

Weekend Weather

Today: Partly sunny, low 80's
Tonight: Clear and noticeably cooler, low in the 50's
Saturday: Sunny, mid-70's
Sunday: Sunny, low 70's

Take a hike

The Outing Club leads Freshmen to the saddle of House Mountain and plans for the coming year.

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Bump, set, spike

Women's Volleyball gets a new coach.

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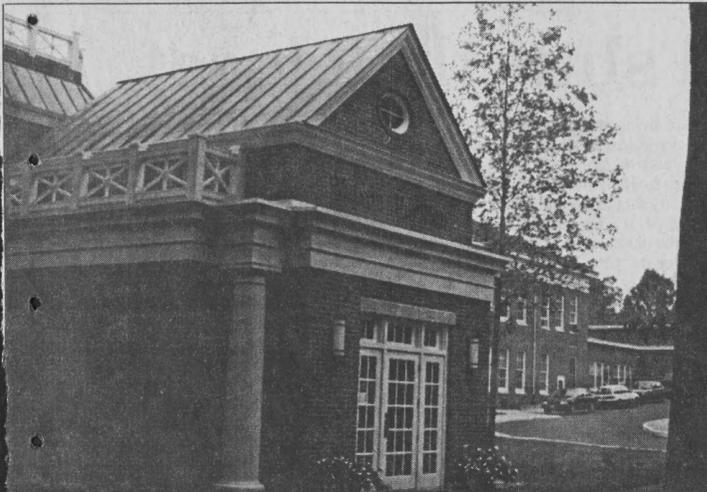
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The Watson Pavilion was completed in June and opened in August.

Art pavilion opens Asian fine art on display

By MICHELLE BRIEN
Phi News Editor

The Watson Pavilion is open.

At last, the building most students seemed to hate can be seen from the inside and out.

But not everyone hated it. "I'm enchanted," said Elizabeth Watson, the donor of the building and the majority of its contents. "It's one of the happiest things that's ever happened to me."

Watson decided to make Washington and Lee the recipient of her extensive Oriental porcelain and art collection in memory of her husband William, a 1929 W&L graduate. Watson's gift to the University includes collections of porcelain, jade, bronze, ivory, and silver, and ranges in age from the first century B.C. to the 19th century A.D.

"I wanted to go back forever. I wanted older Chinese porcelain," Watson said. "I

wanted a stimulus for students [that would encourage] strong East Asian studies."

In addition, she gave W&L the funds needed to house the collection in a new building. The Watson Pavilion and the Reeves Center will also house recent gifts from the collections of Groke Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton McBryde, and Mrs. William L. Wilson.

Students and faculty complained that the building would not fit in with the rest of the Colonnade when plans for the building were revealed two years ago.

But opinions have changed now that the building is complete, said recently named Reeves Center and Watson Pavilion Director Tom Litzenburg.

"Visitor and University response has been overwhelmingly favorable," said Litzenburg. "The Palladian architecture is compatible with the Greek revival architecture of the Colonnade, and with the

collections and the way they're exhibited."

Litzenburg has been interim director of the Reeves Center and Watson Pavilion since former director James Whitehead retired in May 1992. Litzenburg is a 1957 graduate of W&L, and has a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University and a Master of Arts and a Ph. D. from Princeton University.

He served as assistant chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1979 to 1981, and as president of Salem College from 1982-1991.

Litzenburg said that he began placing porcelain in the display cases in mid-June, after the construction was completed. He finished the displays in late July, and the Pavilion opened to visitors in August. The original February opening date was pushed back due to construction com-

—See WATSON, pg. 6

Faculty houses hit by burglaries

By MICHELLE BRIEN
Phi News Editor

Thieves have preyed on Lexington three times this summer-twice within the Washington and Lee community.

The third Lexington strike came on August 25 in the home of Dean of the College John Elrod. The thieves took \$12,000 in silver and jewelry, carrying the items out of the house in Mrs. Elrod's sewing machine case. Their home was undamaged.

According to Lexington Police Sergeant Torben Pedersen, the culprit is a gang of thieves following a well-worn pattern.

"This is a phenomenon that takes place every year in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania," said Pedersen. "Groups referred to as gypsies fly into an area, rent a car, and go on (burglary) sprees.

"They have already cased the places- then they break in and usually take silver and jewelry."

Dean Elrod said that he has not added any additional security to his home. The burglars entered through an open window, not even damaging the screen. But he is not unwary.

"[We] need to be aware of the fact that there are unscrupulous people that come to Lexington and take valuable things," Elrod said.

According to Pedersen, the thieves have burgled more than 70 houses in Virginia this year alone, including the home of Dr.

Tom Litzenburg, Acting University Chaplain and Director of the Reeves Center and the Watson Pavilion. The thieves broke in on the day of Baccalaureate exercises and took silver and jewelry from the Litzenburg home. The same thieves burglarized the home of Lexing-

ton resident James Brown.

Police have some leads in the case thanks to a thief's fingerprint found in the Elrod home. Police also have a witness' description of two women with a brown suitcase and a man with gray hair seen leaving the Elrod's home in a blue car.

Pedersen said the gang may consist of several hundred people working in teams of three or four. They do not use force or damage the houses they burglarize.

Pedersen said that although W&L students should safeguard their belongings, they are probably in no danger from the gang of thieves.

"Students won't be threatened unless they have 30 to 40 thousand dollars worth of silver," said Pedersen.



Elrod

Campus check-cashing nixed

By THOMAS HESPOS
Phi News Editor

Scenario: You're buying some books at the University Bookstore. You're out of cash and you need some beer money for later tonight. No problem. You'll just write the bookstore check for ten bucks more than the amount of the books, right? Wrong.

According to a memo circulated by University Treasurer Lawrence Broomall, the University policy regarding check cashing has turned a complete about-face.

"It will now be the University's policy that the use of personal checks on campus will be limited to the exact amount of a purchase," said Broomall in the June 17 memo. "This policy is effective immedi-

ately."

Broomall cites several reasons for the change, saying in the memo that the University's annual audit by Coopers and Lybrand spawned the recommendation for the change in policy.

"The reasons for this new policy are: cashing checks increases the University's exposure to potential bad debt liability," said the memo, "the cost of processing the checks and the security risks associated with such activity has increased; the volume of check activity on campus has increased dramatically."

Broomall said the "security risk" referred to in the memo occurs when bookstore employees carry the checks to the bank and return to campus with the cash on foot. He said that in some cases,

bookstore employees walk from the bank to the campus with large sums of money, which may seem tempting to a robber. Broomall said the memo was never intended to imply that bookstore employees might be cashing checks in a dishonest fashion, or that students cannot be trusted to avoid bouncing checks.

"If we didn't have honest people in there (the bookstore), we'd already be in trouble," he said.

Broomall said he discussed changing the policy last year with then-Executive Committee President Josh MacFarland. Broomall said MacFarland was understanding of the university's situation.

"[MacFarland] said it wasn't an honor system issue," said Broomall. "He seemed comfortable with it."

According to Broomall, processing fees for check cashing have exceeded \$100 for certain months.

Tidge Roller of the University Bookstore agrees that the cost of cashing checks has been excessive.

"[The bank] started charging us in May," she said. "It was something like \$150 for June."

The installation of an automatic teller machine on campus has been discussed as a possible remedy for the situation. Broomall said he may have a proposal for a campus ATM within a week.

"We've been pushing for it," said Roller.

Broomall was optimistic with regard to the possibility of a campus ATM, saying the probability of acquiring one was "fairly high."

Students love, hate phones

By Nancy Pavlovic
Phi Managing Editor

What started out as a simple phone system upgrade promises to turn into the first love/hate relationship of the year.

The "new phone system" is more like an expansion of the system that the administration has been using since the early 1980s. Last year, staff size and modern technology surpassed the capacities of Washington and Lee University's 10-year-old telephone system switch. According to Director of University Services James Johndrow, the University had been looking into replacing that switch and better serving the needs of students living on campus.

"Technology had outgrown our switch and we just ran out of room on the system," Johndrow said. "We knew we had to replace that switch and figured we might as well go ahead and add phones to the dorms. Then it was a simple step to go ahead and do fiber optics and cable."

Because of an agreement with Adelphia Cable, cable cost for on-campus housing will also lower with this new system. The cost of cable for the year drops to \$155 for basic service with no connection fee. Students with cable in the common area will receive basic service free and will only have monthly charges for premium service like HBO, Cinemax, Showtime or Disney.

Until this fall, students living on campus had to provide their own phone and answering machines and deal directly with the local phone company, Centel, for service. The new ROLM phone system makes those hassles obsolete but the new system does come with problems of its own.

"There's some confusion about how things work. But, so far, most of the problems have been with students living in doubles and not being able to get

into phone mail," said Dana Camper, the Telecommunications Customer Service Representative.

When the new system was loaded, every student was assigned a long distance authorization code and a phone-mail password. The long distance authorization allows them to place long distance calls from any campus phone and have it billed directly to their line. Students living in doubles were listed alphabetically in phone-mail. To access their messages, the roommate with the first name alphabetically must dial a 1 after their extension number and the second roommate must add a 2 to their extension number. According to Johndrow, many of the problems students are having with the system can be solved quite simply.

