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General Notes

When to report

The new budget schedules for subcommittee chairmen are available in the Student Center mailboxes. Student body Vice President James White will meet with the chairmen on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Committee office.

Wanted: Phi photogs

Anyone interested in being a Ring-tum Phi photographer should attend an organizational meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Reid 203.

CR meeting

The College Republicans will hold a general meeting Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Student Center. All members are urged to attend to discuss plans for the February state convention in Roanoke.

Applications due

Applications for freshmen dormitory counselor positions for next year are being accepted, and forms may be obtained from the Dean of Students' office. Current dorm counselors should return the forms by noon tomorrow and new applicants should return them by noon Wednesday.

MD meeting Sun.

All students interested in the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance should attend an important meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

King Day celebration

The Student Association for Black Unity and the Black Law Students' Association of W&L and Promaji of VMI will sponsor a Martin Luther King Day celebration Tuesday at 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 103 N. Main St. The Rev. Rudolph Featherstone, theology professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, will be the featured speaker.

Radio-active?

WLUR-FM, the campus radio station, will hold its winter term organizational meeting tonight at 7:30 in Reid 203. Anyone interested in working for the radio station should attend the meeting and bring a pen.

ROTC applications

Applications now are being taken from sophomore students interested in a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. The scholarship covers full tuition, textbooks, supplies, laboratory fees and other academic expenses. Scholarship cadets also receive a tax-free living allowance of up to \$1,000 each school year the scholarship is in effect. Interested students should contact Major Smith at 463-8480 before Jan. 22.

IM basketball

Weekly freshman intramural basketball games will begin Monday. Dorm counselors will have details on the event. Dan DuPre's hall will be going for its second championship.

Ice Hockey Club

The W&L Ice Hockey Club has ice time Sunday in Roanoke. Members should meet in the gymnasium parking lot at 6 p.m.

Auditions slated

Auditions for the first two of four student-directed, one-act plays will be held in the Boiler Room Theater on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Proofs available

Senior proofs will be available for selection Jan. 14-17 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Calyx office, upstairs in the Student Center. Bring your checkbook.

Independents top frats' GPAs

Frosh independents: 2.54; pledges: 2.17

By TED LeCLERCQ
Staff Reporter

Independents received markedly higher average grades last term than did fraternity members, and administrators said the gap between the grade point averages for the two groups was the greatest in memory.

The average GPA for non-fraternity members was 2.736; the average for fraternity members was 2.527. The GPA for non-fraternity members was also higher than that of any single fraternity. A year ago, four fraternities had averages higher than the GPA for non-fraternity students.

The GPA disparity is even more clear among members of the freshman class. Freshmen independents had a GPA of 2.543, while freshmen pledges had a 2.174 average.

Also, 73 freshmen — one-fifth of the class — had grade point averages below 1.5 and therefore are on academic probation and can participate in only one extracurricular activity. Any freshman with an average below 1.9 is ineligible for initiation into a fraternity.

"This was really the first year in my memory in which there was a significant difference between fraternities and non-fraternities," said Dean of Students Lewis G. John. University Registrar Harold S.

Head echoed that assessment. "This is the first time that I remember non-fraternity men being at the top" of the academic rankings, he said.

Dan N. Murphy, associate dean of students for fraternity affairs, said he was uncertain why fraternity grades had fallen off so sharply in relation to independents' grades.

"I don't know whether fraternities are taking more time away from their freshmen than usual," Murphy said, "but with the difference between non-fraternity and fraternity grades, I would hope they would take a greater interest in the academic success of their freshmen."

Murphy joined the other administrators in the observation that this was the first year there has been such a notable difference in the GPAs of the two groups.

Interfraternity Council President David L. Perdue, a senior and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said he was "shocked and disappointed" by the decline in fraternity performance.

"This is the first time I've seen this change — usually non-fraternity men are somewhere in the middle or slightly above the average," he said.

"I don't think fraternities have changed their pledging program in a significant way that would have affected freshman performance," he added.

"I don't know if this is a one-time occurrence — at this point, I think there are too many other factors involved than just the fraternities to explain the change."

One factor noted by both Perdue and administrators that may be having an impact on freshman grades is the new set of general education requirements that went into effect this fall.

The guidelines require students to take mathematics, laboratory science and foreign language classes. Before this year, students had a choice between math and science, and English fulfilled the language requirement.

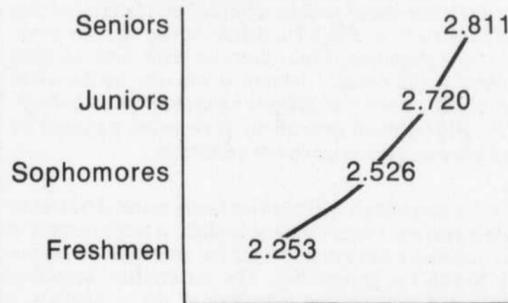
Dean John said those requirements may have led to the overall decline in freshman academic performance.

Associate Dean of the College Pamela H. Simpson agreed. "The new curricular requirements may have placed students in courses that they may not have taken before," she said.

The language and math requirements seem to be especially troublesome for freshmen. "That's where the grades went down," Simpson noted.

The GPA for all freshmen last fall was 2.319; this year it was 2.253. In 1982 there were 33 first-year students on academic probation and 50 in 1983, compared to this year's 73.

GPAs by class



The list: how fall GPAs stack up

| Organization | Grade-Point Average |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Non-Fraternity | 2.736 |
| Sigma Nu | 2.725 |
| Pi Kappa Alpha | 2.679 |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon | 2.676 |
| Kappa Alpha | 2.666 |
| Phi Kappa Sigma | 2.660 |
| Phi Delta Theta | 2.638 |
| All Men | 2.592 |
| Chi Psi | 2.585 |
| Phi Kappa Psi | 2.577 |
| Zeta Beta Tau | 2.561 |
| Sigma Chi | 2.554 |
| Pi Kappa Phi | 2.541 |
| All Fraternity | 2.527 |
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 2.480 |
| Kappa Sigma | 2.333 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 2.314 |
| Phi Gamma Delta | 2.306 |
| Lambda Chi Alpha | 2.279 |
| Beta Theta Pi | 2.112 |

'Scot free': Mesner case dismissed

By BRUCE POTTER
Chief Editor

After 3½ months in jail and 2½ days of trial, Scot Tanner Mesner was free.

Surrounded by reporters in the entrance hall of the Rockbridge County Courthouse, Mesner — who had been charged with arson and murder in connection with last spring's fraternity house fire — lighted a cigarette while he listened to the questions fired at him.

What was your reaction to the outcome?

"We pretty well proved that no one could identify me."

