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W&L ranked 15 by U.S. News

By EMILY BAKER
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Washington and Lee's ranking has risen again in U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Colleges report. W&L is now the 15th best liberal arts school in the nation, according to U.S. News.

W&L's ranking went from number 22 in 1992 to 20 in 1993.

"This can be a very important assessment for measuring quality," said Dean of Students David Howison.

About 1400 schools were divided

into categories. W&L, along with 163 other schools, belongs to the category of national liberal arts colleges.

U.S. News asks the president, deans and admissions directors of schools to evaluate other schools in their category based on academic reputation. W&L came in at 9th place in this category.

"This is important," said Howison. "It's a reflection of how others see us."

U.S. News then figures in the reputation evaluations with statistics provided by the school. This year's ranking comes from statistics of last year's freshman class, the class of '97.

These statistics concern student

selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rate, and alumni satisfaction.

Howison says the new ranking reflects W&L's investment of funds.

"We're a good school," he said. "W&L has put its resources where, in my judgment, are the right places: in admissions, to get the best students, and in support for faculty, to get the best teachers."

W&L came in first place out of all 164 schools in the category of faculty resources. This was determined by the ratio of full-time students to full-time faculty, the salary for faculty, and the

class size.

W&L's score has risen in the area of alumni giving to 54%. This is increased slightly due to the Capital Campaign, said Howison.

An increased retention rate has also improved the score in the graduation rank category, said Associate Director of Admissions Dan Murphy.

"We've really made strides in the percent of students graduating from the university."

The only number Howison expressed dissatisfaction with was the financial resources score of 54th place. According to U.S. News, "a school's

financial strength was determined by its fiscal 1993 expenditures for its education program...divided by its full-time-equivalent enrollment."

"Here we are punished for our tuition rate," said Howison. "Relative to other schools in our category, our tuition is low."

Neither Howison nor Murphy would venture a guess at next year's ranking.

"It varies from year to year," said Murphy. "We're pretty firmly established in the top 25, but as to exactly where, I better not guess."

"Once you get to the level we're at, it's hard to separate schools,"

said Howison.

Howison did say he thinks this year's freshman class will raise the ranking even more, especially the selectivity rate.

While the class of '97 had a 33% acceptance rate, the class of '98 had a 29% acceptance rate. All this praise for the class of '98 has some upperclassmen doubting they could have gotten into this year's freshman class.

Howison disagrees.

"The quality of the students has not changed. The quality has been good from the moment I got here."

Tear Night approaches

By CINDY YOUNG
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Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins refers to it as the ceremony surrounding "the first big decision a young man makes on his own." Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life Dennis Manning likens it to "crossing a threshold." The brothers of all fourteen recognized fraternities here on campus have been planning it for a full year now. W&L Security is gearing up for it. And to the men of the Class of 1998, it is fast approaching, full of anticipation and promise: Tear Night '94.

"Tear Night" derives its name from days past, when a name tag with one torn corner meant the bearer had been bid upon; two torn corners signified an intent to pledge.

By all accounts, the night has now evolved into a less formal, and in many aspects, wilder party. Each fraternity has laid plans for what promises to be a memorable night. Most plans include a meal at the fraternity house, ranging from a formal dinner to the dishing-out of pizza, followed by a party for active members and the new pledge class.

Even with well-laid plans, and best intentions on the part of fraternity brothers, not to mention the prohibition of alcohol consumption throughout this year's Rush, W&L administrators' anticipation of Tear Night '94 are

still moderate.

Mindful of colorful episodes from recent years, Mike Young, Director of Campus Security, will consider this Saturday night a success "if not one person is arrested, gets sick, or is injured and has to be taken to the hospital." To help achieve this goal, Young promises to "increase patrolling and heighten [Security's] interest" in goings-ons this weekend.

Chief Bruce Beard of the Lexington Police Department said that Lexington's police force "will be beefed up," for Tear Night. Beard also said there will be many more Alcohol Beverage Control officers in Lexington over the weekend. He advised students to "be careful and don't be caught with alcohol."

Also looking to Tear Night with heightened interest are the freshmen themselves, some with eagerness, others with hesitation. To Brad Simpson, the night promises a "really memorable" experience. Scott Anderson expects to find a "big night," after which another freshman expects "you don't remember a lot."

Scott Bookwalter and Ken Theus voice for many others their expectation of "a lot of drinking." To all freshmen alike, however, the night stands as the first step in their initiation into Greek life.

To the men of the Class of '98, advice comes from many directions. Chris Lamberson,

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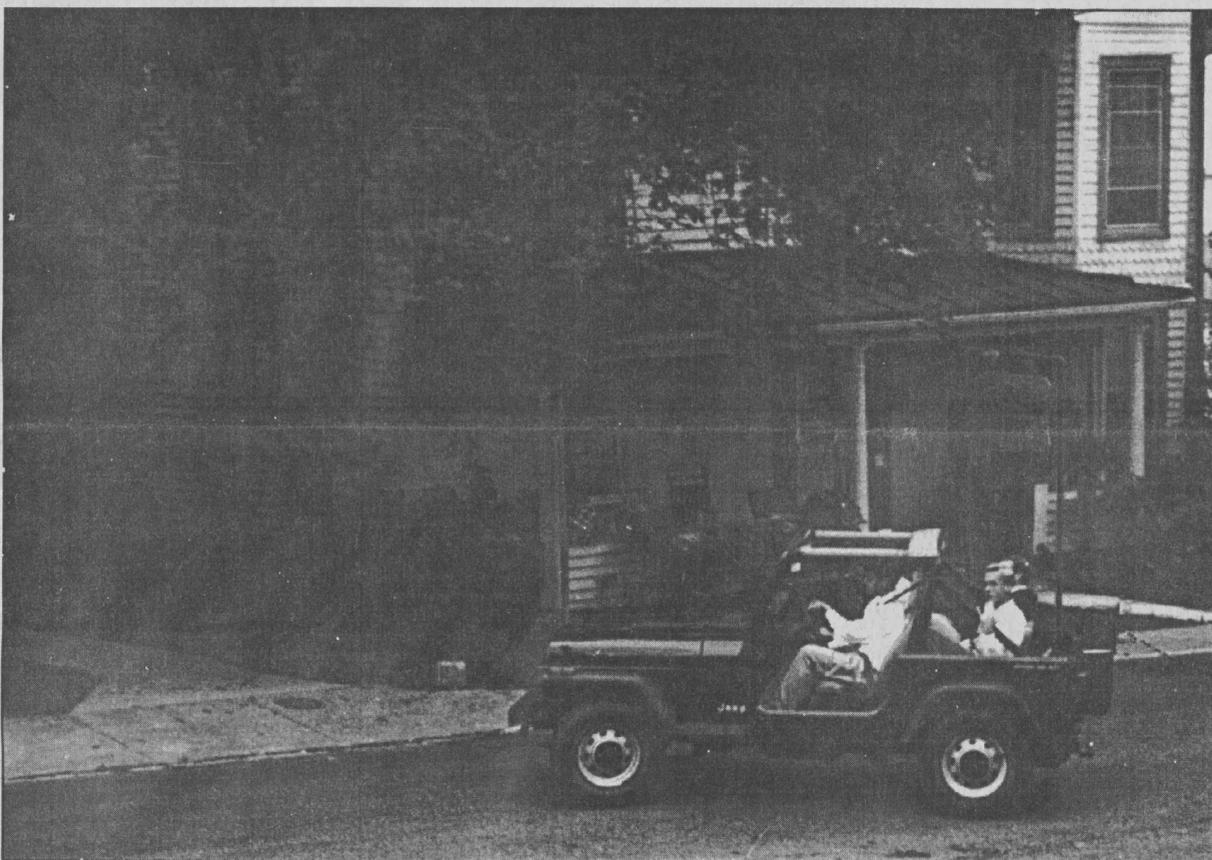


Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Goin' for a ride

Rush wraps up today with Rush dates Seven and Eight. Pictured above are several freshman on their way out to a fraternity for Rush Date Five. Tear Night is this Saturday and it promises to be a crazy night. Lexington Police and W&L Security have both planned heightened patrols. Please see story on page 1.

Professor Tim Murdoch wins Nat'l Science Award

By NICOLE RICHARD
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"Pictures are much more meaningful than a complicated formula," is Washington and Lee mathematic professor Timothy Murdoch's belief. This sentiment won him a National Science Foundation Leadership Award for \$77,775.

Murdoch, an assistant professor of mathematics at W&L since the fall of 1988, discovered that these grants were available from the National Science Foundation during a trip to Los Angeles. Upon hearing about them, he decided to outline an idea and then submit a written proposal to the foundation.

His innovative proposal is to coincide with another recent grant the mathematics department received last year. This grant, chaired by John Harer (who is now a part of the Duke University staff), allowed them to purchase computers specifically for the mathematics department's use.

With this new grant, Murdoch plans to create software that will be used by the multi-variable calculus students in the computer lab individually and in class lectures as a teaching aid for second-year calculus students. It is hoped

that the software will help illustrate what students often have problems seeing for themselves in calculus.

"Students don't have a good ability to visualize things about calculus," said Murdoch.

With these computer programs, students will be able to investigate vector calculus concepts and learn to visualize three dimensional shapes.

According to Murdoch, an example of how this software will be of use to the students is in looking at integrals that have more than one variable. These integrals have very complex shapes and so are not easily comprehended. With the new software, the computer can project these shapes for them.

Murdoch did not believe that he would receive the grant and was both surprised and excited when it was bestowed on him.

"The nice thing is that we are doing something," he said.

The software is being developed locally, but with the hope that other colleges across the country will see the results and become interested.