"People are really not reading the literature," Johndrow said. "We are willing to help anyone but please read the literature first."

Students are responding with mixed reviews of the new system that was designed to be convenient and save them money.

"It's a bit confusing but it does seem to come with some real conveniences," senior Nikki Mayfield said. "As long as I get my messages, that's all that I care about."

But for senior Maurice Cole, "Phone-mail is generally a good idea, but it's not efficient. After everybody learns how to use it, it will be a good thing."

Camper also said some parents are having trouble reaching their children with the new 462 exchange.

"Sometimes the local long distance company hasn't put the new exchange into their computers so it'll tell you that number doesn't exist," Camper said. "But parents just need to call their local long distance company and have the company put the new exchange in if they continue to have trouble."

Johndrow said many of the additions like phone-mail and cable were

added in hopes of enticing more students to live on campus and to improve the quality of life in the dorms.

"With the new phone system, students can access anything from any touch-tone phone that they can do from their room," Johndrow said. "Hopefully the addition of the new system will encourage students to move back on campus."

The University borrowed the \$1.25 million spent to install the new phone system and to provide cable and computer jacks in all on-campus housing. The Chavis House, the International House and the Outing Club House are also on the system. Each fraternity will have two system phones installed but will not be able to make long distance calls on those lines.

In an effort to ease the transition to the new system, University Services will be holding training sessions for all students living on campus. Gaines residents will be the first to benefit from this information session which will be held Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. in the Gatehouse. Freshmen will be next to receive the hands-on help that will attempt to showcase all the features available.

The new system comes complete with call waiting, conference calling, save/repeat dialing, camp-on calling and a host of other features. With the new system, on-campus housing telephone numbers no longer go in numerical order. So knowing one number does not mean being able to figure out all other numbers in that suite or on that floor. The new system allows calls to be traced if made from another on-campus line.

"The system was loaded with random numbers to provide more personal security for the students," Camper said. "If a problem comes up, we can track the call. If you're making pranks, it'll come back to haunt you."



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Freshmen leap into the air while calling out their birth month, January, at Playfair on Saturday, September 4. The Freshman Orientation Committee organized Playfair to help break the ice.

FOC finishes orientation

by RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

Freshmen Orientation Committee activities for the class of 1997 ended Wednesday, but plans are already being made for next year's freshmen. Kris Fegenbush and Sue Krawchuk have been named as the new co-chairs of the FOC.

Current FOC co-chair Carlin Jones was pleased with how this year's orientation week went.

"The parents I met loved the process, and I couldn't have asked for a better staff," Jones said.

"I have confidence that Sue and

Kris will do a great job - they know this program in an integral way," Jones added.

Tentative plans for next year call for the role of the small groups and the small group leaders to be increased in the whole orientation week. Also in consideration is a mandatory service project.

"A lot of schools require freshmen to do community service, and we think that if we take the excitement and motivation that freshmen have during orientation and apply it to helping people, it will make their next four years in college much better," Fegenbush said.

The alcohol awareness seminars

may also be moved up during orientation week to inform the freshmen about the realities of the W&L social scene.

"Drinking is prevalent on this campus, and freshmen need to be aware at the beginning of school of the regulations," said Krawchuk.

This year's hiking trip in conjunction with the Outing Club will probably be continued next year. There may be additional trips, such as camping, depending on liability, Fegenbush said.

The FOC plans to poll freshmen soon so as to gauge reaction to this year's events. An organizational meeting is also planned to take place soon.

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Something Old, Something New

It has been built. Despite student petitions and months of grumbling, the Watson Pavilion has been completed and the Watson collection is on display.

You know what? We're glad. We understand that the University tore down an old, beautiful tree to build the Watson Pavilion. It would be nice of the university to plant another tree to replace the one they tore down, but the Watson Pavilion's value goes far beyond a tree.

We understand that the building looks a little different than most of the other buildings on campus, but then again, so does the Leyburn Library. There was not a protest when the university proposed building the library.

The students' impassioned protest over the construction of the Watson Pavilion failed to realize its intrinsic scholarly worth. The educational value of the Watson Pavilion extends to several areas— the arts, East Asian studies, and architecture, to name a few.

We understand that it is at the end of the Colonnade, but it is not the first thing to catch a visitor's eye. The completion of the Watson Pavilion has proven that the building is not the architectural eyesore so many had feared it would be.

Trees and aesthetics aside, the Watson Pavilion is a tremendous gift to this university; a gift Mrs. Watson did not have to give. She chose W&L to be the benefactor of her collection; a collection many other universities would have taken without a word of protest and placed exactly where she wanted it. Many students here complained about the Pavilion without ever finding out what they were talking about. We can not help but wonder if many of these students will bother to take a tour of the new Pavilion, or of the Reeves Center which has been open since the early 80s.

Elizabeth Watson's collection, some of which dates back to first century B.C., is priceless. Everyone affiliated with W&L should be thrilled to have such a respected collection on campus.

Mrs. Watson, if you ever get a chance to read this, thank you.

—F.K., M.B., N.P.

PHI F.Y.I.

As you might have noticed, *The Ring-tum Phi* did not come out yesterday like it has in the past. Starting this term, the Phi will be published once a week on Fridays. Changing the publication date to Friday will allow us to focus more on week-to-week news and provide better coverage of events on campus and in the area.

Quote of the Week

An emperor found Rome in bricks and left it marble. John Wilson found W&L in bricks and left it many, many, many more bricks.

—Reginald Alton, guest speaker at Opening Convocation and retired Bursar and Vice-Principal of St. Edmund's College at Oxford University.

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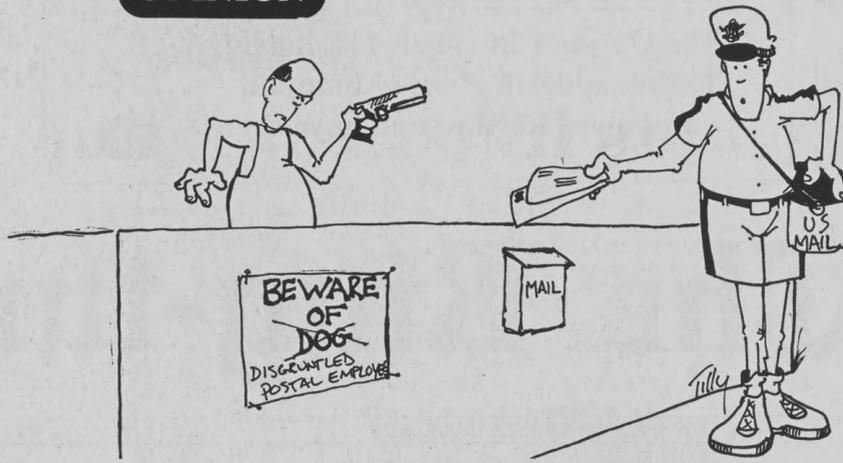
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OPINION



Military should shut the closet

President Clinton, by attempting to lift the ban on gays in the military, has risked the effectiveness of the military to pander to the radical gay lobby. The military's authority over its admissions and its members' conduct has been overtaken by the gay lobby's political influence. For an institution that depends on strict discipline, the military's loss of authority threatens its capabilities to perform missions with minimal loss of life.

Fortunately, military leaders, such as Colin Powell, so strongly opposed lifting the ban that President Clinton found himself without the political strength to completely overcome them. A compromise, "Don't ask, don't tell," was all that President Clinton could drag from them. The ambiguous policy fails to set down firm rules of acceptable conduct and further contributes to the military's loss of strict discipline.

President Clinton never wanted to lift the ban to improve the U.S.'s military; rather it was to reward the gay lobby for its political support. Their vast political resources greatly contributed to his victory. And as a president who received significantly less than fifty percent of the vote, he needs their resources in the 1996 election.

The Clinton administration justified its pander to the gay lobby by asserting that the military must allow all its members to live their own lifestyle. Gays are ordinary citizens who just live an "alternative lifestyle." They have, as all individuals do, a right to pursue happiness without hindrance from the government. Citizens and government need to respect all lifestyles. The military, like all individuals and institutions, should not discriminate against gays and prohibit

them the freedom of living an "alternative lifestyle."

The flaw in this logic arises from its contention that the military must not deny individual freedoms. The military has no place for individual freedom. Even the notion that the military should attempt to be tolerant of individual's "lifestyles" is preposterous. The military has one purpose: providing security for the U.S. Everything about the military should serve this end. Sacrificing individual rights procures the strict discipline needed by any military force.

Individuals outside the military enjoy the freedoms of speech and movement, but they need to be denied to individuals inside the military. The military's task of protecting the country, a duty of the highest importance, demands that it has the special privilege of denying individual freedoms. Depriving it of this indispensable authority needlessly jeopardizes the lives of both military and civilian citizens.

