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PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE



Panel Discussion Begins Tomorrow

The presidential news conference — its goals, its format, and its future — will be examined from different perspectives when Washington and Lee University's department of journalism and communications host a series of panel discussions this Friday and Saturday in Lee Chapel.

"The Presidential News Conference: Problems and Promises" will feature a panel comprised of two former presidential press secretaries along with former and current White House correspondents from both the print and electronic media.

Included on the panel will be Bill Moyers, press secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson; Ray Scherer, former NBC White House correspondent; Ron Nessen, press secretary to President Gerald R. Ford; Frank Cormier, Associated Press White House correspondent; Clark Mollenhoff, former Washington bureau chief for the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Sam Donaldson, ABC White House correspondent; and Bill Plante, CBS White House correspondent.

The first of the three sessions will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow, Friday. (See CONFERENCE p. 3)

EC Extends Big 3 Deadline

by W. Cope Moyers

A typographical error in the official minutes of two Executive Committee meetings resulted Monday night in a one day extension of the deadline for candidate petitions for the Big Three elections.

The error, made in both the February 9 and 23 EC minutes, says that petitions for president, vice-president and secretary are due March 3 (Tuesday) instead of March 2.

The extension gave students who did not file petitions by Monday an additional 24 hours to turn in the required 150 signatures to the committee.

Article XI of the student body constitution requires that signatures for the Big Three be handed to the EC by the ninth Monday after January 1, a provision President Bob Willis stressed during the committee's discussion about how to resolve the problem.

Willis said he was uncertain whether the committee could legally extend the deadline since "the constitution is explicit." He added that a two-thirds vote of the committee would be required before agreeing to extend the deadline one day.

But after a lengthy discussion, the EC voted to automatically extend the deadline with Willis the lone dissenting committee member.

"Through our mistake there is a chance we won't give someone the chance to run," Vice-President Willie Mackie said.

Two EC members are among the five candidates running for

Big Three positions, with junior Eric Myers the only student running for president.

EC secretary Bud White is running against junior Blake Witherington for vice-president of the student body and two sophomores, Dennis Roberts and Bennett Ross, are candidates for secretary.

In a related matter, the committee rejected member Pete Baumgaertner's suggestion to limit at 15 the number of posters each candidate is allowed to place around campus, instead increasing the number to 20.

The committee did agree with Baumgaertner however, that candidates be allowed to spend a maximum of \$10, use only one banner and limit poster size to 8½ x 11 inches.

Senior member Marshall Clark suggested that candidates be permitted to spend any amount of money they wish and that no limit be imposed.

"If you place a limit on money, I think you're limiting free discussion," said Clark.

The Executive Committee also set March 30 as the deadline for candidates. (See DEADLINE p. 2)

Girl Enters Infirmary After Eating Mushroom

by Bill Whalen

The girl came into the infirmary on Friday afternoon. To be more precise, she was brought in.

To be exact, she was carried in.

Doesn't sound too complicated, does it? A girl being carried around on the Friday afternoon of Fancy Dress weekend. Too much grain, right?

Wrong. The girl had eaten a "magic mushroom" or simply "shroom" and was now having a "bad trip."

This is not a hypothetical case, the exact scenario occurred Friday afternoon at the W&L infirmary. And the condition of the girl, complicated with the school's policy on treating students' dates, placed the attending physician, Dr. James Busch, in a predicament.

"Normally, we don't treat dates," said Busch, "but seeing as she was carried in, I had no real choice." Busch said he then proceeded to treat the girl, who said she was a student at Georgetown University.

"When she was brought in, she was unable to walk and said she felt lightheaded," said the

doctor. "She looked like she was about to keel over and she had strange respirations."

Busch said he then took the girl into a nearby room and told her to lie down. Because she was hyperventilating, according to the doctor, the patient was "bagged" until she began to breathe normally.

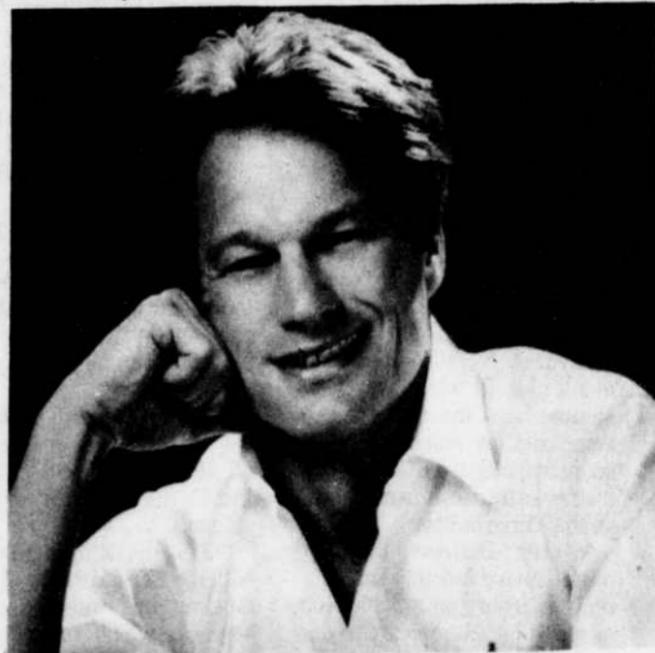
Busch claimed that he was not aware of whom the girl's date was, saying that he had "seen his face" on several occasions. The doctor likewise did not know the full name of his patient, saying she gave him only her first name.

After lying down for approximately two hours, the girl left the infirmary.

Under other circumstances, an incident of this sort might go unnoticed. But this was the first time Busch has treated a W&L student or his date for this problem. And, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read, it is the first time a "magic mushroom" incident has come to his attention.

But what does a mushroom do to a person to cause this change?

According to Dr. Busch, "magic mushrooms," which fall under the term "psilocybin" in medical terminology, are "similar or comparable to" the drug L.S.D. Busch claims that "magic mushrooms" (See "SHROOMS" p. 3)



Bouton To Speak Mar. 12

Jim Bouton, the former major league pitcher whose irreverent inside look at professional baseball, "Ball Four," became a bestseller, will speak in Lee Chapel on the Washington and Lee University campus Thursday, March 12, at 8 p.m.

Bouton's appearance at W&L is sponsored by "Contact," the symposium organized jointly by the Interfraternity Council and the W&L Student Government.

A member of the American League All-Star team in 1963 when he played for the New York Yankees, Bouton has gained notoriety as an author, a sportscaster and, most recently, a bubble gum entrepreneur.

Bouton pitched for the Yankees from 1962 through 1967. He later played for both the Seattle Pilots (1969) and Houston Astros (1969-70) before retiring from baseball to become a sportscaster for WABC-TV in New York.

In 1970, Bouton wrote "Ball Four," which sent shockwaves through the baseball world because of his candor.

From 1971 to 1977, Bouton wrote a sequel to "Ball Four" entitled "I'm Glad You Didn't Take It Personally" while also becoming a delegate to the Democratic national convention and creating and starring in a television situation comedy based on his first book.

In 1978, Bouton, then 39 years old, came out of retirement, working his way up through the minor league organization of the Atlanta Braves and eventually pitching several games for the major league team.

It was during his return to baseball that Bouton came up with the idea of "Big League Chew," a bubble gum marketed nationally by the Wrigley company.

Bouton's appearance at W&L is open to the public.

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EXECUTIVE Committee members, (left to right) Jim Vines, Willie Mackie, Bob Willis and Bud White vote on elections rules during Monday's meeting.

Candidates

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deadline for candidates running for law school officers and Executive Committee to file petitions. Willis said the election will be held April 6.

For the third time this year, the Executive Committee will attempt to get enough students to vote on a proposed amendment change to the student body constitution when elections are held Monday for the Big Three.

The committee unanimously approved a motion reducing from three-fourths to two-thirds the number of ballots required for passage of an amendment and increased from 20 percent to one-third the number of students required to vote on any amendment change.

Last week 424 students voted in favor of the proposed amendment change while 190 voted against. But too few students voted and the amendment failed, prompting the EC to include the revised amendment change on Big Three ballots.

In other business, the committee heard monthly financial reports from the Student Bar Association and Mock Convention subcommittee.

Several members of the EC, particularly Willis and Jeff Edwards, expressed concern about reported expenditures in January and February of the social committee of the SBA, which has already spent about 90 percent of its budget, according to Hop Xing of the SBA.

The social committee spent \$537 in December, \$450 in January and almost \$2,000 in February.

Both Willis and Edwards asked Xing how so much money could be spent and why so little of the allocated monies remains. Edwards said he and many other law students were unhappy with the manner in which the committee was operating and Willis said he was angry that SBA parties were not publicized among the undergraduate school.

