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Sexual harassment is a reality at W&L

By Marie Dunne
Staff Reporter

"... imagine how devastated I was the day he [a professor] asked me to sleep with him." -- a Washington and Lee female student

That remark is an excerpt from a letter to the editor in this issue of The Ring-tum Phi, and it indicates that sexual harassment of students by faculty is occurring on the W&L campus.

The Confidential Review Committee has created a policy to handle cases of students harassing other students.

But faculty to student harassment falls under the jurisdiction of the W&L administration, and the administration also has created a policy to hear complaints.

"We have received indications that there is the possibility of [faculty to

student sexual harassment] being a problem on this campus," said Anece McCloud, Associate Dean of Students for Minority and International Affairs.

McCloud, the administrator who handles complaints and conducts investigations of cases of faculty to student harassment, declined to give specific information on the number or nature of any cases of faculty to student harassment at W&L.

"Confidentiality is the key word in all of this. We will always take into account the fact that this is a very small campus and if details are given, even without names being included, people might be able to trace who is involved," said McCloud.

National statistics show that as much as 20 to 30 percent of female students will experience sexual harassment from faculty, according to the Project on the Status and Edu-

cation of Women at the Association of American Colleges as reported in "The Classroom Climate for Women," by Bernice R. Sandler, *The American Woman* 1987-88.

"We are on a par with other college campuses, especially of the same type," said McCloud, who said she is ranking W&L according to articles she has read on sexual harassment. However, she pointed out that prevalence of sexual harassment of students by faculty is difficult to determine.

"It's a very difficult thing to evaluate because there have been so many victims--not just women, but homosexual men--who have experienced it, and for various reasons have not talked to anyone about it. So we're just sort of guessing right now," said McCloud.

While sexual harassment may appear to be a female phenomena, McCloud stresses that it affects men as

well as women. "This is not just a female problem. It can involve two men, or it can involve two women, or a female faculty member and a male student. We must not think of it as being one-sided,"

she said. According to McCloud, complaints of faculty to student harassment have been reported within the last two years. However, these reports do not mean

since tried to overcompensate by giving me higher grades than I deserved. He has shaken my self-confidence and sense of self-worth. I contemplated transferring only to avoid seeing him again. Perhaps most seriously disturbing, and damaging to my academic experience, has been my loss of faith in other professors. I know I will never work closely with another professor because of this experience. It is all so unfair.

As a freshman, I was warned that being a female at a newly co-educated university would be difficult. Although I soon discovered the thin guise of a W&L gentleman in the presence of fraternity brothers and alcohol, I did not expect the same threats from faculty members.

I am not alone in these experiences. Three male friends of mine have been propositioned by homosexual

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Nicaraguan resistance leader Adolfo Calero spoke in Lee Chapel on freedom and democracy.

Adolfo Calero talks on freedom

By Christopher Gibling
Staff Reporter

Adolfo Calero, a leader in the Nicaraguan resistance against the Sandinistas, spoke last Wednesday night to about 400 people in Lee Chapel.

Calero's talk was the fifth in a series of lectures presented by Contact, a student-financed organization that brings public figures to the W&L campus.

"A true fighter for freedom and democracy," said Contact Co-Chairman John Roach as he introduced the man who was forced out of his country in 1982.

Calero began his talk by saying that since 1978, the year the Sandinistas began fighting for the communist cause, over 600,000 Nicaraguans have been forced out of Nicaragua.

"That is 16 to 17 percent of the entire population of our country," he said.

Praising the conservative philosophy in the United States, Calero said that in a New York Times poll, 71 percent of the people polled agreed with former President Reagan's foreign policy over the past eight years. "His only failure has been Nicaragua," said Calero. "Congress has not allowed for the contras, Nicaragua's freedom fighters, to give a full fight."

"The United States' foreign policy has followed a zig-zag course being somewhat inconsistent," said Calero

referring to the aid given to his country during the past eight years.

Calero questioned the productivity of the humanitarian aid being given to the Contras saying, "while the Sandinistas are receiving all out aid from Soviet Russia, Cuba and Libya, the contras are not receiving any aid for weapons."

He said that when military aid was given to the contras, "The Sandinistas wanted to go to the negotiating table." He added that 15,000 contra fighters were holding off more than 100,000 Sandinistas, "until Feb. 3, 1988, when aid was cut off again." He said Congress approved in April 1988, humanitarian aid that will last until March 31, 1989.

"That will not hold up to the 30 to 40 million dollars in military aid that is given to the Sandinistas," he said.

"You are in a world where democracy is under attack," said Calero warning the audience to "watch out for their country. Athens fell to internal struggles, not to Sparta."

Calero asked for the cooperation of Congress saying that although Nicaragua and the United States were formed from different roots, the two countries are very similar now.

"Religion, family, freedom, and private property are our national values," said Calero referring both to Nicaragua and the United States.

"We Nicaraguans are ready to continue the struggle," said Calero. "We are ready to negotiate with the

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Sorority, sorority...



Photo by: Paula Gregg/The Ring-tum Phi

Rush, rush, rush

W&L students are seen here going through sorority rush - rush events are being held throughout this week.



Wilson addresses ODK

By Eleanor Nelson
Staff Reporter

During his Founder's Day and ODK address, President Wilson addressed the university's current weaknesses and asked students to live up to their claim to honor, decency and integrity by fixing them.

Wilson cited such weaknesses as the "exercise of branding initiatives to the Sigma Society, the breaking windows in Graham-Lees dormitory, the alcohol games that are conducted in certain fraternity houses and the persistent core of shallow male chauvinism."

"I thought we were out of that kind of behavior and mindless exercise," he said.

He asked the audience in Lee Chapel what would be striking or surprising to the Ring-tum Phi in the year 2014, should it look back 25 years; just as the Roanoke Times & World News recently featured a retrospective on the year 1963 and the process of de-segregation.

He asked if fraternities in 2014 would wonder about the alcohol games, and if students then might be dismayed to see chauvinism that was translated from "tasteless t-shirt slogans to a vulgar and more serious sexual aggressiveness."

Instead of saying things like this go on all over, students at W&L should realize they are not everywhere else."

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Executive Committee What's happening on campus?

By Genienne Mongno
Staff Reporter

Prof. Robert de Maria spoke to the Executive Committee Monday night about the feasibility of making an honor system video to be shown to Washington and Lee freshman and first year law students during orientation.

The video, which would be about ten minutes in length, would be used to explain the Honor System and EC procedures to new students, according to EC President Christopher deMovellan. He said the video would make it easier to explain the specifics of an honor trial to freshmen.

de Maria said the video would take about eight weeks to produce. He suggested the EC examine honor videos used at Roanoke College and the University of Virginia for examples of plot and format.

Once the EC had a working script and students willing to act in the video and serve as crew members, it would need to locate a cinematographer to create the video at a reasonable price, said de Maria.

Both de Maria and the EC agreed that the idea was worth looking into further.

