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Weekend Weather

Friday-partly cloudy, mild lows in the mid 60's.
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Photo by Betsy Green, *The Ring-tum Phi*

FIJI is back as Washington and Lee's 15th fraternity, after being reinstated by the Student Affairs Committee.

Fall term grades in, Pi Beta Phi, Sig Ep on top

By ETHAN KRUPP
Phi News Editor

The report cards have arrived and Pi Beta Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon are at the head of the class.

Pi Phi had a grade point average of 3.243 and Sig Ep's GPA was 3.091. Chi Omega was the second highest sorority and Lambda Chi Alpha was the second highest fraternity.

The 2.994 all-student GPA was lower than all four sororities, the all-women, and non-sorority women, but higher than 12 fraternities, all-men, and non-fraternity men.

Dean of Students Dean Leroy "Buddy" Atkins said he was happy to see three fraternities above a 3.0, particularly since "the sororities have been it for a while."

Dean of Freshman and Residence Life Dennis Manning also said the freshman class GPA "was excellent and much improved from the midterm grades."

Manning also said that the number of students below a 1.5 GPA was "typical."

The statistics provided by the Dean of Students Office state that 14 freshman men received grades lower than a 1.5. Last year, 14 freshman were below a 1.5, and in 1993, 19 were below the 1.5 mark.

Atkins offered advice to "chapters that find themselves in the bottom half year in and year out...can escape it if they make academics a priority for both the chapter and individual members."

All of the general GPA categories remained fairly constant over the last two years. No GPA has moved more than 0.1 points since 1992.

Fall Term Grades

Pi Beta Phi	3.243
Chi Omega	3.209
All Sorority Women	3.201
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.173
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.162
All Women	3.143
Non-Sorority Women	3.096
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.091
Lambda Chi Alpha	3.083
Pi Kappa Alpha	3.017
All Students	2.994
Kappa Alpha	2.962
Phi Kappa Psi	2.956
Sigma Nu	2.948
Kappa Sigma	2.931
Chi Psi	2.921
Sigma Chi	2.915
All Fraternity Men	2.895
All Men	2.893
Non-Fraternity Men	2.885
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.861
Phi Delta Theta	2.861
Pi Kappa Phi	2.860
Phi Gamma Delta	2.715
Beta Theta Phi	2.686
Phi Kappa Sigma	2.546

The fall term GPAs for Greeks, independents, and men and women, and the entire student body have been tabulated.

SAC reinstates FIJI, winter Rush planned

By SARAH GILBERT
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After one year of campus suspension, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity has returned to Washington and Lee University with an intention to focus on the future.

"We're just glad it's over," said FIJI president Stephen Cokkinias. The Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously Dec. 9 to reinstate the fraternity Jan. 1.

The fraternity was suspended for 18 months last winter after being found guilty for violating the university policy on hazing, but agreed to complete a 10-step plan of action so that the SAC would lessen the sentence.

"It was no longer an issue of who's right and who's wrong," said Cokkinias. "It was an issue of what can we do to get back on campus. We worked very hard over the past year, and we completed each of the 10 points."

The plan of action asked that FIJI show the SAC that there had been changes in attitude and behavior. Dean of Students David Howison, who is chair of the SAC, sent a letter to student leaders informing them of the reinstatement.

"The Student Affairs Committee commended the leadership of FIJI for its dedicated and successful efforts to achieve a special 10-Point Plan of Action..." Howison wrote.

Ralph "Moke" Wolfe III, last year's FIJI president, said he was "freaking ecstatic."

"I was not happy about the whole situation, but I'm glad its behind us. Now we have a situation that we can build a fraternity on."

Both Cokkinias and Wolfe said they wanted to concentrate on the future of the fraternity rather than the past.

"I hope that there's going to be something positive to come out of this," said Wolfe. "I hope the university will say, now lets really attack the problem of hazing. This isn't about FIJI anymore, it's about hazing."

Cokkinias hoped to concentrate on brotherhood.

"The attitude of the brothers is that the whole situation has brought our house closer together," he said.

FIJI now plans to hold an informal, deferred rush, kicked off by a party Saturday night with the band Blue Miracle at the FIJI house.

"There has been a group of people who have expressed interest in joining,

but we have not torn anyone yet," Cokkinias said. "We hope to form a pledge class over the next few weeks."

Cokkinias and Wolfe were looking toward the party as a sort of re-introduction of FIJI to the campus.

"We want to let freshmen know that there really is a 15th fraternity on campus now, and it's going to operate just like any other fraternity," Cokkinias said. He said their social calendar for the rest of the year will be similar to the rest of the campus fraternities, and will include a semi-formal, a mixer, and the traditional FIJI Islands in April.

Cokkinias is looking forward to being able to address the campus as a fraternity once again.

"When you're away from campus for 12 months, a lot of questions arise that you are not able to address, a lot of rumors get started that are false. We will be glad to have a chance to clear up any misconceptions in the next few months," he said.

Wolfe, who will be visiting campus this weekend along with several other alumni to celebrate the return of FIJI, was looking forward to the party.

"I will be drinking many beverages to celebrate the good judgment of the SAC," he said.

EC, Contact clash over lack of speakers and unused money

By MICHAEL HEWLETT
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Political infighting has kept Contact from getting more prominent speakers, according to some Executive Committee members at Monday night's meeting.

Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork and former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop have fallen through as speakers. Contact brought three speakers last fall: John Berendt, author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, Republican congressman Bob Goodlatte and Edward Cleary, author of *Beyond the Burning Cross: The First Amendment and the Landmark R.A.V. Case*.

"It seems they've been unable to succeed at anything they've tried," said EC president Kevin Webb.

Webb said a struggle between the liberals and conservatives in the organization has been going on all Fall term. He said the group has been unable to resolve disagreements about speakers.

Webb expressed concern about giving money to an organization that has not done anything.

"I have serious problems with the leadership living up to their responsibilities," he said.

EC law representative and Contact member Jim Pike said Contact's problems aren't the fault of one person.

EC vice-president Alex Cross said the blame for Contact's problems must be placed on the president, senior Andrew Schneider.

"In any organization, the president has a responsibility to the student body," he said, "to bring speakers to the school regardless of whether they agree with the choice of speaker or not."

He said Contact has only spent only a fraction of the money allotted to them.

"My opinion is that if we give (an organization) \$30,000, they should spend the money," he said.

Pike said although there has been disagreement about speakers, much of the dissension has been resolved.

Pike said the problems started when Contact decided that a consensus should be the rule which often made it difficult to choose speakers. He said this was done because Contact had been criticized in the past for the tendency to bring conservative speakers. Contact now has a 2/3 majority requirement to decide on speakers.

Pike said another problem has been unavailable speakers. He said the speakers they have brought to the school have been cheap.

Cross said if the speakers have been cheap, then Contact should have spent more money and bring more speakers—not less.

Schneider said the group has committed about \$8000. He said the rest of the money has not been spent because speakers such as Bork and Koop have fallen through.

"If you look at other Contact committees, the major speakers weren't booked until the second semester," he said.

Schneider said there had been infighting last semester over speakers, especially Lani Guinier, the former nominee for the Civil Rights division in the department of Justice. President Clinton withdrew her name from the nomination amidst controversy over her legal writings.

"The whole idea of Lani Guinier was to provide a balance to Robert Bork since they had opposing views," he said. "A lot of people on Contact felt she was a liberal crackpot."

The committee decided against bringing Guinier to campus, but the American Civil Liberties Union, the Minority Student Association, and other organizations are bringing her to campus in February.

Schneider said the political infighting has ended and things are going smoothly this term. Contact has already booked Helen Thomas, UPI White House correspondent, for January 31 and Richard Preston, author of *The Hot Zone*, for March 9.

Contact as well as other organizations will meet with the EC in the next two weeks to discuss budget concerns.

"The EC can rest assured that we'll be spending its money," he said.

SAB brings pudding wrestling to W&L

By PETE WEISSMAN
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Combine 350 pounds of Hormel pudding mix and 200 gallons of water, offer Fancy Dress tickets as prizes, and you have the Student Activities Board's latest event: Chocolate pudding wrestling.

By Tuesday, 22 people, most of them fraternity pledges, had signed up to wrestle. The free event will take place in Doremus Gym Jan. 18th at 8 p.m.

The SAB has hired an entertainment company headed by Bruce Rosenbaum to put on the show. Rosenbaum and three others will assemble the 12 by 12 foot ring in about 45 minutes. The roped, elevated ring will hold three inches of pudding.

What is his secret recipe?
"We pour it in there and stir it up with a stick, man," Rosenbaum said. "Just stir and stir."

Wrestlers will wear t-shirts and shorts for

the three to four minute matches. A referee will enforce rules that ban bikinis, body slams, and...men wrestling women.

According to Rosenbaum, age and experience are not important.

"You can't get too much leverage because it's slick and slimy."

His advice: "Go for the legs, man. You gotta get the legs out."