It should not be concluded that the military has the power under this pretext to discriminate and deny liberty to individuals outside the military. While it should have vast powers to organize itself, its authority should remain limited to its own boundaries. Only lawmakers have any authority to impose restrictions on individual freedoms for national security concerns.

The military can also prohibit gays from joining, since it, like any individual or organization, has the right to choose with whom it associates. A government that tells its citizens with whom they must associate

cannot be considered a protector of liberty. Could President Clinton find that the Democratic Party, has discriminated against conservatives, and try to rectify this injustice by having the government force the appointment of conservatives to its leadership? Of course not. Government should not force individuals or organizations into undesired associations, especially with individuals who morally repulse them, like gays.

The gay lobby, for all its rhetoric about striving for freedom cares nothing about it. The reason they fought so hard to lower the ban was not because they had an uncontrollable desire to serve the country. They hoped to force individuals within the military and society at large to accept their lifestyles, even if it resulted in the weakening of American military power. Unfortunately our commander-in-chief who should guard against such threats cares more about political paybacks and getting re-elected than producing a strong military.

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American society depends on having a military capable of protecting it from foreign aggression. Liberty cannot exist in a society continually overrun by foreign powers. Its function is too vital to use it for the promotion of radical lifestyles. Military personnel should have our society's deepest respect and gratitude, for surrendering their lifestyles so that America may enjoy the products of liberty, not its contempt for prohibiting a special interest group's selfish desire.

"An AIDS Story" touches all of us

In this first column of the year I would like to talk about something that means quite a bit to me personally and it is my sincere hope that it will come to be equally important to you. It is something that, whether we know it or not, involves all of us. It is the fight against AIDS.

Those of you who are returning this year may know that last year I founded an AIDS Education Project on this campus to increase the awareness of the W&L community. I believe we had a very successful year and I am looking forward to this year. I was most pleased by the fact that our events and meetings were not just attended by a core group of members, but by a cross-section of the campus. I felt this was particularly appropriate since this disease effects everyone. More and more I find that almost everyone has "An AIDS Story" to tell. I have heard stories about brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, mothers and fathers, and friends all dead from this plague. These stories have come from alumni and faculty, from students and staff members. They are all equally painful and they all exemplify the horror of this disease.

What many of these people tell me is that they are still grieving for their loved ones and that they live in fear that this grieving is going to continue because they see their friends on this campus engaging in behavior which is not safe. Many people here have some real misconceptions about this disease.

There is one last group of people on campus who are relatively well informed about the disease, they know how it is transmitted, they know that it

can affect all different types of people, and they think that they can engage in high risk unprotected behavior and never get infected because, "If my partner had AIDS they would look sick," or, "I think I know who this person has slept with and they're OK." If you have said these or similar things to yourself before, then all I have to say to you is that the Health Center offers confidential HIV Antibody testing and you should probably take a walk over and sign up. After that, it wouldn't be a bad idea to take a walk downtown and buy yourself a box of condoms, if you plan to continue to be sexually active.

I urge you to become informed about this disease. If you have questions you have many excellent sources that you may contact for answers. We have an on-campus hotline you may call anytime at 464-AIDS (2437) you may also call the Centers for Disease Control's National Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS (2437). If you wish to speak with someone in person, on a strictly confidential basis, you may make an appointment with the physicians at the Health Center (Infirmary), you can contact the counseling office, or you can make an appointment with

our campus' professional Health Educator, Jan Kaufman, at extension 8590. Finally, I would ask you to join the efforts of the AIDS Education Project. We can always use some fresh ideas and an extra pair of hands. Otherwise, you should learn how to protect yourself. Whether you choose abstinence or condoms, that is up to you, but you have an obligation to be informed, both to yourself and to those you care about. Some people have said that we will be the first generation of college graduates who attend more funerals than weddings. In fact there are many people, not much older than us, who look around them and realize that all of their friends are gone. Think about that for a second. Imagine what it would feel like to lose your five closest friends. Imagine not having anyone to go out and party with. Imagine not being able to really talk to anyone. Imagine being alone in a hospital room and wondering how everything fell apart so fast. If things continue as they are and people continue to be uninformed about this disease, you will not have to imagine much longer.

who feel that this disease was meant for homosexuals and that it was sent by God to destroy them. I find this to be a particularly interesting argument because it usually comes from the same people, who, if you let them, will sit you down and tell you how much Jesus loves you! If you want to believe that He is the one sending down diseases then why not believe that in this country He chose the gay community to suffer first because he wanted us to develop compassion and love for a group of people we had shunned as outcasts for too long. Further, He intertwined the path of the disease so that if we did not deal with it immediately and with a total lack of bigotry, our actions would return to haunt us as the disease began to enter the general population. Indeed, that is exactly what has happened.

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LETTERS

"Women's House" should not be built, unfair to men

To the editor:

I am an independent male member of the class of 1994. I recently was perusing the May 1993 issue of *Women's Forum* when I came across the proposal for a "Women's House" which was submitted by this group.

I shall state up front that I disagree with the continuing existence of *Women's Forum*, as I believe that, whereas during the early days of co-education, such a group may have been necessary, at this point the stresses faced by male and female students are essentially the same, and that the continued existence of a female support group can only be justified by the formation of such a group for male students.

Along these same lines, I greatly resent the suggestion of the construction/designation of a "Women's House" without an accompanying structure for men. As an independent student, I have made minimal use

of the fraternity facilities, to say the least. I believe that these groups should not be considered a formal part of the university, and that any use of the fraternity facilities should not be considered use of an "official" university facility, as these groups are not funded by the university, nor were the houses built by the university. I am, however, fully in favor of the sororities (and women's fraternities) being allowed to, indeed, in light of the recent "Renaissance," perhaps financially encouraged to build their own houses.

It is also my understanding, however, that such facilities are not desired by the sororities on campus because these facilities would then have to compete with the fraternity houses for attendance at social functions and the like. Then, if the sorority members are willing to sacrifice their own facilities so they may take advantage of those presented by the fraternities, they should not be rewarded with a university-spon-

sored and paid for building of their own. If the women's groups are willing to band together and build their own building with an equal amount of assistance, as was received by the fraternities, and with the same restrictions placed upon them, then I fully encourage their efforts.

If the university's much-vaunted new student center is built (an idea which many of the women's groups on campus support), then it would serve as an ideal co-ed facility, not restricted to use by men's or women's groups, and which would equitably serve all students. However, should a "Women's House" be built, then there should be a "Men's House" of equal size and quality provided, so equality could be restored to the campus.

Matthew J. Appel, '94

OPINION

Spos slingshots into Lexington

SPOS' SPACE

Tom Hespos

Greetings and salutations to all! After a long summer of having fun and drinking beer, Spos is looking forward to another year at Washington and Lee, filled with days and nights of... having fun and drinking beer. This year will be slightly different with regard to the appearance of Spos' Space in your friendly college newspaper. I will be alternating on-and-off with "Dream Land," a humor column written by Opinion Editor and stud-in-training Richard Weaver.

No longer will Spos have to deal with weekly deadlines (sigh of relief). As a result, I will only be able to harrass the student body on a bi-weekly basis, quite unlike the weekly ritual of last year. By the way, if you're a freshman and have no idea of what the hell I am talking about, just cruise on to the next sentence, where I will discuss... **Stupid things Spos did over the summer: The legend of the mighty slingshot.**

Early in the summer, after a long hard day of digging ditches, I sat down in front of the television, hoping to catch one of those cool cop shows where policemen beat innocent civilians with nightsticks for jaywalking offenses. Instead, I turned on the tube and saw three beautiful girls in bikinis operating what appeared to be a giant

slingshot. The wheels in Spos' deviant mind slowly began to turn.

"Fire water balloons over 200 yards with our Aqua-Sling water balloon slingshot," said the voice on my television. I took down the address for the mail-in offer and mailed my check off the next day. The legend of the mighty slingshot was born.

While waiting for my Aqua-Sling water balloon slingshot to arrive, the wheels were still turning: What else could I launch at unsuspecting passers-by? Golf balls? Small rodents? My two-year-old cousin?

The possibilities were endless. By the time the thing actually arrived at my house, I already had several ideas, many of which had the potential to get me arrested.

Unfortunately, the first test of the mighty slingshot had to be aborted. Spos and several friends had planned to bombard an ex-girlfriend's house with several balloons filled with grape Nehi, but we were chased away by a neighborhood dog.

The first real test of the Aqua-Sling's power came at the annual Patrolman's Benevolent Association picnic. My best friend John's father, a detective, had been getting us tickets for this event every year for about as long as I can remember. The extravaganza included all-you-can-eat burgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and lots of other foods. It also included

all-you-can-drink beer, much to Spos' delight. As a matter of fact, I believe that the unlimited beer contributed somewhat to the activities that took place that afternoon.



Partying with Van Halen at Central Command

Things started off pretty tame. My friends and I shot a couple of water balloons at some girls, testing our range and accuracy. This soon evolved to shooting balloons filled with beer, which in turn evolved into firing pieces of food. Some of the picnickers seemed surprised to see entire hamburgers flying past them at sixty miles an hour.