In other business, deMovellan said he spoke with Dean of Students Lewis

John last week about an athletic credit change. He said several credit alternatives were discussed, and he would meet with Dean of the College John Elrod on Wednesday to get the issue straightened out.

This weekend deMovellan will meet with the board of trustees in Florida.

EC Secretary Eddie Yu made a report on the general procedures for the Student Financial Relations Committee. The EC made several suggestions concerning the procedures to the chairman of the committee, James Rambeau.

Rambeau said he would present a revised version of the Student Financial Relations Committee procedures to the EC as soon as possible.

EC member Mark Cobb reported that the administration is in the process of purchasing several new bulletin boards to be placed in various high-traffic areas around campus.

The EC voted unanimously to give the Ski Club \$91.35 so its members will be able to compete in the next two races.

The Ariel, Independent Union, Live Drive, Ring-tum Phi and Student Bar Association are scheduled to present budget reports to the EC on Jan. 30.

The meeting lasted about an hour and a half.

Bowling balls!

By Ted Fox
Staff Reporter

Lexington's new bowling alley, The Fast Lane, will be expanding their facilities this spring.

Tom Stagner, manager of The Fast Lane, said construction should begin in April on at least eight to 12 new lanes at the alley, which is located on U.S. 11, one mile north of Lexington.

The Fast Lane currently has 16 bowling lanes with electronic scoring, a snack bar and a game room. Expansion plans are also call for the addition of a new bar area to the facility.

"We're planning on adding a bar which will be of first rate style and quality and which will complement the rest of our new facility," Stagner said.

Stagner attributes the bowling alley's success to the fact that bowlers in Lexington no longer have to travel

to Staunton to bowl. Reduced rates in the afternoons have also drawn students out to bowl in order to avoid the weekly league night bowling. "I prefer to bowl in the afternoon because there is usually a lane available and the rates are reduced," said W&L junior Rob Mould, a frequent bowler at The Fast Lane. "That way you can avoid the crowded league bowling in the evenings," he continued.

The Fast Lane is open from noon to midnight, Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are from noon until 2 a.m. and moonlight bowling is from midnight until 2 a.m. According to Stagner, the lights are turned off at midnight and music is played over the sound system while bowlers try to win free games during the special two-hour period.

Weekend hours are from noon until 1 a.m. on Saturday and from noon until midnight on Sunday.

Making a Statement

This week the Ring-tum Phi chose to run a letter anonymously, a policy The Phi usually avoids. However, an important opportunity arose and the Phi chose to break its own code in order to make a statement.

The Phi does not encourage anonymous letters for several reasons. First, anonymous letters are often highly critical and inflammatory and sometimes filled with harsh accusations that these might not normally be written were it not for the mask of anonymity. If a writer wishes to be critical the writer must bear the consequences of his or her actions.

Second, The Phi is a medium of communication for the community of Washington and Lee. An anonymous letter would not provide an avenue for a member of the W&L community to respond.

This letter was submitted to The Phi in late September, 1988. At the time The Phi chose not to run the letter because of its anonymity. After much consideration and more than enough encouragement from members of the administration not to print the letter, The Phi felt that the issue it presented could not be ignored.

Sexual harassment on a college campus is a serious problem. The Phi felt that Washington and Lee is not immune. We received some negative support from members of the administration who didn't want the "calm W&L seas" to be rocked. Since September, The Phi has realized that simply ignoring a problem won't make it go away, even in quaint Lexington.

The letter is an important part of the story of sexual harassment at Washington and Lee.

--EJP
--NKW



Politics' less glamorous side revealed

MY VIEW

By Jon Sbar

It was Friday, Jan. 20 at 11:55 a.m. five minutes away from the Inaugural Address. I was about to write the greatest political commentary of my life. I was ready.

My trusty journalist's tool kit, complete with pencils, paper and model airplane glue was already open. Quivering with anticipation, I turned on the television expecting to hear the national anthem. Instead I heard this:

"I'm here to tell you about a man named Jed; poor mountaineer never kept his family fed, but then one day he was shooting at some food and up

from the ground came a bubblin' crude—oil that is—black gold, etc. etc."

It was the Beverly Hillbillies. Before I had time to change the channel I was too far into the plot.

Since I missed Bush's inauguration speech I decided to cover the less glamorous side of presidential politics—the relocation of an old president.

Yes reader, while George "Sex, drugs and rock n' roll" Bush was receiving medals and eating chocolate mousse, our old friend Ronald Reagan was getting ready for the big trip back to California. As the reader has probably guessed, I happened to be at the White House for the sentimental departure of a man who has just lost his job.

Here's how the scene unfolded.

Ron, wearing nothing but baggy underwear, was trying to fit his lawn mower into the U-Haul truck and cussing at Nancy under his breath for having so many "damn dresses."

Nancy, who was wearing polyester shorts and a bandanna over her head, was arguing with the White House landlord about getting their house deposit back.

Nancy: Listen landlord, you're going to give me my deposit back.

Landlord: Sorry Mrs. Reagan, but I'm gonna need it to cover the cost of that hole in the Oval Office.

Nancy: But that hole was there when we moved in, Carter must have done it.

As the Reagans got everything straightened out they jumped in the U-Haul and headed for California. Watching them head West into the sunset.

the Reagans make me think of the Beverly Hillbillies.

The two families have so much in common. I was so inspired by the scene that I decided to write a poem about the transition in and out of the White House sung to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies.

"I'm here to tell you 'bout a man named 'The Gipper'; before politics he worked nights as a stripper. Then one day he was sleepn' in the nude and out of the closet popped a real hip dude Bush that is Vice President a Republican.

Next thing you know Ron and George are drinking beer and then George said, 'Ron move away from here. California's the place you ought to be,' so Ron loaded up the U-Haul and moved to Beverly Hills that is presidential pensions retirement."

All editorials appearing on the Editorial page which are not letters or My Views are written by the editors of the Ring-tum Phi. They do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the paper as a whole. Letters are welcomed and must be signed.

My girlfriend and I never talk anymore, we just pass contracts!



The Ring-tum Phi

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Letters

Geimer's view on Contact speakers opposed

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to Professor Geimer's snide letter questioning CONTACT's choice of speakers. Mr. Geimer is especially upset that CONTACT hires "criminals to come in and give lectures reinforcing the arrogantly comfortable view of the world already held by most of the audience." Adolfo Calero's presence in Lee Chapel last week prompts his letter.

Well Professor Geimer, with all due respect, you're wrong. Mr. Calero is not a criminal (unless, of course, you take what the Sandinista regime espouses as truth). And the views of the audience, which are also my own, are many things, but comfortable they are not.

