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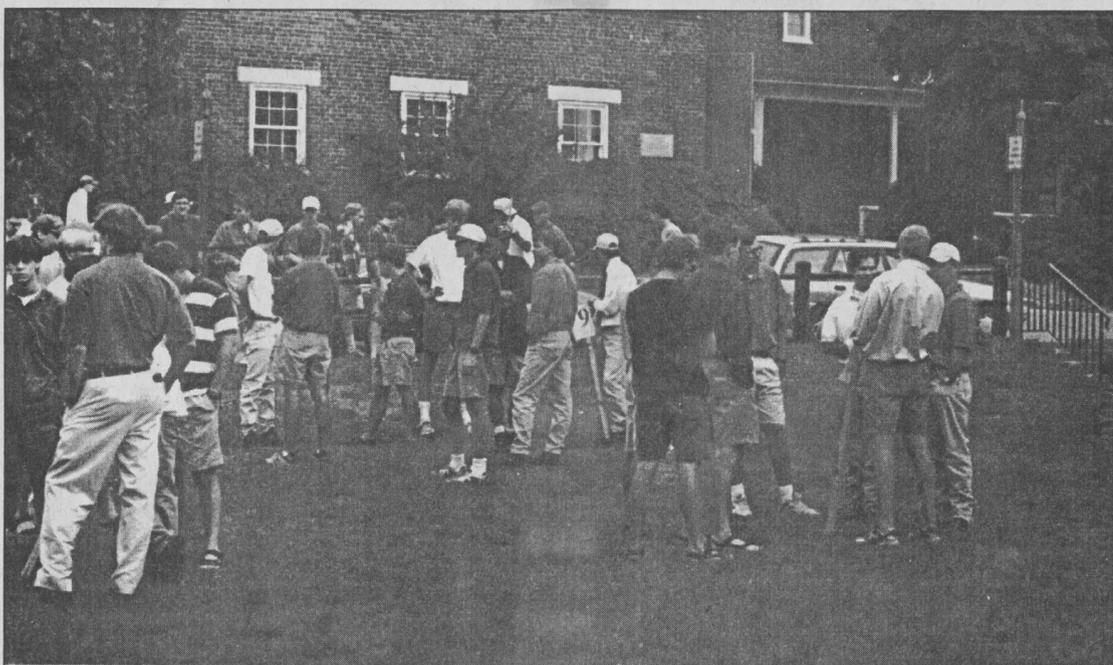
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Moooove along

Freshmen males gather in the BDG quad for one of the three rounds of Rush open houses held this weekend.

W&L ranked No. 15 by U.S. News

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Executive Editor

Washington and Lee University has again been named the 15th best national liberal arts college in the nation. This is the second year the school has garnered that position. In 1993, W&L was ranked at number 20.

Each September *U.S. News and World Report*, a national news magazine, compiles the listing to aid high school seniors as they begin their college search.

"We should be proud to be included among the best national liberal arts colleges in the country," said Dean of Students David Howison. "Because we are."

U.S. News studies a variety of categories to determine the rankings. Academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, student retention, graduation rate, and other criteria figure into a college's overall score.

The listing of the best national liberal arts colleges should not be confused with the listing of the best national universities, also compiled by *U.S. News*.

National universities usually have more-selective admissions and greater resources. According to *U.S. News*, they offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs, place a high priority on research, and award many Ph.D.'s. Topping this list was Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Stanford.

National liberal arts colleges are also highly selective but emphasize—and award more than 40 percent of their degrees in—the liberal arts. Amherst College in Massachusetts topped this survey with an overall score of 100. Coming in at number 21 with an score of 87.9 was Davidson College in North Carolina, W&L's long-time rival.

Washington and Lee received a score of 89.7. The school was ranked 25th for academic reputation, third for student selectivity, and 77 percent of the incoming freshman were in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

W&L was also ranked 16th for its student retention and boasts a graduation rate of 89 percent.

While Howison is pleased with the recognition W&L attracts, he said the University does not cater their practices to place well on college ranking lists.

However, the University does focus on the areas to which surveyors look when scoring. Thus, the University wins these accolades largely by default, not out of any concerted effort to be Number One.

"Take our graduation rate," said Howison. "Our goal is to have as many students graduate as possible. Eighty-nine percent is quite high and is indicative of a quality education."

Howison believes the list is an important resource for high school students who are choosing colleges. To that end, the recognition bodes well for W&L.

Dean of the College W. Lad Sessions agreed with Howison that it was pleasing to be recognized for excellence, but places little stock in the methodology of the survey.

Sessions questioned how some colleges could slip five or more places in one year. In particular, he doubted how Davidson, which he called a fine academic institution, could fall from number eight to number 21.

"I have strong doubts about the reliability and viability of the rankings," said Sessions. "They aren't etched in granite. The ratings are slippery."

According to Sessions, Washington and Lee will continue trying to become a better institution regardless of whether or not surveys notice it.

Stadium renovations start this week

By BETHANY BAUMAN
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Like several other W&L buildings, the Wilson Field Stadium will be getting a face lift this year. Renovations on the stadium began this week.

According to assistant athletic director and facilities manager Chuck O'Connell, the start of the construction has been a long time coming. Talk about renovating the stadium began about ten years ago. Making formal plans, however, was put on hold until funding was available. During the University's "On the Shoulders of Giants" capital campaign, part of the money was earmarked for the stadium renovation and extension. The budget for the project has been estimated between 1.8 and 2.2 million dollars.

Last school year athletic director Mike Walsh and O'Connell met with the equipment managers, athletic trainers and coaches to get their input in designing the new facilities. Suggestions were given to architect Kelly Ludwig of the Richmond based firm Marcellus, Wright, Cox and Smith. After the budget and space allotment specifications were worked out, Walsh and O'Connell again met with personnel to discuss the layout and design of the new stadium. Members of the athletic department were pleased with the

amount of input that they had in the design. "We were happy to have as much access as we did with the architect and with the administration. They backed up with our suggestions and were very cooperative...I think that's indicative and characteristic of Washington and Lee in terms of administrative support," said head athletic trainer Tom Jones.

The stadium is set to be

completed August 1, 1996. For the next fall sports season, all of the W&L field teams, with the exception of the cross-country teams, will be operating out of the new facility. This is a move that many members of the athletic department are eagerly anticipating.

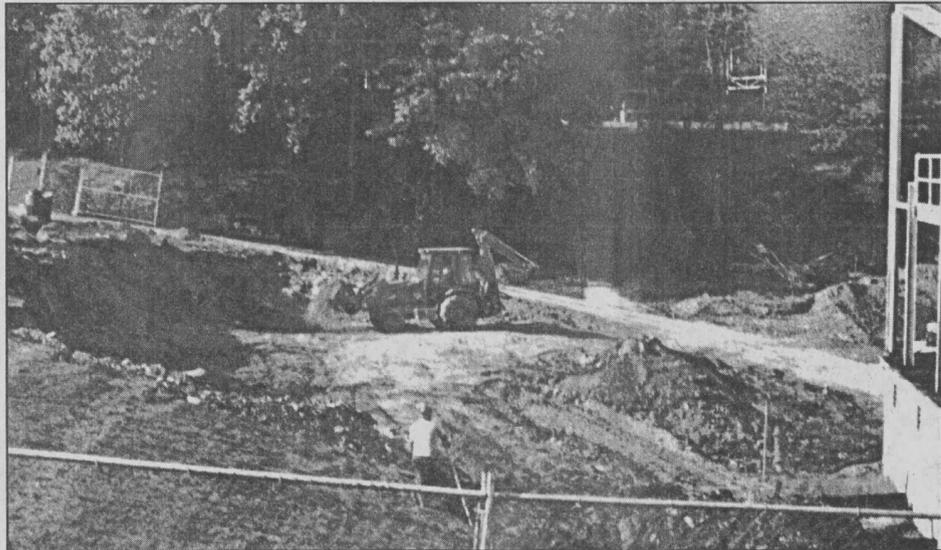
"We're outgrowing the gym with the number of people who are participating in sports. And a lot of the teams are doubled, almost tripled up, in the locker

rooms as it is now...it is much more convenient for athletes to be over closer to their fields, especially if there's an injury," said assistant athletic trainer Patti Colliton.

Until the construction is completed, field teams will have to adapt to working out of the Doremus Gym facility. But according to Coach Frank Miriello, the Generals football team has not had trouble making the change. "We're an A

and I team, adjust and improvise." Miriello also stated that the new stadium facility will be a plus for W&L recruiting.

Despite any inconvenience that the construction will cause the W&L athletic community, it will be well worth the wait. "A lot of consideration has gone into the plans, more than a lot of people would have guessed. It's going to be very functional and practical, but very attractive," said O'Connell.



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Plans to expand Phone Mail System

By CELLESTE RASMUSSEN
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In the first week of school, W&L freshmen are faced with many new challenges: roommates, quiet hours, communal bathrooms, and the Phone Mail System. While the first three may eventually be tolerated at best, the Phone Mail System soon becomes an intricate part of residence hall life. Not only does it give access to e-mail and the Internet, but it also eliminates the need to purchase a separate answering machine and telephone for students living in University-owned housing.

One large group of students in University-owned housing is being left out of the Phone Mail loop,

however: the residents of W&L's fifteen fraternity houses. Fraternity houses, which have been owned by the school since the completion of the Fraternity Renaissance Program, are currently being served by the regional long distance company, Sprint-Centel; and fraternity members must dial in via modem if they wish to log onto Liberty.

Last year, after considerable interest from fraternity members, a Virginia company was contacted to work out the schematics of laying down the fiber-optic cables that are necessary for the Phone Mail system. However, according to Associate Dean of Students Leroy Atkins II, the treasurers of the individual chapters received a letter this summer saying that the plans have temporarily been put on hold.

Director of University Services, Jim Johndrow, cites two road blocks to the completion of the project. First of all, the funds estimated to install wiring in the

houses themselves was underestimated. Secondly, laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia prevent schools, such as Washington and Lee, who run their own long distance service (used in all main campus housing and offices) from providing long distance service to non-contiguous properties. Basically, fraternity houses whose lots do not border the main W&L campus, such as the fraternities in the Davidson Park area, must use the regional long distance carrier.

Despite this initial setback, Dean Atkins is very optimistic that the law will be changed this fall, and Jim Johndrow assures that the Telecommunications department is actively working to iron out the logistical problems so that the system can be installed next year. Hopefully, in a few months fraternity residents will be able to hear the familiar voice of the "Phone Mail Lady" when they check their messages instead of their own answering machines.

