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Big Three election results

By JOHN STARKS
Staff Reporter

When the speeches were finished, the posters taken down and the ballot boxes put away until next election, three of the candidates emerged as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the EC. As each of these contemplates the tasks ahead and realizes his responsibilities, he begins to prioritize his goals. Brad Root, Pat Schaefer, and Mark Chiappara know that as the Big Three officers for 1987-88 they must plan ahead to get started on the right track.

For all three the foremost concern is the welfare of the Honor System. Vice-President-elect Pat Schaefer says the Honor System is the chief responsibility of the EC. He adds, "I can't change the personal honor of students, but I can instill in them the



Students vote for the Big Three.

importance of the single sanction Honor System."

President-elect Brad Root, while noticing a challenge of the single sanction from the law school, says, "The most important thing to do is to clear up the misunderstanding that this is the EC's Honor System. It is the students' Honor System." Root plans to further strengthen the orientation of freshmen and first-year law students into the W&L environment by use of an "honor symposium," in which direct interaction between new students and the EC can take place.

Incoming secretary Mark Chiappara claims, "All officers must make an impression on freshmen, because they need to know how important the Honor System is and that violation of it is a serious matter."

But Root wants to change the "perception that the Honor System is something to be feared. It's there to help us as long as we're willing to work for it."

Schaefer hopes that by his duty as technical advisor to the accused he can make sure that those accused of a possible honor violation understand their rights and privileges, thus eliminating some of the fear that the System engenders. He also replies that attempts to codify the System must be quelled. The Honor System is set and practical.

Root also extends Honor System education to new faculty, who may be unfamiliar with such a situation. Such faculty orientation was attempted

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Dittman defends new registration

By TOM BRICKEL
Staff Reporter

Two weeks after the storm, problems and solutions are still being debated with regard to the new registration system. Begun for the first time two weeks ago, it is still unclear whether the on-line computer system produced the problems so many have complained about in recent weeks, or was simply the victim of circumstances beyond its or the University Registrar staff's control.

The new procedure, which allowed students to find out their schedule within minutes of registering, gave top priority to seniors to sign up for classes, without the worry of being closed out of classes with limited enrollment.

But the system did have one side effect, according to a large number

of students, in that it unfairly closed those courses to underclassmen, especially freshmen.

"The system basically worked the way it was supposed to," said University Registrar D. Scott Dittman. "It was not only designed to reduce the work done by my staff and by students, but also to provide a benefit in the form of an immediate schedule."

The system previously used by the registrar's office would enter information from students' registration forms into the computer, which would then assign sections of classes with no regard to the section requests of students. "In this way," said Dittman, "the new system is saving my staff from a lot of duplication of effort."

Dittman admitted that the new system was not entirely without its faults, as was the previous system. "Lines in the mornings were a pro-

blem with the old system, but not to the extent of there being students camping out overnight near the line in order to ensure themselves of certain classes."

"In addition, a wedge was placed between students and faculty advisors in the new system when students began changing their schedule and entering it into the computer without first consulting the advisors," continued Dittman. "This became a means of bypassing advisors, losing out on the input students, faculty, and myself believe advisors should have."

Dittman added that because of the number of courses with limited enrollment, many upperclassmen would drop down into lower level or less popular course, "shutting out underclassmen and especially freshmen, who seemed to bear the

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GENERAL NOTES

Get Dr. Suess

The Mock Constitutional Convention on May 2, 1987 is interested in having teacher participation. We are looking for a few who will give a 5-7 minute speech on line item veto, balanced budget, states rights, or ERA. Any teachers interested please contact Alex Bryant as soon as possible.

Duck!

"Shoot the Piano Player" (France, 1960, dir. Francois Truffaut, from David Goodis's novel "Down There," 84 min.) runs at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday, March 18 & 19, room 327, Commerce, sponsored by Politics Dept., in English with French subtitles. Consciously eludes artistic norms just as its criminal characters elude legal norms while the main character eludes any social contract — thus making this film a eulogy to anarchy and a slap at the ethic of engage. Like Dostoevsky, Truffaut's "crime story" is a profound metaphor on the human condition.

Finders keepers

The University Center Lost and Found has the following items: ladies dress watch, quartz, Helbros; Ford car key; 6 keys on key ring with red madallion with Loewe inscribed on back. If these may be yours, stop by Carol Calkins' office in the University Center.

Road trip!

This Saturday at 9:30 a.m. ten W&L students will meet in the University Center and travel to the Skylark Estate on the Blue Ridge Parkway. There they will meet with ten Randolph-Macon women for a seminar to discuss issues relating to the two schools, especially with regard to social life. Lunch will be served. There is no charge for this program. If interested please contact Mrs. Calkins or Dr. Worth. We will return to campus by 5 p.m.

Chocolate treat

Anyone interested in sending an "Easter-gram" to students at W&L or any of the five women's colleges, please contact any member of the Women's Forum. Messages are on sale from now until Friday, March 27th for 50 cents. Your Easter-gram will be delivered on April 1st with a chocolate bunny to the lucky recipients.

Farley elected IFC president

By SAMUEL FOLEY
Staff Reporter

Junior Mark Farley was elected Intra-Fraternity Council president Tuesday evening in the first election that used the one house-one vote method.

Farley, a member of Sigma Chi, won the election 10-6 in a runoff against Phi Delta Theta junior Brad Watkins.

"I am very excited about being elected," Farley said, "Chris Saxman and the other executive board members did an excellent job this year and I think the IFC is in a good position for next year."

In other elections, George Early, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was elected vice-president. Kappa Alpha John Markley was elected treasurer and Richard Norris, of Pi Kappa Alpha, was elected as secretary for next year.

This was the first use of the new election system for the IFC. Saxman said the one house-one vote system was incorporated into the bylaws in order to make the process easier. In order to win a candidate must receive a simple majority. If there is no clear majority on the first ballot the top two vote getters are put into a runoff to determine the winner.

The process was certainly made easier as the whole election took less than twenty minutes. Kappa Sigma was the only house that did not attend the meeting and neither did either of its two candidates for



Mark Farley

office. "Next year the IFC can focus on other things than being a police organization. I would like to see it become more service oriented," Farley said. He also indicated that he thought the fraternities had compromised enough in the rewriting of the bylaws that took place this year.

In other IFC business Dean Buddy Atkins urged the fraternities to enforce a policy on allowing cadets into their parties. "They require a written invitation. If they come and don't have a written invitation ask them to leave. If they don't just call the police or the commandant," he said.

Nominations were taken for judicial board members Tuesday evening and those elections will be held next week.



By Perry S. Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

Liberty Hall volunteers, ready for action.

Volunteers seek new recruits

By PETER BOATNER
Staff Reporter

Once again, the young men of Washington College are dressing in grey and butternut, taking arms and a few meager provisions, and descending on towns with names like Shiloh and Manassas to uphold the honor of the South.

Yes, the Liberty Hall Volunteers are back in action, and looking for a few good men.

Under the direction of law students John Williamson, Ernie Shaver, and Steve Hammond, about 15 W&L men interested in the Civil War are trying to re-form one of the Confederacy's

greatest units.

Part of the Stonewall Brigade, Company "I" of the 4th Virginia, known as the "Liberty Hall Volunteers," was made up almost entirely of Washington College students.

The unit fought for state's rights from 1st Manassas to Appomattox, and was known as one of the best-drilled units in the army.

Stonewall Jackson was so impressed with the unit's marching ability that he often made them his camp guard.

This favoritism often aroused jealousy for "Stonewall's Pets," as the college boys were called.

To alleviate the envy, the Volunteers were often the first unit sent in-

to battle.

The new Liberty Hall Volunteers are trying to recreate this proud heritage.

The three law students found they shared the hobby of taking part in Civil War battle reenactments, and decided to form a unit of authentically equipped W&L men to travel to upcoming reenactments.

Shaver, for instance, took part in this summer's 125th anniversary reenactment of the battle of 1st Manassas.

Several members of the group also plan to travel to a reenactment of Shiloh in April, where 7,000 weekend

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AIDS threat continues to grow

By PAUL SMITH
Staff Reporter

Everybody knows that pestilences have a way of recurring in the world; yet somehow we find it hard to believe ones that crash down on our heads from a blue sky. There have been as many plagues as wars in history; yet always plagues and wars take people equally by surprise.

From THE PLAGUE by Albert Camus.

When it first appeared six years ago, it was thought to be nothing more than a medical curiosity, a disease manifesting itself in the form of rare cancers, of unconventional infections caused by very common microscopic organisms with which healthy humans could and did live in harmony. But, to individuals with depleted immune systems, what would seem to be innocuous viruses became lethal harbingers of certain death. As the number of cases spiraled, so did the possibility that this phenomenon would become a major public health issue.

And so it has. In recent years, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has emerged as one of the most significant and devastating diseases of the twentieth century. Presently, in the United States alone, there have been more than 32,000 reported cases of AIDS, with over 18,000 of those having succumbed to its deadly grip. Additionally, several million individuals in the United States are presumed to be carriers, able to pass on the virus but unaware of their perilous condition.

Outside of the United States, Africa remains the single most devastated area in terms of the number of AIDS cases. According to recent articles in The Times of London, over a million people in Africa are expected to die

from AIDS in the next few years, and several more million are carriers of the virus which causes AIDS.

The AIDS-causing virus, HTLV-III (the third known human T-lymphotropic virus) is suspected to spread via body fluids such as blood and semen. It is believed to be most commonly spread via sexual intercourse and the sharing of needles, a practice common among IV-drug users. The virus is believed not to be spread by casual contact such as shaking hands, hugging, casual kissing, although deep mouth kissing is believed to pose greater risk.

Whereas AIDS has been viewed by the medical and scientific community as an affliction limited to certain risk groups, notably homosexuals, bisexuals, hemophiliacs and users of intravenous drugs, recent evidence suggests that the disease is oblivious to sex, race or any other considerations. In fact, heterosexuals comprise the largest potential risk category as evidenced by recent warnings of the Surgeon General of the United States, and other health officials across the nation.

One such official, known for his emphatic assertions of the risk of AIDS to heterosexuals, is an infectious disease specialist at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Robert Redfield has conducted extensive research on AIDS among military families which have one or more members infected with the virus. Moreover, he has studied young military recruits who test positive for the AIDS antibody upon entering the Armed Forces. The results he has gathered on modes of transmission are profound and compelling. They indicate only one thing — AIDS affects everyone, regardless of his or her sexual preferences.

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Richard Keeling, chairman of the Task Force on AIDS, was interviewed by Paul Smith, and will lecture tonight.

