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## Report: EC breaks constitution

By Rick Peltz  
Staff Reporter

This year's Executive Committee has gone into executive session in several instances when it was not allowed by the student body constitution, according to a report submitted to the EC Monday night.

The Constitutional Revisions Committee submitted to the Executive Committee Monday its proposals to amend the student body constitution, which included a clarification of executive session.

The proposal allows the EC to hold closed-door, executive sessions for honor investigations and trials, committee appointment interviews, disciplinary hearings, and discipline in

honor-related matters as outlined in White Book Section O.

The measure forbids closed-door or executive sessions for budget hearings and deliberations, and committee appointment deliberations.

"Past and present Executive Committees have chosen to disregard the constitution on this issue," reads the revisions committee's rationale. The EC "has seen fit to change the rules, and the present guidelines have become irrelevant."

The committee said executive session was invoked for an FD budget hearing earlier this year.

Second-year law Rep. Mark Cobb, who phoned in the deciding vote last week to close EC-elect committee appointment deliberations, objected that the proposal allowed no "flex-

ibility." If personality conflicts arose in an interview, he reasoned, or the interviewee provided information he deemed confidential, the EC would be unable to consider it in open deliberations.

Revisions committee member Walter Scott told Cobb, "I wish you'd voted to have those deliberations open. You voted against the constitution."

He explained that if open deliberations had been unsuccessful, the revisions committee might have reconsidered that part of the proposal. However, since deliberations were voted closed, the revisions committee made a decision based on the seeming intent of the constitution.

The confidentiality in disciplinary matters, Falk explained, is to allow

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— Revisions group

the EC to conduct an investigation, but if action is taken the EC must "fully describe all facts and circumstances surrounding the disposition of the matter" in its regular meeting.

Other proposals concerned succession of Big Three-elect, special elections to fill vacant offices, adjustments to allow earlier elections, and

the fiscal role of the Publications Board as an "umbrella" organization.

The revisions committee also proposed a revitalized University Lectures Committee to coordinate guest lecturers and administer the anticipated Telford Grant for lecturers. That proposal is not a constitutional amendment.

EC Vice President-elect Raymond Welder said that he hopes the EC will leave the Constitutional Revisions Committee's proposals for consideration next year.

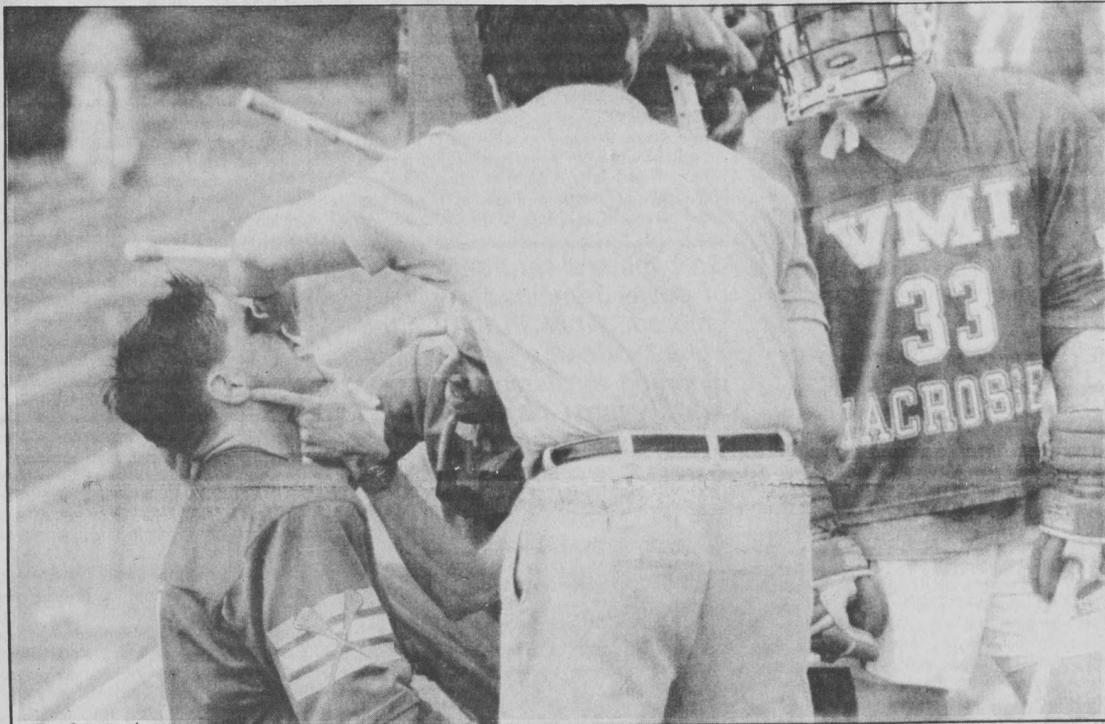
Constitutional procedure requires a two-thirds vote of the EC to send an amendment to referendum, where two-thirds of the student body, with at least half voting, may adopt it.

The EC-elect posted their committee appointments Monday night.

Members' voting records were also made public.

The EC gave Kathleen Duwel the Student Activities Board chair, 6-5, with William Jones unanimously chosen as vice chair. Charles Kranich made Contact chairman 9-2. Other chairs went unanimously to Andrew Gaffney, Voting Regulations Board; Robert Shelton, Financial Relations Committee; Thomas Spurgeon, Student Conduct Committee (Spurgeon abstaining); and John Donaldson, Mock Convention. The Emergency Loan Committee chair went to Jeffrey Rogers.

The EC-elect decided to wait in filling these positions: SAB operations director; Fancy Dress chairman, vice chairman and auditor; and Mock Convention secretary.



### First Blood, part III

VMI lacrosse player Pete Rohan receives medical attention after being leveled by W&L defenseman Mike Nunan in the Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic last Saturday. As a result of the hit,

Rohan lost two of his front teeth, and Nunan received one minute in the penalty box for cross checking. W&L won 18-7. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## IFC votes to change rules

### Social probation guidelines and rush sites discussed

By Jason Kelley  
Senior Copy Editor

The Interfraternity Council took the first step to change the definition of social probation at its Tuesday night meeting, and the six houses that will be under renovation during fall rush reached an agreement to use a lottery system to distribute meeting places for rush functions.

The IFC voted unanimously to send a proposed amendment to the IFC by-laws to the Student Affairs Committee for approval.

If approved, the amendment would change the restrictions imposed on houses while they are on social probation. The amendment would prohibit more than 25% of the membership of the fraternity house to gather outside the house for any non-university sponsored function of a social nature.

This would supercede the current by-law which states that no more than five members of the fraternity may gather for a non-university sanctioned

function.

IFC President Goodloe Lewis said that this change comes in the wake of Phi Kappa Sigma having their social probation extended by the SAC.

Admitting that Phi Kapp broke the actual letter of the law by having more than 5 brothers together while they were on social probation, Lewis said that the IFC had let Phi Kapp off because it did not feel that they had broken with the spirit of the rule.

Lewis said that fraternities must start following the rules in the constitution and that the IFC must start enforcing them.

"But," he added, "If we believe that the rule sucks, we've got to change it."

Associate Dean of Students for Fraternity Affairs Leroy "Buddy" Atkins, argued in the meeting for a tougher rule.

He said that he felt both the current rule and the proposed amendment were not strong enough.

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## W&L gives \$100,000 to city

By Fraser Bowen  
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee has given a \$100,000 gift to the city of Lexington, announced Mayor H.E. "Buddy" Derrick at the May 3 Lexington City Council meeting.

"I think that this heralds a new relationship between the city and Washington and Lee," said Derrick.

The gift was approved by W&L's Board of Trustees at the board's meeting in February, according to university Treasurer Larry W. Broomall.

The board's action provides for a one-time unrestricted capital grant to the city. It is intended to recompense the city for lost tax revenue.

Broomall said that the grant is essentially in response to a proposal by the city that the university purchase bonds for the new consolidated city-county high school, the plans for which were approved in a Rockbridge County referendum last spring.

Broomall said, at the time the high school was originally proposed, the university thought it would be unwise to invest in such a low-yield venture.

The grant to the city is unrestricted, so the city may use it in any way that it chooses, however, Derrick said he would like to " earmark" the money to go towards construction of the consolidated high school.

The consolidated high school is expected to cut the combined costs for local high school education by 50 percent.

## Delta Gamma will colonize in Fall

By Pamela Kelley  
Staff Reporter

After five months of deliberation and a January decision to delay colonization, Delta Gamma has agreed to return to Washington and Lee to colonize in the fall in hopes of becoming W&L's fourth sorority, according to Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins.

Atkins said he received a letter of confirmation late last week from DG formally accepting the university's invitations to colonize here, although a 15-member DG interest group has been meeting since January in order to increase interest among the unaffiliated women on campus in a new sorority.

In the letter, DG President Maureen Syring said that although "the numbers have quite frankly been disappointing, the determination this group has exhibited has been impressive."

Syring went on to say that DG held a national Council meeting in late April, with the colonization at W&L a major part of the agenda.

There the Council voted unanimously to support a DG colonization in the fall, using the local interest group as the core of women who will help with this effort.

As part of their colonization, DG will hold a rush in the fall for all independent upperclassmen. It will then rush again in the winter with the other three sororities currently on campus, Kappa Alpha Theta, Chi Omega, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

According to DG Colonization Coordinator Kitty Beatty, DG has not yet set a date for its fall rush. Beatty said that the dates will be set in accordance with the W&L and DG calendars.

Interest group President Elizabeth Besenfelder expressed a concern that, because DG's installation period is 12 weeks long, the girls

who pledged in the fall might not be active members by winter, or they would be initiating around exam time.

Beatty said that the DG pledge period had an amount of flexibility, although its too early to say if DG will attempt to initiate before Christmas break.

Beatty also said that the colony should be able to meet certain standard requirements before it is installed. The requirements basically deal with the colony's readiness to be a chapter, which includes its financial situation, rules and by-laws, officers and its philanthropic activities.

DG will be the only sorority allowed to rush upperclassmen in the fall. In the mean time DG has requested the names and addresses of all unaffiliated women and permission to contact them over the summer with information and specific dates that DG will be on campus. "It is important that they know we are com-

mitted to this campus and to a chapter at W&L," Syring said in her letter. Atkins said that university's response will be "great."

According to Besenfelder, 12 members of the interest group have formally committed themselves to rush DG in the fall and that at least three more girls probably will. The group currently holds meetings every week and tries to recruit interested females and "get ourselves known on campus," said Besenfelder. The interest group also has a DG advisor, Lexington resident Patricia Garner.

Besenfelder, who is one of the founders of the interest group, said facetiously "We're the scragger group," explaining that all 15 members were either not extended bids or did not sign preference cards.

However, Besenfelder said that the girls who did not get bids had indicated to the other three

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## Newspaper adds to Smith fund

By Brian Root  
Editor

The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune and its parent company, the Media General chain, have contributed \$16,000 to the Todd C. Smith Memorial Fellowship Fund at Washington and Lee.

As of April, 392 donors have contributed \$53,553 to the fund. The goal is to collect \$100,000.

"We are delighted by the gift from Media General and The Tampa Tribune," said W&L Director of Development Lex McMillan. "It is a very beautiful and generous gesture. We are grateful."

The fund was established earlier this year by the family and friends of Smith, a 1983 graduate of W&L, after he was tortured and murdered by terrorists in the drug-producing Huallaga region of Peru.