What about the testimony of Frank Lane, a cellmate who said Mesner confessed to the crime while being held in the Rockbridge County Jail?

"I'm quite annoyed at him, but I'm free so I'm not going to say anything else about him."

What would have happened if the case had gone to the jury?

"I would have had a chance. Not a good one after him (Frank)." Then, ignoring the blinding klieg light and looking directly into a television camera, Mesner added, "Have fun, Frank."

Less than five minutes earlier, Circuit Judge George E. Honts III had announced his decision to dismiss the charges against Mesner because his due process of law may have been violated.

Honts' dismissal followed a two-hour hearing on a request from Mesner's lawyers that the case be dismissed because of what they called "prosecutorial misconduct."

Honts said that in attempting to place Mesner at the scene of the fire, investigators used "a suggestive technique" that resulted in "tainted identifications."

In addition, Honts said, the defense was not given the names of several people who failed to identify Mesner from a photographic lineup as having been at the scene of the fire.

Mesner faced the arson and murder charges in connection with the April 11 fire that gutted the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house and killed Washington and Lee sophomore Thomas J. Fellin, who was asleep in the house.

Calling 14 witnesses to support his case, Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read attempted to prove that the fire was caused by arson and that Mesner may have held a grudge against Fellin and the Phi Gamma Delta house.

In his opening statement, however, Mesner's attorney, Eric L. Sisler, said he would call an arson investigator who would show that the fire was not arson. He said the defense also would attempt to show that Mesner was asleep in his parents' home on the Hollins College campus shortly after the fire.

After Read rested his case early Dec. 21, the third day of the trial, Mesner's other attorney, G. Marshall Mundy of Roanoke, requested the dismissal. After hearing Mundy's evidence and deliberating in his chambers for 45 minutes, Honts agreed.

Mesner, 19, cannot be tried again on the same charges because of 5th Amendment protection from what is known as double jeopardy.

During the hearing on Mundy's request, two witnesses said that although they originally had identified Mesner as being at the scene of the fire, they no longer could do so.

Mundy charged that Read failed to inform defense lawyers of these witnesses' changes, contrary to an order issued by Honts Nov. 8. A third witness during the hearing said he was shown a photographic lineup but could not identify Mesner. His name was never given to the defense, Mundy added.

In his Nov. 8 order, which followed an evidence hearing, Honts ruled that the prosecution must disclose any information that could tend to exonerate the defendant.

"Since identification is a key element in this particular case," Honts' order continued, "I direct that the identity of any material witness who failed to identify the defendant in a photograph line-up be made known to the defendant."

Warren Nowlin, a Richmond attorney who graduated from the W&L Law School in May, said that during the summer two investigators showed him a series of photographs and asked if he could identify any of them as people he had seen at the fire.

Nowlin, who had taken photographs of the fire that had been introduced into evidence by the prosecution, said:

'We may never know'

By PAUL FOUTCH
News Editor

The abrupt end to the Scot Mesner trial elicited reactions ranging from disappointment that the cause of the fraternity fire may never be known, to relief on the part of at least one juror who was glad he didn't have to decide the case.

"The tragedy of what has occurred is that we may never know what caused that fire," Alumni Director Richard B. Sessoms said of the blaze that killed Fellin and gutted the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, for which Sessoms was faculty adviser.

A juror in the trial, Charles St. Clair of Glasgow, also was disappointed that the trial ended early, but not because he wanted to convict Mesner.

"From the evidence that I saw, there wouldn't have been enough to convict him," St. Clair said.

He said he would have liked the trial to continue so the defense could present its case and the jury could make its decision, which he said probably would have been an acquittal.

"At the point in time that [Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C. "John" Read] said the prosecution rested, I really didn't need to see any defense," St. Clair said.

"I had seen enough evidence to convince me that arson had been committed, but not near enough evidence to find Scot Mesner guilty."

However, he said, some other jurors were leaning toward a guilty verdict. One of those was Crawford E. Goodbar of Lexington.

"From what we heard of the prosecuting attorney's case, I felt yes," there was enough evidence to convict, Goodbar said.

Fellin's family and friends who attended the trial

were reluctant to talk about the outcome this week. Alex Castelli, Fellin's roommate and co-president of the fraternity, would not comment on the trial.

Thomas Fellin, the father of the victim, said from his home in Pennsylvania, "The reaction I would have right now would probably be vindictive and vengeful."

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank again the people for their consideration, especially Dick Sessoms, and most especially the men of Fiji," he continued. "Their love and concern and consideration and support will always be remembered."

Fellin's family stayed at a local hotel during the trial as guests of the University.

Sessoms and St. Clair had some criticisms of the prosecution's handling of the case, which ended when Circuit Judge George E. Honts III dismissed the charges against Mesner because his right to due process of law may have been violated.

"He [Read] pursued the thing with a great deal of zeal, perhaps too much zeal, and perhaps that led to some prosecutorial misconduct," Sessoms said.

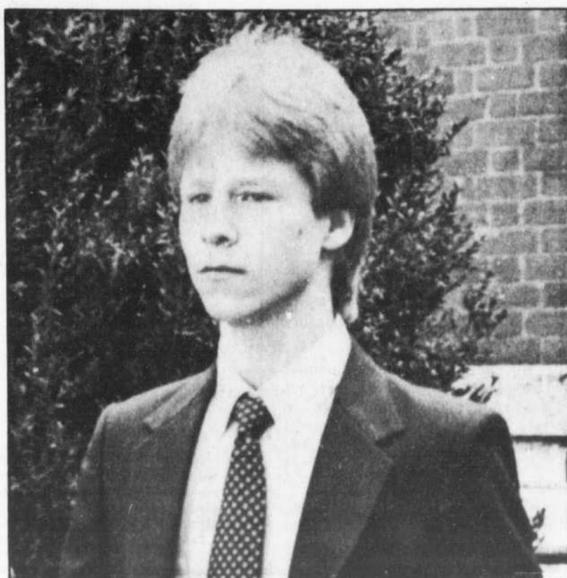
St. Clair's criticism didn't deal with the fact that the case was thrown out, but that it was ever brought in.

"I don't believe I would have taken him to trial with the evidence [Read] had," St. Clair said.

Mesner, who could not be reached for comment this week, has moved from his family's home on the Hollins College campus to an apartment in Roanoke, according to a family member. His phone has not been connected yet, the family member said.

The only other person interviewed who was glad to see the case end before it reached the jury was a juror from Glasgow, Floyd W. Camden Jr., who didn't relish the thought of deciding Mesner's fate.

"A man's life is at stake and it's a serious crime," Camden said. "I was kind of relieved."



Scot Mesner walks to the courthouse for his September bond hearing.

