules this year prohibit fraternities from giving freshmen rides to girls' schools during no contact and limited contact periods.

Fraternities can give freshmen rides on Saturdays and Sundays and can lend

freshmen cars. Fraternities are also not allowed to give rides to freshmen to parties outside of Lexington during the no contact or limited contact periods.

IFC president Syd Farrar said the no transportation ruling was made to prevent situations where freshmen would be obligated to stay with one fraternity. With independent transportation, they would not be trapped down the road and would have a chance to attend other parties.

Only two fraternity-sponsored parties during the week will be allowed, and they must be held on the Wednesday nights of September. Informal parties not sponsored by fraternity funds may be held, but the no-transportation rule applies.

During no contact periods, fraternity members cannot associate with freshmen anywhere, including the dorms, the Dining Hall, the Co-op, or the Collonade.

"No contact" means no contact. Any violations will be left up to the Judicial Board" of the IFC, Farrar said.

Farrar said that about 340 of the 368 freshmen are participating in Rush. "It's been pretty much free of controversy. There haven't been as many conflicts as last year," Farrar said.

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# New Wave Speads Over Summer

by Mark Kinniburg

This summer's album crop was more than enough to put a dent in summer earnings, and if one desired to limit his choice to a few selections, there would have been considerable trouble in determining which one deserved purchase. In every phase of the wide musical boundaries of rock, jazz and folk, there were very respectable entries into the summer album buyers spree.

Among my favorite rock entries are a varied collection of new wave, older style R'n'B and a nice dose of standard quasiheavy-metal-shake-the-room-rock. Although very much a matter of personal choice, music can be thought of as an ambiguous entertainment.

Two people may enjoy the same music for different reasons, or dislike it for the same.

Rock's new wave was kicked off this summer by the B-52's from Athens, Ga., with "Rock Lobster." A favorite of East Coast beach bums, the once obscure tune has become a focal point for Warner Brothers Records' new wave sales pitch, calling to retailers that new wave can make money. A more "traditional" approach to new wave was the Talking Heads "Fear of Music" album with its songs about life during war, drugs, cities, ("Did I forget to mention Memphis, home of the ancient Greeks and Elvis?") and other concerns of the day. The excellent reception of the album by critics and record buyers alike proved that the success of "Take Me to the River" in 1977 was no fluke of talent.

Another new album that raised the questions of why it takes so long to get such a great album out of the studio was Robert Fripp's "Exposure."

most recently for The Roches, Peter Gabriel and Brian Eno. His solo album has all the touches which make his work so unique and enjoyable on the albums of others.

Exposure is a concept album

which draws on slow melodic tunes to hard driving rock 'n' roll, and then again back to experimental tape manipulation and studio magic. One of the best points of the album, however, is the impression that

the album fits so well together, not as if the songs were recorded haphazardly and one song at a time, but as if they were, rather, recorded with a single take in a very fluid mix.

In another excellent summer-released album, Led Zeppelin proved that they are still the kings of loud rock in the English tradition. Adding a few years of experience into the standard form, however, Led Zeppelin has turned almost every selection on the album into an accessible song in the same manner that made "Stairway to Heaven" a prom theme classic. Touching into funk and disco at times, and mocking rockability at others, the album is bound to be the top seller of 1979.

Be on the lookout for...Bruce Springsteen's new album the first part of October...A new collection of Beatle greats at a \$4.98 list price...Dire Straits tour this fall...The New Allstart from Charlottesville with a horn section...The Nighthawks on a major label, possibly Polydor...A new wave band from N.Y.C.—"The Big Fat Happy Pet Clams from Outerspace"...Listen to WLUR-FM.



The B-52s

## Muppet Movie Revives 'Old Hollywood'

Jefferson Robert Coufal

Remember "Old Hollywood?" Remember polished studio productions, good vs. evil, a man with a dream, romance, and happy endings?

The Muppet Movie is "Old Hollywood." Kermit the Frog is almost the reincarnation of Bing Crosby just as Henson's studio seems to be Disney's studio of the 30's born again, with its impeccable production and craft.

The plot is simple enough: Kermit the Frog sets out to answer an open audition for frogs in Hollywood in order to become rich and famous and more importantly to make millions of people happy.

On the way, he befriends Fozzie Bear (with a Studebaker, no less), Gonzo the plumber with his girlfriend (a chicken, forcing us to ask yet again: what is Gonzo?), Miss Piggy (the love interest), Rolf, the piano playing dog, and Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem.

The villain is a Colonel Sanders type who is trying to get Kermit to promote his french fried frogs legs. Needless to say, Kermit wins and signs the "Standard rich and famous contract" with World Wide Studios. A plot not only like old Hollywood, but about it as well.

The movie sags only during the cameos by human. Mel Brooks blows some terribly funny dialogue and Dom DeLouise is pathetically un-funny while the considerable talents of Orson Welles, Milton Berle, and Richard Pryor have almost no

lines to go with them. Having the late Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy do a scene was a nice touch of nostalgia.