The fellowship is designed to help aspiring journalists at W&L to become foreign correspondents by providing a stipend to travel and study in the country of their choice for a specified amount of time.

The fellowship is open to any rising junior or senior enrolled at W&L. The recipient's research and study will focus on a topic of current interest and importance and is expected to produce a journalistic work that the Tribune will consider for publication.

Smith, a former editor of The Ring-tum Phi and a reporter for the Tribune, was killed while investigating the Peruvian drug trade.

As was reported in November in the Phi, Smith decided to devote his vacation from

the paper to travel to Peru, because the paper had refused to assign the story to him, because Smith's editors at the Tribune considered both the location and the subject matter of the story were too dangerous.

According to earlier reports, Smith may have been killed because his murderers may have mistook him for Drug Enforcement Agency agent. Smith was the first American killed in an area where 47 journalists have died.

Investigators have as yet been unable to determine exactly who killed Smith, although the Peruvian communist insurgent group the Shining Path is suspected.

Smith, who was kidnapped as he was driving to an airport in the city of Uchiza, was later found to have been strangled.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Todd Smith Fellowship Fund, in care of the Office of University Development, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. 24450.

### What's In the Phi this week

**NEWS...** A Rockbridge County judge set a trial date for former W&L student Blake Comer. Please see the story on Page 4.

Three 1990 W&L grads will join the university staff over the summer. Please see the story on Page 5.

**OPINION...** J. Cameron Humphries says the Bush Administration is letting Mikhail Gorbachev pull a fast one. Please see Page 2.

**SPORTS...** The W&L lacrosse team blew out VMI in the annual Lee-Jackson Classic. Please see the story on Page 8.

**W&LIFE...** Cancer has struck several members of the Lexington community. See how they've survived the ordeal. Please see the story on Page 6.



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## EC needs to read the constitution

Last week the Executive Committee-elect voted 6-5 not to open to the public deliberations on committee appointments and went into executive session. The Student Body Constitution states that executive sessions — defined as a “private meeting of the EC” in which the “door is to be closed at all times” — are to be called only in cases of honor violations. Something is wrong with this picture.

This action by the EC could not have come at a better time for the Constitutional Revisions Committee to prove its point.

According to the proposals for change to the constitution submitted by the committee Monday night the EC has “chosen to disregard the constitution” on the issue of executive session.

The proposals refer to last fall when the EC granted to Alex Hitz, then Fancy Dress chairman, an executive session to present the FD budget. Budget hearings are not to be held in private. All members of the W&L community have the right to know how its committees are spending their money.

When the EC voted to close deliberations last week it acted against the constitution. A vote to open the deliberations should not have been taken. Such a meeting should be assumed open. The proposal clearly defines which meetings are to be private and which are to be public. The only meetings that could be held behind closed doors are: honor violations and investigations, disciplinary hearings and interviews for committee appointments, and these only on a two-thirds vote.

Deliberations on appointments, budget hearings and budget deliberations could never be held in Executive Session, as it should be.

The members of the EC who last week voted to keep the deliberations closed ought to read the constitution. The committee needs to be congratulated for its effort to remind the EC that they are not separate, but are a part of, the student body. And they, too, have rules to follow.

## Welcome back home, y'all

This weekend, a whole ton of alumni are coming back to W&L to visit. Ladies and gentlemen, glad to have you here.

Without doubt, W&L is a different place than the one you attended. For better or worse, however, we think you'll notice a lot has remained the same.

On the front page, we ran a story about how some people think the EC is behaving incorrectly. If you ask around, you'll probably find out that fraternities feel harassed by the administration, and the faculty think fraternities destroy academic integrity.

Students think the Lexington police are fascists, and the cops think we're overbearing, spoiled brats.

During the class registration period, the line outside Prof. Futch's office is longer than the football field and, the philosophy department is almost empty.

C-School majors think everyone else is slack. Everyone else thinks C-School majors are overrated.

The current editorial board of *The Ring-tum Phi* has been in place for only three weeks, and we've already had to issue two corrections.

Sound familiar? We hope so. Welcome back to W&L.

## Quote of the Week

*We go to a private institution, so we don't have all of our constitutional rights.*

— EC President Willard Dumas, valiantly trying to explain on a recent call-in show why some campus organizations can be closely regulated by the EC, in seeming contradiction to the U.S. Constitution.

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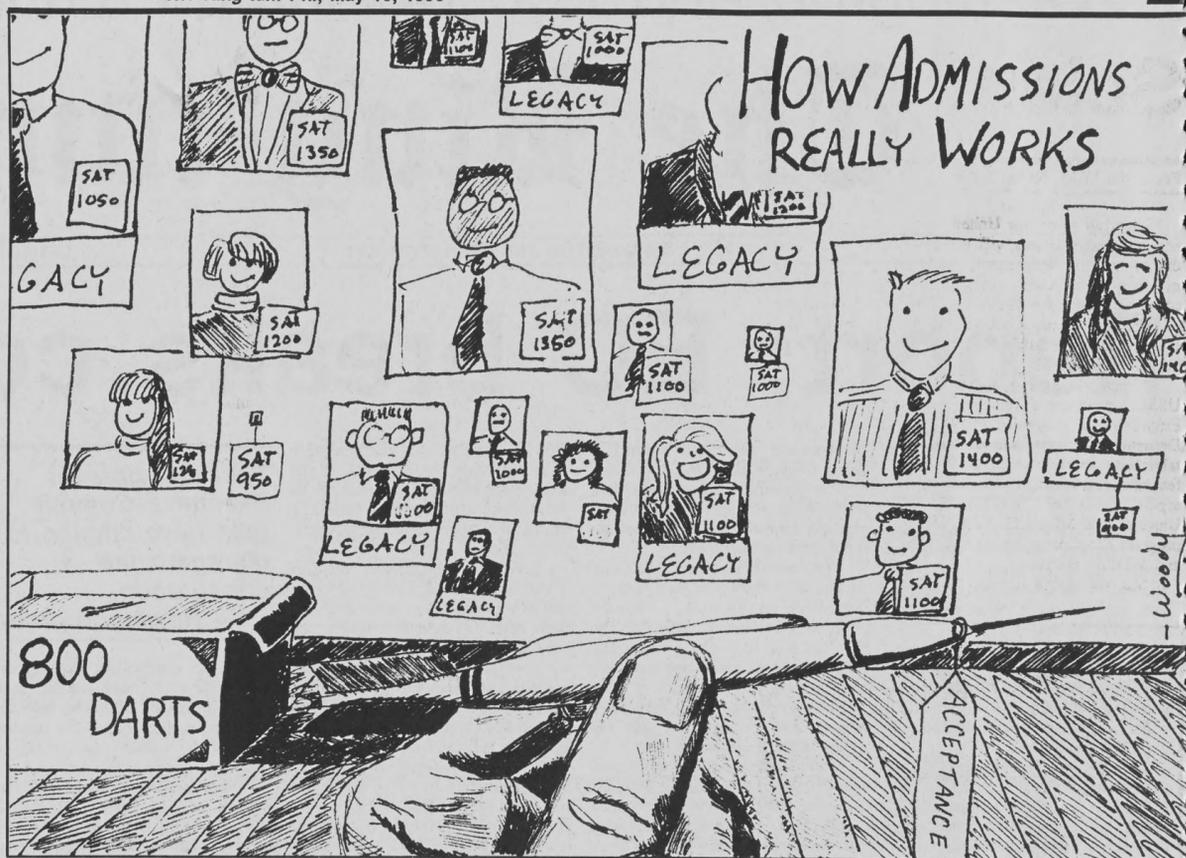
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## An old bear learns new tricks

### MY VIEW

By J. Cameron Humphries

The times, indeed, they are a changin'. Who, for instance, would ever have guessed that *The Ring-tum Phi* would ask me to write for them, or that a republican, God-fearing President could be soft on a communist. And yet, while the *Phi* may have its reservations in asking me to write this article, it seems that George Bush has no reservations whatsoever in embracing that un-commie communist, Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mikhail Gorbachev, or Mickey (Mickey Mouse?) for short, has become the most ironic of world leaders — almost every claim or promise he has made serves as little more than an ironic reminder of communism's breakdown. Not long ago Gorbachev stated that the communists would never relinquish their monopoly of power in the U.S.S.R., today Article Six of their constitution has been abolished. He firmly asserted that German reunification was “not part of the historical agenda”; it is now historical reality. And Gorbachev once rejected the idea of the united Germany joining NATO; the Soviets now say that Europe will be much safer with Germany inside NATO instead of outside it. Oh, the times they are changing, and very quickly.

But more than the old Bob Dylan song, the current events in Europe and the Soviet Union invite comparison with the events occurring in France two hundred years earlier. At this time a young leader, whose distinguishing characteristic was not a spot on his head, but his shortness in height, was all the rave among the liberals in Europe. That liberal among liberals, Ludwig van

Beethoven, even composed a symphony in his honor. All of Europe hoped that the revolution would establish the freedoms France's and England's philosophers had espoused. And all of Europe looked to Napoleon to extend them across the continent. Were *Time* magazine in print in 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte (not George Washington or Benjamin Franklin) most likely would have been their Man of the Century.

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Yet he did not remain in the liberals' favor for long. He centralized power under his authority, then marched his formidable army east to Moscow. Though he did codify laws and remove hundreds of tiny monarchies, he did very little to spread liberalism throughout Europe. Instead, he sat in Moscow for one long, hot summer and waited for the Russian people to surrender to his will.

They did not. Now, two hundred years later, the people of Europe believe that Mikhail Gorbachev will extend the rights and freedoms of the French and English philosophers into a nation whose people have never known them. Gorbachev's centralization of

power remains largely ignored — crowning himself emperor cost Napoleon his symphony. While in the United States, our Congress is planning to dismantle the world's most powerful armed forces (our own). NATO's members now question the purpose of NATO's existence. And the world is dancing in the street, rejoicing in Soviet Union's goodwill. All this while the little communist, Gorbachev, continues to sit in Moscow, not acting, but waiting.

Sure, Gorby has pulled a few troops out of Hungary, but now they sit closer to home (where they are needed) in such pro-Soviet regions as Armenia and Lithuania. Once he did promise to dismantle his governments' control of the Soviet economy, but today he preaches not *glasnost*, but “gradualism.” No shots were fired when Soviet tanks rolled through the streets of Vilnius, but then neither were they rolled through the streets of Prague. Mickey knows that one does not have to fire a gun to effectively threaten another with it. Furthermore, though a summit with President Bush is scheduled for later next month, Gorbachev has already rescinded his offer of certain arms control concessions with the United States. We in the United States look to Mikhail for action and progress. And all the while, Gorby sits in Moscow, merely waiting as his promises of liberalism stand idly by.

If he continues to wait, and we continue to act in this present capacity of unilateral disarmament, Gorbachev may find that he need not retreat from Moscow, nor that he need succeed in bringing the West, east. He may instead find the great plains of Europe lie open, sans any deterrent from his, or more likely some other Soviet's, extending that great protectorate freedom, communism, westward. While we in the U.S. are left watching idly by.

## Today's marxist knows no Marx

### MY VIEW

By John P. Roche

To say there are more Marxists at an annual meeting of the American Sociological Association than there are now in Eastern Europe is merely to utter a truism. But the closer you look at the views of these self-styled American radicals, the more you have to wonder about two crucial questions. First, what precisely do they mean when they call themselves “Marxists?” Second, what has led them to worship at the shrine of a minor 19th century social and economic thinker?