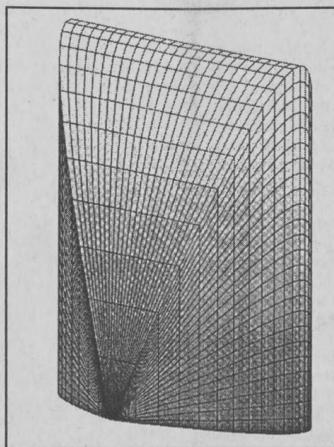
When Professor Murdoch is not teaching class or working on his software, followed faithfully around by his small dog, Satz (which means "theorem" in German), or as the W&L students affectionately call him "the math dog,"

he can be found jogging or spending quality time with his 16-month-old son, Zach, and his wife, Kay.

"Both family and profession are important in my life," Murdoch said.



Murdoch



The square cross-sections pictured above are one of Prof. Murdoch's favorite examples of his software in action.

ACLU attempt at EC money fails

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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This year American Civil Liberties Union president Andrew Schneider presented his budget to the Executive Committee in the form of a menu at the Willson-Walker House.

The ACLU's budget took its inspiration from last year's \$1400 EC dinner at the Willson-Walker House.

Schneider said he did it for primarily two reasons.

"The point of the spoof on the Willson-Walker House dinner where the EC spent \$1400 was that they could be spending the money in a more worthwhile way," said Schneider.

He said he wanted to present his point in an amusing way and to get the EC to think twice on their policy of not funding ideologically partisan groups. He said he also wanted to ease tensions between the EC and the ACLU.

"The EC and the ACLU have traditionally had this antagonistic relationship," he said, "and the supplement to the budget was a way to diffuse some of the tension."

Schneider said although it did lighten the mood, it didn't change the EC's policy.

EC member Jim Pike '95L said the EC were not against the ACLU personally.

"It's a matter of problems with a tight

budget," he said.

He said there is simply not enough money to fund ideologically partisan groups. He was personally not offended by the parody on Willson-Walker House.

He took it in good faith, but also seriously in the sense that there will not be any more dinners at the Willson-Walker House. The EC has a simple policy of not funding ideologically partisan groups.

He said because of the nature of law school, the Student Bar Association can fund the ACLU. The EC cannot because it is traditionally neutral in political issues.

Schneider said he disagrees.

"I find it rather curious that they made that distinction," said Schneider. "To me the environment on the undergraduate level is just as political and ideological as the law school."

EC president Kevin Webb said the law school provides more of an environment for ideologically partisan groups.

"The nature of law school encourages the law students to take stands and improve their ability to argue and debate," he said. "It's just the process of developing good attorneys."

Webb said the EC policy came about when the *Spectator*, the conservative news-

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World

U.S. troops watch as Haitian police attack pro-American crowds in Port-Au-Prince

American soldiers watched as Haitian police attacked crowds of singing demonstrators in Haiti's capital Wednesday. The crowds gathered to sing and cheer for U.S. troops arriving in Haiti. The U.S. so far has sent 7000 troops to Haiti to help restore exiled president Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power. U.S. officials said U.S. troops are not there to intervene in disruptions, except if they are a threat to civil order. Two demonstrators were beaten to death.

Gunman kills eight in Beijing

A gunman in Beijing killed eight people Tuesday, including an Iranian diplomat and his son. The gunman opened fire on a bus and several other vehicles before being shot down himself and killed by police. The New China news Agency did not report possible motives in the incident.

Volcanoes erupt in New Guinea

Nearly 30,000 residents of Papua, New Guinea fled the region just before two volcanoes erupted simultaneously. Ships picked up evacuees fleeing from the ash covered city. The volcanoes lay on opposite sides of the harbor. Officials fear there were a small number of people still in the city, but cannot get through because of broken communication lines.

The Nation

No more cameras in federal courtrooms

Federal judges voted Tuesday to keep cameras out of federal courtrooms. The panel of judges at the U.S. Judicial Conference turned down a proposal to open all courts to a project that would allow cameras at civil trials and appeals, and banned absolutely cameras at all federal trials. The judges banned cameras out of a concern for the impartiality of judges, juries, and lawyers at trials.

Saturated fat increases ovarian cancer risks

Eating 10 grams of saturated fat a day may raise the risk of ovarian cancer by 20 percent, says a study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Scientists have long suspected that saturated fat plays a role in ovarian cancer, but this study offers solid evidence. The study also adds that eating just two small servings of vegetables a day could offset that risk. In another study, scientists found that women who average four hours of exercise a week during their childbearing years have a 60 percent lower risk of breast cancer.

EEOC drops religious harassment

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission withdrew its rules regarding religious harassment in the workplace Tuesday. The regulations were part of a comprehensive plan to eliminate harassment. The guidelines proposed to ban all religious expression, both verbal and symbolic, in the workplace. EEOC officials estimate that more than 100,000 letters were sent urging the organization to drop religion from its harassment guidelines.

USAir overworked plane engines

In an effort to get more use out of the engines of Flight 427, USAir ran them on shorter flights rather than giving them an overhaul, said a maintenance source Tuesday. The FAA approved this practice in February as part of a cost-cutting effort. All 132 people aboard Flight 427 died when it crashed September 8.

Shuttle forced to land in California

Heavy rains at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida caused space shuttle Discovery to land at Edwards Air Force Base in California, 3000 miles from its original destination. NASA officials were disappointed not only because the shuttle could not land from the same place it launched from, but also because it will cost \$1 million to shuttle the shuttle back to Florida.

The State

Securities fraud investigation looks at Va. pension plan

A two-year investigation into securities fraud at Virginia's retirement agency focuses on pension fund officials appointed by then-Gov. Douglas Wilder. Prosecutors say the pension fund broke securities laws when it did not reveal its interests in buying R.F. & P. Corp., a real estate company. By not disclosing their intentions, officials were able to buy stock at lower prices than they would have had they let known their interests.

Proposal X could cost twice projected price

Proposal X, Governor George Allen's plan to end parole, could cost twice as much as previous estimates. The plan proposes the construction of 27 new prisons by 2005, costing \$1 billion. The House Appropriations committee released a report saying that figure could range between \$1.9 to \$2.2 billion. The General Assembly recessed Tuesday to hold hearings on the matter this week.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Emily Baker.

Road sign missing at Hollins

By JENNIFER LATHAM
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After the Hollins College apartment parties two weeks ago, a caution sign was reported missing from Obenchain Road, near the apartments.

But it was no ordinary road sign. Inside its yellow triangle was the image of an emu and the words "emu crossing - next seven miles."

Tom Mesner and his wife, Jeanne Larsen, received the sign as a gift and will take it back with no questions asked. Mesner said he suspects a college student stole the sign because "(partygoers) got wild, or it was something they'd drunk."

"It's probably on some student's wall," said Mesner.

Mesner is Dean of Student Academic Affairs at Hollins, and Larsen is chairman of the English department there.

Mesner joked that the sign might not have disappeared if it had warned of the presence of a different animal.

"The emu is not a dangerous animal...maybe next time we'll put up a sign with a rhinoceros on it."

Males tear on Saturday

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Vice-President of the Interfraternity Council, cautions rushees that this is the "first night of the next four years of [their] lives;" its significance is far beyond any one party.

IFC member Whitney Bludworth advises the freshman considering different fraternities to "take the decision seriously."

Dean Manning challenges the men to explore "the wealth of differences within the system," to make their own "informed, intelligent decisions about joining [Greek life]," never "at the expense of academic work."

At its best Tear Night '94 will be source of pride for W&L administration, a relief to security personnel, and a meaningful experience to all those freshman and upperclassmen involved. This Saturday, the men of the Class of 1998 will have officially entered another world at W&L, quite apart from classrooms and homework: the world of fraternities.