Our fun came to an end after an attempt to hit the hamburger stand with an ear of corn. The corn, not

exactly aerodynamically suited for flying at high speed, went slightly awry, whizzing past an elderly gentleman at approximately the speed of sound. I could have sworn the poor guy almost had a coronary right there in the middle of the picnic.

No doubt this was one of the coolest things Spos did all summer, that is, if you don't count the time I got drunk at a bar in the Hamptons and entered a boxer short contest. Needless to say, Spos lost. The mighty slingshot made a few more appearances during the summer, but had to be forcibly "retired" after a launched cantaloupe came awfully close to destroying the expensive-looking bay window at the home of my junior prom date. (The prom sucked- I could have had more fun at a convention of economics professors.)

Without the mighty slingshot, the summer probably wouldn't have been as interesting as it turned out to be. I don't think I did anything else nearly as interesting as firing large pieces of fruit at the homes of ex-girlfriends. Of course, Spos had a few parties at his Central Command in beautiful suburban Long Island (see photo), but the satisfaction of hearing a watermelon crash against the house of a sworn enemy cannot be equaled.

By the way, I hope this doesn't spawn any ideas amongst the fraternity males out there. Lexington Police already have their hands full keeping y'all from passing out in the middle of the street. The last thing they need is a bunch of complaints about strange flying fruit.

GENERAL NOTES

Placement

The Senior Placement Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 15, at 4 p.m. in Lee Chapel. Senior packets will be distributed. A make-up meeting for athletes and others who cannot attend the 4 p.m. meeting will be held the same day at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the University Center.

Interviews

An interviewing workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 21, at 4 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. This workshop is required for all seniors planning on having a videotaped practice interview.

Phi

The Phi welcomes letters to the editor and My Views. Submissions are due at Tuesday noon and will be printed in the order received. All submissions will be printed. Mail letters to P.O. Box 899 or drop off in the envelope outside Room 209 in the University Center.

Law School

A meeting for those planning on attending law school will be held on Thursday, September 16, at 7 p.m. in Commerce School Room 221. Contact pre-law adviser Lewis John for more information.

General Notes are compiled by Richard Weaver.

Student Body Notice

A member of the student body was accused of theft at the end of the 1993 Spring Term and has chosen to withdraw from the university in the face of a closed hearing.

Inmate seeks letters

To the editor:

I am a prisoner on death row at Arizona State Prison and was wondering if you would do me a favor. I have been here for almost sixteen years and have no family or friends on the outside that I can write. I was wondering if you would put a small ad in the campus newspaper for me asking for correspondence.

If you are not able to do that, then maybe you have some type of message or bulletin board you could put it on. I realize you are not a pen pal club or anything like that, but I would really appreciate it if you would help me.

Death row prisoner, Caucasian male, age 46, desires correspondence with either male or female college students. Wants to form a friendly relationship and more or less exchange past or present experiences and ideas. Will answer all letters and exchange photos. Prison rules require a complete name and return address on the outside of the envelope.

Thank you,
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Arizona State Prison
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Florence, AZ 85232

EC addresses cable

To the members of the Washington and Lee community:

With the advent of the new phone and cable services on the Washington and Lee campus, several questions have been raised regarding the implications for the Honor System. While it is not customary for the Executive Committee to respond to hypothetical inquiries regarding potential honor violations, the committee will, on occasion, comment on the impact of significant changes in campus life on the Honor System.

Students should be advised that the misappropriation of cable services (e.g. cable "splicing" or unauthorized use of cable converters) or phone services (e.g. through use of another's access code) could potentially amount a breach of the Honor System. Students are therefore cautioned that such practices should be discontinued and avoided in the future.

By this letter, the Executive Committee merely seeks to have students consider the consequences of the described actions in light of the mandate of the Honor System. The committee maintains its policy of not developing an inclusive or exclusive code of honorable conduct.

Questions regarding this or any other matter concerning the Honor System may be addressed to any member of the Executive Committee.

Thank you.
Robert K. Tompkins
James E. Rambeau, Jr.
Kevin Webb

LETTERS

Clinton's college plan not the right path

MY VIEW

Cecilia Kirk

President Clinton recently unveiled his national service plan to provide federal funds for college tuition in exchange for a student's service. Essentially, Clinton proposes that the government pay for two years of tuition for each year a person works in a sanctioned social service type program. The student may perform his service before, during, or after his college enrollment, or even take the grant directly and pay it back as a portion of his income. To many students, that sounds like quite a deal.

The plan promises much, but it lacks many details and must be thoroughly considered.

In his address, Clinton spoke of hundreds of thousands of students participating in the program. According to the Clinton administration, the national service program will begin with 1,000 students and will increase to 100,000 students by 1997. Clinton compares the plan with the Peace Corps, although at its height, the Peace Corps involved only 16,000 young people. The projected cost of the program is \$9.5 billion for the next five years.

For good reason, Clinton stated that the program should not become bureaucratic. However, by its nature, a national organization demands administration; in fact, an office of national service, directed by Eli Segal, has already been established. The office of national service must grant, process, and follow up on its awards; it will screen programs, certify that they meet standards, and provide capital to found new service corps. It must decide which groups to sanction, decide which students to accept, pay colleges the tuition funds, and keep records of those transactions, follow up on those students who elect to pay their grants back as a portion of their incomes and maintain a payment program with them, and provide salaries to its employees, among those administration functions. Given the centralized nature of the

institution, it is impossible to prevent the bureaucratization.

In his campaign manifesto, Clinton proposed to "scrap the existing student loan program and establish a National Service Trust Fund to guarantee every American who wants a college education the means to obtain one." Following that promise, the Clinton administration has suggested these grants could replace Pell Grants, which are awarded to needy students. Pell Grants are considered "high risk" because many of the recipients fail to pay back their loans. Replacing the Pell system with the national service system does not guarantee that needy students will receive federal loans; it is still

"high risk," however, because service students could decide what percentage of their incomes to pay back and there is no surety that they will do so. Importantly, of the 5 million students who have college loans only 2% of them could participate in the president's plan. The percentage of students benefiting financially from the new plan is even smaller as there are 14 million college students currently enrolled. In short the national service program would apply to a much smaller number of students at a cost much higher than the current grant program. This will be paid for by the taxpayers, who, by the time the program is in effect in a few years, will be today's college students.

Another troubling aspect of the plan is that "service" is vaguely defined. Naturally, most students would want to do their "service" in the field of their choice, making it simply a career move.

The two most frequently cited service jobs are teachers and auxiliary policemen, to help with the essential duties of education and crime prevention. Policemen require extensive training and must con-

front dangerous situations. Is police work really practical for one-year service students? Teachers must have knowledge and experience. Many undergraduates complain about being taught by graduate students without teaching abilities. Can college students be expected to undertake the same educational duties as professional teachers? If they can, why shouldn't they be employed as are other teachers?

Financial considerations aside, national service is troubling in the way it approaches community. By discussing "community service", the president rightfully acknowledges our lack of community. Americans need to rediscover an authentic sense of community as responsible citizens who unite in changing the desperate and often alienating conditions of contemporary American life.

However, the means to instill virtue and respect for others and then to resolve these social ills is not found in costly bureaucratic programs that come from the top down. Loyalty to community is a voluntary response that comes from within a person and cannot be enforced by a program emanating from Washington.

Instead, we must work through the intermediary institutions like the family, churches, civic institutions, and schools to restore an authentic sense of community. The national service plan is about government employment, not community; and college students will be required to pay the tab, both financially and in terms of community.

Cecilia Kirk represents the Young America's Foundation.

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TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos

By Joe Framptom

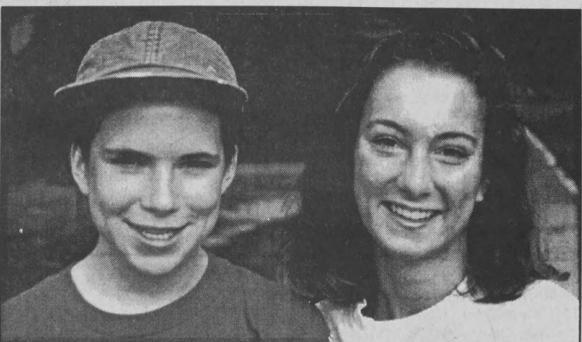
As a freshman, what has been your most memorable experience so far?



Amy Gorman, '97, San Antonio, Tex. — "That guy that ran playfair made me feel really special."



Doug "Troll" Brown, '97, Bedford, Va. — "That guy that was doing Playfair was really strange."



Nichole Bryant, '97, Columbia, SC., and Amy Bohutinsky, '97, Kansas City, Mo. — "We really enjoyed that cool Honor System film."



Gambrill Corckran, '97, Baltimore, Md. — "I went up and started talking to these two people I thought I knew and then realized I had no idea who I was talking to."



Jon Adelman, '97, Geneva, Switzerland. — "Finding out I have an 8 a.m. class five days a week."

FEATURES

Hikers Hit House Mountain

Outing Club hopes for suggestions to plan '93-'94 activities

By DAVID WILMINGTON
Phi Features Editor

Despite recent focus on their new building, the only house the Outing Club is really concerned with rises hundreds of feet above Rockbridge County.