Keeling to lecture on AIDS

From Staff Reports

Dr. Richard P. Keeling, associate professor of internal medicine and director of the department of student health at the University of Virginia, will give a lecture at Washington and Lee on "AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases" Thursday, March 19.

The lecture, which is open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel and is sponsored by the office of the Dean of Students at Washington and Lee.

Keeling received his B.A. degree

with honors from the University of Virginia, and his M.D. with honors from the Tufts University School of Medicine.

He is currently chairman of the Task Force on AIDS for the American College Health Association and a member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on AIDS for the U.S. Public Health Service. He serves on the Advisory Committees on AIDS for the Charlottesville City Schools, the Medical Society of Virginia and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

Keeling also serves as consultant to many colleges and universities regarding AIDS.

LEXICON

Revolution: a call to arms

By Steven Pockrass

A small band of revolutionaries was among the smattering of people scattered in Lee Chapel for last week's Phi Beta Kappa convocation.

It had been tough fighting against the lunch crowds that obliviously pushed their way toward the dining hall, but we made it.

And for that, Washington and Lee should be thankful. For until we heard guest speaker Thomas Pressly, we had been planning to rock this university until the Colonnade's mighty white columns came crashing down. It

But Pressly changed our minds by citing examples of how the U.S. Constitution had been flexible enough to Pressly said. Riots and dissention could have led to revolution.

In the late '60s and early '70s, "there was polarization and confrontation everywhere" due to the Vietnam War, Pressly said. Riots and dissention could have led to revolution.

In the depths of the Great Depression during the 1930s, there was widespread fear and questioning of what was to come," said the esteemed history professor. There were calls for revolution from the "Marxist left" and the "authoritarian right." But the Constitution provided "a framework in which substitutes for revolution could be found."

Whether we were on the right or the left as we sat in the chapel really is of little concern. What is important is that we realized that there were substitutes for revolution here at W&L, and before we razed Gen. Lee's college, we were obliged to at least give them a try.

Pretty radical, huh? Now you may be saying to yourself, "Steve, (which is a funny thing to say to yourself), have you been nipping at the old milk bottle? What's all this pachyderm poop about smashing the Colonnade into splinters?"

Well, I'll tell you. There are a lot of people around here—students, faculty, administrators, alumni—who think there are some grave problems at this school. Yet despite all we've heard about a fraternity renaissance, why doesn't anyone talk about a total university renaissance?

With all this banter about traditions and lost traditions,

why aren't we doing anything positive to make W&L into what we claim it to be—a national, liberal arts institution that produces thoughtful, well-educated gentlemen. (And I use that term in the neutered, although certainly not emasculated, sense.)

So before the walls come tumblin' down, we all need to work toward the goal of improving this university. What this means is that we must through away our old modes of thinking and come up with some new ideas. After all, isn't that what college is all about?

Individual students must look at where we place our priorities and decide what personal changes we must make to more truly fit the Greek model of the well-rounded person and Robert E. Lee's model of the gentleman.

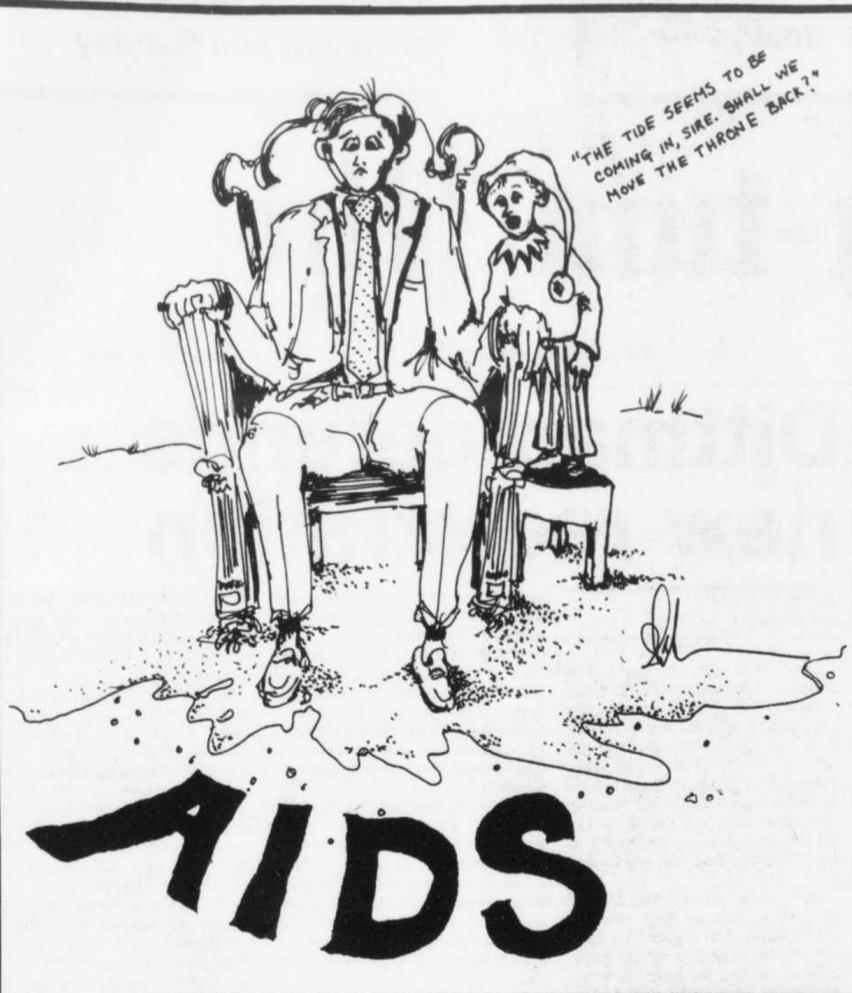
Faculty members must continue to be accessible to students and must provide positive reinforcement whenever possible. They must remain knowledgeable in their respective fields and actively support the development of well-rounded students.

As Chris Carter so articulately pointed out in last week's Phi, administrators must find ways to improve credibility and communications with students. The admissions office needs to start worrying more about potential involvement in school activities than about high test scores.

Isn't it time that the school found a better way to contact students than by sticking those stupid index cards outside classroom doors? Isn't it time that the SAB considered making Fancy Dress a costume ball again, and that the EC considered making the Honor System more open so people would understand why thievery in certain circumstances no longer seems to be considered an honor violation?

Isn't it time that the faculty started posting the minutes of its meetings so that students could find out more about what's going on? Isn't it time that all of us made a conscientious effort to maintain the speaking tradition instead of whining about its death?

I could go on, but I think you get the idea. We revolutionaries did as we sat in Lee Chapel last week. Let's hope we can keep this revolution bloodless.



Discussion

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease affecting every socio-economic group. Regardless of many to still consider it the "gay plague," it affects heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. While it has yet to reach epidemic proportions, there are 30,000 reported cases of AIDS in the United States alone.

The only medicine available to control the spread of AIDS is preventive medicine in the form of education. People need to know that they have to use discretion in their sexual and drug-related practices. This is not a situation where one can say "It can't happen to me," because it can.

And even though the Student Health Committee has yet to address the issue of AIDS, Dean of Students Lewis John predicts it will. Presently the committee is trying to educate the community by having information on AIDS at the infirmary.

This is not enough, and given the openness of the infirmary, it is doubtful that many students are comfortable enough to pick up a pamphlet. The first step toward educating the student body can be taken by the physical education department.

Instead of requiring student taking gym classes to watch a boring and out-of-date drug film, a film on AIDS would be better.

AIDS is not a pleasant topic to discuss, but it should not be one people are afraid to discuss.

Good P.R.

Lexington residents and merchants complain regularly about the noise and litter that come with college parties and about how loud/drunken/obnoxious W&L students can be.

The police ledger is filled with cases of W&L students driving while intoxicated, disturbing the peace and being drunk in public.

W&L students, it seems, could use a little good P.R. as far as the Lexington community is concerned.

Fraternities are willing to, and often do, do service work. The IFC sponsors canned food drives. APO has a service project going almost every weekend.

At last week's Kathekon "town meeting," community residents suggested that a "clearing house" be set up so that fraternities that want to do service work may be matched with community groups needing help.

Fraternities and other student groups need to be their own P.R. directors and notify newspapers and radio stations, and The Ring-tum Phi of the good things they do. It would go a long way to improve the image of W&L students in the community.

—MED

LETTERS

Underweenies respond to law goose's opinion

To the Editors:

A couple of underweenies would like to offer a critical review of the critical review by Charlie Shaffer on the S.A.B.'s presentation of F.D. for 1987. Mr. Shaffer has nothing nice to say about F.D., except of course, for the law school excursion to Bean's Bottom.

In chronological order:

Wednesday

While he didn't catch their act, he did opine that New Potato Caboose's name stunk. Are we to derive from this that because the name stunk so did the band? Doesn't the law school teach that judging a book by its cover can be misleading?

Thursday

The name of the opening act was indeed Concrete Blonde but they hail from L.A. not Ireland. He used to think the Irish were cool until now. We hope Mr. Shaffer is not representative of West Virginians (or law students) else we should feel the same way.

Friday

Your characterization of all "road chicks" is incorrect. A bunbette is a bimbo under the age of 18 (watch "Flamingo Kid" and learn). Most "road chicks" are at least 18 years of age and will, no doubt, enjoy receiving a copy of his article.

In closing, we feel that a 3rd law student, of at least 25 years of age, would have watched to the extent that blatant racism, name calling and shallowness could be disguised a little better. Since we're only 20 we aren't, so listen you nasty little law goose, fly over our house and we'll shoot you down.

C. Martin '88
J. Missert '88
T. Bullotta '89

APO brings order to library

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Bob Slappey, Brent O'Boyle, Jon Deighan, Dean Nuckols, Steven Pockrass, and Doug Harvey, members of Alpha Phi Omega, who gave of their time and talents by volunteering at the Rockbridge Regional Library on Sunday afternoon, March 1, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., under the able direction of volunteer coordinator Marion Chappell.

These men worked very hard to shelf read the collection, putting books in the right places, straightening, and bringing order out of chaos in the library stacks. We had had many complaints about the condition of the stacks, and although staff members and volunteers work away at the job as time permits, with this team effort and with this many expert man-hours at one time, our library has truly been transformed overnight.

The library staff and users have marvelled at this sudden improvement, and want your readers to know how much the tireless efforts of APO have meant to the library and to the community. Thank you!

