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They're not bagging groceries!

Three Washington and Lee students suspended earlier this term for breaking fraternity house windows with beer bottles have not returned to the Bronx from whence, according to W&L President John Wilson, they came. The trio has instead taken what they learned in the C-school and opened a new business: Chris, Keith and Kevin's Natural River Tubing Trips.

Gay mag ranks W&L in top five

By Haight Ashbury
The Daily Berkleyian

A national gay and lesbian rights magazine has followed *U.S. News and World Report's* lead and ranked Washington and Lee number 4 on its list of "our favorite colleges."

An article accompanying school rankings in *Out* magazine's March 21 issue said recent action by W&L's law school faculty prompted the magazine's staff to take a closer look at the school, which they had previously "dismissed as a bastion discriminatory conservatism."

W&L was ranked behind San Francisco State, New York University (located in Greenwich Village on Manhattan) and the University of Iowa. *Out* Editor Dimitri Glover said he was pleased when he heard of the law school faculty's recent vote to ban any campus job recruiters who discriminate on the basis of sexual preference, including the U.S. military.

"I was just tickled by what they did," Glover said. "Those faculty members took a stand and offended all their students and all their alumni, but what they did was right for our brothers and sisters in bondage."

Dean of the Law School "Dancin'" Randy Bezanson said he was overjoyed by the magazine's ranking.

"That's what we were hoping for

all the time," Bezanson said. "We've finally been recognized by a great magazine like *Out*. Those Army wieners be damned."

The *Out* article cited W&L's "steady march toward outright liberalism" as a main criterion for its selection.

"W&L is by no means politically correct yet," the article said, "but it's getting there. A couple more years and a couple more deans and the school will be attracting more people with alternate lifestyles than he -- we mean it -- can accommodate."

In response to the ranking, outgoing Dean of Freshmen Ken Ruscio said he will suggest to his successor that a special dorm hall be set aside for freshmen "who express interest in different types of relationships."

"That was why we had an outdoormen hall this year," Ruscio said.

"Hopefully in a couple of years every freshman will be able to live on a hall with people who are exactly alike, and they won't have to learn to live in a community with people who have different viewpoints and backgrounds."

In celebration of the ranking, University Psychologists Dean-Anne-Schorer-Lamont and Jim Worth are planning a special afternoon group-therapy session to help students "deal with our recent success."

Law dean comes out of closet

By Les Spine
Staff Reporter

Randall Bezanson, Dean of the Washington and Lee School of Law, emerged from a utility closet Monday, claiming to have been trapped there for a week.

"I just can't tell you how thrilled I am to be out in the open," Bezanson said. "I couldn't stand to drink another bottle of cleaning fluid."

Bezanson said he was locked into the closet March 18, just hours before the law faculty voted on the policy to keep discriminating employers, including the military, from recruiting on the law school campus.

The policy was upheld on a 10-10 tie which could have been broken only by Bezanson.

"I don't know if I would've voted if I'd been there," Bezanson said. "Taking a stand can be so difficult, and at least now I have an excuse for remaining spineless."

Bezanson declined to say why he went into the utility closet March 18, but a source who identified himself as "Deep Throat" said the dean often disappears for hours at a time.

Head of Security Charles "Murphy" Murray said his staff might have accidentally locked Bezanson in the closet. Murray said *The Ring-tum Phi* editors received threatening phone calls March 18, and the security staff jumped into action.

"When we get death threats like that, my staff goes into Defcon 2 immediately," Murray said. "We lock up every door on campus, no matter who's in the closet."

Murray said the Phi editors are in hiding, reportedly in the storeroom at the Palms, until the caller is caught.

He said the threatening calls had been traced to the Dean of Students Office, and he and the police are investigating.

Police to take car parts in lieu of tax

By G. Huntington Wellington IV
Staff Reporter & Porsche Owner

As a recourse against W&L students who refuse to pay their car tax, Lexington City Council last week voted to begin removing portions of the students' cars instead.

Lexington Mayor H.E. "Another Buddy" Derrick announced the plan at Thursday's council meeting where students who have not paid the tax, which is 4.25 percent of the assessed value of the vehicle, will have 4.25 percent of their car taken out by the city.

"There is a law which is already in the Virginia state codes which says we are allowed to weld off chunks of people's cars who don't pay their taxes," said Derrick. "We're just going to begin enforcing it."

Responsibility for the new city policy, dubbed "Operation BMW Storm," has been given to Lexington's powerful Department of Parking, Bicycle Regulation, Animal Control and Fashionable Pants, Officer R.D. Clark.

Clark, who has already begun zealously collecting car parts, said the size of the section he takes depends on the car.

"When it's a Datsun or something, a side mirror or a hubcap or two will be 4.25 percent," said Clark. "But when it's a Bimmer, ya usually end up taking a whole door."

In order to carry the car sections, Clark said he has rented a U-Haul trailer to pull behind his awe-inspiring RDX 1000 "Ticketmobile" (batteries not included).

Reactions to the new policy from student representatives have been mixed.

Executive Committee president Tom Hatcher said he will not reconsider a boycott of city businesses to protest the new tactics.

"My feeling is that it would hurt the wrong people," said Hatcher. "For example, trouble with the town's businesses could really cripple *Spectator* advertising and we couldn't have that."

Hatcher went on to say he is drafting a letter to the council members on behalf of W&L students. The *Ring-tum Phi* has obtained a copy of the letter, which is reprinted (with the permission of Mock Convention officials) in its entirety below:

Dear City Council -- Please, please, please, please don't hurt my truck. Lovingly, Tom (Kentucky license #56342)

Interfraternity Council vice president Mike Skarda, however, is formulating a different plan of action.

In a statement issued to the *Ring-tum Phi*, *Lexington News-Gazette*, *Roanoke News and World Report*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *USA Today*, *Boise Courier-Journal-Inquirer-Sun*, and the *Weekly World News*, Skarda said, "I think everyone in the whole town should be shot and dismembered."

In other action, the City Council last week voted to close all ABC stores in Lexington and assessed taxes on student VCRs, toothbrushes, pillowcases, and Duck Head pants.

See ya!

Wilson's wife booted for freshman dorm window wreckage

By H.E. "the real Buddy" Derrick
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees ordered University President John D. Wilson to suspend his wife Thursday after she broke two windows in Graham-Lees Dormitory.

"We feel there is no other choice," said University Rector A. Stevens Miles, Jr. "Wilson himself set the precedent, and the Board felt a double standard would be inappropriate."

Mrs. Wilson, distraught over Saturday's sudden death of Dean of Students David L. Howison, was trying to sleep when the noise from a second floor party became unbearable.

"I think the whole situation became a little too much for Anne," explained Wilson. "She grabbed my entire Mahler compact disc collection and just heaved it over the fence at the freshmen."

After the compact discs, Mrs. Wilson followed with a set of antique

vases sculpted by George Washington at Valley Forge and valued at about \$30,000.

While the CD collection missed the windows, all three vases hit the mark.

According to Security Chief Charles F. "Murphy" Murray, the first vase took out the stereo, the second toppled a keg of beer, and the third knocked an unidentified student unconscious.