"We are trying to find ways to unite the campuses (undergraduate and law schools) and this doesn't help us do that," Willis said.

Xing said most law parties are limited in the number of people that can attend because the social committee allocates only enough money for about 200 students and that parties are usually free.

Xing indicated that although law school parties are opened to all students, the SBA likes to limit the parties to law students.

Willis and Xing agreed that both the EC and SBA will hold a meeting this week to discuss ways in which the two campuses can unite and function as one entity. Willis said more cooperation is needed in order to unite the law school with the undergraduate campus.

The Mock Convention reported that it had \$27,866 in cash assets as of March 2 and that work is continuing on the Final Report.

Prometheus

Raising The Ole G.P.A.

Now that Fancy Dress is but a hangover in our wellhung imaginations, it has come to my attention that the students are actually getting back to work. Horrors! But this is, indeed, the last month of school; Spring term is almost here. Furthermore it has come to my attention that many of you will not, will never make it to the glories that are, Spring. You will flunk out. Therefore I am offering you a short lesson in the fine art of "Nosing."

First and perhaps most effective of all "nosings" is the brown-nose. The history of the brownnose is a well-documented and odorous success story; idiots, queers, and athletes have all risen the ranks with their ingratiating probisc. The requirements for good brownnosing are a decided lack of pride, a big nose, and fake, but convincing laugh. You will need six cases of tissue paper to make it through exams, a shovel to pile on and clean up the mess, and an appointment with a plastic surgeon in early May. The blacknose is just a deeper, more profound and lasting form of brownnose. Blacknoses will forever be servile in their relations, and statistics prove they have a harder time getting off the bottom of the heap. In addition to the tools of a brownnose, I suggest you carry a Brillo pad.

Pinknosing is a dying art, though it is practiced on this campus with resounding success. As a cherubic, yet snotty prep you will need tortoise shell reading glasses, aviator sunglasses, Mickey Mouse drinking glasses, long-handled opera glasses (television), shot glasses, and blue eyes help. A healthy wallet is a pinknose's greatest asset, and there are many rednosed teachers who would gladly trade an A-note for a C-note. Linen handkerchiefs with the W&L monogram are a must.

Whitenosing is addicting and conducive to sneezing and bloody noses. A lot of whitenoses have already flunked out, but they say it's fun and stimulating. You'll need a straw and at least one automatic weapon: a dead (rich) pinknose is a happy (high) whitenose. Girls love whitenoses, and you might even get one to blow your nose for you.

If you are a greennose, hang it up in the closet and forget about success. You might try a pickaxe if your fingers are getting dull. Blow hard and keep on blowing. God bless you all.

Student Assaulted

by Tom Baker

A W&L student was assaulted and a noise violation was issued to a fraternity over Fancy Dress weekend.

David Stevens, a W&L sophomore, was beaten in front of the Cockpit at approximately midnight on Friday. Stevens had gone outside to catch a breath of fresh air when three townspeople approached him.

One of the three then started verbally abusing Stevens and tried to start a fight with him. Stevens refused and then the individual grabbed him and began hitting his head against the hood of a car that the other two were standing next to.

Several W&L students were consequently involved in breaking up the fight between Stevens

and the townspeople. Stevens, having suffered a concussion, went to the infirmary.

Stevens is now pressing charges against the individual who assaulted him.

Responding to a complaint made by City Manager John V. Doane, the police shut down a party at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity house. SPE president Chris Quirk received a summons for violating the city noise ordinance. The summons claims that the violation took place shortly after midnight on Saturday.

SPE vice-president Henry Sewell stated that the fraternity did not receive a warning before getting the summons.

The fraternity must appear in court on March 17.

IFC Holds Special Nomination Session

by Steve Perry

In a special meeting held last night, the IFC received nominations for next year's president and vice-president. The candidates for the top spot include Clyde Harkrader of Pi Kappa Phi, Hall Vetterlein of Delta Tau Delta and Scott Dacus of Kappa Sigma.

Although only one person, John McIntyre of Phi Delta Theta, applied for the vice-presidential post, Briscoe believes more names will be added before the final deadline, which falls at 4 p.m. on Mar. 6.

In order to be eligible for either position, a fraternity member must have at least two signatures. The elections will be held on next Monday, with the voting booths being open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In the event that no candidate wins a clear majority of the votes, a run-off election between the top two finishers will be held the following Monday.

Interfraternity Council president Monty Briscoe unveiled several proposals Tuesday night in an attempt to resolve the ongoing battle with the Lexington Police Department over noise violations. With the aid of local attorney Eric Sisler, Briscoe drew up a list containing four suggestions to amend the current city ordinances.

Briscoe's first suggestion was to increase the hours in which a fraternity could play amplified music from 12 a.m. to 1 a.m. Briscoe believes that the extra hour would result in a decrease in summonses issued. Briscoe stated that the fraternities would be more willing to shut down a band if they knew that they were getting their money's worth.

In return for extended time on noise permits, Briscoe suggested that the police be given a list of the presidents of each house, with the understanding that they alone would be charged with the noise violation.

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Presence Of Mushrooms Is 'Shocking'

(continued from page 1) mushrooms" like L.S.D. cause either good trips or bad trips.

And in Busch's opinion, the girl he treated on Friday was taking a bad trip in that the mushroom she ate caused both bad emotions and feelings of insecurity.

As one example, Busch said that the girl was "lucid" when she entered the infirmary, but that she was also "scared to death." In trying to describe the girl, Busch said that she was "just very frightened."

Busch speculated that one reason for the girl's bad experience may have been that her body was not ready to handle the mushroom's different chemicals. "She had had no food all day and she took the mushroom about three hours before seeing me," said the doctor. "She said she felt funny about a half-an-hour after taking it."

Busch could only speculate on the cause of the girl's condition because psilocybin is "a very unpredictable drug," according to Leonard Jarrard, a psychology professor at Washington and Lee who has studied the effects of hallucinogenic drugs.

Jarrard said he was "shocked" to hear of the incident because psilocybin is not indigenous to the Rockbridge area. "I've never heard of it in this area," said Jarrard. "Usually it comes from Mexico or the more tropic regions."

Jarrard went on to explain that psilocybin is more

than LSD."

One danger Jarrard noted is that users of psilocybin may be subject to relapses. Jarrard said that these relapses, which may result in "fairly permanent changes," sometimes occur as much as "two or three months" after the psilocybin is ingested.

dangerous than most drugs because its effect on the brain is still not known.

"There are more motor and physiological changes than in the other hallucinogenic drugs because it has a lot of active substances," said Jarrard. "In some ways, it may be worse

Another person who expressed dismay over the incident was John Read, the Commonwealth's Attorney. "I am indeed upset with the fact that such an action would take place in Lexington," said Read. The Commonwealth's Attorney stressed that had the girl been reported to the police, "she would have been arrested and placed in jail."

Read, who said he has only limited knowledge on the topic of "magic mushrooms" and psilocybin, said that this was the first time he has known about this sort of incident in Lexington.

Dr. Busch likewise noted that the experience was new to him, and said he had never run into a mushroom problem either at W&L's infirmary or in the emergency room of Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

Read said that without the names of either the girl or her date, no legal action can be taken. Busch said that he could "recognize the boy if he saw him." The doctor said he has since forgotten the girl's first name.

History Of Magic Mushrooms

by Bill Whalen

The history of "magical mushrooms" is as cloudy, mystical and bizarre as the trips the fungi produce.

According to *Drugs From A To Z: A Dictionary*, "magical mushrooms" were used as far back as the times of the Aztecs of Mexico. The mushrooms were used then as a sacrament in religious ceremonies. The text states that modern Mexican Indians used mushrooms for divination and worship.

Albert Hoffman, the discoverer of LSD-25, analyzed

psilocybe mexicana, one form of Mexican mushrooms, in 1958, and was able to isolate psilocybin, an hallucinogenic alkaloid found in the mushroom. Hoffman later synthesized psilocybin.

The text says that Indians who ingest mushrooms in religious rites usually eat at least a dozen at a sitting. The book says these mushrooms have "a bitter taste and acrid smell."

"The initial reactions are nausea, muscular relaxation, coldness of the limbs, dilation of the pupils, and then abrupt

mood changes, often characterized by wild hilarity...

"After this comes the visions — brilliant colors, shapes, geometrical patterns, and myriad scenes sometimes perceived as if from a lofty height, as well as aural hallucinations...They last four to five hours and are followed by lassitude, physical and mental depression, and a loss of time and space perception."

The *psilocybe mexicana* is "a small tawny mushroom which grows in marshy pastures, often in cow pats."

