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# The Ring-tum Phi



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## General Notes

### Goshen 101?

Registration for spring term courses is as follows:  
Seniors — Monday, Feb. 25.  
Juniors — Tuesday, Feb. 26.  
Sophomores — Wednesday, Feb. 27.  
Freshmen — Thursday, Feb. 28.  
Students should obtain a spring course request card from the Registrar's Office and take it to their advisers, who will complete the registration card. Freshmen should go directly to their advisers.  
Any student who fails to pre-register by Feb. 28 will be subject to a late registration fee of \$25.

### Apply to admit

Applications are now being accepted for a possible opening in the Admissions Office for the 1985-86 academic year. Any graduating student interested in the position of admissions counselor — currently held by Bennett Ross — should submit a letter of application to the Admissions Office by March 1. Personal interviews will be held during March.

### Report to the EC

The new Executive Committee budget report schedules are available. Subcommittee chairmen will find them in their mailboxes in the Student Center.

### Going into labor

The Politics Film Festival will show Mario Monicelli's "The Organizer" tonight at 7 in Commerce School 327. The movie, which has English subtitles, was an Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Film. It stars Marcello Mastroianni and highlights the intellectual's role in labor movements.

### Shagging fly balls

The baseball team needs any old carpeting (particularly large remnants). Anyone who has any they would like to get rid of should contact Coach Jim Murdock at 463-8690.

### The South descends

Several United Daughters of the Confederacy Scholarships are available to students from Virginia who are lineal descendants of a Confederate veteran, a member of Children of Confederacy or a child of a UDC member. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

### 'Women and Work'

Former New York Congresswoman and 1972 presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm will speak at Hollins College's Founder's Day next Thursday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. in du Pont Chapel. Chisholm's talk is titled "Women and Work in America: Then and Now."

### Hurry up!

Kenneth Bourne of the London School of Economics will lecture today at 4 p.m. about "Lord Palmerston and the Foreign Office" in Newcomb 7.

### Engine sparks

Today's Chemistry Seminar is "Two-Stroke Engines," presented by senior James E. Sparka in Howe 401 at 5 p.m. It will be preceded by tea at 4:30 p.m. in Howe 402.

### 'I have toes'

Deadline for Political Review articles is tomorrow. All articles for the spring issue must be turned in to Carole Chappell's office.

### See you in 11 days

Washington Holiday begins at the conclusion of classes tomorrow. Classes will resume Monday, Feb. 25, at 8 a.m.

### They're red hot

"General Notes" request forms are available from the career placement stand in front of Carole Chappell's office. They must be turned in by 1 p.m. Tuesday of the week the "General Note" is to be run.

## Big Apple is job core for seniors

By JOHN WINTERS  
Staff Reporter

Seniors at Washington and Lee often are labeled as "slack," apathetic and a host of other rather unseemly terms. This time of year, however, seniors throughout the campus begin to panic. In fact, many even begin to get "on the ball."

The reason for this usually stems from parental guidance in the form of, "What the hell are you going to do with your life after you graduate? Your mother and I aren't going to support you for the rest of your life, you know."

So the average senior here at W&L, with his Commerce School degree nearly in hand, heads off for one of the big cities to get into a "training program" with one of the larger banks. Hopefully, that is.

Yet the thought of actually going to the Big Apple or even Washington, D.C., can cause many of the "Southern gentlemen" of W&L to break out into hives. One cannot forget that these cities are, dare we say, Northern.

It often helps to know what to expect in applying for a job with a bank, investment firm or some other type of company that deals with money.

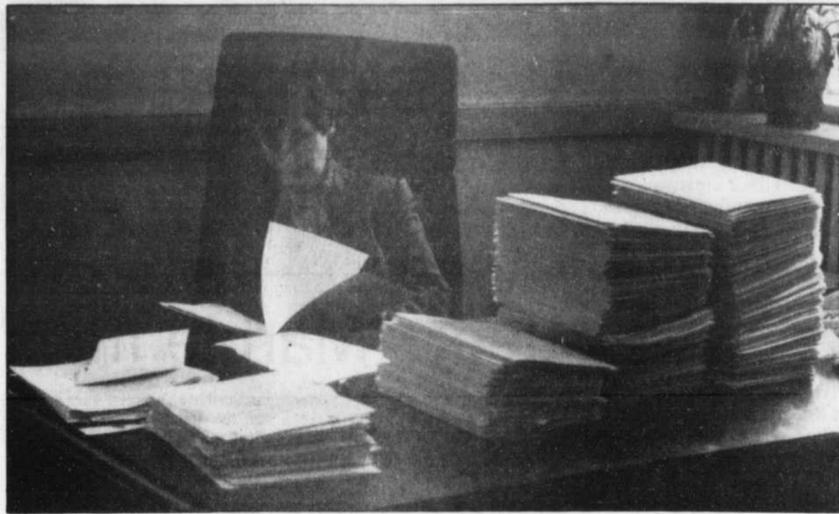
Job applications for positions with monetary institutions usually follow a set pattern, according to seniors Bill Brown and Darby Brower.

Brown has decided to stay in the South and has applied to various banks in Atlanta, including Bank of the South, Trust Company Bank and First Atlanta. Brower, on the other hand, feels New York is the place to be and has applied to Bankers Trust, Morgan Guaranty and Citibank.

The first step, obviously, is to arrange an interview. Both Brown and Brower said the easiest way to do this is through someone you know at the bank. Fathers are great at helping out at this, especially when one of their fraternity brothers just happens to be the president of the bank for which you want to work.

If you know absolutely no one in the bank, your best bet is to write a letter to either the personnel or human resources department requesting an interview.

In your letter you should include both a cover sheet and a complete resume. After sending in the packet, you should hear from the bank in  See New York, Page 3



Assistant Director of Admissions Julia Kozak reviews some of the applications for admission next fall.

## Application record smashed by 2,495 seeking 290 berths

By ANDY HOPPE  
Staff Reporter

More high school seniors applied for admission to Washington and Lee this year than in any other year in the school's history, according to admissions counselor Bennett L. Ross.

As of Tuesday morning, the admissions office had received 2,605 applications for admission in the fall. Ross said the University will be accepting applications through tomorrow, after which any applications received will be returned.

W&L has received 1,912 applications from men and 693 applications from women. In the University's previous best recruiting year, 1982, 1,600 applications were received.

"We've never had 2,605 people apply to W&L. It represents a substantial increase over anything we've ever had before," Ross said.

With the large increase in the number of applicants this year, the admissions office now faces the task of determining what the yield — the number of students offered admission who decide to accept — will be this year. Ross said that in the past the University's yield has been in the range of 40 to 50 percent, but last year the yield was low and W&L took students off the waiting list to fill openings in the freshman class.

"We are definitely concerned about yield," Ross said. Although the number of offers of admission that will be extended has not been determined yet, W&L probably will be more conservative in the number of students it offers admission, Ross said. This conservative approach is prompted by factors such as the tightness of the housing situation, which makes it necessary to avoid getting too large a freshman class, Ross explained.

He said the admissions office thinks there will probably be a higher yield among women than men. With 110 spots taken by early admissions applicants, a maximum of about 230 spots are left for men and about 60 spots for women in next year's freshman class, Ross said.

The number of students who will be extended offers of admission will be determined after the admissions office has made its first review of all the applications, Ross said. So far, fewer than 1,800 of the applications have been reviewed, he added.

Admissions officers not only are trying to determine which students are the most qualified for admission, but also which students have the strongest interest in attending W&L, Ross said. Students with W&L far down their list of preferred schools will have less chance of receiving an offer than in past years, he said.

The admissions office is placing greater emphasis on the interview, both to get a better idea of what kind of person the applicant is and to see how interested the person is in W&L, Ross said.

Having the prospective students come on campus for an interview also helps to sell them on W&L, Ross noted. Recruits sense the enthusiasm students have for the college by talking to student guides or discussing the school with an alumnus, he said.

Although no statistics are available yet, by every estimate the applicants are of higher quality this year, Ross said. Comparisons of this year's early admissions students and those accepted through early admission last year show that this year's students have higher verbal and math SATs, and a greater percentage of students ranked in the top fifth of their high school class, Ross said.

The admissions office will send out decision letters to applicants by March 28. Applicants must reply by May 1.

## Sophomore suspended for assault

From Staff Reports

A sophomore from South Africa has been suspended for the remainder of the academic year for assaulting another foreign student and breaking his nose.

The penalty was recommended by the Student Control Committee and approved by the Student Affairs Committee, a faculty-student committee that reviews SCC decisions of suspension or expulsion.

The Student Control Committee does not release names of students it disciplines.

The attack took place Dec. 26 in a Woods Creek apartment, where the two students were staying for Christmas vacation, according to Dean of Students Lewis G. John.

The South African student thought his apartment-mate had used his pan to cook meat, which is against his religion, according to Darby Brower, chairman of the Student Control Committee.

The suspended student's religion "was the most important thing in his life," said John Sicilian, Student Bar Association president and a member of both the SCC and the SAC.

Members of the two committees took these religious beliefs into consideration when making their decision, Sicilian said. He added, though, that there was an "element of premeditation."

The disciplinary committees also considered whether a suspension was too harsh a penalty for a foreign student, the members said.

Because of the costs of returning to this country and the difficulties of obtaining a visa, Sicilian said, a suspension might actually be a "de facto expulsion."

"He did something that was irrational at the time," Sicilian said. Suspension, though, "puts him in a situation where he could never attempt to reach the height that he was at that point."

A round-trip plane ticket from South Africa to the United States costs about \$3,000, and the average family income there is \$600 a year, Sicilian said.

The student will be eligible to return to the University in the fall, John said.

The Student Control Committee voted 8-0 in favor of the suspension, and the Student Affairs Committee approved it by a 5-4 vote.

## 'Apathybusters'

### Kathekon promotes W&L unity, spirit

By JASON LISI  
Staff Reporter

•Fraternities and parents pack the upper athletic field for a tailgate party before the Parents' Weekend football game. Parents of athletes are given student escorts while their sons prepare for the game.

•The student phone-a-thon earlier this month raises \$111,670 for the Annual Fund — more than three and a half times the previous record.

•Members of the school's newly formed Development Council are greeted at the airport and escorted by students who act as their hosts while the group meets in Lexington.

Washington and Lee students slack? Not these guys.

Each of the above was a project of Kathekon, an organization of 16 student leaders organized this fall by the Alumni Association.