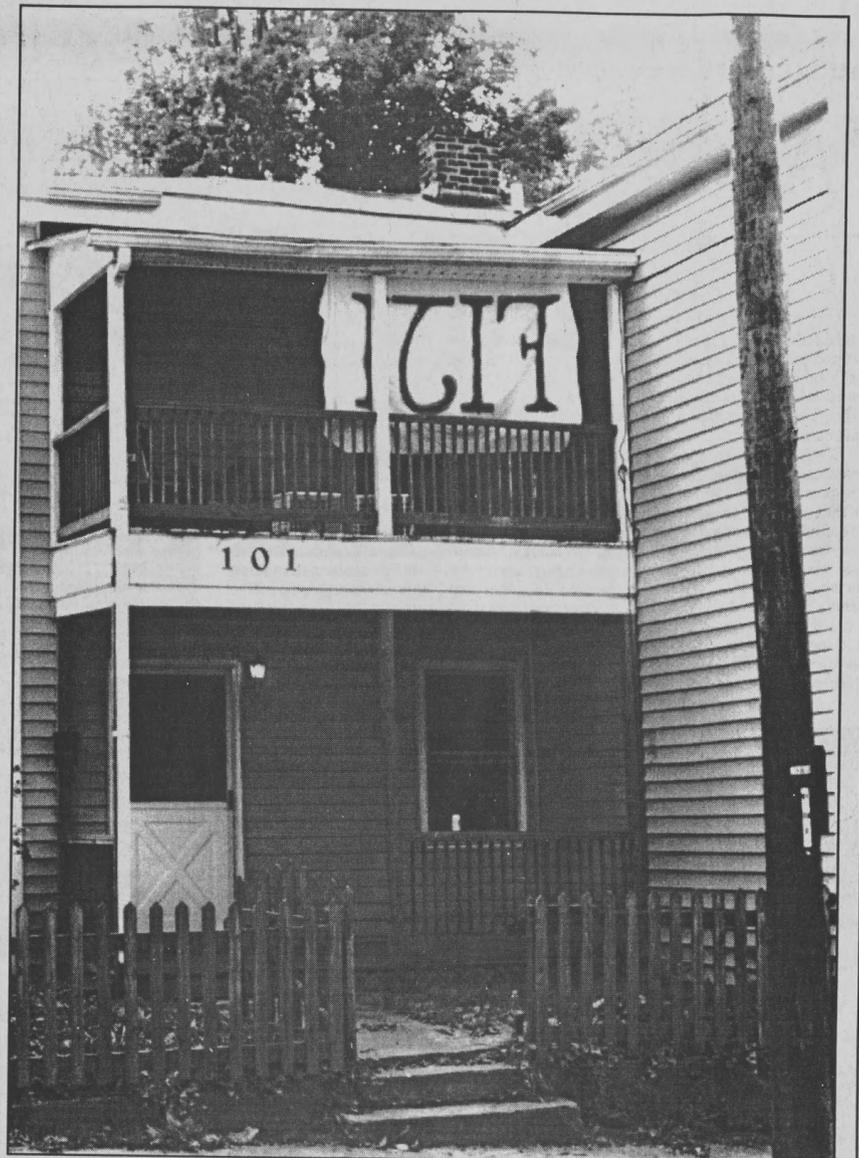


Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Going about it backwards

A Phi Gamma Delta banner hangs backwards (when viewed from the street) at 101 N. Randolph St. FIJI, which was suspended Jan. 17 for 18 months by the Student Affairs Committee for hazing, hopes to return to campus when the SAC reviews FIJI Jan. 1, 1995. The members are making tentative plans for a deferred, January, rush if they can successfully gain an overturn of the remaining six months of their suspension. The FIJI house corporation has outlined a 10-point plan of action for the fraternity, which includes such items as "post-initiation" pledge training program approved by the International fraternity and suspension or expulsion of any members who purchase or serve keg beer. The house corporation also hopes to establish an academic review committee which will counsel pledges and brothers whose GPAs fall below 2.5. FIJI hopes to gain the approval of the SAC with this and the "good behavior" of the suspended FIJI brothers.

W&L adds 18 new and diverse faculty members to the undergraduate schools

By ANNE ALVORD
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This year W&L is welcoming eighteen new undergraduate faculty members. The new members of the faculty represent a great variety of educational and professional backgrounds.

Andrew J. Holliday joins the Economics faculty as an assistant professor. He is succeeding Todd Lowry, who is in the phased retirement program. Professor Holliday is not a brand-new face here, as was on a visiting appointment at W&L last year. He received his BA from Michigan State, his MA from the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He also holds a JD from the Kent College of Law at the Institute of Technology. Professor Holliday has held short-term faculty appointments at the University of Virginia, Sweet Briar, and East Carolina University.

Edwardo A. Valasquez, a native of Argentina, is succeeding Delos Hughes in the Politics department. Professor Valasquez received his BA from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and both his MA and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Pamela Vermeer is succeeding Ted Sjoendsma, who is serving two years as a program officer at the National Science Foundation before retiring from W&L. Professor Vermeer will serve as an assistant professor of Computer Science. She earned a BA in Mathematics from Calvin College, and both her MS and Ph.D. from Perdue University.

Lesley Wheeler is joining the English faculty as an assistant professor. She will succeed Severn Duvall, who will retire after teaching half time this year. Professor Wheeler graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers University,

then proceeded to earn her MA and Ph.D. from Princeton University.

Matthew Moran will teach "Introduction to Biology" this term while Professor Nye is on leave. He earned his BA from the University of Delaware, and is a doctoral candidate in Ecology at Delaware.

Jeff Konz will be an assistant professor of Economics this year. He will teach courses taught by Professors Gold-

smith, Goldsten, and Winfrey, all of whom are on leave. Professor Konz earned his BA from Iowa State Univer-

BS from W&L and her MS from the University of Virginia.

Assistant Professor of Religion Daniel Perdue earned his BA, MA, and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He replaces Winston Davis, who is on

leave for the Fall and Winter Terms. Professor Perdue has held temporary teaching positions at UVA, James Madison, Amherst, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Claudia Andrews is on a one year appointment as an assistant professor in the English department, where she is filling two vacancies on the faculty. Professor Andrews also taught on a one year appointment at W&L last in 1991-92. She earned her BA from the University of Virginia and her MFA in Creative Writing from University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Anna Brodsky joins the department of German and Russian as an assistant professor. She is a native of Russia, and earned her BA at Moscow State University. After study

in the Slavic Languages department at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Professor Brodsky earned her Ph.D. from Yale, and in 1990 she received a teaching award from Yale.

Kelly Simpson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from W&L, and has now returned as an instructor in the Psychology Department. She will teach for Nancy Margand, who is on leave this year. She is enrolled in a doctoral program at West Virginia University.

Jeanine Stewart also joins the Psychology Department. She will be an assistant professor, teaching courses in developmental psychology and neuroscience. Professor Stewart earned a BA from Holy Cross and an MA and Ph.D. from University of Virginia. She also held a National Institute of Mental Health Post-Doctoral Fellowship at UVA for the past two years.

Assistant Professor Winnifred Sullivan will teach two courses each year in the Religion Department. She earned her BA from Cornell, and her JD and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

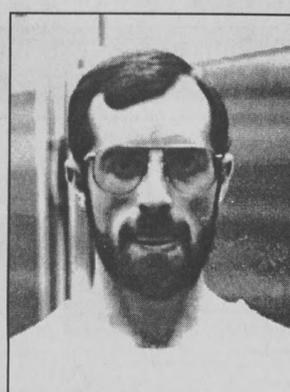
Douglas Szajda graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lafayette College. He earned a MS and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He served one year with W&L in 1992-93, and taught at St. Olaf in 1993-94.

Agnes Carbrey served a one year appointment at W&L in 1992-93. Now she has returned as an assistant professor in the Art department, where she is teaching studio drawing this term. She earned her MFA from the Parsons

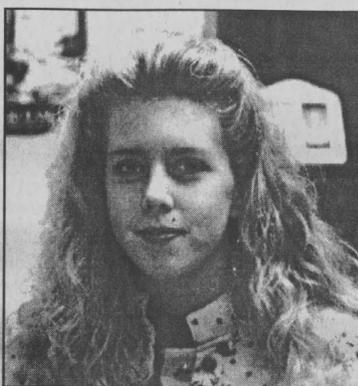
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Holliday



Moran



Simpson

"Acoustical Coffeehouse" showcases talent

By MATT O'BRIEN
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Amid all of the furor and excitement of Rush, there was a refreshing change of pace this past Wednesday when the first "Acoustical Coffeehouse" was held in the GHQ. It is just one of the many new ideas that the SAB and the "Dean of Fun," Michelle Richardson, have in mind for W&L's social calendar.

Similar to the popular MTV series "Unplugged," it allows striving artists to showcase their talents in an intimate atmosphere.

Complete with an assortment of desserts, cappuccino and coffee, students packed in to hear W&L juniors Brian Boland and Tommy Esposito perform. The smoky, Seattle-esque atmosphere provided the perfect environment for their style of music. With Brian Boland on guitar and Tommy Esposito singing, they played an assortment of cover songs. With selections ranging from blues and early U2 to some classic rock, and the token Pearl Jam melody, there was something for everyone.

The duo also played some original songs which were

upbeat and well liked by the crowd.

"I try to keep a real positive attitude with the music I write," said Esposito. "I think a lot of the music today is so negative and (have) so much anger and hate coming out. I take Pearl Jam and Nirvana as prime examples. I mean, why are they so angry?"

The pair met last year during spring term on the steps of the Parkview apartments and have been playing together ever since. And they are by no means strangers to this eclectic, Seattle-coffeehouse type of performance. Although this was their first time performing for W&L, they have played many times at Harbs and the Raven and



Brian Boland and Tommy Esposito jam at "Acoustic Coffeehouse."

Crown, receiving rave reviews. However, it is not always easy for them to find the time to practice together.

With Boland majoring in philosophy and classics and Esposito in history, it is often difficult to set time aside for music. "W&L is the kind of place, as a singer and guitarist, that I wish I went to a school that was less demanding academically. It's hard to get the practice time. But if you really want it, you'll find the time," said Esposito.

Besides serving as a showcase for new talent, the coffeehouse also gave an opportunity for many students to meet with and be inspired by the talents of fraternities or sororities. As Esposito said, "I would hope that it would become a sort of

thing where it would bring together guys and girls that aren't normally hanging out, because they are always hanging out at their fraternity or sorority. I'd hate to see that type of clique attitude." This is not the last you will see of these type of shows.

Because of the positive response, Dean Richardson has already scheduled additional coffeehouse performances for October 7 and October 28. The first will feature a singer from Maine, Tom Acosti, who was a competitor on the television show Star Search.

The performance on the 28th will feature a group named Settle, comprised of a female singer and two male guitarists who sing cover songs by Melissa Etheridge, REM, Indigo Girls and 10,000 Maniacs, among others. The acoustical show is just one of the many new ideas which the SAB and Dean Richardson are working on. One idea being considered is a day trip to Washington, D.C. this coming November, where students can see plays, visit museums and enjoy what the city has to offer.

What is certain is that with the arrival of Dean Richardson and the new plans from the SAB, this year's social calendar promises to be one of the busiest ever. If this week's show was any indication, these events will be a fine complement to W&L's vast array of activities.



photo by Besty Green

One of last year's dorm rooms boasted an affinity for the new "grass" roots movement.

A RESURGENCE IN POT CULTURE

By MELISSA SAWYER
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Lexington is not exactly a center of the drug culture that has been sweeping America for the last few decades. Some things are apparently easy enough to get, though, especially marijuana.

