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# The Ring-tum Phi

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## General notes

### Phone for food

The new Food Service phone number for daily menus at Evans Dining Hall & GHQ Tavern specials is 463-8799.

### Jazz with food

The Tim Eddy Jazz Quartet will be at the GHQ during Happy Hour, Friday, from 4-7. There will be no charge, and parents are welcome.

### Alumni with food

Heinsohn and Day will be performing tonight at 9:00, at the Subway, on 10 1/2 Lee Avenue.

### Pre-law help

Admissions representatives from 33 law schools will be available on Tuesday, November 11, to answer questions and provide information about their schools. The afternoon session will last from 1:00 until 4:00 and students may come and go at any time. There will be two panel presentations, "How To Choose a Law School" and "How To Get Into Law School" conducted by law school admissions representatives from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 109 of University Center.

### Taxi!!!

Any students interested in taxi service to Woodrum Field, Roanoke, for the Friday prior to Thanksgiving break (Nov. 21) please contact Dean Huntley in the Dean of Students Office.

### Squash, anyone?

W&L Squash Club Tournament draws for both experienced & inexperienced players are at the Court 2 Bulletin Board in Warner Center. Anyone who signed up for the club is in a draw. First round should be completed by tomorrow night. Also lasilco applications are up, and they will be removed November 15. If anyone else is interested please call Steve Seans at 463-9470.

### Political

The Washington and Lee Political Review is looking for well-written articles dealing with subjects of interest. Submissions are due in Carol Calkins office Nov. 14.

### Academical

The University Scholars undergraduate honors program invites applications from members of the freshmen and sophomore classes with high intellectual motivation and a record of academic excellence. Interested persons should see Professor W. Lad Sessions, Newcomb Hall 24, as soon as possible. Applications are due December 6, 1986.

### Charitable

The Muscular Dystrophy Superdance is scheduled for February 7 and 8, 1987. Information packets and pledge-sheets can be picked up now from Carol Calkins' office in the University Center during office hours.

### Beneficial

The Delta Tau Delta raised more than \$600 for the United Way at the fraternity's recent benefit concert at the W&L student pavilion.

The third annual concert, featuring the Stains, Wildgrass, and the Convertibles, drew more than 300 people for the United Way.

"Although the crowd was smaller than we expected, we were pleased that it all came together," said Brad MacCochran, president of the fraternity. "The support from the Washington and Lee and Lexington communities was just great."

## Olin wins in landslide

By CHRIS MUNSEY  
Staff Reporter

Incumbent Democrat Jim Olin won a smashing victory over Republican challenger Flo Traywick in Tuesday's election, capturing 78 percent of the popular vote from the people of Rockbridge County.

Olin's 78 percent of the vote represents the highest margin of re-election he has won from area voters in the past three Congressional races. Olin won 58 percent of the vote recorded in Lexington and Rockbridge County in the '84 election, against the 42 percent of Republican Ray L. Garland.

Olin was first elected to the 6th district in 1982, winning 51 percent of local voters. Republican Kevin G. Miller lost by only three percentage points in the 1982 election.

Four amendments to the state constitution of Virginia were also approved by state and local voters. The first amendment allows a person removed from registration list of eligible voters to re-register through the mail. Under present law, a person who doesn't vote at least once in four years is automatically removed from the registration lists and must show up in person to re-register.

The second amendment approved allows government employees to

serve as assistant registrars and officers of election. The current law prohibits government employees from these positions.

The third amendment allows the Virginia Supreme Court to respond on matters of state law to federal courts and the appellate courts of other states. The final amendment gives the state the right to appeal court decisions that dismiss a defendant or suppress evidence. The state will only be allowed to appeal before the jury is sworn in or before the first witness is heard in a non-jury trial.

Traywick tried to portray Olin as a liberal out of touch with the philosophy of the 6th district, and promised to support the goals of the Reagan administration if she was elected. Olin consistently dodged the liberal label and stressed his businesslike approach in Congress during the campaign.

Flo Traywick spent eight years in the Virginia legislature as a legislative aide to Vance Wilkens, the Republican delegate who represents Rockbridge County in Richmond. Traywick is also a member of the Republican National Committee.

Jim Olin has lived in the Salem area since 1968, when he became the manager of a local General Electric factory. Olin retired from GE in 1982 and ran for Congress the first time that year.



Newly re-elected Congressman Jim Olin.

File Photo



Stanislav Levchenko speaks out.

By Mathew Horridge/The Ring-tum Phi

## Agent reveals KGB acts

By BRAD SHAW  
Staff Reporter

The Soviet Union is using the "largest subversive mechanism in the history of mankind" to undermine United States foreign and domestic policy, said Stanislav Levchenko to a standing-room-only crowd in Lee Chapel last Thursday night.

Levchenko, the highest ranking KGB official ever to defect to the West, said that the Soviet Union spends \$2 billion a year on "disinformation." According to Levchenko, disinformation is the Soviet Union's effort to influence foreign decision making, international public opinion and foreign legislatures. They attempt this through Soviet propaganda, such as pamphlets and speeches by high-ranking officials, and covert actions which are considerably more dangerous, yet not easily traced to the Soviet government.

Levchenko himself said he was involved in such covert actions as a KGB agent stationed in Japan under

the guise of Bureau Chief of Soviet International Affairs Weekly Magazine "New Times." Levchenko told the crowd that he used gloves to handle forged letters sent to public figures and journalists in Japan and the Far East to avoid having the letters traced through the fingerprints.

The Soviets have become experts at forgeries, said Levchenko, but sometimes they become careless. He asserted that during the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the KGB sent forged threatening letters from the Ku Klux Klan to some Third World countries. The letters were obviously forgeries, said Levchenko, for several reasons. There is no nationwide organization known solely as the Ku Klux Klan, the letters contained many grammatical errors in the English language and all of the letters were postmarked from the Maryland suburbs surrounding Washington D.C.

The KGB can even forge CIA documents because they have access to almost every form of stationery and letterhead that exists, according

to Levchenko. This "silent war of disinformation" is impossible to stop, said Levchenko, but it is possible to slow down. The American people must broaden their awareness, said Levchenko and become less naive and vulnerable to the KGB's manipulative covert actions. He also called for "expelling all perpetrators of Soviet disinformation from the United States" to help disrupt such covert actions.

Levchenko defected from the Soviet Union in October 1979, soon after his promotion to the rank of Major in the KGB and was appointed as Chief of the Active Measures Group of the Tokyo Residency of the KGB. He told the audience that his decision to defect had taken him almost 20 years to make. Levchenko said he had several chances to defect before actually doing so. A dislike for the "Soviet system" existed for many years, but he did not want to defect until deciding to work against the efforts of the Soviet Union and the KGB.

## The Flood of '85, a year later

By TOM BRICKEL  
Staff Reporter

To most Washington and Lee students, the flood is but a faint memory of showerless nights and threatened power shortages. To others, that there ever was a flood is a new and surprising fact.

Flooding began after Parents' Weekend last year, the result of three days worth of rain that reached a crescendo on Monday. The effects of flooding in the area were felt immediately. The Maury river swelled to the height of the Maury river bridge, inundating houses in the flood plain with water and debris. The water level in Woods Creek also rose, covering low-lying footpaths and moving the small footbridge downstream.

Some students were affected by rising water levels: those living in Bean's Bottom and in residences close to the river had to evacuate their homes when waters rose several feet in a matter of hours early Tuesday morning. But most students living in dormitories or residences high above the flood waters were unaffected by the flood's damage. Downed telephone lines did reduce service for a few days after the flood, but it was resumed soon after.

Students suffered one side effect from the flood: a request made by Lexington Mayor and W&L economics professor Charles F. Phillips, Jr. to refrain from using water for purposes other than for cooking, drinking, and emergency purposes. Due to the flooding of the Maury river, the Lexington water treatment plant had to forego operations until water could be removed from it.

Students had to forego showers, laundry and car washing temporarily, an idea some had trouble accepting.

Though damage in Lexington was limited largely to the water treatment plant and scattered residences, surrounding areas were not so fortunate. Business and residential losses in Buena Vista, Glasgow and Goshen amounted to over \$65 million. Buena Vista alone suffered about \$50 million worth of damage, mostly to local industry.

According to Goshen mayor Anita Tuttle, damage to the town of 350 was considerable. "Because the center of town is in a low-lying area, many of the businesses and public buildings downtown were inundated," says Tuttle.

And though only 10 families were

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Buena Vista residents view a flooded downtown.

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## Faustus U.?

In the November 10 issue of Time magazine, the article "What Is College For?" discusses the motives of students attending college today. According to a study done by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, most current high school students and their parents believe the primary goal of college is to get a well paying job, rather than to learn.

A sample of the statistics quoted in the article include the University of Illinois report that "only 19% of its humanities students have guaranteed jobs upon graduation, vs. 90% for business majors." According to U.S. Government statistics quoted in the article, bachelors degrees in business have risen from 114,865 in 1971 to 230,031 in 1984, and B.A.s in English and literature have declined from 57,026 in 1971 to 26,419 in 1984.

It appears that the desire to make money and get ahead has overpowered the pursuit of higher intellect. Some may say the concern for fellow mankind is dead, and that most pre-med or pre-law students are only out for the high income bracket. Is this a valid assessment?

It is to a degree. Students must be realistic. They know in what sort of lifestyle or environment they want to live, and they also realize what sort of career they must obtain to reach their goal.