"This is a fairly elite group of guys," Alumni Director Richard B. Sessoms said. "These guys are leading by example."

He said the organization was begun without fanfare because it "wanted to build a reputation slowly and on a solid foundation."

"Kathekon" is short for "to kathekon" (pronounced "toe ka-the-kon"), a Greek phrase that the group says captures Lee's concept of duty ("a blanket obligation to do that which is meet and proper" is the translation).

A good understanding of Kathekon's goals can be gained from a



Student leaders gather at Skylark for Kathekon's first meeting.

glimpse at the ideas the members discarded when they were debating a name for the organization. ("Student Alumni Association" seemed a bit bland).

One favorite was "Apathybusters," but that was seen as being too corny. "Lee's Lieutenants" has a nice ring to it, but would have been a bit pretentious. "Guys Who Give A S—t" sums up the organization's attitude, but they didn't think it would look too good on stationery. "Kathekon" was a unanimous favorite.

The group of eight seniors and eight juniors has a breakfast meeting each Monday to plan projects and decide the events it will promote that week.

The members then use their contacts to encourage participation in the event, which also is highlighted on the Kathekon bulletin board next to the cash register in the Co-op.

Kathekon is the brainchild of Assistant Alumni Secretary Buddy Atkins, who first proposed the group to the Alumni Board in October 1983. The group was able to be launched when Ben Hale joined the alumni staff this fall.

The Alumni Association feels that by building commitment to W&L among students while they're here, they're more likely to be supportive, enthusiastic alumni in the future.

See Kathekon, Page 4

## Student found dead

From Staff Reports

Sophomore football player Paul R. Strange died early Saturday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said.

Strange, a 20-year-old from Falls Church, was a Dean's List student who planned to major in physics and engineering. He was buried yesterday at Arlington National Cemetery.

Medical Examiner Dr. E.V. Brush ruled the death a suicide. He said medical tests have not been completed.

Lexington Police Chief L.O. Sutton said the body was discovered by one of Strange's roommates at 4 a.m. He said the death occurred at about 3 a.m. The weapon was a .22-caliber rifle.

Strange lived in a Lexington house with four members of Phi Kappa Psi. Friends said he attended a Phi Psi party Friday night.

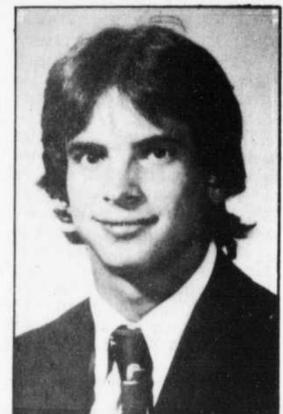
Police records show that the last previous suicide by a Washington and Lee student occurred in the same house as last weekend's death, but in a different room. The 1979 death was in the northwest upstairs bedroom; Strange was found in the northeast bedroom.

A memorial service for Strange in Lee Chapel on Tuesday was attended by 175 students, professors and administrators.

Head football coach Gary R. Fallon and physics Professor W. Barlow Newbolt, Strange's faculty adviser, were among those who represented the University at the funeral in Northern Virginia yesterday.

A number of football players and coaches traveled by W&L bus to the service. Dean of Students Lewis G. John met with Strange's parents Tuesday night.

Fallon said Saturday that Strange "seemed to be enjoying his exper-



PAUL R. STRANGE

ience with football and Washington and Lee."

"Paul was just a real dedicated guy who worked hard when he was out there," he said. "It was a real tragedy."

Newbolt said Strange "wasn't a noisy person."

"He was not real talkative, but he was a good conversationalist in a one-to-one situation," he said. "He had interesting ideas about things."

At the memorial service, University Chaplain David W. Sprunt spoke of "a sense of guilt, a sense of failure...reminding us of all that we could have done — but left undone — to help meet the need of one who gave so much to others but was unable to bear his own burden."

A Paul Strange Memorial Fund has been established by Boy Scouts of America Troop 875. The family said contributions may be sent to the fund in care of Epworth United Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church, Va. 22044.

# June: The anniversary

When he returned to Washington and Lee to deliver a nostalgic Founders' Day address last month, former University President Robert E.R. Huntley touched, too briefly, on the tradition and history that is Washington and Lee. In passing, he mentioned the granting of the University's first charter, in 1782, and the awarding of its first degrees, in 1785 to 12 young gentlemen.

Accordingly, this year will mark the 200th anniversary of those first graduation ceremonies. With the hustle and bustle of a transition between presidents, the anniversary of the charter in 1782 somehow was overlooked. The anniversary of the first commencement exercises should not receive the same treatment.

University administrators apparently are planning to mark the graduation anniversary in some way. Although this certainly is a justifiable end, we question their means.

Rather than commemorate the first graduation during the 200th graduation in June, the University apparently plans to postpone the bicentennial until September. Among other reasons, this would be done in an effort to attract some of the inevitable media coverage from the first class of women.

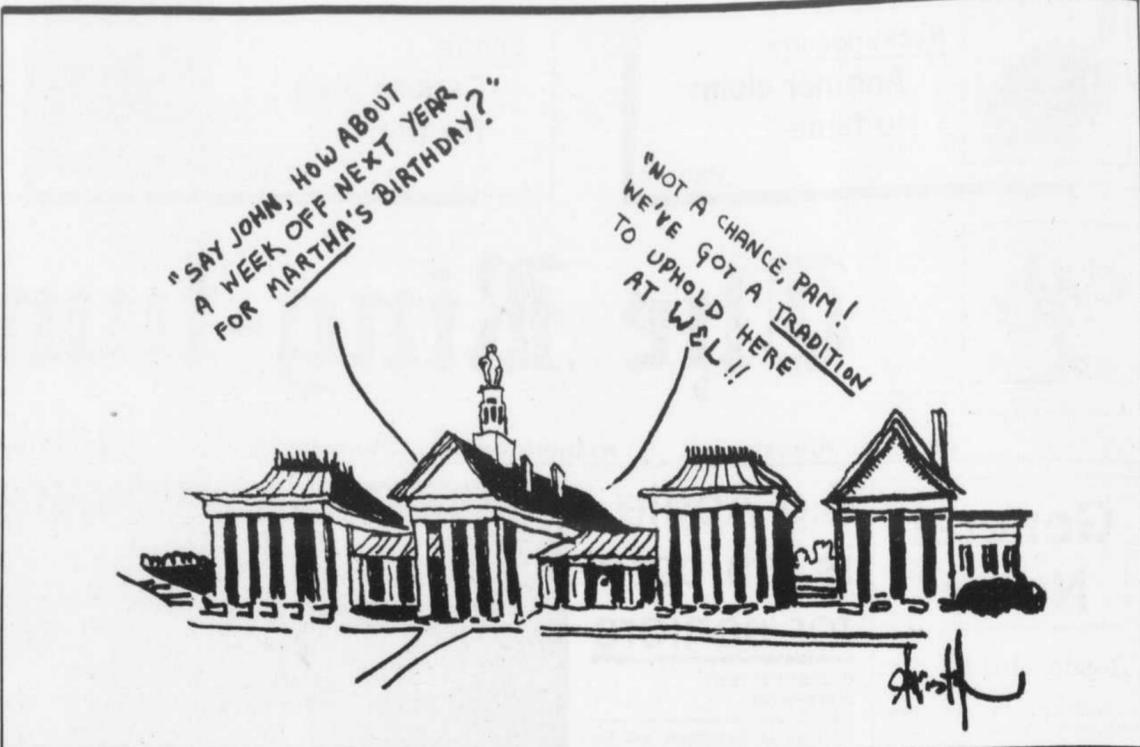
To even consider marking the anniversary of a graduation at any time other than at another graduation is all but ridiculous. The circumstances surrounding this occasion make it even more so:

- The graduation of the Class of 1985, in June, not September, will be the 200th graduation of a class from Washington and Lee University. By September, members of that 200th class will be gone and forgotten.

- The first graduation did indeed take place in September, on the second Wednesday of September 1785. This provides the only justification for holding the bicentennial celebration in September, but only if it were held 200 years to the day from the first graduation. This probably would not happen, though, because most students will not even be on campus by the actual day.

The controversy, if indeed there is any, about when to celebrate the bicentennial of the first Washington and Lee commencement exercises is silly at best. There should be no controversy. To commemorate the bicentennial at any time other than in June would be a classic case of a good idea gone awry.

- By Bruce Potter



## Lee: 'Marble man' on own Olympus

University Historian I. Taylor Sanders II says that with the advent of coeducation, he frequently hears the question, "What can Robert E. Lee do for young women?" Dr. Sanders says we'll have to stop thinking of Lee simply as a role model for young men, but will have to expand our view to include other facets of his "complete, well-integrated personality — the nurturing side of humanity that he picked up from his mother." Following are excerpts from remarks by Dr. Sanders to the Alumni Association's Lee Day celebration Jan. 18.

Part 2 of a two-part series.

One hundred years ago, an entire generation knew Lee as the man who combined the idealism and romanticism of the Old South with a vision for a New South based on practical, industrial development. In time, he became known as a saintly man, nearly Christ-like, aloof and duty-bound — a "marble man" on his own distant Olympus. Freeman knew him as a good man, a simple man; a man

shrouded in no secrets. Each generation has found its own Lee. What about our own fragmented, post-industrial world, with its emphasis on over-specialization and its turning away from self-denial and self-control toward selfish consumerism, narcissism, self-promotion — in fact, all those elements of self-fulfillment, hedonism and craving for leisure and personal possessions that have become synonymous with "Yuppies?" Is there a Lee worth-the-knowing for us?

We can know Lee as a complete human being, exemplifying what the Greeks called *sophrosyne* — wholeness, or moderation. Lee was not without personal means — his estate was not a small one — and he loved elegant things, yet he practiced what he preached and he lived modestly in "comfortable subsistence." The engineer, the practical Lee, who was also the Romantic idealist, may have been his happiest when studying Spanish literature. He was a professional who regretted that he had not received more of a

liberal education. He was a man who was brave, without bravado. He was athletic, virile and courageous, yet he was also compassionate, nurturing, modest and patient. Graceful and neat, without being vain, prissy or conceited, he also was perceptive, sentimental and emotional. Idealistic and humanistic, he was practical, independent and competitive. A high achiever, he bore failure with grace. His sense of honor was chivalric without swagger; his definition of a gentleman stressed kindness toward subordinates, rather than the shallow, material symbols of status.