Reaction on the Washington and Lee campus has been mixed.

"I think people are kind of apprehensive about it," said Michelle Richardson, SAB's advisor.

Hollis Leddy, SAB's publicity chairman, said she has sought female participants for several weeks.

"I think it's just an event that most girls just aren't comfortable with here at W&L," Leddy said.

But Rosenbaum, who's been doing this for 15 years, said people have the wrong image of

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Photo by Betsy Green, *The Ring-tum Phi*

Oh whatta Rush!

Pi Beta Phi prepares for Sisterhood Night by filling balloons with helium as room decorations. Rush wrapped up on Thursday with Pref Night. Bids are handed out on Jan. 13.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

The World



Ceasefire in Chechnya ends prematurely

A 48-hour ceasefire called in order to let both Russia and Chechnya bury their dead came to an abrupt halt when shots broke out again. The Clinton Administration tightened its criticisms of Russia's assault on the breakaway nation, drawing Russia's trustworthiness into question.

Pope embarks on 20,000 mile tour

Pope John Paul II left the Vatican City Wednesday, beginning an 11-day, 20,000 mile pilgrimage to the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka. This is the 63rd foreign tour for the Pope. The pope will emphasize the need for coexistence among differing religions and ethnic groups.

Croatian President to end UN forces

The President of Croatia intends to end the UN peacekeeping forces in Croatia. Sources say this could lead to expansion in the war in the Balkans. Diplomats say this is a further indication of the unwillingness of both parties to accept the help of mediating forces.

The Nation



Judiciary Committee approves balanced budget amendment

The House Judiciary Committee approved Wednesday a balanced budget amendment that requires a three-fifths majority to raise taxes. This amendment is opposed by moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats. The House will vote on it in two weeks.

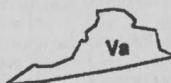
Senate approves workplace laws

The Senate approved Wednesday night a bill to force the House and Senate to comply with the anti-discrimination, safety and other workplace rules that they impose on other employers. The bill was part of the list of Republican campaign promises that helped that helped the party win elections Nov. 8. The legislation promises, according to the GOP, an end to the privileged status of congressional members.

New evidencesays OJ beat, threatened Nicole

O.J. Simpson beat his wife Nicole, repeatedly stalked her and threatened to decapitate any of the boyfriends who drove his car, say sworn statements made in court Thursday. According to the statements, the abuse began shortly after the two met in 1977. The evidence contains sworn statements of acquaintances of the Simpsons, as well as entries from a diary that Nicole Simpson maintained to support her divorce case against her husband.

The State



Dispute disrupts General Assembly

An angry dispute forced the Virginia General Assembly to adjourn Thursday and Governor George Allen to give his annual State of the Commonwealth Address on TV. It was the first time in Virginia history that a governor has been blocked from delivering his opening day speech directly to the assembly. The argument arose when Republicans and Democrats disagreed over procedural powers, after which the Democrats adjourned and walked out without adopting any rules.

General Assembly meets to discuss Allen's proposed cuts

The State General Assembly met this week to discuss Gov. George Allen's proposed \$403 million in budget cuts. Allen also plans to cut income and business taxes and build prisons. Cities and towns across Virginia are divided over Allen's plans, especially those to cut the state's \$750 million gross receipts tax.

Beyond the Blue Ridge is compiled from Phi staff reports.

Seasonal Affective Disorder might storm in during the winter months

By DAN ODENWALD
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Is the winter the worst time of year for you? Do you feel more depressed? Do you overeat? Are you exhausted all the time? Do you lack motivation for your daily activities? Do you feel guilty about your increased lethargy during the winter?

Well, don't. It's possible the problem isn't you. You may be experiencing symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder, or what's more commonly referred to as SAD.

Formally recognized by the American Psychiatric Association in 1987, Seasonal Affective Disorder is a psychological and physical ailment that touches over 20 percent of the United States' population.

It's characterized by a depressed mood during the winter months due to the lack of sunlight. Cases can range from nagging doldrums to clinical depression. Evidence shows that SAD affects four times as many women as men and may be hereditary.

SAD is the physical and psychological response of the body to the winter's increased darkness and cold. During the winter, the days become shorter. There is less sunlight. Researchers have determined that the lack of sunlight

causes significant changes in seasonal body rhythms. This affects the production of the hormone, melatonin. Generated by the brain during the night hours, melatonin induces fatigue which makes the body rest. During the winter months when the nights are longer, more melatonin is produced and the body feels overly tired. In addition to fatigue, a SAD sufferer may also experience greater depression, increased appetite for carbohydrate-rich foods which produce energy, and loss in interest in daily activities. In effect, the brain is being starved of sunlight which would inhibit the production of melatonin.

Aside from the very real physical ramifications of SAD, there are also pronounced psychological effects. SAD sufferers are more depressed during the winter. They crave energy-rich foods and tend to overeat. This results in weight gain which introduces negative feelings of guilt. Patients show a noticeable decrease in interest for their daily activities. Closely related to that is the lack of motivation to start and complete tasks.

Dr. Norman Rosenthal, Chief of Environmental Psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health, is especially concerned with children who suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder. According to his estimates,

more than a million teens suffer from SAD. Like other SAD sufferers, they are battered by fatigue and depression, however they may be misdiagnosed. To explain their lack of interest in school, many teens with SAD are often labeled as having Attention Deficit Disorder which is more commonly associated with lack of attention.

The good news is SAD is treatable with light therapy. Patients are instructed to sit for one hour a day in front of a panel of light which is a bright broad-spectrum-artificial light with characteristics similar to sunlight. Researchers claim that SAD patients have shown dramatic improvements within four days of treatment.

Michael Terman, Director of the Winter Depression Program in New York, says that 75 to 90 percent of patients are successfully treated with light therapy.

The light boxes, themselves, can be very expensive. The average price is \$400. Accordingly, doctors have suggested less costly ways to combat SAD. The use of more lights around the house is strongly recommended as is getting out more during the daylight hours.

Associate Dean of Students Anne Schroer-Lamont, a University Counseling Psychologist, believes Seasonal Affective Disorder is not common on the Washington and Lee campus.

"I have diagnosed at least one student with SAD. In most cases, there are other factors which cause depression in students," Schroer-Lamont said, "Alcohol abuse, smoking, and lack of exercise are more commonly associated with winter depression than SAD which results solely from light deprivation."

However, Schroer-Lamont did agree that some students may be suffering from SAD and choosing not to seek help from University counselors. She also stated that the University Counseling staff is capable of identifying SAD.

"Some students may be experiencing SAD and not getting help. Some involve mild cases where the student is capable of handling it on his own, while others may have severe cases and should get help," she said.

Schroer-Lamont is especially interested in nutrition and proper exercise as a way to cope with winter depression. She advocates that students take extra care to make sure they exercise during the colder months.

"With the lack of outdoor activities during the winter, students need to find alternatives for exercising outdoors," she said.

"Using the indoor track, campus weight rooms, gym facilities, and aerobics are more important in the winter than in the warmer months."

Lip Synch could bring in \$4000 for food

By PETE WEISSMAN
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Wearing a black, 1970's jumpsuit and a red bandanna, Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge Dan Tipton moved across the stage like a Russian folk dancer as he mouthed the words to "Celebration" by Kool & the Gang. The 575 students in the Pavilion that night cheered the act, and the judges awarded Sig Ep first place in last year's "Lip Synch" contest.

On Jan. 20th, the ninth annual "Lip Synch" contest returns to Washington and Lee to entertain students and help the hungry. Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger will sponsor the event and give 90 percent of the proceeds to local food pantries.

"It's one of the few times that the entire school has the opportunity to come together," Tipton said. "You get a chance to show off or be an idiot, and it's OK." "It's kind of like a party atmosphere," said publicity chairman Emily Hazlett. "It's fun music, and you're watching your friends up on stage."

"This is a big-time show," said Jerry Darrell, event founder and director of University Food Services.

Last year, 24 groups, most of them Greek organizations, participated. The Minority Student Association finished second for their version of "Whoop, There It Is!" Third place went to the Chi Omega Seniors who did "If" by Janet Jackson.

According to Hazlett, dance routines and songs from the '70s and '80s are popular. The best acts are well-dressed, well-choreographed, and "people are singing the right lyrics," Hazlett said. Tipton suggested that groups practice a lot and wear memorable costumes.

The contest has changed through the years. "Nine years ago, we began this event in the Pit with four acts," Darrell said. "Because of the tremendous response on campus, the event was moved to the Pavilion a few years ago."

In past years, MTV sponsored a national lip synch contest. Two W&L acts competed in the finals in Florida and won: Fiji in 1990 and Sig Ep in 1992. When MTV ended their contest, the W&L competition continued.

Planners also changed who the event helps. Originally, Students Against Multiple Sclerosis sponsored the event to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Last year, the group gave some of the money to the Rockbridge Area Relief Association.