Linda L. Krantz
Library Director

GHQ ID policy outlined

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Thom Randolph's letter and the editorial in last week's Phi regarding valid I.D.'s. As head of security for the G.H.Q., I would like to make it clear that I

work for Mr. Bill Torrence, manager of the G.H.Q., and that I ultimately answer to Mr. Jerry Darrell, the Director of Food Services, which means that security at the G.H.Q. is in no way under the control of the SAB. Early in the school year, at the request of Mr. Torrence, I met with representatives of the A.B.C. to discuss issues such as "carding" procedures.

I was told in this meeting that college I.D.'s were not considered by the A.B.C. to be valid proof of a person's age, and that allowing persons to drink alcoholic beverages based solely on this would put our beer licenses in serious jeopardy. Upon asking what constitutes a "valid I.D.," I was told that a valid driver's license with a picture or a military I.D. would be the best defenses if we had to go before the A.B.C. Board. I was also told that it would be in our best interest to check two forms of I.D., each with a clear picture.

In the past it has been the responsibility of the SAB to card at the door. The week before the incident with Mr. Randolph, however, I personally observed between 15 and 20 freshmen and sophomores drinking with stamps on their hands showing them to be of legal age. This puts the G.H.Q. in a compromising position, as a violation of the A.B.C. rules could result in the loss of our beer license. It is now the responsibility of G.H.Q. security to card all G.H.Q. patrons.

Mr. Darrell, after recently conferring with the area A.B.C. representative and the E.C., developed a new carding policy for the G.H.Q., which is as follows: if you are of legal drinking age and wish to drink, you must present two I.D.'s at the door, one of which must be a picture license or a military I.D. (area college I.D.'s will be accepted as a second I.D. only); if you are under age, you must present an area college I.D. to gain entrance (this is to keep high school students out). Non-students of drinking age will be permitted only if they show two I.D.'s at the door, and no intoxicated persons will be admitted regardless of I.D. This new policy will be strictly enforced at all G.H.Q. functions. Let me also add that we may admit anyone whom we know or believe to be of legal age without checking their I.D. This saves us time in that we do not have to card people who appear to be 45, or friends we know to be 21; so in the future, Mr. Randolph, do not get bent out of shape when we admit a buddy of yours without checking his I.D.

The new procedure is not meant to keep anyone from having a good time, it is merely an effort on our part to retain our beer license. Drinking at the G.H.Q. is a privilege, not a right, and may be taken away by the A.B.C. at any time. So save yourself a hassle, Mr. Randolph, and bring your W&L I.D. and your driver's license if you wish to drink.

John G. Mitchell, III '87
Head of G.H.Q. Security

Darrell discusses ID policy

An open letter to the student body:

Since the responsibility for the ABC license in the GHQ tavern is mine, I am responding to Thom Randolph's letter and the editorial in the March 12 Phi. The GHQ Tavern is licensed by the state of Virginia to sell beer on premises. Licenses are not available for the asking. There is quite a lengthy and detailed process in making application. Once approved, however, the licensee is bound by the laws of the state of Virginia. If the laws are not enforced by the licensee, the license is history, and the privilege of serving beer is revoked. We then have a dry tavern. It's that simple. It happens all the time.

The state of Virginia requires an official document with a picture, date of birth and signature as a first form of identification and "strongly suggests" a second I.D. with a picture and/or signature (I have every indication that this second I.D. will soon become law). This identification is required of anyone who wishes to purchase alcoholic beverages. The state no longer recognizes a college I.D. as a valid form of ABC identification (because it has been so blatantly abused at other colleges across the state).

What would our student body have us do? We can request that the ABC Board, because of the special circumstances here at W&L (the honor system) allow us to accept the W&L I.D. (and I would recommend the VMI I.D. as well), at GHQ as identification; that the students would in fact, be stating that "under my honor I am of legal drinking age in the state of Virginia." The penalty for violating this trust is obvious. The ABC people have warned us that this measure will greatly endanger our license. History has shown in the GHQ that it sometimes does not work. Ask any of our GHQ student security people (not to be confused with the SAB ticket sellers) about their problems in attempting to enforce the law!

Effective this date the following policy is in effect in GHQ: On Wednesdays and other band nights, only students with college I.D.s will be admitted. Only those with a valid driver's license will be permitted to purchase beer. Other non-students, over 21 years of age only, will be admitted with two form of identification.

Jerry Darrell
Director of Food Service

MSA praises history exhibit

To the Editors:

I would like to sincerely thank Peggy Hays at the University library for her work with the black history exhibit "Don't Grieve After Me." Not only did she arrange for this exhibit on her own, but she chose a very appropriate place for the exhibit. With registration being moved to the lower level of the library this year, all students got a chance to view the exhibit. Hopefully, many students took some time to view the entire display. The members of the Minority Student Association thank Peggy Hays for the work she has done, in addition we think she should be commended.

Dana J. Bolden
V.P., MSA

Frat conducts charity drive

To the Editor:

I and the members of Lambda Chi Alpha would like to thank the generous people of Lexington and Rockbridge County for their support in our project to supply clothing for the needy. We were able to collect more than \$2,500 worth of clothing. When reported to the government, our beneficiary, TAP Community Outreach, will receive matching funds for additional aid. Thanks for the most part to the generosity of the residents of Lexington and the county, the gift is worth \$5,000.

John B. Cummings III
President, Lambda Chi Alpha

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By Perry S. Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

The site of the planned University Theater.

Train station to house theater

By STACY MORRISON
Staff Reporter

The new University Theatre project is now halfway through its fundraising stage, said Albert Gordon, professor of fine arts.

The project was started approximately five years ago. The administration decided that the old train station on route 60, just beyond the gym, would be a good site for the new theater, said Frank Parsons, executive assistant to the president.

The building will not be used entirely for the purpose of the theater, Elrod said. It will also be used for "office space, storage, and possibly classrooms," he added.

The plans for the train station were designed by the Ford, Powell and Carson architectural firm of San Antonio, Texas, said Gordon. However, the outside of the building will "essentially remain the same," added Elrod.

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Cash competitions underway

By DANA BOLDEN
Staff Reporter

Both the English and History departments are offering awards to qualified undergraduate students this year.

In the spring of this year, the department of history is offering the Vann Prize. This is a cash prize of \$750 and is open to any W&L junior or senior, regardless of academic major, who submits a superior paper in the fields of modern European history or modern European architecture.

According to Professor Robert McAhren, "The prize was a gift given

to the University last fall and will be awarded annually in memory of Jimmy Vann, W&L '61, distinguished historian of modern Germany. Vann died in the summer of 1986.

The History Department encourages (but does not require) that the winner of the prize use the money to defray the cost of graduate expenses or on European travel.

The deadline for submission of papers is April 20 and more information can be obtained from Professor Cecil in Newcomb Hall 1.

The Mahan Awards in creative writing are being offered by the English department. The award is named for George H. Mahan of Han-

nal Missouri, a "Lee student" who died in 1936.

The contest is open to all students. Students can submit either prose or poetry entries, but if submitting a prose entry they must be registered for the class in which they compete.

There are four awards of \$150 each for prose entries and one prize of \$200 for a poetry entry from an undergraduate. Decisions on the entries will be reached during the spring term, and awards will be announced on the commencement program.

The deadline for entries is April 27 and more information can be obtained from the English department in Payne Hall.

Hattes to study at Rikkyo in Tokyo

From Staff Reports

Deborah E. Hattes, a Washington and Lee sophomore from Harland, Wis., has become the fourth W&L student in as many years to win a full scholarship for a year's study at Rikkyo University in Japan.

Hattes will attend Rikkyo in Tokyo from September 1987 to July 1988. W&L has had an exchange program with Rikkyo since 1977 and is one of four American institutions with which Rikkyo has an exchange program.

At W&L, Hattes is a member of the International Club, the Chinese-Japanese Club, and the Alcohol and Health Awareness Committee. She is a reporter for *The Ring-tum Phi*, the student newspaper, and serves on the constitutional convention committee.

Hattes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil R. Hattes of Fairview Court in Harland, Wis., is a graduate of Arrowhead High School.

The East Asian Studies Program at Washington and Lee is interdisciplinary in nature and introduces students to the languages, literature,



Deborah Hattes

and culture of China and Japan through extensive offerings in various fields.

Rikkyo University, one of Japan's top-ranking private universities, was founded in 1874 by a missionary of the Anglican Episcopal Church. The university has five colleges, each with a graduate division, and seven research institutions.

AP President Boccardi to give lecture

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Louis D. Boccardi, president of the Associated Press, will deliver a lecture titled "Press Responsibility" at Washington and Lee.

Boccardi's lecture will be at 7:30 p.m., March 20 in the Moot Courtroom in Lewis Hall on the W&L campus. The public is invited.

A graduate of Fordham College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Boccardi began his career as a reporter for the New York World-Telegram & Sun. During his seven years with the newspaper, he rose through various news and administrative positions to become assistant managing editor.

Boccardi was named president of AP in 1985 after serving for one year as executive vice president and chief

operating officer. Before that, Boccardi served for 10 years as executive editor in command of a staff of more than 1,400 reporters and editors in more than 215 bureaus around the world.

In addition to serving as a Pulitzer Prize juror, Boccardi is a member of the Research and Marketing Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He is a member of the ANPA's Industry Affairs Committee, the advisory board of the Gannett Center for Media Studies, and the board of governors of the Media and Society Seminars of the Columbia School of Journalism.

Boccardi's visit to W&L is part of a small national conference of the Mass Communications and Society Division of the Association for Education and Journalism in Mass Communication.

Convention preparations are underway

By HOLLY WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

Preparations for Washington and Lee's Mock Constitutional Convention to be held May 2, 1987 are well under way. The five issues that will be debated have been announced. The proposed amendments include a balanced budget, right-to-life, state's rights, line-item veto, and equal rights.

According to Deborah Hattes, Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Convention Steering Committee, "What we are holding is a Mock Article V national constitutional convention." Although a convention of this nature has never been held in the history of the United States, it is one of the two constitutionally mandated ways to amend the constitution.

Hattes reiterated that "it is hard to know exactly what would be done because it has never been done."

The steering committee is trying "to simulate what would happen at a constitutional convention if one were held this year."

The issue of a convention has arisen in light of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. Constitution and because 32 of the necessary 34

states have petitioned Congress to call a convention to consider a balanced budget amendment.

Hattes explained the process used to determine what issues will be debated.

"What we did is to follow the same procedure the states would do. We asked state chairmen to turn in petitions calling for a convention and for specific issues."

