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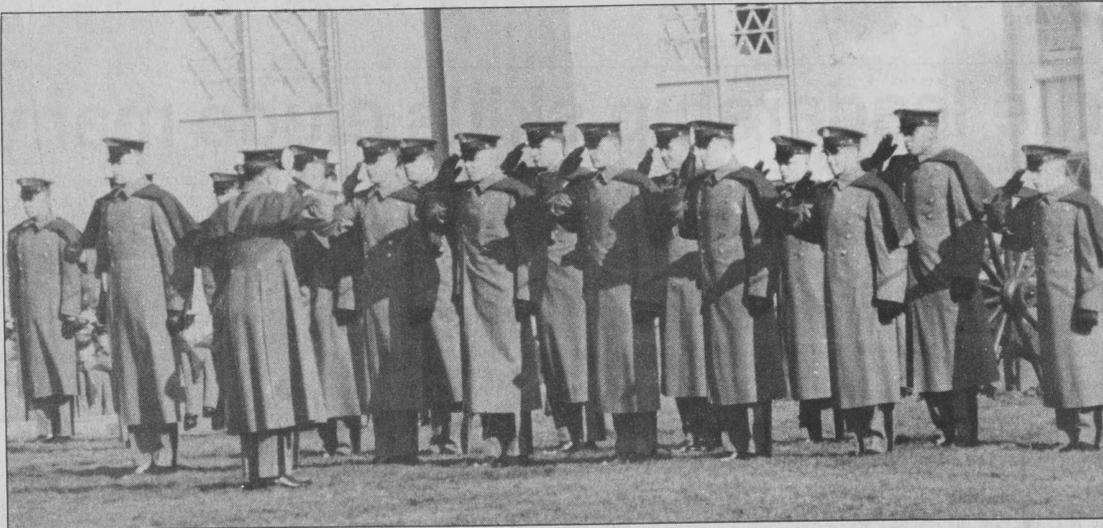


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Hail to the Chief

Cadets at the Virginia Military Institute stand at attention Wednesday in honor of the inauguration of President Bill Clinton. VMI usually sends a drill team to presidential inaugurations, but their application to participate this year was denied. On Tuesday, VMI lawyers filed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in a final attempt to continue the institute's tradition of single-sex education.

Record 22 depledge

By LEIGH ALLEN and FAITH TRUMAN
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Just two weeks into formal pledgship, more than 22 men have depledged fraternities, seven more than in all of the 1991-1992 year.

Some fraternity members and university officials say the increase is the result of freshmen who are committing more time to academics and questioning the value of Washington and Lee's fraternity system.

"W&L has risen to an academic level that brings people in who are not prepared for the fraternity system," said one freshman who depledged a fraternity because he said it was too singular.

Associate Dean of Students for Greek Affairs Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins said he believes academics played a role in the increase.

"Every year we're dealing with students who are a little more serious about their work," Atkins said. "Even in the semester when they were only supposed to be social members, they were probably spending a lot of time with [pledge responsibilities]."

As of Monday, Atkins said 22 freshmen depledged without rejoining another house. Several more have depledged one house and joined another, and two freshman pledges transferred from W&L.

The Interfraternity Council discussed the depledgings in a closed meeting on Jan. 12.

One freshman who depledged said being in a fraternity damaged his relationship with other students. He said he came to W&L thinking students had a mutual respect for each other and found fraternities created unnecessary rivalries.

Another freshman who depledged thinks money is part of the problem with the fraternity system.

"The whole pledgship thing is a joke and a waste of time. When you consider how much it costs, it's just not worth it," he said.

Dean of Students David Howison said fraternities should consider lowering their fees to allow more students to join. Howison also said fraternities should eliminate hazing to keep members.

"I think fraternities with no-hazing policies will have a definite advantage over other houses in the future," Howison said.

"The actual line-ups weren't so bad," said one freshman who depledged. "It was getting called at two o'clock in the morning to run errands that bothered me."

Atkins said he hopes fraternities reduce the number of hours pledges spend doing what he says are meaningless tasks and errands.

"The hours they spend doing things like picking up laundry and getting nachos is ridiculous," Atkins said. "That's a waste of time."

Many pledges agree. "They say they do what they do to the pledge class to bring us closer together," one former pledge said. "But running stupid errands doesn't create friendships."

But one pledge educator said that what some people consider meaningless errands actually build character and discipline.

"You have to keep the pledges busy. They have to feel like they have worked hard and contributed something to the fraternity before they can join," he said.

One freshman who depledged said he chose the wrong house because Rush was too early in the year.

"I had no clue what the house was really like when I pledged," he said. "It ended up not being the right house for me."

IFC President Sam Rock said last week that moving fraternity Rush later in fall term, a proposal IFC is considering in its reevaluation of Rush, might reduce the number of dissatisfied freshmen.

Atkins said he believes the depledgings are a bad sign for the fraternity system because lost pledges means lost revenue.

"This is a marketing problem," Atkins said. "Apparently we have a consumer who is not very happy with the product."

Atkins said the university has an interest in keeping fraternities' numbers high because it relies on the Greek tax to help pay for Fraternity Renaissance.

But one pledge educator said many freshmen pledge a fraternity even though they do not belong in one because fraternities are popular at W&L.

"There are people out there who just don't understand the fraternity system," he said. "They come to this school and pledge because everyone else is pledging. Those who depledge realize that they don't want to be involved in the fraternity system."

Senior Copy Editor Nikki Magaziner contributed to this story.

Will addresses Convocation

Author asks America to rethink education; ODK initiates 27

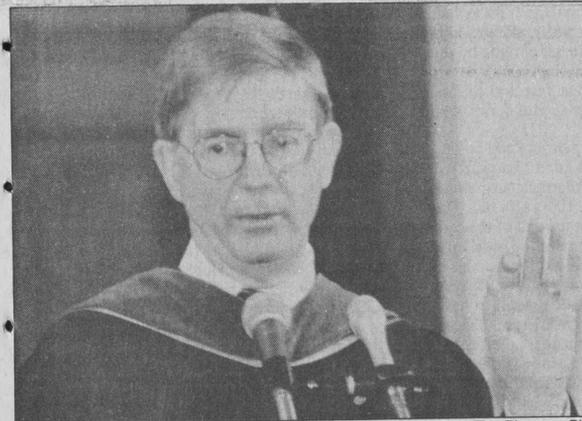


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Will mixes humor into his serious message on Convocation Day.

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

Columnist George Will told Omicron Delta Kappa initiates Tuesday to channel their leadership abilities into improving America's education system.

"We have attempted in the last 40 years to measure the caliber of education not by measuring cognitive outputs...but instead by financial outputs: future salary, how big is the school, how many books in the library...It's very clear that something needs to be done about the philosophy of education," Will said.

The leadership honor society in-

duced 27 students and four honorary initiates in front of a capacity crowd in Lee Chapel. The ceremony coincided with the 123rd celebration of Founder's Day, the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Following Will's speech, ODK President Jay Darden addressed the crowd about the nature of leadership.

"It was Woodrow Wilson who said, 'The true leader is one who is quick to know and to do the things that the hour needs.' Real leadership is rooted in action and in the example that we set for others," Darden said.

ODK, which was founded at W&L in 1914, recognizes leadership and service experience in the campus and the community.

For excerpts from Will's Convocation address, see page 2.

City organizes film premiere

By MOLLY APTER
Phi Contributing Writer

It's not Hollywood, but if all goes as planned, Lexington will have its own authentic movie premiere for "Sommersby."

A group of planners including Lexington Downtown Development Association Director Diane Herrick and LDDA President Carter Lowry are trying to organize a local premiere of "Sommersby," parts of which were shot in Lexington last June.

The only hitch, planners say, is that they don't know on what night the premiere will be.

"Everything's not really set," Lowry said. "We'd like to have two showings [of the movie] the night before it opens nationwide."

Right now, the movie is scheduled to open in Lexington on Feb. 5, the same date it will open across the country, Lowry said, but the committee has asked the movie's distributor for permission to show the movie on Feb. 4.

But Lowry said, "We will have a showing Friday as a premiere if we can't do it Thursday." "A limited number of tickets will be set aside for dignitaries," Lowry said. "The rest will be available to the public on a first-come basis."

Herrick said tickets will cost \$15 to \$20.

Herrick said tickets will in-

clude a \$5 voucher good at LDDA-member restaurants the night of the premiere.

Herrick said the committee is trying to involve most of the city in the festivities by asking downtown stores to stay open late the night of the premiere.

Herrick said the premiere, whichever night it is, will include search lights and carriage rides from the Lexington Carriage Company for local residents who were extras in the film.

"We tentatively have permission to close down Nelson Street from Main to Jefferson" streets in front of the State Theatre, Herrick said. City Council will consider the measure tonight.

Profits from the premiere will go toward furthering the preservation of the downtown area which brought "Sommersby" to Lexington in the first place, Herrick said.

"Lexington was chosen because very little had to be done to transform it into a town of the 1800s," Herrick said.

Lexington's utility wires were buried underground in the 1970s. The production crew still had to remove the short light poles which line the streets.

The crew also covered the streets with dirt and built false store fronts.

The movie, which stars Richard Gere and Jodie Foster, was filmed mostly in Bath County.

THE WILSON DECADE Reflecting on 10 years at W&L

Ten years ago this week, John Delane Wilson took the oath of office to become the 21st president of Washington and Lee University.

Since then, many things have happened that have changed the face of W&L forever. Coeducation. Gaines Hall. Fraternity Renaissance. The Lenfest Center. The Watson Gallery.

But ask Wilson about his accomplishments of the past decade and what does he think of first?

Dumpster fences.

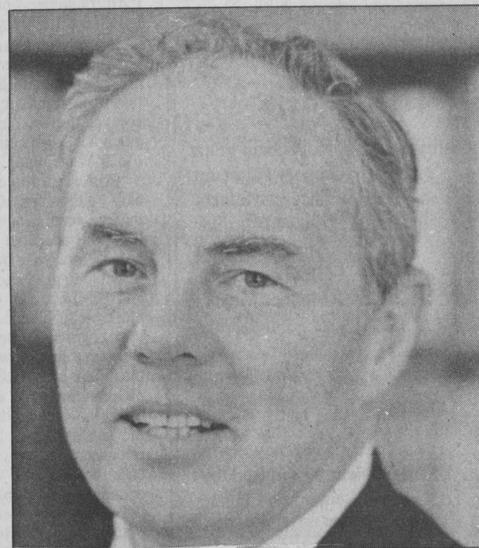
"I remember, this is true, building those little wooden facilities around the dumpster behind the Bookstore," Wilson said in an interview last week.