New security system installed in freshmen dorms

By ERIC CHRISTENSON
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Washington and Lee Security has installed a new card-access system in the Baker, Davis, Gilliam and Graham-Lees dormitories. Students are required to use their student identification to gain access to freshmen halls. Increased crime last year prompted the appropriation of \$60,000 for the system to ensure students' safety at W&L. Two weeks into the school year, Dean of Freshmen Dennis Manning and Head of Security Michael Young have not received any complaints.

Last year, freshmen faced an increase in theft, solicitation and unwanted guests in their halls. General Meters Corporation in Colorado Springs, CO, provided the answer with the new system. Although it may be an inconvenience to bring a card jogging or on a trip across the quad, the system proves worthy at night when freshmen can sleep soundly without worries about unwanted intruders.

With a rising number of sexual crimes being committed against women, their safety is also a concern.

The new card system has been well received by freshmen despite general disdain to waiting a few seconds before entering a hall. Despite the minor inconvenience, students are less than complaining about the switch from locks to the card system; Silas Morse, '99, explains, "It's nice because now we can visit the girls' halls anytime." Mr. Young agrees, "[The security system] is more effective than nothing. It is impossible [to check the identity of every entering person], unless we have an absolute lock-down. We need to protect the people living in our doors and this is an effective way." The only danger is from lost cards, but they can be immediately canceled when reported. Due to the positive results seen thus far, it is possible that the card-access system may see expansion in Gaines Hall, Woods Creek Apartments and/or other university housing.



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Card entry systems now adorn the doors of all the freshmen dorms

Get ready for Mock Con:

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

Quake rocks Mexico City

Mexico City—Thursday's morning rush hour was interrupted in Mexico City when a serious earthquake struck the area. The quake lasted for approximately a minute and registered a 7.2 on the Richter Scale. Four people are reported dead; roads and buildings were damaged. Scientists report that the epicenter was about ninety miles from Mexico City.

NATO pauses air strikes

Bosnia—After an eleven hour meeting Wednesday night with the Serbian President, U.S. diplomat Richard Holbrooke announced Thursday that NATO's air strike, Operation Deliberate Force, against Serb forces in Sarajevo would pause for three days. The temporary halt, it is planned, will allow the Serbian military time to remove heavy artillery around Sarajevo. The removal of these weapons will fulfill the main goal of Operation Deliberate Force; however, the strike has not been permanently discontinued. Peace talks will continue during the three day cease-fire.

Belarus apologizes for attack on U.S. hot air balloons

Belarus—Officials in the former Soviet Republic of Belarus have issued an apology for Tuesday's military attack on American hot air balloons participating in an international competition which began Saturday in Switzerland. Two American crew members were killed when their balloon was shot from the sky and crashed just inside the Belarussian border. Four others were taken prisoner and later released after their balloons were forced to the ground. The balloons' flight patterns over Belarus had been cleared in advance, but Belarussian officials maintain that they flew over a military area and would not respond to radio contact. American officials are calling the Belarus government's apology inadequate.

Basketball lockout to end

New York—The National Basketball Association's two-month-old lockout of players is expected to end Monday which would practically insure an on-time start to the 1995-96 season. At the core of this agreement between the players and the union is a six year labor contract that, among other things, increased the salary cap from \$15.9 to \$23 million and guarantees players a minimum of \$5 billion in league revenues. The only obstruction to this deal is a challenge to the National Basketball Players' Association by a small group of players, led by Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing, who wish to de-certify the union; thus, rendering the contract void. In light of a vote on Tuesday by NBA players, support for the union is overwhelming.

New government spending plan proposed to avert shutdown

Washington, D.C.—President Bill Clinton and congressional leaders agreed on Tuesday to propose a short-term spending plan that would avert the impending government shutdown on October 1. Citing negative publicity, both Democrats and Republicans decided that it would be in the best interest of the country to extend its present spending policy until a long-term spending plan could be put into law. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Republican leader Bob Dole still hope to have a spending bill in place by October 1.

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Film Society works to bring culture to Lex

By DAN ODENWALD
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One of the most common criticisms of Lexington, or any small town for that matter, is the lack of culture and art.

For more than twenty years, the Washington and Lee Film Society has worked to combat that problem. Comprised of both students and faculty, the organization presents a series of critically-acclaimed American and foreign films. In the words of their mission, the series is designed to present to the campus and the community noteworthy contemporary film achievements.

The group appeals to the general population with such films as *Reality Bites* and *Dazed and Confused*, but also select non-traditional and off-color films for variety, said Co-President Julie Doring, '96. Instead of driving an hour to Roanoke, students can go to the Troubadour Theatre to see art-house films that do not play in the mainstream theaters.

The movies are shown early on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:05 p.m. to avoid competing with W&L's rigorous social scene.

"It's something to do during that dead time between 7 and 10 p.m. before the parties get started," Doring said.

Films are selected by the organization's members from a list of possible choices provided

by film distributors. Between twelve and fifteen selections are screened each academic year.

The films attract members of the W&L community, residents of Lexington, and students from area colleges. VMI cadets are given special permission to attend the screenings as

well. While most of the choices appeal to a vast spectrum of viewers, some films have created controversy.

According to Film Society Advisor Dick Grefe, *The Last Temptation of Christ* caused an uproar. Some Lexington residents called the film blas-

phemous and objected to its being shown.

David Lynch's *Blue Velvet* also received negative attention because of the picture's explicit treatment of violence toward women.

Doring said last year's screening of *Naked* raised some eyebrows about the film's graphic violence and rape scenes.

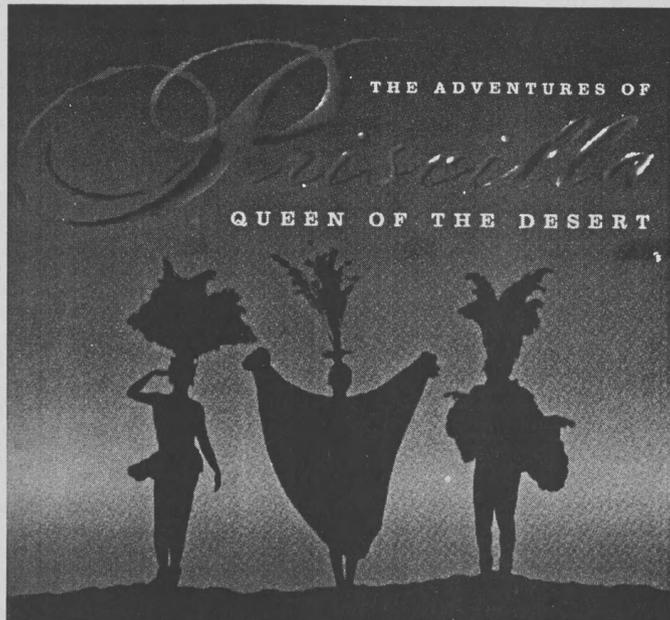
Grefe said the past controversy does not interfere with the group's selection process.

"If a movie is considered important, people need to see it and form their own opinions," Grefe said.

The Film Society receives one-half of its budget from the Executive Committee. Some money is given by the Office of the Dean of the College for it deems the films to be relevant to the university's curriculum. One-fifth of the organization's funds comes from donations from patrons at the door.

The administration has recently funded a project to line the Troubadour's walls with carpet in an effort to improve the theater's acoustics. Doring expects that more viewers will come to screenings as a result of the renovations.

The Film Society has a full schedule of films to be screened this fall including Kevin Smith's *Clerks* and the Cuban film *Strawberry and Chocolate*. Showing tonight at 8:05 p.m. is the Australian picture about a clan of ABBA-crooning drag queens entitled *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.



The Film Society will present *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* tonight and Saturday at 8:05 in the Troubadour Theatre.

Artist Lance Hidy teaches workshop, displays work

By ANNE ALVORD
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Visiting artist Lance Hidy will offer computer workshops in Adobe Photoshop 3.0 on Tuesday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Working from scanned images, Hidy will show participants ways to alter images, cut away backgrounds, and layer for photomontage. Participants are required to have basic Macintosh skills. The emphasis of the workshop will be on the use of the program for creative expression.

Hidy will also demonstrate Penumbra, the multiple master typeface he designed for Adobe Systems.

Anyone interested in joining the workshop should contact Kathleen Olsen. Enrollment is limited to 20.

An exhibition of Hidy's work is on display in du Pont Gallery through October 5. Hidy will also give a lecture and demonstration followed by a reception on Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30 in du Pont Hall.

RUSH UPDATE:

Saturday band parties

The Stegmonds--Beta
Blues Old Stand--Chi Psi
Uncle Mingo--KA
Sick Dawgs--Kappa Sig
Tomorrow's Party--Lambda Chi
Blue Miracle--Phi Delt
The Hatters--Phi Psi
Phase--Phi Kap
Fighting Gravity--PiKA
Six Million Dollar Band--Pi Phi
Col Bruce and the Fiji Mariners--SAE
Agents of Good Roots--Sigma Chi
Mike Latham Band--Sigma Nu
Leggz--SPE

GOP WATCH

LCR donates rejected contribution to Specter

Log Cabin Republicans, the national gay Republican group, has given the returned \$1000 contribution from the Dole campaign to the campaign of Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Penn). Dole returned Log Cabin Republicans' contribution Aug. 25 after learning they were the first Republican presidential campaign to accept money from a gay organization. "Arlen Specter is fighting for an inclusive Republican Party," said Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "He is taking on the radical right, while other GOP candidates like Senator Dole are bowing to them. He knows the politics of exclusion will ruin the chances for a Republican victory in '96." Specter responded, "I welcome the support of all Americans who oppose discrimination and who seek a more limited government, joining the principles of fiscal conservatism with social libertarianism." Specter's presidential campaign has specifically targeted the Christian Coalition and its leaders for harsh criticism. In July, LCR contributed \$1,000 to the presidential campaign of Gov. Pete Wilson (R-Calif), which was also publicly accepted.

Wilson closes Iowa office

California Gov. Pete Wilson (R) has announced he is closing his campaign office in Iowa, the site of the first caucus in the Republican nomination contest. Wilson's strategists said the move was designed to free the candidate to spend more time in the states where his presence will do the most good, starting with New Hampshire. Wilson remains in single digits in most national polls of GOP presidential primary voters. In one recent poll in his home state, Wilson trailed the GOP front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole (R-Kan). Wilson's opponents said his decision to pull out of Iowa was money-driven. "This is the beginning of the end of the Wilson campaign," said Mark Merritt, campaign communications director for former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander (R). "He'll be out of the race by Thanksgiving." Wilson reported raising \$3.8 million for his presidential campaign in the midyear report he filed in July with the Federal Election Commission—short of his goal of \$20 million by the end of 1995. Wilson campaign manager George Gorton denied rumors that the campaign has missed payrolls and laid off staff. In a memo distributed to the campaign staff, the campaign also announced that they would not participate in any more straw polls. Wilson finished a distant eighth in the Iowa straw poll in Ames last month, with just 1.2 percent of the vote.

