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It's only Rock 'n Roll

The Truly Dangerous Swamp Band performs before an appreciative crowd in front of Lee Chapel Sunday afternoon. The concert was

one of several events planned by the Student Activities Board during Spring Term. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

FD auditor denies charges

By Rick Peltz
Staff Reporter

Student Activities Board Treasurer Kathleen Duwel told Executive Committee President Willard Dumas yesterday that she suspects charge accounts were opened by the Fancy Dress Committee in and around Lexington, despite an EC order to the contrary.

Duwel also said she is holding a number of unpaid bills for FD expenses, which she believes may not be in line with the FD committee's projections at its last EC budget hearing.

FD Chairman Alexander Hitz reported to the EC on March 26 that FD would yield a surplus

approximately between \$1,000 and \$2,000. However, Duwel said that judging by the outstanding bills she has received, FD will make "very little or fall under" the breakeven point.

One SAB member-at-large substantiated Duwel's suspicion that charge accounts were opened to pay FD expenses.

He said that Hitz and SAB Chairman Charles Conklin "all knew about charging" and allowed it despite the EC's order last fall dissolving charge powers.

"That's incorrect," said FD Auditor John Hamilton. He and Conklin agree that the week prior to FD some last minute purchases were charged until the business office could issue a check that Friday.

There were, however, "no such things as charge accounts," said Hamilton.

The SAB member-at-large who claimed otherwise said that although there were charges, they were monitored and paid regularly and should not affect the projected profit figures.

Charges were necessary, he said, because cash was not always available when required, and the business office only issues checks two days of each week.

Dumas said that two businesses have called Associate Dean of Students Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins to complain about unpaid bills.

According to Dumas, Cellar Door Concerts claims that the FD committee owes \$800 for booking the Radiators; and a local lumber yard also

claims that it has unpaid bills.

Atkins said that only Cellar Door contacted him recently, and that any outstanding debt they claim is probably due to innocent mistake.

Owner of Lexington Building Supply and Mill Carole Berger said she called Atkins some time ago in an effort to contact a student, but that the FD committee owes no money.

Berger, as well as Valley True Value Hardware Owner Gene Holland and an accounting clerk of Walmart, said that purchases were paid at the time of purchase by students, not on charge accounts.

With regard to charging, Dumas said, "If there was charging done, contributing in any way to an inaccurate use of funds, I'm very disappointed."

CRC proposals given to new EC

By Rick Peltz
Staff Reporter

The Executive Committee decided Monday night to turn last week's Constitutional Revisions Committee proposals over to next year's EC.

A referendum on the proposed amendments cannot be held until next year, because the Law School is out of session. For that reason, according to EC President Willard Dumas, the EC believed the whole matter would best be handled next year.

Dumas, also a senior EC representative-elect, added that, should next year's committee reject any of the proposals, he would help the Constitutional Revisions Committee in an effort to gain the 50 student signatures required to bring an amendment to referendum.

The proposed amendments concern rules for closed-door meetings, succession of Big Three officers-

elect, special elections for vacated offices, timing of regular elections and the role of the Publications Board.

The committee's proposal for a revitalized University Lectures Committee, because it was not suggested as an amendment, has been forwarded to the faculty and administration, said Constitutional Revisions Committee Chairman John Falk. He said he anticipates a positive response.

The EC approved \$1,000 for the filming of a documentary on the 1992 Mock Convention.

Mock Convention Chairman John Donaldson told the EC that the film, which would serve as a historical record and to recruit guests to future conventions, would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Part of that money, said Donaldson, would come from income accumulated through the Hatton W. Summers Foundation endowment, which was established in



Willard Dumas

...EC President

1981 to benefit Mock Convention.

However, Dean of Students Lewis John asked Mock Convention to solicit a contribution from the EC to aid in the cost, Donaldson said.

The EC did not allocate the money to Mock Convention, but asked Donaldson to make note of the deficit in next year's budget request.

Survey results concealed

By Courtney Hall
Staff Reporter

Although results of Washington and Lee's first survey concerning sexual abuse have been tabulated, that information won't be released to the student body until the fall, according to Associate Dean of Students Anne Schroer-Lamont.

The survey was composed by a support group for date rape victims in an effort to field comments and suggestions from both victims and non-victims of sexual abuse or harassment.

According to Schroer-Lamont, one-third of W&L's female students responded to the survey, including one-fifth of the women in the law school.

Although, according to Schroer-Lamont, the results are tabulated and represent a large number of victims and non-victims, the data will not be released until next fall, she said.

"It has been decided that new students coming to campus in the fall will benefit from the results and a

discussion of the topic among their peers," Schroer-Lamont said.

Calling the survey "educational," Schroer-Lamont said its results will show students what options they have and open up channels to seek help.

She said that it is impossible to determine whether the problem of sexual assault is increasing, since this is the first survey done on the topic, but she said the survey will be important in providing a basis of comparison for future years.

"We want people to know that the university is trying to respond in appropriate and supportive ways," said Schroer-Lamont.

According to Schroer-Lamont, a large number of women expressed interest through the survey in forming a Women's Concern Group in the fall.

The Concern Group will be aimed at both undergraduate and law students, and Schroer-Lamont said she hopes that anyone interested in organizing such a group will come to her now or in the first days of fall.

Schroer-Lamont said that, during spring break, she and McCloud per-

formed a training program with Campus Security officers and the Lexington Police, giving them basic information from the survey results, showing them how to assist women students and telling them what action to take if the case of a sexual assault.

If a student does encounter some form of sexual assault, Schroer-Lamont said it is crucial that he or she is aware of the channels to go through in order to get help.

Any students who want to file a complaint of sexual harassment or assault should see Associate Dean of Students Anece McCloud and fill out a complaint form, she said.

Complainants may also seek counseling from Schroer-Lamont, the support group or University Psychologist Ben Worth, Schroer-Lamont said.

According to Schroer-Lamont, "When students make a report, regardless of where they start, we guarantee a student total control over what will happen in that case."

"When a person is assaulted they feel as though they've lost control. Being in charge gives them back their self-esteem."

IFC social pro amendment canned

By Jason Kelley
Senior Copy Editor

The Interfraternity Council was forced to revise a proposed amendment to its by-laws Tuesday night after the Student Affairs Committee ruled that the revisions to the social probation rules the IFC suggested last week were unacceptable.

The SAC rejected the IFC's proposal to change the number of fraternity members allowed to gather in a social situation while the fraternity is on social probation.

The council had proposed to change the current limit of 5 members to 25 percent of the membership of the house.

IFC President Goodloe Lewis said Tuesday night that the SAC had recommended to him that the council adopt an amendment that would keep the restricted number at five, but that called for fraternities themselves to discipline members who break social probation rules.

The new amendment would require individual fraternities to report

the disciplinary actions they have taken to the IFC, who would then have the power to enforce more social probation if they felt the discipline was not strong enough.

"People are always bitching and moaning about fraternity autonomy. This is about as far as you can go," Lewis said, encouraging council representatives to vote for the measure.

The IFC voted unanimously to send the proposed amendment to the SAC for approval. If the SAC approves the amendment, it will go back to the IFC for a reaffirmation next week.

Representatives from the five Red Square fraternities and Sigma Alpha Epsilon met with Lewis and IFC Vice-President Mike Skarda after the regular meeting to hold a lottery to assign areas for those fraternities to hold rush functions.

Sites for Open Houses, Rush Dates, and weekend parties during rush were assigned to the six houses.