I learned a great deal last week about the Nicaraguan Resistance and its leadership. I learned that Adolfo Calero is not the capitalist pig that you and other Sandinista supporters attempt to paint him as. I learned that he is not a stooge for the Coca-Cola Company. Adolfo Calero stands

Dear Editors:

"Hiring criminals"? Was a writer to the Ring-tum Philast week really fretting about CONTACT's bringing "criminals" such as G. Gordon Liddy and Adolfo Calero to W&L? How about

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Professor William S. Geimer's letter of January 19, 1989 addressing CONTACT's recent sponsorship of Adolfo Calero. Mr. Geimer questions "the wisdom of that choice." Referring to Calero as a "criminal," he sees little value in a lecture "reinforcing the arrogantly comfortable view of the world already held by most of that audience." He asserts that it would be "better for truth, for education, and for justice if CONTACT had asked him to speak without charge, but with the understanding that the fat fee that will unfortunately be paid Calero be diverted instead to help the civilian victims of his 'freedom fighters.'"

I respectfully disagree. It is entirely proper and wise that Adolfo Calero speak at Washington and Lee. The root of Nicaragua's woes is not the Contras, but the sandinistas. The strategic location of Nicaragua has made the country a par-

To The Editors:

I am writing in response to Professor Geimer's critique of the Contact Committee, which appeared in the Ring-Tum-Phi this past week. As Vice-Chairman of Contact, I feel compelled to

for the same thing that Cardinal Obando y Bravo, Eden Pastora, and Ronald Reagan stand for: freedom. Linger from your letter that you are willing to believe the lie that Daniel Ortega and Miguel d'Escoto and Fidel Castro constantly tell. It is the biggest lie of the 20th century: the doctrine of Marxism.

Aldolfo Calero is a modern day Ben Franklin. He is in the United States, as Franklin was in France, to ask for help in the fight against tyranny. We should never forget that the french helped us in our revolution. We should help the Nicaraguans in theirs.

And Mr. Geimer, do you really think that the view I just stated is "comfortable"? Don't you realize how easy it would be to swallow the token line? Major newspapers like the Washington Post and other lounge-chair liberals gleefully chant, "Give Peace A Chance!" Ah, now THAT is comfortable. But if these leftovers from the sixties weren't so glassy-eyed in their vision, they would realize that peace without freedom isn't peace at

Alger Hiss, Angela Davis, the brothers Berrigan, and Sister McAllister? There's a noble band of jailbirds/criminals/martyrs. No problem with those worthies, though, because they'd never reinforce "the arrogantly comfortable view of the

tical source of concern in American foreign policy since the fall of the Somoza government in 1979. In its place, Daniel Ortega has erected another dictatorship which has succeeded in making life even more miserable for the population. He has broken his promises of democratic reform, oppressed the Roman catholic Church, muzzled the media, expropriated private property, betrayed the non-Communist members of the original Sandinista coalition, and ruthlessly silenced his domestic opponents. He has armed his nation to the teeth with weapons more appropriate for fighting a conventional conflict, rather than a guerilla war (e.g., tanks and jet fighters). It does not require a leap of imagination to expect Ortega to use these weapons to follow through on his calls for regional revolution once the Contras have been eliminated. It follows that the Sandinistas represent a major threat to the stability of Central America.

provide both undergraduate and law school students, a more factual and non-ideological perspective of this worthwhile committee's endeavors.

all; it's tyranny.

Mr. Geimer, you're upset. You're upset that me and my generation, or rather, the "audience", is not going to walk with you down the easy path. We are not a bunch of useful idiots. We will not follow your direction, and turn our backs to those in need. We realize that tyranny, whether it come from the left or the right, from Pinochet or Castro, from Somoza or Ortega, is wrong and can not be justified.

The Nicaraguan Resistance is fighting for freedom and against tyranny. And freedom is something you and I have taken into our lungs for so long, that we can't even imagine what life would be without it. Dammit, Mr. Geimer, men my age are dying down there; and they are dying for freedom. I would think that you could do a little better than to write a caustic letter proclaiming Mr. Calero a criminal, and my views as "arrogantly comfortable."

Ray Welder '91

world already held by most of the audience." One has to be so careful in picking and choosing one's favorite criminals.

J.D. Futch
Prof. of History

On the other hand, Mr. Calero represents the only organized fighting force actively opposing the Sandinistas. I do not believe former President Reagan's pronouncement of the Contras as the moral equivalent of the Founding fathers. Nor do I dispute that the Contras have acted on occasion with shocking brutality. However, there is little to indicate that such brutality is systematic, unlike the damning evidence against Ortega's regime. The Contras are a better alternative to a Stalinist police state bent on exporting revolution. Viewed in a Bismarkian manner, it is in America's interest to support Calero's organization. Thus, it is much to our benefit that the W&L community was afforded the opportunity to hear Calero's insights even if they conflict with the views of Mr. Geimer.

Paul A. Driscoll
'85C, '91L

On September 26, 1988, John Roach (Chairman) and I stated to the Executive Committee that

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New policy strikes blow to W&L athletics

To the Editors:

The Physical Education Department's decision to give varsity athletes next year only one-fifth credit for their participation rather than the current two-fifths was not made with the best interests of the varsity athletes and the status of athletics at W&L in mind.

Coach McHenry was quoted as saying that the department is not "...being fair to students..." with the current policy because the athletes are not offered "...a wide variety of activities." However, the department will see that this is an incorrect observation if it will only look around campus on any given day.

Every afternoon, both gyms are overcrowded with basketball pick-up games; intramural competition is extensive; the squash and racquetball

courts often offer no vacancies; on nice days one can find football or frisbee games on the colonnade, overflowing tennis courts, groups playing lacrosse, bike riders, and runners.

The department must realize that more often than not varsity athletes participate in the above activities. Most athletes do not become dormant in the off-season, and the exercise they seek is often not the same as their intercollegiate sport. They do not need "wider variety" in the form of an additional P.E. requirement.

Athletics at W&L have taken the brunt of recent changes at this university, as can be seen by coaches' recruiting frustrations. It is only natural that the department wishes to reassert its role in the "W&L experience." But decreasing athletes' P.E. credit is not the way to combat the depart-

ment's and contribution, not punished. Sports can again be an important and successful aspect of W&L if the incentive to participate in them is increased. The new policy will not increase incentive.

The problem that McHenry mentions with the swimmer who took P.E. lifesaving has an easy solution. Simply prohibit an athlete from taking the P.E. course comparable to his or her intercollegiate sport. Do not force the athlete to take an extra course.

I hope that the administration and Physical Education Department will consider these arguments before they strike another blow at intercollegiate athletics' struggle to become prominent again.

Johnny Sarber '89

What constitutes sexual harassment?

The definition of sexual harassment in the current faculty handbook and University catalog reads as follows:

"Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- 1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term of condition of an individual's educational or employment advancement;
- 2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or
- 3) Such conduct has the purpose of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or employment environment."

While this broad definition would seem to include all inappropriate behavior, researchers have found that faculty may treat female students differently than male students in very subtle, seemingly trivial ways.

Roberta Hall and Bernice R. Sandler identified over 30 ways in which faculty treat females differently and outlined those behaviors in their paper, "The Classroom Climate: A Chilly One for Women?"

"Some of the behaviors observed in the study are so small that they might be considered trivial. They do not happen in every class, nor do they happen all the time, and as isolated incidents, they may have little effect. But when they occur repeatedly, their cumulative effect can damage women's self-confidence inhibit their learning and classroom participation, and lower their academic and career aspirations."