Moot Court Team Wins Regional

Washington and Lee University's international moot court team won a regional round of competition at the University of Pittsburgh last weekend and will advance to the national finals later this year.

The W&L law school representatives — Samuel N. Allen III of Middletown, Conn.; Guy Arcidiacono of Douglaston, N.Y.; William D. Johnston of Bedford, Va.; Craig K. Morris of Camp Hill, Pa.; and Steven J. Talevi of Oneonta, N.Y. — defeated teams representing nine other law schools in the East Central Region.

In addition, Arcidiacono was named the region's best oralist during the competition.

The national finals will include winners of 10 regional competitions from throughout

the United States.

Alan Button, a third-year student from Peekskill, N.Y., is student coach for the W&L team while Samuel W. Calhoun, assistant professor of law, is faculty adviser.

Schools represented at the East Central Region included

the host University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, West Virginia University, the University of Kentucky, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Pennsylvania, Dickinson College, Rutgers-Camden, and the Indiana School of Law.

Journalism Workshop Scheduled

Washington and Lee University's department of journalism and communications will host a two-day workshop on newspaper editing and design March 9 and 10 for representatives of Virginia's largest daily newspapers.

The workshops will be conducted by John Bremner, professor of journalism at the University of Kansas' William

Allen White School of Journalism.

Taking part in the workshop will be editors and layout personnel from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond News-Leader, Roanoke Times & World News, The Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star of Norfolk, The Daily Press and The Times Herald of Newport News, and The Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg.

Conference

(continued from page 1) day, March 6, when the panelists will examine the objectives of the presidential news conference. Scherer, who co-chaired a study of presidential press conferences at the White Burkette Miller Center of the University of Virginia last year, will provide an overview of that commission's report.

The second session will be at 8 p.m. Friday when Moyers, who will serve as panel moderator, presents the opening remarks. Moyers currently is editor-in-chief of "Bill Moyers' Journal" on the Public Broadcasting System. He was recently

awarded a prestigious Polk award for his nine-part series on the 1980 presidential campaigns.

The final session will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7, with the panelists considering possible alternatives to the present news conference format.

Funds from the American Broadcasting Company and Landmark Communications are supporting the event which has been coordinated by Hampden H. Smith, associate professor of journalism and communications at W&L.

All sessions are open to the public.



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Entertainment



"THE NINTH STEP," a play by Tomas J. Ziegler, is being presented this week in the Boiler Room Theatre by the Washington and Lee University Theatre. Shown enacting a scene from the play are, from left, Pamela Simpson (standing), Rochelle Erwin, Cyndi Weeks, and Ginger McNeese. Ziegler, assistant professor of fine arts and theatre at W&L, is directing the play which began Wednesday and will be performed each evening at 8 p.m. through Saturday.

Society Shows 'Aguirre'

by Carren O. Kaston

The Washington and Lee Film Society presents this Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* (Germany, 1973), directed by Werner Herzog. The film will be screened at 8 p.m. in classroom "A" of Lewis Hall, free of charge.

Werner Herzog is one of the two most important directors to emerge from the West German film renaissance which began in the 70s. The other major director is Rainer Werner Fassbinder, whose *Marriage of Maria Braun* was seen here in January. Whereas Fassbinder is interested in the way in which people maneuver within the limits imposed by society and civilization, Herzog is interested in transcending the limits which ordinarily press

upon human experience.

This quality of his work was recognizable in the two films by him seen here in earlier series: *The Great Ecstasy of the Sculptor Steiner* (1975), which concerns Walter Steiner, the world's greatest ski jumper; and *The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser* (1975), which concerns the attempt to "civilize" a young man who has grown up in almost total darkness and isolation from human contact.

Aguirre is the stunningly photographed story of a 16th century Spanish expedition in search of the mythical city of El Dorado. Testing themselves against the Amazon River, its jungle and natives, and, ultimately, their own egomaniacal aspirations, the conquistadors enact Herzog's characteristic challenge to

human limits. The group, which never returns, is headed by the charismatic Klaus Kinski as Aguirre.

Working in extremely hazardous locations, Herzog carries into the area of film-making his ethos of challenging human limits. As "auteur," he is the conquistador/explorer his film is ambivalently about, thus closing, in one way, the circle of artistic self-consciousness which the New Wave inaugurated in film.

The next films in the series will be Luis Bunuel's serio-comic *That Obscure Object of Desire* (Spain, 1977), scheduled for March 27 and 28, and Georgi Shengelaya's great poetic biography *Pirosmani* (Russia, 1971), scheduled for May 1 and 2.

Weekly Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

5 p.m. — Chemistry Seminar: "Chemical Research Outside the Ivory Tower, vol. 4," presented by M. Thomas McCall, chemistry department, Martin Marietta Laboratories. Howe 401; preceded by tea at 4:30 in Howe 402.

7 p.m. — FILMS: *Battle of Britain* and *Listen to Britain*. Reid 203. Admission free.

8 p.m. — PLAY: Tom Ziegler's *The Ninth Step*. Boiler Room Theatre.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

3:30 and 8 p.m. — PANEL DISCUSSION: "The Presidential News Conference: Problems and Promises." Sponsored by the W&L Department of Journalism and Communications. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

7 & 9 p.m. — FILM: *Blazing Saddles*. DuPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

8 p.m. — PLAY: Tom Ziegler's *The Ninth Step*. Boiler Room Theatre.

8 p.m. — FILM: *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* (Germany, 1973; directed by Werner Herzog). Presented by the W&L Film Society. Lewis Hall, classroom A. Admission free. Public invited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10 a.m. — PANEL DISCUSSION: "The Presidential News Conference: Problems and Promises." Lee Chapel.

2 p.m. — LACROSSE: Generals vs. Mt. Washington. Wilson Field.

7 & 9 p.m. — FILM: *Blazing Saddles*. DuPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

8 p.m. — PLAY: Tom Ziegler's *The Ninth Step*. Boiler Room Theatre.

8 p.m. — FILM: *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* (Germany, 1973; directed by Werner Herzog). Presented by the W&L Film Society. Lewis Hall, classroom A. Admission free. Public invited.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7 & 9 p.m. — FILM: *Blazing Saddles*. DuPont Auditorium. Admission \$1.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

WORKSHOP: "Editing and Makeup," for editors of Virginia's largest newspapers. Conducted by John Bremner, professor of journalism, William Allen White School of Journalism, University of Kansas, and the W&L Department of Journalism and Communications.

ART EXHIBITION: *Bronzes and Prints by Leonard Baskin*. DuPont Gallery (through March 27). The gallery is open to the public without charge weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8 p.m. — A one-woman performance by actress Ruby Dee. Lee Chapel. Public invited. (A part of Black Emphasis Month.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

WORKSHOP: "Editing and Makeup," for editors of Virginia's largest newspapers. Conducted by John Bremner, professor of journalism, William Allen White School of Journalism, University of Kansas, and the W&L Department of Journalism and Communications.

7 & 9 p.m. — FILM: *Padre, Padrone* (1977; directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani). Reid 203. Admission free.

8 p.m. — CONCERT: W&L Concert Guild presents James Avery, pianist. Lee Chapel.

Film Notes

Blazing Saddles (1974) Mel Brooks' rowdy, flatulent comedy about a black sheriff in a 19th-century western town. Wild, dirty and pretty funny, this is regarded by many as Brooks' masterpiece (I'll vote for *Young Frankenstein*) and it is as pure an example of his particular brand of humor as anything he's ever done. A competent cast helps: Gene Wilder, Cleavon Little, Madeline Kahn, Harvey Korman, Slim Pickens and Brooks himself, with a guest appearance by Count Basie and his orchestra. Presented by the SAB Friday through Sunday, March 6-8 at 7 and 9 p.m. in duPont Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

Padre, Padrona (Italy, 1977) Widely acclaimed as one of the finest Italian films in recent years, this is a stark, lyrical account of a shepherd who emerges from a life-long isolation to teach linguistics. Winner of the Golden Palm Award for best film and the International Film Critics Award at the Cannes Film Festival. The movie was directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani and features Omero Antonutti, Fabrizio Forte and Savernio Marconi. Shown by the journalism department Tuesday, March 10 at 7 and 9 p.m. in Reid 203. Admission is free.

Aguirre, the Wrath of God (Germany, 1973) directed by Werner Herzog, starring Klaus Kinski, a discussion of which appears in this section.

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Bye Bye Walter

This Is The Way It Is

by John Wells

Tomorrow night Walter Cronkite, CBS institution, journalistic sage and uncle of us all, will sign off the air as news anchorman for the last time. Ever.

Well, there's no sense in crying now. It's not as if he's being swept away from us suddenly; his successor was announced nearly a year ago. But that doesn't make it any less sad.