He was proud, without being prideful; gentle, without being passive; devout, without being priggish; and strong, without being ashamed of publicly shedding heartfelt tears. He led without being dogmatic and dominated without being domineering. A leader who was no martinet, he guided men in ways of self-discipline, self-denial and duty by his own un-selfconscious example. Deeply aware of, and even concerned about, his own strong attraction to

the glories of the battlefield, he was most comfortable with small children, whom he petted and adored.

The memory of Lee on Traveller was a common one around post-war Lexington. So was the scene of the elderly gentleman with his market basket, moving through the streets of town doing his family's shopping. A man of war, he ended his life among scenes of rural domesticity, amid the ultimate expression of his hope in the future: a new generation. His hope for them was simple: to succeed where his generation had failed.

To know Lee is to know a person who embodied all those elements of wholeness that human beings, male or female, should cherish and engender in their own lives. Next fall a new (and for us unusual) generation of Washington and Lee students will find much to ponder as it works out its own living relationship with Lee. So a toast, one raised in officers' messes and around campfires during the late unpleasantness: "To the Ladies...and General Lee."

## Giving life meaning



### MY VIEW

By B. Scott Tilley

but "religious," I at the same time am confident that I have found my purpose and meaning in life. They have been given to me by Jesus Christ.

Evidence proves the existence of a Jesus as a historical figure. And many of us go a step further and accept him as a good moral teacher. But how can we accept him as a good moral teacher when he claimed to have dominion over our lives and destinies, unless we acknowledge these claims on our lives as well?

He claimed to be "the way, the truth and the life." Either we can acknowledge our faith in these claims or reject it. As Josh McDowell put it, we have to accept Christ as Lord, liar or lunatic.

If we decide to acknowledge this, and make Christ's life our life, then we no longer need to worry about our life here and the problems that we encounter. On the eternal scale, they somehow seem to lose their significance. We can regain our sense of the infinite. It gives our lives the meaning we so desperately seek.

Christ's commandment to us is not to be religious, to follow a list of do's and don'ts and to try to get more positive marks than negative so that we can make it to heaven. That is the "religious" view of life.

Rather, he said to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Upon these rest all of the law and commandments, and in these will you find life.

So life is not found in drugs, success, wealth or Buddha. It's not even found in "religious" practices such as teetotaling and going to church once a week.

Rather, it is found in loving Christ. That is how we transcend the finite mirages of this world to achieve the infinite security awaiting us. That is the purpose of life — and what gives it its meaning.

I was stunned when I heard the news of Paul Strange's death. I did not know Paul, but within our community here at Washington and Lee, news with such tragic implications affects each of us deeply. I, too, feel a loss.

We may never know the reasons behind his action. That is often the case with suicides. Many times, though, suicides occur for one reason — a failure to find a purpose in life. William Blake put it a different way: By becoming lost in the finite, we lose our sense of the infinite.

Our world today is the most religious in history. Whether the object of the quest — the thing being worshipped — is money, a god, Buddha, drugs or even academic achievements, people want something to give meaning to their lives.

We seek the four "P's" — power, prestige, possessions and pleasure — to give our lives a sense of significance. Our time on this earth is relatively short — we want it, we need it to have purpose.

Through the annals of time, this has been the case — even from mankind's second generation: Cain and Abel. When Cain slew his brother, the punishment bestowed by God was not death, but a fate far worse than death — a loss of purpose in life. Cain was a farmer, with fruit from the ground providing meaning to his life. Upon his action, though, the ground he tilled became barren. He was doomed to wander the land, his purpose taken away.

Though I consider myself anything

## Letters

### Did administration ignore complaints?

To the Editors:  
Many times over the years I thought of writing a letter to The Phi expressing my disgruntled opinion on the EC or coeducation or any number of matters, yet I always decided to reserve my opinions for my friends and myself.

However, I write now to the W&L community, not merely on my opinion, but rather on matters I see as facts (in my opinion, of course), something that I can speak on with some authority. For years I have worked in Evans Dining Hall, the past two years as student manager. I have worked in nearly all areas at the Dining Hall and naturally have worked a great deal with Wanda Coffey-Bailey. This is what I wish to address — not her complaints with the Dining Hall, but her difficulties with the administration. Coffey-Bailey had some legitimate complaints of sex discrimination, yet when she approached the administration she was met with criticism and more discrim-

ination. The administration, including President Wilson, never gave her complaints serious examination. Instead, the administration circled their wagons of defensive intolerance. Why was she not treated fairly? Why was she harassed and practically hounded out of her job? Some charge that she was incompetent. But from my own experiences and from the views of a great many other Dining Hall employees (students and full-time staff), I assert that this is completely false.

Even after speaking with President Wilson, I can not understand why an objective member of the administration could not have earnestly listened to her complaints, examined both sides sorting through the half-stories and charges of both sides — and reached something approaching a fair solution. Instead, the administration ignored valid complaints and pushed Coffey-Bailey out of sight.

Washington and Lee's institutional

philosophy says that W&L "stresses the importance of the individual, his personal honor and integrity." Formerly I had believed this statement. Now I question the commitment to this fundamental aspiration, for I have seen it violated.

I am curious: What other injustices are silenced by fear of recrimination? How will the tight coterie atti-

tude of the administration react to complaints that are bound to arise in future years with coeducation? The hostile, defensive reaction of the administration in answer to Coffey-Bailey's complaints clearly indicates a serious problem.

Brian Peterson  
Class of 1985

### Girls will be girls?

To the Editors:  
In the Feb. 7 issue of The Ring-tum Phi, Steven Pockrass wrote about Dean Simpson's suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning coeducation. In the article, Mr. Pockrass quoted Dean Simpson as saying that the EC "must have a commonsensical attitude" in adjusting to the differences that coeducation will bring. Mr. Pockrass went on to state that "Simpson also indicated a need for the EC to be prepared for 'girls-will-be-girls' incidents that could be construed as honor violations." I

believe that this statement deserves clarification. Exactly what constitute these "girls-will-be-girls incidents"? According to my understanding of the Washington and Lee honor system, basic offenses include lying, stealing and cheating — offenses not usually restricted to one sex or the other. If Mr. Pockrass failed to completely report Dean Simpson's remarks, I would appreciate a more precise treatment of her views.

Debra D. Moore  
R-MWC Class of 1985

### Coach seeks lost jacket

To the Editors:  
As the week draws to a close and Washington Holiday approaches, the W&L baseball team would like to thank all the faculty, staff and students who supported us in our fundraising efforts. Your support in our fruit sale and whiffle ball marathon is much appreciated. Through your efforts and those of the team, we have reached our goal and will be spending next week in Florida preparing for our upcoming baseball season. We hope that you continue to support us by venturing up to Smith Field to watch us in action.

The team and I, however, would like the help of the W&L community in one additional situation. Some time ago a new baseball jacket was removed from the stadium equipment room. If anyone has any information regarding the jacket, please contact Murph, the athletic department or myself. The Jacket is royal blue with "Generals" in white script sewn on front. Our primary concern is the return of the jacket. Thank you for your cooperation, support and concern.

Jim Murdock  
Head Baseball Coach

### Leash all dogs, or else

To the Editors:  
Dogs on campus are becoming a problem. One jumped a campus mailman. They are entering buildings and making messes. They are fighting and disrupting classes, digging holes in lawns and damaging campus plantings.

Dog owners are reminded that Lexington has a strict leash law. It provides that dogs are not to be allowed to run at large; they must be under the control of their owners or custodians by means of a leash, chain or rope when off the owner's property.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$25 are prescribed for violations of the ordinance.

Please take notice that the University intends to invite the dog warden onto the campus to impound dogs running at large. Dogs impounded will be taken to the local SPCA shelter, where they will be held for a limited period until claimed. Dogs not claimed after five days may be disposed of.

E. Stewart Epley  
University Treasurer

### Method cruel, unusual

To the Editors:  
The Supreme Court of the United States must decide whether the federal Food and Drug Administration should regulate certain drugs used to execute condemned prisoners. The method involves the use of FDA-approved drugs, by non-doctors, in a new, non-therapeutic and non-medical fashion for which their safety and effectiveness have never been tested. A catheter is injected into the criminal's arm. Then a drug is dripped into the plastic tubing which flows into the blood stream. One drug is an ultrashort-acting barbiturate, sodium thiopental, which works on the central nervous system. Its function is to put out the "light of consciousness."

A second drug as specified in prison memoranda written to carry out new laws would be a muscle relaxant, either tubocurarine, a purified form of the curare used on arrow tips by South American Indians, or succinylcholine chloride. Unfortunately, if the tactile sensory is active from inadequate dosage or improper administration of the thiopental, the conscious prisoner would receive a sensation of "multiple shocks over the entire body with erratic muscle twitching followed by acute paralysis and suffocation," says one anesthesiologist of the succinylcholine chloride. It all sounds pretty unusual to me, if not cruel, don't you think?

Lamont Carr  
Law Class of 1986

### 24-hour library unique

To the Editors:  
An Open Statement to University President John Wilson, Dean of the College John Elrod, and Professor Lamar Cecil Jr. (Chairman of the Library Advisory Committee):

We, the members of Pi Sigma Alpha, are firmly resolved that the abandonment of the University Library's 24-hour policy is not in the best interest of Washington and Lee University. We believe that:

- The 24-hour policy contributes greatly to the academic quality of the University by guaranteeing access to academic resources and to quiet places to study;

- The 24-hour policy is a unique aspect of the University that is a strong selling point for prospective students;

- The potential monetary savings of a limited-use policy are far exceeded by the potential intangible costs of limiting University Library hours.

We hope that the administration realizes that the overwhelming student sentiment is for maintaining the 24-hour policy and will act accordingly.

Pi Sigma Alpha  
Honorary Politics Fraternity  
Washington and Lee University

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# History computer room: Past meets future

By CHRISTOPHER DEIGHAN  
Staff Reporter

When one thinks of guinea pigs, experiments and computers, one usually thinks of science.

But the history department at Washington and Lee is acting as a "guinea pig" this year in the University's attempt to upgrade the student computer system.

With five microcomputers installed last spring, the history department offers students an "invitation to attempt perfection," according to John D. Parker, assistant professor of history and one of the professors who initiated the experiment.

The microcomputers, or word processors, are in a room on the third floor of Newcomb Hall and are basically typewriters with screens and automatic printout ability.

The Kaypro II models available to students can be used for any non-mathematical, non-scientific textual material. Specifically, the machines can be used for writing papers or taking notes.

