

Trustees pass fraternity renovation plan

By Heidi Read
Tri-Editor

The Board of Trustees last weekend unanimously approved a \$10 million program designed to renovate the university's 17 fraternity houses.

The goal of the "Fraternity Renaissance Program" is to set uniform standards in all the local chapters and strengthen the fraternity system overall.

Thomas Touchton, chairman of the trustees' campus life committee, called the action "the most important decision since we voted to become coeducational" in 1984.

W&L President John D. Wilson, who is on leave for full term, wrote in a memorandum to the trustees, "Fraternities at Washington and Lee have a larger, more generous place in the historic life of this institution.

"Over the years, almost every student belonged to one or another of the houses, lived there and ate there, made lasting friendships, enjoyed

social occasions and learned how to get things done in the world. Even today a high percentage of male students (80 percent) belong and much of our social life revolves around the houses. They are, on balance, worth saving, as much for their past utility and importance as for their promise."

At the foundation of the renaissance program is a set of "Standards for Fraternities" adopted by the university last year. The standards set forth operating guidelines that define the privileges and responsibilities of the fraternity houses. They also specify the physical standards to be met for the interior and exterior condition of the houses. The standards are mandatory and not optional guidelines. All fraternities must be in full compliance with the standards to be eligible to participate in the renaissance program.

Acting University President John Elrod said that the project has resulted in the fraternities and the administration "pulling in the same direction."

"We should have it all down in two to three months," he said. Continu-

ing, Dean Elrod said he hoped the renaissance project would "help fraternities be better neighbors to each other and the Lexington community, restore the fraternities to what they were intended to be and make the houses more pleasing to look at."

According to Dean of Students Lewis John, all fraternities were required to be in compliance with all but the house physical standards by Sept. 15. He said when house renovations are complete, the fraternities must maintain the standards required in the "Standards for Fraternities."

Under the program approved by the board of trustees, the university will advance financing for the renovation of the 17 fraternity houses. The money will be returned to the university over a period of time through alumni gifts, rental payments and Greek system student fees. The financing program is not mandatory, so any fraternity wanting to do its own renovations is free to do so. However, all fraternities—whether or not they participate in the university's financ-

ing program—must adhere to the university's "Standards for Fraternities," including requirements calling for the physical renovation of the fraternity houses.

According to Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins, dean of greek affairs, all but one fraternity are qualified to participate in the program if they choose. But Dean Atkins said once that fraternity's paperwork is turned in, it will also be eligible to participate in the renaissance project.

According to the plan, if a fraternity applies for university financing, the title for the fraternity house must be deeded to the university. In return, the university will absorb all current mortgage balances and will manage the renovations. W&L already owns three fraternity houses, Chi Psi, Kappa Sig and Sigma Nu, as well as the land on which many of the houses are situated, such as fraternities in Red Square. Alumni corporations own the Phi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon houses.

Once renovated, fraternity houses

will be leased back to the house corporation—a group of alumni who oversee the operation of the house—with specific requirements for maintenance and operation.

Other features of the program include:

—The university will provide property insurance, maintenance, utilities and custodial care.

—A portion of the lease/contract between the house and the university will be directed to a repair and replacement reserve.

—Noncompliance at any time with the "Standards for Fraternities" will be cause for termination of the lease/contract.

—A resident manager with specific responsibilities will be required.

Dean Elrod said the university is hoping to begin house renovations as early as this summer, although required architectural planning and essential clearances with the City of Lexington could delay modifications until a later period.

According to Dean John, four or five houses could be renovated each

summer. However, the selection process is still undecided. He said the renovation steering committee may take applications on a first come, first serve basis or by cluster—Red Square or Washington Street houses.

The renovation steering committee, made up of students and members of the administration, will meet on Nov. 11 to decide on specifics, such as the applications procedure, Dean John said. He also said the Alumni Fraternity Council and house corporation presidents will meet Nov. 19 to explain procedures to individual chapters and discuss whether or not chapters want to apply for participation in the program.

A project supervisor will be hired to oversee the renaissance program. That supervisor's responsibilities will include working with the renovation steering committee, the dean of student's office, the individual house corporations and fraternity chapter officers to oversee the development of individual house plans as eligible houses apply.

Old tales told of Halloween

By Melinda Conkling
Staff Reporter

The sounds of "Trick or Treat" soon will be upon Lexington, although the signs of Halloween have been here for a couple of weeks. The weather has gotten colder, the leaves are changing color and there's a full moon in the sky — and those are just nature's subtle hints! All around Lexington one can see carved jack o' lanterns, fake spiders and monsters.

The holiday of Halloween, however, did not originate with little kids dressed in costumes running from door to door asking for candy. It all started more than 2,000 years ago in what are now France and the British isles. The Celtic people held a festival once a year to please their Lord of the Dead. The Celtic priests burned people alive, usually prisoners of war or criminals, to pacify the Lord of the Dead.

This also was a joyful time because it meant the death of the old year and the birth of a new. The harvest was done and people celebrated the sun god, Baal, who had given them the safely stored ripened grain.

In the first century before Christ, the Romans invaded the Celts' homeland and extended the rule of the Roman empire. The Romans also had a festival for the dead and gradually the two festivals became one. The Roman rulers were furious about the Celtic influence so they banned Celtic practices. The Celts preserved their traditions, though, and when Christianity entered the empire, the Christian religion gave new meanings and names to the Celts' customs while not obliterating them. The Celts believed the fire rites they had once held for the Lord of the Dead would now protect them from the Devil, the enemy of the Christian church.

The 7th century saw the establishment of All Saints Day in May, although by the year 900 it was celebrated on Nov. 1. The Celts still awaited the arrival of ghosts on Oct. 31, and they trembled in fear at any unusual sounds. And they still celebrated the tradition of ancient harvest rituals by feasting and playing games.

The many holidays, All Saint's Day and All Hallow's Even, eventually merged into the one Halloween on Oct. 31. The Scotch and Irish brought it to the United States in the 19th century, complete with the Halloween witch and cat, devils, ghosts and demons.

Halloween is not just a time to get lots of candy; it originated from people celebrating their harvest and honoring their dead. The black and orange colors we traditionally recognize as Halloween's were derived from harvest colors.

People started wearing masks in Europe long after all the holidays had merged into Halloween. They wanted to be unrecognizable, just in case a ghost might want to get them. Until a few decades ago, boys and girls dressed up as ghosts to scare the neighbors, but no one went "trick or treating."

About 40 years ago, neighbors began giving treats to their costumed visitors. Each Halloween thereafter, more and more ghosts, witches, then Martians, and then clowns began to appear on doorsteps on Oct. 31. Thus, Halloween and trick-or-treating as we know it today!



Photo by: Cheryl Barrett/The Ring-tum Phi

Professor Alty, Amy Lehr, Esther Huffman, Mary Hampson and Mary Alice Mc Morrow answer questions at the Monday night discussion about sororities in Lee Chapel. A final decision on whether or not sororities will colonize at W&L will be made within the next 2 months.

Sororities still discussed

by Heather Midkiff
Staff Reporter

A last discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of sororities was held Monday night in Lee Chapel. The surveys handed in by the women after the forum will decide whether or not sororities will begin to colonize this year at W&L.

A panel of two pro-sorority and two anti-sorority individuals was headed by senior Esther Huffman in order for the female students to hear and express their own opinions on the issue of sororities.

Some students felt that bringing sororities to the W&L campus would be a good solution to the problem of a lack of social outlet that they feel is not affecting W&L women.

"I was led to believe when I was accepted that we could have what we (the women) wanted — we could have sororities when and if we wanted

them. I don't think TRIDENT is capable of running the school anymore," said one senior.

As to the matter of whether or not sororities would be a break in the tradition at W&L, senior Stephanie Smith said, "Who does this tradition belong to? We are the tradition. You (the women) aren't lucky to be here—you're here because you deserve it. It's time to stand up for yourself."

On the other hand, the basic consensus of many of the women were feelings of concern that they were being rushed into an idea they weren't adequately prepared for.

One male in the audience pointed out that the women "had a lot of information to digest. I can see that the girls obviously need a social outlet, but I don't think you should jump into something and have it fail; it might detriment the women's movement for the future."

Many of the women's concerns,

such as the amount of time and money involved with sororities, are problems that could be solved through further education.