The pursuit of a career has its limitations when it serves as an all consuming vacuum. Many business majors hate their C-school classes. They complain that because a business major is so regimented they cannot fit in the philosophy course or English lit course that they would like to take. If this is the case, then yes, the pursuit of an academic major for the sake of income is bad. However, the majority of business majors have some sort of interest in their major beyond the money it will bring them.

Many concerns with students attending college only for a career are solved in the system of liberal education. Students get the technical training for the career they want to pursue, as well as courses in other disciplines.

Certainly, many schools are becoming more business and professionally oriented, and this trend is likely to continue until high paying jobs for English and Philosophy majors become more readily available. Because so many people are majoring in business, pre-med, and pre-law, there will undoubtedly be a shortage of teachers. Because of the increase in demand, perhaps salaries for teachers will rise and people will again pursue these majors.

Until then, students should evaluate why they are at W&L and realize that for some this is the last opportunity they have to explore interests outside their intended career.

## Reprieve

As Parents' Weekend approaches, students at Washington and Lee have a tendency to examine their academic standing. Many have reached the point of being "out of gas"; burnt out also describes the situation. It is possible that students need a rest.

The upcoming Thanksgiving break, eagerly awaited by students, is a prime reason for not having an official fall break. While it is a reason, it is not reasonable.

The break comes too late in the term to allow students a needed rest from classes. Unlike the winter and spring terms, there is no break after six weeks of classes. Instead, the break comes after ten weeks of classes. Everyone knows that a W&L, four weeks of classes adds up to a large amount of work.

Thanksgiving ends up being a week of work away from school. Students write term papers, read assigned books and basically attempt to catch up before final exams. This large amount of work takes a lot away from a holiday when one should be with family and friends.

A break after the sixth week of fall term would benefit everyone. Coming earlier in the term, it would help avoid student burn-out, which only hurts one's academic standing. With mid-terms out of the way and exams not yet in sight, the work load over break would not be as heavy as it is over Thanksgiving break.

Shortening the Thanksgiving break would be a feasible solution to working in the time for a fall break except that a shorter break would make it harder for some students to get home for the holiday. A better solution would be to start freshman orientation and classes one week earlier, which would put the university on a schedule similar to most other colleges and universities in the country.

### NOTICE

A motion was passed Tuesday by the Interfraternity Council that will allow the Ring-tum Phi to cover portions of its meetings. The Phi hopes to cover the meetings as fairly and accurately as possible, and avoid any problems in the future.

## The Ring-tum Phi

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Letters to the Editor and submissions must be in The Ring-tum Phi office, Room 200 of the Student Center, by 5 p.m. Tuesday of the week they are to be run. Or send them to The Ring-tum Phi, Box 898, Lexington, VA 24450. This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.



## Ups and downs

### MY VIEW

By Chris Carter

The scene had all the emotion and drama of an Academy Award winning movie. I could hear the two well-wishers as they said goodbye to their friend John and wished him a safe journey. A third friend walked by and, when told where John was going, sadly made the Sign of the Cross over him as she said, "Oh, you foolish idealist, you!" With the final comment on who was to receive his collection of party tapes and (empty) beer cans, John bid his friends farewell. "If I don't make it," he said, "tell my folks I loved them and I'm overdrawn at the bank again." No, John wasn't boarding the ship to go be a missionary to the cannibals in darkest South Dakota; he was engaged in a far more risky proposition, he was boarding the elevator — to go down into the bowels of the University Library for some studying. It was surely a sign of great courage that one so young should make such a valiant gesture for the sake of Mom, Apple Pie and the GPA.

Perhaps you were unaware of it, but W&L recently made the "Guinness Book of World Records" — though not for anything as mundane as high board scores for entering freshmen, or job and graduate school placement. No, we got a spot for having the only elevators in captivity which break down more often than British sports cars. In my three and a half years here at W&L, I can't remember that both the elevators in the Library have ever worked at the same time for longer than two weeks — and then usually over Christmas Break! There are probably people here who have spent as much time waiting on one crowded elevator moving at a snail's pace as they have spent actually studying — though it's possible that this says more about their study habits than the elevators.

You have to wonder sometimes about the priorities around here. I mean, we spend over a million dollars to fix up a house so nice that one hesitates to breathe in it for fear of disturbing the antique dust for guests who will be here for only a night or two, but we can't (won't bother to) find the money to keep machines which are used by well over a thousand people several times a day in working order.

Actually, I'm of the opinion that the Library, though it's less than ten years old, is haunted. (Yes, I know Halloween is over, but this really isn't going to be a ghost story). Consider the heating in there. During the Spring Term one has two choices: pneumonia induced by stepping into the Sub-Zero library temperatures, or trudging around in 85 degree heat with a wool sweater under your arm, in case you have to enter the igloo. In the winter, on the other hand, it's a sauna in there in which boxers and bikinis are de rigueur. Then there are those weird urinals. Ever notice, guys, how they sometimes start up without anyone's flushing them, and then they won't cut off? That water fountain on Lower Level One sometimes does the same kind of thing. As I say, there must be a ghost that causes all these crazy things.

But ghost or no ghost, these things are trivial when compared to those dangerous elevators. A fellow could starve while the folks of B and G try to figure out how to get you out — and what if you have to go to the bathroom?? I found out later that John did make it down to his carrel, but when you think of all the tension he went through just to get there, could anyone really be surprised that he failed his mid-term the next day? I think that until the elevators get fixed, all students should get an extra .5 added to our GPA's just for the stress we go through. The faculty probably wouldn't like doing this, but there is, of course, another solution...

## LEXICON

### Number 9, number 9, number 9

Do you ever wonder why W&L doesn't switch Parents' Weekend and Homecoming so our folks could see us halfway between the start of school and Thanksgiving?

The reason, according to Associate Development Director Carter McNeese, is because it is important to have Parents' Weekend after freshman mid-term grades have been released. Lucky freshmen, almost makes you not want to be one.

Freshman mid-terms have a habit of making parents about as welcome as in-laws. Or maybe outlaws. That's why I think there is actually a second cause, what I refer to as "THE NAME-DROP-BIRD-DROP-POPULARITY PRINCIPLE."

Have you every noticed how popular people suddenly become during Parents' Weekend? If you haven't, you're probably a freshman. And although your mid-terms may belie it, you're also smart enough to impress your parents with your popularity by

dropping names faster than birds drop droppings or droplets.

Of course, you won't tell your momma how superficial your relationships are with most of these people, a complex and time-consuming problem. So to help you out in this and other people-related predicaments, I'm producing the "Lexicographer's Guide To Friendship, Love and The Like, If You Please."

Here's the Parents' Weekend section. Simply use the numbers and or letters to describe your relationships.

"Mom, Dad, this is (name). He/she is:

- 1) A 'real' friend, the kind who would give me mouth-to-mouth resuscitation even if I stopped breathing while eating a Lloyds' burger with onions.
- 2) An 'average' friend (please use letters for specificity) a) is for automobile, which he/she possesses; b) is for beer, which he/she is old enough to purchase for me; c) is for cash, of which he/she has an

overabundance.  
 3) A mooch, and is using me because I am a 2a, 2b or 2c (see above).

4) A fraternity brother whose name and vital statistics I had to memorize at the risk of hazing (What? Not here at W&L.)

5) Wearing a nametag.

6) My dorm counselor, and he/she a) loves me; b) hates me; c) has no idea who I am.

7) Called on in class every day by the professor. I always address him/her as Mr./Ms., because that's how the professor does it, and I don't know his/her first name.

8) The one who kissed my hand and shook my baby while running for class office.

9) Just a person whose name I know. (Beatles fans, note the significance of this being the most judicious and, therefore, the most common of answers.)

10) Your Mama? Well how do you do? I'm very pleased to meet you...."

## LETTERS

### Freshman agrees with Jones' My View

To the Editors:

It is an accepted fact that incoming freshmen are inherently slow on the uptake and, regrettably, I am no exception. Nevertheless, I have managed to stumble upon what seems to be the consensus on campus. Nobody, and I mean nobody, likes the Ring-tum Phi. Doesn't this bother you, the people most responsible for the Phi? It should. In fact, it should bother you so as to compel you to heed Abb Jones' advice and seek a faculty advisor. In order to properly report information to the public (or, in this case, the student body) the Fourth Estate must first earn the confidence of the public. In the case of the Phi, this confidence simply does not exist. Admittedly, my high school newspaper wasn't

much, but one problem we did not have was an avalanche of public disapproval.

Do not mistake me, the Phi is far from a lost cause. The fact that you ran Abb Jones' article proves that the Phi does have the rare ability to criticize itself. Unfortunately, it also seems to have the not-so-rare ability to be hypocritical. Nowhere is this more apparent than in your endless feud with the fraternities. Nobody's reputation or credibility stands to gain in this war of words. This may come as a bit of a shock, but fraternities do not represent Nazism, Fascism, or the Ku Klux Klan. So why don't you call off the witch hunt?

As W&L's only school newspaper, the Phi has a huge responsibility. Obtaining a faculty advisor

would go a long way toward, at last, fulfilling that responsibility.

Sincerely,  
 Brian Root  
 Class of '90

### Student questions grammar

To the editors:  
 I read Christopher B. Saxman's letter in last week's issue. Nice grammar.