My memories of Walter are personal ones. As a small child, I used to confuse him sometimes with another avuncular countenance and TV favorite, Walt Disney (maybe it's because they both had moustaches, receding hairlines, friendly eyes and the same first name.)

It was Walter who taught me a guerilla was not an armed ape, he who explained to me early on the electoral process and our system of government. His Saturday afternoon "You Are There" programs were corny and wonderful.

Cronkite led me through recent history. He told me about Vietnam, Watergate, the hostage crisis and the new beginning. It was he, not the chief justice, who swore in Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan. Riots, assassinations, revolutions, wars, victories, defeats, fires, floods, the stock market and just about everything else, Walter was there.

He went with Ike to Normandy, followed Nixon to China and Russia, and participated in a phone-in talk show with Jimmy Carter. He kept me informed during the hours of coverage surrounding the Nixon resignation, and when I turned on the tube one morning last year he grimly told me about the aborted rescue attempt in Iran.

And the political process! Surely Dan Rather or someone at CBS will have enough sense to keep Walter on hand for at least part of the national conventions and election returns. After all, they've dragged Eric Seviered out of the mothballs from time to time in the years since he retired, and he was never as popular as Uncle Walter.

Cronkite is one of the last news veterans who worked his way through newspapers in the Thirties to radio in the Forties and television from the Fifties onward. His news programs are simple in format, judicious in editing and have consistently offered the most complete news coverage in the limited environs of network TV.

The antithesis of the Cronkie show may be found in ABC's World News Tonight, the People Magazine of TV news whose equivalent may be found only in the movie Network. It is therefore galling that ABC, gloating over the departure of their highly-rated competition, took out full page newspaper ads Wednesday bidding Uncle Walter farewell.

Even worse, Frank Reynolds, who tries so hard to be Uncle Frank, is reportedly writing a little tribute to Walter for the end of his Friday broadcast. Please, please spare us! Reynolds loves to interject this kind of personal pish posh in supposed straight news broadcasts where it has no business. Who didn't want to vomit last week when, after a story on Prince Charles' engagement, Reynolds ingratiatingly said "That's grand"? Walter can say more with an eyebrow tremor or a lip twitch than Reynolds could verbally report in an entire broadcast.

Before I sound like I'm trying to canonize Uncle Walter, I should like to point out that he is by no means immune (particularly in recent years) to flubbing lines, looking at the wrong camera and continuing to run his mouth into a commercial break. His vacation time rivals that of Johnny Carson.

Cronkite has been accused of being anti-Nixon in

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1973 and pro-Carter in 1976 (certainly not 1980). In his book *The Powers That Be*, author David Halberstam chastises Walter and his men for being too kind and mellow in their analysis following the Nixon resignation speech. My telly was indisposed a couple of weeks ago and I caught Walter in color several evenings at the student center. I was forced to leave one night when a fellow student switched from CBS to NBC saying "I'm not gonna watch Cronkite's ----- liberal reporting!"

But he has that great voice and style, sharp-looking clothes and an air of genuine decency. His almost daily exposure over the years has given him a familiarity in American homes similar to Archie Bunker and J.R. Ewing, but in an atmosphere of reality and a position of credibility. He is the "most trusted man in America," the quintessential reporter.

What will happen to CBS News following tomorrow night's wake remains to be seen. We may as well wish Danny Boy good luck, after all he's better than Reynolds or Chancellor. And we can be partially sustained by Walter's presence in other news shows and specials in future years; at least we are not mourning his death.

But that's not much comfort now.

Cultural Events Set for Next Week

Ruby Dee

Actress Ruby Dee will present "An Evening with Ruby Dee," a one-woman performance, Monday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel.

Ms. Dee, whose appearance at W&L is part of the university's Black Emphasis Month, is currently starring with her husband, Ossie Davis, in a 13-week series of dramatic and satirical sketches on the Public Broadcasting System. The series is titled, "With Ossie and Ruby."

A product of Harlem's America Negro Theatre, Ms. Dee is a graduate of Hunter College who first received strong notices in the mid-40s when she and her husband toured the country in the drama, "Anna Lucasta." Since then, she has starred in numerous plays, films, and television productions.

In film, Ms. Dee is perhaps best remembered as Lutibelle in "Gone Are the Days," written from her husband's play "Purlie Victorious," and as Ruth in "A Raisin In the Sun."

Some of her television appearances include "All God's Children," "Roots: The Next Generation," and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black." She and her husband also co-produced a television special for young adults, "Today Is Ours," based on her poetry anthology "Glowchild."

She has been in such plays as "Purlie Victorious," "Boesman and Lena" (for which she won an Obie), and "Wedding Band" (for which she won the Drama Desk Award).

From 1974 to 1978, Ms. Dee was heard over 65 radio stations throughout the country on the "Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour" over the National Black Network. She has recorded poems and stories for

several major record companies and is author of a new work, "Take It From The Top."

W&L's Black Emphasis Month is sponsored by the Student Association for Black Unity. Ms. Dee's performance is open to the public.

James Avery

James Avery, internationally acclaimed pianist, will appear in concert in Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel on Tuesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Avery's performance is this year's final program in the Washington and Lee University Concert Guild series.

Currently a professor at the Hochschule fur Musik in Freiburg, West Germany, Avery has maintained a regular concert schedule in Europe and the United States since 1968. In 1975, he was added to the list of artists sponsored by the United States Department of State and has presented concerts under its auspices in Spain, Italy, and Luxembourg.

Avery studied at the University of Kansas, Indiana University, and also at the Hochschule fur Musik where he now teaches. Previously, he had been a professor of music at the University of Iowa.

He is the recipient of two Fulbright scholarships, a grant from the West German government, and a grant from the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund for Music. In 1965, Avery was a prize-winner in the International Competition for Interpreters of Contemporary Music in Utrecht, Holland. In 1976, he was featured on CBS-TV's Camera Three as pianist in a filmed performance of PRO-METHEUS by Alexander Scriabin.

Tickets for persons not holding season passes are \$3 each. For information, contact Robert Stewart, professor of music at Washington and Lee, at 463-9111, ext. 232.



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Candidates For The EC's Big Three Answer Que

The Ring-tum Phi asked all candidates for the big three to answer the following questions. We hope their answers will help you decide whom you want to run your student body government and honor system.

Myers President

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1) The primary reason I am running for E.C. president is that my current year on the E.C. has been such a positive experience. As a junior representative, I have involved myself to a degree which I find meaningful. I would like to extend this involvement to include the duties of president, such as presiding during honor trials, serving on University Council and the Student Affairs Committee, as well as serving as a loyal spokesman for the student body.

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2) I have gained a great deal of experience this year on the E.C. This experience has helped me to develop a philosophy that the E.C. should, to the fullest degree, examine all issues that affect Washington and Lee students. Other than my duties and activities on the Committee, I have been involved in various student body organizations which have served to broaden my perspective on student life.

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these problems? 200-word limit.

3) The Budget Hearings held early every fall determine how the student body tax is allocated between the many campus organizations. This distribution of funds requires close scrutiny of expenditures committed by these organizations, not just at the time of the actual allocation but throughout the year, or as long as the organization in question continues to spend student body funds. Problems associated with distribution of student funds arise at Budget Hearings because each organization strives to do a bigger and better job than last year. For the E.C., this invariably means that the funds must be allocated judiciously, with an eye to increasing the budget of the big organizations (SAB, Ring-tum Phi, SBA) at a reasonable rate, while at the same time trying to encourage fledgling student organizations with modest yet necessary increments. It is the responsibility of the committee to keep tabs on the actions of its subcommittees, yet as a rule, the subcommittee chairman and officers run a fairly tight ship.

The Honor system is undoubtedly the most cherished and respected tradition to be found at Washington and Lee. Many Honor systems seem to have gone out of vogue on many college campuses,



ERIC MYERS

but it has been my experience that honor among gentlemen is the rule rather than the exception at Washington and Lee. In the past few years, there has been much talk of a separate honor system at the law school. This proposition would pose many questions, as things stand now, yet this type of problem is exactly the nature of problems I think will be in the minds of the students in the future. A current problem affecting colleges is the rising tide of legal challenges to their honor systems. To avoid this ever-present possibility at Washington and Lee, the committee must adhere to and abide by the White Book. The president in particular, must be well versed with the White Book so to lend safe direction to the committee's actions.

Averett Vicepresident

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1. The office of vice president is an important position requiring a great deal of time, responsibility and conscientious effort. I feel that the Washington and Lee students want a capable and hard working man that will represent them in a legitimate and harmonious fashion. Therefore, I will fulfill my duties with vigor, striving to incorporate the general will of those who elected me.