When I was young in the late 1930's and first entered rhetorical combat with the Marxists, one thing could surely be said: these characters had read Marx and read him closely. Nevertheless, they disagreed about most things. There was a basic consensus about one item however: Marx (as Engels put it in 1833 while

speaking at Marx's grave) was the Charles Darwin of social science, the man who had discovered the fundamental laws of historical change.

These laws doomed the capitalist to destruction as inexorably as Darwin's “survival of the fittest” prescription doomed the dinosaurs. This vision was not based on personal animosity — after all, Marx and Engels had nothing but praise for the capitalist mission in the *Manifesto* — but rather on a belief that history was a script in five acts which human decisions could in no way alter or rewrite.

The contemporary Marxists who are ensconced in the faculties of all the major universities in the country are anything but clinicians. Indeed my experience suggests that their knowledge of Marx's career and writings is virtually nonexistent. For example, they seem to think that Marx was a great force in his time for social justice, when in fact he was practically unknown except among German radicals. John Stuart Mill, the great

political economist who was a contemporary, does not once refer to Marx in his enormous body of writings, including all his letters.

What then do today's radicals mean when they call themselves Marxists. Most of all, they mean to express their dissatisfaction with the status quo, finding any status quo heartless. The fact that this has little or nothing to do with what Marx actually believed does not seem to pose a problem. That Marx admired what has come to be known as “cultural genocide” and looked forward to Westernizing the natives has been all but forgotten. Marxism has become the repository of all ill-feeling about contemporary society.

This leads to my second question: if Marxists today do not study or even understand the life or teachings of the god, why is it that they call themselves Marxists? Here I think the answer is quite simple. American radicals in the academy are for various reasons anti-American and they think, quite naively, that the specter

of Marxism haunts the “American Establishment.” Over the years, there has been a lot of fiery “anti-Marxist” rhetoric that could provide evidence for this view. But today, the average American business is more terrified by the Internal Revenue Service than he is by the threat of workers' revolution.

The “good news” is that most American academicians are non-political. Only a small minority are activists. The vast majority are inert, not because they are scared, but because they find academic politics a waste of time. Thus, while administrators begin their ritualistic preemptive capitulation to some noisy activist just as soon as the first blank round is fired, the bulk of American professors, unfortunately say: “To hell with it — let the dean deal with those clowns.”

*Distributed by the Collegiate Network. John Roche is a professor at Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.*

## Curbing speech to fight racism

### MY VIEW

By John Zipperer

Students returning to school this past fall at the University of Wisconsin received a disturbing lesson from their teachers. In response to numerous incidents of racial misconduct in recent years, the university administration instituted a ban on speech that “created a hostile environment” for other students. The administration claimed that racism had grown to such proportions that it demanded immediate and drastic action — even if this involved the extraordinary step of restricting speech. Interestingly, in the first semester in which the university was armed with such a strong weapon against racism, UW officials failed to use it. Unfortunately for the school, however, the mere presence of a rule banning racially offensive

speech creates “a hostile environment” for the teachers and students within it, and ultimately makes the problem of racism worse.

Attempting to deal with the problem of racism on our college campuses by restricting free speech is destined to fail: most of what we value will be destroyed in the process, while racism will inevitably survive. And yet at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Berkeley, and Michigan, administrators have adopted bans on racial speech similar to the one in place at Wisconsin — and many other colleges and universities are considering adopting such rules soon.

Almost uniformly these rules prohibit students from making derogatory comments about another student's race. While rules also ban insults based on a person's age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, handicap, and veteran status, the rules' main focus is racism. Penalties for violation include a reprimand, “sensitivity reeducation,” and

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expulsion from school. Even those who would never offend another person will still suffer from the mere presence of racial speech rules. They will find themselves getting an incomplete education as their professors avoid harassment by watering down controversial subjects or avoiding them altogether. The reality is that in order to teach, sometimes one must

# Scientists to gather at W&L

From the W&L News Office

Scientists from the United States and the Soviet Union will gather on the campus of Washington and Lee in June to discuss environmental conservation for the 1990s.

The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be held June 17-22.

"Since the signing of the U.S. - USSR Agreement on Cooperation in Environmental Protection in 1972, the Department of the Interior has established and maintained active professional relationships with its counterpart ministries in the Soviet Union," said Steven G. Kohl, USSR program coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"As the 1990s begin, the two

sides have decided to take stock of ongoing activities and define their joint conservation priorities for the coming decade.

"The goal of this conference is to bring together young scientists from each country who are likely to play a leading role in the formulation and implementation of conservation policy in the 21st century."

Approximately 40 scientists from each country are expected to participate in the week-long conference. It is expected that William Riley, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and other U.S. and Soviet officials will participate.

The participants will arrive in Lexington on Saturday, June 16. A banquet and keynote speaker will highlight Sunday evening's activities.

The working sessions of the con-

ference will begin on Monday and continue through Friday. Each day will include plenary sessions and general discussions, followed by evening activities, such as lectures, slide shows, and panel discussions.

The conference will conclude on Friday with a final plenary session on recommendations by the conference participants and a news conference.

"The agreement in 1972 between the two countries led to the creation of joint conservation projects in the areas of rare and endangered species of fauna and flora, migratory birds, marine mammals and fish husbandry that have contributed significantly to the protection and management of shared wildlife resources," Kohl said.

"It is our hope that the evolving process of *perestroika* in the Soviet

Union, combined with this conference, will bring unprecedented opportunities for American and Soviet scientists to travel and work together in some of the most remote regions of both countries," he said.

Among the topics scheduled to be discussed at the conference are conservation research and management in the U.S. and the USSR in 1990; balancing resource development with conservation needs; and conservation planning for the twenty-first century.

The final plenary session will be devoted to recommendation for future cooperation in conservation research and management.

Conference participants will be housed in Gaines Hall. The plenary sessions and other events will take place at various locations across the campus.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Old Footprints

The Virginia Museum of Natural History is conducting tours into the Culpepper Stone Quarry to see dinosaur footprints that are over 200 million years old. The tours are on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, May 19 and 20, and June 2 and 3. For reservations, call (703) 666-8600. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the quarry.

### PiKA run

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is holding a charity run to benefit the Lexington SPCA Shelter's Capital Fund. The race will be Saturday, May 19. PiKA brothers are now accepting donations for the run. Donations and questions should be directed to Doug Denby at 463-7590.

### Fishing

The Outing Club will sponsor fly-casting instruction with Prof. John McDaniel every Thursday at 4 p.m. Equipment will be provided. Meet at Liberty Hall runs.

### Final film

The Washington and Lee Film Society's final presentation of the season will be the very off-beat comedy *Down By Law* (USA, 1986). The film is a story of two born-to-lose guys who, while in jail, meet up with a guileless French tourist who leads his cellmates in an unlikely breakout inspired by the prison movies he has seen. The film will be shown Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. in Lewis Hall Classroom "A". Admission is free.

### Library show

The second in a series of library automation demonstration will be held in Northern Auditorium on Monday, May 14. This will be a presentation of the Virginia Tech Library system. Sessions devoted to the online catalog module will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Help Springfest

Washington and Lee Springfest, sponsored by the 16 fraternities, 3 sororities, Independent Union, Minority Student Association, and Trident will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the University Center. Anyone interested in helping with any aspect of the organization contact Goodloe Lewis.

### Get noticed

Any new organization on campus that wishes to be included in next year's Student Handbook should submit a brief summary of its activities and next year's officers to the Student Handbook box in Payne Hall, next to Dean of Student's office.

### Earth club

The environmental section of the Outing Club will have its next meeting on Monday, May 14 at 5 p.m. in Room 113 of the University Center.

### Debtors

The following students have bad debts and need to attend the Cold Check Committee meeting Wednesday, May 9 in Room 108 of the University Center at 8 p.m.: Edward Eullagher, Ali Goala, David McGraw, Randolph R. Smith, Nicholas Thompson, Leslyn Weekes, Curtis Joeseeph, James Allen Cadranell, and Wilbert Broussard.

### Canoeing

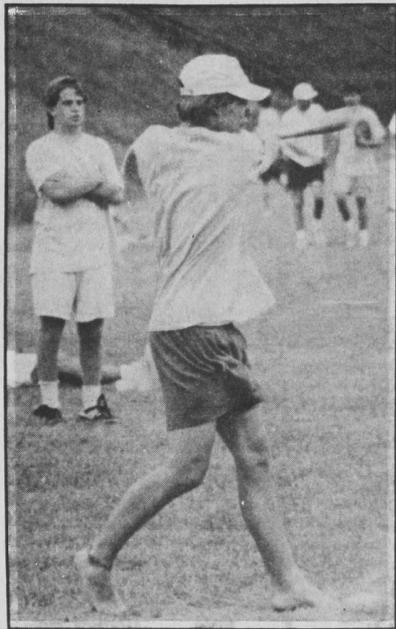
The padding section of the Outing Club will hold a basic canoeing session on the Maury River on Friday, May 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. Attendance to a session is required before being allowed to use an Outing Club canoe. Sign up and meet for the session at Baker 109.

### Horse lovers

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in forming an equestrian team for W & L on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 113 in the University Center. Contact 464-3698 for more information.

### Bike rides

Come out and join the Outing Club for weekly bicycle road rides, Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Meet in front of Baker Dorm. For bicycle repair or service, tools and equipment will be available in the Outing Club equipment room (Baker 109) on Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. For additional bicycling information, contact Jason at 464-4665.



### Saaaawing batter!

Rich Pains (left) swings his bat during an intramural softball game yesterday. Softball is the last IM event of the year and does not count the final standings. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## SPEECH

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offend. And in order to learn, sometimes one must be offended.

By attempting to teach history without dealing with racially offensive material, we may create a situation in which, perversely, those same racial beliefs we are fighting are able to find a receptive audience. For example, when teaching about slavery or the Holocaust, students must get an understanding of how millions of people could believe in the racist ideologies behind such events. Professors will find it easier to just exclude any material, such as Nazi speeches or slave owner's defenses of slavery, than to go head to head with the institu-

tionalized intolerance created by racial speech rules. By creating an environment that limits the material a professor may use in teaching, we thus face the danger of producing a generation of students who are so poorly educated about history that they threaten to repeat its worst nightmares through a combination of ignorance and moral arrogance.

Most of us would feel very uncomfortable being forced underground because of our beliefs, but racism actually flourishes in the dark recesses of our society. If racial comments are barred from college conversations between fellow racists. By replanting racism

in its most fertile soil, the racial speech rules spreading across American campuses will prove worse than ineffectual; they will prove counterproductive.

Using universities to restrict free speech is a sad reflection of our times. Universities act as the caretakers of our society, transmitting and, we hope, improving our values from generation to generation. In attempting to deal with racism by expelling students who say things construed to be racist, the current generation of academic leaders are forsaking one of the most important roles of the university. By their punishment, they force those who

may be racists to clam up, and thus take them out of the discussions in which their racist beliefs might be challenged and changed by other students.

Curbing racist speech on our college campuses does not solve the problem of racism, it only hides it. History, while it is still allowed to be taught, should teach us that burying our heads in the sand proves ineffective in making problems disappear.

John Zipperer, a senior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is an editor of *The Badger*, the nation's oldest independent student newspaper.

