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Board appoints Kefalas

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee Publications Board Tuesday appointed junior Francesca Kefalas the executive editor of The Ring-tum Phi for the 1993-94 academic year. The board appointed Kevin Roddey business manager.

The Pub Board voted four-and-a-half to one-half votes in favor of Kefalas. Pub Board President and current Phi Executive Editor Cathryn Lopiccolo said she was pleased with the board's decision.

"We were very impressed with Fran's leadership capabilities," Lopiccolo said. "The one-half vote cast was not a reflection upon Fran's qualifications but rather concern expressed for the election of a single executive editor, rather than two as has been done in the past."

Kefalas, currently the Phi editorial page editor, said she plans few initial changes in the Phi's structure when she takes over at the beginning of spring term.

"Hopefully we will be able to give the campus more in-depth articles, as an addition to what is currently done," Kefalas said.

Kefalas said she also plans to review the Phi's current subscription policy.

Roddey's election to the position of Phi business manager was unanimous. His term will begin in the fall. Roddey is currently an assistant business manager.



Photo by Mallory Meyers, The Ring-tum Phi

A banner greets fancy Dress ball-goers as they approach Doremus Gymnasium on Washington Street.

FD ready to take center stage

By MOLLY APTER
Phi Staff Writer

Fancy Dress Steering Committee Chairman Virginia Reeves says everything is on schedule for this weekend's ball.

"We're making excellent progress," Reeves said.

Despite concerns about band cancellations, copyright questions and a lack of contract workers, Reeves said FD preparations have turned out well.

The FD committee had hoped that The Temptations would play in the Pavilion for tonight's concert, Reeves said, but they could not make the trip without another gig in the area. Instead, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, with the Dave Matthews Band opening, will replace them.

Reeves said she is pleased with the way band bookings turned out.

"[The Fabulous Thunderbirds] are more of a youthful, new band," Reeves said. "They

are a contemporary name, a name that we all know."

On Friday at the ball, Bo Thorpe will play in the big gym, while the New Rhythm and Blues Quartet, N.R.B.Q., will entertain in the small gym.

Reeves also said the FD committee cleared up any potential copyright problems with gym decorations months ago.

"We were concerned early on that the screen sets [in the big gym] would be a violation of copyright," Reeves said. "We got right on it."

Reeves said members of the committee spoke with lawyers and law school professors, as well as a man from the copyright board of "Gone With the Wind." She said all of the people they consulted said there would be no problem with the sets.

Reeves said construction of the decorations was complicated when many contract workers, people who sign up to work on FD in exchange for a ball ticket and memorabilia, dropped out.

Reeves said the size, experience and enthusiasm of the steering committee made up for the lack of contract workers.

"We have such an outstanding committee that we'll be fine," Reeves said.

This was the first year FD construction began before February break, Reeves said.

"[Starting early] has given us over three weeks," Reeves said. "We usually cram it into 10 days."

Steering Committee Treasurer Valerie Shannon said the committee has not exceeded its budget, and Reeves said the committee will remain under budget throughout construction.

"We'll spend a lot this week," Reeves said. "But it's good that we're under by thousands of dollars."

Reeves said her experience as FD chairman has been rewarding thanks to the hard work of committee members.

"They are so conscientious," Reeves said. "Everyone has worked so hard. I just had to get the ball rolling and everyone ran with it."

SAC claims Rush power

By FAITH TRUMAN
Phi Staff Writer

The Student Affairs Committee and Interfraternity Council Tuesday resolved the confusion over who can change men's Rush.

"SAC has the authority but needs to have IFC input," Dean of Students David Howison told the IFC at its Tuesday meeting.

Howison explained to the IFC the first few stages of the process for a Rush proposal.

"SAC has formally started a discussion on the Rush procedures. It will be an evolutionary process. The IFC will present its thoughts to SAC, but the process will not end there," Howison said. "It needs to be a cooperative adventure. It is unlikely everything in the IFC's proposal will be accepted by SAC."

Howison voiced his own hopes for changes in Rush.

"One part of a Rush proposal I'd like to see is a cohesive and concise program leading from Rush to pledgship to active membership," Howison said. "Most fraternities do not honor the delayed pledgship [that exists now]. A concise Rush program is much more important than when Rush happens."

The current IFC proposal deals only with the time before and during Rush, not the time between Rush and pledgship.

IFC President Sam Rock said members of SAC and the Board of Trustees have voiced another concern about the process.

"There needs to be some way to control the distribution of pledge class sizes," Rock said. "There should be some way to keep huge numbers of rushees from going to one house and draining other houses."

The most likely solution to this problem is a cap on pledge class sizes.

One suggestion is to take the number of rushees, divide it by the number of fraternities rushing, and add a fixed number. The cap on pledge classes might be between 20-25 members for each house, Rock said.

Phi Delta Theta President Jim Eddings said a cap should be distinguished from a quota, which assures all houses a certain number of pledges.

The IFC has not proposed a system for bids with capped pledge classes.

Fraternities would have to develop a way to accept bids gradually to fill the pledge class without exceeding the limit.

A cap system is not included in the IFC's current Rush proposal, but it may be added.

Those working on the Rush proposals would like a decision to be made soon, but they say they want the changes to be thorough and appropriate.

"We hope to resolve any Rush changes by the end of the term," Howison said. "But we don't want to rush any decisions."

The IFC will devote much of next Tuesday's meeting to discussing Rush changes and hopes to have its first vote next week.

Tree-cutters do service, not jail time

By MOLLY APTER
Phi Staff Writer

Six Phi Delta Theta pledges charged with destruction of property after cutting down a bamboo tree in a VMI professor's yard have a chance to get the charges against them dropped.

The six freshmen charged are Ronald Claiborne Richards, John Walter Ransom James, Thomas Lane Bradbury Jr., Lester Stuart Borden, Christopher Ryan Connolly and Jonathan Glenn Coffman.

The freshmen, who cut down a tree in Professor John Gordon's yard, will not have to serve the maximum penalty of a year in jail or a \$2,500 fine. Instead, they will have to pay \$150 for the tree and each serve 24 hours of community service in Rockbridge County.

The General District Court has agreed to hold the destruction of property charge for six months. At that time, if the students have paid \$150 and the court costs and have completed their community service, the charges will be dropped.

David Natkin, the defendants' lawyer, recommended the penalty Tuesday.

Natkin presented Lexington General District Court Judge Joseph E. Hess with a suggestion for where the men could work off their hours.

"I spoke with Woody Bowyer, who is with the Community Services Board," Natkin said. "[He said] that there is a place between here and Buena Vista called the boat locks that needs to be cleaned up."

Robert N. Joyce Jr., the assistant commonwealth's attorney, said he spoke with the Gordons, who wanted the students to face criminal charges in order to teach them a lesson. Joyce said the Gordons thought the arrangement Natkin proposed was appropriate.

Joyce and Natkin said the pledges had already apologized to the Gordons.

The Gordons reported that their bamboo tree had been chopped down in mid-January. Sally Gordon said she and her husband had had problems with students on their property before.

Joyce wanted the case to serve as an example to other students.

"Word ought to filter down," Joyce said. "Mr. Gordon's property and other private property should not be the place to get bamboo or anything else."

In parting, Hess told the men they were part of a community larger than Washington and Lee.

"Some things can happen in these situations that cannot be undone," Hess said. "[Remember] that you are part of the whole community, not just that on top of the hill."



Photo by Richard Peltz, The Ring-tum Phi

Cold war

Sophomore Lindsay Coleman delights in a hit during a snowball fight that erupted on the Colonnade Friday. She temporarily joined forces with freshman Matthew Mogk, left, and sophomore Taylor Burke. A Thursday storm dumped four to six inches of white stuff in Rockbridge County.

Prof describes stay, people in new Russia

By MOLLY APTER
Phi Staff Writer

During a semester as a Fulbright lecturer in Moscow, Professor of Journalism Hampden H. Smith said he could never be sure if there would be eggs in the egg store.

"The uneven availability of products makes life difficult and hard," Smith said Thursday in a speech describing his four-month Russian experience.

Smith said Russian stores carry only one type of product, and the day-to-day stock is unpredictable. He said he often carried a plastic bag with him in case he found things to buy on the street.

When his son needed sneakers, Smith said he went to a shoe store with an Adidas sign in the window. But the store had only two pairs of shoes, and neither were Adidas. When Smith finally found a suitable pair, he said he made the mistake of not grabbing them immediately.

"I came back in 24 hours to buy the shoes and the kiosk [where he found them] was gone," Smith said.

Smith said the Russians he met were generous to the point of embarrassing him. He said they would prepare a feast for his family even if it meant using their food supply for the week.

Smith said his students at Moscow State University were interested in and awed by his American life. A picture of



Photo by Meg Kinder, The Ring-tum Phi

his house in America especially made an impression.