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2. I have had the opportunity to represent both my Freshman and Sophomore class as president. I was appointed chairman of the Student Control Committee. Furthermore, I have been an active member of the Student Affairs Committee and the University Council

I believe that these positions have qualified me to aspire to the



JAMES AVERETT

position of vice president. Moreover, I feel that these qualifications will aid greatly in the duties I assume.

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these problems? 200-word limit.

3. I have had to deal with the distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing how these funds were used. I see no problems that might arise in the future as far as the financial matters go. Furthermore, I will take whatever measures necessary to explore new ways of handling any financial problems which might arise.

When one speaks of Washington and Lee, one speaks of tradition. The honor system is an integral and persuasive part of this tradition. In this area, I see no problems that could arise in the future. However, one must always be prepared to restructure and overcome these problems that might hinder the honor system at Washington and Lee. Trouble does persist by itself when problems arise; only when those in a position to lead do not alleviate the problem. If I am elected I will be firm but fair.

Thank you for your support.

White Vice president

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1) I believe that being secretary of the Student Body this year gives me the experience and the confidence to execute the office of vice-president well. Experience has provided me with insights that only actual workings on the committee could provide. For instance, I will be in a position to view committee workings closely without being constitutionally bound to daily specific tasks. This would allow me the latitude to bridge personality gaps and alleviate barriers before small problems are blown out of proportion. As vice-president I would make a conscious effort to coordinate the wishes of the sub-committees, Executive Committee, and the student body.

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2) My experience during the last three years at W&L has given me an excellent foundation on which to act as a student representative. In addition to serving as secretary of the student body, I was



BUD WHITE

vice-president of my class for both my freshman and sophomore years, vice-chairman of student control for one year, member of the student financial aid committee, and a member of the student recruitment committee. I feel that these positions have afforded me the opportunity to work closely with various facets of campus life—undergraduate, law school, administration and faculty.

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these problems? 200-word limit.

3) A conflict might arise next year between a demand for new organizations on campus and available student body funds. As vice-president I will watch closely the way in which money will be distributed. If a problem arises I will not hesitate to look for ways to finance new organizations. I will stress a hardline as far as budgeting goes, however, I will never shirk my responsibilities in providing the student body with a diverse set of groups and activities.

As far as the Honor Code is concerned, I do not see any major problems. To be sure it will be challenged to some degree, but criticism of the system provides it with an inherent dynamic quality. If any great disparities exist in the White Book at this time, it is its inconsistent language. There is no consistency in the idea behind the system!

Witherington Vice president

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1) As a member of the Student Activities Board for the past three years (secretary this year), member of the Student Recruitment Committee and treasurer of my fraternity, I've expressed a diversity of interests. This involvement is important to me and it's something I wish to continue. In running for vice-president, I'd like



BLAKE WITHERINGTON

to take an active role in what I feel lies at the heart of W&L, specifically, the Honor System and to be a part of the proper functioning of the other student organizations.

Questions On Their Qualifications

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2) My experience as a fraternity treasurer will be helpful in regard to the financial aspects of the E.C. As technical adviser to students accused of honor offenses, my active and diversified background will enable me to bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the interpretation of the White Book.

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these problems? 200-word limit.

3) The Honor System is something that most students would agree is very important to W&L. Its interpretation varies with each student generation and even with each E.C. But, I think the spirit of the Honor System has been maintained. Unfortunately, there always have been and, probably, always will be honor violations. However, I think if we can erase any ambiguities which exist within the system itself, thereby preventing students from rationalizing actions which might be of a questionable nature — from the standpoint of honor — I think the system would be greatly improved. In situations involving money, there is always room for disagreement as to the proper method to disburse the funds. This has been evident this year with charges of mismanagement lodged — whether correctly or incorrectly — against some student organizations. I think this year's E.C. has done a good job of overseeing student funds and perhaps with detailed monthly financial reports, much like those presented by the fraternities to the school each month, next year's E.C. will be able to improve on its record.

problems? 200-word limit.

3) With regard to the distribution and administration of student body funds and upholding the Honor System, I perceive no earth-shattering problems at this time. I feel that the administration and supervision of organizations receiving student body funds has been improved and that the system should continue to be fine-tuned and perfected.

The Honor System and its preservation should be of the utmost of concern. It is because of the Honor System that we enjoy many of the freedoms that we do. The present E.C. has addressed the problem of White Book revisions. This should be studied and followed up with the corrective action deemed necessary. Again, I see no major problems in the immediate future.

Ross Secretary

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1) My reasons for seeking the position of secretary of the Executive Committee are twofold: First, the responsibilities and obligations of the office are personally attractive. I would like not only to serve Washington and Lee through this office, but to serve this institution and its students capably and resourcefully as a member of the Executive Committee.

Second, I believe that this position would allow me to better represent the interests and the needs of all Washington and Lee students. Issues such as co-education and the role of fraternities at W&L are of vital importance to every student. However, it should be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to adopt a posture



BENNET ROSS

on these issues that accurately reflects student opinion. I believe in and stand for that responsiveness in student government.

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2) My qualifications for this office rest, for the most part, in my desire and ability to perform the tasks required of this position. I possess more than adequate typing and note-taking skills, as well as an ability to listen effectively. I have gained insight into the University through service on the Student Recruitment Committee and secretarial experience as secretary of the West Virginia Delegation to the 1980 Mock Convention.

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these problems? 200-word limit.

3) In the past, the distribution of funds and the administration of dependent organizations has been managed effectively by the Executive Committee. However, with the emergence of new organizations and other groups with pressing financial needs, a re-evaluation of the budgetary process and emphasis is required. Stress should be placed on maintaining present organizations while improving developing groups through a firm financial commitment on the part of the Executive Committee. Moreover, the E.C. should use this monetary license to maintain rigid input into the operation of these dependent organizations. Weekly financial reports are not enough; rather organizational efficiency and quality production should be concerns of the Executive Committee. The Ring-tum Phi and the Ariel, as well as the SAB, should be evaluated in terms of student feedback, as well as financial solvency.

In terms of the Honor System, the Executive Committee has made appropriate constitutional changes and is in the process of making continued corrections. For these reasons, I can foresee no future problems with the system or its administrations by the Committee.

Only 3 Attend Big 3 Forum

by John Wells

Candidates for the three major offices of Washington and Lee's Executive Committee addressed a number of student-related issues at a candidate forum held last night. The forum was attended by two Ring-tum Phi reporters and one other student.

Candidates appearing at the EC-sponsored event were: Eric Myers, who is running for president; Bud White, Blake Witherington and Jim Averett, vice-presidential candidates; and Bennett Ross and Dennis Roberts, who are running for secretary.

The candidates stated their qualifications and then responded to questions posed by moderator Willie Mackie, the current vice president of the EC, and the two Phi reporters. Questions and answers are printed below; it should be noted that few of the questions were addressed by all of the candidates.

Should the single sanction of the honor system remain intact?

Averett said he voted against the sanction while on the Student Control Committee, and said he feels that the sanction is more broadly interpreted than the constitution intended. The other five candidates said they believe the sanction should be preserved, with Witherington calling it "all-important" to the honor system.

Should the EC publicly itemize its finances as the subcommittees are required to do?

White said that the committee's mid-term financial disclosures could be reported on a monthly basis. He said he could not at this time support an itemization of funds pertaining to honor trial expenses, even in an ambiguous manner. Myers and Witherington agreed on both points.

Should the Ring-tum Phi be allowed to cover open honor trials?

Myers said that the White Book rules pertaining to this matter were written for the benefit of the accused. He said that past coverage of open (See "FORUM" p. 12)

Big Three Elections Are Monday

Roberts Secretary

1. Why are you running for the office you have selected? 100-word limit

1) I am running for this position because I feel that the officeholder should have adequate time to devote to the position, and should have the organizational skills required to effectively communicate the business and proceedings of the E.C. to the student body. I believe that I successfully meet this criterion.



DENNIS ROBERTS

2. What are your qualifications for the office which you are campaigning? 50-word limit

2) I have held several positions at W&L that give me an adequate background for being E.C. secretary. Last year I was a Mock Convention state chairman and this year I am secretary of the Brass Ensemble and secretary-treasurer of Mu Beta Psi (national honorary music fraternity).

3. The position you seek entails work in two areas: distribution of student body funds with administrative duties in overseeing the organizations which receive funds; and responsibility for upholding Washington and Lee's Honor System. Specifically, what problems do you foresee in either or both areas and how would you deal with these

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The Various Careers Of Joe Lyles

This is the fourth in a series of articles by Sports Editor Ralph Frasca.