Parker said he thinks that word processors help people organize their thoughts.

"Here in this department what we're interested in is people's prose...getting to say what you mean," he said.

With a word processor, a student can enter his text and read what he has written. He then can employ the many editing capabilities to complete his "orderly thinking," according to Parker.

"It's as exciting as all get out," he said.

"I came here knowing how to use a word processor," added Parker, who spent two days on one such machine at the University of Washington, writing a 350-page dissertation.

"I'll show anybody how to use the machines," he said. "I'll get them started."

"Aside from the initial shock, you get hooked," Parker added.

The room of microcomputers in Newcomb Hall was a test of the need for such machines on campus, according to Parker.

"The experiment, in a sense, has been successful," he said.

Parker remembers when three of the five machines were in use 24 hours a day during the last weeks of the fall term.

Currently, the microcomputer room is locked during the night, but certain students do have keys and will open the room at any time.

"Our ideal is for the place to be open 24 hours a day," Parker said.

The machines are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be reserved for up to three hours.

The University's five-year plan to upgrade the student computer system includes the addition of microcomputers to the library, the Commerce School, Robinson Hall and Parnly Hall at a cost of about \$900 for each Kaypro II model.

Also, the microcomputers on the third floor of Newcomb Hall will be moved to a larger room on the second floor, allowing space for additional microcomputers and new computer terminals.

"We envision microcomputers to



Sophomore Mark Hurdle uses one of the history department's computers to write a paper.

By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

be used to a very large extent," said Thomas C. Imeson, professor of chemistry and director of the computer center.

"The microcomputers in Newcomb allowed us to see more specifically what those uses are rather than

speculate what they might be," he added.

One of the advantages of the microcomputer, he said, is its independence from other systems.

Another advantage is its ability to facilitate education software. For ex-

ample, the Commerce School may someday have economics and finance software.

The microcomputers currently are being used as educational tools for some history courses.

## Prof chairs area Davis effort

By MIKE ALLEN  
Chief Editor

Politics Professor Milton Colvin is facing a challenge even more daunting than motivating undergraduates: convincing local Democrats to get involved in the upcoming statewide races, when even he admits this area is unlikely to be much of a hot spot in party strategy.

Colvin is the Lexington and Rockbridge County campaign chairman for Lt. Gov. Richard J. Davis, who is challenging Attorney General Gerald L. Baliles for the Democratic nomination in this year's gubernatorial race.

The law does not permit incumbent governor Charles S. Robb to succeed himself. Davis has raised more funds than Baliles and has a larger organization, and is therefore seen as the favorite in the contest.

"Generally speaking, there is the feeling that the race will be decided somewhere else," Colvin lamented as he discussed Rockbridge area turnouts.

He said that will likely be true again this year. "That is not necessarily the case, but we simply don't have the vote of Northern Virginia, Richmond or Tidewater," he said, shaking his head.

Colvin, who once sought statewide office himself, is handling his third Davis campaign in this area. He said few professors make successful campaign managers.

"A political campaign is not an intellectual exercise," he said, delighting in the understatement.

Instead it's an exercise in phone banks, direct mail and shoe leather. Colvin's practitioners of all of the above will have a slightly more receptive audience in the city than in the county, he expects.

He explained that because Lexington has a large academic population, it tends to have a larger Democratic vote than Rockbridge County, which is more conservative. Also, he said there is a larger black vote in the city than in the county.

When Davis officially launched his campaign in December, an issue that was raised was whether he could overcome the liberal label Baliles and others frequently pin on him.

"I would argue they are both moderate," Colvin said. "Davis is more liberal than Baliles. It's more a moderate against a conservative."

"I think Virginia is becoming a moderate state," Colvin said. "The old Byrd machine has been largely dismantled and some elements of it have come back into the camp of the moderates."

He said the increasingly moderate cast of the Commonwealth electorate is due partially to the increasing importance of the black vote and the influx of new families into Northern Virginia.

"That's what elected Robb governor, and that's what elected Davis lieutenant governor," he said.

Virginia's equivalent of a primary

is the series of mass meetings that is held across the state to elect delegates to the state Democratic convention in June. Mass meetings will be held March 31 or April 1.

"It's really critical to turn out the vote in the mass meetings," Colvin said. "Whichever candidate comes out of the mass meetings with the strongest delegation is likely to be the candidate."

"Davis is going to win" in November, Colvin said confidently. "But first he has to beat Baliles."

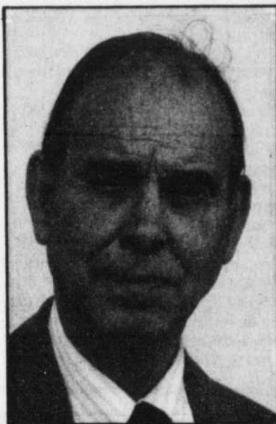
Davis' assets include the fact that he is well-known across Virginia after having run two previous statewide campaigns, the professor said. "Davis has just been in politics longer," he said.

He added that Davis, who was a Marine officer in World War II and the Korean War, has the strong backing of veterans, an important segment of the Virginia electorate.

Colvin said the crucial areas for Davis will be the 10th District in the Washington, D.C., suburbs ("the swing or critical district") and the Tidewater area, which includes Norfolk ("a boom city").

"If he can hold on in Tidewater, win decisively in the 10th District and do well in the 3rd and 4th Districts [Richmond and Tidewater], then he is a likely winner," Colvin said.

He said Richmond is important because that's the home of Baliles. "That'll be a tough struggle," he said. Davis is the former mayor of the 4th District's Portsmouth.



MILTON COLVIN  
To lead Davis effort

Western Virginia, specifically Lexington and the 6th District, is notably absent from those focal regions, however.

"Of course, I hope he does well everywhere," Colvin said.

He said aggressive campaigning has given the Baliles forces a jump on the Davis organization in the Rockbridge area.

"We're starting late," he said. "The Baliles people came in here in the summer and have already attracted a faithful following."

"This is a difficult race because you're dealing with two good men — able, articulate and honest," he continued. "We've been making good progress, although at the moment I think we're still behind. But we'll catch up."

## CRs hold convention, draw state candidates

From Staff Reports

Washington and Lee's College Republicans won one and lost one at the annual state convention this weekend: they were named best club of their size in the second consecutive year, but one of their members lost his bid for statewide office.

W&L and Hollins co-sponsored the gathering, the first convention to be held at the just-completed Roanoke Marriott Hotel. The two-day event drew 300 students from 28 clubs from around Virginia.

A bit of real politicking accompanied the festivities: the five Republican candidates for lieutenant governor, the attorney general candidate and representatives of the two gubernatorial candidates made appearances, hoping to gain support for their candidacies in the upcoming state elections.

Entertainment included a performance by W&L's Jazz Band, directed by Robert Stewart, at the ball that followed the convention.

W&L was named Virginia's best medium-sized club, a category that includes three-fourths of the CR clubs. The W&L group also walked away with the award for the best scrapbook.

Junior Gerald D. Shepherd, whose bid for statewide office consumed the attention of the W&L delegation, said Virginia has the "most active, best organized, most effective" College Republican organization in the country.

He said its 6,000 members also make it the nation's largest. "From what I gather, it's amazing the difference between Virginia and other

states," he said.

Despite his enthusiasm for the organization and after campaigning all year, Shepherd was unsuccessful in his effort to become second vice chairman of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.

He said he'd been interested in seeking office for several years, and finally decided that because he "had something to offer the CRs," he should run.

Senior Scott Tilley, executive director of the Federation, was the delegate who nominated Shepherd. "When it came down to the roll call, the votes just weren't there," he said. "Our campaign lost a lot of momentum when the candidate at the top of ticket pulled out of the chairman's race and accepted the first vice-chairman's spot."

Tilley said that Friday night while other delegates were "getting wasted" at the candidates' hospitality suites, a few were involved in "hard-core politicking."

"We were plugging information about Gerald's campaign into a computer," Tilley said. "We tried all different scenarios. Through these, we thought the votes were there until the other candidate pulled out."

"After that, we saw there was no way we could win," he added.

Shepherd said that at that point he decided not to continue his race. "We had given it an awful lot of thought, and decided that we didn't want a showdown," he said.

Tilley nominated Shepherd anyway, reading the delegates Robert E. Lee's definition of a gentleman. Shepherd received a standing ovation and then withdrew his nomination. "We went out in class," Tilley said.

## Woods Creek: Water over the bridge

By DAVID JOHNSTON  
Staff Reporter

Whenever it rains, Woods Creek rises, and when the creek rises it almost invariably floods over the footbridge to the Woods Creek Apartments, much to the dismay of students living there.

And, according to Buildings and Grounds Superintendent James L. Arthur, there is little that can or will be done about it.

"You have to understand that Woods Creek is a flood area," Arthur said, "and that poses quite a problem."

Water was flowing over the bridge Tuesday, the second time in two weeks that has happened.

When the apartments were originally built, the only convenient way

to campus was across the bridge along the road to the military science building. Then some students started jumping across the creek or crossing it on stepping stones, Arthur said. Rather than risk having someone fall in — and to make getting to campus easier — a wooden bridge was added near the Central apartment building.

The original wooden bridge was replaced two summers ago with a poured concrete bridge built by buildings and grounds workers.

During normal weather the bridge usually is clear, but when it rains debris often gets clogged underneath it, making water run over the bridge and up the embankments on the side and forcing students to use the larger bridge.

"The plan was to put in a bridge for non-flood times," Arthur said, noting that students can use the other bridge

in all weather.

Although there are not any plans to modify the bridge or build a new one, Arthur said the University will continue to reinforce the shore near the bridge, where erosion caused by flood waters has been a problem.

Although Arthur said the footbridge probably will not be improved, he noted that paths around the apartments have been graded and covered with gravel, replacing the old and expensive wood bark surface.

Ultimately, Arthur said, he hopes the gravel will be packed down, forming a firm surface and requiring less maintenance.

Arthur said the University also plans to put gravel on the Chessie Trail throughout the University's property. Much of the trail has already been covered, and the job will be finished in the spring.

## W&L, Soviets place second at mock U.N.

From Staff Reports

Seven Washington and Lee students, representing the Soviet Union, won second place at the Princeton University Model United Nations Conference last weekend at Princeton.

The students, all members of the International Club, repeated the performance by last year's W&L delegation, which also won second place.