This year, they changed their name to Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger and will use 90 percent of the proceeds to buy food for five local food pantries. The other 10 percent will go to multiple sclerosis.

"We expect to raise about \$4,000 this year," Darrell said. He said that he will buy food at 14 cents a pound from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in

Verona and deliver it to local food pantries for distribution.

"I think about the logistics of getting [the food] here," Darrell said. "We may need a convoy."

Ellen McCoy, RARA's director, said that last year's lip synch money helped the non-profit organization move to a larger food pantry. She said that food contributions would help RARA provide other services.

"If I don't have to go out and buy \$300 worth of food, then I can go out and help six families keep their electricity on," McCoy said.

Darrell hopes other groups in addition to fraternities and sororities will participate.

"We're really looking for participation from campus organizations," Darrell said. "We'd love to have some faculty/staff acts."

Groups of up to six participants can sign-up at the Snack Bar from Jan. 16-19th. The entry fee is \$30. Spectator admission is \$4. The doors open at 9 p.m., and the beer garden is open to those with proper ID.

Beth Provanzana, SARAH chairman, said judges will rate the groups on choreography, costumes, and lip synch. First prize is \$100 and two Fancy Dress Ball tickets. Second prize is \$50 and 2 FD tickets. Third prize is \$50.

"We were performing with the purpose of helping others in need," Tipton said.

"It makes it truly worthwhile and not just a showcase of talent."

Four-man Fifth Beat jams at the Coffeehouse

By LORI RAMSEY
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On Saturday, Jan. 7, the four-man band Fifth Beat played in the Pit.

The Coffeehouse was sponsored by the Society for the Arts and Student Activities.

Fifth Beat consists of four Washington and Lee juniors: David Olimpio, Dan Vesay, Todd Bryan, and Pat White. The band formed in September and played a coffeehouse in the fall. Vesay, Bryan, and Olimpio formed the band last year, and recently added drummer White.

The four come from a varied musical background. Olimpio, who plays piano, came from a musical family. While he played in the high school band and picked up piano as a high school sophomore, he never really took formal music lessons.

Vesay, the trumpet player, picked up his instrument in the fourth grade. He played jazz in high school and is currently a music major and a member of the W&L orchestra.

Bryan is also a member of the orchestra. He got his start in music when his mother made him play violin at age 10. He then moved onto the string bass and now plays the electric and upright bass.

White played the piano and drums in high school and has since played in bands at W&L.

Fifth Beat plays a combination of traditional acoustic jazz and electric funk fusion. Some of their music is improvised and most of the electric stuff is original. Their musical recipe drew a turnout Saturday night. Audience members ranged from faculty to students to the guests of students.

Michelle Richardson, coordinator of student activities, estimated Fifth Beat drew between 75 and 100 people. Richardson likes working with students because it not only gives them an opportunity to showcase their abilities, but usually their friends turn out to support them.

As for Fifth Beat, she says, "Dave, Dan, Todd, and Pat are so easy to work with. They are funny and easygoing. I thought they were great."

Richardson's job is to schedule alternative events on the weekends. So far, she has been pleased with turnouts. She concedes she could probably draw a larger crowd if alcohol was made available, but since she was hired to have alternative events to fraternity parties she has chosen to make them non-alcoholic.

"Besides," she says, "what's a coffeehouse with alcohol? A coffeehouse is supposed to have coffee!"

Pudding Wrestling at W&L

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pudding wrestling.

"Once [girls] see how much fun it is, they all want to get in on the action."

University Registrar Scott Dittman will wrestle Robert Dunlap, assistant Dining Hall manager.

"I'm always up for a pie in the face," Dittman said. He has not used his Nordic Track in months and has minimal wrestling experience.

"My 5-year-old takes me down every once in a while," Dittman said. Dunlap, however, wrestled for Lexington High School.

"I plan on Scott Dittman eating a lot of pudding," Dunlap said. "I think it'll be a blast."

Top prize is a Fancy Dress weekend package for two. Second place wins admission to the FD concert Thursday night. In addition to the prizes, another benefit is "wrestling in some kind of food item that you normally wouldn't get to wrestle in," said Kris Benson of East Coast Entertainment, which booked the show.

What happens to the 1000 pounds of leftover pudding? Dunlap said the dining hall "probably won't use the pudding."

"We usually bring spoons, pass [them] out, and let the crowd eat it," Rosenbaum said. Really? No. "We dilute it with water and send it down the drain."

Rosenbaum insists that Chocolate pudding wrestling is family entertainment.

"It's not a sleazy show," Rosenbaum said. "It's good clean fun."

Clean? Dittman has his doubts.

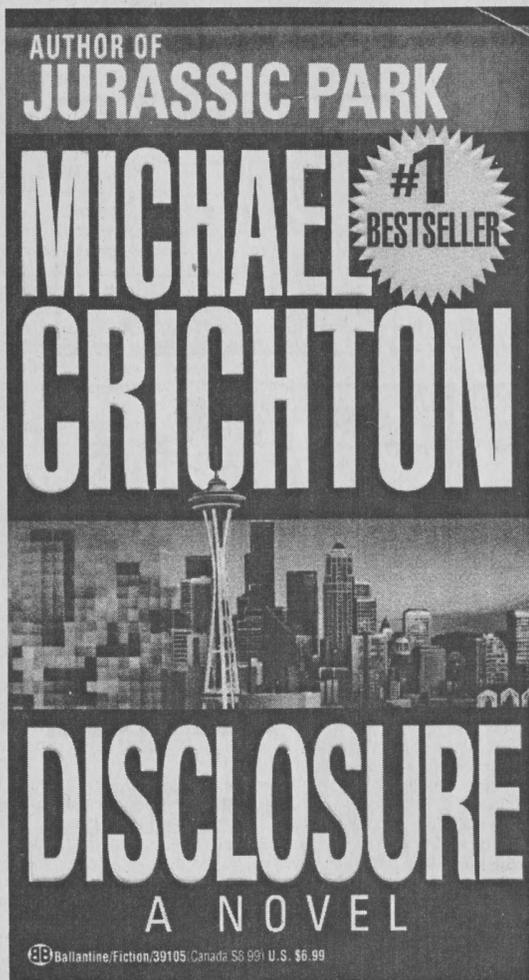
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Crichton shatters traditional stereotypes of sexual harassment



By **MICHAEL HEWLETT**
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In 1991, the issue of sexual harassment exploded onto the political scene during Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court. Anita Hill became the beloved of feminists while Thomas' appointment to the highest court in the nation helped usher record numbers of women into political office, including Carol Moseley-Braun, the first black woman senator.

Usually, sexual harassment is seen as women being victimized by male employers. But what if a woman sexually harasses a male employee? Well, this is exactly the situation Michael Crichton describes in his book, *Disclosure*. Before you see Michael Douglas and Demi Moore heat up the screen in the movie version, you might check out the book.

Thomas Sanders is a divisions manager for Digital Communications Technology (DigiCom) in Seattle. The company is in the midst of an acquisition by which a corporation called Conley-White. If things go well, Sanders could end up a million dollars richer. He is also in line for a promotion, something he believes he deserves because of his dedication and hard work over the past decade.

When he arrives at work, he finds out that a woman has been named to the position he wanted. Even worse, this woman turns out to be his former girlfriend, Meredith Johnson, and he must work for her. Although he is disappointed, he decides to make the best out of the situation and tries to erase the awkwardness of working for a former lover. Unfortunately, Johnson has different ideas.

In a private meeting, Johnson comes on to Sanders, seeking to rekindle their

sexual relationship. Sanders refuses, inciting Johnson's rage. The next day, Johnson makes a complete fool out of Sanders when she changes the approach for the meeting that they had agreed upon the night before. She also hits Sanders with a charge of sexual harassment, making him the victimizer instead of the victim.

As Sanders tries frantically to save both his job and his marriage, he begins to discover that he is essentially powerless to an apparent plan to bring him down. Since Johnson is tied to the company's power structure, she inevitably gets the support of the company while Sanders is left completely isolated.

While the book is primarily a suspense thriller, Crichton does want to make a point—a somewhat valid point at that. He argues that sexual harassment is about power and exclusively the domain of men. Women can sexually harass and will increasingly do so as they gradually break the glass ceiling of Corporate America. As one character concludes, "A harassment claim is a weapon...and there are no good defenses against it. Anybody can use the weapon—and lots of good people have."

Whatever your views on sexual harassment may be, *Disclosure* is simply a good book. Crichton constructs a fast-moving, suspenseful story. With sparkling dialogue and technological mumbo-jumbo for those engineering and computer science majors, the story moves with force and energy. There is never a boring moment in the book. Although the events in the book take place within a week, Crichton enables the reader to really know the primary characters and creates enough intrigue to satisfy those who love it. Whether the movie is as good as the book is something you will have to find out by yourself. But if you are looking for a book that's hard to put down, *Disclosure* qualifies.



The NFL moves to Fox



Drop Zone combines bad acting, dull dialogue



skydivers who would be able to pull it off.