Forbes considering Republican run

Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes, Jr., publisher of *Forbes* magazine and others, has said that he will decide within the next week whether to join the Republican nomination race. Forbes has formed a presidential exploratory committee which has inquired about a major television and radio event for later in the month. Forbes said, "It's looking much more green than red." Forbes would campaign as a pro-growth, pro-trade, flat-tax Republican.

Colin Powell showing signs of presidential fever

Fmr. Gen. Colin Powell may be beginning the first stage of a run for president. Powell will appear with Barbara Walters on ABC's "20/20" tonight and then begin a 25-city book tour and media blitz. In Powell's new autobiography, *My American Journey*, he describes himself as "a fiscal conservative with a social conscience" and says he is not comfortable with either of the two major parties today. He also speculates that the time might be right for a third party to represent the "sensible center." A recent *Newsweek* poll found that voters would tend to favor Powell over President Clinton by 51 percent to 41 percent if the retired general were to run with the GOP nomination. The poll indicated Powell, as an independent, would run a distant third, at 21 percent, in a three-way race, with Clinton pulling 36 percent and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole drawing 33 percent. Barbara Walters' "20/20" interview got the general to comment on several specific issues. Of abortion, Powell said, "It's a matter between her [the woman considering abortion], her doctor, her family and her conscience and her God, and if she chooses to abort, that's her choice, so that's pro-choice." On gun control: "I am a gun owner, but, at the same time, I am willing to put up with some level of inconvenience in acquiring guns or having guns in my possession that make sure that I am a responsible citizen who should be allowed to have a gun." On prayer in school: "I have no problem if, on arriving at school, a quiet moment is allowed for a child to do whatever a child wishes to do in that private moment. I would be against any sort of stricture that says, 'You will come in and you will pray,' and anything of that nature." Of a possible run, Powell said, "If I were to decide to enter politics and run for the presidency, the easier way to do it, I think, would be as a Republican," though not ruling out an independent or Democratic primary run.

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R. T. Smith named editor of *Shenandoah*

From Phi staff reports

Rod T. Smith, poet, fiction writer, and former writer-in-residence at Auburn University, has been named editor of *Shenandoah*, *The Washington and Lee University Review*. He assumes the position July 1.

Smith succeeds Dabney Stuart, who has served as editor of *Shenandoah* since 1988. Stuart has returned to full-time teaching in W&L's department of English.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., and Griffin, Ga., Smith received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and master's degree in English from Appalachian State University. He served as Alumni Writer-in-Residence at Auburn University for the last 19 years. He was the founding editor of *Cold Mountain Review* and a former editor of *Southern Humanities Review*.

Smith's poetry has appeared in *Shenandoah*, as well as in other literary publications. He has poems in the current issues of *Georgia Review*, *Carolina Quarterly*, and *The Literary Review* as well as in recent textbook anthologies, *Literature: A Contemporary Introduction* (MacMillan), *Imagining Worlds* (McGraw-Hill), and *New Worlds of Literature* (Norton).

Smith has published more than a dozen books, with three more forthcoming: *Faith: Stories*, Black Belt Press; *Trespasser*, LSU Press; and *Hunter-Gatherer*, Livingston Press, to be published next spring.

In 1988, Smith was awarded the Alabama Governor's Award for Achievement by an Artist. His numerous honors include the Emily Dickinson Prize and the John Masefield Poetry Prize. He has been the recipient of an NEA Literature Fellowship, a Fellowship to the Yeats School, Sligo, Ireland and twice awarded an Alabama Council for the Arts Literature Fellowship (1986 and 1994).

Shenandoah was founded in 1950 by a group of W&L students, including authors Tom Wolfe and William Hoffman. In addition to material by Wolfe, Hoffman, and other students, the first issues of *Shenandoah* included works by e.e.cummings, William Carlos Williams, Ray Bradbury, and Donald Davidson. The magazine has continued to publish famous writers, including W.H. Auden, William Faulkner, and Reynolds Price.

Smith is the first full-time editor in *Shenandoah's* 45-year history, a position that has traditionally been held by a member of W&L's teaching English faculty. He will also serve as chairman of the Glasgow Endowment Committee, which brings distinguished novelists, poets, dramatists, and critics to the university. The program was established at Washington and Lee in 1960 by the late Arthur G. Glasgow.

Smith's tenure as editor also coincides with the establishment of the first full complement of offices for *Shenandoah* on the second floor of the Troubadour Theatre.

W&L Life

THIS SEASON'S BEST REASONS TO IGNORE YOUR HOMEWORK

BY CINDIE YOUNG
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"The power is yours to set the trends and shape the schedule. All you need is your remote..." -TV Guide

Excitement, heartbreak, drama, zaniness, poignancy and wit are soon to arrive in vivid technicolor at the W&L campus, in thirty and sixty minute time slots.

Within the next week, television's four major networks, not to mention its many additional cable stations, will unfurl a slew of new shows designed to move you, the viewer, to new levels of laughter and compassion.

"If there's one word to describe this fall," TV Guide's September 16 issue reads, "it's big."

And big it is. A record 42 new series will join television's prime time alone, with many more miniseries, sports shows, syndicated and cable shows, and specials filling out the other 20-some hours of each day.

Across the channels, many new faces will peer out at the student eager for distraction. And along with the new faces will come new twists altogether in the tried and true formulas of sitcoms past.

CBS' "If Not For You" casts two young professionals, each separately involved in a somewhat dull, sparkless relationship, as an accidental couple drawn together at first sight. The show's executive producer, Larry Levin, asserts that "If Not For You" is "not just cute TV, all neatly wrapped up," but instead "an exploration of couples...more offbeat"

than typical twosome series.

The powers that be at Fox, meanwhile, have slated their new pairing, "Ned and Stacey," for the time slot following the ever tacky, ever beloved "Melrose Place." The show follows "Partners", a new sitcom by the creator of "Friends", at 9:30, and producer Michael Weithorn promises in the show's unlikely combination of the self-involved businessman Ned and leftist newswoman Stacey an "intelligent character comedy that's really about the relationship." Fox may not be quite so easy to turn off, after all.

In the midst of the sea of new faces filling out television's prime time in the forthcoming season, some familiar faces will also be appearing.

British screenstar Nancy Travis (*Three Men and a Little Lady, So I Married An Axe-Murderer*) becomes half of the hectic relationship behind "Almost Perfect" on CBS, while Jeff Foxworthy of "You might be a redneck..." fame becomes a father and business owner this fall on ABC's "The Jeff Foxworthy Show." Actor Corey Feldman (*Stand By Me, The 'Burbis*) also joins the world of weekly television, as one of three techno-geeks on CBS's "Dweebs."

Even with so varied a list of names and faces, some common themes emerge from this season's batch of shows vying for prime time. All the networks apparently plan to convert America's current infatuation with the legal process into Nielsen ratings, and a host of new sitcoms and shows will center around the courtroom. Such shows include "The Home Court," "The Pursuit of Happiness," "Murder One," "John Grisham's The Client," "JAG," and "Courthouse."

Another theme of this season seems to be the plight of the

single man of the '90s ("Hudson Street," "Charlie Grace," "The Drew Carey Show," and "The Single Guy") and his female counterpart ("Almost Perfect," "Caroline in the City," "The Naked Truth," and "Can't Hurry Love").

Amidst the flurry of new shows being launched this season, expect some old favorites (or not-such-favorites) as well. Among those returning are Fox's "Married...With Children," "The Simpsons," "Melrose Place," "90210," and "Party of Five," together with NBC's "Mad About You," "Wings," "Frasier," "Friends," "Seinfeld," "ER," and "Sisters."

CBS will bring back "60 Minutes," "The Nanny," "Murphy Brown," "Murder, She Wrote," "Picket Fences," and "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman"; ABC meanwhile plans to air another season of "Lois & Clark," "Ellen," "Grace Under Fire," and "Family Matters."

If the television screen alone fails to offer enough entertainment (or distraction) to the seasoned viewer, another screen is now also available for diversion: the computer screen. Some television networks now have addresses along the information superhighway, at which much more thorough information can be learned regarding upcoming shows. Among such addresses are those of NBC (<http://www.nbc.com>) and CBS (<http://www.cbs.com>), and even the magazine of the entertainment industry, Entertainment Weekly (<http://pathfinder.com/ew/>).

With so many shows this fall to choose from, every evening promises to offer at least one or two good excuses to take a break from studying and turn on the television. The hardest decision may well be which channel to tune into.

The Scoop (Courtney's Favorites)

Friends 8 pm Thur NBC
What is the deal with that girl from China? Rachel and Ross belong together!

Seinfeld 9 pm Thur NBC

Where can a show go after seven seasons? I hope they have some new material; last year was stale excluding two very memorable *menage a trois* episodes. As always, I want to see more of Kramer!

ER 10 pm Thur NBC

It can't get any better. This is the best show since Cheers. I finally got my roommate (pre-med) hooked, and she loves it almost as much as I do.

FALL PREVIEW

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL RONNY ROMM PERFORMS TONIGHT AT THE GHQ

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Right this moment, as you are reading this, somewhere very far away someone else is doing something else entirely unrelated to anything.

Also right now, a man thirty-five years of age is preparing to reveal his amazing extra-sensory powers to an audience of non-believers--Washington and Lee students. Coincidence? I think not.

The Ronny Romm show is one of this country's most sought after entertainers. It has been described by former non-believers as "an extraordinary experience in entertainment."

Student Activities will present the Ronny Romm Show, demonstrations of ESP and hypnosis, tonight at 10 p.m. in the GHQ. The audience will become part of the show by volunteering to challenge Romm's hypnotism and ESP powers.

Romm's show promises to avoid cliches such as, "reply hazy, ask again later," other common clairvoyant devices like the "Magic Eight Ball."

Names and numbers known only to the members of the audience are revealed with startling accuracy. Even their innermost thoughts and personal questions are revealed and answered. (Let's hope that regrettable hook-up doesn't slip out.)

The audience can also expect en-

lightenment about hypnotism. Is it sleep or some altered state? And why do people under hypnosis respond to the slightest suggestion?

Romm will answer these questions as he draws the audience into a side-splitting demonstration of what hypnotism, and the human mind can do. (We W&L students have already tapped into that 90 percent unused brain power trying to pass Organic Chemistry.)

The audience participants will engage in such activities as a body building competition, speaking martian, or becoming a prima ballerina or even an army drill sergeant. (Watch out VM!!) Of course, all the above activities will be performed under the influence of a swinging crystal ball. If we are lucky,

maybe even Elvis will make an appearance. (Personally, I would like to see good ole Ronny use his powers help me pass Russian 261.)

Warning! This show is not to be taken seriously. Please consult a licensed professional therapist before making any drastic life-style changes.