Three W&L students received personal honors at the conference. Junior Bart Smith, representing the USSR on the Social and Humanitarian Committee, won best delegate in that committee, and senior Jon Zagrodzky won best delegate for the second year in a row in the General Assembly. Sophomore Rick Graves received an honorable mention for his representation on the International Court of Justice.

Top delegation awards went to the West Point delegation, representing Egypt. Other schools in the conference included Georgetown, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia.

## New York

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about two weeks and, if you're one of the favored few, an interview will be scheduled.

The first interview, according to both Brower and Brown, is to weed out those who stand no chance and to find out how interested you really are in the business. One problem is that you will have to foot all the bills for that first interview. That includes air fare (if needed), hotel reservations and food.

The first interview is a type of screening in which the interviewer checks to see if you can back up your resume, according to Brown. It is a chance for the bank to see how committed you are to working for it.

Tom Pearce, a senior from Alabama who also is applying for jobs at several New York banks, said Southerners are already at a disadvantage just by being from the South.

He said that many Northern banking firms are leery of Southerners for two reasons. First, many feel students from here cannot handle the pressures of the fast-paced life in a huge city. Second, many Southern college graduates will go through the excellent training programs found in the Northern cities and then move back to the South.

Pearce also pointed out that you to show the interviewer that you

are willing to make a commitment to living in New York (or whatever city it is).

In any event, the first interview usually lasts about 30 to 45 minutes. In about two weeks you will receive a letter from the bank that will either give you the old form rejection slip or ask you back for another interview.

If you can get asked back to this second interview, you are halfway in the door. The bank will pay for all your expenses, from airfare (or gas money) to hotel reservations, food allowances and cab fare.

The second interview gives the bank the chance to look you over one more time and also gives them a chance to sell themselves to you.

In this interview, you usually will spend the day with the company. Interviews will be scheduled with between five and eight people in various positions within the bank, from vice presidents on down. Often a major part of the day will be with someone who has just finished a training program or is currently in one.

Remember, you must sell yourself and not wait for them to take the initiative. All three seniors said you should prepare for the interview by learning as much about the company as possible. Finally, be prepared to answer the following three questions. First, why us? Second, why banking? and third, why are your qualifications better than those of other students?

Maybe grad school wouldn't be so bad after all.

## Red Cross gets 292 units in drive

From Staff Reports

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 292 pints of blood from stops at Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute last week.

At the stop at W&L on Tuesday, sponsored by Chi Psi fraternity, donors contributed 134 pints. The goal for the visit was 150.

According to senior Tim Considine, who headed the drive for the fraternity, bad weather and illness were to blame for the lower than expected turn out. Kappa Sigma fraternity donated the most pints, 14, of any W&L organization.

During the stop at VMI on Saturday, 158 pints were donated by the cadets. Their contribution easily exceeded the goal of 100.

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# EC budget healthy, administrators say

By PAUL FOUTCH  
News Editor

The Executive Committee's budget, which funds 15 student organizations, is in good shape this year and is unlikely to result in a deficit similar to last year's, according to the student and University officials responsible for it.

EC Vice President James White, who is in charge of the budget, and University Treasurer E. Stewart Epley, who oversees the organizations' funds as they leave the Business Office, said this week that the EC is keeping student organizations fiscally responsible.

"They are all going well and [White] is doing an outstanding job of tracking each organization and its budget," Epley said.

"The organizations have been incredibly responsible with their funds, compared to last year," White said. "It's really a good sign when the Student Activities Board is in the black."

The SAB received more money than any other organization—\$42,450. The nature of the SAB, which risks large sums of money to book bands and then receives revenue on the whim of partiers, makes it difficult to predict its income, White said.

Only one organization is projecting a deficit: the Hockey Club, which has told the EC it expects to finish the year more than \$220 in the red.

Last year both the SAB and the Mock Convention were \$2,400 in the red, as deficits of all organizations depleted the \$7,000 in the student body reserve fund and resulted in an overall deficit of \$1,411.

In addition, the speaker symposium Contact still is paying off a \$15,000 debt it accumulated between 1982 and 1984.

Those deficits prompted White to call this a "trial year" for the budget. "We started out the year wanting to

run a tight ship," he said.

Because of that tight ship, the EC has been able to spend some of the \$7,200 in its reserve fund, which is earmarked for deficits or new organizations.

The Film Society was awarded an additional \$200 at the beginning of the year, and a new publication, The Journal of Science, was given \$550 last month.

The \$100,000 distributed by the EC in the fall came from the student tax, which is paid along with tuition by undergraduate and law students. This year the tax was \$100 — \$75 for the student budget and \$25 for the student activities pavilion.

The EC decided not to recommend an increase in the student tax for next school year for several reasons, White said.

The student tax was raised \$5 last year for the Mock Convention, inflation has been low, and "we don't really anticipate too many clubs going in to the red," White explained.

The Board of Trustees approved next year's tuition with a student tax of \$100 at its meeting three weeks ago.

The EC monitors the organizations' budgets by having the groups make budget reports several times throughout the year. That system encountered difficulties early in the year, when organizations repeatedly failed to show up at the Monday night EC meetings to make their reports.

"We did have a communication problem at the beginning of the year," White said. "[EC Secretary] Sam [Dalton] had a hard time sometimes contacting some of the people."

That problem was rectified when the EC put mailboxes in the Student Center for all organizations, White said.

"When they do show up, they certainly have good budget reports and have stayed on top of their funds," he added.



CHRIS WILLIAMS  
"...put forth 100 percent."

## Chris Williams:

Senior Chris Williams uses the word "motivation" a lot.

He has good reason to. When you talk Chris Williams, you're talking motivation.

"It's easy to put forth 100 percent of your effort if you're sincere," he said.

He added that his feeling of caring for others is attributable to his family and to his desire to relate to people. He also said the success of a project provides reinforcement and keeps him going.

"W&L has allowed me to grow personally," he said. "Friends have helped me develop an understanding of people and situations."

"Since I've been here, I've changed," he recalled. "A lot of my friends have influenced me and made me what I am."

# Williams, Jackson given Pinney Prize

Seniors Glen O. Jackson and Christopher Williams have been named co-recipients of the annual Edward L. Pinney Prize.

The prize is awarded by a vote of the University Council, composed of students, faculty and administrators.

Awarded for the first time in 1982, the Pinney Prize was established by the faculty in memory of the late Edward Lee Pinney, who was professor of politics at W&L from 1963 until his death in 1980. The Pinney Prize recognizes extraordinary commitment both to personal scholarship and to the nurturing of intellectual life at Washington and Lee.

Jackson is an English major, a

member of Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership fraternity and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He is chairman of the Student Recruitment Committee and also serves as director of the Big Brothers program.

Williams is majoring in business administration and accounting. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, president of W&L's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa and a member of Who's Who. He is a dormitory counselor, was the 1983-84 winner of the Johnson Scholarship and was co-chairman of the 1985 Superdance.

Both are members of Kathekon, the student alumni association.



GLEN JACKSON  
"...give something back."

## Glen Jackson:

Senior Glen Jackson said one of the words that sticks in his mind when he looks back at his W&L career is "opportunity."

What is arguable is whether Jackson's coming to W&L was more his opportunity or the school's.

"W&L is small," he said. "As a result, it enables a student to make an indentation in the school within a four-year period."

He made a modest reference to characteristics such as persistence and honesty that he has found helpful in his work here. He added that his desire for giving allows these qualities to operate fully.

While good moral character is certainly a key to success in a group such as Big Brothers, Jackson pointed out that you also "must be willing

to devote a lot of time."

He said he gives his time out of love for the school and a desire "to give something back."

"These organizations may give students a chance to work with people, but you must have the initiative," he said. "Some students don't, and fail to realize the freedom and independence they have."

Jackson said a freshman can obtain "immediate employment" upon arriving at W&L, and has the chance to excel academically and personally.

He added that because they're at a small college, freshmen can really make a difference if they try, because the faculty and student body will support a student who is willing to give the time.

— By Anthony Cornealius

# Stricter rules proposed for honor confidentiality

By STEVEN POCKRASS  
Staff Reporter

Stiffer penalties for discussing possible Honor System violations or Executive Committee hearings could be in store for Washington and Lee students if a proposed White Book revision is approved.

According to discussion at Monday's EC meeting, President Cole Dawson has asked senior representative Bob Tomaso to draft a revision of Section III, Part O of the White Book concerning the procedure for an Executive Committee hearing.

The section currently reads: "All information about a possible Honor System violation or an E.C. Hearing is considered highly confidential. The E.C. will take necessary disciplinary steps against a student who breaks confidentiality. Possible disciplinary steps include: a reprimand, removal of office or position, suspension and probation."

The proposed change reads: "All information about a possible Honor System violation or an E.C. Hearing is considered highly confidential. The E.C. will take necessary disciplinary steps against any student who breaks confidentiality. An E.C. member may be reprimanded, placed on probation for one or more hearings, or suspended from office. An advocate for the accused who

breaks confidentiality faces a reprimand or suspension of the right to advocate. The accused and any witness of an E.C. hearing may be reprimanded, placed on social or conduct probation, or suspended from the University.

"The E.C. recognizes that extenuating circumstances may exist. The President of the E.C. shall decide whether a situation merits extenuation."

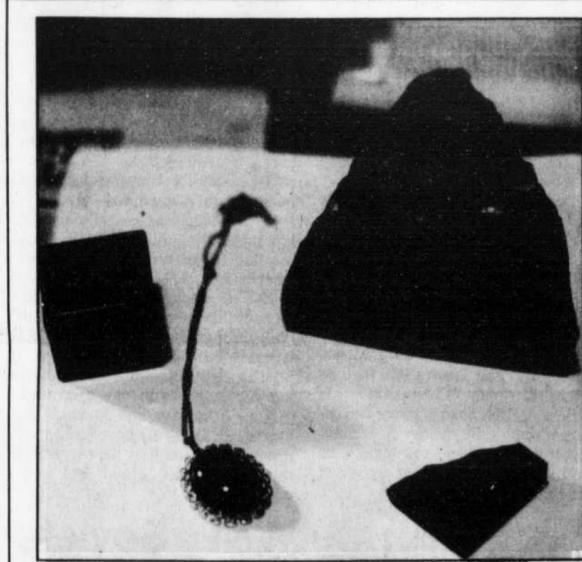
EC Vice President James White, filling in for an absent Dawson, recommended that the EC vote on the proposed revision immediately.