Eventually Pete figures out it was the work of ex-DEA agent Ty Moncrief (Gary Busey), who plans to use Leedy's computer skills and his own skydiving abilities to break into the DEA's headquarters and steal the names of undercover drug agents, which he will then sell to drug dealers.

Of course, in the end the forces of righteousness win, and the bad guys are either caught or killed—though a few of the good guys go down, too.

The first thing you will notice if you see this film is how bad the acting is. The promise that Wesley Snipes showed in *New Jack City* has completely disappeared, slowly fading through *Demolition Man*, *Passenger 57*, and now *Drop Zone*. He is wooden beyond the worst Stallone—no small feat!

Unfortunately, his fellow actors can do nothing to rescue him, as their performances are equally mind-numbing.

But no one sees action films for the acting, so let's move on to the relevant parts.

The plot itself is not as transparent as the typical action film, so we don't quite have it all figured out from the beginning. That does make it easier to enjoy the action, which is the real saving grace of *Drop Zone*.

Snipes can't match the pure grace and athleticism of Van Damme. His scenes are also not as well-choreographed as the Dutchman's, which often seem almost lyrical, so expressive and smooth.

However, Snipes is just as much fun to watch; he has more pure power, a certain animal vigor that exudes raw strength. When he punches someone, you get the same feeling as when watching a powerful hit in football.

He is able to keep his motions tight, controlled and extremely forceful.

Combining this draw with the film's real hook, skydiving, is very appealing. The film's creators were bright enough to essentially avoid any sort of silly mid-jump fight. They keep the action on the ground and just use the world of skydiving to make the film more exciting and beautiful.

John Badham's directing is nothing to write home about, but it's competent enough for the film. More importantly, he allows Snipes to take center screen whenever the action gets intense, so our focus is never distracted from Snipes' power.

Essentially, the film is a lot like every other action film out there. The acting is atrocious, the dialogue is predictable, and the directing is boring.

However, the tension inherent in skydiving, together with Snipes' direct, powerful, and enthusiastic action sequences, prove to be the film's salvation.

Drop Zone is definitely not worth a trip to Roanoke, and it probably shouldn't be one of your stand-bys should you arrive too late for the film you really wanted to see. However, if action is your cup of tea, then it is probably a good bet for the dollar theater in BV or a video rental.

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.)

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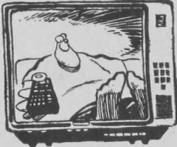
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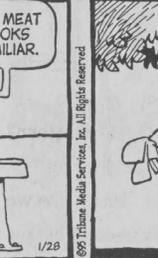
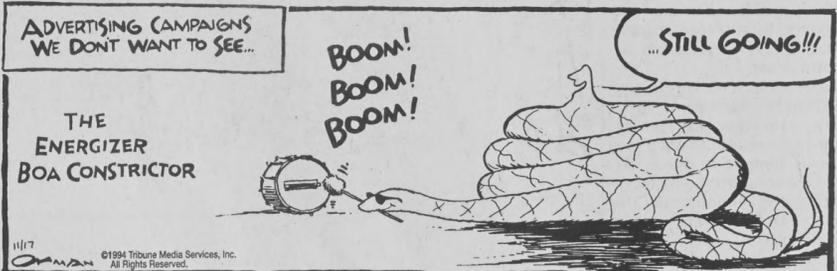
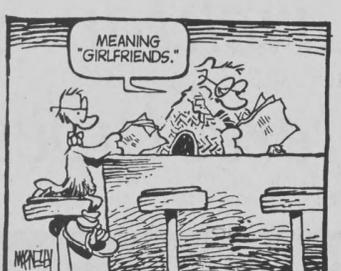
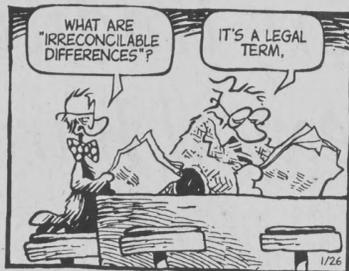
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Rhetorical questions...

We have many, many rhetorical questions which pop into our heads at this time of the year, and we will give them to you, our readers: perhaps you will come up with some answers for them. If so, give us a call.

Why is it that women take more time to prepare for impressing other women than for men? (If you don't believe us, the smell of the perfume is probably still lingering throughout the University Center. Sniff for yourself.)

How much money is wasted in crepe paper in the United States every year? Is it recycled? Maybe this is the problem with the landfills.

Why is it that we are perennially number three in the Princeton Review's hard liquor rankings? What does it take to unseat number one?

Why does it matter which depressive psychological disease one has? If you have one, and are too paranoid to go to a counselor in fear of what he or she might tell you, what then?

What is the point of parties anyway? Is it the drinking? Is it the hook-ups? Would we be okay without them? Do we really have fun when we are too upset to talk about what we did the next day?

What are New Year's resolutions? What is the point if they only last for a year?

Is something, for which one has to develop a taste, really good once one develops the taste, or are we just fooling ourselves?

Why do people find musicians so fascinating? We all know that traditionally fantastically popular musicians are rather depraved, so why is it that we are drawn to these types of people?

We are not really clinically insane at the Phi, just rather confused. If you have some answers to our questions, please write or call. We will be grateful.

"What room is the Rho Chi sorority in?"

-- A male photographer for one of the campus newspapers, addressing a nicely-nametaged sorority rush counselor

"I didn't know W&L was that ethnic!"

-- A Virginia Military Institute Keydet after being told some 90% of W&L men are Greek



WHAT SORORITY RUSH IS ...

WHAT IT SHOULD BE ...

'Equality' myth threatens America



NICHOLAS L. WADDY, '96

This column is Part Two in a series on the many virtues of Western Civilization.

Last time, if you recall, we concluded that civilization is built on three elements: learning, charity, and order. It was promised you, furthermore, that in this week's column I would unfold the greatest mystery of all: where our civilization stands by these criteria. That is, are we in America civilized? If we are, is anyone more so, or has anyone ever been more so? The expedient answer, and the one that will keep me safe in the streets, is that America is the most wonderful thing since sliced bread, and that surely no higher level of civilization has ever been achieved than that practiced in modern-day Cleveland. I, in refuting this idea, must of course find fault with America on the basis of one of the three criteria I proposed earlier. And so I shall.

I wish to make it clear at the outset that, while I may define what is essentially 'American' differently from others, I remain very much a patriot. That said, it is in the arena of public and social order, not surprisingly, that I shall find fault with the United States.

One of the principal purposes of a social order is to be stable. No form of respectable civilization can long survive under conditions of basic instability. I would have to admit that, relatively speaking, things have gone quite well in America thus far in this respect. It has become almost trite in recent years to observe that cracks have be-

gun to appear in the American social fabric, but this is undeniably the case. We in the conservative community commonly like to reduce this trend to rock music and feminism, but the more inherent threat to America comes, paradoxically, from what has usually been seen as its strength: its founding principles. I mean the principle of human equality in particular.

Equality, we must understand, is an ideal state. Hierarchy and inequality are actual states. Even in America some people rule and some do not. Some are rich, and some are poor. Put yourself in the position of those poor downtrodden sods that exist in our country no less than in any other. What are they

offered in the United States to soothe their natural envy? For one thing, they are offered 'equality of opportunity'. Many poor people, though, are smart enough to realize that there are profound limits to the extent to which this seemingly laudable ideal has been translated into reality. There is such a thing as privilege, after all, and no amount of ideological declamation on the Fourth of July can change this.

Even if we concede that the downtrodden in America have as much opportunity to change their lot as the lower orders of society do anywhere else, we must still face the fact that the majority of poor people were born poor and they will die poor. So with what comforting world view do we arm the poor that they may meet their fate with dignity (or at least sanity)? Equality. We announce that all men are created equal. The response that cannot help but jump into the minds of the poor is, of course, "then why are we so much less equal than you?"

There are only a few possible answers. One is that the poor are innately inferior, and that they deserve to be in

exactly the position they are in. This answer is inherently incompatible with the idea that all men are created equal. Another possible explanation for the existence of poverty is that the poor have been oppressed and

deprived of a fair chance at life's rewards. This tack is consistent with the idea of human equality, but is otherwise rather unappealing for the obvious reason that those of us who are placed a tick above the 'average' mark do not enjoy the prospect of being

leveled. Finally, one popular idea is that the rich, though having begun equal to the poor, have simply worked harder and thus achieved more. But this does not square with equality either, since the rich man would either have to have been born an innately hard worker (impossible) or he must have learned his hard-workingness from his hardworking forebears (constituting an unfair advantage).

The point of all this is that, as far as I can see, the poor do not have any good reason to accept their position in American society. They are told that they are fundamentally equal, but their reality does not conform to this idea. The results of this problem are readily seen. The poor in America have been waiting for the day when they will get what they think they have coming to them, and what most of them will never have - equality. In the meantime they feel justified in causing disorder and in disobeying the laws and mores of an 'unjust' society. The collapse of order in the underclass threatens American society as a whole.