The student's attorney, Thomas C. Spencer, said his client will file charges against Mrs. Wilson and the University.

The keg destroyed in the melee is part of a revolutionary new program instituted by Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life Kenneth Ruscio.

"If we supply the freshmen with alcohol at the University's expense, they will no longer be forced to break both school policy and the law," said Ruscio.

During her six-month suspension, Mrs. Wilson will not be allowed to either represent the school or live on campus.

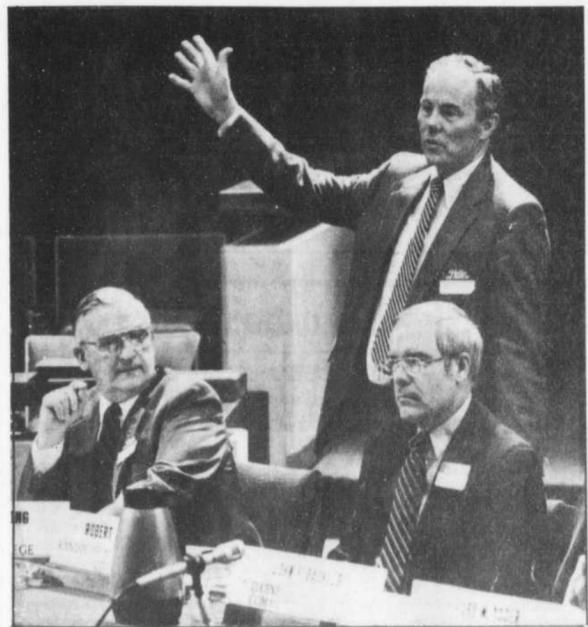
Wilson said the suspension from campus would not be an inconvenience as he and his wife rarely spend much time on campus anyway.

"Keeping her on campus would defeat the entire purpose of suspending her," said Wilson. "Thank heavens she didn't break a window here in Lee House, I might have been forced to divorce her."

While Wilson was unsure about what his wife would be doing until September, he did mention she has received an offer from Baltimore Orioles Manager Frank Robinson.

"Hell, anyone, regardless of age or gender, with an arm that can heave a set of 20-pound vases 100 feet through a window with pin-point accuracy is worth a shot on the Orioles pitching rotation," said Robinson.

His wife's pitching career, however, was the least of Wilson's worries. "CD collection was priceless, just priceless," said Wilson. "Let me tell you, she grabbed them out of spite. She's one of those Tchaikovsky freaks."



President John D. Wilson indicates the number of times he's been on campus this year during a recent meeting with academic leaders. File Photo.

L-Posse goes down hard at Harb's Bistro

By Jon Sbar and
Christopher Baradel
Young Reporters

Tragedy struck the sleepy Lexington community Saturday night in the form of gang warfare resulting in the brutal deaths of four gangsters.

This showdown was the culmination of a fortnight of bad blood between the nefarious "L-Posse" and the radical "W&L-Posse," which has

left a trail of carnage and bloodshed from the streets of Compton to the mountains of the Shenandoah Valley.

Eyewitnesses said the "L-Posse" was lounging in front of Harb's Bistro, searching for a man named Lloyd, when a W&L van cruised by spraying bullets into the crowd of gangsters.

According to Lexington Police Chief Bruce "I drool on my" Beard, four members of the "W&L-Posse" were arrested in connection with the

drive by shooting. Beard said those arrested were John D. Wilson, Ann "Shore" Lamont, Leroy C. Atkins, and Hampden H. "the Hamster" Smith.

"These hoodlums were packing some serious heat," said Beard. "They had flare guns, sawed-off shotguns, AK-47s, Uzis, bazookas, Scud missiles, smart bombs and the CRC handbook. I'm just glad that our anti-gang specialist, R.D. "Scooter" Clark, spent the summer training with

the LAPD, so he was prepared to handle the situation."

According to Officer Clark, the two gangs first clashed Saturday night upon exiting the late showing of *New Jack City*. "The movie has caused gang violence in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, and now Lex Vegas," said Clark.

Police reports said that angry words were exchanged after the "L-Posse" accused Atkins' favorite fraternity of hazing, told "Shore"

Lamont that coeducation should be repealed, referred to Wilson's Lenfest Center project as "a waste of money," and asked Smith "to try smiling for a change."

After the altercation the "L-Posse" retired to Harb's for a round of espressos and a poetry reading, while the enraged "W&L-Posse" grabbed a university van and armed themselves. The "W&L-Posse" rolled

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R.D. "Scooter" Clark

Got 'em all

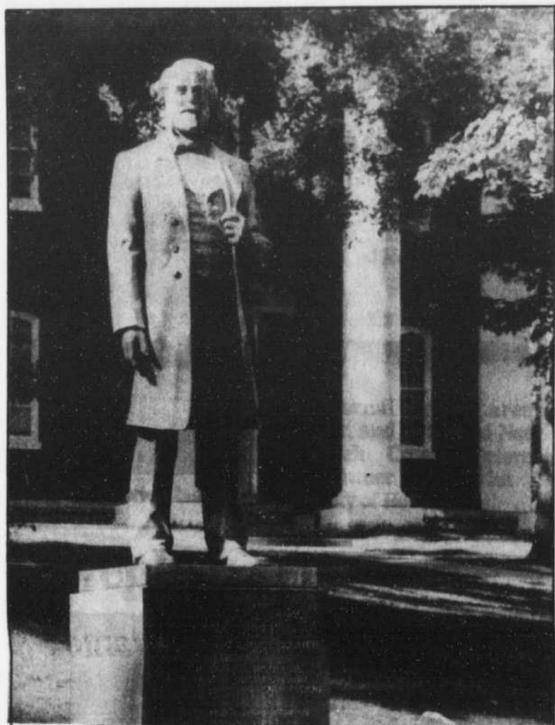
April fools! Needless to say this week's *Phi* is a complete sham, a hoax, a little tomfoolery. We hope everyone enjoys it — they damn well better since we put so much time into it. We haven't meant to offend anyone, at least not seriously. So if you have a problem with anything that has been printed on these pages, suck it up; it could have been a lot worse.

We would like to state here and now for the record that the entire staff will be carrying around copies of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Falwell v. Hustler* for the next week. In its opinion, the court stated that a libel case can not be won against a publication understood by the majority of its readers to be a parody. (Some might say that we could hide under this defense for all *Phi* issues, but we'll only claim it this week.)

This issue has become the traditional farewell from the senior members of the staff as they pass the baton to the next year's staff.

At this point, we will cease and desist our rhetoricizing. We will leave you with a repeat of one of our proudest moments; the publication of which brought the staff more laughter than it did the readers. Enjoy the break from our usual preaching, since it's probably the only one you'll ever get.

And here, for your repeated viewing pleasure, our guy Cy:



It's all his fault.

Cyrus Hall McCormick stands ever-vigilant over the Colonnade. A native New Yorker, McCormick spent his Spring Breaks in Lexington, where he invented the wheel. The wheel was later instrumental in the invention and mass production of automobiles, thus enabling students from all over the country to converge on little Lexington to use the all important police and road maintenance services the city so cheerily provides, which, in turn, led the omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient Lexington City Council to decide that taxation without representation isn't such a bad idea after all.