Approximately twenty freshmen were introduced to the traditional House Mountain hike on Tuesday. The hike was included in this year's freshman orientation schedule with the provision that it stop at the Saddle instead of continuing to the top as usual.

Faculty advisor Kirk Follo explained that neither he nor Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life Dennis Manning felt comfortable with the idea of fifty

or so hikers milling around the edge of the Cliffs.

The hike is somewhat symbolic in that the Outing Club is partly responsible for the preservation of the mountain. Developers were bidding for the land during the first year the club became official, Follo said. The students organized several fund raisers to help Virginia conservation groups buy the land and ensure its undeveloped condition.

Now the hike up Big House Mountain is one of the "must-do-before-you-graduate" activities at W&L.

The Outing Club does not subscribe to a traditional organizational hierarchy. Since the beginning of the club, there has been a core group of organizers instead of an elected or appointed

government. This year, there are only two titled positions. Alex Ruskell serves as House Manager and general organizer and Justin Youngblood is the Equipment Manager.

Formal activities won't gear up until the second week of classes to give everyone time to get settled. Although dates have not been set, Outing Club plans include hikes to Apple Orchard Falls, cross-country skiing trips, rock climbing, and a white-water rafting trip to West Virginia.

Although these big trips are the most well known of the club's activities, they are not necessarily the focus. The club is primarily a resource to allow students to set up their own excursions. As in past years, any student can check out equipment to use for purposes such

as camping or canoeing, but this year a returnable deposit will be required.

Because both Ruskell and Youngblood live in the new Outing Club house, check-out hours for equipment will be much more flexible than in past years.

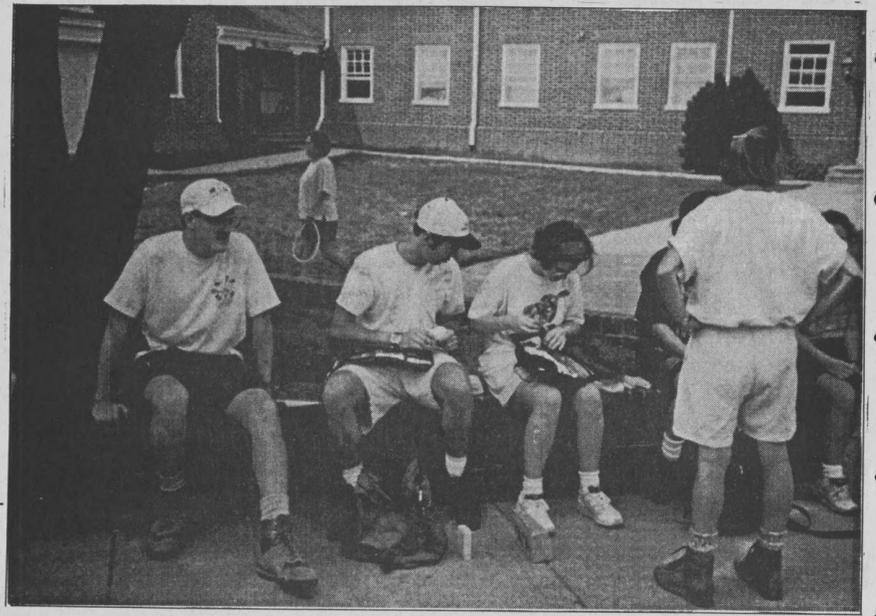
In addition to the scheduled trips and free equipment, various classes have been offered in the past. Ruskell is looking for anyone who has experience with rock climbing or kayaking that would be interested in instructing others.

Outing Club activities take place during all three semesters, even the usually cold Virginia winter.

"We get our best turn out in the fall and spring," Follo said. "In winter people wimp out."

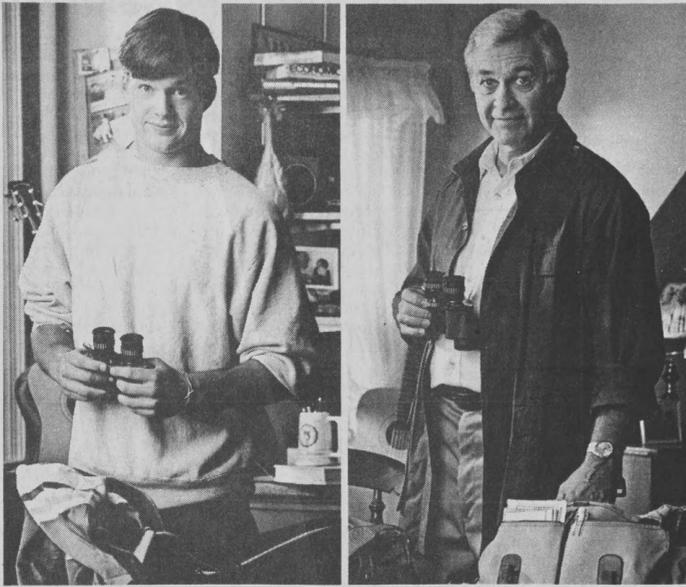


Left: Members of the Class of '97 take a breather as Prof. Kirk Follo points out the trail to the Cliffs of Big House Mountain. Right: Outing Club House Manager Alex Ruskell and Kerry Egan prepare first aid kits before leading the first hike of Fall term.



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FEATURES

Music Review Garth saddles fence again

By David Wilmington
Phi Features Editor

For the past few years, the fence that divides Top-40 pop and country music has been slowly dismantled.

One of the primary reasons for the breakdown can be directly traced to the general popularity and huge record sales of Garth Brooks. His approach to breaking down the already decaying fence has been to throw a saddle on it and ride the middle until you can't decide on which side he belongs. Brooks' latest album, *In Pieces*, continues his fence rail ride by blending numerous elements and sounds into a package labeled 'Country'.

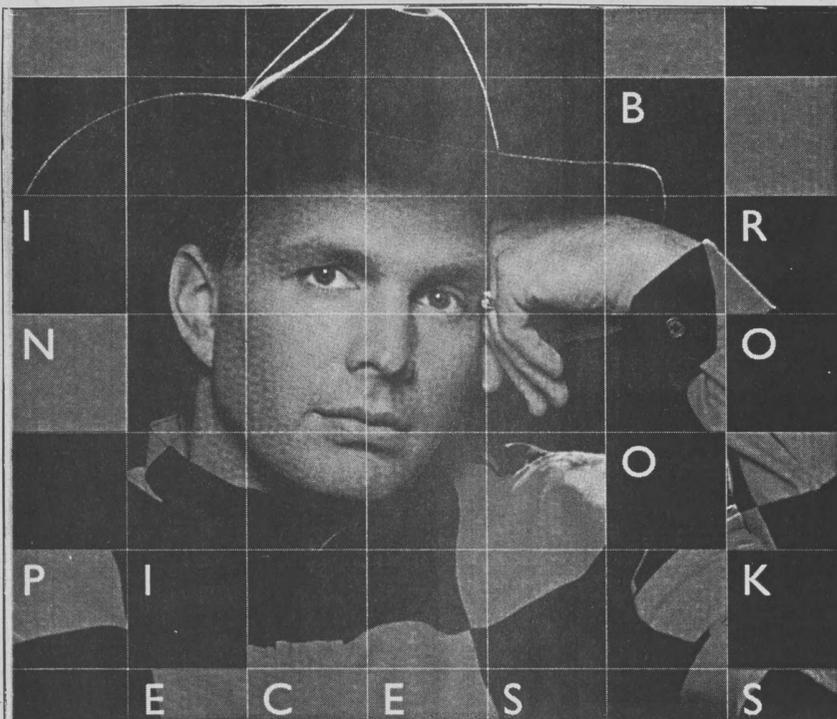
The songs on the album that could be called 'Country' without causing too many arguments represent the tried and true elements of country music.

"American Honky-Tonk Bar Association" has a down-home dance hall feel and lyrics that celebrate an informal coalition of mistreated, blue-collar, beer drinking, gun owning patriots: a kind of "United We Swagger" organization.

"Ain't Going Down (Til The Sun Comes Up)" represents what has become a modern Country custom: a song for would-be teenage rebels everywhere to rally behind. The lyrics, which are spoken in a fast, primarily three note melody, describe the hot-to-trot heroine and her bad boy hero escaping from her parents to express their undying love in a pickup truck. Events come to a head in a Chuck Berry styled chronology: "Ten 'til twelve is wine and dancing, Midnight starts the hard romancing, One o' clock that truck is rocking, Two is comin' still no stopping." You get the picture. It's not poetry, but it's a fun song and it mentions George Strait.

"Callin' Baton Rouge" is a road song in the traditional sense. Guest artist Bela Fleck is featured on banjo in a bluegrass-influenced backup chorus.

Country fans will be pleased to recognize Trisha Yearwood as the other guest artist on the album. Yearwood joins Brooks to sing backup harmony



on three selections.

The songs from the other side of the fence might elicit a few head scratches from some C&W listeners.