Sincerely,  
 John Ryle Lawson, III  
 Class of '90

# Mock Convention prepares for the 1988 meeting

By GENIENNE MONGNO  
Staff Reporter

Just as the 1986 elections end, students at Washington and Lee are already gearing up for 1988. It began last Thursday with the first organizational meeting of the Mock Democratic Convention. About 70 to 80 enthusiastic newcomers attended hoping to be able to contribute in some way.

Co-chairman, Lester Coe, said that he was "pleased on a whole" with the turnout. He also noted that although a lot of people did not show up because of previous commitments, he has been approached by many

students eager to help out.

The convention has been a tradition at W&L since 1908. Occurring every four years when student delegates gather, they try to predict the presidential candidate from the political party currently out of power. Although the W&L convention is not the oldest of its kind, it has a reputation for accuracy and authenticity. The convention has chosen the correct candidate 13 out of 18 times, and has only been wrong once since 1948.

However, the convention has not earned its reputation by haphazard guessing. It is a result of intensive research that takes place far in ad-

vance of the convention date. Questionnaires are sent out, and each state's party organizations are canvassed to find out their presidential preference. When this is completed, the Mock Convention's state chairmen and regional coordinators evaluate the data and predictions are made.

It is because of all the hard work needed to make the convention, that so much help is needed to put it together. There are high hopes for the 1988 convention, but what is really needed right now are dedicated people who are willing to devote their time to ensure that the convention will be the best it can be.



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## Prof takes sick leave

By MARGARET PIMBLETT  
Staff Reporter

Professor Emory Kimbrough, head of the Department of Sociology, was forced to leave his position at the University due to illness but is expected to return winter term.

The nature of the illness was not disclosed.

John Elrod, dean of the college, said, "Emory Kimbrough is on sick leave for the remainder of this term. The three courses that he was teaching this term will be picked up and followed through to the end of the

term by Miss Camille Miller. She's a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Virginia and a resident of Lexington."

Kimbrough had been teaching courses this term in "The City," "Population" and "Social Theory." He also teaches general sociology, American sociology, current issues in sociology, and organization theory.

Professor Kimbrough has taught at W&L since 1962. He became department head in 1967. Kimbrough received his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina.



Emory Kimbrough

## Frosh midterms are high

By PETER BOATNER  
Staff Reporter

Mid-term grades for the class of 1990 were at about the same level as last year's freshmen class, which is to say at a level unprecedented in 15 years.

The average freshmen mid-term grade point average was 2.449, down from last year's 2.451.

Dean of Freshmen H. Robert Huntley called this difference "insignificant."

Huntley said the mid-terms from this year and last are easily the best since 1973, as far back as he had records.

This year's junior class, for instance, had a fall mid-term average of 2.151 as freshmen.

Leading the class with a 4.094, was a woman, and of the top five averages, three belonged to women.

The most significant figure drawn from the grades, Huntley said, was the small number of freshmen with averages below 1.5.

This year, only 32 freshmen had mid-terms below the 1.5 level.

Thirty-seven of last year's freshmen were below that level at this time last year.

"If the freshmen keep this up, they can phase the Dean of Freshmen out," Huntley said.

He also noted the dorms have suffered much less damage this year than in the past, and that the freshmen seem to be drinking a lot less in the dorms.

## Peer support

Sixteen Washington and Lee University students complete more than seven hours of training Sunday as they prepare to become peer counselors. Initiated this year by a subcommittee of the Alcohol and Health Awareness Committee, the peer counseling program is headed by University Counseling Psychologist James

W. Worth and coordinated by Carol Ann Calkins. Its purpose is to provide trained student listeners for other students who wish to discuss their problems, regardless of the topic. A second training program is scheduled for this Sunday.

# Foundation wants college changes

From the New York Times

NEW YORK — The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching called Saturday for an overhaul of undergraduate education, including the dropping of standardized admission tests as a requirement at most colleges and universities.

A 242-page report by the foundation, portraying the undergraduate college as a "troubled institution," was sharply critical of the quality of instruction. It found that the prevailing doctrine that a professor must publish scholarly treatises to succeed was pushing many into research when they would rather be teaching.

The study called on colleges to fight overspecialization by students and require upperclassmen to take seminars in which the "social and ethical" aspects of their major field would be explored. It cited what it saw as tensions between "careerism and the liberal arts."

The report, entitled "College: The Undergraduate Experience in America," is the most systematic study ever done of four-year colleges. The three-year, \$1 million project involved surveys of 5,000 faculty members, 5,000 undergraduates, 1,000 college administrators, 1,000 high school students and 1,000 parents.

Ernest L. Boyer, president of the foundation, wrote in the report, "The American college is ready for renewal and there is, we believe, an urgency to the task."

In making the proposal on admission tests, one of 83 major recommendations, the report characterized as a "facade" the assertion that admission to a college was "a victory hard to win."

The researchers estimated that there were "probably fewer than 50 colleges and universities in the United States today that can be considered highly selective, admitting less than half the students who apply." At least one-third of American colleges, the report said, "are virtually open-door."

Researchers discovered that although students felt great pressure to perform well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and in the American College Testing Program, the overwhelming majority of colleges based admission decisions instead on grades in high school, involvement in outside activities and essays included with applications.

Boyer wrote: "We asked admissions directors how last year's freshman class would have differed if there had been no SAT's or ACT scores available for consideration. Sixty-two percent said the absence of such scores would have made little or no difference in either the size or the composition of the class."

"The vast majority of students and colleges do not need a numerical matchmaker."

George Hanford, president of the College Board, which sponsors the Scholastic Aptitude Test, said, however, that Boyer "doesn't seem to fully comprehend the uses" of the examination. "It provides a common currency, even for colleges that are not selective, and is used by students in deciding which colleges to apply to," he said.

The Carnegie Foundation's report is the latest in a series of American education that have appeared over the last three years.

"A Nation at Risk," published in April 1983 by the National Commission on Excellence in Education, cited a "rising tide of mediocrity" in public schools and helped prompt state legislatures in most states to take steps to improve education. Five months later the Carnegie Foundation issued a report titled "High School: A Report on Secondary Education in America." It urged significant changes in secondary schools, beginning with tightened curriculums and the improvement of salaries and working conditions for teachers.

"College" will be published early next year by Harper & Row; the price has tentatively been set at \$19.95. Orders can be placed by calling 212-207-7065 or 800-638-3030.

## TALKBACK

How would you feel about shortening Thanksgiving break to have a fall break earlier in the year?



John Anderson, Junior, Charlotte, N.C. I think its great. We could really use the mental rest from their rigorous academic schedule.



Joe Luter, Senior, Charlotte, N.C. I'd be opposed to it, because I feel that the students really enjoy the week-long break and it gives them time to relax before an intense exam period.

Interviews by SYDNEY MARTINSON

Photographs by MATHEW HERRIDGE



Bob Berlin, Senior, West Chester, Penn. Nada. No can do...That way, I couldn't go to Hawaii for this Thanksgiving.



Betsy Parkins, Sophomore, Newark, Del. I think it would be good because all my other friends have Thanksgiving break, anyway.



Andrew Bunger, Freshman, Weston, Conn. I think it would be a good idea because it would break up the long stretch without vacations.

## Dean to speak for series

STAFF REPORTS

Richard S. Ross, dean of the medical faculty and professor of medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, will deliver a lecture Thursday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in Northen Auditorium.

The lecture, which is open to the public, is titled, "What Are the Medical Schools Looking For"? Admission is free.

While he is at W&L, Ross will meet students and faculty in classes and seminars, as well as on a more informal basis. His visit is sponsored by the new Telford Lecture Series at

W&L.

Ross graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his internship and residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. With the exception of a two-year stint in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and a year's fellowship at Harvard Medical School, he has spent his entire medical career at Johns Hopkins. He has served as director of the Welcome Research Laboratory and the cardiovascular division of the department of medicine at Hopkins. In 1975 he was named vice president of medicine and dean of the medical faculty.

He is the author or co-author of more than 150 textbook and journal

articles on various aspects of cardiovascular physiology and disease. He has long been active in the American Heart Association, serving as its president in 1973-74.

The Telford Lecture Series was established last year through the generosity of Robert Lee Telford of Naples, Fla., a member of W&L's class of 1922 and former chairman of the board of Mason and Hanger-Silas Mason Co. Inc. The program is designed to bring to the W&L campus scholars of national reputation, particularly those from the fields of the physical and life sciences, social sciences, business, and the humanities.

## Webb to speak at VMI

STAFF REPORTS

James H. Webb, Jr., assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, will be the guest speaker at the Virginia Military Institute's Founders Day Convocation on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

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# OPINION

## Faustus U.?

In the November 10 issue of Time magazine, the article "What Is College For?" discusses the motives of students attending college today. According to a study done by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, most current high school students and their parents believe the primary goal of college is to get a well paying job, rather than to learn.

A sample of the statistics quoted in the article include the University of Illinois report that "only 19% of its humanities students have guaranteed jobs upon graduation, vs. 90% for business majors." According to U.S. Government statistics quoted in the article, bachelors degrees in business have risen from 114,865 in 1971 to 230,031 in 1984, and B.A.s in English and literature have declined from 57,026 in 1971 to 26,419 in 1984.

It appears that the desire to make money and get ahead has overpowered the pursuit of higher intellect. Some may say the concern for fellow mankind is dead, and that most pre-med or pre-law students are only out for the high income bracket. Is this a valid assessment?