"Nobody made a comment," he said. "They just stared at it."

In Moscow, Smith and his family lived in a two-room Russian apartment that had previously housed two families.

Despite the crowded buses, doubling gas prices and lines of people standing in ankle-deep snow, Smith said the Russian people do not miss the Communist system.

"They say, 'We have tasted freedom.' Don't think for a minute that they will go back to what we call 'the old ways,'" he said.

W&L students get their shot at movie stardom

From Staff Reports

Producers for "The Foreign Student" are looking for a few good men and women.

The crew will hold a casting call on March 10, Washington and Lee Communications Director Brian Shaw said Tuesday.

The moviemakers are looking for "all types" ages 16 and up to appear as extras in the movie, Shaw said. But they are especially looking for college-age men and women.

The casting call will run 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Arlington Women's Center, Shaw said. Applicants must bring clear, current photos of themselves. The photos will not be returned.

Shaw said there will be signs in the Women's Center on March 10 telling applicants where to go.

On March 11, Eva Sereny, the movie's director, and Mark Lombardo, executive producer, will be on campus.

Sereny and Lombardo will meet with campus groups and speak to journalism Professor John Jennings' film class in room 203 of Reid Hall at 1 p.m., Shaw

said. The speech to the film class is open to the public.

"The Foreign Student" is based on a novel of the same name by Phillippe Labro about his experiences as an exchange student at Washington and Lee in the 1950s.

German actor Marco Hofschneider, who starred in "Europa, Europa," will star in the film, which will also include American actress Robin Givens, Lombardo said in December.

Lombardo, who works for Cathargo Films in Paris, said the film will be in English.



1953 Calyx Photo

1950s W&L football will play a key role in "The Foreign Student."

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ABC's a' watchin'

Fancy Dress is just around the corner, that merry time of year when W&L students fulfill their reputation for partying hard, usually getting well nigh toasted in the process.

But students aren't the only folks in town with FD marked on their calendars. This is a big-business weekend for the long arm of the law.

The Fancy Dress Committee is issuing fair warning to all students: Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board officers will be out in force for FD. They will be wearing plain clothes, and they'll probably even be in line behind you at the FD entrance.

Remember, under Virginia law, it's not good enough to be 21 to drink. No one can drink outside, in public.

And ABC and police will be hitting the streets hard. You already know that drinking and driving is just stupid, but if that's not a good enough reason not to do it, know that the police will be waiting to play a fun game of one-legged man on the side of the road with you.

And while we're harping on some of the dangers of FD, let's not be ignorant of assault.

Don't think that just because it's a holiday here at Washington and Lee, the local criminal element has taken the night off. Steer clear of dark streets and don't walk alone. Even a macho guy looks like an asshole when his head is split open.

And then there's that more personal kind of assault. For yourself, remember that a gentleman is a gentleman, a lady is a lady, no matter how many drinks, and regarding your date, make sure your expectations of one another are clear.

For everyone's safety, take a glance at these locations of security call boxes on campus: the Pavilion, the freshman parking lot, the end of the stadium, the military science building, duPont Hall, the Graham-Lees lounge; and new boxes under blue lights: in the Corral across from Phi Kappa Sigma, in the Piney Woods law parking lot and on the low brick wall behind the Davidson Park fraternity houses under construction.

Celebrate the silver screen safely.

Take a stand

Ice-T chastises young people for a lack of moral courage. It's pathetic, he says, that he can get paid for standing up and saying what he believes.

Maybe we should invite Ice-T to speak at Washington and Lee. A perpetual problem in putting together this newspaper is getting people to go on the record. Most students we interview honestly express a fear that their opinions will be read by other students.

A clear majority of the students interviewed for this week's feature on W&L men would not go on the record. We don't routinely grant anonymity, except in extraordinary circumstances. Consequently, there is not much diversity in the opinions expressed in the story.

But that's just one example. It happens all the time, in every section.

This sort of failure in moral courage is exemplified by what students said in the W&L men feature. Most view W&L as a vortex that sucks the individuality out of all but the most stalwart. And those individuals who stand their ground are W&L's square pegs.

The situation is not helped by a scattering of professors who discourage independent thinking by giving credit for regurgitation.

It's all too easy to come to W&L and sail through four years of being part of the group. After all, it's difficult to have your own opinions. Your "friends" might exclude you from the club. Other students might argue with you. Worst of all, you might have to take responsibility for your speech and conduct.

It's embarrassing, though, if there are people out in the "real world" with W&L degrees on their walls who are afraid to speak their minds.

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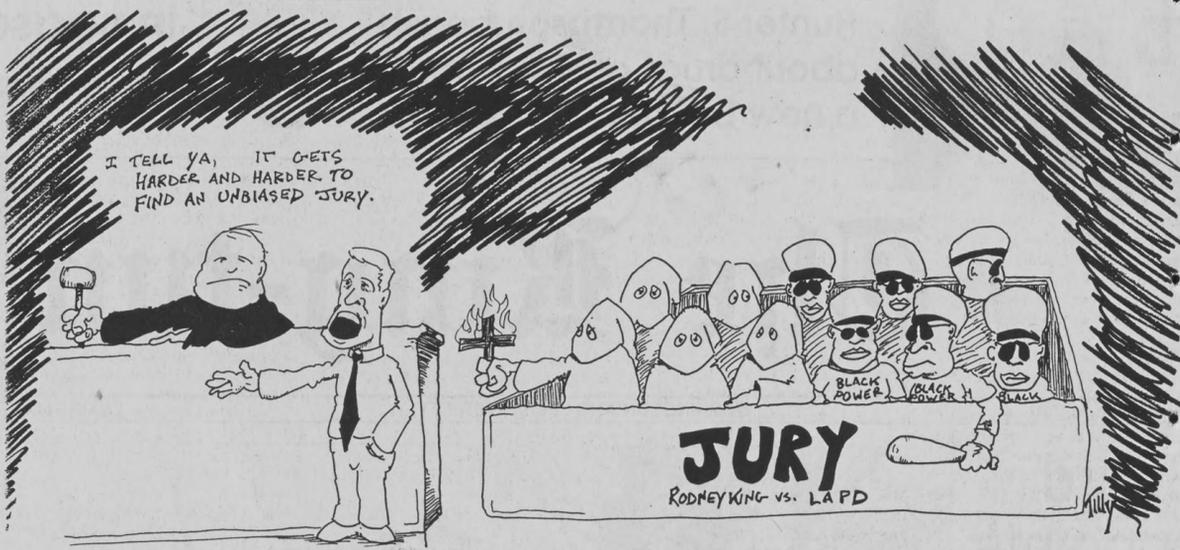
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OPINION



Revenue gives government the itch

WASHINGTON — If only President Taft had not gone golfing at the Chevy Chase Club in 1909. Perhaps we would not be saddled with the federal income tax, or the government growth that it has irrigated and that the Clinton administration considers not rapid enough.



GEORGE WILL
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Perhaps, but probably not. By Taft's time there were well-advanced changes — in the government's revenue base and the government's appetite for action — that probably would have produced the income tax that helps fuel recurring spurts of government growth of the sort we are about to experience.

At the Chevy Chase Club, and in clandestine evening carriage rides (according to Nancy Sheperdson, writing in the March 1989 American Heritage), Taft struck a deal with senators who wanted to attach to a tariff bill a constitutional amendment empowering the federal government to levy income taxes.

If the senators would not attach it, Taft said, the administration would support such an amendment of its own. Taft and many others doubted that it would be ratified.

Wrong. Pressures for the tax had been building since the 1890s, which resembled the 1990s by demonstrating that "deficits equal deferred taxes." At least that is the opinion of Benjamin Baack and Edward Ray, economists at Ohio State University.

In an essay in "Second Thoughts: Myths and Morals of U.S. Economic History," they note that by the end of

the 1880s there was intense pressure to reduce tariffs, the largest source of federal revenue. And because America was by then an industrial power, it was

importing primarily raw materials which were subject to lower tariffs than finished goods, so revenues were falling. Furthermore, federal land sales, another source of

revenue, were declining. But spending was increasing, especially for the Navy, which by 1905 received 20 percent of the federal budget. And Congress, acquiring a taste for large social programs to redistribute income, substantially increased pensions for veterans, a lobby then as potent as the elderly are today.

In 1894 the government ran the first deficit since the Civil War and enacted a short-lived income tax (it was declared unconstitutional in 1895). In 1913 the Constitution was amended and Congress enacted another income tax: 1 percent on income between \$3,000 and \$20,000, with a 6 percent surcharge on higher incomes. Only 1 percent of Americans paid anything. Then the war came. By 1919 the top rate was 77 percent, and taxable income was lowered to \$1,000.

The foundation of the modern state — a mechanism for raising vast revenues — was in place. The mere existence of the mechanism altered America's political culture by quickening the itch of the political class to provide benefits to client groups who were convinced that they would be net winners from income transfers.