Some examples of this behavior:

- professors tend to make more eye contact with men than women
- professors tend to be more attentive, through gestures and body language, while men are speaking than while women are speaking
- professors interrupt women students more often than men students
- female students are not called upon as often as male students
- male students are "coached" to explain their answers more than female students
- professors respond to male comments more extensively than female comments.

These behaviors, combined with remarks that disparage women or make stereotypical comments or jokes about women, are part of what is coming to be called "gender-harassment."

How to file a faculty sexual harassment complaint

Informal Phase

1. Complaints should be brought to the Associate Dean of Students for Minority and International Affairs (currently held by Anece McCloud), who discuss the complaint with the student and explore possible solutions.

2. If the student decides to file a complaint, they will fill out a written form describing the event. If the student does not wish to take further action, the written report will be held on file at the Associate Dean's office.

3. If the student does wish to take further action, the Associate Dean will interview the accused faculty member may file a written report or statement of the incident,

which will be held on file at the Associate Dean's office.

4. The Associate Dean will attempt to find a resolution through informal mediation between the student and the faculty member. If a resolution is agreed upon, no further action will be taken and the file of the case will be held in the Associate Dean's office.

Formal Phase

5. If no resolution is reached through mediation, the Associate Dean will make an in-depth investigation of the incident, which may include interviewing witnesses and examining physical evidence. The Associate Dean will prepare a written report of the findings and meet with the President

of the University to discuss the complaint.

6. At the President's discretion, an ad-hoc committee will review the case and conduct further investigation, if necessary. The accused faculty member shall be allowed to present evidence and give rebuttal testimony before this committee.

7. The President, after hearing the report of the ad-hoc committee, may take whatever action he deems appropriate. Any disciplinary action will remain, to the extent possible, confidential.

8. All reports and investigative materials will remain confidential and subject to disclosure upon authorization of the President.

Source: Temp procedures....

Historical calendar of sexual harassment policies at W and L

1972 - Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments states as follows:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

1981 - The Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of

Education reaffirmed its jurisdiction over sexual harassment complaints under Title IX.

1984 - W&L Board of Trustees vote that the school will become coeducational.

1985 - First coeducational class matriculates.

Fall 1987 - Statement on sexual harassment is added to the faculty handbook, defining sexual harassment and asserting, under Title IX, "sexual harassment is, thus, not

only inappropriate behavior in educational institutions; it is against the law."

Oct. 1988 - Procedures for claims of sexual harassment of students by faculty are developed by the Associate Dean of Students for Minority and Foreign Student Affairs.

Sources: Sexual Harassment Statement, Faculty Handbook Temporary Procedures for Claims of Sexual Harassment...from Anece McCloud.

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th year and therefore feel a little more confident in coming forward."

Anne C. Schroer-Lamont, Associate Dean of Students, agreed, noting that junior and senior women students tend to be more secure in their social lives than freshmen and sophomore students and are therefore more confident in reporting harassment--be it student to student or faculty to student.

"Freshmen and sophomores are still scared. They are under the belief that somehow their social lives will be completely ruined if they file charges or if they talk, so they endure quite a bit of quiet agony, or share it only with one another, or don't do anything until sometimes a year or two years after a very serious event," said Schroer-Lamont.

In some cases, nothing can be done about an event that occurred more than a year ago. "It's too late," said Schroer-Lamont. "Where it's not too late is if we're hearing the same name for the second time, third time, or fourth time, whether that's a faculty person or a member of the student body."

Sexual harassment is not limited to the undergraduate school, said Schroer-Lamont, noting law-students have been abused by both peers and professors.

In addition to the grade level of the individual student, McCloud said the diversity of students--"some are going to be more willing to make a report than others"--and the increase in the number of women at W&L may have influence on the decision to report a complaint.

Victims have also expressed concern that harassment does not happen to other students in their decision to report harassment, said McCloud.

"The victims who have talked with me, whether it's been faculty to student or whether it's been student to student, most of them have expressed concerns about 'This has happened to me. I don't want this to happen to someone else,'" she said.

Faculty to student sexual harassment is different than other types of harassment in that a faculty member is in a position of power over the student, said McCloud.

Student to student harassment may be as serious or tend to be more "violent," said McCloud, but "from a layman's perspective" student sexual harassment by faculty appears to be a more "traumatic emotional experience."

"I think one of the reasons we can't get a grasp on how prevalent it is there are so many more fears involved," said McCloud.

"Some see this as one of the worst examples of sexual harassment because the student is in a position where they are looking up to that faculty member as a leader, as a role model, as someone who is there for the purpose of helping them make educational decisions in the classroom, but also helping them make vital decisions in their everyday lives," she said.

"Part of the healing process can sometimes consist of being removed from the status of victim to the status of being in control of their own lives," said McCloud.

The procedures for filing a complaint are designed to help a student take control of their situation, whether or not they decide to make a formal complaint.

And while these procedures only recently were developed, W&L does seem to be lagging in handling the issue of sexual harassment.

According to Schroer-Lamont, "Other schools that went co-ed 15 or 20 years ago didn't really begin dealing with these issues until they had been co-ed for 12 or 15 years. Some are really just now dealing with it."

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professors. We have each felt embarrassment and confusion by the violation of a valued student/teacher relationship.

Perhaps the students who are reading this are more familiar with the sexual harassment and abuse that occurs every weekend on campus. Sexual harassment includes unwanted, public commentary on a particular woman's body, humor and jokes that sexually degrade women, coercion or pressure for intercourse, party themes that are derogatory to women, and T-shirts which suggest women are objects to be belittled and abused. Sexual violence is not unknown on this campus. It is not limited to date rape. I'm talking about "training" and "beatings" for those of you who know these terms. I'm talking about gang rape and mass voyeurism for those of you who don't. This is more than an embarrassment to the reputation of the university and its well-publicized values. It is a disgrace that is emotional-

ly damaging to the lives of students both at W&L and at the area women's colleges.

It is time the university and its students make responsible decisions concerning sexual harassment. The Confidential Review Committee is a step in the right direction. I implore the faculty to recognize sexual harassment as a serious problem on this campus. I want the administration to make an effort to understand the extent of the problem. Victims are alienated from the university and need to know where and how support is available.

Finally, I must ask those who feel they have been sexually harassed to make a complaint. If you wish to remain anonymous, talk to a trusted faculty member or administrator who can make a complaint for you. It is not easy to speak against someone you once considered, or still consider, a friend, but it is the only way to keep the abuse from reoccurring. It is only with records of harassment that the university will see the problem clearly. As members of the first co-educational classes, we are very much responsible for setting precedents regarding the treatment of women on this campus. Try to remember that.

Washington and Lee is a fine school, but the "honorable" behavior we congratulate ourselves on is contradicted and ridiculed if we allow sexual harassment to continue.