Precious few athletes have the requisite skills, desire, and determination to play a sport on the professional level. Those who do are in an elite group, to be sure. However, demonstrating proficiency of a professional calibre in one sport was not good enough for Joe Lyles. He played professionally in two sports, baseball and basketball.

Lyles was a standout athlete for St. Louis University 1947-49, which he attended on a basketball scholarship. Lyles was a member of that school's National Invitational Tournament championship team of 1948.

"One of the greatest thrills of my life was being a part of the NIT champions," he recalled. We had a 33-2 record, and ranked first in the nation."

The lure of a professional baseball contract prompted him to leave St. Louis U. after his sophomore year. A pitcher and outfielder, Lyles signed with the old St. Louis Browns organization (who have since become the Baltimore Orioles) during the summer of 1949. He had also been pursued by the Yankees, Cubs, Cardinals, and Reds.

"I made the mistake of getting caught up in the fantasy world of sports. Leaving college was a mistake, but at that point I wasn't thinking about my future."

After spending the summer in the minor leagues, Joe was contacted by the NBA's St. Louis Bombers, who also offered the Missouri native a contract. After giving it much thought, Lyles agreed to sign, although such a decision involved a great deal of personal sacrifice.

"I enjoyed playing two sports, but I missed having an off-season. As soon as baseball was over, I started basketball season," Lyles stated.

Joe worked his way up through the Browns' system, and by 1951 was one of their top minor league prospects. However, Korean War service interrupted his career, and eventually ended it.

"During my stint in Korea, I incurred a painful back injury which sidelined me for some time."

Lyles returned to the Browns, but was placed on the injured list due to his ailing back. The crosstown rival St. Louis Car-

dinals were in need of pitching, and acquired Lyles from the Brownies. However, Joe couldn't regain his previous form, and retired. He tried a comeback as an outfielder with the New York Giants in 1954,

Julianne, and Pope Pius XII. Everywhere we went, we played before throngs of appreciative fans."

After winding up his basketball career, Lyles resumed his college education, earning his



but broke his hand, which, combined with the haunting back injury, forced a permanent end to his professional baseball career.

Lyles also had an interesting basketball career. After signing with the St. Louis Bombers, he spent several years playing minor league ball, hoping to break into the NBA.

In 1952, he was selected to the U.S. All-Stars, the first team to travel the globe on a goodwill basketball tour, organized by Bob Hope. The team journeyed 153,000 miles, playing in such world centers as Berlin, Munich, London, Paris, Colon, Rome, Zurich, and Cairo.

Lyles and his teammates played over 1000 games on the world tour, averaging about ten games per week.

"That trip was one of the highlights of my life," recalled Lyles. "We were guests of the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace, Holland's Queen

degree at Springfield College in 1958, and his master's the following year.

Upon completion of his master's degree, Joe Lyles was hired by Washington and Lee University, where he took over, not only as jayvee basketball coach, but varsity soccer and baseball coach, as well. He remained in charge of JV basketball for eight years, guiding the frosh to a 54-46 overall record. He remained at the helm of the soccer and baseball teams until the mid-1970's. Although not currently associated with any W&L sport, he has been an active Phys Ed professor, taking particular pride in his individualized and unorthodox teaching methods.

When three-year baseball coach Chuck Kroll left W&L after being denied full-time status and the corresponding

Sports

J.V. Important To Basketball Program

by John Harrison

One does not have to look very hard to understand why the W&L JV basketball team finished the past season with a subpar 1-6 mark.

As usual, the Generals' schedule included prep school powers Massanutten Academy and Fork Union, which boasts of basketball standouts Dale Solomon of Virginia Tech, and Kentucky's Melvin Turpin as two of its recent graduates. An even bigger problem was created for W&L's hoopsters when traditional rivals Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon, who were scheduled before the season began, cancelled their programs; thus, the team found itself lacking four games against comparable opponents.

Another problem arose in mid-season, when three key members of the varsity team came up with injuries. When R.J. Scaggs was forced to miss the second half of the season due to a wrist injury, and both George Spears and Carby Hoy

were forced to sit out a few games, varsity coach Verne Canfield and JV coach Howard Ainsley were forced to put Henry Bond, Frank Eppes, Jay Fechtel and Bill Yates, all of whom had been playing for both the varsity and JV squads, on varsity exclusively. This move left the JV squad with only seven members. So, in addition to having an abbreviated and unbalanced schedule, there was virtually no bench strength for half of the season.

Coach Ainsley does not see the season as a complete loss. "It was a good experience for us to go up against some tough teams. What made it even more difficult was that we were a smaller team than most of our opponents. Even so, I believe most of the guys proved themselves."

After noting that the varsity squad is losing seniors Rob Smitherman, Hoy and Scaggs, he added that the rosters of next year's varsity and JV teams would depend heavily upon whom the coaches can recruit.

salary, Joe Lyles' name was mentioned as a possible successor.

Lyles is philosophical about his professional career. "I believe that sports teaches a person that failure is not the end of the world. I just thank God that I had the opportunity to play pro ball. It enabled me to do things for people. Besides entertaining, I have been fortunate enough to visit crippled and diseased children in many

hospitals, and they are always excited about visits from athletes. I loved making them happy."

"I miss pro ball now and again," Lyles admitted. "Whenever I go to a game, I remember how it used to be. I remember the camaraderie between the players, the locker room shenanigans, the fun and closeness we shared. I do miss it sometimes."

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Cagers End Season With Disappointing Loss To H-SC

by Dale Park

The Washington and Lee varsity basketball team ended its 1980-1981 season with a disappointing 60-58 loss to rival Hampden-Sydney College on Thursday, February 26, in the quarterfinal round of the fifth-annual ODAC Championship Tournament, held in Salem, Va. The Generals held a 32-28 halftime lead after twice holding leads of seven points. In the second half, H-S fought back to take a 42-41 lead and took a 58-56 advantage with only 55 seconds left. Junior guard George Spears, who led his team with 15 points, hit a pair of free throws to tie the score at 58 with 39 seconds left. Following a time-out with seven seconds remaining, H-S got the win when guard William Barbour tipped in a missed shot at the buzzer.

Ironically, it was W&L's Rob Smitherman who hit a shot at

the buzzer in last year's ODAC Championship game that beat H-S.

"This was an ironic loss," commented head coach Verne Canfield. "But if you play this game long enough, the breaks will even out. I am not totally happy with the way we played against H-S, although we stuck to our game plan fairly well. Again, our total team concentration was lacking."

While the Generals did not win in the tournament, two W&L seniors, center Smitherman and guard Carby Hoy, received top ODAC basketball honors. Smitherman was selected to the ODAC All-Conference first team; Hoy was named to the ODAC second team. Hoy and Smitherman led their team in scoring, averaging 14 points per game apiece.

"Rob and Carby have proven themselves to be fine athletes

and fine gentlemen at W&L," stated Canfield. "The all-conference honor is a fine reward for their efforts and performances."

The Generals finished with a 16-10 overall record, the 14th winning season in Canfield's 17-year tenure.

The eventual winner of the ODAC tourney was Roanoke College. The Maroons held true to their top seed, defeating eighth-seeded Bridgewater College (81-70), fourth-seeded Hampden-Sydney (76-65), and sixth-seeded Lynchburg College (78-53) on their way to the crown.

Roanoke will now take its 26-1 record to Upsala College in East Orange, N.J. this Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, to compete in the NCAA Division III South Atlantic Regional Tournament.



SENIOR CAPTAIN Geoff Brent shooting against Rutgers. (Sorry we didn't get any shots last Saturday.)

Lax Team Wins Exhibition Easily

by Robert Massie

The Washington and Lee University lacrosse team opened its exhibition season last Saturday afternoon with a 20-6 victory over the Virginia Beach Lacrosse Club, despite the absence of several key players. Head coach Jack Emmer said that Virginia Beach wasn't as challenging as he expected, but the two remaining pre-season games, both scheduled for this weekend, will be different.

Emmer stressed that both of the upcoming opponents, Mount Washington and Chesapeake, will be difficult to beat. "We've got a tough weekend with these back-to-back contests against two talented, strong club teams." Mount Washington boasts of an impressive roster, which includes several former W&L players, such as ex-goalies Bob Clements and Charlie Brown. Chesapeake has already beaten UMBC, and has lost games against Maryland and Navy by only one goal.

Despite the loss of eleven players from last year's squad, Emmer feels that he has a very

balanced team, with the attack position possibly the strongest. Each position has at least five returning lettermen, which will greatly enhance team depth.

