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GENERAL NOTES

LECTURE ON FAIRNESS:

Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, will deliver the annual John Randolph Tucker Lecture on Friday, October 4, at 12:10 p.m. His lecture is titled "Is Fairness Irrelevant? Indifference to Fundamental Rights in State Courts and the Evisceration of Federal Habeas Corpus". The Tucker Lecture, traditionally a part of Homecoming Weekend, will be presented in the Moot Courtroom of Lewis Hall.

Bright has been the director of the Center for Human Rights since 1982. He has also been the J. Skelly Wright Fellow and Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, and the Visiting Law Lecturer at the Harvard Law School. In addition, he was awarded the Kutak-Dodds Prize by the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, the Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty by the American Civil Liberties Union, and the John Minor Wisdom Professionalism and Public Service Award by the American Bar Association's Section on Litigation.

HOMECOMING '96:

This year, Washington and Lee's Homecoming activities on Oct. 4-5 will include the annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on Friday Evening. The inductees are: Harry Moran '13, Al Perotti '23, Rowland Thomas '36, Emerson Dickman '37, all deceased; Lea Booth '40, and Tom Fuller '42.

Homecoming at W&L also coincides with the Five-Star General's reunion for classes that graduated more than 50 years ago. Other activities will include a Friday afternoon seminar in duPont Hall, a memorial service on Saturday morning in Lee Chapel, and a post-game reception at the Alumni House on Saturday afternoon.

Other activities will include the Homecoming parade on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. An alumni luncheon with the faculty will follow on the Front Lawn at 12 noon. The football game against Rnadolph-Macon will take place at 2 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LEE:

A memorial service marking the 126th anniversary of Robert E. Lee's death will be held at 11:05 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Lee Chapel. Noted Civil War historian Charles P. Roland will be the guest speaker. Also participating in the service will be the Liberty Hall Volunteers and the Washington and Lee Chamber Singers. Earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m., the bells of Lee Chapel will be tolled commemorating the hour of Lee's death in 1870.

Charles Roland is Alumni Professor Emeritus from the University of Kentucky. He also taught at Tulane University from 1952 to 1970, serving as history department chair from 1967-70. He has also taught as visiting professor at the U.S. Military History Institute and the Army War College, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Roland will also deliver a public lecture on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. in Room 327 of the C School. The topic will be "Robert E. Lee and the Leadership of Character".

JAZZ AT THE LENFEST:

Sonoklect, W&L's festival of 20th-century music, opens a new season on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in Lenfest Center with a jazz concert. A reception will follow. A jazz quartet composed of trombonist Tom Lundberg, saxophonist Fred Koch, drummer Michael Vosbein, and bassist Terry Vosbein will perform selections from Thelonius Monk and Duke Ellington.

The visiting musicians will also conduct master classes with students and the newly formed W&L Jazz Ensemble. Terry Vosbein, the new director of Sonoklect, has planned many changes. In addition the number of concerts, he is shifting the emphasis of Sonoklect to include jazz as well as major works from earlier composers of the 20th century.

GLASGOW READING:

The Glasgow Endowment Program will present a reading by novelist John Gregory Brown on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. in Northern Auditorium.

Brown's first novel, *Decorations in a Ruined Cemetery*, received the 1994 Lillian Smith Award and the 1996 Steinbeck Award. He also received a Lyndhurst Prize. His second novel, *The Wrecked, Blessed Body of Shelton Lafleur* was published earlier this year. He is currently working on his third novel, *Audubon's Watch*, about the ornithologist and artist John James Audubon. He currently holds the Julia Jackson Nichols Chair in English and Creative Writing at Sweet Briar College.

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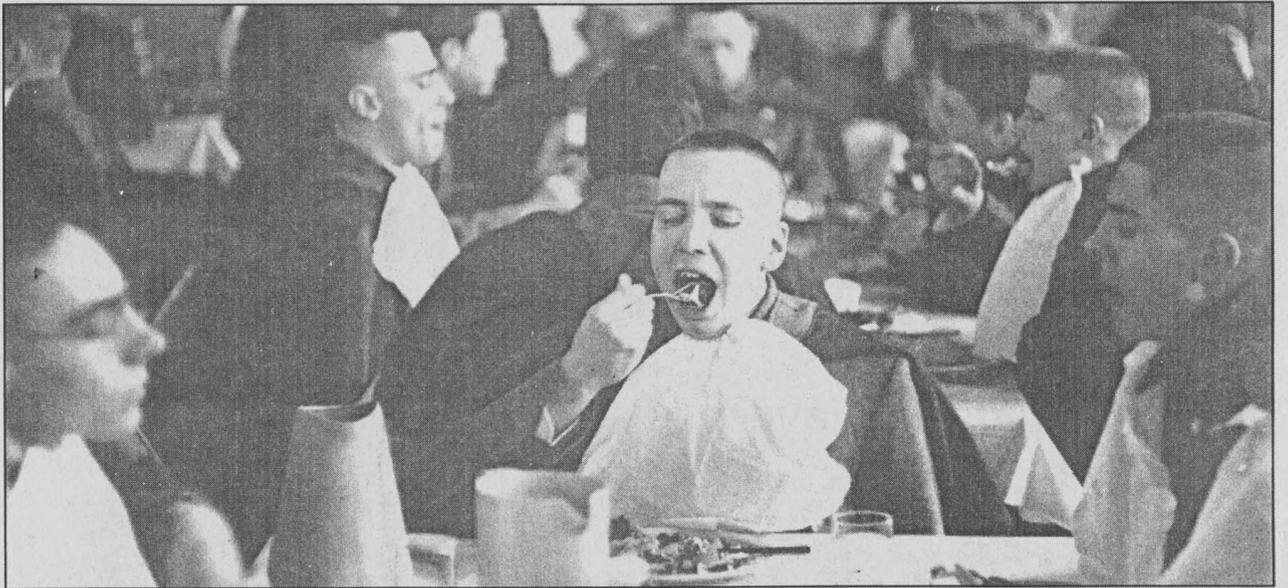


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Rats eating lunch. They are allowed to look only at their plates, must lift their food only at right angles, and are required to thoroughly chew and swallow each bite before cutting and lifting the next one. Female cadets will be subject to the same "VMI experience" as males.

Save the males?

VMI move to privatize flounders

By ANNE ALVORD
PHI EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Saturday, September 21, to a crowded room of reporters, alumni and other interested parties, Virginia Military Institute announced the decision of its Board of Visitors to admit women. The decision was made in light of the Supreme Court's June 26 decision that the institute must admit women or give up state funding.

The Supreme Court decision ended a six year battle that began when the Justice Department sued in 1990 over the school's all-male policy.

The decision of the Board of Visitors came despite strident opposition from alumni, which was expressed as late as Friday evening at a public hearing. Those opposed to co-education advocated privatization as a means to keep the school all male. In the end this solution was rejected because of legal and financial considerations. To privatize the school would have had to raise \$200 million to make up for the loss of state funding, and would also likely have had to purchase the grounds of the institute, which would have cost an additional \$137 million.

The final vote on the issue was 9-8 in favor of co-education, and was arrived at when the board reached a deadlock at 8-8 and Chair William W. Berry, President

of the Board of Visitors and a 1954 graduate of VMI, had to break the tie.

The vote resulted in five members of the opposition makes a rebuttal to the majority decision. In a prepared statement which represented this minority view, Anita Blair stated that "The majority has chosen a course that makes poor use of Virginia's educational resources. The financial cost of modifying VMI's physical plant is vastly disproportionate to the benefit of educating a tiny number of women who might be interested in attending VMI."

Changing to a co-ed institution will cost approximately \$5.7 million. This includes the physical changes required to preserve 'physical dignity' and for the hiring of additional staff. VMI will ask the state to fund these changes.

The physical changes needed will include half shades on barracks windows, which will be used only when the cadets are changing and will be open at all other times and the addition of women's showers. Additionally, there will be rules against cadets dating outside their own classes.

The school will not treat women differently than men. Superintendent Josiah Bunting III expressed his view that "fully qualified women would themselves feel demeaned by any relaxation in the standards the VMI system imposes on young men." Women will live in barracks with all other cadets and locks will not be

installed on the doors. Female rats will receive buzz cuts, as do their male counterparts and they will be required to meet the same academic and physical requirements as men. The physical requirements include five pull ups, sixty sit-ups in two minutes and a two-and-a-half-mile run in twelve minutes. As under the current system, those who do not meet the physical requirements will not fail out of school, but will receive special assistance in meeting them.