One method used by state chairmen to collect information from their states was contact with state officials and elect representatives.

Hattes explained that the Rules and Regulations Committee decided to take five pre-selected issues to the floor.

Thirty three states submitted 98 petitions. Two additional states turned in petitions late that are not in this official tally. The top five issues were: Balanced Budget Amendment with 25 states, Right-to-life Amendment with 15 states, States' Rights with 10 states. An amendment allowing a line-item veto tied with the Equal Rights Amendment with both proposals receiving endorsements from 6 states.

Hattes said that "a lot of interesting issues did not receive enough votes to be considered." Examples include making English the

official language, changing the Presidential term and dismantling the Electoral College.

Now that the top five issues have been decided, issue committees are in the process of meeting. Each issue is being addressed by a committee composed of representatives from ten states. The issue committee has the job of "taking all the petitions on a particular issue and putting those into one proposed amendment, written in constitutional language that will be put before the convention of May 2nd," said Hattes.

Julie Sheppard, Rules and Regulations ad hoc member to the Balanced Budget Committee explained how her committee has followed this process. "We held a meeting last week, and we identified the differences among the proposals of 27 states for the Balanced Budget Amendment," she said. "We are holding a second

meeting to debate the relative merits of the various suggestions to formulate a final amendment proposal."

"We'd like to publicize them so state delegations can firm up their state's positions and so that pro and con sides can start formulating their debates," said Hattes. She added that the Rules and Regulations Committee will not coordinate either side — it is up to the states themselves to develop pro and con debates.

More than 500 students have already joined delegations, but the steering committee hopes to involve as much of the student body as possible in the convention. Lists of state chairmen can be found around campus, particularly in the Student Center. Students may join a delegation by simply contacting a state chairman.

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Rebels and Yankees are expected.

Most of the participants in these battles come in well-organized units, and the group is hoping to recruit enough members to be able to attend events at the "Liberty Hall Volunteers."

In the meantime, though, the reenactors have to join with other groups.

Participants in these reenactments are very serious about creating the same atmosphere that a real Civil War soldier would have felt, according to Williamson.

The minimum a new recruit would need to attend a reenactment is a full uniform, a haversack, and a weapon. The weapon is the most expensive part of the set-up, with a replica of a Civil War Enfield rifle costing over \$200, according to Williamson.

Used uniforms, he said, are easy to buy at reenactments.

"This can be a fairly expensive hobby, with guns and rifles," he noted.

To help with costs, the EC supplied the group with money to buy two rifles, and more money is expected for weapons next year.

The plan, then, is for the unit, through the school, to purchase weapons, and for the individual members to supply all the accessories.

Because the school is helping with finances, Williamson said the unit would be "more than happy" to assist at school ceremonies as a sort of honor guard.

VMI has a well-equipped, school sponsored reenactment group, and Williamson hopes to get together with them for local reenactments, such as Hunter's raid on Lexington.

"We could burn VMI," he said, citing one of the results of that Civil War raid on Lexington.

Also, Williamson wants to attract people who are just interested in black powder weapons.

The rifles used by the unit are black powder guns, and firing practice is available at the VMI rifle range.

Women can take part in the reenactments as well. They attend in the role of nurses, wives, or "camp followers."

In the meantime, "We are just like the Confederate Army," Williamson said, "we need two things: men and equipment."

If you are interested, the Liberty Hall Volunteers will be drilling at Liberty Hall on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Drop by, or contact John Williamson.

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ted this year but only in one meeting, with no follow up to the "one-shot" process. Root intends to change that. Clearly the Honor System is at the top of the new Big Three's goals.

On more particular matters, Root cites the importance of student viewpoint and the solicitation of student concerns in which he "won't back down before administrative proposals that students don't like." However, he does want to bridge the gap between the administration and student body.

Schaefer notes that Student Control rules will be up for review, and he will work for a middle ground between the sentences of social proba-

tion and suspension for violations. One is a "slap of the wrist" the other "very extreme." He also notes the "minor" problem of parking in the "corral" which can be solved by elimination of medians. On the issue of the budget, he says he will keep a sharp eye on funds of large organizations like SAB.

Chiappara says he intends to quicken the distribution of the EC minutes and honor reports because "it's important that students know our actions as soon as possible. We owe them that." He also urges students to attend the EC meetings Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.

All in all, the Big Three have big ideas for next year's EC. They all look forward to working together for the betterment of W&L, while maintaining the individuality for which they were elected. As the cornerstone of the EC, their goals are paramount to the smooth running of student government. They have a lot ahead.

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However, the problems associated with limited class enrollment were not products of the new system, says Dittman, but merely coincided with other concerns that exacerbated the situation.

Professor Robert McAhren, chairman of the history department,

agrees. "The two factors — the new on-line registration, and the limitation in class sizes — unfortunately combined in making the registration system more arbitrary and inflexible. The new system, however, did not cause these problems."

The problem, says McAhren, instead lies in the restrictions placed on enrollment. "For example, the difficulty we encountered this year in the history department was that we did not anticipate the need to reserve spaces for different classes. We did set limits, but assumed a proportional number of students would be rewarded these places," said

McAhren.

"The problem can probably be remedied by reserving spaces for all students," continued McAhren. "The cost would be that fewer juniors and seniors would be able to take desired history courses."

In the past, students could avoid limits in class sizes by getting permission from instructors early, enabling majors and interested students to enroll early in the courses they desired. To retain the advantages of this, says McAhren, the history department is considering maintaining the restrictions imposed by the new system, but allowing per-

mission for early enrollment. "This would retain the flexibility of the old system, but would probably eliminate some of the advantages of the on-line system."

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AIDS RESEARCH

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"The risk (for catching AIDS) is very real," says Redfield. "All you have to do is to have sex with someone who is infected, and you're at risk for the infection... We have to recognize that there are about 100 times more people infected than who have AIDS."

"Right now in Manhattan," he adds, "if you look at the recruit data (Armed Forces) one out of fifty young men and women are infected with the virus, so your risk of coming into contact with someone infected in Manhattan is pretty good."

Redfield maintains that one myth associated with AIDS, that it is inherently a 'male' disease in that it spread mainly among males through homosexual contact, is not valid.

"It's very clear from a number of groups now (which have been studied) that men can give this virus to women, and women can give this virus to men, with about the same efficiency," states Redfield.

In a room located in the back of the University of Virginia student health center sits a young looking doctor who takes these facts to heart. He has to. It's his job. Everyday he must face this virus and the innocent students whom it attacks.

He must face the many problems it causes among his students — rejection, depression, sometimes even suicide.

His name is Richard P. Keeling, and he serves as Chairman of the American College Health Association's Task Force on AIDS. In this capacity, AIDS has become his enemy, his cause. To draw a military analogy from him, one could compare him to a company commander, commanding a force of fellow physicians, school administrators, student leaders, all assembled and mobilized for one common purpose — assault on this deadly disease. He sees as his goal, as his purpose in serving on the task force against AIDS, as someone who will educate, who will inform.

"I think people have an idea that having AIDS is kind of like having lung cancer or something," says Keeling. "You sort of waste away in the hospital bed then die. They don't realize just how ugly and horrifying this disease really is."

Although students are not defined specifically within the parameters of a "risk group" per se, Keeling argues that they are, by virtue of their social behavior, at a

greater risk than other heterosexuals, or homosexuals in the general population. He attributes this to the inclination of students to be more sexually experimental in college and to be more liberal in their selection of sexual partners.

Although the incidence of AIDS cases is relatively small in universities, it definitely has made its debut at the University of Virginia, not only among homosexuals but heterosexuals as well.

"We have a substantial number of students with a positive test around (the University of Virginia)," notes Keeling, "we have some numbers of heterosexual women who have a positive test. We have a couple of heterosexual men with a positive test."

Keeling adds that one UVA woman student became infected by another heterosexual who had at one time had intercourse with a prostitute who had sex with IV-drug users. This "sexual web" that Keeling describes has been recognized as a dangerous mode by which AIDS can spread from the known risk groups indirectly into the unknown risk groups, the most significant of which would be the heterosexual population.

One characteristic of AIDS, which is especially disturbing among public health officials, is the latency period that can exist between the time an individual is infected with the virus and when he or she actually shows symptoms of the disease. Estimates vary from two to 10 years

before AIDS actually manifests itself, but this is believed to vary according to the individual.

Health officials fear that, because of the amount of time involved, the virus will be spread unknowingly by the individual infected as he will have no indication that he has been infected.

Dr. James Worth, a counselor at Washington and Lee who has counseled several students concerned about the AIDS threat, argues that this contributes to the subversive nature of the disease.

"AIDS is subversive in a couple of ways," Worth argues. "It's subversive because it is silent; it doesn't show symptoms for years so that nobody without a test (AIDS antibody blood test) has any incline that they have it until they actually come down with the AIDS disease, as opposed to just having antibodies present."

"It's not like syphilis where you get an immediate sore that tips you off," he adds.

Dr. Worth states that another subversive element with AIDS is the fact it has stricken certain segments of the population which are vulnerable to the animosity and prejudice that AIDS often evokes.

"It's (AIDS) target populations were the most vulnerable groups of people," says Worth, "they were those that many people in society look on as deviant. The word 'deviant' is often used with homosexuals. Drug addicts sharing needles are looked at as 'bad people'."



These editorial cartoons by Toles reflect current public attitudes, fears and misunderstandings about the disease AIDS.

W&L and AIDS: denial is characteristic

By PAUL SMITH
Staff Reporter

Although there has been much recent publicity about AIDS and its threat to both homosexuals and heterosexuals, Washington and Lee students have not, publicly, expressed any significant degree of concern about AIDS. The only segment of the student body to express any fear or concern about AIDS has for the most part been limited to homosexuals.

"I have talked to some gays here who worry (about AIDS) and then go for an AIDS test just to see," notes University counselor and advisor Anne Schroer. She adds that homosexuals have withdrawn and become less conspicuous on campus. She is unsure as to why this has occurred but suspects it has something to do with AIDS.

"The gay community has backed off," she says, "I am not sure whether or not there has been pressure in the community to drive people back into the closet or to force them to go further out of town for their relationships."

"There is a definite change in the community this year from last year," she adds, "Therefore, I cannot get an accurate reading of what the fear level is (concerning AIDS)."

Unlike homosexuals where the AIDS threat is real and has been publicized extensively, heterosexuals at Washington and Lee have generally perceived no real threat from the disease.

Says one junior at Washington and Lee who asked not to be identified, "I really don't think anybody is too worried about it. Heterosexuals especially don't worry about it. They consider it too insignificant a threat."