Trial

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section, said he could not identify anyone as being at the fire. Mesner's picture was among those he was shown.

"What I wonder, and will always wonder," Mundy said, "is just how many witnesses there are out there who were shown these photographs and couldn't identify the defendant."

Honts said he was concerned not only with the failure of Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly C.

"John" Read to turn over Nowlin's and others' names to the defendant but also with the "tainted" procedure through which Mesner was identified by several witnesses from photographic lineups.

Two witnesses had testified earlier in the trial that they saw Mesner at the fire.

Gerald Simpson, a special agent of the Virginia State Police, had testified under cross-examination that he showed several witnesses only pictures of Mesner, rather than a picture of Mesner among pictures of other people, in an effort to deter-

mine if they could identify Mesner as being at the fire scene.

"I am concerned about the tainting of identification," Honts said in dismissing the case.

The presence of witnesses whose names were not revealed to the defendant, Honts told reporters, "coupled with direct evidence that, in fact, two (witnesses' identifications) were tainted and others may have been," resulted in his decision that Mesner's due process may have been violated.

Mesner, who had been in the Rockbridge County Jail since his

Sept. 4 indictment on the charges, said he plans to enroll at Virginia Western Community College.

Jean Dunbar, an assistant professor of English at W&L, and her husband, Peter Sils, originally identified Mesner in a photographic lineup that consisted of two photos of Mesner and a composite drawing of another person, they said.

Dunbar, however, could not identify Mesner in a police lineup two days before the trial. Although Sils could, he told Read that after seeing Mesner moving around in the courtroom during the trial he could not

identify Mesner as having been at the fire.

Dunbar telephoned Mundy the night before the final day of the trial to tell him that she could not identify Mesner.

Dunbar, who gave a precise description of the person she saw at the fire and originally thought was Mesner, said Read had referred to her and Sils as "star witnesses." After reviewing a Calyx and seeing Mesner in the courtroom, however, she and her husband independently had concluded that the person they'd seen at the fire could be any one of a number of W&L students.

"I really felt that I had no idea whether Mr. Mesner did or did not set the fire," she testified. "But my feeling was that unless I did something to indicate that I could not identify him, no matter which way the trial went, it would not be an accurate trial."

Read used much of his 2½ days of testimony attempting to show that the fire was arson. Both Simpson and Jerry Byers, a private arson investigator hired by an insurance company, testified that their investigations showed the fire was caused by arson.

The two said they based their conclusions on the fact that the fire ap-

peared to have started in several different places and that some burn marks were consistent with those where a flammable liquid may have been poured.

However, of the more than 20 samples of debris submitted to state laboratories, only one was shown to contain gasoline.

Mesner's attorneys maintained that the fire was caused by a fire started by several W&L students in the fireplace of the fraternity house's poolroom.

"It was an accident, pure and simple, a negligent accident caused by that bonfire they built in that poolroom in a 91-year-old tinderbox house," Sisler said in his opening statement.

After investigators heard of Mesner's statement to his ex-girlfriend that "if the Fiji house ever burns, you'll know who did it," they began "a wild scramble to try to put a square peg in a round hole," Sisler added.

The seven-man, five-woman jury, which never deliberated the case, was selected after four hours of questioning by Honts and attorneys about what they had read or heard about the case in the media or from acquaintances.

Chronology

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graduated in May, and five other students on campus during spring vacation, are drinking at The Palms.

Midnight — The six return to the Fiji house with a case of beer, which they leave outside to keep cool. Using pieces of old furniture from the basement, they build a fire in the fireplace of the poolroom and are playing pool.

April 11, 12:30 a.m. — Fellin, a baseball player, returns to the Fiji house from an away baseball game. The others ask if he would like to join them, but he goes to bed instead.

1:30 a.m. — Smoke from the fire in the poolroom causes the fire alarm in the hallway outside the poolroom to go off. Jim Forte, a law student living in the adjacent cottage, comes over to see what is happening. White described Forte, who had been trying to study, as angry. White tells the other five to leave, and after a brief discussion with Forte, says he "would take care of the fire."

2 a.m. — Forte goes back to his cottage.

2:25 or 2:30 a.m. — After using 20 to 30 pitchers of water and a fire extinguisher to put out the fire and stirring the ashes with a pool cue, White leaves the Fiji house.

2:39 a.m. — In separate cars, Lexington Police officers Richard Rice and E. Funkhouser drive by the Fiji house, but neither reported seeing anything unusual.

2:56 a.m. — The two again drive by the house, and again, they reported seeing nothing.

3:30 a.m. — Forte sees a flash in his window, but doesn't get up.

4:46 a.m. — The Phi Gamma Delta fire is reported by a student living at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house next door to the Fiji house.

Rice arrives on the scene to find "the east side of the building was totally in flames. The flames were far beyond the roof."

4:48 a.m. — Funkhouser arrives at the house. He attempts to enter the house through the pantry door, the front door and the side door but is repulsed by smoke and flames each time.

About 5 a.m. — The first firefighters arrive on the scene.

Shortly after 5 a.m. — Two firefighters, David Stevens Jr. and Trent Roberts, enter the house from the side door to conduct a search and rescue. Stevens finds Fellin on a staircase about six feet from the door. Fellin's head is on the second step with his feet pointing up the stairs. Stevens drags Fellin into the yard.

5:30 - 6 a.m. — Marian Blain, awakened by the fire trucks, walks toward the Fiji house. On her way, she stops to ask a young man with a bicycle if anyone was in the house. Returning home a few minutes later, she passes the young man again and this time gets a full view of his face, which she said had "an agonized and haggard look." In court, she identified this person as Mesner.

7 or 7:15 a.m. — Mesner's stepmother checks on him in bed at his home on the Hollins College campus, according to his lawyer's opening statement.

About 8 a.m. — While taking a break on the back of a rescue squad truck, Stevens sees an individual at the corner of Preston and Lee streets whom he identified as Mesner.

During the day — White, who has been told about the fire by Dean of Students Lewis G. John, goes with Fiji advisor Richard Sessoms to R.E. Lee Episcopal Church, where he sees the Rev. Peter Bunder. "I told him that I felt responsible for Tom's death and for the fire that burned the fraternity down," White testified.

About 3 p.m. — The last fire units leave the Fiji house. Bill Weems, director of utilities processing for the city, estimated that 190,000 gallons of water were used to fight the fire, the most he'd seen in 7½ years in Lexington.

Later in the day — Lexington Fire Chief Keith Irvine's report on the fire is filed. It reads, "The fire was coming through the roof upon arrival. The southeast half of the house was fully engulfed."