Requiring men and women to meet the same standards will distinguish VMI from The Citadel and the military academies, where the standards are different. When asked if he thought having the same standards was what Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who wrote the majority decision on the case, intended when she said that the VMI system is not inherently impossible for women, Bunting said that they are "taking her at her word."

VMI has not yet made any specific plan for co-education. They will create a plan in the coming months which will have to be submitted to the federal justice in Roanoke. One question remaining to be answered is how to deal with sexual harassment, but as Bunting said, it's too early to say what they will do.

After the press conference, Firstclassman Brian Bagwan, Regimental Comander, felt confident that there

would be little negative reaction from the corps. "Some will be more disappointed than others, but I don't expect anything severe. We won't be picking out in front of barracks," he said, "this isn't Berkeley."

He is certain the corp will push through. "It's a question of wait and see," he said, adding, "At least now we know where we're going. When asked if he was surprised by the decision, he replied, "It wasn't inconceivable, but I wouldn't say I expected it. As you can see by the vote, no one knew what was going to happen."

Since the announcement, approximately 80 applications have been sent out to women interested in joining next year's entering class. VMI is hoping to have between 8 and 15 percent women in their next class. Admissions will be gender blind.

One positive result of the decision is the donation of a \$10 million scholarship by an anonymous alumnus. The scholarship will be named in honor of General George C. Marshall and will be awarded to male or female students. When asked whether he thought alumni contributions, which currently make up about one third of VMI's operating funds, would be negatively affected by co-education, Bunting pointed to this donation as an indication that donations will not change or will even increase.

Co-op, GHQ requests students' patience during continuing improvements

By EMILY BAKER
PHI STAFF WRITER

If you're ready to quit your meal plan because you can't get grilled cheese the way you want it in the Snack Bar, or because you're tired of pizza in the GHQ, have patience. They're working on it.

Starting next week, the menu of the GHQ Bistro 2000 will offer expanded meal deal options for those on a five- or ten-meal plan, in hopes of attracting more business.

"One of the things people were saying was that they wanted more selections for the daily meal deal," said Robert Dunlap, GHQ manager.

The menu will now include about 10 dishes students can choose from for their daily meal special.

"People like to have choices," said Jen Eul, student manager of the GHQ. "Right now, they're saying that there's just not enough variety in the choices you have."

The menu will also specify more clearly how the meal plan works, which had been causing some confusion.

Because not everyone understands how it works, said Gerald Darrell, director of food services, "some people had been getting off the meal plan and putting the money into their food service account."

While it might be more complex than last year's one-swipe-covers-all system, using the meal plan is not that hard. In the GHQ, one swipe of the card will pay for a "meal deal." This includes a drink, small salad and a designated entree. A slice of pizza is always one of the choices for the entree, and there are two other daily designated entrees to choose from for

your meal deal. These two entrees are posted on a sign as you enter the restaurant.

You can still use a meal even if you don't want the daily meal special. In that case, one "meal" would count as \$3.75 toward anything on the menu. If what you choose costs more than \$3.75, you can take the rest from your food service account, or use two meals to cover the cost.

The co-op works the same way.

"While people may be unhappy with specific things in the co-op, the overall response has been positive," Darrell said. "Our sales are up 20 percent."

Instead of taking individual sandwich orders, the co-op now prepares sandwiches and keeps them either in a refrigerated case or under heat lamps. You pick from what's available.

The salad bar is a thing of the past, but pre-made salads are available in refrigerated cases.

While people might miss the personal touch of the old system, it was inefficient, Darrell said.

"It was a nice set-up, but it was a set-up from the 1950's," he said. "We just couldn't accommodate all the people we needed to serve."

Some of the loudest complaining has come from the higher prices. Yes, that's right. A grilled cheese sandwich does cost \$1.59. That sandwich contains more cheese, though, Darrell said, and includes the cost of lettuce and tomato. They're also putting more ounces of meat on sandwiches, causing the price to go up.

Darrell said that overall prices in the co-op have risen because of food costs. This summer, Dining Services examined how much food cost them, something they hadn't done in two or three years, and had to accordingly mark-up the prices to meet overhead.

Snack Bar manager Don Burgess said they'll tinker with the co-op till they work the kinks out. Look forward to a greater variety of sandwiches and entrees.

The one place that remains unchanged, and is still the best value, is Evans Dining Hall. One swipe of the card still gets you buffet style entrees, side dishes, desserts, salad bar and vegetarian center.

The new snack bar and GHQ may not be perfect, but the people in Dining Services are willing to listen and make improvements. Comment cards are available, and soon a survey will be circulated to on-campus residents to find out what would they would like to see in



Photo by Sam Levine the GHQ.

For hundreds of W&L and VMI students The Chessie Trail is a relaxing place for afternoon runs; however, one female W&L student encountered a shocking surprise last week.

"Even though I wasn't physically harmed," said the victim, "it was very upsetting to see something so disturbing on a well-used trail."

The student was jogging alone on The Chessie Trail, the foot path behind Woods Creek Apartments which runs by the VMI tennis courts, when she noticed a white male in his 20's sitting on an embankment. As she passed him, he placed his hands on his crotch and asked her if she wanted to watch. The student ignored him and ran to the W&L security office.

The student was only able to provide a vague description of the subject: a white male, light brown or dark blond hair, 5 foot 6 inches to 5 foot 8 inches

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tall, wearing a tee shirt, blue athletic shorts and a white baseball cap.

The security office immediately notified the Lexington Police about the harassment and they are currently running down leads.

According to Chief Michael Young, head of W&L security, similar incidents have occurred in the past. "Try to run with a friend," encouraged Young. "Normally these encounters occur when a student is alone and the offender wants to provoke a reaction. There may be no intent to cause injury, but we don't want to run any risks. We are taking this very seriously."

Young reminds students to be aware of any strangers that they may encounter on any area of the campus. "Anyone who sees suspicious activity needs to call us immediately."

-- notice compiled by Phi News Co-Editor Tarah Grant

APO initiates largest pledge class in chapter history

By ANDREA EWING
Phi Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed service fraternity, initiated the first pledge class of the Washington and Lee 1996-1997 school year last night. The pledge class of 18 included freshmen and sophomores, and was the largest of Alpha Beta Tau's 10 year history. APO is the only greek organization the university allows to rush and initiate pledges in the fall term. All other greek organizations must hold rush and pledging during the winter term. APO took this opportunity to attract a larger pledge class than was possible while the fraternities were

also holding their rush. The pledge ceremony capped off a week of rush activities.

A trip to Goshen on Saturday September 21st began the week with APO brothers and rushees meeting one another for the first time. The location served as background to meet new friends and discuss the questions potential pledges raised. Everyone met again on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Baker-Davis-Gilliam, Quad to climb into cars and head to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Many agreed that the SPCA was their favorite rush activity. Freshman Moinka Porazinski commented, "I enjoyed helping lonely animals in need."

On Tuesday, a pizza party in Fairfax Lounge again provided an opportunity for further communication and bonding. The chapter provided free pizza and soda to grateful rush candidates. Heather Schweninger, APO president felt the pizza party was successful. Because it gave everyone a chance

to talk, and we had a good representation of potential pledges and brothers.

Yesterday evening's pledge ceremony culminated the rush week. Brothers led the initiates into the Game Room of the University Center for a period of meditation. The pledges were then blindfolded

and led to Lee Chapel. The two separate locations served as a new way of holding the traditional ceremony. Schweninger noted that Lee Chapel integrated the traditions of Washington and Lee with Alpha Beta Tau chapter and emphasized the formality of the pledge ceremony. Lee Chapel

impressed newly initiated pledges as well. Freshmen Joyce Lee and Michael Peningo concurred that no one expected the change of locations. Porazinski stated, "It was very symbolic." After the ceremony the new pledge class headed to Sweet Things for free ice cream provided by APO.

Juniors meet the players in the W&L network

By ANNE ALVORD
Phi Executive Editor

Over 130 members of the junior class filed into the Great Hall of the science center last night to learn the finer points of internships. Those who attended heard accounts of past interns positions from about 30 students, mostly seniors, learned about the process of finding and applying for internships and met with alumni internship sponsored.

The attendance was astounding to the sponsors, the Career Development and Placement Office, the Alumni Office and the Management Department, who expected they would draw about 50 to 75 students.

