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## VMI holds birthday bonanza

By Spain Brumby  
Staff Reporter

Last weekend the nation's first military college, Virginia Military Institute, celebrated its 150th birthday with activities for alumni, faculty, and cadets.

Marking its sesquicentennial year, several VMI cadets buried a time capsule Friday that will be uncovered during VMI's bicentennial year, 2039.

The time capsule, which was buried in front of the Stonewall Jackson statue at VMI, contained shoulder boards, hop tickets, a private's belt, an athletic schedule, a Rat Bible, a copy of the VMI Cadet newspaper, a Corps roster with room numbers, a class ring, a special calculator and a list of all the current administration and staff.

Following the burial of the time capsule, there was a concert in VMI's Cameron Hall featuring the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus under the direction of Colonel William E. Clark.

On Saturday, VMI's actual birthday, Dr. Harvey S. Sadow, an alumnus and member VMI Board of Visitors, dedicated VMI's new science building, which was completed in August.

The new four-story science facility located adjacent to Mallory Hall contains chemistry and biology laboratories, a science information center, a specialized library, faculty offices and supply rooms.

The grand finale of the weekend was VMI's 20-10 victory over its arch rival The Citadel.

More than 8,000 people attended the 49th playing of "The Military Classic of the South," making it the second largest home game crowd in VMI's football history.



Cadets stand at attention on the VMI Parade Grounds Friday afternoon. VMI celebrated its 150th birthday this weekend. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## Penn assistant named new W&L lacrosse coach



Jim Stagnitta  
...will coach lacrosse team

## Senior EC rep. leaves school

By Melinda Conkling  
Staff Reporter

Senior Class Executive Committee Representative Judson Parker has withdrawn from school, citing personal reasons, and resigned his position on the EC.

At the EC's meeting Monday night, President Willard Dumas announced there will be a special election in January to fill the vacancy, even though Parker said he will be back for Winter Term.

"I will be returning in January," said Parker. "I've just decided that I'm not ready to spend as much time

on the EC as it demands. It's just a personal decision. I just think it's about time I spend more time on my studies."

In a brief announcement at the Monday meeting, Dumas said, "Judson Parker withdrew from school and subsequently resigned from the EC. The EC thanks him for two-and-a-half years of service."

In other business at the meeting, the International Club and *The Political Review* presented budget reports.

Also, the Independent Union and Fencing Club's budgets were frozen because both organizations failed to show up at the meeting to give budget reports.

## Seminar explores racism

By Alisha Johnson  
Staff Reporter

Dr. C.T. Vivian, an internationally known authority on the problems of human relationships, addressed the issue of black/white racial conflict resolution in Washington and Lee University's Dupont Hall on Saturday.

"Racism destroys more people psychologically and physically and has been doing so for a longer amount of time than any other problem in American society," said Vivian.

An ordained Baptist minister, Vivian has been involved in African-American issues for 45 years.

He has served as a consultant for labor, corporations, students, and the

coach," Stagnitta said. "Washington and Lee is a place with a great academic and athletic history, and it is a great privilege to be a part of that tradition.

"The academic strength of Washington and Lee is very attractive, because I like the type of players you can draw," said Stagnitta. "It should be possible to bring the same kind of players to W&L that we have at Penn. We'll be looking for the 'fringe' Ivy players when we recruit: the men that are good athletes and have the grades to get into the Ivy League, but are not quite ready for Division I. Those are the guys who will turn into great players in their sophomore, junior and senior years."

Stagnitta replaces Dennis Daly, who has been reassigned to other duties within the athletic department. Daly came to W&L in 1983 and compiled a 30-49 record. The first three of Daly's six seasons as head coach were in Division I.

Under Daly, the Generals' best season was in 1987, when his team was 11-4 and reached the semifinals of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Stagnitta's appointment was announced by Athletic Director Mike Walsh. "It's with great enthusiasm that I announce the selection of Jim Stagnitta as the new head coach of men's lacrosse at Washington and Lee," said Walsh, who replaced Bill McHenry as athletic director on Oct. 11. "His wealth of experience as

both a player and a coach and his experience at an Ivy League institution will serve him well here. He is regarded as one of the finest young lacrosse coaches in the nation, and we look forward to him joining our staff."

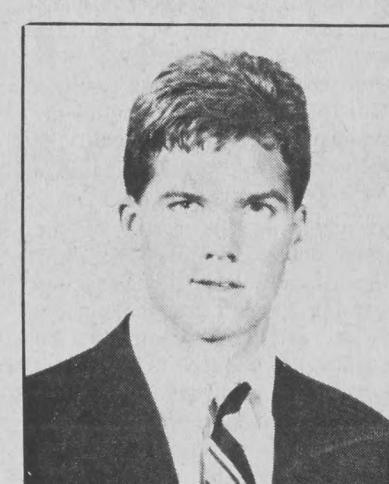
Stagnitta has been at Penn as both a player and a coach, leading the Quakers' lacrosse program to its greatest successes ever. As a player, Stagnitta was a three-year letterman and a starting defenseman. He led the Quakers to two Ivy League titles, including the school's first-ever in 1983. The 1984 Penn team was ranked third in the nation. The Quakers were 22-5 in Stagnitta's final two seasons and compiled a 33-18 record during Stagnitta's playing

days.

After his graduation from Penn in 1984, Stagnitta returned to his native Syracuse, NY, and coached at the high school and junior college levels. He joined the staff at Penn in 1987 as the only full-time assistant.

Since returning to his alma mater, Stagnitta has helped guide the team to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. Penn also won the 1988 Ivy League tournament, and has compiled a 20-9 record during Stagnitta's two seasons as an assistant.

Junior midfielder Clark Wight said, "Stagnitta is very enthusiastic, and is just what our program needs. The team is looking forward to starting this season with Coach Stagnitta at the helm."



Judson Parker  
...leaves school, quits EC

about their feelings.

Vivian said blacks and whites use code words without understanding each other, for example, the word justice has a totally different meaning for one who has seen more than 400 years of injustice than for a person who can look back on more than 400 years of acceptance and expecting justice, said Vivian.

Vivian said one cannot be fair to blacks until he deals honestly with who they are in America's society.

Vivian encouraged students to take responsibility for their own convictions. Vivian said over 90 percent of racism in the U.S. is learned in the homes at a young age. He said passivity is the "greatest determinant for the continuation of racism."

## W&L students attend rally

By Alisann McGloin  
and Caroline Davis  
Staff Reporters

Several Washington and Lee students and Rockbridge County residents joined hundreds of thousands of pro-choice demonstrators at the rally sponsored by the National Organization for Women in Washington D.C. Sunday, Nov. 12th.

The rally, held at the Lincoln Memorial, was among 1,000 events held in over 150 cities from Maine to Alaska on a day designated by NOW as "Mobilize for Women's Lives."

Pamela Simpson, an art professor at W&L, is an officer in the local NOW chapter consisting of about 75 members.

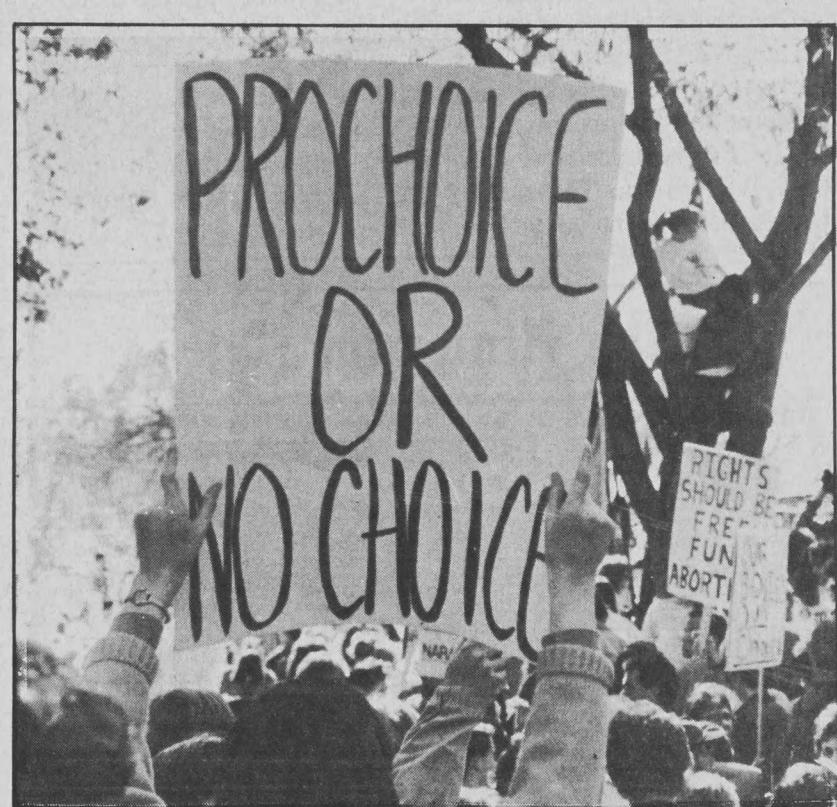
In preparation for the rally, the chapter placed an advertisement in the local newspaper and posted signs. Simpson helped coordinate rides among interested students and residents.

"I think the most positive experience was being surrounded by people who share your point of view," Simpson said. "It's reassuring to know that there are that many people out there."

Junior Katy Roggenburk said she was especially interested in the speech given by Iowa's Lt.Gov. Jo Anne Zimmerman, warning the protesters to question the true intentions of candidates claiming to support their cause.

Roggenburk said she was concerned with politicians claiming to be pro-choice but failing to back their promises once elected.

"For women to lead the lives they want, they need control of their



A number of Washington and Lee students attended a "Mobilize for Women's Lives" rally at Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. this past weekend. The pro-choice rally was sponsored by National Organization for Women. Photo by Ashely Harris.

bodies," Roggenburk said. "The state should protect an individual's rights, not limit them."

"We will not go back!" said Molly Yard president of the N.O.W.

Guest speakers at the rally stressed what they consider the importance of the abortion issue in state-elections as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in Webster v. Reproductive Health Services.

Many speakers referred to the gubernatorial elections in New Jersey and Virginia last Tuesday in which pro-choice candidates were victorious.

The participants then took a vow, led by former NOW president Eleanor Smeal, to support only pro-choice candidates. They were then encouraged by former San Francisco mayor Diane Feinstein to make

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# OPINION

## Learning for life

This afternoon in Northen Auditorium, there was a teleconference about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. We hope you went.

What images come to the mind of an average W&L student about AIDS? Some poor, homeless man, wasting his welfare money to shoot up heroin with a dirty needle? Either that or some lowlife homosexual who deserves what he gets because God willed it that way.