CONTACT

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our primary goal for Contact '88-'89 was to attract diverse and qualified speakers, produce panel discussions and debates, assist with symposia, and for the first time attempt to coordinate efforts with other groups on campus, including the law school. This latter concept has all ready proven itself valuable in bringing to both campuses Mr. Russell Kirk, which was an effort of the Contact Committee, the Tucker Law Forum, and the Federalist Society.

In addition, we also stated to the Executive Committee that it was a primary goal of Contact to greatly improve the variety and quality of services provided to the student body, while attempting to curb the reliance upon speaking agents or agencies and thus reduce the cost of bringing speakers to campus. Further, it has also been this committee's belief that it is functionally possible to bring very qualified and distinguished speakers to campus by relying upon and utilizing student, faculty, and alumni "contacts" in order to attract individuals for little or no honoraria.

This concept was tested and proven this past fall, when the Contact Committee sponsored engagements with Senator Robb, a debate between the Chairmen of the Virginia Republican and Democratic Parties, assisted the debate between Rep. Olin and challenger Judd, while also sponsoring a discussion by Mr. Rideout, of the ABA. Only one of the Fall Contact speakers was paid honoraria, and that was for Mr. Kirk, which was divided by three groups.

This committee, also recognizes the reality that in some circumstances we will need to utilize honoraria to attract the best speakers, due to the fact that many in our society follow the motto "there is no such thing as a free lunch." Regardless, Contact will endeavor to first utilize W&L contacts in searching for speakers, and attempt to bring them to campus at the least expense.

Contact has an open door policy to any student, member of the faculty or administration who has a suggestion regarding an issue or speaker that they believe would provide valuable discourse and public debate in this community. Professor Geimer, received a similar invitation from Contact this past semester, in an open letter that we sent to all members of the faculty and administration, encouraging their participation and involvement. It is unfortunate that Professor Geimer has not accepted that invitation, rather choosing demagoguery on the editorial page.

Professor Geimer in his editorial suggests that the Contact Committee should first determine the likely consensus of the probable audience, and then turn 180 degrees in the opposite direction to identify a speaker. I respectfully disagree, for this is exactly how past committees selected such speakers as Dr. Timothy Leary.

In regard to the honoraria paid to Mr. Calero, it was modest in comparison to the honoraria paid in the past for less qualified and less capable speakers. Professor Geimer also implied that the honoraria paid to Mr. Calero will be used by the "freedom fighters" to harm Nicaraguan civilians, and thus Contact should have diverted these monies to assist civilian victims of the "freedom fighters." First, Contact is not authorized to spend its budget in that manner, and further I believe that it is more reasonable to believe that Mr. Calero will probably use these monies in order to regain popular support in this country for the Contra Movement.

Professor Geimer also questions the wisdom of selecting Mr. Calero as a Contact lecturer, due primarily to his very strong opposition to the Contra Movement, of which Mr. Calero is a leader. Professor Geimer also suggested that Contact would have better served "truth, education and justice," if we had chosen a person to speak, who was more closely aligned politically with himself, which is a matter of personal opinion.

The selection of Mr. Calero, was a decision that was

carefully thought through, based upon the belief that Mr. Calero would offer the student body and the W&L community, an opportunity to acquire first hand, the perspective of one credible insider representing one side of the Contra issue. I reject Professor Geimer's view that the W & L community to which Contact serves, has an "arrogantly comfortable view of the world." On the contrary, it is because this community does not have such an ideologically blindfolded view of the world that it is willing to take the opportunity to reaffirm or denounce their support or opposition for the Contra movement, through such public lectures.

Discussion over the proper and efficient operation of Contact is welcomed and encouraged, however, analysis or criticism of the committee's functioning should be devoid of partisan political rhetoric, and concentrate on the facts. Finally, I only wish that Professor Geimer, a person very well-educated on the issue of Nicaragua and its civil war, would have requested the opportunity to respond to Mr. Calero's address. Or in the alternative, exercised his right to have used the question period at the end of the Calero discussion, to submit into the market place of ideas his perspective of this very important issue.

John M. Falk '86C '90L
Vice-Chairman, Contact Committee

Interviews by Sandi Dudley

TALKBACK

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How would you feel if someone handed you a Dating Contract?



Robert Haley '89, Lexington, VA
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Rowan Taylor, '89, Portland, OR
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Stacey Patmore, '91, Fishkill, NY
— That's ridiculous! I would pay for the date.



Beth Stutzmann, '90, Port Washington, NY
— I would probably laugh at him.



Lee Lewis, '91, Little Rock, AR
— I think you would be hard pressed to find any girls around here to do that.

New Soviet policies put to test

By Brooke Jarabek
Staff Reporter

When the deans first informed Nona Mchedlishvili and her classmates in the Soviet Union that it was possible to study in America, she said, "It was kind of a joke."

"Everyone was laughing. We took the test as a way to tease the teacher," she said.

But when she and 55 other Russian students arrived in the beginning of August at Middlebury College in Vermont, she no longer thought it was a joke.

Her arrival at Washington and Lee along with Vasily Kharik and Vladimir Kulyukin is the direct result of the Soviet Union's new policies of Glasnost and Perestroika. This is the first year that Soviet students are allowed to study in America and American students are permitted to study in the Soviet Union.

These three students are promoting better understanding between the two cultures through their visit here.

None of the three expressed any animosity toward the United States before arriving. Nor do they have much criticism of the U.S. now that they are here.

"America is supposed to be so good, so fine. We knew about crime [the abundance of it] but America is the best life. That was the stereotype I had before and what I see now," said Mchedlishvili.

Neither Kulyukin nor Kharik felt America was that different from, or better than, the Soviet Union. Kulyukin explained, "The concept of Soviet culture is a blend of so many different cultures that are so mixed up you can hardly differentiate between them. American culture is more or less the same because it's a melting pot."

Thus, culture shock did not bother Kulyukin or Kharik. Both have lived apart from their families to study. Kulyukin studies foreign languages at the Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages and Kharik is a mathematical physics major at Moscow State University.

Mchedlishvili, who is a journalism student at a university in Georgia, U.S.S.R., experienced some culture shock. She had always lived with her



Photo by: Cheryl Barrett/The Ring-tum Phi

Glasnost — Vasily Kharik, Nona Mchedlishvili, and Vladimir Kulyukin of the Soviet Union.

family until she came to America. She said, "There is too much individualism. It's hard to be so independent."

But she said she likes campus life because it has given her the chance to be free to examine herself and others—to test her limits.

The students had to pass tests administered at their schools, have good grades and be under 23 years of age to qualify to study in America.

Kulyukin has learned English, Norwegian, Danish and Swedish. He came to America because he said, "It was a golden opportunity to practice my English."

He is learning Japanese at W&L as well as taking classes in Greek and Latin, linguistics, the study of the English language and creative writing.

He would like to visit Great Britain, another Anglo-Saxon country, to compare it with America.

Regarding Perestroika in his country, he said, "The whole political climate in the country has changed. People are not afraid of speaking their minds."

