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Weekend Weather

Friday-Sunny. Mid to upper 50s.
Friday Night-Clear and Cold. Lows upper 30s.
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KA robbed, Lee portrait taken

By ETHAN KRUPP
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Robert E. Lee disappeared from the Kappa Alpha house on Wednesday night.

A large portrait of Lee and a framed copy of an old KA Ritual chant were removed from the first floor living room, according to Alan Schoellkopf, president of KA. In addition, food was scattered and smeared around in the dining room of the house.

Schoellkopf said at about 12:45 a.m. on Thursday morning, he heard a number of people downstairs on the main floor of the house. He soon heard "several of the sophomores talking on the upstairs hall about the picture being missing."

The group of roughly 20 people who Schoellkopf heard were students visiting from another chapter. It is not clear whether these students are responsible for the theft, but Mike Young, Director of Security for Washington and Lee, said he "got a lead pointing to students from an area college." Young declined to name

the college.

KA Housemother Mary Taylor said sophomore Richard Thomas "heard people leaving through the front door and saying 'We better run. We better hurry.'"

House Manager Whit Morris said he and Schoellkopf went out and cruised around Lexington looking for the group that had been at the house. Unfortunately, the group could not be found.

"The portrait of Lee was a [modern] copy of the painting in Lee Chapel. [It] was valued at \$1800 dollars," said Schoellkopf. The other item stolen was a "nicely framed copy of an old KA Ritual chant."

The chant had "recently been given to the house by an alum[nus]," said Schoellkopf. Taylor said the chant was from "1977 when the house reopened," after being dormant for several years.

Taylor said "food was smeared, and bread scattered around." She said there was no real destruction to the dining room, just a big mess made.

Right now, the KAs just want the picture and

chant back.

"Our number one concern is to get the property back," said Matson Roberts, KA Housing Corporation President. He and Schoellkopf also alluded to the theft of KA's charter last spring term.

"This is the second time in six months we've had something stolen from the house," Schoellkopf said.

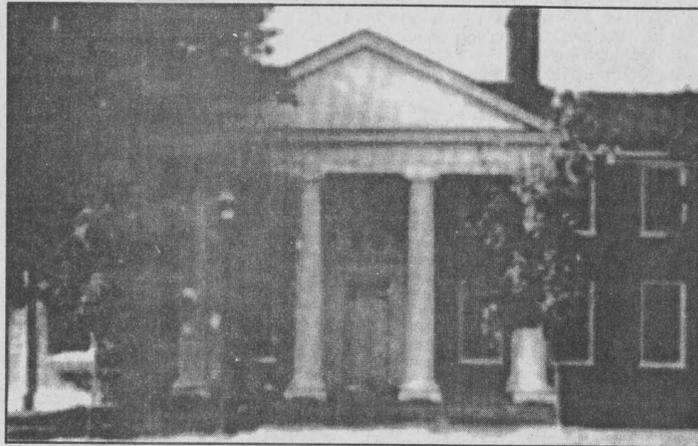
The original charter of the Alpha Chapter of KA was stolen last spring term, most likely during the course of a sorority formal held at the house according to both Schoellkopf and Taylor.

Roberts and Schoellkopf expressed the hope that the theft was merely a prank and not a real theft.

"I would hope it is not someone who has something in for the KAs," said Roberts.

Schoellkopf said the theft does not seem that unusual because minor theft sometimes occurs at the house.

"Being the Alpha Chapter, we get visited by so many chapters. It's not unusual to get people taking souvenirs."



A portrait of Robert E. Lee was stolen from the KA house.

File Photo

Cars vandalized, bicycles stolen

By ETHAN KRUPP
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Freshman cars were vandalized this past weekend, and the number of bike thefts has been rising.

Five cars parked in the freshman parking lot were vandalized between 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, and the following Monday morning, according to Mike Young, director of security for Washington and Lee University. All of the cars had either radio antennas bent or broken or windshield wipers bent or broken. One car was also entered and suffered damage to the turn signal and the gearshift.

Freshman Megan Johnson's car, a classic 1964 Rambler, suffered the most damage.

"On the outside, the radio antenna was broken off and a windshield wiper was bent way back," said Johnson. Since the doors of her car do not lock, the vandals entered her car and "wrapped the turn signal lever around the steering column." She also said

"[the vandals] kicked the gearshift so it jammed up the gears and her transmission shaft."

She estimated the damage to her car to be at least \$200 to \$250, but also said it may be much more by the time she is done having it repaired.

She did not discover that her car had been vandalized until she went out to drive it at about 12 noon on Tuesday, Nov. 8. When she went to W&L Security to report the vandalism, she discovered her car was already on a list of damaged cars.

"It made me a little upset," said security did not inform her of the damage to her car.

Young said the five cars damaged were in "close proximity to each other, but other than that, there is no connection."

Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard said at the present time the police have no leads or suspects. He also said, "It's a shame no one has anything better to do."

Recently, an increasing number of bicycles are being stolen, both on cam-

pus and around town, according to Young. In the past several months, six to eight bicycles have been stolen.

"Recently, we've had a rash of bike thefts, so lock your bike up," said Young.

He said those bikes locked up are generally not messed with.

Beard said the series of thefts may be related to a similar series of thefts that occurred last spring term. He advised students to "please secure the bikes or take them inside."

He also asked that students notify the police and security when their bicycles are stolen, so if the bicycles are recovered, the police can return them. Beard said the police currently have several bicycles in their possession, but they do not have reports on them, so they can not contact their owners. If your bicycle was stolen, please check with the police.

Anyone with any information concerning either the vandalism or the bicycle thefts, should call either the Lexington Police Department at 463-2112, or W&L Security 463-8999.



Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Sig Ep wins first in Gong Show

By Jessica Antonich and Dan Odenwald
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"A lot of drunk pledges doing goofy stuff."

That's how the emcee, Greg Lynch, characterized Kappa Alpha Theta's fifth annual Gong Show.

The acts ranged from Theta's parody of "It's a Hard-Knock Day" from the musical Annie to Beta Theta Pi's rendition of Salt n' Pepa's "None of Your Business."

The Gong Show benefits the

Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization and Court Appointed Special Advocates, Theta's national philanthropy.

Sigma Phi Epsilon captured first place with their medley of popular alternative music tracks. They entertained the audience with such hits as "It's the End of the World" by R.E.M., "Alone" by Pearl Jam, "The Sweater Song" by Weezer and "Everybody Hurts" also by R.E.M. Second place went to Phi Delta Theta with their version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It."

The fastest Gong Award went to

Kappa Sigma for attempting to perform "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall." They were gonged off stage before they could finish the song title.

The judges were Michelle Richardson, the Student Activities Coordinator, Dennis Manning, Dean of Freshmen, and Brian Richardson, Professor of Journalism.

Door prizes were awarded throughout the night with gifts ranging from a Wilson Walker dinner-for-two coupon to a gift certificate from T.G.I.F.

Theta's Gong show is a yearly ritual in which most fraternity pledges are "strongly encouraged" to participate.



The freshman parking lot was the site of vandalism to student cars this past weekend. A total of five cars were damaged.

Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Four PiKas busted for burning bicycles

By ETHAN KRUPP
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Four Washington and Lee students were charged with open burning, a Class One Misdemeanor.

The charge resulted from a fire lit at some point during the Penthouse 500, a bike race by freshman on the cheapest bikes they could find, according to senior Walker Mitchell.

Mitchell, along with John Rowe, '95, Marcus Rayner, '97 and Compton Biddle, '95, were all charged because of the fire. Mitchell said the police charged the four of them since they were the only residents of the "Penthouse," a student residence at 206 N. Randolph, present at the time. In addition, no one came forward to accept

responsibility for the fire.

Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard said when the police arrived in response to calls from neighbors of the Penthouse, they "found some type of bonfire burning and a group of students on the sidewalk in front of the yard."

"The bonfire contained wood, gas, and the piled-up bikes from the race," said Beard.

Both Rowe and Rayner said they were not present when the fire was lit. Rayner said he saw the fire and "ran all over the apartment getting fire extinguishers and water" to put the fire out.

Rowe said he came outside as people were trying to put the fire out.

Mitchell said since those responsible for

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Students approve of Dean of Fun

After last year's controversy, no seems to mind Richardson's presence

By JOANNA SOTO
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With the semester already half over, the new coordinator of student activities seems to have given Washington and Lee students lives a little more pleasure.

Michelle Richardson has been hard at work that we might play. She has offered an alternative to the basements of fraternity houses and the movies.

When the administration proposed hiring someone to organize social activities most students believed that it was unnecessary and waste of money. There was also some concern that fraternities would lose popularity if there were other social options. That has not been the case. Fraternities are just as strong as before, but now there are more options to choose from.

It appears now that the general opinion has swayed to favor Richardson's impact. Students who have attended the events are pleased with the variety that is offered.

Looking to years past, most students agree this is long past due. The Greek organizations were not meeting all the needs of the students, and Lexington is not big enough to support clubs or other places to unwind.

Richardson has managed to do the impossible. She has organized events that appeal to all factions of the student body. The events are attended by fraternity and sorority members, independents, and faculty members. The Acoustic Coffeehouse on Friday nights has been a tremendous success with attendance around 100 people. It features student and professional musicians performing as the audience lingers over their favorite coffee.

Junior Chris Buford commented on the benefits of the Acoustic Coffeehouse.

"I think it is a really good idea because it provides good music that's not a loud frat-party basement band," Buford said.

Sophomore Sasha Hartman applauded the administration for hiring Richardson and being sensitive to the students' changing needs.

"I think it's important to have an individual

who is solely responsible for student activities," Hartman said.

Senior Lise Brown used her perspective as a dorm counselor to shed some light on the issue.

"There are a lot of freshman who want an alternative to fraternity parties. They are already tired of the same things every weekend," Brown said.

"It's nice to have other options for people who are not really into the fraternity or drinking scene," said freshman Katharine McFall.

Junior Gray Hancock thinks that having some of the activities in the GHQ is a good idea.

"Utilizing the Pit is a really smart thing to do. It's purpose was to be a social center outside of the fraternity system, but it was never used until now."

"If you put together good music and good drinks, people will come," Hancock said. "It seems that people really want a change."

"As an independent, I think it's great that they're organizing something as an alternative

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BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



Serbian plane fires on Bosnia

A warplane flown either by Bosnian or Croatian Serbs fired a single rocket into the Bosnian town of Bihac on Thursday. Bihac is in one of the regions designated by the United Nations as a safe area. It is not clear whether the plane was in Bosnia or Croatia when it fired the missile. Officials will not speculate on how NATO or UN forces may respond to the attack.

Iranians bomb base in Iraq

Iranian jet fighters bombed an Iranian Kurdish Base in Iraq on Thursday. At least one person was killed and three wounded. This was the second in recent attacks from dissidents working out of Iraq. This weekend, Iranians fired missiles into a camp operated by another Iranian opposition group. It is not expected that Thursdays air strike will draw retaliation from Iraq.

Haiti swears in new Cabinet

Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide finally has a Prime Minister and a full cabinet, after a month of consultations. Tuesday morning, Prime Minister Smarck Michel and his Cabinet took oaths of office and pledged to begin work on their plan to rebuild their country. The plan emphasizes the establishment of democratic institutions and the rebuilding of the economy with market forces and foreign aid.

The Nation



Republicans win big in Congress

Republicans rejoiced this week at winning control of both the House and the Senate for the first time in 40 years. Republicans across the country won landslide victories in Tuesday's election. The GOP gained 49 representatives, raising their total to 227, compared to the 199 Democrats and one independent. The gains were most dramatic among governors, raising the total to 31 Republicans, 18 Democrats and one independent.

FAA bans autopilot for planes flying into ice

The FAA on Thursday barred airlines that fly planes similar to the one that crashed in Indiana last week from using autopilot during icy conditions. Officials say if the plane that crashed had been under manual control, the pilot would have noticed the icing problem. Last week's plane crash killed all 68 people on board.

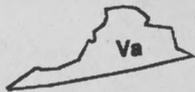
Astronauts looking for ozone clues

The astronauts aboard the space shuttle Atlantis for the third time this week monitored the Sun to look for clues to the diminishing ozone layer and global warming. The astronauts must track the naturally occurring solar energy changes, which can be tedious. So far the astronauts have made no new discoveries, but are gathering information to use with future ozone measurements. The Atlantis is scheduled to return on Monday.