Dean Buddy Atkins, at the Nov. 6 Interfraternity Council meeting, quoted statistics from the Centers for Disease Control which say that college-age *heterosexuals* are the fastest-growing age group in terms of the number of AIDS cases. That means us.

According to Atkins, some surveys say as many as three in 1,000 college women have been infected with the AIDS virus.

If those statistics hold true for W&L, then there are one or two women here who have been infected with a disease that allows even minor illnesses to eat away at their bodies and minds for years, at they might not even know it yet. It might even be someone you know.

AIDS can happen anywhere anytime, despite our best efforts to ignore it, and the sooner we all understand that, the better off everyone will be.

Comedian Sam Kinison once observed that the average person, in his somewhat irreverent view, cannot name one heterosexual who has died of AIDS. We submit that we would like to keep it that way, particularly at W&L.

To say that AIDS presents the same threat to W&L students as it does to those groups designated as "high risk" is, of course, ludicrous. Equally ludicrous, however, is the notion that W&L students are, by some miracle, exempt from the disease.

Admittedly, the condom machine near the door to the infirmary is, at best, unusual or, at worst, offensive. To say nothing of the condom machine in, of all places, the Gaines laundry room, complete with a small library of AIDS information pamphlets. Call it an "everything you wanted to know about AIDS, but were afraid to ask" literature section.

Despite their slightly maudlin, almost comically so, content, such sights have become, by default, a glimpse of a rather grim reality.

It is no longer possible for us to blithely ignore the possibility that one of us could die, right here at W&L.

It is not solely the university's responsibility to educate the student body about AIDS. Any such school-sponsored program concerning AIDS would, without doubt, be the subject of scorn and widespread disregard. We, as students, shouldn't have to rely on the university to tell us what we should already know.

We applaud the Health Education Committee for its efforts in bringing the teleconference to W&L. It would be a shame for those efforts to have been wasted because no one cared enough to go.

## Quote of the week

*Law enforcement officials do not need reserved parking. They are able to park anywhere in anyone's lot with assurance that they will probably not be given parking tickets.* — Lexington Mayor H.E. "Buddy" Derrick, explaining why police cars will not have reserved parking spots at a proposed city-county combined courthouse facility.

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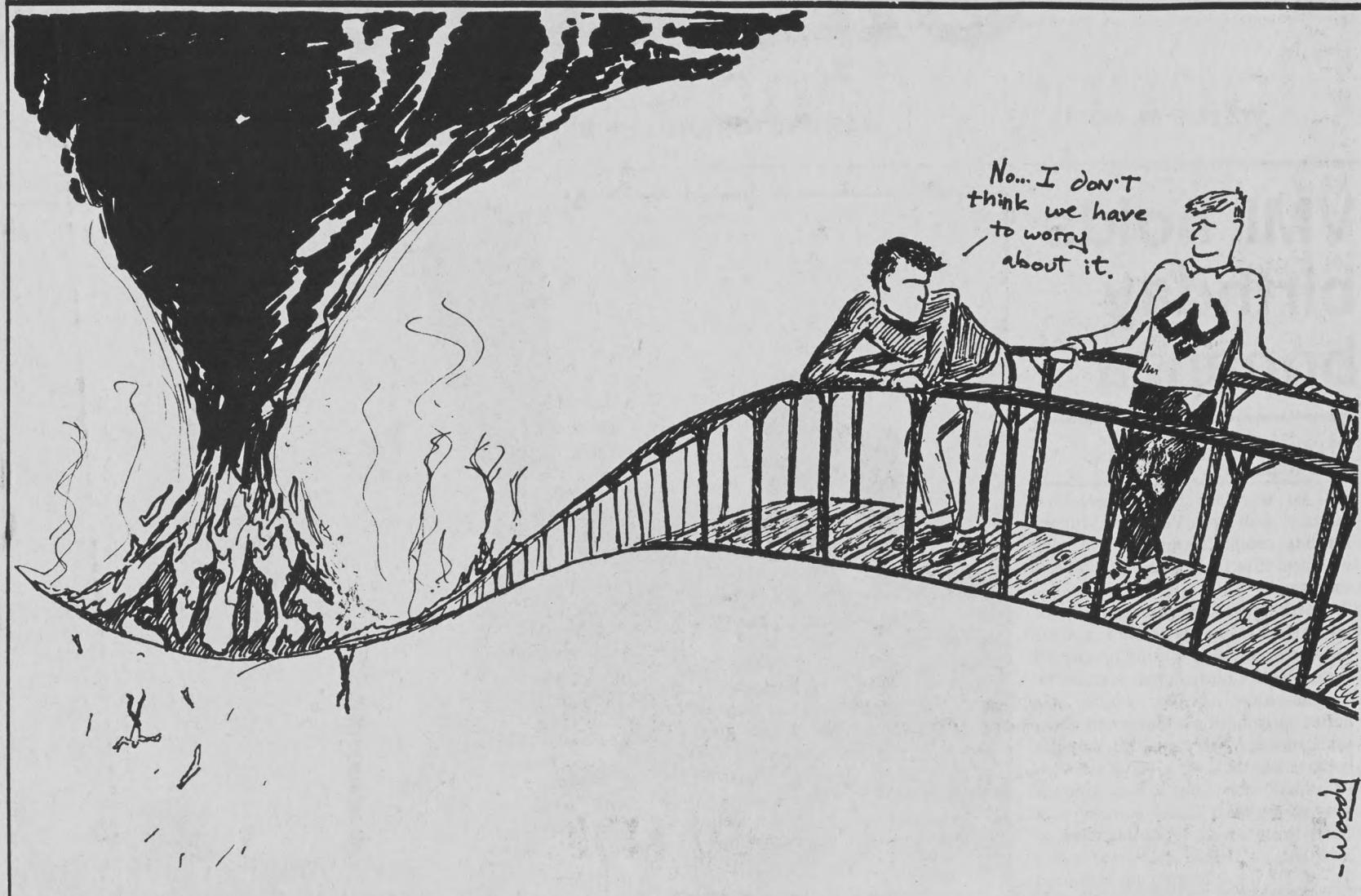
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## Legal abortion: its safe and...

### MY VIEW

By Pamela H. Simpson

This is in response to Richard Hill's "My View" article in the Nov. 9 issue ("States Should Say No To Abortion"). This gentleman was in his turn responding to an article by Pam Patton and Betsy Parkins who were in their turn responding to an article by J. Cameron Humphries. So the debate goes on. Since Richard has stated so clearly the anti-abortion argument, I feel the necessity to more fully state the pro-choice position.

He is right in contending that the Supreme Court has recently reversed the trend of 16 years of legal decisions and seems bent on giving states greater authority to restrict access to abortion. While I disagree with his analysis of *Roe v. Wade* (it was not a "mishap of legal history," it was an assertion of the constitutional right to privacy), it is nevertheless clear that in the future the debate over abortion will be taken up at the state level.

The basic difference between the anti-abortion and the pro-choice positions is summarized in Richard's logical syllogism: (1) A fetus is a human being. (2) Killing a human being is murder. (3) The states outlaw murder; therefore, the states should outlaw all abortions. There it is, simple as one, two, three. The problem is, of course, that there are inherent fallacies in this reasoning.

Let's take the first premise that a fetus is a human being. Richard may believe that, but there

### Let's consider who is being murdered if abortion becomes unattainable.

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is no other clear consensus on this issue among medical authorities, religious leaders, or scholars of moral and ethical studies. No one can clearly say at what "moment" life begins. Fertilization and initial cell division of the zygote takes at least three days. Implantation of the blastocyst begins no sooner than six days and is not complete for another 14 to 21 days. Two out of every three fertilized eggs miscarry naturally during the first six weeks after fertilization. Is that "murder" by some unseen forces? The problem is that if you make no differentiation between the born and the unborn, if you insist on anthropomorphizing a dividing cell into a human being, then you fall into the kind of simplistic thinking that the anti-abortionists continue to demonstrate. It is not that simple. I heard one local politician assert recently that if woman was raped and the next day took a morning-after pill that resulted in the abortion of

a fertilized egg, then she was guilty of murder. That is the sort of muddle-headed reasoning that the equation of eggs and human life leads to.

His second premise is that killing a human being is murder, leading him to equate abortion with murder. Let's consider who is being murdered if abortion becomes unattainable. Before 1973, illegal abortion was the leading killer of pregnant women in the United States. There were at least 100 deaths for every 1,000 performed. By contrast, the rate now with safe, legal abortion is only three per 100,000. Legal abortion saves lives. The anti-abortion position would value the potential life of a developing zygote over the already established life of a fully developed human being.

One argument pro-choice advocates make is that banning abortion legally would not stop abortions at all. It would simply take us back to the pre-1973 position where poor women and vulnerable teenagers risked their lives to obtain abortions, and affluent women flew to foreign countries to get them. Today, safe legal abortions are still relatively available to everyone. The risk of dying in pregnancy is 13 times greater than that of dying in an abortion. Further, maternal mortality has dropped dramatically since the legalization of abortion — in other words, abortions do save lives, women's lives.

Finally, there is the conclusion Richard makes that since the state outlaws murder, it should outlaw all abortions. I can see where his lockstep logic has led him to this extreme position. Most anti-abortionists do at least allow medical

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## ...it made Doug Wilder governor

### MY VIEW

By Brian Root

For the last several weeks, the issue of legalized abortion has been discussed to the point of exhaustion in *The Ring-tum Phi*. Despite this treatment, the newest aspect of the debate on abortion has been overlooked. Virginia Lt. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, in a political masterstroke, raised it in the recent, somewhat bitter race for governor — and the result appears to have been a narrow victory for the moderate Democrat.

Perhaps you saw some of his commercials — the ones that weren't questioning Marshall Coleman's manhood or descent. In particular, I refer to the ad that pictured Wilder at Monticello, with a statue of Thomas Jefferson in the background, complete with the obligatory patriotic music.

While that may sound perfectly ordinary, the content of that ad has revolutionized how abortion is discussed.

Instead of repeating the same old pro-choice argument, Wilder brilliantly turned the tables on the Republicans. He said Coleman, who was on record for opposing abortion in virtually all cases, would allow the government to interfere with the people's right to choose. That is a vitally important distinction.

By changing the scope of the abortion debate, Wilder shed the traditional view that all Democrats are pro-big government and against individual and state autonomy. By doing so, he painted Coleman as someone who would take our rights away. And on that ground alone, Wilder won the governor's mansion.

Almost overnight, the abortion issue went from politically untouchable to an absolutely essential item

that could only be avoided at the candidate's peril.

For years, the Democrats have based their pro-choice argument on a tenuous "when does life begin" assertion. Now they are in a position to steal the so-called high ground.

Ronald Reagan began an entire political revolution with the simple statement: "Let's get the government off the backs of the people." But, as Wilder has pointed out, it is in fact the current policy of many Republicans to allow the government to intervene — a stigma usually reserved for Democrats.