It may be seen that the doctrine of equality, which is being taken more and more seriously in America all the time (it has always been touted, but seldom taken to its present extreme), is inimical to social stability, particularly to the stability of any kind of class system, and must therefore be taken as contrary to the spirit of civilized life. What it should be replaced by, and what society should serve as the model for a new form of social organization, will be made clear in Part Three.

Not surprisingly, our model society with respect to Social Order is also our model of civilization in general. What society, past or present, will make the grade? In two weeks you shall finally know...

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Republicans need to rethink Contract



NOVA CLARKE, '96

It's a new year and there is a new group in charge of Congress. Last week, the media was full of stories about the new Republican majority and their plans to fulfill their their "Contract With/On America". In the background, beyond all the pomp and circumstance and the almost all nighter they pulled on the first day of the new session are some questions posed by, among others, the Democrats in Congress and Constitutional scholars.

The House passed a rule change requiring that a 3/5 majority be required to raise income taxes. This brings up the Constitutional question. Scholars argued that the Constitution set forth specific measures that required more than a simple majority vote. These measures include impeaching the President and overturning a veto. The Republicans argued that there was nothing expressly forbidding such a rule change, and that it had been done before. It has, in cases such as the requirement for a 2/3 vote to break a filibuster in the Senate. In those cases, however, these super-majority votes apply to all subjects, not to a specific action or a specific area of domestic policy. Why won't a 2/3 vote be required to lower income tax, since that affects the country as much as an increase does? Perhaps a tax cut affects the country more, because revenue is decreased.

There is also the question of the Balanced Budget Amendment. It is unquestionably a broadly supported move among a diverse group of people. But what will the effects be of such a move? It was pointed out in a recent commentary on National Public Radio that under provisions of the bill, if revenue drops, for example during a massive period of unemployment, spending must necessarily be cut. A better move might be to pour money into the economy, perhaps running a small deficit, but stimu-

lating economic growth and recovery.

The Democrats have challenged the Republicans to publicly announce what they plan to cut. It obviously won't be defense, since the Republican majority seems to think that our defense is being cut so drastically that England could take us over as a colony again (I think that with all the NRA members with semi-automatic weapons, we would have them outgunned).

Speaking of England and the colonies, the Republican majority seems to be following in the footsteps of King George III. They have taken away the voting rights of the District of Columbia and the other territories. The other territories can't really complain, since their residents don't have to pay federal taxes, but District residents do. Does Newt, the history professor, remember the cry during the American Revolution of "No taxation without representation"?

The Republicans should either ease the burden of taxes from the District or give its half a million voters a voice in Congress. There are other goals of the Republican majority that appear reasonable, such as not giving the states unfunded mandates. As a Floridian I see the logic in this statement. After all, Florida is spending money on all the immigrants coming in without any additional revenue from the federal government. There is another side to this however. It is these mandates that allow so much to be accomplished, including integration of the schools, protecting the rights of the disabled, and preserving the environment. It also gives the governors something to hide behind, and keeps away the wrath of the people when he or she does something that is neces-

sary but unpopular with the voters.

If the federal government is going to take some of the pressure off the states, perhaps the states should take some of the pressure off the federal government by stocking up on private flood or disaster insurance, for example, so that every time an inevitable natural disaster occurs, they don't go running to the federal government for relief.

There are many, many things that will happen this year. Resolution of the term limits question, welfare

reforms; the beginning of what is sure to be a never-ending debate on school prayer, et cetera. Then there is the question of what will happen to Speaker Newt (as Rush Limbaugh calls him "not a name filled with dignity, he sounds like a cartoon character") - will he succeed in pushing his "Contract", or will the slower and steadier Senate block his effort toward greatness? George Will brought up another standard by

which to judge the Republican majority, the reappearance of bowling leagues. Will the Republican party fulfill its goal of reestablishing community in America? Will suggests the success can be gauged in by the growth of voluntary associations not interest groups, but the gathering of people who have a mutual interest and enjoy each other's company. If the Republicans achieve this, then they will have done a wonderful job.

It's only the second week of the new era and too early to predict success or failure. As the main character of one of last year's most popular movies said, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." The Republican majority is like that; who knows what will come out of anything?

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OPINION

Keep your Christmas with you

GREEN LAND

Betsy Green

I've decided that even though it's not especially timely, I'm going to write about my Christmas. For one thing, my writing about it now goes in the spirit of a song from *Christmas Eve on Sesame Street* called "Keep Christmas With You." (Pretend I'm singing now.) "When Christmas is over, save some Christmas cheer!" (Okay, you can stop pretending now.) Besides, I can write about whatever I want. If you have a problem with it, get your own humor column! Wow, that felt really good. Okay, on to the spirit of peace on Earth and all of that good stuff.

My brother ("The Boy") announced once that from Thanksgiving on, our lives are ruled by tradition. The festivities kicked off with The Boy's birthday. Ever since my mom was a little girl, the tradition with our family has been that if you talk between the time you blow out your candles and the time you take your first bite of cake, your wish won't come true. We always try to get the birthday person to mess up and talk. Come to think of it, that's pretty mean. Oh, well. This year to torture The Boy I put a dab of shaving cream on his cake in lieu of ice cream.

His friend Jeff decided that it would be even more fun to put the shaving cream (lime scented, of course) in his hair as well. Others got into the fun by coating his head with chocolate syrup, ketchup, oatmeal, and chopped nuts. He looked like the Ponderosa sundae bar gone awry, but at least his hair wasn't as bad as Richard Weaver's.

Another fine family tradition is the purchase of our Christmas tree. None of us really feels that a great amount of time is needed to pick out silly things like Christmas trees or wallpaper. Hence, we wait until the coldest day of the year in order to expedite the process. While all of the perfect families are looking at all of the trees from all of the angles, we move a bit faster. The

Boy checks his watch and we race out of my mom's car while humming the theme song to *Mission Impossible*. We have already had the whole "Howdoesthistreelookokayfinelet'sbuyit" conversation by the time Ray Pruitt lopes over to ask us if he can help us. Mom demands to know the price of the tree and is filling it in on her check (pre-dated and signed, of course) as The Boy and I race to the hatchback of her car and stuff the tree in. This year, the tree was bought, paid for, and in the car in one minute and eighteen seconds, a new record.

The holiday merriment continued for me because I got to work at the mall. Yay! My career in the exciting world of French fashion (i.e. sales associate at Express) never fails to provide joy. Well, at least the Christmas music this year didn't have lines like "Yo, I aint

Flashback: Christmas Eve, 1993 (that's last year, kids). Betsy is being her cute little Mall Chick self again, and it's just a few minutes before close. Uncharacteristically I (I'm switching my *punto de vista*, Professor Boetch) was eager to get home to my family. A man came in to buy a present for his wife and was taking his sweet time, oblivious to the fact that we all kept looking at our watches. I finally got him to choose something, hurried him to the cash register, and rang him up. I was getting ready to start folding clothes so I could go home when he came up behind me and asked if I had remembered to give him his change. It was about seventy-eight cents. I remember that, but I didn't remember if I had given him his change. I was honest with him and told him that I didn't know. Damned honor code. I told my manager the deal and she forced a smile and offered to count all of the money in the register to compare it with the amount it should be, blah, blah, blah. He actually wanted his seventy-eight cents so much that he was happy to wait on Christmas Eve for us to count his lousy money. Do you all detect bitterness? Anyway, as you astute readers must have guessed, this was the same guy.

Flashback ends. We return to 1994. Luckily the whole ordeal wasn't as bad this year. I only had to call the credit card company to confirm that the guy was legit. To be honest, I kind of enjoyed it.

Christmas Eve proved to be interesting this year because my mom decided to add drinking to the usual family festivities. We sat in front of the fire and roasted hot dogs (a staple of any holiday meal) and drank wine. We also ate a big jar of maraschino cherries soaked in cherry brandy. I highly recommend it. I did my usual trick of tying the stems of the cherries into knots with my tongue. My mom found it a bit disconcerting, but took it pretty well. We then had some Forced Family Togetherness by playing the game *Outburst*. At one point, The Boy and I had

to name ten Beach Boys songs. We came up with all of them in about four seconds (almost enough time to buy a tree) and were even able to sing all of them. That's some useless knowledge coming into play. I was pretty pleased, but I then realized that these were clearly some brain cells that needed to die. I ate some more cherries.

Has anyone else ever wondered what Santa would do if the coals in the fireplace were too hot when he came down the chimney? I used to worry about that a lot and confided my fear in my family. We decided to one day tell our little children that Santa dropped an elf down the chimney before taking the plunge himself. It's like testing the griddle with drops of water when you're making pancakes; if they dance, it's hot. I can't wait to give my kids nightmares with that little tidbit.