Kharik, who was born in Bukovina located in southwest Ukraine, learned four languages as a youth, none of which was English. His only experience with English prior to his arrival in America was through written translations of scientific material.

His courses at W&L include Soviet politics, pure mathematics (functional analysis), optics, asymptotics methods in mathematics and tensor analysis. He has submitted articles to the Journal of Math Physics at Duke University.

Although he misses the Lenin Mountains and the parks where Moscow State University is located, he said, "I enjoy staying here at W&L because I was born in a place that looks like this with mountains, so I am at home."

If his future plans to return to America and teach at W&L or at another university work out, Lexington may indeed be his new home.

Mchedlishvili plans to be a journalist. She assumed the authorities at Middlebury assigned her to W&L because of its journalism department.

She took only two years of English about four years ago; thus, language provided a large barrier for her.

The people of her native republic are very important to her. She said, "A friend in Georgia is a friend for life."

The presence of these three students at W&L is helping to dispel myths and prejudices formed from the lack of communication between America and the Soviet Union. Hopefully, students will take this opportunity to learn about their Soviet peers.

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Soviets."

Calero ended the evening with a quote to the Lee Chapel audience: "Too many people are ready to accept for Nicaragua what they are not willing to accept for themselves."

Calero, born in 1931 and educated in the United States, received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame and did graduate work in industrial administration at Syracuse University.

Calero returned to Nicaragua in 1958 when he took a job as general manager of Coca-Cola. He also became heavily involved in politics at the time.

In 1983, he was nominated for membership in the National Directorate of the Nicaraguan Democratic force, where he served as president and commander in chief. In 1985, he joined the Directorate of the United Nicaraguan Opposition, a position he held until 1987, when he resigned to serve on the Directorate of the Assembly of the Nicaraguan Resistance. There he represents the conservative political current.

General Notes

Hope and Glory

The W&L Film Society will show *Hope and Glory* (England, 1987) Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27 and 28, at 8 p.m. in Classroom A of Lewis Hall. Admission is free.

Directed by John Boorman, the film is one of most popular foreign films in the U.S. in recent years. He also directed *Deliverance*, *The Emerald Forest* and *Excalibur*. In *Hope and Glory*, he pays homage to his childhood in England during World War II. Through the eyes of children, the Blitz of London becomes an occasion for adventure and comedy.

An Academy Award nominee for Best Picture, the film stars Ian Bannen and Sarah Miles.

There's more for your life

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Cross-country skiing plus kayaking in the pool

The Outing Club is sponsoring a cross-country skiing trip to West Virginia during the February break. Interested students should attend the organizational meeting for the trip on Tues. Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. in Baker 106.

In addition, the club continues to sponsor kayaking instruction Monday evenings from 6-7 in the old pool in the gym. No experience is necessary.

Brothers

The German department is sponsoring *The Brothers Karamazov* (USSR, 1968, dir./screenwriter Ivan Pyriev, from the novel by Fyodor Dostoyevskiy, in Russian with English subtitles) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday Jan. 27-28 in Room 203, Reid Hall.

The *Grand Inquisitor* segment on a separate reel will be shown thereafter upon request. Especially timely on this 1001st year of Russian Christianity. The most eloquent cinematic portrait of pure nihilism.

Wilson

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We are here. We are at W&L," Wilson said.

He spoke on what he called unpleasant things because "I thought it was time we paid each other the respect of our candor."

George Washington and Robert E. Lee founded W&L on ideals of "honor, trustworthiness, duty, civility, magnanimity and a compassionate caring for others," Wilson said.

Rather than simply recognizing these traditional values on Founder's Day, he asked students to "translate them into living and contemporary terms."

SAB's first Bingo Night attracts more than 300

By Genienne Mongno
Staff Reporter

Four Washington and Lee students won big prizes and over 300 others just had fun at the Student Activities Board's Bingo night last Friday, according to S.A.B. Vice-chairman Charles Frankum.

Don Schaeffer, a senior from Lexington, Ky., won a three-day cruise to the Bahamas; Chris Boone, a sophomore from Lufkin, Texas, won a seven-day trip to Cancun, Mexico;

Marie Buttarazzi, a third-year law student from Fairport, N.Y., won a VCR; and J. Wayne Burris, a junior from Lynchburg, Va., won a Nintendo game.

There were also numerous other smaller prizes including Fancy Dress packages and movie passes, said Frankum.

The idea for Bingo night belonged to S.A.B. member Michael Applebaum and it was organized by Frankum.

Frankum said S.A.B. was encouraged by the large turnout and "broke about even" for the night.

Plans for hotel/conference center underway

DDA hopes to promote tourism and economic growth in Lexington

By Carrie Davis
Staff Reporter

Plans for the conversion of the Old Main St. Mall to a hotel-conference center continue but are not definite, according to Dianne Herrick, executive director of the Lexington Downtown Development Association.

The plan calls for the city to work with the developer, Douglas J. Nodine, of Greensboro, N.C., by obtaining a \$1.5 million federal urban development grant to provide partial financing. Local investors are also being sought.

"It is well known that Lexington needs more hotel space," Herrick said. "But a hotel can not survive on the eight or 10 big college weekends a year."

Herrick said Lexington would make an attractive small conference center

because of its proximity to Washington, D.C. and other large cities throughout the Southeast. She added that the quaint downtown area makes Lexington an attractive place to bring spouses and children.

"We feel that Lexington is a destination for tourists and we would like to have the kind of facilities for conferences, especially with the two universities here," Herrick told *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* in a May 10, 1988, article.

"The two schools in Lexington have a lot of alumni support. We feel that many of them would like to come back here for conferences and bring their families," she said. The hotel-conference center would provide facilities for small-to mid-sized conferences for firms seeking a moderately priced, quality hotel.

The proposed hotel includes 100 to

150 rooms and banquet facilities for about 300 people. Parking facilities will be constructed.

Herrick hopes the new conference center will promote tourism and economic growth in downtown Lexington.

Herrick said the completion of Interstate 64 through West Virginia, which has eased travel to Virginia

from the Midwest, will also encourage Midwestern firms to look to Lexington.

Currently, Lexington has no means for holding business conferences. According to Herrick, the larger hotels do not provide the elegance needed to attract firms. There is also a lack of space for dining.

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Tech's Hokies wreck wrestlers' happiness

By Chris Baradel
Staff Reporter

To talk to Washington and Lee wrestling coach Gary Franke on Wednesday afternoon was to talk to a seemingly content man. His squad had just finished fifth in the nine team W&L Invitational, missing fourth by a mere point, and, more importantly, it was performing to nearly the top of its potential. However, Wednesday night did not bring such good cheer as visiting Virginia Tech rudely treated its hosts, winning the dual meet 39-11.

First, the good news. Saturday's fifth-place finish was made even more remarkable by the fact that the Generals did not even enter a competitor in three weight classes. In fact, it would not have been inconceivable for the team to have claimed third place had the Generals been at full strength. Officially, W&L's 39 team points

trailed victorious Longwood (70), Gettysburg (54.5), Furman (46.5), and Gardner-Webb with 40 points.