"If we have sororities now, there would be a lot of confusion and turmoil. There are still too many girls opposed to sororities," said one sophomore.

One of the major concerns was sororities breaking up the women at W&L and turning them toward a series of cliques.

Senior Class President Fray McCormick told the women they needed "to give themselves some credit. Sororities are not like beautiful, idiotic girls here and crows over there. You're selling yourselves short — I have a lot of faith in the W&L girls. You could use the Greek system — you could use it to your advantage."

The surveys are now being tabulated, and a decision on when and if sororities will be coming to the W&L campus will be made within the next two months.

O'Connor speaks

by Jim Linza
Staff Reporter

"We (the United States) can't afford to forget the concerns of the Anti-Federalists," said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in her lecture in Lee Chapel last Thursday night.

She explained that the Anti-Federalists were mostly farmers from the western United States who argued against the absence of a bill of rights. They also argued that the federal government would become too powerful and the states would become powerless if the Constitution were ratified.

O'Connor agreed, saying that the answers to many problems lie in state legislatures, not in Washington, D.C.

In recent cases, such as *Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company v. Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue*, the U.S. Supreme Court has supported the concerns that the Anti-Federalists had, according to O'Connor. In this case, the court declared it unconstitutional to impose a tax (on paper and ink) to restrict the freedom of the press.

Keeping strong state governments alongside a strong federal government proved to be the perfect mix that enabled the United States constitution to be ratified and last for 200 years.

O'Connor spoke as the third Elizabeth Lewis Otey lecturer, an annual lecture that brings women of achievement to the university.

O'Connor fits in this category since she is the only woman to serve on the highest court in the land. Through her concurring and dissenting opinions, she has helped to shape the laws that govern the United States.

O'Connor has been an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court since 1981.

The day after her lecture, the 58-year-old O'Connor had breast cancer surgery at Georgetown University Hospital. A Supreme Court spokeswoman said last week that O'Connor is expected to make a "total recovery" and should return to the bench by the end of the month.



By W. Patrick Hines/W&L

Following her lecture in Lee Chapel Thursday evening, Sandra Day O'Connor was honored at a reception at the W&L Alumni House. As her husband (second from right) looks on, O'Connor chats with Virginia Supreme Court Justice A. Christian Compton and his wife, Betty. Justice Compton is a member of the W&L Board of Trustees.

Executive Notes: No more flyers on colonnade

By Stacy Morrison
Staff Reporter

Flyers will no longer be permitted to be posted on the colonnade after a motion made by the Executive Committee at its Monday night meeting is approved by the deans, said First-Year Law EC Representative Mark A. Cobb.

Cobb reported that Dean of Students Lewis G. John wants "to get the flyers off the columns and the fronts of the buildings on the colonnade." Cobb spoke to Dean John last week in response to a request EC President Christopher deMovellan received from Senior David Burns.

Burns said the posters "detract" from the colonnade's beauty, and since the colonnade is a national landmark, the flyers should go on the campus bulletin boards.

Cobb said Dean John suggested several options, such as more bulletin boards on campus, or having a work study student pull down outdated flyers from the buildings. Buildings and Grounds already removes posters hung on the columns and doors.

DeMovellan said he wanted to see all flyers completely off the colonnade. But, he said, "The question is, where is the stuff going to go?"

There are currently four bulletin boards on campus. They are located in front of the Co-op, behind Payne Hall, in front of DuPont Hall, and in the Graham-Lees Dormitory archway. Cobb said students are allowed to post flyers on the bulletin boards inside each of the buildings on the colonnade as well.

Sophomore EC Representative Willard Dumas suggested an additional bulletin board be installed outside the library, because there is such heavy traffic there.

Cobb is drafting a letter stating that posters are to be hung only on bulletin boards. He will present the letter at the next EC meeting on Monday night.

In other business, deMovellan reported on his meeting with the W&L Board of Trustees last weekend. He

said the Board was "excited" about the Live Drive program, which provides transportation to and from parties involving university students.

"Fraternity renaissance" was discussed among the Board members, and a program was approved, said deMovellan. The fraternity renaissance program's purpose is to renovate fraternity houses. However, he said he will disclose further details on the program next week after more plans have been finalized.

The Board also "showed concern" about the Confidential Review Committee controversy, but the members gave no opinion about the matter, deMovellan said.

Senior EC Representative Alston Parker and Sophomore EC Representative John Fialcowitz will attend the West Point Honor Conference next weekend. The EC voted to allocate \$300 to cover their transportation costs.

Mock Convention Co-Chairman Ron Brown reported the committee's account balances, including approximately \$4,000 that is in the Mock Constitutional Convention account. EC Vice-President Hugh Finkelstein will look into where the leftover funds from the 1987 Constitutional Convention should go. Brown was asked to report back next week with an itemized budget request.

All EC members were present and on time. The meeting lasted 20 minutes.

Library reports missing books and articles

By Eleanor Nelson
Staff Reporter

Missing books, jackets, calculators and back packs do not surprise the W&L librarian.

Students have reported missing articles from study carrels in the library as well as the Commerce School library. Circulation librarian Peggy Hayes said, "It seems to happen spurs." The recent complaints are not new to the librarians.

Since W&L leaves the library and the academic buildings on campus open 24-hours-a-day, it is difficult to monitor who comes in and out of the buildings. Because the library is a depository library, one that receives federal documents for free, it must be accessible to the public in this congressional district in addition to students.

"Students need to take the honor code seriously at all times, not just when they are taking an exam. Regrettably, we suspect students, as well as outsiders, for the missing articles," Hayes said.

Security patrols have been increased in the library in the evenings and at times when there is less activity in the building. Hayes commented that students do not help the situation by propping doors open on the library's lower levels.

Homework, papers and books have been reported missing in the C-School library, said Anne Ziegler, secretary to Dean Larry C. Peppers of the C-School. "It seemed to start last year around the time of exams," Ziegler said.

Get In Shape!

The average American is in poor physical condition. Extensive media coverage of the "fitness boom" is enough to make it seem otherwise, but this fact is undeniable. While a small majority of elite athletes have used modern training and equipment to attain amazing levels of fitness, most people have moved in the opposite direction. The days when humans stayed in physical shape by using their hands and feet to hunt and gather food, to build shelter and to entertain themselves are gone. Today, a person with a sedentary job, a car, and a television can easily survive without physical activity. Of course, there is more to health than physical activity. Eating, sleeping, drinking and smoking habits, in addition to stress, are also important variables.

By these standards, college students are very unhealthy. Few exercise regularly and college is very conducive to the development of poor eating habits. Most college students sleep erratically and many drink and smoke excessively. The academic pressures and change of lifestyle inherent to most campus environments make college very stressful.

If so many unhealthy people function in society, then what's the point of exercising and living right? For one, it will increase your life span. A long term study of Harvard alumni reported by the *New York Times* in 1986 showed that "men who walked nine or more miles per week had a 21 percent lower risk of death than men who walked less than three miles." It also showed that the least active of the older alumni are twice as likely to die as their very active counterparts.

A Soviet study reported by the United Press International blames the low life expectancy rates of Soviet citizens on the fact that "less than one-third of the population exercises regularly, 30 percent are overweight, 70 million smoke, and heavy drinking is common." There are twice as many fatal heart attacks in the Soviet Union as there are in Western European capitalist countries.

Besides increasing the length of life, a healthy lifestyle increases the quality of life. Strenuous or even moderate exercise is a great way to relieve stress. Many fitness lovers put exercise on a spiritual level. Exercise related body fatigue is a great way to relax the mind. A regular exercise program will do more for most people than any drastic change in personal philosophy. A conditioned body is a deserved source of self esteem and respect. Exercise is for everyone. If you are not doing it on a regular schedule, I encourage you to start. Find a sport or an exercise you enjoy and do it regularly. Start slow and make sure it's fun. The results will amaze you.

J.B.S.

Terror, Suspense, Drama

NIGHT of the SORORITY RUSH



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A liberal trapped at Washington & Lee.

"Oh my God! They're all wearing the same clothes! They're even wearing boat shoes without socks. Look at that sea of blue blazers. Oh no! Most of them are republicans. This is a virtual sea of conservatives! But, if they're conservative do they believe in abortions? I mean, would I have to be a contradiction! liberals, they therefore must be at least liberal minded. Then this whole thing is a digest farce! They say they are lying to that walks by what is in actuality so conservative then the drugs on campus? If they liberals then why don't they help join the organizations that do so! or some other belief."