Ah, Christmas Day. Childlike delight gave way to laziness—Mom, The Boy and I slept until almost eleven. Still, the gifts were worth waiting for. Mom got the white television she wanted, to match the white kitchen. The Boy got a box of instant oatmeal. I got a pair of gray sweat pants...what's wrong with this picture? Of course we were all anxious to get to our stocking stuffers. When I was about ten my mother stopped giving me cool stuff like stickers and started giving me oven cleaner and prune juice. How amusing...actually it has been since we started getting back at her for that. One year on Christmas Eve I found myself in Walgreen's buying Jheri curl, a romance novel, a Mallo Cup, and a package of condoms. The cashier looked at me funny and I just smiled at her, looked her in the eye, and said, "Stocking stuffers."

I look forward to Christmas dinner every year. Who wants something dull like turkey, ham, or roast beef when you can have a nice succulent meatloaf? I LOVE meatloaf. And we make it special for the holidays. It's shaped like a Christmas tree (which of course doesn't take long to make, since speed is optimal when Christmas trees are involved) and is decorated with red and green peppers shaped like ornaments and a cheese angel. Finally, the tree is gaily festooned with garlands of ketchup.

Shaving cream. Selling clothes. Alcohol soaked cherries. Gray sweats. Condoms. Meatloaf. What more could you want?

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dissin' you but wishin' you a very merry Christmas." Our holiday contest this year was to wait on as many men as possible, because they tend to be very gullible. "But if you don't buy her earrings, a turtleneck, and three pairs of socks, she won't love you anymore!" sounds completely plausible to them. There was one man that I regretted waiting on. It was Christmas Eve. I was being my cute little Mall Chick self in a red sweater and Santa hat and I offered my services as a fashion consultant to a man who was wandering around the store in confusion. I was helping him choose a blouse to go under the blazer he found (because she wouldn't love him anymore if he didn't buy her one) when I realized why he seemed familiar.

GENERAL NOTES

Habitat

Habitat for Humanity is ready to start building its first house. Please come to the first Habitat meeting of 95 on Tuesday January 17 at 5:00 in the Commerce School room 221.

Republicans

The College Republicans will be holding a meeting Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 in Fairfax Lounge. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Film Society

The Washington and Lee Film Society is pleased to announce its next presentation, *Belle Epoque* (Spain, 1993) by Fernando Trueba. Screenings will be at 8:05 p.m. Friday, January 13, and Saturday, January 14, in the Troubadour Cinema, at the corner of Main and Henry Streets. As usual, there is no charge for admission. The film is in Spanish, with English subtitles.

Rape

What can we do about rape and sexual assault? Find out at a discussion with Women's Forum and R.A.C.A.S.A. members. Solutions to rape and sexual assault will be discussed in the Arlington Women's Center on Sunday, January 15, at 6:00. Gourmet Coffee will be served.

Coffee House

Student Activities and the Society for the Arts present Brian Boland and Tommy Esposito on Friday, January 13, at 9:00 p.m. in the GHQ. Admission is free.

Free Dance Lesson

In preparation for FD, ballroom dance lessons will be offered on campus. The first of these lessons will be free to all W&L students. All students who might be interested in learning the Fox Trot, Rhumba, Waltz, Jitterbug, Tango, and Cha-Cha are invited (with or without a partner) to Fairfax Lounge on January 24, for a free preliminary lesson. The lessons will last one half hour, and will begin on the hour and half-hour from 6:00 to 9:00.

FD Workers

There will be a meeting for Fancy Dress contract workers at 7:00 on Wednesday, January 18, in C-School room 221. If you'd like to earn free FD ticket, you should attend this meeting

Washington Term

Students interested in the Spring Washington Term program should turn in their applications to C-School Room 108 by Saturday, January 14. Applications are available as late as January 13.

Bicycles

Freshman bicycles left in the laundry room and others left around campus are in the Security Office. Please come get them.

Loans

In a bind and need cash fast? Call the Student Emergency Loan Committee for help. We will review your case and hand you a check. Call Paul Wright at 463-4360.

LETTERS

Executive Committee addresses Honor ramifications of beer garden

To the editor:

The Executive Committee has recently received queries regarding what implications sneaking into a beer garden at a university sponsored event may have for the

Honor System.

While it is not customary for the Executive Committee to respond to hypothetical inquiries regarding potential Honor Violations, the Committee will, on occasion, comment on certain issues where some confusion may exist.

Students under the age of 21 should be advised that sneaking into a beer garden at a university sponsored event may be considered an Honor Violation.

By this letter, the Executive Committee merely seeks to have students consider the

consequences of the described actions in light of the mandate of the Honor System. The Committee maintains its policy of not developing an inclusive or exclusive code of honorable conduct.

Questions regarding this or any other matter

concerning the Honor System may be addressed to any member of the Executive Committee. Thank you.

Kevin S. Webb
President, Executive Committee

New prescription plan unfair to providers and employees

To the editor:

I would like to address the W&L faculty and staff:

Recently, the administration of Washington and Lee University implemented a new employee prescription plan. This plan affects the health and well-being (both physical and economic) of over 800+ people and their families.

In my capacity as pharmacist/owner of Bierer's Pharmacy in Lexington, I have had the privilege of serving many

of you over the last twenty years. I have always set fair prices and gone the extra mile to help you through your medical emergencies and to answer your health care questions.

Our relationship has been based upon mutual trust and respect. But now our relationship is in serious jeopardy.

As a result of the prescription plan change, I am compelled to withdraw from participating in the MAINTENANCE portion of the plan. I was given no choice. I was asked to accept

a pricing plan where I would either lose money or, unbelievably, charge too much — OR drop out of participating in the plan. As a consequence, you no longer have the freedom to choose Bierer's Pharmacy for your long-term prescriptions. We both lose!

As an independent pharmacy owner, I have neither the ability or desire to compete in the pharmaceutical "price war" now underway across our nation.

It is this "war" which I feel has precipitated this prescription plan change. It is an ominous trend, riddled

with cost shifting and predatory pricing schedules. As a result, I am voicing my concerns, and hoping that you will too.

Normally, unless your physician says you require the use of a particular brand name, the generic is the best buy. As a result, generics have become very popular with budget conscious individuals. I encourage all of my patients to consider their use whenever possible.

If I were to participate in the maintenance portion of this new prescrip-

tion plan and you wanted the generic, I would be asked to overcharge you! If you wanted the brand name (which is true about half the time), I would be guaranteed to lose money!

How can this new plan be considered reasonable or equitable? It isn't. Not to you or to me. Any health care plan which unfairly shifts the burden of cost to one particular provider by dictating low fees is a flawed plan. Any health care plan which asks you, the employee, to share the cost of the policy premium but denies you the choice of

your provider is a flawed plan. Let your employer know that there has to be a better way to do business here in Rockbridge County. A spirit of fair play should prevail — not the bottom line of an impersonal manufacturer or a detached consultant who does not live or work here.

I thank you for your kind attention, and welcome the opportunity to answer any of your questions.

Andy Johnson
Pharmacist/Owner, Bierer's Pharmacy

TALKBACK

Interviews and Photos
By Darcey Livingston

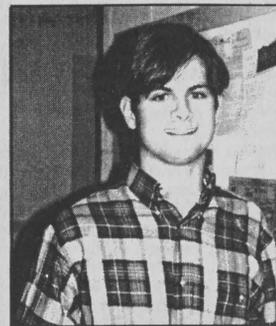
If you could be in any sorority, which one would it be, and why?



Chris Buford '96, Richmond, Va. — "Pi Phi because my girlfriend's one."



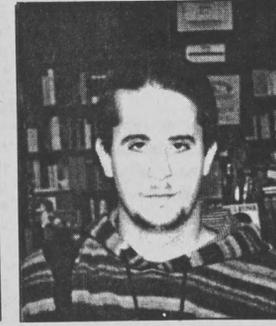
Greg Chow '98, Wyomissing, Penn. — "Chi-O. I just like to say it."



J.T. Poole '97, Barnwell, S.C. — "I guess I wouldn't rush because I've really always wanted to be a Tri-Delt."



Tyson Hilton '96, Huntington Beach, Calif. — "I'd be a Xi Pi Xi 'cause they know how to drink."



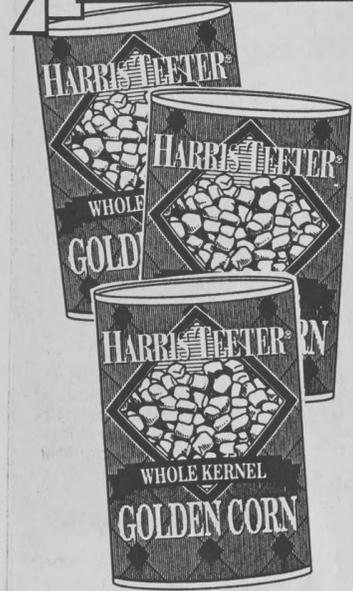
Justin Brady '95, Goshen, N.Y. — "None. I never was one for singing songs and giving out candy."