This was the first year that such an event was held and the sponsors hope to make it an annual event. During the opening remarks, Hatton Smith, '73, president of the Alumni Board, discussed how to network and the value of the Washington and Lee network. "The W&L network is astounding," he said, "Where did the CEO of Time go? How about the CEO of Southern Living? Does anyone use Mennen aftershave? Guess where Jeff Mennen went to school." Further, he asked, "Do you know what school has more CEOs per capita than any other school in the country?"

After the opening remarks the at-

tendees broke into smaller groups with alumni and students who had internships last summer. In one group, Peter Sheppard, '72, President of R.H. Sheppard & Co., Inc. talked about what his company strives to offer interns. He strives for his interns to 'actually do something', and not have them be office gophers. Students answered questions about finding internships, relocating and the work they did in their internships.

After the break-off meetings the entire group reconvened in the Great Hall for a reception, at which those who attended the session were encouraged to try out their networking skills.

Internships provide students with work experience in their fields and make them more attractive to possible employers when they enter the job market.

For further assistance in finding internships, students should attend one of the internship workshops offered by the CDPO, which are targeted to particular interest areas, liberal arts/ fine arts, C-school, sciences and communications.

The CDPO has resources that provide information about a variety of internships and the alumni sponsored internship program. Internships can be found in fields from theater to business and government to the sciences.

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Who's the chick with THE COOL TATTOO?

C.E. Miller
Phi Staff Writer

You've come a long way baby! Many young women are choosing body piercing and tattoos as an intimate form of self-expression. Even at Washington and Lee, haven of conservative values and ideas, women are pierced, and many possess intimate tattoos.

According to Eddie, a Roanoke tattoo artist at Ancient Art, many of his clients are young women, 18-25 years in age. The stigma of having a pierced nose or body art has all but disappeared.

Junior Megan Johnson had her navel pierced her senior year in high school.

"It took about six months to convince my parents that (piercing) wasn't going to kill me or permanently scar," said Johnson.

Since she was 17 at the time, the shop she visited required parental permission. Although, Virginia doesn't require parental permission, any reputable shop will request permission before piercing or tattooing.

Sunda Wells, a junior, has an ankle tattoo. She also had to get parental permission.

"When I got my tattoo, I was the only one in my group of friends. It was a way for me to be unique, sort of an expression of my personality."

Eddie feels that women tattoo for more personal reasons than men.

"A woman will come in and want it in a more sexual place. Men, generally come in groups and tattoo someplace that can be easily shown off," said Eddie.

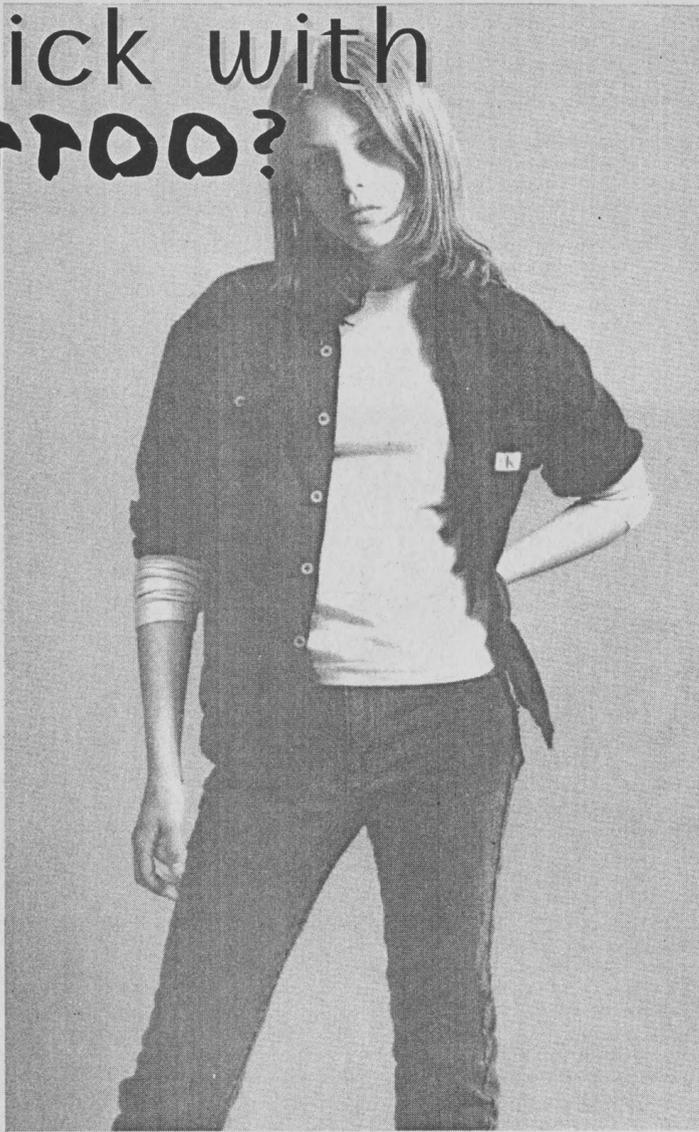
Wells feels that many people are copying a lot of celebrities in getting tattoos. Drew Barrymore has a prominent tattoo above her belly-button, and Pamela Anderson has several, one of which is her husband's name around her finger.

"I think that if I ever got a second tattoo, it would be of a more personal nature. It can be a true expression of yourself, and it is a lifetime commitment," said Wells.

Johnson has never seriously considered getting pierced in another place.

"I don't want to pierce anything on my face. It is also just seems really painful, and I am kind of a wimp," said Johnson.

There are no classes one can take to learn how to pierce or tattoo. According to Eddie, it is an apprenticeship. Talented artists, don't necessarily do well as tattoos. He also feels that many shops ignore the health aspects of pier-



1-2-3-4 get yo' booty ON DA FLO'

Amy Kane
Phi Staff Writer

You can call them dancers. You can call them entertainers. But, whatever you do, don't call them cheerleaders. Rather than leading cheers, the R.E.Belles will be receiving them.

"We are not cheerleaders," Cheryl Puzon, president of Washington and Lee's new dance team, said. "We are there to entertain and support the Generals."

The R.E.Belles are recruiting students interested in performing highly-stylized dance routines during men's home basketball games.

The dance team will hold its first of three clinics 1:30 p.m. Saturday on the third floor of DuPont Hall. The first clinic will focus on skills, while the later clinics, to be held in October and November, will team members, the dances for performances.

The team's clinics are open to everyone, regardless of experience. Vice President Kathy Dusse said team members will work with those who are interested in performing the jazz, funk and drill routines.

The R.E.Belles will debut December 4, when the men's basketball team plays Hampden-Sydney college. They are slated to perform at four other home games and are scheduling other performances which may include the Virginia Military Institute/Washington and Lee Basketball Classic, a women's basketball game and the Lexington Christmas parade.

Last year, an attempt was made at forming the dance team, but the group next got started due to scheduling conflicts, Puzon said. W&L Dance, which emphasizes artistic dance form, began last year. Puzon said when she visited campus as a prospective student she attended a basketball game and saw there were no performance outlets for dancers. As a former drill team captain, she still wanted to perform and found others with that desire. She said the team's purpose other than entertaining at basketball games and supporting the Generals is to provide dancers with performance opportunities.



Portrait of an American woman

Dan Odenwald
Features Editor

Isabel Connor is standing in front of the Laundromat's washer pulling out her wet clothes. She folds them neatly and puts them into her basket.

"I never use the dryers," says the 83-year-old Lexington resident. "I hang them on the line. I've always done it that way. I like the smell of the air in my clothes."

Her hands are covered with purple age spots. She'll tell you she's going deaf in her right ear, but most people know she's really going deaf in both. But if you talk clearly enough, she can understand you. And Isabel loves to talk. Boy, does she love to talk...

"VMI is a man's school—it always has been," she says defiantly. "I don't know much about this women's movement, but it's just a man's school."

Born in Rockbridge County in 1913, she's the second oldest daughter of ten children—seven girls and three boys. Her mother owned a farm and when Isabel wasn't in school she was helping out with the chores. Milking the cows was her favorite. In those days, physical labor wasn't something just reserved for work. Indeed, Isabel remembers walking eight miles to school every day.

"Back in those days we didn't have school buses," she remarks. "We didn't have computers, a television or even a McDonalds."

The uniform for female students was strict: long dresses, stockings, and boots. Only her face and hands were allowed to be naked.

When Isabel completed school, she went to work at the naval base in Quantico, Virginia. She worked in the officer's club, which she loved. Her mother would send her cured hams, a gentle remedy for a homesick farm-girl. Isabel appreciated her mother's kindness, but she wouldn't eat them. Instead, she used the hams to make sandwiches and "gave them to the boys."