To most students, it's hemp, grass, pot, Mary Jane, or a variety of less well-known terms. Along with its various titles, the marijuana culture has developed its own slang. The lingo includes words like "cashed" (used-up, no longer potent), "roach" (stub from a joint), "hits" (inhalations) and a variety of words to describe a user's condition after partaking in marijuana: toasted, high, smoked out and popeyed.

Until recently, marijuana was synonymous with the Sixties generation, but a new "grass" roots movement is being fueled in large part by pop culture — fashion, music and film.

The funky grunge look was inspired by early Seventies fashions and in part by the cannabis leaf. The seven-point symbol can be seen adorning everything from earrings to T-shirts, belt

les and caps. Boutiques in L.A. and New York are selling a line of clothing called Weed Wear. There's even the Hemperium in San Francisco, which sells hemp sportswear and related items (all legal, of course).

Musical acts from proto-rappers Cypress Hill to Southern hard-rockers The Black Crowes are singing about hemp. In a Time magazine article, B-Real of Cypress Hill, who confesses to smoking pot every day, said "We're the newest to hit with it. We're revitalizing the pot movement." And the Black Crowes, whose lead singer Chris Robinson once posed for the cover of *High Times* magazine smoking a joint, perform under a 48-ft. by 24 ft. banner emblazoned with a marijuana leaf.

In film, 31-year-old filmmaker Richard Linklater, in honor of pot culture classics like *Blow Up* and *Easy Rider*, directed *Dazed and Confused*. The film, fast becoming a kind of cult classic, follows a group of students through their last day of high school in the year 1976. Linklater said in a recent *High Times* interview, "Pot is coming back in a real big way, and if you're going to make an honest teen movie, you're going to see beer drinking and pot smoking."

For W&L students, exposure to the

pot culture has not been limited to the fashions and films of the day. Many parties are hosts to "clam-bakes" and "smoke-ups." Bonfires burn more than wood, and bowls hold more than cereal. The apparatus of the habit are complex, ranging from the classic corn cob pipe to the extraordinarily large Gremlin-shaped creations named such things as "Billy."

While the possession, sale of and use of marijuana is illegal, many students do not consider it to be any more dangerous than the alcohol so readily available to them.

"It's not addictive and it doesn't leave me with a hangover," said one student.

Many students said they use marijuana to relax. "Your eyes get a little red, like you've been crying. That's all," said another student.

The availability of marijuana is complemented by a historical passive acceptance of its use. In fact, hemp was grown by many prosperous colonial planters, including George Washington.

Betsy Ross sewed the first Stars and Stripes out of hempen cloth and the first several drafts of the Declaration of Independence were penned on hemp paper.

Late night at Lee-Hi

By SASHA HARTMAN AND LINDSAY WILLS
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Lee-Hi truck stop, one of Rockbridge County's finest dining establishments, offers more than just food to its customers. Located off Route 11, Lee-Hi provides washing facilities, fuel and entertainment.

For those travelers who are also avid shoppers, it provides a wide assortment of clothes, decaled cups and classes and the ever important gear shift cozies. For W&L students and Lexington residents, it serves as a late night hangout on weekends.

Although W&L students typically do not frequent the establishment during the week, but rather on Saturday nights, one waitress said that "there still are noticeable regulars." When

asked whether the students were generally well behaved or not, she insisted that the majority of the students were "passive and caused no problems." However, she went on to mention that there are exceptions when the students had "partied too much."

In addition to W&L students, many truck drivers frequent Lee-Hi. The waitress reported that the truckers enjoy the mixed company of the students but are hindered by their presence when they were in a hurry and needed fast service.

In order to facilitate all of its customers, Lee-Hi has had to expand in size over the years. Originally, the fuel desk was located where the juke box now stands. There was no store and the dining area was contained in the front seating area.

With such a large variety of meals to choose from it is hard to know what to order. Popular favorites include the He-Man special, scrambled eggs, grits

with cheese and hotcakes. Often the food is eaten with such haste—scarfed—that it is hard to discern what the students actually ordered without examining the bills. Are these cases of the munchies?

Besides delicious food, friendly service and "unique" merchandise, Lee-Hi offers the sheltered W&L student fascinating encounters with those not typically found at fraternity parties. Although many find entertainment in the pinball and video machine games, the juke box offers plenty of enjoyment, with a "wide" selection of music ranging from Johnnie Cash to Willie Nelson.

A trip to Lee-Hi is a mutually rewarding experience. Not only do W&L students take pleasure in observing the regulars at Lee-Hi, the regulars at Lee-Hi are also equally entertained but the duckheaded, flanneled student. To have fully participated in the W&L experience, late night at Lee-Hi is a must!

Atrocious acting plagues Timecop Typical Van Damme races through empty action flick



By KIRK SUSONG
Phi Movie Reviewer

Timecop — ★ 1/2
Jean-Claude Van Damme is back, but this time he has gone out on a real limb making a movie that will surprise everybody.

He plays a sensitive policeman who goes back in time to right the wrongs of the world, saving children and bringing even the harshest criminals both to justice and to tears...

Ha! As if! No, I'm afraid that in truth Van Damme has simply made another rather empty action flick with lots of violence and a little sex.

The premise of *Timecop* is actually not as simple as it sounds.

Several years into the future, a clever scientist discovers a method of time travel.

Unfortunately, when one goes back in time, it is possible to change what will be the future, eg, go back and stop the bombing of Pearl Harbor, thereby preventing U.S. entry into World War II.

So, the Time Enforcement Commission is formed (this creation of yet another sprawling federal bureaucracy is definitely the most realistic part of the film), and intrepid "timecops" are sent through the corridors of history preventing renegade time travelers from setting anything askew.

This ability to change the future at anytime by returning to the past, though it is the premise of the film, makes the plot extremely confusing and makes suspension of disbelief a near impossibility.

The characters, both good and bad, jaunt around the boulevards of temporality, changing things with every move.

The audience can never figure out when or why characters appear, or why they didn't appear "the first time" this happened, or how it was that something did or didn't occur.

Basically the premise of the movie is simply too unworkable, especially when one is telling a story of such a linear quality in the cinema.

Discounting the inhospitable plot and examining just

the characters leaves no better impression.

Van Damme says he would like to make the breakthrough to a wider variety of films, like "Ah-nuld" or Stallone.

That will simply never happen if he continues with wooden performances like in *Timecop*.

Not only is Van Damme incapable of being sensitive, but he even had a hard time being severe or threatening. Despite the characters he plays, he still hasn't figured out how to do "steely resolve" or even simple "hard-nosed pissed off."

He just looks like a confused foreigner struggling with English most of the time.

The words come out of his mouth, but his face displays a real lack of understanding; judging from his expression, it would be impossible to decide if he had just said "Freeze, scum!" instead of, say, "I love animals!"

Apparently at work in this film is some sort of law of thespian osmosis, because all the transparency of Van Damme is magically transferred to his co-stars, both Ron Silver (the evil senator) and Mia Sara (Van Damme's wife, Melissa).

The confused police chief Matuzak, played by Bruce McGill, actually isn't too bad, but he isn't given enough time on screen for that to help the film any.

Beyond the lame acting, Van Damme still does the best action shots in the business.

He has mastered the art of the dramatic action kick, and some of his gymnastic stunts are simply astounding (such as the incredible splits he manages).

The action scenes are beautifully choreographed and executed with incredible precision.

They become the film's redeeming grace, as it is, after all, meant to be an action film.

Undoubtedly most of the credit for the action scenes should go to Van Damme; nevertheless, the director, Peter Hyams, deserved some recognition.

He has done nothing particularly amazing, but he does keep the film moving; the plotting is rarely overly hasty (a temptation in action films, as in the second Rambo film or perhaps the original *Predator*).

Hyams is wise enough to let Van Damme's incredible maneuvers take precedent over anything else in the film. What it boils down to is that this is not a particularly good film: the acting is atrocious, the special effects grow tiresome, and the plot is awfully mixed up.

But it might be worth a video rental if you are looking for a simple Friday-night beer-drinking flick with tremendous athletic presentation.

And, that is, you have already seen *The Crow*.

Rating Scale

★★★★ — Go buy this as soon as it comes out on video. It is an instant classic. "You'll laugh; you'll cry; and maybe, just maybe, you'll learn something about yourself."

★★★ — Go see this film now, while it is still on the big screen. It is worth a few Oscars and the seven bucks you will pay if you see it outside Lexington. Overall, "Better than *Cats!*"

★★ — Okay, so there have been better films. Nevertheless, it is a good example of its genre, and you should probably see it on videotape, especially if you are a fan of the actors or director. Still, probably "Better than *Cats!*"

★ — It happens to be on HBO, and you are blowing off tomorrow's reading. Although your time would probably be better served on your education, it is free and you are bored, so, go ahead and watch it.

(No Stars) — Even if its free and your best friend said he never laughed harder, trust me, this one sucks. Don't waste your time, or at least don't waste it on this. (There's always MTV.)

Nathan McCall: Testimony of an ex-felon

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

In the midst of the debate over Virginia Governor Allen's plan to abolish parole, Nathan McCall offers a triumphant testimony of an ex-felon who went from serving three years in prison to becoming a staff reporter for the *Washington Post*. McCall's book, *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Male in America*, traces his life in Cavalier Manor, a black working-class neighborhood in Norfolk, Virginia.

The story begins in the 1960's in the background of the Civil Rights Movement. Everybody wanted a rep and would do anything to get one. McCall even fights his best friend, Shane, to prove to himself and others just how crazy he is. McCall hopes that his mother would stop the fight but knew he would have to fight if she didn't. Luckily, she told them to quit fighting. "I was so relieved I could have kissed her on the spot. But there was an audience out there. I had an image to project and a role to play. So I acted disappointed, like I was pissed off that my mother kept me from tearing off that nigger's head."