8:30 or 9 p.m. — Mesner goes to Ayers and Smith's room in Tinker Dormitory at Hollins. Ayers is out of the room, but Mesner has the following conversation with Smith, who is packing to go to Fellin's funeral in Pennsylvania:

Mesner: "Was there a fire last night at Washington and Lee?"

Smith: "Yes."

Mesner: "Was it at Phi Gamma Delta?"

Smith: "Yes. Tom was in the house."

Mesner: "I have alibis. What I said a few weeks ago, I was only joking."

April 12 — In a statement to Lexington police, Ayers details Mesner's comment that "if the Fiji house burns, you'll know who did it."

April 13 — Special Agent Gerald Simpson of the Virginia State Police begins his investigation of the fire. Simpson testified that the fire was arson.

April 16 — Jerry Byers, a private investigator hired by an insurance firm, begins his investigation of the fire. Byers also testified that the fire was caused by arson.

May 14 — Following a meeting among Simpson, Sutton, Irvine, Straub and Byers, a press conference is held to announce that investigators believe the fire was caused by arson.

July — In a meeting at the fire station of about 25 firefighters, only one, Stevens, can identify Mesner from a photographic lineup as a person he saw at the fire.

Sept. 4 — Scot Mesner is indicted on charges of arson and murder in connection with the fire. He is arrested and held in Rockbridge County Jail under \$150,000 bond.

Sept. 19 — Rockbridge County Circuit Judge George E. Honts III denies a request to reduce Mesner's bail.

Dec. 3 — During a chess game, Frank Lane, a cellmate of Mesner in jail awaiting trial on charges of burglary and grand larceny, and Mesner talk about why they are in jail. Mesner tells Lane he intended to burn down the Fiji house and had no remorse for having done it, according to Lane. During cross-examination, Lane, 21, acknowledged that he had two previous convictions.

Dec. 19 — Mesner pleads not guilty to the charges of arson and murder and his trial begins with selection of a jury.

Dec. 21 — Following three days of testimony in Mesner's trial, Honts dismisses the case because Mesner's due process may have been violated.

Read not solely responsible

The Scot Mesner trial once again focused attention on Beverly C. "John" Read, the Commonwealth's Attorney for Lexington and Rockbridge County who seems to attract controversy like a magnet.

Defense attorneys in the case charged him with "prosecutorial misconduct," noting that he had flouted an order by the judge to release the names of any people who failed to identify Mesner in photographic lineups.

In dismissing the case, Circuit Judge George E. Honts III said he was concerned that Mesner's right to due process may have been violated, but emphasized that Read was not solely responsible for the improprieties.

"I don't lie this at anybody's

feet because I think it's a culmination of a whole lot of things," Honts told reporters. "I think it would be erroneous to lay it at the prosecutor's feet."

Read said after the trial that "no one intended to do anything wrong."

Honts said this was the only criminal case he has dismissed during his 18 months as a trial judge, and defense attorney G. Marshall Mundy said this was the first time he has raised the issue of prosecutorial misconduct in 22 years as a criminal lawyer.

"I'm sitting up here as a referee, in a sense, and everybody plays by the rules," Honts said. "If someone doesn't, then a foul's occurred."

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Wreck kills man today near Keydet General

By MIKE ALLEN
Chief Editor

A young Rockbridge County man was killed early this morning when his car ran off U.S. 60 west of town, crashed into the side of a house and burst into flames.

State police had not released the victim's name by late this morning.

Charles L. Cox, 24, a teacher at Natural Bridge High School, was asleep in the house, across the highway from the Keydet General Motel. He escaped unharmed from his basement bedroom.

The accident occurred at about 1:30 a.m. and firefighters were on the scene until after 4:00 a.m. More than a dozen emergency vehicles lined U.S. 60. The "jaws of life" became the "jaws of death" as rescuers used that gasoline-powered tool to remove the body from the mangled, smoldering car.

The green Pontiac appeared to have skidded more than 150 feet after running off the road just past the Shell gasoline station. The steep embankment is covered with grass and leaves.

First-year Washington and Lee law student R. Mark Thornhill, who was returning to his Rockbridge County home after spending the evening at the Cockpit, said the car passed him just prior to the accident.

"I was doing 60 and he passed me like I wasn't even moving," Thornhill said as he watched firefighters douse the blaze. "I saw his lights disappear. When he passed me, I knew he was going to wreck. I knew he'd go off the road, he was going so fast."

Thornhill said the car did not explode immediately. He walked up to the car just before the underside of the car ignited. He said the victim appeared to be dead before the fire started.

Lexington Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Causey said a broken natural gas line fueled the fire. "The top of the gas meter was ruptured by the impact of the car," he said. "A spark from the car or anything could have ignited it."

Causey said 25 Lexington and 15-20 Kerrs Creek firefighters battled the blaze. In addition, numerous rescue squad workers were on the scene. All are volunteers.

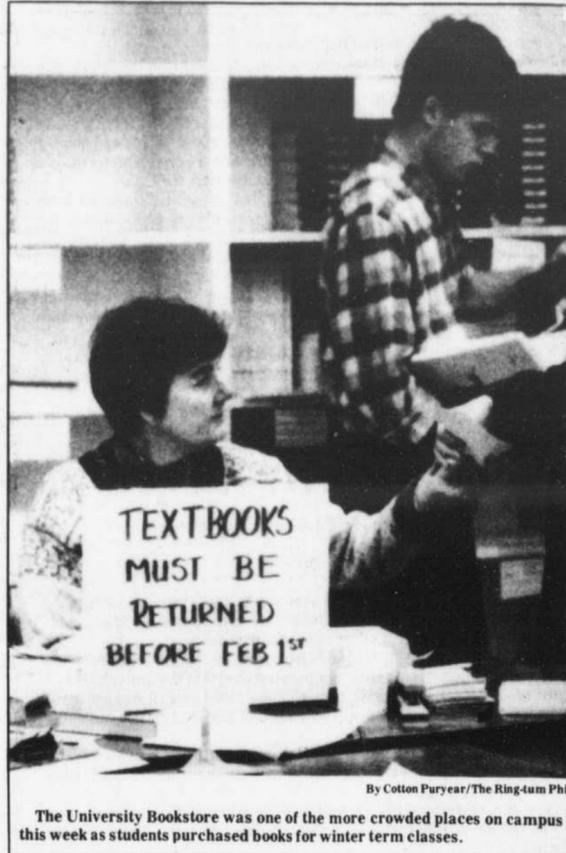
Cox said that because he sleeps on a waterbed, he was not awakened by the impact of the car striking the house. He said he heard some noise and was just starting to doze off again when Thornhill began pounding on the front door.