By Karsten Amlie

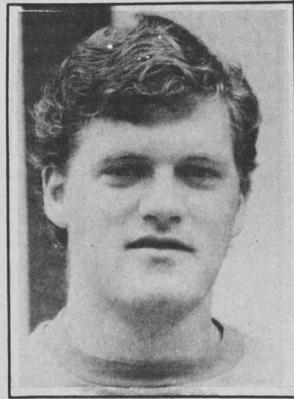
## TALKBACK

Photos by Erik Bertlesen

If you were on the Board of Trustees, who would be the first person you would fire?



Wes Boyd, '90, Dallas, TX - "Shawn Copeland, even though his job doesn't start until next year. Because he has a distinct bias to giving admissions to girls from South Carolina."



Mike Meers, '90, Bethesda, MD - "I don't know, but fish rots at the head."



Ryan Kull, '92, Rumson, NJ - "The talkback reporters for asking this question."



Jon Hesse, '93, Centerville, MS - "Coach Stickle because we should have had a much better team this year."



Lee Fleming, '90, Houston, TX - "The dean of processed cheese. We have one of those, don't we?"



John Doe, '90, Anystate, USA - "Dean Atkins, but I heard that he's going to be fired anyway so I wouldn't waste my vote."

## Waiter uses Heimlich, saves choking student

By Brian Root  
Editor

Washington and Lee junior Courtney Payne was saved from choking to death by a student employee in the General Headquarters Monday night.

"I was just sitting there," Payne said. "Suddenly, a piece of food got stuck in my throat. I couldn't breathe or talk."

"It was weird. It was like I saw everything in slow motion," Payne said. "Then, I saw Jeff come sprinting around the bar to help me."

Jeff Rogers, a junior and a waiter at GHQ, applied the Heimlich Maneuver to Payne, and dislodged the food from her throat.

"I think Jeff deserves a lot of recognition," said Payne.

Payne said she was surprised that Rogers was the only GHQ employee who knew the Heimlich Maneuver.

"In New Jersey and some other

states I know it's a state law that restaurant staff have to know it," she said. "At least, anyone who manages a place should know what to do."

According to W&L Food Service Manager Gerald Darrell, Virginia does not require that all restaurant personnel have such training.

"Even though it's not mandatory, we have training sessions on the Heimlich Maneuver for all Evans Dining Hall staff," he said. "It's our mistake that we've never done it for our employees in the Pit. We're going to make it mandatory there from now on."

Although the staff in the GHQ and the snack bar have not been trained, Darrell said, each place has signs that show how to perform the maneuver.

Darrell said Rogers had not been trained in the Heimlich Maneuver by W&L and that "he just happened to know what to do."

"He's my hero, if he's not anyone else's," Payne said.

## Comer trial set for July

By Genienne Mongno  
Staff Reporter

The trial of former Washington and Lee student Charles "Blake" Comer, who has been charged with the March 1989 hit-and-run death of W&L student Mary Ashley Scarborough, is set to begin on July 25.

Comer, 22, faces charges of hit-and-run and involuntary manslaughter. If convicted on both counts he could face up to 15 years in prison.

Police arrested Comer in November after receiving a tip from an unidentified W&L graduate. The tip led police to Comer's home in Greenville, S.C. where they located the car involved in the accident.

In his statement, Comer told police he was driving the car, his mother's 1986 Honda Accord, when he hit Scarborough on March 16.

He said he was driving east on Washington Street toward McDonald's when Scarborough "stumbled in

front of the car."

Comer said he did not stop because he "was scared to death and didn't know what to do."

Virginia State Trooper Cecil Bowen, an accident reconstruction expert, said at a preliminary hearing on Jan. 30 that he believed Comer was travelling west on Washington

Street in the eastbound lane when he hit Scarborough.

Although Comer said he was alone at the time of the accident and told no one about it, Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard said the investigation into the case will remain open until after the trial. He said, however, that there will probably be no more

arrests made.

"I think we've pretty much wrapped things up on our end," he said.

Judge Rudolph Bumgardner will preside over the trial, which will take place in the Rockbridge County Circuit Courthouse. Comer is being represented by Lexington attorney Thomas Spencer.

## Film society holds contest

By Tracy Thornblade  
Staff Reporter

For anyone who has ever aspired to become the next Rob Reiner or Steven Spielberg, the Washington and Lee Film Society has the contest for you.

The group is accepting entries for its 1990 film contest until May 18. Videos or 8mm films may be turned in to Film Society Sponsor Dick

Grefe in the University Library reference department.

Freshman Missy Eppes, 1990-1991 film society president, said that the society's current president, David Daves, came up with the idea for a contest last fall.

Eppes says that the society is looking for entries thirty minutes or less in length, and there are no thematic restrictions. All entries will be shown the weekend of May 25 in classroom A in the Law School.

The film contest is a new project for the film society and is one which Eppes says she hopes will be continued in coming years.

"We're looking for many different and interesting entries. They should be fun to watch," she said.

Video cameras are available for student use in the media center of the library, in the language lab at Tucker Hall, and in Reid Hall. Cameras may be signed out for two hour periods.

## IFC

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Atkins proposed that the amendment say that while a fraternity is on social probation, the members simply lose their social privileges. This would ban members from attending other fraternity parties, sorority functions or private parties.

"I think you need to decide whether or not you're willing to punish yourselves," said Atkins.

Some fraternity representatives at the meeting spoke out saying that a social probation that restricts parties at the house is tough as it is.

Brooks Pettus, president of Phi Kapp, said "Sure, you can party at other peoples house, but that's not as much fun. You still like to party at your own house."

Atkins said that by requesting the SAC to approve the amendment, the IFC was asking them to decide "whether it's possible to flog someone to death with a powder puff in four years."

The amendment as passed by the IFC must be approved by the SAC and then reaffirmed by a second vote of the IFC.

Lewis Tuesday night reiterated his call last week for fraternities to control any rowdy alumni this weekend.

"We [Kappa Sigma] are even thinking of hiring security to monitor our house," he said.

Atkins agreed with Lewis, saying, "You shouldn't have to stand there as an 18 or 20 year old, and tell

someone 27 or even 50 years-old to grow up. It's absurd for you to have to tell people who should know better."

Lewis praised the fraternities for their conduct this past weekend.

"You all did great with shutting down your parties and not getting any noise violations," he said.

After the regular meeting, representatives from the five red square houses and Sigma Alpha Epsilon met with Lewis and Atkins to discuss plans for where to hold their rush activities.

For Open Houses and Rush Dates, the six houses agreed to a lottery system for assigning places. Only four places have been reserved by the IFC so far - Fairfax Lounge, the Alumni House, the GHQ gameroom, and room 109 of the university center. The representative from Phi Kapp said that his house would be willing to use the "Munster house" on Nelson street if they needed to.

The representatives agreed that each house should be assigned one of these areas for all of its open houses and rush dates. They felt that while rotating room assignments would be more fair since some areas were nicer than others, it would be better to be consistent so that freshmen could more easily distinguish between the fraternities.

"The freshmen have a hard enough time learning all sixteen frat-

ernities without having six of those houses switching places," said IFC Vice-President Michael Skarda.

For the Friday and Saturday band parties during rush, the representatives agreed to a modified lottery system. Six houses are competing for only five party areas. These include: two of the university athletic fields, the Dell field behind the University Library, the student activities pavilion, and possibly Zollman's pavilion.

Phi Delta Theta had already reserved Zollman's Pavilion for September 22, and Phi Kapp had already reserved the Dell for all of rush.

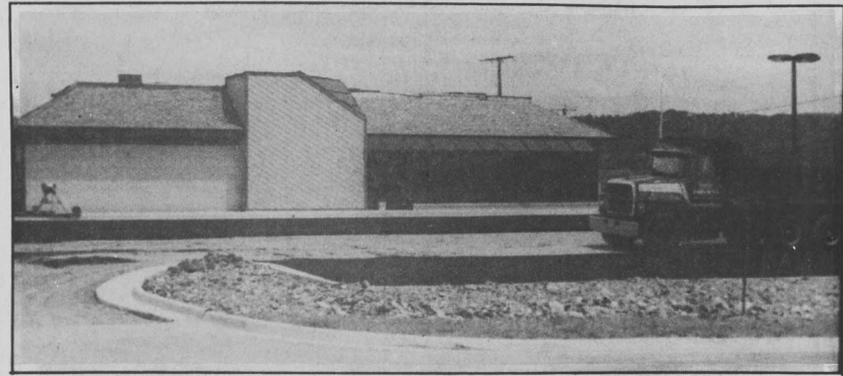
Phi Delt will be allowed to keep the reservation at Zollman's in exchange for its willingness to bow out of the lottery and use its country house, "Bear Farm", for one of the other party nights.

Phi Kapp will be allowed to keep its reservation for the Dell for only one of the nights; the other reservations will be thrown onto the lottery.

The representative from Sigma Alpha Epsilon said that his house would be willing to have some of their parties at their country house, "Windfall".

The lottery will be held after next week's regular IFC meeting.

After much debate, Atkins ended the meeting saying, "The key thing here is to cooperate."



## Whopper hits Lex

By Chris Bray  
Staff Reporter

Lexington becomes "the home of the Whopper" today.

A new Burger King is scheduled to open Thursday, May 10 according to Larry Smith, the manager of the Lexington restaurant.

The new Burger King is located in front of WalMart in the Lexington Crossing Shopping Center.

Now that the new restaurant is open, residents will not have to make the 30 minute trip to visit the nearest Burger King.

"A lot of people have told me they drive all the way to Staunton for Burger King food," said Smith.

The Lexington Burger King has been in the works since Jan. 1989 when Smith and the Mountain Valley

Corporation, the franchiser, began discussing the deal. Smith, who has previously managed a Burger King in Virginia Beach, said the deal was finalized in May 1989. Construction of the restaurant began about a month and a half ago.

The restaurant was not scheduled to open until May 21, according to Smith, but the rate of construction has led to the earlier opening date.

"I came by here (the Burger King site) one day and the foundation was here," said Smith. "The next time I stopped by, the inside walls were up. The progress has been amazing."

Smith found little problem in attracting workers to his establishment. He said received close to 60 applicants within a period of a week, and that he has hired 44 people so far.

Some of the new Lexington employees have been training in Staunton.

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# Grads to join staff in July

From Staff Reports

Three graduates from the class of 1990 will be turning the tables and joining Washington and Lee's administration next year.

Shawn Copeland and Nancy Hickam will work as admissions counselors and Joel Smith will be an alumni staff associate starting July 2.

"I see this job as an attractive and rare opportunity for me to play a role in a very important aspect of the life of the university," Copeland said.

"I'm really looking forward to being able to work with different kinds of people every day," Hickam said. "I think I'll like the job."

Each job is only a one-year commitment, but Copeland and Hickam will have the option of applying for another year or two.

"I'm not sure exactly what I want to do, and I thought this would be a good experience," Smith said. "I have some interest in public relations and this seemed like a good stepping stone. It's a good job without the long-term commitment."

Both Copeland and Smith said they have no aspirations to move up in the administration but are open to possibilities. Hickam said she hopes to return to W&L after having earned a doctorate degree.

"At this point, I plan to attend

law school after this job," Copeland said. "But who knows? A lot can happen in one or two years."