But the postulated relationship that

"deficits equal deferred taxes" is a contingent, not a necessary, relationship. It is contingent on a particular kind of political culture, one debased by the politics of envy (clothed in the language of "fairness") and dominated by a political class offering an expanding menu of popular benefits that ostensibly will be paid for by unpopular minorities ("the rich," "corporations").

The Clinton administration may become both a cause and an effect of such a culture, on a historic scale.

A rough but serviceable measure of an administration's leaning to the left is its reluctance to recognize limits on its competence or its claim on the economy's resources. The Clinton administration may become the most left-leaning in American history (not counting the command economies of "war socialism" under Wilson and FDR).

Hardly a day passes without something like the recent statement by Labor Secretary Robert Reich concerning why access to federal programs currently serving displaced workers

would be expanded to cover persons not properly described as displaced: "If somebody feels that they want to improve their living standard, the government should do everything that it can do to help that person. If you quit jobs and you want to get retrained for a better job, you ought to get help in that respect as well."

So, amidst solemn Washington talk

about "reining in entitlements," Reich is casually postulating a new one: If, desiring a better job, a person quits an old one, that person is entitled to "everything that (Washington) can do" to help.

And there is this from Clinton's economic blueprint, "A Vision of Change for America": "The administration proposes to invest \$30 million in each of the next four years, towards the international goal of reducing world-wide deforestation." This expansion of an old program (in the name of a Bush administration undertaking at the 1992 Rio "Earth Summit") is listed in a chapter called "What We Must Do Now."

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Must. Right now. Trees, overseas. Call it "investing in America."

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Split-screen presidency never merges

WASHINGTON — Those Aspen skiers rescued the other day didn't care who saved them. They didn't care whether the helicopter pilot was a Democrat or a Republican, a man of instinctive candor or caprice, whether his co-pilot also happened to be his wife.

Neither, watching the response Bill Clinton drew last week, does the American public. Watching people welcome their young, can-do president to the West Coast, as this reporter did, and you see an America exhilarated, a bit like those near-frozen skiers in Colorado were Tuesday, by the prospect of imminent rescue.

Among journalists who cover Clinton, the picture is starkly different. Where the crowds in Santa Monica and Mountain View and Seattle looked to the president with hope last week, the professionals see a different figure emerging into the light: a politician who regularly says things that clash not just with things he's said before but with observable reality.

Consider Clinton's record on the gasoline tax. During last year's campaign, he slammed Democratic rival Paul Tsongas for even proposing such an idea. Today, raising new federal revenues from energy is a linchpin of Clinton's program.

Consider who gets hit by the tax. Clinton says that only those who make \$30,000 and above are hit. David Broder, the most respected reporter in the

country, has pointed out the lie. The truth is, only those making under \$20,000 are compensated for the gasoline and other fuel tax hikes by the new, offsetting hikes in welfare payments Clinton is proposing.

The list runs on:

Clinton ran against Paul Tsongas in Florida and other primary states last year for daring to suggest cuts in Social Security benefits. For this, he wins the votes of millions of middle-class retirees.

As president,

Clinton cuts Social Security benefits using the tax system. Clinton runs on a promise, printed in his campaign brochure, to "stop the revolving door" of lobbyists who spend a few years in government service building up contacts, then spend their later years exploiting them on the outside as consultants and Washington lawyer-lobbyists.

Safely elected, Clinton packs his Cabinet, not to mention his transition team, with the same Washington lawyer-lobbyists he had so convincingly campaigned against. Instead of stopping the "revolving door," he's given it another twirl.

Clinton runs as a "different kind of Democrat," a

hero of his party's moderates and conservatives, chairman of its right-leaning Democratic Leadership Council. He earned his spurs attacking welfare cheats, deadbeat dads, supporting capital punishment and the line-item veto.

Having won election, Clinton shifts direction, pushing a program of substantial new government spending, championing a social welfare agenda not seen since the days of Lyndon B. Johnson.

How do we square these two realities? The exuberant appeal Clinton and his economic plan are generating in the country with the vexing discovery by those who cover him of a predictable chasm between his words on one day and the next, between what he says and what can be ascertained as fact?

I have a deepening hunch that these two views — I should say these two ways of looking at Bill Clinton — will never merge. We will view the Clinton presidency for the next four or eight years in split-screen.

On the left side of our TV tube, we will see our hero the way those desperate Colorado skiers saw the rescuing helicopter, as a vehicle of hope. On the right side of the screen, we will see Clinton with all his shortcomings, including those of character.

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LETTERS

Speak! It's a time-honored tradition

To the Editor:

SPEAK! Hopefully his word will be a familiar sight to you after being on the Hill today. Kathekon members posted these flyers in order to remind students of one of the oldest traditions on the W&L campus—the Speaking Tradition.

As the student-alumni group, it has been brought to our attention by returning alumni that they fear the Speaking Tradition is dying out in the Washington and Lee community.

While one alumnus was recently touring the campus he asked, "What-

ever happened to the Speaking Tradition?"

This time-honored courtesy is one of the several aspects that makes Washington and Lee unique from other college campuses. It creates a pleasant and familiar environment which is shared by the students, faculty and citizens of Lexington. For many of us, it is this particular atmosphere that initially attracted us to W&L and will make it difficult for us to leave upon graduation.

It is believed that the Speaking Tradition, like the Honor System, grew

from the example set by General Lee. Lee made it a point to know every student by name, along with his course load and grades. Only in times when authority and the status quo were severely questioned, did the Speaking Tradition risk extinction. During the Vietnam War, for example, many of the long standing traditions found their way out of the lives of the W&L students.

Coats and ties, freshman beanies, and even Fancy Dress were set aside, as was the orientation of freshmen to the Speaking Tradition. Fortunately

the Speaking Tradition has survived through the years thanks to those students and faculty who chose to perpetuate this custom which General Lee felt was so important.

The future of the Speaking Tradition lies in our hands. At a time when Washington and Lee is undergoing so many changes, we must actively embrace those customs which have distinguished this campus from any other. Keep W&L a traditional place. SPEAK!

Kathekon

OPINION

FD quiz can predict weekend fun factor

SPOS' SPACE
By Tom Hespos

Attention faithful Spos' Space Readers: Spos has the week off. He is currently off in the wilderness somewhere hunting wild gophers with someone named Ted Nugent. We were going to run an ad for Lulu's Lingerie in this space, but he faxed us this Cosmopolitan-like self test at the last minute. Oh, well.

— Spos
The Official Fancy Dress Ball Awareness Self-Test

The following quiz is designed to call attention to several key concepts that are essential to understand if one is to have a good time on Fancy Dress weekend. If you fail this quiz, Spos would recommend that you stay home and watch old "Hill Street Blues" reruns this weekend. Please answer as honestly as possible.

Part I: Getting A Date
1) When a road school girl shows up at a fraternity house in early March after a long absence from the party scene —

- a) it is a coincidence.
- b) she has no intention of scrounging around for an FD date.
- c) she wants to hang out with the

guys and discuss current political issues like the possibility of world government.

d) she is an "FD vulture" and will do anything to get a date, even if it means going with "Weird Harold."

2) Which of the following TV characters should most closely resemble your ideal date?

- a) "Lumpy" from "Leave it to Beaver"
- b) Roseanne Arnold
- c) Snuffle-Upagus
- d) Anyone from "Beverly Hills 90210"

Part II: Selecting Evening Attire

3) A formal dress should —

- a) be a leftover from your senior prom.
- b) be a tasteful mix of plaids, stripes and rhinestones.
- c) have several thousand clasps, zippers, locks and tiny hooks in order to confuse your date when he tries to remove it.
- d) be completely transparent.

4) A tuxedo should —

- a) be worn with Reeboks.
- b) nicely complement your polka-dotted tie and cummerbund.
- c) be manufactured by "Health-Tex" or "Garanimals."
- d) be stain-proof and have 76 different places to hide a flask.

Part III: The Ball

5) When Baner catches you in your attempt to enter the ball with a flask of Jim Beam, you should —

- a) go "Oops."
- b) immediately claim illegal search and seizure and threaten a lawsuit.
- c) point in the general direction of his truck and tell him that if he wants it to be there in the morning, he should "cooperate."
- d) motion toward the bathroom and ask him to split it with you.

6) Which slate of performers is closest to the performers that will be playing at Fancy Dress this year?

- a) The Spin Doctors and Toad the Wet Sprocket
- b) Van Halen and Guns 'N' Roses
- c) A Tribe Called Quest and Arrested Development
- d) The Abe Gustafsson Polka Trio and an unnamed wedding band

7) When your date starts to throw up in front of Dean Howison, you should —

- a) say, "Well, it serves him right for drinking all of that grain punch."
- b) prepare for a lengthy SCC trial.
- c) ask Howison for a handkerchief.
- d) split.