When the car began burning, the front corner of the house where the vehicle had lodged became engulfed in flame, destroying the walls and heavily damaging the kitchen.

Cox said the owner of the house, Marshall Irvine, is in Colorado on a Christmas visit to one of his children. As he watched the rescue operation, Cox noted that he is a driver education teacher. "Kind of ironic, huh?" he said. "I always have been able to" tell students what not to do, "but now I guess I have a little more basis, don't I?"

He said he planned to teach this morning. "I'd rather be busy. I don't think I'll sleep tonight."

"It didn't have to happen," Thornhill said.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi
The University Bookstore was one of the more crowded places on campus this week as students purchased books for winter term classes.

Early Decision acceptances hit new high

By COTTON PURYEAR
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee has accepted 110 students — including 39 women — for admission next fall, the largest number of early decision acceptances in the school's history, according to Admissions Counselor Bennett Ross.

The early decision applications included 56 from women and 154 from men, compared with 90 applications (all men) last year, Ross said. Of those 90 applications, 54 students were accepted.

"This is an excellent first group and is only a sign of better things to come," Ross said. He pointed out some "impressive" increases in statistics from this year's early decision group, as compared with last year's:

• Last year, 47 percent of the early decision class graduated in the top fifth of their high school class; 59 per-

cent of this year's class graduated in the top fifth.

• Last year's median SAT scores were 548 verbal and 583 math. This year's class has median SAT scores of 564 verbal and 593 math, a total increase of 26 points.

• Last year's median English Achievement score was 510 and this year's median score was 550.

• This year's class includes nine student body presidents, five student body vice presidents, eight class officers, 18 athletic team captains, nine editors of school publications and 41 National Honor Society members.

Ross pointed out that these median statistics for the early decision class are usually lower than the median statistics for the class as a whole.

Ross added that the University has received 1,109 applications, compared with 705 received by this time last year. He also said that competition will be tough to fill the remaining 280 to 300 spots with almost 28 percent of the class already chosen.

Col. Head plans retirement after 19 years as registrar

By MARSHALL BOSWELL
Staff Reporter

After 19 years as University registrar, Col. Harold S. Head has announced that he will step down from the position, effective Aug. 31.

Head said he was retiring because he had "always planned to retire when I turned 65."

A small search committee, under the direction of Dean of the College John W. Elrod, will be set up to take applications for the position.

"Col. Head has ably and devotedly served Washington and Lee for 19 years," Elrod said. "His gentlemanly manner in the daily performance of his duties will be greatly missed."

Head is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and served in both World War II and Korea. In addition, he graduated from the In-

fantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., and the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Head holds a master's degree in history from Harvard University and is a graduate of the Army Language School, where his studies in Japanese prepared him for duty as staff officer to the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Japan from 1959 to 1967.

Before taking his post at W&L, he joined the military staff at VMI in 1962. He also is a past president of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions.

Head said he has seen a great many changes during his 19-year tenure at the University. For instance, when he first began working for W&L, the University was on a three-point grading scale in which an F resulted in "minus points." In addition, the registrar's office was in charge of class attendance. Dean's List students were awarded cutting privileges at holidays, while the rest of the student body had to contend with subtracted points for numerous absences.

Head said the responsibilities of the registrar's office are so numerous that it is easiest just to say: "Once a student is accepted to the University and has paid his enrollment, he is passed over to us and he is our responsibility. If you have a question and don't know who to ask, then come here."

Scheduled to retire just days before the coeds arrive to bring a new era to W&L, Head has mixed feelings about the coeducation decision, which he said was inevitable.

"I've always felt that there was a need for a top-rate all men's school for those who want to go that route, and I'm sorry to see that end. However, I think the GPA will go up with the women here."

Hearing delayed on rezoning for dorm

By ANDY HOPPE
Staff Reporter

The public hearing on a request by Washington and Lee for zoning changes that would allow construction of a new dormitory has been postponed until Jan. 24.

The hearing was moved from Dec. 20 to comply with a state law requiring the city to advertise the public meeting in local newspapers for three consecutive weeks, according to Lexington Planning Commission

Chairman Henry L. Ravenhorst.

The school has asked that the area bounded by Nelson, Lee and Washington streets be rezoned from its general residential classification. The proposed dormitory would house 240 students and would be completed by September 1987.

Ravenhorst said the commission also wanted time to discuss the various ways the area could be rezoned to allow W&L to build the dormitory.

The commission determined that

one proposed option that would have made the area a central business district was inappropriate because it would not allow the University sufficient "freedom of design," Ravenhorst explained.

Lexington Building and Zoning Administrator Donald J. Mette said the commission could allow W&L to construct the dormitory by either rezoning the area to allow multi-family housing or by inventing a new type of zoning district.

Mette explained that this new zone would be an "institutional" zone that would give the University a "bit more liberal" guidelines for the type of construction it could engage in on its own land.

At the public hearing, the commission will give adjacent property owners and other interested parties the opportunity to speak for or against the proposal. After the public hearing, the commission will decide whether to rezone the area and make a recommendation to City Council, which must make the final decision, Ravenhorst noted.

"The planning commission is purely advisory. We try to make decisions based on the welfare of the community and the future development of the community," Ravenhorst added.

He said he is uncertain whether W&L's request will routinely be approved or will meet opposition from the community.

Ex-President Huntley convocation speaker

Robert E.R. Huntley, president of the Richmond-based Best Products Co. Inc. and former president of Washington and Lee, will be the featured speaker of W&L's 114th annual Founders' Day Convocation on Monday, Jan. 21.

The convocation will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. Huntley's address is titled "The Way We Were."

Founders' Day at W&L was first observed in 1871 and is held annually on or near the Jan. 19 birthdate of Gen. Robert E. Lee, who was president of the University from 1865 until his death in 1870.

In addition to Huntley's address, student leaders from all areas of the University's campus life will be recognized during the convocation, and induction ceremonies will be

held for Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honor society recognizing outstanding leadership.

A number of W&L students as well as prominent alumni and friends of the University will be inducted into ODK, which was founded at Washington and Lee in 1914 and now has chapters on campuses throughout the country.

Huntley served as president of Washington and Lee from 1968 until 1983, when he stepped down to return to teaching in the W&L School of Law.

In December of 1983 he was named executive vice president of Best Products, the nation's biggest catalog-showroom retailer. In June 1984 he was named president of the company.

White Book panel nominations due

By STEVEN POCKRASS
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee students interested in serving on the White Book Revisions Committee should contact the Executive Committee within two weeks, President Cole Dawson announced at the EC's first formal meeting of 1985.

Names must be submitted to the EC by Monday, Jan. 21. The committee will be selected that week and appointed Jan. 28, Dawson explained after the meeting. The committee will "go through every page of the

White Book" and make recommendations to the EC.