If the GOP is to win the battle of public opinion on abortion, the party must moderate its heretofore extreme position, much as the Democrats must moderate many of their positions if they are to reclaim the White House.

Recently, two Republican governors, Thomas Kean of New Jersey and James Thompson of Illinois, said

the GOP must either moderate its stance on abortion or simply leave the decision about the issue to the individual candidates.

With the Supreme Court's recent *Webster* decision giving some control over abortion back to the states, the issue will soon become one of, if not the, biggest issues in state and local politics for the next decade.

The key for either party to capture public opinion on this rather emotionally-charged issue is moderation. Both sides must control the extreme ends of their membership. Most opinion polls agree that the public's ideas on abortion lie somewhere between the Pat Robertsons and the Jesse Jacksons of the world.

For now however, the ball is in the Republicans' court. If their strict overall view of abortion is not somehow modified and moderated, they risk losing touch with much of their constituency, particularly women.

## LETTERS

## Writers give thanks for seven days

I am writing in response to the proposal in last week's *Phi* to do a way with the week-long Thanksgiving break in favor of two shorter breaks. This proposal is ludicrous. At a school like Washington and Lee where more than half of the students come from outside Virginia, the trek home can often be both arduous and expensive. Driving long distances to go home for a week is trying enough, much less making the same trip twice within a month to stay for only a few days. And for those who fly, correct me if I'm wrong, two plane tickets cost more than one.

It is also necessary to consider those who aren't on their parents' monthly payroll. Those students who work during their breaks in order to make ends meet at school will tell you it is easier to find a job over the week-long Thanksgiving break than it would be to work over two long weekends. Work is easier to find

and the pay is generally better over Thanksgiving break because more employees are left to fill voids created by vacationing employees.

I really don't think the argument that this first long stretch of classes makes students so homesick and stressed out that they have to go home before Thanksgiving is a valid one. If some students can't spend a little over two months without seeing their parents, then perhaps W&L should set up a babysitting service for them. For those who do get homesick, I've heard the phone can work wonders, and for those who get too stressed over work, try blowing off Friday classes and having a few beers.

Sincerely,  
Chris Owen, '92

I am strongly opposed to changing the present system of vacations. One of the great aspects of

our Thanksgiving break is its length. Having nine days off allows time to actually do something for the holiday. While students with three or four-day holidays barely have time to visit the nearest big city, W&L students have time to go on short trips or, more importantly, go home.

Even those from the West Coast have enough time to warrant a trip home, a privilege I find important on such a family-oriented holiday. Yes, the first ten weeks is a long haul, but it is worth the wait. Besides, we have Parents' Weekend to help us through the term. If we split the vacation, we would have two short breaks barely giving us the time to leave campus: I would rather have time to go home. In short, leave our vacations alone!

Sincerely,  
Harley Walsh, '91

# Fighting friends over morality

**MY VIEW**  
By J. Cameron  
Humphries

A couple of weeks ago at dinner, a friend was reading one of my articles in *The Ring-tum Phi* when he turned to me and said, "This is all fine and good, but you have to realize that morality is passé."

Although my friend probably did not realize how profound his statement was, or the implications it carried, I was nevertheless impressed with his conclusion. Not because I agreed with him, but because, unlike most people these days, his statement at least indicated that he recognized that morality either exists absolutely or it does not exist at all. Unlike me, however, he chose to believe that it does not exist.

But that leaves him light years ahead of most of the other people sitting at our table. They claimed that my friend was a fool. According to these other people, of course morality exists. Each person must determine

what is true for himself.

Just about then another person returned to our table from the salad bar. As he sat down he noticed that his drink was missing. "Hey," he said, "Who took my drink?"

At about this moment, he looked across the table to see yet another person finishing off the last of his Dr. Pepper. "You," he yelled across the table, "go get me another." It seemed his deep voice was not convincing, so he threw a roll at him.

"Why should I?" returned the voice from within the glass. I found myself in absolute agreement with voice in the glass. Perhaps it was his morality to take others' drinks. So what if he violated a social norm or his parents' upbringing. Isn't being true to one's morality more important than upbringing or social norm?

Yet the rest of the table did not agree with the voice in the glass, or with me for that matter, and they all insisted that the voice in the glass should go get his friend another Dr. Pepper. I did not remember the table establishing any rules for eating there, and I sure did not remember seeing any rules posted outside the dining

hall. Hmmm, I thought to myself. It must be some common instinct within these people telling the voice in the glass to replace the Dr. Pepper. The common consensus had something to do with the right thing to do.

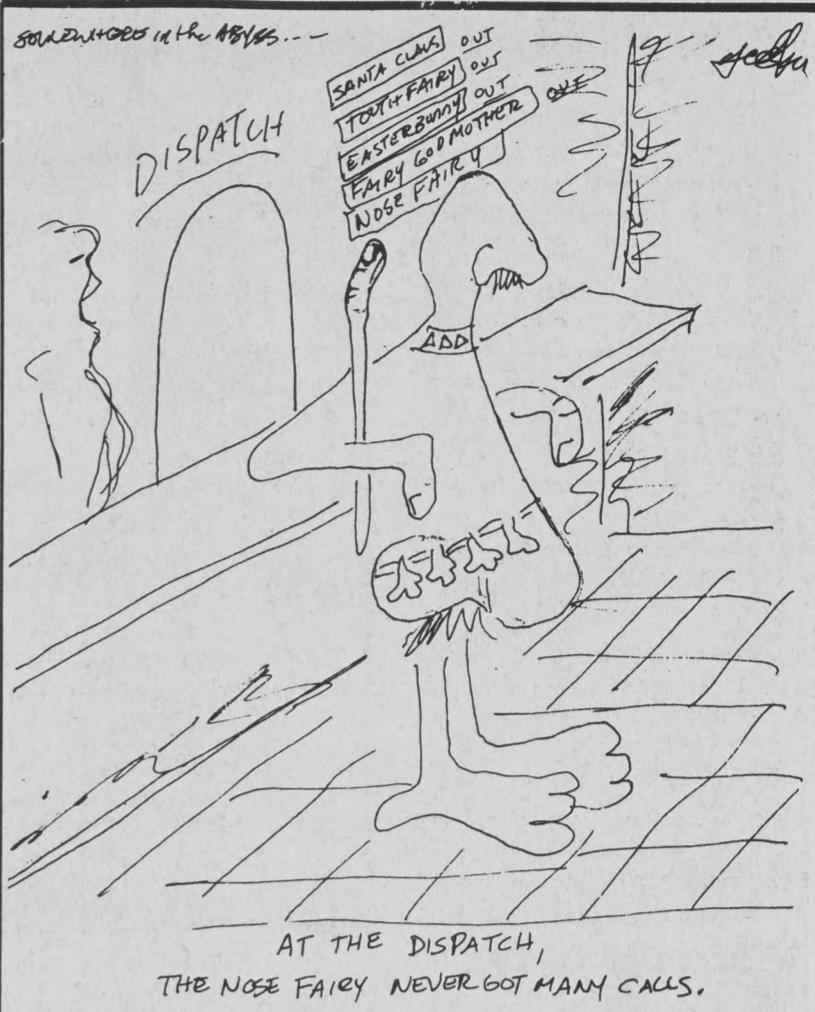
Now as I finished my own drink (mine was a Sprite), I found two instincts within myself. The first was to get up and get myself another one. Yet, I must admit, I also felt the impulse to take my friend's right there next to me. How on the merit of these two independent impulses could I make up my decision?

It seemed to me that there was also a third impulse. It didn't tell me what to do; it told me what I ought to do. This seemed to be the gist of the entire evening's discussion. My friend who said that "morality is passé" believed that this third instinct was an understood set of rules which one must follow if society is to survive. He, if he really believed what he said he believed, did not see one option as any better than any other. There was no such thing as right or wrong, just rules that man invented as he developed to keep him from destroying himself.

I, on the other hand, believed that this third instinct was not due to a set of survival rules, but a universal moral code under which right and wrong really did exist. There was definitely an action which one should take in a given circumstance, and an action which one should not take. These were not determined by utility, but by what was right. Meanwhile, the others at the table fought it out. The voice in the glass claimed that there was nothing wrong with taking someone else's drink. Each tried to justify why his position was correct, but it was all in vain. If one could really determine his own morality, why weren't both sides correct?

Quickly the table got into such a big fight that everyone left except me and my friend who claimed morality was passé. And as I sat there reviewing all that happened, in a way I could not help but agree with him.

I would much rather live with people who agree that man must live by certain rules, and disagree about the nature of their source, than in a society that claims there is a source, but disagrees as to whether one should follow the rules.



## The War on Drugs is a losing battle

**MY VIEW**  
By Tina Vandersteel

In yet one more unreasonable attempt to try to justify itself, the government has picked a highly-publicized societal "problem" and has declared "war" on it. Today's "war" is on drugs, and with "Drug Czar" William Bennett in the general's seat, the government has pledged to conquer the "problem."

So, like everything else involving government action, someone is going to have to pay for it. In this case, however, we'll pay with more than money — we'll pay with our freedom.

A recent *Washington Post-ABC News* poll showed a few things people would give up to support the war on drugs. Seventy-one percent would make it against the law to show the use of illegal drugs in entertainment movies. Fifty-two percent would allow police to search without a court order the houses of people suspected of selling drugs, even if friends' houses were sometimes searched by mistake. Eight-seven percent would allow officials to search student lockers for drugs, even those not strongly suspected of drug use.

All this, to win the war on drugs. However, the war on drugs, like the war on poverty, is destined to be unwinnable because there is no official enemy. Perhaps this will turn into the "drug conflict" in much the same way that Vietnam War became the "Vietnam conflict." Without soldiers clearly identifiable as North Vietnamese, it was difficult to shoot and hit the right person. The war was hopeless, and so we gave it up. Hopefully Bush will give this up, too.

## Sbar: Catching the culpable canine

**THE SBAR SIDE**  
By Jon Sbar

Or, take the "war on poverty." Two things remain from that war: poverty, and a huge government bureaucracy with numerous people whose jobs depend on there existing impoverished people. So, if the government could eliminate all of America's poor people tomorrow, they'd be out of a job. Uh oh.

The catch is — the thing that makes it all "work" — is that "victory" is never defined. If it were, so too would be the budgets to accomplish it. So, by declaring people's own freedom to act a public scandal, the government can pretend to justify its attempt to do the impossible — and then ask that very society to give up money and freedom to accomplish it.

Note, too, who the enemies are: drug users, dealers, etc. This gives way to the logistics problem of trying to catch them all. It worked World War II to drop the bomb, but it did not work in Vietnam to send too few soldiers. It either will work, or it won't.