"I used to come out of the back gate [of Lee House], and there were naked dumpsters there. And that's where two-thirds of the students walk. So I said to Jim Arthur, the superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, one day, 'Do you suppose we could build a little picket fence around the dumpster?'"

"And every time I walk down that alley I take some satisfaction in that."

By GREGORY PATTERSON
Phi News Editor

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Rush prompts concern

By NIKKI MAGAZINER
Phi Senior Copy Editor

Sorority Rush is over, but questions linger as to how it was conducted and why more women did not pledge.

"There were concerns expressed to Panhellenic [Council] about how different groups were interpreting Rush rules," Panhel President Carrie Eubanks said.

After Preference Night Thursday, quota was set at 27 women for each sorority. Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega each snagged 27, while Pi Beta Phi got 24.

But Eubanks said more girls didn't receive bids this year than in previous years.

Eubanks said there is no clear reason why so many women fell through the system, especially since the addition of Pi Phi.

Pi Phi National Consultant Lauren Gross said W&L's 4-year-old sorority system still has some growing to do.

"There's a lot of potential here," Gross said.

Some freshman women say they are disillusioned with Rush.

"It seemed to me like all the same girls got asked back everywhere," one freshman said. "I felt like the whole thing was just too competitive."

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Familiar face, new perspective

In two and a half years as a Washington and Lee student, Gregory Patterson, Phi news editor, had never had a one-on-one conversation with University President John Wilson. Last week, Patterson went to Wilson's office to interview him for the Phi story that begins on today's page one: "The Wilson Decade."

Patterson questioned Wilson on the brightest and darkest moments of his career — from the 1983 transition to coeducation, to the 1990 bottle-throwing incident and consequent roasting by students. The John Wilson that comes to life in Patterson's story doesn't always fit with the image of the president widely held by the current student generation.

In subtle contrast to his elegant Washington Hall office with its cleanly polished, antique furniture, Patterson found Wilson with a loosened collar and without a jacket for their afternoon interview. Wilson's presentation was symbolic of what Patterson describes as the surprising ease with which the president talked about the last 10 years.

In reflecting on the interview, Patterson notes that Wilson almost never uses abbreviations in his speech. He does not say, "W&L" or "SCC," for example, "Washington and Lee" or "Student Conduct Committee." This tendency indicates the deliberateness and precision with which Wilson speaks, Patterson speculates, carefully choosing his words.

Patterson says his research on Wilson and the interview both gave an impression of the president as a true man of letters, a staunch and vocal advocate of liberal arts education.

"We are born in a sliver of time and place and culture," Wilson told The Ring-tum Phi in 1982 in what Patterson cites as his favorite Wilson quote, "And all that we know of ourselves and our world if we lived only that life would be very, very parochial, indeed."

But Patterson says what surprises him most about Wilson is his humanity.

"He realizes he has flaws as a president," Patterson says, "and he regrets it."

Wilson's recollections of the bottle-throwing incident bring out his human side in Patterson's story. Wilson told Patterson that suspending the students involved in the incident might not have been the right thing to do, and he acknowledged that his actions might have been influenced by emotions. Fraternity Renaissance is, after all, his baby.

"When those things happened to his project," Patterson says, "he was hurt by it. He took it personally and reacted to it like it was an attack against him."

Patterson says that his interview with Wilson might have given his story a sympathetic bias, but he maintains that the story presents a view of the president that students might find enriching.

"Anytime I spend with someone, I tend to come away [with the feeling that] I understand him a little more," Patterson says. "But hell, I got a chance to talk to Wilson one on one, which is something not many students get to do.... My article might be the only way they can get that same feeling."

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OPINION



HURRY MR. CLINTON,
THE INAUGURATION'S
ABOUT TO BEGIN.

True leadership skills elude many.

President Wilson said I was not deterred from the inaugural festivities. I am in flight.

In Washington, Bill Clinton is on the verge of learning what Adlai Stevenson knew. He said, "America is a great and wonderful country, where any young person can grow up to be president, and that's just the risk you have to take."

...I don't think that there is, in American history, anything comparable to the mood swing in this country between the bombing of Baghdad and 15 months later the burning of Los Angeles. ...Wildly overdone in my judgment, [was the jubilation over] Desert Storm, [though] a war worth fighting. Still, the United States and 26 allies defeated a country with the gross national product of Kentucky. ...Equally irrational was the

overwhelming despair about the quality of American life after the riots in Los Angeles.

This was the context in which the country began to decide whether to give the Republican party four more years. Only four times in American history has one party controlled the White House for more than 12 years; it is a very long time in our politics. And so we were prepared to give the outsider the benefit of the doubt. Mr. Bush campaigned on doubt. He said, essentially, that Bill Clinton was Henry of Navarre.

You might recall from your history classes that Henry of Navarre was the king of France who periodically converted to Catholicism. He was fond of saying, on one famous occasion, the words that are a motto of all politicians, "Paris is well worth a Mass." The question was, was Bill Clinton what he said he was, or was he feigning a new faith until he got to power? We'll have to find that out. What we do know is, the political market has worked in the United States; in that the Democratic party has changed, or tried to change, in its perception of itself.

In 1988, a very wise Democrat, before a single delegate was chosen, looking at the way they'd been losing elections for generations, including in the South and the West, said that the Democratic nominee ought to be part Horace Greeley and part U.S. Grant: someone who could go west and capture the South. So they nominated the governor of Massachusetts.

This year they learned the law of holes. The law of holes is, when you're in a hole, quit digging....

[Now Clinton clearly wants] to rekindle the excitement such as it was in the Kennedy years. What he will discover, I'm afraid, is that the most profound change in the 32 years since John Kennedy was president, is the radical decline in the prestige of government itself. This was reflected, I believe, in the 1992 elections, by the fact that 14 states, given the chance to vote on term limitations, all voted for those limitations. In 13 of those 14 states, term limitations did almost as well as Bill Clinton did. In 14 states, term limitations got more votes than Ross Perot got in 50 states. There is a general sense that the political class in the United States is today so gripped by careerism, so bent on prolonging its professional life in higher office, that it cannot take into account the difficult decisions in the public interest. I happen to believe that's correct.

But what the American people are saying is ... that they have a very ... skeptical view of the utility of government itself, partly because of the composition of government, but most of all because of the composition of our problems. Let me give three examples ... education, our cities and the conduct of life in Washington, D.C.

With regard to education, I think many Americans believe, frankly, that we are today graduating the first generation of Americans, from high school, less well-educated than the generation that came before. Everyone in this room knows it is perfectly possible to graduate from an American high school and be functionally illiterate, unable to read, let alone write. The reasons for this are complicated; they begin with the obvious fact that we have the shortest school year and the shortest school day in the industrial world. It was formulated for the needs of a ranching and farming nation in the late 19th century, when children were needed on the farms in the late spring and early fall. That is of limited relevance in south-central Los Angeles. It also is the case that we have attempted in the last 40 years, encouraged by public education lobby, to measure the caliber of education not by measuring cognitive outputs (measured by national tests of the sort we do not have and other nations do), but by measuring instead financial inputs: teacher salaries ... how big is the school, how many books in the library. The problem is, we do not have national testing, but the market tests sooner or later. And so when the New York Telephone Company gives an entry-level aptitude test to 117,000 young people and 115,000 fail — when Motorola gives an entry-level aptitude test designed to measure fifth-grade math and seventh-grade English skills, and 80 percent fail — the market is giving a test. It's very clear that something needs to be done about the philosophy of education.

Perhaps choice for schools; there are an array of ideas, and the country is insisting that we try them. The most thoughtful Americans understand the problems with our schools, and they are joined with the problems with our cities through one great fact, and that is the distress of many American families.

I was recently at a school in Chicago. In the school, 85 percent of the students are black, 15

percent are Hispanic. Eighty-five percent of students come from families with no father. The school is run by heroic teachers doing their very best, but they say that one of the conditions of teaching is that they never assign homework — ever — because, they say, almost all of their students go home after school to be parents to their siblings.

We are evolving today in America as a civilization where the cities are not primarily important as centers of culture or commercial vitality, but important primarily as burdens. We are experiencing something today without precedent in American history: broad-scale urban regression in the midst of general prosperity.

... We live in the only country in NATO ... in which children go to sleep at night in parts of large cities hearing gunfire. We know what the problem is — it is pathological behavior.

We talk about budget cuts. It costs \$5,000 a day for a neo-natal group to take care of a crack baby. It costs \$60,000 a year in the last year of life in a hospital for an AIDS patient. Now, as the American people look at these problems, they look to Washington, and they don't like what they see. They see a government that 30 years ago really believed that it had mastered the management of the modern economy that growth could be studied in a business cycle, and the great problem for our time would be the equitable allocation of constant surplus revenues for pressing needs. That was 30 years ago, when we announced a "great" society — "good" wouldn't suffice — great. Well, times have changed.

... We have not just a United States, but an entire part of the world that we've been carrying since the end of World War II, gradually, almost absentmindedly, translating the idea of civil rights into a doctrine of economic entitlements, and making enormous problems to ourselves as a matter of right: huge calls for the future productivity of the country as a right. They're neglecting one great fact and that is the demographic fact of societies such as ours: the population ages.

... I was on the road this morning and I didn't get to see the "Today" show, so I don't know if Willard did his number, because Willard usually comes out with a picture of someone 100 years old. Do you know that in seven years, at the end of the century, the percentage of Americans 65 or older, nationwide, will be what it is in Florida, the retirement state, today? I don't know how many of you recently turned 50. I did. And it's bad enough to have the derision of your children, but you begin to receive in your mail, unbidden, a magazine called [Modern] Maturity, full of lively and senevy older people bursting with health. It comes from the American Association of Retired Persons, which enrolls you in a huge lobby, and it takes a Supreme Court injunction to get off the list. The largest organization in the United States is the Catholic Church, and the second largest is the AARP. This is true power, but getting back to Willard Scott: he holds up a picture and says, "This is a picture of 'Elsa Mae Fudge' and Elsa Mae is 100 years old." And as you look at her face on the screen, she looks every day of it.... [A]t the beginning of the 1980s there were 18,000 Americans 100 years old or older, and that number doubled in the 1980s. Demographers predict that by the year 2000, there will be 1 million Americans 100 years old or older. You could make a city — a very quiet city, a city without sexually transmitted diseases.

...Less than 15 percent of our gross national product goes to health care. We don't realize that a lot of our health care is optional. We tend in this country to be transfixed by the polio paradigm: Because technological silver bullets slayed this disease, we tend to think that those things are the best medical technologies. We then tend to equate health with the application of medicine, which results in a disease-oriented, hospital-centered, high-tech medicine that is too expensive, whereas, in fact, if we lived as sensibly as trout or beaver, we wouldn't have these problems.