It is to a degree. Students must be realistic. They know in what sort of lifestyle or environment they want to live, and they also realize what sort of career they must obtain to reach their goal.

The pursuit of a career has its limitations when it serves as an all consuming vacuum. Many business majors hate their C-school classes. They complain that because a business major is so regimented they cannot fit in the philosophy course or English lit course that they would like to take. If this is the case, then yes, the pursuit of an academic major for the sake of income is bad. However, the majority of business majors have some sort of interest in their major beyond the money it will bring them.

Many concerns with students attending college only for a career are solved in the system of liberal education. Students get the technical training for the career they want to pursue, as well as courses in other disciplines.

Certainly, many schools are becoming more business and professionally oriented, and this trend is likely to continue until high paying jobs for English and Philosophy majors become more readily available. Because so many people are majoring in business, pre-med, and pre-law, there will undoubtedly be a shortage of teachers. Because of the increase in demand, perhaps salaries for teachers will rise and people will again pursue these majors.

Until then, students should evaluate why they are at W&L and realize that for some this is the last opportunity they have to explore interests outside their intended career.

## Reprieve

As Parents' Weekend approaches, students at Washington and Lee have a tendency to examine their academic standing. Many have reached the point of being "out of gas"; burnt out also describes the situation. It is possible that students need a rest.

The upcoming Thanksgiving break, eagerly awaited by students, is a prime reason for not having an official fall break. While it is a reason, it is not reasonable.

The break comes too late in the term to allow students a needed rest from classes. Unlike the winter and spring terms, there is no break after six weeks of classes. Instead, the break comes after ten weeks of classes. Everyone knows that a W&L, four weeks of classes adds up to a large amount of work.

Thanksgiving ends up being a week of work away from school. Students write term papers, read assigned books and basically attempt to catch up before final exams. This large amount of work takes a lot away from a holiday when one should be with family and friends.

A break after the sixth week of fall term would benefit everyone. Coming earlier in the term, it would help avoid student burn-out, which only hurts one's academic standing. With mid-terms out of the way and exams not yet in sight, the work load over break would not be as heavy as it is over Thanksgiving break.

Shortening the Thanksgiving break would be a feasible solution to working in the time for a fall break except that a shorter break would make it harder for some students to get home for the holiday. A better solution would be to start freshman orientation and classes one week earlier, which would put the university on a schedule similar to most other colleges and universities in the country.

### NOTICE

A motion was passed Tuesday by the Interfraternity Council that will allow the Ring-tum Phi to cover portions of its meetings. The Phi hopes to cover the meetings as fairly and accurately as possible, and avoid any problems in the future.

## The Ring-tum Phi

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## Ups and downs

### MY VIEW

By Chris Carter

The scene had all the emotion and drama of an Academy Award winning movie. I could hear the two well-wishers as they said goodbye to their friend John and wished him a safe journey. A third friend walked by and, when told where John was going, sadly made the Sign of the Cross over him as she said, "Oh, you foolish idealist, you!" With the final comment on who was to receive his collection of party tapes and (empty) beer cans, John bid his friends farewell. "If I don't make it," he said, "tell my folks I loved them and I'm overdrawn at the bank again." No, John wasn't boarding the ship to go be a missionary to the cannibals in darkest South Dakota; he was engaged in a far more risky proposition, he was boarding the elevator — to go down into the bowels of the University Library for some studying. It was surely a sign of great courage that one so young should make such a valiant gesture for the sake of Mom, Apple Pie and the GPA.

Perhaps you were unaware of it, but W&L recently made the "Guinness Book of World Records" — though not for anything as mundane as high board scores for entering freshmen, or job and graduate school placement. No, we got a spot for having the only elevators in captivity which break down more often than British sports cars. In my three and a half years here at W&L, I can't remember that both the elevators in the Library have ever worked at the same time for longer than two weeks — and then usually over Christmas Break! There are probably people here who have spent as much time waiting on one crowded elevator moving at a snail's pace as they have spent actually studying — though it's possible that this says more about their study habits than the elevators.

You have to wonder sometimes about the priorities around here. I mean, we spend over a million dollars to fix up a house so nice that one hesitates to breathe in it for fear of disturbing the antique dust for guests who will be here for only a night or two, but we can't (won't bother to) find the money to keep machines which are used by well over a thousand people several times a day in working order.

Actually, I'm of the opinion that the Library, though it's less than ten years old, is haunted. (Yes, I know Halloween is over, but this really isn't going to be a ghost story.) Consider the heating in there. During the Spring Term one has two choices: pneumonia induced by stepping into the Sub-Zero library temperatures, or trudging around in 85 degree heat with a wool sweater under your arm, in case you have to enter the igloo. In the winter, on the other hand, it's a sauna in there in which boxers and bikinis are de rigueur. Then there are those weird urinals. Ever notice, guys, how they sometimes start up without anyone's flushing them, and then they won't cut off? That water fountain on Lower Level One sometimes does the same kind of thing. As I say, there must be a ghost that causes all these crazy things.

But ghost or no ghost, these things are trivial when compared to those dangerous elevators. A fellow could starve while the folks of B and G try to figure out how to get you out — and what if you have to go to the bathroom?? I found out later that John did make it down to his carrel, but when you think of all the tension he went through just to get there, could anyone really be surprised that he failed his mid-term the next day? I think that until the elevators get fixed, all students should get an extra .5 added to our GPA's just for the stress we go through. The faculty probably wouldn't like doing this, but there is, of course, another solution...

## LEXICON

### Number 9, number 9, number 9

Do you ever wonder why W&L doesn't switch Parents' Weekend and Homecoming so our folks could see us halfway between the start of school and Thanksgiving?

The reason, according to Associate Development Director Carter McNeese, is because it is important to have Parents' Weekend after freshman mid-term grades have been released. Lucky freshmen, almost makes you want to be one.

Freshman mid-terms have a habit of making parents about as welcome as in-laws. Or maybe outlaws. That's why I think there is actually a second cause, what I refer to as "THE NAME-DROP-BIRD-DROP-POPULARITY PRINCIPLE."

Have you every noticed how popular people suddenly become during Parents' Weekend? If you haven't, you're probably a freshman. And although your mid-terms may belie it, you're also smart enough to impress your parents with your popularity by

dropping names faster than birds drop droppings or droplets.

Of course, you won't tell your momma how superficial your relationships are with most of these people, a complex and time-consuming problem. So to help you out in this and other people-related predicaments, I'm producing the "Lexicographer's Guide To Friendship, Love and The Like, If You Please."

Here's the Parents' Weekend section. Simply use the numbers and or letters to describe your relationships.

"Mom, Dad, this is (name). He/she is:

- 1) A 'real' friend, the kind who would give me mouth-to-mouth resuscitation even if I stopped breathing while eating a Lloyds' burger with onions.
- 2) An 'average' friend (please use letters for specificity) a) is for automobile, which he/she possesses; b) is for beer, which he/she is old enough to purchase for me; c) is for cash, of which he/she has an

overabundance.

3) A mooch, and is using me because I am a 2a, 2b or 2c (see above).

4) A fraternity brother whose name and vital statistics I had to memorize at the risk of hazing (What? Not here at W&L.)

5) Wearing a nametag.

6) My dorm counselor, and he/she a) loves me; b) hates me; c) has no idea who I am.

7) Called on in class every day by the professor. I always address him/her as Mr./Ms., because that's how the professor does it, and I don't know his/her first name.

8) The one who kissed my hand and shook my baby while running for class office.

9) Just a person whose name I know. (Beatles fans, note the significance of this being the most judicious and, therefore, the most common of answers.)

10) Your Mama? Well how do you do? I'm very pleased to meet you...."

## LETTERS

### Freshman agrees with Jones' My View

To the Editors:

It is an accepted fact that incoming freshmen are inherently slow on the uptake and, regrettably, I am no exception. Nevertheless, I have managed to stumble upon what seems to be the consensus on campus. Nobody, and I mean nobody, likes the Ring-tum Phi. Doesn't this bother you, the people most responsible for the Phi? It should. In fact, it should bother you so as to compel you to heed Abb Jones' advice and seek a faculty advisor. In order to properly report information to the public (or, in this case, the student body) the Fourth Estate must first earn the confidence of the public. In the case of the Phi, this confidence simply does not exist. Admittedly, my high school newspaper wasn't

much, but one problem we did not have was an avalanche of public disapproval.

Do not mistake me, the Phi is far from a lost cause. The fact that you ran Abb Jones' article proves that the Phi does have the rare ability to criticize itself. Unfortunately, it also seems to have the not-so-rare ability to be hypocritical. Nowhere is this more apparent than in your endless feud with the fraternities. Nobody's reputation or credibility stands to gain in this war of words. This may come as a bit of a shock, but fraternities do not represent Nazism, Fascism, or the Ku Klux Klan. So why don't you call off the witch hunt?

As W&L's only school newspaper, the Phi has a huge responsibility. Obtaining a faculty advisor

would go a long way toward, at last, fulfilling that responsibility.

Sincerely,  
 Brian Root  
 Class of '90

### Student questions grammar

To the editors:  
 I read Christopher B. Saxman's letter in last week's issue. Nice grammar.

Sincerely,  
 John Ryle Lawson, III  
 Class of '90

# Mock Convention prepares for the 1988 meeting

By GENIENNE MONGNO  
Staff Reporter

Just as the 1986 elections end, students at Washington and Lee are already gearing up for 1988. It began last Thursday with the first organizational meeting of the Mock Democratic Convention. About 70 to 80 enthusiastic newcomers attended hoping to be able to contribute in some way.