Individually, five W&L wrestlers had big days. Senior Rich Redfoot, masterful as always, won the 190-pound title. Sophomore Larry Pilkey (10-4 as of Thursday) and fine freshman Peer Soderberg at 158 both made the finals of their weight classes, but did not capture the championship. Senior Manoli Loupassi was third in the 177-pound division, and sophomore Bill Avery came in fourth at 150.

Franke said that all five wrestlers who placed did well, emphasizing that, "We wrestled to the top of our potential in the classes where we placed." He was "not surprised" that those individuals did as well as they did, saying that they had shown the capacity before. He was pleased with Loupassi, a senior captain, who sprung from an unseeded position to earn third place in his weight class.



Senior Richard Redfoot seems in complete control of his first-round opponent in Saturday's W&L Invitational.

W&L scheduled the match against Tech, a Division I school, because the only way to get weekend meets is to schedule in-state schools. While Franke was not thrilled about facing a team full of scholarship players, his team had already faced Division I wrestlers (from Furman), and he

hoped that perhaps the meet "could help prepare us down the road..."

Predictably, after a pin by Pilkey evened the score at six apiece, Tech's superior depth and ability took hold. The Hokies captured 27 points in a row on two pins, one forfeit, and three decisions. This iced the match, but

Redfoot, once again wrestling after the match had already been decided, was spectacular. He dominated his opponent from beginning to end, feeding him a thorough drubbing to win by technical fall in the second period. It was the highlight of the evening for W&L.

Generals falter at Hampden-Sydney; remain atop ODAC standings

By Jay Plotkin
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee basketball team had something to prove to itself over the past week.

The Generals know they can win at home (they are undefeated in the Warner Center so far this season), but it is the long and winding road that has caused problems for W&L. This past week the Generals undertook a vicious four-game road trip.

This tough road swing for W&L all began last Thursday, starting with a stop in Bridgewater.

The teams traded baskets until Bridgewater took a 20-15 lead on Todd Deberry's three pointer with 9:19 left in the first half. Deberry, BC's leading scorer, scored seven first half points and finished with 10, well below his 16.9 average. When Bridgewater's own round mound of something, Ben Beach, hit two free throws with 5:16 left, the Eagles led

26-25. That proved to be their last lead of the night.

Senior guard Lee Brading put the Generals in front, scoring seven of the team's last 11 points in the half to give the Generals a 36-29 lead. He scored 10 of his team-high 17 in the first half on four of six shooting, and the Generals led at halftime by the score of 36-31.

In the second half, the Generals were without sophomore center and leading scorer Chris Jacobs for much of the time (foul trouble), but the Eagles only made one serious run at W&L.

Sophomore forward Edward Hart stepped to the forefront for W&L, however, and put the Generals out of danger. W&L could then relax and coast to its 74-64 victory.

On Saturday, the Generals ventured out of the conference to take on Mary Washington, where they had never won. W&L overcame a rather slow start—down 13-0 early—to win the game 94-85 and extend its winning

streak to nine games.

On Tuesday, the Generals returned to the ODAC to take on Hampden-Sydney on the road. The last time these two teams met, the Generals walked all over the Tigers 94-74, and head coach Verne Canfield knew payback was on the minds of Hampden-Sydney. "They will be, as they say, waiting for us. They have been playing well of late. They have a lot of fire power, and they will be highly motivated."

Hampden-Sydney was indeed highly motivated. The Generals,

though, were able to weather the first Tiger flurry, leading 41-39 at the half.

Canfield's main worry prior to the contest was not to get involved in a running game with Hampden-Sydney. "Sydney wants to play very much an up-tempo game, and that is some concern of mine, because we've been playing an up-tempo game, yet I don't think we can play it all the time."

The Tigers then came out running in the second half, going on a 9-2 run to lead 48-43. The Generals closed to 48-46 on a Brading three-point play, but that would be as close as W&L

would get. Ralph Baker's (22 points) three-point bomb put the Tigers up 60-49 at the 15:00 mark, and they never looked back, running to a 93-79 win exclaimed by Orson Williams' (16, 11 rebounds) dunk with five second left to stop the Generals nine-game streak.

Next up for the 12-3, 6-1 Generals is conference co-leader Emory & Henry tonight on the road (WLUR-FM will broadcast the game live). The Generals finally return home Saturday to take on Lynchburg on Alumni Weekend.

Women swimmers undaunted despite two losses

By Amy Packard
Staff Reporter

The women's swim team remains undefeated in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and undaunted by its recent losses to non-conference opponents Georgetown and Johns Hopkins. These past meets served more as training than as realistic competition.

This strategy has paid off with unexpected results. Sophomore Sharon Coleman broke the school record in the 200-yd individual medley a week ago against UNC

Charlotte. Freshman Jodi Herring upset her Hopkins rivals to win the 50-yard freestyle event.

Head Coach Page Remillard is proud of the women for their attitudes toward these particularly challenging meets and for their gutsy performances.

"The women have inherited a difficult schedule because many schools want meets with both men and women," he said. "Often, in order for the men to compete, the women have to race also. As a consequence, there are some teams which the women aren't yet prepared for, but they do well in ways that the final score doesn't always show."

Despite the 111-93 loss to Hopkins, Remillard is very pleased with his swimming at this point in the season.

"We are swimming very well at a time when there is usually a let down in the season. The guys are keeping high spirits and they know faster times now will result in faster tapering times later," he said.

Other strong performances for the Generals came from senior David Reavy, junior Shawn Copeland and Jay Smith, all of whom are making a lot of progress this year.

The Generals' next two meets are both at home — Friday against Shepherd and Saturday versus Gettysburg — in the friendly confines of Cy Twombly Pool.

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Calling All Seniors

Contribute to "A Look at Coeducation: 4 years later"

By Michael Tuggle
Entertainment Editor

Some time last term I overheard a sophomore complaining about coeducation and thought to myself "What gives him to right to complain about it? If he didn't like it he shouldn't have come to Washington and Lee."

For us seniors, it seems that coeducation and its effects on our beloved institution has been the topic of concern from day one. Some of the discussion has been enlightening while some of it has been so outrageously absurd that it was embarrassing. Nevertheless, the arguments, the feelings and the emotions rage on waging whether coeducation has been good or bad and whether or not it ever should have been instituted in the first place.

Now, Seniors, it is your turn to speak.

In the last couple weeks of the term I am going to put together a special supplement to the Ring-tum Phi called "A Look at Coeducation: Four Years Later." The supplement will be comprised of letters from President Wilson, selected deans and professors and from you the senior class.

I have chosen to use only letters from our class because we are the only ones who can justifiably carry on this conversation. We were the first coeducational class and we are the only class to have experienced that.

I think it is safe to say that many of the large wrinkles that we encountered in September, 1985 were ironed out by the time the class behind us arrived in 1986. We were the first, we were the most focused

on, and if nothing else we are the transition between the Washington and Lee of old and that of the future. And because of that, it is time to put all of our thoughts, feelings and emotions into a concise collection to see where coeducation at Washington and Lee is, where it has been and where it is going.