Then, if the government could catch all the dealers, the regular users, the casual users, the first time users — in other words, anyone who has ever used any controlled substance — then, what would be the penalties? Surely the government would not advocate the same more-than-useless penalty that our "Drug Czar" recently suggested for dealers, that is: public decapitation. The government could not afford to jail all of the people who would be arrested. Stiff fines? Fines would not deter users greatly, and the fines' collection would still not cover the cost of catching the people and imposing the fine.

Unless we recognize soon that the problem is not drugs but the laws that make them illegal, soon we'll have more to deal with than paying for those useless signs that say "Drug Free School Zone."

home to greet Ulysses because it was dinner time and Mrs. Ulysses was, at that very moment, opening the Kal Kan. Had there been a cat or a female dog in the area at the time, the "faithful" Homer would have been nowhere in sight.

The real reason people like dogs is that canines are the funniest animals on earth next to the Three Stooges. People, who are constantly thinking about death, cancer and income tax, need dogs to make them laugh. While you're sitting there worrying about the Cuban Missile Crisis your dog, Bullwinkle, tipped over to the coffee table and stuck his salivating red tongue into your bowl of chocolate chip ice cream. While you're sweating over an upcoming Ancient Alaska history exam, your dog, Theodore, is barking at the vacuum cleaner. And, finally, while you're wondering what strange environmental factors makes someone write an article on the subject of dog humor, my dog, Chipper is probably sleeping.

This, of course, brings me to the inevitable subject of Chipper. Unlike the canine movie star Lassie who is constantly saving Timmy and his semi-retarded parents from tornados, barn fires and acid rain, my dog,

**If you are stopped by an unfriendly highway patrolman, switch seats with your dog and swear that he was driving.**

Chipper, spends about 90 percent of the day sleeping. If Lassie's family had had Chipper instead of Lassie, they would have died in the first episode.

Timmy's mom (to Timmy's dad): "Oh no, Timmy spilled kerosene all over the flammable living room carpet!"

Timmy's father (lighting a cigarette and dropping the match on the carpet): "We better..."

As home and family are destroyed in the flames, Chipper's snoring can be heard in the background.

Since it is now obvious that the human race, especially Timmy's family, could not survive without dogs, the rest of this pointless article will advise readers who want to take their dogs on long car trips.

Title: Man's best friend goes on

vacation — canine travel tips:

- When checking in at hotels forget to mention that "Harry Mammoth," your 180 pound Great Dane, who likes to eat expensive furniture, will also be staying in your hotel room.
- Teach your dog not to breathe and salivate on your neck while you are driving.
- If you are stopped by an unfriendly highway patrolman, switch seats with your dog and swear that he was driving.

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"The car's driver, a male Golden Retriever with orange hair, unclipped toenails and sharp teeth, threw out of his vehicle an empty 20 oz. box of Milkbone Dog Biscuits and proceeded to run a red light. The dog, who goes by the name 'Chipper' (no last name), became uncooperative during questioning after I discovered that his identification tags had expired and after I reminded him that it was time for rabies shots. Because the canine was salivating heavily, I strongly suspected that he was under the influence of some kind of designer drug like fentanyl."

## SIMPSON

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intervention to save the life of mother, and many would concede that a woman who is a victim of rape should not be forced to carry to term an unwanted pregnancy. But Richard is right: if a fetus is a human being and abortion is murder, then there should be no exceptions, right? That's where simplistic thinking always leads you — past the subtleties of reality. What of the parents who face the danger of genetically impaired children? Why should anyone be forced to bring to term a child with a disease like Tay-Sachs? What of the cancer patient whose radiation therapy promises a grossly deformed fetus? What of the diabetic who faces blindness or even death if she carries to

term? Should these women be labeled murderers?

There is no area of American law that requires one human being to sacrifice life, limb, blood, or bodily organs for another person, but that is what a total ban on abortion would do. I find most disturbing, however, the callous disregard for women's lives that is inherent in the position that Richard and the anti-abortionists maintain. They view women as disposable vessels for producing children. They wish to take away from women the authority to safeguard their lives and health. Giving precedence to zygotes and embryos over living human beings relegates women to the 19th century status of chattel. It is as if you were

saying that women are too immature, too irresponsible, too evil to make their own decisions concerning their own lives.

That finally is the bottom line for the pro-choice position. Few of us are "for" abortion. We understand that there is great disagreement over this essentially moral and religious issue. But just as we would abhor a law that mandated a particular religion, we also abhor all efforts to legally take away the power of a woman to make her own choices. There has been a lot of talk lately about getting government off the backs of people. It is time to make sure it stays out of wombs of women as well.

By Merrill Watson

## TALKBACK

Photos by Amanda Hughen

## What do you think of W&L's Speaking Tradition?



Richard Tompkins, '90, Galatin, Tenn. — "Unfortunately, some people are too damn selfish."



Justin Walker, '90, Boston, Mass. — "It depends on what day of the week it is and on what time of the semester it is."



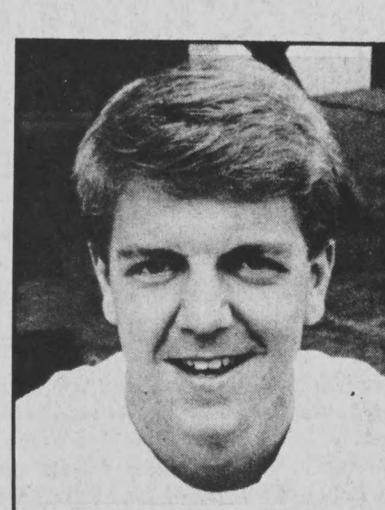
Graham Liggat, Scotland, — "I think everyone is very friendly here. So much so, it's very difficult to sit on the Colonnade and read."



Amy Lehr, '90, Greenville, S.C. — "Yes, I think one of the aspects that makes the W&L so unique is the personal friendly atmosphere between students, faculty and administration."



Wesley Goings, '90, Birmingham, Ala. — "Since I know everybody on campus, I say 'Hey' to everyone I see."



Clint Robinson, '90, Carrollton, Ga. — "Those uppity Yankees have ruined a good Southern tradition."



## One cup only...

Those nifty Colonnade Cups are now allowed in the University Library. According to librarians, this is a major exception to the "No food and drink"

rule. Any other containers for liquid refreshment are still prohibited in the library, and will have to be fully consumed before commencing studies.

## Superdance male sale

By Joel Smith  
Staff Reporter

Fund-raising for Washington and Lee's annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Superdance begins tonight at Southern Seminary Junior College, when six Virginia Military Institute cadets and four male W&L students will be "sold" at auction, said Allen Richardson, co-chairman of the Superdance committee.

The dance will take place Feb. 2-3 at the student activities pavilion.

Richardson said the Superdance Committee hopes to surpass last year's total donation of \$30,000, which was the nation's second-highest MDA contribution among colleges.

The committee lost a major supporter when the W&L Student Activities Board decided to not provide funds as it has in the past, forcing the committee to explore other options for funding, Richardson said.

"Superdance appealed to the [Interfraternity Council] for funds, but they declined to make a donation on the basis that fraternities would be paying twice," Richardson said. "Other options are being pursued at this time which will be forthcoming in the next few weeks."

One of those options, Richardson said, is a proposal which would "make Superdance the IFC's 'pet charity'. Essentially, it would create a charity for the Greek system at W&L," he said.

Richardson added the committee

also hopes to incorporate sororities in the same role as fraternities "if they're able and willing to help."

The committee also has other fund raising events scheduled prior to the dance. Tiny Purple Fishes, a classic rock band made up of W&L students, will play at Hollins College on Nov. 28.

Richardson said the concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Hollins Ratskellar, and admission is \$3.

On Nov. 30, Richardson said, the committee will sponsor a Casino Night in the General Headquarters restaurant, which will be open to all W&L students who are of legal drinking age.

According to Richardson, admission will be \$5, which includes \$100 of play money and two beers. After the "gambling" is over, winning participants can spend their earnings at an auction, at which a number of prizes will be sold, including a dinner cruise on Smith Mountain Lake, a dinner at the Willson-Walker House, several ski packages and gift certificates from local stores and restaurants.

Richardson said the committee has not hired a band for Saturday night of the event. The committee is considering The Radiators, NRBQ, The Fabulous Waller Family as well as other bands.

According to Richardson, the committee is considering either one "big-name" band or two medium-priced bands.

"We're open to suggestions from members of the student body," Richardson said.

ardson said.

Students who have suggestions or ideas about Superdance can air them tonight at the committee's meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in room 109 of the University Center.

For any interested students who miss this meeting, the committee will also meet on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the same place.

On Friday night of the event, there will be a Battle of the Bands. There are currently six bands entered in the competition, and there is room for one more, Richardson said.

This year, the winner will be determined by both a panel of judges and audience support. The winning bands will receive cash prizes.

In order to be a dancer in the marathon fund raiser, participants must make a \$100 donation for a single entry or a \$125 donation for a couple.

Dancers can raise the money by collecting pledges for specific amounts of money for every hour they dance.

Participants will dance for 15 hours, and will receive free food and refreshments throughout the weekend, Richardson said.

As in the past, prizes will be awarded to the dancers who raise the most money. Anyone wishing to dance should get an information packet from the Superdance Committee, or in Carol Calkins' office in the University Center.

Richardson said there are 50 committee members and members-at-large, and anyone is welcome to join.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Seniors

If you plan to submit your own picture for the *Calyx* senior section, it is due March 2. Picture acceptance is at the *Calyx* staff discretion based on quality and the potential reproduction. Sign up for the professional photographer ends tomorrow at 1 p.m. in the Co-op.

the past two years. The play will be performed on Dec. 1-3 and 6-8 at 8 p.m. each evening and a matinee performance on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. at the University Theatre. For further information and reservations contact the Box Office at 463-8637.

### Debts

### Internships

Business and political internships are available for the winter 1990 term. Applications are due Nov. 28. Please see Prof. Connolly in the Commerce School, room 108, for further details.

### Aladdin

Washington and Lee University Theatre will present *Aladdin*, an English Pantomime, as part of "Holiday in Lexington." This season the University Theatre is taking up the tradition from the Henry Street Playhouse, which has performed the pantomimes for

The environmental action section of the Outing Club will have its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. in room 109 of the Student Center. They will have a meal together, too, so you need to sign up in advance at Baker 109 if you plan to come.

The Outing Club will also make its last hike of the semester on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 12:30-6 p.m. into St. Mary's Wilderness, one of the most rugged and striking areas in Virginia. You must wear sturdy shoes or boots and warm clothing; bring along rain protection, water, and something to eat. Meet at Baker 106. Transportation is provided. Sign up in advance outside Baker 109.