Quote of the Week

Ray is so far right that he's started circling back to the left.
— Executive Committee President Tom Hatcher on EC Vice President Ray Welder's politics.
(This is real.)

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Bonfire of the Fraternities



Watch as . . .

The Dean of Greek Affairs "Buddy" Atkins walks into a hazing incident AND DOES NOTHING!
Ann Schroer-Lamont, sexually repressed and resentful, seeks revenge on men by persuading freshman women to cry date rape.
The genius mastermind Kenneth Ruscio plots and schemes to dismantle fraternities and make W&L a women's college.

The final words of a dead dean Howison's will promises pizza-for-one

MY WILL

By David L. Howison

Believe it or not, I was a pre-med major in college. But, in my junior year our Comparative Anatomy professor took our class to visit the Ohio State University Medical School. The thing that impressed me most during the med school visit was the cadaver.

I didn't like it at all. It had purple-gray blotched skin, sunken eyes, and a bloated belly. Its feet were wrinkled and curiously bent out of shape. It was then-and-there that I decided medicine was not for me. I was filled with a new goal; someday I would become the Dean of Students at Washington and Lee.

Now, having achieved my goal, with no more worlds to conquer, and being of sound mind and body, I bequeath the following:

To Mary Hampson: Eight large pepperoni pizzas from Dominos left over from January 16 when the freshmen from Baker Hall chose to watch President Bush declare war on Iraq rather than come to my study break.

To Murph: My Nike Air Max running shoes. He needs them.

Having achieved my goal, with no more worlds to conquer, and being of sound mind and body, I bequeath...

--- (The Late) Dean Howison

To the late Buddy Atkins: My auxiliary office sign. You never know, one day he might recover from his untimely death last year to become one of W&L's "Coolest Administrators." That is if he ever comes out of the tunnels.

To Ray Welder: My politically correct (PC) "George McGovern for President" button.

Finally, to the W&L archives: The following note from a freshman who *did* attend the study break at my house:

Dear Dean Howison,
Thank you very much for having my hall and me over for pizza at your home.

It was a great study break, and I really appreciate your kindness. I will be sure to tell people that you are a nice person the next time you make a decision that students don't like.
Sincerely yours,
Felicia Middleton

Ed note: Special thanks to Dean Howison for being such a great sport and writing this even though he knew the Phi was planning to kill him off.

LETTERS

Dear Editorial Page Editor,

This is in reference to those appalling "Sbar Side" articles that appear regularly on your page. I urge you to stop printing them immediately.

Mr. Sbar has an unhealthy obsession with perverse sexual behavior, cherry wine coolers, nudity, disgusting bodily functions, but thong swim suits, narcotics, large canines, loud rock-roll music, and halitosis. He is a no good, cheap thrill, an untalented hack, and an embarrassment to American journalism.

Besides, Mr. Sbar is one of the worst writers I've ever seen. He certainly does not subscribe to PC thought. If I had my way he'd be shot at dawn.

Sincerely,
Hampden H. Smith, III
Professor of Journalism

Ed note: I don't print Mr. Sbar's articles because they're any good. I print them because he is my drinking buddy.

Dear Editor,

We sincerely regret running out of baby asparagus spears during lunch on Friday, March 13. We did not anticipate the overwhelming demand for this tasty vegetable. We will once again serve baby asparagus spears for brunch on Saturday, April 1. Rest assured, there will be plenty for everyone. So, come and get your baby asparagus spears. We look forward to seeing

you.

Sincerely,
Jerry Darrell
Food Guru

Ed note: Instead of worrying about asparagus and Mexican theme dinners why don't you provide us with rum, daiquiri mix, and a blender.

Dear Washington and Lee,

Thanks for inviting me to speak at your school. The free drugs were great. Although those Contact dorks weren't exactly the Hells Angels, I still had a lot of fun.

I apologize if I rambled a little, but I was having a really bad trip. At times during the lecture, the crowd looked like a vicious pack of wild dingo.

Sincerely,
Hunter S. Thompson

P.S.: Look for my upcoming book --- *Fear and Loathing In the Warner Center*.

Yo W&L Posse,

I just want you to know that me and the Lynch Mob are on our way to Lexington for the payback. There's gonna be a bloodbath of administrators in Washington Hall, and when we finish we'll be in the Palms drinking 8-ball.

F--- that s--- cuz I ain't the one, for some punk mother- f---- with a PHD and a gun.

Sincerely,
Ice Cube

Dear Phi staff,

I would like to protest the lack of adequate facilities in the Gaines Weight Room. It seems that every time I go to use the exercise bike, there is already a long line for it. It's no fair!

Sincerely,
D. Cochrane Denby

P.S.: The weights are simply too heavy. I don't see the need for heavy weights--I just want to get toned.

Dear Editor,

I want to be sexually active, but I am afraid that my partner will find me unsatisfying. I'm also concerned about sexually transmitted diseases. What can you advise me to do in order to remedy my situation?

Sincerely,
The Entire Class of 1994

Ed/Infirmary note: There are many ways to give and receive sexual pleasure other than intercourse (just ask Panhel). Sexual activities that don't involve exchanging body fluids can also be extremely satisfying.

Howison killed by bottle

By Ima Pigg
Staff Reporter

W&L is still in an uproar over the death of Dean of Students David Howison last weekend.

Preliminary coroner's reports state that Howison died as a result of a massive cranial hemorrhage due to a bottle-blow to the head.

Howison was last seen alive standing only a short distance from a set of windows of a newly renovated fraternity house.

Most fraternity members, however, have been cleared of suspicion; many were seen carrying mattresses up Washington Street at the estimated time of death.

Eye-witnesses, wishing to avoid a

semester of grocery-bagging, have not yet come forward with the real story, but the keen crime-solving minds of the Lexington Police Department have worked day and night to piece the crime scene together.

After scouring the scene, the police located the bottle that apparently delivered Howison's deathblow. According to the police reports, the bottle listed as the murder weapon bore fingerprints resembling those of one Thomas Spurgeon.

Spurgeon denies having been anywhere near the scene of the crime on Saturday night, but made the following statement:

"Even if I did possess information concerning Dean Howison's murder, I strongly feel that it would have no effect on my ability to ef-

fectively perform the duties of SCC Chairman."

While the police continue their search for concrete evidence to tie the weapon to the victim, administration officials have begun a search for another new dean of students.

President Wilson, overwrought with grief, said he wished to express his sincerest sympathy to the family and suggested they move to the Bronx, which is now safer than crime-ridden Lexington.

Howison will long be remembered as the man who installed critical probation, brought safety and order back to the greek system, and was never afraid to stand up against the unfair decisions made by university presidents.

He will be sorely missed.



David Howison

GENERAL NOTES

Be a Dean

Applications for a new Dean of Students to replace our dear departed Dean David L. Howison are now being accepted by Mary Hampson. Minority womyn educated in the North preferred.

Tour Tunnels

The Ghostbuster section of the Outing Club will tour the W&L tunnels Saturday, April 6. Only the strong of heart should attend. Amateur exorcists welcome.