Jay White '96, Forest, Va. — "Chi-O, because I'm a really jolly person and I like to 'spend time' with others."

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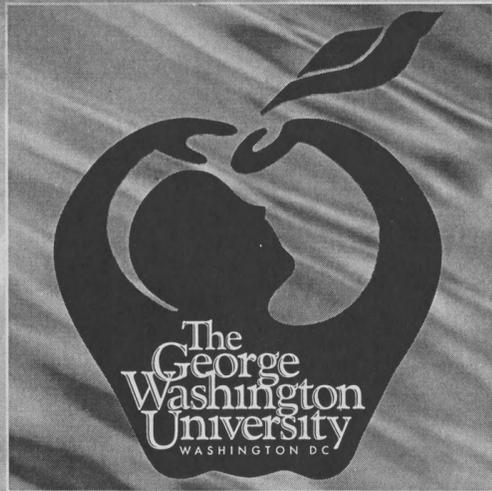
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BASKETBALL- (W) Lynchburg
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JANUARY 13, 1995

Looking Ahead

THE LAST WORD BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

When does tradition get in the way of good sense? Why don't you ask the Tournament of Roses Committee.

This was the year every college football fan's dreams came true. At the end of the year two undefeated (not on probation) teams were left standing. The teams matched up well against each other, and the National Championship game was going to be the real thing this time — #1 vs. #2.

That, as it turned out however, was not what happened. Number two Penn State was whisked away to California to play number 13 (yes, not even a top ten team) Oregon St..

Meanwhile, Nebraska defeated Miami in the Orange Bowl to claim the National Title. How does it feel to win every time you go out on the field and be denied a shot at #1? I think split Titles were better than this.

Next year should be an improvement, with guaranteed games between #1 and #2, #3 and #5, and #4 and #6. Once again, though, there is a problem.

The Tournament of Roses Committee decided that the Rose Bowl was not going to play, and the champions from the Big Ten and Pac-10 are (regardless of rank) still locked in to play in the Rose Bowl.

I suppose all this is fine if you are a football traditionalist, but I think that there are a few of us who would like to see a clear cut National Champion, and with the hope of a Division IA playoff system dwindling, a guaranteed 1 vs 2 game would be the next best thing.

Instead, if one of the top two teams happens to be in the Big Ten or Pac 10, we could possibly be forced into witnessing another fiasco such as what happened this year.

On the whole, it is a thankful fact that the whole business is over and done with.

There is nothing less exciting that watching an unranked Notre Dame get spanked by number four Colorado (green jerseys or no).

I should be thankful for the onset of conference play in college basketball, except for the fact that Duke is pulling an ACC ZERO so far.

The best thing that the new year has yielded to this point is one close NFL playoff game and (barring a San Diego miracle) the eventuality of a five time Subpar-Bowl winner.

Oh yeah, hockey is playing again. Personally, I had begun to enjoy the humor in the hockey situation.

By the way, what is the record for playoff goals scored in the month of July?

Who knows, with the onset of a new year, maybe the baseball players and owners will start speaking to each other once again. No, I think that would be too much to ask for.

Without a doubt, the sports world is no more perfect than the one we live in.

It used to be that sports represented an escape. Now it appears that the very things we try to escape through sports are present everywhere you turn.

In a perfect world, everything would work itself out for the best.

All I'm hoping for in the new year is that it turns out better than the one that just ended.

Men's basketball reels off three straight; goes over .500

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
Phi Staff Writer

The past week has been a banner week for the men's basketball team. The Generals posted three straight wins over Roanoke, Mary Washington, and Lynchburg, improving to 6-5 overall (3-3 in the ODAC) and providing plenty of fireworks and hope for Generals' fans along the way.

It began Saturday night in the Warner Center as the Generals faced defending ODAC champion Roanoke, and things looked grim early as Roanoke began the game with a 11-2 burst.

But the Generals responded with seven unanswered and then took the lead for good with 6:39 left in the first half, 28-26, off a jumper from junior Derek Carter, who led the Generals with 22 points and 12 rebounds. The Generals never looked back, closing the half with a 11-4 run for their 43-34 halftime lead and scoring the final 11 points of the game to post the 85-65 victory. Junior Jon Coffman added 16 points, and Mark Connelly contributed a 14 point, 11 rebound effort.

Senior Tyler Duvall also tallied 10 points and nine assists in the win.

Next up was a non-conference game against Mary Washington Monday, a game which few looked to as a milestone. Yet after 45 minutes of basketball, six school and two NCAA Division III records had been tied or broken, leaving the arena shell-shocked.

The 126-121 OT win set the W&L record for most points

given up and tied the record for most points scored, reaching a single-game total last equalled in 1954.

The 51 points in OT broke the NCAA Division III record for most points in OT by both teams, and W&L set the single-team record with an astonishing 28 of those points in the five minute extra frame.

Both Mary Washington's 18 three-pointers and the W&L's 52 free-throw attempts set school records, and junior Jon Coffman set a school record with 22 free-throw attempts, sinking 18 to tie yet another mark.

MWC jumped out to an early 9-4 lead and held it for most of the first half, until a three from sophomore Matt Clark put the Generals ahead 36-34 after a MW time-out, leading to a 52-45 W&L lead at halftime.

MWC tightened the game in the second half, pulling ahead 91-88 with 1:55 left after a 13-5 run. But Clark banked in a three and added a foul shot for a rare four-point play to give the Generals a 92-91 lead. Things looked grim as the Eagles of MWC rallied for a 98-95 lead with just 14 seconds left, but freshman Jimmy Schweer saved the day with 0:04 left on a long-distance connection that sent the game into OT at 98-98.

The first half of OT remained tight, but the Generals reeled off a 10-0 run to go ahead 116-107 with 1:10 to play. Mary Washington closed to a three-point deficit with 0:21 to go, but clutch 5-6 foul shooting clinched the five-point triumph, part of the Generals' astounding 19-23 from the foul line in OT.

Coach Verne Canfield dismissed the excitement after the game, saying, "I'm not interested in setting records trying to outscore people. It's a win and I'll take it, but I thought the Roanoke game was a much better all-around team effort."

When asked if there was ever a time that he just sat back and shook his head at the scene, Canfield explained the danger of such a wild affair,

"You can get mesmerized by a game like that where a team is shooting so many 3-point shots. It begins to affect your defense, and that's what I was concerned with."

The Generals finished the week with a 82-75 victory over ODAC rival Lynchburg, behind 20 points from Jon Coffman.

Lynchburg led 37-35 at the half and took a 51-42 lead almost midway through the second half, but W&L's defense stepped up to hold the Hornets scoreless for more than seven minutes, and junior Cam Dyer provided the late offensive punch, scoring nine of his 16 points in the final five minutes, leading an 8-0 Generals' run that put the game away.

Looking ahead, the Generals travel to Randolph-Macon on Sunday. Coach Canfield cited a continuing need to refocus the defense but struck an optimistic chord, saying, "The guys are doing some of the little things that every coach likes — playing together, making the extra pass, playing hard. We're making some inroads in those intangibles that we've needed in the past. It's difficult for the every-day fan to see, but it's going to pay off for us down the road."

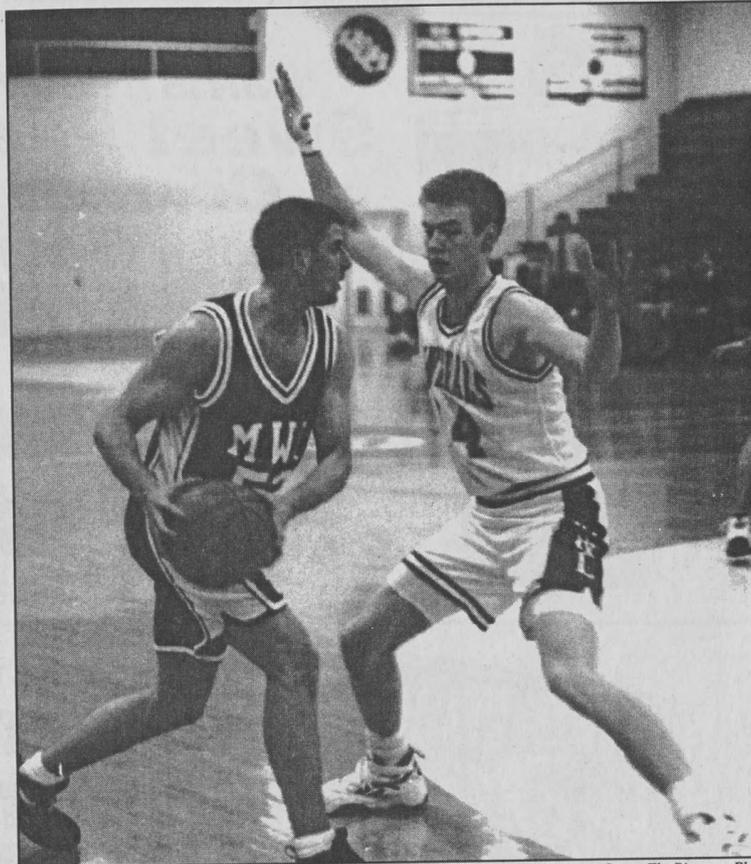


Photo by Betsy Green, The Ring-tum Phi

Following three straight wins, including a 20 point upset victory over arch-rival Roanoke, and an amazing overtime win versus Mary Washington, the Generals have surged to a 6-5 mark.