We are the only animal that drinks too much, eats improperly, doesn't exercise and doesn't use seatbelts. If we just did those things we would cut our medical bill by 50 percent. These are the problems that the country faces. Thirty percent of all Medicare dollars are spent on people in their last year of life. The ethical problems implicit in rationing medicine are extraordinary.

All the while that the government is gripped with these problems, all of America must look around and say that a welfare state, which was supposed to be ameliorative, may have adverse consequences. If someone had told us 40 years ago that the elaboration of the welfare state would coincide with an epidemic of sexually contracted diseases, an epidemic of teenage pregnancy, 1.5 million abortions a year, a permanent underclass in our cities — that's what a welfare state was meant to cure, and it hasn't worked out, and now the American people are wondering what in fact is in store for them and the great American promise.

...The great American promise was that we are a nation of individual rights, individuals striving to individual happiness as decided by individuals. Increasingly in the United States, that promise is being replaced by a doctrine of group rights. ...[But] the great romance is gone; I would say that it peaked in the 1960s and it's gone, I think, for good, particularly

the romance of the central government. It fell victim to the Great Society promises, which are very fairly perceived as promising much more than they do. The euphoria and prestige of the government began to evaporate quickly with Vietnam and Watergate. People began to question the motives of government, and the whole movement gathered steam in California in 1978 when an initiative passed with severe limitations on taxes, Proposition 13. Three years later, a serious tax cut swept through both houses of Congress, powered by both parties: a general sense that the Leviathan must be slowed down.

I think there is today a growing gap between the politics and the culture of the city in which I live. ... I heard a speaker say, "All change in America begins in the ballot box." Every page in American history, it seems to me, refutes that. And that sense that politics is at the center of American life is very distorted and very distracted.

I tend to think that change in America begins when the working blacksmith invents a "self-scouring" steel plow... that defeated wooden plows, and you can read this blacksmith's name today in yellow and green paint on big machines: John Deere. Change in America begins when someone such as Eli Whitney serves as a tutor on a southern plantation, helping to teach people to separate cotton fibers from cotton seeds.... Change in America begins when Henry Ford in a Detroit garage has an idea for a vehicle to travel long distances, made with mass production. Change in America begins when two brothers in a bicycle shop tinker with a contraption that will one day change how America experiences its vast distances. Change in America begins when a man named John Wesley Hyatt wins \$10,000 for inventing billiard balls not made of ivory, develops a new way of making something called celluloid for experiences for which Hollywood was created.

In 1954, a middle-aged, traveling salesman who sells six-spined electric mixers caled multi-mixers, pauses in the parking lot of the McDonald brothers restaurant in San Bernardino, Calif., and says, "These people are using eight mixers at the same time.... what do they know?" Ray Kroc invented not only a great corporation, but also a whole industry. Change in America is not just material change; it's not just words. Change begins with a church in Massachusetts that has a religious revival that promises to become the Great Awakening. Change in America begins when Harriet Beecher Stowe writes a novel, or 100 years later when another writer, Harper Lee writes *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Change begins when Upton Sinclair writes *The Jungle* or Lincoln Steffens writes *The Shame of the Cities*. Change in America begins when Mark Twain begins a distinctly American style of literature.

No good society is set by politics. Anybody should know this. In fact, the health of America depends on a growing impatience, which I feel is wholesome, good news. The growing impatience with the slipshod and second rate is coming.... I came across an advertisement with the top 10 cars ranked in terms of new car satisfaction. They circled Buick in red. Buick was fifth. You see, the other nine were seven Japanese and two German cars. It was unspoken that American cars were not expected to be as good as the foreigners. In my ... column I presented this issue, and received a letter from Buick saying that I had been terribly unfair — they were nearly fourth. I wrote back to say that I had never heard of basketball fans cheering, "We're number four!" I don't want to live in a country like that.

I think that it is in the governments closest to home that the good government decisions are made, that it is the mediating institutions of life — schools, churches, fraternal organizations — that make life better. The idea of looking for salvation in a capital city dominated by a very peculiar class, on the fringe of a very large continent, makes no sense. What America depends upon, and what institutions like Washington and Lee deal with, is the salvation of one person at a time by the transition to high standards.

The greatest baseball story, which is even better because it is true, is based on the greatest right-hand hitter in baseball, Roger Hornsby. [There] was a rookie pitcher on the mound who threw three pitches which he thought were strikes and the umpire said, "Ball 1.... Ball 2.... Ball 3." The pitcher shouted to the umpire, "Hey, those were strikes!" And the umpire took off his mask and said, "No young man, when you throw a strike, Mr. Hornsby will let you know." ...The secret of America is for all of us to become a Roger Hornsby for our community, a standard by which a good performance is judged.

I want to thank you for allowing me to come to this beautiful campus to share all of this with you. I may have said some things you didn't agree with. I certainly hope not. I'll just tell you to take it in the spirit of American politics. American politicians are fond of a story in which two clergymen meet on the street. One of them is Methodist and one is Irish Catholic. The Irishman says, "Can't we be friends; after all we worship the same God?" The Methodist man said, "I know we worship the same God; you in your way and I in His." I think on this Inauguration Day, in the words of a great Virginian, we're all Republicans, we're all Democrats, we're all in the same party, wishing the new administration well, knowing, as we're mature people, not to expect too much.

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OPINION

Knocks and pings shake up Spos' car

SPOS' SPACE
By Tom Hespos

Over the past few years, I have developed this twisted love/hate relationship with my car. When I made the transition from boy to man by passing my road test and getting a full-fledged driver's license, my father presented me with his ancient Volkswagen Beetle. Dad was convinced that this car would make me the most popular guy in my high school. And why shouldn't it? Everyone else was driving either a Mustang or a Camaro or something else that could exceed the speed of sound (usually in first gear, I might add). But Spos was going to be different. He would cruise around in a 1971 yellow bug with a convertible top and would be completely incapable of fending off the gorgeous women, even if he enlisted the aid of an Uzi.

Dad was really proud of this car. He bought it new and drove it only on special occasions, waiting for the day when his son would earn his driver's license and drive it down to the beach, as he so often liked to do. Dad made sure that he kept it in good condition by occasionally reminding my sister not to lean her bicycle up against it or jump up and down on the convertible top as if it were a trampoline.

By the time I got around to passing my road test and actually driving the car, it had just a few minor dents, and the roof was only partially caved in. As a matter of fact, I remember one windy day, while driving myself and my friend Craig to school, the entire roof ripped loose from the rest of the car and nearly caused the deaths of about 10 of my

schoolmates, who were piled into the Camaro behind us. As I watched the pieces of roof fly off and situate themselves about the highway, I said a really bad word that starts with "s" and ends with "hit."

I believe I said that exact same word last Friday night, when during a solo road trip over the mountain to Sweet Briar, my little punch buggy decided to make a nasty noise and sputter to a stop. Of course, with Murphy's Law still governing the greater part of the universe, this problem occurred on the strip of Route 60 that is mostly inhabited by deer and people named Jim Bob who are unaware that the Civil War has ended. After screaming the aforementioned S-word at the top of my lungs, I decided to engage in a well-known male ritual which Spos will describe as "opening the engine compartment and staring at the motor as if I could possibly fix the problem out here in the middle of nowhere without tools."

At this moment, Spos simply prayed for the problem to be something minor that didn't require a wrench to fix. God saw fit to grant His mercy and Spos was able to make an adjustment that would allow him to restart the car and continue in his quest to get to Sweet Briar before his cute girlfriend reported him missing to the State Police. During the rest of the voyage over the mountain, Spos had to stop about eight times to make further adjustments to the engine using the "percussive maintenance method" which involved kicking the car and swearing loudly at no one in particular. In the meantime, the deer and other furry woodland creatures were probably convening deep in the heart of the woods, trying to figure

out the meanings of the random swear words that spewed forth from my mouth.

At 10 minutes past seven o'clock, I greeted my girlfriend Jennifer at the door of Carson Dormitory with grease-covered hands and a frustrated look on my face.

"I might have to stop a few times on the way back over the mountain to fix my car," I warned. "It's been acting up lately."

Looking back, I commend Jennifer for her patience and understanding of the whole situation. I think that we must have stopped 185,000 times on the way back to W&L. Using advanced, college-honed math skills, Spos estimates that approximately 1,067,432 swear words escaped his lips that frigid night. And that's not all.

Coming down the side of the mountain, where the angle of descent of the road allows one to coast into Buena Vista at approximately the speed of light, the car began to make noises. Not stop-the-car-because-the-motor-needs-an-adjustment noises, but rather start-praying-because-the-front-end-is-about-to-explode type noises. Spos quickly remedied this by turning up the radio to a level that tends to promote permanent hearing loss. Still, Jennifer could hear the front end noises under the 140-decibel screech of Eddie Van Halen's guitar. She then decided to contribute to the already scary situation by assuming a crash position not unlike those demonstrated to airline passengers by stewardesses.

"I wouldn't worry about that noise," I said as Eddie soloed through "Why Can't This Be Love." "It doesn't sound life-threatening."

Jennifer gave me a frightened look like the one a chipmunk gives you before you flatten it with your car. Needless to say, this boosted Spos' confidence tenfold.

As we sputtered into town on a wing and a prayer, I wondered if anyone in or near Lexington was capable of working on a Beetle. I could almost visualize Jim Bob the mechanic expressing confusion when he discovers that, as is the case with most German cars, the engine is located in the rear of the car.

This thought was cut short as we pulled into my driveway and Jennifer let out a squeal of delight, obviously prompted by the notion that we had made it back to Lexington alive and in one piece.

Gathering Jennifer's belongings and walking up the front walk to my house, I glanced back at the car and saw that one of the front wheels looked to be preparing to separate itself from the rest of the car. "Eureka," I thought to myself. "I do believe that I have discovered the source of those front end noises." I said a silent prayer to God, thanking Him for His use of divine intervention in saving our butts.

Later, as I thumbed through the latest issue of Road and Track magazine, looking for a good buy on a new car, I thought to myself that there was no way I would ever be able to separate myself from my yellow Beetle.

Admittedly, it is a piece of automotive crap, but nothing could ever duplicate the feeling I used to get when I would cruise to the beach, Van Halen wailing through the speakers and the wind tossing my hair about. Occasionally, a girl would even turn her head as I went by.

GENERAL NOTES

Recruitment

The Admissions Office needs freshman males to help with recruiting weekends. Please contact Nancy Hickam at 463-8710 for details.

Calyx

You can still sign up for Calyx senior pictures. Schedule sheets are located outside Carol Calkins' office. Sign up early to avoid a late fee.

Club LAX

There will be a Club Lacrosse meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Newcomb Hall to discuss the upcoming season.