Ito eases juror restrictions

Judge Lance Ito told the 12 regular jurors in the O.J. Simpson case, as well as the 15 prospective alternates, that they could now watch television and, with caution, read newspapers. The only unrestricted television programming jurors can watch is channels of old movies, home shopping programs, and wildlife shows. Those who watch any other programming must be prepared to mute the volume in the event that information about the Simpson case is relayed on the television. Under Ito's relaxed order, jurors and candidates must avoid radio, all newsprograms, talk shows, an entertainment magazines.

The State



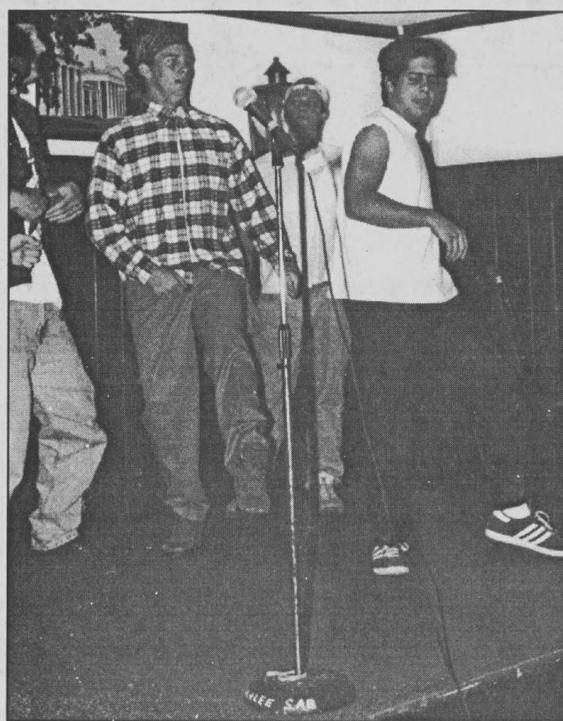
Robb defeats North; 10 reps are re-elected

Democratic candidate Charles Robb won election to a second term in the US Senate in Tuesday's election. Television networks declared the victory about 90 minutes after the polls closed. Robb received 47 percent of the vote, Republican candidate Oliver North received 41 percent of the vote, while the independent candidate received 12 percent. Ten out of 11 Virginia representatives were re-elected to the House on Tuesday.

Forest fire jumps containment lines

A forest fire thought to be under control on Monday jumped containment lines early Tuesday morning and forced the evacuation of houses in Stanley. The fire from Monday consumed about 250 acres and had been declared under control. Winds caused the fire to jump its containment lines. The fire spread so easily due to a 30 percent drop in humidity and the quality of fuel it fed on. The area is loaded with dead pine trees, killed recently by a plague of beetles.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled by Emily Baker



Please don't let me get gonged!

On the left, the Phi Delt entry for the Theta Gong Show won second place. They performed Michael Jackson's "Beat It." On the right, the Sigma Chi group performed "Little Bunny Fu-Fu." They were gonged soon after they started.



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Robb win proves campus polls wrong

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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Although 13 mock elections at various Virginia colleges went to Oliver North, Virginia voters chose incumbent Sen. Charles Robb. On election night Robb won 46 percent of the vote over North's 43 percent. In a mock election a couple of weeks ago, North beat Robb with 59 percent of the vote.

Many Washington and Lee students thought Robb won because he was perceived as the better of the two candidates.

Senior Paul Wright said he was surprised about the results.

"Either one of them would have done a good job in Washington," he said. "It came down to 'who do I hate more.'"

Junior Jennifer Fern thought the lesser of the two evils was North.

"As our honor system at W&L says, we do not tolerate lying, cheating, and stealing," Fern said, "but I feel that's what both candidates did."

Fern thought a third candidate added to the campaign.

"Given that they were so close to Washington, it was so gratifying to see the presence of three political parties as opposed to two," she said. "It demonstrates the variety of thought that exists in American society. It should be a great wakeup call to Bill Clinton who can no longer rely on one party to pass legislation."

College Republican president Douglas Thiessen said he was upset at North's loss but believes North deserves credit for his campaign.

"I think Ollie did a good job and deserves to be commended for bringing together many people on issues that so many Virginians care about,"

he said.

Thiessen said Robb supporters in Northern Virginia, Richmond and Tidewater came out in extraordinary numbers.

"Geographically, North won over 75 percent of the state but the numbers of those areas were not enough (to elect North)," he said.

Nova Clarke said North's reputation as a liar contributed to his defeat.

"I think people couldn't deal with Oliver North," she said. "They couldn't deal with someone without any principles."

Junior Richard DiDonna said the Republican Party would have been in trouble if North was elected.

"I think it's good for the Republicans not to have North, considering it could cause the Republican Party trouble in 1996 in terms of ideology."

Sophomore Elizabeth Cox believed the race would be close.

"I really think it could have gone either way," he said.

Although she was excited for Robb, she said she was turned off by the politics.

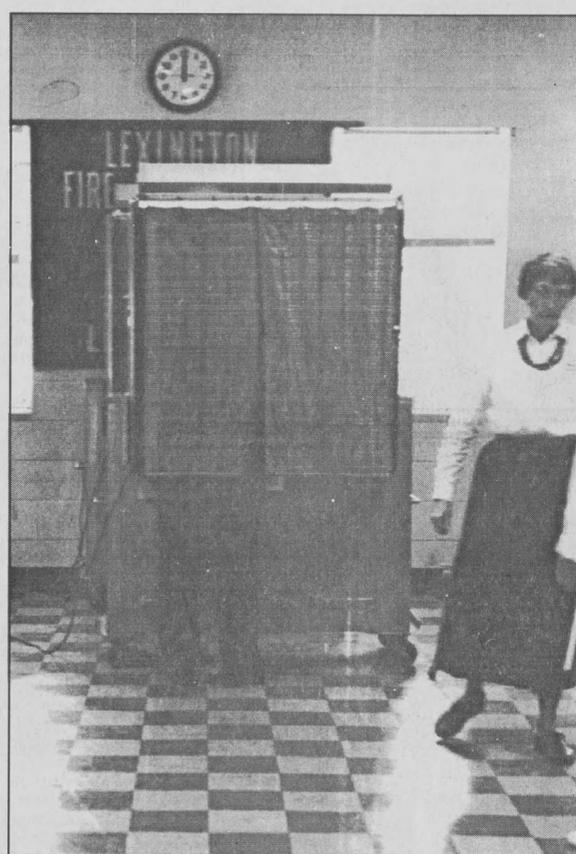
"I like Robb," she said, "but the only thing that bothered me was last night watching him gloat over his victory. I guess that's just the politician in him."

Sophomore Rachele Rowe said it would have been a mistake if North had won.

"I think a lot of people would realize after having North in Senate for two years that it was a bad idea," she said.

She said American voters are frustrated with the government.

"People are fed up with government and for good reason—so they're ready for change," Rowe said. "But just electing a new candidate doesn't necessarily mean things will get better."



Local Lexington residents vote on Tuesday. Rockbridge county went to North, but did little to sway Robb's victory.

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Both kids and tutors benefit from Adopt-a-School

By JENNIFER LATHAM
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Last month 39 students at Mountain View Elementary got treats that will last longer than those from their Halloween bags.

The "treats" are Washington and Lee students who began tutoring the students through the Adopt-a-School program in early October. The Adopt-a-School program is a nationwide organization of volunteers who help students at rural primary schools.

Tutors not only help students with schoolwork, but they also become "buddies" to them. Teachers at Mountain View especially encourage the "buddy system," because most students whom they choose to get tutors have difficult home lives.

Mountain View became one of more than 90 primary schools nationwide to participate in the program after Adopt-a-School representatives spoke with Principal Lewis Straub last summer. Straub then signed Mountain View up for the program after discussing it with W&L senior Kit Dodds in February.

Dodds told Straub she would recruit volunteers for the program as chairman of campus and community involvement in Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Adopt-a-School representatives told Dodds that Mountain View needed tutoring help more than any other Rockbridge County elementary school. But

Straub worried that Mountain View's distance from W&L would discourage potential volunteers. Mountain View is about a 10-minute drive from East Lex grocery store on Route 11.

But the drive has not stopped W&L sophomore Winston Chapman from visiting Casey, a fifth-grader, every Thursday. (Casey is not the student's real name.)

Casey said he looks forward to "going outside and playing" with Chapman each week. Last week the two played on the playground swings and slide as they talked about the "Lion King" soundtrack Casey ordered through a Scholastic book sale.

Chapman said the visit went smoothly until he asked Casey about his Halloween plans. Casey told him he could not go trick-or-treating at his grandmother's house because other family member had found his uncle using cocaine there.

Casey also said he hadn't carved a pumpkin this year. He said his dad refuses to buy a gourd only to throw most of it away in removing the pulp.

Pumpkin or no pumpkin, Chapman said Casey is lucky to have a father who seems to take good care of him. Casey's father is physically disabled, and his mother lives in a mental institution.

Chapman said taking a developmental psychology class helped him understand Casey's behavior resulting from his family situation.

"He really has a hard time laughing, smiling, and expressing himself," said Chapman. "He needs

somebody that he can come out of his shell with."

Chapman said he wants to help Casey deal with his emotions but has trouble talking about Casey's home life with him.

"[Casey] is coming from a completely different world, and I'm having to respond to this," said Chapman. "He brings up a lot of subjects that I'm not sure how to deal with."

But Straub said as long as Adopt-a-School tutors do not react negatively to students' concerns, the "buddy system" benefits the students.

"These children are going to be introduced to people from all walks of life," Straub said. Straub said Mountain View students see W&L students as role models after getting to know them personally.

"I always feel that one-on-one tutoring is beneficial," said Straub. "[W&L students] are spending time with the kids, not just running in and out."

Dodds said Mountain View teachers and staff show appreciation for the volunteers and recognize the challenges of tutoring.

"The school has been great about realizing that the program may be a little rocky at the start," Dodds said. "They've been fantastic about helping us out."

Straub said he wants to continue the Adopt-a-School program at Mountain View indefinitely.

"I think [students] need to see that giving of your time and talents is an important part of life, not something you lose before age 21," Straub said.

Gill's driving charge reduced from Reckless to Improper

By EMILY BAKER
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The reckless driving charge given to Atticus Gill has been reduced to improper driving, a charge that will carry fewer points on his driving record. Gill received the charge after a student

fell off the float Gill was driving during the Homecoming parade. "I'm still angry about it," said Gill. "I don't feel I did anything wrong, but I don't have the time or patience to pursue it further. It's better than reckless driving, I suppose, but I'm still pretty upset." Improper driving carries a \$100 fine. Gill also has to pay \$26 in court costs.

EC gives Ski Club \$300

By KELLY TOTTEN
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The Executive Committee granted \$300 to the Washington and Lee Ski Club.

President Paul Howe requested the funds to cover the \$200 entry fee into an intercollegiate ski club, \$50 for a team charge and \$50 for advertising. The Ski Club will sponsor a 5-man racing team as well as recreational skiers. An organizational meeting will be held between Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. For more information contact Paul Howe at 462-4419.

Denny loafers and healthy hair receive high marks

W&L's 1994 Fall—Winter fashion highlights the classic look

By KATHLEEN QUIRK

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Washington and Lee prides itself on its sense of tradition, and W&L trademarks such as the collonade and the honor code never change radically, but evolve and adapt slowly as time passes.

So it seems with W&L fashions—the basics will always prevail, and while students look good, they generally shun the cutting edge in styles. For the Washington and Lee gentlemen, this is especially true, as fashions for them change so little anyway. And for all but the trendiest women at W&L, tastes vary, but styles change slowly—they prefer a classic look tested over time to look good. From the feet up, here is a look at

what W&L women can expect to see in the coming months, but there are no big surprises.

For the feet, shoes like loafer-style flats, bucs, penny loafers, and lug-sole oxfords are a good choice, both cute and practical. Boots are a must as well: cowboy styles, duck boots and hiking boots are all good choices. Running shoes and sneakers reminiscent of growing up in the '80s, like Tretorns and Converse All-Stars, are a natural choice. Mary Jane styles or strappy pumps (for a sleeker look) are cute shoes to watch for. The time, however, is coming to put away woven mules and sandals as the weather starts to turn a little too cold.