"The boys were from all over the States," remembers Isabel. "Some didn't even know what a cured ham was."

In 1941, Isabel left Quantico for Aberdeen, Maryland where she worked

at a naval base. She was there on the day when the Japanese bombed Pear Harbor.

"It was a terrible day. It made your stomach turn over," she recalls.

During the war, Isabel worked in the civilian corps on the naval base. Among her duties were repairing war-ravaged airplanes and stuffing parachute packs.

To lighten spirits, she and her friends used to play jokes on the G.I.s. Sometimes she included a note in the parachute packs which read: If this doesn't open, just come back and get a new one. The prank still makes her chuckle fifty-five years later.

Isabel became quite skilled at repairing plane engines. In fact, she learned it so well that she became one of the best. Isabel also learned how to fly, but her bosses wouldn't let her "because she was a civilian." Although her secret talent may have surprised some, Isabel never thought of herself as particularly special.

"I always just went ahead and did it," she said. "I never thought I couldn't do it. After all, it's not hard to do if you like it."

After the war, Isabel returned home. She married in 1952. Although she never had kids ("God didn't intend it"), Isabel quit work and took care of her husband. She never liked housework, but she knew she would never return to the days of repairing warplanes.

Later, Isabel took on some light work at VMI's tailor shop. During her tenure, she was able to see two nephews graduate from the corps. Most of her memories of VMI are fond, but she does remember feeling sorry for the rats.

"Those boys would just get up in their faces—a couple of inches away from their noses—and just yell at them all day long," Isabel says. "I wanted to go over to them and pull their hats down around their ears."

Like most of Lexington, Isabel was shocked to hear the Supreme Court ruling that VMI must admit women. According to Isabel, Virginia's already got enough women's schools.

"Women are all right," she argues. "It's just that it's always been a man's school."

Furthermore, she believes that women will interfere with the school's

tradition.

"I don't think they'll make it," she says. "Ladies just aren't ladies anymore. I mean, how will you be able to tell a woman apart from a man?"

Isabel admits that she's old and set in her ways. So, it was especially hard on her when her husband of 41 years passed away three years ago.

Nevertheless, she continues to plug on. She gets tired easily these days, but that doesn't stop her from going to the Presbyterian church every Sunday. Today, she's going to drop off some children's books at the library. She found them near a dumpster in Fairfield and cleaned them up for others to use. Isabel's got a lot to do. As she

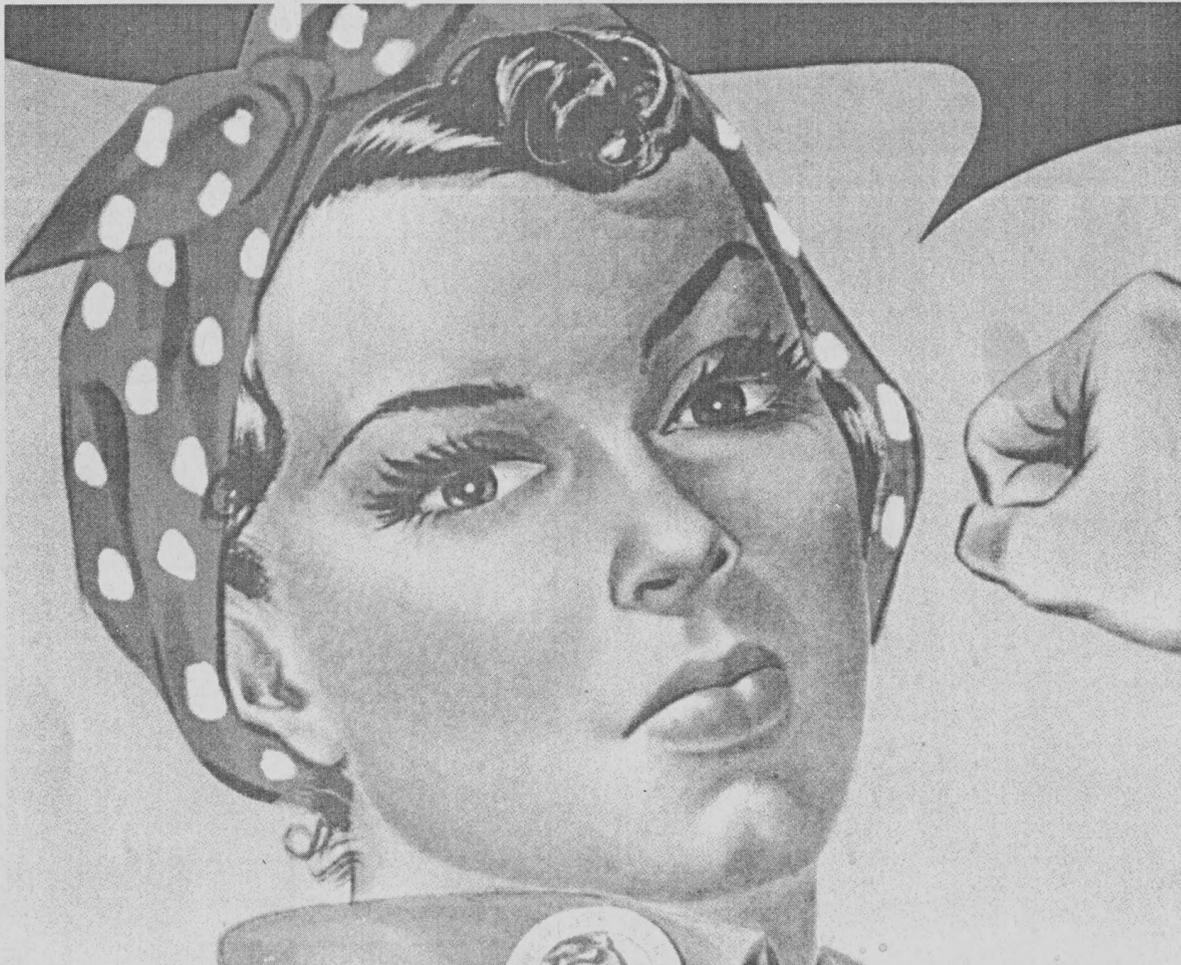
prepares to leave the Laundromat, she puts her (still wet) clothes in the back of her 1968 Chevette. She's had the car for 28 years and even though automobile collectors keep offering to buy it from her, she likes it and has no plans of selling it.

"One man from Salem offered to buy my hubcaps," she recalls. "I asked him, 'What do you think my car will

look like without hubcaps?'"

Isabel gently climbs into the driver's seat and eases the giant car out into the parking lot. As the red brake lights finally dim, the car makes its way out onto the road.

Inside, Isabel begins to plan the rest of her day—an ordinary day in the ordinary life of an American lady.



Emma: a graceful, comic star turn

☆☆☆1/2 of 4 stars; delightful

The Pitch:
"It'll be like one of them Austen movies"

ALEX CHRISTENSEN
Phi MOVIE CRITIC

Gwyneth Paltrow, the most beautiful woman in the world, has made another movie. I suppose I'll go on now and tell you about it and stuff like that, but really, that first sentence should be enough to lure you to the theater some time this weekend.

Emma, the fourth in the Jane Austen film explosion of the last few years (after *Clueless*, *Persuasion*, *Sense and Sensibility*—can *Northanger Abbey* & *C. be far beyond?*), ranks in quality somewhat after *Persuasion* and *Sense*

and *Sensibility* and above *Clueless*, which was based partially upon the same story. To rank it third of four is not at all to denigrate it. *Persuasion* and *S&S* were four-star affairs all the way through, and *Clueless* was one of the most enjoyable movies of last summer. *Emma* is different from all three. It is lighter, bubblier, and fits most closely into the genre of "romantic comedy," though it does explore the same intricacies of class structure and the social graces as *Persuasion* and *S&S*.

In fact, while there might have been a tendency for some people to avoid the two previous direct adaptations

because they were perceived as too serious or specialized in interest to Austen aficionados (probably not really very good reasons to avoid these great films), *Emma* should not be a cause for concern on these counts. While preserving the Austen flavor quite faithfully, *Emma* has nevertheless been adapted to the screen by screenwriter/director Douglas McGrath, a former "Saturday Night Live" writer and Oscar-nominated co-writer with Woody Allen of 1994's *Bullets Over Broadway*, in a marvelously funny and accessible way.

The performances deserve at least as much credit as the screenwriting. To hold up the kind of subtly tinged banter and also credibly put across the very deep subtext which both inhabit the story is something that requires great acting stamina and an intelligent analysis of the characters. This kind of care with the material has been taken, and the results are fascinating and fun to watch.