Next to reading your horoscope every day in the *Roanoke Times*, or hitting the local palm reader at the state fair, this is the closest we students will get to the realm of the occult--the unknown.

So, tonight, bring your sense of humor, and an open mind. Take some time off from the most stressful event at W&L--Rush--and journey into the Ronny Romm Zone.



Ronny Romm, hypnotist, performs comedy routines around his mystic extra-sensory perception powers.

Publicity Photo

Guns and guitar make quite a stylish *pelicula*

BY KURT SUSONG
Phi Reviewer

Desperado - Two and a half

One of the greatest surprises of the past few years was a little film named *El Mariachi*, created by Robert Rodriguez. The film was shot on such a low budget he couldn't even afford credits, and when the movie was finally picked up by a larger distribution company, the credits they added cost more than the entire rest of the film had. But as those of you who saw it at the Film Society can attest, it was a little witty, off-beat piece about a mariachi player mistaken for a hit-man.

So when Rodriguez' independent success finally landed him the much sought after big-studio contract, it is understandable that he wanted to build off his previous success. The result is *Desperado*, a quasi-sequel to *El Mariachi*. I say "quasi-" because although he borrows some of the same characters, the actors, the mood and the storyline couldn't be more different. These differences are distracting, but in the end they become nothing more than annoyances and the film is downright enjoyable.

One thing I found disturbing was how the film makes references back to *El Mariachi*, even though few in *Desperado*'s audience will have seen it. At the same time, so much has changed from the first film that those who did see *El Mariachi* will be equally confused. How did the guitar player become such an artisan with a gun? Where the heck did the mariachi's equally deadly friends come from? The point is, Rodriguez seems to be trying to satisfy two separate formulas, one for a big-budget typically flashy Hollywood film, and another for a similarly quirky follow-up to *El Mariachi*.

An even greater problem for the film is its marketing strategy. Judging from the full-

page silhouettes of Antonio Banderas and the hard-edged copy, I was expecting an open-throttle action film. Instead we get a very stylish tongue-in-cheek parody of the typical Van Damme flick. Rodriguez takes every opportunity both to display fantastic slow-motion leaps and rolls and to throw in unexpected flashes of silly humor. If you can go into the film not expecting hard-core seriousness and tension, you'll emerge both laughing at the humor and stunned by the stylish visuals.

In fact, if I had to choose one word for this film, it would be stylish. Rodriguez's success with *El Mariachi* enabled him to capture a hip supporting cast, including Quentin Tarantino (who needs someone to tell him to stick to directing and writing and to leave the acting to others), Steve Buscemi (*Reservoir Dogs*' Mr. Pink) and Cheech Marin. Hunk-of-the-moment Antonio Banderas, leading-lady Salma Hayek, and the extra-smooth drug lord Joaquim de Almeida (the Columbian intelligence agent in *Clear and Present Danger*) round out the leading roles. They all do fine jobs, but at heart this movie has got nothing to do with character, plot, action, or dialogue. This film is all about camera angles and moody lighting, with a few neat-o stunts thrown in for good measure.

Orson Welles once compared being a movie director to having access to the ultimate toy box, and this seems to be the philosophy of Rodriguez here. Having made his previous feature for a few thousand, he clearly loved the millions he could use for this one, and he seems to want to make sure all that cash is seen on the screen. It is almost as if he were afraid that the old friends back home might not believe the reports in the local paper about how much Rodriguez had to work with, and so he had to prove it to them. The end result is a weird mix, as a seedy bar in a crummy town is filmed in what can only be called an opulent manner.

The result is showy but fun. If you can go into this film expecting neither another *El Mariachi* nor a straight-out bad-ass action flick, you'll enjoy it immensely.

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's still on the big screen. It's worth a few Oscar nominations and the seven bucks you'll 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. Still, probably "Better than Cats!"
- ☆-It happens to be on HBO, and you're blowing off tomorrow's reading. Although your time would probably be better served on your education, its free and you're bored, so go ahead and watch it.
- 0-Even if it's 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.)

The Facts

Title: Assistant Professor of Management
Birthplace: Velasco, TX ("It no longer exists! It was annexed by another town.")
Family: A 19-year-old daughter, Ginny; and two sons: 17-year-old Jonathan, and 4-year-old Michael
Greek Affiliation: Pi Kappa Alpha
Favorite Food: Chicken enchiladas with white sauce

Gibbs spending time in office instead of in line

BY DARCEY LIVINGSTON
Phi Staff Writer

It's midnight--the night before a major exam. You need help and you need it now. No problem, if you have Professor Philip A. Gibbs teaching your class. Chances are he'll still be chugging away in his office. The question is, "Why?"

"I think I'm just a very slow worker," laughs Gibbs. "I've got students who come in and tell me to get a life! I got in the habit of working late hours when I was a Ph.D. student, which wasn't all that long ago."

However, Gibbs does have some time to devote to leisure activities. "I read things that I don't have to read, which is always nice," says Gibbs. His recent material includes *The Alchemist*, a book by Paul Coelho. "It's about a person on a journey of self-discovery," explains Gibbs. He also likes to see a lot of movies, with *Clueless* being one of his most recent viewings. When asked if he saw any similarities between W&L students and the main

characters, Gibbs decided to take the Fifth.

The professor's eyes brighten when he talks about the weekends he spends with his son, Michael. "We play a lot. We go to what he calls the "Big Playground," which is Kids' Playce, and Sweet Things. And we go to listen to the clock bells ring at Lee Chapel, which is one of his favorites."

Prof. Gibbs did his undergraduate work at the University of Texas, a place he says is much different from W&L. "When I was at UT, the Longhorns were a nationally ranked football team. So, football was the reason that all of us went to school," relates Gibbs. "You can imagine my amazement when I went to the first football game at W&L, which was Homecoming. When I arrived, the stands were practically empty. They filled for half-time, and after the queen was announced, they emptied. At Texas, you stood in line to get football tickets early in the morning." Imagine that...

Despite the lack of a major football following, Prof. Gibbs loves W&L, and loves his profession. "I never want

to retire. I really don't! You find something that you enjoy doing, and then retirement is not a goal any longer. As long as you're physically and mentally able to do it, then you keep doing it. Besides, I have a 4-year-old. I won't be able to retire--he'll be in college until I'm seventy-five or so!"

Prof. Gibbs wants his students to view him as a tough but fair professor. "I want them to see me as a real human being, one that they can relate to. I think, just like everybody, I want to have an impact."

Don't worry, Professor. Your students think of you in just that way. Junior Keith Beckerle had Gibbs for Financial Statement Analysis last spring, and summed up the opinions of many of his classmates when he said, "Gibbs was very demanding. I learned a lot from him during the short term, and when I finished the class, it was like overcoming an obstacle."

Until his contract expires next year, Prof. Gibbs' students will continue to overcome--and learn from--the obstacles placed in front of them by their workaholic teacher.

MEN IN PANTYHOSE AND HEELS

BY MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Associate Editor

Imagine for a second a place where men shook their behinds in mini-skirts and walked in high heels with pantyhoses hiding their hairy legs. Imagine pseudo-masculine straight men who made love to these drag queens, fulfilling their dark, closeted homosexual fantasies. Imagine a place on the gritty, dirty edge of American society, a place where the poor find themselves trapped and the rich only come to visit and partake of its erotic treasures. Imagine a muscle-bound hustler named Apollo who pimped his body and provided sexual tricks for cash to support his drug habit.

This is the world that the characters in Bruce Benderson's novel, *User*, occupy. Benderson creates human beings we often don't think about and usually avoid meeting in a dark alley. The story starts in a seamy after-hours bar where Apollo swivels his torso, tempting unknowing customers to experience sexual treats. In a drug-induced rage, he slams the bouncer, Casio, against the wall as he stumbles out of the theater.

We follow Apollo as he hustles for enough money to get another shot of Dilaudid. We see him make contact with other souls with no where to go in life. On his trail is a homosexual detective named Juan Pargero who sleeps with Tina, the drag queen owner of the after-hours bar.

Meanwhile, Apollo freeloads off his former AIDS-infected lover who writes in his diary on occasion:

"Dear Death Diary, Apollo's my pain pal. In the first place, he confirms all my theories about drug use. At this point in the game, I'm an alienated sonofab****--always trying to sniff out the hypocrisy of so-called common sense.

Being HIV-positive, I'm lately going through a period where I'm feeling a lot of physical pain. Recently I spent thirty-six hours in one of our city's glorious emergency rooms. I've got an axe to grind with those licensed pillpushers. It is my opinion that access to ending pain is controlled by a greedy, insensitive bunch."

We also meet Casio's son, Baby Pop, who was molested when he was young and has taken to selling sex to get by. He dresses in three layers of clothes and carries an algebra book, a

Bible, and a Stephen King book, telling everyone he is going to college. When he's not tricking, he's searching for Apollo, the *cabron* who hurt his father, and sleeping wherever there is empty space.

These are the characters that Benderson creates for us to view from a distance. His story flows quickly and effortlessly. His writing sparkles with realistic and sharp detail, presenting haunting images for our sometimes innocent eyes.

User is a story about human survival, about the daily struggle simply to live. The characters in this novel never aspire to anything greater than what they are. They try to find dignity in the circumstances they make for themselves. Sometimes they succeed and sometimes they fail.

This book has no happy ending because Benderson understands that life doesn't operate like those Disney films you see to escape the insanity. Instead, he brings the insanity of a drug-filled, sex-crazed world to the reader with eloquence and sensitivity. Even more, he reminds us in this let-us-blame-them political environment that sometimes we aren't much different than they are.

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OPINION

RENEGADE RUSH COUNSELORS...

Greeks: Sinners or Saints?

Fraternity Rush is underway and raging with the intensity of past wild fires on Long Island. Like the uncontrollable fires that burned the Hamptons, Rush will be short-lived and forever change the lives of many people. Freshmen males will join the ranks of other Washington and Lee Greek men. To some, this will be the happiest time of their lives. To others, the induction of yet another crop of innocents will perpetuate an essentially flawed system.

The fraternities at W&L present us with an interesting paradox. No other institution is so well-respected and so reviled at the same time.

In terms of power, fraternities run this school. Nearly 90 percent of undergraduate men are members. They run student organizations, monopolize the social scene, and continue some of W&L's long-held and beloved traditions. It is no wonder that the issues of Winter Rush and Fall pledgship dominated the headlines last year. To some members of our community, this is frightening. Indeed, such a concentration of power in one source can be intimidating.

Fraternities get a bad rap, however. In the age of political correctness, it's too easy to point to fraternity guys and blame them for all of society's evils. We should avoid the stereotypes of Greeks as rapists, drunkards, and bigots.