Shoes, of course, need socks to go with them. Perennial favorites are argyles and plain white anklets—stock up at home over Thanksgiving to eliminate needless wasted time doing laundry around exam time!

Trouser socks are obviously meant to go with pants, while tights and nylons can keep skirt wearers a little warmer and looking great. Knee socks are a cute new sight, and while the style may not be here to stay, they certainly look fun with short, pleated skirts.

Pants are a wonderful choice when choosing an outfit on a cold winter morning—warm, good looking and comfortable too. Wool trouser-styles look put together and wintry in many colors, while khakis and corduroys (in shades ranging from very light stone to dark olives, forest greens, chocolate browns and charcoals) are great for casual wear. Twills and prints are popular choices, too. And as a reminder, all of these pants look great as walking shorts as well.

Another popular option is the

wide-leg style, often in rayon or other light fabric, usually a sophisticated print.

Jeans are, as always, a staple in all colors and shades of blue, as long as they do not look too "chemical," as the goal of most

W&L women is to look natural and ease in what they wear. Skirts provide just as many options, from very casual to quite dressy. They can be straight or full (pleats are popular), long or short, traditional or wrap-around. And skirts come in many fun fabrics: blanket, plaid, denim, khaki, corduroy, equestrian and other prints, corduroy and much more. The skirts to avoid, however, are those that are *Melrose Place*-short, slit up too high, or hang at odd lengths.

For tops, the choices are many, but fine gauge sweaters are even more popular than ever because of all they offer: they are warm but not smothering; they are fitted but not clingy; their style is classic and timeless; and they come in so many colors to flatter everyone. Especially great this season will be heathery neutrals, rich fall shades of red, navy and dark green, and basic white and black. Twin sets are a cute option, but crewnecks, v-necks, cardigans, and turtle-necks all look great this season.

Pretty blouses will always be popular; lately styles include big collars, embroidery, and mandarin collars. Denim and chambray shirts always look good, especially with so many western style skirts, jackets and sweaters available the past few years.

Turtlenecks will never leave the winter scene because they are good both on their own and for layering with vests, sweaters, blazers and button-downs.

Flannel plaid, oxford cloth, and brightly colored twill are all popular button-down shirts—especially good when dressing in layers for parties or off-temperature classrooms.

Tunics show up a lot lately in rough silk and textured sweaters. Other good sweaters are heathery wool and cute "Eagle's Eye"—type designs. Blazers dress up jeans nicely; when the weather is colder, Patagonia-style fleece shirts, barn jackets, anoraks and long wool winter coats keep students

looking good.

Cocktail dresses and formals, mostly in black, show off the W&L girl's choice of simple elegance over anything too splashy. Beads are still popular, as are sequins in moderation, perhaps accenting a neckline.

Chiffon has been flowing recently in scarves, sashes, and entire slip dresses. Tank styling will stay around, and spaghetti straps are back as girls choose party dresses for dancing and having fun.

Not all dresses need be black; reds, greens, and blues will be popular this year too, and other colors can be

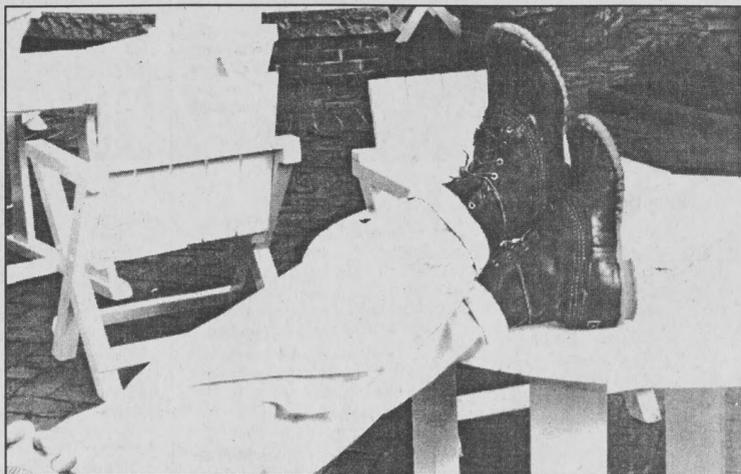


Photo by Betsy Green

Versatile and relatively attractive, duck boots work well in inclement weather.

and healthy (not big). This love of clean and traditional must be one reason why so many girls seem to prefer clean-cut and clean-shaven looks for their W&L men. W&L also seems to shy away from the return to layers on television shows like *Melrose Place* and *Beverly Hills, 90210*.

Jewelry is again always classic, like pearls. And in the past few years, monograms and antique spoons have gained popularity, while most everything plastic has fallen out of favor.

Fashion magazines, apart from their trendiest offerings, show much that would fit in on campus: military styles, neutrals emphasizing textures, chic mandarin collars, strappy pumps, and tweeds and heathers for a warm country look.

W&L men have life much easier, as their clothes seem hardly to change year to year.

Their basic staple is pants, and it matters little whether they have many pairs or only a few.

Khaki and blue jeans are their mainstays, but corduroy is even more popular than last year, especially in foresty colors. They often wear these pants with boots (hiking, cowboy, or duck) or shoes such as bucs (dirty, saddle, or chocolate), loafers, bluchers or running shoes.

Shirts are traditional—nothing radically new in this year's collection

button-downs in denim, chambray, oxford cloth, plaid broadcloth and flannel, and chamois, all usually worn with t-shirts.

When the temperature drops, sweaters will look good in heathery wools, fisherman cables, and dark, "manly" patterns. A few years ago, fleece was the newest development in the W&L man's wardrobe possibilities, and it's certainly here to stay.

Change comes slowly to W&L, but when it does, it is usually for the best, especially in the closets of tradition-minded students.



Photo by Betsy Green

Tasteful skirt and sweater combinations frequently grace the figures of W&L women.



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very fun. Simplicity, though, is key, so shoes are best in black or another neutral color that blends away and does not compete with the dress.

For more casual dresses, a-line are back and promise fun times ahead, while suit styling reflects sophistication and the shunning of dowdy styles with an emphasis on clean lines and good fabrics.

For their hair, W&L women choose simple, natural styles, finding what best suits them rather than what is the latest cut. Chin length and a little longer are quite popular, but emphasis is on hair being shiny, swifty, squeaky clean,



Photo by Betsy Green

Khakis are a staple for W&L men.

Dylan leaves different impressions on cities

By JUSTIN ST. CLAIR
Special to the Phi

It has been argued that Bob Dylan is the most influential musical artist of the latter half of the twentieth century. More than thirty years after the release of his first album, Dylan is still going strong. Currently on the Eastern U.S. leg of his 1994 tour, Dylan recently played to sold out houses in both Washington, D.C. and Roanoke.

The venue for Dylan's stop on Halloween was the picturesque Warner Theater in downtown D.C. Dylan and his band took the stage promptly at eight and hurriedly tore through two songs before ripping into a blistering version of "All Along the Watchtower." Dylan, as he does with most of his songs in concert, deviated from the original, firing off the lines to the song in pairs. The band promptly changed genres, delivering a version of "I'll Be Your Baby Tonight" that sounded as if it were straight from Nashville.

Highlights of the show included an amazingly bitter acoustic version of "Masters of War." Dylan seemed to direct this harsh condemnation of government to the town itself.

Returning to the electric format after a brief three songs, Dylan performed several more tunes, including "Highway 61," before finishing with "Maggie's Farm." As he left the stage he appeared a bit tipsy, mockingly pointing at the crowd.

The crowd didn't seem to mind Dylan's antics, and stayed on its feet until the band



reappeared. Dylan played an amazing version of "Like a Rolling Stone" before pausing once again to mimic the fans cheering wildly from the floor. He then returned to the acoustic format and delivered an incredibly harsh version of "It Ain't Me, Babe." Vocally attacking his own audience, Dylan grated out a bitter, sardonic end to the evening.

Two nights later in Roanoke, Dylan performed an entirely different show. Not visibly intoxicated as he had been in D.C., he changed the playlist, including such hits as "Mr. Tambourine Man," as well as his concert standards "Senor" and "Gates of Eden."

The highlight of the Roanoke show occurred near the end. As Dylan again closed with "Maggie's Farm," a girl from the audience jumped onstage and began to dance. Soon others followed, and by the end of the song nearly thirty fans, mostly teenage females, were

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Frankenstein lacks promise



By KIRK SUSONG
Phi Movie Reviewer

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*—☆☆ 1/2
Despite this Halloween's Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, one of the most enduring creatures in our collective imagination is that lumbering semi-human, Frankenstein.

Most of us remember him as a tall green guy with a crew cut and bolts sticking out of his neck. By now, this image is probably likely to inspire humor instead of fear.

But Kenneth Branagh's new movie, *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, takes a different tack, more faithful to the original text. Here the monster inspires neither laughter nor fright, but pity.

As expected, the young Victor Frankenstein (Kenneth Branagh himself) goes off to medical school and begins asking all the wrong questions.

After the unfortunate death of his mother, he wants to bring the dead back to life, to reanimate the dead, to create life anew.

more akin to an evil Raggedy Andy than to the Addams Family's Lurch).

Realizing the mistake he has made, Frankenstein leaves the creature to his own wits and hopes he will die in the plague sweeping the country-side.

Naturally, the Monster (Robert De Niro) is more than a little annoyed at this lack of paternal love; things only get worse after he discovers how much the world abhors him, since he's so ugly.

He pursues his creator to exact vengeance and demands a wife of equal ugliness to be his companion.

Frankenstein and his Monster end up chasing each other around, finally winding up on the Arctic Sea.

This film will not live up to your expectations, but it's sort of difficult figuring out exactly why.

For one thing, the movie attempts to incorporate too much plot into two hours. The first twenty or thirty minutes are spent telling of Victor's early life, his initial experiments with electricity, the death of his mother, and other semi-interesting material.

That leaves barely enough time for the story of the Monster.

In the end, the movie seems very rushed, hectic and sketchy.

What becomes the movie's saving grace (to the extent that it has one), is the acting. Branagh goes half the movie without a shirt, which makes him look slightly ridiculous, but other than that his acting is fine.

The supporting cast is quite good, including Helena Bonham Carter (*A Room with a View*) and Tom Hulce (*Amadeus*).

One person to look for especially is John Cleese, who does a surprisingly good job as Dr. Frankenstein's mentor, Dr. Waldman.

But the man who takes the cake is Bobby De Niro himself.

He is absolutely coated under layers and layers of makeup—but still manages to express the tragedy and sorrow of his character.

This film really isn't so bad, but it could have been so much better.

The trailer makes the film look more exciting than it is; its biggest problem is that it's a let down. The story is rushed and the directing melodramatic.

But the underlying story-line and the decent enough acting make it interesting. And, the sumptuous costumes and sets make it a visual treat. I wouldn't suggest that you rush off to see *Frankenstein*, but it's worth at least a video rental or the drive-in.

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.

Ø - Even if its free and your best friend said he never laughed harder, trust me, this one sucks. Don't waste your time, or at least don't waste it on this. (There's always MTV.)



W&L loves Dave

By JOHN COX
Special to the Phi

Everyone that saw the show on Wednesday night now knows. We all can say congratulations to The Dave Matthews Band. Seeing Dave on Wednesday night confirmed what many in the Class of '95 said our freshmen year: these guys will make it. Well Boyd and friends, you made it.

You hear it almost every day in certain circles: "We can say we knew him when." Dave's music just seems to mean a little more to the students from Lexington and Charlottesville; from the lyrics to the live shows, it is just that much more personal to us.

You can see it from the bumper stickers and T-shirts that have circulated campus these past years, W&L loves Dave. And for those of you that complain that all you ever hear about is Dave, give him a listen, go see a show. This many people can't be wrong; the music

proves it.

When complaints about the new album like "you can't hear Boyd" are heard, the reply is always "you've got to see them LIVE." For all of those who had never seen the show until Wednesday, now you know what we meant.

And to all of you who were disappointed for whatever reason with *Under the Table and Dreaming*, take it for what it was meant to be: a studio album. One thing that makes the band so great is the different sounds they have. The studio can make the songs sound a little different. Dave said himself that they got some great screams onto the album, and they did. However, the screams from the Horse Center were heard all the way back at RCA.