Right around the middle of the album, Brooks pulls two songs from an as yet unseen Lyle Lovett influence. "One Night A Day" and "Kickin' and Screamin'" tap into the bluesy contemporary sound that Lovett and Bonnie Raitt have made popular.

In direct opposition to the shock-testing love scene described in "Ain't Going Down", "The Red Strokes" uses the metaphor of colors in a painting to symbolize aspects of a relationship.

This song is very much like the ballads heard on 'Adult Contemporary' stations with names like 'K-Lite'.

One non-traditional C&W song that will not sound unfamiliar is "The Night Will Only Know." The song describes another automobile-bound love tryst, but this time, a murder outside the steamy car window thrusts the lecherous pair into a moral quandary. Listeners might sense some relation to "The Thunder Rolls" in the visually descriptive scenes of violence and injustice. The guitar sound on this track is an especially obvious example of what once would have been shunned by the country establishment.

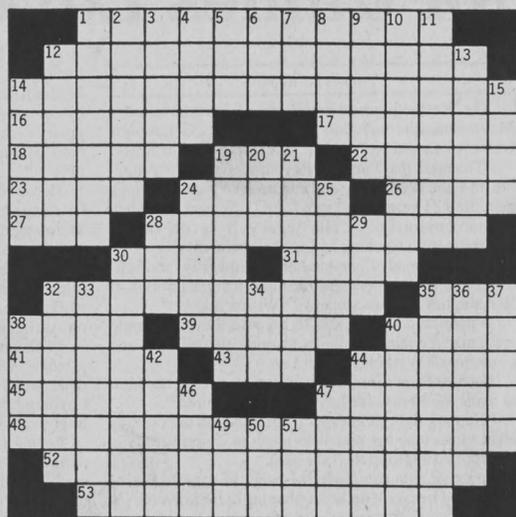
After listening to the album from start to finish, it is obvious that Brooks will have at least three very big hits from this album.

However, some C&W fans may be

disappointed by the new level to which Brooks takes his middle-of-the-fence approach. As exemplified by Billy Ray Cyrus, a country singer who steps too far into pop territory is in serious danger of being ostracized by the core fundamentalists of the C&W scene. Even though country music is enjoying a large amount of popularity with the under twenty crowd, this older core group can still break a performer by labeling him a fake.

If Brooks' ability to hit the right nerves with audiences in live performances is any measure of his ability to sense the ever-swaying pendulum of public sentiment, he'll know when to lean back toward the side of the fence from where his saddle came.

collegiate crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Where one might study Andy Warhol's works (3 wds.)
 - 12 Enrollment into college
 - 14 "Calculus Made Simple," e.g. (2 wds.)
 - 16 Evaluate
 - 17 Extremely small
 - 18 Follows a recipe direction
 - 19 Belonging to Mr. Pacino
 - 22 Of land measure
 - 23 Meets a poker bet
 - 24 — Gay (WW II plane)
 - 26 Capri, e.g.
 - 27 Belonging to Mayor Koch
 - 28 Irritate or embitter
 - 30 Train for a boxing match
 - 31 — and the Belmonts
 - 32 Processions
 - 35 Diet supplement (abbr.)
 - 38 Scottish historian and philosopher
 - 39 College in Greenville, Pa.
 - 40 The Venerable —
 - 41 "...not with — but a whimper."
 - 43 Return on investment (abbr.)
 - 44 Pondered
 - 45 Belonging to Mr. Starr
 - 47 Part of the classifieds (2 wds.)
 - 48 Possible place to study abroad (2 wds.)
 - 52 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.)
 - 53 Orson Welles film classic (2 wds.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Those who are duped
 - 2 "Do unto —"
 - 3 Fourth estate
 - 4 Goals
 - 5 Well-known record label
 - 6 Well-known king
 - 7 151 to Caesar
 - 8 Prefix meaning milk
 - 9 Confused (2 wds.)
 - 10 — husky
 - 11 Most immediate
 - 12 Like a sailboat
 - 13 Cash register key (2 wds.)
 - 14 En — (as a whole)
 - 15 Auto racing son of Richard Petty
 - 19 Political disorder
 - 20 — cit. (footnote abbreviation)
 - 21 Traveled on a Flexible Flyer
 - 24 Glorify
 - 25 Prospero's servant in "The Tempest"
 - 28 Well-known government agency
 - 29 American league team (abbr.)
 - 30 Fictional hypnotist
 - 32 Style exemplified by Picasso
 - 33 "She's —" (from "Flashdance")
 - 34 Be unwell
 - 35 Visible trace
 - 36 Think
 - 37 Woman's undergarment
 - 38 Comm — kirt
 - 40 — burner
 - 42 "...for if I — away..."
 - 44 Actress Gibbs
 - 46 African antelope
 - 47 Well-known TV band-leader
 - 49 Pince — (eyeglass type)
 - 50 1968 film, " — Station Zebra"
 - 51 1965 film, " — Ryan's Express"

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NEWS

Trustees name library for James Leyburn

From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee Board of Trustees voted in May to name the university library for James G. Leyburn, former dean and professor at W&L who died in April. "The mark that James G. Leyburn left upon Washington and Lee is enduring and can be seen today although he retired 21 years ago," said John D. Wilson, president of the university. "His legacy lives on in our commitment to teaching and to the liberal arts." "His concepts of personal honor, integrity, and self-discipline set a wonderful example for generations of Washington and Lee students," Wilson added. Wilson said naming the library after Leyburn would recognize Leyburn's role in shaping the mission and character of Washington and Lee. Barbara Brown, university librarian, said the decision to name the library for Leyburn was "inspired." "Naming the chief academic building on the campus after a man who has meant so much to the university is perfect and appropriate," she said. Among Leyburn's objectives when he came to Washington and Lee were the strengthening of the university's academic standards and bringing the curriculum closer to

the liberal arts ideal. In what became known as the Leyburn Plan, he wrote that it was his goal that "everyone by common consent [should] name us first on the list of great teaching universities, just as everyone tends to name Harvard first in any list of great research universities." He served as dean of the university until 1956, when he stepped down to return to fulltime teaching in the sociology department. After retiring in 1972, Leyburn returned to his family home in West Virginia near the Maryland panhandle. He remained there in retirement, continuing his scholarly work and his voluminous correspondence, until his death on April 28, 1993. "This man was the best man there ever could be in a teacher," said William M. Gottwald, '70, the member of the board of trustees who proposed naming the library for Leyburn. "Dr. Leyburn left an indelible and positive impression on every student in his classroom." Leyburn received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in economics at Duke University, an M.A. in economics and social institutions from Princeton, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale University. He came to Washington and Lee in 1947 from Yale, where he had taught for 20 years.

Wilson, Alton address seniors

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

The class of '94 celebrated the beginning of its last year at W&L yesterday. President John Wilson officially opened the 1993-94 academic year with the annual Opening Convocation in Lee Chapel. Wilson asked the class to lead the student body by example, with maturity. Seniors should help new students by offering "light-handed guidance." Wilson introduced Reginald Alton, recently retired Bursar and Vice-Principal of St. Edmund's College, Oxford University, as the special guest speaker. Wilson said Alton was his teacher during his years of graduate study at Oxford University. Alton thanked Wilson for his introduction with some comments about Wilson's tenure at Oxford and W&L. "An emperor found Rome in bricks and left it marble," Alton said. "John Wilson found W&L in bricks and left it many, many, many more bricks." In his address, Alton drew comparisons between Oxford and Washington and Lee Universities' evolution from small, personality-driven schools to respectable universities. He described life in 1749, as he understood it, at both Oxford and W&L. Alton warned universities from overemphasizing research and deemphasizing undergraduate teaching. Alton quoted Aristotle in saying, "Learning is one of the greatest pleasures in the world," and he urged the audience to extend "benevolence to yourself and to others." The Opening Convocation has been held in honor of the senior class since 1987. Dean of Students David Howison said that although convocation seems like an old tradition, Wilson founded the current proceedings.

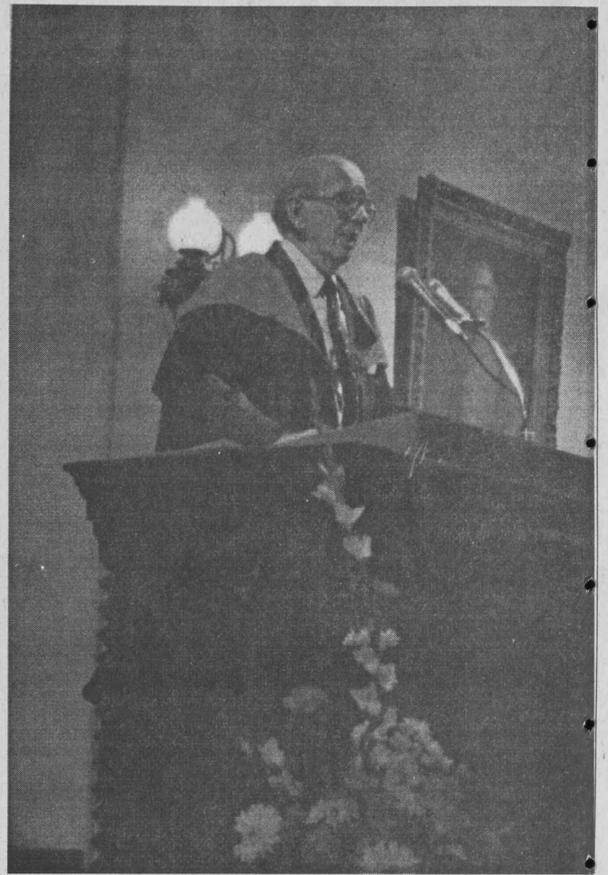


Photo By Richard Weaver, The Ring-tum Phi

Reginald Alton, retired Bursar and Vice-Principal of St. Edmund's College at Oxford University speaks at yesterday's convocation. Alton taught President John D. Wilson while Wilson attended Oxford for his graduate studies.