Sophomore representative Andrew Caruthers and first-year law representative James Crutchfield, however, argued in favor of passing the revision to the White Book Revisions Committee, whose first meeting is scheduled for March 4.

Caruthers said this was not a pressing issue and asked why the revisions committee was appointed if it would not have the power to make recommendations on all issues.

Crutchfield's motion to send the proposal to the revisions committee was approved 8-3.

The EC does not have to follow the revisions committee's recommendations, but any White Book revisions the EC approves must be posted on campus for a week and then approved again to become part of the White Book.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

Rockbridgeite can be found in the county in many shapes and sizes.

# Rockbridgeite: The area's own mineral

By CHRIS MUNSEY  
Staff Reporter

In addition to being the home of Washington and Lee, Rockbridge County has another claim to fame.

A unique mineral called Rockbridgeite, a phosphate of iron and manganese, is found along the flanks of the Blue Ridge Mountains that run through the county.

Rockbridgeite is often found with purer deposits of iron ore, and according to geology Professor Edgar W. Spencer, Rockbridge was once the site of a mining industry.

"There was quite an active mining industry over in Buena Vista, but they ran out of ore, and other sources of ore opened up," Spencer said.

In the mid-1900s seven furnaces operated along the North River,

smelting iron mined from nearby pits and mines. Rockbridge supplied much of the iron for the Confederacy during the Civil War. By the 1880s competition from more accessible and purer deposits of iron ore made the operation of the mines unprofitable, and the industry collapsed. Buena Vista and Goshen retained operating furnaces until the 1920s.

D. Allen Penick, a geologist who works with the Virginia Division of Natural Resources, says that Rockbridgeite is a polished, black-green mineral.

"Rockbridgeite can be cut into beautiful stones and resembles black jade," Penick said. The mineral can be used for jewelry, but has not been marketed commercially. Penick also noted that the mineral is found in the states of Arkansas, Alabama, Maryland and New Hampshire.

# Kathekon

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Students selected for the group were leaders in a variety of areas who had the interest and energy to sacrifice some time to help the University. "These were people who were already very busy who were willing to do one more thing," Atkins said.

"We looked for a group of guys who can identify the things that are worthy of support," Sessoms added.

The group's founding meeting was Oct. 21 at Skylark, the University's

mountain retreat. Initial plans were made, and the group came back to Lexington ready to live up to its name.

Atkins said Kathekon is fostering a greater sense of "unity and community" among W&L students. He said Kathekon's achievements to date have been "substantial."

Junior Jim Kerr, the group's president, says they plan to tackle "anything we can get our hands on."

"We're sincerely committed to doing what is in the best interest of the school," he said.

Senior Chris Williams said he "felt really honored to be asked to be on

it." He said the group is of such high quality that "anything they take on they can do."

"This group is a terrific addition at a critical point in the University's history," another member said. "I hope the other guys keep their enthusiasm for it and that the administration recognizes the value of it."

Future plans for the group include assisting with such functions as freshman orientation, Homecoming, admissions recruiting, reunions, Founders' Day and senior night.

Sessoms is optimistic about the group's future. "The sky's the limit," he said.

# Who are they?

**Alumni Association officials:** Dick Sessoms, Buddy Atkins and Ben Hale.

**Seniors:** Matt Anthony, Ian Banwell, Jim Cobb, John Haywood, Glen Jackson, David Perdue, Bob Tomaso and Chris Williams.

**Juniors:** Mike Allen, John Henschel, Lee Hollis, Jim Kerr, John Lewis, Townes Pressler, Sandy Whann and James White.

# Coed committee suggests delaying fraternities' 'Little Sisters' program

By ANDY HOPPE  
Staff Reporter

A two-year moratorium on the establishment of "Little Sisters" programs by Washington and Lee fraternities was recommended by the Coeducation Steering Committee on Tuesday.

The committee's recommendation would prohibit the establishment of "Little Sister" programs until 1987-1988. A set of guidelines for setting up "Little Sisters" programs was approved by the committee.

"Little Sisters" programs "consist of groups of women formally associated with a fraternity for social and other activities without paying dues or becoming official members," the committee's recommendation states.

Lee Hollis, chairman of the fraternities subcommittee that prepared the recommendation, said the two-year moratorium was recommended because the committee feared that the women in the first two coed classes at W&L would establish a social pattern based entirely on "Little Sisters" programs that might restrict the options of future women.

"We thought it would help the social system evolve a little more naturally," Hollis said.

The committee's recommendation

## Coeducation:



## What Will It Mean?

stated that the extensive development of "Little Sisters" programs in the first two years of coeducation would limit the development of other organizations created by women and, "at a time when class unity is important, these programs might prove divisive."

Hollis emphasized that the committee's proposal was neither a condemnation nor a recommendation of the establishment of "Little Sisters" programs after the end of the two-year moratorium.

"When properly organized, these programs can provide a structure for enhancing friendships between male and female students and offer women an opportunity to participate in the fraternity system. They also could generate good public relations for fraternities as well as lead to good fraternity/sorority relations," the

committee's proposal states.

However, the committee warns that if the program is not properly run it could place women in a "second class status." The term "Little Sister" itself implies second class status, the committee notes.

Fraternities also might find that the cost of a "Little Sisters" program is high because dues cannot be collected from the women in the program to offset expenses.

Hollis said he hopes the Interfraternity Council will adopt the committee's guidelines for the "Little Sisters" program when setting up the program.

The guidelines recommend that "Little Sisters" not be selected through Rush procedures but through a sponsor system or by committee or secret ballot.

According to the committee's recommendation, "Little Sisters" would have none of the privileges or responsibilities of membership in the fraternity. They would have no voting rights, could not take part in the selection of other "Little Sisters" and would not pay any membership fees.

"Furthermore, 'Little Sisters' are not to be used for mandatory housework. They are not house members, but invited guests," the guidelines state.

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Have A Good Break

## Cagers end skid, even record

By DAVID NAVE  
Staff Reporter

Winning Tuesday night against Eastern Mennonite by a score of 94-65, the Washington and Lee basketball team ended its five game losing streak. The Generals are now 12-12 overall and 6-7 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

"It's nice to break the pressure, but we can play better," said head coach Verne Canfield, commenting on the victory that snapped the Generals' dry spell that lasted two and a half weeks.

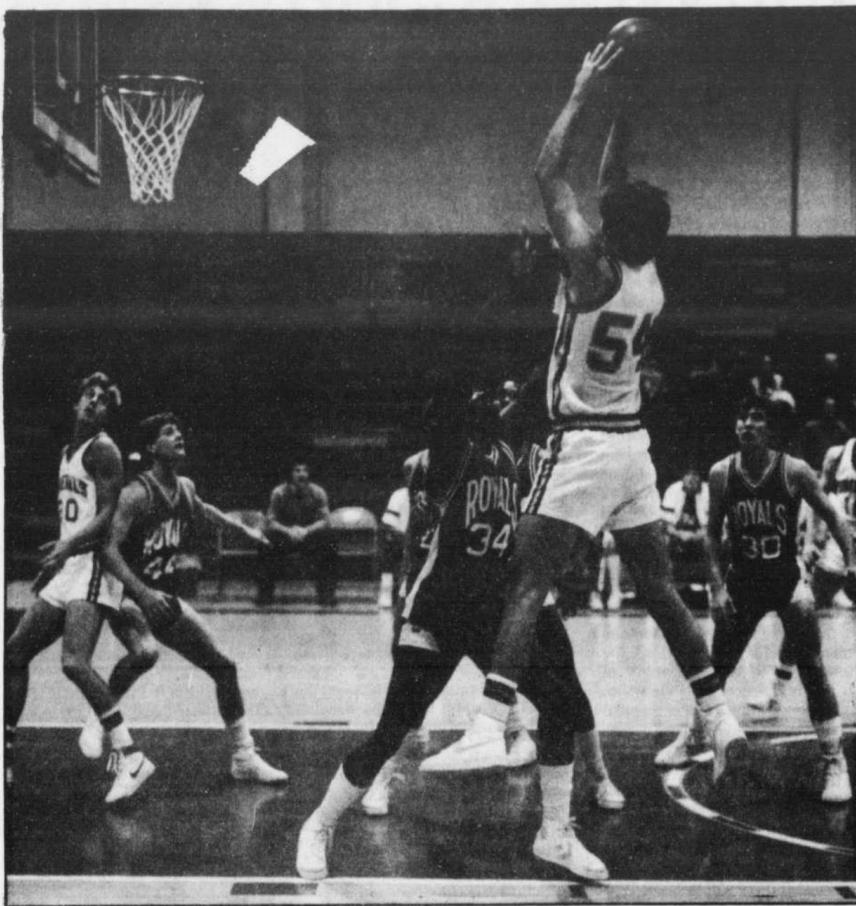
Canfield started the team's five seniors in their last regular season home court appearance. Seniors Scott Shannon, Lex Fitzhagen, David Wilkinson, Mike Hudson and Kevin McClatchy started the game for the Generals and opened up an early lead.

With 9:00 remaining in the first half, W&L led the Royals 24-11. Canfield took advantage of the large lead to give several of his younger players experience playing together. Sophomores Jeff Harralson, Fred Bissinger and Rob Spencer gained much playing time with freshmen Harmon Harden and Lou Trosch. Although Harralson and Harden are starters, it was important for Canfield to play them with the younger players on the second platoon. "They are what we are looking at for next year," commented Canfield.

Leading 37-24 at halftime, the Generals opened the second half with the momentum that they carried into the locker room. In a half in which almost everything went right for the Generals, nothing could go right for the Royals. The referees slapped two technical fouls on the Eastern Mennonite bench, while the Royals leading scorer, Leonard Dow, fouled out of the game with 6:13 left. Coach Canfield cited Fitzhagen and McClatchy for their outstanding play that allowed the Generals to overwhelm their opponents in the second half.

Fitzhagen led W&L with 24 points. Fitzhagen also led the Generals on Saturday night with 22 points in a 75-64 loss to the Roanoke Maroons at Roanoke.

A large partisan crowd and NCAA Division III all-American Reggie Thomas were the main obstacles to the Generals' success on the road. Thomas scored 37 points, had several



Senior co-captain Scott Shannon puts up a turnaround jump shot in action from Tuesday's win over

Eastern Mennonite as Lex Fitzhagen positions himself for the rebound. Shannon had 19 points in the game.

important defensive plays and a number of brilliant assists on offense.