8) If you see Michael Stipe of R.E.M. in the crowd of guests, you should —

- a) run over and throw up on his pink shoes.
- b) ask him if he would like to polka with you.
- c) arrange for a group of fraternity pledges to tie him to a truck bumper and drive him to Lee-Hi.
- d) immediately dismiss it as a hallucination brought on by excessive amounts of Cuervo Gold in your system.

9) If you see President Wilson chasing after Michael Stipe with a tire iron, you should —

- a) forget about it and read about it in the Phi next Thursday.
- b) lay off the LSD for a few weeks.
- c) wonder if the incident will show up in the "Barron's Guide to Colleges and Universities."
- d) help.

Part IV: The Morning After

10) The scientifically proven ideal cure for a hangover is —

- a) lots of water and a handful of aspirin.
- b) a .357 Magnum.
- c) Mexican food.
- d) more beer.

Scoring:

Score 1 point for every "d" response.

10: Prepare for a fun-filled weekend. 0-9: Stay home and listen to old Harry Chapin records.

LETTERS

Media pulls wool over our eyes

To the Editor:
Intelligent consumers of mainstream journalism have long been aware of the American press' irresponsible oversights of American imperialism across the globe, and its hopelessly biased, ethnocentric coverage of major international catastrophes. The press' recent bungling in its coverage of the Somali crisis vividly illustrates the kind of incompetence that has distinguished it throughout modern history. Television reporting in Somalia is replete with disturbing images of hordes of Somali natives being benevolently aided and protected by American troops. What you will not hear through the mainstream media is the sordid history of American meddling in Somalia that led up to that nation's current civil strife, an account eerie in its resemblance to previous American machinations in Iraq, Southeast Asia and South America.

Because of Somalia's strategic geographical position, situated on the Indian Ocean near the oil-rich Persian Gulf, U.S. forces took an interest in the African nation throughout the 1970s after its brutal military dictator, General Siad Barre, seized power in 1969 and began receiving support from the Soviet Union. After Barre invaded Ethiopia, a Soviet client-state, in 1977, the Soviets terminated their aid to the Somali warlord.

Fortunately for General Barre, the United States was willing to lend a hand to a brutal dictator down on his luck as America added

another chapter to its long history of clandestine support for repressive regimes worldwide by supplying Barre with arms and military training. The Pentagon's IMED (International Military Education) program trained Barre's officers at United States military facilities, including Fort Leavenworth, Kan., before they were returned to Somalia to terrorize their own people.

Millions of American government dollars were spent arming Barre to the hilt before, in 1988, Barre annihilated opposition to his dictatorship through a devastating air raid on the northern city of Hargeisa, a center of opposition to the Barre dictatorship. The attack was executed with American-supplied military hardware by soldiers trained in the United States with U.S. funds. After Congress halted aid to Barre he fled to Kenya in 1991 from which he continued to launch periodic attacks into Somalia, destroying its irrigation systems, hastening and exacerbating its famine.

I know full well that a sizable portion of the W&L population could not care less about the deplorable activities of its nation's government, today or across history, but for those sensitive to the state of our democracy and the responsibility of the press we rely upon to inform our political consciousness, this information should be welcome.

Something to think about,
Justin Peterson, '94

Film Society gets back on track

To the Editor:
I wish to thank everyone in the Washington and Lee community who has supported the Film Society during our 1992-93 season. We have all been very excited about our move to the Troubadour Theater. As with any transition, however, problems will arise.

Upon our move from Lewis Hall to the Troubadour, part of our agreement with the university included the stipulation that we were to be relieved of the responsibility of actually projecting the movies. The university is now responsible for the projectionists who run all the films at the Troubadour. Our recent problems have been partly due to the purchase of "reconditioned" (used) projectors. Additionally, human error has contributed to the difficulties.

The Film Society would like to reassure the university community that every measure is being taken to rectify these problems; and to that end, we would like to thank Carol Calkins, Flash Floyd, Dean Atkins and Dean Howison for all of their efforts. The Film Society would like to apologize for the inconvenience of the technical problems. These problems have been very frustrating for the Film Society because they are all beyond our realm of control.

In the last week, the university has taken actions which should put an end to the technical problems at the Troubadour. I would like to thank the university community for its patience, and to extend an open invitation to join us for upcoming Film Society presentations.

Kathy Savory, '94
Vice President, Film Society

Alumnus scolds the Spectator

Dear Mr. Kreppel and Spectator staff:

While reading a recent article in the Spectator ("Acting-Up in the Dean's Office") I was surprised to find that the writer(s) actually found out what ACT UP is an acronym for. It's unfortunate no attempt was made to comprehend what the name of the organization means.

We exist to bring an end to the AIDS crisis. Because of persistent public perception of AIDS as a "gay disease" this means fighting

homophobia. However, we also fight any erroneous public fears that pose barriers to effective AIDS education and prevention. This includes unfounded and dangerous moralizing against needle exchange programs (perhaps the most effective way of stopping transmission of HIV among intravenous drug users) and public indifference to the urban homeless and minorities (who constitute the fastest-growing rates of HIV infection). As a direct-action group, we are

committed to action to produce results. ACT UP's accomplishments, among many, have been to force the Food and Drug Administration to "fast track" promising new AIDS drugs and the ACT UP Presidential Project, which last year focused attention on the presidential candidates' plans to end the AIDS crisis.

ACTUP has not supplied Washington and Lee with any information for distribution, as the Spectator concocted.

I do encourage W&L students to obtain information on HIV and AIDS

from any available sources, including ACT UP. Deliberate ignorance, such as that displayed in the Spectator article, only leads to disaster.

It doesn't seem to be the Spectator's style, but perhaps in the future their writers will make some phone calls and do some basic research before going to press. I don't believe that's too much to ask in the interest of accuracy, integrity and honesty.

Sean Bugg, '89

GENERAL NOTES

'93 Project

The class of '93 Pledge Project Committee is now forming. Please participate! For more information call Annie at 464-6266.

New Club

The Red Wheelbarrow Society. What's this?! We're a group of weirdos that meet each Saturday night to read poetry by candlelight. Want to join us? We meet in the conference room of Payne Hall (second floor) at 9 p.m. Come by and read or just listen. Questions? Call Kristin Roach at 464-3916. Wondering about our name? Stop by and find out.

Talkback

The Ring-tum Phi is now producing Talkback with an image scanner. It doesn't look as crisp, but it saves a lot of time. Anyone who would like to do it the old way is welcome to volunteer. We'll need an hour of your time Tuesday night and an hour Thursday morning, more time to train, then maybe a little less time when you get good at it.

Republicans

The College Republicans will hold a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mock Convention office. The debate topic will be capital punishment.

Live Drive

If you're drinking, don't drive. Please call Live Drive at 463-8947 for a safe, sober ride. Live Drive operates Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Preston Society

The Preston Society is a community service group dedicated to promoting better relations between W&L and VMI. The Society is seeking new members to help us in promoting our cause. We assemble at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights in front of Lee Chapel and then walk over to VMI to hold our meetings. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting or call public relations director Tom Hespos at 464-5511. All interested members of the W&L/VMI community are welcome.

General Notes are compiled by Matt Haar.

AIDS

The National Lawyer's Guild is sponsoring an AIDS symposium on April 1. The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the moot courtroom of Lewis Hall and will feature a panel discussion followed by a question and answer period. All members of the W&L community interested in the legal and social ramifications of the disease are encouraged to attend.

Women's Forum

"Women's Involvement in Student Leadership" will be the topic of the Women's Forum meeting on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Women's Center. Members of the EC and SCC will be present. Everyone is welcome.

Lost

Small brown leather key pouch made by Mark Cross. If found please call Stefanie at 463-6586. There is a reward.

Kathekon

Applications for Kathekon, W&L's student alumni group, will be accepted through Sunday and are available outside Carol Calkins' office. Kathekon assists with programs that improve student alumni relations, particularly during Homecoming and reunion weekends.

Elections

Petitions for Executive Committee class representatives and class officers are due March 15. Elections will be March 22.

FD

The gym will be open during the day on Friday so people may see the completed decorations before the ball begins.

Class Schedule

There will be an adjusted class schedule for Phi Beta Kappa induction on March 10. See the Registrar's Office for the schedule.

Student Body Notice

A freshman male was found in violation of university policies for using illegal substances in the dormitory. The student was removed from freshman housing for the remainder of the year by the Dean of Students and the SCC imposed the following sanctions: 1) conduct probation for the remainder of the year, 2) nine hours of community service, and 3) one hour with Dr. Worth.

Two male third-year law students were found in violation of university policy for fighting and ungentlemanly conduct. The SCC imposed the following sanction: conduct probation for the remainder of the term.

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos
By Darran Winslow
Layout by Jennifer McCann

What is your biggest expectation of FD?