"They'll kill a nigger for dissin' them. Won't touch a white person, but they'll kill a brother in a heartbeat over

a perceived slight. The irony was that white folks constantly disrespected us in ways seen and unseen, and we tolerated it....It was as if black folks were saying, 'I can't do much to keep whites from dissin' me, but I damn sure can keep black folks from doing it.'

This need for respect leads to more dangerous and disturbing escapades, including training girls. A train was essentially a gang rape. A guy would force a girl to have sex with a number of guys. As disgusting as this is, McCall feels compelled to participate so as not to be singled out as a punk. In a perverted sense, a particular train on a girl named Vanessa marks a turning point; it creates a bond between McCall and his friends. It was a macho thing to use "a member of the most vulnerable groups of human beings on the face of the earth—black females." I find this same type of mentality in some male rappers' incessant use of the word, bitch, to describe women. A train represented power over women. McCall soon finds the same power in something else: a gun.

Superfly, the 1972 movie, glamorized life of drug dealing. To McCall, it symbolized the essence of cool. Power, reputation, coolness—all of these things led McCall to riskier crimes such as breaking and entering, drug dealing, mugging, and attempted murder. Finally, McCall was caught robbing a McDonalds restaurant and served

three years.

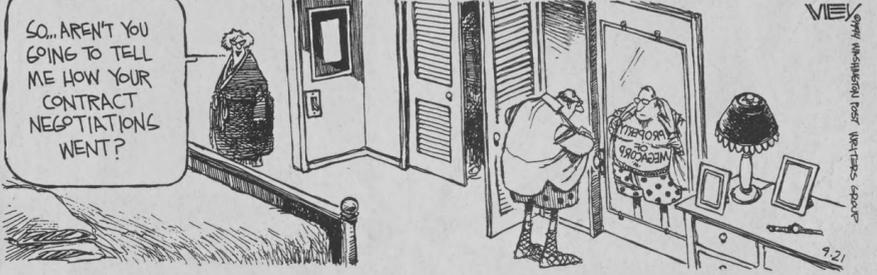
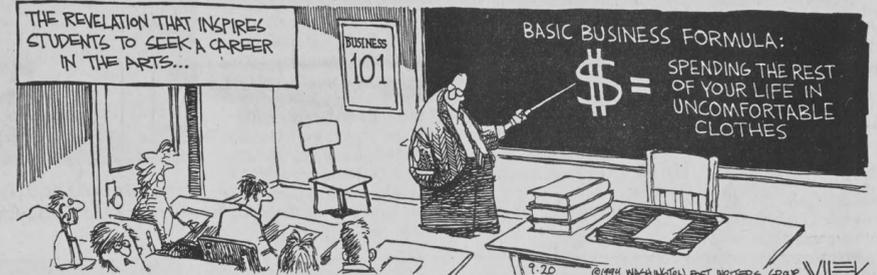
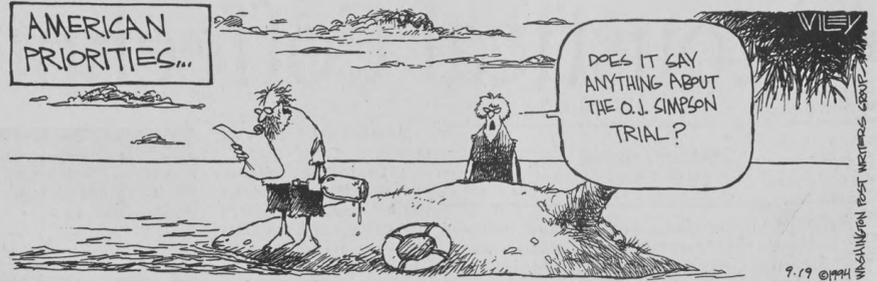
When he gets into prison, he begins to turn his life around. He befriends mentors who teach him about life, history, philosophy. He vows to make something out of himself. Just like Malcolm X, he reads voraciously and upon his release from prison, he enrolls at Norfolk State University. Majoring in journalism, he graduates with honors and precedes to find work.

When he enters the "white establishment", he experiences culture shock. He finds himself feeling like an outsider who is under greater scrutiny than his white counterparts. He must contend with his co-workers misconceptions or simple ignorance of black culture.

McCall has written a truly inspirational and oftentimes biting book. His honesty makes the story compelling and persuasive.

He writes as if he is drinking a cup of coffee and engaging you in conversation. You get to know him, sometimes too well. At points you might not approve of his actions, but you could appreciate his experience. He has an original voice, one mixed with self-righteous anger and humor. He offers an challenging and brutal perspective on black male-female relationship, crime, race, and the competitive world of journalism. It moves one from laughter to anger to sadness. One thing is sure: it made me wanna holler.

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ACLU budget rejected

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paper, asked for funding from the EC. The policy was formally approved last year and again this year.

Webb said the policy prevents the EC from favoring one group over another. It made sense to keep the EC as neutral as possible.

Schneider said he sees the EC as being quite political as well. He said the EC president announced his support for the death penalty before Amnesty International presented its budget last year. Amnesty International was denied funding last year because the EC deemed them ideologically partisan.

Webb said he does not recall stating his opinion on the death penalty before Amnesty International presented their budget.

"If you look at their budget, pushing a certain ideology is their main purpose," he said. "I support their actions. However, I think the organization falls into organizations we do not fund."

Webb said the parody was not offensive.

"We took it in the humor it was intended," he said.

New professors bring rich experiences to W&L

FACULTY, from page 1

School of Design.

Marcia France graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she earned her BS. She continued to earn an MA from Yale, and a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

At Cal Tech, she received a teaching award for a special new help course in organic chemistry. Professor France has

now joined W&L's Chemistry Department.

Allen Johnson has a BA from LaSalle University and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania. Previous to his doctoral work, Professor Johnson taught pub-

lic school in Philadelphia and Maryland. As a member of the English Faculty, he is W&L's Minority ABD Fellow this year.

Roger Mudd graduated from W&L in 1950.

He will teach a course in the Spring term for the Journalism Department.

Professor Mudd has worked in Broadcast Journalism with CBS and MacNeil/Lehrer, and was Distinguished Visiting Faculty Fellow at Princeton for the last two years.



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Turning white space into gray space

VMI appeal still in progress

By COURTNEY MILLER
Phi Staff Writer

For decades, Virginia Military Institute has trained young men to fight, lead and win on the battlefield as well as off.

Ironically, since 1990 VMI has been engaged in a war of its own. One not of guns and bullets, but of words and interpretations.

The fourteenth amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees equal education regardless of race, color or sex. In 1990 the Justice Department sued VMI for violation of the Constitution on behalf of an unnamed Virginia woman.

VMI faces the opposition on Sept. 28 and begin what many hope will be the last battle of a war that has gone on far too long. Oral arguments for both sides will be heard by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mike Strickler, Public Relations Director for VMI explained the situation.

"Each side is limited to 30 minutes of oral appeal to the judge. Each side will have an opportunity to present

arguments and defend their stance," Strickler said. "Although there is no set date for a final decision, we have asked for expedition in this case so that plans for the Mary Baldwin program can go forth [unhindered]."

In May of 1994, VMI was given three options when they appealed a decision to admit women to VMI, one of which was to establish a similar program for women. VMI has been working to open just such a program at all the female Mary Baldwin College.

Colonel Michael Bissell, former Commandante of Cadets, will act as a liaison between the two colleges, coordinating the ROTC program, and answering questions that will arise, according to Strickler.

The leadership program is currently slated to open in the fall of 1995-96. The legality of such a program is still in question.

According to Ellen J. Vargyas, senior counsel for the National Women's Law center, providing a "separate but equal" program for women is impossible. The value of a school such as VMI lies not in the program itself, but the history, prestige, alumni and endowments of the institution.

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OPINION

The Ring-tum Phi

The Student Voice of Washington and Lee
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Self-congratulation is in order

Washington and Lee jumped up the *US News & World Report* ratings this week as the elite university world watched with bated breath, proving what we have hoped: W&L gives one of the country's finest educations and is improving every year.

In what is arguably the most important category from a purely educational standpoint, that of faculty resources, W&L was an unprecedented number one. This and academic reputation may be the best indicators of pure educational ability.

Though we rank only 24th in academic reputation (measured by compiling the opinions of the administrators of colleges throughout the country), a number one in faculty resources seems to clinch a place in the very upper echelon of the higher education world.

Part of the reason that we still fall behind schools in the top 10 is that our tuition is so comparatively low, and that is a part of the ratio used to determine financial resources per student. Another statistic that hurts us is the graduation rate; the number is determined as an average of the freshmen enrolled from 1984 to 1987 who graduated within six years.

Because W&L's selectivity and student characteristics began improving after coeducation in 1986, this area does not accurately reflect the current student retention rate (though admittedly, it would be difficult to obtain any more update statistics due to the nature of the six-year qualification).

So, W&L, feel secure that you are really much cooler than they make you out to be—and we just jumped an amazing five places on the ratings scale. We would bet that this is only the beginning....the question is, how can we break into the ranks of Amherst and Williams? What does it take?

Hopefully, the question will be answered soon. It may seem like we are concentrating too much on surface characteristics, but this is really one of the most important aspects of any school, because the school's name recognition in the eyes of potential employers can be the difference between a good job and a great job, and that is the bottom line.

Thanks, Molly

It is almost time for the traditional "Why don't the underclassmen keep up the speaking tradition" debate, but I would like to provide a new twist.

Early this week, I boarded the elevator on the fourth floor. A freshman boarded on the third floor and, immediately throwing me off guard, looked at me.