Sites for Rush Dates and Open Houses include the General Headquarters game room, Fairfax lounge, the Alumni House and rooms in the

RUSH LOCATIONS

LOCATION FOR:

HOUSE	OPEN HOUSE	RUSH DATE
ΒΘΠ	Alumni House	Alumni House
ΦΔΘ	Univ. Ctr. 114	Univ. Ctr. 114
ΦΚΣ	"Munster"	"Munster"
ΠΚΑ	Gameroom	Univ. Ctr. 109
ΣΑΕ	Willson-Walker	Gameroom
ΣΝ	Fairfax Lng.	Fairfax Lng.

University Center.

The six houses will hold their rush parties in the Dell, the New Pavilion, by Liberty Hall ruins, at Zollman's Pavilion, and at various country houses.

Phi Kappa Sigma representative Tom Snedeker said in Tuesday night's meeting that he and Sigma Phi Epsilon President John Flippen will be starting a Interfraternity Council newsletter.

✓ CHECK OUT WHAT'S IN THE PHI THIS WEEK

NEWS... *Pravda's* Washington correspondent Vitaly Gan, also the father of a W&L Soviet exchange student, spoke Monday about the problems facing his country. See page 4.

W&L will be offering courses in CPR and first-aid beginning next week. Classes are open to students and area residents. See page 4.

OPINION... EC Vice-President Jon Sheinberg applauds the 1989-90 SAB for making this year "a tremendous success." See page 2.

Three students criticize the *Spectator*, and its editors apologise for the numerous mistakes in last week's issue. See page 3.

SPORTS... W&L Golf team gets NCAA tournament bid. See page 5.

The Ring-tum Phi announces its 1989-90 coach of the year. See page 5.

W&LIFE... Chris Swan reviews W&L alum Edward Blain's new novel *Passion Play* "... a story of sex, violence, passion and murder." See page 6.

W&L's free press vs. purse power

And now, another weekly installment of "How can we make the EC operate more like it's part of a democracy?" Last week we talked about a proposed constitutional amendment that better defines "executive session" and would attempt to pull more EC deliberations out in the open where they belong. This week we'll talk about another Constitutional Revisions Committee proposal that concerns the EC and student publications *vis-à-vis* the Publications Board.

Under current conditions, students pay a student activities fee, part of which the EC divvies up during its yearly allocation of funds between five student publications. Consequently, the EC acts as the publisher of each publication — a situation that hardly affords the student press autonomy.

The EC now has the power to cut off funds to student publications at any point during the year. It can override any decision made by their editors. And if that doesn't serve the EC's ends, it can fire the editors.

The CRC proposes to amend the constitution to allow the Pub Board to act more like the "umbrella" committee it was designed as. The CRC says the "ideal" would be for the EC each year to give a lump sum to the Pub Board rather than allocate funds to each publication separately. The Pub Board would then disperse the funds to each publication itself.

Since the Pub Board would take over part of the EC's responsibility, one EC member would be allowed to sit on the Pub Board to "keep matters in check and report back to the E.C.," but not vote. This, the CRC says, would enable the Pub Board more "manageability and flexibility of the funds allocated to the Board Reserve Fund."

The proposed amendment to the constitution would certainly be an improvement, but it would not *quite* be the "ideal." Ideally, students would pay a publications fee at the beginning of the year that would equal the amount that the EC currently gives to all publications combined. That money would go into the Board Reserve Fund for the Pub Board itself to divide between publications.

Such a plan genuinely would separate the Pub Board from the EC and let the student body rest assured knowing that their student press is truly free.

But for now, we'll take what we can get. If the EC deems the proposed amendment worthy, it will put it on a referendum in the fall. We hope it makes it there and we hope you vote in favor of it.

To our readers

As the editors of *The Ring-tum Phi*, we are obligated to publish every letter or "My View" that we receive.

We reserve the right to edit any submission for reasons of taste, libel, clarity or length.

It should not be inferred, however, that any letter or "My View" necessarily carries the endorsement of the *Phi*'s editorial board, which consists of the editors, associate editors and the senior copy editor.

In our opinion, the editorial page of the *Phi* presents the W&L community with a unique opportunity to present and discuss issues of particular importance on campus, be they local, national or international.

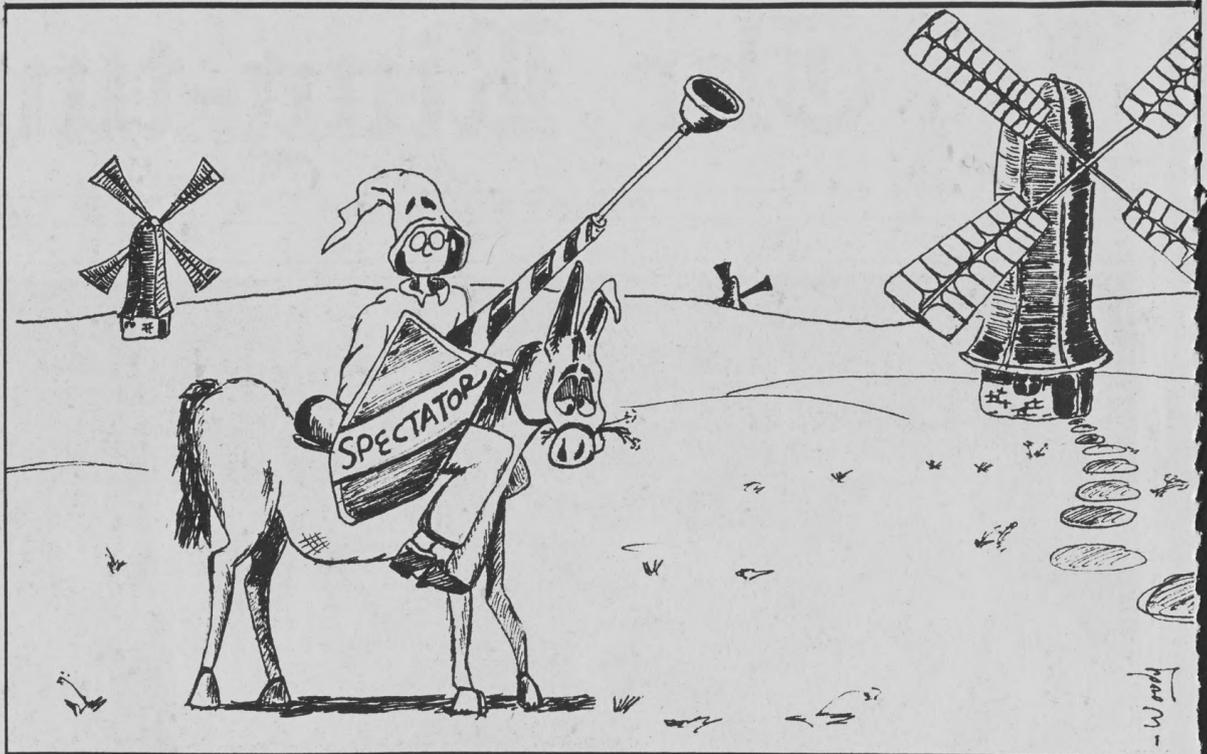
Finally, we ask that each submission include the author's name.

The Ring-tum Phi is no more our newspaper than it is yours. The quality and diversity of its editorial page are dependant on your submissions.

Quote of the week

Brian, you want to know why nobody reads this thing? Because it's boring.

— *Phi* Senior Copy Editor Jason Kelley, trying to explain to Editor Brian Root why the paper suffers from a lack of popular approval.



SAB gives great budget

MY VIEW

By Jon Sheinberg

As the fiscal year ends, the Executive Committee is taking time to look back on the financial performance of student organizations.

I'd like to take this time to offer thanks and congratulations to all the people who made this year a tremendous success despite tightening belts.

In years past, the student body accumulated a small surplus each year, allowing the EC to provide liberal budgets without too much fear of an unexpected deficit.

Unfortunately, no one anticipated a deficit like that accumulated by last year's Student Activities Board, and that safety net, which had summed some \$25,000, went entirely into the 1988-89 SAB money pit.