Phone costs down

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Additionally, long distance costs and monthly services fees will be lower for students. Because the monthly service fee is built into the cost of the room, the university was able to charge less than Centel's typical monthly service fee of \$22. Students living in single rooms are now paying about \$18 per month and students in doubles each pay half that amount as part of their room fee. Students can expect to see cheaper long distance rates with the new phone system. Students will receive a 10 percent discount on AT&T long dis-

tance rates. Day, evening and night rate times will also be similar to AT&T. Weekend rate times will run from Friday at 5 p.m. to Monday at 8 a.m. All students may apply for an MCI calling card from University Services which comes with the Washington and Lee logo embossed. Students using these calling cards can expect to see a savings of five to eight percent over other long distance company calling cards. "The calling cards are really beneficial to students off campus because they provide a much cheaper rate for the same service Centel would provide," Camper said.

Pavilion opens

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cations and bad weather during the construction of the building. The Watson Pavilion and the Reeves Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and special arrangements can be made for weekend visits. "The staff is always happy to take visitors," Litzenburg said. "The real message is that we've just been gratified by the praise that's been heaped on the new collections and the architecture of the building from all quarters."

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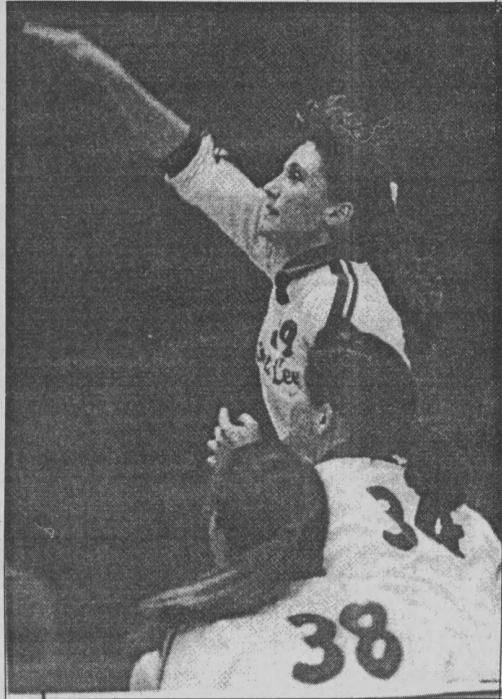
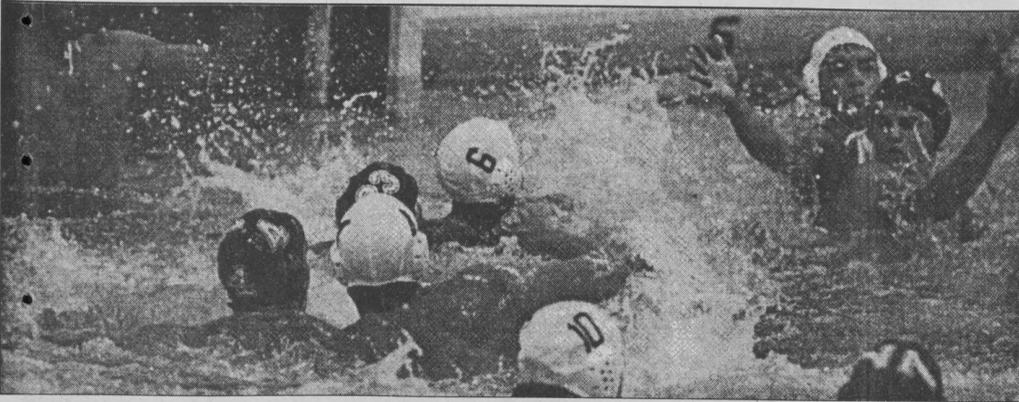
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SPORTS



Schaeffer astounds campus with second All-American title

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Sports Editor

While you were away... Washington and Lee students may not be surprised to see sophomore Josephine Schaeffer in the headlines yet again, even if these particular acclamations are a long time coming.

But this headline has something new and different; Schaeffer has made an indelible mark on history not only by becoming the first W&L woman to become a two-sport All-American, but also achieving this in her freshman year.

At Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, May 26, 1993, Schaeffer ran the 10,000-meter run for the third time in her life and placed second nationally for Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Schaeffer's time of 36:31.82 was an amazing improvement over her previous mark of 37:34, and was more than sufficient to attain her second All-American title, after last fall's stellar cross country season.

Her solitary performance gave W&L a 31st place of 63 participating teams. As they say, the third time's the charm.

"She's great," women's cross country coach Jim Phemister said simply.

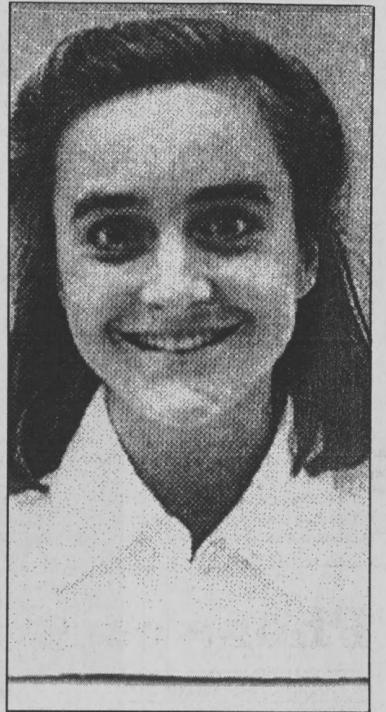
Schaeffer is running even better this year, according to her coach, and she and the rest of the cross country team will take the stage at their first meet tomorrow at the Lebanon Valley Invitational.

The Generals are coming off an Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship season (even though Schaeffer took a wrong turn during the race and failed to achieve a title she was expected to win). Washington and Lee placed a best-ever third in the regional championship, even though the team ran what Phemister tagged its worst race of the season.

With the strong back-up of juniors Kim Herring and Sue Deutsch and sophomore Amy Mears, the Generals can only improve this year.

On the men's side, a young team hopes to prove that last year's runner-up finish at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships was not a fluke.

The Generals mourn the loss of three-time All-Region runner Bo Hannah. Junior Matthew Brock and sophomore Brad Paye hope to help fill that ugly gap. Paye, who missed much of last year with mononucleosis, was the General's number two runner at the beginning of the '92 season.



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Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer has two big reasons to be smiling.

Joining the women at the Lebanon Valley Invitational, the men's cross country squad will debut freshman talents Sandy Hooper and Alvin Townley.

Both the men's and women's squads will face a field of 32 teams, both Division II and III, with almost 200 runners Sept. 11.

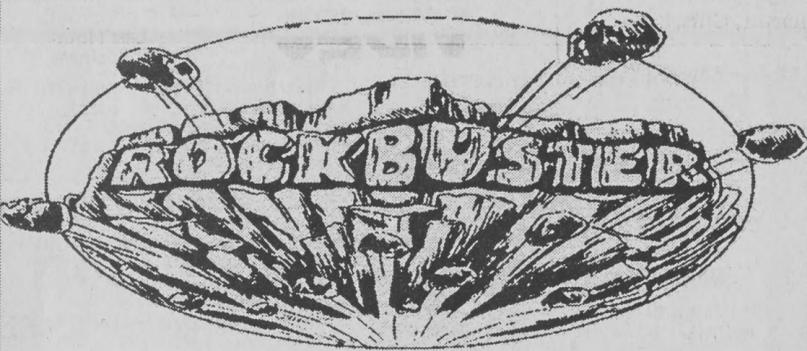
Expect big things from this season's cross country teams—coach Phemister does.

"If I had to predict an outcome for Saturday's race, I'd predict Josephine winning," said Phemister.

For history in the making, watch the W&L women's cross country team.

Clockwise from top: the Washington and Lee water polo team, junior Jennifer Garrigus and senior Aspen Yawars show their form, hoping to help W&L make headlines in '93.

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Sports issue examined

Sarah on Sports
by Sarah Gilbert

As a sports columnist, my short history has been nothing if not lighthearted. Everyone, however, must grow up (if only for one week) and the time has come to tackle a serious issue: drugs and athletes.

I am not referring to steroids or cocaine; the drugs I worry about are far more addicting and potentially more dangerous.