Be A Dean II

A substitute Law School Dean is needed to fill-in for Dandy Randy while he is in the closet. Personality and humor must be surgically removed. Backbone not necessary.

Break Policy

The Army is looking for a few good lawyers, but needs a place to interview. Anyone willing to have a discriminatory employer set foot in their home should contact Carol Calkins.

Arithmetik

"A Quantitative Analysis of Moral Values in Socialist Democracies" will be the topic of a lecture by Professor Craig McCaughrin 3 p.m. Tuesday in room 221 of the Commerce School. The lecture will provide a mathematical analysis of ethical standards in Marxist-oriented countries.

Expel Buddy

Exorcist needed to expel the ghost of former Dean of Students for Greek Affairs Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins from the W&L tunnel and sewer system. Good night vision a must. Applicants should contact the ghost of Dean Howison.

Lost

After a year of searching, the *Spectator* has realized its facts have been stolen. The *Spectator* is also in need of ethics, talent and taste. If found, please call Ray Welder.

Carol 4 Prez

The Committee to Elect Carol Calkins President of the University will meet Wednesday, April 3 at 5 p.m. in front of Carol Calkins' office. She does it all anyway! For more information, see Carol Calkins.

Mourn Hobo

A memorial service for Ivan VanDenBosch, former mayor of Fairfield, will be held Sunday, April 7 at noon in Hopkins Green Park. Say your last goodbyes to the "Hallucinatin' Hobo." Eulogy by Professor Brian Richardson.

Staff Wanted

The Publications Board is now accepting applications for an all new *Ring-tum Phi* staff. The old staff has apparently been sent to the pokeny for libel. Those interested must subscribe to PC thought. Submit to Carol Calkins in the University Center.

For Scott

The Executive Committee will hold another forum on Constitutional Revisions April 29 at 3 p.m. in Lee Chapel. No one is expected to attend, except, of course, Walter Scott.

2 Live Tix

Tickets for 2 Live Crew performing in Lee Chapel next week went on sale today outside the Co-op. Hammers and chisels are free with two tickets, allowing you to take home a piece of the chapel.

Get It Out

Need to let people know what you're up to? Daring enough to let the *Phi* handle it? Make contact with the General Notes envelope outside *The Ring-tum Phi* office.

School to build freshman castle

By Cinderella
Fairy Tale Editor

Only one week after the Interfraternity Council's decision to move rush to January, University Director of Capital Planning Frank Parsons announced that next year's freshmen will live in a castle surrounded by a moat.

"It's the only way we can keep upperclass claws off them for four months," Frank "We-don't-expect-anymore-delays" Parsons said.

He said construction on the castle will begin in the ravine between the library and the gym soon after Lee Chapel is razed to provide a site for the new student center.

"The castle will be accessible only by monorail," Parsons said. "We'll shuttle in professors and dining service, so the freshmen should never have to leave."

Dean of Students David Howison said, "It will really give the freshmen a chance to get to know each other and adopt politically correct behavior, before we expose them to the untamed campus."

Parsons said the architect who designed the Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom Castle and Typhoon Lagoon has been hired to design the new freshman housing.

"The only input I've had in the design at this point," Parsons said, "is to insist on at least five gatehouses and rubber-black stairways with hot pink railings encased in glass. I think that's the look of the future."

Parsons said that other than the stairways, the castle will have "very few" windows, which, in accordance with Rockbridge school board regulations, will not open.

"The administration, excepting President Wilson's wife, doesn't think there should be any windows," Howison said. "But we've decided to put in a few plexiglass, brick-resistant portholes so that freshmen don't forget what the sun looks like."

IFC President Goodloe Lewis said he expects the moat to cut down on rush violations.

"Rush violations will cost you an arm and a leg literally now," Lewis said, "since live man-eating reptiles will live in the moat. That'll make it a lot harder for houses to budget for violations." [Note: *Despite Lewis' sexist remark, the reptiles will eat both men and womyn equally.* - PC Ed.]

Former Student Conduct Committee Chairman Tom Spurgeon said that he respects the university's progressive trend in housing, but is concerned about student autonomy.

"Since freshmen will not be allowed to interact with upperclassmen, who will handle conduct offenses that occur in the castle?" he asked. "The SCC? EC? CRC? IFC? SAC? SAB? SBA? or perhaps the Spring Term Committee?"

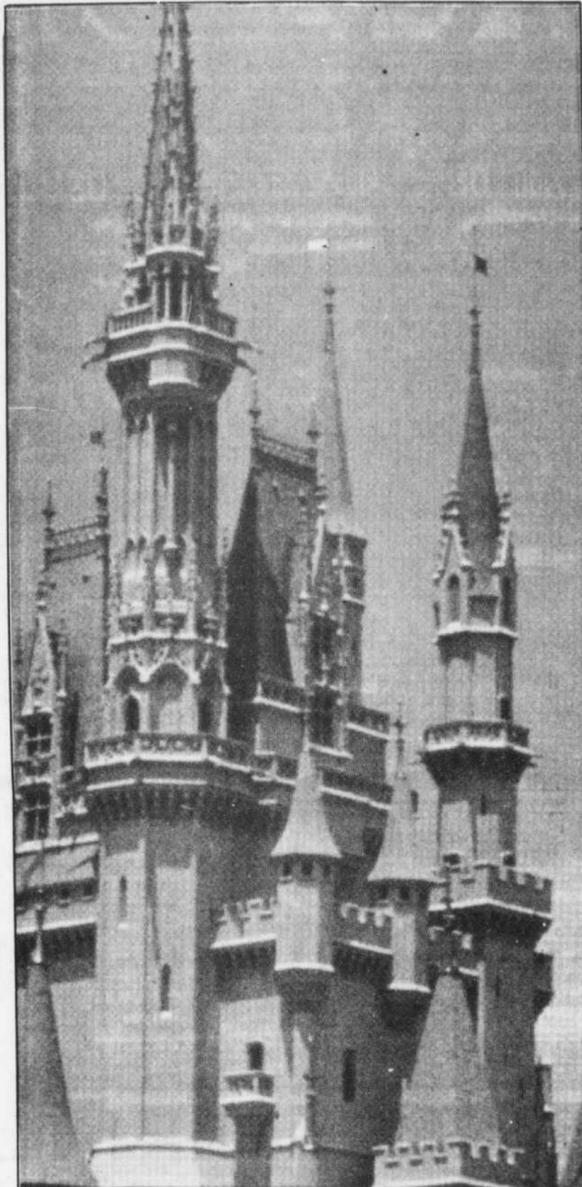
Howison said there is no question that the Confidential Review Committee, CRC (not the Constitutional Revisions Committee, also CRC), will handle castle conduct cases, CCCs.

"The CRC, not the EC, SCC, IFC or SAC, will of course handle CCCs," Howison said. "They will possibly meet in a secret place at an undisclosed time to talk about confidential matters with the unidentified parties most likely involved."

He said that though the decisions of the CRC will be confidential, the accused may pay a declassification-processing fee of \$400 to learn the verdict.

Parsons said he hopes the accumulated fees will help pay for the freshman complex.

"Otherwise," Parsons said, "we'll have to increase the Greek tax again."