As it was directed by James Frawley, The Muppet Movie doesn't have the fast paced, almost manic speed that Jim Henson's projects normally do. This is perhaps for the best as a high energy level would be both hard to maintain and difficult to endure for two hours.

The jokes are funny, and the running gags are underdone

rather than overdone. The music by Paul Williams is benign, which makes one wonder what ever happened to the genius who composed the muppet classics "Rubber Duckie," "It's Not Easy Being Green," and "Gone With the Wind?"

Some of the special effects, like Kermit riding a bicycle, are fairly amusing, and I only saw puppet wires once.

Most of the Muppets are in the movie, but few new ones ap-

pear. There is no sign of Burt and Ernie, Floyd (and his boomerang fish) has only one line, and Big Bird makes a cameo appearance. (Big Bird is met on the road going East to New York to become rich and famous in public television.)

On the whole it's an incredibly bright, funny film. It's entertaining in the "Old Hollywood" tradition—unpretentious, and fun. And if you see it, stay through the end credits for one last laugh.

## Calendar

Washington and Lee University will again offer free subscriptions to its "Weekly Calendar" for the 1979-80 academic year.

The Calendar is published each Friday except during the Christmas vacation, and lists every public event scheduled at W&L for the following two weeks, with details about location, lecture topics, and admission fees if they are charged.

Almost every event at W&L is open to the public. All speeches, art exhibits, most athletic events, and many musical and dramatic offerings are free, and admission costs are minimal for the relatively few events on which a charge must be placed, the university said.

The free subscriptions are available through the W&L News Office, and those interested in receiving the Calendar may write or they may telephone 463-9111, ext. 317.

If a person has a post-office box, postal regulations require W&L to use that instead of a street address. In addition, a complete route and box number are required by the Postal Service for rural patrons.

## Bookstore: Fighting Inflation

Overheard in the Textbook Dept: "What a rip-off!" "That book has gone up \$2.00 since last year!" "I'm going to change courses, the books for this class are too expensive." "Mrs. Munger, what are the cheapest course books you have here?"

These and many more remarks are ringing in our ears (with the expletives deleted). We heartily agree with you. Textbooks are out of sight, man. But the students here can be assured that every book is priced at the publishers' suggested list price. The Bookstore's margin of profit is small—barely enough to cover the cost of shipping the books to Lexington (enormous!), salaries (modest) for the staff and our overhead.

As a glimmer of comfort for the future, the Bookstore is embarked on an expanding used-book program. Next spring we will buy back textbooks which will be used the following fall. We will pay 1/2 price for texts in good condition. Emphasis on

good condition! So if students want to recover some of the money which they are so painfully parting with this week, they must treat their texts with respect and a modicum of tender loving care. You are hereby warned that we will not accept great quantities of in-

terlining or a bat tared book. So go very lightly on those pink and yellow ink markers and throw something else at your roommate when you get mad.

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# W&L Receives Gift

A series of personal letters and records spanning 80 years in the history of an important industry in southwest Virginia has been added to the special collections of Washington and Lee's undergraduate library.

The documents, which record the growth of a Botetourt County limestone industry founded in 1869 by Confederate Col. Ed-

ward Dillon, were presented to Washington and Lee by three of his grandchildren, who are still frequent visitors to the area.

Donors of the collection are Miss Mary Unity Dillon, Miss Susan Pendleton Dillon of Washington, D.C., and Frank C. Dillon Jr. of Roanoke.

Born in Salem, Va., in 1835, Edward Dillon was the scion of

a prominent Valley family. His grandfather was the owner of Botetourt Springs, now the site of Hollins College. Dillon's career in the U.S. Army began in 1857, but he resigned his commission in 1861 when Virginia seceded from the Union. Before the fall of the Confederacy, he had reached the rank of colonel in the 2nd Mississippi Cavalry—but found himself destitute at the close of the war.

To support his family, Dillon accepted the position of traffic agent and manager of the James River and Kanawha Canal, and it was then that he discovered the tremendous industrial potential in the limestone of the upper James River Valley. Several years were spent investigating the area, as Dillon continued with his duties for the canal—the same company whose stock, donated in 1796 by George Washington, saved W&L's predecessor institution, Liberty Hall, from financial ruin.

In 1869 Dillon signed the first lease for a quarry, lime kiln and other facilities and within three years the family was firmly established at Indian Rock, a bluff overlooking the river. The Indian Rock estate remained the Dillon home for more than a century, until the last residents closed the house in 1976.

Col. Dillon moved to Lexington in 1890, living at Mulberry Hill, near the site of Liberty Hall, until his death in 1897. During his lifetime, the limestone company's success led to the opening of railroad lines, post offices and entire residential communities.