Ware Palmer will start in the crease for the Generals, succeeding last year's All-American goalie Clements. Palmer proved himself as a competent goalie in a reserve role last year, but has yet to be tested this season. Returning defensemen will include Jim Herbert, Don Rigger, Bill Benson, and Bob Grauer, who returns after a season's absence. Midfielders for the season include Geoff Brent, George Santos, Jerry Broccoli, Rob Carpenter, and John Kemp. Attackmen for the Generals include muscle-man Mike Pressler, Rob Staugaitis, Jeff Wood, and George Roberts.

Game times for weekend action are: W&L vs. Mount Washington this Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m., and W&L vs. Chesapeake on Sunday, March 8 also at 2:00 p.m. Both games will be played at Wilson Field.

Track Team Third In Meet

by Rick Swagler

The Washington and Lee track team placed third in last Saturday's ODAC Indoor Track Championship, aided by a record-tying performance by sophomore Gene Fellin. Coach Norris Aldridge said, "We ran well. I was really proud of our young men."

Individually for W&L, Kevin Kadesky won the 60-yard dash, John McKee won the shot put, and Fellin tied the school record in the pole vault, attaining a height of 13 feet 3 inches.

The mile relay team of Billy Morris, R.J. Scaggs, Kevin Kadesky, and Errol Skyers captured first place. Russ Rector placed second in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump, and Alan Armitage was second in the 60-yard high hurdles. The

440-yard relay team of Bob Kadesky, and Keith Kadesky received the third place ribbon. R.J. Scaggs took third in the 440-yard dash, but in the words of Aldridge, "wasn't quite ready." Paul Chapman placed third in the 880, and the team composed of Crews Townsend, Chapman, Howard Herndon, and Keith Kadesky finished

fourth.

Jon Kelafant was sick and did not compete in the meet, which may have hurt the team. However, Keith Kadesky, who missed the Lynchburg Relays the week before the championship due to a broken toe, was back in fine form Saturday, as evidenced by his performances in the 440 and two-mile relays.

Booters To Host Tourney

The Washington and Lee soccer team will host the fourth annual W&L Indoor Soccer Tournament on Saturday, March 7 in Doremus Gymnasium. The six-team event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and include 15 games.

Teams included in the event are: Eastern Mennonite College, The Arsenal (from Delaware), the Roxborough

(Pennsylvania) YMCA, Virginia Military Institute, the W&L "Machine" and the W&L "Select." Roxborough is the defending champion. The tournament titlist will be determined through a point system which awards two points for a win, one point for a tie, and none for a loss.

Three Swimmers Compete In Senior Championship

by Ralph Frasca

Three W&L swimmers competed in the AAU Virginia Senior Championship last weekend, held at Virginia Tech.

Freshmen Jeff Gee, Gary Meyer, and Tim Rock competed in the meet. Gee swam the 200-yard backstroke and the 100-

yard fly. Meyer competed in the 50-yard freestyle, and Rock performed both the 500 and 1000-free, as well as the 400-yard individual medley.

The Generals will compete in the Johns Hopkins Invitational Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8.

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El Salvador

El Salvador is a minute country on the west coast of Central America. We usually leave comments and thoughts on national affairs to the professionals, however, many Washington and Lee students had to register for the draft this fall and we think the situation developing in the little country deserves some comment.

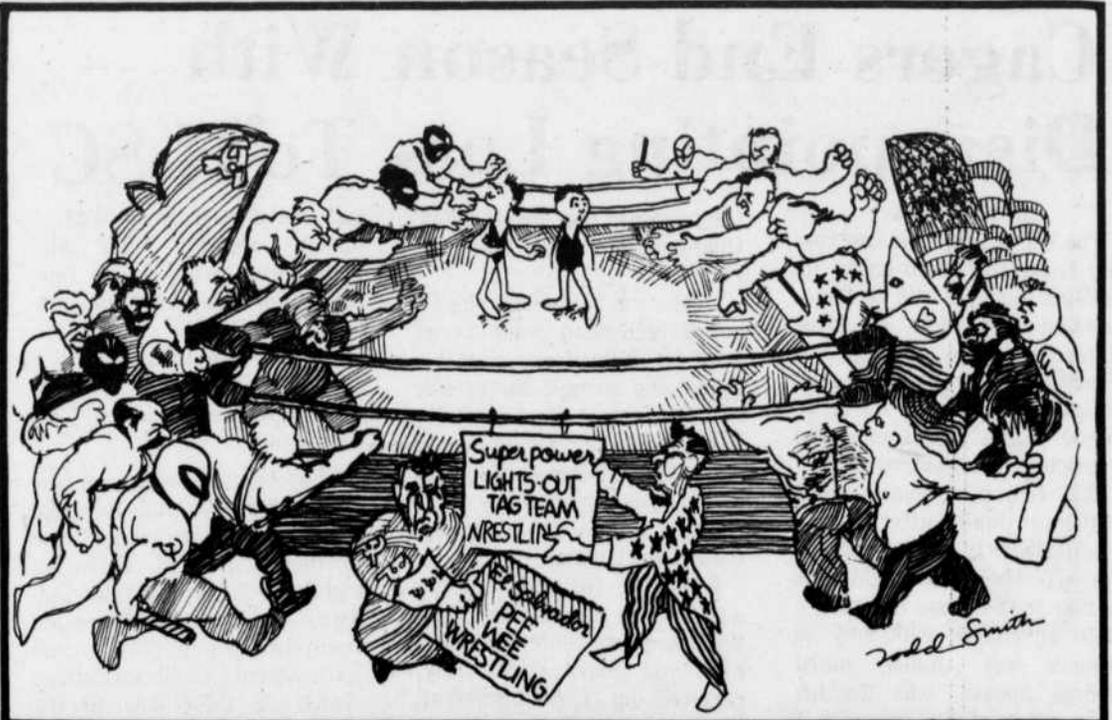
We can not and will not pretend to be experts on the Reagan Administration and the plans it has for dealing with the increasing troubles developing in central America. Most people know by now that the United States is increasingly concerned by the situation and that the United States is taking a harsher stance across the board in cases of any possible perceived threat to the nation. Some people have mentioned that El Salvador and its implications closely resemble the early stages of Viet Nam. We ask all of you to monitor the El Salvador situation closely, developments there, could make a significant difference in your future. The Washington and Lee campus is often noted for its apathy, but the Mock convention last spring demonstrated that students are concerned by developments on the national and international scene. You all have representatives in the House of Representative and the Senate, send them letters stating your view on El Salvador and the course of action our nation should follow.

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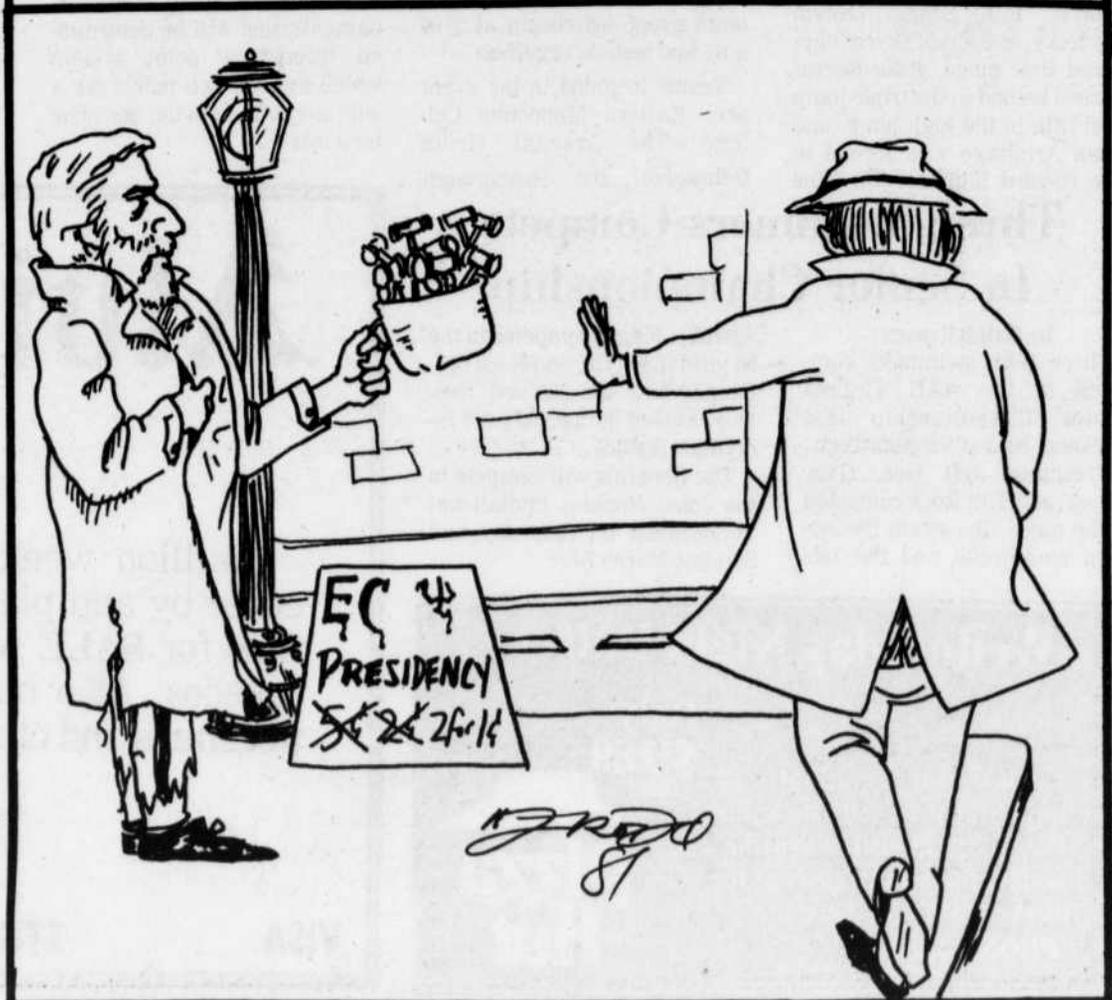
We would like to congratulate the student activities board for putting on such an impressive Fanny Dress. At the beginning of the year we heard EC President Bob Willis ask the SAB to throw the best Ball ever—they did. Now we will have to wait and see the EC's reaction to the best ball the SAB could throw.