On the anniversary of the release of their first album, *Remember Two Things*, The Dave Matthews Band returned to us here in Old Virginia where it all began only three short years ago. We all know that Wednesday nights at W&L mean something special, but this week was a little different: Dave and his band were back. The greatest part is, is that they knew that

they were back, they knew they were home. To quote the man himself "Virginia is cool." The show itself was one of the best many of us has seen. How many times do we get to hear "Say Good-bye" and "Cry Freedom Cry" anyway?

For all of us who remember that the lyrics for "Satellite" started out as a song called "After Her", or saw him play with Tim Reynolds in a place called TRAX, we've kept passing on the word about this one band from C'ville; every time we take someone to their first show the look on their face says it all.

From the performances at Zollman's to the Pavilion, from the UVA amphitheater on Dave Matthews' Day to this Wednesday night's show at the Horse Center, we all know that they are great, and they had what it takes. Dave himself summed it up best: "Would you not like to be, sittin' on top of the world with your legs hangin' free?" Well friends, we are, and we can here Boyd and all the rest, playing the music that makes us smile.

Thanks Dave from all of us, and we'll see you soon.

Coffee, music free - flowing

By PAT WILLIAMSON
Phi Staff Writer

The coffee was hot and good to the last drop. It was like an old friend, bittersweet and refreshing. Although it may have singed a few tongues, it was an integral part of the atmosphere; had it been absent, the function would practically have ceased to exist. Some took it with sugar, others with cream, still others took both. The real men, however took it straight black.

We are speaking of course of yet another GHQ acoustic coffee house sponsored by student activities and the society for the arts. The scene was ripe for soulful back to back performances by student performers Cooper Harris and the trio of David Olympio, Dan Vesay, and Todd Bryan.

The show commenced last Friday evening within the dark pit of the GHQ approximately ten minutes after its scheduled starting time of nine o'clock with a unique introduction of the first performer, Cooper Harris. The impromptu announcer, whose identity was never discov-

ered, delivered a rambling tirade that essentially made no point but nevertheless set the stage for an emotional opening number by Harris.

Playing an acoustic guitar, Harris tentatively crooned his way through the first couple of songs, warming to the crowd and gaining confidence with each note. Though the hall was sparsely populated at first by friends and acquaintances, gradually it began to fill as interested parties sporadically wandered in, drawn by the allure of the music and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee. Soon Harris was wailing and moaning his way through a set of blues and classic rock standards, covering the likes of Dylan, Elvis, Robert Johnson, and even U2. The set also included five original songs.

Of his first solo performance, Harris, who has been playing for three years and participated in a rock and roll band in high school, conceded that overall he was pleased, despite some glitches such as forgetting words and breaking a string while playing slide. He also wanted to stress how much he appreciates his fans.

As Harris wound down, audience response

was quite favorable, but nothing compared to what would follow. Billed as a funk and jazz trio, Olympio, Vesay, and Bryan opened with a strong acoustic set, letting various jazz standards loose from their deep bag of tricks, including the ever popular "Kansas City."

But it was their second set that truly punctuated their versatility. Electric in both senses of the word, the set was propelled by a rhythmic pulsing bass beat which paved the way for diverse numbers including samples from several popular theme songs and soundtracks. Often the three were content just to jam away, sweet music protruding from their instruments. One member of the audience later described the playing of the three as phenomenal.

The music was of excellent quality. The coffee was hot and free-flowing. What more could the typical W&L music aficionado ask for? Undoubtedly the student activities association and the society for the arts have a good thing going. So long as there are students who want to be heard and other students willing to listen over a mug of joe, the success of the acoustic coffee house will continue indefinitely.

Bell explores protesting

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
Phi Staff Writer

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that if someone is willing to die for something, he isn't fit to live.

Throughout history, people such as King, Ghandi and Nelson Mandela have risked their lives to protest an unjust system. Yet, to protest oftentimes means alienation and ridicule.

When King protested the Vietnam War, civil rights leaders such as Roy Wilkins and Bayard Rustin criticized King harshly. King, however, refused to temper his protest because he simply believed the war was wrong; he believed he had an obligation to stand up against all injustice.

As Derrick Bell argues in his book, *Confronting Authority: Reflections of an Ardent Protester*, doing the right thing can be difficult, dangerous and lonely.

In the 1970's Bell became the first tenured black professor at Harvard Law School. Hardly comfortable with his position, he pressures the law school to hire more minorities.

Bell argues that the process Harvard used to select faculty gave an unfair advantage to applicants who graduated from elite schools such as Yale or Harvard. Harvard ignored the achievements of an applicant after he graduated. For example, Harvard would take someone who went to Yale over someone who went to Howard Law School regardless of what practical experience he had.

Bell argues that this type of selection gave minority applicants a difficult time.

"The standards for hiring and promoting faculty at Harvard Law School (and in fairness at almost every major law school in the country) erect almost unassailable barriers of class and race.

Bearing little correlation to effective teaching or significant scholarship, the criteria's most uniform effect is to produce a group of law professors whose backgrounds, education, interests, and writing most closely resemble those of the wealthy white men who have dominated law faculties since their beginning."

Black woman have an especially hard time being hired by Harvard.

Regina Austin and Anita Allen come to Harvard Law School, but they are never offered a position. Bell tries his best to pressure Harvard

to promote diversity and supports student protests over faculty hiring. When Harvard fails to offer either Austin and Allen a position, a frustrated Bell decides to take an unpaid leave in protest Harvard's failure to hire a black woman.

His friends and colleagues desert him, urging him to quit this foolishness. People distance themselves from him, perceiving him to be some insane radical. He wonders if his protest is making things worse or better.

These are the things that a protester will face, Bell argues.

Confronting authority is not going to make you popular or win you millions of dollars. Oftentimes, challenging authority will make you an enemy instead of a friend.

Bell provides the example of Paul Robeson, an outspoken activist for global human rights. He protested African colonialism, Jim Crow, lynchings, the Korean War and discriminatory immigration laws.

By the end of his life, he had only \$6000 in his possession. Luminaries such as Jackie Robinson openly vilified him. He paid the ultimate price for challenging those in power.

Interspersed with the main narrative, Bell weaves an allegorical tale about the barriers between the Citadel and the lowlanders.

The lowlanders protest their treatment, and the Citadel must seek ways to include them while maintaining their power.

The story exemplifies something King said once: Those in power never willingly give freedom and equality, but these things must be demanded by the oppressed.

Overall, Bell writes intelligently about protesting. He draws on his and others experiences to show the risks a protester must endure. Yet, he also shows why we must protest.

If we don't, then who will? What if Rosa Parks had never refused her seat to a white man? What if no one ever opposed Adolph Hitler or the Vietnam War?

Protesting is an important facet of American history. Bell makes us think about our everyday lives and the number of slights we take without any reaction. We often think it easier to ignore rather than confront a wrong. It certainly is.

Yet, Bell makes us wonder where we as a people would be if we didn't confront authority—whether collectively or individual.

Bell ultimately proves that protesting has an integral value that surpasses the risks involved

Dylan hits cities

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onstage dancing with he band.

Dylan finished the song without saying a word, before leaving the stage, quite unlike what his reaction would have been twenty-five or thirty years ago. As soon as his crew had cleared everyone offstage, Dylan reappeared, and again without saying a word, delivered a touching response to the audience in song:

What good am I,
If I'm like all the rest?
If I just turn away,
When I see how you're dressed?
If I shut myself off,

So I can't hear you cry?
What good am I?

He again closed with "It Ain't Me, Babe." However, instead of the bitter, berating version he sang in D.C., the song almost became fatherly advice. "It ain't me babe. It ain't me you're looking for," Dylan chided his fans who, climbing back onstage, seemingly took no notice.

Dylan finished the song and paused for several seconds as if, even after all this time, mystified by the entire scene. Then, he calmly walked offstage, and presumably onto his tour bus, heading down the road to play another show and leave his mark as he has been doing for so many years.

Lambda Chi Alpha collects food for needy

Their annual food drive is a success

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Staff Writer

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is busy helping Lexington's needy. They recently conducted a week-long food drive that assisted Total Action Against Poverty (TAP). TAP is a Rockbridge county group that is committed to helping the area's poor. Fraternity members placed donated Harris-Teeter plastic grocery bags on city residents' doors and solicited donations.

Lambda Chi Vice President, John Bator, organized the event. Each year Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity chapters sponsor a nationwide North American Food Drive that assists the poor. They solicit canned items and non-perishable goods from the community's residents.

TAP intends to distribute the collected items to members of the community along with donations from other non-related food drives. The Lambda Chis also asked local businesses to support their philanthropy effort by donating cash contributions. They were successful in their drive and received over 1700 pounds of canned foods. This amount exceeded the national fraternity's projected goal for their Washington and Lee chapter.

Sophomore Hank Cosby believes the food drive is worthwhile because it helps the fraternity's relationship with the community.

Cosby said, "The food drive was an important way to give back to the Lexington community. Most people were receptive and familiar with the project."

Cosby also said that the Lambda Chi food drive will continue next year and hopefully become an annual event.

Some Lexington residents used the food drive as an impetus to clean out their pantries. Included in the standard cans of tuna and peas were some rather strange items. Perhaps the strangest of these donations, donated by an overly enthused participant, was a jar of crayfish sauce.

Habitat for Humanity sponsors volleyball tourney

By MATT O'BRIEN
Phi Staff Writer

This weekend Habitat for Humanity, a recent addition to Washington and Lee, will be sponsoring a six man volleyball tournament.

Student Activities Coordinator Michelle Richardson, the F.L.C., Dean Manning, and Habitat for Humanity all played an integral role in organizing this event.

Habitat's primary purpose is to provide shelter for low income families that need assistance. This weekend's tournament is just one of the many fund raisers planned throughout the academic year. Presently, they are amidst a campaign to raise \$10,000 to fund the restoration of a house here in Lexington. Each dollar raised will be matched by a private organization until they reach their goal.

Registration for each six person team costs \$18, which will go directly towards Habitat's cause.

The tournament will be held in the Doremus Gym on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. As an added bonus, participants will receive

free pizzas and soda for their efforts. Presently, the bulk of the registered players has come from the various fraternities around campus.

Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon have all submitted at least one team into the competition. However, teams do not have to be affiliated with any organization on campus.

"Anyone who has the time to spare for a good cause are encouraged to participate," said freshman leadership council member Matt Graves, "and free pizza—how can you go wrong?"

To register for the competition, contact Michelle Richardson at 4111 up until 12 noon on Sunday.

"We've extended the deadline as late as possible so we can register as many people as possible for this event."

If anyone is interested, just leave your name and telephone number on my voice mail and bring the \$18 registration fee to the tournament."

Participants are advised to arrive at least twenty minutes before the start of the competition to receive their court assignments.



Photo by Lerone Bennett, courtesy of Ebony

In 1954, NAACP officers (l. to r.) Roy Wilkins, legal counsel Thurgood Marshall, Walter White and attorney Robert Carter toasted the future.

Richardson well received

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to the typical W&L social scene," said junior Jay White.

Richardson's ideas are not limited to the acoustic coffeehouse. Several bands have already performed in the Pit and Shannon Worrell performed this past Thursday. A trip to Washington D.C. also has been planned for November 13. The trip costs \$20 and includes a ticket for the National Symphony Orchestra. A dinner theater is scheduled for the 13th of January in the GHQ. A speaker will give a talk on male and female sexuality on January 26.

It appears that Washington and Lee students are enjoying the new variety of social activities, and are eagerly awaiting what Richardson can give us next.

4 charged for open burning

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the fire did not come forward, someone had to be responsible. According to Beard, since the person who lit the fire could not be found, the officer present charged the house's residents for the fire.

Some residents of the house disagreed with this.

"I'm not responsible. I was in my room at the time," said Rowe.

The race was "a Penthouse event," according to Rayner, who felt that people present "went out of control." According to Mitchell, the participants are required to do 500 laps around the house in a series of relay teams. This year, the second year the event has been held, it was stopped early for some reason. The bikes were piled up and set on fire after the race was stopped.

The fire was put out by those present, according to Lexington Fire Chief Kenneth "Butch" Hall.

"I was notified of the fire, but not called out to it," he said.

Two new Trustees chosen

By JOANNA SOTO
Phi Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees appointed two new members, including Washington and Lee's first female trustee.