Co-chairman, Lester Coe, said that he was "pleased on a whole" with the turnout. He also noted that although a lot of people did not show up because of previous commitments, he has been approached by many

students eager to help out.

The convention has been a tradition at W&L since 1968. Occurring every four years when student delegates gather, they try to predict the presidential candidate from the political party currently out of power. Although the W&L convention is not the oldest of its kind, it has a reputation for accuracy and authenticity. The convention has chosen the correct candidate 13 out of 18 times, and has only been wrong once since 1948.

However, the convention has not earned its reputation by haphazard guessing. It is a result of intensive research that takes place far in ad-

vance of the convention date. Questionnaires are sent out, and each state's party organizations are canvassed to find out their presidential preference. When this is completed, the Mock Convention's state chairmen and regional coordinators evaluate the data and predictions are made.

It is because of all the hard work needed to make the convention, that so much help is needed to put it together. There are high hopes for the 1988 convention, but what is really needed right now are dedicated people who are willing to devote their time to ensure that the convention will be the best it can be.



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## Prof takes sick leave

By MARGARET PIMBLETT  
Staff Reporter

Professor Emory Kimbrough, head of the Department of Sociology, was forced to leave his position at the University due to illness but is expected to return winter term.

The nature of the illness was not disclosed.

John Elrod, dean of the college, said, "Emory Kimbrough is on sick leave for the remainder of this term. The three courses that he was teaching this term will be picked up and followed through to the end of the

term by Miss Camille Miller. She's a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Virginia and a resident of Lexington."

Kimbrough had been teaching courses this term in "The City," "Population" and "Social Theory." He also teaches general sociology, American sociology, current issues in sociology, and organization theory.

Professor Kimbrough has taught at W&L since 1962. He became department head in 1967. Kimbrough received his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina.



Emory Kimbrough

## Peer support

Sixteen Washington and Lee University students complete more than seven hours of training Sunday as they prepare to become peer counselors. Initiated this year by a subcommittee of the Alcohol and Health Awareness Committee, the peer counseling program is headed by University Counseling Psychologist James

W. Worth and coordinated by Carol Ann Calkins. Its purpose is to provide trained student listeners for other students who wish to discuss their problems, regardless of the topic. A second training program is scheduled for this Sunday.

# Foundation wants college changes

From the New York Times

NEW YORK — The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching called Saturday for an overhaul of undergraduate education, including the dropping of standardized admission tests as a requirement at most colleges and universities.

A 242-page report by the foundation, portraying the undergraduate college as a "troubled institution," was sharply critical of the quality of instruction. It found that the prevailing doctrine that a professor must publish scholarly treatises to succeed was pushing many into research when they would rather be teaching.

The study called on colleges to fight overspecialization by students and require upperclassmen to take seminars in which the "social and ethical" aspects of their major field would be explored. It cited what it saw as tensions between "careerism and the liberal arts."

The report, entitled "College: The Undergraduate Experience in America," is the most systematic study ever done of four-year colleges. The three-year, \$1 million project involved surveys of 5,000 faculty members, 5,000 undergraduates, 1,000 college administrators, 1,000 high school students and 1,000 parents.

Ernest L. Boyer, president of the foundation, wrote in the report, "The American college is ready for renewal and there is, we believe, an urgency to the task."

In making the proposal on admission tests, one of 83 major recommendations, the report characterized as a "facade" the assertion that admission to a college was "a victory hard to win."

The researchers estimated that there were "probably fewer than 50 colleges and universities in the United States today that can be considered highly selective, admitting less than half the students who apply." At least one-third of American colleges, the report said, "are virtually open-door."

Researchers discovered that although students felt great pressure to perform well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and in the American College Testing Program, the overwhelming majority of colleges based admission decisions instead on grades in high school, involvement in outside activities and essays included with applications.

Boyer wrote: "We asked admissions directors how last year's freshman class would have differed if there had been no SAT's or ACT scores available for consideration. Sixty-two percent said the absence of such scores would have made little or no difference in either the size or the composition of the class.

"The vast majority of students and colleges do not need a numerical matchmaker."

George Hanford, president of the College Board, which sponsors the Scholastic Aptitude Test, said, however, that Boyer "doesn't seem to fully comprehend the uses" of the examination. "It provides a common currency, even for colleges that are not selective, and is used by students in deciding which colleges to apply to," he said.

The Carnegie Foundation's report is the latest in a series of American education that have appeared over the last three years.

"A Nation at Risk," published in April 1983 by the National Commission on Excellence in Education, cited a "rising tide of mediocrity" in public schools and helped prompt state legislatures in most states to take steps to improve education. Five months later the Carnegie Foundation issued a report titled "High School: A Report on Secondary Education in America." It urged significant changes in secondary schools, beginning with tightened curriculums and the improvement of salaries and working conditions for teachers.

"College" will be published early next year by Harper & Row; the price has tentatively been set at \$19.95. Orders can be placed by calling 212-207-7065 or 800-638-3030.

# Frosh midterms are high

By PETER BOATNER  
Staff Reporter

Mid-term grades for the class of 1990 were at about the same level as last year's freshmen class, which is to say at a level unprecedented in 15 years.

The average freshmen mid-term grade point average was 2.449, down from last year's 2.451.

Dean of Freshmen H. Robert Huntley called this difference "insignificant."

Huntley said the mid-terms from this year and last are easily the best since 1973, as far back as he had records.

This year's junior class, for instance, had a fall mid-term average of 2.151 as freshmen.

Leading the class with a 4.094, was a woman, and of the top five averages, three belonged to women.

The most significant figure drawn from the grades, Huntley said, was the small number of freshmen with averages below 1.5.

This year, only 32 freshmen had mid-terms below the 1.5 level.

Thirty-seven of last year's freshmen were below that level at this time last year.

"If the freshmen keep this up, they can phase the Dean of Freshmen out," Huntley said.

He also noted the dorms have suffered much less damage this year than in the past, and that the freshmen seem to be drinking a lot less in the dorms.

## TALKBACK

How would you feel about shortening Thanksgiving break to have a fall break earlier in the year?



John Anderson, Junior, Charlotte, N.C. I think its great. We could really use the mental rest from their rigorous academic schedule.



Joe Luter, Senior, Charlotte, N.C. I'd be opposed to it, because I feel that the students really enjoy the week-long break and it gives them time to relax before an intense exam period.

Interviews by SYDNEY MARTINSON

Photographs by MATHEW HORRIDGE



Bob Berlin, Senior, West Chester, Penn. Nada. No can do... That way, I couldn't go to Hawaii for this Thanksgiving.



Betsy Parkins, Sophomore, Newark, Del. I think it would be good because all my other friends have Thanksgiving break, anyway.



Andrew Bunger, Freshman, Weston, Conn. I think it would be a good idea because it would break up the long stretch without vacations.

## Dean to speak for series

STAFF REPORTS

Richard S. Ross, dean of the medical faculty and professor of medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, will deliver a lecture Thursday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in Northen Auditorium.

The lecture, which is open to the public, is titled, "What Are the Medical Schools Looking For"? Admission is free.

While he is at W&L, Ross will meet students and faculty in classes and seminars, as well as on a more informal basis. His visit is sponsored by the new Telford Lecture Series at

W&L.

Ross graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his internship and residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. With the exception of a two-year stint in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and a year's fellowship at Harvard Medical School, he has spent his entire medical career at Johns Hopkins. He has served as director of the Welcome Research Laboratory and the cardiovascular division of the department of medicine at Hopkins. In 1975 he was named vice president of medicine and dean of the medical faculty.

He is the author or co-author of more than 150 textbook and journal

articles on various aspects of cardiovascular physiology and disease. He has long been active in the American Heart Association, serving as its president in 1973-74.

The Telford Lecture Series was established last year through the generosity of Robert Lee Telford of Naples, Fla., a member of W&L's class of 1922 and former chairman of the board of Mason and Hanger-Silas Mason Co. Inc. The program is designed to bring to the W&L campus scholars of national reputation, particularly those from the fields of the physical and life sciences, social sciences, business, and the humanities.

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# Flood

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severely affected by the flood in terms of private property loss, Tuttle comments that "in a town of 350, even 10 families suffering loss is a proportionally high number."

The immediate effects of the flood were great, says Tuttle. "Because telephone service was cut off, our priority at the time was obtaining some means of communication. People needing to get in touch with relatives found it very difficult to do so." Fortunately, local radio operators were able to provide much of the needed communication in the first few days.

Afterwards, the largest problem was finding housing and food for families whose houses were damaged or destroyed during the flood. "We were relatively lucky in helping those families. Goshen is a very close-knit community, so finding temporary housing for those families was not difficult," according to Tuttle.

Goshen Pass, the scenic 1/2 mile drive which provides the only access by car to Goshen, was damaged by two mudslides, causing it to be washed out in two places and resulting in approximately \$1 million in damage. The road was closed during the spring so that repairs could be made. It reopened the second week in July.

But perhaps the hardest hit town was Buena Vista. In terms of total cost, the \$50 million price tag the flood carried was more than half the cost of damages done to Virginia during Hurricane Camille in 1969.

\$10 million worth of damage was done to the residential real estate alone, according to Larry Foster, Buena Vista town manager. Most of the damage occurred in Buena Vista's flood plain, its downtown.