Joe Frampton, '95, Paducah, Ky. — "I just hope everyone has as much fun as I'm going to have."



Madeline White, '96, Kensington, Md. — "Drunkness, gluttony, and debauchery."



Goose Garrigus, '95, Atlanta, Ga. and Monica Robinson, '94, Houston, Texas — "To have people sober enough to admire all of our hard work."



Craig Sears, '96, Atlanta, Ga. — "I hope I still hook up with my date after I do the worm across the gym floor Friday night."



Bob Turner, '96, Dallas, Texas — "Dah... I can't remember."

FEATURES

Hunter S. Thompson, author, journalist and inspiration for the character "Uncle Duke" in the comic strip "Doonesbury," is still alive. Many wonder whether to be impressed or frightened.

E. Jean Carroll wrote Thompson's first biography, "The Strange and Savage Life of Hunter S. Thompson."

"I have heard the biographers of Harry S. Truman, Catherine the Great, etc., etc., say they would give anything if their subjects were alive so they could ask them some questions. I, on the other hand, would give anything if my subject were dead," wrote Laetitia Snap, the fictional persona for Carroll.

"I decided to use Tishy [Snap] because she's young and she would be shocked by Hunter," Carroll said. "I'm a jaded old woman, and I've known Hunter way too long to be shocked at anything he does."

Snap, a virginal ornithologist who visits Thompson's Colorado home to study his peacocks, reveals all of Thompson's vices: his drug habits, his alcoholism, his sexual bravado, his degenerate personality. Interspersed with the story are quotations from a vast array of the friends, relatives, acquaintances and colleagues of Thompson.

One of the most amazing incidents which Carroll writes about actually happened to her.

"In the first interview session with Hunter, he slashed off my clothes with a foot-long knife and threw me in the hot tub," Carroll said.

Thompson shocked Washington and Lee two years ago when Contact sponsored his visit to campus. Senior Chris Starkie, then a member of Contact, remembered Thompson's visit.

"We were already running late when he picked him up from the Roanoke airport, and he made us take him to a

bar," Starkie said. "He wouldn't leave until we were over an hour late."

"When he got here, he had to have a bottle of Scotch, or something, and he spoke until he finished it. He was incoherent. I was sitting in the middle of the front row and I got up and left half-way through."

Starkie is not the only one with an uneasy view of Thompson.

"He was totally wack-a-doo," fight promoter Bob Arum, a friend of Thompson's, told Carroll. "I never saw a guy consume frigging drugs like Hunter."

Thompson is the author of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "Hell's Angels," "The Great Shark Hunt" and several other best sellers. He has written for Rolling Stone, the San Francisco Examiner and many other publications.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he was trouble from his early childhood. "Hunter was difficult from the moment of his birth," his mother, Virginia Thompson told Carroll.

Thompson's father died when he was an adolescent, and his mother became alcoholic. Thompson did not graduate from high school because he was jailed near the end of his senior year for armed robbery.

After serving time, he entered the Air Force, where he began to report sports, a hobby which would become a career.

Dick Schaap, television journalist



Photo by Paul Harris, Outline

Fear and Loathing

Author reveals the strange and unbelievable life of writer and drug user Hunter S. Thompson

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Staff Writer

and sportswriter, met Thompson during the Pittsburgh-Minnesota Super Bowl.

"I offered him a cough drop," Schaap said to Carroll. "He said, 'Oh, thank you. Here let me give you some acid.'"

"He should have been dead 20 years ago," Thompson's personal physician told Carroll. Thompson's daily routine consists largely of Chivas Regal, cocaine, Dunhills cigarettes, and some acid, marijuana and Halcyon thrown in for good measure.

"These drugs are gonna get me," said Thompson to Rolling Stone in 1980. "All of this shit's gonna get me, even those peacocks, and these eighty speakers, and these fires and these excesses...and this weed - boy, that's good weed. It's gonna get me some day, but we don't know when, do we?"

The Death Game is a kind of Rotisserie Obituary in which participants try to guess who will die each year. Players from across the nation pick 60 people and only score if their deaths are reported in the New York Times obituary page, and they perennially choose Thompson.

"When he hits land it will be six feet under," Richard Goodwin, a longtime friend of Thompson, told Carroll. "He's immortal. Obviously. Otherwise he would have died long ago."

Carroll, who spent two five-day interview sessions as Thompson's guest, agrees.

"He's like a god," she said. "He's untouchable, he's immortal. When you're around him and you're going 112 miles an hour you know it's cool

"Hunter Thompson falls most naturally into place not with other writers, but with the great myths of Western civilization: Ulysses, Faust, Dorian Gray," said professor Cybriane Vonne to Carroll.

Carroll herself reveres Thompson as an intellectual.

"He is a genius, he is a symbol, he is a myth, a legend, a god," she said. "Some people think that he is losing his touch, but he will always rise."

In a fax to Will Hearst on September 11, 1987,

Thompson summed up his career goals. "I need information, I want money and expenses from the syndication deal, I must kill pigs - and if I'm going to be a goddamn syndicated columnist on a level that we can put up against anybody else in that nation, I want to be

treated like a wizard and a main player and the best political columnist in America or anywhere else," he said.

Carroll supports Thompson's ideal. "He changed journalism forever; he is seminal in the history of political journalism," she said. "Nobody was telling the truth about politics until old Hunter came down the pike," she said.

"Hunter decided to tell it like he saw it and he made the rest of political journalism look like a bunch of pussies. He gave political journalism balls." Who is Hunter S. Thompson? Perhaps Carroll's interview with author and editor Tim Cahill, a friend of Thompson's, describes him most broadly.

"Hunter represents freedom," Cahill said. "He has confidence, plus size, plus a certain undeniable fearlessness."

"We all have a kind of Peter Pan ideal in our lives when we're about twelve. We're going to do this, we're going to do that, and it gets beaten out of us. It gets beaten out of us sometime between puberty and our first job."

"People often regret the things they didn't do. Hunter is the alter ego who got to do everything."

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Hunter S. Thompson's Daily Schedule

3:00	p.m. rise
3:05	Chivas Regal with the morning papers, Dunhills
3:45	cocaine
3:50	another glass of Chivas, Dunhills
4:05	first cup of coffee, Dunhills
4:14	cocaine
4:16	orange juice, Dunhills
4:30	cocaine
4:54	cocaine
5:05	cocaine
5:11	coffee, Dunhills
5:30	more ice in the Chivas
5:45	cocaine, etc., etc.
6:00	grass to take the edge off the day
6:05	Woody Creek Tavern for lunch - Heineken, two margaritas, two cheeseburgers, two orders of fries, a plate of tomatoes, coleslaw, a taco salad, a double order of fried onion rings, carrot cake, ice cream, bean fritter, Dunhills, another Heineken, cocaine, and for the ride home, a snow cone (a glass of shredded ice over which is poured three or four jiggers of Chivas)
9:00	starts snorting cocaine seriously
10:00	drops acid
11:00	Chartreuse, cocaine, grass
11:30	cocaine, etc., etc.
12:00	midnight, Hunter is ready to write
12:05-6:00 a.m.	Chartreuse, cocaine, grass, Chivas, coffee, Heineken, clove cigarettes, grapefruit, Dunhills, orange juice, gin
6:00	the hot tub - champagne, Dove Bars, fettucini Alfredo
8:00	Halcyon, sleep



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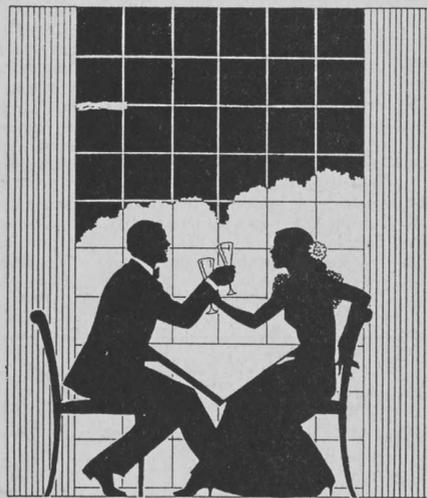
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FEATURES

DEFINING THE W&L MALE

Students describe the stereotypical Washington and Lee man and the influence of fraternities

By CAMERON HUDDLESTON
Phi Staff Writer

When asked to describe the typical Washington and Lee man, both males and females mention characteristics such as conservative, southern, rich, preppy, partier, fraternity member, conformist, self-centered, or sexist.

"Duckheads, bucks, a button-down shirt and a shot gun in their closet" were the words Mr. W&L himself, freshman Pat McKenna, used to describe the stereotypical W&L man.

Ironically, McKenna did not include himself in this stereotype.

"Although there are plenty of examples to defy it, there's definitely a stereotypical W&L man," junior Sarah Drain said.

Drain attributes the stereotype somewhat to the fraternity system, which limits men to a small, homogeneous group.