The senior letter section of the supplement will be made up of somewhere between 35 to 45 letters. Unfortunately, due to financial and special restrictions, we cannot afford to print every letter we receive. We will however, include as many as possible.

The letters should be between 400 and 500 words and should be well written and legible. A selection panel of two professors, two students and myself will choose the letters for inclusion based on their clarity and their content. The use of

libelous or profane language in any letter is strictly prohibited and will be grounds for exclusion from consideration. Letters should be brought to the Ring-tum Phi office on the second floor of the University Center by Friday, February 10 (the day we leave for Washington Break) at noon.

This can be a very worthwhile collection if you take the time to be heard. Too often I think we have had meaningful things to say but have never taken the necessary time to sit down and write a letter. Now is the opportunity to come together as a class; as the first class, to once and for all vent all of our frustrations and all of our emotions about the one thing that has dominated our lives for the past four years. Please take the time to contribute. Make this something we can all be proud of.

Heat of the Night and Midnight Caller lead excellent programming on NBC

By Michael Tuggle
Entertainment Editor

Some time ago somewhere near the beginning of the '80's there was a turnaround in television that few could believe. NBC had taken home the last place trophy in the Nielsens for who knows how long while CBS and ABC wallowed at the top supported by the occasional mini-series and a host of mediocre programming. Then, the wonderkid showed up at NBC.

Brandon Tartikoff, the now head of NBC, turned the network around from last place and put it at the top of the ratings. Quality, intelligent programming is what gave NBC the edge and is exactly what will keep it at the top of the ratings.

In the Heat of the Night and Midnight Caller are two of the programs that will keep it there and two of the best shows to come along in years.

From Hill Street Blues to the current hit L.A. Law, it is clear that NBC

decided that intelligent programs dealing with morals and ethics were the way to go. Now with the addition of the two new programs, the argument strengthens. But so does NBC's programming.

In the Heat of the Night is based on the 1967 Norman Jewison film that won five Academy Awards including Best Picture. Sidney Poitier plays a big city detective who comes south to help a Redneck sheriff, played by Rod Steiger, solve a bizarre murder mystery. The film hasn't lost any of its timeliness at all and neither has the program.

Harold Rollins of Ragtime and A Soldier's Story fame plays Mr. Tibbs while Carroll O'Connor who everyone remembers as the cranky Archie Bunker on All in the Family takes on Steiger's role as the sheriff.

Just as effectively as the film, In the Heat of the Night takes on the racial issues of a black man living in the deep south during the '60s, and adds

to them. The program presents the issue of prejudice, but never harps on it as the only issue. It deals with other sensitive issues such as incest as well.

In the Heat of the Night is an intelligent look at life in the south during the 60's (the show is set in Sparta, Mississippi) and at many of the moral and ethical problems facing us today. The acting is excellent and the program very worthwhile.

The other new NBC program setting the world on fire is Midnight Caller starring Jack Cole and Wendy Gilbourne. Cole plays Jack Killian, a once-time cop who accidentally shot his partner in the crossfire during a drug bust. Killian now works as a late-night radio talk show host who deals with a different ethical dilemma each night and then takes calls from the public.

Midnight Caller is one of the best new programs to come along in years. Every episode is incredibly well-done and timely. One episode dealt with a

man who had AIDS, who knew he had the disease and who continued to infect people. Last week's episode, timely with the Bundy execution earlier this week, was about capital punishment and the last thoughts of a man ready to die for his crime.

The program always follows the same format and always sums up the moral questions and answers at the end. If you have seen The Hitchhiker on HBO, Midnight Caller is much like that. It's not quite as bizarre as The Hitchhiker but it's equally as good if not better.

In the Heat of the Night comes on NBC, channel 10, on Tuesday night at 9 p.m.

Midnight Caller comes on NBC, channel 10, on Tuesday night at 10 p.m.

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Friday, January 27
Deadline for applications for Washington Term Program (Congressional Internship in Spring Term). See Prof. Connelly, Room 108, Commerce School.
4 & 7:30 p.m.—RUSSIAN FILM SERIES: *Brothers Karamozov*. Room 203, Reid Hall.
7 p.m.—SWIMMING: Generals vs. Shepherd College. Twombly Pool.
8 p.m.—FILM SOCIETY: *Hope and Glory*(England, 1987). Classroom "A," Lewis Hall.
8 p.m.—RELIGION DEPARTMENT LECTURE: "Who Goes There? The Certainties and Uncertainties of Sexuality, Anima and Animus," Ann Belford Ulanov, professor of psychiatry and religion, Union Theological Seminary, and Barry Ulanov, professor of English, Barnard College, Lee Chapel. Public invited.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: INDOOR TRACK: Virginia Tech Invitational (through January 28).

Saturday, January 28
GMAT Exam. Commerce School.
1 p.m.—SWIMMING: Generals vs. Gettysburg College. Twombly Pool.
1:30 p.m.—OPERA BROADCAST: *Bluebeard's Castle* (Bartok); *Erwartung* (Schoenberg). WLUR-FM (91.5).
5 p.m.—ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME: Warner Center.
7:30 p.m.—RUSSIAN FILM SERIES: *Brothers Karamozov*. Room 203, Reid Hall.
7:30 p.m.—BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Lynchburg College. Warner Center.
8 p.m.—FILM SOCIETY: *Hope and Glory*(England, 1987). Classroom "A," Lewis Hall.

Monday, January 30
3:30 p.m.—MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM: "Primes in Arithmetic Progressions," George T. Gilbert, Department of Mathematics, St. Olaf College. Room 6, Robinson Hall. Refreshments at 3 p.m. in Room 21. Public invited.

Tuesday, January 31
7:30 p.m.—BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Guilford College. Warner Center.
7:30 p.m.—WRESTLING: Generals vs. Gustavus Adolphus. Warner Center.

Wednesday, February 1
8 a.m.—ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: Lee Chapel. Public invited.
4 p.m.—HYPERTEXT LECTURE SERIES: "Going completely Hyper with HYPERCARD and HYPERTALK," Kenneth Lambert, assistant professor of computer science, W&L. Room 221, Commerce School. Public invited.
4:30 p.m.—GLASGOW ENDOWMENT PROGRAM: Poetry reading by Margaret Gibson. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Reception and book signing to follow in Boatwright Room. Public invited.
AWAY ATHLETIC EVENT: WOMEN'S SWIMMING: Hollins.

Thursday, February 2
3:30 p.m.—MATH COLLOQUIUM: "Inner Functions in One and Several Variables," Barbara MacCluer, University of Richmond. Room 6, Robinson Hall. Refreshments at 3 p.m. in Room 21. Public invited.
5 p.m.—CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: Toby Allen '90 and Mike Stancina '90. Room 401. Howe Hall. Refreshments served at 4:30 in Room 402. Public invited.
7:30 p.m.—BASKETBALL: Generals vs. Emory & Henry. Warner Center.

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