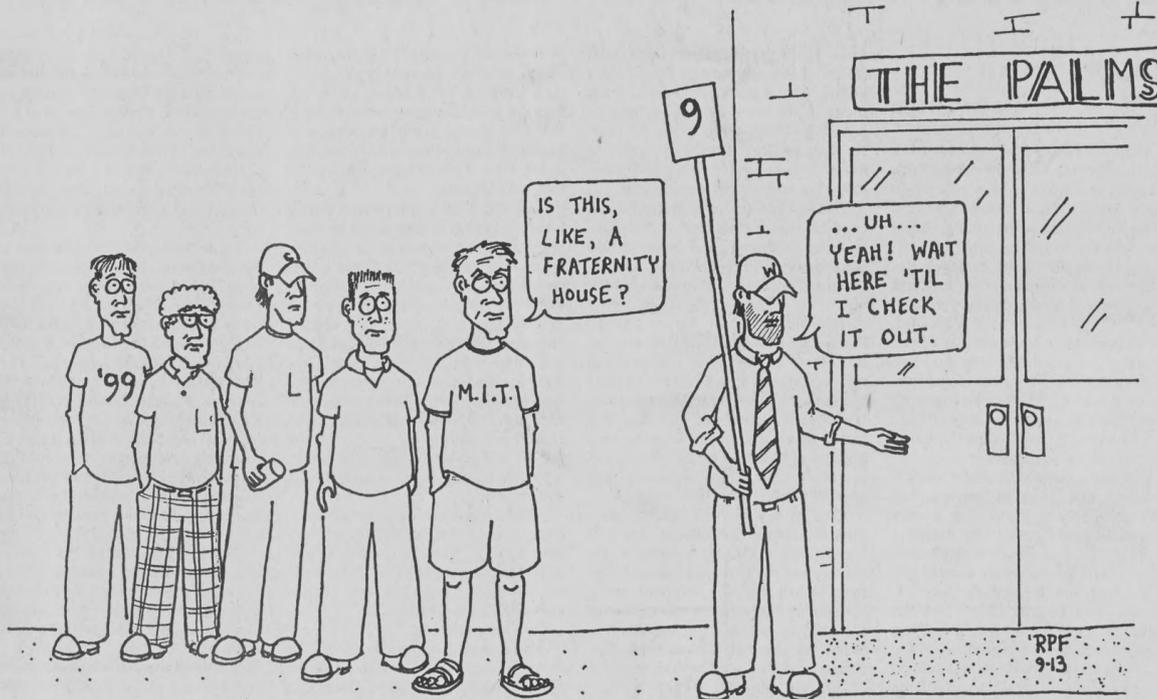
In fact, fraternities promulgate some of society's most dearly held virtues. They champion volunteerism, stress academic success, and promote life-long friendship. The majority of fraternity members are responsible young adults. For the most part, they are open-minded citizens who care about their neighbors. We bet if you actually sit down and think about it, you probably can count Greek men among your best friends at W&L.

Rush will soon be over. The Class of 1999 will be full of green pledges proudly displaying their new letters. We challenge those generally opposed to fraternities to not pre-judge them. After all, they continue to be the outstanding young individuals who were talented enough to walk among us.

Quote of the Week

"Drag queens haven't been in since Andy Warhol died."

Sophomore woman anticipating
Film Society's showing of *Priscilla*



First-hand lessons learned in Alaska

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I had a hard time deciding what I should devote this column to, after all with all the scandals in Washington, there is plenty to write about. But I decided instead to devote this column to my summer vacation. Don't worry, I'm not going to spend the next several paragraphs discussing how my family went to the beach.

I actually spent this summer in Fairbanks, Alaska, doing research on remote sensing. Although I could go on about the joys of staring at a computer screen for eight hours a day and getting paid for it, I learned some important things aside from my research.

While I am on the topic of my research, I'll just mention a little about what I did. I was working off a Department of Defense grant to research threats to the Arctic Ocean and the Arctic Circle in general. My particular project involved looking at an area in the Urals known as the Chelyabinsk reactor complex. It is where the Russians did a lot of their early experimentation with nuclear weapons and fuels. From the satellite images I was looking at, it is a really a gorgeous area with a lot of green pasture land and fields and a ton of lakes.

Unfortunately, it is home to the most radioactively contaminated place on Earth, Lake Karachay, which is a 100 times worse than Chernobyl. The Russian government was dumping nuclear waste directly into the lakes and streams since the early 1950s and there have been a couple of accidents there as well. The population (100,000) in the area has the highest incident rate of leukemia in the world. The Russian government finally stopped dumping

in the late eighties, but they have never fully admitted the extent to which the area has been contaminated. Non-Russian scientists are still not allowed into the area.

It's knowing about places like this that makes me happy to be in America and have a free and open press that at times obsesses about disasters and tragedies. There is no way what happened in Chelyabinsk could have been covered up for 40 years if it had happened in America. Journalists would have been suspicious of any area where there are signs that say, "Drive fast with your windows up."

Back to Alaska, I had a great time there, driving around and getting to see parts of the interior. I also had the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people. One of the things I noticed first is the number of guns they have there; Alaska is a state that fully supports the Second Amendment. On one of our trips to downtown Fairbanks, we went into some pawn shops and saw wall after wall of guns. There were signs in the entrances of many of the buildings on campus saying that guns were prohibited in the buildings. In most places I've been, this is common sense, but due to the large percentage of people who carry weapons in Alaska it needs to be clearly stated on all buildings.

This is one state where the assault weapons ban did not go over well at all. One of the guys I worked with shoots assault weapons in competition. This was not some uneducated person, either. He's getting his doctorate in atmospheric science. We talked about the assault weapons ban for a while and how it was all basically a PR ploy because if gun manufacturers remove one small piece of a gun it is no longer banned and that one piece is not hard to get. Although he did not support Clinton's stand on the assault weapons ban, he also was not a supporter of Dole, whom he saw as using the issue and not really caring what happened

with the ban as long as he looks good. I met a lot of people who hunt using guns but I personally thought that the guys we ran into on the North Slope going bow-hunting (which is the only type of hunting permitted in a lot of areas) were doing something a lot more challenging.

Alaska has the greatest percentage of wilderness among the 50 states and that is a large area since Alaska is the largest state in the Union (sorry to disappoint you Texans). Most of this wilderness is also federal land. This does not make many Alaskans too fond of the federal government. A friend of mine told me about a trading post in Circle where there is a sign that says if you are a federal worker, we do not want your business. Park Service and Bureau of Land Management people do not wear their uniforms very often and do not go into the field alone.

Although ideally I would like to see as much of the wilderness preserved as possible, I can see the complaint about too much federal land. If the same percentage of Virginia were federal land as Alaska we would all be living in an area about the size of the counties immediately surrounding the District of Columbia. Not all of this land was federal to begin with. Some was incorporated into federal land as late as the 1980s.

I spent a weekend in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Incorporated by President Carter in 1980, it is the largest national park in the country. Unfortunately, those people who had been living on the land were not consulted prior to having their homes made into a national park. There was one building off the road going into Chitna where the former owner had spray-painted a message to the effect that the Park Service had taken his land, his money and his family. I definitely understand the anger this man felt; but, at the same time, after being in Wrangell, I believe it is an area that must be preserved. We went to McCarthy (pop. 70 or so in the

summer) which is in the heart of Wrangell. To get there you have to travel 60 miles down the worst highway in America. The highway is dirt laid over the old railroad bed, and none of the railroad was removed before this happened. It took us two and a half hours to get to McCarthy which included frequent breaks for the bathroom and general car sickness. Once you get to the end of the road, you have to take a handtram across a river and then walk a mile to the town. It is well worth the trip though; the area is surrounded by glaciers and some of the highest peaks in North America. McCarthy is a definite argument for non-development. If the road was paved and a bridge built across the river, a lot of what makes McCarthy and the park so unique would be lost.

Here is one of the central problems for the Park Service: whether to make a park accessible to all and make everyone happy or to leave it inaccessible except to those who really want to see it and risk the park being labeled as useless to the majority of the population who can't make use of it. While the latter choice may mean the possibility of being removed from the Park System or losing funding, I go for that choice. I have a friend from this summer who is planning a multi-day trip into Wrangell, including crossing a glacier, climbing a mountain and doing some ice-climbing for next summer. I'm hoping to go on that trip and when I go down the McCarthy highway I hope it is as horrible as it was this summer.

I could go on about Alaska for a while. The Brooks Range, my fellow interns and the sort of family we became over ten weeks, or the twenty hours of daylight, but I won't. I'm heading back to Alaska next summer because there is a lot of it I haven't seen. I think it is someplace everyone should visit. Just don't go in one of Detroit's contributions to hell on Earth, the RV.

Could the EPA be our real enemy?



NICHOLAS L.
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Even as we speak the legislative wheels are turning in Washington, seeking a workable consensus on how U.S. environmental protection policies ought to be overhauled.

The mainstream view on Capitol Hill now seems to be that the EPA has raged out of control for many years, slowing economic growth and hurting U.S. businesses. In any case, I, as a conservative, oppose these latest Republican efforts, and I should like to explain more fully why I do so.

First, let us say at the outset that Republicans are dreadfully wrong to assume, as they so often do, that environmental policy can be crafted by reference solely to cost-benefit analysis. Although it is certainly true that environmental laws can retard economic growth and take away jobs, it is nonetheless the case that other less quantifiable issues are involved.

Putting dollar figures on all of our problems and running the appropriate equations is a cowardly and inhuman way to run a government; it is a method worthy of bureaucrats, but not of statesmen.

So what are those intangible considerations on which sane environmental policies depend? Let me suggest only two.

First, conservation has vital aesthetic merits. We are all familiar with the tasteless urban sprawl that afflicts our modern landscape; this phenomenon is, in the final analysis, a direct consequence of our

disregard for aesthetics in favor of rapid economic progress.

In my hometown a constant reminder of this stark choice once stood in the form of a gigantic neon sign towering over what the Indians appropriately (at the time) called Happy Valley; it read "WAL-MART; DISCOUNT CITY." Of course, the world needs its Wal-Marts; but, by the same token, there are few of us who would wish to live next door to one.

Quality of life, then, is hard to measure, but it is impossible to deny the positive effects a beautiful natural setting can have.

Let us also remind ourselves just what it is to be a conservative. After all, when Republicans put business profits ahead of quality living, and job creation ahead of traditional life and values, they are not really being "conservative"; they are being greedy.

The distinction may not be apparent to some, but I promise that it is there. True conservatism is not about money; it is about preserving the way of life of a given people—in our case, the American people.

Since our nation has been historically rural, like most others, true conservatism naturally should value this heritage as a matter of course. No one is suggesting that we turn our laptops into ploughshares and go back to the farm.