Gwyneth Paltrow deserves the first mention. Certainly a shoo-in for an Oscar nomination for her portrayal, of Emma Woodhouse, a young woman with too much time on her hands who turns to match-making quite unsuccessfully, Paltrow absolutely dominates this film with her fine performance. Emma truly grows as a person from the beginning to the end of the film, and Paltrow's ability to show this transformation hour by hour and day by day is amazing. Paltrow is an actress who has eleven different conflicting emotions riding

under each surface expression, and every once in awhile one of them breaks out and spins wildly out of control, taking the audience, the other characters, and, seemingly, Paltrow herself with it. It is a revelation to watch.

All of the Austen novels have strong and well written parts for their female

concern of her good friend. Harriet falls victim to Emma's matrimonial machinations, but ultimately takes control of her own life again and is able to move forward both with her new-found self-confidence and her friendship with Emma intact. Juliet Stevenson (*Truly, Madly, Deeply*) is wonderfully conceived as Mrs. Elton.

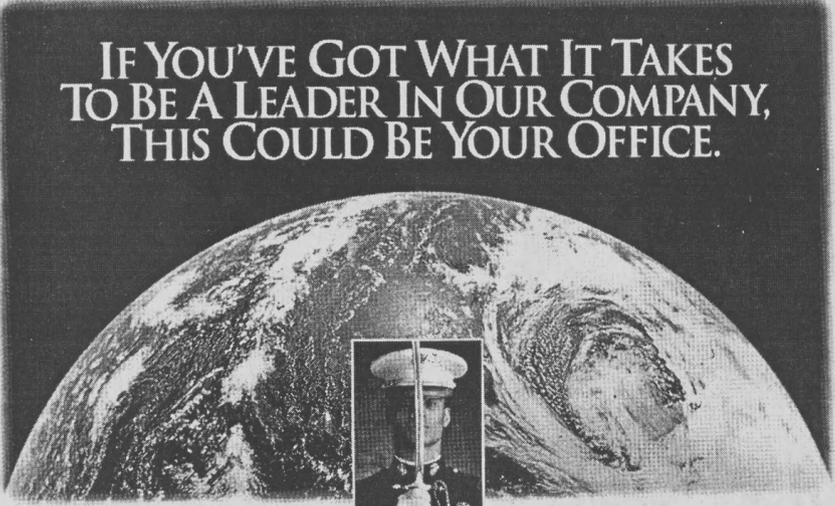
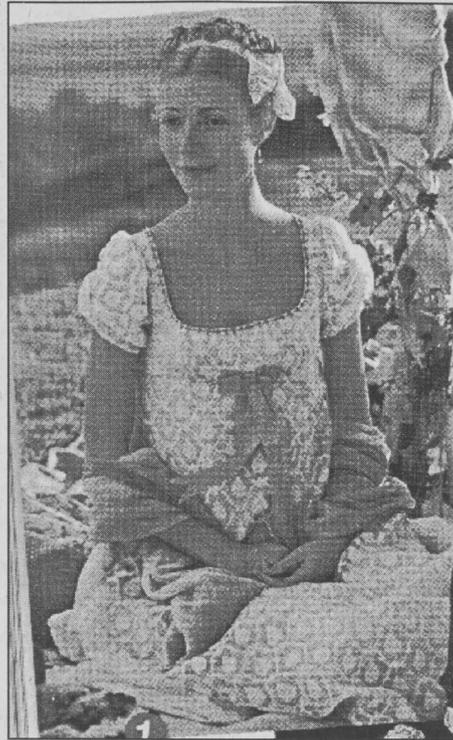
Phyllida Law and Sophie Thompson, *Sense and Sensibility* screenwriter and actress Emma Thompson's mother and sister, respectively, provide the comic relief and much more. Polly Walker is mysteriously "elegant" as Jane Fairfax, and Greta Scacchi plays Emma's governess and substitute mother with great feeling. Collette and Thompson's performances could earn them serious Oscar consideration as well.

Luckily, the men are more than up to the task of acting against this formidable group of actresses. Jeremy Northam (*The Net*) is charming and bemused as Emma's brother-in-law, Mr. Knightley. Ewan McGregor (*Shallow Grave*, *Trainspotting*) lights up the screen and provides enough weight to make the complications his arrival brings believable. And Alan Cumming is a slimy, icky Elton.

If *Persuasion* and *Sense and Sensibility* were a swig of brandy and a glass of red wine, and *Clueless*, like, a really yummy drink

with one of those cute umbrellas, then *Emma* is a glass of champagne. Just enough to get you pleasantly tipsy.

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More women finally coming to Big Lex

GreenLand
Betsy Green '97

Unless you've been living under a rock (and let's face it, Lexington is pretty damned close), you are aware that the Supreme Court has ruled that our next door neighbor, Virginia Military Institute, must admit women. And VMI's board of directors just voted to admit women, rather than making VMI a private school. If you think that we're anywhere near done talking about VMI coeducation, you've got another thing coming to you.

So far I've seen some reactions to the decision that have left me less than impressed. I saw a t-shirt at University Sportswear that depicted a bald woman in a yellow and red VMI running costume weeping. Clever, but considering the number of male rats that drop out in the first week, it could have

"And will W&L women call these women road cheese also?"

well been a weeping bald male.

There are bumper stickers all over town. One I saw said, "Impeach Darth Bader," referring to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who wrote the majority opinion for the case. I will admit, it is kind of funny... I'm a sucker for Star Wars references. But shouldn't a good soldier respect the laws of their country? Just a thought.

My favorite bumper sticker, though, is the one that says, "Any woman who wants the VMI experience should marry a VMI man." Imagine with me what that could mean.

Sarah Rat marries Stonewall Keydet. Immediately after they exchange vows, Sarah is forced to shave her head and run ten miles in her regulation dress white wed-

ding gown. For the first year, Stonewall forces Sarah to keep a rigorous regiment of exercise and marching... sounds great doesn't it?

Anyway, in November of her third year of marriage, Sarah finally gets her ring (rather backwards, but hey—it's VMI). As per tradition, Sarah and the other wives rent hotel rooms that weekend and get ragingly drunk. Stonewall and his buddies go to their ring dance wearing big, white, fluffy dresses.

Back to reality, though. I think anyone who is still protesting VMI's coeducation needs to get over it. If you still have those stickers on your car and that poster on your wall, basically you are emphasizing one glaring fact about VMI: YOU LOST! VMI needs to quit complaining, admit women, and treat them as badly as they treat everyone else. VMI should be proud of anyone who can survive rathood, male or female.

My main concern will be how VMI's coeducation will affect Washington and Lee students. Will it be considered cool for W&L men to date female cadets? And will W&L women call these women road cheese also? Sure, there's a road between us, but it's not quite the same. By the way, I'm trying desperately to come up with a rat/cheese pun, and it's not working for me. Feel free to make up your own.

A greater influx of women might make an impact on Lexington. Maybe The Palms will have "girl drinks" like wine coolers and Zima on tap and Melrose will replace Monday Night Football on the TVs. More women can only help us as far as Lexington shopping is concerned. There are, what, three billion places in town where you can buy Duckheads and navy blue blazers? Perhaps VMI women will bring with them a Victoria's Secret.

There truly are some shocking changes going on here in Big Lex. When W&L and VMI were both all male, this was testosterone city. Now VMI is coed, and W&L's lopsided male-female ration is slipping. Yikes! If I weren't already engaged, I'd have to consider transferring.



"Well Dad, we do have a bit of a RAT problem."

Decision '96: Dole vs. Clinton Issue #1: School Choice

Vouchers are pro-choice and pro-child

Ends & Means
Joshua Heslinga '98

That day is almost upon us. Yes, W&L, the election is coming up very soon—only 37 days left! Mark your calendars for November 5th, the day when the "first president of the 21st century" will be elected.

Time to call in for that absentee ballot that never seems to get to you on time, and decide which person you want to lead our great nation. Will it be President Clinton again, Bob Dole, Ross Perot? Or will this be Ralph Nader's year?

In these final 6 weeks, The Ring-tum Phi is going to bring you two columns from opposite sides of the political spectrum on different issues. On the right this week is Joshua Heslinga, '98, our retiring conservative columnist. On the left will be Laura Knapp, '97, our new Democratic columnist.

For the many of you on this campus that are dead-set in your political affiliation, may the best man win. For those of you who are trying desperately to decide which side is the lesser of two evils, hopefully this will make your decision a little easier.