The Big Three

Once again it is time to elect the first three — possibly the most important three — members of the Executive Committee. For the second time in as many years the candidate for president is running unopposed. We are happy to see more candidates than in years past campaigning for vice president and secretary, yet we are worried that more students are not interested in becoming president of the student body. We feel compelled to ask two questions. One is if the only candidate for president so far is the only qualified candidate. If so, the opportunities to gain leadership qualities at W&L must be limited. The other question in our minds is why no one else wants the job. Try to remember that president of the student body is the most important office a student at Washington and Lee can hold. Anyone interested in leading Washington and Lee should start gaining experience now for the next election. It seems difficult to have a choice when only one candidate runs for a post and it is upsetting that only one person would seek the highest position on campus.



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The Unspoken Traditions Of Big Three Elections

It is an unspoken custom on this campus to point accusing fingers after elections for both the Executive Committee and the Intrafraternity Council. According to tradition, EC elections seem to bring out that poor quality in Washington and Lee students: apathy. Apathy is blamed for both the poor showing at the polls and the lack of candidates.

In the case of the IFC, Big Three selections are correlated to "block" votes and the ability of coalitions to win over nonaligned houses. This year, however, a new factor could be applicable to election shortcom-

ings. It may be wisest to point an accusing finger at the committees themselves.

To clarify this point, let's take a look at the way the EC and IFC have handled their respective Big Three elections:

—The EC wins the award for punctuality, having announced its upcoming election as far back as Feb. 9. Unfortunately, the EC's minutes of both Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 incorrectly listed the final deadlines for candidates' applications. The result has been that the EC again has a campaign with a field as limited as there are females on this campus. As one example of poor organization,

one candidate for an EC position missed the original Monday deadline, and then proceeded to miss the Tuesday extension.

—In the case of the IFC, the fault lies more with the organization than the candidates. Prior to accepting nominations for next year Big Three, the IFC failed to mention one thing: when the applications were actually due. The IFC held a special meeting on Wednesday night to get the nominations. As another example of disorganization, one fraternity representative said his house was informed on Tuesday night of the nomination's impending deadline; a

full 15 minutes before the scheduled 7 p.m. meeting.

What we are faced with, then, is a traditional set of elections for this campus. The EC's Big Three election promises interesting races in both the secretary and vice-president positions, but the presidential selection possesses all the charm, drama and suspense of the election of a Bolivian dictator.

One must wonder how long it will be before someone cries "block!" over the IFC results. By merely looking at the houses the candidates are associated with, one can roughly estimate what the results. This appears to be a system Mayor Daley or Boss Tweed would be proud of.

Do your duty and cast your ballot on Monday. Not only is it your duty, it's also your privilege.

Jed Dunn:

Education Leaps Backward, The Scopes Trial Revisited

Out in otherwise progressive California, education is taking a giant leap backward. The counterparts of Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan are reenacting the 1925 Scopes Monkey trial. At issue today is the right of a state school system and science department to exclusively teach Darwin's secular theory of evolution. Fundamentalist Christians demand that "creationism" be presented as an alternative theory. Defenders of evolution cite overwhelming scientific evidence in support of evolution, while the fundamentalist place faith in the inspired

word of God as revealed through a literal transaction of the Bible. Fundamentalists contend that creationism should be taught in science classes as an alternative theory to evolution.

A higher educational ideal would present alternative theories (though through different departments) to students engrained with their own educated capacity I think. Then perhaps the students could decide for themselves which theory to believe as truth. In the case of the education/creation controversy, perhaps students might conclude that the religious version and evolution are not necessary mutually ex-

clusive. It is difficult to believe that in 1981 a case of this nature could be seriously entertained.

Are we as tax paying citizens supposed to accept the dictates of just any religious pressure group? If the fundamentalists are successful, conceivably in future decisions public schools might also have to teach as science that the world rests on the back of a great turtle. I think the wise course to follow would be to teach as science that which is currently the scientific theory as expressed by the nation's leading scientists; and leave religious theories to courses of social or philosophical nature.

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'The Ninth Step' Comes Highly Recommended

by M. Shaw Pyle

We ought to give this up for Lent (don't panic, though, we wouldn't disappoint you folks like that; for one thing we're having too much fun). Every time we have to review new or experimental theatre around here, it turns cold. And it rains. And we have to walk in the slush all the way to the Boiler Room Theatre. For a world premiere, they could have at least ordered better weather.

Honestly, if the productions weren't decent, we'd doubtless succumb to apoplexy (uncross those fingers now). But for now, our health is safe (would you cut the boos?) and we are delighted to report that the future of W&L theatre is in equally good shape. If anyone doubts this proposition, he has

The reconciliation she must effect with the 18-year-old daughter she left behind eight years ago is the point of departure for Ziegler's exploration of the ramifications of love without guts.

The script is, in a word, superb. But scripts don't make for tolerable evenings. Acting does — and did. Despite opening night dialogue misfires, there wasn't a bad performance in the lot. Ginger McNeese as Joanna, the alcoholic heroine, was so impressive as to make us forget who she is in front of the footlights. She didn't act the lead. She was the lead. Pam Simpson, as the yenta mentor, Eleahor, was the sort of friend even sober people need. Nancy Stone turned in a work of art — not craft — as Joanna's

employee/victim Maria. Rachele Erwin, who has the charming earnestness of a Hollins style Gilda Radner, did only to toddle down Henry Street and watch Tom Ziegler's *The Ninth Step*.

The Ninth Step is the story of a woman who is striving to overcome her alcoholism. The symptoms, the drinking, are escapable. The underlying causes are not. For years, she has been tossed hither and yon (not to mention yon and hither) by the pressure of other folks' expectations: the demands of her mother, her church, her husband. Never had she developed the inner core that alone can stabilize the soul. As a result, she drinks. Like a fish. This is not good for her mar-

riage or her life, both of which promptly fall apart. Finally, she turns to A.A. to rebuild her life; a process based on A.A.'s 12-step program. It is on the "Ninth Step" — the necessity to make amends to the other victims of one's alcoholism — that

the heroine becomes stalled. a bang-up job as the wronged daughter, Melissa, and Cyndi Weeks left us frankly aghast as the street child/A.A. member Tracy — aghast at the character, which is just what Ziegler was aiming for.

Forum

(continued from page 7) trials, in which no names were mentioned, was satisfactory and "seemed to provide no disservice to the accused." Witherington and Averett concurred, with Witherington stressing the importance of total anonymity of the accused.

What should and can be done about the unofficial separation of law and undergraduate bodies?

Myers says he feels that while law representation on the EC appears disproportionate, it is in fact quite adequate

much co-working or whatever as possible between the two bodies, but physical realities separate us," he said.

Averett agreed with the statement and said he advocates more joint social events next year to encourage integration on a personal level.

White said that a quick cure would not be easy, and suggested that five or six years of consistent action would be necessary before a desirable result is achieved.

On other issues:

—Ross said the EC should receive input from sources other than the publications board for student feedback on the Ringtum Phi and the Ariel.

—Roberts said that while the subcommittees should be independently run, he feels that EC members, as student representatives, have "the right to know where the money goes."

—White said that as vice-president he would assist the new secretary in performing the many small tasks associated with that position.

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