The equipment room of the

The following students are requested to attend the Student Financial Relations meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in room 108 of the University Center: Douglas Cummings, Richard Grace, William Harbison, Robert Wheelock, Marcus Miller, and William Ottiger.

### Speakers

The Career Development and Placement Office is sponsoring Bob Berlin and Mike Forrester from Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in room 327 of the Commerce School. They will be presenting an overview of investment banking.

## Registrar to rake in late fees

By Blair Simmons  
Staff Reporter

The Registrar's Office is expecting to collect about \$1,575 in late fees from the 63 students who failed to sign up last Friday for Winter term courses.

Those who missed the 4:30 deadline, 28 of whom are seniors, will be charged \$25 for late registration during the drop/add period next term.

"Never does everybody get registered," said University Registrar Scott Dittman.

In addition to the late fee, students who failed to register will probably face long waiting lists for many classes.

Art Department Secretary Betty Hickox, said there was a high number of students wanting to get into art and music courses. But, she said, there was a decrease in sign-ups for drama.

"We did not have anybody camp out this semester for the first time in a very long time," Hickox said. Currently there are waiting lists for all but four of the courses the Art Department offers.

"I did not start any waiting lists before Monday morning, I just don't do that," said Hickox. "I'm just so glad it's over. I don't really want to talk about it."

## FD

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immature point of view — me, my mine, this is my Fancy Dress. That is no way to run a committee," said Dumas.

Dumas said a testimony of the continuing conflicts is that Fowler is unwilling to come before the EC to discuss any problems. Terance does not wish to become the scapegoat in front of the people that don't want to hear what he has to say."

Although Dumas said the EC has spent too much time considering the FD/SAB situation this year, he insisted he is "willing to try anything" at this point.

"Like it or not there will be ac-

countability this year of every single penny of the student body's money. It will be the one thing the I will dedicate myself to while I am president of the student body until we reach a decision that suits the entire student body and not just a vocal minority," he said.

Hitz said he doesn't like to see his name in the paper every week, and said "Terance's resignation has unfortunately brought it all up again."

He added, "I don't see that I exude any bad faith, and I don't know why people see me that way."

## RALLY

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abortion-rights the premiere issue in any campaign in which the candidates' opinions differ.

Demonstrators carried banners and signs with slogans, such as "Our laws come from the constitution, not from the bible."

Many of the demonstrators wore purple and white, the colors of the suffragette movement of the early 20th century.

Several entertainers, including singers Pete Seger and Ronnie Gilbert who sang a revised version of "This Land Is Your Land" and Helen Reddy who performed her hit "I Am Woman," performed for the crowd.

The demonstration, which began with a sunrise service in Kennebunkport, Maine, President Bush's home outside of Washington, ended that night with sunset rallies in Alaska.

In addition to the pro-choice demonstrators, many anti-abortion advocates attended the rally. However, no major disputes were reported.

According to Simpson, the local NOW chapter meets once a month and plans various events through out the year. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tues. Nov. 28th at 7:30 pm at Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church, Simpson said.

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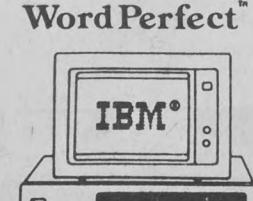
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## Mink battalion trains at Ft. Lee

By Kevin Carl  
Staff Reporter

"How am I going to get all of this stuff into this tiny rucksack?" This thought must have struck more than a few of the thirty plus people from Washington and Lee who went on the ROTC FTX Autumn Thunder at Fort Lee, Virginia Nov. 3-5.

FTX stands for Field Training Exercise and consists of practical military exercises and training. This FTX was held in conjunction with Washington and Lee ROTC's extension centers Liberty University and Lynchburg College which provided more than thirty additional students.

The FIX gave students an insight into Army life and helped to prepare the third year ROTC cadets (MS-III's) for advanced camp at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. For six weeks after their junior year MS III's are tested on their leadership abilities at Bragg's Camp All-American. During the FTX MS III's assumed various leadership positions, and the senior cadets (MS IV's) evaluated their performance.

After arriving on Friday night, the MSIV's taught a class on aspects of barracks living, like making beds the

Army way and cleaning the barracks for an inspection. "Lights out" came early, except for those in command, who had to prepare for instruction the next day. Throughout the weekend, the MS IV's taught the underclassmen based on their advanced camp experiences.

Saturday training began at 5 a.m. with conditioning exercises and a two mile run followed by breakfast in an Army dining facility.

After chow, the first platoon sighted their M-16A1 rifles on the 25 meter range by firing three round shot groups at a small paper target.

In a separate training area not far away, the second platoon practiced IMT (Individual Movement Techniques). MS IV's taught the younger cadets combat maneuvers such as the "low crawl" (moving in the prone position), the "high crawl" (crawling on elbows and knees) and the "3 to 5 second rush" (maneuvering from one covered position to the next). These techniques minimize exposure to enemy fire while moving in a combat environment.

The second platoon also learned to camouflage themselves and their equipment to blend into a combat environment. Meanwhile, the first

platoon had adjusted their weapons and moved to the qualification range where they fired at pop-up targets 50 to 300 meters away.

According to W&L freshman Tim Wolfe, "getting to fire the M-16 at an outdoor rifle range was the most interesting activity of the weekend."

When both platoons finished training they ate an MRE lunch (Meal Ready to Eat) in the field.

The platoons rotated activities, finished training, and paid a visit to the Quartermaster museum at Fort Lee. They then moved to the mess hall (dining facility) where students got their choice of several entrees and desserts.

"The D-Hall was better than W&L's," said freshman Doug Lamb. After a rigorous day of training, the cadets packed their rucks, cleaned the barracks and M-16s and dropped into bed.

Sunday's activities once again began at 0-dark-30. The first platoon went to a pre-obstacle course training session where the cadets learned how to cross minefields, and had practical exercises in passing through obstacles of barbed wire and concertina wire.

The second platoon learned hand signals used to convey messages in silent combat patrolling. They also

learned more about the 3 to 5 second rush — only this time in buddy teams.

The platoons switched activities, and the battalion moved to a real obstacle course which involved the low and high crawls, the 3 to 5 second rush, climbing over walls, crawling under barbed wire and jumping over ditches.

The cadets were timed in their performance and penalized for improper movement techniques.

The obstacle course was a culmination of IMT skills learned that weekend and was the final event of the FIX. Operation Autumn Thunder was surely a successful though challenging weekend. MS I Doug Lamb again embodied these thoughts, saying "getting up at 4:00 in the morning beats anything I've done in my life."

Another freshman, Stewart Long, said, "The FIX was a worthwhile experience. I would recommend it for anyone wanting a hands-on look at the Army."

The ROTC department will be holding another FIX in the winter term, during which students will be in the woods for three days training in patrolling, and small unit tactics.



## A good B.A.D. album

By Carli Flippin  
Staff Reporter

Big Audio Dynamite has released its latest album, "Megatop Phoenix," and it proves to be one of their strongest efforts to date.

Due to band leader Mick Jones' battle with pneumonia following the release of their last album "Tighten Up, vol. 88" B.A.D. was relatively dormant last year. However, Jones' hospital stay and B.A.D.'s hiatus has taken none of the bite out of the band's rhythmic, dance-oriented sound.

Big Audio Dynamite burst onto the music scene in the mid-80's following the demise of Mick Jones' first group, the internationally successful punk band The Clash.

B.A.D. was formed as a result of the collaboration between Jones and Don Letts, Jones' friend and co-songwriter. The group's first release was "This is Big Audio Dynamite" contained classic B.A.D. tunes such as "Medicine Show," "Stone Thame," and "BAD."

On the strength of songs like those, B.A.D. established the basis of their unique sound. They combined smooth tuneful melodies sung over driving dance-floor drum machine rhythms with heavily produced sound effects and tape clips from various sources, such as movies and songs by other artists.

The group's second album, "No. 10, Upping St.," released in 1986, helped develop the band's sound, continuing to rely on dance-club style programmed beats and the integration of sound effects and tape clips. The most notable songs from that album include "C'mon Every Beatbox," "Sambadrome," and "Limbo the Law."

Two years later, in 1988, we see the release of "Tighten up, vol. 88." On this album, Big Audio Dynamite experimented with slightly paired down sound. They shortened their songs and used almost no programmed rhythms, relying upon drummer Greg Roberts for the backbeat of the songs. However, they continued their trademark use of special effects and tape clips.

With the release of their new album "Megatop Phoenix," Big Audio Dynamite has continued the stripped down sound of their last album by releasing the most heavily produced album they have yet released.

They have returned to the programmed club-like beats of the first two albums. The dance-beat rhythms are simply infectious on tracks like "Rewind," "Dragon Town," and "James Brown." The beat on "Union Jack" sounds as if it had been snatched off the latest Tone Loc Album. Of course, the similarity to rap music ends, as Mick Jones begins to sing catchy, hook-laden melodies over these heavy dance-beats. B.A.D. has never made such extensive use of special effects before. Five of the seventeen tracks are made of what could be described as random music.

For instance the track "Is Yours Working Yet?" opens with some swirling keyboards over which one hears Alfred Hitchcock speaking. This is suddenly interrupted by a heavy drum machine beat with keyboards playing what sounds like an old-fashioned movie score on top.

This goes on for a minute or so, then as this fades out, the tape of some nameless reggae band fades in briefly. Although these clips may seem as if they are chaotic and pointless, B.A.D. uses these random music tracks together, allowing the hour long record to flow along without as many of the typical breaks between songs.

In this context, these random music tracks work very well. There is also plenty of MTV/radio airplay material on the record.

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# SPORTS

## Seniors shine in '89 finale

By Jay Plotkin  
Sports Editor

It was the way it should have been.

In the last game of the 1989 football season, the senior class went out with a bang as Washington and Lee defeated Georgetown 20-10 last Saturday in Washington, D.C.

Said head coach Gary Fallon, "I was real happy for the seniors. We had come up short in the two previous games, and I knew that they were quite frustrated and disappointed. I'm just tickled for them that they were able to get that bad taste out of their mouth and come away with a victory in their last game."

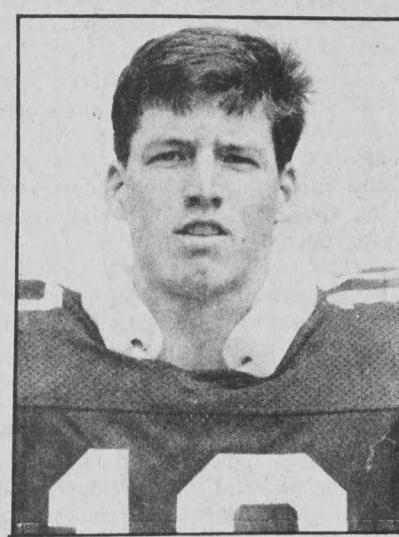
Offensively, senior quarterback Phillip Sampson rebounded from his rough outing at Ursinus two weeks ago and threw two touchdown passes, including the game-winner with just over 12 minutes left in the game. Slot back Scott Jackson caught a 33-yard touchdown pass to give W&L a 10-0 lead early. Chris Smythe, whose record-setting performance against Ursinus almost pulled out a win, also played and moved the team briefly.