Dawson said the EC would take these recommendations into account when voting on White Book changes later this year. Revisions approved by the EC will be posted around campus for one week and must be approved by the EC a second time before being added to the White Book.

The Revisions Committee normally meets in the spring, but Dawson said he wanted it to meet earlier this year. He said he feels "it will take a few months" before the committee concludes its work and added that while only a select number of

Break-ins reported at dorm, farmhouse

By JOHN WINTERS
Staff Reporter

Once again, students returning from vacation had to deal with the problem of stolen property.

Otho F. Mears IV, and James W. Walker, both freshmen in the Graham-Lees Dormitory, had stereo equipment taken from their rooms during the vacation.

According to official police reports, there were no signs of forced entry into either of the rooms. Charles "Murph" Murray, University proctor, said someone used a key to get

into both of the rooms. He added that the person who got into the rooms must have had a master custodial key.

Neither Mears nor Walker could be reached for comment, but the police report placed the value of Walker's equipment at more than \$800. No suspects have been found in connection with the two robberies.

In another theft involving W&L students, a farmhouse rented by five students was robbed.

Edward L. Mohler Jr. of Lexington, the son of the students' landlady, has been arrested in connection with the break-in. Among the items taken were two stereo receivers, two tape decks, one turntable, two speakers and a Sony "Watchman," according to Jim Strader, one of the residents.

Mohler is being held in the Rockbridge County Jail on a charge of breaking and entering.

Only one part of house left

Only the front portion of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house remains standing as work has begun to rebuild the house and construction plans are being finalized.

A side wall collapsed the week before Christmas as a new foundation was being dug. This weakened the back portion of the house which was then torn down.

The fraternity's faculty adviser, Richard B. Sessoms, said the front portion will be left intact and the house will be rebuilt to keep much of its original character.

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No. 1???? Who's trying to kid whom?



**TIME
OUT....**
By Mike
Stachura

....The question — and it seems we have to deal with it every year at this time — we must first discuss after our well-deserved rest concerns that illogical fascination everyone from Keith Jackson to John Q. Sportsfan has as the new year begins: the selection of college football's No. 1 team. Now, I'm not going to fool anybody with my expertise on the subject — my bowl predictions have been declared a national disaster area by those who do such things — but I do think I have something worthy (Read: it fills the space) to say about that confounded notion of a subjective best team in the nation.

Simply put, without a playoff there can be no such thing as a No. 1 team. Unfortunately, since the powers that be (AP, UPI, CNN, USA Today, Joe's Bar and Grill, etc., ad infinitum) get a quasi-orgasmic thrill from telling us how much they know about what's what, we're faced with the pointless arguments after the bowl games.

And this year, it's the BYWho? controversy. It's been so important (overblown) this season that ABC even had a nationwide phone-in poll to see what America thought about a team being No. 1 that bested (outscored) such perennial powerhouses as Utah State, Utah, Wyoming and non-conference toughie (sorry, Lou Holtz) Minnesota. Granted, the Cougars can't be faulted for a schedule made years ago, but then again schedule must be a point of consideration when you go telling the world what's what in college football.

And now to the concluding points of this rot: BYU is a nice team. They have a sound coach in Lavelle Edwards, pretty uniforms, and a Marino-esque quarterback in Robbie Bosco. That's it. Nobody who struggles to beat Michigan (6-5) can claim with a straight face that they're better than every team in the country.

BYU's not No. 1, and I'm not so sure any team is overwhelmingly better than everyone — the requirement for any real or mythical No. 1. Washington's as close as anyone, but close doesn't cut it here, and until those that spend countless hours getting phone calls coercing them to vote East Podunk State as No. 1 put their heads together and come up with a playoff system — not too tough a task, just use the three-and-a-half week bowl period for a workable playoff season (see Sports Illustrated, Dec. 24-31) — we'll continue to be lost in the weekly nonsense that is the polls....

....Just some quick thoughts on the Generals hoopsters as they head into the new year and the meat of their ODAC schedule: This team is for the most part as fundamentally sound as any team it plays, but losses for the most part seem to be the result of being one step short of the finished product. As an example, in Friday's contest in Pennsylvania, the Generals were able to run the offense fairly well, but couldn't put the ball in the hole. The loss of Bill Yates (left the University for academic reasons) may hurt the team, but certainly it is something that can be overcome. It appears then that this season is again a case of the team's ability to reach its potential....

....It's January, and therefore we are allowed to talk about basketball. First, in college Georgetown is good, but Al McGuire is right: the Hoyas will lose two or three before tournament time. The same is true of Duke. The reason: conference play is more brutal than I can ever remember it being. Best conference in the nation: toss-up between Big East and Big 10....In the pro game, it's going to be a shame that the Sixers and Celts won't be able to meet in the finals....

....Finally, here's an update on the ongoing poor officiating disease currently afflicting the world of sports: Three Big Eight officials have been suspended (hear, hear) for overwhistling, calling 49 (!) fouls in one game last month....

Cagers fly by Eagles, 83-59

By DAVID NAVE
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee basketball team produced its highest point total of the season in defeating the Bridgewater Eagles 83-59 last night in the Warner Center.

W&L shot a very high 63 percent and 81 percent from the free throw line en route to the victory. The win evened the Generals' overall record at 5-5 and their conference record at 1-1.

David Wilkinson led the Generals with 16 points. Kevin McClatchy and Jeff Harralson contributed 14 points each.

Guards Wilkinson, McClatchy, Mike Hudson and Lex Fitzenhagen helped replace the loss of one of the team's leading scorers, Bill Yates, who has left the University for academic reasons.

But head coach Verne Canfield said that his guards' performances last night were no surprise to him.

"I expected them to fill in (for Yates) and then some. I am totally confident in all six of our guards," said Canfield. He added, "It's not a surprise. It's expected."

Remillard says academics as important as athletics

By STEVE GREENEBAUM
Staff Reporter

This Saturday the Washington and Lee swimming team will travel to Towson State for its first dual meet since the Virginia Intercollegiate Championships, on Dec. 1-2.

Although the team has not competed in more than a month, the members have been training hard. They returned to Washington and Lee on Dec. 26 and began work. While most people were sleeping late, the swim team was weightlifting at 8 a.m., then swimming until noon, resting and then going back to the pool from 4 until after 6 p.m.

"It was a good training camp," Coach Page Remillard said. "Because of finals and a week at home the team lost some of their conditioning from before finals, but they worked hard every day and regained what was lost."

When Coach Remillard said they worked every day he wasn't kidding — the team was even in the pool on New Year's Day.