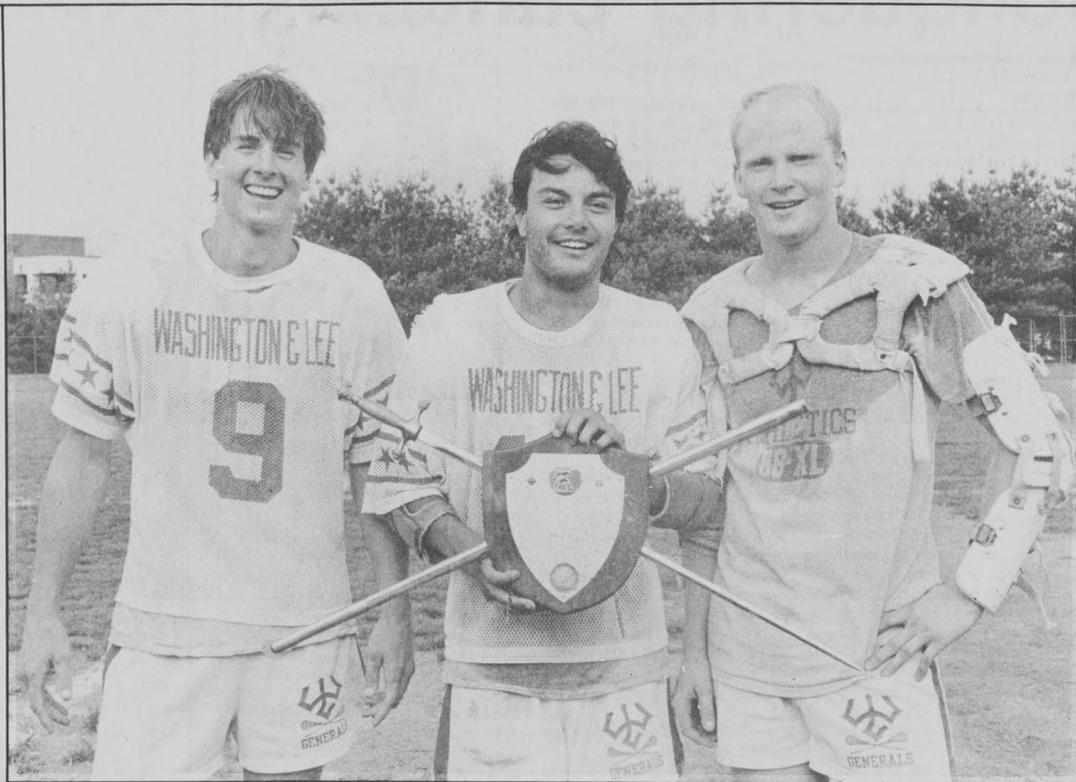
While all three said they are enthused about staying in Lexington for a fifth year, they also said they are a little concerned about the social situation.

"My position as a recent graduate and employee of the university puts me in a peculiar social situation," Copeland said. "While I'm still friends with a lot of students, I won't be living the typical student life. At the same time, I won't be a typical member of the faculty and staff social circles."

"I think it's going to be really different next year, because I'm going to be working here, and as an administrator I won't be able to do the kinds of things I want to do," Hickam said.

"I guess the only foreseeable drawback with this job would be getting bored with Lexington, but I don't see that happening," Smith said. "I enjoy the outdoors and this is a great place for fishing and hiking."

Copeland said, "I'm excited about spending another year or two in Lexington. There are a lot of opportunities that as students we either pass up or ignore that I'm looking forward to taking advantage of as a Lexingtonian."



## The spoils of victory

Three of W&L's six senior lacrosse players, (from left) Mike Jackson Trophy, which W&L by defeating VMI last Saturday. Nunan, Carlos Millan and Reid Campbell pose with the W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

# DELTA GAMMA

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sororities during rush that they did not wish to be extended them.

Besenfelder said "When DG left, it almost devastated us." She also said the interest group "had to spend a lot of time getting them to come back."

Besenfelder said that right now the interest group is making plans for the future. In particular the interest group looks forward to participation in DG's philanthropy, the Delta Gamma Foundation for the Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind.

She encourages any females who are interested to meet the interest group, which meets in The Arlington Women's Center on Tuesdays at 7:30.

Beatty said that DG representatives will form a colonization team to conduct the fall rush and that the representatives may include alumnae, national officers, and active members at one of the seven DG chapters in Virginia.

Beatty said that although no plans or goals for the colonization had been established thus far, she knows there is support at W&L for DG. Two of DG's main concerns are attracting a competitive number of women and making its presence at W&L a positive experience for its new members, she said.

Beatty cited that concern as a reason for delaying its colonization until fall. "The numbers just were

not there," she said of their winter attempt. She cited one of their biggest problems at the time as an over-estimation of the females who would be willing to hold out for a new group by Panhellenic. She was quick to add that the circumstances were out of their control.

Beatty said DG waited until now to accept W&L's invitation to colonize because it had to be sure that there were enough women interested and that it would be in the best interest of those women.

"Once they pledge, if the chapter doesn't make it, they're out in the cold. There's nothing worse than to make a big splash and it doesn't work," she said.

# Triathlon challenges athletes

By Joshua Manning  
Staff Reporter

Thirty-nine entries ran, swam and biked for charity in the second annual Kappa Alpha Theta Triathlon, held Sunday, April 29.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the event included a run of 3.1 miles, 13 miles of bicycling, and finally 36 laps in the gymnasium pool.

The competition included both individual and team entries.

Randall K. Ellis, '92, won the men's individual competition with a time of 1:20:06, and Laura Dodge '91 led the women with 1:30:56.

"I'm very happy to have won," said Ellis.

This year's triathlon attracted a more diverse group of athletes, said the event's coordinator, senior Heather Logan.

Besides male and female entries from W&L, there were also several competitors from VMI and the W&L Law School.

The winners of the team relay competition was composed of law students Josh Van Hulst, Ken Woodrow, and Chris McCool, finishing with a combined time of 1:06:37.

The triathlon was originated seven years ago as an exercise for the ROTC department. Two years ago, the event was run by Executive Committee members Tim Phalen and Bill Gottwals.

Finally, Kappa Alpha Theta adopted the triathlon as its pledge project last year.

According to Logan, the triathlon is a key step in forging the sorority as a positive and important force on campus.

Logan said all profits made from

the entrance fees and t-shirt sales will go to Theta's national philanthropy project, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

According to Logan, CASA's goal is to aid abused children in the court system.

Besides Logan, 22 other members of Kappa Alpha Theta participated in the event. They worked throughout the day setting the course up and seeing that everything went smoothly. Thetas served in various posts as safety guards and trail workers.

"I was really honored that Theta put enough confidence in me to let me coordinate it," Logan said. "The comment that I got from everyone was that they had a lot of fun, and that is what it is all about. It is a very admirable accomplishment."

Logan said the triathlon will be held again next spring under the coordination of junior Susan Reil.

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# Conquering cancer

By J. R. Smith  
Staff Reporter

Two weekends ago there was an event that made its first appearance in Lexington. As the morning of this event approached, the sky clouded and let forth a pounding rain. Yet this would not stop the participants. The event could have used more publicity. Yet this, too, would not prevent the sizeable turnout. The event was a walk-a-thon called "Making Strides." Participants walked for the Rockbridge Cancer Unit of the American Cancer Society and showed their support for all of those who have been touched in some way by cancer.

Cancer. It's just a word. But when cancer is mentioned, it arouses feelings of hope, despair, pain, and death. Many have felt the impacts of this disease. But it's just a word. A word to be fought, and conquered.

When I spoke to senior Del Clark about his struggle with cancer, I was overcome by the sense of tranquility that he seems to generate. Del is not a victim of cancer, he is a survivor.

One of his close friends, who has a similar impression of Del remarked: "Del is not struggling with cancer, he has conquered it!" Too often we associate cancer with death. We are scared of the word, and the thoughts it evokes. But there is another side to cancer stories. There are those who survive.

Del learned he had cancer in 1988 during his sophomore year. While playing basketball, a ball hit him in the head and immediately paralyzed part of his body. After tests and examinations, Del's doctor told him he had a brain tumor; he had cancer.

Cancer is just a word. A word to be conquered.

"When I heard my doctor say cancer, I became really scared," said Del. "I was struck by the power of that word. It is not easy to have to face up to the possibility of your own death."

Del remembered his first day with cancer. He cried. He cried all day. He cried all night. Then, Del overtook the word and began his battle.

Del underwent a five hour operation to remove the tumor on his brain. This was followed by weeks of radiation treatment. Through it all, Del did not give up. He couldn't

can too. You can't give up. You give up.

"So much sympathy," Del said, recalling the reactions of others toward his illness. "I hated it. It was overwhelming. I wanted people to know that I was all right and needed their company not their sympathy. I was going to be O.K."

One source of power for Del came from his faith in God. Del said it would have been easy for him to doubt God in light of his cancer, but he did not. He realized that if he wanted to be a survivor, he needed help.

"I was never alone. That was the greatest thing. I was never alone," he said. "Even when my friends and family had left, I still had the doctor upstairs."

Del graduates this year. His cancer can only be found now in memories.

Cancer is just a word. A word to be conquered.

George Cunningham is another amazing man who fought the battle against cancer and won. He has lived in Lexington for a very long time. He is a retired Lexington postal worker, who loves to run. Maybe you've seen him running in the mornings.

When I called his house, George's wife answered the phone.

"I'm sorry," she said. "He's out running and I don't expect him back for another hour."

I laughed in disbelief and called back an hour later.

Even though George lost his larynx to cancer, he jogs almost every day. He is a man who runs marathons.

"I had an operation in '78," he recalled. "It was tough because I had to learn how to speak again."

When George learned he had cancer, he quit smoking and took up jogging. He said his passion for jogging kept him going.

"I was determined to jog again," he said. "I wanted to run in the Boston Marathon. I had to do it."

George not only ran in the Boston Marathon, he ran it the same year of his operation. He runs about 45 to 50 miles a week.

"I'm not special," said George. "I just want people with cancer to know that if I can go through it, they have to fight."

Cancer is just a word. A word to



Coach "Buck" Leslie

be conquered.

Coach "Buck" Leslie looked great. He has been coaching the W&L golf team for some time now and was diagnosed as having cancer last January.

"I was playing racquet ball when I just ran out of steam," he said. "I went in for a physical and ended up staying longer than I expected. After some tests, the doc came over to talk with my wife and me. He said I had the big C. I got so scared that I broke out into a cold sweat."

Since being diagnosed, Leslie has spent almost two months in and out of the hospital. He said he never got down on himself and that many people have offered him their support.