But I would assert that nature historically has played a tremendously important role in the daily lives of the American people; any true conservative

should respect this fact by promoting policies that maintain the basic integrity and health of our natural surroundings.

The soul of America, today no less than two hundred years ago, is located not in her cities, but in her countryside.

And so it is for these principal reasons that I oppose the effort currently afoot to weaken our environmental laws. I should also say, however, that my support for conservation has its limits.

I do not agree with radical leftist egalitarians, for instance, who say that only a global redistribution of wealth can save our race from an ecological apocalypse. Nor do I have any sympathy for those scatterbrains who distort the dangers posed by (largely unsubstantiated) phenomena like global warming to insist that mankind has only, say, five years to "save" the planet.

These ideological (even pathological) spins on conservation only serve to discredit it as a movement and as an idea.

In the end, I would remind Americans when they consider the aforementioned Republican proposals that we are not just building a high-tech economy in this country; we are also rebuilding a civilization. And some of that civilization's most fundamental roots are in an appreciation for the power and beauty of nature.

No good conservative could suggest otherwise.

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Betsy Green

A belated hello and welcome back to Greenland to all of my raving fans. I know, as always, you're panting to know what I've been up to and how my summer was (if you're not, my therapist says not to tell me otherwise because my delusions are healthy). Remember how at the end of Spring Term everyone told me (sincerely, I'm sure) to "Have a good summer"? Well, I did.

This summer could not have been anything but great. Not only did I live with my fabulously talented and gorgeous boyfriend Steve (who is getting a copy of this paper...Hi, Steve), but I lived in Seattle, The Coffee Capital of the World. I was in heaven.

When I arrived in Seattle, I quickly resumed my career in The Exciting World of French Fashion as a sales associate at Express. The people I worked with were way cool. After close when all of the stupid customers left, we'd rap classics such as "Ice, Ice, Baby" and "You Be Illin'" into our intercom and laugh with glee (yes, glee) as we folded sweaters.

I am even slowly being able to overcome my bias against people from Canada, The Evil Empire, after working with one of their ilk. Cicilyn was pretty cool about my asking her if she knew Michael J. Fox, asking her if she

went to Degrassi Junior High, and claiming that she was an illegal alien getting paid a dollar an hour to work there, a job she only got because of NAFTA. Those jokes never got old! As long as I occasionally punctuated my sentences with "ch?" she understood me and we got along great.

Sadly, The Exciting World of French Fashion was not located within easy walking distance of our home in Old Scandanavian People Central. Consequently, I spent a lot of time taking the bus.

It probably won't surprise anyone that people who ride the bus tend to be, for lack of a better word, freaks. I am now convinced that I radiate an aura that says, "I'm from the Midwest! I'm friendly! Talk to me!" because the freaks loved me. I tried wearing sunglasses and looking really involved in my book to make myself seem less approachable, but it didn't work.

One of my favorite freaks was a man wearing a Confederate flag belt buckle and a glazed expression. He came up to me and asked me if I was from Seattle in a cute Southern drawl. He then shared with me that he was as far north as he'd ever been in his life. When he told me he was from Alabama, I realized who he reminded me of: Forrest Gump.

Still, he was a little easier to take than the one who stopped to tell me that I looked, "So fresh and natural, so innocent." I had no idea how to react to

that other than perhaps, "Thanks, that's exactly the look my pimp is going for."

Even away from Metro stops, life with Steve was a constant adventure. We love going to the grocery store together (and what young couple doesn't?) and got to know Bill, one of the checkers there.

One day, Bill had a stuffed beaver wearing a red skull cap with a protruding shock of blond hair and a light blue dress that matched his floral apron perched on top of his cash register. When we complimented him on it, he grinned and said, "Hey, it's yours!" Bill went on to explain that the stock guys had been playing a Bear Claw machine and had won seven stuffed beavers. They gave one to Bill and told him to give it to the first nice girl who came through his line. I pointed out that he had given the beaver to Steve, who then quickly handed the little guy over to me.

There's something special about being able to walk out of the grocery store saying, "Have a good day. And hey, thanks for the beaver!" How could we not have named our new stuffed animal Bill The Beaver?

Ah, memories.

Steve managed to get us invitations through his job to the wrap party to the wildly popular PBS show "Bill Nye, The Science Guy." It was held at the Corinthian Yacht Club and was quite an experience because Bill Nye, host of an educational children's show, was

drunk.

Bill Nye walked along the pier with us, staggering, but still teaching us about science. Between swigs of beer, Bill said, "See that rope? Friction. See that there? Friction. See that screw? No friction there...son of a bitch." It was both disturbing and exciting, like if Big Bird let loose on your newly washed car.

Have you ever watched that delightful family show "Home Improvement"? (It's a newspaper; no one will know if you admit it.) Richard Karn, who plays Tim Allen's delightful sidekick Al hosted the Richard Karn Celebrity Golf Classic in Seattle. Let me give you a second to think about that: Richard Karn. Classic. RICHARD KARN. Anyway, we were actually able to watch part of the golfing fun on TV. Featured celebrities included Patsy from "Happy Days" and Academy Award nominee Samuel L. Jackson. Steve and I believe that man will do any gig he's asked to do.

Work, freaks, drunk PBS celebrities, golf...who am I kidding? We all know I went to Seattle for one thing: coffee (Steve was nice, too). Any time of any day, I could get an espresso anywhere. You can buy a McCappuccino at McDonald's for god's sake. I get all jittery just thinking about it...maybe I should have gotten decaf every once in a while. All in all, my summer was good to the last drop.

GENERAL NOTES

Film Society

Washington and Lee's Film Society will present *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* at 8:05 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the Troubadour Theatre.

Also, this year's first meeting of the Film Society will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. in C-School 220. All members and interested students are invited to attend.

Interview Workshop

There will be an Interviewing Workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited to attend. Those students planning to participate in Practice Interviews Sept. 26 must attend this workshop.

Job Fair

There will be a Job Fair registration meeting on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. All seniors planning to participate in the SLAC Job Fairs should plan to attend this meeting.

Parents Weekend

Parents Weekend 1995 will take place Oct. 27 and 28. Student leaders whose organizations plan to sponsor special Parents Weekend events which will be open to all parents and students should contact Michelle Richardson, Student Activities Coordinator, in the University Center no later than Sept. 29.

Resumé Workshop

There will be a Resumé Workshop on Monday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All interested students are invited to attend.

Senior Meeting

There will be Senior Meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. All seniors who have not previously attended a Senior Meeting are invited to attend.

Study Abroad

The director of the program of Advanced Studies in England will meet with students interested in studying in England on Monday, Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in University Center 117. Contact Kirk Follo at x8828 for more information.

W&L Women

There will be an ice cream social, sponsored by Women's Forum, Women and Leadership and Panhellenic, for all freshman and upperclasswomen on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam quad. The rain site will be Evans Dining Hall. Contact Karly Jennings at 463-3313 or Sakina Paige at 463-2507 for more information.

Who's Who

Anyone who wishes to nominate a member of the current undergraduate senior class for selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* may do so by submitting the name and qualifications of that student to David L. Howison, Dean of Students, in Payne Hall 9 by Oct. 6. Criteria for selection to *Who's Who* include scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to Washington and Lee, and potential for future achievement.

LETTERS

Moderation right approach to alcohol use

To the editor:

A large thank you to the writer of the editorial "Change comes from within" in your year-opening edition. It rings very true and makes good sense.

Even though the menu of behavior-altering substances was perhaps more varied in my student days here, student behavior was, by and large, about the same: we always wanted more of those items which inspired us, in whatever fashion, to feel more the way we wanted to feel.

We didn't like anyone else telling us what to do, or not to do, or how much of whatever to consume. This is perhaps natural but certainly quite human at that wonderful age when you are ready to take on the world, thinking, with all the fortitude hormones can provide, that you can change it all, as though you have something new to prove.

If some of my generation saw the film *Easy Rider* and took it seriously, it is no less true that some of those who have followed us seem to feel the same way about *Animal House*.

I applaud your advocating moderation in alcohol use, which is far more realistic than encouraging prohibition, and your saying that you must make this change of your own volition is exactly right. It is also entirely within the realm of possibility.

It's not at all difficult to decide that a hangover is no longer a status symbol. You already know it doesn't feel good.

W. Patrick Hinely, '73

Thanks for Freshman Orientation effort

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly the entire W&L community for providing such an enthusiastic and supportive welcome to the Class of 1999 during the Freshman Orientation program. Of particular importance was the work of the Freshman Orientation Committee, and its extraordinary president, Amy Gorham; the unflinchingly dedicated committee chairmen: Hollis Leddy, Hillary Olson, Adam Branson, Doak Sergeant, and Bunny Wong; the Dormitory Counselors; and Michelle Richardson and Amy Blackburn, all of whom gave unflinchingly of themselves. Planning and organizing orientation activities and staffing virtually every orientation event—from Casino Night to airport shuttles—made for a very smooth opening week.

Thanks also go to: our Buildings and Grounds staff; our Food Services staff who furnished the culinary touches for several meetings and special occasions;

Jim Farrar, Rob Mish, Justin King, Kathekon, Southern Comfort, JubiLee, General Admission and Gordon Spice for the Alumni Association BBQ; Ms. Joan Neel and the APO Service Fraternity for excellent leadership of the community service activity; Professor Kirk Follo, Glenn Miller and the Outing Club for organizing the overnight hike; and Keith Benedict and the Executive Committee for such a meaningful orientation to the Honor System.

Others too numerous to mention also contributed to the Freshman Orientation program, and this general note must suffice as a thank you. I am pleased that the Class of 1999—our Bicenquingyagenary Class—was the beneficiary of such a community effort!

Dennis G. Manning
Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life

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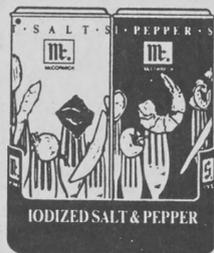
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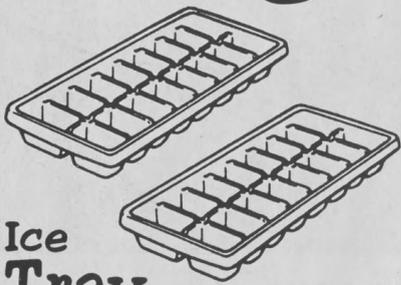
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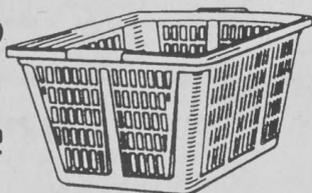
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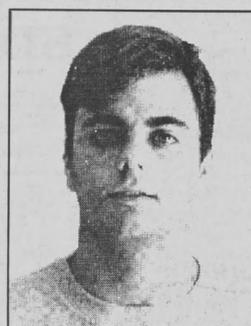
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Josephine Schaeffer
Women's Cross Country



Anthony Mazzerelli
Men's Soccer

Josephine Schaeffer was back in a familiar place in the Lebanon Valley on Saturday: first.