I know it is tradition, even at this great "speaking tradition of Robert E. Lee" school, to keep to oneself in elevators unless the other riders are intimate acquaintances.

But this freshmen gave me a friendly "Hello" and introduced herself.

This was so surprising that I think I scared her a little when I affirmed her comment that the only people who go around introducing themselves were freshmen.

But, Molly, I would like to let you know that you opened my eyes to the hypocrisy of people who argue about freshmen ignoring tradition but never would have introduced themselves to you had they met you in the elevator.

Thank you, Molly. You were a breath of fresh air and a fine example of a sincere continuance of tradition.

Quote of the Week:

"Uhh...Where's the Phi Gamm house?"

—A freshman man doubly misplaced during fraternity rush



How to build the better kitchen

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

There comes a time in every student's life when he or she must defy Dean Manning and move out of university-owned housing. I decided to "make the break" this year and get an apartment in town with *Phi* Movie Reviewer Kirk Susong.

I found out that getting an apartment entails obtaining furnishings and essentials to fill other rooms you haven't been used to having, like a living room and an area I've been told is called a "kitchen," which is used for some sort of voodoo practice called "cooking." This "kitchen" looked like it would require many items, an opportunity for me to see how resourceful (and tacky) I could be. Luckily, I was ready for the challenge; in my first two years of college I had gotten lots of practice with a technique I call "mining."

Mining begins freshman year with your high school yearbook. It sits among stuff that is unused at your house and you figure you could probably benefit from having something to read when you're bored (besides your Chemistry textbook), so you "mine" it and bring it up to Lexington. The next stage is when you go home for Thanksgiving and you decide you simply must bring up some of your old tapes (including *National Anthems of the World* and Chaka Khan's *I Feel For You*).

Well then, Christmas rolls around and you figure you had better bring some old T-shirts up so you can "layer up" and beat the winter cold. February break comes and you have to "mine" all of your Dad's ski equipment and pretty soon you have brought up your entire collection of 1984 NFL trading cards, your collection of Transformers (Autobots and Decepticons), and an anthology of your elementary school love notes to Jennifer Lier.

Getting back to my original topic (scan up about three paragraphs if you forgot), I needed many items for my kitchen this year. I was able to mine several things from home (with Mom's blessing), including the family collection of Sea World mugs and some silverware stored in an old Crown Royal box. But this was simply not enough; thus, I embarked on the first stop of the fall leg of the Dream Land World Tour.

I arrived at Dollar Tree (next to Wal-Mart) one afternoon ready for bargains. Before I go on I should probably explain the premise behind Dollar Tree: everything in the store costs one

dollar. Actually, everything in the store is \$1.06 with sales tax, so perhaps a more accurate name would be Dollar Tree Surrounded By Six Saplings.

With my brother Elwood I entered the store wearing dark sunglasses, greeted the cashier, and told her I was on a mission from God. Then I asked her what the most popular item in Dollar Tree was, and she pointed to the racks of angel and animal figurines at the front of the store. *These will make neat stirrers for my kitchen*, I said to myself.

Walking through the aisles I was amazed at the range of products. I found a *Spray Master*, which is a plastic device shaped like a gun in which you insert an aerosol can. You can then spray the contents by pulling the *SprayMaster* trigger, which could

be incredibly handy if one of your dinner guests wanted some more spray cheese and he or she was across the room from you.

The back wall of Dollar Tree was a virtual treasure trove. Sequins and rhinestones were sold by the roll, and after reading a few chapters in *Stitch by Stitch: A Home Library of Sewing*,

Knitting, Crochet, and Needlecraft (which is, coincidentally, also available at Dollar Tree), we could have some really flashy pot holders and dishtowels, huh? Not to mention rhinestones could add a nifty "crunch" to homemade casseroles and desserts.

Food was definitely a good buy at Dollar Tree. There was a good selection of Basted Snackin' Bones, which were 100% ALL BEEF, natural rawhide, doggie tested and approved, and Made in Brazil. Basted Snackin' Bones come shaped (and colored!) like doughnuts, cheeseburgers, poached eggs, drumsticks, and lollipops.

However, you shouldn't feel compelled to tell your guests that the dinner of Basted Snackin' Bones you served them was intended for consumption by dogs. If they get suspicious, just say, "Hey, man, get serious—would people really waste perfectly good beef-flavored lollipops on their dogs?"

This would probably be a good time to mention that Dollar Tree also sells surgical masks for one's guests to wear should Betsy Green drop by unexpectedly around dinnertime. You just don't know where she's been.

I left Dollar Tree with several bags that day. Although I still don't have everything I need for a kitchen (a recent quote from a friend: "What do you mean, you don't have any salt or pepper?"), I feel I've got a good start. I've become part of the tree of life here in Lexington: the Dollar Tree.

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LETTERS

Toles contests Phi EC, SBA coverage

To the editor:

I am writing in regard to Sarah Gilbert's article concerning the EC Budget deliberations. I was appalled to see the way in which my quote was taken out of context. Having been a journalism major at Washington and Lee, I learned the importance of journalistic integrity and honesty. Obviously this has not been a part of Ms. Gilbert's W&L curriculum.

What upsets me the most about Ms. Gilbert's article is not the falsehood with which the SAB and KA are left, but the division it attempts to create. The members of the EC and the Student Bar Association worked hard to understand the opinions of one another during budget deliberations. In the end both sides were happy with what they accomplished. Ms.

Gilbert's article leaves the W&L community with the impression that a confrontational debate occurred between the SBA and the EC. This was not the case.

As a member of the EC that was elected by the law and undergraduate students of W&L, my goal has been to try to bridge the gap between both sides. This is what the members of the EC as well as the SBA are striving for this year. It is unfortunate that when so many people are working so hard to achieve a common goal, one person can try to spoil it for a lead story.

Sincerely,
William M. Toles '95L
Secretary, Executive Committee

Editor's Note: I regret that William Toles took his comment as seriously as he did. I meant it to reflect the friendly repartee among the Executive Committee members during their long hours of deliberations, thinking that no one could possibly take the comment as a serious slam.

I would like to add, however, that the discussion about the SBA was confrontational at times, and I presented the situation exactly as it took place. It was reported similarly in other campus publications. There is no bigger supporter of law school-undergraduate relations than me, and I would suggest that Toles speak with his peers if he does not recognize this.

GENERAL NOTES

Fulbright

Seniors interested in applying for Fulbright Fellowships for 1995-96 should contact Professor Herrick immediately in his office in the Commerce School, Room 212, to learn about procedures and scheduling. The fellowships pay for a year of study abroad.

Bicycle

If you lost a Schwinn bicycle recently or if you suspect it was stolen, please call the Lexington Police at 463-2112 to identify.

Rhodes

Seniors interested in Rhodes scholarships should contact Professor Evans immediately.

Outing Club

There will be a Outing Club meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Outing Club house. Everyone is welcome.

Democrats

The College Democrats will hold their first meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the game room of the University Center. All are welcome. Questions? Call Nova at 462-4087.

RACASA

The Rockbridge Area Coalition Against Sexual Assault is seeking volunteers to provide direct victim services and community education programs. For more information please call 463-RAPE.

EC

Applications for EC appointments are now outside Carol Calkins office. Interviews are Sept. 28.

Robb

College Democrats will hold a reception for Catherine Robb, Senator Robb's daughter, Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Fairfax Lounge.

FD

Applications for the Fancy Dress Steering Committee are now in front of Carol Calkins' office, and are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29. Interviews will be held the week of Oct. 3. Questions? Call Joe Framptom at 348-1649 (local call) or Dan Felton at 464-5297.

APO

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity will hold its second annual Ice Cream Eat-A-Thon in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad from 2 to 4 p.m. 50% of the proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity. For more information please call Paul Saboe at 462-4194.

Film

The W&L Film Society will hold its first meeting of the year at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27. The meeting will be held in Northern Auditorium. New members and returning members are encouraged to attend.

Calyx

The Calyx will begin shooting senior pictures on Monday, Sept. 26. Please sign up for your senior picture appointment in the Co-op. All senior pictures must be taken before Fall Reading Days, Oct. 20. Reminder: a \$20 fee is charged for each senior who appears in the senior section, no matter who schedules the appointment or places the senior picture in the *Calyx*.

Tutoring

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Waddell Elementary School will be hosting a Training Session from 7 to 8 p.m. for students and community members interested in tutoring elementary school students. Interested? Call Paul Saboe at 462-4194.

Ariel

If you are interested in writing for the *Phi*, or working on the business side, please stop by our weekly storyboard meeting on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in University Center Room 208.

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You may have previously heard of us as the W&L American Civil Liberties Union or those "wild-eyed campus radicals." After the Executive Committee slammed the funding vault on our face for the 5th consecutive year, we realized we had an image problem. As W&L 17th fraternity, we hope we can reach out to more groups of people on this campus including the Executive Committee.

Because we got off to a late start and firmly believe in the legalization of drugs we are going to have what we enjoy calling a "SPEED RUSH."

OPEN CONTACT exists throughout our rush, where you are encouraged to take any liberties you want as long as they are civil ones in the tradition of Robert E. Lee. Without the constraints of a dry rush, rubbing alcohol will be served for open contact.

SPEED RUSH SCHEDULE:

OPEN HOUSE 8-8:15 P.M.: At our open house we discuss the constitutional 1st Amendment rights of the other houses to engage in their childish fraternity chants.

RUSH DATE #1-4 8:15-8:30 P.M.: This will give freshmen an opportunity to meet our lesbian-African-American-handicapped-single-parent-housemother unless she schedules her abortion for that time. Until President Wilson approves our petition to move into the Delt house, we will be holding our rush dates at the Willson-Walker House. Expense is no object.