"There's a certain picture of a guy that's idealized," sophomore fraternity member Rob Robinson said.

Robinson believes that a "do-what-you-want, worry-about-what-happens-later" attitude prevails among W&L

men, including himself, and is reflected in their appearance. These traditional males, Robinson explained, are partly the result of the fraternity system.

"The fraternity system makes guys center on tradition," he said.

The strong fraternity system dominates the social life of most men and many women, making it an aspect of the school impossible to ignore.

Each fraternity tends to be associated with a certain stereotype of its own.

"I think it's easier to stereotype the guys than girls. You classify most guys by what fraternity they've joined, not necessarily by what they do academically or athletically," McKenna said.

"I think some [fraternities] do promote the stereotype, and some pride themselves on that," junior independent Maurice Cole said.

Some students believe that this stereotype is not inherent in many students who enter W&L, but is a mindset that is adopted.

"I think there's definitely a good amount of molding," Drain said.

Drain and others believe that a man learn to value the opinions of the group more after being a fraternity member. However, some men come to W&L wanting to be a part of the norm, she said.

"Everybody comes here individualistic. Then everybody gets into the same mindset through pledgship. I know I've conformed," McKenna said.

"There's an attitude that's contagious," sophomore fraternity member Ted Demetri agreed.

While some men find themselves conforming, there are those who look down upon the stereotype.

"Whatever stereotype people try to uphold, good or bad, they're being sheltered," Cole said.

The fraternity system cannot take all of the blame for creating stereotypes. W&L women have helped to perpetuate the typical male image.

"I think that image is due to both genders. We came here and saw all these great-looking guys, and it's really appealing. They see the stereotypical male here, and it has a draw," Drain said.

"That's why we come here, for the parallel in the student body. I would not pay this much for a liberal school," sophomore Jackie VanVliet said.

Many students said they believe diversity will damage long-standing traditions at W&L, especially the traditional male. Some believe the present freshman males have already made a break with tradition.

"We definitely have a more diverse class. Obviously it has hindered tradition if 22 guys have depleted," McKenna said.

Many upperclassmen males say traditions are being compromised as the administration seeks to better the reputation of the school.

"It's sad. You see guys who could balance everything [in high school], but success in high school

may breed lethargy. They get out of the habit of going after things," sophomore fraternity member Temple Cone said.

Cone said he and his fraternity brothers believe that a new breed of men is being admitted that does not want to "suffer" for something worthwhile, in particular, fraternities.

"If they're not willing to sacrifice something to get something in return, what are they going to do after they graduate?" Cone said.

Although some are wary of change, others feel W&L will benefit if the stereotypical male is altered.

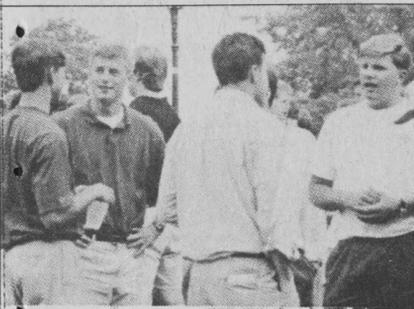
"I think the school is becoming progressively more diverse. Perhaps the stereotypes will become less accurate," junior independent Ben Eggleston said.

"People who are unwilling to deal with different viewpoints makes them a weaker person," Cole said.

Eggleston also shared the opinion that a specific stereotype should not be dictated to students.

"I don't think entering students have any obligation to have the same interests as those who come before them," Eggleston said.

"I think freshmen men are bucking the norm, breaking the stereotype," Drain said.



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Each fraternity tends to be associated with a certain stereotype.



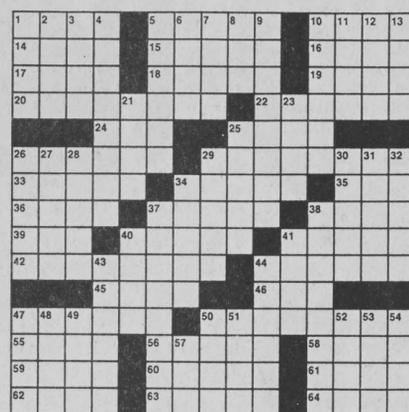
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Some students say the traditional W&L man is a result of the fraternity system.

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- 50 Cry
- 51 Bismarck or Preminger
- 52 Sticky fruit
- 53 War god
- 54 Sweet potatoes
- 57 Cell material: abbr.

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50 years ago in the Phi — Administration plans a practice blackout as a precaution against wartime air raids. Students must to turnout all lights, but traffic will be allowed to continue. Students not assigned to air raid posts must remain inside. All Virginia radio stations will announce the end of the raid.

Five years ago in the Phi — W&L's Minority Student Association decides by a majority vote to boycott this year's Fancy Dress because the theme, "The Reconciliation Ball of 1865," celebrates a time in which blacks had no rights, said Rosalyn Thompson, president of MSA.

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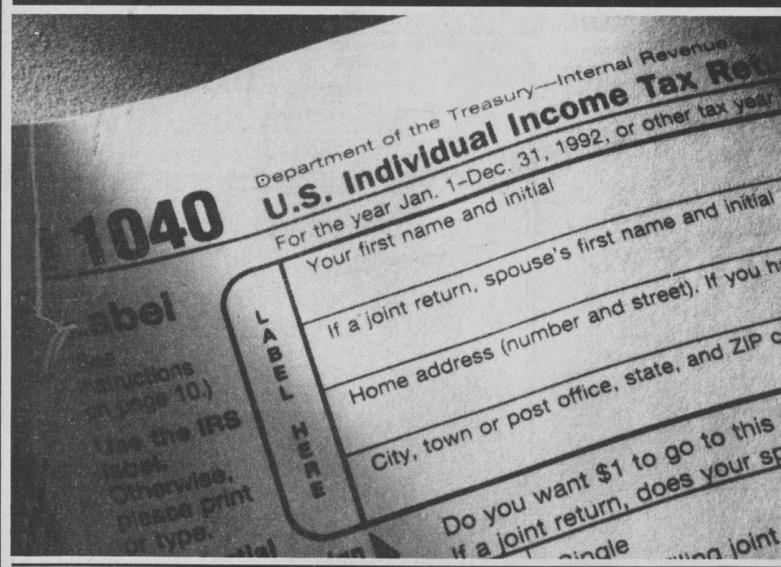
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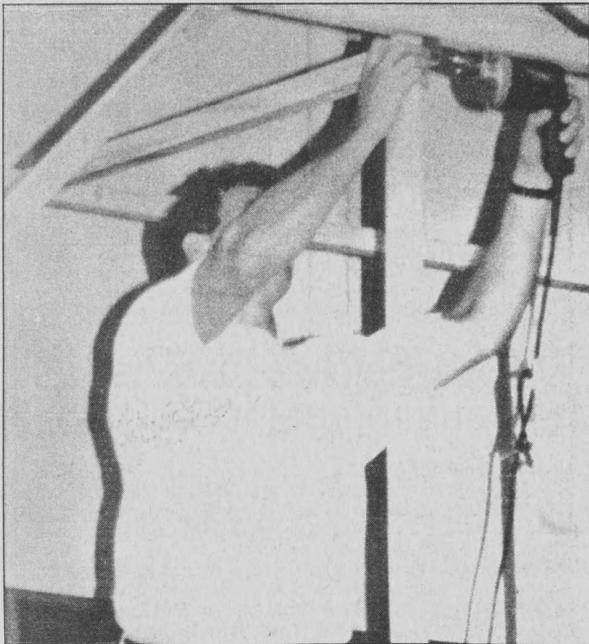
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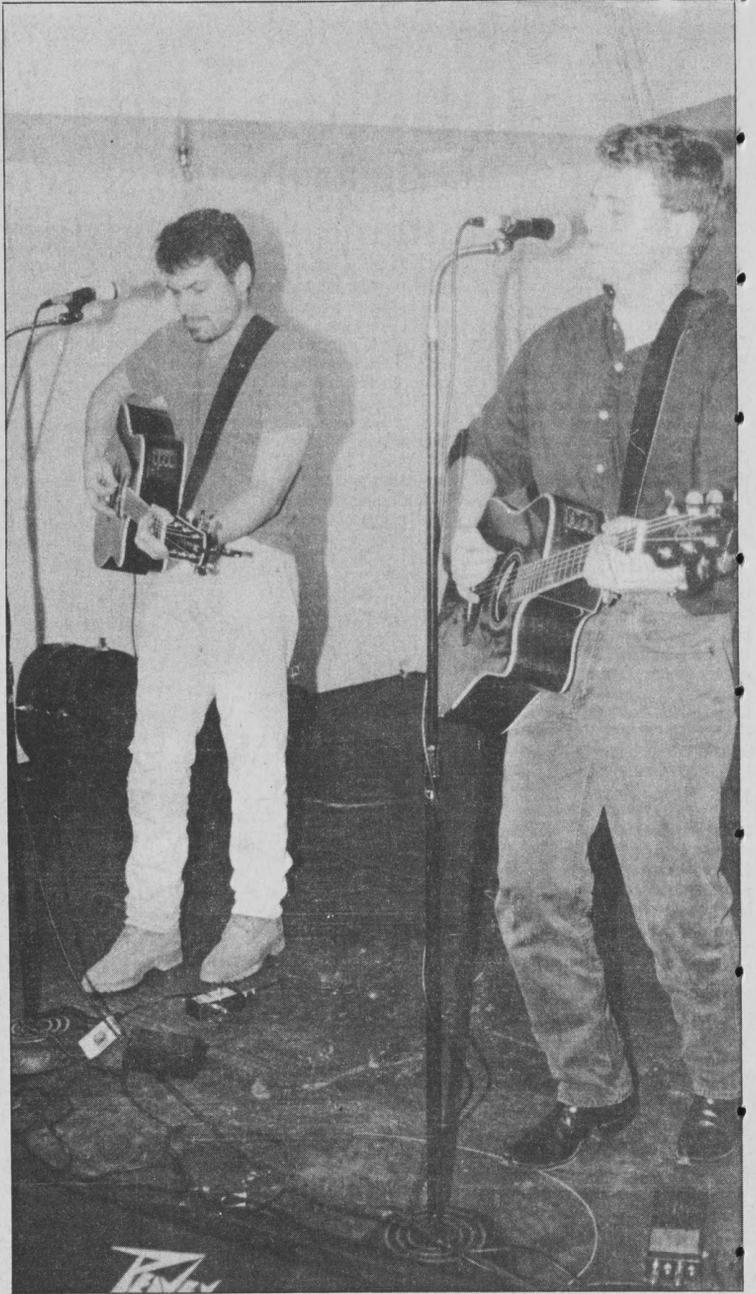
NEWS