## A Freshman's Guide to Surrounding Girl's Schools

*Sweet Briar College* in Amherst, Virginia

their general direction. No sense of humor those rent-a-cop types. Sometimes, if you're real nasty, they'll call in the Amherst police. Those who have slept there don't recommend the accommodations at the Amherst jail.

Perhaps you'll have occasion to attend a boat house party, which you will find hot, smoky, and too crowded, with, surprisingly, not enough girls. Well, girls study hard at Sweet Bush.

Needless to say, with all the obstacles involved in establishing a meaningful relationship with a Sweet Briar girl, W&L students don't go down the road to the Bush with the same frequency as they used to. (And I haven't even told you about the ride over the mountains to Amherst on Route 60.)

Reliable sources report that some Sweet Briar girls are beginning to feel a bit isolated because of what the strict security measures have done to their social life. But the solitude gives them more time to ride their horses.

This is the most closely guarded bastion of the Southern female gentry in the area, probably in the entire South. Security is the tightest here and a few of W&L's fraternities are even banned from the premises.

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They come looking for you at midnight or whenever the witching hour comes—when all the little girls turn into pumpkins, or whatever happens to them. If you're lucky and don't hassle the rent-a-cops too much, they'll let you go.

The security guards do not, however, like it if you play games with them, give them a lot of lip, or take a swing in

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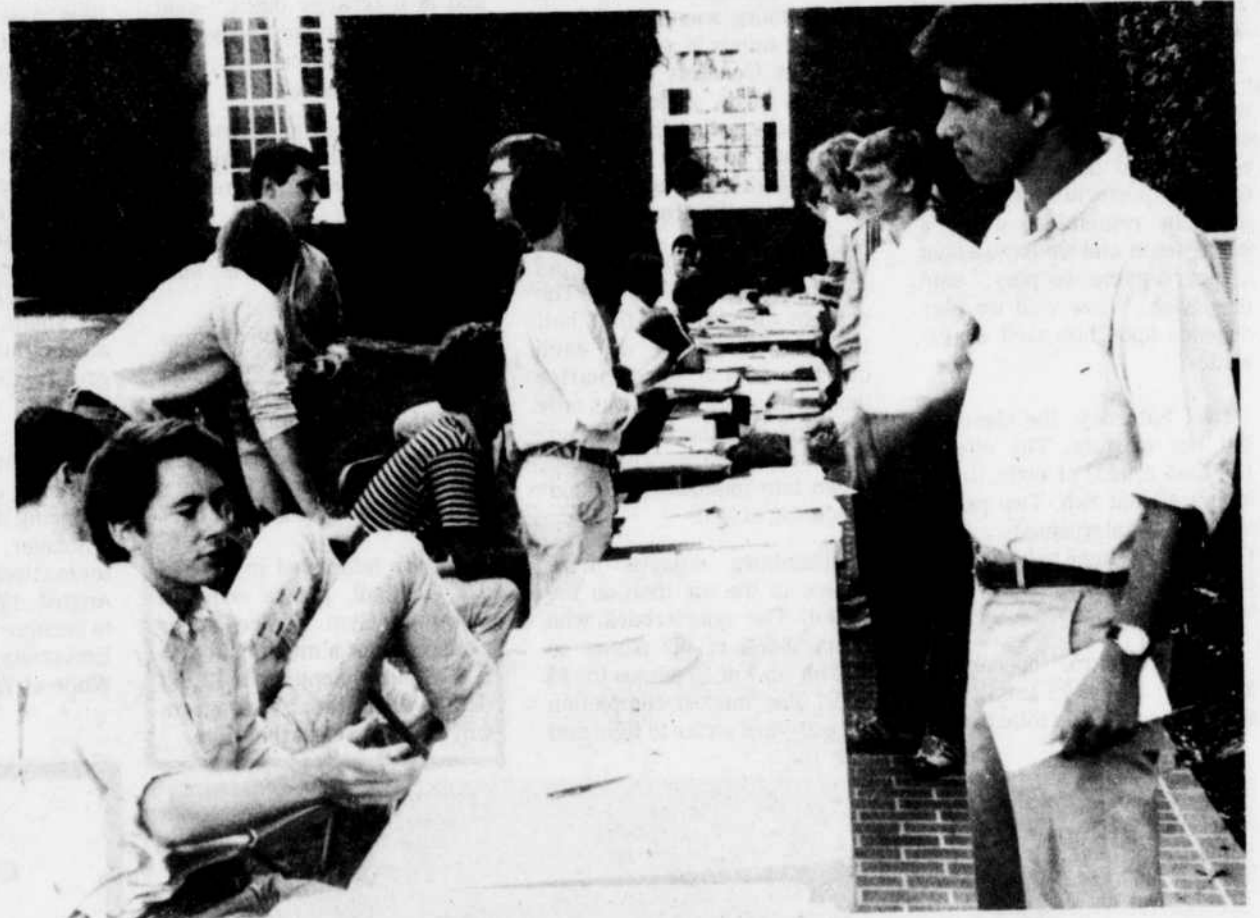




# riculation—Freshman Year



was shot by Frank Jones





# THE RING-TUM PHI *Sports*

## Generals Lose Opener

### Travel to Emory and Henry Saturday

by Bill Whalen

The 1979 version of Washington and Lee football took their act on the road last Saturday. Considering the way the game went, the Generals should be happy that the contest was played in the anonymity of Delaware Valley College.