Amnesty

Amnesty International presents two showings of "Missing" Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Troubadour Theatre. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Ariel

The absolute last deadline for Ariel submissions is Feb. 1 by 5 p.m. Turn in photographs, artwork, poetry and prose to Carol Calkins. Questions? Call Brian Carpenter at 463-1001.

Alumni Job

Members of the Class of '93 who wish to be considered for W&L's Alumni Staff Associate position in 1993-94 should apply by March 1. Graduating seniors should submit a letter of application and resume to Director of Alumni Programs James D. Farrar, Jr. in the Alumni office. The position will become available on July 1. A personal interview for each applicant will be required.

Big 4 Elections

Petitions for the positions of Executive Committee president, vice president and secretary and Student Conduct Committee chairman are due Feb. 1. Petitions can be picked up at Carol Calkins' office.

Lost

Gold cuff-link with round face. If found, please call Carlin at 464-3758.

Pre-Law

The W&L Pre-Law Society will meet in room 221 of the Commerce School tonight at 7 p.m. with members of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Activities for the remainder of the academic year will be discussed. For further information contact Prof. John in room 125B of the Commerce School.

Superdance

Registration packets for Superdance are available in front of Carol Calkins' office. Sign up to be a dancer and support MDA.

Raquetball

Anyone interested in playing Intramural Raquetball should call 464-3927 before Jan. 25 for dates and information. The club needs people of all skill levels.

AIDS Education

The AIDS Education Project will host Dr. Merv Silverman '60, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel for a lecture entitled, "AIDS: A Global Overview." All are welcome.

Writing Center

The Writing Center is now open Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Payne 2B. Students who want help with writing projects of any kind are encouraged to sign up or to stop by for an individual conference with a writing tutor.

Grief Support

The Counseling Service will begin a Grief Support group on Monday at 3 p.m. Eight sessions will be held and will cover such topics as the manifestation of grief, remembering, accepting and expressing feelings, role changes, stress and coping, anniversaries and memorializing. If you are dealing with a loss of a close friend or relative, please join us. Call ext. 8590 for more information.

Counseling

A counseling/support group for women with eating and/or compulsive exercise problems will meet on Tuesday afternoons beginning Jan. 26. Call the Counseling Service at ext. 8590 or the Health Center at ext. 8401 to sign up and receive additional information.

Republicans

The College Republicans will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The debate topic will be "Foreign Trade" and contemplation on Bill Clinton.

Help Wanted

The Phi is looking for a humor columnist. If you think you can make the campus laugh, submit a sample of your writing to room 208 in the University Center. For more information call Fran at 463-8581.

General Notes are compiled by Matt Haar

LETTERS

W&L should nurture city

To the Editor:
As an outside observer (county resident) of the continuing car-tax saga, it was interesting to hear the war cries from The Ring-tum Phi (Nov. 19). I'm sure that as a youth in their situation (though without the BMW), I would have been just as fired up at the seeming arbitrariness and double taxation, etc. However (and perhaps it is my "Boomer"-ness), I was struck with the potential for channeling that zeal in a direction more relevant to the challenges their generation faces in making our society work for everyone.

Lexington and W&L go, well, you know, way back. Each of them nurtures and enhances each other in all of the obvious ways (services, faculty kids schools, etc.) and in many ways that are probably as complex and symbiotic as natural ecology. And I dare say, for many of the residents, students, alumni and faculty there is a deep bond of love for this community (one which some Ring-tum Phi editors may someday even come to enjoy.) Lexington is not a huge, wasteful, money-hungry bureaucracy, but actually just one of the rare beautiful little towns trying to get by in a situation of limited and diminishing resources and bleak economic projections. It is the hope of many that it does survive and even prosper.

It is my understanding that colleges in other communities (including the Harvard of the

North) have had to, either amicably or not, come up with new revenue relationships which meet their modern situations. Apparently, W&L and the city have some agreement of that sort. But is it actually adequate, considering their holdings, etc.? Perhaps the budding politicians, economists, lawyers and planners in the student body could make a project of taking Lexington under their wing, as if they were going to live here, research the situation and make recommendations.

Perhaps the relative strength of W&L's endowment relative to its size in the city and the city's limitations would indicate a greater contribution. Or perhaps the students would come up with an even more creative solution. In either case, maybe they could eliminate their car-tax in the process.

This situation may be somewhat complex and suggesting help from the students may be idealistic. However, solving the Lexington-W&L revenue dilemma, in its relatively small and contained world, would be minor (and perhaps a good learning tool) for these students compared to the problems they will inherit. Seeing this problem from both sides would be a good first step in realizing that, in the end, we are all in "this" together.

Greg Sandage

Political vandals act

To the Editor:
I realize that the Inaugural Ball has created some hysteria among the nation's liberal populace, but if the recent actions of this faction's branch at Washington & Lee is any indication of future behavior, then the nation is in deep trouble. I am speaking of the blatant disregard for the College Republicans and for their desire to voice their own opinions. They have attempted to post signs around campus in order to inform the college community of club meetings and discussions, but these signs have been repeatedly torn down and destroyed without provocation. I find it amusing that the left wing, the "tolerant" and the "open minded", do not have enough faith in their own political beliefs to respect those of others. I find it disturbing that these people chastise the conservatives for narrow minded behavior when they must resort to juvenile tactics like vandalism in order to ensure that their message is heard. In my opinion, it is this type of activity which destroys the very heart of an interactive society. The increasingly liberal administration, with notable exceptions, has refused to recognize the defamation of one of the university's most historic and powerful organizations. They have ignored the words of the College Republicans who favor idea exchanges and actual brain activity instead of the wallet activity of the more liberal clubs. It is time for the liberals to come down to earth. I realize that Bill Clinton's rise to the Oval Office is exciting but I predict that this enthusiasm will disappear in about 100 days and the nation will again look to the right for guidance.

Sincerely,
Paul E. Wright, '95
Press Secretary and Spokesman, College Republicans

Dean of Students reports increase in student arrests

To the Editor:
For the past two years, in an effort to increase awareness of student disciplinary issues and promote more responsible behavior in our community, I have published the student arrest records for alcohol-related incidents in the City of Lexington. Alcohol-related

arrests of Washington and Lee students (DUI, possession under age, drunkenness, noise and litter) declined from a high of 100 in Fall Term 1988, to 74 in Fall Term 1989, to 45 in Fall Term 1990, to a low of 35 in Fall Term 1991.

For Fall Term 1992 just concluded,

45 Washington and Lee students were arrested for alcohol-related incidents. The overall increase was a direct result of more noise complaints (14) and arrests for public drunkenness (11) than last fall. I hope that this increase to 45, although still significantly lower than the figures a few years ago, does not

indicate a trend in the wrong direction. Remember, student conduct in Lexington is a measure not only of individual standards but is also a reflection of the standards of Washington and Lee University. David L. Howison
Dean of Students

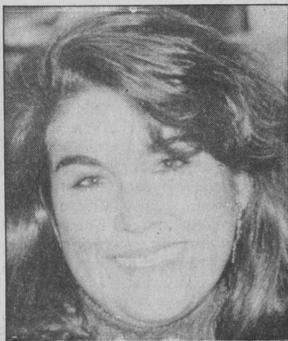
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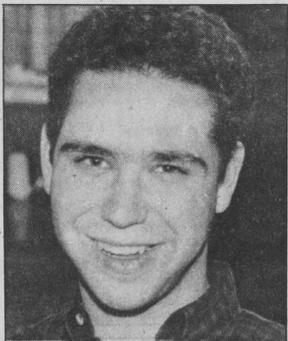
If you could bring back any fashion trend to the Washington and Lee campus, what would it be?



Sean Gatewood, '93, Bel Air, Md. — "Moonboots and parachute pants."



Alison Cowand, '94, Norfolk, Va. — "Wonder Woman Underoos."



Dan Morgenstern, '95, Atlanta, Ga. — "Leisure suits."



Susan Wootton, '93, Marietta, Ga. — "Feathered hair."



Frost Bush, '95, Savannah, Ga. — "Tennis socks with balls on the back."



John Kleckly, '94, Columbia, S.C. — "Members Only jackets."

NEWS

Alumnus to speak on AIDS

By KRISTA TAURINS
Phi Contributing Writer

The head of the largest AIDS research foundation in the world will speak on the global impact of AIDS tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, a 1960 W&L graduate, is president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Junior Patrick McDermott, founder of the Washington and Lee AIDS Education Project, said Silverman is known worldwide for his work.

"He's traveled all around the world," McDermott said. "It's incredible. He went to Spain with Elizabeth Taylor and was given a Spanish peace prize by the prince of Spain."

McDermott said Silverman has done AIDS-related research in Argentina, India, Switzerland, China, France, the Netherlands, South Africa, Senegal, Egypt and Indonesia.

"And that's just recently, so he has a pretty good idea of the global problem," McDermott said.

After graduating from W&L, Silverman went to Tulane Medical School and then the Harvard School of Public Health. From 1977 to 1985, Silverman was director of the San Francisco Department of Health and helped create a program to fight the AIDS epidemic in that city.

He last visited W&L in 1988 when he attended an AIDS conference here.

Silverman has served as the medical director for Planned Parenthood of Kansas and as director of the Food and Drug Administration Office of Consumer Affairs. In 1986, Silverman joined the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is the foundation's founding national chairman.

There will be a public reception in Morris House following Silverman's speech.

His lecture is sponsored by the W&L AIDS Education Project, the University Lectures Committee, the biology department and the public policy program.

The speech is open to the public.



Photo by Mallory Meyers, The Ring-tum Phi

New fraternity houses for Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon in Davidson Park are due to be finished in late summer, officials said.

Construction moves along

By KRISTA TAURINS
Phi Contributing Writer

Schematic plans for the new science building should be completed by late March, says Capital Planning Director Frank Parsons.

"The architects are making period visits to the campus, meeting with the heads of the science departments," said Parsons. "Things are proceeding at normal progress."

Payette Associates, Inc., an architectural firm from Boston that specializes in science and health care facilities, is designing the new building. Their idea is to construct a building between Parmly and Howe halls, creating one large science complex.

When the building between Howe and Parmly is complete, Parsons said, it will house the chemistry and geology departments, as well as a science library.

"That will free up Howe Hall for renovation," Parsons said. "When it is renovated, then biology and physics [departments] will move over from Parmly Hall. Then Parmly Hall will be renovated, with special accommodations made for psychology and computer science."

Tucker Hall, without the psychology department, will have more space for language facilities, and Robinson Hall, once computer science moves out, will have more space for mathematics.

While Parsons says that the science center is the highest priority project going on, plans for a new student center have not been completely forgotten.