Defensively, senior tackles Scott Silverman and Dave Radulovic responded to Fallon's claim that they were a "swiss cheese defense with lots of holes" and registered 10 tackles and a sack apiece. Cornerback Bland Warren broke up four Hoya passes on the afternoon in his best effort of the season.

But it was not just the seniors who stood out. Junior split end Craig Irons had another outstanding day, setting the school records for catches and receiving yards in a season with his eight receptions for 135 yards and the game-winning touchdown. Tail-



Phillip Sampson



Craig Irons

back Kirk Sohonage, another junior, making his second straight start in place of Mason Pope, ran for over 100 yards, including a 69-yard scamper that iced the game for the Generals.

On the defensive side of the ball, sophomore John McCallum made 10 tackles, two for a loss, had a quarterback sack and blocked a field goal, after breaking a bone in his arm in the first half. Classmate Scott Williamson was in on 10 other tackles and had a sack. Four of Williamson's tackles were for losses. freshman Phil Spears got his first start, replacing the injured Greg Kiehl kept the Hoyas in check on the right side of the line.

W&L opened the scoring after McCallum blocked Tom Timperman's 42-yard field goal attempt on Georgetown's first drive. The Generals drove down to the Hoya 15-yard line before calling on the placement services of junior Carter Quayle.

Quayle's 32-yard kick was good off the astroturf surface, and the Generals had a 3-0 lead.

Sampson added to that total two drives later. On fourth and two from the Georgetown 33, Sampson found Jackson as the Hoyas came with a blitz. Jackson caught a five yard pass, turned the corner and found no one between him and the end zone. His touchdown made it 10-0 with 9:11 to play in the first half.

Timperman got the Hoyas on the board late in the half with a 41-yard field goal, and the Hoyas drew even to start the third quarter. J.J. Williams was the Hoya who did the most damage, carrying eight times on the 11-play, 60-yard drive, including the last three yards into the end zone to make the score 10-10.

To try to spark the offense, Fallon gave Smythe a look at quarterback, and after driving the team to midfield, Smythe made his only mistake

of the game. His pass intended for Irons was intercepted by Sean Green, who returned it 24 yards to the W&L 35.

The defense held, and after another uneventful series for the offense, Sampson was back at the controls. "We weren't moving the ball offensively," said Fallon, "so I tried Chris to see if he could catch a spark like he did at Ursinus. He wasn't able to this week, so I decided to go back to Phillip to throw into the wind."

Sampson wasted little time in breaking the 10-10 deadlock. Two completions to Irons netted 21-yards each, and the Generals were at the Georgetown 23. A completion to Sohonage got the ball to the 16, where Sampson and Irons hooked up for the game-winning score. It was Sampson's 14th touchdown pass of the year, tying the school record which he set in 1987. Irons' catch tied the record for receptions in a season with 74. Irons' was able to break the record help by Steve Mahaffey on the Generals' next possession.

"It is a great pleasure to coach talent like Craig has. He is the toughest receiver that we have ever had here. Craig has caught the majority of his passes going over the middle. Most people don't like to go over the middle, but Craig thrives on it."

The touchdown drive came immediately after Timperman was just short on a 51-yard field goal try with the wind at his back. Just as Timperman approached the ball, a healthy wind died, and the kick was just short. After the play, the wind kicked up again.

The game was not out of reach until the defense came up with a

□ Please see SENIORS page 7



Junior Craig Hatfield powers the ball up to the basket. Hatfield will again team with classmates Ed Hart and ODAC Player-of-the-Year Chris Jacobs to form the Generals inside attack. File photo.



Head coach Verne Canfield gives his team instructions during a time out last season. This season, Canfield will lead his Generals on their defense of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference regular season title. The

defense will begin with tough conference games later this month. The Generals will take on rivals Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon. R-MC is one of two new teams in the much improved ODAC. File photo.

## Grapplers look to frosh to rebound

By John Neumann  
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee wrestling team under head coach Gary Franke looks to rebound from last year's disappointing 2-9 record while emphasizing youth as nine freshmen join only three returners from last year's team.

Co-captains Lee Garlove, a senior, and Larry Pilkey, a junior, should provide the backbone for the young team. Sophomore Peer Soderberg will be counted on heavily as well. Franke hopes the freshmen will benefit from their experience and leadership. Pilkey will handle the chores at 126 pounds while Garlove is the 142-pounder. Soderberg will most likely move up a weight class this year and grapple at 167 pounds.

Garlove, a 1988 Academic All-American, compiled a winning record, 4-2, in limited action last year, sitting out much of the season with a head injury. Garlove looked favorably upon this year's schedule which is loaded with tournaments and multiple team meets. Said Garlove, "It will be good for both upperclassmen and freshmen. The freshmen will gain experience by

wrestling multiple teams instead of the one wrestled in dual meets."

Pilkey also amassed a winning record last year as well as 42 team points, third on the team. Pilkey hopes to be even stronger this year. Qualifying for the national tournament at the conclusion of the season and wrestling effectively once there is Pilkey's number one goal. He feels the team will be successful and competitive "if the freshmen advance properly and adapt to college style wrestling."

Pilkey applauded the schedule which has only one week-night dual meet noting the valuable energy saved as the wrestlers will not be forced to cut weight twice a week for multiple months.

Soderberg returns to the squad for his second season. Last year voted the outstanding freshmen wrestler, he compiled an 11-6 record.

Other than those three returners, the Generals have undergone a face lift from last year's team. Graduation losses include Richard Redfoot and Manoli Loupassi, two key performers on the 1988-89 squad. Redfoot compiled a 23-4-1 record while becoming an NCAA Division III semi-finalist and the first wrestling All-American

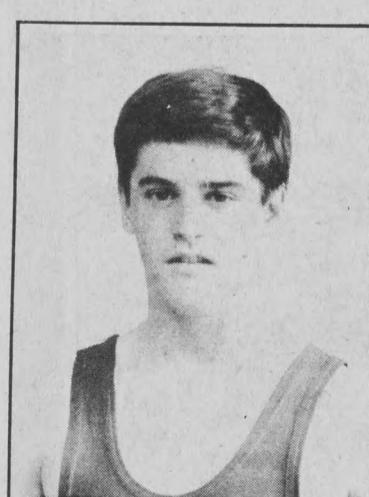
a complete line-up. The gem of the freshmen class could be Ryland Scott, last year's 160-pound Georgia state champ. The other freshmen are Andy Bleyer, John Conkling, Stewart Green, Doug Lamb, Rich Paine, Cary Potts, Jamie Selway and Andrew Tucker.

Franke got the first competitive look at many of his young wrestlers Sunday when the Generals visited the VMI Keydet Invitational. Pilkey, Soderberg, and Conkling all placed against strong competition. This pre-season tournament, designed with shortened periods, allows individuals to gain much needed experience in the early season and also allows individuals to overcome pre-season jitters. "The key was to get those youngsters some experience and get them over their nervousness," said Franke. The W&L mentor was pleased to see half of the squad place, realizing the technical aspect will improve in the others soon.

Franke is entering his seventeenth season as the Washington and Lee wrestling coach. He has compiled 122 wins in those years, more wins than any other W&L wrestling coach in history. Rolf Piranian will once again handle the chores of assistant coach.

in Washington and Lee history. Although it will be difficult, Franke hopes some of his new freshmen can step forward and fill these voids.

Although the squad has had previous trouble filling all the weight classes, the large freshmen turnout this year should allow Franke to field



Larry Pilkey

Leading the returnees are four of the five starters, including Honorable Mention All-American junior center Chris Jacobs. Jacobs was also the first sophomore to win ODAC Player-of-the-Year honors, which he did last season. Also back is junior guard Mike Holton, a second team All-South Atlantic region player and academic All-American last season.

Joining them will be classmates Ed Hart and Craig Hatfield, both of whom were starters last season, juniors Jim Casey, Andrew Manson, Scott Alrutz and Pat Gallavan, and sophomores Mark Melton, Courtney Penn, Rick Hughes, John Witherington and Franklin Pridgen.

This year's team will be comprised of eight juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen. The only loss was Lee Brading (11.2 ppg) at shooting guard. The roles, however, will be different. The Generals lost more than Brading's point-per-game average. They also lost his valuable senior leadership.

Holton will serve as team captain this year, but he can't lead the team alone. "The nucleus of this team is a year older, a year smarter, a year wiser and a year more experienced. Right now I'm a little disappointed that I haven't seen that manifested in terms of experience and leadership."

The key to this season, says Canfield, is gathering some momentum from the start. "We've got to be ready to play and play as a unit. We will know where we stand in the ODAC right off the bat, and if we can do well early and get some momentum, we'll be alright. I think we'll be ready."

# Swimmers open year with routs

By Amy Packard  
Staff Reporter

Both the Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams are experiencing transitional periods this season due to changes in their rosters.

Several players have dropped off the team, yet the remaining members and promising freshmen are more than talented enough to continue the aquatics program's record of Old Dominion Athletic Conference and NCAA national champions, according to assistant coach Sandy Hatfield.