- Jason Zacher
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waukee and Cleveland, and early studies show marked improvement in student performance. These states have seen alliances between their Republican governors and a few Democratic legislators to expand educational opportunity.

Yet when the Republican Congress wanted to run a similar test program in Washington, D.C., Bill Clinton vetoed it, believing that poor parents trapped in D.C.'s abysmal public school system did not deserve the same opportunity to send their children elsewhere as he has exercised with Chelsea.

School choice is popular. Polls consistently show school choice winning support from two-thirds or more of the American public, with support highest among black, inner-city families.

School choice is fair. It would empower parents to make a real difference in their child's education by sending him or her to a school where crime is under control, standards are maintained, and the best academic curriculum is available.

School choice is economical. In New York City, private schools typically cost \$2000-\$3000 per stu-

dent, per year, which they use to consistently deliver better academic performance, graduation rates, and disciplinary records than public schools using 3 times as much tax money per child.

And finally, school choice is constitutional. Opponents' main argument has been that implementing vouchers "violates the separation of church and state." Apparently, they believe that somehow, society is the great loser when parents have the freedom to find the best education for their child. Rather, school choice exemplified the First Amendment's guarantee of the right to freely exercise one's own religion. No one's child would be compelled to go to a religious school.

While the fate of school choice will eventually be decided on a state-by-state basis, Bob Dole has proposed a national program to empower the poorest and most at-risk students through a voucher program. If our country wants to rediscover the greatness in American education, it will begin with the enactment of school choice educational voucher programs nationwide.

Wrong Medicine for ailing education system

From the Left
Laura Knapp '99

With almost half of Washington and Lee students having graduated from private or parochial high schools, I have a fairly difficult task of proving that school vouchers would have an adverse effect on schoolchildren as well as American society on a whole.

If one were to ask most private/parochial high school graduates if the quality of their education was second to none, the likely answer is that indeed it was.

With the very best of facilities, teachers, materials, and students themselves, there is little room for failure. Graduates of these schools probably go on to four-year colleges and then to comfortable jobs. This is definitely a good result. It would appear logical to allow for further enrollment in such successful schools by instituting the voucher system.

But the voucher system that has been proposed presents serious implications to our present system of public education. In a nation that is already split along racial, ethnic, economic, and religious lines, public education is the only real common denominator in the

majority of American backgrounds. With private education, communities do not have a say in what is being taught.

James Carville said it best in *We're Right, They're Wrong*, "Wondering about the curriculum at the David Koresh Academy? How about the expulsion policy at the Louis Farrakhan School? Well, stop wondering. It ain't none of your business now, and it will never get to be your business, even if they used your tax dollars to send somebody to these schools."

"It does indeed take a village to raise a child"

No matter what Bob Dole or any other Republican says, it does indeed take a village to raise a child. As a democracy, we have a duty to educate our future leaders as the community sees fit.

To deprive funding to public schools by allowing vouchers would only make problems worse

for the public schools. Facilities, teachers and materials are already severely lacking. Imagine deathly sick public schools in need of medical help. The doctor prescribes medicine, which for our purposes, represents funding. What the voucher plan proposes is to stop all medicine and let the patient die.

As shocking as this may be, it is very close to the truth. The students that are not smart enough, rich-enough or for whatever reason will not be able to win admission to the selective private schools and thus will have nowhere else to go other than back to the proposed under-funded and under-staffed public schools. What does this say to the child? At such an early age to be faced with such rejection, the child's development into a productive member of society would be stunted.

Liberals and conservatives agree on few issues. But a common goal among all Americans, liberal and conservative alike, is a resolve to improve American schools. Most apparently though, is that school vouchers are not the answer. Instead of cutting Head Start programs and college loan programs like the Republicans are in Congress now, the US needs an expanded role, rather than restricted, in the future of our nation.

Quote of the Week:

"This kid is a poster boy for perverts."

-W&L student commenting on the first grade sexual harassment suit

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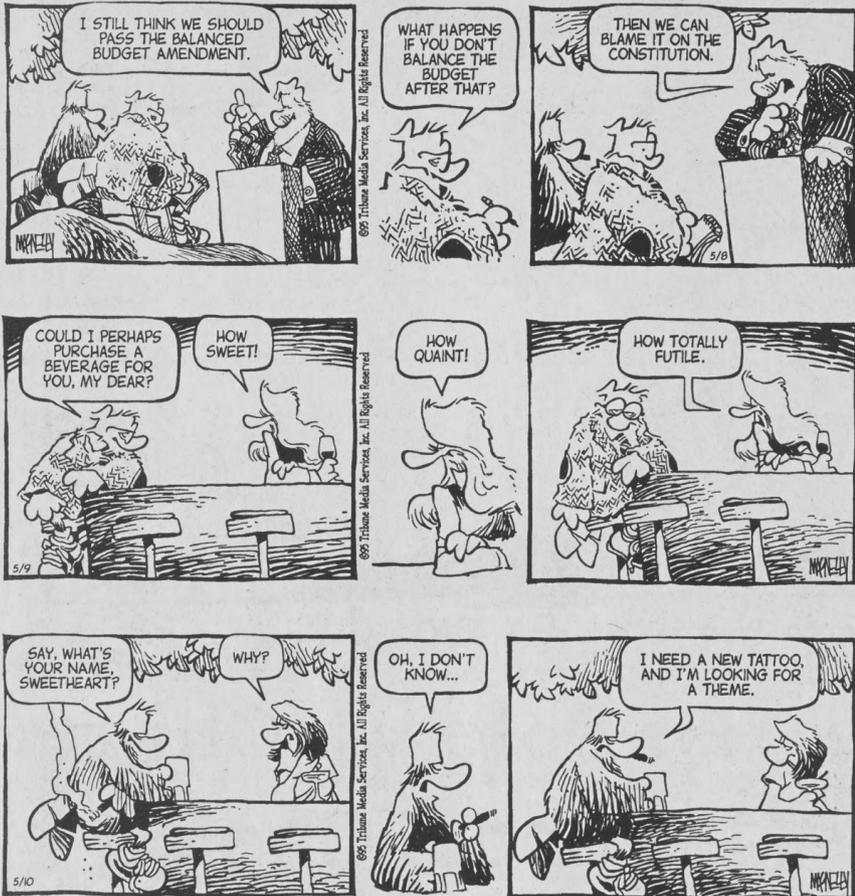
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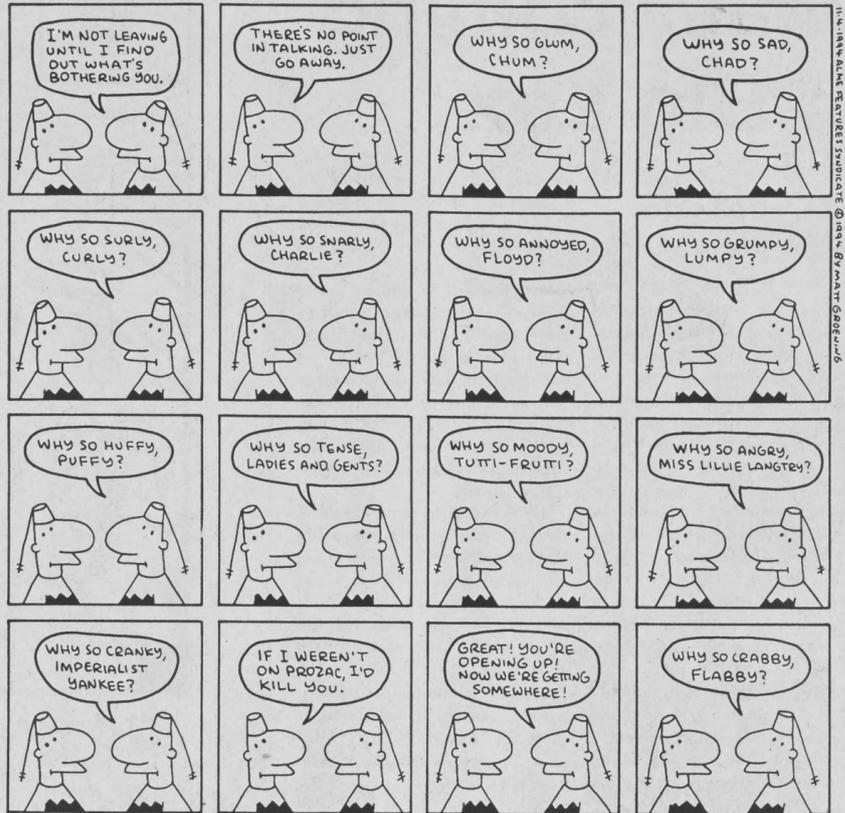


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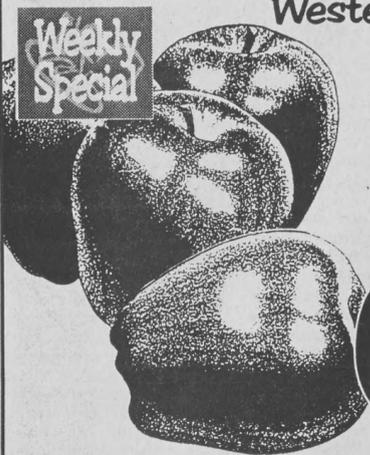
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of the riding team for two years. Penny is volunteering her time to coach and help get the team started. Penny works at the farm of Amy Reistrup in Collierstown, who has experience riding and coaching with the intercollegiate riding teams at UVA and Southern Virginia College. Reistrup has also agreed to volunteer her time in order to insure W&L's successful beginning.