W&L fumbled the opening kickoff, turned the ball over a total of eight times and lost to Delaware Valley by the score of 30-0.

Despite the lopsided score and the plethora of mistakes, second year coach Gary Fallon was not too disturbed by his team's performance. "You have to remember we're a young team and we have a shot at every game we play," said the coach. "How well we play depends upon how well we execute."

Last Saturday, the Generals did not execute. The offense fumbled a total of eight times, losing all but two. Two passes were also intercepted, as the Generals continue to be plagued by the miscues of last year's team.

In last year's opener at Madison (a 49-7 loss), the Generals fumbled a total of four

times and were likewise intercepted twice.

Offensively, the Generals had many problems. Besides losing the ball eight times, the offense could not establish a running game. Senior tailback and tri-captain Stewart Atkinson ran 17 times for 48 yards. Junior fullback Lee Minetree rushed five times for 15 yards while sophomore quarterback Rich Hachenburg was sacked for a total of minus 38 yards. On the day, the Generals gained only 39 net yards while Delaware Valley controlled the ball, and ran nearly twice as many plays (80 to W&L's 46) to roll up 278 net yards on the ground.

Defensively, the Generals did not play a bad game. The defense allowed two first half touchdowns (one in each quarter) and a third quarter field goal as the score was only 16-0 going into the final fifteen minutes. Delaware Valley added two late touchdowns to end the scoring at 30-0.

Hachenburg enjoyed more success in the air than on the ground. The quarterback who hit on 50.5% of his passes in 1978, hit on 7 of 10 passes for 68 yards. The longest completion was a 21-yard strike to tight end

Mike Fogarty. In his last two games, Hachenburg has completed 23 of 34 passes, good for 316 yards.

This Saturday, the Generals travel to Emory & Henry for a 1:30 ODAC contest. The Wasps scored an 18-17 comeback victory last year and Fallon expects another "tough contest." "Their team is well-coached and is a scrappy outfit," said the coach. "We don't expect to run over them but we don't want to beat ourselves."

Though stalled on offense last week, W&L will once again use their I-slot running formation. Said Fallon: "We'll take whatever is available and we'll stay with whatever is successful."

The Generals will be at home on Wilson Field on Saturday, September 22. The opponent is Centre College of Danville, Ky.

### JV Football

Anyone interested in playing J.V. football, please come to Doremus Gym in the upper classroom for a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17. All details about the J.V. program will be discussed at that time.



## Reis Takes Over as New S.I.D.

LEXINGTON, VA.—Ken Reis, assistant sports information director at Furman University and a recent honor graduate of the Greenville, S.C., school, was named sports information director at Washington and Lee University early this summer.

"Our staff was impressed when meeting Ken for an interview and feels that, in spite of his youth, he will bring vigor and enthusiasm to the fine program developed by Bill Schnier," W&L Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chairman William McHenry commented when announcing the appointment.