"The student center project for the time being is in suspension. We will be making some space changes as soon as the Sigma Chi fraternity house is available," Parsons said.

Those changes will most likely entail a shift of administrative offices from the University Center to the old Sigma Chi house, Parsons said. He said the move would allow more room for student activities and enable the school to wait on construction of a new student center.

The new Sigma Chi house, as well as a house for Sigma Phi Epsilon, are currently under construction in Davidson Park. Parsons said both buildings are on schedule.

"We are anticipating that Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon will move into their houses in late summer," Parsons said.

The on-campus construction of the Watson Gallery, however, is not on schedule. Construction fell behind by three weeks.

Thomas Litzenburg, director of the Reeves Center, said the delay is due to the complex design of the building.

"It fell behind because of the intricacy of the forms that they had to build for the foundation walls," Litzenburg said. "That's the principal reason."

Rather than being completed in February as originally scheduled, Litzenburg expects the gallery to be completed by mid-April.

Litzenburg said, however, that the gallery will not open until late summer, allowing him to examine the artwork before it is displayed.

"We need a couple of months to inventory to install the Watson collection," he said.

EC ponders advocate role

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS
Phi Staff Writer

The Executive Committee Monday began the process of reviewing the Honor System, discussing a list of possible changes with law school advocates.

In an hour-long meeting, the EC and four advocates, law school students who advise accused students in honor trials, said many of the issues on a list sent to the EC by W&L Rector A. Stevens Miles were valid and worth discussing.

The advocates said they were concerned about the lack of information exchanged between the EC and advocates before a closed honor hearing begins.

Under current White Book procedures, the accused and his advocate are told the identity of the EC's witnesses, but are not allowed to contact any witnesses before the hearing.

Advocate Mark Cathey said an exchange of information before the trial could save the EC the trouble of a trial.

"I've done eight trials," Cathey said. "I think there were a couple of instances where if you had heard [my information] you wouldn't have brought the case to trial."

Senior EC Rep. Susan Moseley said she was concerned that an exchange of information before the accused was officially charged would become an attempt to get the case dropped before it came to trial, instead of an attempt to find the truth.

Moseley said an accused person

might be able to prepare and rehearse their responses if they knew the evidence against them.

"A lot of [finding out the truth] is watching how people react," Moseley said.

Third-year law Rep. Jay Sterne said he hoped the EC would consider the issues brought up by the advocates and other students, but said the EC should not create procedural advantages for either side.

"We have to remember this is not an adversarial process until it comes to open trial," Sterne said.

The advocates said EC members who work on an investigation should not be allowed to vote in the trial.

"If you can be a body without bias, why not strive for it," advocate Chris Schinstock said.

EC President Josh MacFarland said he does not want the investigators to appear like prosecutors. He said the purpose of a closed hearing is to find out the truth, not to convict a person of an honor violation.

In other action, the EC voted unanimously to use the term advocate consistently throughout the White Book. Before the change, the terms advisor and advocate were used interchangeably.

Schinstock said he would like to see many people comment on the Honor System, including people outside of the Washington and Lee community.

"If we truly believe in our Honor System we should open it up to the public and let the scrutinize it," Schinstock said. "Maybe they will learn from it."

IFC chooses officers

The Interfraternity Council Tuesday elected new officers for 1993-1994. They will take office spring term.

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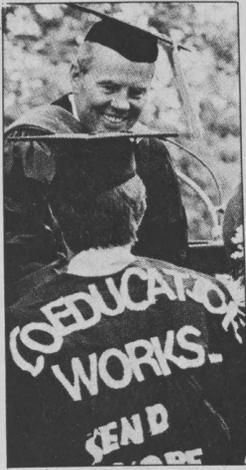
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NEWS

Wilson reflects on 10 years in office

WILSON, from page 1

"In *General Lee's College*, Ollinger Crenshaw wrote the history of Washington and Lee into the 1930s," W&L Capital Planning Coordinator Frank Parsons said. "I think when the next historian decides to pick it up, they will come to the conclusion that John Wilson was an outstanding president."



Parsons knows W&L presidents. He graduated in 1954 under Francis Pendleton Gaines and returned to work for Gaines three months later.

He was assistant to the president for Fred Cole, William Pusey and Robert Huntley. Wilson appointed Parsons to his current job of capital planning coordinator.

And the man who has worked for a quarter of the presidents in W&L history has nothing but praise for Wilson.

"It is a challenging job and a difficult job, being as how you have so much to be responsible for and have to be so many different things to so many different people," Parsons said. "But he is outstanding at it."

But Wilson is not without his detractors.

"Many assume that I must either hate Dr. Wilson or, at the very least, harbor venomous distaste for the man. This is not true," said former W&L Spectorator editor Cameron Humphries, whose articles were often critical of Wilson.

"It must be acknowledged that under Wilson's presidency Washington and Lee again enjoys a stature and reputation unknown for nearly a decade," Humphries said. "My criticism of the president does not concern what he has done, but how he has done it."

In the list of changes W&L has undergone in the past decade, two stick out as the ones Wilson is destined to be remembered for.

A dumpster fence is not one of them. "Coeducation and Fraternity Renaissance are the two things that will be distinctive about his administration and will persevere," Parsons said.

Coeducation

Between the time he was chosen to be W&L's next president in August 1982 and the time he took office in January 1983, Wilson made weekly trips from Blacksburg, where he was provost at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to Lexington to get to know the W&L faculty in one-on-one interviews.

"I usually ended with the question, 'What one thing could we do to make it a stronger and better place?' Coeducation was overwhelmingly mentioned by the faculty as a decision whose time had come," Wilson said. "So I was very, very curious about that."

Once he became president, Wilson said, he held dinners for 20-25 seniors at a time. When he asked the question of admitting women, none of the men had much to say.

"But there was a curious thing happening. They would say very little [at dinner] and then see me the next day and say, 'Here's what I really meant to tell you last night,'" Wilson recalled. "It was like an act of disloyalty to be critical of the Washington and Lee that they had enjoyed for four years."

Once he became convinced that coeducation was the right thing for W&L, Wilson asked the Board of Trustees to consider the option.

In July 1984, the board decided to admit women to W&L, a decision, former Spectorator editor Humphries says, in which Wilson ignored the popular will of the alumni.

"Alumni as a whole were ignored during the coeducation decision," Humphries said. "I do not believe the survey taken of alumni in 1984 — which found them opposed to coeducation by more than 2-to-1 — was ever published."

Wilson remembers the survey. "That was an interesting questionnaire because many of [the alumni] thought it was a ballot," Wilson laughs. "But one of the things we learned was that 80 percent of the alumni said that

if was going to cost the university academic quality to remain all-male, they would rather it change."

Wilson said coeducation is such a part of life at W&L now he does not think of it often.

"If you stop to think what human activity is least aided by the separation of human beings ... it is education," Wilson said. "There is no earthly reason for separating men and women when it comes to the study of literature, mathematics, philosophy or any other intellectual activity."

Rector of the Board of Trustees Steven Miles recalls Wilson coming in "as coeducation was being enacted" and doing a "masterful job of orchestrating the transition to it." Miles indicated that coeducation was something that happened under Wilson, but not because of him.

But if coeducation was an idea whose time had come, Fraternity Renaissance was an idea John Wilson brought with him.

Fraternity Renaissance

"When I came, Sigma Nu was boarded up. It had been fired purposely. Arson in other words," Wilson, a Sigma Nu alumnus, said. "And it was right at the front gate, a symbol of the degradation of the fraternity system."

The houses not only had serious plumbing and electrical problems and health violations, Wilson said, but fraternities seemed to bring out the worst in the W&L "gentleman," a sentiment he shared with the faculty.

"There was a restlessness on the part of the faculty that an institution that prided itself on high standards could turn itself into a different kind of institution on various nights of the

week," Wilson said. "That showed me a Washington and Lee that was totally unattractive."

Parsons said the deplorable state of the fraternity system ate away at Wilson.

"He said we could not turn away from the responsibility he felt we had to improve the fraternities," Parsons said. "And he anguished over how to do it."

In 1988, Parsons said, Wilson came up with the solution.

"He came up with a plan that would commit the university's resources to rescuing the fraternity system," Parsons said.

It was a plan, Miles said, that Wilson had a hard time selling to the trustees.

"It was controversial, but he felt a statement needed to be made about the existence of fraternities at Washington and Lee," Miles said.

So the university embarked on the \$12 million Renaissance program, under which the university assumed the titles to the fraternity houses and renovated them at university expense, with some houses costing more than \$1 million. The university then leased the houses back to the fraternities.

"What happened with Fraternity Renaissance was that it went beyond the surface and gave [fraternity members] a new attitude," Miles said.

So in the spring of 1991, when three fraternity members threw bottles through the window of a fraternity housemother's room, and neither the fraternities of the men nor the Student Conduct Committee acted, Wilson suspended the students.

The action brought Wilson criticism from all sides, culminating in a forum in Lee Chapel in which Wilson tried to explain his decisions, but would not reverse it.

Wilson said that looking back, "I did what I thought was right. And it was probably a mistake."

Wilson says part of the blame lies with the SCC, which he says was dysfunctional because the Executive Committee president was considering removing the SCC chairman, who had

just had a second conviction for driving under the influence.

But Miles believes Wilson may have reacted the way he did because the president took the incident personally.

"He had stuck his neck out on Fraternity Renaissance and got the board to spend \$12 million, and then this happens," Miles said. "He had put so much in the program, and it hurt him."

In that respect, Miles, who disagreed with Wilson's action, says he can forgive it.

"It should have never gotten to his office, but it did and I fully understand why he did it," Miles said. "If that's the worst thing he's done, I'll take it."

Fading into the Sunset

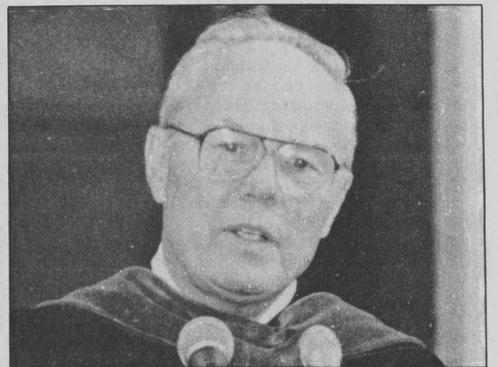
Among the list of things Wilson sees in W&L's future — building a new science center, improving the athletic facilities, creating a better student center — there is one which he says he must complete before he can retire: increasing W&L's endowment through the current capital campaign.

"The capital campaign is very important to increase our faculty support and student financial aid," Wilson said. "If I can accomplish that, I'll be very happy to fade into the sunset."

"I think when John leaves, which I hope won't be soon, but I realistically think will be in the next four or five years, he can look back on a successful career," Miles said.