Adds another W&L student, a senior, "I think most people here think of AIDS like they think of nuclear war — something very horrible that looms in the distance, but which is unlikely to actually come. Of course people know about AIDS — there is so much publicity about it — but they don't think that they could ever get it."

Notes Dr. James Worth, university psychologist and counselor, "I think the heterosexual population intellectually knows about AIDS; we have a bright, fairly well-read student body. But it has been seen as a disease of Haitians, homosexuals, drug-users, hemophiliacs, and I think they sort of thought 'well, I don't have to worry about that.'"

Many W&L students, according to Worth, think they are protected from the disease since they only mingle with students with similar social and class backgrounds.

"A student may feel that if he has a date with a W&L woman or if a woman, if she has a date with a W&L man, since he or she comes from very nice family, this is safe," explains Worth. "This is not really true. Or it won't be true. The disease can spread and nobody is really considered safe."

Worth argues that this characteristic of students is merely denial. "It's a defense mechanism," he adds.

Explaining this perception among students that AIDS is not a great threat, Worth argues that this is a natural, though not necessarily desirable characteristic of college students:

"I think college students typically think of themselves as set apart from reality," states Dr. Worth. "College students have not had to deal with death and when they have dealt with it it's either an older person in the family who's died. Even if it's an unexpected death, it's the older generation or it would be like an automobile accident or a suicide — something that is terribly upsetting but that that would happen to them too...but which is also explainable...There is a lot of denial about death particularly among all young people because they are so full of life and death is really foreign to them."

"AIDS is even more foreign because it's not common among heterosexuals," adds Worth, "and so students say that's 'their' disease not my disease."

Schroer thinks that the unconcern exhibited by students toward AIDS is indicative of a greater sociological phenomenon of this generation, a generation overwhelmed by a problematic world.

"We have become more suicidal in this generation," asserts Schroer. "I don't know what causes it — whether it is the nuclear age which is affecting our apathy, problems with unemployment; there are so many things which are beyond our control that we lean back and say 'there are so many things out there that I have no control over, so I'm not going to worry about it at all.'"

Such unconcern exhibited among students is reflected, a great extent, by health officials on campus. For example, Washington and Lee has yet to develop any definitive policy concerning AIDS. This is probably because as of present, there has not been a student with a confirmed diagnosis of AIDS at Washington and Lee.

"I think like most colleges we've been a little slow in really facing the problem of AIDS frankly," states Dean Lewis John, chairman of the Washington and Lee Student Health Committee. He adds, "The Student Health Committee itself has not yet directly faced the issue."

John admits that Student Health Committee members themselves are still trying to assess how to properly deal with the problem of AIDS. He notes, "What we've done to date primarily is to try to gather information. Our two primary thrusts so far have been to try to inform ourselves I guess on the nature of the problem and to gather information about what other campuses are doing."

He stresses however that the University has begun the process of educating the student body through AIDS-awareness literature disseminated at the University Infirmary.

"Our second aim is to get information out on campus, to try to begin the process of educating the student body, that being done through the information in the Student Health Committee," says John.

University physician Robert Pickral admits however that few students do take advantage of the literature available for them at the student infirmary. "Rarely (do we have) people ask for (AIDS) information. We are not giving a lot of information." He adds that some students obtain the information at the nurse's desk on their own.

On another front, Washington and Lee has arranged for Dr. Richard Keeling, who is featured in this article, to come Thursday night and present a lecture on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. (This evening, 7:30 PM Lee Chapel.)

"What I will do with the program is talk about the disease itself," explains Dr. Keeling about the program Thursday evening, "I'll show pictures of what people with AIDS look like which always shocks people. I will show them pictures of patients."

"I'll talk about transmission (of AIDS) such as how you get it, how you don't, what kind of sex transmits it, and what doesn't. It's very graphic," he adds.

"The Administration thinks it can sponsor a speech or two, throw out a bunch of literature about AIDS, then it has done its job," maintains one W&L Senior, "but it hasn't even begun to change student attitudes (on AIDS)."

"There is serious ignorance about this disease at Washington and Lee," he adds.

"The lecture by Keeling is certainly not going to do the trick," admits Worth. He adds that there needs to be a holistic approach to AIDS awareness "including certain kinds of classes such as biology, psychology, and possibly chemistry where AIDS is brought in from a scientific standpoint."

Describing what he believed would constitute an effective

anti-AIDS educational effort, Worth says he would like to see speakers every year such as Dr. Keeling with movies and slide shows. Moreover, he would like to see young people, stricken by the deadly disease, come and give talks before they die.

"This would be terribly powerful," says Worth, "but because denial is so strong; it would have to be repeated."

Anece McCloud, Associate Dean of Students for Minority Affairs, has worked with student leaders here and at her former post at the University of Nebraska. She sees effective education programs as those which first inform student leaders, who in turn disseminate the information to their classmates.

"Knowing Washington and Lee like I do in terms of it being pretty much student run," contends McCloud, "it would be helpful for the fraternities, and the various other student organizations especially the officers in those organizations...to realize the need (for education) and to encourage the membership to attend (lectures or seminars on AIDS)."

Such a scheme is in the workings according to Worth, "Next year there is going to be a dorm counselor training session to talk with freshmen in the dormitories not only about AIDS but other sexual matters such as acquaintance rape, problem pregnancy, et cetera," he says.

One barrier to greater educational efforts by any University according to Keeling is the simple fact that undergraduates, if infected while in college, will often not show any symptoms for the disease until well after graduation. University administrators will thus not perceive any threat of AIDS on their campuses and thus life complacent in a web of false security.

Such an attitude in the colleges would be detrimental to students, according to Keeling, since "education is the only real protection it (the University) can provide students."

"All of us in the (American) College Health Association feel pretty strongly that the University's major role is education," notes Keeling.

The issue of involuntary blood screening has not been discussed in an open forum at Washington and Lee. Yet as this issue is addressed nationally, such in the recent meeting of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta last month, it is likely to become more topical among administrators, as well as with students and parents.

Testing for the HTLV-III antibody is the only way an individual can know whether or not he has been exposed to the AIDS virus. Because an individual can be exposed to the virus, and still not exhibit any signs of the disease, some health officials argue for the need for compulsory testing, especially since the same individual could unknowingly pass the virus on to others.

Other health officials, wary of compulsory testing but nevertheless mindful of the potential benefits, argue that convenient voluntary testing should be made available. One such proponent of convenient voluntary testing is Robert Redfield, an infectious disease specialist who has maintained during the last several years that AIDS is as much a problem for heterosexuals as it is for those in high risk groups.

"The (HTLV-III antibody) test is the only way one can know for sure whether he has been exposed to the virus. Young sexually active people should really want to have available to them very easy access to finding out whether or not they have been infected. That is the only ultimate way one is going to protect himself," says Redfield.

A Washington and Lee student who wishes to be tested through the University must first see a physician at the University Infirmary who then can order a blood test through Stonewall Jackson Hospital. The cost of this test is \$56 and must be borne by the student. Moreover, records of the test, regardless of whether the results are

positive or negative, are placed in the student's permanent medical file.

(A student can obtain a test from the Lexington Health Department free of charge. The test is anonymous. Phone: 463-3185.)

Despite the existence of testing facilities, one critical pitfall of voluntary testing was best expressed by a junior, business major, "Heterosexuals simply won't get the test because they don't think they are affected by the AIDS epidemic in the first place," he says.

"I know a lot of guys who should get the test, judging from what I know about their social activities," he adds, "but they won't get it. I don't think it would even cross their minds."

In fact it is very rare that a heterosexual would ask for the test at all. When it does occur, it may have been prompted by reasonable concerns or irrational fears. In many cases, mass media plays a large role in encouraging heterosexuals to get the test. Dr. Richard Keeling of UVA recalls that TV shows prompted many of his patients to get the test, or some other form of education.

"There was a woman here just two hours ago for example, a woman who never really worried about herself in terms of the risk for AIDS until one of these TV things came on and talked about some other women who had gotten it through a male partner, so she started thinking and thought back about a guy who she had slept with...last summer whom she later found out was bisexual," he explains.

The voluntary screening program is somewhat undermined by lack of participation. This crucial problem has been addressed in meetings around the nation within the last two years, and especially in the meeting sponsored by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta last month. One alternative to voluntary screening which is employed by the Defense Department, the State Department, and certain branches of the Labor Department is mass involuntary screening for the AIDS virus antibody.

The Defense Department screens all active and reserve components of the Armed Forces. A potential recruit, if found to be seropositive (which indicates that the individual's body has produced antibodies for the AIDS virus) can be denied admission into service. Likewise, according to one career counselor at Washington and Lee, many companies and businesses are requiring the test for potential employees. With the possibility of such mass screening programs proliferating throughout society, is there a possibility that such a program would be adopted here at Washington and Lee?

"I don't foresee (mandatory) blood testing as a possibility. The question is of course what do you do with the results of that screening once you have it. I think that would really be the key," says Dean of Students Lewis John, who is the chairman of the Student Health Committee.

What about potential applicants?

"At this stage, the University as I understand it, has no policy in regards to screening applicants on the basis of this type of consideration and I think they would establish a policy only after careful consideration," states Dan Murphy, Assistant Director of admissions.

Has such consideration been initiated?

"Not to my knowledge," says Murphy.

"I don't think the answer lies in drawing blood from a high school senior's arm," argues Anne Schroer, career advisor and counselor, "I feel that this would be a real invasion of privacy. Look, what are we going to do? Screen them in December of their senior year, then we give them the green light to come? Then, who knows what their activities could be from that day forward until they get here. And even if they get here and everyone

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is pure as the driven snow, that's not going to assure that by Thanksgiving we don't have a certain number within the population who have been to Charlottesville, Roanoke, Atlanta, and have experimented (sexually)."

"I think screening would offend everybody," adds Schroer. "It would offend parents and alumni. I think Washington and Lee would be the last school to come down with that sort of regulation. It would be in every other school in the state of Virginia before we even begin to talk about it here."

Although the very mention of AIDS can conjure up images of innocent individuals ravaged by a physically devastating disease, the psychological impact is often overlooked. Depression and solitude are two emotions experienced by many victims of AIDS, both those who have been infected by the virus, and those who have not.

Describing one phenomenon associated with the AIDS epidemic, Worth recalled one student who feared AIDS, yet had no rational reason for his fear. "I've already seen one case of AIDS phobia," says Worth, "...the guy hadn't even had intercourse with anybody. I think we will see a lot more of that. I think counseling students who have unreasonable fears about AIDS is going to be one thing (we must consider)."