Concerning the Roanoke game, Canfield said, "We got within four points four times, but we didn't play well enough to win."

Roanoke's victory over W&L helped them secure their second-place standing in the ODAC with an 8-4 record. The Maroons trail conference leader Maryville which is 9-2 in ODAC play. Hampden-Sydney Col-

lege currently holds third place, while W&L is in a close battle for fourth place with Eastern Mennonite.

If the Generals want to host a quarterfinal game in the ODAC tournament on Feb. 19, they need to finish fourth or higher in the conference standings. Despite the complications surrounding a possible tie for fourth place between W&L and Eastern Mennonite, Coach Canfield believes that the Generals will host a quarterfinal game against Eastern Mennonite this Tuesday in the Warner Cen-

ter. The ODAC tournament semifinals and final games will be held at the Salem-Roanoke Civic Center in Salem, Va. on Feb. 22 and 23.

Concerning the Generals' outlook for the tournament, Canfield simply states, "If we play our style, we win."

W&L completes its regular season schedule tomorrow night when they play conference leader Maryville in Maryville, Tenn. The game's tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

## Matmen close with Longwood win

By STEVEN POCKRASS  
Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee's wrestling team notched its fourth consecutive winning season by cutting down Division III rival Longwood College, 26-16, at Longwood on Saturday.

"I think what this year had was balance in classes," Coach Gary Franke said of his 12-2-1 grapplers. "We had a good group of individuals," said Franke, "a good group to work with."

In Saturday's win, freshman Steve Castle was topped in a let-him-up-and-take-him-down affair to start things off at 118 lbs. The score of the bout was 24-14. Brian Lifested tied the

team score at 4-4 with a 13-4 win at 126 lbs., but 134 lb. grappler Jeff Mazza was defeated in the third bout of the match, 4-2.

A first-period fall by Larry Anker at 142 lbs. put the matmen in front again at 10-7, but a loss by Tim Walker at 150 lbs. evened the team score at 10-10.

Greg Russell rolled up a 4-2 win at 158 lbs., while Win Phillips extended the W&L lead with a 13-3 victory at 167 lbs.

Joe O'Neill iced the victory with a 7-4 win at 177 lbs, and senior captain Jeff Dixon continued his unbeaten string in dual meets dating back to last season with a technical fall win at 190 lbs. Senior heavyweight Mark

Weaver closed out the match with a loss by fall.

The Generals will take five grapplers to this weekend's Division III Eastern Regional Tournament at Trenton State in New Jersey.

The five going north for the break are the freshman Castle, who sports a 16-6 record and leads the squad with seven pins and 22 reversals; Lifested, who has an individual record of 12-9; Anker, who is second on the team in victories and total points with a 17-2-1 match record and is making his third straight trip to the Regionals; O'Neill, the team leader in victories with 18, team points with 82 1/2, escapes with 23 and three-point

nearfalls with 16; and Dixon, the Generals' only undefeated wrestler at 9-0-1, 28-0-1 over the last two seasons.

Franke said he only invites wrestlers who have winning records to go to the Regionals. Three General wrestlers have plus-500 marks but will not be making the trip. The heavyweight Weaver, who is 13-5, is injured, and Phillips and Mazza decided not to compete, Franke said.

There will be 20 to 30 schools represented at the Regionals, which is in an expanded format this year. Franke said the tough squads should be the host team Trenton State and the team from Ithaca College in New York.

## Swimmers' season best since 1977-78

By STEVE GREENEBAUM  
Staff Reporter

Last weekend the Washington and Lee swimming team raced in their last two dual-meets of the season. On Friday they swam against Mary Washington at Washington and Lee and won 36-25. The following morning (Saturday) they traveled to Division I William and Mary and finished in a tie with the Indians at 52 points. The outcomes produced a 7-1-1 dual-meet record for the season.

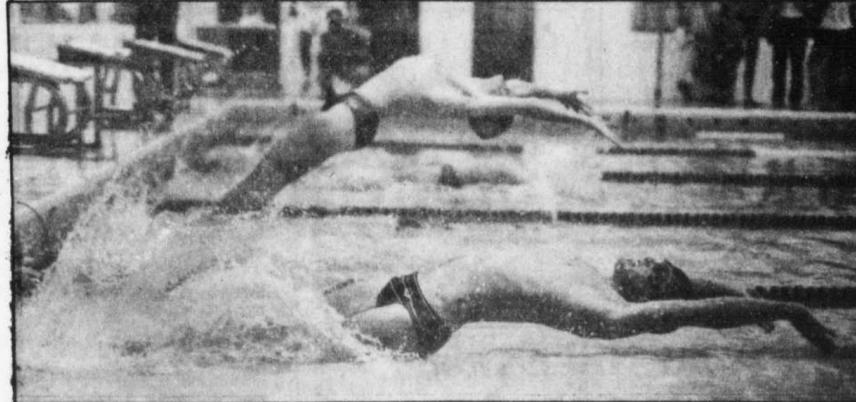
At the beginning of this season Coach Page Remillard had two goals for his team. First, to have a winning dual-meet record and, second, to have a successful championship season. The team has accomplished the winning record and at the same time the best record since the 1977-78 10-1 season when the Generals finished 10th in the nation under Coach Bill Stearns.

"I am pleased with our dual-meet season. Our 7-1-1 record came against some good teams and I am happy with the way our swimmers responded throughout the year," Remillard said.

The team had been shooting for an 8-1 record and thought they could accomplish it with a win at William and Mary but looking back they were happy to finish in a tie. The Generals fell behind William and Mary early and were able to catch up to tie.

"We didn't get behind because we were doing poorly," said Remillard.

"We had great times, William and Mary was just doing a good job. In other sports you can blame things on bad defense when you get scored on, but in swimming, when you swim well and the guy next to you does better, you have to respect him."



Sophomore Frank Rembert takes off at the start of the 100-yard backstroke in Friday's swimming meet

against Mary Washington. W&L won the meet, 36-25, to finish the season at 7-1-1.

There were many factors that played key roles in the William and Mary tie. Most of all, the Generals only had three days of practice last week. They swam against Gettysburg on Monday (Feb. 4), then Mary Washington on Friday and on Saturday William and Mary. This was also the first time this season the team had a home meet on a Friday night and had to travel the next morning for another meet that day. And finally, the Indians were fired up. William and Mary even shaved their bodies for the meet.

"We knew for four days they would probably shave," Remillard said, "but when we got there the guys just said, 'Gee, they really did it!'" It added pressure and I think teams in the past might not have been able to take it."

"The effect of shaving was more on themselves, not on us," David Lewis said. "It was the only thing they could do to beat us, and it made us want to beat them even more."

While the rest of the Washington and Lee students are on vacation, the swimming team will be participating in the Tri-State Championships and the Virginia Senior Invitationals. The Tri-State Championships, are held in Bryn Mawr, Pa., is a Division III meet.

"Now we must concentrate on our second goal. Next week will be attempting to finish better than third in the Tri-State Championships, something that no other Washington and Lee team has been able to achieve in any championship since I have been here (1979)," Remillard said. "Our other goal this week is to better our qualifying times for the NCAA Cham-

pionships and qualify more swimmers."

Only two members of the team have qualified for nationals. They are Tim Stanford in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and Eric Sullivan in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle. Everyone except Sullivan and Stanford will shave their bodies for the championships. Remillard explained that shaving helps the swimmer slide through the water. But most of all it is a total commitment, a mental process that makes a swimmer want to do even better than before.

Coach Remillard predicted the Generals will finish in the top three at the Tri-State Championships, but Lewis felt differently.

"I think we could win. No, as a matter of fact, I think we will win; we just need to beat Fairmont St. from West Virginia."

## 'General' confusion



TIME  
OUT....

By Mike  
Stachura

...It's an off week (but then it's been an off month and I'm a kinda off guy), so let's delve into a topic that's a bit off the beaten path: What in the heck are we going to call the girls next year? Now, before I get any off-color remarks, I'm talking athletic teams here. Indeed, it is a question I've pondered, lo, these many months now.

Essentially, the beast we're dealing with here is the General. With all my inborn and societally-infused male chauvinism, I wondered if there had been or could be such a species as the female General, militarily speaking. Surely, this consternation is necessary, lest we of the Colonnade fall prey, as other institutions have, to such sexually confused nicknames as Lady Lions or She-Tigers.

But fear not — at least momentarily — Lt. Col. Mark R. Foutch, deputy director for news media relations in the Pentagon (yeah, really, y'know the big building that sort of looks like home plate), assured me that there have been females in the U.S. Army who have reached the rank of general. Foutch explained that in the past, most of those earning the high ranking were of the nursing ilk ("starting forward for the Washington and Lee Nurses...?"). But with increased opportunities open to women with the Vietnam War, there have been more women generals. The most recent (Sept. '84) figures look like this:

AIR FORCE — three current (one nursing related), six retired;  
ARMY — three current (one nursing related), seven retired;  
NAVY — three current (one nursing related), five retired;  
MARINES — one current, one retired.

So, problem solved, right? A General's neuter. No sexually confused nicknames here, right? Well, not quite so fast. The nickname game still appears wide open from where I sit. I still hear the rumblings for Lady Generals from the masses, but surely this tag is redundant as Lady Commodores (Vanderbilt). I mean, we don't refer to our men's teams as the Gentlemen Generals. Other nicknames I could shell out to you include something leaning toward the military, like WACs. I'll just toss out something like Generalettes, indeed, a bit too condescending to say nothing of the fact that it would be better suited to a dance hall revue than a women's lacrosse team. One other conceivable title could be Marthas, but that's just silly.

There will have to be some artistic renovations as well. A bearded madman waving a sword might be nice for football and wrestling, but women's tennis? Also, Foutch informs me that women generals have only earned the rank of two-star general because they cannot (Congress has yet to see fit to give them that opportunity) see combat duty. Thus, the five-star ring that is currently a part of the W&L logo would be — at least temporarily — inaccurate.

Just some thoughts for those who decide such things. SID Mark Mandel says a decision has yet to be reached, so I thought I'd do my part to inform everyone of the pertinent problems this all-too-tough issue could bring up...No, Stachura isn't serious about this. He's such an idiot....

...Now for some serious Colonnade notes: Swimmers and wrestlers deserve all the praise in the world — just super seasons, as the Twombly team finishes with a dual meet record at 7-1-1 and grapplers go 12-2-1. More success is deservedly on the way...Special good luck wish for wrestlers Steve Castle, Brian Lifested, Larry Anker, Joe O'Neill and Jeff Dixon as they head to Eastern Regionals this weekend...Let's hope hoopsters are rejuvenated after a fine performance Tuesday night. I still say the tournament is up for grabs. They need to learn to win on the road and fast....