Pamela J. White and William R. Johnston were appointed to the board during the trustees meeting on October 28th and 29th. They both will serve a five year term on the board with the possibility of being elected to another five year term.

Pamela White is a member of the 1977 law class. She is a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver. White is the former president of the Law Alumni Coun-

cil. She also sits on the national steering committee of the university campaign, On the Shoulders of Giants.

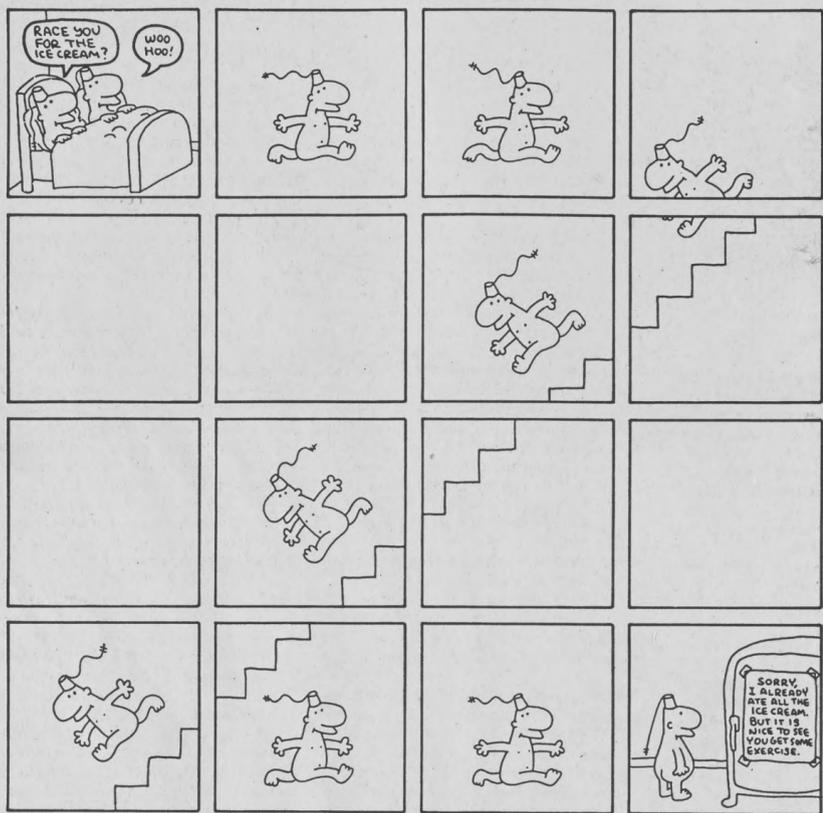
White was awarded the Distinguished Alumnae Award last May and the Order of the Coif by the law school this October.

William Johnston is a member of the class of 1961. He is chairman of LaBranch & Co., a New York Stock Exchange specialist firm. Johnston is the chairman of the Commerce School advisory board. He is also sits on the national steering committee of the university campaign, On the Shoulders of Giants. Johnston is the son of alumnus H. Reed Johnston, class of 1928.

White and Johnston will be sworn in at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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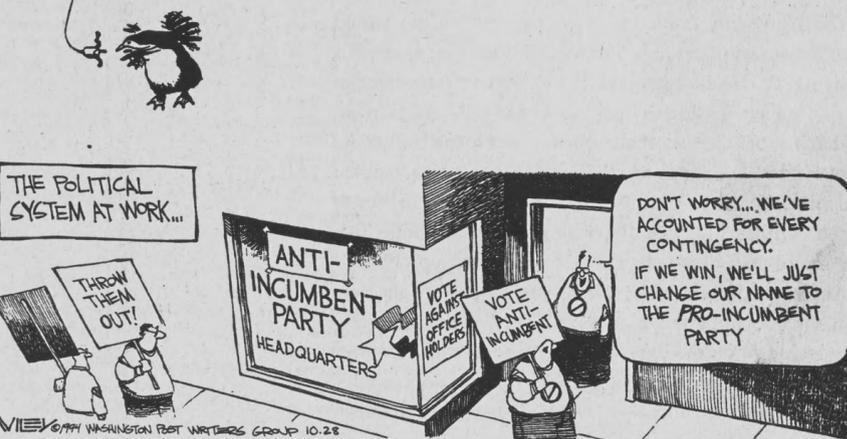
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Housing options:
one of our best traditions?

From the standpoint of fraternity males, the proposed housing policy is no more than a validation of a common practice. Nearly every sophomore member of a fraternity already lives in fraternity housing.

But for the 40 percent of the student body that is female, the mandatory sophomore housing is rather unfair. Yes, we know all's fair in love and war, but this is neither. It could even be called sexist.

Until sororities have their own houses, a requirement for sophomores to live in University housing would be targeted solely to the women on campus.

The University argues that sophomore housing would keep the students closer to campus and the opportunity for studying. But, in my four years in Lexington, I have lived in two different off-campus apartments and in Woods Creek. Both of my off-campus abodes were closer to the University Center (my usual place of late-night school work) than the University housing. One was closer to the library than Woods Creek. With a plethora of housing available within five minutes of the Colonnade, this has never been a problem.

Another argument the University is making for the new plan is that sophomores would have more time to form strong friendships. With the overwhelmingly social nature of our student body, this has never been a problem; sophomores would still have to choose with whom they wanted to live in suites and apartments, and many off-campus houses and apartments provide more opportunities for integration into the community than Gaines or Woods Creek could. Think of the legendary activities at the Bordello, Aqua Velve, Munster and the Penthouse.

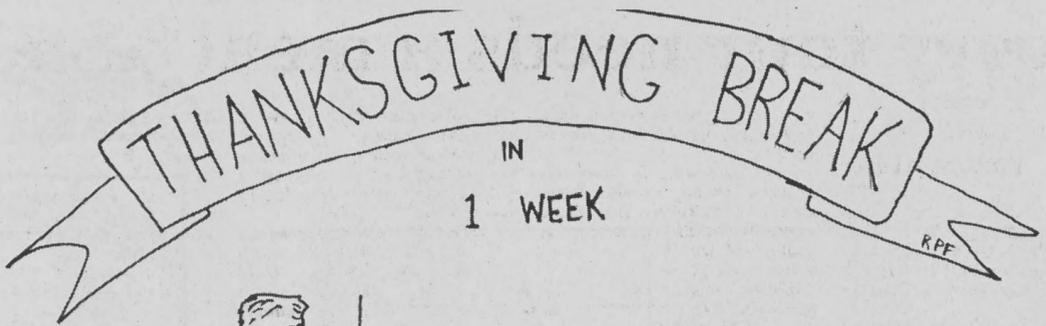
Also, off-campus housing can provide a very inexpensive option for those who are under tight budgets. A shared apartment can be as cheap as \$150 a month, including utilities, and some will give one the option of a nine- or 10-month lease, for a total which is less than \$1500, more than \$300 cheaper than the least expensive on-campus housing. This is more important for some students than many realize.

Washington and Lee is well-known for its flexibility and generous allowances for student life. Many schools ban cars for freshmen and require housing arrangements much more stringent than W&L. But that is what we love so much about our school; its faith in the maturity and responsibility of its student body. This new proposal would take away from that basic measure of trust and respect, and would do more harm than good.

Quote of the Week...

"To whoever folded my laundry...This Bud's for you."

—A sign in the Woods Creek Apartments laundry room under a full can of Bud light. Only at W&L.



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WHERE'S THE KEG?

Republican sweep bodes well for 1996

DOUG THIESSEN, '95

The Tuesday elections this week show that America is becoming more and more conservative, and a conservative revolution is brewing. Bill Clinton was elected in 1992 because of many factors, including opposition to Bush, but Clinton was still elected on many conservative ideas, for he was a "new kind of Democrat." Many voters in 1992 were indeed upset with the way Washington was working under Bush, but even Democrats still opted for a supposed moderate conservative candidate, and since then the American public has been turning the tide toward conservative candidates. The massive Republican wins on Tuesday are an example of this conservative turn.

For several decades, voters have been electing mostly conservative Presidents. Finally, with Bill Clinton giving in to the liberal establishment in Washington, voters are now even turning the Congress into a politically conservative institution.

Throughout the 1980s, many voters could tolerate their liberal incumbents because of the pork they brought home or the power they provided, but in 1992 Bill Clinton was elected as a new kind of Democrat with new, conservative and moderate ideas that could presumably put America back on track. In 1994, however, voters realized that re-electing these liberal Democrats meant more of the same.

Back in 1992, Bill Clinton claimed that an end to gridlock in Washington and an end to so-called "divided government" were the answers to America's ills. Well, gridlock in Washington nominally ended, but people are still dissatisfied with the way the

federal government works. The new kind of conservative Democratic ideas that Bill Clinton promised did not materialize, and voters received more of the same. Amidst all of the political rhetoric and deception, people finally realized that these entrenched liberal incumbents were the voices they wanted in Washington, and they opted overwhelmingly for conservative candidates.

Congress has been politically conservative for several years now, but it has remained in Democratic hands with a liberal leadership. Many of the Republican wins in both the House and Senate show an example of the public's desire to change this leadership. For instance, House Speaker Tom Foley, a long-time liberal Democrat, faced probably the toughest re-election bid of the year from newcomer George Nethercut, a fresh conservative face that promised real change in Washington. The race was so close that many hours after the election, a winner had not been determined.

Big losses for Democrat incumbents were House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, powerful Chairman Jack Brooks of Texas, eight-year incumbent Jim Sasser of Tennessee, the most popular Texas Governor in history, Ann Richards, and the orator of the left, Mario Cuomo. And of those liberal Democrats who managed to hold onto their seats in Congress, Majority (soon to be minority) Leader Dick Gephardt, and perhaps the biggest symbol of the liberal establishment, Senator Ted Kennedy, all squeaked by on Tuesday. Kennedy won narrowly in the most liberal in the nation, the People's Republic of Massachusetts.

Many pundits say that these races were tough for these entrenched incumbents because of the prevailing

"throw the bums out" attitude around the nation, but these incumbents lost or faced tough challenges because the public's shift towards conservatism.

It is true that some races were about corrupt politicians, but the majority of these elections were referendums on Bill Clinton and the liberal establishment in Washington. Even if the throw the bums out attitude was prevalent in the election, it was a throw the liberal bums out.

Not one Republican incumbent in the House or Senate lost his/her re-election bid, in sharp contrast to the huge losses the Democrats

incurred. Moreover, in open seats, Republicans also swept the nation in large numbers. The fact is that Republicans did not win on Tuesday because of anti-incumbency fever or the lesser of two evils, but because Americans voted for Republicans and their ideas over the liberal establishment.

With the possibility of winning one or both majorities in Congress, Republicans no longer had to run their ideas against the power of majority candidates. Without the blurring arguments of political power, Republicans and conservatives in

general could offer their ideas in sharp contrast to the ideas of the liberal establishment. During the 1994 campaign, Republicans and Democrats alike campaigned with economic and social conservatism. Fiscal conservatism, family values, and less government were some of the most popular ideas advocated by both Democrats and Republicans. On Tuesday, November 8, 1994, Americans cast their ballots in an extraordinary election that is just one more step in the direction of conservatism for America. It is clear that as Bill Clinton courts the new

Republican majorities in both houses of Congress, he too will react to this conservative shift, and govern with the New Democrat ideas that got him elected. In 1996, voters will decide if Bill Clinton has kept those conservative promises, and they will vote accordingly. Even if Republicans do not keep their majorities in Congress or win the White House in 1996, the country will have kept on its conservative course. Conservatism has been the trend over the last several decades, and with the recent elections, it appears as if it is here to stay.

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Every tour needs a meal break

DREAM LAND

Richard Weaver

In conjunction with my favorite activity (eating) I decided to make two restaurant stops on the Dream Land World Tour this week. I dined at Villa Sorrento in Roanoke and the Texas Inn in Lynchburg.

Villa Sorrento is in the part of Roanoke that would be called "the ghetto," if such a thing existed in southwest Virginia. Perhaps you could call the area "the pasture." Villa Sorrento has your standard concrete-block exterior (a product of the school of architectural design known as "The Bomb Shelter Look"). Once you stepped inside, though, whoa, there was a totally different story.