Lady Generals fall to Guilford; beat Hollins

By KEITH GRANT
Phi Staff Writer

The Washington & Lee women's basketball team began a four game homestand with a tough loss against Bridgewater College at the Warner Center.

The Eagles prevailed 57-53 in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference game that was not decided until the final minute of play.

The Generals fall to 4-7 overall with the loss, 3-5 in the ODAC. The defeat came on the heels of a win at Hollins that snapped a W&L three game losing streak.

Junior co-captain Sandra Holmes had a strong game with 16 points and 11 rebounds while shooting 8-12 from the field.

The Generals as a whole shot only 38 percent for the game, failing to overcome a second half 28 percent shooting effort by the Eagles.

Despite a narrow three point lead at intermission, Bridgewater (6-5, 5-2 ODAC) established a 42-34 advantage six minutes into the second half when Cindy Pearson (16 points) drained a three-pointer. It was the Eagles

biggest margin of the contest.

Following a W&L timeout, the Generals used four different players to score, tying the game at 42 with less than eight minutes to play.

The teams exchanged baskets until Sandra Holmes scored from underneath for a W&L 48-46 edge. Unfortunately, it would be W&L's final lead of the game.

In the last 90 seconds of play, Jennifer Hedrick netted a score and Bridgewater converted two free throws to take a 55-52 lead en route to the victory.

The win was the 465th career win for Eagle head coach Laura Mapp, the nation's second winningest active coach.

The Generals never-die attitude was evident throughout the game. In the first half, W&L trailed at times by four, five and seven, yet always answered with a run to pull back into the game.

Down 31-24 with 38 seconds left until halftime, junior co-captain Allison Hull and freshman Tonia Dean scored to pull the Generals within three at the buzzer.

Dean had nine points and a game-high eleven rebounds. Senior Amy Mihal recorded ten

points and six boards before fouling out, while junior Stacy Williams netted eights and pulled down nine rebounds.

Freshman Rachel Read upped her assist total to 30, two behind team-leader Hull.

Foul shooting was a problem for the Generals as they went to the line only eleven times, making three. Bridgewater converted 13-of-17, including ten in the first half.

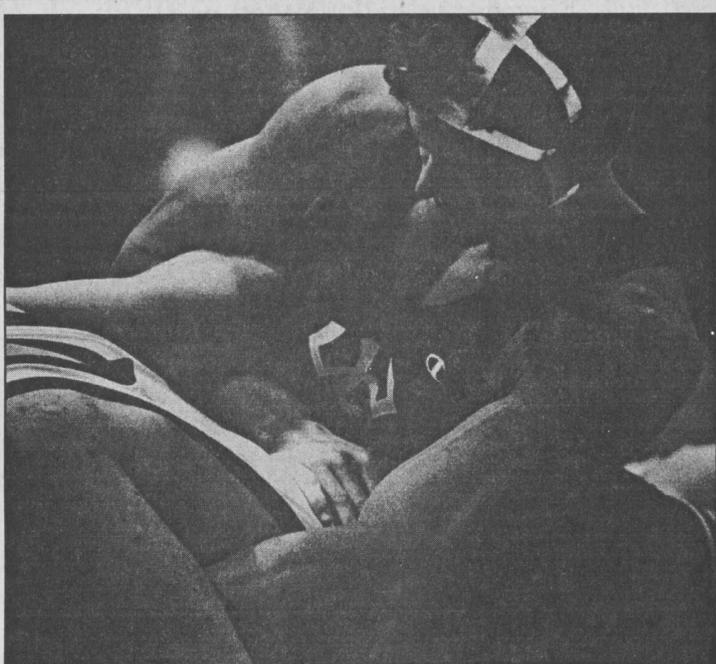
W&L had ended a three game losing skid with a 52-38 win at Hollins Tuesday night.

Holmes led the team with 13 points and 11 rebounds, moving her into fourth place in the ODAC in rebounding. Dean had a good night with eight points, eight boards, and two blocks.

Another freshman, Michelle Hicks, had nine points and five rebounds in the win at Hollins.

The Generals shot just 33 percent for the game, but doubled Hollins' free throw total by making 14-of-26.

W&L will host ODAC opponents Lynchburg, Virginia Wesleyan and Randolph-Macon over the next week. The Lynchburg game is Saturday at 2:00 in the Warner Center.

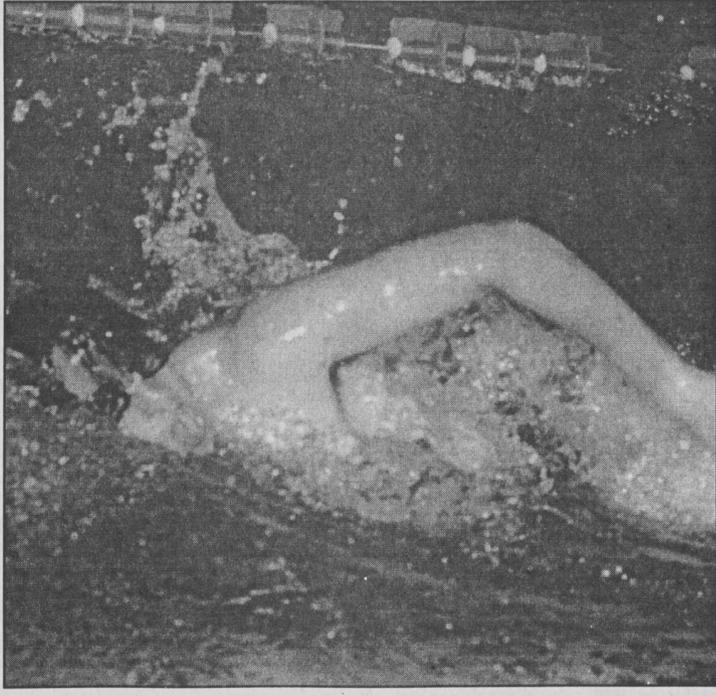


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Following a weekend that saw the W&L wrestling team unable to compete at Messiah due to bad weather, the Generals prepare to take on York, Messiah, and Pensacola Christian in the W&L Quadrangular this weekend.

After defeating Buffalo State easily, the men are also getting ready to race Catholic this weekend. Despite the loss of Steve Brigance to a broken hand, the Generals expect to swim well.

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Swimmers win easily

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Staff Writer

If there was any rustiness after not swimming competitively for more than a month, the Washington and Lee women's swimming squad gave little indication of it as they trounced Buffalo State, 111-52, on Wednesday evening at Cy Twombly Memorial Pool.

The Generals upped their season record to a perfect 4-0 with the triumph.

W&L shattered three meet records during the course of the night. Junior Rebekah Prince smashed the mark for the 200 meter backstroke with a time of 2:19.29. Freshman Megan Wiedmaier established a new record in the 200 meter butterfly with a 2:30.54. Senior Susan Fisher also got into the act by crafting a new standard in the 200 meter IM with her time of 2:29.20.

"They were good meet records," coach Kiki Jacobs remarked. "We swam better than we did at this meet last year."

The match got off to an inauspicious start for the Generals as Buffalo State's Jody Carnrike burned her way to a new meet record in the very first event, the 50 meter freestyle, finishing with a mark of 26.48. Carnrike also captured the next event, the 100 meter freestyle, in a time of 58.83.

However, it was all W&L after that as the Generals placed first in six of the next seven

events. Sophomore Jen Miller started W&L on the comeback trail with a triumph in the 200 meter freestyle with a log of 2:07.71. Sophomore Anne Spencer sped to a 5:50.55 in her victory in the 500 meter freestyle, and Wiedmaier captured her first of two wins in the 1000 meter freestyle with her time of 11:43.15.

With the momentum having clearly swung to the Generals, the records began tumbling down. Prince entered her name into the record books in the 200 meter backstroke.

Wiedmaier proved she was just as solid in the sprints as she was in the longer races with her record in the 200 meter butterfly, and Fisher blew away the competition en route to her mark in the 200 meter IM.

The Generals also established a team record in the final event, the 200 meter medley relay, with a time of 2:01.52/

Jacobs was extremely pleased with the Generals' effort.

"The team was tired from returning from break and going through rush," she said, "but we swam real well."

W&L faces a home meet on Saturday with Catholic, a team which edged the General's last year by only seven points. However, the Generals will be lacking the services of senior Brandi Henderson, who Jacobs said would be "sorely missed."

"The match will be real tough," Jacobs said. "I think we can swim well, but it will be tight."