This is an artist's rendition what the new freshman castle will probably look like. The castle, designed to maintain "no contact" prior to fraternity rush, will be equipped with a moat filled with ferocious reptiles and a monorail system as its only contact to the outside world.

Interviews and photos

by H.H. Smith

BACKTALK

Can I ask you a question for TALKBACK?



"Boomer" Smith - "Stay away from me, you corrupt s.o.b."



John Smith - "Bug off. No comment."



J. Ronald Smith - "I'd be happy to answer a question. I get all my W&L news from TALKBACK."



J.R. Smith - "Yeah, man. Is my picture gonna be in the *Phi*?"



J. "J-School" Smith - "Aren't you that mean guy in the journalism department that used to do TALKBACK?"



Hampden H. Smith, professor of Journalism, real person - "Something about this TALKBACK is just not politically correct."



On the run!

Recently indicted W&L students Ulysses Hul and Peer Soderberg make a break for it. The pair is reportedly hiding out somewhere in the Congo River basin — so far from civilization that Federal Express doesn't deliver there, and there are no buildings to shoot into.

Sham swallows Geek Tax

By Tom Boy
Staff Reporter

An ugly fracas erupted in Washington Hall Wednesday when two administration officials admitted that the Fraternity Renaissance Program and the Greek Tax are not what they seem.

University Treasurer Lawrence "Renaissance Has Not and Never Will Be Overbudget" Broomall fought back tears in his office as he confessed that the Greek Tax is being deposited in a secret slush fund codenamed "BIB" or "Broomall in the Bahamas."

"I'm really sorry...but...but Frank [Parsons] and I just got so mad when we saw those fraternities having their little Bahamas Parties and giving away all those trips to the

Bahamas...It just isn't fair," Broomall whined.

Just then Parsons charged through Broomall's door and dragged him out of the room.

Frank A. "Phase I is Right on Schedule" Parsons, Coordinator of Capital Planning, admitted Fraternity Renaissance is a sham designed specifically to eliminate several fraternities and increase University control of the entire fraternity system.

"They [fraternities] are evil and this [Renaissance] is the best way we found to crack down on them," Parsons said as he pounded on his desk. As Parsons dragged the treasurer out of the room, Parsons was heard shouting hysterically at students passing through Washington Hall.

"This is my school," he screamed, "and don't you forget it. Now you see who the real boss is around

here!" He then dropped Broomall, who curled up in a fetal position on the floor and whimpered, "It's not fair...It's not fair."

Parsons sprinted back to his office and grabbed a 12 gauge shotgun. He fired two shots into the office of University President John D. Wilson, killing his secretary in the process.

Wilson immediately placed Parsons on Social Probation. He explained that the University could not condone such a dangerous atmosphere.

"We must send a message that such behavior will not be tolerated," Wilson said. "The seriousness of his actions and the threat posed to the W&L community demanded that he be punished. I know Frank now realizes he can't go around shooting people's noggins off."

Buddy takes to tunnels

By Demi Moore
Staff Reporter

The ghost of former Associate Dean of Students for Greek Affairs, Leroy Cole "Buddy" Atkins III, has reportedly been spotted haunting the Washington and Lee sewer system.

"Terrence and I were just walking around in the woods, when Buddy popped out of a storm drain," senior Linda McCormack said. "He looked the same, down to his little plaid jacket and bow tie."

Atkins drowned in a puddle April 1, 1990, despite several rescue attempts. Other students said they have also encountered Atkins ghost around campus, especially near the Pit on dollar draft nights. The ghost has apparently said the same thing to several students.

"He walked right up to me moaning 'Forgive me for the Greek fee,'" sophomore Mary Nohouse, a Chi Omega, said. "I told him to go to Hell, and he kind of cringed."

University Psychiatrist James Worth said God might be punishing Atkins for his sins.

"Buddy could be doomed to roam the campus until he's forgiven for the Greek fee and the Renaissance program," Worth said.

Atkins' fate has apparently had an effect on University Treasurer Lawrence Broomall. At a recent meeting, Broomall said Renaissance was a mistake and the Greek fee was sham.

"If I confess now, maybe I can save myself from eternal damnation," Broomall said. "I just don't want to end up like Buddy. Anything but that."

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Atkins' fraternity, are reportedly starting a letter-writing campaign to God on Atkins' behalf.

"Maybe we can persuade Him to let Buddy rest," junior Bob Lee said. "If Sherman wasn't forced to be a ghost, I don't see why God can't cut Buddy a little slack."



"Something's strange, in the neighborhood, that's for sure," says the Rockbridge County Ghostbusters crew. Not even a bag of new bow ties would entice what is believed to be the ghost of Leroy "Buddy" Atkins from the W&L tunnels.

Feds bust frats

Agents site lack of supplies

By Mighty Mayo
Staff Reporter

Federal agents seized three Washington and Lee fraternity houses Tuesday afternoon after a campus-wide search revealed that their otherwise extensive house drug supplies were lacking common, over-the-counter cold medications.

"They seem to have everything else the guys could want...from marijuana to crack and acid, pills, needles and joints," one federal agent said. "And their organization of the drugs and paraphernalia is the best seen."

The recent problem though, federal authorities said, is that the guys are suffering from cold and flu season, and "frankly, they just don't feel like shooting up." Many brothers in these three houses have been missing house meetings due to hacking coughs that will not allow them to hold pot smoke in their lungs for sufficient intervals of time.

"It's just plain embarrassing," one fraternity brother said. "I'd rather skip the meeting than look like I can't hold my smoke."

Federal agents partly blame the house mothers for such neglect.

"Until now, we've left the drug supply responsibility up to the house mothers, but I can see that this will no longer be sufficient," a FBI agent raged. "More than 30 boys have already approached me saying that they can't snort their usual lines of cocaine because their noses are all stuffed up. It's just a disgrace."

The fraternities involved have been losing money because the sick brothers are refusing to pay drug dues, and the house mothers continue to put the houses into debt by buying more paraphernalia and sorting instruments. Rumor has it that some of the fraternity Renaissance money might even be involved. Federal agents will begin a full-scale investigation immediately.

"It's just too bad that these three houses had to give a bad wrap for all fraternities on campus," a recent initiate of a house not involved said. "I mean, some have been keeping all of their drug supplies fully stocked, like mine for instance. My brothers are all healthy and high. It's the best way to be, dude."

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Axe falls on Lee Chapel

By Iva Biguan
Staff Reporter

The Washington and Lee Board of Trustees shocked campus administrators and students on Monday with their announcement that the venerable Lee Chapel, home to more than a century of tradition laden campus events, would be leveled October of this year.

The Board, reached during their bi-monthly meeting in the Cayman Islands, announced their intentions to replace the historic structure under the current capital improvement program.

In a related item, it announced preliminary contracts with an Orlando, Fla., based contractor had been drafted for an epic \$10 million Student Center, to be built on the foundation of the soon-to-be-demolished chapel.

Campus Life Committee Chairman Don Muchfun, '55, quipped on the decision, "look, we're tired of all this flack about the Lenfest Center being smaller than Lee Chapel, so we felt the best way to solve the problem was to level the Chapel to make way for our next big project, the Non-Fraternity, Non-Student Union, or NFNSU."