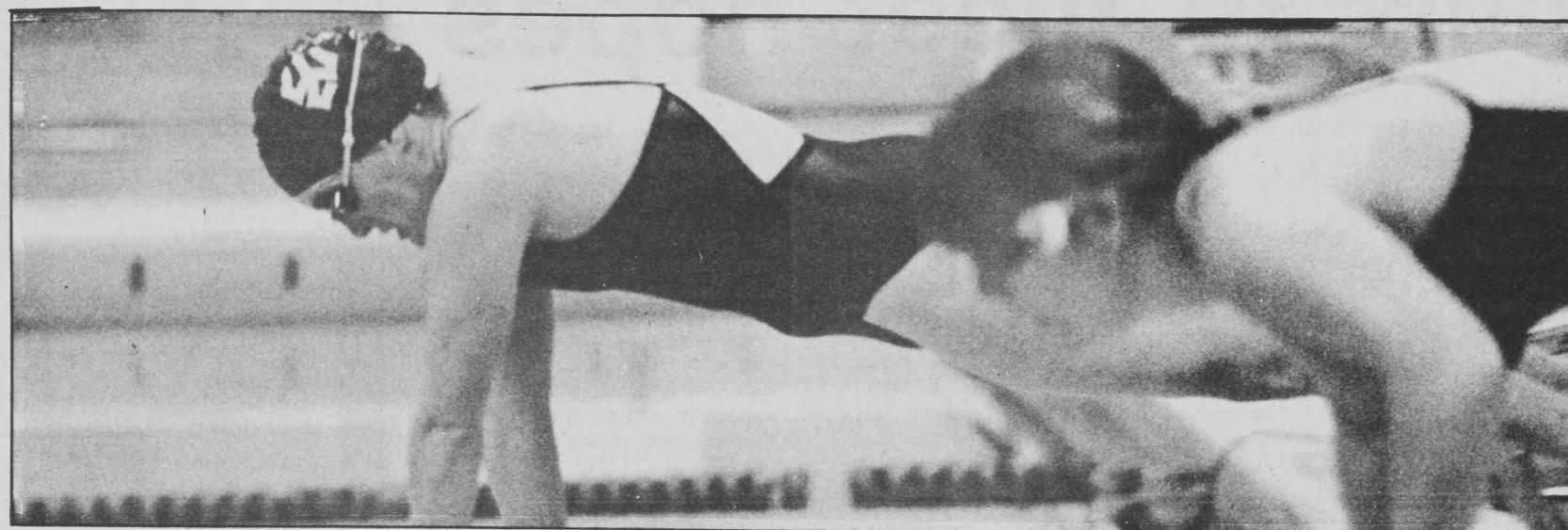
"I expect the men to be swimming well since they just completed a great water polo season and are in excellent physical condition. The women also have had an impressive pre-season," she said.

The women have lost five teammates through graduation and time-commitment difficulties. Among those who graduated were Elizabeth Miles and Nancy Whalen. Miles was a two-time ODAC and American States Championships Swimmer-of-the-Year and a four-time Division III All-American. Whalen achieved the All-ODAC status three times.

"We've certainly been hurt by the loss [of these women], not only because of their physical talent, but also because of their spirit and leadership," Remillard said. "That will be especially hard to replace. The whole team is going to have to grow to replace that spirit."

The W&L women have ample talent to rely on this winter, though. Senior co-captain Kris Amoruso placed first in the ODAC 200-meter and second in the 100-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle last year. Juniors Sharon Coleman, Carol Dannels, Rachelle Nock, and Kristen Wagner all boast outstanding records.

Coleman holds a Division III All-American title in the 200-meter butterfly, and is the defending champion in both the 100- and 200-meter but-



Junior Sharon Coleman dives into action in a swim meet last year. The women's team as they take to the pool to defend their Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. File photo.

terfly. Dannels and Wagner, the team's distance specialists, finished in the ODAC top four in the 500- and 1650-meter events last year. Nock captured first place in last year's ODAC 100- and 200-meter breaststroke competitions.

Sophomore Jody Herring won the ODAC 100-meter freestyle and will aid the team as its strongest sprinter. Three freshmen, Claire Dudley, Christine Gorman, and Stephanie Sauers, join the squad this year as well and will add depth and diversity to the team's performance.

As for the men, Remillard and the team are not about to rest on their laurels. That would be tempting, considering that the team possesses the defending NCAA champion and twelve-time Division III All-American in senior David Olson, as well as junior Jim Dunlevy, last year's Most Improved swimmer and defending Atlantic States champion in the 1650-meter freestyle event.

Add to this two more All-Americans, sophomores Chip Nordhoff and Jay Smith. Smith is also the defending ASC champion in the 100-meter butterfly, and is the defending champion in both the 100- and 200-meter but-

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Despite all these achievements, Remillard still sees room for improvement.

"I think ... we would like to improve our win-loss record, and I think we'd also like to take eight guys back to the nationals and possibly improve our finish there," he said.

As for right now, both Hatfield and Remillard are busy assessing the team's performances and getting a chance to evaluate the freshmen.

"It's time to assess the team's positions on a group and individual basis and then work from there," said Hatfield. "So far, the indicators are very positive."

And those indicators proved true Wednesday night as the teams opened their 1989-90 season in the Cy Twombly Pool. The women defeated ODAC rival Randolph-Macon Woman's College by a score 143-31. The men defeated cross-town rival Virginia Military 128-72.

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

### From W&L Sports Information

The 1989 All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference teams were announced this week for the fall sports and once again, Washington and Lee was well represented, placing nine athletes on the first teams in their respective sports.

For the ODAC champion men's soccer team, senior co-captain Patrick Brown and freshman Mike Mitchem, who finished 2-3 in the conference scoring race this year, both made the first team. It was Brown's second consecutive year of being first team All-ODAC. Senior Scott Levitt and freshman Greg Williams and Reid Murphy made second team. Head coach Rolf Piranian, who guided his team to a 9-5-2 record, won Coach-of-the-Year honors for the fifth time.

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The men's and women's cross country teams posted some of their best individual times of the year at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., but both were unable to qualify for the national championships.

The men were led by senior co-captain Joe Geimer, who finished 37th with a time of 28:37 for the five-mile course. W&L also got strong runs from freshman Bo Hannah, who was 41st at 28:40, and sophomore Charles Edwards, who was 43rd at 28:43.

Juniors Cecily Tynan and Shawn Wert were W&L's top finishers in the women's competition. Tynan finished 22nd at 21:10, while Wert was 24th at 21:15 for the 3.1-mile course.

The men finished eighth while the women finished seventh. The men finished the season 7-3 in dual meets. The women finished 5-2 in dual competition.

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fourth-down stand to stop Georgetown's last drive. On fourth and one from the W&L 25, Williams carried to the left of W&L's defensive line. Freshman Lyle Smith and junior Clark Wright combined to knock Williams down for no gain, and W&L took over on downs. On the first play, Sohonge spun through the line and took off down the sideline. He was caught at the Georgetown six after a 69-yard gallop. Quayle then capped the scoring with a 19-yard field goal to make the score 20-10.

On the season, the Generals finish 5-5 and with a good taste in their mouths. "This is something that will make the winter go by a heck of a lot better," said Fallon. "We feel good about what we accomplished in the last game, and we'll go from there next year."

"We think we will be as competitive next year as we were this year," said Fallon.

Next year the Generals will return the entire offensive line, running backs Pope and Sohonge, and Irons, Jeff Kreis and Carl Gilbert among others on offense. On defense, junior defensive backs Brad Miller and Clark Wright will lead the returnees along with linebackers Trey Cox and Paul Mallos. The defensive line will see the return of all three defensive ends, Quayle, Williamson and McCallum along with noseguard Kiehl and Spears.

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W&L-Field goal Quayle 32  
W&L-Jackson 33 pass from Sampson (Quayle kick)

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GU-Williams 3 run (Timperman kick)

W&L-Irons 16 pass from Sampson (Quayle kick)

W&L-Field goal Quayle 19

Individual Rushing  
W&L-Sohonge 16 carries-102 yards, Sampson 5-37, Jackson 4-0, Smythe 2-(22), Kreis 1-12, Crosby 1-(5). GU-Williams 33-115, Logue 6-20, McCune 3-22, Jenkins 5-14.

Individual Passing  
W&L-Sampson 14 completions-24 attempts-0 interceptions-199 yards, Smythe 2-5-1-23. GU-Jenkins 4-19-0-42.

Individual Receiving  
W&L-Irons 8 catches-135 yards, Jackson 2-44, Martin 2-6, Pope 1-12, Crosby 1-12, Sohonge 1-7, Kreis 1-6. GU-Amsalem 2-25, Adam 1-9, Murphy 1-8.

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## Polo falters at Easterns

By Chris Baradel  
Staff Reporter

21-7 is a good record.

If you were a pitcher, it would probably earn you a million dollar contract. If you were a college basketball coach, it would have you wondering where you were going to play in the NCAA tournament.

For the members of the Washington and Lee water polo team, the 21-7 record they earned this year is a bittersweet accomplishment.

They returned from the Eastern Water Polo Championships distressed over having fallen to Brown, Slippery Rock, and Iona, despite having been no worse than tied at halftime of each game.

However, the team even got invited to Easterns, which is reserved for the East's top eight teams, fulfilled head coach Page Remillard's stated pre-season goal. And while the team came away without a victory, Remillard was convinced that it wasn't for lack of effort. "We played at our top all season, but when we got to the championships we just couldn't keep winning," he explained.

W&L was placed higher in the tournament bracket than their coach anticipated, seeded 6th, but they seemed intent on validating that position with a strong first game effort against eastern power Brown. The Generals had lost to Brown earlier in the year, 15-3, but they were tied at halftime of Saturday's game, 4-4.

This was despite the ejection of standout sophomore Will Davis early in the second quarter for unnecessary rough play. Davis had scored two goals in the game at the time he was ejected.

Brown slowly pulled away, though, outscoring W&L by two goals in the third quarter and one goal in the fourth quarter to triumph 11-8. Sophomore Alan Herrick and senior Adam Morgan each had two goals to tie Davis for the scoring lead.

The next game, against Slippery Rock, was one that Remillard said he "agonized" over. The Generals led by three goals with just 3:45 to go in the game, but couldn't put Slippery Rock away, losing 11-9 in overtime.

"We just didn't have the killer instinct," said Remillard. "We started well, but if a team stayed with us we had trouble."

Said Herrick, "We were playing to finish the game out. Our intensity didn't fall off much, but it was enough to let a team that wanted to come back do it."

Remillard echoed this statement, saying that his young team let their minds wander because they thought they had the game won.

The loss damped fine efforts by senior goalie David Olson (11 blocks)

on defense, and Herrick, Morgan, junior Tomas Perez, and freshman Scott Strader on offense, each of whom had two goals. According to Davis, W&L possibly hurt its chances against Slippery Rock with such a good effort against Brown, because two hours after losing to Brown the Generals had to play again.

After such a dispiriting loss, playing Sunday for seventh place in the tournament might have had little allure for Washington and Lee, as they lost to Iona 8-5.

Once again, the Generals played a strong first half, only to lose their intensity, and the game after halftime. W&L, outscored by a 2-1 margin in the second halves of the tournament

however, the team deserves a lot of credit for playing better than they were expected to this season, after they lost over 75 percent of their scoring to graduation.

While Remillard cautions that the team is losing a "great goaltender in David Olson" and a lot of leadership with Olson, Morgan, co-captain Shawn Copeland, and Randall Pearson graduating, the team will return its top five goal scorers.



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'Look Who's Talking'

## Movie fails to meet hopes

By Todd Peppers  
Staff Reporter

"Look Whose Talking," the new John Travolta-Kirstie Alley movie, is a classic example of a film that did not, or more precisely could not, live up to its hype.

The hype did not spring from gaudy press releases or tantalizing sneak previews, but was instead inflated by word of mouth. For the last week I have heard the same question over, and over, and over again: "Have you seen the new movie 'Look Whose Talking'? It is-----" (You can fill in the blank, the popular word choices are "awesome," "wonderful," "hysterical," or "amazing.") I went into the movie expecting to see something that would reduce me to tears of laughter. The movie didn't.