The senior dominated the Lebanon Valley Invitational for the third time in her four years at W&L as she crossed the finish line in first place once again.

Schaeffer, who will be counted on to provide veteran leadership for the Generals this season, clocked in with a time of 18:41. Her performance facilitated W&L to a seventh place finish out of the 29 schools present.

The Generals' 1-0 victory this past Saturday at Shenandoah was largely due to the performance of goalie Anthony Mazzerelli.

After W&L freshman Sam Chase knocked in the eventual winning goal in the 70th minute, Mazzerelli blanked Shenandoah the rest of the way. The junior posted 12 saves in securing his first shutout of 1995.

Mazzerelli combined with three other goalies in whitewashing Marymount, 3-0, on Wednesday.

Pittsburgh is best bet in AFC

AFC, from page 8

grand total of once, in 1987. I'm very undecided on a team that can't decide between Jim Harbaugh and Craig Erickson at quarterback. It is difficult not to like RB Marshall Faulk, who is skyrocketing up the NFL's rushing charts. The defense, with big-play cornerback Ray Buchanan, is adequate. If enough things go right, Indianapolis could back into the playoffs. 8-8.

N.Y. Jets: OK, quiz time. Name the Jets' top wide receiver. If you answered Wayne Chrebet, you win a trip for two to the Meadowlands. While you're there, you can figure out which end zone Jimmy Hoffa is buried in, which is what the Jets will spend most of the year doing. Their quarterbacks, Boomer (Esiason) and Bubby (Brister), sound more like a circus act. Running back Adrian Murrell and tight ends Johnny Mitchell and Kyle Brady are plusses, though. New coach Rich Kotite has a mess on his hands with the defense, which was rung up for 52 points in the opener against Miami. The only former AFL team not to win a division title since the league dissolved in 1970, doesn't appear in any danger of winning one soon. 5-11.

AFC CENTRAL:

Pittsburgh: The Steelers were agonizingly close to a Super Bowl last year. Featuring an aggressive, blitting defense, and a run-it-up-your-gut ground game, Pittsburgh held a late lead in the AFC Championship Game. The Steelers' Steel Trap would have caused San Francisco serious problems in the Super Bowl, but the matchup never materialized as the Chargers rallied to win. Much of the same cast, QB Neil O'Donnell, RB Bam Morris, and linebackers Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd, is back in Pittsburgh. However, a season-ending injury to Rod Woodson is a major setback. On another note, Pittsburgh attempted to turn itself into Dallas East with its numerous offseason distractions. First, there was the Super Bowl rap video the Steelers produced before losing to San Diego. During the summer, Greene auditioned for team punter by kicking away a ball belonging to an autograph seeker, and Lloyd drew a \$12,000 fine for knocking out Brett Favre in a preseason game. If the Steelers can overcome these distractions, they will be rapping into late January. 12-4, division winner.

Cleveland: Andre Rison. Derrick Alexander. Michael Jackson (no, not THAT one). Antonio Langham. Eric Turner. The last time quarterback Vinny Testaverde had this much talent surrounding him was his 1986 Miami Hurricanes squad. That year, Vinny threw a costly interception late in the national championship game against Penn State which cost the Hurricanes a victory. Enough said. Still, no team in its right mind wants to play in Cleveland with the Browns' defense fired up, and the Dawg Pound fans wailing, which is usually the case in Cleveland Stadium. 11-5, wild card.

Houston: What happened to this team? It was only a year and a half ago that the Oilers were a Joe Montana comeback short of reaching the AFC Championship Game. Now they have been dismantled, with QB Warren Moon, RB Lorenzo White, WR Ernest Givins, and DE William Fuller being shown the door in the past two years. Houston, with coach Jeff Fisher, plan on rebuilding, but if the Oilers are that committed, why is retreat Chris Chandler taking the snaps instead of QB-of-the-future Steve McNair? Only in a division like this could Houston finish third. 5-11.

Cincinnati: Fans in Cincinnati are getting extremely psyched over a 2-0 start. Not to rain on the parade, but the Bengals beat Jacksonville last week. Still, this franchise hasn't had much reason for optimism in this decade. The defense has been slightly better than horrible, and franchise running back, number-one draft pick Ki-Jana Carter, succumbed to a season-ending injury during the preseason. As for the positive, Cincinnati owns two potential superstar receivers in Carl Pickens and Darnay Scott. QB Jeff Blake will attempt to prove that he is not a one-year wonder. Maybe next year when Carter rejoins them, the Bengals can inch back to respectability. 5-11.

Jacksonville: The expansion Jaguars had a brilliant opportunity to win their first game ever in either one of the first two contests: versus Houston, and at Cincinnati. They came close, but dropped both. That should set the tone for the season. Jacksonville has assembled a roster capable of giving other squads problems. Mark Brunell is a capable young quarterback if Steve Buehrlein continues his haphazard play. Ernest Givins is a veteran wideout, and the defensive backfield is impressive. Even Desmond Howard, the draft bust of the decade, could turn into a key addition.

Coach Tom Coughlin, who is only slightly less authoritarian than a Marine drill sergeant, will coax the maximum effort out of his players. However, if the Jaguars were outmanned against Houston and Cincinnati, how will they match up against the rest of the league? 3-13.

AFC WEST:

Oakland: Insiders claim this team is straightening itself out. After three decades of flinging 60-yard bombs downfield, the Raiders reportedly will be shortening the passing game. Other than the inconsistencies presented by their usual low-percentage passing game, offense isn't a problem, not with the explosive receiving trio of Tim Brown, Rocket Ismail, and James Jett. QB Jeff Hostetler needs to reduce his 16 interceptions from a year ago. On defense, the Raiders are excellent at cornerback with veterans Albert Lewis and Terry McDaniel. On paper, Oakland has the fewest holes of any team in this division. But in order to seriously challenge for the Super Bowl, the Raiders, like Miami, will need to demonstrate an ability to win cold-weather games on the road. 10-6, division winner.

Denver: Defense is always in demand in this town. Like their baseball brethren Rockies, who frequently play high-scoring games, the Broncos are similar on the football field. Their game plan is to rack up as many points as possible to offset the usual defensive collapse. The offense is armed and dangerous with ageless QB John Elway, RB Glyn Milburn, and receivers Anthony Miller, Mike Pritchard, and Shannon Sharpe. The Denver defense looked like a hamburger on a Burger King grill last season when it finished dead last in the NFL in pass defense. That's not a good omen against teams like archrival Oakland. If the Broncos can discover some sort of defense along the way, they will give opposing teams nightmares. Regardless, Denver should be exciting to watch. 9-7, wild card.

Kansas City: All right, let's knock off the Steve Bono bashing for now. Sure, he has a funny name, and like Steve Young in San Francisco, he will be known as The Guy Who Replaced Joe Montana. He may be nowhere near the level of Montana, or even Young, but Bono had always been a solid fill-in starter in San Francisco, and should produce similar strong performances in Kansas City. The Chiefs' defense isn't as intimidating as it used to be, but tell opposing offenses that when DE Neil Smith and LB Derrick Thomas are breathing across the line of scrimmage at them. The key to KC's season may be if it can get productive seasons out of the running game from Greg Hill and ancient Marcus Allen to compliment Bono's short passing. 8-8.

San Diego: How did this team make it to the Super Bowl last year? The Chargers lost star wideout Anthony Miller prior to last season, and QB Stan Humphries played with a dislocated elbow. Give coach Bobby Ross credit. Not only has he transformed this formerly mediocre franchise into an excellent one, he always causes the Chargers to play their best when the chips are down. They were picked to finish last in 1994, but they won't be sneaking up on anyone this year. Once again, San Diego will feature a smashmouth ground attack powered by Natrone Means, and a tough defense, led by LB Junior Seau and DE Leslie O'Neal. The Chargers are solid enough in all areas to remain a viable playoff contender. 8-8.

Seattle: As many high draft choices as Seattle stockpiles, one would think that one of these years, the Seahawks will finally make their move. Well, next year has never come. QB Rick Mirer has done little to distinguish himself since a spectacular rookie season in 1993. Number-one draft choice Joey Galloway will need to mature quickly to give Mirer a deep threat. RB Chris Warren doesn't need any help. Although infrequently mentioned outside the Northwest, Warren has turned into a big-time runner after a 1,545-yard campaign in 1994. Cortez Kennedy is rock-solid on the defensive line, but he receives little help from his teammates. Question marks dot the secondary, and the special teams, with the loss of kicker John Kasay. Sounds like a couple more years of rebuilding in Seattle. 6-10.

Is there anyone in the AFC that could win the Super Bowl? Yes, Pittsburgh, Miami, New England, Oakland, and Cleveland all have a chance. New England has a potent offense, and a coach with two Super Bowl rings in Bill Parcells. Miami and Oakland are the conference's two most talented teams, and Cleveland boasts a fearsome defense.

But the best bet may be Pittsburgh. The Steelers likely have the AFC's premier defense, and the offense, as long as the running game is at full tilt, can get the job done. After years of losing the Super Bowl with the offensive-minded Broncos and Bills, defense is the route to go for the AFC in order to end its Super Bowl drought.

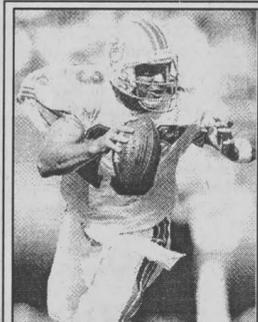


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VOLLEYBALL - W, 15-2, 15-3, 15-7, at Christopher Newport
MSOCCER - W, 1-0, at Shenandoah; W, 3-0, vs. Marymount
WSOCCER - L, 6-1, vs. Kean; W, 3-1, vs. Jersey City at Kean Invitational
Tournament; W, 12-0, vs. Mary Baldwin
FOOTBALL - L, 35-22, at Emory and Henry
MCROSS COUNTRY - Finished second at Lebanon Valley Invitational
WCROSS COUNTRY - Finished seventh at Lebanon Valley Invitational
WATER POLO - W, 16-6, 16-6, 14-8, vs. Findlay;
W, 23-9, 16-5, vs. Virginia Tech in W&L Fall Classic

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This Week:

VOLLEYBALL - Sat. in W&L Invitational, 9:00 AM
Tues. vs. Randolph-Macon, 6:30 PM
Thurs. at Roanoke, 6:30 PM
MSOCCER - Sat. at Catholic, 11:00 AM
Tues. vs. Emory & Henry, 4:00 PM
WSOCCER - Sat. at Guilford, 12:00 noon; Wed. at Hollins, 4:00 PM
M. WCROSS COUNTRY - Sat. in W&L Invitational, 10:00 AM
WATER POLO - Sat. at Richmond EWPA Tourney

Mickey's final hit

THE BIG FAN

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER

One of the biggest stories in recent years occurred this summer with the death of New York Yankee slugger Mickey Mantle. More specifically, the circumstances surrounding his death.