Coming into this year's allocation process, the EC was faced with about \$190,000 in legitimate budget requests and only \$160,000 to allocate. There was no safety buffer. President Wilson generously gave upward of \$17,000 from his funds, and the EC set aside a \$10,000 reserve and \$5,000 working reserve.

The student organizations which brought requests had their own financial dilemmas with which to deal. Calyx, for example, faced increased costs as well as an increased demand for books.

The groups trimmed their own requests in every conceivable way before approaching the EC, often only to have their requests cut more before allocation.

The EC instituted many measures which provided for better supervision of funds, most notably with regard to the new SAB. The SAB budget was

broken into seven different accounts, covering Fancy Dress, supplies and operations, facilities, Springfest, and one entertainment budget for each term. Only the treasurer had access to SAB money, and charge powers were dissolved.

These changes to centralize power and require more attention to procedure made it more difficult at times for the SAB to operate, but ended in increased efficiency and a strong handle on how money was spent, leaving this year's SAB clearly in the black.

The spirit of enthusiasm and responsibility which pervaded the work of the SAB board members, however, contributed as much as EC directives to their success. Those officers took a dying organization full of problems and showed that students could make it on their own.

Such was the message, the EC

heard again and again in this year's final budget hearings. Organizations one after the other came forward to boast of their financial success, despite the cutbacks and oppressive fiscal atmosphere which faced us at the beginning of the year.

As proud and confident students we oppose faculty intervention in our financial affairs, but after last year's deficit many were left with damaged ego. However, the officers and business managers of student organizations across the board rose to the occasion. With a year of activities in quantity and quality short of no year past, we, the students, proved once again that we can manage this financial enterprise. *Jonathan Sheinberg is Vice President of the 1989-90 Executive Committee.*

Rick J. Peltz, the Phi's EC reporter, assisted in writing this "My View."

Censorship is carried too far

THE SBAR SIDE

By Jon Sbar

The time had been coming for years and there was no stopping it. Even the thick heat of the August night couldn't stop them. They sat quietly in the small bedroom, looking at one another and listening to the dull whir of the electric fan on the desk. He could feel the beads of sweat underneath his shirt dripping down his back as he moved closer.

The scent of her perfume was strong and fresh. He touched her shoulder and pulled her to him in preparation for the inevitable moment. Their lips met, but suddenly she moved back. "Don't you have to write an article tonight?"

I stood up from the couch and moved away from her.

"My God, you're right. I almost violated the humorist oath of celibacy. Find me some pens and a pad of yellow legal paper before you leave."

Now that we've eliminated all the

unnecessary distractions (like the romance reporter who was obviously hiding in my bedroom), I can finally get down to some serious writing. I hope readers are so satisfied by this article that they thrust it down on the table and read it again and again and again until they get worn out and roll over and fall asleep.

The subject of today's article is censorship, which is currently spreading across the country like the Gigantic African Cockroach epidemic and approaching Washington D.C., where the First Amendment is kept in the Important Document Warehouse.

In technical terms, the First Amendment means I can take up valuable newspaper space with raunchy, pornographic introductions involving myself and an unidentified female, and no one (not even my editor) can stop me. Not only that, but if my editor does not give me the best spot on the editorial page and instead buries me on page 3, then the American Civil Liberties Union will lawfully egg his house and fill his shoes with jello.

Therefore, the First Amendment is good. Without it, true artists might be censored and, even worse, I'd be required to write legitimate introductions concerning the abortion issue or the possible reunification of East, West, North and South Germany.

To show support for the First Amendment, I encourage readers to call their congressman and ask him where they can find a good Adult Video and Book Store.

Of course, I'm only joking. What an interested reader really should do is purchase a handgun from the local pawn shop and gun down a few of the Tipper Gore-types who boycotted 7-11 stores for selling Playboy magazines and banana slurpees.

Recently, I read that one of these censorship groups tried to get "Little Red Riding Hood" banned from some public school district because Little Red brings her grandmother some wine (since she also brought her a fish sandwich, I assume that it was a white wine) in the basket. Personally, I never found the

"Little Red Riding Hood" story that compelling. I generally prefer something with a little more violence and a better plot such as the Bugs Bunny episode when Bugs grows flowers and other vegetation on the bald head of Elmer Fudd.

Maybe it's about time "Little Red Riding Hood" was updated for modern times. Little Red, who is now an attractive heavy metal chick, brings a basketful of crack cocaine so Grandma doesn't have to keep selling her body to support her drug habit. The wolf could be Grandma's pimp and he might lure Little Red, who threaway her drab, red cloak and wears very hip threads, into prostitution with back stage passes to a Guns 'n' Roses concert.

At this point, I'm wondering how I got on the subject of "Little Red Riding Hood" and away from African Cockroaches, which was the intended subject of this article. I'd like to keep writing, but I just remembered that my favorite adult bookstore closes in 20 minutes, and I need to get over there.

Flag burning: protected speech

MY VIEW

By Richard Hill

The burning or malicious desecration of the American flag is one of the most morally reprehensible things that an individual could do. Memories of radicals around the world destroying the flag in fiery effigy makes any true-blooded American clench with rage. Yet, such an act, however maddening it may be, is the form of protest that some individuals choose to take. As such, it must be protected under the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

This has always been a difficult and sensitive issue for conservatives and liberals alike. As a conservative, my deeply seated and fervent love for my country oftentimes forces me into an emotional response to such an issue. When the decision in *Texas v. Johnson* was released last year, I was swept along with the emotion, joining millions of other Americans in decrying the court and calling for a constitutional amendment. But as I look at the issue a year later, and after much thought I have come to realize that those things which we hold so dear as Americans and in the love for our country, force us to except such

protest.

This is not an easy thing to do. Almost everyone has fought or has relatives who have fought to protect and preserve the country and the ideals for which the flag stands. Many of these people have died. When a flag passes by in a parade or when the national anthem is played, we feel an emotional rush that makes one proud to be an American.

We, however, often forget or fail to recognize what it means to be an American. This country was built on a longstanding tradition of debate, discussion and free thought. To be an American is to afford every individual the right to express their opinion, no matter what that opinion might be.

There seems to exist a contradiction, when inside the halls of congress legislators freely exchange ideas - oftentimes condemning the hell out of mom and apple pie - while outside a few protestors are arrested for burning an American flag. Last year the Supreme Court recognized such a burning as protected under the first amendment's freedom of speech. On Monday, May 14 they once again heard arguments on the issue. This time, however, its focus was on a federal law, passed after last year's decision. This law may seem differ-

ent, because it seeks to protect the integrity of the symbol, but it's intent is the same as that of the Texas law - to prevent the desecration of the American flag for the purpose of expression.

In last year's decision, the Washington Post noted, Justice Anthony Kennedy — in his concurring opinion — said that "...sometimes we must make decisions that we do not like.

I have come to realize that those things we hold so dear as Americans... force us to accept this protest.

It is poignant but fundamental that the flag protect those who hold it in contempt." The Post also said that Justice Harry Blackmun may be inclined to go along with the idea of protecting the integrity of the flag. If this happens then the law is likely to stand.

The question is, can patriots say that they have truly gained a victory. A statement that banning flag dese-

cration is not unconstitutional goes against my ideology. Being a conservative is not only about being a patriot, it is about believing in freedom and believing in this nation. The same principle that forces me to uphold the Nazi's right to march in a highly Jewish area (such as happened in Skokie, Illinois) is the same principle that forces me to afford protestors the right to burn an American flag.