We walked in the front door, and we were immediately struck by an overwhelming sensation: we were surrounded by lots and lots of grapes. Huge bunches of white and purple grapes loomed menacingly from every nook and cranny. It was just like the time after they had that big chemical spill at Harris Teeter and the grapes started attacking customers. Just kidding.

We were seated in the back of the restaurant (in the designated "Hidden-Away Dumping Spot for Rough-Looking College Students" section). We looked at the walls and every single one of them had a distinctly Italian

theme. Directly across from us was a massive painting of an aerial view of the Vatican.

Other walls in the restaurant were decorated with huge murals of things like cows in the Italian countryside and a scene of an Italian ship surrounded by

Our waitress, who was approximately age 85, arrived at our table with a basket of bread and took our pizza orders. A few minutes later she returned to the table with a worried look on her face.

"If you ever come in here again," she said, "and order pizza, and I'm not here, and the waitress doesn't give you bread, don't say anything to her about it, because I gave you the bread by mistake."

We agreed to remain silent. Our waitress, along with all of the other waitresses (who incidentally were all approximately age 85), wore a sweatshirt emblazoned with the phrase "I Survived the Blizzard of '93 at Villa

Sorrento" in neat dot lettering in different colors of paint pen. I personally can't think of a better place to spend a blizzard than in a building decorated with oil paintings that you could burn to keep warm.

Where Villa Sorrento screams out "ITALY" when you walk in the door, the Texas Inn in Lynchburg screams out "A LITTLE SLICE OF WEST VIRGINIA RIGHT HERE IN SOUTH WEST VIRGINIA." A trip to the Texas Inn can mean only one thing: you are hungry for a Cheesy Western.

This Texan treat consists of a hamburger patty, a piece of cheese, some fried egg, and some aged relish, all on a hamburger bun—and it's only \$1.45 (an old-fashioned glass bottle of Coke is extra). But even the food—which I heard someone call "a dance with food poisoning"—takes a back seat in attractiveness to the employees and diners in the restaurant itself.

The Texas Inn is staffed 24 hours a

day by waitresses lacking most of their teeth who speak a language distantly related to English in that the words "Cheesy Western" are the same and the rest vaguely deals with how much change you get from a five dollar bill when paying your check. They have no word for "cleanliness."

The waitresses of the Texas Inn speak a special dialect for their cooks: when you order a Cheesy Western, before you even finish saying those words, the waitress has already yelled "CHEESY" across the restaurant in such an angry tone that you'd think Cheesy was the name of some guy who had just stolen the woman's cigars and then wrecked her car. I think they do this to make the cooks flustered.

The Texas Inn is best after 3 a.m. when the highest class of Lynchburg winos has finished their shift in town and come in for a bite to eat. There should also be some clean-cut family there fighting with some Hampden-Sydney guys over who gets to use the barstools. Ideally, Betsy Green would also be there selling thin mint Girl Scout cookies.

So, if you're like me, and you're tired of eating things like the roll of Mentos you've had next to your bed for a month for dinner, because it doesn't require getting out of bed, make a change. Get in your car, drive past Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall, and make it down the road for some real food. Maybe something a little CHEESY.

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GENERAL NOTES

Seniors!!

Last Chance!! Senior pictures will end on November 18. Sign up in the co-op.

Calyx

Calyx make-up photo day will be Tuesday, November 15, for all freshman women, independents, FIJI, Delta, and Phi Kappa. Make-up photos will be taken in Room 108 of the University Center.

Housing

Before leaving for the weekend or holidays, please take the following preventative measures to insure heating systems will function properly and that there is no freeze damage when you return: Don't turn the heating system off, turn the thermostat back to maintain a 55 degree temperature; be sure all doors and windows are closed.

Library

Lynchburg Library will maintain the following hours for Thanksgiving break: Friday, November 18, close at 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 20, closed; Monday through Wednesday, November 21-23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, closed; Saturday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 27, open noon, resume 24-hour schedule.

Self-Assessment

There will be a Self-Assessment Workshop on Tuesday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109 of the University Center. All students are invited to attend.

Bicycles

There are many bicycles in the Security office. If one of them is yours, please come by and pick it up.

Loans

In a bind and need cash soon? Call the student Emergency Loan Committee for help. They will review your application and hand you a check. Call Paul Wright at 483-4360 or Adam Branson

Flu Shots

Influenza vaccine is available at the Student Health Center for \$5.00. The vaccine helps prevent flu and has minimal side effects. Stop by or call Student Health at 8401 for further information.

D.C. Trip

Student activities is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. to see the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center on Saturday November 12. The cost is only \$20.00. Tickets are on sale in Room 103 of the University Center on a first come, first served basis.

Construction

The new Science Center Project construction site is active and becoming more active everyday. Extreme caution should be taken in the area of the bridge by the dell. Students should avoid being on the bridge during normal working hours as there are trucks moving through this area.

Larry, Moe, and Curly go to Washington

THE FAR MIDDLE

Alex Christensen

Well, I don't know about you folks, but I was extremely pleased with the results of this election.

True, I would prefer a different Speaker of the House than Newt Gingrich, but I think that in spite of his sometimes outrageous public remarks, he has shown a talent for keeping the Republicans in line and could work well with President Clinton on important issues, as he did last year with NAFTA. There are also a few races I wish had gone the other way, such as Texas Governor Ann Richards', California State Treasurer Kathleen Brown's and Massachusetts businessman Mitt Romney's, but I can suck it up and move on, and hopefully the Democrats and Republicans can as well.

So, what's next in Washington? The way I see it, there are three possibilities, which I will call, for the sake of clarity, "Larry," "Moe," and "Curly."

1. The Larry Scenario. President Clinton, Speaker Gingrich and Majority Leader Dole meet before January and plot a strategy for real bipartisanship.

Upon convening, Congress could vote Clinton the line-item veto as promised in their "Contract with America." This would mean that the Congress would cut out the left-wing pork, Clinton would cut out the right-wing pork, and we might perpetuate by leaps and bounds the progress Clinton has started on decreasing the budget deficit. Ah, the joys of divided government.

The GATT trade agreement could sail through the Congress with no tension whatsoever (take that, Fritz Hollings!).

Welfare reform could be worked out between the President and the Republicans, probably in a very sensible compromise between Clinton's just-slightly-left-of-center program and the Republicans' way-right-of-center proposal, which actually have some basic similarities that could be blended very productively if both sides were willing.

On the health care front, while Hillary Clinton's proposals are now completely out of the question, off of the table and past saving, both sides could find the areas in which they agree and work toward some sensible health reform. Senator Dole's proposals, which he backed away from before the election when he realized they actually made sense, would be an excellent starting place. Congress could pass a series of laws

on disallowing insurance companies from establishing disqualifying pre-existing conditions, making health care more portable and limiting malpractice awards, even without prior consulting with the President. He could hardly veto such obviously worthwhile legislation, especially when he realizes it would be all he would be likely to get.

The Larry Scenario would mean that the presidential campaign, or at least much of it, could be fought separately from the business of governance—always, in my opinion, a good thing. Determining whether the Larry Scenario is in effect will not be possible until late in 1995.

This scenario would also mean that whenever you saw a particularly reasonable example of bipartisanship occur in Washington, you could turn to your companion and say, "My, how Larry of them."

2. The Moe Scenario. Bill Clinton decides he is Harry Truman, and acts accordingly. This would be a mistake.

Clinton would, in this scenario, pose as willing to embrace bipartisanship. He might get the line-item veto, which would still be good news. He would probably then work with Congress on GATT and perhaps another issue or two before he started to become publicly belligerent.

Gradually, he would stop communicating with Congress and would start to veto Republican initiatives without working with them at all. You would see a whistle-stop tour with Clinton and Gore as destructive.

The Republicans, however, would not roll over. Though they could not override Clinton's vetoes, they would adopt the strategy used by the Demo-

crats with George Bush, that is, passing, over and over, legislation which is perfectly reasonable just so the president has to veto it. The president then becomes a "do-nothing" president.

The Moe Scenario would likely lead to a Republican president in 1996, though it all depends upon their nominee. You would also be perfectly justified in referring to President Clinton as "Moe."

3. The Curly Scenario. This scenario is similar to the Moe Scenario, but it starts with a Republican congressional defection from the initial bipartisanship.

After GATT, and some limited attempts to work with the White House, the Republicans would start passing totally right-wing, wacky legislation aimed at getting the President's veto.

Clinton would then begin his whistle-stop tour, with town meetings in every backwater in America, to argue that the Democrats are a Do-Nothing Congress. This is the only way this strategy can work for Clinton—if it is true. An alien concept in politics, to be sure, but it cannot be a calculated strategand work.

The Curly Scenario would work to re-elect Bill Clinton president, despite his current mediocre approval ratings. One advantage of the existence of this scenario is that, even now, you can feel free to call Newt Gingrich "Curly."

All of this is of course complicated by the possibility that Speaker Gingrich and Majority Leader Dole may both run for president, and the near-certainty that Clinton will run for re-election, but if they let that deter them from bipartisanship, we should boot them all out and draft Colin Powell. This would be known as the Shemp Scenario...

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TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos By Hans Yao

Do you consider yourself politically aware and why?



Andrew Vardaman '98, Portland, TX - "No, I haven't watched the news since I've been here."



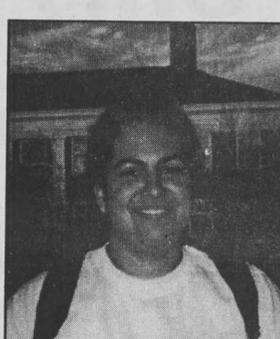
Bridget Mc Coy '97, Aston, PA - "For the most part. I keep up with the news and I read the papers."



Aaron Brotherton '98, Charleston, WV - "Sure, I'm just not as active as I'd like to be."



Melba Merritt '97, Radford, VA - "Yes, I try and keep up with political issues, especially during election years."



Nova Clarke '96, Miami, FL - "Yes, I'm the president of the College Democrats."



Professor John M. Gunn, Washington and Lee University, retired - "Yes, I'm an economist by trade and the political scene affects my job."

OPINION

LETTERS

New mailboxes installed, will increase campus communication

To the editor:

I want to take this time and space to inform the W&L community about the NEW MAIL BOXES FOR ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS which are located outside of my office, Room 103 of the University Center. I had these mailboxes built in an effort to open up communication on campus. I realize there is a need for student mailboxes as well, but that will come in time, I hope! These mailboxes will open up communication, at least amongst the clubs and organizations, for all of

you who take the time to use and check them...PLEASE USE AND CHECK THEM!!! Stop by to look at them and/or find your club/organization mailbox; there are additional mailboxes so if you are a University sponsored club/organization and I have forgotten you, let me know by stopping in or calling 462-4111.

Thank you,
Michelle Richardson,
Student Activities Coordinator

STUDENT BODY NOTICE
from the Executive Committee

A member of the Student Body has been found guilty of a violation of the Honor System in that the student lied regarding the investigation of an automobile accident. That student has chosen to withdraw from the University.

Campus clubs and organizations with new mailboxes

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| AIDS Education | Financial Management | MSA | Student Health | Chi Omega |
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| Calyx | GLW Literary Society | Peer Counselors | University Chamber | Chi Psi |
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| Episcopal Campus Men | Junior Class | Sophomore Class | WLSO | Pi Kappa Phi |
| Executive Committee | Kathekon | Southern Comfort | WLUR-FM | Sigma Alpha Epsilon |
| Fancy Dress | Liberty Hall | Spectator | Women's Forum | Sigma Chi |
| Federalist Society | Lip Sync | SAB | Women & Leadership | Sigma Nu |
| FCA | Live Drive | SCC | Young Life | Sigma Phi Epsilon |

Christensen detracts from rational debate, feeds name calling

To the editor:

It always hopelessly muddles rational debate when liberals call conservatives Nazis and conservatives call liberals Communists. In fact, these terms have become almost meaningless through their misuse. In his article, "The Far Middle," Alex Christensen calls Oliver North a "faux-Southern Hitler wannabe." Come now,

Alex, aren't we exaggerating a little bit? In the same article, the author calls Oliver North, Jerry Falwell, and Pat Robertson the "new vanguard of intolerance in America." Intolerance. This is a word leftist politicians like to throw around in order to curry favor with the media, and the media like to throw around in order to preen themselves on their self-pro-

claimed "progressive" viewpoint. Typically, those who call others "intolerant" do not debate the slandered persons on particular issues; they just like to call names. And here in this article, the author offers no evidence as to the supposed intolerance of these three men.