One addition to the team is all-American Tabor Smith who hadn't swum this year because of mono-nucleosis. Smith said he is looking forward to swimming in two or three events this week.

"I feel good. I missed swimming against Hopkins," Smith said. "My speed is not as good as it could be but I'm at the same point as I was last year this time."

Although they won by a large margin, the Generals trailed Bridgewater early in the game. The Eagles jumped to an early 4-0 lead, but Wilkinson kept the Generals close by hitting five of his first six shots from the field. At the 10 minute mark in the first half, W&L trailed, 19-18.

Bridgewater scored only four points during the last 10 minutes of the half.

"We changed to a zone defense from the man-to-man," Canfield said concerning the Generals' domination of the last part of the half. Canfield said that the defensive change not only prevented Bridgewater from scoring but it also led to some scores for the Generals.

With 7:04 remaining in the first half, the Generals began to pull away from the Eagles, when McClatchy stole the ball and fed Hudson, who scored on the fast break despite being fouled on the shot. Hudson completed the three-point play and gave the Generals a 25-19 lead. W&L continued the half-ending barrage with a 14-4 run to take a 39-23 lead into the locker room at the intermission.

Hoping to apply more defensive pressure on the Generals, Bridgewater opened the second half with a

full-court press. Although the Generals did not score their first basket of the second half for two-and-a-half minutes, the Eagles' press was ineffective at stopping the Generals or cutting into their lead as the

Generals were able to up their halftime margin to 21 points at the 11:29 mark, 55-34.

The Generals' large lead allowed Canfield to play many players off the bench during the second half.

Grapplers lose captain; travel to H-SC Saturday

By WILLIAM KING
Staff Reporter

Head coach Gary Franke has his wrestling team busily preparing for its quadrangular meet at Hampden-Sydney this Saturday, but the Generals will be heading to Farmville minus the services of captain Jeff Dixon.

Franke said that Dixon, who is undefeated so far this season, underwent arthroscopic surgery on Jan. 2 after injuring his knee in early December. He is expected to be out of action for two to three weeks.

The Generals (2-0) dual meets and a third-place finish in the W&L Invitational will face Loyola and Johns Hopkins in addition to the Tigers at the Hampden-Sydney event. One of W&L's early season victories came against H-SC (a 38-15 affair) and the Generals also placed higher than Loyola in the Invitational. Last

year W&L defeated Hopkins by a 26-20 count.

Franke said that he expects H-SC to be an improved team Saturday.

"I think they will be a little better," Franke said. "They usually pick up a couple of football players on their team after the season."

Over the Christmas break, Franke took five of his wrestlers to the University of Maryland Open Tournament on Jan. 4-5, with sophomore Tim Walker being the most successful, winning two matches before being defeated. Walker defeated opponents from Maryland and Montclair State before falling to a wrestler from U.Va.

The Generals' starting lineup for Saturday's meet will be Steve Castle (118 lbs.), Brian Lifested (126 lbs.), Jeff Mazza (134 lbs.), Larry Anker (142 lbs.), Kevin McNamara (150 lbs.), Greg Russell (158 lbs.), Win Phillips (167 lbs.), Joe O'Neill (177 lbs.), Greg Kendrick (190 lbs.) and Mark Weaver (Hwt.).

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Cooler weather: It's all downhill from here

By JON THORNTON
Staff Reporter

Because of an unusually warm December throughout much of the state, the "Big Three" ski resorts in Virginia are looking to January and February in hopes that a profitable ski season can be salvaged.

Richard Cote, director of promotions at Massanutten Ski Resort, said business has been "really slow" but that their slopes should be open to the mid-station by today. He added that he hopes the entire slopes will be open by this weekend.

Massanutten features night skiing every day from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and is open for day skiing from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The slopes at Wintergreen are open for the third time this year after a series of shutdowns brought on by higher temperatures.

Ski Secretary Elizabeth Patterson said the resort is offering free lessons to those novice skiers who rent equipment from the resort, and a new physical fitness facility — the Winter Garden — has also been added to make Wintergreen even more alluring. The Wintergreen village has added a new expert slope, Logger's Alley, and a network of triple ski lift lines to reduce the wait for skiers.

Night skiing is offered by the resort on five of its 11 slopes. Patterson said three slopes — a beginner, a novice and an expert — are expected to be available this weekend in addition to

the restaurants and shops within the Wintergreen ski community.

Sepp Kober, ski area manager for the Homestead in Hot Springs said that "so far this year, no ski resorts on the East Coast have done much." He added that the Homestead planned to open its slopes by last night with the help of the recent cold fronts that have made snow production possible.

Kober, who has worked with the W&L physical education department ski classes, said the Homestead has no night skiing.

Located on the second highest mountain in West Virginia, the Snowshoe ski village has faced few problems, especially since the latest cold wave has resulted in the "dumping of snow" upon the resort. Public relations spokesman Raymond Houck said January and February skiing is limited to those people who are staying at Snowshoe, but lodging charges cover the cost of skiing.

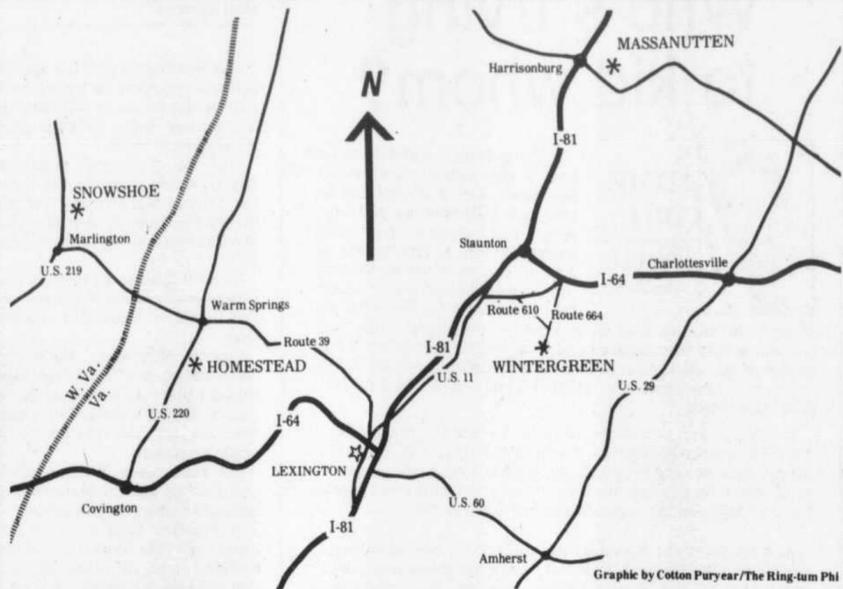
"There is a 'Fun Pass' that is given to lodgers which enables them to use any and all of our facilities," Houck added that Snowshoe, which has 34 slopes, is a community that features gas stations, grocery stores, a bakery and "even a pizza place that delivers."