Asked about this turnabout in board policy concerning the new center and the chapel, University President John Wilson remarked, "well, we here in Washington Hall are both deeply saddened at the fate of the chapel, and greatly excited on the coming state of the art student center. I have to say, I feel totally vindicated by the board's decision, as I have been trying to fill the ODK and Convocation ceremonies for nine years with stirring Ivy League speakers, and, since no one appreciated my efforts, now I get to just heh,heh...take out some walls and windows, so to speak."

University Treasurer Lawrence Broomall, the always cheery and politically correct guru of the as-yet successful Fraternity Renaissance, was unwilling to elaborate on the decision with the *Phi*, except to say "it's not a big deal ... so we're tearing down an obsolete church that hasn't been used for that purpose in fifty years



Lawrence Broomall

anyway."

When asked why the University was so quick to approve the destruction of a national landmark, Broomall quipped, "Well, Darryl Gotrocks ('70) and his wife Willemina have

just donated a ton of money to the school, stipulating that we must attempt to redefine the architectural heritage of the campus with his grant. You can't just look a gift horse in the mouth, now can you?"

One university spokesman told the *Phi* that he was very excited about the new center, and the varied functions it would provide the community. "Among many other things, we are planning for it to accommodate about 1000 for lunch, dinner, or late night espresso (with a twist of lime) study breaks. Thirty bowling lanes will be in lower level 5, and private rooms for spontaneous chess and bridge tournaments will be among the highlights of the NFNSU. We think it will solve the problem of no campus facility for uniting the student body very nicely ... plus we are planning to initiate the freshmen into W&L life through a three week orientation/sleepover in the new center, prior to any upperclass conflict."

An open forum for student reaction to board decisions will be held on the ruins of the Chapel sometime during Thanksgiving Break in the Fall.

Rappers to bang in Lee Chapel

By Dixie Land
Staff Reporter

The controversial rap group 2 Live Crew will be as nasty as they wanna be next week when they perform in Lee Chapel.

The concert will be the farewell performance before demolition of the chapel makes way for the new Student Center.

"I thoroughly enjoy the music of 2 Live Crew," W&L President John Wilson said. "Their concert will assure us that Lee Chapel goes out with a bang. No pun intended."

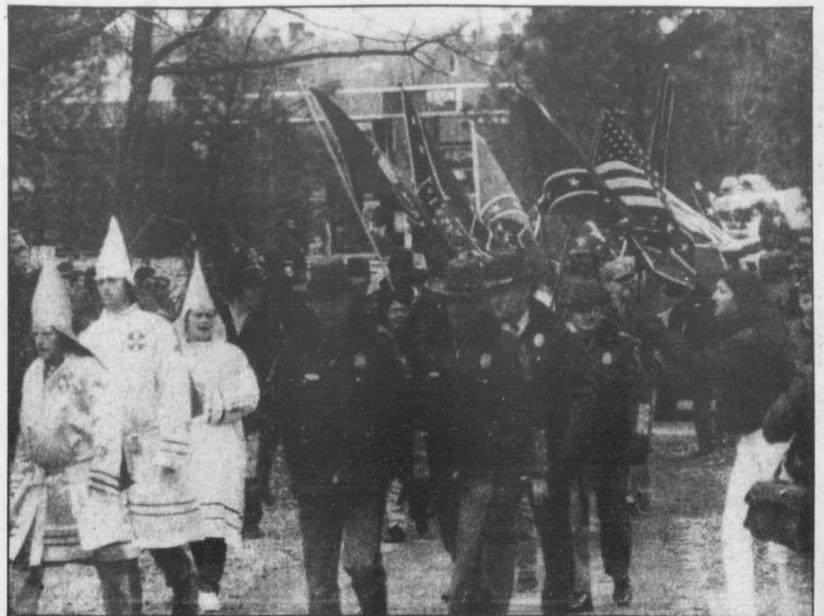
Several members of the administration were angered by the decision to allow the group to come to W&L.

"I'm furious they would let those foul-mouthed hooligans perform in Lee's final resting place," Dean of Students David Howison said before his untimely death. "Let's get a truly talented performer like Madonna."

Wilson and the Board of Trustees decided earlier this week to raze Lee Chapel to provide a site for the new Student Center.

W&L Security expects a large crowd at the concert. They estimate 3,000 students and area residents will attend.

"I'm hoping for a large crowd that is prone to violence," Head of Security Charles "Smurf" Murray said. "They might get rough and start the demolition of the chapel early."



Kappa Kappa Kappa Alpha

KA's Old South rages out of control as Lexington police control mobs of angry FIJI's. Staff Photo by Dixie Land.

LLOYD'S

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down Washington Street by Harb's and opened fire on the rival gang.

Artfag Eurotool, who was inside Harb's reading Kafka at the time of the shooting, said "I was adjusting my beret and cleaning my lensless glasses when I spied a menacing blue van careening down the street. I saw a woman driving the van with a bottle of Mad Dog wine in one hand. She was leaning out the window shouting obscenities at the young gangsters. A sawed-off man was shooting a sawed-off shotgun into the crowd of gang-bangers."

Four "L-Posse" members were killed in the gruesome drive-by shooting, according to police reports.

One "L-Posse" member, who wished to remain anonymous, promised that there would be a payback. He vowed that "there will be blood shed in Washington Hall before this is over."

"W&L Posse" leader Wilson, behind bars at the Rockbridge County jail, blamed the killing on an incident that occurred six weeks ago. "The 'L-Posse' threw a bottle through my living room window. You don't think I'm gonna take that do you? This is the way I think all bottle throwers should be treated. Making them pack groceries for a semester is too easy. Besides, that drive-by was the most fun I've had since I was a Rhodes

Lamont said, "I saw this as the

best way to demonstrate the superiority of women. Death to the phal-lus!"

Atkins said, "Those boys were definitely not SAE material. They deserved to die."

Smith said, "My only regret is that some of my reporting students weren't in that crowd."

According to General Accounting Office reports obtained by *The Ring-tum Phi*, the "L-Posse" is funded by a Des Moines, Iowa gang led by Luigi Fratto and Babe Bisignano. The Polk County gang supported the "L-Posse" in a vain attempt to strike back at an investigative reporting legend, the late Clark R. Mollenhoff, but once again failed to best the "Boomer."

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Taking his shot at the pros

Bryan Brading decides to enter the NBA draft

By J. Austin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Bryan Brading, the razzle-dazzle sharpshooter for the Washington and Lee Generals, yesterday bid a sudden and unexpected farewell to his college basketball career.

In a Warner Center press conference, Brading announced he was forfeiting his final two years of eligibility for the fame and fortune of the National Basketball Association.

"The W&L program has been good to me, but it's time to move on," the five-foot, five-inch dynamo said in a prepared statement. "This wasn't a very difficult decision. It's either pay \$12,000 a year to play or get paid \$1.5 million a year to play."

Although he is not projected to be a lottery pick, the Generals' reserve guard said he could be among the top five or six backcourt selections. Coming off the bench, Brading averaged 2.9 points and 1.1 assists during the 1990-91 season. Someone said he once made a three-point shot.