"All along Magnolia Avenue, everything was almost completely

covered up," says Craig Smith, a W&L junior and resident of Buena Vista. Though Smith says his house was undamaged, houses lower in the valley were not so fortunate, being below the water level of the Maury river. Those above the river faced the possibility of flooding from small streams emptying into the river from the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Damage to industry was perhaps the greatest blow to the town. According to Foster, the Rea Magnet Wire Company and Reeves Brothers Plant, two of Buena Vista's largest employers, are in the process of relocating due to the flood. Lying on the Maury river, both businesses sustained damages in the millions of dollars. But flood losses did not prompt the businesses to relocate.

"Due to the lack of adequate flood insurance," says Wilford Ramsey, a local realtor, "businesses can only be insured up to \$250,000 for flood loss. Insurance companies are unwilling to offer the larger companies flood insurance, making it hard for companies like these to cover their losses when they become too high."

Fortunately, volunteer efforts after the flood enabled residents to begin cleanup almost immediately.

Area colleges played no small parts in volunteer efforts. Virginia Military Institute contributed to 10,000 man hours, with 670 cadets participating in cleanup efforts throughout the county. Southern Seminary college in Buena Vista provided financial support and shelter crucial in the hours following the flood.

ROTC cadets from W&L were the most visible members of the university community participating in volunteer efforts, though not the only ones. Detachments were sent in eight hour shifts from Nov. 7 through Nov. 10, putting in over 1,000 man hours. According to Maj. Michael Cullen, cadets and other volunteers provided security as well as cleanup, protecting property owners and businesses from possible looting. He cited the



BV residents paddle through last year's flood.

water treatment plant as an example.

Fraternities and individual students volunteered their efforts in conjunction with the ROTC detachment. Groups like the Lampost and the University Women's Forum collected more than \$5000, as well as clothes and food, to give to families needing aid.

A year later, Rockbridge County has pretty much recovered from the flood. Lexington has all but put the November disaster behind, its waste water treatment plant in full operation since the end of July.

Other towns have not forgotten the flood so quickly. Buena Vista, Glasgow and Goshen are awaiting flood control recommendations from the Army Corps of Engineers.

In the meantime, residents in the county can only wait until such flood control recommendations are presented, and hope that some of the options are feasible. Says Foster, "It is no longer a question of 'if we have a flood,' but 'when will we have a flood.' It's a question that we've approached seriously, and an issue we'll be keeping in mind for a long time."

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# Preparing for parents

By STEVEN POCKRASS  
Assignments Editor

If you think the guy down the hall's a real "momma's boy," or if you've ever wondered what kind of car the parent of a Porsche-driving college student owns, this may be the weekend to find out.

About 1,200 parents of Washington and Lee University students are expected to be in Lexington this weekend for W&L's 32nd annual Parents' Weekend. The purpose of this event is to give parents a chance to visit their children and learn more about W&L, said Carter McNeese, the school's associate director of development.

"The one thing I hope is different from last year is that we don't have another flood," he said.

Although McNeese was only joking when he referred to the deluge that devastated Western and Central Virginia last Election Day, parents and their kids could be in for a rather soggy weekend. As of Wednesday

night, the Associated Press' extended forecast for the state called for a daily chance of rain Friday through Saturday. Highs should be in the mid 50s to the mid 60s, with lows in the 40s.

McNeese, who is coordinating his 15th Parents' Weekend, said the only addition to this year's program was an open house for freshmen, law students and their parents at the home of President and Mrs. John D. Wilson on Saturday afternoon. Wilson's house was built by Robert E. Lee in 1867.

Lee Chapel will be filled with the sounds of music during an 8 p.m. vocal and instrumental concert. President and Mrs. John D. Wilson then will serve as hosts for an informal reception in the Evans Dining Hall.

Panel discussions with faculty, administrators and students will be held Saturday morning from 9 to 11, followed by Wilson's report to the parents at 11:30 in the chapel. A

luncheon in the dining hall will last from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The cost for adults is \$6.50 or 4½ points for point-card holders.

In athletic action, W&L's grueling 8,000 meter crosscountry course will be the site of the men's and women's Old Dominion Athletic Conference cross-country championships, at 11:30 a.m. and noon, respectively. The football Generals will take on Ursinus at 1:30 on Wilson Field.

About two-thirds of the parents who signed up for this year's Parents' Weekend have sons or daughters who are freshmen or sophomores, McNeese said. The numbers are split pretty evenly between the two classes.

Although the main function of the development office is to raise money, McNeese stressed that fund raising was in no way the purpose of Parents' Weekend.

Students hurting for cash, however, just might disagree.

# Preparing for travel

By CHRISTIE CHAMPLIN  
Staff Reporter

As Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations approach us, students who have not already done so must begin to schedule travel arrangements as soon as possible. There are two travel agencies in Lexington which can help students make reservations: Herring Travel and Travel Unlimited.

The decrease in competition between the airlines, due to the large number of mergers and acquisitions

in the airline industry, has increased the cost of travelling by air; however, many airlines have instituted thirty day advance purchase rates which reduce the round trip fare, said Collins. The rates for travel during the holiday seasons are higher than those of the rest of the year even though the special fares reduce the rates 60 to 70 percent. Amtrack has introduced the All-Aboard America Fare to the majority of its markets. This fare provides round trip transportation for the price of a one-way ticket plus \$7. These reservations can be made anytime before departure. Collins said, "If anyone

needs to make arrangements for Christmas, they need to do so as soon as possible."

It is still possible to make reservations for Thanksgiving, but there could be a problem getting back by Dec. 1 if students want to fly into Roanoke because W&L, Virginia Tech, Radford and Virginia Military Institute all use the same airport, said Collins.

To make arrangements students can go to or call Herring Travel at 463-2197 or Travel Unlimited at 463-7174.

## SCHEDULE

Friday, November 7, 1986

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — REGISTRATION, Fairfax Lounge in the University Center.  
2:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. — Appointments with members of the Faculty and Administration.

### OPEN HOUSE

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon — The University Library. Coffee and Tea. Tours available upon request. Annual book sale all weekend.  
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon — The Reeves Center. Porcelain & Paintings. Morris House. Recently restored residence.  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Journalism Lab Facilities. Radio, TV and print. 3rd floor Reid Hall.  
12 noon - 5:00 p.m. — The Language Laboratory. Tucker 408. Stop by and listen to a language tape.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — The Reeves Center. Porcelain & Paintings. Morris House. Recently restored residence.  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. — Observatory Open House. Roof of Howe Hall. Weather permitting. Warm dress recommended. Coffee and donuts.

### LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Parents of law students are cordially invited to attend classes with their sons or daughters on Friday afternoon, November 7, in Lewis Hall.

5:00 p.m. — Chemistry Department Seminar, Howe 311. Speakers: Richard B. Moore, '88 and Robert V. Williamson, '88. Tea precedes the seminar at 4:30 p.m. in Howe 402.

8:00 p.m. — The Music Division will present instrumental and vocal ensembles in concert on Friday night, November 7, in Lee Chapel. The Glee Club and University Chorus will be conducted by Dr. Gordon P. Spice and the Instrumental Ensembles will be conducted by Professor Robert Stewart.

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. — GHQ tavern - Blue Grass Band  
9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. — The President's Reception in Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall for students and parents. Informal dress.

Saturday, November 8, 1986

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Appointments with members of the Faculty and Administration  
11:30 a.m. — The President's Report to Parents, Lee Chapel.  
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. — Luncheon. Evans Dining Hall. Adults \$6.50. Children under 10 free. Students on the 20 meal plan free. Point cards 4½.  
1:30 p.m. — Football Game: Washington and Lee vs. Ursinus. ROTC Color Guard to perform at half-time.

### OPEN HOUSE

8:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Military Science Building  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Parents of law students and their sons or daughters are invited to have coffee, donuts, and conversation with Dean Frederic Kirgis in the Faculty Lounge of Lewis Hall.  
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon — The Language Laboratory - Tucker 408.  
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9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Parents' Seminars conducted by Faculty, Administration, and Students representatives on topics of interest.

### FRESHMAN EVENT

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House for freshmen, first year law students, and their parents at the President's House. (House built by Robert E. Lee in 1867.)

8:00 p.m. — Final performance of "Roscius" an original play by Rose Gordon based on the life of David Garrick featuring Paul Norwood, a professional actor who is a 1973 W&L graduate. Reservations required. Call 463-8637.

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## Soccer sets new record; just misses the D-III playoffs

By GARY McCULLOUGH  
Staff Reporter

After starting the season with three losses in its first four games, the Washington and Lee men's soccer team didn't look to be going anywhere fast, but looks can be deceiving.

The team pulled itself together and won 10 of its last 11 games, as well as the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. In the process, the team set school records for both wins and goals in a season.

Last week the team wrapped up its season with wins over Maryville and Averett.

The Generals capped off their record breaking season with a 4-2 victory over Averett College on Smith Field last Monday. This gave the team their record setting 11th win and was an impressive finish to the season.

On Saturday, the Generals bombarded the Maryville Scots with eight goals, their highest offensive output since the 8-0 win over the University of the South earlier this season.

The Scots could manage only a single tally in response to W&L's assault and became the General's 10th victim of the season.

The team's final record for the 1986

season stands at 11-4 overall and a perfect 5-0 in the ODAC.