Members of the riding team will take lessons two times a week from Sarah Irvine, using horses at her stables in Raphine. Expenses for members of the riding team are \$20 per lessons plus traveling costs. W&L's riding team will compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The Executive Committee gave the team \$1000 which will cover membership fees to IHSA and help deter the costs of entry fees.

Nichols hopes that in its first year, the riding team will be able to overcome the expense of lessons and membership and the team's lack of funds.

"I want to show other students and the administration that we're going to be good," she said.

IHSA is comprised of 13 other schools, two of which are Hollins College in Roanoke and Southern Virginia College in Buena Vista. Penny and Starer hope the team will be ready to compete October 6 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

"I think it will be a wonderful for W&L students to ride against big schools like Virginia Tech and Duke," said Starer.

During IHSA competitions, one school hosts the show in which all IHSA members can compete. The host school provides the horses. The biggest challenge and difference in an IHSA competition compared to normal horse shows is that riders do not know or get to practice on their horse prior to competition.

"You have to go in cold turkey and figure out the horse in a matter of seconds," explains Penny. "This makes you go back to basics and show everything you've learned in front of the judges."

"This is a different competition than what many of us are used to," said Rector. She stressed the importance of the team needing beginning-level riders. Because this is a team effort, the points for the beginner count equally to the points for the advanced rider.

Penny remembers many instances in her intercollegiate career when the fate of the team would end up on the shoulders of the last rider of the day, who would be a beginner showing for the first time. The pressure, stress and excitement of the situation would really pull the team together, she said.

"As many people came out for the riding team as they do for a sport like tennis," said Nichols. "It's only fair that W&L gives some attention to all the athletes here who can really give something back to the school."

For more information on the riding team, contact Christine Starer at 462-4681.



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 VOLLEYBALL - Fri-Sat at G-burg; Tues. vs. Bridgewater, 6:30
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FOOTBALL - L. 24-10, at Guilford
 MSOCCER - W. 5-1, vs. Lynchburg; L. 2-7, at Emory & Henry
 WSOCCER - W. 1-0, vs. Maryville; W. 6-3, vs. Greensboro
 VOLLEYBALL - 2nd at Marysville Tourney
 WATER POLO - W. 9-7, vs. Michigan (at Navy Invitational)
 CROSS COUNTRY - Men 6th, women 9th at Dickinson Open
 GOLF - Won Randolph-Macon tournament

Soccer teams celebrate anniversary with victories

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER
 Phi SPORTS EDITOR

The best players in W&L soccer history were honored last weekend in Lexington, but as fans and former players alike could see, the current Generals may soon be ranking with the best of the past.

The W&L soccer teams won all three of their games last weekend, making the 50th anniversary of W&L soccer a triumphant one. Unlike their male counter-

parts, the women's soccer team had to play two games this weekend. It turned out to be no problem, although neither win came easy.

The Generals locked up in a low-scoring battle with Maryville in the second game of a W&L soccer doubleheader late Saturday afternoon. After the two teams duelled to a scoreless tie at halftime, W&L broke out on top early in the second half. Sophomore Karin Treese scored her sixth goal of the season on a corner kick at the 48:40 mark, boosting the Generals into the lead at 1-0.

Treese's goal ended up being the final margin as the Generals played inspired defense in the second half, turning away every Maryville scoring opportunity. Senior Beth Mozena and freshman Stephanie McKnight com-

bined on the shutout for the Generals. McKnight fended off six shots while Mozena turned away one.

There was a little more excitement and a lot more scoring on Sunday afternoon when Greensboro paid a visit to the Liberty Hall Fields to conclude the anniversary weekend. The Generals made sure it remained a festive one as they outlasted Greensboro, 6-3, in double overtime.

The first half ended in a 1-1 tie as sophomore Nicole Johnson's goal at 26:51 was answered by a Greensboro goal late in the half.

The teams began to light up the scoreboard in the second half, however. Senior Jenni Grant's score two minutes into the second half lifted W&L into a brief 2-1 advantage. But Greensboro reeled off two goals in the next five minutes to vault into a 3-2 lead.

It remained that way until Johnson struck again. The sophomore knocked home her third goal of the year and second of the day at the 78:58 mark to tie it up at 3 apiece.

The defenses tightened as regulation ended with the score tied. The score remained locked through the first overtime. But W&L was in no mood to drag out the contest any longer and blew away Greensboro in the second overtime with a three-goal flurry.

Treese started the second overtime by netting the eventual game-winning goal off an assist from freshman Deirdre Coyle.

Sophomore Caroline Keen gave W&L some breathing room at 5-3 by putting away a rebound off the post. Seven minutes later, Grant inscribed the exclamation point on the Generals' amazing overtime run by booting home her second goal of the afternoon to provide the final margin.

Mozena and McKnight were once again solid in the cage. McKnight warded off six shots while Mozena saved three.

The women, now 5-0 and ranked 8th in the South Region, attempted to protect their unbeaten streak on the road Thursday against Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

The Generals came away winners again, 1-0, as sophomore Lorraine Taurassi scored the only goal of the contest with 8:11 remaining.

Mozena and McKnight combined for the shutout, their third in the last four games.

The victory moved the Generals' record to 5-0. The Generals will next be in action Saturday against Guilford at home.

The men's team entertained the soccer alumni by toying with visiting Lynchburg for more than one half Saturday before putting the game away late, 5-1. In the process, it raised its record to 3-0, 1-0 in the ODAC.

Freshman Jamie Parker had an unbelievable day for the Generals. He wowed the home crowd by providing W&L with nearly its entire offense with his four-goal barrage.

As was the custom with the Generals' soccer teams last weekend, the men finished the

first half in a tie. Lynchburg struck first twelve minutes into the game but Parker answered midway through the half with his first goal of the day, knotting the score at one goal apiece.

Senior tri-captain Colin Connolly made sure it didn't remain that way for long. He netted the eventual game-winner three minutes into the second half to give the Generals a 2-1 advantage.

With the score still 2-1 midway through the half, Parker took control. He began his personal second half onslaught by blasting home his second goal to provide the Generals with a 3-1 edge. With ten minutes remaining in regulation, Parker made sure Lynchburg didn't mount a comeback by scoring yet another goal to give W&L a comfortable 4-1 margin.

Parker wasn't through with the Hornets yet. With Lynchburg reeling, down three goals with six minutes remaining, the last thing the Hornets' goalie wanted to see was Parker heading toward him once again. That is exactly what happened as Parker drove home the final nail in the Lynchburg coffin with his fourth and final goal of the game. With his huge afternoon, Parker leads the squad with six goals on the season.

Junior Gordon Meeker contributed in a key way for the Generals by assisting on two goals. Senior Mike Matechak and sophomores Sam Chase and Mikel Parker all had one assist apiece.

Garry Hill collected three



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Jenni Grant scored two goals against Greensboro.

saves in the cage for the Generals.

On Wednesday, the Generals traveled to Emory & Henry, looking to keep their season perfect. Unfortunately, the good times came to an end for W&L as it succumbed to E&H, 7-2.

Bill Sigler and Geoff Wikel accounted for the Generals' only two goals of the afternoon. Hill finished with three saves for the Generals, who slipped to 3-1 overall, 1-1 ODAC.

There was a lot more to keep former Generals' soccer players entertained this weekend than just watching their successors roll

to victory.