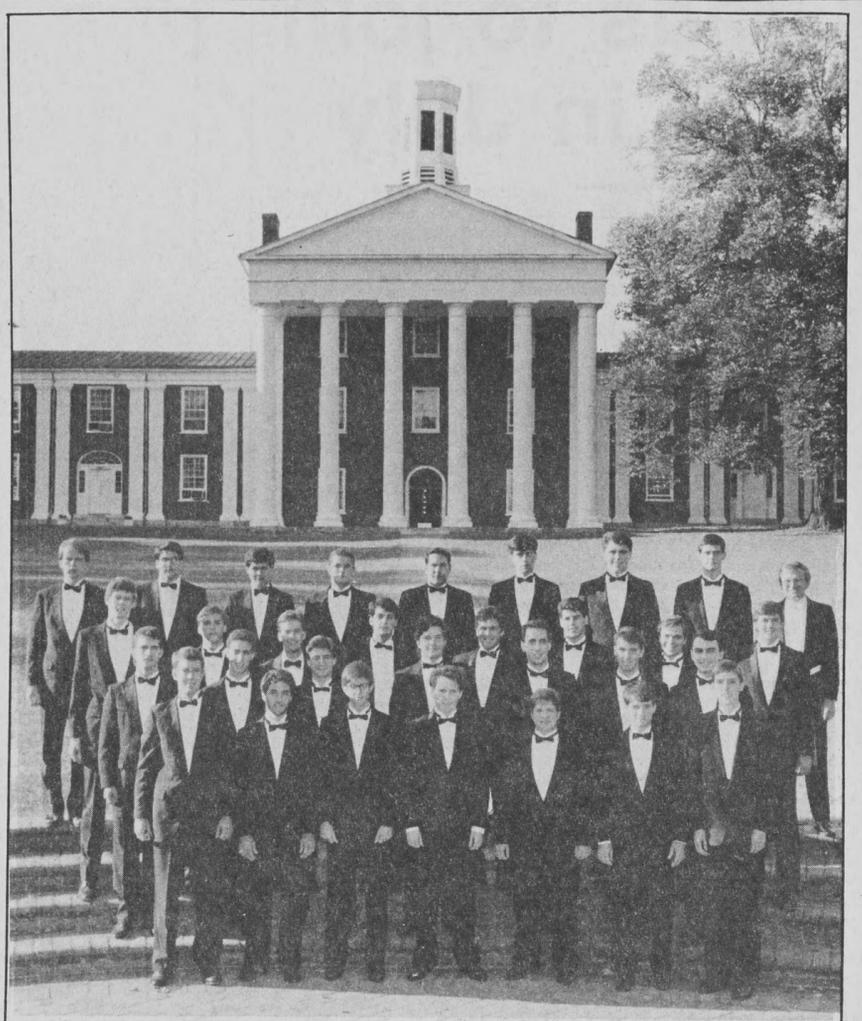
"You've got to keep on keeping on," he said. "You make your peace with the good Lord and do what you have to do."

Coach Leslie goes for cancer treatment once a month, but he is still running around. If you ever need someone to talk to, go find Buck. He's one of the gentlest people I've ever met.

Cancer is just a word. A word to be conquered.

On October 7, 1990, the Making Strides walk-a-thon will return to Lexington. I urge you to participate because cancer patients need your help. They need your help not to die, but to survive. Cancer victims are survivors. The examples live among us.

Conquer the word, and we all can win.



By Todd Peppers  
Staff Reporter

Who says you can't go home again? On Saturday, May 12th, sixteen alumni will dispel that rumor as they join the Washington and Lee Men's Glee Club for the Third Annual Alumni Glee Club Concert, which will be held in Lee Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

The Glee Club really gets excited for this concert," said Glee Club officer and concert coordinator Carli Flippen. "It is a lot of fun to get together with the returning alumni and perform some of the old favor-

ites. The Alumni Glee Club Concert provides a taste of the past days of Washington and Lee."

The Alumni Glee Club concert will mark the end of a busy year for the Washington and Lee Glee Club. After joining forces with Virginia Military Institute for a historic evening of harmony, the Glee Club traveled to Hadley, Massachusetts for a joint concert with the Mount Holyoke Women Chorus. However, this final Glee Club concert will mark a bittersweet end to the year because 1989-1990 will be the last academic year that the Glee Club, or any Washington and Lee musical group, will perform on a regular basis in Lee Chapel.

# Alumni Weekend kicks off

By Joshua Manning  
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee community will welcome back over 700 graduates this evening to kick off the annual Alumni Weekend celebrations, according to Alumni House staffer Betsy Parkins.

Although 700 alumni are registered to attend the formal reunions scheduled for the classes of '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, and '85, Parkins said that usually some reunionists attend without having registered with the Alumni office. In addition, about 100 alumni from other years, especially '89, will probably return for the affair. Including the alumni's spouses, Parkins estimated that the number of guests is expected to surpass 1,000.

This number is up from 630 registered reunionists last year and 477 alumni who returned in 1985.

Special attention will be paid to the class of 1940, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Many members of the class of '40 will be returning, including distinguished W&L benefactors John Warner and Sidney Lewis. Warner donated the money

that the University used to build the Warner Center, which was named after him. Lewis donated the money used for the construction of the Law School, which bears his name.

According to Parkins, a plaque honoring Lewis and his wife Frances will be unveiled at a gathering at Lee Chapel on Saturday morning. The plaque will probably be placed in Washington Hall.

Jim Farrar, Associate Alumni Director, said, "This reunion weekend provides the University with a marvelous opportunity to formally welcome back its most ardent and loyal supporters -- the greater alumni family."

Farrar believes that alums generally return for two reasons. The first is to see their old friends either in their class or on the school's faculty. The second is to see the campus and get a feel of W&L today. He said that besides looking for what has changed, alumni are just as interested in what has stayed the same.

The reunion program has been developing over the past several years. The program includes four different panel discussions on various subjects of current interest in addition to a host of conferences, presenta-



tions, and receptions. The discussions will be led by professors and honored guests.

At 7:00 pm Friday, Dr. Barry Coleman will conduct a special pops concert by the University-Rockbridge Symphony Orchestra. The show will be presented in front of duPont Hall after a buffet dinner for alumni.

Alumni weekend will conclude Saturday evening with separate cocktail parties and banquets for each reunion class.

According to Parkins, who is a member of the class of 1989, "The Alumni Office has really gone out of its way to cater to every need of every alumnus. We just want to make sure that it is a really fun weekend for everyone involved."

## Alumni Weekend Highlights

### Thursday

- 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Reunion registration in Alumni House
- 8:30 p.m. - Opening reunion assembly in Lee Chapel; keynote speaker: Ross V. Hersey, '40
- 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Welcoming reception in Alumni House

### Saturday

- 9 - 10 a.m. - Class photos in front of Lee Chapel
- 10 a.m. - Alumni Reunion Assembly and remarks by President Wilson in Lee Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. - Performance by the W&L Glee Club in Lee Chapel
- 12:30 - 1:30 - Luncheon
- 1 - 2:30 p.m. - Hill Reception, room 113 in the University Center
- 1:30 p.m. - ODK Spring Initiation in Lee Chapel
- 2 - 3 p.m. - What's New? The Lensfest Center for the performing arts. Presentation to be held in the Gaines Gatehouse.
- 2 - 4 p.m. - Film: "Two Centuries of Service," Reid Hall room 203
- 6 p.m. - Class banquets in Evans Dining Hall

### Friday

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Reunion registration
- 10:30 - 12 p.m. - Reunion panel discussions at several sites
- 12:30 - 1:30 - Luncheon at Front Campus
- 1:30 - 2:30 - University Update: Presentations/ Questions and Answers in the University Center, room 114. Speakers will include Dean Leroy C. Atkins, Dean John Elrod, and Frank Parsons
- 2:30 - 4 p.m. - Reunion panel discussions at several sites
- 9 p.m. - 12:30 - Reunion Dance at the Student Activities Pavilion

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## Aspects of Love: a success

By Carl Flippen  
Entertainment Columnist

Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of *Phantom of the Opera*, debuted his new musical, *Aspects of Love*, in London last April. Although the musical does not open in New York until later this spring, the recording of the London cast is already available in the United States. Judging from the recording, *Aspects of Love* may be Webber's best musical yet.

Webber's career has seen almost constant success since he began producing Broadway musicals in the early seventies, starting with *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Other Webber successes include *Cats*, *Evita*, and most recently *Phantom of the Opera*. However, *Aspects of Love* could prove to be Webber's most successful and well-rounded musical. The plot is his most complex and thought-provoking since *Evita*. While the score is full of lush harmonies and long, flowing melodies which mark many of Webber's best-known songs, it makes better use of recitative and incorporates recurring theme better than earlier musicals.

*Aspects of Love* differs from his recent musicals in that, with the exception of three minor production numbers, it is an intimate, scaled-down musical. Contrasting with *Phantom of the Opera* and *Cats*, which relied on grand production and dazzling special effects, *Aspects of Love* is more modest in size, utilizing a small chamber orchestra of sixteen instruments and a chorus of twelve, with most of the action surrounding a small cast of six.

The differences between Webber's last two hits, *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, and his newest musical include the complexity of the various plots. While *Cats* had virtually no plot, and *Phantom* was a basic love triangle, *Aspects* explores the complex relationships which develop between five of the six main characters.

The show opens with Alex, a 17-year old boy, and Rose, an actress in her 20s, falling in love and running off to the villa of Alex's uncle, George. However, when George shows up unexpectedly, Rose falls in love with him and runs away with him.

Two years later, Alex is visiting his uncle and finds Rose there. The two argue and Alex accidentally shoots Rose. At this point George arrives in the apartment. Then, while Rose is lying near death on the floor, Alex, Rose throw Alex out and goes off to find George, who is in Venice with a former girlfriend. Then, while Alex is abroad with the army, Rose and George get married and a unique relationship develops between Rose and Guliatta, George's former lover.

Act Two begins with Alex returning from the army after 15 years and finding Rose a famous actress. The two meet, and Rose invites him to visit her and George at their country villa. Upon arriving, Alex greets George and meets the couple's 15-year old daughter, Jenny. Alex ends up spending the next two years living with his uncle's family. In those two years, Alex and Jenny fall in love. While nothing romantic happens between them, their relationship causes George great stress and leads to a fatal heart attack.

At George's funeral, Alex and Guliatta meet and immediately become romantically involved. Rose begs him not to leave her in her moment of need, refusing to be left alone in the world. At the end of the musical, Alex must make the monumental decision of with which woman to spend the rest of his life, three women he has declared love to.

The complexity of the plot raises many questions. Such as, can there really be a romantic relationship between Alex and Jenny? Although she is a child and his cousin, she will be an adult in only three years and does love him. Does Rose truly love Alex at the end of the musical or is

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she simply afraid to be alone? There is even a question concerning who is the main character in the show. Even though the final choice is Alex's and the final section of the musical centers on him, why is Rose given the final aria and why does Ann Crumb, the actress playing her, receive top billing?

The music in the show is classic Webber. The songs make no attempt to explore new harmonies, metric configurations, or tonal relationships, but that's not the point. The music is supposed to be beautiful and immediately accessible, not for academicians. In this capacity, the music is a success. The long, flowing melodies of such songs as "Love Changes Everything," "Anything But Lonely," and

"The First Man you Remember" are memorable and sure hits. The harmonies are lush and romantic.

In the past Webber has been accused of robbing melodies from such romantics as Puccini. However, I do not recognize any steals in *Aspects of Love* which would be too blatant to themes recur to draw parallels between different situations and characters' emotions are too numerous to list. These recitative passages keep the action flowing.

*Aspects of Love* is Andrew Lloyd Webber's most thoroughly well-crafted musical yet. Combining an intelligent, compelling story with a beautiful score, he has created another success, most like his greatest yet.

## Troubadour Theatre to take final bow

From News Releases

After resounding for fifty-five years with the applause of thousands of capacity audiences, the old Troubadour Theatre will soon take its final bow. At the conclusion of this term, the Washington and Lee University Theatre will begin making preparations to move into the new Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts. As a final tribute to the "Troub," the Drama Department's Total Theatre Class will present William Shakespeare's most popular play, *Romeo and Juliet*.

While the stage crew is busy transforming the Troubadour into a near replica of Shakespeare's sixteenth century Globe Theatre, the

actors are busy rehearsing their roles. The cast for this production includes Ax Norman as Romeo and Bernadette Kempton as Juliet. Norman is a W&L sophomore who last appeared in the University production of *Body Shop*. Kempton, a junior, was a member of the chorus in *Aladdin*.