A Great Debate

MY VIEW

By Jon Sbar

In a very dangerous area of a big city in the middle of the night, the Hell's Angels and the Better Business Bureau threw a party. As motorcycle maniacs and embezzling economists settled down to a night of dangerous drugs and wild women, a perceptive participant made a stunning realization. The two presidential candidates, in addition to their vice presidential nominees happened to be at this same party. After some skillful lobbying and threats of violence, the candidates agreed to a debate. In order to give the debate some degree of realism, two brain dead members of the crowd were chosen as panelists. As usual, I happened to be in the right place at the right time and recorded the entire debate on the tape recorder I just happened to be holding.

Question 1: From Mr. Rockhead, a member of the Omaha Chapter of the Hell's Angels: Governor Dukakis, if I ran over Kitty's face with my Harley, raped her, and then cut her up into little pieces and served her as an hors d'oeuvre, would you recommend giving me the death penalty?

Dukakis: No, I wouldn't. There are more effective ways of dealing with criminals. I would revoke your motorcycle license and put you on probation. That way you might be able to reform and someday join the ACLU.

Mr. Rockhead: Mr. Bush, what would you do if I did the same thing to your wife?

Bush: I'd cut your heart out with a machete before you even had a trial, and I'd torture every living member of your family by blocking their blood vessels with super glue.

Question 3, from Mr. Waffleface, senior partner at Waffleface and Son Accounting Firm: Senator Quayle, if you had to be a garden vegetable, which one would you be, and why?

Quayle: Well, it's funny you ask, but just the other day my 97-year-old grandmother told me I looked and acted like a rutabaga she planted as a child. I would be a rutabaga because Grandma says they can cure hemorrhoids and I have always been interested in medicine.

Mr. Waffleface: Senator Bentsen, do you believe in God?

Bentsen: Actually, Mr. Waffleface, I worship the devil. I've found that Satan knows a hell of a lot about politics. I realize that my religious beliefs may seem to be at odds with Dukakis who is a Zen Buddhist, but, remember, religious tolerance is in the first amendment.

Question 5, from Mr. Rockhead: Senator Quayle, what was the most recent book you read and what did it teach you?

Quayle: Three months ago I read *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss. It taught me that the anarchist society advocated by the cat will only work with the help of a strong military.

Mr. Rockhead: What about your favorite book, Senator Bentsen?

Bentsen: Unfortunately, I am one of the 20 million functionally illiterate Americans.

Question 7 from Mr. Waffleface: Mr. Bush, why is it so important that our children say the Pledge of Allegiance?

Bush: It is the only thing separating us from Communist countries like Bulgaria.

Question 8 from Mr. Waffleface: Governor Dukakis, how tall are you?

Dukakis: I'm 5'4", but Kitty thinks I may still be growing, just like America will grow under a Democratic president.

Question 9 from Mr. Rockhead: Senator Quayle, aren't you a little young to be a vice president? I mean, you don't even have Alzheimer's Disease.

Quayle: Personally, I think good presidents can be effective even if they don't have a disability.

Question 10 from Mr. Rockhead: Senator Bentsen, if Dukakis became president and was killed after being shot by Iranian terrorists, what steps would you take as the new president?

Bentsen: Let's see. I'd probably order a pizza with onions and extra cheese. I'd also move my stereo into the oval office and crank up some Led Zeppelin. And then I'd probably run through the White House wearing nothing but a Stetson cowboy hat.

At this point, the debate was interrupted permanently by irate members of the crowd who began throwing broken bottles, human excrement and innocent bystanders at the candidates.

Co-ed Questions Committee

MY VIEW

By Elisabeth Fowler

I would like to begin by complimenting the Sorority Advisory Committee as a whole on the idea of holding an open forum. In addition to clarifying the winter rush rumor (they will only have winter rush if there is sufficient interest, especially in the underclasses), it allowed some of us — who have been filling out "sorority interest" questionnaires for four years and are beginning to doubt anyone is listening — to state our opinions. I would also like to extend special kudos to Esther Huffman who did an excellent job as chairman (chairwoman, chairperson — take your pick).

The purpose of this letter is not to debate the pros and cons of the sorority issue (I will not even say which side I support), but rather to question the qualifications of some of those who were chosen to sit on the panel — specifically Professor Alty and Amy Lehr. I would like to emphasize that this is not a personal attack — I am sure Ms. Alty and Ms. Lehr are perfectly wonderful individuals — I simply feel that they were completely unqualified to address the issue of sororities at Washington and Lee.

At the beginning of the forum each

member of the panel introduced themselves and explained why they were chosen for the panel. Prof. Alty's qualifications were simply that she had been in a sorority in college and thought they would be a good thing to start at W&L. My question is: what does a first year professor really know about student life at W&L? Was she here when W&L was all male? Was she even here during the first few years of The Great Female Infiltration? No. Then how can she possibly understand the impact that sororities would have on both the social life at W&L and on alumni relations? The issue is not "are sororities a neatsy-keen idea" but whether they are right for W&L, and/or are they right for W&L at this time. She had little more to contribute than a speech on how swell sororities can be.

Amy Lehr was similarly unqualified. Her "qualifications" were based on the fact that she had been a member of a sorority at Vanderbilt. (For those who do not know, Ms. Lehr is a junior transfer this year.) Again, her main contribution to the forum was that she loved being in a sorority and, gee whiz, they were such fun. Forgive me for saying this, but SO WHAT. That does not prove that they are the right thing for Washington and Lee. Indeed, how can someone who has been a student at W&L for less than two months judge the effects a sorority

system would have here?

Having two such unqualified people speak out for sororities only managed to weaken the pro-sorority argument. As a result, many persons who went to the forum undecided to uninformed left indisputably against a sorority system at W&L. I do not think the fault lies with the individuals (Ms. Alty and Ms. Lehr) themselves, but rather with whomever chose the panel for the forum. Surely the organizer could have found two women from the senior or junior class, or even a guy, who were more qualified to judge how sororities would affect W&L and whether the good effects would outweigh the bad ones. A student, for example, who was around when the move to co-education took place and perhaps had some insight into the changes (either through having "lived" through them, or because of special alumni connections, which enabled them to have known the "old W&L"). I know many such students exist both in the senior class and the junior class. If nothing else, they would have been able to talk from some basis of W&L experience. Such a person's opinions would have been taken seriously and they would have strengthened, rather than weakened, the argument for sororities at W&L.

Again, I would like to compliment the Sorority Advisory Committee on a job, otherwise, well done.

Sorority Issue Simmers

MY VIEW

By Beckwith Archer

In the ongoing debate concerning sororities at our school, I am of the opinion that they should not be instituted at Washington and Lee. I am a transfer student from the University of Kentucky. I was a member of the Delta Rho chapter of Delta Delta Delta, and I am aware of the pros and cons concerning sorority life.

Sororities are an important part of the social life at a major university. The enrollment of UK was 23,500 students as compared with W&L's 1,600.

Through the sorority I became friends with girls whom I probably would not have ever seen on campus in the four-year period that I was there. We did a lot of things together and were an entity unto ourselves. In that sense, I suppose that the sorority life offered a feeling of security. I always felt I had a place where I belonged. It was a home away from home.

There are negative aspects, however, which on the W&L campus outweigh the positive ones. Sorority rush is one of the most humiliating and frustrating experiences for a freshman

woman. Instead of being able to get onto a campus and make a name for yourself, you are immediately judged by a group of women who know nothing about you as a person.

From the rusher's side, the situation is even worse. We were expected to sit and talk with a girl for 20 minutes and based on that meeting, make a decision that might affect her entire experience at the university.

This is a very traumatic time for both the sororities and the rushees. The former being torn between hypocrisy and truth, and the latter trying desperately to understand why they were not accepted to the sorority of their choice.

At a university the size of UK this situation was aided by the sheer enormity of the school. We found solace in the fact that if we were lucky, we would never have to see the girls that we had excluded. The institution of Washington and Lee does not foster any of these attitudes. Hypocrisy and avoidance are two evils that this university seeks, through its teachings, to eradicate.

Many argue that there is sisterhood in sorority life, and to an extent this is true. However, in reality, I feel that this is a facade. The bonds exist simply because you wear the same letters. Real sisterhood develops only from true friendships. I also regret the

many friendships that I missed out on simply because the tri-Deltas were not supposed to socialize with the Thetas or the Kappas.