To be honest I don't know how, after the build-up my friends gave the movie, my reaction could have been anything but a sense of disappointment--there was no way for the film to overcome my false expectations. The word "awesome" didn't come to mind as the final credits rolled.

I left the theater grumbling and depressed. I wanted to see a movie that would forever change society's definition of "entertainment."

After further reflection, I came to the conclusion that my initial assessment of "Look Whose Talking" was biased. The film is amusing. It won't change your life by providing a deep philosophical message, but most people--myself included--don't usually go to the State Theater in search of life's answers.

The film is cute. Not clever. Not droll. Not revolutionary. Not uproarious. The perfect word is "cute." "Look Whose Talking" is not only a "feel good movie," but it might even make some party-hard undergrads start pining for their own little babies. I said *might*.

Various movie critics have written that "Look Whose Talking" signals John Travolta's triumphant return to the big screen. I agree. Travolta, who first burst onto the Hollywood scene with "Saturday Night Fever," "Grease," and "Urban Cowboy,"

has recently earned the title of box office poison.

His last film, "Perfect," was lambasted by both film reviewers and moviegoers. "Look Whose Talking" will silence those Hollywood doubters who claim that John Travolta's career is dead.

Teamed with John Travolta is "Cheers" actress Kirstie Alley. I must warn you that my feelings toward Miss Alley are not unlike my approach to this film: I unfortunately have some preconceived notions about her. I don't think that Alley is unattractive. But she doesn't really stretch her dramatic skills in "Look Whose Talking."

Once again she plays a fiercely independent, career-oriented woman that initially butts heads with an opinionated and/or strong leading man. Eventually, Alley's character will mellow and discover that she was too cruel to her boss, or her boyfriend, or her lover.

I am not supporting this stereotype, but rather growing irritated by it. If you think I'm exaggerating, then rent "Star Trek II" and watch Alley's performance as a fiercely independent Rorqual. Or see the movie "Shoot to Kill" in which Alley places a rough and capable mountain guide. Or watch "Cheers" and notice how each week Ted Danson and Alley exchange endless verbal abuse. They might all be believable characters, however the word "original" is not the most appropriate word to describe Alley's career.

Kirstie Alley is cast in the role of Mollie, a C.P.A. who is having an affair with her married client. Veteran actor George Segal plays the role of the weak-willed Albert. He keeps promising Mollie that divorce is around the corner as soon as his wife makes it through therapy. The only problem: Albert's wife is in her seventh year of therapy.

When Alley becomes pregnant, Albert cannot offer her support because he is going through a "selfish phase."

The plot thickens when Mollie suddenly goes into labor while shopping. She is alone and is forced to hail a taxi. Enter John Travolta. He

plays James, a New York cabby and part-time flying instructor. When Travolta walked onto the screen I was prepared to accuse him, along with Alley, of simply playing another variation of the same tired character. My pen was poised to scribble "type-casting" across my notepad. I never had the chance. Absent are the "sweat-hogs," the greased hair, Olivia Newton-John, and the white suit.

Travolta's portrayal of James is believable and, at times, touching. Granted director Amy Heckerling manages to sneak in the mandatory Travolta dance scene, yet even cynics will enjoy both Travolta's new dance steps AND his young dance partner.

Alley and Travolta make it to the hospital, and we are introduced to the character that carries the film--Mollie's baby Mikey. The baby is played by a variety of child actors that all enchant the audience with their cuteness. But the credit goes to actor Bruce Willis who is baby Mikey's "voice." Whether you loved "Moonlighting" or hated "Die Hard," you will be a Bruce Willis fan before the film is over.

Every line that Willis utters is pure magic. But even more telling, Mikey's reaction to the confusing adult world does strike some chords. Mikey is absolutely right when he remarks that being born is the "weirdest thing" that can happen to a person.

When Mikey's Grandmother leans over and begins to jabber in that horribly annoying baby talk, (a sin we are all guilty of doing) Mikey stares in disbelief and remarks "On yeah, she's gone." I wish that we heard more from Mikey and less from the frantic Mollie.

The movie's plot centers around Mollie's determination to find a proper daddy for Mikey. You can guess who that daddy will ultimately be. Mollie's search culminates in what I think is the film's most poignant scene. James is forced to say goodbye (permanently?) to Mikey. As he stands over the crib, James offers Mikey advice for the future and talks about his father. "I could have been a good father" he tells Mikey, but instead the shallow and thoughtless

Albert appears destined to assume that role.

Travolta's restrained, yet emotionally-charged, acting in this scene convinced me that he has certainly matured as an actor.

The film is supported by an impressive array of character actors. Oscar-winner Olympia Dukakis is cast as Kirstie Alley's mother, Rosie. Dukakis is a busy lady, she also appears in the new movie "Dad" and the upcoming movie "Steel Magnolias."

Rosie thinks that love is something one can walk out in the street and find. Rosie married her husband because he looked good in his army uniform. There are several funny scenes between Dukakis and Alley--due mainly to Dukakis' remarkable ability to become her characters. And Abe Vigoda, who was the stoic "Fisher" on "Barney Miller," proves that he is alive and well as he plays James' senile Grandfather. Where has Vigoda been for the last ten years?

And, as mentioned before, George Segal is the philandering Albert. Segal is well-cast as the immoral executive who thinks a perpetual mid-life crisis, and a good therapist, can explain away any indiscretions.

As I mentioned in the outset of this article, I was disappointed in the film. But that was more the fault of my listening to hype than any flaw in the movie. John Travolta puts in a fine performance, Kirstie Alley does her usual steady but unoriginal job, and Bruce Willis was, in a word, priceless.

When you are home over Thanksgiving and start tiring of Mom's turkey sandwiches, then grab your coat, pull your little brother away from the television, and go see "Look Whose Talking."

Peppers grades it a B+. You can earn the title of "honorary movie reviewer" if you figure out which actress plays the voice of Mikey's little sister. She only has one line, so listen carefully.

"Look Whose Talking" is rated "P.G.-13" for rough language and mild sexual content. It is currently playing at the State Theater.

## W&L Weekly Calendar

November 17 to December 5

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
Thanksgiving holiday begins.  
All Day SWIMMING (M&W): Division III Dual Meet Championship. Twombly Pool.  
7:30 p.m. BASKETBALL: Tip-Off Tournament: Generals vs. Methodist. Warner Center.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
All Day SWIMMING (M&W): Division III Dual Meet Championship. Twombly Pool.  
2 p.m. BASKETBALL: Tip-Off Tournament: Methodist vs. Salisbury State. Warner Center.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: BASKETBALL: Emory University.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
Thanksgiving Day.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
Thanksgiving holiday ends. Classes resume.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
4:30 p.m. GLASGOW ENDOWMENT PROGRAM: A reading by David Huddle, writer of poetry and fiction. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: BASKETBALL: Hampden-Sydney.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
7 p.m. POLITICS FILMFEST: *King Rat* (USA, 1965). Room 203, Reid Hall.  
7:30 p.m. LECTURE: "Feminist Ethics." Rosemarie Tong, Davidson College. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
7 p.m. CDS PRESENTATION: "An Overview of Investment Banking." Bob Berlin '87 and Mike Forrester '89. Palmer Auditorium, Inc. Room 327, Commerce School.  
7:30 p.m. BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Randolph-Macon. Warner Center.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

7 p.m. Law Classes end.  
MEN'S SWIMMING: Generals vs. William & Mary. Twombly Pool.

8 p.m. FAIR CHITMAS CONCERT: "Gloria," by John Rutter. Rockbridge Chorus and Fair Chamber Singers. Jackson Memorial Hall, V.M.I.

8 p.m. FILM SOCIETY: "Dark Eyes" (Italy, 1987). Classroom "A." Lewis Hall.

PLAY: *Aladdin*, an English Christmas pantomime. University Theatre. For reservations, call theatre office, 463-8637.

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: WRESTLING: Lebanon Valley Tournament.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
Law School Reading Days begin.  
2 p.m. & 8 p.m. PLAY: *Aladdin*. University Theatre.

BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Lynchburg College. Warner Center.

FILM SOCIETY: "Dark Eyes" (Italy, 1987). Classroom "A." Lewis Hall.

AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: SWIMMING (W): Sweet Briar; WRESTLING: Lebanon Valley.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
2:30 p.m. Rockbridge Concert-Theatre Series: "The Gifts of the Magi." Lexington High School.  
PLAY: *Aladdin*. University Theatre.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8 p.m. W&L CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Choruses and Wind Ensemble. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

### EXHIBITIONS

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MAIN LOBBY: "The Enemies of Books" (through November).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, BOATWRIGHT ROOM: "Parallel Letters--Parallel Lives: The Correspondence of Lee and Jackson" (through January). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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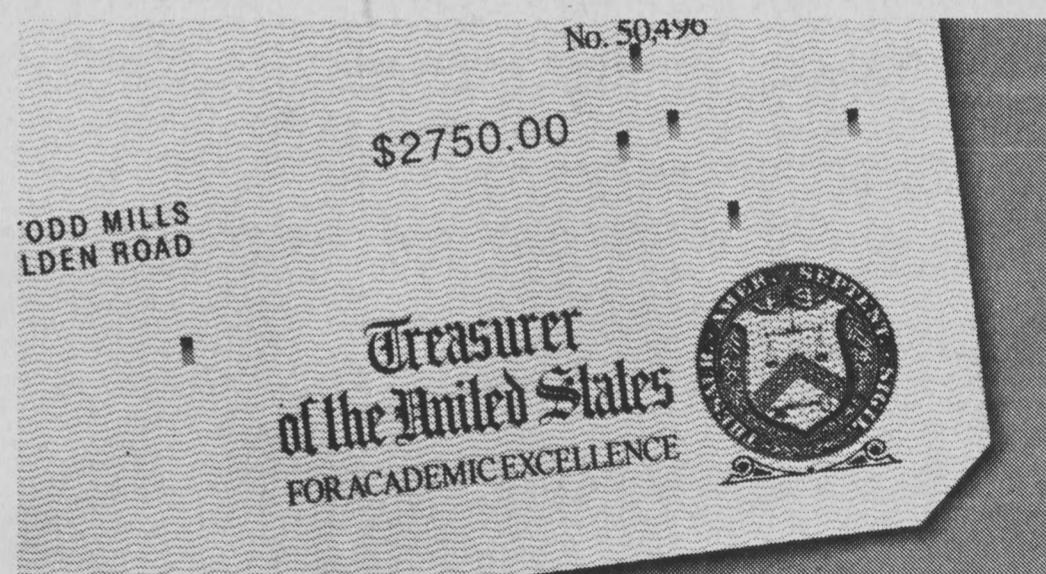
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