"The level of play in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference is just a notch or two below that of the NBA," said Brading, who led W&L in forced shots and silly turnovers. "Pro scouts know I'm good and I expect to be picked pretty early on draft day."

Brading said the success of two NBA guards, 5'3" Tyrone Bogues

and 5'7" Spud Webb, inspired his decision.

"I can't dunk like Spud, but sometimes I can jump up and grab the net. If I don't let go, I can pull myself up and hang on the rim. Then I feel really dominant," he said.

When contacted late yesterday, a spokesman for the Charlotte Hornets expressed interest in Brading.

"Actually, I've heard how he handles the ball," the spokesman said. "If we get him, we'll channel his ballhandling abilities into luggage handling. Hey, after all, someone's got to carry the team's baggage in airports."

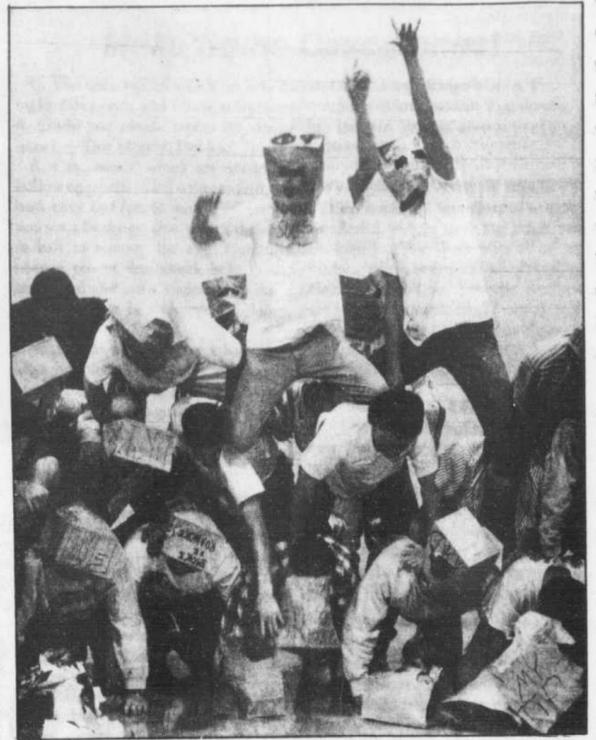
Fans of Generals' basketball said Brading could be a fine pro.

"I think I saw Bryan play once and he reminds me of Georgia Tech's Kenny Anderson, my favorite player," said senior Tim Halloran. "I know very little about the game. Hell, I can't even dribble the ball. But he looked okay during a layup drill in warmups."

Junior Trevor Hildebrand said he is still furious about a referee's traveling call against Brading in November.

Not everyone, however, is optimistic about Brading's NBA career.

"Every time we play one-on-one I cream the guy," said freshman Matt Newton. "We played two days ago and I beat him 21-1. No way can he play pro ball. I couldn't even get picked for a church-league team last summer."



Bryan Brading's family cheers at his announcement to turn pro.



Yikes!

Senior Melinda Conkling uses a scary face to frighten the bejeezus out of her opponents on the lacrosse field. Conkling's spook tactics have helped her score nine goals this season for the women's lacrosse team.

NOTICE OF ZONING VARIANCE

Lee Chapel on Washington and Lee University property will be razed to allow construction of a new student center.

Construction will begin in April on a castle, moat and monorail system in the W&L ravine next to the library. Note that this is an exception to zoning ordinances in that the new building will include stairways with hot-pink railings visible to the public.

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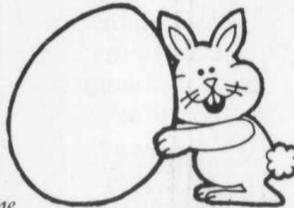
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Canfield goes to the women's team

By E.M. Swift
Staff Reporter

Saying he felt he needed a career change, Washington and Lee men's basketball coach Verne Canfield announced Monday that he was resigning.

"I've done it all, I just don't see myself going any further. I can only hope the students at W&L can find it in their hearts to forgive me for leaving," Canfield said in front of approximately 200 reporters.

Washington and Lee athletic director Mike Walsh, who has been in constant touch with Canfield since his announcement, said that Canfield has decided to continue coaching at Washington and Lee, as coach of the women's club basketball team.

"He's always been a big fan of the women's program. One time he even donated the men's uniforms and basketballs when they didn't have any in their game against Sweet Briar.

"And he always cut the men's practices short so they could have enough gym time. Besides, he really wants to keep coaching. And he's really looking forward to giving his famous locker room pep talks to get those girls psyched up and ready to

go," Walsh said.

Canfield, in an exclusive phone interview, said that he is really looking forward to the challenge of coaching a new sport.

"I am looking forward to this new and interesting position. It should present many challenges. And the prospect of having these young women around makes me feel different already. I can't explain how I feel, but it is somewhat invigorating, like I'm twenty years younger," Canfield said.

Sophomore Courtney Smith, a first-team All-American in club basketball, said that she has mixed emotions about her new coach.

"I guess he's better than nobody, but I'd rather have the new lacrosse coach, he's a lot cuter," Smith said.

Sources close to Canfield said that he decided to resign after a long telephone call with Washington and Lee President John Wilson.

Apparently, a shouting match erupted when Wilson accused Canfield of using alumni funds targeted for the Lenfest Center to buy cars for recruits, thus delaying completion of that building. Canfield was cleared by the NCAA last year in a major investigation of the W&L sports program.

Reactions to Canfield's resigna-

tion in the W&L community ranged from complete shock to total apathy.

"This is truly the darkest day in W&L sports history," said Sports Information Director Mike Stachura, who is the current frontrunner to

replace Canfield as head coach.

"I'd retire too if my all my good players were graduating," said an unidentified member of the athletic department.



Jim Stagnitta will not coach the women's club basketball team. Sorry, Courtney.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

From W&L Sports Misinformation

Junior Doug Brown fractured his skull on Saturday at the Division III National Swimming Championships in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brown smashed into one end of the pool during the next-to-last lap in the finals of the 1,650-yard freestyle.

"I was going so fast that I was unable to slow down and do a flip turn," Brown said. "My head hit the wall and both my arms flopped over onto the starting block."

Random and unconfirmed sources say Brown, wearing his new football helmet, is back in the water preparing for next season.

The men's lacrosse team was ranked sixth in Division III.

Juniors Marc Short and Andy McGuire are set to go to Dallas, Texas, this weekend for the 1991 conference on Politically Correct Sportswriting.

Short, the keynote speaker, will deliver a speech entitled

"How To Make Preseason Predictions When The Season Is Half Over," while McGuire will lead a seminar called "Accurate Facts and Correct Name Spelling: Who Needs Them?"

This year's Kappa Alpha Theta Triathlon will not include the running and biking segments. Instead, the combined mileage from those two parts (18 miles) will be added on to the half-mile swim.

"We want to keep the event located in one place," said a Theta, who asked not to be named. "Most of us are too lazy to get up at 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning and go stand on some county road to show the runners and bikers which way to go."