But Humphries believes Wilson's lack of contact with the students has tarnished his accomplishments.

"The net effect of Wilson's administration has been to alienate the presidency from the student body," Humphries said. "In his moments of more honest introspection, he knows this to be true."



Wilson acknowledges this aspect of his presidency.

"I realize I'm not a terribly popular president," He sighs. "And I regret that."

Wilson said his hectic travel schedule contributes to the perception that he is out of touch with the student body, but he also contends that he is a shy person.

"I spend too many hours up here and not enough out there," Wilson said in his Washington Hall office. "But I am not very good at going to the Co-op and sitting down with a bunch of students at a table uninvited."

"The thing is, I really participate in the lives of students by watching them perform in the public arena, like the sports field, like the gymnasium, or the theater, or the concert hall."

"I should probably teach. This is the first place I've never taught," Wilson said. "But it's very difficult to teach well when your travel schedule is such that you've got to be out of town a fair amount....If you're looking for suggestions for my successor, that would be one."

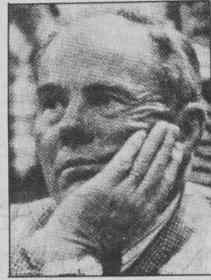
When the next president of Washington and Lee University does take office, John Delane Wilson will most likely go down in history as the man who revitalized the university through coeducation and renewed the fraternities through Renaissance.

And what does he think of that? "I'll take the dumpsters."



Wilson said that looking back, "I did what I thought was right. And it was probably a mistake."

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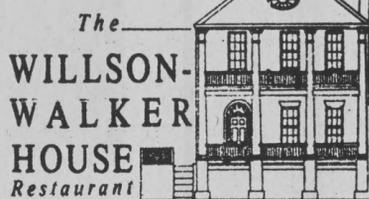
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FEATURES

Author specializes in weddings from hell

By JEANNE BRIGGS
Phi Staff Writer

At a wedding in an old historic Episcopal church, the organist hit the keys to play the recessional, and the entire rank of pipes fell off, hitting the groom on the head and knocking him unconscious.

This is a favorite anecdote of Margaret Bigger, the author of *There's No Such Thing as a Perfect Wedding*. Bigger has collected over 200 true anecdotes in the book, and she is working on a sequel that will contain almost three times as many stories.

Bigger said she heard many of the stories from ministers when she worked as a committee chairman of a presbytery. "I would go to lunch breaks at regional meetings and hear these guys telling hysterical stories," she said.

Bigger initially wrote the stories for publication in the *Presbyterian Survey*, a denominational magazine, after promising anonymity to the brides and ministers involved.

She collected stories for several years. "No matter where I went, I found that if I told a good story I'd get three or four back," she said.

Bigger saw the potential for a book, and began breaking the stories up into categories.

Since the publication of her first humor book, she has appeared on the Sally Jessy Raphael show, the Vicki Lawrence show, and the Geraldo Rivera show.

"Apparently I have found a topic that people love to talk about and laugh about," she said. She hopes to appear on the Oprah Winfrey show to talk about horrendous wedding pranks. She said that so far, West Virginia and Georgia hold the record for the dirtiest pranks.

Several W&L students are nervous about their upcoming weddings.

Senior Lee Rorrer has been engaged for about three months. Her fiance graduated from W&L four years ago.

"I found out yesterday that my aunt, who is a bridesmaid, is pregnant," she said. "She'll be six months pregnant for the wedding, and I hope she doesn't look like a big grape."

Evans Edwards, also a W&L senior, has been engaged to his fiancee since last year's Fancy Dress. They went to high school together and she went to James Madison University. Edwards said his greatest wedding fear would be "if my fiancee didn't show up, or somebody was unruly at the wedding and turned it into a disaster."

There's No Such Thing as a Perfect Wedding contains no direct advice, but Bigger said that people read it and learn what not to do. She recommends it to friends of the bride who want to lighten the mood, and also to brides to give to their mothers, who she says often take the wedding too seriously and expect everything to be perfect. She said that one young man wanted to give his girlfriend the book along with an engagement ring, to keep the mood light.

Bigger will be at W&L on Jan. 25-26 to promote her book and will deliver a speech, "How to Promote Non-Fiction as a Freelancer," Jan. 26 at 1 p.m.

"What I've learned works," she said. "If you don't promote [your work], it isn't going to sell. People have to know it exists and have a reason to buy it."

Bigger will also be at the University Bookstore Jan. 26 from noon to 2 p.m. to sign copies of her book, and to gather more stories.

"If people at W&L want to tell me about weddings they've attended where a disaster occurred, or an off-the-wall-prank was played, or someone said something funny, I want to hear about those for my sequel or maybe even for the next TV show I do," Bigger said. "Every time I think I've heard it all, I hear another one."



Illustration by Tim Rickard, *There's No Such Thing As a Perfect Wedding*

Chinese New Year celebrates the Year of the Cock

By MATT DILLARD
Phi Contributing Writer

About one fifth of the world's population will be reveling in a tremendous New Year celebration starting Saturday, as this week marks the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Cock.

"It's the day for families to come together. It is much like your Christmas, but without religious meaning," said Hsiu-Ying Wu, a Chinese teaching assistant spending her second year at Washington and Lee University. "It is the biggest festival of the year."

The Chinese New Year is celebrated during a different Western week each year, because China's lunar calendar has a different number of days than the Western calendar.

"Our calendar is based on the moon, but yours is based on the sun," Hsiu-Ying Wu said.

The festival usually falls in January or February.

One of the most significant aspects of the New Year Festival is that each year is represented by a different animal.

The animals represent a fable of the Chinese old world, when Buddha called together all animals to guard and protect the new year.

Only 12 answered his call, and each one characterizes every 12th year.

The cock represents confidence and determinism.

Because China has progressed into an employment-based society since the inception of New Year festivals, some customs have been modified.

"In the old time people started to prepare food for the New Year one month in advance," Hsiu-Ying Wu said. "We cannot do that now because the lifestyle is different. We cannot close schools and shops for a whole month."

Still, there is a lot of preparation. Men get haircuts; women go to beauty shops.

"The prices are two to three times more than normal, but people still do it," she said.

Although the Chinese New Year has become more materialistic as the years go on, the traditions that make the commemoration significant will never change.

"We're waiting for spring, a new hope," Hsiu-Ying Wu said.

The festival is a time of togetherness, great hope and

ANIMAL ANTICS

 <p>COCK - Feb. 17 1969 to Feb. 5 1970 - Determined, pride, alert, confident, abrasive, aggressive, rude, affectionate, resolute, punctilious.</p>	 <p>BOAR - Jan. 27 1971 to Feb. 14 1972 - Unpretentious, jolly, caring, industrious, trusting, naive, hard-working, hospitable.</p>	 <p>TIGER - Jan. 23 1974 to Feb. 10 1975 - Leadership, brave, rash, impetuous, warm, sincere, aggressive, authoritarian.</p>
 <p>DOG - Feb. 6 1970 to Jan. 26 1971 - Loyal, honest, likeable, trusted, conservative, sympathetic, tolerant, active reliable.</p>	 <p>RAT - Feb. 15 1972 to Feb. 2 1973 - Charming, adaptable, creative, ambitious, opportunist, gregarious, erratic, gossip.</p>	

Food is an integral part of the New Year festival.

Seeds and rice products symbolize the rebirth and the new life that the upcoming spring will afford.

"We have many foods," Hsiu-Ying Wu said. "Rice cakes are most important. We also have oranges, and they mean good luck."

Hsiu-Ying Wu said parents give their children a money-filled envelope after the dinner.

Once the children marry, they start giving money back to the parents on New Year's Eve.

Children stay up until midnight, symbolically wishing their parents a long life.

The New Year festivities culminate on the first full moon of the lunar calendar.

On that night, the streets in the cities of China become dense with people relishing the activities.

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FEATURES

Faculty alums recall frat life

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Features Editor

Gone are the days of freshman beanies and six-day work weeks. Fraternities have noticeably changed since the years faculty alumni spent as students.

"The fraternities of today are more conscious of the number of legal and behavioral dangers," University Secretary Farris Hotchkiss, '58, said.

However, Professor of Politics Lewis John recalls the more restrictive social scene.

"No women were allowed above the first floor of fraternity houses," John, '58, said.

Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins, '68, also remembers the constraining social atmosphere.

"There were six days of classes so parties were only on Saturday nights," Atkins, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said.

Parties were not open as they are today.

"Women students didn't show up without a date," Atkins said.

He said parties would begin at 8 p.m. and end about midnight.

"Women had to be back on their respective campus or approved housing," Atkins said.

John, a member of the now-defunct Delta Upsilon Washington and Lee chapter, agrees.

"There were always couples at parties rather than a great influx of people," John said. "I went on a lot of blind dates."

John said men's Rush was shorter when he was a W&L student.

"Rush was finished by the first week of classes," he said.

Before the construction of Evans Dining Hall, freshmen depended on their fraternity for meals, John said.

But, in the years when Professor of Romance Languages Laurent Boetsch, '69, was a W&L student, the university as a whole changed dramatically.

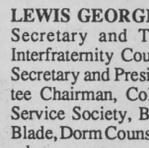
"The war, the draft, the Civil Rights Movement," Boetsch said, "made it almost impossible to not get involved with something outside of Lexington."

WHO'S THAT?

A look back at some faculty alumni



FARRIS PIERSON HOTCHKISS, '58 - Calyx Editor, The Ring-tum Phi Editorial Advisor, Fancy Dress Vice President, Finals President, Student Service Society President, Publications Board, Phi Eta Sigma, Dorm Counselor, Washington Literary Society and President's Advisory Council.



LEWIS GEORGE JOHN, '58 - Delta Upsilon Secretary and Treasurer, Phi Beta Kappa, Interfraternity Council President, Phi Eta Sigma Secretary and President, Student Library Committee Chairman, Cold Check Committee, Student Service Society, Band, Glee Club, Scabbard and Blade, Dorm Counselor and Freshman Camp Counselor.



LEROY COLE ATKINS II, '68 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon Secretary, Mongolian Minks, Student Service Society, Varsity Club Treasurer, Dorm Counselor, Football, Lacrosse and SWMSFC.

Boetsch, formerly of Sigma Phi Epsilon, de-activated after returning from his junior year abroad.

"Fraternity life didn't interest me anymore," he said. "It [fraternity life] paled by comparison to real life."

Boetsch believes that those years of change were excellent for W&L.

"My senior year, W&L was at its best as a liberal arts institution," he said. "I think because we were more

skeptical."

John said the percentage of students in the late 1960s and early 1970s that were in fraternities dropped from 85-90 percent to 50 percent.