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Before the Big Bang

Preparations for 1993 Fancy Dress are underway. Clockwise from left, senior Ryland Scott works on set construction in the Warner Center; sophomore Goose Garrigus adjusts an oversized boutonniere for a very sleepy lion; and Jackpierce kicks off the weekend's musical presentations at Kappa Alpha Wednesday.



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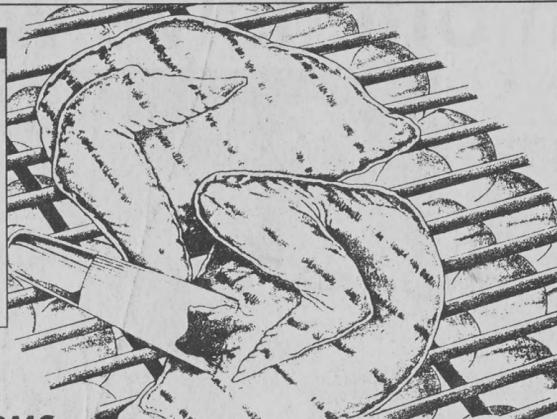
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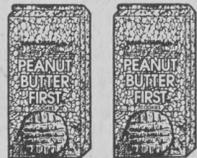
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Baseball shows signs of improved pitching

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his first career home run, also. The margin held at one until the Keydet half of the eighth inning. With one out, a runner reached base on an error. Fantuzzi left the game at that point. The runner eventually came around to score to make the final 4-2 margin.

The Generals had threatened in the top half of the eighth. With the score still 3-2, Hesse and sophomore Duane Van Arsdale reached with one-out singles. VMI's closer then came in to the douse the flame and added a perfect

ninth for the 4-2 VMI win.

Considering that, last season, W&L's 21 losses came by an average margin of six runs, and only once lost by as few as two, the 4-2 margin is highly respectable. Earlier this year, the Keydets beat the Duke Bluedevils, who in turn had beaten the Clemson Tigers. So W&L has much to be encouraged about.

"I think we're pretty good right now," Roberts said. "Considering there's only one senior and one junior, we'll probably just get better."

Roberts cited the team's performance in Florida during February va-

tion as evidence of vast improvement. Last year the Generals were beaten fairly easily by their southern foes. This time down, though, W&L lost each of its four games by one run. Two of the games went into extra innings. Though they were losses, the Generals have found a lot of positives.

"This looks like the best team we've had since I've been," said Loizeaux. W&L is off until next Tuesday, when they travel to Bridgewater College to begin a four-game road trip in one week. Smith Field has until March 18 to dry up, when the Generals will welcome Mary Washington College.

That's the way it was

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Sports Editor

Question: who was the winningest Lexington college basketball team? No, not W&L's men's team. No, not VMI. That's right, it was the W&L women's basketball squad. Though not a true varsity sport, the women took on some tough competition the entire season.

Head coach Barry Machado helped lead the team to a 7-5 mark, with two of the losses coming to Division I Davidson, and two others at the hands of Meredith, the 3rd-ranked team in the nation for Division III. Not bad.

The swim teams had arguably the best seasons of any team. Three men and two women are headed to nation-

als. Senior Claire Dudley makes her fourth appearance at nationals, while teammate, freshman Rebekah Prince, makes her first.

For the men, sophomore John Rowe makes a return trip to the "big dance." Joining Rowe will be senior Andrew Pearson and freshman Craig Sears. The men also finished the dual meet season with a perfect 9-0 record.

Lastly, but not least, is the women's indoor track team. The team took its fourth straight unofficial indoor ODAC championship with a record 157 points.

Leading the way were two stars who have made major impacts on the women's track programs.

Sophomore Sarah Gilbert (our tennis ace reporter) won the long jump

and high jump at the meet. She also ran a leg of the record-setting 4 x 100 relay team. Her performances in all her events earned Gilbert 40-and-a-half points by herself.

And what women's track story would be complete without something about freshman Josephine Schaeffer. The cross country phenom made a smooth transition to the indoor scene.

At the conference meet, Schaeffer won the 1,500 meter race in 4:54.69, just three seconds from a national qualifying time.

She then turned in an excellent performance in the 3,000 meters. Schaeffer lapped all but the second-place finisher, and finished the race in a record time of 10:23.88.

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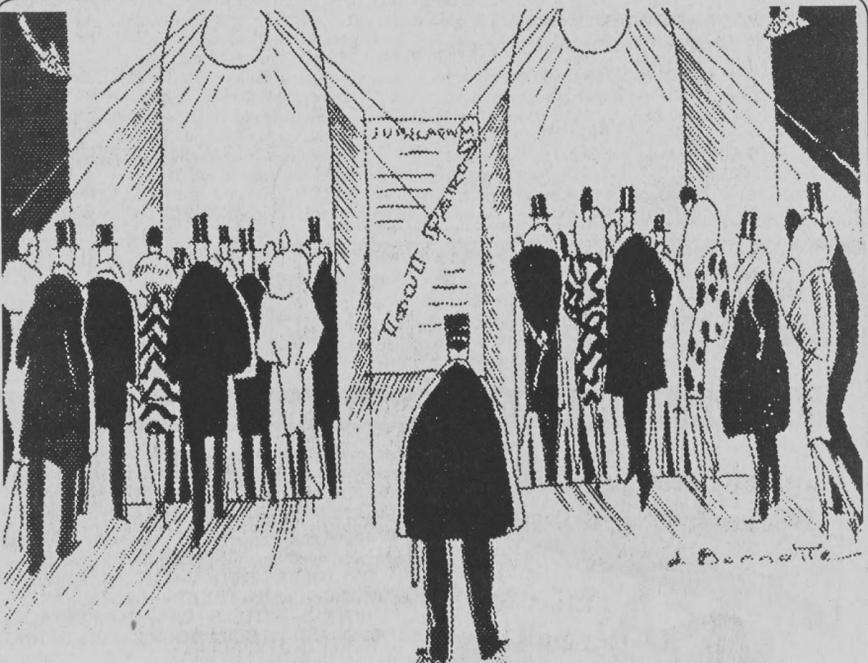


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Freshman Graig Fantuzzi shined on the mound for the Generals against VMI. Fantuzzi gave up only 2 earned runs in the 4-2 loss.

Fantuzzi excels as W&L falls to VMI, 4-2

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington and Lee baseball guide says that head coach Jeff Stickle may "have found a fountain of youth right here" at W&L. Fountains he probably wouldn't mind. However, the recent snow and rain has turned Smith Field into the Everglades.

The "Boys of Summer" have been stuck in a winter/spring weather mix that forced the cancellation of four of the team's first five games.

The season was to have opened Saturday in a double-header with West Virginia Tech, followed by one game on Sunday. Those were scratched after last week's snow storm left the infield good for little but, perhaps, jungle infantry training.

Wednesday's afternoon match-up with Holy Cross had to be canceled due to rain (Holy Cross did not drive from New York for nothing—they were scheduled to play Virginia Military Institute on Thursday).