The list of baseless innuendos and vicious rumors that spread among the sororities was ridiculous. It is naive to think that this sort of thing won't happen at Washington and Lee should sororities be instituted. Many girls are hurt and bitter about the rush process and every sorority wants to be thought of as the superior one. The backstabbing is inevitable.

I would also argue that there already is a sisterhood at this university. We are the women of Washington and Lee. We have been brave enough to come into a male-dominated institution, and I believe that we have established ourselves very well. We have seen a lot of changes in four years, not the least of which is that we have been accepted on campus and in the classroom.

A sorority system on this campus would cause a schism that would be irreparable. The girls would become divided and some would inevitably have a feeling of superiority over others. The clique situation would worsen dramatically with girls associating primarily with those in their same sorority. I realize that there are several

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W&L may just be in the movies

by Betsy Griffin
Staff Reporter

This summer, Washington and Lee was considered as a possible site for the production of a Walt Disney film titled, "The Dead Poets' Society."

The movie stars Robin Williams ("Moscow on the Hudson" and "Good Morning Vietnam") and is directed by Peter Weir ("Witness" and "The Year of Living Dangerously"). It concerns a writer (Williams) who returns to his all-male prep school to teach. When he was a student, he organized the "Dead Poets' Society" to read and study poets' works. He is asked to reorganize the society when he returns.

This summer, representatives from the Virginia Film Office, which encouraged filmmakers to produce films in Virginia, examined several campuses across the state as possible sites for the movie. They also visited Mary Baldwin College, University of Virginia, Hollins College, Roanoke College and the preparatory schools: Stuart Hall, the Miller School and the Madeira School.

Representatives from the Virginia Film Office and Walt Disney Pictures spent six hours looking at W&L on July 24. They were looking for a campus that was "striking architectural."

They also were looking for classrooms that were typical of the late 1950s, such as the ones in Robinson Hall. They also examined Lee Chapel and Evans Dining Hall. The representatives who visited were "very impressed" and thought W&L was the best of all the places they had visited.

In early September, Peter Weir and five representatives from Walt Disney visited for about three hours. Weir felt that W&L was too large to give the appearance of a 300-student prep school. They decided to film the movie at St. Andrews School in Delaware.

W&L, however, will continue to be considered as a possible location for motion pictures. W&L News Office Director Brian Shaw said, "It is the university's policy to cooperate as much as we can with the film office." Shaw also said the filming of a movie at W&L "would be an educational experience. Both the presence of a movie crew on campus and the possibility of participating in the production, would be beneficial to W&L students."

There has been discussion of filming "The Foreign Student," based on Philippe Labro's book, "The Thom Mont Company," which produced "Bull Durham" purchased the film rights to Labro's book. However, no contracts have been made concerning the film site.



Sixth District Congressional candidates James Olin (right) and Charles Judd, come together for a handshake after their debate in Lee Chapel on the Washington and Lee University campus Monday, Oct. 17. The debate was sponsored by the Washington and Lee Young Democrats, the Young Republicans, and the Rockbridge Area League of Women Voters. By W. Patrick Hinely/W&L

Is throwing up a problem?

by Heather Logan
Staff Reporter

"Do any of you have a drinking problem? Raise your hand."... No one raises their hand. "Has anyone ever thrown up drinking before? Raise your hand."... Three-fourths of the people raise their hand. "Do any of you have a drinking problem?"... Everyone has a puzzled look. "I consider throwing up a problem. Do you?"... Everyone laughs...

On Friday, Oct. 21, this dialogue in Lee Chapel between Mike Green and the audience began the discussion of alcohol abuse. Green's message to the W&L community and the 10 other schools he visited during the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week was one of moderation and safety. Although his message was intended to educate, it did not dictate. As one student, Mike Malloy, said, "He was on the level of the students. He talked

with you, not at you."

Also atypical of alcohol programs, Green did not suggest that students stop drinking altogether, and even admitted that some of his best times with college football "buddies" were spent drinking. However, as a recovering alcoholic, he did stress that drinking can get out of hand and he was speaking to pass on some tips on how not to let drinking become a problem. He said, "I don't want anyone to have to go through what I went through." Another student, Allen Ferguson, said, "It was neat how his emphasis was on how to drink, not how not to drink."

Green's first tip was not to succumb to the "power of suggestion." Students shouldn't let roommates or friends con them into believing they need a drink. Drinking to mask problems or recover from a hard day is probably the worst time for us to drink, Green said.

Green's second tip was not to surrender to peer pressure. Although students might not think that peer pressure is a "big deal," all it takes is one

person at a party to start yelling "chug" and then everyone starts yelling "chug" and so that person "chugs."

Green's third tip was to avoid the "gets." He asked how anyone could enjoy a feeling that is described as trashed, hammered, fried, s.faced, and f'd up.

The final words of advice that Green left were on the 2-H.A.L.T. TIPS that are part of a promotional t-shirt for the Philadelphia Flyers.

First, drink only two drinks per hour, a drink being a 12-oz. can of beer, a 3-oz. glass of wine, or a mixed shot. The body can neutralize one drink per hour and the second drink may give you a nice "buzz," but at least it's out of the .01 legal intoxication range. Also, avoid drinking if you are hungry; it will make you Hungrier and Heavier. Don't drink when you're Angry or Lonely because your emotions are intensified and you may either hurt yourself or someone else. And don't drink when you're Tired.



Life in the Fast Lane

by Debbie Grove
Staff Reporter

The Fast Lane, Lexington's new bowling alley, is doing "extremely well," according to Wayne Heslep, president of Lois Lanes Inc., which owns the alley. He added, "The response has been extremely good — way ahead of all our projections."

The Fast Lane is located on U.S. 11 North, one mile past the intersection of 11 and interstate 64. Heslep said there currently are 16 lanes, but 8 to 10 more lanes may be added this spring. The facility boasts a game room, snack bar and computerized scoring of the games.

Heslep said the bowling alley is successful because "there are not many things to do around here. Bowling is something just about anyone can do, it's inexpensive and it's fun."

He said over the years there has been an effort by a number of people

to build a bowling alley, but because of financial difficulties, the idea never got past the drawing board.

The Fast Lanes' manager, Butch McClamma, said The Fast Lane is open from noon until midnight Monday through Thursday and noon until 2 a.m. on Fridays. On Fridays, McClamma said there is a special "moonlight bowling" during which the lights are turned off. On Saturdays, The Fast Lane is open from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Sundays it's open from noon until midnight.

Because of the formation of bowling leagues, McClamma said the hours for open bowling are from noon until 5 p.m. every day. All day Wednesday and Saturday after 3 p.m. are open, as well as Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings after 9:30.

Bowling costs \$1.50 per person, per game from noon until 5 p.m., and \$1.85 after 5 p.m. Shoe rental is 95 cents at all times.

Gladys Steele and her shelter for the homeless prepare for the winter months

by Caly Smith
Staff Reporter

Coming up on its third winter, Gladys House Inc., on Varner Lane, opens for the homeless Nov. 1. This year the shelter is again seeking assistance from volunteers, such as church groups, students and local individuals. Gladys Steele, who operates the shelter out of her home, says her house is open to anyone who comes.

The shelter operation provides the homeless with two meals a day. Church groups have been the main providers of the evening hot meal and breakfast funds have been provided by the shelter committee. Night volunteers stay overnight in the shelter to answer the door and enforce the rules. According to John Hall, a W&L law student and volunteer coordinator, "The commitment of a volunteer isn't very substantial and the experience is worthwhile and rewarding."

In the winter months, the community has been the main source of donations to the shelter. During the sum-

mer months, Steele has maintained the shelter, using her own money and energy to provide for those in need. She said, "I don't think the community is aware that there are as many homeless in the summer as in the winter. I try to do the best I can, but it is hard going it alone, relying on my own limited energy and finances."

The shelter rules prohibit alcohol, weapons, violence and smoking upstairs. Those persons desiring to eat must be in the shelter by 5 p.m. to receive a hot meal and lights are out at 11 p.m. The homeless are expected to be out of the shelter by the time the volunteer leaves in the morning; however, when the weather is cold, there is no set time one must leave. Steele said she has never had a problem with people defying the rules.