Tobacco is the only substance which, used as the manufacturer suggests, will almost certainly kill you. Alcohol, when abused, destroys the liver and kills brain cells—it actually affects the user's ability to remember.

As an athlete and an avid spectator for many years, the fact that many athletes abuse these two drugs has always horrified me. When I came to Washington and Lee, I found this problem magnified.

Many coaches have alcohol use policies which reflect this campus' overuse of the drug. A rule which mandates that athletes abstain from alcohol for 48 hours before a contest can only point to a serious problem.

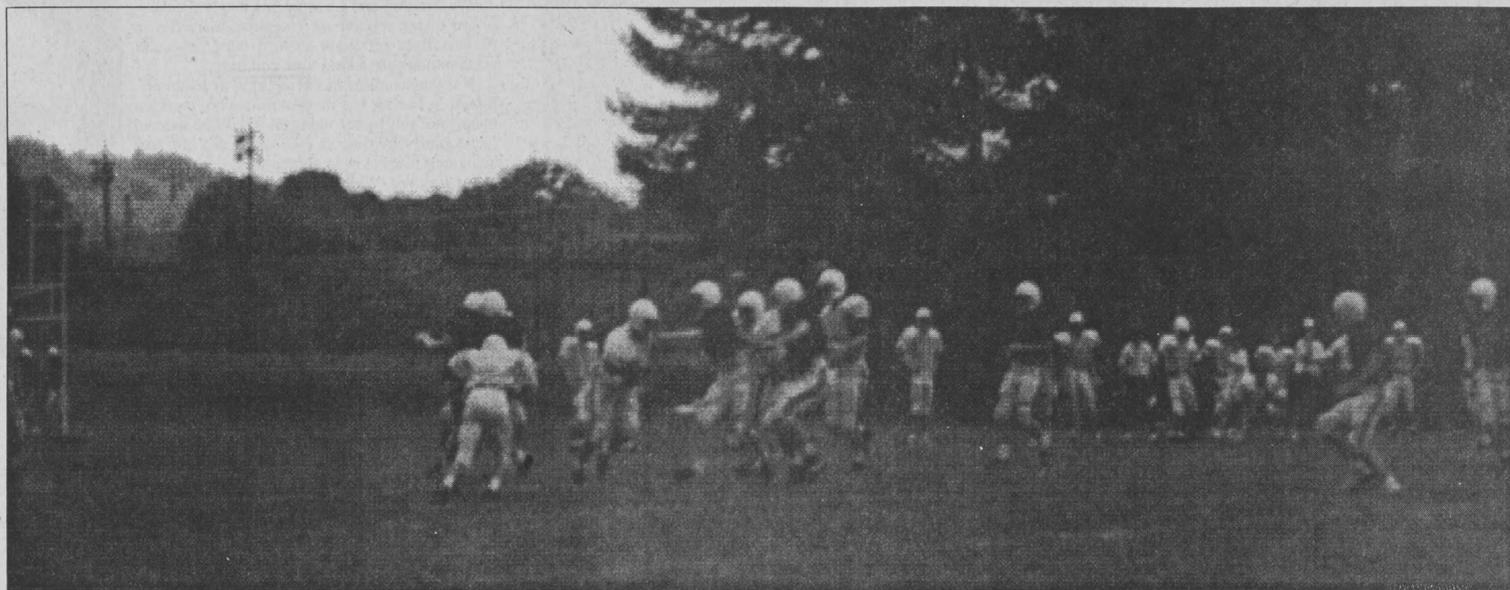
Researchers and coaches are constantly searching for new ways to maximize athletes' potential through quality nutrition programs and intensive regimens of physical discipline. At many Division I schools, coaches require athletes to adhere to curfews and strict diets. At W&L, coaches struggle to keep their athletes from waking up the day of a contest with a hangover.

It is not only that athletes at W&L do not have the discipline or desire to make sacrifices in order to be the best they can be. It is a larger problem; the atmosphere of W&L is so centered on the use of alcohol (and cigarettes are often the natural companion to beer) that it is difficult to stay drug-free without isolating oneself from the social community.

Alcohol and tobacco are completely opposed to every premise on which athleticism is based. I have seen Washington and Lee athletes smoke daily in-season and then struggle through routine sprints in practice. I have seen athletes drunk at fraternities hours before they are expected to compete.

The idea that anyone could systematically destroy his body's aerobic capacity while undergoing a daily athletic regimen is ludicrous. It simply does not make sense.

W&L football kicks off '94 season



Washington and Lee football players practice above Wilson Field. The Generals begin their season Sept. 11, squaring off against the Wasps of Emory and Henry in Emory, Virginia.

Photo by Sarah Gilbert of The Ring-tum Phi

Volleyball, basketball star takes the helm for women

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Sports Editor

Washington and Lee gained a new face in the athletic department this summer when Terri Dadio, formerly of Trenton State (N.J.) College, brought her many talents to the women's athletic program.

Dadio will coach volleyball and women's basketball at W&L. She acted as an assistant basketball coach at Trenton State, while also serving as assistant varsity and head junior varsity volleyball coach at her alma mater, Freedom High School.

Her playing experience at Lafayette College included two years as captain of the basketball team, selection as a member of the first-team All-Patriot League in 1992 and the All-East Coast Conference rookie team in 1989. She was third all-time leading scorer at Lafayette.

Dadio's volleyball experience is confined to high school, but she was stellar as a four-year starter and a two-time all-league selection at Freedom.

"Washington and Lee is committed to having a quality athletic program," athletic director Mike Walsh told Sports Information. "With the appointment of Terri Dadio as the coach of women's basketball and volleyball we've taken a giant step towards fulfilling that commitment."

With a basketball team newly elevated to varsity status and a young volleyball team, Dadio will have her hands full. "We feel she has the background and enthusiasm to meet the challenge," Walsh concluded.



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Water polo hosts tourney

Washington and Lee water polo, the reigning Eastern champs, opens its season tomorrow with the annual W&L Fall Classic. The field includes rivals Richmond and Johns Hopkins as well as Villanova and Queens.

As last year's team finished with five straight wins, the Generals will be leaning heavily on experienced team members such as senior Greg Golub, a 1992 first-team All-American with 73 goals.

Also returning for W&L will be senior Jacob Berman and juniors Derek DeVries and Reuben Munger, who hope to lead the Generals to a finish to rival last year's 16-10 record.

Men's soccer to Kentucky

Though five starters have graduated from a team which was 8-8 in 1992, Washington and Lee men's soccer hopes to improve on the record with a core of tri-captains Alan Christensen, John Robinson and Dan Rhodes.

The Generals head to Kentucky this weekend for matches versus Centre and Transylvania.

Women's soccer experienced

In contrast with the men's team, Washington and Lee women's soccer team returns most of its top performers.

Only two starters graduated from the 1992 squad which won the regular season Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. The Generals' defense, which allowed less than two goals per game last year, returns seniors Aspen Yawars and Allison Lewis.

Leading the returnees for the offense are seniors Angie Carrington and Corinda Hankins and junior Anne Spruill.

The Lady Generals open their season tomorrow with a road trip to Atlanta. They play Agnes Scott College Sept. 11 and Emory Sept. 12.

Football faces top-ranked opponent

Washington and Lee gridders return from a 5-4 season Sept. 11 to face Emory and Henry, ranked 10th in Sports Illustrated's pre-season

Division III rankings.

The Wasps of E&H opened their season with a 15-8 victory over Cumberland last week, and, as defending Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions, should be the Generals' toughest competition this season.

Leading W&L as quarterback this year will be sophomore Matt Reedy, replacing junior Geren Steiner, who opted not to play this year after becoming the eighth-all-time leading passer in only two years.

Senior running back and tri-captain Tom Mason will be missing tomorrow after breaking a bone in his left hand during scrimmage last weekend. Mason rushed for 518 yards in five weeks as tailback last year, and coaches are breathlessly awaiting the diagnosis of a specialist Mason will see this week.

Washington and Lee defense is headed by junior noseguard Jason Chartrand, whose career includes 116 tackles. Joining Chartrand on the line are juniors outside linebacker Stephen Cox, cornerback Jon Wagner and safety Marc Newman.

Leading the offensive line, senior tri-captain John Surface will join forces with senior center Derek Boggs and sophomore tackle Robert Turner to protect Reedy and the other backs.

Impressive newcomers include tailback J.P. Josephson, quarterbacks Brooks Fischer and Tommy Rueger and punter Jonathan Gardner.

All told, the Generals are looking strong and optimistic for the 1993 season. After a bye next week, W&L returns to Wilson Field Sept. 25 to face Centre.

Volleyball debuts coach

Co-captains senior Tara Burns and junior Jennifer Garrigus hope to lead this year's Washington and Lee volleyball team to a winning season after barely missing the .500 mark with a 13-14 record last year.

The Generals head to Christopher Newport College this weekend for a tri-match against their host and Marymount.

Sept. 11 will mark the debut of Terri Dadio as head coach of volleyball for W&L. [See related story, this page.]

Chrissie Hart will be missing from action this season following knee surgery, widening the gap left by top hitter Catherine Hess.

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