As individuals we need not forbid such an exercise. When you think about it, what are we accomplishing? Are we bringing about more patriotism? respect for the flag? love of the country? No. Patriotism is something that comes from the heart, and I can think of no better way to show mine than by singing the national anthem around someone who is burning a flag, or holding my own flag high while theirs burns on the ground. We don't forbid someone from burning a copy of the U.S. constitution or the Declaration of Independence, both of which are more dear than the flag. Those documents are printed on paper, a flag is cloth. If someone goes into a store to buy a flag and then decides to burn it, isn't it after all their property? We don't prevent people from burning their books, or bibles, etc.

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LETTERS

The Spectator is 'junk food'

Realizing that many people have many things to say about the *Spectator*, my comments will be brief and confined to what I consider to be that publication's main vice.

On March 14, at the ODK/MSA panel discussion on cultural diversity, Dean Kenneth Ruscio asked *Spectator* Editor Paul Lagarde if he thought the magazine fostered civility on the Washington and Lee campus.

Although Lagarde responded affirmatively, I think the Alumni Weekend edition speaks for itself (nice cover, guys).

I have no problem with stimulating and controversial food for thought. Indeed, I applaud Prof. Cecil for his excellent essay on German reunification which appears on the magazine's final pages.

I can only hope that future contributors to the *Spectator* will note Prof. Cecil's tact and good taste.

Food for thought - here, here! Intellectual junk food - no, thank you.

Sincerely,
Shawn Copeland, '90

Magazine article called a 'fiasco'

The latest issue of the *Washington and Lee Spectator* contained several errors that demand immediate correction. A story by J. Cameron Humphries and Scott McCoy correctly reported that Washington and Lee recently hired a new professor in the journalism department. But the similarity between the truth and what the *Spectator* reported ends there.

The central error of this fiasco is the *Spectator's* assertion that W&L offered the job to a female finalist. Wrong. As a member of the selection committee, I know first-hand that we offered a job to only one person - the man we hired. But that error is only one of the inaccuracies that abound in this story. Among them:

- the article says we interviewed "twenty to thirty" candidates after receiving "hundreds" of applications. Wrong. We interviewed 12 candidates after receiving about 80 applications.

- the article says we selected six finalists and brought them to Lexington in the fall. Wrong. We selected four finalists and brought them to Lexington in March.

- the article says a faculty committee and a separate student committee "submitted an ordered list of their preferences." Wrong. There was only one committee, composed of faculty and students, and that committee never submitted rankings to anyone.

- the article says all the males on this non-existent student committee agreed with many of the women on the same non-existent committee that one male candidate was the best of the finalists. Well, sort of. I was the only male student on the selection committee, and I did indeed support the hiring of the man we eventually did hire. And so did most of the females on the committee. And so did all of the faculty members of the committee. That's why we hired him.

- the article says we offered the job to a woman over a more-qualified man. As mentioned earlier, this is complete fiction. It is true that one of the four finalists, a woman, did withdraw her application during a visit to Lexington. But at the time of her visit we had not yet decided on a first choice; in fact, all four finalists were being considered equally. The female candidate in question could not have refused an offer, because we hadn't made an offer. It was not until after she withdrew her application that we offered the job to anyone.

Because of this last, most massive error, the entire story quickly falls apart. The *Spectator* says we offered "the second most qualified person the job" because of "pressure from Washington Hall to hire more women." Wrong. The only pressure we felt to hire a woman (or a black) came from the group that accredits journalism schools and from our own recognition of the possible benefits a more diverse faculty might provide to future students. No one from Washington Hall ever met with our committee, and we never heard a single suggestion from the administration that we consider an applicant's race or gender. We set our own criteria. And, when we did make our decision, both President John Wilson and Dean John Elrod endorsed our choice.

The story also contained several other errors worth noting. For example, the article refers to something called a "Journalism School." W&L has no such school. There is a journalism department, which is part of the College of Arts and Sciences. The article also says W&L has "the oldest undergraduate journalism department in the nation." Wrong. The idea of journalism education began here, during General Lee's presidency, but there was no journalism department until decades later, well after actual journalism departments had been established elsewhere. The *Spectator* also made up the name of the group that accredits journalism programs. There is no "Association of Accredited Journalism Schools." W&L's journalism department is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Perhaps the Spectator should stick to insults and tirades and leave the reporting to someone else.

That this work of fiction could make it into print is disappointing enough, but what I find even more amazing is that, even apart from these many errors, the article itself is self-destructive. Its central claim - namely, that "recent events demonstrate that affirmative action is currently undermining the quality of the incoming faculty" - falls to pieces when the article itself admits that, in the only example cited, the best candidate was indeed hired. If gender and race considerations have hurt W&L's faculty, as this article asserts, where is one single instance of this sort of damage?

In short, while the overall appearance of the *Spectator* has improved greatly since the magazine's inception, its reporting in this particular case has reached a new low. Perhaps the *Spectator* should stick to insults and tirades and leave the reporting to someone else. Or perhaps there is another alternative, one Humphries himself borrowed from Ernest Hemingway in this same issue of the *Spectator*. "If you don't know the truth - if you can't write the truth - don't write."

Sincerely,
James Lake, '90

Spectator story 'missed the boat'

An open letter to J. Cameron Humphries and Scott McCoy: I was appalled by the fallacies and misconceptions in the article "Pride and Prejudice: Affirmative Action at Washington and Lee," that appeared in the last edition of the *Spectator*. You missed the boat entirely in describing the selection of the journalism department's new professor. Your woefully inaccurate reporting not only gave a false impression of an important occurrence in the department, but also made a mockery of your publication's masthead, which describes the *Spectator* as "The W&L Student Journal of Fact and Opinion."

As the Spectator's deadline is not that of a daily, weekly or monthly publication, I suggest in the future you spend more time collecting the facts and getting them from the right source.

If you had interviewed an active member of the search committee instead of a professor who was not actively involved in the selection process, you would have discovered that the committee selected, as you put it, "the best and brightest" candidate for the job. The group never offered the position to a female candidate but to the one who did meet your definition of the "best and brightest."

Clearly, our choice did not depend on the candidate's gender or race. While those factors were discussed, the group believed the top candidate was not only a white male but a W&L graduate - two strikes against the journalism department as far as future accreditation is concerned.

If you had gotten the facts straight, you would have realized that the search committee, of which I was a member, concerned itself with qualities that would benefit the journalism department and, most importantly, the student body.

"All the males in this student committee," which happened to be one, all five women as well as the faculty members agreed that the best interests of the department would be served with a quality candidate, not one who happens to wear a dress.

As the *Spectator's* deadline is not that of a daily, weekly or monthly publication, I suggest in the future you spend more time collecting the facts and getting them from the right source.

Getting information from a professor who was not a full member of the search committee is as unprofessional as asking the mayor of Lexington to explain what the judge decided in Lexington City Court. Both operate out of City Hall, but that doesn't mean they are qualified to speak for each other.

Good luck with future articles. I have a feeling you're going to need it.

Sincerely,
Wendy Wolford, '90

Spectator staff regrets errors

It has recently come to the attention of the *Washington and Lee Spectator* that the faculty hiring article in the May 1990 issue contains certain inaccuracies. The accreditation committee referred to as the "Association of Accredited Journalism Schools," actually is the "American Council on Education in Journalism." The department referred to as the "Journalism School" is actually the "Department of Journalism and Communications," and that the Department of Journalism and Communications brought four, not six, finalists which were selected from sixty to eighty candidates instead of, as we reported, "hundreds." Of a more important note, Professor Jennings and Professor MacDonald deny that the Department of Journalism and Communications made more than one offer for the position, and state that the one job offer was made to the male candidate who accepted.

We regret the errors; however, it still perplexes us that Professor Mollenhoff originally indicated to two *Spectator* reporters that a less qualified woman candidate was offered the position first.

Sincerely,
Marc Short, '92
Paul Lagarde, '91

GHQ employees correct Phi story: We know Heimlich!