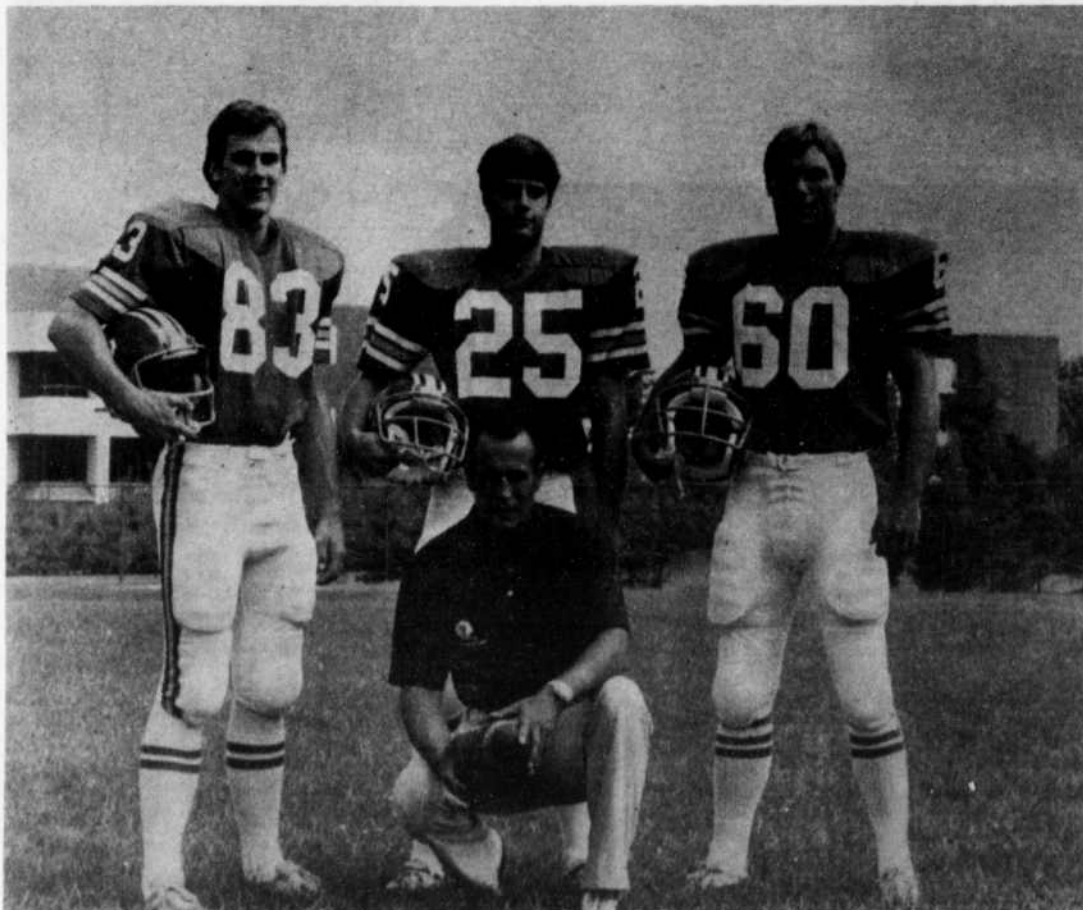
Schnier, W&L's sports information director since August, 1976, resigned in April to become SID at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. While at W&L, Schnier won na-

tional recognition for 13 of his sports publications.

Reis graduated cum laude in June from Furman, where he majored in communications/public relations and served as assistant sports information director for three years. During spring, 1978, he was the schools interim SID. His primary sports information responsibility was coordinating publicity for eight of Furman's 12 varsity men's sports.

In addition to his sports information duties, Reis served two years as sports editor of the *The Paladin*, Furman's student newspaper, and one year as sports department assistant at *The Greenville News*.

"Ken has had extensive experience in the Furman program and promises to continue his fine work here," McHenry concluded.



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# IFC Discusses Noise

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Powell Jones, Junior Class President and Sigma Nu representative, accused the administration of cooperating with the city to "crack down" on fraternities.

"It looks like there is some cohoos between the town and the faculty," said Jones.

University Representative Dan Murphy denied the accusation, but not before several other representatives vocally supported and applauded Jones.

When the meeting finally got down to business, the existence of another problem was confirmed.

Farrar announced that Chief Kirby will no longer grant noise permits during the week.

He also told representatives that the outcome of the meeting with city officials will be revealed at the earliest possible date.

The outcome could affect fraternities that have received summonses. Those houses may not be allowed to receive permits until a decision is made in court.

The Judicial Board met after the general meeting.

Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi had charges dropped

against them for returning freshmen to the quad late.

Pi Kappa Phi was fined \$50 for slipping a note under a dorm room door during no contact.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was ordered to pay a \$100 fine, pay damages to Howard Johnson's, and write a letter of apology to the restaurant.

## Notice

The LSAT exam will be given on Oct. 13 at W&L. You must register by Sept. 13. Late registration up to Sept. 20 with a \$5 late fee.

The business boards, the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) will be given on Oct. 27. You must register by Oct. 5.

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# REVIEW and OUTLOOK

Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

## The Fraternities' Situation

Let's not kid ourselves. Underneath the candy coating of the hectic, almost dizzying pace of Rush lies the reality that not all is well with Washington and Lee's fraternity system. As the year begins, the fraternities seems to be backed into a corner, with no room for bargaining or even negotiation.

A sizeable number of college students were shocked and wounded last year when the city fathers sent a third-year law student/student body president packing home with his "reasonable and fair" solution to the "noise problems" dragging on the ground behind him. The city council didn't buy the argument that they should compromise Lexington's noise ordinance in return for some "concessions" on fraternity rowdiness. What the fraternities' "concessions" amounted to were promises that they would try not to break the law as much as they had in the past. But fraternity men still do not seem to have figured out that the city does not want the law broken at all.

After not even coming up to bat with city hall, some bitter fraternity members talked about a boycott of the city's businesses. The idea was to "pressure" the city council to bend to the fraternities' will. But the idea was scrapped when they realized that the loss of fraternity business, even if possible, would probably not shut down the city of Lexington, or even cripple it into submission.

Then when the fraternities started talking about fighting city hall with the aid of the faculty and alumni, they discovered that alumni and faculty support had been eroding for years. Oh, the indicators had been around for a number of years, but fraternity men hadn't noticed them until several faculty members publicly expressed their unfavorable opinions of the fraternities. In fact, many members of W&L's faculty are among the fraternities' strongest critics. The alumni lost their enthusiasm for the fraternities' plight in this matter when they saw the shape that their old houses had deteriorated into.