"There was a general lack of respect and a do-your-own-thing mentality," John said. "However, fraternities are becoming more like they used to be."

Hotchkiss, a member of Beta Theta Pi, agrees.

"Beginning in 1966, fraternities took a turn for the worse in terms of behavior and physical deterioration," he said.

Hotchkiss said the trend turned with the beginning of Fraternity Renaissance in 1988.

"In the past two years the fraternities have reverted back to the state they were in back then," he said.

But some traditions are noticeably absent.

Boetsch said freshmen were no longer required to wear beanies in 1965.

"In the years that I was a student, the tradition of wearing a coat and tie to class faded," Boetsch said.

He said his only regret about his Greek experience was losing touch with those who weren't in the same fraternity.

"If we weren't in the same fraternity, we never saw each other," Boetsch said.

Atkins recalls the lasting friendships and the good times experienced in the fraternity.

He remembers one Saturday night when Ben E. King performed at an SAE party.

"Entertainment was much less expensive then," he said. "We probably paid only \$1,500."

Hotchkiss said one of the most memorable parties was the night Beta reenacted Charles Lindbergh's flight over the Atlantic.

"We went to enormous lengths to have big theme parties," he said.

Hotchkiss said one Beta brother actually flew into Lexington dressed as Lindbergh.

"The house was supposed to be Paris," he said. "Later that night we had a sort of diplomatic ball."

John remembers some of his memorable college moments in relation to one of the four major dances sponsored by the university.

"Back then we had Openings, Fancy Dress, Springs and Finals," he said. "They were all big formals."

He said W&L attracted big-name artists such as Louis Armstrong and Count Basie.

"One difference between today's parties and the parties back then," John said, "is that [today] they're louder."

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- Transitory
- Sound of contentment
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- Birthing seller
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- Tavern
- Family member, for short
- Superman's Lois
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- Radical group
- Goblets, collectively
- Troubles
- Inclination
- Ice cream holder
- Small blossom
- Shakes from ear
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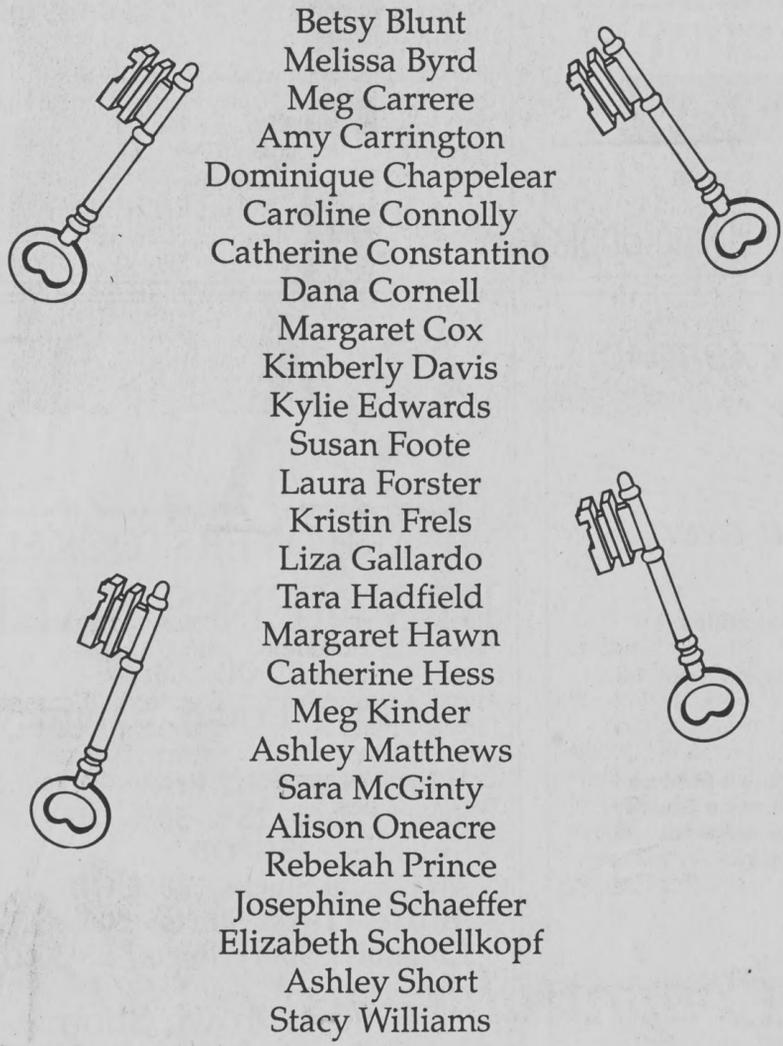
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- Peru's capital
- Certain look
- Work unit
- Mine's output
- Open-eyed
- Old gold coin
- Dunne or Castle
- Signal light
- Publish
- Catches
- Rush of air
- Buddies
- Cancel
- Hug
- Big cat
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Happy Birthday, St. Bob!

The W&L Dining Service celebrated Founders' Day Tuesday with a Robert E. Lee birthday dinner in Evans Dining Hall. The menu included Custis-Lee peanut soup, honey glazed baked ham, southern fried chicken and Stratford Hall potato salad. Above, dancers perform the Virginia Reel, a square dance from Lee's time. At right, Lee's likeness presides over the festivities. The bust was sculpted from lard and salt.



Students say King's dream must live on

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Contributing Writer

Martin Luther King's dream must be kept in mind if it is to come true, senior Rita Poindexter says.

On the holiday commemorating the civil rights leader's birthday, the Minority Student Association president said that, though the racial equality King advocated has been written into law, the spirit of King's vision must be kept in mind.

"The things that Dr. King stood for and worked for, such as equality of opportunity, peace and brotherhood," Poindexter said, "are elements of which everyone needs to continually be aware and work toward."

As for King's dream, Poindexter said it has three different phases.

"The first phase of the dream has already been accomplished which was the legal recognition of civil rights for minorities," she said. "The second phase of the dream is the enforcement of the first phase through things such as governmental programs that encourage and reward racial diversity."

Poindexter said the third phase is "the individual's realization of the dream."

Senior Nicky Mayfield says the effects of King's stand on racial injustice and his willingness to advocate change extended beyond his lifetime.

"I'm a direct recipient of those changes," Mayfield said.

Sophomore Ayanna Brady agrees that King's influence has been momentous.

"Martin Luther King taught us that it's necessary for black people to unite, to be seen and to be heard," Brady said.

Brady says King's accomplishments "allowed us to progress as a people, and I think we should acknowledge his efforts."

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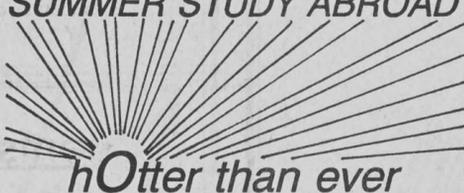


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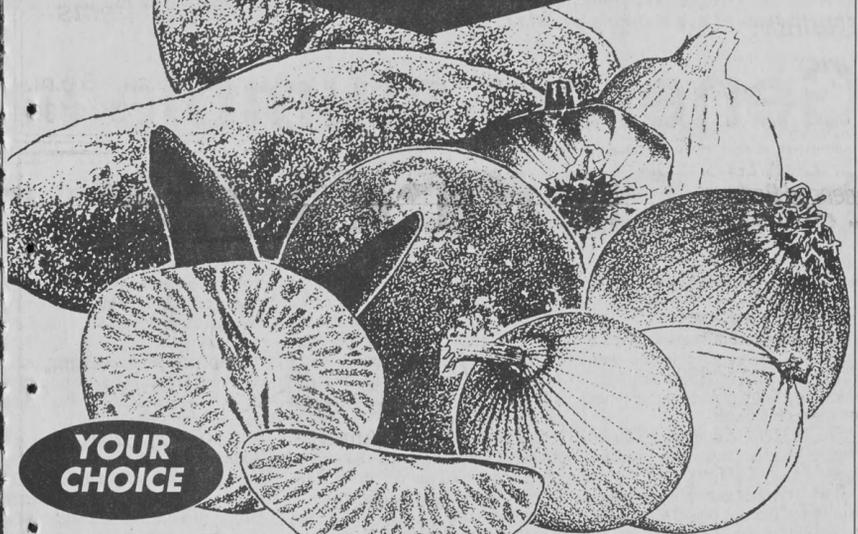
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W&L inconsistent in conference losses

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Division III play and the Generals have played them tough twice, but they've lost twice. The latest coming in Emory, 79-68.

The Generals jumped out to an early lead and had the home team on their collective heels.

But you don't get into the top ten by rolling over, and the Wasps didn't.

They trailed by eleven a few minutes before the half. They clawed their way back to knot the game at 33 just before the end of the first.

E&H then jumped all over the Generals a few minutes into the second. A 10-nothing run put the Wasps up for good, 45-35. After that they coasted to the 11-point victory.

Miggins led the Generals again with 13 points.

The loss dropped W&L to 4-10, 2-7 in the ODAC. Prior to the E&H game, the Generals resided in seventh place in the ODAC, the top eight teams make the post-season tournament.

That's why the home stretch for the Generals is so important, eight of their final 10 games are against ODAC foes, five are on the road.

The toughest part will come at the very end of the season. Just before the ODAC Tournament is scheduled to start quarterfinal play, the Generals must go on the road for five straight games.

They begin their trek at Lynchburg on Feb. 10, three days later they're at Roanoke, then at Queen's (NC) on Feb. 15. The Generals conclude the 1992-93 regular season at Eastern Mennonite on Feb. 17 and at Randolph-Macon on Feb. 20.

It's very reminiscent of last year when the Generals needed wins at the end of the season to make the tournament. This year could have the same situations.

The Generals will probably be fighting for a spot with teams such as Eastern Mennonite and Randolph-Macon, so those road games could be the most important part of the season.