The entry fee is \$25.00 per person and all proceeds will go toward Theta's Spring Fling.

The Athletic Department has added another class to its Spring Term offerings. For \$176.00 you can learn to roller blade for credit. The intensive six-week course will culminate in a trip to the Roller Derby Hall of Fame. Enrollment is not limited, so just show up at the gym sometime if you are interested.

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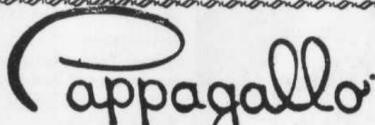


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Faculty named in stud poll

Ring-tum Phi lists W&L's top ten sexiest staff members

By Bambi Stark
Staff Table Hopper

In an effort to compete with the offerings of *Playgirl* and *The Spectator*, *The Ring-tum Phi* recently polled Washington and Lee community women (and interested men) for Lexington's Top Ten Sexiest Faculty Members.

The lucky winners (pictured here) have been offered contracts to appear as pin-up boys for a beef-cake calendar *The Ring-tum Phi* plans to offer. W&L's peer counselors will also get a break soon, because the local studmuffins have offered to donate their time to help those in need.

Mr. November candidate Charles "Murph" Murray encourages all students who need to talk, etc. to just call 1-SEXY-LEX-GUY. "I want to be your friend," he said.

University Treasurer Lawrence Broomall hopes proceeds from the phone calls will be used to repay part of the university's debt as a result of the Fraternity Renaissance program.

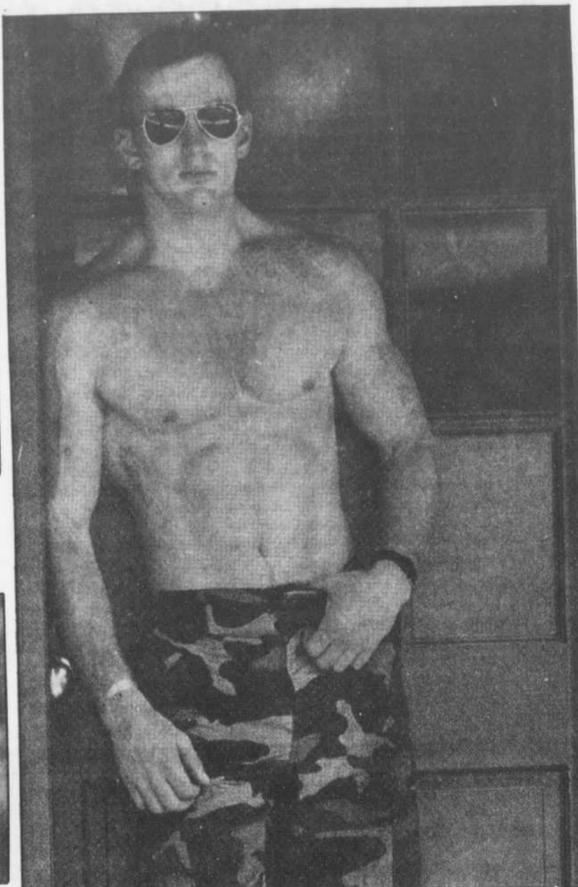
In the mean-time, watch for these area faves in the up-and-coming *The Making of The Ring-tum Phi Calendar* swimsuit video on Channel Nine. The show will be hosted by Reid Hall's own Professor Robert de Maria.



1. Brian D. Shaw
W&L Director of Communications
Comment: Does that include Body Language?



2. James D. Farrar, Jr.
W&L Director of Alumni Programs
Comment: Damn, he's married!!!



10. John J. Keppler
1988 VMI graduate. Mr. January for VMI's 1989 Hard Corps Calen. ar.
Comment: Drool. He was never a W&L staff member; who the hell cares?



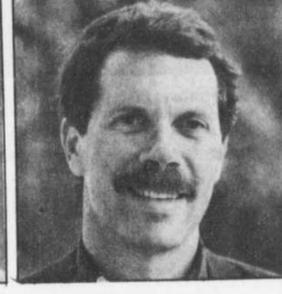
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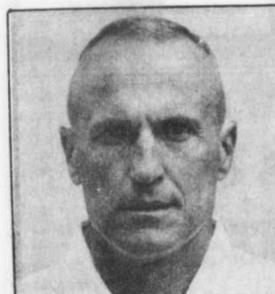
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W&L Admissions Counselor
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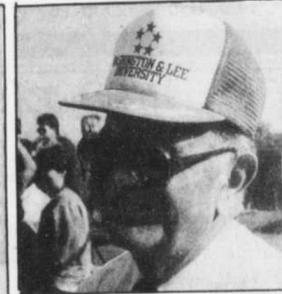
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W&L Professor of Politics
Comment: The name says it all...



6. Laurent Boetsch, Jr.
W&L Associate Dean of College
Comment: Sexiest Newcomer



7. Gary R. Fallon
Associate Professor and Coach
Comment: We hear he always goes for the sack



8. Charles F. "Murph" Murray
W&L Director of Security
Comment: Need we say more?



9. Leroy "Buddy" Atkins, (deceased)
W&L Associate Dean of Students
Comment: We hear he was really good with "Greek Affairs"

Honorable Mentions:

Timothy R. Gaylard
W&L Associate Professor of Music
Comment: Supposedly, he has magic fingers

Jim McKeon
Former W&L Assistant Coach who now teaches at Amherst College
Comment: Why W&L women took weight training.

Ramon L. Ramos
Assistant Professor of Military Science
Comment: There is something to be said for maneuvers and basic training

James P. Warren
Associate Professor of English
Comment: We hear he has a mighty big pen

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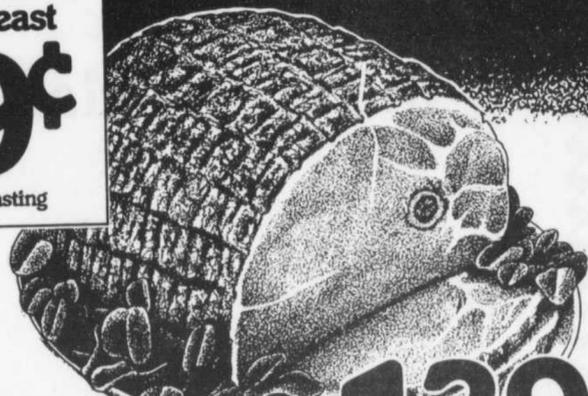
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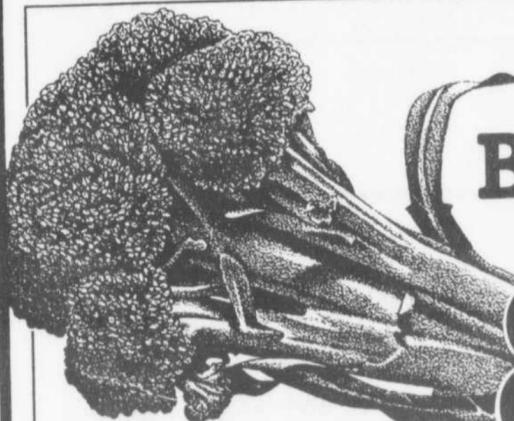
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