The shelter consists of two large rooms upstairs, a bathroom and a small sitting area for meals and television. The shelter can hold 10 people comfortably, but Steele has allowed 19 to stay the night. Cots are provided by Virginia Military Institute and VMI staffs the program every Satur-

day, according to Steele.

Hall said that on a national scale, the majority of homeless suffer from substance abuse or mental illness. Hall, involved with shelters for six years, said, "I've never run across a person who wasn't grateful, kind or who I couldn't be a friend to." He also said that the committee is looking for people who are interested in helping, especially student volunteers willing to spend the night.

In the near future, the committee hopes to build a new shelter. Presently, the committee possesses property on Moore Street, but does not have the money to build a shelter. Steele hopes to pool together W&L resources in order to sponsor a fund drive. She said, "I hope W&L will contribute to this cause because the university is so good with fundraising." In addition, Steele said her house will only last one more winter due to its age. Thus, the new shelter may become a necessity.

Steele said last year she and her family fed 30 people on Thanksgiving. She loves the service she provides and feels since God supports her, all the work is worthwhile.

Sororities

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groups already on campus that are fairly exclusive, yet sororities will only enhance that situation. There is also a problem with the fraternities. Do not think that once there are sororities that our days of freedom to attend any fraternity party will continue. The fraternities will invite one or two of the sororities at a time to the house for parties, and although other girls may be allowed to attend, it is not a lot of fun to go to a party where others know that you were not invited.

I also have heard the argument that life is not fair and that every situation we encounter from now on will not necessarily be pleasant. My counter to this statement would be why, if life is definitely going to deal us harsh blows, should we subject ourselves to self-imposed inequalities? University life is not reality and it is pointless for us to try to argue that it is or that we should make it so.

As an alternative to the sororities, I would advocate eating clubs for women, common among Ivy League universities. The girls would be free to go and sign up in a house where they feel the most comfortable, and with the girls whom they believe that they have the most in common. Much of the dissention and anger could be avoided in this way.

Washington and Lee is a very small school. I believe part of its charm lies in its size and the cohesiveness of the student body. We are a sorority unto ourselves, and there are not enough women at this school for us to allow this controversy to cause dissention. The fact that the body of female students is so torn over this issue should be an indicator that this is not the time for the institution of sororities at Washington and Lee. At a big university, identity is based on your Greek letters. The only letters that the women of this school need are W and L.

City Hall makes a new proposal

By Cindy Phoa
Staff Reporter

Lexington City Council submitted a proposal to the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the city and county government offices by renovating and adding to the existing county offices in Courthouse Square on West Main Street.

The proposed "Rockbridge Area Court and Office Complex" would provide badly needed court facilities for both governments and administrative office spaces for the county.

The city based its proposal on the belief that only with cooperative efforts could the governments of Lexington and Rockbridge County, according to the new City Hall proposal, "maintain efficient government operations and enhance quality of life for all area residents." City officials believe their proposal to be more beneficial than the considerations by the County Board of Supervisors to construct new facilities near the regional jail; they believe, despite difficulties in developing the downtown area, the offices need to be maintained in their historic location.

Courthouse Square has been the site of Rockbridge County government for nearly 200 years, and the city's plans would preserve the square and the county jail.

Plans include: purchasing First

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Interviews by Copeland Kapp

TALKBACK

Photos by JuLee Messerich

How do you feel about sororities at W&L?



Manoli Loupassi, Senior, Richmond, VA—"I think they should have them. I don't think the women meet enough different girls they otherwise wouldn't meet."



Andrea Wallace, Senior, Minneapolis, MN—"I don't think there should be sororities. There isn't enough diversification of interests. It would be different variations of the same kind of girls."



Rob Spencer, Senior, Danville, VA—"I'm all for sororities so we'll know where all the undesirables are."



Kate Hanley, Sophomore, Fair Hope, AL—"I really think we need something. I wish I had a larger circle of friends that I could depend on."



Chris Pierpon, Senior, Westfield, N.J.—"I think sororities should work with the school and fraternities to make it successful."

Sprunt exhibits art

Staff Report

More than 50 recent paintings and drawings of local artist Elise Sprunt will be on exhibit in the Conference Room Gallery of Washington and Lee University's Commerce School from Nov. 5 to Dec. 31.

Sprunt's paintings over the past 30 years have largely been private commissions and include portraits, scenes of clients' homes or their favorite views of House Mountain and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Her recent work is focused on subjects of immediate personal interest to her: the garden and setting of Old Glasgow Farm, her home on South River in Rockbridge County, where she and her husband, David Sprunt, have lived for 20 years.

Sprunt says of her recent works, "What interests me is color, and the power of light in it to evoke feeling or response. An emotional response to the sudden rediscovery of the visible world in some particular aspect of vivid color and/or luminous shadow, is of more interest than a precise, literal

depiction, both to me and, I would hope, to the viewer of my work."

Sprunt, the daughter of the Rev. McE. Miller, originally of Rockbridge Baths, grew up in Philadelphia. She received her education there and also received a bachelor's degree in art history in 1953 at Wellesley College.

Her art training has been through a variety of agencies, from private lessons as a teenager to one year at the Art Students League and two independent painting courses at James Madison University.

In addition to raising a family, Sprunt has pursued her interest in art, exhibiting in a number of local and regional shows and receiving several prizes and some awards for "best in show."

She was one of the founding members of the Fine Arts in Rockbridge (now FAIR), serving as director of its art division for which she planned the curriculum based on that of the Museum of Modern Art's children's program.



Local artist Elise Sprunt seen here with some of her paintings.

Outing Club expands adventure program

Staff Report

Marshall Kirkland "Kirk" Follo, a 1967 Washington and Lee graduate and instructor in German at W&L since 1981, has been appointed to direct the W&L Outing Club.

In addition to working with the outing club, Follo will continue to teach one class per term in intermediate German and serve as foreign studies coordinator, where he will advise students wishing to participate in non-W&L-sponsored foreign studies and summer abroad programs.

Although Washington and Lee has sponsored outing programs and provided outdoor equipment for a number of years, a recent rise in student interest has prompted the university to fu-

ly support a more organized program.

Follo already has organized white-water rafting trips to West Virginia, hiking trips to House Mountain and the Blue Ridge, and has many other activities in the planning stages. "Response has been very good so far," says Follo. "During registration at the beginning of the year, more than 180 students signed up for outing club activities. My hope is that the club will bring students, and also members of the faculty and staff, together outside the classroom."

Organizing trips, offering basic instruction, and providing equipment for students to use on their own are the main services the outing club will offer. Canoeing, camping, hiking, cycling, rock climbing and kayaking will

be among the many activities scheduled every Thursday afternoon, with longer trips scheduled on the weekends.

"We are so fortunate to live in a landscape like this," Follo says of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, and the Maury and James Rivers. "I also hope to generate some interest in environmental and community service activities." Follo, an avid hiker, spent much of the last five summers hiking and "doing modest climbing" in the Alps.

After graduating from W&L in 1967, Follo was awarded a Rotary International Fellowship to study philosophy and German literature at the University of Heidelberg in Germany, where he was a student for 2 1/2 years. He received his master's degree from

Northwestern University in 1976 and taught there for five years and was named to the Honor Roll of Outstanding Teachers. He has completed all the coursework for his doctorate.

Since returning to W&L in 1981, Follo has directed three study abroad programs in Germany.

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American Bank and the land behind it that extends to Randolph Street, then renovate the existing building to add on a new addition; the county jail would also be renovated and connected to the new extension. A problem facing the proposal is the lack of adequate parking. City officials, however, have suggested a plan providing 160 new and 52 improved parking spaces.

The complex would be owned and operated by the Industrial Development Authorities of both the Lexington and Rockbridge County governments, and the IDA would reimburse their investment by leasing the office space at sufficient rates to recover initial expenditures, and to maintain and operate the buildings.

The cost of renovations is estimated at over \$3.1 million, and an annual collection of approximately \$3000 would be needed to adequately cover costs. Therefore, the residents of the complex, the city, the county and First American Bank, would be expected to pay \$8.44 per square foot leased each year.

Lexington's annual expense is estimated at \$122,887 per year, and Rockbridge County would be expected to pay \$164,842 per year.

City manager Joseph King said plans have not solidified enough to discuss anything definite, but he said the building would be suitable for housing. The proposal made in August suggests the space may be made available for sorority housing.