In light of their fast finish there was some talk of a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. However, when the tournament field was announced, Washington and Lee was not among the invited teams.

When asked how the team reacted to missing the tournament, Senior co-captain Peter Van Son, said, "They [the tournament officials] take four teams from each region, and the other teams were already ranked above us. We thought we had a chance, but we weren't really too disappointed."

Even though the General's didn't make the tournament, they still had an outstanding season. They won the ODAC and set school records for both wins and goals in a season.

In addition, there were several record-setting individual performances as well. Junior goaltender Chris Gaeris set a school record for career shutouts, and freshman Patrick Brown set a new mark for assists in a season.

In light of the team's finish and record setting performances head coach Ralph Piranian was optimistic about his team's chances if they had gotten a tournament berth. "They better be glad they didn't give us a bid to the tournament."



Freshman Patrick Brown attempts to steal the ball from an Averett player on Monday.

Sports Photo

## Football follows bouncing ball to first win of the season

by JIM LAKE  
Staff Reporter

The Washington & Lee football team recorded its first win of the year last Saturday, a 28-14 victory over Bridgewater. The Generals, led on offense by quarterback Jon Thornton, running back Chris Coffland, and split-end Randy Brown, closed out their 1986 Old Dominion Athletic Conference season with a 1-4 record.

"We showed intensity and aggressiveness throughout the game," said Generals head coach Gary Fallon. "It was a real team effort."

After a scoreless first period, the Generals struck first on a 1-yard run by Thornton with 10:30 left in the second. Nine minutes later, the Eagles tied the game at seven when Adrian Mobley scored from one yard out,

and the score remained 7-7 at half-time.

Washington and Lee started the third period with a 90-yard touchdown return of the opening kickoff by Coffland, but the Generals couldn't relax for long, as the Eagles nearly returned the ensuing kickoff for a score. However, the W&L defense held, shutting out Bridgewater for most of the quarter. Then, with two minutes left in the period, Mobley recorded his second 1-yard TD carry of the afternoon, tying the game at 14.

But the Generals responded by scoring as many points in the fourth quarter as they did in the first three. Only 18 seconds into the final period, Thornton launched a 44-yard pass deep for Bobby Wilson. The ball bounced off of an Eagle defender, but Wilson came down with it, putting the

Generals up for good. W&L defender Mark Oluvic recorded his second interception of the season moments later, stalling the Eagles hopes for a fourth quarter rally. Then, with 3:30 remaining, Coffland scored his second touchdown of the game on an 11-yard carry. Seconds later, W&L defensive back Robert Rimmer appeared to ice the victory with a 41-yard interception return. But Fallon, remembering his team's last-second loss to Randolph-Macon four weeks earlier, was still not certain that the Generals had locked up a win. While trying to run out the clock on their subsequent possession, the Generals faced fourth down, and Fallon sent in the field goal team. The Eagles were assessed a 5-yard penalty for encroachment, and the additional yardage gave the Generals a first down and an opportunity to secure their

first win in seven games.

Looking at the game as a whole, Fallon was particularly pleased with the play of Thornton, who completed 10 of 16 passes for 127 yards, threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and was not intercepted. "(When) you give Jon enough time, and he has a little bit of early success, he just gets better. I was really pleased with his performance," said Fallon.

Coffland continued the versatility which he displayed against Sewanee, playing three different positions and returning kickoffs. Split-end Brown led the Generals in receiving with 6 catches for 75 yards.

The 1986 Parents' Weekend Game will feature Ursinus College, which defeated the Generals 26-23 last year in the first meeting of the two schools. This year, the Bears are

2-4-1, and Fallon called them "a very tough opponent." Although they are not as big as some of the teams the Generals have faced, Ursinus is quick on defense with some experienced linebackers, said Fallon. The Bears are led on offense by a first-year starter at quarterback, who Fallon said will throw to his backs and tight ends as much as his wide-outs. However, the Bears are capable of both running and passing the ball. "Once again, our defense is going to have its hands full," predicted Fallon.

Looking at the Bears as a whole, Fallon is reminded of Sewanee. While Ursinus does not have any truly great individual players, they do have several good ones "on both sides of the ball."

"If we're not ready, they'll give us more than we can handle. But if we

are ready, then we're going to have a good football game," concluded Fallon.

**HASHMARKS** — B.J. Sturgill, who missed W&L's first six games because of a leg injury, played his first game of the season last Saturday and made all four of the General's conversion attempts... Tailback Kevin Weaver, who did not practice Monday or Tuesday last week because of a leg injury, gained 85 yards on 28 carries against Bridgewater. Weaver should be at "100 percent" for the game against Ursinus according to Fallon... The Bears lost to Muhlenberg College last Saturday, 24-18... Head coach Sterling Brown has a 13-19-2 record in five years at Ursinus... This will be the last home game for 16 W&L seniors. Over the past four years, the Generals have a 20-15 record.

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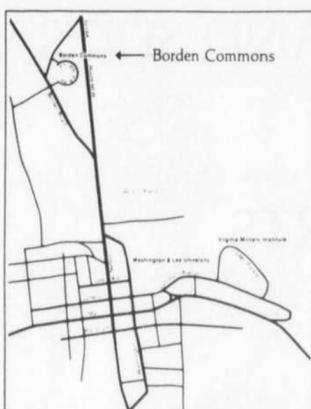
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# Spiders and zebras combine to beat polo

By MATHEW HORRIDGE  
Staff Reporter

In a very odd Southern League championship game Saturday night, the water polo team succumbed, 18-8, to its nemesis — the University of Richmond.

"We didn't play very well," head coach Page Remillard said.

The Generals, seeded second in the tournament, blew by Duke and George Washington in day games before facing No. 1-seeded Richmond in the championship game Saturday night.

Incompetent officiating had a major effect on both teams and the game, Remillard said.

"The officiating was so unprofessional...the team didn't respond well," Remillard said.

There are three ratings for water polo officials: A, B and C, with A being the most experienced. All three officials for Saturday night's game were C-rated and one's only prior experience was a high school tournament.

There were 34 ejections — much like hockey penalties — in the game, 17 for each team. A player fouls out after three ejections.

Co-captain Simon Perez fouled out in the first quarter and David Dietz was gone before the first half ended.

"It (the officiating) was no better for Richmond than it was for us," Remillard said, but the Spiders "adjusted to the incompetency of the officiating better than we did."

Two Richmond players were kicked out of the game in the first half for asking for clarification of officials' calls.

Four minutes into the first quarter, Dave Herbert, a George Washington University water polo player, pushed Remillard into the pool.

Several players and Remillard said the incident epitomized the "circus-like environment" of the game.

When Remillard was pushed, the game was tied at 2-2. At the end of the first quarter, however, the score was 4-2 and Richmond never looked back.

"It wasn't an 18-8 game," one W&L player said, noting that no other W&L-Richmond game this year has ended with a score difference greater than three.

This week, the Generals have tried to get Saturday's fiasco out of their minds to prepare for this weekend's Eastern Championships at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.



By Mathew Horridge/The Ring-tum Phi

## W&L works for a shot against Richmond on Saturday.

Their first game is Saturday at noon against Brown University Brown, ranked among the top twenty Division I teams, squeaked by W&L earlier this season in a game that went into double overtime, 15-12.

Remillard said he expects Brown "to be very prepared" for Saturday's match-up. One benefit Brown has going into this game is that their pool,

like Navy's, is official-sized — no shallow end and much bigger than Cy Twombly Pool.

"I expect to play a very, very good game," Remillard said.

If the Generals win against Brown, they will face the winner of the Bucknell-Richmond game in the second round.

# Generals place 2nd in tune up for Sat.'s ODAC's

By ANN STEWART  
Staff Reporter

At a regional meet in Lynchburg last Saturday, the Washington and Lee men's team placed second among seven teams.

Emory University placed first with 40 points followed by the Generals with 65.

The Generals were led by Scott Rippeon who placed fourth with a time of 26:50 for the 5.1 mile course.

Senior Ash Andrews said that the team really didn't expect to beat Emory, but he was very pleased with

their performance at Lynchburg. Andrews believes that the 5.1 mile course was fast this year.

The course at Lynchburg is a difficult course with lots of places that can break a runner's speed and tempo, but this year it was also wet, adding to the difficulty.

Senior Ted Myers was also impressed with the race Saturday. Myers placed sixth with a time of 27:03. He feels that the competition is much better this year, and that two years ago, his time would have won the conference.

At Lynchburg, the Generals beat Mary Washington who had beaten

them earlier in the season. The men's team will compete in the ODAC Championship with a solid 13-3 record.

The women's cross country team also did well in Lynchburg, placing third among six teams. The Generals finished with 110 points, beating Emory & Henry and Lynchburg, but losing to Mary Washington and Eastern Mennonite. Sophomore Stephanie Smith was again the top finisher for the Lady Generals, placing 17th with a time of 24:07 in the 3.1 mile course. The women will be entering the ODAC championship with a 3-6 record.

Washington and Lee will be hosting the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships on Saturday. Head coach Dick Miller feels that the men's race should be a toss-up. The men run at 11:00, and the women run at noon.

Washington and Lee's men's team finished third in the ODAC last year, and won the title in 1984. This will be the women's first year competing in the ODAC.

The following weekend, Washington and Lee will also be hosting the regional meet that qualifies teams to compete in the nationals.