With no substantial support from the faculty and alumni forthcoming, the fraternities found themselves in their present situation—with little or no clout or bargaining leverage. The next chapter in this story was the claim that this "sudden" enforcement of the law was "unfair." But the timeless fraternity man's tactic of blaming the members who were there before him for causing his predicament is not selling well anymore. The faculty, alumni, and the townspeople want the whole show cleaned up now. All they really want is for fraternity members to act responsibly according to the laws of society and in accordance with their role as members of the community. And they seem to be serious about wanting that responsible behavior to begin immediately.

The irony of it all is that the students who have realized the fraternities are backed into a no-compromise situation and are trying to work within the system have been denounced as traitors to the cause. If Syd Farrar and the Interfraternity Council's Judicial Board act as they know they have to, they will be among the most hated members of the student body. But if they don't fine heavily for infractions of the rules, self-government for fraternities might be lost and a few fraternities may be disbanded to make the point clearer. As it is, the whole fraternity system is under review by what is now a majority of the faculty. The faculty has made it very clear that they hold the future of W&L's fraternities within their collective hands, but it is up to the fraternities to demonstrate to the University and to the town their intentions to behave in a more responsible manner in the immediate future.



## Letters To The Editor

We may not agree with your point of view. We may even think your criticisms and opinions are misplaced or downright *wrong*. But we will always print the letters you send into us. After all, if you can't voice your sentiments in *your* student newspaper, then what good are we?

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Letters should be submitted to the Ring-tum Phi office on the second floor of the University Center building, Rm. 205, no later than 6:30 p.m. Monday of the week of publication.

### Parker Potter

Here we are, ready for the kickoff of yet another season of W&L's biggest fall sport—not football, fraternity rush.

Many freshmen are probably full of nervous anticipation. Sophmores are excited to be playing it from the other side of the handshake for the first time. Juniors, who've been there before are busy trying to see that things are done right. And those seniors involved, those grizzled veterans, could probably live without the hustle and bustle of their fourth Rush—but there's no stopping it.

*Parker Potter, a 1979 graduate of Washington and Lee, is currently studying at the University under a Liberty Hall Fellowship*

It seems to me, that of all the aspects of what must be called an artificial social situation at W&L, the four weeks of Rush are the most artificial. I mean, you can be charming and attentive to only so many housefuls of strangers in the course of one evening. And on the other side, best behavior is hard to maintain through 10 car rides, five Mr. Pibbs, 150 handshakes and hundreds of new faces.

There is no denying that Rush is, if nothing else, a strange and difficult way to spend four weeks. But alas, it does its job better than any conceivable alternative. Strange as it may be, this particular system survives because it does its job.

This is not to suggest that there aren't ways to make the system work more smoothly or more happily. To the end of making this hectic, anxious month of Rush as easy as possible on everyone involved, I offer a few suggestions:

To you upperclassmen:

Remember your first few weeks at W&L. Absolutely everything about your life was brand new. The place you lived, the people around you, the things you were doing. Remember that you weren't always the stud you are today; that you were at times confused, didn't know exactly what to wear, what to say. Most of all, realize that a freshman's first real introduction to W&L is through Rush.

I'm not saying be best buddies with every freshman who passes through your house. I am saying, be friendly or at least civil, be helpful, be honest, at least give everyone a chance. Just because a guy doesn't fit into your house doesn't mean that he is a leper or a dolt or has nothing to offer. It takes more than just Delts or just Phi Kaps or just Lambchops to make a University.

To you freshmen:

Try to understand the attitude of the upperclassmen. They've all been through this before, shaken a million hands. There are many things which may be more fun or pressing than Rush: girls, Goshen, booking, or applications to law school; but they're there, drinking the beers, shaking the hands.

Many houses have a pretty good idea of what kind of man they're looking for before you even hit campus. This makes things easier for them, harder for you.

In spite of that, the key is to be yourself, and to a degree, to remember your place. You're no longer the King of the Hill in your high school; you're the new kid on the block. The point is nobody likes loud, obnoxious freshmen. They get blackballed quickest of all.

But nobody likes a "bump on a log," either. You're tossed into this whirlpool both to let the houses sell themselves to you. You're not in any one house long, so make the most of it. Answer questions when asked and ask your own.

And one other thing. If you don't get a bid from a particular house, it isn't the end of the world. If they don't want you, you probably wouldn't be happy with them. In those matters the house is probably the best judge. Putting all your money on one house can be a quick ticket to unhappiness. With our 16 different houses there is someplace for everyone. Be open—be yourself and you can find that place.

From all my exhortations it sounds like Rush is the next best thing to an all expense paid vacation to Dachau. It really isn't. It is a hectic, exciting time which requires a great deal of effort. For all its strangeness, though, Rush can be fun, and with a little consideration on both sides, it can be a very constructive four weeks.