W&L professor George Ray and local businessman A. W. "Buster" Lewis will play Capulet and Montague, the patriarchs of the feuding families. Pree Ray, a seasoned performer of the W&L Theatre, will appear as Lady Montague.

Senior Christian Eckman has been cast as Romeo's companion, Mercutio. Eckman has been part of several W&L productions, including *Arden of Feversham* and *Aladdin*. Ryan Kull plays Romeo's cousin

Benvolio, and Denise Brainard is Lady Capulet. Both are W&L sophomores who have appeared in *Arden of Feversham* and *Love is the Best Doctor*.

Scott Bell, as Paris, rivals Romeo for Juliet's affections. Bell terrorized audiences as the dentist in the production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Mason Pettit, who appeared in *Arden of Feversham* and *K-2*, plays Romeo's adversary Tybalt. Robin McCord, a newcomer to the University Theatre, will play Juliet's nurse.

Other members of the cast include Mark Dougherty, Mike Dixon, Tom Oxendine, Justin Walker, Doug Nelson, Richard Hill, Jameson Leonardi, Rich Cassone, Tom Hooper, Karen Myers, Tracey Thornblade, Pete Mullinax, Amy Cheng, Niv

Goldberg, and Shannon Smith.

The play is under the direction of Dr. Al Gordon, chairman of the W&L fine arts department. Tom Ziegler is designing the set and lights; Professor J. D. Martinez is choreographing the sword fights; Gary Humiston is providing the technical direction. Barbara A. Bell, a freelance costume designer from New York City, is the Drama Department's resident guest artist this term. Bell is teaching a design class and creating the Elizabethan costumes for the production.

*Romeo and Juliet* opens May 23, and will run through May 30, with a special matinee performance on Saturday, May 26. For reservations and more information call 463-8637.

## Sonoklect promises eclectic new sounds

By Chris Bray  
Staff Reporter

"SONOKLECT" promises to bring eclectic new sounds to W&L next week.

The festival of new music will take place at W&L from May 16 to May 19. Margaret Brouwer, a W&L music professor and founder of the festival, says that SONOKLECT will exhibit the many styles that new music can take.

Brouwer said she made up the word "SONOKLECT." SONO is

short for sonority, the Italian word for sound. KLECT is an abbreviated form for eclectic, she said.

"In contemporary music, there are so many styles to choose from that the composer can find one to suit him," said Brouwer. "It provides for little creative constraint, anything goes."

The festival will feature talks by eight accomplished composers of new music — including Earle Brown, Frederick Fox and Chinary Ung — and some of their work.

Eight student composers from across the country have also been

chosen to have their music played at SONOKLECT. Among them are two W&L students — Andrew Wickliffe, '90, and Richard Hoover, '93.

The student composers, along with three other W&L composition students — James Elliot, '93, Shana Horrigan, '92 and Michael Skarda, '93 — will meet with the composers in residence for a series of master classes.

"In these classes, the composers in residence will listen to and comment on the student compositions," Brouwer said. "This will be a valuable experience for the students. It's

important for composers to be listened to."

Compositions during the festival will be performed by some accomplished musicians, including violinist Eliot Chapo, former concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic and Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

The W&L New Music Ensemble, who Brouwer said is a group of outstanding performers, will also perform at the festival.

SONOKLECT performances will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 11 to May 18

### FRIDAY, MAY 11

Alumni Reunion Weekend. (For full schedule of events, please contact W&L Alumni Office.)  
Registration for Fall Term 1990 ends.  
8 p.m. FILM SOCIETY: *Down by Law* (USA, 1986). Classroom "A," Lewis Hall. Public invited.

### SATURDAY, MAY 12

9 a.m. WATER POLO: Alumni-Varsity Game. Twombly Pool.  
10 a.m. ALUMNI REUNION ASSEMBLY: Joint annual meeting of the W&L Law School Association and the W&L Alumni Association. Remarks by W&L President John D. Wilson. Lee Chapel. Following the meeting, Alumni Glee Club will perform.  
1 p.m. HILLEL RECEPTION: Room 113, University Center.  
1:30 p.m. ODK SPRING INITIATION CEREMONY: Lee Chapel.  
8 p.m. FILM SOCIETY: *Down by Law* (USA, 1986). Classroom "A," Lewis Hall. Public invited.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK: Virginia Invitational.

### SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day.  
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: MEN'S TENNIS: NCAA Div. III Championships (through May 20).

### MONDAY, MAY 14

All Day *Sonoklect*: A New Music Festival (May 14 - 19).  
Library Automation Demonstration of the Virginia Tech Library System: Online public catalog sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Northen Auditorium, University Library.  
7 p.m. SHAKESPEARE ON FILM: *Othello* (1955, directed by Sergei Yutkevich). Room 203, Reid Hall.  
7:30 p.m. JOURNALISM LECTURE: "Glasnost and Perestroika: The View from Washington, D.C.," Vitally Gan, Washington bureau chief of *Pravda*. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

### TUESDAY, MAY 15

1 p.m. POLITICS LECTURE: Lecture on Reformist Politics, Aleksandr Dron, political reformist, U.S.S.R. Room 221, Commerce School. Public invited.  
8 p.m. EAST ASIAN STUDIES ILLUSTRATED LECTURE: "Tibet: Landscapes and Innerscapes," Carole Elchert, University of Findlay. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

3 p.m. EAST ASIAN STUDIES ILLUSTRATED LECTURE: "Tibet: Visions from the Silk Road," Philip Sugden, artist, photographer. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.  
4:30 p.m. GLASGOW ENDOWMENT PROGRAM: A Reading by Richard Ford, novelist, short story writer. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

### THURSDAY, MAY 17

9 a.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: Composer Earl Brown presents his music. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.  
1 p.m. CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: Senior Fry/Farewell. Room 401, Howe Hall. Refreshments at 4:30 in Room 402. Public invited.  
7 p.m. POLITICS FILMFEEST: *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. Room 327, Commerce School.  
7 p.m. SHAKESPEARE ON FILM: *Othello* (1965, dir. by J. Dexter S. Burge). Room 203, Reid Hall.  
7 p.m. *Sonoklect* Pre-Concert Discussion with Composers Lee Chapel. Public invited.  
8 p.m. CONCERT: *Sonoklect* Ensemble: Performance of music by composers-in-residence. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

### FRIDAY, MAY 18

Medical Ethics Institute (through May 20).  
10 a.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: Composer Frederick Fox presents his music. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.  
1 p.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: "Preparing for a Public Performance," Ellen Rose, principal violist, Dallas Symphony. Northen Auditorium. Public invited.  
1 p.m. *Sonoklect* Pre-Concert Discussion with Composers. Lee Chapel.  
8 p.m. CONCERT: *Sonoklect* Ensemble: Performance of music by composers-in-residence. Lee Chapel. Public invited.  
1 p.m. MEDICAL ETHICS LECTURE: "Human Body Parts as Property, Ethical Issues in Organ Procurement and Distribution," James F. Childress, Edwin B. Kyle Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

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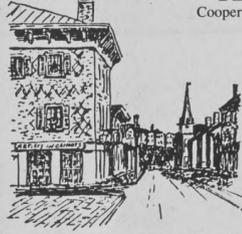
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# Generals embarrass VMI in L-J Classic



Senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni beats his defender toward the goal in Saturday's 18-7 win over VMI on Wilson Field. Mastro scored two goals to run his season total to 38. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

By Jay Plotkin  
Sports Editor

For one half of play Saturday on Wilson Field, the Third Annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic resembled the Second Annual Classic.

But the first half between Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee was the only part of this year's contest that resembled last year's game.

After jumping out to a 6-2 lead, like they did last year, W&L then allowed a late first half run by VMI to cut the lead to 6-5 at intermission. Last season VMI tied the game at 6-6 at halftime.

Said senior defenseman Mike Nunan, "We knew going into the

game that we were the better team if we played four quarters. We didn't play a good second quarter, and that scared us a little."

Unlike last season's thriller that W&L won 10-9 in overtime on a goal from then-freshman Wiemi Douoguih, the Generals took control early in the third quarter and never let up.

"We came out in the second half and got some quick goals, and that made us feel more comfortable," said Nunan.

After an unnecessary roughness call on VMI's Pat Poon with 13:01 left in the third quarter, W&L went on a 9-1 run over the next 22 minutes to break the game open. Junior attackman Mike Moseman lit the fuse with a quick shot just nine seconds into the penalty that found its mark.

Sophomore Jeff Roberts beat his man and goalie Matt Ott with 6:18 left for his third goal of the day, and senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni got his first goal with 4:58 left in the third quarter.

When junior midfielder and defensive specialist Andy Guida scored his first goal of the season with 2:34 left in the period off a feed from freshman Derek Hutton, VMI took time out to stop the rally.

Said W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta, "Andy has been solid on defense all season long, and we've always said he can play with the ball after he gets it into his stick. He and [junior midfielder] Mike Pardo have gotten better all year. They are the unsung heroes. They aren't very flashy, but they're effective."

After VMI scored first in the

fourth quarter, senior midfielder Jim Jones turned up the heat in the Generals' oven. Two straight goals in under a minute made it 12-6, and when Mastrogiovanni and junior midfielder Todd Garliss each scored within a minute the score was 14-6.

When Jones scored his third goal of the quarter with 4:56 left, the contest was all but officially over. W&L got three more goals from its freshman class of Rhett Hancock, John Hunter and Jay West to close out the 18-7 win.

It was the first win by a home team in the Lee-Jackson Classic and also the first time that City Manager Joe King was wrong in picking the outcome. He picked VMI.

In the first half, W&L was sparked by two goals from Roberts and one each from Garliss, junior Clark Wight, Douoguih and Nunan.

Said Nunan, a long-stick defenseman, "I wanted to shoot low, but it went high. But it still counts as my one and only career goal."

"With all the hype around town with the game, we just tried to take it like any other game," said Stagnitta. "We cut back on practice and tried to keep our legs fresh. We just did the things we had to do. Most of our shots were lay-ups. We had some penalties, but the defense did a good job of keeping them in check all day long."

On the afternoon, twelve different players scored goals for the Generals, led by Jones and Roberts with three each. Garliss and Mastrogiovanni scored twice. Moseman had a goal and two assists. Junior Tom Costello was strong in goal again, making 12 saves while stopping all six of VMI's extra-man chances.

"Balance has been the key for us all year," said Stagnitta. "We've been getting five people in the scoring column each game. Mastro isn't scoring like he was earlier because people are keying more on him, which helps everyone else. They don't slide off him, and other players like Wight, Jones, Wiemi and Roberts are able to pick up the slack."

After the win, their sixth in their last seven games, the Generals, 9-4, were ranked 11th in the final Division III poll after two straight losing seasons.

Despite not qualifying for the

tournament, the players and first year coach alike are not disappointed.

"We knew we always had lots of talent, especially on defense," said Mastrogiovanni. "At first it was disappointing, not getting invited, but now we are realizing that we had a great season. We felt we had a shot at the tournament and did everything we could to get in, and when the committee took over, we couldn't control anything."

"We are just now starting to put it all together," said Stagnitta. "It only makes me think, what if we had had a fall season? Where would we be now?"

"This team has done everything I've asked from day one. They've worked hard and come to practice every day, and they were not easy practices. They put themselves in a position to get into the playoffs. People told me before the season that we wouldn't win two games - but we did. I'd be an idiot to be disappointed."