The Generals, however, did squeeze in their game versus the neighboring Keydets Tuesday and showed that Stickle's fountain of youth may, indeed, be a treasure. W&L lost, 4-2, to the Division I-AA squad, but that loss produced far more positives than negatives.

"I'm encouraged," said sophomore infielder Ryan Roberts. "The pitching really looks good."

Freshman pitcher Graig Fantuzzi started at VMI and allowed only 2 earned runs and three hits over 7.1 innings. Those are outstanding numbers against anybody, let alone a superior team. Fantuzzi also struck out five Keydets.

"Fantuzzi had a great game," said the lone junior General, catcher Chad Loizeaux.

Last year's Generals' pitching staff averaged more than a hit allowed per inning. They also posted an 8.74 ERA. Thus far, the '93 staff's stands at 2.00.

"Our pitching is young, but talented," Loizeaux said. "We have a lot of depth with the freshman pitchers."

W&L took advantage of VMI's field dimensions by hitting a pair of solo home runs. Trailing 2-0 after one inning, sophomore Bates Brown connected for his first career homer.

After falling behind 3-1, the Generals closed to within one run again on a Jon Hesse round-tripper in the sixth. Hesse is the team's captain and the only senior on the 24-man roster. It was

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Men's lax open season with offensive windfall

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Sports Editor

Did anyone get the license plate number of the truck that just ran over us?

Was that W&L or Virginia? These were just some of the questions the Randolph-Macon men's lacrosse team was asking itself after Wednesday afternoon's game against Washington and Lee.

The Yellow Jackets came to Lexington—actually Buena Vista, the game was moved from Wilson Field to Glen Maury Park because of the terrible field conditions caused by the weather—having received some national recognition from "Lacrosse Magazine."

The team felt it could gain a great deal of national respect if they could knock off the 15th-ranked Generals.

Obviously a simple case of dementia.

The Generals pummeled, beat on and raked the Yellow Jackets over the coals—and it only got worse in the second half. I'll relieve the tension, 20-4.

W&L was never threatened as the team jumped out to an early 8-0 lead.

Three players scored four goals apiece. Senior attacker Wiemi Douoguih led the way



Photo by Jameson Leonardi, The Ring-tum Phi

This was a familiar sight at the Generals-Yellow Jackets game on Wednesday afternoon. A R-MC defender futilely chasing a W&L attacker. The end results more often than not was a score for the Generals. W&L wins their opener, 20-4.

with four goals and four assists.

Fellow classmate David Lefkowitz chipped in four; and sophomore midfielder Scott Mackley rounded out the trio with four.

W&L has now won 14 of the last 15 Old Dominion Athletic Conference games.

The Generals get no break,

really, as they have the dubious distinction of having to play the Saturday afternoon after Fancy Dress.

What makes it even more difficult is the opponent. W&L hosts 13th-ranked Franklin & Marshall, an important game for

postseason consideration.

The "game-within-the-game" intrigue will be closely watched as well. W&L assistant coach John Burgess was a player at F&M, while former W&L All-American Robert Huke is in his rookie season as an assistant coach for F&M.

Tennis teams open with questions and expectations

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Staff Writer

This spring is looking very sunny at Washington and Lee, not only in the weather but also in the women's and men's tennis teams.

Head coach Cinda Rankin's women's team is ranked 11th in Division III, and her number one player, sophomore Marilyn Baker, is ranked ninth among other Division III players.

The doubles team of Baker and freshman Julie Ayers is ranked 16th, which is quite amazing considering Ayers has yet to prove herself during an entire season.

Not bad for a tennis team that has only been in existence for seven years.

"I have high expectations," Rankin said. "We have a good team, and they're playing well now. People are enthusiastic and looking forward."

Rankin said that the team's goal was simply to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, which may seem unusual for a team ranked nationally.

But extenuating circumstances have forced Rankin to reconsider the feasibility of the team's original goals.

"Three of my top six players are going abroad five days be-

fore the conference championships, and that changes everything," Rankin said. "So every team member is critical; it'll be a hat trick if we can pull it off."

Top performances this year are expected from Baker, junior captain Kim Dickinson, who faces a tough challenge as the number two player; and freshman number three player Shelley Sunderman.

The Generals' schedule could be the toughest of any spring sport and should tell much about the level of the team's talent. They face five teams which are ranked in the top 20 nationally, including Kenyan, who was ranked first during the fall.

Though the men's team is not as highly thought of when it comes to the national rankings.

Junior Robbie MacNaughton, the Generals' first singles star, is again ranked in the top 30 in pre-season polls, at number 29. He and another talented freshman have achieved, like in the women's case, a rare pre-season ranking in doubles.

MacNaughton and Peter Hammond are ranked 10th in the doubles pre-season poll.

Head coach Gary Franke is optimistic about the team's chances this season.

"This team's got a lot of potential, but it's too early to tell as to its ability," he said. "We're

starting three freshmen, but so far they're working hard and doing everything we ask of them."

Critical for the success of the team will be MacNaughton; number two junior Robert Wein, freshman Chris MacNaughton (yes, Robbie's younger brother), at the number three spot and Hammond who starts the season as the Generals' number four singles player.

Considering how young this squad is, Franke's goals for this season are tempered with caution.

"I'd like to have a dual meet record above .500 and do well in the conference," Franke said.

"We have three matches against teams ranked above us nationally, and if we can beat some of these teams, hopefully we can get a team bid to the tournament."

Although both teams' early matches were postponed because of weather, the men's team was able to get two matches in on Tuesday. The team split in two (not literally) and took on James Madison University and Eastern Mennonite College. The Generals were able to obtain a split.

JMU defeated the Generals 6-1, which a new Division I scoring method. The "second team" easily disposed of ODAC rival EMC, 7-2. The men are now 1-1 overall, 1-0 in the ODAC.

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Sports Editor

What do the Chicago Bulls, Pittsburgh Penguins and Duke Blue Devils all have in common? They have all repeated as champions of their respective sports.

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team would very much like to join that exclusive list.

The Generals won their first Old Dominion Athletic Championship ever last year, and now they have the chance to join the exclusive club of repeaters.

But winning the crown the first time is nothing compared to holding it the following season, something head coach Janine Hathorn knows all too well.

"It is unrealistic to say otherwise," Hathorn said. "Now that we have actually accomplished our goal, we're no longer a come-from-behinder. There's no sneaking up on anyone anymore."

If there was ever a possibility that W&L could sneak up on someone, that possibility was shattered yesterday at Guilford.

Prior to the game, Hathorn said she was not sure how the team would respond to the pressure of trying to repeat since the Quakers were their first opponents of the 1993 season.

"I don't know how they'll respond. We haven't played yet," Hathorn said. "But we haven't approached anything differently this season, and what makes it easier is the students have willingly accepted the challenge."

Well, the Generals let the rest of the country know on Wednesday afternoon that 11th-place ranking in Division III is not unwarranted.

W&L made the three-plus hour trip to North Carolina and left a few hours later with a 20-6 victory.

To say this was ugly would have to be the proverbial understatement of the season.

The Generals entered the half with a resounding 16-2 edge, and then decided enough was enough, and played the Quakers even the rest of the way.

Leading the scoring barrage was sophomore stand-out Nicole Ripken. The 3rd home/attack wing racked up six goals in the generals' overwhelming performance.

Hot on Ripken's heels was senior co-captain Lisa Dowling. The scoring machine tallied five goals of her own, putting her one-ninth of the way to another record-setting performance for goals in a season.

It is a little early to be thinking of that, but I wanted to be the first to mention it.

The team's performance proved Hathorn's earlier thought that attack was the strongest aspect of the squad.

With Dowling, Ripken, Angie Carrington, Pauline Mita and Lindsay Coleman, Hathorn thinks she has some of the best players around.

"Our strength is our attack," Hathorn said, "anyone and all are as good as there is in the conference. Plus, with Meredith Long, Cynnne Logan and Cheryl Taurassi we have depth."

Hathorn thinks defense is the part of the team that will have to be worked on the hardest.

The defense lost one of the anchors of the unit with the graduation of All-American honorable mention Whitney Hopkins.

"All the returnees have the talent, they just have big shoes to fill.

"I have a lot of confidence in Sarah Smith in goal. She just has to have confidence in herself," Hathorn said.

The Generals have passed the first of 14 tests that will hopefully lead them back to the promised land. Hathorn thinks this team has what it takes.

Women's lacrosse team swats Quakers, 20-6



Ripken



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Junior 3rd home/attack Angie Carrington will be one of the keys to the Generals' success this season. Carrington helps anchor the strong attack unit that produced 20 goals against Guilford on Wednesday. W&L was led by sophomore Nicole Ripken with six goals, and senior Lisa Dowling, who chipped in five.

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