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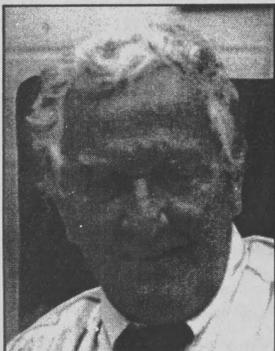
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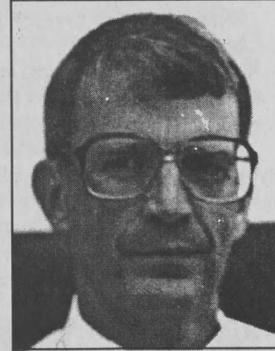
Fred Schwab, Department of Geology — "Its completion."



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Darcy Russell, Department of Biology — "All the sciences will be together in a unified space, so hopefully the different departments will work together more."



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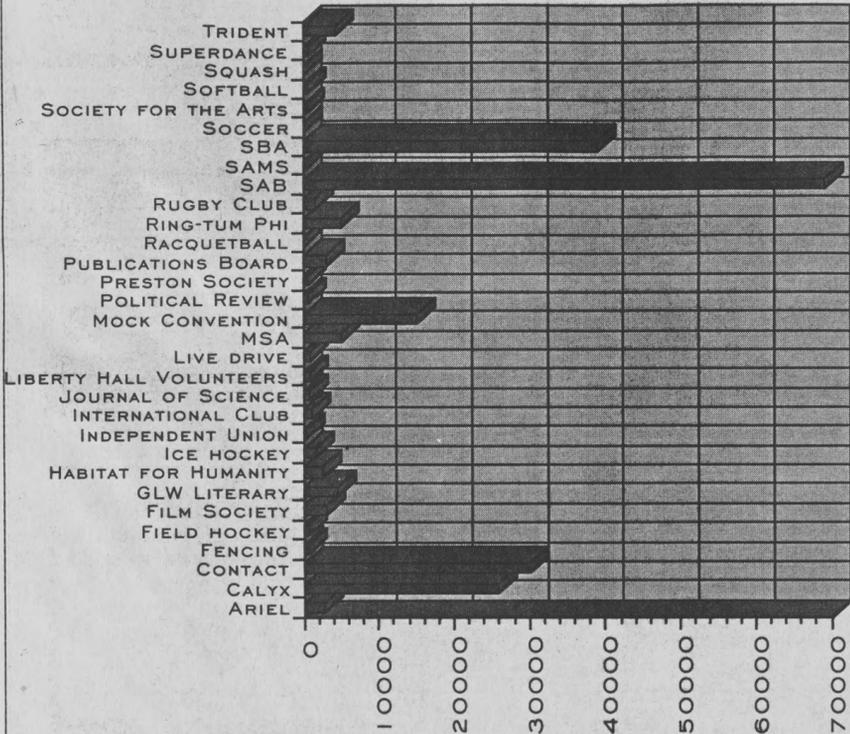
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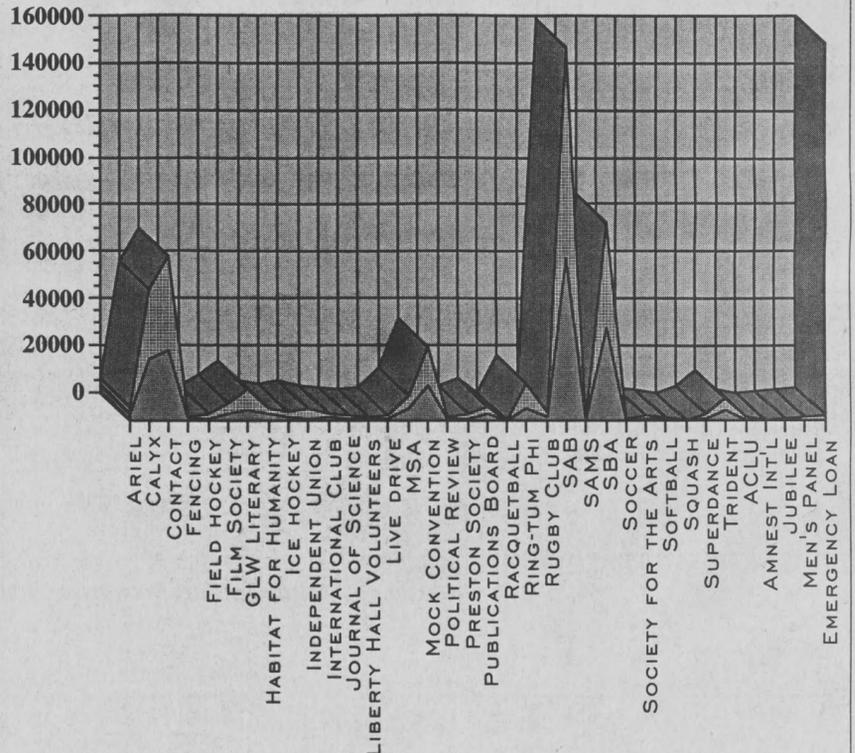
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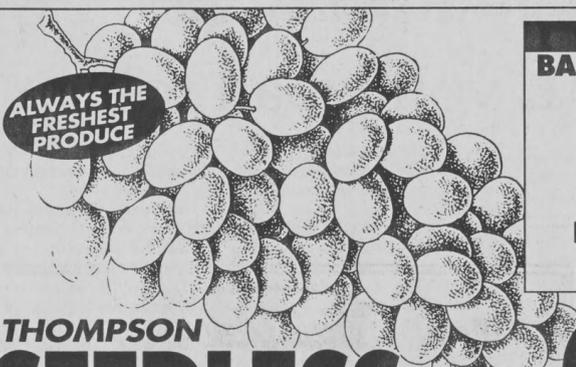
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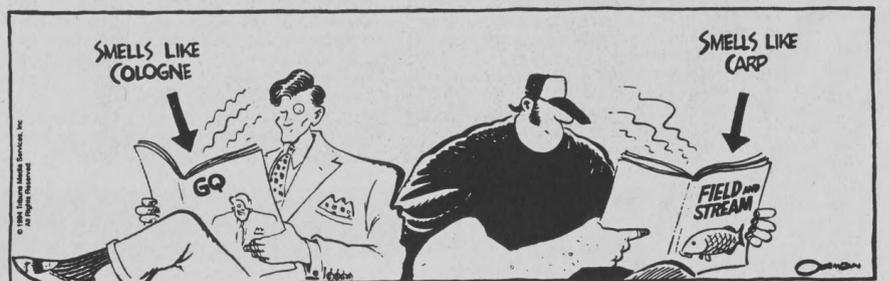
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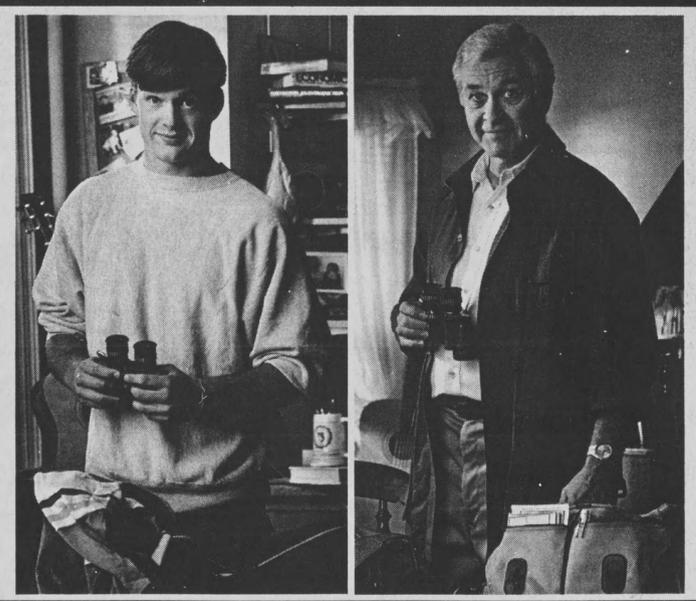
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CC- (M)- lost to Mary Washington 32-23
(W)- def. Mary Washington 20-36
SOCCER (W)-lost to Va. Wesleyan 3-2; def. Hollins 10-1
(M)-def. Frostburg St. 2-0; Ham. Syd. 3-0
VOLLEYBALL- 4-2 at W&L Invit.; lost to E. Menonite
WATER POLO- 0-3 at Navy EWPA Invitational

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This Week:

CC- Chris Newport Invit. (M); Dickinson Open (W)
SOCCER (M)- at Roanoke; vs. Guilford
(W)- at Wooster; at Mary Baldwin
VOLLEYBALL- vs. Roanoke; at RMWC
WATER POLO- at Navy Invitational
FOOTBALL- at Centre

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Between the Lines

THE LAST WORD
BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

For the longest time Americans have revered athletes.

From Jim Thorpe to Troy Aikman, we have sold our souls to the glory of the touchdown and the home run.

Every year brings a new hero, a new phenom, or a new event for the great American sports fan to identify with.

I'm just as guilty of hero worship as anyone else, but it is important to realize that these idols are no one's role models.

Every time someone mentions an athlete as a role model, I have to cringe just a little. The concept of bringing a basketball player to the stature of a Roosevelt or Eisenhower is frightening.

This is by no means a recent phenomena either. When Babe Ruth was granted a salary higher than current president Herbert Hoover's, the Bambino responded to the critics by saying, "I had a better year."

The nation is stunned by the fall of its great stars. In the publicity of the O.J. Simpson case can be heard echoes of a few ballplayers who took a little money to throw the game, and the hearts and souls of millions, into the tank in 1919.

There is nothing wrong with looking up to an athlete. Athletics builds discipline and physical fitness. Also, for every Pete Rose or O.J., there are the Ryne Sandbergs, Barry Sanders's, and Lou Gehrigs who set counterexamples.