"Getting into the tournament

would have been a great way to finish the season," said Nunan. "It was no great disappointment. We still had a great finish, beating Hampden-Sydney for the first time in two years and whipping VMI."

Although the loss of the seniors will leave some holes to fill, Stagnitta is confident that those holes will be filled. "Roberts, Wiemi, Garliss and Clark Wight all played well at the end of this year, and they are all getting better each day."

Along with Moseman, the offense that will return scored 73 goals and handed out 59 assists. Costello will return after making 153 saves in 12 games. The defense will be led by junior David Farace and freshman Kirk Olsen, who saw valuable playing time in his first season.

Said Stagnitta, "We had a great year. If we finish 9-4 any other year, we make the playoffs. It just so happens that this year there were other teams who had great seasons. I'd be an idiot to be disappointed with our season."



Senior Mike Nunan makes the final approach on the way to a goal in Saturday's Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic. Nunan, a four-year starter on defense, scored the lone goal of his career on the play. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

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## W&L golf exemplified in coach

By John Laney  
Associate Sports Editor

After winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title last week, the Washington and Lee golf team has continued to practice every day, assuming it will compete in the Division III national championships.

Although the team must wait until May 14 to learn if it received a bid to the championships, which will be held at Jekyll Island, Ga., May 22-25, the Generals have good reason to expect an invitation.

Four teams will be invited from the South Region. Host Emory and Methodist appear to have two spots. Christopher Newport, Lynchburg, Roanoke and W&L are candidates for the other two. Winning the ODAC should go a long way in helping the Generals.

"I can't see us not going," said sophomore Clay Thomas, the ODAC Golfer-of-the-Year.

"I feel very strongly we'll get a chance to go," said co-head coach Mike Piatt. "Only 20 teams are invited nationwide, so just to go is an honor. We'll go down there and see what happens."

"Our strength this season was our depth. That was the key. In college golf, you count the four top finishers in each match. We counted a different four each match," Piatt continued. "We're fortunate to have so many good golfers here. Most teams only have one or two."

This season's success is not a new experience for W&L golf. In 15 years as head coach, E.G. "Buck" Leslie has led his teams to an astonishing 139-24-2 record. He has coached three teams into the national championships, two All-Americans, six individual ODAC medalists, including this year's champion, sophomore Jay McKnight, and 28 all-ODAC golfers (Thomas and McKnight were all-ODAC this season). Leslie has also been the conference Coach-of-the-Year in 1977, 1978, 1983 and 1988.

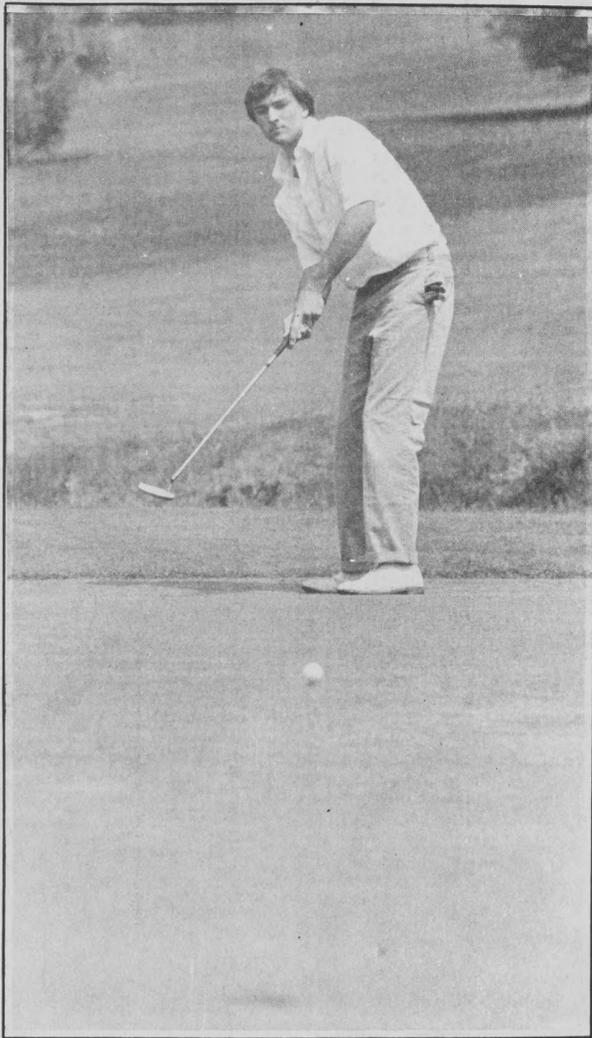
Thomas is the fourth conference Player-of-the-Year in Leslie's tenure.

"I'm very pleased with my season," Thomas said. "I played real solid golf all year. I had a lot of good days."

Yet, this season has been a new experience for the Generals. Although the W&L coach was ODAC Coach-of-the-Year, his name was not Leslie.

In late December, Leslie was diagnosed as having leukemia and was in and out of the hospital in January, February and March.

"The type I have is not the worst - it isn't the best, but it's not



Sophomore Jay McKnight watches a putt head for the hole in last year's ODAC tournament. McKnight and the Generals are waiting to see if they will be included in the NCAA tournament field. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

the worst," Leslie said.

Leslie's six-month cycle of treatment ends in June and then he goes for routine checkups.

"Hopefully my condition will be stabilized in a couple of months," Leslie said. "With the doctors and the Good Lord willing, I'll be back to my normal workload in the fall."

When Athletic Director Mike Walsh approached Leslie for someone to work with the team, Leslie recommended Piatt, who just finished his first year as an assistant coach for

W&L's basketball team. Piatt has played golf since the age of 12 and golfed with Leslie last summer, but he had never coached the game.

"I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know if it would be for a week, a month or the whole season," Piatt said. "I had to do the budgeting and everything, but it's been a great experience."

Leslie would talk with Piatt every day about how the team was playing and planning the schedule. Leslie also called the players to congratulate

them when they did well, and when he could, he would go to matches and watch the players warm up.

"I was basically an extension of Buck," Piatt said. "It's Buck's team. He built the ship and I just tried to keep it going in the right direction. I'm just glad I was able to have helped him out."

Piatt gave his Coach-of-the-Year plaque to Leslie, but Leslie returned it to him. Now there are plans to have another plaque made for Leslie.

"He [Piatt] did an excellent job. I wish I had Mike back with me for next year," Leslie said, referring to Piatt's plans to seek other opportunities in coaching.

"We all got along real well with Coach Piatt," Thomas said. "He's only a couple of years older than us."

"The transition from Leslie to him wasn't a problem," said senior co-captain Ted Fox. "We all felt comfortable around Piatt. Everything worked out for the best."

Fox, who has known Leslie for four years, described his coach as an "all-around good guy," while Thomas said Leslie was a great influence and a great person.

Perhaps Piatt said it best. "Buck is W&L golf. They don't come any better than him. He's the epitome of first class," he said. "He's kind of a legend around Rockbridge County."

A native of Rockbridge County, Leslie was an all-star quarterback at Lexington High School in the early 1940s, before joining the navy in World War II. Leslie received six battle stars during his service as a gun captain in the Pacific Ocean.

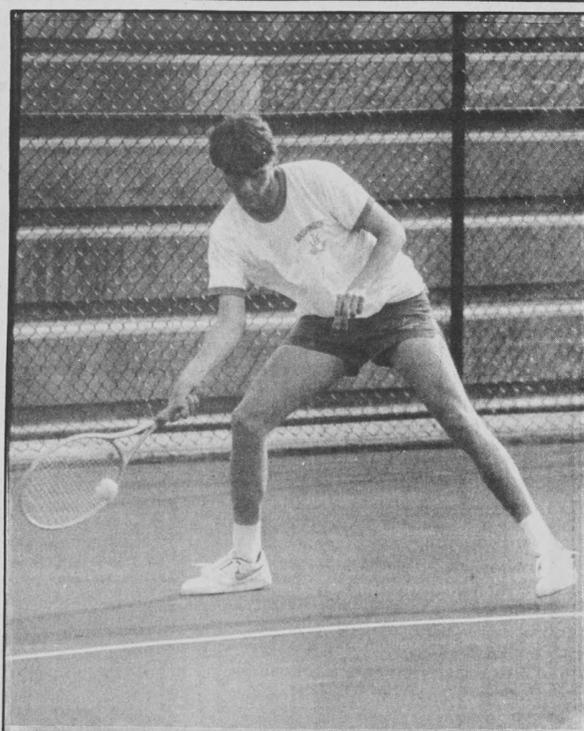
Leslie was graduated from W&L in 1949 with a degree in politics. As an undergraduate he was an outstanding pitcher and outfielder for the baseball team. The team's annual most valuable pitcher award is now named for Leslie.

Leslie became the golf coach in 1975 after the death of Cy Twombly, who had directed the team since its start at W&L in 1927. Leslie had been an assistant to Twombly for 12 seasons.

Leslie, who plays a lot of golf in the summer and still shoots in the 70s, said the highlights of coaching golf at W&L have been the team's NCAA appearances and the ODAC championships.

"But the nicest thing is the young men that we have to work with," he said.

"Actually, I'm an old baseball player at heart," Leslie added. "I once had the chance to be the W&L baseball coach, but I stuck with golf. I don't know. You figure it out."



Senior John Morris in action earlier this season. Morris will look to defend his NCAA Division III singles and doubles titles next week at Swarthmore College. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

## Morris, Meadows look to bring home NCAA titles

By Jay Plotkin  
Sports Editor

On Sunday, the NCAA Division III men's tennis championships will begin on the campus of Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Washington and Lee, which finished 7-7 on the season, was selected as an alternate but will miss the post season for the first time in five years. Despite not going as a team, W&L will be well represented nonetheless.

When the twelve bids went out last Sunday, W&L was selected as an alternate to go if one team could not participate. On Monday, an eligibility question was raised by Washington College, one of the invited teams, which would have affected W&L.

Head coach Gary Franke explained that one player from Washington College unknowingly played in more matches than the NCAA allows for one season.

Once this infraction was found, WC officials immediately declared the player ineligible and notified the NCAA. The school appealed successfully to have the player's eligibility reinstated.

Despite not going as a team, W&L will be represented in both singles and doubles by the defending champion. In singles, senior John Morris will look to become the first player to win back to back NCAA Division III singles titles.

Morris has been ranked No. 1 all season after winning the title last season with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 win in

the finals. This season, Morris is 18-5 in singles play and was named Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year for the second straight year.

"John has adjusted to the pressure of being No. 1 very well. He has accepted the fact that every time he goes out on the court, people are shooting at him," said Franke. "If John plays the way he is capable of playing, then he can defend his title. If he plays one bad match, it could all be over."

"I know I'm capable of winning it again. If I'm playing really well and get some lucky breaks, then I think I will do it again," said Morris. "I'm feeling a lot of pressure, more than I thought I would after I won it last year, but I'm hoping the pressure will help me play better. But it's still a lot of pressure."

In doubles, Morris, along with junior Bill Meadows are ranked 10th in the nation and will also be participating in the individual tournament. Morris teamed with Bobby Matthews to win the doubles title last year as well. Morris and Meadows are currently 16-6 on the season.

"Bill and I have gotten more comfortable with each other as the year has gone on," said Morris. "We've improved every match, and I think we've got a definite shot at winning it all."

Said Franke, "John is a dominant doubles player, and Bill is a fighter. If they both are playing as well as they are able, they could go a long way."

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