We, some of the employees of the General Headquarters, feel the need to respond to Brian Root's article in last Thursday's *Phi*. It is obvious that Brian did not research enough before writing the article. In it, he quotes Courtney Payne (not directly) as saying that Jeff [Rogers] is the only GHQ employee who knows the Heimlich maneuver, but this is simply not true.

In fact, there is not one employee who does not know how to save a choking guest, including both managers.

We all feel that Jeff reacted quickly and well to the situation, but we also feel the need to set the record straight. We do not want the GHQ to have such a blot on its record.

In addition, we feel Brian's interview with Mr. Darrell, without an interview of either Ms. Martin or Mr. Torrence, was irresponsible journalism.

Mr. Darrell, although the head of the food service, was not in the Pit at the time of the incident, while both Ms. Martin and Mr. Torrence were. An interview of either of the two GHQ managers would have reflected the truth of the situation.

Again, we do not wish to denigrate in any way Jeff's quick reaction, we merely wish to clear our name.

Sincerely,
Several employees of the GHQ

FLAG

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As Americans, we have every right to make a statement saying that we find flag burning to be reprehensible, distasteful and disgraceful. The Congress can pass a resolution to that effect, but do we really want to question the validity of our bill of rights by passing a restriction? Are we prepared to take the next step and forbid any conduct which may be offensive to the integrity of our country?...burning a copy of the presidential seal, smashing a model of the Statue of Liberty, hindering the work of the president by shouting too loudly outside of the White House... Where does it end? Do our sensibilities to the flag extend to other "symbols?"

The reason that the protestors desecrate the flag in particular is that they know it is so dear. Aren't we hindering that belief when we legislate its acceptance? The people who burn a flag are the same ones who would do so whether it were illegal or not. Is it worth risking our fundamental principles, because of a handful of disenchanted radicals? By making flag desecration illegal, we are putting too much value on the act, and these people have in effect won a victory. They have shown that they can get under our skin by their protests. If, on the other hand, we ignore it or we counter it with a patriotic protest of our own, holding our heads high knowing we are morally on higher ground and recognizing that what we love so much and what they hate gives them the right to do what they do, we have won.

To be against flag desecration is to be patriotic. To be in favor of making it illegal is un-American. This is one American who would vote against such an amendment.

William Kunstler is the advocate for the flag-burners as he was in the case of *Texas v. Gregory Lee Johnson*. For the first time in my life - and probably the first time ever - I am inclined to say that I hope he wins a case and succeeds in having the law struck down. But the battle doesn't end there, it can only get worse. If the law is struck down, the only way for Congress to make flag desecration illegal is by passing a constitutional amendment. If Congress succeeds it will have to go to the states. The individuals in the states then must decide if this issue warrants changing the Constitution. We must decide if we really want our Constitution to reflect the outcry generated by a few protesters. That being the case, we open up the door for radicals of all shapes to make statements in any number of ways. To make such a big deal out of it, aren't we giving them the publicity they want?

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By Karsten Amlie

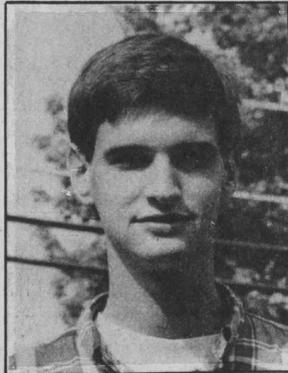
TALKBACK

Photos by Erik Bertelsen

What do you think of the SAB's performance this year?



Mary Hampson, '91, Charleston, SC - "I think they did a good job overcoming a lot of internal difficulties. I respect their efforts."



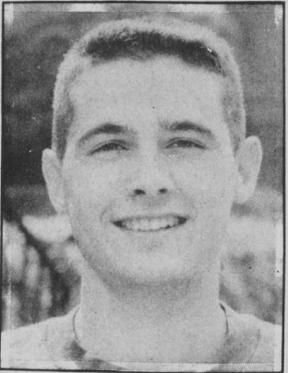
Frank Turner, '91, Covington, GA - "Not enough babes and certainly not enough bingo."



Jeff Livingston, '92, Paducah, KY - "Aren't they broke?"



Brannon Aden, '92, Jackson, MS - "Well, I think they did a good job with Fancy Dress, but as for the other events, I didn't go to any of them."



Bo Hannah, '93, Atlanta, GA - "I think it's been good, but I think they should have gotten Drivin' and Cryin'."



Tara Maitra, '93, Branchburg, NJ - "What did they do exactly this year?"

Correspondent speaks about Soviet reforms

By Cathy Lopiccolo
Assignment Editor

Expressing his support for reform and change in the Soviet Union, Vitaly Gan, father of Washington and Lee exchange student Max Gan, spoke Monday night in Northern Auditorium.

Gan, the Washington correspondent for the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, expressed both his concern and hope for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's *perestroika*, economic reform, and *glasnost*, openness.

Perestroika is not working well now in the Soviet Union, according to Gan, who said his nation is "sick" with internal problems. Gan said increases in wages which exceed the availability of consumer goods are causing frustration with the system and an unwillingness to work.

"It didn't matter in the old days whether you actually worked or not. You were still entitled to your salary or wage. Even nowadays, they are not exactly enthusiastic, because you cannot spend money there," Gan said.

Soviet citizens are beginning to vocalize their unhappiness in demonstrations like the one during the traditional May Day celebration this year, when protestors demanded that Gorbachev resign. Gan said that to satisfy the public, the Soviet government needs to improve the standard of living, a task which is both difficult and impossible to guarantee.

Gan said old guard "hard-liners" who are opposed to Gorbachev's reform efforts are using the citizens' unrest to undermine *perestroika* and *glasnost*.

"In other words, economic crisis feeds forces from the right and the left, weakening *perestroika*," Gan said. "Supporters of Gorbachev understand that the fate of *perestroika*

first of all depends on the state of the economy, and that is why it is so important to get things moving."

Revolution in the Baltic states of Lithuania and Latvia are increasing the stress on the Soviet nation, according to Gan. Although Gan said he completely supports the states' independence movements and secession, he said their course of action is endangering Gorbachev's entire system of reforms.

"Their movement there undermines efforts to implement our reforms, distracts the attention from the efforts of our government. In that sense I do not support them, and neither do most of our people," Gan said.

According to Gan, the Baltic states should abide by the constitutional procedure for secession, which would allow for a five year transition period.

"You cannot write off the 50 years of economic, political and cultural relations overnight. It's just like when a husband and wife decide they cannot stand each other any longer. The final word still belongs to the court of law, because there are property questions. You have to decide the question of who's going to look after the kids," Gan said.

Despite these problems, Gan expressed optimism for the future of the Soviet Union and U.S.-Soviet relations. Gan said Bush should normalize trade relations between the two countries and continue to work with Gorbachev, especially during the summit in Washington scheduled to take place at the end of this month.

"I think the world will be even more peaceful than even now. That's why attempts to undercut or undermine Gorbachev's position is so detrimental," Gan said. "If Gorbachev fails, everybody will lose, your country included."

The end of Communist Party monopoly and the shift of power

from the Party to the president are historical signs of change, Gan said. In addition, Gan said the July Communist Party Congress, where the Communist party is to split into several factions, will be a landmark in Soviet political reform.

"The Party, in the old sense, will never be the same. So everybody is waiting impatiently for the Congress. The same thing is true of the Soviet Union itself. The face of the Soviet Union will change," Gan said.

Since *glasnost*, Gan said he feels more free to express his own views, although *Pravda* still advocates Party ideology. Gan said he feels responsible as a journalist for bringing the Soviet and American publics closer together.

"When you know and understand each other, what I call the coefficient of human sympathy and compassion is increasing," Gan said.

Gan said he is envious of his colleagues in Moscow who are covering the revolution, because the Soviet people have turned inward and are uninterested in international politics. However, he said the Soviets are eager to learn everything about American lifestyles.