Judge Merhige will speak

Staff Report

Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. of the U.S. District Court in Richmond will be the keynote speaker for Washington and Lee University's Legal Ethics Institute on Oct. 28-30.

Merhige will deliver a public lecture on "Professionalism" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Classroom E of Lewis Hall, the W&L law school.

A graduate of High Point College, Merhige received the LL.B. degree of Law at the University of Richmond, where he was a member and chancellor of Exchequer of the McNeill Law Society and secretary of the student

bar. He also served as a member of the executive board of the University of Richmond Law School Alumni Society.

Merhige received the LL.M. degree in judicial process in 1982 from the University of Virginia, and an honorary LL.D. from the University of Richmond.

Merhige has been a member of the Virginia bar since 1942. After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945, he practiced law in Richmond until 1967, when he was appointed U.S. district judge for the eastern district of Virginia.

In addition to being a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, Merhige serves as a judicial member of the

American Bar Association, the Bar Association of Richmond (president, 1963-64), the International Association of Insurance Counsel, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Law Institute.

Merhige has authored and co-authored a number of publications, including *Virginia Jury Instructions* (West Publishing Co., 1964), the *Virginia Bar Handbook on "Defending Criminal Cases," Delivery of Legal Services* (published by Washington and Lee University on Vol II in "Social Responsibility" in 1976), and "Foreign Discovery and Evidence" (published by *The International Lawyer*, 1979).

Since 1973, Merhige has served as adjunct professor at the T.C. Williams School of Law. He served as John A. Ewald Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Virginia from 1987 to 1988, and frequently lectures at other law schools and judicial seminars.



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General Notes

A Day in Gaines

Acoustic guitarist, singer and songwriter Roger Day will perform in the Gaines Hall Courtyard on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. All members of the W&L community are invited to join the residents of Gaines Hall for an afternoon of music.

Degree or fee

W&L seniors must pick up and complete applications for degrees in the Registrar's Office. The due date is Tuesday, November 1 and the late fee is \$10.

Register or die

Pickup materials for Winter Term Registration on Monday, October 31. Schedule advisor meetings as follows: Seniors, Mon., Oct. 31; Juniors, Tues., Nov. 1; Sophomores, Wed., Nov. 2; Freshmen, Thurs., Nov. 3.

Freshmen will also be able to obtain mid-term grade reports from their advisors.

It's the law

Pre-Law Forum, Monday, Nov. 7 - University Center 1:00-5:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Law School Admissions Directors from approximately 35 law schools will be in the University Center to talk with all interested students about their schools, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Presentations: "How to Choose at Law School," "How to Get Into Law School."

Give your 2¢

The Student Government Study Committee is soliciting assessments of the effectiveness of student government at Washington and Lee and proposals for changes in the structure of student government. All undergraduate and law students are invited to participate. They may comment in writing or by telephone to any member of the committee. All responses will be kept confidential. Sam Kozak, Chairman, 463-8867; Kathy K o b e r - stein, 463-8475; Julie Salerno, 463-1179; Dabney Stuart, 463-8763; Charles Boggs, 463-8797; Hugh Finkelstein, 463-8588; Chris de Movellan, 463-8589.

Take a hike

The Outing Club will lead a hike along the ridges of North Mountain on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 2-6 p.m. Wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes; bring along rain

protection, water, and a snack. On Thursday, Nov. 3 from 6-7 p.m. the Outing Club will sponsor kayaking instruction in the old pool in Doremus Gymnasium. Be ready to get wet. Sign up in advance at the Outing Club Office (Baker 106) for all activities.

Co-ed experience

The Long Range Planning Committee studying the experiences of women at W&L invites individual students to attend a committee meeting to discuss their experiences - both positive and negative. Please contact Mrs. Fallon in the Dean of Students office for further information. Deadline-Oct. 28.

Kilts anyone?

If you are interested in studying in Scotland, come to the German Department (2nd floor of Tucker Hall) at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Representatives from the University of St. Andrews will be there to talk with you.

War anyone?

The guest speakers for American Military History 210 will lecture at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Room 114 of the Military science building. On Oct. 25 Dr. Jefferson Davis Futch will speak on the origins of WWII and Robert Peniston CPT, USN (Ret) will speak on Nov. 3 about the Pacific Naval War in WWII.

Banned film

"Advise and consent" (USA, 1962, dir. Otto Preminger, stars Henry Fonda/Charles Laughton/Walter Pidgeon/Don Murray/Burgess Meredith/Gene Tierney/Lew Ayres, novel by Allen Drury) runs at 7:30 p.m., Wed.-Thu., 11/2-3, 327 Commerce School. Sponsor: Politics Dept. Public invited. Critically acclaimed here and abroad, despite Congressional efforts to ban this film from foreign distribution. Filmed on location in Washington. Laughton's last film--the only film that almost cast Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a lead role (he refused). One of the precious few US works to grasp the role of procedure in shaping political outcomes, and a superb exemplar of coalition theory in action.

Blind tortoise

Found--A pair of tortoise shell prescription glasses. Found near one of the columns in front of Payne Hall. Contact Bonnie Walker, 463-8405.

Academic standards rise

by Laura Dodge Staff Reporter

It has been four years. Four years since Washington and Lee became a co-educational university. Economic and sociological reasons played a large role in the co-ed decision. Within four years, applications and enrollment have changed, exhibiting the success of W&L's academic standards.

In 1974, the number of enrolled undergraduates was 1,327. This year 1,608 have enrolled for the 1988-89 academic year. Applications have increased as well. The first year W&L went co-ed, applications jumped 76 percent. Applicants for the 1987-88 year numbered 3,336, while last year 3,222 applied. According to Dean John Elrod, the admissions office accepted 947 in 1988, and 46 to 48 percent usually enroll.

After students enroll in the university, they may transfer out during their four (or five) year education. W&L, however, maintains a high retention rate. Elrod said, "The retention rate has increased quite a bit."

The 1988 graduating class has a 77 percent retention rate; this year the number is 83 percent. The numbers are even higher for the current sophomore and junior classes. The class of 1990 has an 89 percent retention rate and the class of 1991 is 96 percent.

Elrod said, "(It) is interesting that the retention rate has gone up. It is actually a surprise. Since we had planned to open the year up with 1,500, but 1,608 enrolled."

Most applicants are from Virginia, followed by New Jersey and Texas. The median SAT scores have increased to 590 verbal and 635 math. But, higher standards have led to a higher academic ranking in Barron's book of colleges.

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'Boyd's Boys' tame U. of South Tigers

By Jim Lake
Staff Reporter

"Boyd's Boys" kicked some butt Saturday afternoon.

Keyed by the outstanding play of Washington and Lee's defensive front line, the Generals turned in a commanding 21-point shutout of Sewanee, and irascible defensive-line coach Boyd Williams, who has been none-to-fond of the University of the South for most of his 35 seasons of coaching Generals' football, is rumored to have cracked a smile over the outstanding play of his "boys" — who played more like men.

The defense was strong throughout the game, but the W&L offensive and special teams did everything they could to give Sewanee the early lead. The Generals won the coin toss, and freshman David Harper took the opening kickoff 15 yards before fumbling at the W&L 22. But the Tigers failed to cash in on the turnover — W&L sophomore defensive back Clark Wight picked off a Sewanee pass on second down to make up for the Harper fumble.

But the W&L offense would not be denied its opportunity to give away points. Three plays into W&L's first drive of the game, Sewanee linebacker Robert Black intercepted a pass from junior quarterback Phil Sampson, and the Tigers took over at

the W&L 37.

The Sewanee offense drove 36 yards in nine plays, despite a sack by senior defensive tackle Jim Johnson. Then, with first and goal from the one, freshman running back Alan Broom was stopped for no gain. After a false start on second down cost the Tigers five yards, running back Mark Barineau reached the one on a sweep. But W&L stopped Sewanee for no gain on two straight plays, and the Generals took over on downs.

The offense remained stagnant. After junior fullback Russell Crosby picked up four yards on first down, Waskiewicz was stopped for no gain and Sampson threw an incomplete pass that sent in senior Tom Skeen to punt out of his own end zone.

The W&L defenders should have been exhausted by now, but they weren't. After Sewanee again drove to the W&L 1, the Generals forced a fumble by Broom, and senior lineman Hughes Melton recovered.