The point is that we should not make every phenom into a hero. Real heroes are not heroes for what they do on the field.

The admiration that we shower on our professional athletes is neither always good, nor always bad.

As long as we keep our admiration between the lines, the hero worship has value.

There is no problem with raving over a Steve Garvey rocket shot or a Joe Montana pass. The persona of hero should be left on the field, though, as Steve Garvey's much publicized marital problems can attest.

On the field any man or woman can achieve greatness. For a few moments, anyone can achieve perfection.

The world of sports provides a much needed outlet for more people than one might at first realize. Each of us has our own special moment that we can truly call our own.

In much the same way, most of us have a particular player or team through which we are enabled to live vicariously for an afternoon or evening.

As long as we keep the admiration limited to the athletic skills of the competitors, then we are fine. It is when we allow ourselves to worship the players in everyday life that we have become fanatics.

There is no substitute for athletic competition. Every time an athlete steps on the field, he becomes something greater than himself. Instead, he is a part of a bigger picture.

In the same vein, however, off the field, every athlete is human. To offer special treatment to someone just because they can hit a baseball or throw a football, is ridiculous.

When we take the regard to that level and take the athlete out of the context of his arena, we have committed a grave error in judgement, and one that comes back to haunt us in the end.

Women's cross country breaks into top 25

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

Following the lead of Washington & Lee's women's lacrosse and tennis programs, W&L's lady runners are drawing national attention.

Just don't expect to see them following much else. They're quite comfortable leading by themselves.

Two weeks and a pair of first-place finishes into the '94 season, the women's cross-country team has cracked the national rankings for the first time ever at number 25.

The team will face a big test Saturday when they face a number of Division I programs at the VMI Invitational. Among the teams expected to compete are Virginia, Virginia Tech, Radford, and Liberty.

Head coach Jim Phemister, though, likes what he sees from his team heading into the meet.

"They have no apprehension about Saturday," he said. "They're just really doing a super job."

The meet is scheduled to start at 8:45 am at the Rockbridge

County High School. Despite the challenge facing them Saturday, the women are already optimistic about the season ahead.

"This is our best season yet," said senior captain Kim Herring.

The Generals let that be known by taking the top spot in the 24-team Lebanon Valley Invitational two weeks ago. W&L finished fifth in that meet last year.

Last Saturday, the women turned their home debut into a whipping of Mary Washington College. Junior Josephine Schaeffer cruised across the finish line in 18:15, a second off her own course record.

Junior Amy Mears was next across a minute and a half later, and senior Sue Deutsch placed fourth (21:01).

At Lebanon Valley, Schaeffer (18:23) won in a laugh, taking 38 seconds off her own course record, set last year.

A third place finish by Mears and a fifth place showing by freshman Maren Wright helped the Generals dominate the 24-team field.

Another freshman, Carson Flowers, finished in eleventh. She and her classmates have given the already talented Generals rea-

son to call this their "best season yet."

"They really add to our depth," said Herring, a 15th place finisher at Lebanon Valley. "We need to have seven or eight strong runners, and they've fit right in."

Schaeffer is also excited about what the first-year runners have brought to the squad.

"They're great," she said. "It's a big transition from high school and they've done so well."

According to Herring, the newcomers and the entire team's improvement have given the women reason for optimism. After a second place finish at last year's regional championships, a first place performance and a berth to the national championships appears within the team's grasp.

"I think we have a good chance as a team," Schaeffer said. "That would really be fun."

For Schaeffer, a trip to nationals would be a great accomplishment. Not because it would be her third straight chance at the national title, but that just a few months ago she wasn't running at all.

A knee injury wiped out her spring track season and left her

wondering about her running future. After a five months of inactivity, she was able to work her way back.

"I didn't really know what to think," Schaeffer said of her running career. "I worked really hard, though, and I'm just happy to be running again. It's nice to be back."

For someone in a sport of few breaks, Schaeffer was frustrated by being unable to train, yet knew that she probably needed a rest.

After a summer of hard work to get back in form, the two-time All-American appears to be as good as ever. Along the way back, she also picked up a new outlook.

"My attitude towards running has changed so much," she said. "I appreciate it so much more."

She also would likely appreciate a first place finish by her team at the NCAA South/Southeast Regionals, sending the entire squad to the nationals.

This year's regional championship is scheduled for Schaeffer's hometown of Memphis.

"If the team stays healthy and works hard, we can do it," she said.



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Senior Sue Deutsch leads the pack en route to a fourth place finish in last weekend's meet against Mary Washington. The Generals won the meet taking three of the top four spots.

W&L volleyball rolls on

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Sports Editor

Pitt-Johnstown proved to be the bane of the Generals at the Washington and Lee Invitational last weekend.

The Generals lost to Pitt-Johnstown in the first and last games of the tournament as they tallied a second place finish with a 4-2 record.

Washington and Lee was represented on the All-Tournament team by freshman Hilary Martin who netted 56 kills in six matches.

Following the match against Pitt-Johnstown in the first contest of the Invitational, starting setter Cheryl Taurassi was injured in the second match against Elizabethtown.

The injury just provided an opportunity for a W&L player to step up and perform. Freshman Allison Beard came on to help the Generals to a 15-12 victory.

To reach the finals, the W&L squad had to find a way to defeat Sweet Briar, Thiel, and Catholic in three straight games.

While the task facing the Generals was by no means a simple one, the team responded with flair.

Against Sweet Briar and Thiel, the Generals were victorious in straight games, leaving only Catholic standing between the W&L team and a rematch with Pitt-Johnstown.

After winning the first game 15-7, the Generals lost the second game 15-8 and trailed 6-1 in the third game. Once again, a W&L player stepped forward.

This time it was senior Jennifer Garrigus. The W&L captain turned it on with seven kills in the third game to rally the team to a 15-8 win and a chance at the championship.

Despite the tightly contested loss in the championship match, the Generals had reached the championship match for the first time in the four year history of the tournament.

The other contest for the Generals this week was against Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Eastern Menonite Thursday night.

The Generals fell 2-1 in the contest, but not without outstanding individual efforts.

Sophomore Elizabeth Bahn and Hilary Martin led the team in kills with seven apiece.

Cheryl Taurassi was back on the floor with 20 assists for the Generals as they played a tough, in-conference rival.

The W&L team has opened the season on a high note with a 5-4 record as they try to improve on the 15-12 mark of last season.

Last year was the first for coach Terry Dadio, and the first winning season for the Generals since 1988.

On the slate this week for the team are conference rivals Roanoke and Randolph Macon Women's College.

The Generals defeated both teams last season 3-0. The next weekend finds the team at the Emory Invitational.

The Generals are shooting for the first back to back winning seasons in the team's history. They also have a chance at the school record for wins, which currently stands at 16.

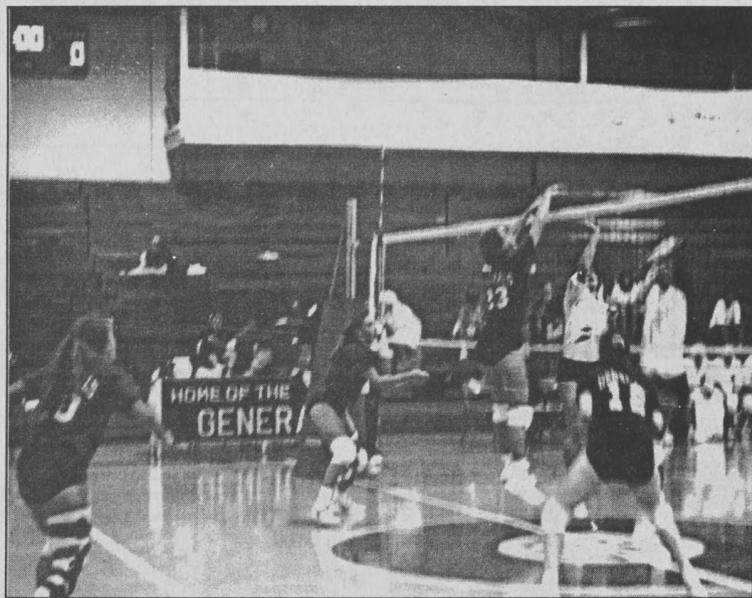


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The W&L volleyball team stormed through the W&L Invitational to the tune of a runner-up position with their only losses to Pitt-Johnstown. The Generals have compiled a 5-4 record on the season thus far.

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Athletes of the Week

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Sports Editor

Being a freshman starter on a college sports team is difficult enough, but to come in and perform at a high level is quite rare.

Freshman soccer center forward Erica Reineke has done just that. The freshman star has already tied last seasons team high with 13 points on 5 goals and 3 assists.

In the loss to Virginia Wesleyan, Reineke had both W&L goals in the 3-2 contest and against Randolph Macon she tallied a goal and an assist. Reineke, though only a fresh-

man, has a legitimate shot at the school scoring record.

The current school record stands at 21 points for the season.

Soccer provided both athletes of the week this week as men's soccer star Shag Drewry claimed the honor.

The junior led the team in scoring last season with seven goals and an assist, but was shut down early in the year by opposing defenses.

Recently, Drewry has come off the bench to provide a much needed spark for the Generals offense.

Drewry scored two goals in a come-from-behind win over

Emory and Henry.

He also netted a crucial insurance goal against Frostburg State in W&L's 2-0 victory.

The three goals in two games put Drewry back atop the W&L soccer scoring list again this season.

Both athletes have made significant contributions to their respective teams over the course of the past week. Both soccer squads have benefited from the presence of these offensive threats.

--Athletes of the week are selected each week by the Washington and Lee athletic department.