"I wish I could do more human interest stories on life in your country," Gan said, recalling a story he did three years ago about the homeless in Washington, D.C. "It was published then, but I doubt it would be published now. Soviet readers are tired of negative news about you. They don't believe me."

Gan said he has gotten used to the American way of life and that he loves the city of Washington. However, he said he still feels discriminated against and his treatment by Americans depends on relations between the two superpowers.

"When people you meet daily stop recognizing your face, when they stop saying hi to you, well, I feel lousy," Gan said. "But that's life."

GENERAL NOTES

Scholarship

Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Program is a scholarship program designed to assist students over the age of 30 who are returning to college or beginning post-secondary education for the first time. Anyone interested should contact Kelly Gibson at: The Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program, 211 E. Ontario, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611.

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 the Dean of Students's office.

Hiking

The last House Mountain climb of the year will be on Sunday, May 20 (Little House Mountain this time, so the last part of the hike will be off-trail). The view from the top is splendid. Wear sturdy shoes; bring along rain protection, water, and a snack. Meet at 12:30 outside Baker 109. Transportation will be provided.

Art Farm

There will be a four-month celebration for the fifteenth anniversary of the Art Farm Gallery. The opening reception for the show, "Art Farm 15 Years," will be on Sunday, May 20, from 2-5 p.m. at the gallery which is on the corner of Route 39 and 750, less than a mile off U.S. 11, north of Lexington. Tea and Refreshments will be served.

Canoeing

The paddling section of the Outing Club will hold basic canoeing sessions on the Maury River this term. Sign up in advance outside Baker 109. Contact Mark at 463-7590 or Ernest at 464-4630 for details.

Bike rides

The Outing Club will have weekly bicycle road rides, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Meet in front of Baker Dorm. Look for other planned ride announcements on the Outing Club bulletin board. For those needing bicycle repair or service, tools and equipment will be available in the Outing Club equipment room (Baker 109) on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. For additional Outing Club bicycling information, call Jason at 464-4665 or Paul at 464-4416.

Old footprints

The Virginia Museum of Natural History is conducting tours into the Culepepper 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 in advance and \$6 at the quarry.

Environment

The environmental section of the Outing Club will have its next meeting on Monday, May 21 at 5 p.m. in room 113 of the University Center.

Car wash

The Delta Gamma Interest Group is sponsoring a Car Wash for the Lexington SPCA this Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Harris Teeter parking lot next to the Texaco station. The cost is \$3 per car and \$5 per truck or van.

Fishing

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

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.

Two CPR courses offered

By Tracey Thornblade
Staff Reporter

Anyone who wants to become certified to perform CPR or administer other forms of first-aid should register now for either the Community CPR or Standard First Aid course to be held next week in the Warner Center.

The Community CPR program, under the direction of Cinda Rankin, will be held May 23-25 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the 500-level classroom of the Warner Center. The fee for the course is \$10.50 and covers the cost of a textbook and certification materi-

als. All participants must pre-register in the gym office.

The course will cover adult, child and infant CPR techniques, as well as how to handle conscious and unconscious choking victims. Certification is valid for one year.

The program, which has been taught twice already this year, will include student instructors this term.

The Standard First Aid course, under the direction of Tom Jones, will be held from May 28-30 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the 500-level classroom of Warner Center. The course will cover standard Red Cross first-aid techniques, which includes adult CPR. In addition, the course will cover

treatment for bleeding, fractures, poisoning, diabetic emergencies and seizures.

Purchase of the Standard First Aid book, available at the local Red Cross office on East Washington Street, is required for the course. A practical and written examination will be given at the end of the course. Certification is valid for three years.

A master sign-up sheet is located in the main office of the gymnasium. Enrollment is limited so interested persons are encouraged to call the office at 463-8672 or stop by to sign up.

Both courses are open to students and the Lexington community.

Prof. to attend conference

From the W&L News Office

William F. Connelly Jr., an assistant professor of politics at Washington and Lee, has been selected to attend C-SPAN's Spring 1990 Seminar for Professors in Washington D.C. on June 4-5.

C-SPAN, a non-profit public affairs cable network, is conducting the

seminar "C-SPAN in the Classroom," which will focus on issues relating to the educational uses of the network's public affairs programs. Connelly is one of 33 college and university professors to attend the seminar.

The participant's field of study will include political science, journalism, communication and law.

The agenda will include profes-

sional roundtable discussions and workshops, participation in a live, nationally-televised network call-in program, and a reception at the National Press Club.

Connelly joined the W&L faculty in 1986. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Assumption College, his Master's Degree from Boston College and his doctorate from the University of Virginia.



Defying gravity

A member of Sigma Nu creates some serious hang time Monday afternoon as he spikes the ball on some of his brothers. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

Rhodes Scholars displayed in library

From the W&L News Office

An exhibit of Washington and Lee's Rhodes Scholars is now on permanent display in the periodicals room of the University Library.

Each year, 32 students from throughout the nation are awarded the prestigious scholarships for two to three years' study at Oxford University in England. The candidates are judged on intellectual achievement, character, leadership, and physical vigor. Since 1904, when the first Rhodes Scholarships were awarded to Americans, 14 W&L students have been chosen.

W&L's first Rhodes Scholar was Joel Jackson Davenport Rodgers. He attended W&L from 1905 until 1908, the year he was awarded the scholarship. He is the only one whose photograph has not been located. The others are:

Francis Pickens Miller '14; Fitzgerald Flounoy '21, '22; Samuel Adams McCain '27; Clarence Pendleton Lee Jr. '32; Edgar Finley Shannon Jr. '39; Robert Owen Paxton '54;

Also, John Blyth McLin '60; Timothy Arthur Vanderver '65; Marvin Charles Henberg '70; Ralph Harrison Smith '73; Mark Andrew Bradley '78; Edward Arthur Johnson '81; and John Christopher Vlahoplus '83.



Photographs of 13 of the 14 W&L alumni awarded Rhodes Scholarships are now on permanent display in the University Library. The only

photograph missing is the one of the first winner in 1908. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

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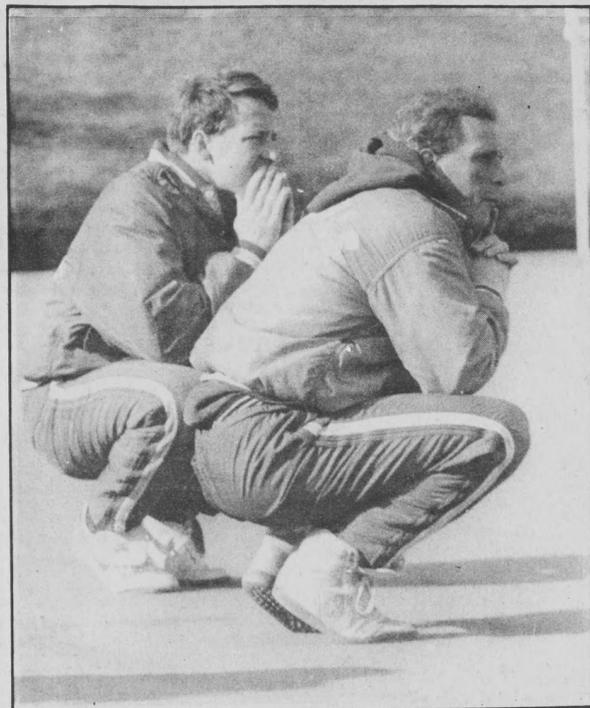
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Stagnitta sparks lacrosse resurgence



First year head coach Jim Stagnitta (foreground) analyzes action in the season opener at the University of Virginia. Stagnitta guided W&L to a 9-4 record after two straight losing seasons. Staff photo by Chris Leiphart.