But students who face a positive antibody test must face the real test — the depression, the frustration, and the sense of isolation brought on by a stigmatic disease which society does not accept.

"Counseling a victim (of AIDS) is a very special thing," says Worth. "You're counseling the terminally ill, or that person in limbo who has the positive antibodies; they're sitting on a ticking time bomb. I think that's going to be a very special kind of counseling situation. I've never counseled anybody in that position."

Keeling explains that people who test positive on the AIDS antibody test "eventually integrate that into their lives, but they typically have a period of time where it's real hard and they get very depressed. They question their priorities; they worry about their current relationships — sexual partners, previous sexual partners, who might they have infected...they lose their trust. They often do feel isolated."

"That's the reason for all this counseling (counseling before and after the blood screening test), because if they are left to deal with all that with no reference point, suicide is a real problem. And people with AIDS commit suicide at an alarming rate. What we try to help people do is to live with this rather than run away from it, either by ignoring it or committing suicide," Keeling says.

Worth agrees, noting that this is common among persons with incurable diseases: "I think some people who get AIDS will probably commit suicide just as people with incurable cancer. When someone has an incurable disease, there is a certain natural thought — 'Do I want to just let the disease play its course or do I want to take control and at least time my death when I want it to be, and how I want it to be, with perhaps more dignity, with less pain, with less expense.' I can see a person with a terminal illness such as AIDS making a rational argument for suicide. I'm not saying I recommend that. I am not saying I would do that myself."

As AIDS spreads deeper into our society both medically and psychologically institutions and individuals will have to respond accordingly. Since there is no cure for the disease, individuals should follow basic safety practices. According to the American College Health Association these include reducing the number of sexual partners, knowing your sexual partners, avoiding the exchange of body fluids by using condoms all of the time, avoiding the use of intravenous drugs and finally avoiding the mix of alcohol and sexual encounters which could cloud one's judgement.

"Ellen Goodman wrote a recent piece in the Washington Post that I felt was very good," explains Worth, "If you recall the last point, that it would be a great tragedy if the AIDS virus proves to be more adaptive than the human beings that are victimized by it. I really agree with what she says."

"I just hope that it won't have to get to the point when all of a sudden 47 W&L students come down with AIDS and are dead within a year," says Worth. "The hope is through education it won't have to get to that point, before students start taking precautions."

A pestilence isn't a thing made to man's measure, therefore we tell ourselves that pestilence is a mere bogey of the mind, a bad dream that will pass away. But it doesn't always pass away and, from one bad dream to another, it is men who pass away, and the humanists first of all, because they haven't taken their precautions. -Albert Camus.

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W&L staff conducts lab survey

From Staff Reports

The staff of Washington and Lee's laboratory of anthropology recently completed a Phase I archaeological survey of a sewage treatment improvement area in Radford, Va.

Under contract with Anderson and Associates of Blacksburg, Va., the archaeologists implemented a systematic testing method designed to identify cultural resources within the site area.

Two prehistoric areas and one historic activity area were identified and assessed with respect to the criteria for eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Although the assessment concluded that the three areas were not significant, the archaeologists recommended that the two prehistoric areas be monitored during construction.

Their survey was published in a report by Dr. John McDaniel, director of the laboratory of anthropology and principle investigator, and Kurt Russ, research archaeologist who served as project director. Field and lab assistants included W&L undergraduates Bill Londrey, John Metz, Rob Merritt, Frank Kannappell, Bill Gossman and Rick Rodius.

Magazines, yearbook working

By STACY MORRISON
Staff Reporter

Currently, Washington and Lee University's many campus publications are working busily to meet their collective deadlines.

Sean Butler, President of the Publications Board, said, "Most of the campus publications come out two times a year." This includes the Ariel, the Washington and Lee Political Review, the Washington and Lee Journal of Science. The Calyx, the student yearbook, is issued only once a year.

Butler is also editor of the Ariel, the student literary magazine. The fall/winter issue of the Ariel came out in mid-January, and the spring issue is slated for late May, according to Butler. The Ariel publishes solicited contributions of original writings from the student body. This includes poetry, short stories and essays. The Ariel also publishes drawings and photography. Submissions for the next issue of the Ariel need to be submitted to Carol Calkin's office in the University Center by April 15.

The Washington and Lee Political Review also comes out twice a year. The fall/winter issue came out last week and was filled with varied articles concerning political issues, as is usual for the Review. Unlike other college reviews, the Review does not have a certain ideology. However, the Political Review will have its first theme for the spring issue of this year, said co-editor John Pensec. The other co-editor is Alex Bryant. Articles in this issue will concern the Mock Constitutional Convention and the surrounding bicentennial celebration, Pensec said. Submissions are accepted from all members of the W&L community.

The Washington and Lee Journal of Science is a publication of the W&L Biology Forum, instead of the Publications Board. All other campus publications are supervised by the Board, which is composed of the editors and business managers of these publications. The Pub Board also decides the budgets of and supervises each publication to insure that they are serving the best interests of the W&L community.

The W&L Journal of Science publishes articles concerning current science-related topics. All students and faculty are allowed and urged to submit articles. One need not be a science major to participate. The Journal of Science has not put out an issue yet this year.

The Calyx, is still working on schedule, said co-editor Christian Blessey. The other co-editor of the Calyx is Roger Reynolds. Last year's Calyx came out on schedule, during orientation week, but the '85 Calyx was issued six months late. Blessey said that they are working with a staff of fifteen to twenty members who are "really hard workers." He expects that the yearbook to come out on time this year.

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Lax defeats nation's third ranked team

By DAVID EMRICH
Sports Editor

Last week the Washington and Lee lacrosse team proved that a drop in divisional status can certainly provide a rise in excitement.

They won three times to raise their record to 4-1.

Given the opportunity to seriously compete for a national title for the first time in several years, the lacrosse team proved that they belonged at the top of the Division III heap with a win over the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops — the third ranked team in the Preseason D-III poll.

Last Thursday's 12-8 home victory over the Bishops was keyed by a number of factors, including senior goalie John Church's 15 save day and junior Sandy Harrison's excellent job in the faceoff circle, but mostly by the superior team play of the Generals.

"My feeling is that the team is doing what it needs to win," said head coach Dennis Daly. "We're playing together as a team, and everyone feels a part of the goals."

"There is a real sense of team play," said Daly.

In the first quarter, the Bishops spent a lot of time in the General's defensive zone, but could only score once, with 8:35 remaining in the period.

"One of the big points of the game," said Daly, "was that they only got one goal [in the first quarter] even though they controlled the action."

"We controlled them offensively," stated Daly.

The score remained 1-0 in favor of Ohio Wesleyan for nearly eight minutes until the Bishops were whistled for slashing. Senior Bill Garravante cashed in on the extra man situation to tie the score with 0:49 remaining in the opening quarter.

"We felt very good at that point," said Daly. "We controlled them in

our end, only allowing them one goal and then we take the ball down and score on our first or second shot of the game."

The Generals continued handling the Bishops defensively while at the same time putting the ball into the net themselves.

W&L lead widened to 4-1 when sophomore Neill Redfern scored in an extra man situation with 4:48 remaining in the second quarter, but Ohio Wesleyan fought back.

The Bishops scored twice before the half to trim the lead to 4-3, and, after the goal that put Ohio Wesleyan within one, Daly decided to call a time out.

"It was a momentum stopping time out," said Daly.

"We felt that their last two goals were our mistakes and we told our players to calm down and play really tight."

"The worst thing that could have happened," said Daly, "was if they had tied it."

"If that had happened we would have gone into the locker room with our heads hanging and there would have been some finger pointing."

But that was not to be the case as the General's Redfern made an excellent play to widen the Generals slim lead, and the half ended with W&L holding onto a 5-3 lead.

"We got the momentum back right before the half," said Daly.

The two teams traded goals for most of the third quarter and the first third of the fourth quarter when, with the Generals leading 8-6, Redfern and junior Robbie Stanton each scored twice in a three-and-one-half minute span to put the game away and claim a position for the Generals among the D-III elite.

Daly, however, was not so pleased with yesterday's 13-10 win over Division I Notre Dame.

The Generals fell behind 1-0 in the first five minutes of the game, but stormed back to take the lead, 2-1 on sophomore John Ware's first of five goals.

The lead was short lived through,



Sophomore Mike Jones jars the ball loose against Ohio Wesleyan.

By Perry S. Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

as the Irish tied the score in 55 seconds and continued to score—putting in four unanswered goals to build a 6-2 lead with just under 11 minutes to go in the first half.

Making matters worse for W&L, during this entire time the Generals

couldn't seem to mount any type of sustained offensive threat. They were taking poor shots and weren't getting second chances.

"You have to give them [Notre Dame] credit for their early play," said Daly.

"They played tough defense."

Then the Generals seemed to find their game a little. They slowed the tempo down and took their time on offense. The result was two goals before the half to narrow the Irish lead to 6-4.

If they seemed to find their game a little by the end of the first half, then they found their emotions for the second half.

W&L scored twice in the first lead to 6-4. □ See Lax, page 7

Tennis teams trounce foes; both post important wins

Davidson match called 'Franke's biggest win'

By MIKE SHADY
Assistant Sports Editor

Okay. Maybe we were a little rough on the Washington and Lee men's tennis team last week. But like a true great team, the General's responded and put together a week that included a win that was head coach Gary Franke's best since his arrival at W&L.

The Generals went 3-1 over the six-day stretch with wins over Division II Slippery Rock (8-1) and Old Dominion Athletic Conference member Emory and Henry (9-0). But it was Friday's 5-4 win over Div. I Davidson that Franke said was "my biggest win since I have been at W&L."

"It was a big match," said senior captain Roby Mize. "Davidson came down to our invitational tournament in the fall and pretty much cleaned up."

"The win was a surprise to us as well as a surprise to them. For coach Franke, it was probably his biggest win here."

Winners for W&L were: Mize at No. 4 singles; junior Chris Wiman at No. 5; freshman John Morris at No. 6; and the doubles teams of sophomore Bobby Matthews and junior David McLeod at No. 1 and Wiman and Morris at No. 3.

The Generals' only loss of the week came on Saturday against Div. I Furman, 7-2. W&L hoped to score another big upset with the momentum created by the Davidson victory,

but this time it was not in the cards. "We were coming off the high of beating Davidson," Mize said, "but Furman was just too tough for us. There were a couple of three-setters and the score could have been different, but they handled us pretty solidly."