After an exchange of punts, the W&L offense finally came to life. Starting at their own 22, the Generals drove to their 45, where sophomore running back Mason Pope took a handoff from junior quarterback Chris Smythe. Pope, who rushed for 114 yards on 18 carries in the game, cut left and out-ran the Sewanee defense for the game's first touchdown. Quayle kicked the extra point that gave the Generals a 7-0 lead — a lead

they would never relinquish — with 12:02 left in the half.

After fielding Quayle's kickoff, Sewanee fumbled on its first play from scrimmage, and Skeen, playing linebacker, recovered at the Sewanee 35.

By now, the W&L offense was rolling. Smythe led the Generals on a nine-play drive and scored from 1-yard out with 7:23 remaining, and Quayle's extra point made the score 14-0.

Despite a slow offensive start, W&L dominated the halftime stats. The Generals had nearly doubled the Tigers in total offensive yards (181-95) through the first two periods and had limited the Tigers to 41 passing yards, less than a quarter of their 166.5 yards-per-game average.

The second half saw more of the same. The Tigers were able to crank out some offense but crossed the W&L 20-yard line only once and never crossed the 15. A 14-yard run by Pope with 1:43 left in the third quarter capped a nine-play, 68-yard drive and put the game out of reach for good. Quayle kicked the point after for a 21-0 W&L lead.

The defense held on the rest of the way. Wight intercepted his second pass of the day with 13 seconds left, and it was then that coach Williams probably thought about smiling. His "boys" had dominated in W&L's second shutout of the season.



Sophomore Carl Gilbert puts a stiff arm on a Sewanee Tiger.

By W. Patrick Hinely/W&L

Sweet Briar stops women's soccer in 1st round

By Mike Shady
Sports Editor

The sun finally peeked through the clouds at the end of Tuesday's women's soccer match between Washington and Lee and Sweet Briar in the first-round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament. Unfortunately for the Generals, that brief moment of sunshine turned out to be the only bright spot during what was a dark and gloomy afternoon for W&L up on the Liberty Hall Fields.

Despite dominating the action for much of the 90-minute contest, the Generals lost 2-1. It was a game that, according to head coach Jan Hathorn, W&L should have won.

The Generals' outshot Sweet Briar 32-6 and had at least four times as many scoring chances. After a scoreless first half, W&L junior Sarah T.

Allen lofted a shot past Sweet Briar goalie Keri Chrisman with 43 minutes remaining in the second half. Considering the way the Generals were playing, a one-goal lead probably looked like five to Sweet Briar.

But the visitors capitalized when they had the opportunities. Michelle Lennane, Sweet Briar's leading scorer, connected on a direct kick with 25 minutes left, beating W&L goalie Sherri Brown with a shot to the upper right-hand corner of the goal.

Suddenly, overtime seemed a likely possibility as the Generals peppered Chrisman with shots but were unable to find the back of the net.

"They had an outstanding goalie today," Hathorn said of Chrisman, who normally plays a wing position. "If she hadn't had been as hot as she was, I think it would have been a different game. We've had a hard time scoring all year. It was just the way it

has been all year. It was typical."

It still looked like the Generals could pull it off, but then came The Call. With just under six minutes remaining, one of the two officials ruled a General had committed a flagrant foul in the 18-yard box, thus awarding Sweet Briar a penalty shot.

"It's just a subjective call and he called it the way he saw it," Hathorn said. "It's the kind of call that's going to lose a game for a team. That's the kind of call that an official should just stay off his whistle, unless he really thinks it was a blatant, terrible thing. It wasn't, but that's the way he thought it had to be called and he did what he had to do."

Laura Mangus took the free direct kick and knocked in the game-winner past Brown.

The Generals came into the game with plenty of momentum, scoring an incredible come-from-behind victory

over Hollins on Saturday. After spotting the hosts a three-goal first-half lead, the Generals rallied with four unanswered tallies to grab a 4-3 win. W&L's defense held Hollins without a goal for the final 63 minutes.

Four different Generals scored to pace the win. Freshmen Morgan Warner and Katie Seeman, sophomore Sarah Clark and senior Tracy Williams provided the offense for W&L.

The Generals finished their season at 7-9, 3-4 in the ODAC. Junior Catherine Baillio was the team's leading scorer with eight goals and 3 assists for 19 points.

"It was an awesome season," Hathorn said. "We've come a long way. I don't really have any bad feelings about the year. I can't complain one bit. It was a great season. They should be proud of themselves."



Freshman Katie Seeman looks to pass the ball.

By Mike Shady/The Ring-tum Phi

Clark, Parker lead harriers to important ODAC victory

By Mike Shady
Sports Editor

In cross country, nothing helps your team more than grabbing first place. On Saturday, the Washington and Lee men's cross country team received that as well as an added plus in its 25-30 defeat of Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Bridgewater.

It was no surprise to the Generals when senior co-captain Bill Clark was first to cross the finish line, smoking Bridgewater's 5-mile course in 27:45. What was unexpected, however, was the performance of freshman Lee Parker. Passing two Bridgewater runners in the final 200 yards, Parker took second place in 28:31 and almost assured the Generals of victory.

"He ran well. That was his best performance of the year," said head coach Dick Miller of Parker's race. "Both he and [freshman] Charles Edwards have come along real well."

Edwards, who has been the No. 2 runner for W&L for most of the season, had somewhat of an off-day but still managed to finish fifth in a time of 29:13. Junior Joe Geitner (7th,

29:46) and freshman William Benson (10th, 30:53) were the other scorers for the Generals. W&L, 5-3, also picked up a forfeit victory from West Virginia Tech.

Miller, considering how far ahead the Generals finished in front of Bridgewater at the Virginia State Meet a week earlier, seemed slightly surprised by the closeness of the meet.

But it was Parker's impressive kick that really caught the coach off guard. "I didn't think he had enough speed to do that because he hasn't shown that much speed in previous meets," he said.

The W&L women's team picked up a forfeit victory from West Virginia Tech as well on Saturday, raising its record to 4-3.

Next up for the Generals is a trip to Harrisonburg Saturday for an important tri-meet that includes ODAC-foes Eastern Mennonite and Hampden-Sydney for the men, and Eastern Mennonite and Lynchburg for the women. The meets will be a final tune-up for both teams before the ODAC championships on Nov. 5.

Men tie top-ranked Macon

By Jay Plotkin
Staff Reporter

It was Wednesday afternoon, and the Washington and Lee men's soccer team was getting ready to play Randolph-Macon.

Nothing new for the Generals, except that Randolph-Macon is ranked in the Division II Top 20. That makes the fifth team that W&L has played that has been ranked. The other four were Johns Hopkins, Messiah, North Carolina Wesleyan and Mary Washington.

In the Mary Washington game last Wednesday, the Generals were, according to head coach Rolf Piranian, "beaten by a real good team. According to them, it was the best game that they had played."

The final score was 4-0, the fourth time the Generals had been shut out this year. No matter how Mary Washington played, Piranian was not at all pleased with the Generals' performance. "I wasn't high on our performance. I didn't see that we played well at all. We're not getting the kind of effort I'm expecting. We just didn't

put together 90 minutes of effort."

The loss dropped the Generals to 5-5-1, but the team got back over the .500 mark with a 3-0 win over Washington College on Friday afternoon.

Seniors accounted for all the scoring. Johnny Sarber scored two goals and had an assist. Co-captain Mike Veliuona scored and had an assist, and Jamie Urso had an assist.

Yesterday, the Generals came away with a 1-1 tie against Randolph-Macon on the Liberty Hall Fields. Freshman David Hooker scored 18 minutes into the game to give the Generals a 1-0 lead that lasted until there were 13 minutes left in regulation play.

With three games left in the season, Piranian said the team is positive of the position they are in. "We are positive of where we are," he said. "We would like to have a settled lineup and substitution scheme, but I can't say we're there yet. We're still moving forward, playing some stretches where I like what I'm seeing."

The Generals' next home game is Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. against Lynchburg.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee, polo team found out last weekend that the Trojans of Arkansas-Little Rock will be a team to be dealt with in the Southern League.

The Trojans topped W&L 13-9 in the finals of the Southern League Tournament in Wilmington, N.C. The Generals, 13-5, had reached the final on the strength of a pair of overpowering victories. W&L defeated Hampden-Sydney 25-3 and then knocked off Richmond 20-7 in the semifinals before falling to Arkansas-Little Rock, a team composed of nine international players.