By John Laney
Associate Sports Editor

Jim Stagnitta is hoping to enjoy a little peace and quiet.

"This is the first chance I've had to sit back, settle in and relax," said Stagnitta, who just finished his first season as head coach for the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team. "It's been a hectic year. The timing was tough."

Stagnitta took the reins of the team on December 1 and within five months engineered the most successful turnaround for the lacrosse team in 20 years.

W&L had won just six games in the two seasons before Stagnitta's arrival. This year, however, the Generals posted a 9-4 record with victories over four top-20 teams, including fourth-ranked Franklin and Marshall.

W&L was ranked 11th in Division III in the final regular-season United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association poll and its second-place finish in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference equalled the Generals' best finish in league play.

For his achievements, Stagnitta has been named *The Ring-tum Phi's* Coach-of-the-Year.

"A real spark plug is the best way to describe him," said senior defenseman Reid Campbell of Stagnitta. "The team was ready for a turnaround. The talent was there. He just gave us that extra bit — he was

COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

the glue that brought it all together." "Stagnitta was the whole motivating force in our turnaround," senior defenseman Mike Nunan said. "He came in, laid down the rules, cleaned the place up and got the whole thing moving in the right direction."

"Any coach coming into a new situation brings a new outlook. Stagnitta did all the right things, put people in the right places and made us believe in ourselves," said senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni.

While waiting for a new coach, the Generals did not have fall practice this year. When Stagnitta came to Lexington W&L students were busy preparing for final exams and then everyone left campus for Christmas break.

"I thought we'd be okay by starting practice early in January, but we had a slump in midseason because we were tired and beat up. We peaked later in the season," Stagnitta said, referring to the fact that W&L won six of its last seven games.

"With fall ball we might have peaked earlier and Lynchburg might not have happened," he said, speaking of the Generals' 7-6 overtime loss to the Hornets, W&L's only loss to an unranked team this season. (The other three losses were to Virginia, ranked sixth in Division I; Roanoke,

ranked ninth in Division III; and Washington College, ranked second in Division III.)

"Lynchburg was the low point of the season. In the long run that kept us out of the (Division III) national tournament," Stagnitta continued.

Stagnitta, however, is upbeat when viewing the season as a whole.

"It was an excellent season," he said. "You couldn't ask for anything more considering the situation. Our success wasn't a surprise to me after we got going and everyone started working in the system."

"I enjoyed seeing the progression of the team this year. They learned how to win, have fun and believe in what they're doing again. The high-point was watching the last two weeks and seeing how people had gotten better. There's no comparison between the VMI game and January 6," Stagnitta said, alluding to the season finale, an 18-7 win over W&L's neighboring rival, and the first day of practice.

The Generals also made dramatic improvements statistically. In 1989 W&L scored just six goals a game on 16.5 percent shooting. This season Stagnitta installed a deliberate offensive scheme that averaged over 11 goals a game and scored on over 31 percent of its shots.

"I'm big on ball movement and I

believe in taking the best possible shots," Stagnitta said.

A big reason for the offensive improvement was Mastrogiovanni, who scored 38 goals, with a shooting percentage of 45.8, and had six assists this season. Stagnitta noticed that Mastrogiovanni moved well off the ball, moved him from midfield to the crease and designed the offense around him.

According to the W&L Sports Information Office, Stagnitta was considered by many to have been one of the country's top Division I assistant lacrosse coaches.

Stagnitta had been at the University of Pennsylvania as both a player and coach. He was a three-year letterman and a starting defenseman in his playing days. During his senior year Penn was ranked third in the nation.

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

Stagnitta's players at W&L offered nothing but praise for their new coach.

"He's a great guy," said Mastrogiovanni. "He makes you work hard and feel proud about what you're doing on the field."

"On and off the field everyone respects him as a coach and as a friend," senior defensive midfielder Carlos Millan said.

Track falls micro-seconds short of NCAA standards

By John Neumann
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee men's and women's track teams sent their finest performers to last weekend's University of Virginia Invitational in hopes of qualifying them for the Division III National Championship meet.

Men's head coach Norris Aldridge is hoping to send as many as four athletes and a relay squad to North Central College in Naperville, Ill. Junior Carl Gilbert qualified for nationals in the triple jump last month.

Senior Scott Williams tied his school record of 48.8 seconds in the 400 meters, but came up just short in his bid to qualify for nationals. He will need to shave six-tenths of a second off his time to qualify.

Senior Wes Boyd was even closer to qualifying as he is only one-tenth of a second shy from the qualifying time in the 100 meters. Boyd will have to run his fastest time this year to earn a slot at nationals.

Although both Williams and Boyd are very close to the nationals, they are not as close as the 4x100 relay team of senior Tie Sosnowski, Gilbert, Williams, and Boyd. The group is just one-one hundredth away from nationals. Aldridge felt that they

might have qualified last weekend in Charlottesville, but a troubled hand-off prevented that.

The final chance for the men will be this Saturday when Aldridge will bring the hopefuls down to Raleigh, N.C., to compete in the North Carolina State Invitational. Although scheduled to compete at the Liberty Invitational, that contest may be canceled forcing the team to go to N.C. State. Aldridge likes the chances of his men assuming the weather conditions are good.

Three women also competed for W&L in Charlottesville. Their performance pleased Head Coach John Tucker.

Junior Sandi Dudley placed third in the javelin throw against some strong Division I competition. She threw 112 feet, beating five other strong competitors.

Senior Beth Stutzmann also fared well but did not qualify for nationals either. She finished 13th in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.66 seconds.

Senior Sonya Crayton tied her personal best in the 400 meter run with a 64.4 second time.

Although Tucker failed to qualify anyone for nationals, he is looking toward next year for Dudley and others to represent W&L at the national meet.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

From W&L Sports Information

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team placed four players on the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference team, and W&L was represented on the first teams in two other sports as well.

Senior defenseman Reid Campbell heads the list of Generals who were named to the All-ODAC team. Campbell becomes the first defenseman in conference history to be named all-conference four years in a row. Joining Campbell on the squad was senior defenseman Mike Nunan, who was second on the team in ground balls with 79.

Senior attackman Chris Mastrogiovanni, who led the team in scoring with 38 goals and six assists was selected to the team for the first time, as was senior defensive midfielder Carlos Millan, who picked up 60 ground balls.

In women's lacrosse, junior Shawn Wert and sophomore Melissa Manko were named first team All-ODAC performers. Wert was second on the team in scoring and an integral part of the six game winning streak that got the Generals to the ODAC tournament semifinals. Manko helped bolster the W&L defense, anchored by sophomore goalie Erica Ingersoll, who was named to the second team.

Sophomore Steve Momorella was the baseball team's lone representative on the all-ODAC team. Momorella, the Generals'



Shawn Wert

...First team All-ODAC winningest pitcher this season, was named to the first team.

Senior John Morris was officially named the top seed in the NCAA Division III singles tournament starting today at Swarthmore College.

Morris, the defending singles and doubles champion, has been the top-ranked player in the nation throughout the season. Morris, who has lost only once to a Division III player in the last two years, will begin his title defense against Greg Jarasitis of Cal-Santa Barbara at 8:30 a.m.

In doubles, Morris and junior Bill Meadows went into the tournament ranked eleventh in the nation. On Wednesday, Morris and Meadows were placed in the draw as the seventh seed. They will begin their quest for the national championship this afternoon against Andy Mouer and Tom Cantine of host Swarthmore.



Sophomore Clay Thomas lines up a putt at the Lexington Country Club. Thomas and the Generals will look to keep up their strong play at the NCAA tournament next week. W&L photo by W. Patrick Hinely.

Golf team gets invitation to NCAA championship meet

By Jay Plotkin
Sports Editor

For the Washington and Lee golf team, a wait that began on April 30 has finally ended.