Houck explained that no night skiing is offered at the resort because "slope grooming" is performed during that time and because temperatures on the 4,848-foot mountain can drop to dangerously low levels at night.

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Wintergreen. Lift tickets: \$17 for students with I.D. Monday through Friday; \$26 on weekends and holidays. Rentals: \$10 for students Monday through Friday; \$13 on weekends and holidays. Half-day rates for students are \$10 for lift ticket and \$7 for rentals. Day skiing: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Night skiing: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Half-day hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone (804) 325-2200. Directions: When weather is good, take U.S. 11 north to Route 56; go east at Steele's Tavern to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Go north 10 miles to Route 664 which leads to the gatehouse. When weather is inclement, take I-81 north, then take the Greenville exit (U.S. 11 South) to Route 340. Go to Stuart's Draft and turn right at the stoplight on Route 608. Go through Stuart's Draft at the Y-intersection 2-3 miles beyond, bear left on Route 610, then take 610 to T-intersection with Route 664. Go right to top of the mountain. The gatehouse is approximately one



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mile on the other side of the mountain. Estimated road time: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

The Homestead. Lift tickets: \$10 for students with I.D., Monday through Thursday; \$13 for Friday; \$20 for weekends and holidays. Rentals: \$8 on Monday through Thursday; \$10 for Friday; \$12 for weekends and holidays. Day skiing: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. No night skiing. Phone: (703) 839-5500. Directions: Interstate 64 west to Covington, then take U.S. 220 to Hot Springs or go through Goshen Pass (Route 39) to U.S. 220 to reach Hot Springs. Estimated road time: 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Snowshoe, W.Va. Lift tickets and rentals are included in the cost of lodging, which starts at \$65

per night. This "Fun Pass" allows the use of all Snowshoe facilities. Day skiing: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No night skiing. Phone: (304) 572-1000. Directions: Route 39 west to Marlinton, W.Va. Snowshoe is located 26 miles north of Marlinton on U.S. 219. Estimated road time: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Prospective skiers should telephone the ski resort to ensure the slopes are open.

Thorogood to rock Pavilion

By JOHN RILEY
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board has booked George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers for Saturday, Jan. 19, beginning "a more or less weekly" series of social events in the student activities pavilion, according to SAB Entertainment Director John Haywood.

"One of the benefits we saw in building the pavilion was that we could have bigger bands than before and offer more social events for the student body as a whole," Haywood said. "I think we're off to a good start."

Haywood said that both the Thorogood show, which will be opened by W&L party veterans, The Skip Castro Band, and a concert the following

Friday night with the Ramones, should be exciting. "Both Thorogood and The Ramones are nationally known and both have tremendous stage shows."

Tickets for the Thorogood concert will go on sale Tuesday at the W&L Bookstore, Haywood said. They will cost \$6.50.

Most students will find the ticket price high, Haywood said. "\$6.50 is more than the students are used to paying for a show on campus, but these bands get \$13 a head at the Roanoke Civic Center," he said.

Haywood added that at approximately \$10,000 for each concert, the two bands will be playing cheap. "We caught both bands between dates at arenas, so we got good deals on both of them," he said.

'Boy Toy' Madonna: nice belly-button

ALBUMREVIEW

By MARSHALL BOSWELL

For a long time, I was convinced that Madonna's most redeeming feature was her terrific belly-button. Goodness knows that she wouldn't have raised an eyebrow if she hadn't tumbled onto the pop world with that bare torso and "Boy Toy" belt buckle. However, through the magic of sex-oriented promotion, Madonna managed to raise some eyebrows.

So, as a result, I really had to swallow my pride the first time I heard her luscious new single, "Like A Virgin." Although it is, musically, just a cheerful rip-off of "Billy Jean" (same bass run, same one-two drum

march, same chord progression), she finally managed to transform that steamy video image onto record. I was hooked.

Her new album of the same name is every bit as good, song for song, as the single. Produced by Nile Rogers, who produced David Bowie's *Let's Dance*, Hall and Oates' *Adult Education*, and Duran Duran's *Wild Boys*, *Like A Virgin* has replaced the cold, synthed-up froth of her debut album with a crisp, crack-shot record of delicious morsels that leave a pleasant taste in the mouth after repeated listenings.

The album's lead-off track, "Material Girl," teases "Some boys kiss me, some boys hug me/I think they're o.k./If they don't give me proper credit/I just walk away..."

Although I would like to think that this is supposed to be taken tongue-in-cheek, I tend to believe that Madonna knows better.

If this record has a clear-cut intention, it is to raise body temperatures. In "Dress You Up," a sure shot for her next single, she squeals "gonna dress you up in my love/all over your body." Anytime, sweetheart.

The album's two ballads are nicely done, and it is satisfying to note that the better of the two, "Shoo-Bee-Do," was written by the lady herself. Although "Love Don't Live

Here Anymore" aspires to be a torchy soul number worthy of Diana Ross, Madonna ends up sounding like Cher. The track features sweeping strings and a dramatic melody, but Madonna simply cannot convey the maturity needed for the song.

No matter, though. There are more hits here than a K-tel record can boast. Top honors go to "Dress You Up," "Angel," and "Shoo-Bee-Do." This one ought to tear up the airwaves well into the summer.

And I'm excited about seeing more of that belly-button on MTV.

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7 & 9 p.m. — FILM: "Open City." Sponsored by journalism department. Reid 203.

Wednesday, January 16
7 p.m. — POLITICS FILM: "High Noon" Commerce School 327.
8:30 p.m. — WEDNESDAY AT THE COCKPIT: Featuring the Boneshakers.

OFFCAMPUS

Saturday, January 12
9 p.m. — SWEET BRIAR: January Mixer featuring the White Animals. Williams Gymnasium. Admission is \$4.

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Tuesday, January 15
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Wednesday, January 16
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'Back Page' launched

In an effort to provide readers with more entertainment-oriented information, the powers that be here at The Ring-tum Phi proudly present "The Back Page."

"The Back Page" will be a regular weekly feature here on the last page of the newspaper (hence the name), and will focus on subjects of entertainment, arts and leisure.

If you glance around the rest of the page, you will notice a story on big name acts coming to the pavilion, an album review, tips on local skiing and a calendar of events both on and off campus.

These are only some of the features we hope to bring you in the coming weeks and we would greatly appreciate input from you, the reader, about what kinds of things you would like to see us include on this page.

—Cotton Puryear, "The Back Page"

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