The Generals have this week off as they begin preparation for the climactic Southern League Cham-

pionships, which will be held at Twombly Pool the weekend of November 4-6.

The W&L women's volleyball team evened its Old Dominion Athletic Conference record at 4-4 with a pair of conference wins this past week.

The Generals, 14-7, picked up a win over Sweet Briar last Thursday in the friendly confines of the Warner Center. W&L downed Sweet Briar 15-6, 15-2, 13-15, 15-6. W&L later lost to Ferrum Thursday night.

Tuesday night on the road, the Generals beat Lynchburg in a crucial ODAC contest. The scores of the match were 15-11, 15-8, 18-16. W&L continued its winning ways by defeating Shenandoah College 15-2, 15-12 later in the evening.

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Broadway actress Lucy Martin stars in W&L production of "Steel Magnolias"

Staff Report

The Washington and Lee University Theatre's first production of the season, Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias," will feature Broadway actress Lucy Martin as the guest artist.

Martin, whose acting career has included roles in the Broadway productions of *Children of a Lesser God*, *Shelter*, *The Unknown Soldier* and *His Wife*, *Breaking the Code*, *Pygmalion*, *Noises Off* and *Agnes of God*, also has appeared on television and in off-Broadway and regional theaters across the country. For five years, she appeared as Tiffany in the daytime serial, *The Edge of Night*.

A native of New York City, Martin still lives there with her husband, Broadway stage manager Jack Gianini, and their three children. She is spending a month at Washington and Lee as artist-in-residence. Martin will play the role of Truvy in "Steel Magnolias," a hilarious but sentimental play about six women. The play is set in Truvy's beauty parlor in the carpenter's house in Louisiana.

Tom Ziegler, associate professor of drama at W&L and director of "Steel Magnolias," says having a profes-

sional actress like Martin raises the quality of an entire production. "Lucy's presence and experience cause everybody else to rise to her level," he says.

Ziegler chose Martin especially for the part of Truvy. Through a mutual New York friend, he was able to catch her between acting jobs to come to Washington and Lee to serve as a guest artist. Martin in Washington and Lee's first guest actor in recent years, although each year the theater has had a guest director of choreographer.

Joining Martin in the play are three local actresses, Betty Kahn Taylor, April Watts and Ginger McNeese, and two W&L drama students, Zan Streib and Monica Burke. "Although Truvy is not a leading character, she is the cement of the whole piece," says Ziegler, who describes the play as an "ensemble piece. As the owner of the beauty shop, she is the center of all activity."

"Steel Magnolias" currently is playing off-Broadway in New York, and after more than 500 performances, is still playing to sell-out audiences. A movie, which will be released next year, is in the making with Dolly Parton playing the role of Truvy.

Martin sees W&L's production as "a very nice group effort." She says

of the cast members, "Everybody is commenting on everybody else. It's a wonderful learning experience for the students."

A month spent in the Shenandoah Valley is a welcome change for Martin. "I love being a guest artist," she says. "When you come into a university situation, the ground rules are a little different. You put aside certain rules. It's much more relaxed, more laid back, especially at the undergraduate level." In addition to starring in the play, Martin has been lecturing and critiquing students in W&L's acting and directing classes.

Martin has served frequently as a guest artist, but only one other time in a university setting. There, she worked with graduate students instead of undergraduates. "It was more of a conservatory situation with much more competition among the students. Instead of a learning experience, it was more of a weeding out process," she remembers. "This is much more fun."

Martin says she sees "good things happening" in the drama department at Washington and Lee. "So many theaters are run on a shoestring. W&L's theater is better equipped than some I've worked in New York (excluding Broadway). The technical as-

pect is terrific."

The theater has played a major role in Martin's life. Growing up in New York with parents who both worked in the theater probably influenced her decision to pursue a career in acting, she says. When she graduated from Sweet Briar College, she was one of three drama majors. All three still are acting.

Martin sees colleges and universities as serving a major role in the future of the arts in America. "They are education the future philanthropists of the country," she says. "Universities, like Washington and Lee, must be willing to support the arts and must bring the arts to everybody's attention. By not doing this, colleges are not serving the world properly."

Martin continued, "We are encountering a generation of consumers who spend money on other forms of entertainment, but do not buy artwork, or go to the theater, or visit the museum. This is a trend that is threatening the survival of the arts."

"Steel Magnolias" will open at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, and will run Oct. 29 and 30 and Nov. 2-5. All performances will be at 8 p.m. except for a 3 p.m. matinee on Friday, Nov. 4. Reservations may be placed by calling the W&L Theatre office at 463-8637.

calendar

Friday, October 28

Legal Ethics Institute (through Oct. 30).
4 p.m.—CAREER PRESENTATION: Panel Discussion on "Investment Banking and the Two-Year Analyst Program." Panelists from the W&L class of '87. Room 327, Commerce School.
8 p.m.—LEGAL ETHICS LECTURE: "Professionalism," Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., U.S. District Court, Richmond, Virginia. Classroom "E," Lewis Hall. Public invited.
8 p.m.—PLAY: "Steel Magnolias," by Robert Harling. University Theatre. For reservations, call theatre office, 463-8637.

Saturday, October 29

8 p.m.—PLAY: "Steel Magnolias." University Theatre.
 AWAY ATHLETIC EVENTS: FOOTBALL: Bridgewater; MEN'S SOCCER: Millersville; VOLLEYBALL: Guilford; MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Hampden-Sydney, Eastern Mennonite; WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Eastern Mennonite, Lynchburg.

Sunday, October 30

2:30 p.m.—CONCERT: Roger Day '85, acoustic guitarist, singer. Gaines Hall Courtyard. Public invited.
8 p.m.—PLAY: "Steel Magnolias." University Theatre.

Monday, October 31

Registration for Winter Term begins
8 p.m.—LECTURE: "The Joys and Rewards of Local History," David Vaisey, Bodley's Librarian, Oxford. Gaines Hall Gatehouse. Public invited.

Tuesday, November 1

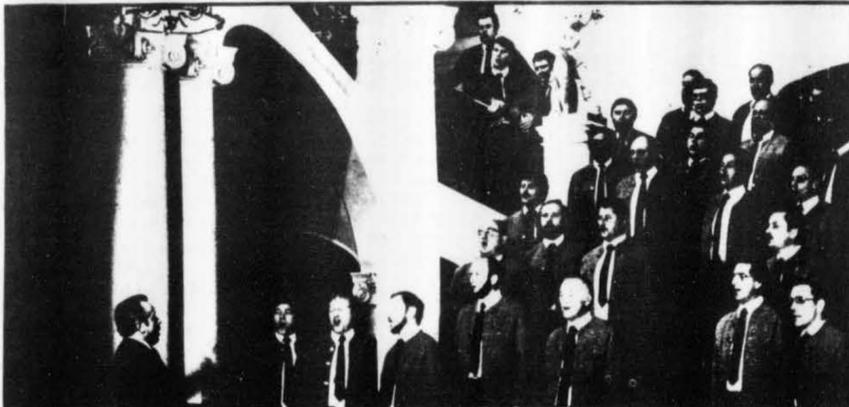
June degree applications due.
All Day—CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT: Mock Video Interviews. CD&P Office.
3 p.m.—MEN'S SOCCER: Generals vs. Lynchburg. Liberty Hall Field.
8 p.m.—CONCERT: Men's Chorus, Eichstatt, West Germany. Lee Chapel. Public invited.
8 p.m.—LECTURE: "History and Architecture of Bodleian Library," David Vaisey, Bodley's Librarian, Oxford. Northern Auditorium, University Library. Public invited.

Wednesday, November 2

7:30 p.m.—POLITICS FILMFEST: *Advise and Consent*. Room 327, Commerce School.
8 p.m.—PLAY: "Steel Magnolias." University Theatre.

Thursday, November 3

9 a.m. & 1 p.m.—ARMY ROTC GUEST LECTURE: "Pacific Naval War-World War I," Robert Peniston, CPT, USN (Ret.) Room 114, Military Science Building. Public invited.
7:30 p.m.—POLITICS FILMFEST: *Advise and Consent*. Room 327, Commerce School.
8 p.m.—PLAY: "Steel Magnolias." University Theatre.



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