I myself am not speaking from a necessarily conservative viewpoint. Many would call me

far right, some would call me far left, I'm sure, and others would call me a radical centrist. I dub myself libertarian; in other words, a proponent of, "Get the government out." Liberals wonder what will happen to the poor, and conservatives wonder what will happen to morality, without government interference. Some form of tyranny, in my viewpoint, is not the proper method

for achieving one's social goals. But back to the original point, I am criticizing those who throw labels around irresponsibly. We need to stop criticizing certain personalities and start discussing specific policies. Otherwise, all political debate is virtually useless.

Jason Sorens '98

W&L lacks adequate policy on homosexual discrimination

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the article in the October 14 Ring-tum Phi regarding *The Princeton Review Student Access Guide to the Best 306 Colleges*.

While the Princeton Review survey identified many traits of which Washington and Lee can be proud, the fact that W&L ranked fourth in the nation in the category of "Gay Students Ostracized/Discriminated Against" is a disgrace to this University. Equally disturbing was the complacent response of Dean of Students David Howison that "On such a traditional campus there is a reluctance to accept other lifestyles."

Dean Howison's characterization of gay or lesbian sexual orientation as "other lifestyles" suggests that he does not understand that being gay or lesbian is not a lifestyle choice. Gay men and lesbians constitute an extremely diverse segment of society and lead an equally diverse array of lifestyles. In fact, some gay men and lesbians are Washington and Lee students. Their lives are no different from those of other students here except for the fact that they live in an environment in which they must either conceal an important

part of their lives or risk facing ostracism and abuse. By saying that it is "other" lifestyles that this "traditional campus" is reluctant to accept, Dean Howison implies that being gay or lesbian pertains only to the lives of people outside this University and has played no part in the institutions that make this campus a traditional one. He is doubly mistaken.

Jeb and Dash: A Diary of Gay Life, 1918-1945 is a book published last year detailing the true story of two gay men who met as Washington and Lee students in 1918. While it is probable that these two men and the gay students they knew at W&L were not the first to attend this University, my point is to illustrate that the presence of gay students here is at least as old as many traditional aspects of life at W&L. Jeb Alexander's diary sheds some light on what it was like to be a gay Washington and Lee student in 1918, but the difficulties faced by gay men and lesbians at W&L are not unique to that era.

I have personally talked to several gay and lesbian alumni of which this University can and should be unqualifiedly proud. Yet nearly all of them were forced to either

keep their sexual orientation a secret while at W&L or face ridicule and persecution.

If the presence of gay men and lesbians at Washington and Lee is nothing new, forcing them to remain "in the closet" also seems to be a tradition at W&L. It is one of which we should all be ashamed.

When gay and lesbian students at Washington and Lee are not treated with the same respect and dignity as other students, the University has a duty to address the problem.

In fact, the undergraduate college of this University has done relatively little to ensure fair treatment of its gay and lesbian students.

While the law school has a commendable policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in admissions and all other policies and programs, the undergraduate college has done nothing to stop harassment of gay and lesbian students and does not include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy statement.

Some would respond by saying that a non-discrimination policy is unnecessary because they see no evidence of anti-gay discrimination on the campus, but that response ignores

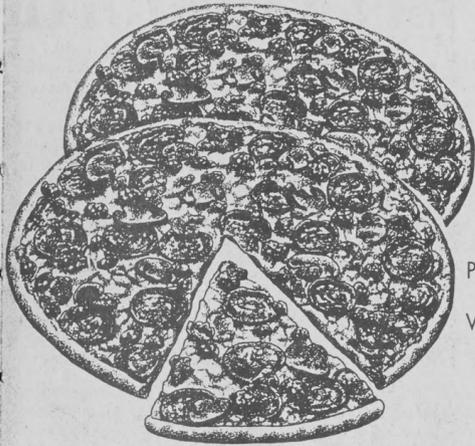
the fact that hate crimes and harassment of gay men and lesbians often go unreported. They do exist. But why would gay and lesbian students at W&L seek to bring attention to the fact that they are harassed?

In this environment, acknowledging the victim's sexual orientation is itself dangerous to that victim. Just as the University has sought to address the problem of date rape, whose victims are also often reluctant to report the crime, the best way to prevent harassment on the basis of sexual orientation is through education. Only by educating its students on sexual orientation issues can this school effectively change the attitudes that make bigotry toward gay men and lesbians socially acceptable. For the University to ignore the issue and wait for students to risk coming forward to report abuse only continues to send the message to gay and lesbian students and their would-be harassers—that Washington and Lee tolerates such behavior.

Steve Powell, '96L
Co-Founder, Washington and Lee
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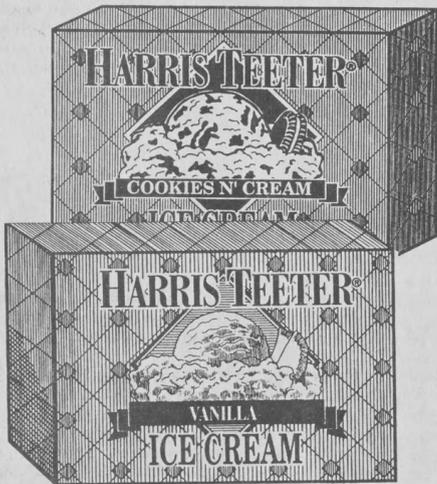
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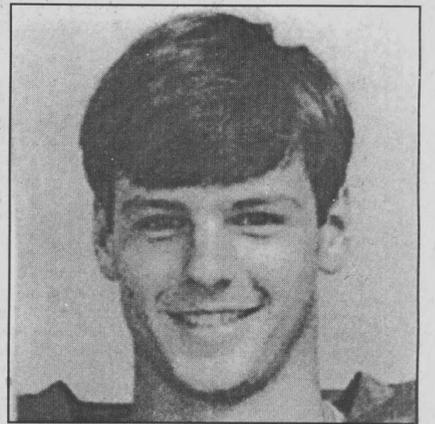
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Athletes of the week



Cheryl Taurassi



Drew Thomas

Junior setter Cheryl Taurassi has broken most of the assist records that exist at Washington and Lee. She broke the school's match record with 47 in W&L's semifinal loss to Bridgewater last weekend.

Last year Taurassi brok the single season mark with 526 assists and set the career record earlier this year, and after this season, she has 1,437 assists.

Football kicker Drew Thomas came up to the challenge against Guilford College, nailing the school-record 47-yard field goal in the second quarter. He also added a 43-yard field goal to give the Generals a six-point lead in the second half.

Thomas earned the honors for ODAC Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

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CROSS COUNTRY-(W)- 1st of 4 at ODAC Championships (M)- 1st of 6 at ODAC Championships
FOOTBALL- defeated Guilford 13-7
VOLLEYBALL-def Emory & Henry 3-0; lost to Bridgewater 3-2

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

CC- Southeast Regional at Emory (M&W) (Sat.)
SWIMMING- Centre
FOOTBALL- at Swarthmore

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FOOTBALL, SOCCER, WATER POLO, CROSS COUNTRY, VOLLEYBALL

November 11, 1994

Good time Tuesday

THE LAST WORD BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

This past week witnessed one of the greatest sporting events in our country — national elections.

This year the races in every state took on new life as the Republican team sat poised to take over the government machine with huge gains in both the House and Senate projected.

For one who usually takes little or no interest in the political world at all, the prospects of dozens of close races intrigued me. Imagine how much money a gambler or bookie could take in by placing percentage point spreads and taking or placing bets on the different races. Besides, the last few Subparbowl have't been this exciting.

To make things more lively, people generally care a lot more about elections than sports events anyway. Everywhere you went on Tuesday, someone would give you an opinion on how some race was going. At one point, a couple of rabid college Republicans corralled me in the Gaines elevator and expounded on the virtues of Oliver L. North.

This kind of excitement doesn't even come with the Final Four and National Championship game.

With so many of the races going right down to the wire, the evening had its share of amusement for every sports fan.

There were the blow-outs. In one state, an aspiring candidate gave up by lunchtime — he lost overall by the whopping score of 98%-2%. Sounds like a Subparbowl score.

There were also the nailbiters. Senator Tom Foley was defeated by the narrowest of margins in the Washington election, and everywhere races were going down to the final count. Some remained unresolved as late as yesterday.

With action like that, who needs hockey or baseball? And the way public opinion polls and turns, we could vote out a set of incumbents with every major election. This could turn out to be something worth while.

The downside of the event is that every now and then, you realize that your leaders are being chosen in part by Stop-In clerks.

On the upside, in a year without baseball or hockey, the election is the best thing going, unless you count football, but why would anyone do that?

The election even had its Pete Roses and Doc Goodens.

Rostenkowski was finally voted out of office, and thankfully and mercifully for the state of Virginia O.L. North lost a close race to Chuck Robb. Unfortunately, however, Ted Kennedy is still with us.

Now that the election is done and over with, the pol. sci. types have settled in to analyze the Subparbowl...I mean the smashing Republican victory.

The fun part about the election was that, even though the Republicans scored a tremendous victory, but yet all the races were relatively close.

The analyzing part doesn't do much for me, but at least I finally had something to watch on TV.

With the onset of the playoffs in the National Football League, I'll probably have to mention football soon, but by then at least basketball will be in full swing. Who knows? Maybe there will even be hockey eventually.

Football continues to roll; surprises Guilford

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
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So much for scheduling Washington and Lee on Guilford's Homecoming.

The powerful Quakers, with a record of 7-1 entering the game, figured the fifth place Generals would be no problem, and, as a result, scheduled W&L for Homecoming, assuming the large crowd would be sent home happy. They did this despite the fact that the Generals pounded the Quakers on Homecoming the last time they visited Greensboro, North Carolina.

Who says lightning can't strike twice in the same place?

The Generals stunned Guilford and the crowd of 5,300 with a thrilling 13-7 victory, W&L's fifth straight triumph in the state of North Carolina overall and second this season.

"It was fantastic," said junior defensive tackle Robert Hull. "It was something we knew we could

be doing." "It felt great," said freshman defensive tackle Omar Moneim. "It was the best football game I've ever seen."

Head coach Gary Fallon agreed. "It was the most exciting game I've seen in my 17 years here," he said.

Washington and Lee evened its record at 4-4 (2-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference) with its third consecutive win, and fourth in the last five games after three straight losses to open the season in which the Generals scored a grand total of two points.

To make the defeat even more bitter for Guilford, the Quakers were eliminated from the ODAC title hunt with the loss, handing the title to Emory and Henry.

Three times Guilford drove inside the W&L 20 yard line in the last four minutes of the game, only to have the Generals' defense thwart the penetration each time.

"I expected it (the defensive

stand)," Hull commented. "The defense has been playing well for two years now."

Fallon congratulated the defense for its effort.

"All eleven guys wanted the ball to come to them," he said.

With the Generals clinging to a 13-7 lead, Guilford drove down inside the 20 with under four minutes left, but the Quakers were halted by Stephen Cox's fumble recovery.

Following an interception, the Quakers plunged all the way down to the Generals' three with less than two minutes to play. However, quarterback Santes Beatty was picked off by junior Rich Achee, which appeared to seal the game.

The Quakers were not throwing in the towel yet, though. Despite being out of timeouts, Guilford got the ball back and covered nearly half the field inside the final minute.

The Quakers reached the W&L 15 before Beatty's pass intended for wide receiver Jun-

ior Lord fell incomplete in the end zone on the game's final play.

"Guilford hung in there and kept coming back," said Fallon.

Kicker Drew Thomas was named ODAC Offensive Player of the Week, thanks in large part to his school record 47 yard field goal in the second quarter, which put the Generals on top 3-0.

Guilford returned fire on Beatty's 11 yard touchdown pass to Dan Montgomery to give the Quakers a 7-3 advantage late in the second quarter.

As it has happened so often in the past few games, the combination of quarterback Brooks Fischer and wideout William Probst clicked again midway through the third quarter.

Probst, who had another terrific game with ten catches for 133 yards, reeled in a 34 yard toss from Fischer to propel the Generals back in front, 10-7.