The W&L athletic department celebrated the 50th season of W&L soccer, including the 10th season of the women's program, with three days of festivities. These included a cocktail party and a banquet Friday evening where former coaches and players spoke and a video depicting soccer moments over the years was shown.

The former players got a chance to strut their stuff once again in an alumni soccer game Saturday morning before being treated to a pair of victories by the current cast of Generals.

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THE VIEW FROM ABOVE

BY ERIC ZAVOLINSKY

The individuals wander in from all over the country. The players leave their families, friends and jobs early so they can work out in the Lexington heat for two weeks before the student body arrives for classes. They eat, sleep and practice football for two weeks while the rest of us are going to the beach, going fishing, or if we are lucky, going out on dates.

These players are not on scholarship and they do not get paid. They play because they love the game and because they desire to play as long as their bodies will allow them.

It seems that many people on this campus do not think our football team is very good this year. That sentiment couldn't be farther from the truth. The team is young and talented and they will win more games than they will lose this season, but that is not why they are good.

They are good because they have heart, they are dedicated, and because they always play hard. They are good because they embody the student-athlete ideal. They are what Division III athletics are all about.

While we party every weekend in the fall, the players follow their strict training rules. The football players have never been to a Homecoming parade, they have never been to a tailgate. While we drink, they stretch. While we party, they practice. Every fall the football team travels to places such as Centre and Guilford, abandoning their whole weekend to represent our school on the gridiron.

When they finally do get to play at beautiful Wilson Field, they play in front of lazy crowds looking forward to band parties, and the parents of the players on the opposing teams yelling obscenities at them.

Next time you think about criticizing the football team, soccer teams, or any of our other hard working athletes, think about their dedication. Ask yourself what you have done for your school. Instead of complaining about their play, try supporting them. It could be fun.

Besides, they are bigger than you.

There has been some real magic in the Bronx this summer. No, I'm not talking about the magic pulled by three card MONTY dealers on the side streets. I am talking about my beloved New York Yankees. The most storied franchise in sports has added a few more chapters to the book on winning.

Dwight Gooden throws a no-hitter after falling out of baseball because of a drug addiction and he has a TV movie made about his life. Darryl Strawberry re-signs with the Yankees after playing with a minor league team and he hits three home runs in one game to beat the Orioles in a crucial series after the All-Star break. The brilliant TV executives decide to make a TV movie about his life also. (Maybe they'll make a story about me next.)

David Cone is the most charmed Yankee of all. The man is diagnosed with an aneurysm in his shoulder in May and the doctors say he may never play baseball again. Less than a month ago, the warrior steps on the hill in the heat of a pennant race and he throws seven no-hit innings before being removed by the American League Manager of the Year Joe Torre. Add Cecil Fielder and Mariano Rivera to the mix and you have one great team and an exciting season.

The Yankees are on their way to a Division Title for the first time since 1981 and are hopefully about to make a trip to the World Series. Catch the show now while you still can because, years from now, you will hear stories about the magical Bronx summer in 1996.

That is the View From Above.

Riding team gallops onto W&L sports scene

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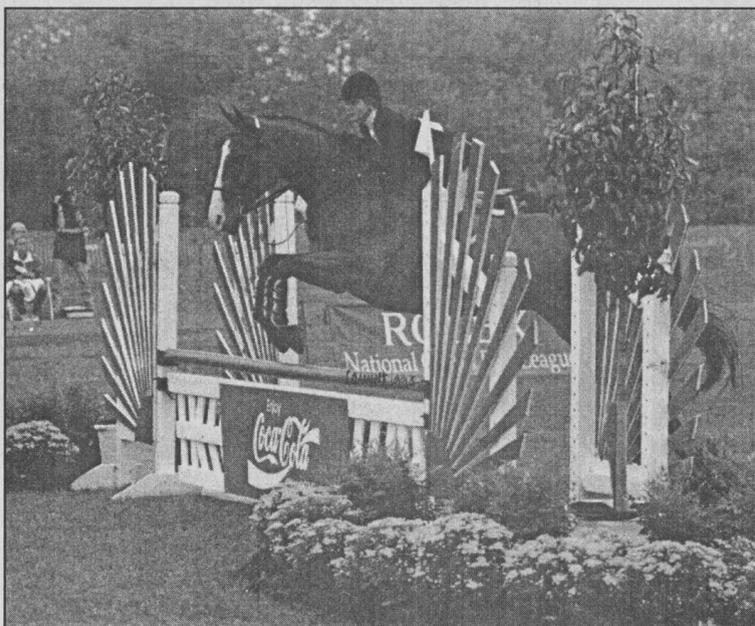


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Sophomore Sarah Rector is a member of the new club horseback riding team.

When Washington and Lee sophomore Christine Starer, who began riding at the age of four, was looking at colleges, she narrowed her choices to the University of Virginia and W&L. Her major attraction to UVA was its high-caliber riding team. She chose W&L anyway and decided to start a riding team on her own.

Starer soon found out that many W&L students have a lot of talent and interest in riding. While some students were still competing and showing during their college years, W&L did not offer any opportunity for the students to improve or compete in a team atmosphere.

"Competition is much more of a team effort. All the riding during shows earns points for the team, not the individual," said Starer, explaining why she wanted a team to compete with rather than showing on her own.

Sophomore Lydia Nichols has been riding and competing for eleven years. She has won numerous awards in South Carolina, including two State Championships.

"It makes you feel like you're not an athlete when you're not riding and competing," said Nichols, who is looking forward to joining a team and bringing recognition to W&L.

"I didn't get to ride much last year while at school," said sophomore Sarah Rector, who has also won many titles including the Gittings Horsemanship Finals, a regional equitation championship with participants from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware. "Now that it's a club sport, it's a good excuse for me to ride."

The riding team also opens up the opportunity for less-experienced riders. The team roster includes all levels, from beginning walk-trot to the most advanced Open Equitation. Team members who have only taken lessons before or who haven't shown since they were younger have the opportunity to improve and learn how to compete with the help and encouragement of team members.

Krista Penny, the team's coach, graduated last spring from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, where she was captain

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Quakers shake Generals, 24-10

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The Quakers were not kind to the Generals last Saturday. Guilford College passed Washington and Lee 24-10 in the teams' first Old Dominion Athletic Conference game.

The Generals put the first points of the day up in the second quarter on a 10-yard pass from quarterback senior Matt Brooks Fischer to sophomore Chas Chastain.

The second half was quiet until late in the third quarter when kicker junior Matt Holbrook connected for a 37-yard field goal. But Lord continued to give the Generals trouble, pulling in a 23-yard touchdown pass from Strelkauskas. Lord then caught the two-point conversion pass and sealed the 24-10 victory for Guilford. Lord's outstanding performance earned him ODAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

The Generals' offense was led by senior fullback Aaron

7. But the Generals were not able to convert on the squib kick-off and the Quakers got the ball on their own 44-yard line. Lord then extended the lead for Guilford to 16-7 on a 39-yard pass from quarterback Dan Strelkauskas.

"Our biggest strength and the best sign for the future of the team was the improvement of the offensive line."

**Peyton Williams
 1996 Quad Captain**

Wilkinson, who ran for 79 yards on 11 carries. Wilkinson has been forced to step up for the offense because tailbacks junior Seth McKinley and sophomore Floyd Young have both been sidelined with injuries.

The offense was noticeably weakened last Saturday with the absence of starting cornerback junior Jon Benazzi, who missed the game because of family commitments.

Benazzi's place was sophomore John McAllister, who did well in his first college start considering the opposition he was facing in Junior Lord.

The offensive line made a good showing against Guilford as well. Williams stated that the o-line's improvement was the "...biggest strength and the best sign for the future of the team." Also making a big contribu-

tion for the offense were Chastain and junior Nick Hodge, who each snagged four catches.

Defensively, McGuire Boyd, Jack Boyd and Williams turned in big performances. McGuire Boyd led the team in tackles with 14, including two quarterback sacks.

Jack Boyd also included a sack in his career-high 10 tackles. Williams also had an impressive game with 13 tackles and two blocked kicks.

The team is disappointed with the slow start to their season, but they are not discouraged. Williams commented that two years ago, the Generals, who started out 0-3, ended the season 5-4. He believes that, by comparison, this year's squad has more talent and is putting forth more of an effort.

The Generals will be on the road again Saturday as they travel to Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. The Colonels have posted a 3-0 record so far this season.

Williams stated that the biggest challenge facing the Generals tomorrow will be not making the minor mistakes that have cost them some crucial plays in their two previous outings.

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