## In Focus

# Is Time Running Out On W&L's Fraternity System?

**Syd Farrar**

Although the fraternity system at Washington and Lee has been through many conflicts and changes in the past two years, including increased pressures from the alumni, faculty and administration to mend our ways, I feel that the fraternity system will weather the storm and remain an important part of student life at Washington and Lee.

The key for the fraternities to remain a strong part of student life lies in the Inter-Fraternity Council. The alumni, administration and especially the faculty, because they stated such in their resolution passed last spring, are looking for a fraternity system which can govern itself within the rules and regulations set forth in the Student Handbook. The ability of the IFC and specifically the Judicial Board to justly interpret and enforce these rules while receiving the support of all the fraternities will be very important in the months to come.

*Syd Farrar, a senior at Washington and Lee, is president of the Interfraternity Council*

The Faculty Motion passed in the spring left the outcome of fraternity affairs in the hands of the IFC and the fraternities. The faculty does not want to directly administrate the functions of each fraternity. The decision was left up to the fraternities to govern themselves.

I agree that the faculty established some guidelines which all fraternities do not agree with, but I do not see that we have any choice but to try to honestly live within these guidelines. The Faculty is very concerned about the conflicts between academics and social life within a fraternity and especially the way in which a freshman, in the beginning of the year during Rush, is hit with a party system which he may construe is the norm instead of the exception. Along these lines, the Faculty is looking for a decrease in the size and number of the weeknight parties.

The IFC has banned all house sponsored weeknight parties as a result of this faculty preference, but it has maintained the right of a group of individuals to hold a party within a fraternity house. A house is allowed to have a house sponsored party two of the three weeks of September to coincide with Rush. But after this there will be no house sponsored weeknight parties.

Another problem arising from the weeknight parties is that the Lexington police are denying any noise permits during the week, reserving the right to issue them only on weekends. A meeting with Chief of Police Kirby and City Manager Doane this Wednesday will hopefully clear the air as to the reason for this change along with letting the fraternities know what the City of Lexington will expect of fraternities this fall.

Last Spring I was worried that everyone concerned with the University was against the fraternity system. Fortunately, I was told that this is not the case. The Faculty and Administration, especially Dean John, Danny Murphy and President Huntley were especially interested in our problems and in finding solutions to them.

Perhaps the greatest amount of support came from the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees. Through the years they have given the fraternities a large amount of support through physical means in the approval of low interest loans for the upkeep of the houses. Again in the spring they reiterated

Faculty Resolution of May, 1979

To the IFC, SAC, and the University Council:

The Faculty appreciates the constructive action toward more effective self-control of fraternities taken by the IFC and endorsed by SAC and the University Council.

The Faculty concurs with the IFC's position that self-regulation by fraternities is preferable to rules the faculty might impose. And it urges you to bear in mind the following observations.

Fraternities and fraternity members are to govern themselves in accord with the following catalogue statement:

"Fundamental to all other aspirations of Washington and Lee University are two basic purposes:

—the dedication of all its resources to the development of man's capacity and desire to learn, to understand, and to pass on to others the varied benefits of this intellectual growth.

—the pursuit of its educational purpose in a climate of learning that stresses the importance of the individual, his harmonious relationship with his fellow-man and his responsibility to serve society through the productivity of his training and talent.

Fraternities undeniably add a dimension to student social life at W&L; that dimension should complement the educational purposes of the University. Mid-week party activities on fraternity premises conflict with, rather than complement, academic life. The Faculty feels confident you will, in the months to come, eliminate such conflicts.

All initiation and pledge activities classifiable as hazing violate the "importance of the individual, his personal honor and integrity." In recent years student reports to faculty about hazing have increased in number and frequency; many of these reports describe abhorrent actions degrading to the participants, acts as well as pledges. You can, by open discussion and inquiry, bring your own forms of pressure to bear upon those whose behavior disgraces the entire fraternal system.

Excessive noise, ear-splitting live or recorded music, obscene comments, and lewd or destructive conduct, whether in Lexington or on neighboring campuses, violate a "harmonious relationship" with one's fellow-man. Fraternities enjoy a generous compromise in the matter of noise since fraternity neighbors generally tolerate loud party music during weekend evening hours. Fraternities must, however, respect their neighbors' right to rest undisturbed in the privacy of their homes during late night and early morning hours.

The Faculty also anticipates your re-analysis of both the present rushing system and the entire question of fraternities' interference with the freshman's adjustment to academic demands. In the months to come, faculty representatives on the University Council and SAC will discuss these subjects with you.

The Faculty requests the University Council to submit before January 7, 1980, a written report on the implementation of its policy of May, 1979, and of its disciplinary actions taken to enforce that policy. The Dean of Students should include in that report a list of fraternity-related complaints including their general source, nature, and disposition. The University Council is also to share with the Faculty all results of the SAC investigations of fraternities' role in academic life and any steps the Council takes pursuant to that report.