During a playing career spanning 1951-1968, Mantle proved to be one of the best players in the history of baseball. The Mick whacked a total of 536 home runs, many of them tape-measure shots.

Mantle also possessed surprising speed for a power hitter, as well as becoming baseball's most famous switch-hitter.

With feats like these, it is no wonder that Mantle was revered in New York and much of the country.

Mickey's popularity during the '50s and '60s went beyond admiration. People worshipped him as a hero, someone who could cause them to forget about their problems every time he stepped up to the plate and pulverized the ball.

Think about sentiments like that in the present time. Whom in sports would we regard as a hero, someone who not only plays well on the field but also lives an exemplary life off it?

Not too many. Because of players' personal lives being scrutinized daily by today's media, it is a lot easier to develop negative impressions rather than positive ones.

In Mantle's era, baseball was still treated like a game, not as entertainment. As a result, people knew little about Mickey's off-field demeanor.

The truth was, he had problems, many problems. Most of them stemmed from alcohol, which was the acceptable standard in baseball players' lifestyles.

But Mickey didn't stop at social drinking. He drank and partied hard, convinced that he would not live past the age of 40, since none of the previous males in his family had.

Adding to the mix was Mantle's constant knee problems. Each time he incurred a new injury, the harder he drank. By the time Mickey's career was over, he could stand the physical pain no longer.

On top of this, Mickey would never forgive himself for not being a better player than his .298 lifetime batting average indicated, so he just popped the cork even harder once he retired in 1969.

Who knows what Mantle could have accomplished had he not suffered those injuries and lived his life on the edge?

Twenty-six years later, Mickey Mantle laid in a hospital bed, diagnosed with liver cancer, likely as a result of his alcohol abuse. He had just undergone a controversial liver transplant which eventually did him little good because the cancer spread.

Mantle could have felt sorry for himself over all these problems. But now, in the twilight of a life which would end August 13, the Mick finally awoke.

Mickey pleaded for increased awareness nationwide of organ donorship. He reasoned that although an organ transplant did not save his life, it would save the lives of others.

Lastly, Mantle appealed to the nation to not consider him the hero and role model that they always had. Instead, we should consider what he did off-the-field, and not do similarly.

The old Mick had been benched. The new Mickey Mantle, the hero, stepped up to the plate. For the final time in his life, he hit a home run.

Women's soccer grabs split in New Jersey

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
Phi Staff Writer

Expectations are high this season for Washington and Lee's women's soccer team, following their surprise 10-5 record last season.

The Generals did lose six seniors to graduation, but last year's fab freshmen class returns this year to pick up the slack.

The first test for the women's soccer team came in the Kean Invitational Tournament in Kean, NJ, this past Saturday.

The host Kean team from Union, NJ, defeated the Generals in their first match, 6-1, by wearing W&L down with their powerful offense.

W&L freshman forward Karin Treese tied the game at 1-1 early in the first half off a penalty kick conversion, but the rest of the game was all Kean.

The Generals rebounded in their next contest, defeating Jer-

sey City, 3-1, on Sunday.

Junior Michelle Bauman led the Generals to an early 2-0 lead by scoring two goals in the first half off assists from Treese and fellow freshman Caroline Keen.

Treese tacked on her second goal of the tournament during the second half to pad W&L's lead before Jersey City netted a garbage-time goal late in the second half.

Sophomore goalie Delia Coyle and her older colleague, junior Beth Mozena, combined to hold Jersey City to just one goal, while tallying six saves.

On Thursday, the 1-1 Generals looked for another win against the Fighting Squirrels of Mary Baldwin, who they trounced last year, 7-0.

The storyline was repeated this year, as the Generals bombed the Squirrels, 12-0.

Keen turned in an incredible performance. The freshman smashed the W&L single-game point mark with her nine points.

She scored four goals and had one assist. Treese added to the freshman domination as she notched three goals.

Coyle saved the lone shot attempted by the Squirrels.

Tomorrow, the Generals travel to face Guilford, the team they beat in last year's ODAC tournament, by a score of 6-0. That game also looks like a win for W&L, as the Generals have never lost to Guilford, winning eight times in the two schools' nine meetings.

The apparent early signs of another powerful freshman class this season continue to bode well for Washington and Lee in the near future.

While it may be too early to say, coach Jan Hathorn certainly appears to have more valuable additions to her already formidable nuclei of young talent, which includes Coyle and scoring sensation Erica Reineke.

The years to come look bright, indeed.



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Kicking off the season

The Generals' women's soccer team split a pair of games in Kean, New Jersey, last weekend before making the long trek back home to face Mary Baldwin.

Water Polo sweeps Fall Classic

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee water polo squad wasted no time in jumping out of the gate to start the 1995 season, as the Generals swept all five games they played this past weekend in the W&L Fall Classic at Twombly Pool.

The Generals ripped Findlay, 16-6, 16-6, and 14-8, as well as dumping Virginia Tech by counts of 23-9 and 16-5. With its quick start, W&L bursts out to a 5-0 record in the young season.

Head coach Page Remillard was not surprised by the Generals' blowout victories during the Fall Classic.

"The opponents didn't expe-

rience the same type of preseason that we had," he commented.

Because of the lower level of competition, Remillard wanted his first team and his goalies, as well as his freshmen, to receive plenty of playing time throughout the tournament.

"The question was, how well would we come together," mentioned Remillard.

Much to the dismay of Findlay and Virginia Tech, W&L had no problems whatsoever. Junior All-American Pete Sorensen was all over the pool on offense last weekend, tallying up a grand total of 16 goals and 9 assists. His team-leading offensive statistics figured out to a superb fifty-percent shooting percentage.

Sorensen didn't skip a beat on

defense, either. His fifteen steals in the tournament gave him top honors on the team defensively.

Fellow junior Nathan Hottle also made life miserable for the opposition on defense by finishing with fourteen thefts. Hottle proved to be the catalyst on W&L's fast break opportunities, as well.

Junior James Silberstein added to his reputation of being the Generals' deep threat by notching the team's first two-point goal of the 1995 season during the Classic. Silberstein ended up second to Sorensen in scoring with a 23-point total.

W&L's young goalie tandem turned in an impressive performance. Deep-end goalie sophomore Jacob Garrett and shallow-

end stopper freshman Aaron Howell combined to ward off 60.5 percent of the opposing shots in the tournament.

"When your goalies block sixty-percent, you're real happy," Remillard commented.

Remillard was also extremely impressed with W&L's blocking from the field, saying that it was the best field-blocking weekend ever for the Generals.

"We made some mistakes on defense, but it will be hard to evaluate them until we play a tougher level of competition," he said.

That increased level of competition could come as soon as this weekend when the Generals travel to Richmond to participate in an EWPA Tournament hosted by the University of Richmond.

One of the teams W&L will face there, Navy, is currently ranked tenth in the nation. Richmond also received votes in the national poll.

"I don't expect us to go undefeated (in the tournament), but I do expect us to win at least one game," Remillard said.

The Generals did not receive any votes in the rankings, but that could change during the course of the regular season, since most Eastern Water Polo Association teams are lumped together in ability.

"Parity is the definition of this coming season," Remillard stated.

Because of the parity, it will become even more critical for the Generals to defend their home turf, since road contests will present a difficult challenge against teams close to their ability level.

"Seven teams are all close together, which means they'll be beating each other," mentioned Remillard.

The Generals get their next shot at a home game when they host the W&L EWPA Tournament on September 30.



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W&L's water polo squad opened its season in extremely impressive fashion. The Generals captured all five games they played in the W&L Fall Classic, knocking off Findlay (Ohio) and Virginia Tech to run their record to 5-0.

AFC looks to end eleven years of NFC domination

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If the NFL title was decided on the basis of regular season records, American Football Conference teams would fare excellently.

However, since there is that small matter of a Super Bowl to be decided each season, an AFC team has not won a championship since the Raiders in the 1983 season.

There are various theories on why the NFC perennially dominates the ultimate contest of the season. For one, the NFC emphasizes defense and ball-control attacks more. Also, many NFC teams play in tough stadiums under often inclement conditions.

Both reasons hold some validity, but the most probable reason is that parity is more common in the AFC. The AFC annually boasts a cast of solid, capable teams, but they are not quite talented enough to overtake the likes of Dallas and San Francisco from the NFC.

Each year, the AFC holds its own with the NFC in interconference play, but until it develops a team that rises above the pack, the Super Bowl will be another AFC failure.

Here is a glance at the AFC, along with each team's predicted record.

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New England: The Patriots have been on an upward swing for

three years now, and possess some of the best young talent in the game in quarterback Drew Bledsoe and tight end Ben Coates. The Pats would be poised to advance to the next level, but the defense is shaky at best. Ironically, defense was always the strong point of coach Bill Parcells' Giants teams. New England also has a difficulty winning big games, as evidenced by last week's moribund performance against Miami. The Patriots should eventually reach the



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The Dawg Pound intimidates the opposition.

Super Bowl, but it may take a year or two. As for this year, they stand a good shot at winning their division. 11-5, division winner.

Miami: The Dolphins are never short on talent. QB Dan Marino is still rolling along at a tremendous clip, and fullback Keith Byars, tight end Eric Green, and loudmouth linebacker Bryan Cox are all proven veterans. Don Shula, as usual, is one of the top coaches in the NFL. There is nothing not to like about this team on paper. On the field, things do not always go the same. Miami customarily starts off on fire, lapses into a November swoon when forced to play road games in cold weather, and drops a playoff contest it should have won, such as last season when a 21-6 lead in San Diego went up in smoke. Expect much of the same this year. 10-6, wild card.

Buffalo: I know, I know, everybody is tired of these guys. Nobody outside of the Buffalo area wants to see a Drive for Five. Still, these guys aren't that bad yet. Despite not making the playoffs last season, the Bills still return QB Jim Kelly, RB Thurman Thomas, WR Andre Reed, DE Bruce Smith, and LB Cornelius Bennett. Basically, it is the same nucleus that was present during the Super Bowl years. It will be interesting to see if Buffalo can pull itself together and prove last year was an aberration, or else maybe the Bills are getting old. 9-7.

Indianapolis: The Colts have been a trendy pick to reach the playoffs this year. But wait a second...these are the Colts, aren't they? They still have the Curse of Baltimore on their backs. Since 1984, when they departed Baltimore, the Colts have entered the playoffs a

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