Fischer, who leads the ODAC in completion percentage at 52.6 percent had another solid outing

with 17 completions in 30 attempts for a total of 179 yards.

Proving his first field goal was no fluke, Thomas blasted home a 43 yarder early in the fourth quarter, extending the margin to 13-7 and setting up the final frantic minutes.

W&L swept the ODAC Player of the Week category, as Hull was named the Defensive Player of the Week after dominating the Quakers for 12 tackles, five of them for losses.

Defensive back Stuart Hogue and linebacker Butler Ball each added 10 tackles.

Senior Jon Wagner intercepted his fourth pass of the year to compliment his six tackles. Wagner also leads the Generals, who currently are in second place in the league in scoring and passing defense, with eight passes broken up.

W&L opponents are averaging a mere 13.75 points per game this season.

Washington and Lee voyages up to Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

this Saturday for their season finale to wage battle with the 3-6 Swarthmore Garnet.

The only time the Generals and the garnet have previously faced each other was back in 1914, when W&L whitewashed Swarthmore 10-0 in Lynchburg.

That 1914 W&L football team went undefeated at 9-0 and outscored its opposition 324-12, including the whopping scores of 103-0, 72-0, and 69-0.

Fallon wants the Generals to concentrate on this season, however, and he cautions against a letdown.

"We need to come back down to earth," he said. "They (Swarthmore) are a capable team and have great team speed. It's going to be a pretty good game."

Hull hopes that the Generals' momentum will continue into the final game, as well as into next season.

"Obviously, we want a winning season," he said. "Hopefully, we can carry it into next season and a conference title."

Water Polo gets best finish

By KEITH GRANT
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When your team concludes its best season ever as the fourth best team on the Eastern Seaboard, two words best sum up the feeling.

"We're back."

The W&L water polo squad made head coach Page Remillard's decision to compete for the Eastern Seaboard Championship pay-off with a fourth place finish. The Generals defeated Queens 15-14 in the opening round, before falling to Navy and host Brown.

The win over Queens clinched W&L's best finish in school history, making the team's first-ever losing record nearly insignificant.

The Generals (10-13) earned a number-20 ranking nationally, proving, as Remillard said, "Washington and Lee water polo is back."

The Generals were the two-time defending champions of the EWPA Division III tournament and would have likely added a third straight title had they chosen to compete for it this year.

However, W&L's third place finish at the EWPA Southeast Regional Playoffs two weeks ago earned it the right to compete for the Eastern Seaboard title, with the possibility of going on to the national championship tournament.

The Generals opened the tournament tied with Queens at number 19 in the nation. The squads had met twice on the opening weekend of the season, with W&L winning 11-10, then losing 19-7 that same day.

This third and final contest would not be decided until the very end.

The game was so tight that the scores for each quarter were even in all but the second, when W&L took a 9-8 lead to halftime.

With the game knotted at 14, the Generals' Bryan Drum scored the winner on a counterattack play that Remillard had put into their scheme that very week.

"That win was a good indicator of our season," said Remillard.

Sophomore James Silberstein netted four goals to lead a balanced Generals attack.

Juniors Frank Braden and Drum scored three each, while junior Rich Cober and sophomore Peter Sorenson added two apiece. Senior Ruben Munger rounded out the scoring.

In goal, senior All-American David Silverster was as solid as ever in stopping 19 shots.

With 25 more blocks in the losses to Navy and Brown, Silverster set a school record in reaching the 300 save mark for the season.

"[Silverster] was a major force in our success," Remillard said. "Had he not risen to the occasion, this finish wouldn't have been possible."

Just as big in the tournament was Sorenson. The second-team All-East selection scored seven goals in the three games, including four of the Generals' five versus Brown.

The defensive star added four steals in the Queens game and three against Brown. "In the big wins [Princeton, Villanova] he shut their stars down," said Remillard. Sorenson was W&L's leader in scor-

ing, assists, and in what Remillard calls "hustle points." These are computed by subtracting points given for negative plays from points for positive plays.

Another player who stepped up his play, especially versus Brown, was senior Derek DeVries. DeVries defended Brown's top gun for much of the game.

According to Remillard, he was one of the few Generals who wasn't worn out and really came through in that match.

"[DeVries] did the job," he said. "Derek owned that guy [he guarded]."

In addition to their fourth-place finish, there are two things the Generals can be proud of.

One is that W&L jumped higher in the rankings than any school. The Generals were not listed in the top 16 in the East at the start of the season and wound up number-four.

Along the way, they defeated five top-20 teams, and five teams that they had previously lost to.

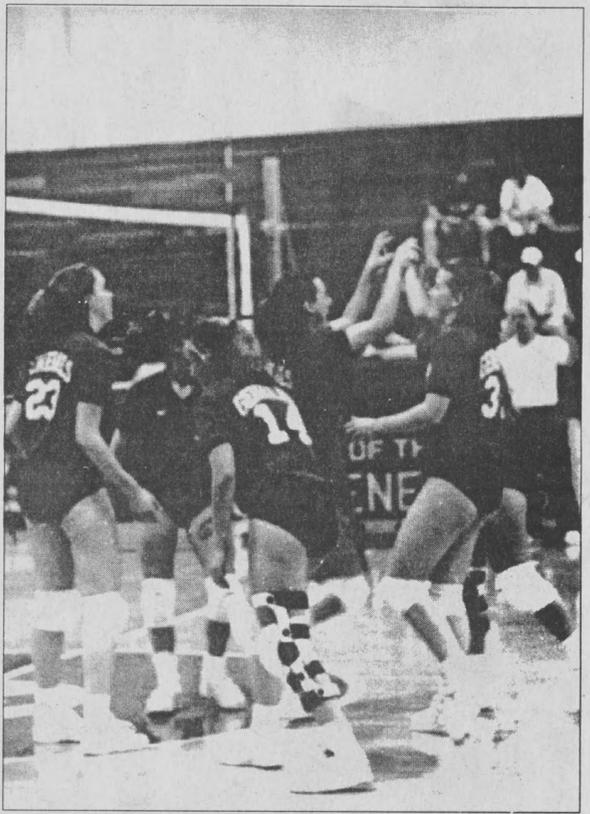
Queens, Richmond, Princeton, Bucknell, and Villanova all beat the Generals before later falling victim to them.

The other is that they achieved their place in school history through a total team effort. Rarely does a team succeed without a solid "go-to" top scorer.

"Generally, teams have go-to people," said Remillard. "We knew we didn't have one."

Instead, the team focused on assignments and game plans. "I can think of no time that anyone disappointed," said Remillard.

"We knew what to expect from everyone and took pride in our ability to play as a team."



Volleyball ends season with Bridgewater loss

By KEITH GRANT
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What had become one of the most popular spectator sports on campus saw its season come to an end Saturday at the Warner Center as Washington and Lee's volleyball team lost in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference semifinals.

The Generals were beaten by Bridgewater in a breath-taking five-game marathon, 3-2 (11-15, 15-6, 15-9, 9-15, 18-16).

"It was a great season," said head coach Terri Dadio. "We basically accomplished everything we had hoped to achieve at the start of the season."

The Generals (19-8) finished the regular season tied for second with Bridgewater, one of only two ODAC opponents to defeat the Generals.

Entering the tournament as the number-three seed and the host school provided W&L with an excellent opportunity to reach the championship match. But after whipping Emory and Henry in the opening round, the Generals fell in a tremendously emotional contest to the Eagles, who had beaten W&L 3-1 in the first week of the season.

Dadio's second year at the helm was still a landmark season for the Generals. The school-record 19 win season included win streaks of four, five, and six. W&L also posted a nine-match win streak versus ODAC opponents.

Even in the defeat, 1994 continued to be a record-breaking season as junior Cheryl Taurassi picked up a school single-game record of 47 assists against Bridgewater. W&L as a team had just 50. She now owns the game, season, and career W&L assists records, and was named W&L's Athlete of the Week.

The semifinal with Bridgewater will long be remembered by those who were a part of it. After the Generals won two straight games for a 2-1 lead, the Eagles forced a fifth and deciding game.

Playing in a rally scoring format, Bridgewater took an early lead and seemed in control ahead 14-11, one point from the match. W&L responded by pulling within one point of a finals berth, but the Eagles came from behind again for the 18-16 victory.

Freshman Hillary Martin had 20 kills to lead the Generals. Sophomore Elizabeth Bahn had 11, while junior Chrissie Hart and Freshman Holly Thomsen had 10 kills apiece, plus a team-leading 18 and 20 digs, respectively.

In her final game at W&L, lone-senior Jennifer "Goose" Garrigus recorded eight kills, a team-high four aces, and 17 digs for the Generals.

In the opening round, the Generals crushed Emory & Henry in a match that barely lasted 45 minutes. The win (15-6, 15-1, 15-2) extended to five a win streak in which the Generals did not lose a single game.

It was all-the-more crushing when considering just three weeks earlier W&L topped the Wasps in a competitive three-game match (15-13, 16-14, 18-16).

Bahn, Martin, and Thomsen led the Generals with seven kills each, with Taurassi adding 18 assists. Junior Allison Hull had three aces.

With the exception of four-year starter Garrigus, the entire Generals' squad returns next year, giving hope for another historic season.

Cross country sweeps men's, women's titles at ODACs

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For the first time in Old Dominion Athletic Conference history, the conference cross country team titles were swept by the Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams.

The men tallied 49 points, eight points better than runner-up Eastern Mennonite, while winning their first title in ten years. The women set an unbreakable record, sweeping the top five positions and compiling only 15 points in winning their third straight ODAC title.

The men's team was led on this day by a trio of freshmen who have supplied steady performances all season. Jason Callen was a very competitive third overall, a mere five seconds behind the overall winner, and Will Olson and Taylor Shultz also finished in the top ten.

Olson and Callen also earned All-ODAC status for their performances.

Junior co-captains Tom Fink and Jeff Zeiger also turned in solid performances. Fink and Zeiger finished 14th and 17th overall.

Coach John Tucker was happy with his team's performance, saying, "I told the guys that if they ran like they had been, they would win it."

Top finisher Callen echoed his coach's sentiments. "I was very proud to be on the team. There was a lot of pressure on us, most of it self-imposed," said Callen. "We had a few guys run with some injuries, and while I don't think we ran our best race on Saturday, I was proud of how the guys pulled through."

Next up for the team is the NCAA Division III Southeast Regional at Emory University in Atlanta.

Only one team from the region qualifies for the NCAA National Championships, and Christopher Newport is the overwhelming favorite in the team competition.

Other top contenders include Mary Washington, Emory, and Eastern Mennonite.

The Generals, however, ranked number two in the region, could pull off the upset with a strong team effort.

Tucker is betting on a strong showing for his team.

"There is no pressure on us, and if we have everyone there, healthy, and running up to potential, we have a shot at finishing top three," said the coach.

Callen also sees this race as important for next year.

"This race will show us how much we have to improve," said the freshman. "If we finish strongly, it will give us a lot of momentum to carry over into training for next year."

The women's team turned in a dominant performance on Saturday, sweeping the top five overall places for a record for team score that can't be broken — 15 points.

This accomplishment is even more impressive considering the team competed without two of its top runners — junior Josephine Schaeffer and freshman Maren Wright.

Without question, the rest of the team picked up the slack, as junior Amy Mears, the overall champion, led a pack of five All-ODAC runners from W&L, including sophomore Nat Messmore, seniors Sue Deutsch and Kim Herring and freshman Carson Flowers.

Women's coach Jim Phemister couldn't have been more satisfied.

"Obviously I am very pleased," commented Phemister. "This our third straight ODAC Championship and by the widest margin yet and the lowest team score ever, and forever."

Mears, while not pleased with her individual performance, was also somewhat surprised by her team's performance. "We were really happy with our performance, considering who we had missing," said Mears.

The women will also head to Atlanta this weekend with a definite chance of qualifying for the National Championships. Their toughest test will come from host Emory University.

Both Mears and Phemister like their team's chances to qualify, especially with a full squad.

Said Mears, "I think we have a good chance, a very realistic hope of qualifying for Nationals."

Phemister agreed, commenting, "We didn't run with Josephine or Maren Wright, but they'll be ready to run at the Regionals."

"We're set, we're psyched and we hope to do it all at the regionals."