Reluctant but not unwilling to legislate directly upon any of these matters, the Washington and Lee Faculty expresses its faith in this institution's students and in their desire to cooperate in achieving the exalted goals common to us all.

their support, but said that they hoped that certain improvements would be made, including increased improvement in the physical appearance of the houses, the doing away with any instances of hazing, and the move for fraternities from being just a social center to that of one which promotes academic excellence as well.

With this solid support from those connected with the University and with the increased strength of the IFC through fraternity support I hope to see the fraternity system noticeably strengthened as a result of the events of the past year. After Rush the IFC, with the help of all the fraternities and the Student Affairs Committee, will conduct an intensive self-study, which I also hope will demonstrate to everyone the value of the fraternity system at Washington and Lee University.

**Edward L. Pinney**

The question is raised: has time run out on fraternities at Washington and Lee? The question has a grisly side. It invites a worst-case scenario: imagine all the seamy episodes of the recent past associated with fraternity men and lump them together.

The picture that results is enough to make any serious student look for fresh air—public drunkenness; obscene language and gestures and public urination at sporting events; malicious and insulting remarks directed at faculty members from house windows, doors and balconies; loud weekend and week-night parties disrupting academic purpose and violating community sensibilities, if not the law as well; lapses into physical violence and grossly undignified behavior during fraternity initiations; house faculty advisors resigning in disgust and despair, destruction of fraternity house property and property at near-by women's colleges. Not so good, huh?

*Dr. Edward L. Pinney is professor of politics at Washington and Lee University*

This scenario is, of course, not unavoidable. Most of the things mentioned above have not been typical of all fraternities, or more than a small handful of individuals within any single house.

It is puzzling to me why house officers have so often been reluctant (unable?) to impose a code of acceptable behavior and to enforce house rules and some degree of discipline within the brotherhood. Since the faculty delegated self-government to the fraternities in 1970, the machinery has been there. It is probably only a short step to the point wherein fraternities can meet a felt social need and yet still meet their obligations as organized groups within the university community. A fraternity need not be a roving gang of rowdies. The time need not have run out.

A new beginning will be for *every present and prospective fraternity man* to read carefully the faculty resolution enacted last May 28th, rather than the curious misinterpretation that appeared in last year's final issue of the Ring-tum Phi. That resolution is reprinted on this page, and attention is directed particularly to those paragraphs stating the university's mission and stating that fraternities are to govern themselves in accordance. If the reader will then reconsider the illustrations of fraternity un-, mal-, and misbehavior described above, the contrast is too vivid to ignore.

Between now and next January 7th much can be done and much can be stopped. These changes are best managed, in my view, by the IFC and the fraternity houses themselves; but the faculty has stated that it is "not unwilling" to do so if need be. There is still time. At least I hope so.

## Persiflage

This is it. This is my year. I'm really going to settle down and work. Yes sir, I'm going to be a studying fool, a veritable tome groupie.

Why, as soon as Rush ends I'll be over at the library every night. I figure that between the end of Star Trek and the beginning of the illegal mid-week parties I can really get some work done.

My trouble last year was that I got too distracted. But after the lecture my parents laid on me I've really reformed. I've set down guidelines that I'm really going to stick to. No matter what, I'm limiting myself to only two beers before dinner. I'm only going down the road once a week, unless something really special comes up. As for drugs, hey, only every once and awhile and then only if its good stuff.

You see, it's only a matter of discipline. If you tell yourself that you only need a pint when you feel like a fifth you'll be able to cut down. I just thank Bacchus that I was born with enough determination to fight off the desires of the flesh.



## Chi Psi Renovations

Walking along Lee Street to the Post Office one cannot help but notice the huge Ann Smith School adjacent to both Lee's Corner and the Post Office.

Few people realize that the huge building is being converted into the largest fraternity house at W&L, to be occupied by W&L's smallest fraternity, Chi Psi.

Alumni from the national chapter of Chi Psi are donating money to pay for the renovation and maintenance of the old school.

According to Chi Psi President Sam Perkins, a national representative is handling the project through Pat Brady, the University's Plant's Project Manager.

The yard, which will eventually undergo landscaping, is being maintained by Buildings and Grounds.

At this time the gutters and roof are being repaired.

Roof work is only part of what Perkins calls "a multiphase project."

When the project is finished, possibly next fall, Chi Psi will have a house with living quarters for forty people.



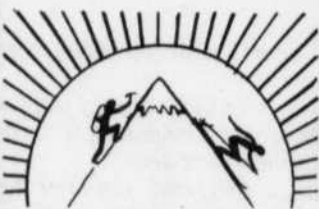
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blems of broadcasting management while operating the station.

"It was a great success. The kids learned so much," said DeMaria. Now they are going to see if they can form a radio club at the high school which will hopefully run WLUR during vacations.

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