"We are playing well," said Franke, "against some top competition and even in our losses we have looked good."

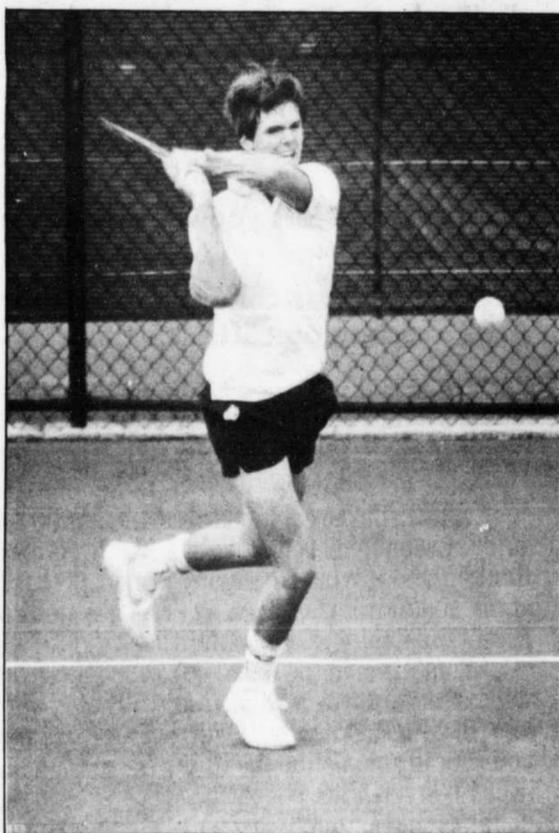
There was no surprise on Tuesday as an overmatched Emory and Henry posed little problem for the Generals. W&L has been the ODAC champion in three of the past four seasons.

The win also marked the first time this year that newcomer Robert Haley has won at No. 1 singles. According to Mize, Haley, a sophomore transfer from West Point, has not been able to "find his groove."

"Haley's capable of being a superstar," Mize said, "but it's going to take some time."

"We've had that problem [No. 1 singles losing] for the past few years. It seems that our No. 1 always runs into a great player on the other teams."

VOLLEYS... Matthews, Mize, McLeod and Wiman all share the top spot for individual records with 4-2 marks.... The doubles team of McLeod and Matthews has been stellar so far in posting a 6-1 record.... The team's record now stands at 4-2.



Sophomore Robert Haley rips a backhand vs. Slippery Rock.

By Skip Bertram/The Ring-tum Phi

Women surprise Hollins with 5-4 win; will be without 3 for matchup with Hornets

By MARGARET PIMBLETT
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team avenged last year's 9-0 loss to Hollins College by opening their 1987 season with a 5-4 victory Tuesday over Hollins on the road.

Singles winners were sophomores Dana Anstine and Benny Savage and freshman Theresa Southard. They were joined by the doubles pairs of sophomores Martha Christian and Valerie Pierson and Southard and fellow freshman Laura Eggers.

"I'm delighted with the win," said head coach Bill Washburn. "Hollins has always been in the top echelon of the ODAC."

Last year's W&L team wound up its season with a 1-8 record and ninth place out of ten teams in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

The team was in its initial season, with one sophomore player and all the rest freshmen. This year, nine players returned with a year of collegiate tennis experience under their skirts.

Five of the top six seeds are

sophomores. First-seeded Bitsy Hopper retains her position, followed by Anstine, Katherine Nelligan, Southard, Christian and Savage.

Other returning members of the team are sophomores Courtney Coyle, Leann Flood, and Jennifer Newmark.

Washburn said Tuesday's win over Hollins was particularly gratifying because it showed that the team had "developed some degree of confidence and experience."

"The team showed a certain amount of determination and gutsiness," he said.

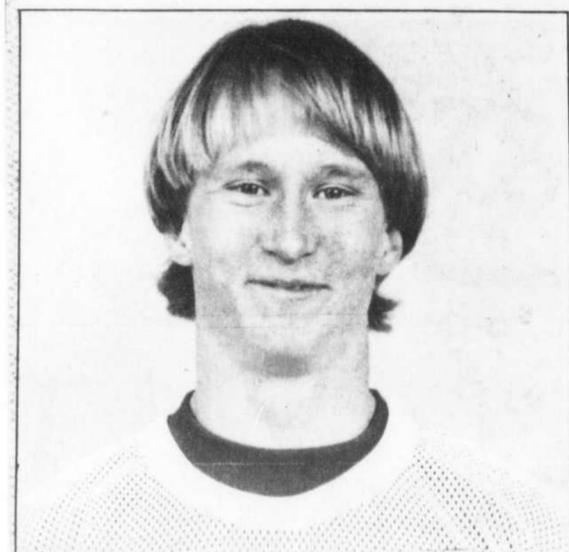
That gutsiness should help the team in its match today at Lynchburg, which will be played without three of the General's top five players.

Neither Anstine nor Nelligan will participate because of academic commitments. Christian has an ankle injury.

Their positions will most likely be filled by Eggers, Newmark and one other member of the team.

Washburn said he expected the competition from Lynchburg to be "not as stiff" as what the team faced in the match against Hollins.

W&L Athlete of the Week



Neill Redfern

By JOHN PACKETT
Staff Reporter

Lacrosse attackman Neill Redfern scored 10 goals and had three assists in three games, making him Washington and Lee's Athlete of the Week.

Last week's effort raised Redfern's season total to 16 goals and eight assists.

With Redfern's help, the Generals beat Notre Dame, Swarthmore, and Ohio Wesleyan to up their record to 4-1.

"I was happy with my effort last week but feel that there are a few minor areas in which I can improve my play," said Redfern.

Last Thursday's win over Ohio Wesleyan, who was at the time third in the nation in Division III, was a big win for the Generals, according to Redfern. In that game Redfern scored five goals and had

one assist.

"The win was our biggest so far and it sets the tone for the rest of the year," said Redfern.

"The win put us in a good position in Division III," said Redfern.

According to Redfern, though the Generals have played well this year, they haven't reached their potential as a team.

"I think we have the ability to do great things," said Redfern.

"If we can keep our concentration we could be 12-1 and have a good shot at being in the Division III tournament," said Redfern.

Redfern said that his goal for the season is to play in the finals of the Division III tournament.

"I think it would be awesome," said Redfern.

Redfern is a sophomore from Norfolk, Va. There he attended Norfolk Academy where he was captain of the lacrosse and wrestling teams.

Schoettelkotte injured during baseball's loss

By STUART SHELDON
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee Baseball team travelled to Bridgewater College on Tuesday to play the first game of their Old Dominion Athletic Conference season. Bridgewater is the number one seed in the ODAC this season.

Bridgewater defeated W&L by a score of 10-3. The Generals' overall record fell to 2-4 with the loss, and their ODAC record stands at 0-1.

Although the Generals lost, head coach Jeff Sticklely said that the 10-3 loss "really wasn't that bad. We were down by one, 4-3, in the sixth. They put together a lot of hits," and "we made some costly defensive errors" late in the game.

One disadvantage put on the Generals late in the game was the injury of Senior pitcher Bill Schoettelkotte, who damaged his ankle in a close play at first base.

Schoettelkotte was diagnosed as having a broken ankle. He will be out for an indefinite amount of time.

The Generals' usually strong offense also faltered late in the game. In the first five innings, W&L had eight hits, while the last four innings only produced two hits. Sticklely mentioned this as an area needing improvement.

"We need to improve our ability to put together hits, (concentrate them in an inning or two) as well as our ability to hold onto a lead," he said.

The ability to hold on was also lacking last Saturday, when the Generals travelled to Christopher-Newport.

Washington and Lee led 4-3 going into the ninth inning, but a series of three walks managed to push the winning run across home plate.

Sticklely felt that the pitchers, Schoettelkotte and Cunningham, ran into some problems with control that allowed these walks to occur.

Although the Generals do not sport a winning record, "we are by no means down," said Sticklely. "We need to play more...we are still moving people around" in an attempt to discover their abilities. "We are getting better," he summarized.

Even outdoors, track continues domination

By JIM LAKE
Staff Reporter

Following right on the heels of a championship indoor season, the Washington and Lee track team has already won two outdoor meets. In the first, a dual meet last Saturday at Wilson Field, the Generals blew away Roanoke College, 99-43. In the second, a four-team meet in Bridgewater Tuesday afternoon, the Generals were just as successful, rolling over Bridgewater, Heidelberg and Eastern Mennonite.

Against Roanoke, W&L won 11 of the day's 17 events and took second place in 14, giving the Generals more than enough points to coast to an easy victory. In fact, W&L swept five events, taking all three places in the long jump, javelin, shot, pole vault, and discus.

The Generals were led by junior John White, who won the triple jump and the 400 meters, and by junior Andrew White, who took first place in both the 110 and 400-meter hurdles.

In the field events, senior John Burlingame won the long jump, and senior Thomas Murray took first place in the shot put. Sophomore Jim Ambrosini won the discus, and junior Joseph Fisher took first in the pole vault.

The running events were highlighted by victories by both of the Whites, as well as sprinter Wes

Boyd, who won the 100-meter dash in 11.8 seconds, and the Generals' 400-meter relay team, which took first with a time of 46.1 seconds.

Tuesday afternoon in Harrisonburg, the Generals scored 80 points, taking first place in eight events. Heidelberg College, a Division III school and a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference, finished a distant second with 50 points. "We ran a really good meet," said head coach Norris Aldridge. "The times were really good for a meet this early in the year."

Looking at the sprints, "Kevin Weaver and Wes Boyd both ran well in the 100 and 200 meters," said Aldridge. Boyd took second place in the 100 with a time of 11.2 seconds, and Weaver finished in 11.5 seconds and placed fourth in the same event. In the 200, Boyd's time of 23.4 seconds was good enough for second place, and Weaver finished right behind him at 23.8 seconds.

Once again, Andrew White won both hurdle events. He finished the 110 high hurdles in 15.3 seconds and the 400 intermediate hurdles in 59.8 seconds. John White took second place in the 400 meters with a time of 52.3 seconds, his fastest time ever in that event.

In the distance events, junior Richard Moore won the 1500 meters in 4:08, "one of his faster 1500 times," according to Aldridge. Moore also

won the 5000 meters, finishing with a time of just over 16 minutes. Sophomore Jamie Urso took second in the 800 meters, finishing in just under two minutes.

"We had some good times on the track, and we also had some good performances on the field," said Aldridge. Once again, Murray won the shot put, this time with a throw of over 47 feet. Ambrosini won the discus with a throw of 135'7", and he also won the javelin. "He picked the javelin up for the first time [Tuesday] and threw over 160 feet," said

Aldridge.