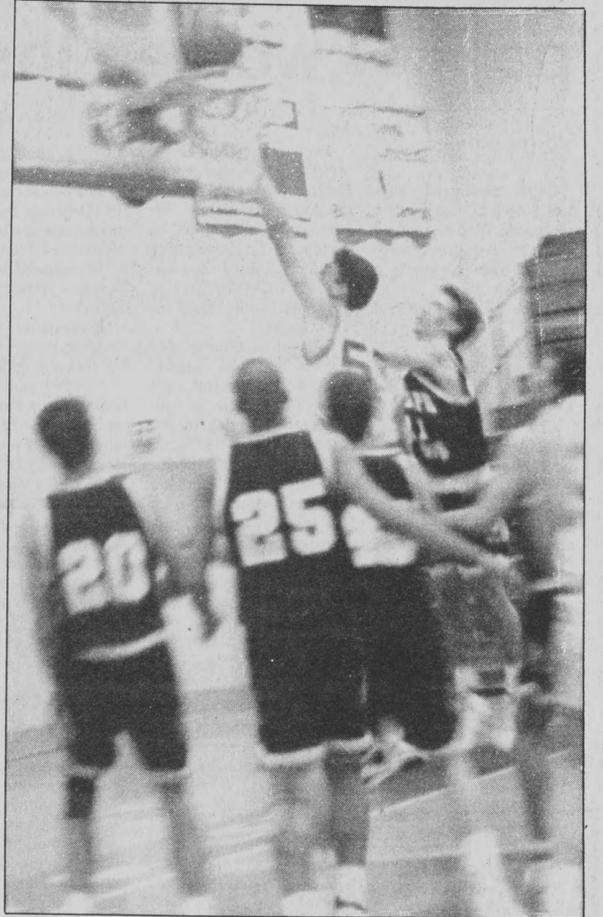


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Miggins finishes off a W&L fastbreak against the Yellow Jackets. Miggins has provided most of the offensive punch for the Generals this season. It will take a concerted team effort by the Generals to turn this season around in time for the ODAC Tournament.

Wrestling hosts Invitational

By MARK SAPPENFIELD
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee wrestling team left last weekend's Johns Hopkins Invitational with a 1-2 record and a hollow feeling about their performance.

The win over Haverford, 34-16, and the loss to Lebanon Valley, 38-6, were both convincing. But the loss to Johns Hopkins, 30-19, revealed the still-vulnerable top end of the Generals' ladder.

Head coach Gary Franke said the team was in a position to win the meet against Johns Hopkins, but they could not come up with the wins at the heavier weight classes.

"All we needed was one good showing from 167 to heavyweight, and we would have been in a position to win the match," Franke said, "but they swept us, and we didn't have a big enough lead to hold on."

The Generals got off to a quick start against Hopkins. Freshmen Rob Sands,

Curt Futch and Owen Smith all won at their respective weight classes.

Sophomores Eric Shirley and Adam Williams also contributed with wins in their matches. It was at the 167-pound weight class where the tide began to turn.

Sophomore Lea Abercrombie lost at 167, and then fellow classmate Kevin Batteh lost his match at 177-pounds. From there, junior Matt McCollum lost at 190-pounds, and the Generals were forced to forfeit the heavyweight division, giving Hopkins its 30-19 win.

W&L had to give up 24 points to Hopkins during the final four matches.

The Generals did rebound for the end of the day meet against Haverford.

Franke took the liberty of changing the W&L line-up throughout the Haverford match. He moved Batteh down to the 167-pound weight class, and Abercrombie to 177. Sophomore Bo King saw his first action this year at 190-pounds, and he beat his Haverford opponent in a great match for the Gen-

erals. McCollum had to take a forfeit at the heavyweight class.

Sands, Shirley, and Futch continued their domination in the middle weight classes with wins at 126, 134, and 150-pounds, respectively. Shirley finished the tournament at 3-0, and upped his season mark to 6-5.

Abercrombie won his match at 177-pounds to finish 1-2 on the day.

The Generals get the week to practice before they host their annual W&L Wrestling Tournament this Saturday.

The Generals must prepare for Davidson, LaSalle, Longwood, Messiah, Newport News Apprentice, Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Jefferson.

The Generals will have a new body to throw into the mix this weekend. Freshman Colin Looney will see his first action, probably at 190-pounds.

The Generals have already faced two of the teams competing in the Invitational. W&L lost to Newport News 52-6 and beat Davidson 33-18.

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Bball- B'water 1/22 7:30;at H-SC 1/27
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Men's swimming remains perfect; women lose first

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

After convincing victories in each of their first six meets, the Washington and Lee men's swimming team is more than halfway to a perfect season. Saturday, the Generals traveled to Washington, D.C. for a pre-inaugural victory over President Bill Clinton's alma mater, the Georgetown Hoyas.

loss was in the 200 medley-relay. Sophomore John Rowe was a double winner against Buffalo State. He claimed the top spots in the 100-breaststroke and the 400-individual relay. Rowe's time in both events were season-best times, 1:04.64 for the 100-breast and 4:26.47 for the 400-IM.

However, the women would receive their first blemish against a much larger Georgetown team. The Hoyas outnumbered the Generals by a 3-to-1 margin and won only five of the meet's eleven races. But it was enough to end the Generals unbeaten streak, 112-88.

stroke and the 200-breast-stroke. Prince made W&L history during the Georgetown race with a school record in the 200-backstroke with a time of 2:13.83. Sophomore Brandi Henderson had another strong performance with wins in the 200 and 500-freestyles, and a second-place finish in the 100-freestyle.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

From Press Releases
Indoor track kicked off its 1993 season at the Lynchburg Invitational last weekend. The men were led by their group of sprinters. Hayne Hodges, John Robinson and Chris Kane all reached the semifinals of the 55-meter dash.

Hodges and Robinson teamed with David Phillips and Dax Mahoney to win the 4x100 relay race. Mahoney also took second in the 440-yard dash, while Grant Cowell was second in the 600-yard run. The women were paced by sophomore standout Sarah Gilbert in all the jumping events.

The men and women will send full teams to the Marriott Invitational at Virginia Tech this weekend. After that, the men will compete in the VMI Relays and the women will head back to Virginia Tech for the Pepsi Invitational. The two teams will not compete together until W&L serves as the host school for

the Old Dominion Athletic Conference indoor championships on Feb. 27. The women's trial basketball team went 2-1 in its first three games since the holiday break. The team beat Sweet Briar 55-34, they lost to Meredith 71-41 and beat Mary Baldwin 77-43.

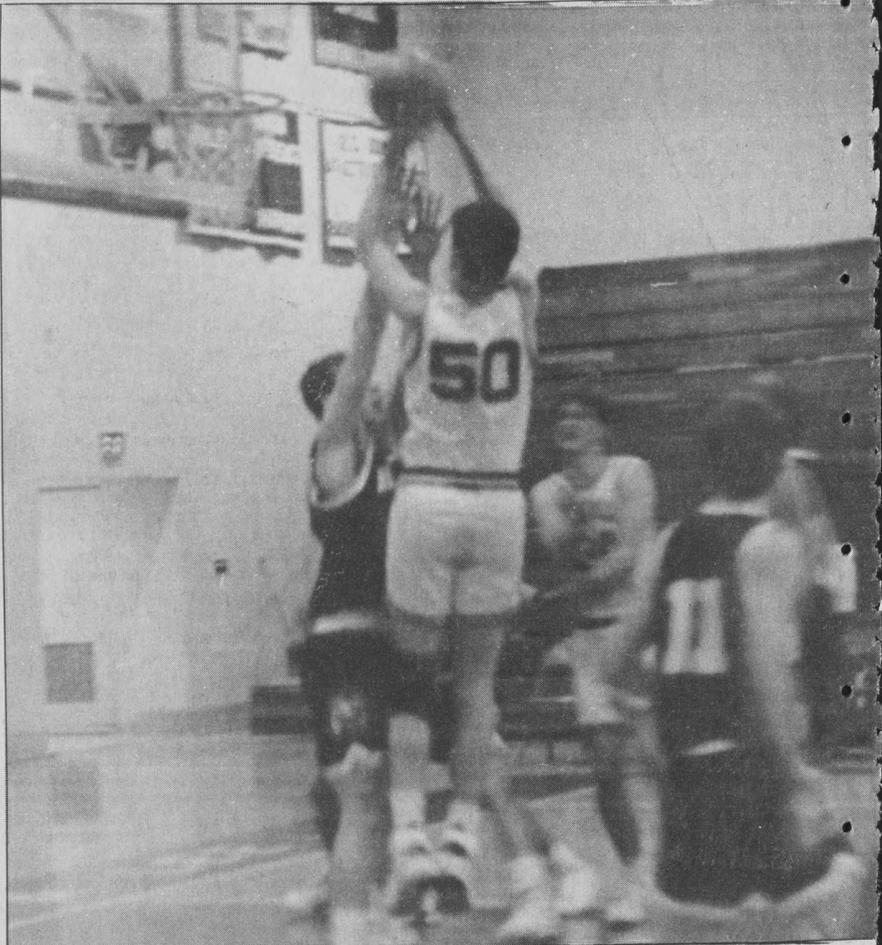


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W&L's Robert Miggins goes up over Randolph-Macon's Mark Stewart during the first half of the game last Saturday. Of course Miggins made the short jumper because he went 5-for-5 for the game, which upped his impressive shooting percent to 68.4 percent.

Generals stumble in two ODAC losses

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Sports Editor

Head basketball coach Verne Canfield is in his 29th season with Washington and Lee. He has seen it all: good times, bad times, euphoric times and frustrating times. The 1992-93 season has produced some very bad and frustrating times for Canfield and his players. It was only last year that the Generals suffered through one of their worst seasons under Canfield's guidance. This year seems to be even more frustrating for Canfield because he believes he has the team to compete with any team in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Jackets could have sunk a 3-pointer from Botetourt County. In the first half the Generals shot a miserable 31 percent, 9-for-29, and compounded the problem with a 1-for-5 effort from 3-point range. What made the half even more miserable was W&L's ineffectiveness under the offensive glass. The Generals could only muster five offensive rebounds, while Randolph-Macon controlled the defensive glave by grabbing 14 defensive boards. Canfield said the players were not going after the basketball. "The ball would go up and we weren't moving our feet. We just stood around and you can't grab rebounds without moving your feet," Canfield said.

attempts to qualify him for the honor. "We looked very bad," said a disheartened Canfield after the contest. "We were unmotivated and just didn't play very well." The Generals picked up the pace in the second frame, in fact they outscored the Yellow Jackets 38-36. But the hope was too deep to climb out of. The Generals shot 48 percent in the second, but again struggled from deep going 2-for-7 from 3-point range. The rebounding on the offensive end improved, as W&L snagged seven offensive boards during the final 12 minutes. Still, the defense had its problems. The Yellow Jackets sank 55 percent of their shots and finished the game with 57.4 percent from the field. It was not one of the better games the Generals have played. W&L ended the losing by 17, but it wasn't that close. The game against Roanoke two weeks ago was closer and W&L still lost by 17. "We didn't do much right tonight," Canfield said. "Offensively and defensively, we didn't do much right."



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'Super' Human

Former Pittsburgh Steelers' great Rocky Bleier spoke to a crowd in Lee Chapel Wednesday night about his experiences in Vietnam and professional football. Bleier received a serious leg injury in Vietnam after a grenade exploded three feet from him. He rehabilitated the leg and went on to play on all four Steeler teams that won the Super Bowl. He told the audience that the will and belief that something can be accomplished is the key to all success.

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