At approximately 11:00 Tuesday morning, the NCAA called to say that the Generals were included in the 20-team field NCAA Division III golf championships.

"The wait made us anxious [to find out]," said head coach Buck Leslie. "But we just tried to keep practicing as if we were going to be included. That's the only thing you can do [when you don't know]. We felt like we deserved to go with the season we had, but you never know until you're in."

W&L is 38-6 overall this season, including victories in two Old Dominion Athletic Conference round-robin tournaments and the Ferrum Invitational. W&L is coming off a victory at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

Leslie said that the depth the team has had throughout the season is the main reason the team was in a position to receive the bid. "The sign of a good team is depth. We've beaten some good teams, maybe teams better than us through the top four, but teams that we've been better than one through six. If someone in the top

four has a bad day, someone else has to pick him up. We've done that all year, and our scores show that."

Sophomores Clay Thomas and Jay McKnight led the team throughout the season. Thomas carries an average round of 78.9 and was ODAC Golfer-of-the-Year. McKnight finished first at the ODAC championships to earn All-ODAC honors along with Thomas. Joining them in Jekyll Island will be classmate Brad Thoburn, who was fifth at the ODAC championships, and co-captains junior Brian Kopet and senior Ted Fox.

Although a top ten finish would be nice, Leslie is not putting any pressure on the team to finish any higher than they do. "For an ODAC team, anywhere from 12 to 17 is a good finish. Our best team in 1977 finished seventh, and they were primarily juniors. This team is comparable to that team at this stage in their development, except that they're a year younger. We're just going down there to play the course hole by hole and take what we can get."

"This has been a very memorable season to say the least, and to play in the NCAA tournament is a great reward. For the captains, Brian and Ted, this is a great reward for their leadership," said Leslie. "Even if you don't play as well as you expect to, it's still a great experience."

Next week in SPORTS:

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Alumnus debuts with *Passion Play*

By Chris Swan
Staff Reporter

"He was honestly unaware that a murder would follow the end of the play."

With this line, *Passion Play*, a debut murder mystery by a W&L alumnus, begins a tale of suspense and terror that takes the reader into the mind of a psychotic killer run amok at a Virginia boarding school.

W. Edward Blain, W&L '74, has published a well-received novel that other prominent authors have called "highly original" and "inventive."

Blain visited campus for Alumni Weekend and held a book-signing in the W&L Bookstore.

Blain is the chairman of the English department at the Woodberry Forest School, in Madison County, Va., a school that closely resembles Montpelier School, the setting for the novel.

A native of Roanoke, Blain was member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

He received his master's degree in

English from the University of Virginia in 1976, and went on to teach at Berry Academy in Georgia. In 1982, he joined the Woodberry Forest faculty and became the full-time chairman of the English department in 1987.

The first printing of *Passion Play*, 8500 copies, sold out quickly, so quickly that the staff of the W&L bookstore worried that they would not receive their copies.

During his book-signing at W&L, 45 copies were sold, a number topped only by Tom Wolfe during his last visit to campus, said bookstore employees.

Passion Play strings the reader along a story of sex, violence, passion and murder. It revolves around Thomas Boatwright, a sophomore at Montpelier School, who finds himself surrounded by a series of murders on campus.

Blain portrays the thoughts of the 15-year-old well as he illustrates the problems of adolescence through the character.

Blain creates a cast of interesting characters. Benjamin Warden is the

English department head who must face a terrible and tragic event. Daniel Farnham is the rookie English teacher and the director of the school's production of *Othello* whose inner passions and demons haunt him.

Patrick McPhee is Boatwright's basketball coach with a terrible childhood past. Greg Lipscomb is Boatwright's black roommate who must overcome prejudice by taking the lead role in *Othello*. Angus Ferrier is the ominous caretaker of the school gymnasium who may hide several secrets.

Carol Lane is the policewoman who must find out who is killing off the student body one...by one...by one.

Blain's use of third person point of view works well as the reader can see into the minds of most of the characters, but he withholds just enough to command the reader's interest until the climactic end.

Blain's choice of *Othello* as the school's winter play is a commendable subplot. Just as Shakespeare's character gives in to his violent passion, so does the murderer who is stalking the students at Montpelier.



In addition, Blain shows Boatwright and Lipscomb as they become friends in the face of racial stereotypes. These two very believable characters ground the book in reality with their compassion and humor.

Passion Play is currently available at the W&L Bookstore.

Va. woman of the year to speak in Lee Chapel

From the W&L News Office

Victoria Bond, music director of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and artistic director of the Southwest Virginia Opera, will speak at 4 p.m. on May 25 in Lee Chapel. The lecture is open to the public.

Bond was voted 1989 "Woman of the Year" in Virginia. Acclaimed as one of today's most talented musicians, she has been featured on the NBC "Today Show," the ABC "Weekend Edition," and "World Monitor News," and had been profiled in national magazines and newspapers.

Her visit to Washington and Lee is sponsored jointly by the dean of students office, the music department and Trident.

Bond was the first woman to graduate with a doctorate in orchestral conducting from the Juilliard School. She was also the first woman appointed EXXON/Arts Endowment Conductor with a major orchestra (the Pittsburgh Symphony) and the first woman to receive a conducting grant from the National Institute for Music Theatre to work at the New York City Opera.

At the Juilliard School, Bond studied under Herbert von Karajan and Jean Morel.

Bond has received commissions to write works for the American Ballet, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Louisville Stage One, and the Empire's State Institute for the Performing Arts. She has appeared as guest conductor with leading orchestras throughout the United States and in Europe and has conducted numerous premieres of symphonic and operatic repertoire.

A reception for Bond, women students and faculty will be held after the lecture in the Alumni House.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- Medical Ethics Institute (through May 20).
- Sonoklect*: A New Music Festival (continues through May 19).
- 10 a.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: Composer Frederick Fox presents his music. Northen Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.
- 4 p.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: "Preparing for a Public Performance," Ellen Rose, principal violist, Dallas Symphony. Northen Auditorium. Public invited.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 10 a.m. *Sonoklect* Seminar: Composer Chinary Ung presents his music. Room 327, Commerce School. Public invited.
- 1:30 p.m. CONCERT: *Sonoklect* Ensemble and W&L New Music Ensemble will perform works by student composers. Lee Chapel. Public invited.
- 3 p.m. *Sonoklect* Panel Discussion with composers. Room 327, Commerce School. Public invited.
- 8 p.m. CONCERT: *Sonoklect* Ensemble: Performance of New Music. Lee Chapel. Reception to follow at W&L Alumni House. Public invited.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 2:30 p.m. LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT: Speaker: The Hon. Harry Blackmun, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Front Lawn.

MONDAY, MAY 21

- 7 p.m. POLITICS FILM FEST: *Breaker Morant*. Room 221, Commerce School.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- All Day Library Automation Demonstration of the Data Research System. System overview at 9 a.m.; Online public catalog sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Northen Auditorium, University Library.
- 3 p.m. EAST ASIAN STUDIES LECTURE: "The Fight for Survival," Fulang Lo, former member of the Chinese Red Guard. Room 9, Newcomb Hall. Public invited.
- 7 & 8:30 p.m. ISRAELI FILMS: *My Michael* and *Noa at Seventeen*. Room 203 Reid Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. W&L HISTORY LECTURE: "The Summer of '42: Women at W&L During World War II," Alta Fowler. Northen Auditorium University Library. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 7 - 10 p.m. COMMUNITY CPR COURSE (May 23 - 25): 500-Level Classroom, Warner Center. Limited enrollment. Call Cinda Rankin, 463-8687.
- 8 p.m. PLAY: *Romeo and Juliet*. University Theatre. For reservations, call theatre office, 463-8637.

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