## The First String

By David Emrich  
Sports Editor

# Cliches will never die

Cliches and sports. The two are inexorably bound to one another. They can no more be separated than can Laurel and Hardy, peanut butter and jelly, the Pirates and last place. No, it would be unnatural to tear cliches from sports, not to mention impossible.

Why, I'm sure you're asking, talk about cliches in such cosmic terms? Well, it's because they add a dimension to sports that would otherwise be absent — predictability.

It is never 100% certain what the outcome of any contest will be however, you can always be sure of what the coach will say before a game.

Imagine this scenario: Undefeated Huge State University coached by Dirk Armstrong has a game scheduled this weekend against the winless Kalamazoo Institute for Left-handed Violinists coached by Wilbur Snedeker. Certainly not a game destined to be counted among the world's great struggles.

While the game is not a complete lock, I'd be willing to wager that coach Dirk Armstrong is not spending his nights worrying about Kalamazoo's devastating pass rush or some similar subject. But, of course, he won't admit it.

"We can't underestimate our opponent," the coach will warn. "The game will go to whoever wants it more."

Or you might read Armstrong say, "We take the games as they come, we won't get caught looking past an opponent."

On the other side of the field, the underdog's coach, Wilbur Snedeker, is tossing about such original statements as: "We go into every game expecting to win, and this week is no exception," or "We expect all our players to give 110%, and if they do we have a good shot to win," or even my personal favorite, "On any given day, any team is capable of beating any other team."

But don't think that it's only the coaches who keep a box of phrases nearby, ready to be dusted off in the event of an interview. The athletes themselves have quite an array of trite statements at their disposal.

Take, for example, a ballplayer who has been a bench jockey for most of the season, Pepper McDuffy.

It's the bottom of the 15th inning and the manager has used every pinch hitter on his roster, except Pepper. The manager looks over at him and growls, "McDuffy, you hit." Pepper jumps up, runs over to the rack and chooses a bat, and heads to the plate.

You have no idea how Pepper is going to fare in his at-bat, but it's no mystery what he'll say in the locker room following the game.

"I'm just happy to be contributing to the ball club," (an athlete will always refer to his team as a ball club, never as just a team) Pepper might tell you that, "I know my role on the ball club and I'm happy with it," or he might say, "I consider myself lucky to be on this ball club." Uh, thanks Pepper.

This tendency towards cliches that sports figures have often creeps into their everyday life as well.

Picture football coach Sam Bullock at the dinner table. First, his wife brings out a plate of lima beans, then a steak, followed by rice pudding for dessert. When his wife asks how he enjoyed the meal coach Bullock says, "Well honey, when you brought out those beans it looked like fourth and long to me, but you showed a lot of character by serving that steak, and it was certainly the turning point in the meal. After that, you came up with the big play and the rice pudding was a big score."

People have come to expect these types of cliches from sports figures, and if they don't deliver, it's quite a shock. Imagine your surprise if Wilbur Snedeker from the Kalamazoo Institute had said, "Yeah, there's no way we can beat Huge State U., we're just in it for the payday...."

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By CHRIS CARTER  
Drama Critic

If, as eighteenth century writers believed, the purpose of literature is to delight and to instruct, then in the play *Roscius*, produced by the University Theatre and running through tomorrow night, we have an ideal play. Written by Rose Gordon and directed by Professor Al Gordon of the W&L Drama Department, "*Roscius*" employs a host of excellent actors in a fascinating plot, making for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The play is about the great eighteenth century actor and playwright, David Garrick, who was nicknamed *Roscius* by theatre-goers of his time after the greatest actor of the Roman Empire. The setting is the eve of Garrick's last performance as he reflects upon what he has accomplished in his life and on the factors which have motivated him in his accomplishments. Gordon has attempted here to show how Garrick's financial success and desire to be accepted in the upper classes of society made him an outcast in the "family of theatre." Thus, we see scenes from both the public and private sides of Garrick's life and from the earlier and later periods of his career.

The reflective nature of the plot allows Ms. Gordon to play some interesting games. Throughout much of the play, an "audience" sits on stage. When scenes from eighteenth century theatre are being acted, the audience makes the comments which eighteenth century audiences would have made and is, in effect, historically real. In other episodes from Garrick's private life, and in the reflective scenes, the audience to the drama of Garrick's life acts as a sort of conscience for him. The device, though hardly unique, is better employed than is often the case and is highly effective.

But more than such boring academic points as plot or structure, what makes "*Roscius*" work is the amazingly high level of acting which almost every member of the cast maintains. The lead is played by professional Paul Norwood, an alumnus of 1973. Mr. Norwood's three years in the Folger Shakespeare Theatre clearly serve him in good stead in the many scenes from Shakespeare (English majors, be advised: this play is a



James Shillington (Quinn) and Paul Norwood (David Garrick) perform

great way to brush up your Shakespeare for Comps) and he demonstrates throughout the production the naturalness and spontaneity which were the hallmark of Garrick's style.

Female lead Susan Still should be well-known to W&L audiences through her memorable portrayal of Portia in last year's production of "*The Merchant of Venice*", as the oppressed actress Susannah Cibber she brings us another brilliant performance. Garrick says of Cibber that her Desdemona had no equal — we might well say the same of Ms. Still.

Against performances such as Norwood's and Still's, we might expect that the rest of the cast would seem pale and lifeless. Happily, nothing could be further from the truth. W&L Professors George Ray and James Shillington are both deserving of praise in their respective roles as the classical actor Quin and the famous

literary figure Samuel Johnson. One can only regret that the character of Johnson wasn't given more lines so that Shillington, who certainly looks the part, could really develop the character. Area theatre-goers have come to expect Veterans Susan Crouse, Frank King, and Craig Smith to distinguish themselves with highly professional performances, but rookies Micheal Dixon and Mike Carroll should give everyone a very pleasant surprise. Dixon's Samuel Foote is altogether solid, and Carroll's Lord Chamberlain should bring down the house with its combination of pompous ass and dirty old man. This minor part is a real show-stealer. The rest of the cast is too large to commend all by name, but I would be a jerk indeed not to call attention to Madeline Bergstrom's charming rendering of Molly, the child of Susannah Civer.

If any criticism is to be made of "*Roscius*," it is perhaps the lack of a historical dialogue. In a play which is as concerned with a historical literary genre such as eighteenth century drama, we might expect more use of the idiom of the period. In its costumes, sets, and music (all Handel) "*Roscius*" captures the eighteenth century rather well, so there are times when its language is conspicuously anachronistic. But this is a minor quibble.

The only serious disappointment I had was the ridiculously small audience. Ms. Gordon has written a very good play, which is ably directed and acted, and it seems a shame that they should perform to anything less than a full house. Blow off your work for a couple of hours tonight and go see "*Roscius*" — it's free, it's informative, and it's fun. What more could you want?

## ONCAMPUS

Thursday, November 6

All Day — Library Book Sale begins. Main Lobby, University Library.  
7:30 p.m. JOURNALISM FILM: "Triumph of the Will". Room 203, Reid Hall.

8 p.m. — LECTURE: "Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: A Buddhist View," Prof. Masao Abe, Haverford College. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

8 p.m. — PLAY: "*Roscius*". University Theatre. For ticket information call theatre office, 463-8637.

Friday, November 7

Parent's Weekend.

3 p.m. — LEGAL ETHICS INSTITUTE (through Nov. 9).

3 p.m. — PLAY: "*Roscius*." University Theatre. For ticket information call theatre office, 463-8637.

5 p.m. — CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: "The Mechanics of the Pole Vault," Robert V. Williamson '88; "The Agony of the Long-Distance Runner," Richard B. Moore '88. Room 311, Howe Hall. Tea at 4:30 in Room 402. Public invited.

8 p.m. — LEGAL ETHICS LECTURE: "What Should Effective Counsel Do With the Perjurious Client?" William B. Spong, Jr., visiting professor, W&L Law School. Moot Courtroom, Lewis Hall. Public invited.

8 p.m. — PARENTS' WEEKEND CONCERT. Featuring all music division vocal and instrumental groups. Lee Chapel. Public invited.

Saturday, November 8

Parents' Weekend.

11:30 a.m. — CROSS COUNTRY (M): ODAC Championships.

Noon — CROSS COUNTRY (W): ODAC Championships.

1:30 p.m. — FOOTBALL: Generals vs. Ursinus. Wilson Field.

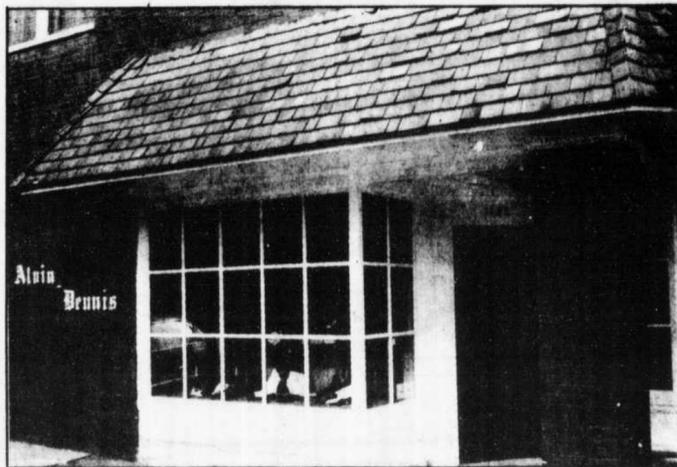
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