...Headline on McPaper Tuesday says, "Valvano undecided on Washburn," and I'm going to be unforgiving on this one. Any clown who reportedly — we'll say "reportedly" to be nice — scores 470 on his SAT's doesn't deserve a desk in a high school classroom, let alone a college classroom...Georgetown, now that they have lost their two in the conference, is looking very formidable and getting better every day. You're not out of line if you call this bunch a Final Four team....

...Finally, talk about the decline of man, first W&L goes coed, now the Harlem Globetrotters. Or is it Globetrotteresses?

j.v. by John V. Lowe



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## Four Tops to open 'datey' FD event; Count Basie at ball

By COTTON PURYEAR  
"The Back Page" Editor

The Four Tops and The Count Basie Orchestra will be the featured acts at this year's Fancy Dress Ball, according to Student Activities Board Entertainment Director John Haywood.

The Four Tops will be the main attraction at the Thursday night concert in the student activities pavilion. Wild Kingdom will be the opening act.

Haywood said the SAB is very happy with having the Four Tops as the main act on Thursday. "It will be very similar to Homecoming," he said. Fellow Motown greats — The Spinners appeared at the first pavilion concert held earlier this year.

Haywood said this is the type of act that will go over well at a "datey" event like Fancy Dress. He added that the Four Tops are a world-renowned act and have played in such places as the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall.

This year's Thursday night concert marks a shift in emphasis from having a big-name act at the Fancy Dress Ball and having regional acts perform on Thursday. Haywood said this is more like the traditional character of Fancy Dress, where it is not so much a concert event and more of an atmosphere in which people can wander about Warner Center to see different types of entertainment.

Playing in the Warner Center Friday night will be The Count Basie Or-

chestra. Even without the late Count Basie, Haywood said the orchestra still is drawing rave reviews from The New York Times.

The other two bands, each alternating steps in Doremus Gym, will be A-Train and Otis Day and the Knights. A-Train is what Haywood describes as an "up-and-coming rhythm and blues band" from Shreveport, La. They will play a variety of music, ranging from R&B to contemporary soul and rock.

Otis Day and the Knights are probably best-remembered for their role in National Lampoon's "Animal House," Haywood said. They will play a range of Motown and soul music from the 50s and 60s.

Haywood said that from an entertainment standpoint, this year's Fancy Dress will be unmatched. He said the SAB has tried to get a variety of music for the weekend and feels that there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Haywood added that the SAB has also learned a great deal about decorating Warner Center in the four years it has been holding the ball in the area. He said this year's decorations and visual effects will really show that. "This year we will be raising Fancy Dress to a new level," Haywood said.

Tickets for this year's ball will be \$30 a couple and will go on sale along with other Fancy Dress memorabilia on March 4 in Room 109 of the University Center.

The Ring-tum Phi will publish its annual Fancy Dress supplement Thursday, Feb. 28.

## Pit Wednesdays alive, well

By COTTON PURYEAR  
"The Back Page" Editor

Wednesday night in the Cockpit is alive and well and attracting students to capacity levels despite scheduling changes and competition from fraternity parties, according to officials of the Student Activities Board.

"Things are just as good, if not better than it's ever been in the Pit," said SAB Executive Director Mike Guerriero. The Cockpit was suffering at the beginning of the year due in some part to a University order to change the band night from Tuesday night to Wednesday night.

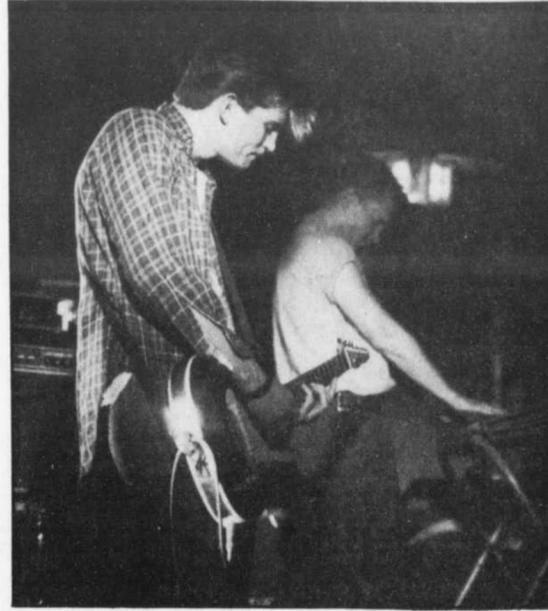
Guerriero said that the first three or so weeks this year went very slowly while people got used to the change in nights. SAB Treasurer George Kinkead calls it a "night and day" difference now.

"Last year we lost \$9,000 on Tuesdays in the Pit," Kinkead said. "Last term we lost \$900, and so far this term we are \$100 up."

According to SAB Entertainment Director John Haywood, the SAB tries to book a variety of bands in the Cockpit. "We try to provide a combination of musical tastes and we try to bring in new groups to the area as well as old favorites," he said.

The key element to the Pit's success, Haywood added, is the fact that women from the surrounding women's colleges can drive to W&L every Wednesday night and know that there will be some type of social function going on.

"It's not so important who the band is as it's important that there is a band here," he said.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

Dads lead guitarist David Ayers and keyboardist Kevin Pittman entertain a packed Cockpit last night. Spectators said the Dads are one of the most popular bands to appear in the Pit.

Although it may not be the particular band that brings women down the road, it does make a difference as to whether people stay in the Cockpit or leave for fraternity parties.

Hollins College freshman Kris Wilbur said she comes up almost every Wednesday even if she doesn't know which band is playing in the Cockpit. If the band isn't

very good, she said, then she leaves to check out the fraternity parties. But when a band is a good one, she said she usually sticks around.

Kim Soos, also a Hollins College freshman, said she thinks the Cockpit is a nice place to start out the evening. "Nothing else really goes on here before 11 o'clock or so, so this is a nice place to go," she said.

While some people view the Pit as a prelude to fraternity parties, others see it as an alternative to them.

W&L sophomore Rob Merritt said that the Cockpit provides a better mixture of people from all over the University and added that he thinks the Cockpit is an excellent place for people to get together and relax from midweek pressures.

Sweet Briar College senior Maura Horodyski said she prefers the Cockpit to fraternity parties. "There is a greater variety of people here," she said. "It's harder to get to know people at a fraternity party where everybody already knows everybody."

Anne Munroe, a freshman from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, disagreed with that position. "I would rather go to a fraternity party where I know the kind of people that are going to be there," she said.

Hollins College sophomore Stacey Powell tends to see the middle ground of this area. "The Cockpit is great for getting all the fraternities as well as the independents together in one place. It eliminates having to go fraternity hopping," she said.

Most people said they are happy with the job the SAB is doing with the Wednesday night program. Several complaints were made about the overcrowding problem, and a few disgruntled under-age students said they wished they could drink beer in the Pit, but for the most part Wednesday Night in the Cockpit continues to be one of W&L's strongest social traditions.

## 'Poets in South' features English professor's poetry

Dabney Stuart, professor of English, is the featured writer in the current issue of "Poets in the South," published by the University of South Florida.

The issue begins with an autobiographical sketch in which Stuart recalls some early memories of Richmond, where he was born, and includes selections from each of his major volumes of poetry.

The portion of the issue devoted to Stuart concludes with a critical essay of his work by Barbara Fialkowski, a

poet and director of the creative writing program at Bowling Green State University.

Fialkowski compares Stuart to Wallace Stevens in requiring of the reader a "disciplined listening" and in seeing "the creative work as reason for celebration." But she finds in Stuart's poetry a warmer tone, a more conversational voice and a greater willingness to embrace all of human experience.

Stuart holds degrees from Davidson and Harvard.

By JIM STRADER  
Staff Reporter

Just after the Christmas holidays, a Washington and Lee Law School institution was shattered. Following some heady deliberations and attorney-client discussions, the Nattering Nabobs of Negativism decided to break up. The band, formed in October 1983, was made up of five law students and one undergraduate.

The rhythm guitarist and lead vocalist for the band, Jake Washburne, said that the decision was based mainly on the realization that, come springtime and graduation, it would be time for graduating law students to seek some sort of gainful employment in the "real world." Most law students, Washburne said, take care of their job-hunting in the fall. This fall, however, he was busy with the band.

"It was so much fun," Washburne continued, "that it made it easier to not think about the future."

Toward the end of the fall term he did begin to think about the future and raised the point with his fellow band members and briefed them on his position. He said that the band decided to wait until after the holidays to make any firm plans.



By Cotton Puryear/The Ring-tum Phi

The Nabobs last performed at the SAB Christmas Concert.

Other Nabobs and attorneys-at-law-to-be are third-year students John Miller, drummer, and Dave Hurd and Jerry Farmer, harmony singers, second-year student Taylor Abbott, who plays the bass, and Class of 1985 undergrad Landon Banfield, lead guitarist.

The band took its name from a quote that former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew used to describe the

press. Washburne said that because he is a Marylander like Agnew and has been an admirer of the ex-VP since he had a sticker on his bicycle as a young lad, he picked the name and it stuck.

The Nabobs played gigs mostly in Lexington during their 14-month show business career. The W&L Cockpit and fraternity parties were the best places to catch their act

locally, although they did make several road trips, playing at Sweet Briar College, Southern Seminary Junior College and a bar in Roanoke. Washburne classified the band's repertoire as 60s rock and roll with a few newer tunes mixed in.

There is a vague, tentative plan, Washburne said, for the Nabobs to get back together in the spring, after the law exams are over but prior to graduation, and play one more time.

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**OFFCAMPUS**  
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Sweet Briar College — 9 p.m. — FILM: "To Sir With Love." Admission is 50¢. Guion Auditorium.  
Sunday, February 17  
Randolph-Macon Woman's College — 1 - 5 p.m. — SAB MIXER: Featuring Speidel, Goodrich and Goggin. College I.D. required. Smith Banquet Hall.  
Tuesday, February 19  
Hollins College — 8 p.m. — FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL: "La Lune dans le Caniveau." Admission is free. Babcock Auditorium in the Dana Science Building.  
Randolph-Macon Woman's College — 9 p.m. — FILM: "Diva." Admission is \$2. Thorseen Theatre.  
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