MILEPOSTS: The total scores of Tuesday's meet at Bridgewater: W&L 80, Heidelberg 50, Bridgewater 48, and Eastern Mennonite 3.... Next week's meet at Liberty University has been cancelled. Instead, Aldridge said that "about 14 or 15 people" will make the trip down to the Hampton University Relays. The Generals next full meet will be held Tuesday afternoon at Wilson Field against Eastern Mennonite and Newport News Apprentice College....

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minute of the second half to tie the score and then rode that momentum to the win.

"It's nice to come out of a game like that with a win because you don't feel so bad," said Daly.

"I guess you could say we won ugly."

Last Saturday on Wilson Field, the Generals easily handled Swarthmore 18-2.

W&L put the game away early, scoring nine goals before the Little Quakers got on the board, and leading 14-1 at the half.

"I was as pleased with the Swarthmore game as I was with the Ohio Wesleyan game," said Daly.

"Ohio Wesleyan showed us what our capabilities were, and Swarthmore showed us we could be consistent. Our starters were totally prepared for the game mentally, and when the reserves got in, they played a super game."

"There was no drop in intensity," said Daly. "No peak for Ohio Wesleyan and then a dropoff."

"That's what made me feel so good about the game. We played as a team."

"I can't say enough about our two assistants," continued Daly. "Bill Pilat and Brian Corrigan are doing a great job getting the kids ready for the games."

Golf on course, but not as much as Leslie would like

By MIKE SHADY
Assistant Sports Editor

Spring is finally here and that means two things, girls in shorts and 18 holes at your local golf course. Unfortunately for the Washington and Lee golf team, getting in that crucial time on the links has been somewhat of a problem.

The Generals placed third out of five teams in yesterday's round-robin tournament in Staunton and 18th out of 24 in this past weekend's James Madison Spring Invitational. Not great, but according to head coach Buck Leslie, all the team needs is more time on the course in order to iron out its wrinkles.

"I was pretty pleased," Leslie said. "All in all it wasn't that bad. We just need to get more work in."

"That week [of warm temperatures] was really the only good week of work we were able to get in. We lost another day on Monday because of the snow."

In the round-robin tournament, which featured only Old Dominion Athletic Conference teams, W&L was led by junior Gary Campbell who

shot an 80 (38-42), senior co-captain Mark Zavatsky (82), junior John Gammage (83) and sophomore Pete Coleman (83). The General's total of 328 was 10 strokes behind winner Bridgewater and trailed only 2nd-place Roanoke by three.

The JMU invitational saw W&L tied for tenth after the first day, but some shaky play in the second round cost the team a higher finish.

"We had four players on the verge of having [second] rounds in the 70's," Leslie said. "The course played awfully tough and a lot of the teams were coming up from the warmer weather down South."

"That second day really left a bad taste in my mouth."

The reason for Leslie's displeasure was the fact the Generals held a seven-stroke advantage over Lynchburg after round one, only to end up a full ten strokes behind, 658-668, after round two. W&L, however, did finish ahead of three other OAC teams; Hampden-Sydney, Randolph-Macon and Bridgewater.

The Generals next match is the Ferrum Invitational in Ferrum, S.C. on Friday.



Senior Mark Zavatsky lines up a putt.

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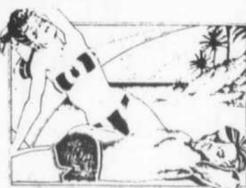
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Poetics keep up reputation

By BRAD SHAW
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Allow me to wax nostalgic. Almost three years ago, I watched an obscure little band play in a small bar to a packed house. It was the first time I had ever seen or heard of Waxing Poetics, and it was one of the best live performances by any band that I had ever seen.

A hefty reputation tends to latch on to a band that makes such a memorable first impression, and Waxing Poetics is no exception. They have proven to audiences all over the East Coast that when you book the Poetics, you'll get your money's worth. Crowds have been known to scream for so many encores that the band had to start playing some songs for a second time in one night.

Several weeks ago, the Poetics released their long-awaited debut album, *Hermitage*. It would have been easy for Waxing Poetics to simply recreate that well-known live atmosphere in each song on the new LP. Instead, with the help of producers Mitch Easter and Mike Mills (of R.E.M.), the Poetics have shaved down, refined and refurbished eleven of their own songs to create one of this year's best albums.

Easter and Mills have added a little something to each song on *Hermitage* to make it instrumentally more complex than its live version. Tampering with a song that sounds great live can often result in gaudy, pretentious trimming, ruining the band's reputation. (Just look at the Alarm.) Easter and Mills, however, have made changes to the Poetic's songs that sound as if they should have been part of the songs all along, and leave the nuances that tell you this album in Waxing Poetics the first time you hear it.

David Middleton's lead vocals have weathered the transition to vinyl well throughout the record and the backing vocals have made a vast improvement. Paul Tiers shreds his guitar on most of the songs with Peter Buck-esque impunity and Bill Shearin's drumwork has clearly stepped out of the shadows. The most impressive performance is logged in by Sean Hennessy and his thumping bass. The bass line in "Hermitage" drives the song as if it had its own heart and his plucking on "Distinction" makes your whole body feel like twitching.

The LP captures your attention from the very beginning. The acoustic intro to the album's first song, "Beauty and the Beatitudes" explodes into Tiers' wailing guitar and you're hooked. From that point, the album doesn't slow down until "Friday's Child," then immediately cranks up again with "Distinction." Side two keeps up the pace with "Walking on Thin Legs," which reminds one a little of R.E.M.'s "We Walk" without sounding anything like it. Ironically, one of the best songs on the album is one that few have heard live. The last song, "A Year By Air," is an excellent, haunting tune that would be at home on side two of *Abbey Road*, yet has not been included in many of the Poetic's live performances.

Hermitage is an album whose alternative sound seems to have gained acceptance throughout Virginia and North Carolina and is even appearing on college radio playlists as far north as New York. It has been released on compact disc, and there is even talk of a video for "If You Knew Sushi." All of the recent attention given to Waxing Poetics has not gone to their heads, though. I saw them about a week ago and they still had to play a few songs twice.



Waxing Poetics, clockwise from left: Middleton, Hennessy, Shearin and Tiers.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 19

3 p.m. — BASEBALL: Generals vs. Eastern Mennonite. Smith Field.
7 p.m. — POLITICS FILM: "Shoot the Piano Player." Room 327, Commerce School.
7:30 p.m. — LECTURE: "AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases," Dr. Richard Keeling, University of Virginia. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

Friday, March 20

7:30 p.m. — LECTURE: "Press Responsibility," Louis D. Boccardi, president, Associated Press. Moot Courtroom, Lewis Hall. Public invited.
8 p.m. — FILM SOCIETY FILM: "And the Ship Sails On." Classroom "A," Lewis Hall.

Saturday, March 21

1 p.m. — MEN'S TENNIS: Generals vs. William and Mary. Varsity Courts.
2 p.m. — OPERA BROADCAST: "Carmen." WLUR-FM (91.5).
8 p.m. — FILM SOCIETY FILM: "And the Ship Sails On." Classroom "A," Lewis Hall.
8 p.m. — FAIR CONCERT: The Rockbridge Ballet and Dance Ensemble. Lexington High School.

Monday, March 23

Law classes resume.
3 p.m. — WOMEN'S TENNIS: Generals vs. Southern Seminary. Varsity Courts.

Tuesday, March 24

1 p.m. — GOLF: Generals vs. Bridgewater, Hampden-Sydney, Lynchburg, Roanoke. Lexington Country Club.
3 p.m. — TRACK AND FIELD: Generals vs. Newport News Apprentice, Eastern Mennonite. Wilson Field.
7 & 9 p.m. — JOURNALISM FILM: "Autumn Sonata." Room 203, Reid Hall.

Wednesday, March 25

2-5:30 p.m. — SYMPOSIUM: "Virginia's Death Penalty Representation Project." Moot Courtroom, Lewis Hall.
3 p.m. — WOMEN'S TENNIS: Generals vs. Randolph-Macon/Ashland. Varsity Courts.
3 p.m. — BASEBALL: Generals vs. Hampden-Sydney. Smith Field.



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Stallone is just an arm-wrestling Rambo

By MICHAEL TUGGLE
Movie Critic

Sylvester Stallone has made quite a name for himself as Hollywood's new tough guy on the block. In the past decade he has either beaten or destroyed the world boxing champion (twice), Mr. T., the Russians, the Vietnamese, the Germans, and a small northern town. While it is doubtful that Stallone will ever reach the "stud" status that John Wayne and Clint Eastwood have attained, he still gets an E for effort. His new film, *Over The Top*, adds the World Arm Wrestling Championship to the Conquered list, but unfortunately does little else. Instead of a rich movie, all we get is a reshaped rags to riches *Rocky* plot involving father and son.

Stallone portrays Lincoln Hawkes, a truck driver/arm wrestler/runaway father. The film

opens as he shows up at his son's military school commencement at the request of the boy's mother. Hawkes left the boy and her when the child was a baby but has kept in touch with her over the years and now obeys her request to make peace with his son. Standing sternly over the entire situation is the rich, arrogant grandfather who lives for control. He loathes Hawkes and has done everything in his power to keep the boy separated from his father since the time Hawkes left the family.

Plain and simply, what we have is a simple stock plot with innovative characters. There is the stern grandfather trying to control the boy, and the boy who must choose either to give his father a second chance, or reject him. However, there has to be a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If indeed, the boy goes with his father who has virtually nothing, what will happen to them? Hey, at

this point in the game, who really cares? This is a Stallone flick, remember?

If it ain't the Russians or the Vietnamese, who can Stallone single-handedly topple with one swipe of his greased bicep this time?

The answer: The World Arm Wrestling Champion, who else? In Las Vegas, no less.

Over The Top really tries hard to be a sincere film about unbreakable love and the quest for the gold, but really: haven't we seen this a million times before? Perhaps his "expertise" in this type of film is what continually lands him in these roles. Or maybe it is the frighteningly large number of faithful who line up at the box office every time the guy's name winds up on the marquee. At any rate, *Over The Top* simply does not say enough to be a worthwhile film.

The cross-country scenery is

beautiful, and the tournament sequences are relatively exciting (though no one has ever accused Stallone of making boring films), but they can't come close to carrying this film. If you're a Stallone fan, see the film. You probably have already. However, I'd rather wait for *Rambo III* due this spring.

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