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The *Washington and Lee Commerce Review* was conceived and founded by its first editor-in-chief, William G. K. Merrill, a senior from Greenwood, Va., who this year is vice president of the Student Body. Helping with the planning which began last spring was William H. Miller, III, of Winter Park, Fla., a 1972 honors graduate in economics and history. His two associate editors this year are McIlhany and Thornton Hardie, III, a business administration major from Midland, Tex.

Merrill said the editors intend that the *Review* in time "will present its readers with the differing sides of issues in business, politics, and economics which are currently confronting America, regardless of the status of their spokesmen and acceptance by the majority. A constant attempt will be made to clarify the many controversial issues of political economy by a thorough analysis of the fundamental assumptions and premises inherent in contemporary dialogue, but often overlooked by it."

He said the editors will seek articles from businessmen, professors, government officials, and other professional men. Students will edit the articles and append notes to them.

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Merrill said that the *Review* to continue publication needs the support of alumni in every way possible. "We are convinced of the capability of W&L's alumni to submit articles of excellent quality and where possible to lend financial support."

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Law Library Institute

Peyton R. Neal, Jr., law librarian at Washington and Lee, was program director at a regional institute on library classification on April 5-7 in Atlanta.

Neal, head of W&L's law library since last summer, designed the program to meet the needs of law library personnel who have only recently begun using the special Library of Congress catalogue system or who plan to adopt it in the near future.

The program is sponsored by the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians and was held at Emory University.

Neal worked in the Library of Congress from 1965 until 1967, first as legislative research librarian and legal specialist in its American-British division, then as assistant general counsel and assistant librarian of the Copyright Office. He subsequently became law librarian at American University, the position he held until coming to Washington and Lee.

Winning Novice Debaters

Novice debaters representing Washington and Lee University were awarded five more trophies in two invitational tournaments recently.

The freshman debaters captured two team prizes and two in individual competition at the Old Dominion meet in Norfolk, and another team trophy at the Citadel Invitational Tournament in Charleston, S.C., shortly afterward.

Winning semifinalist trophies at the ODU meet were Marc Levin of Carlisle, Pa., and Eddie Fisher of Lynchburg, who debated a 5-1 record, and Richard MacDowell of Vienna, Va., and Bill Gonch of New Brunswick, N.J., who debated an identical 5-1 record. Additionally, Fisher won a third-place individual speaker award, and Gonch won fifth.

Competing in the Old Dominion tourney were 60 teams representing 30 schools from New England to Georgia.

At the Citadel meet, Gonch and Fisher debated another 5-1 record, capturing a quarterfinalist trophy in competition with some 30 teams representing 20 schools from throughout the east.

The novice debaters have won a total of 14 trophies to date this year, according to Dr. Halford R. Ryan, debate coach and assistant speech professor at W&L. Ryan is also president of the Virginia Forensic Association, for whose annual statewide meet Washington and Lee will be host this spring.

Black Culture Week

Addresses by U.S. Rep. Parren J. Mitchell of Maryland and Virginia State Sen. Lawrence D. Wilder of Richmond, panel discussions, concerts, and cultural events marked Black Culture Week at Washington and Lee during the week of Feb. 18.

The program was organized at W&L by the Student Association for Black Unity (SABU). Observed nationally,



Black Culture Week symposium brought students from area colleges.

Black Culture Week is designed to increase familiarity with the accomplishments and problems of the nation's black population, with particular emphasis on black students.

Rep. Mitchell, a two-term Congressman from Baltimore, delivered the second annual Leslie D. Smith Memorial Lecture at W&L. Smith received his law degree from W&L in 1969, W&L's first black graduate. Two years later he was murdered in Washington, D.C., where he worked with the Justice Department in its civil rights division. Rep. Mitchell spoke on the role of blacks in politics.

State Sen. Wilder, in his address, spoke on the relevance of black studies

to black educational institutions. He said society needs more quality black professors and professionals to "instill and impart the zeal and zest needed to realize black goals."

A symposium "On Being Black" was held in mid-week. The panel included students from area colleges, including W&L, Hampton Institute, Hollins College, Madison College, VMI, and Virginia State College.

Musical events included a concert by "Black Fire," a Birmingham, Ala., group, depicting various aspects of black culture, and a concert by the I. C. Norcom High School Concert Choir of Portsmouth, Va., including inspirational music from the

pre-Civil War period. The week-long program concluded with a "Black Ball" with music provided by "Black Rock."

Among the members of SABU who planned the W&L observance of Black Culture Week were Johnny E. Morrison of Portsmouth, president of SABU; Bobby R. Smith of Chuckatuck (brother of the late Leslie Smith in whose memory the Smith Lecture is given); Matthew Towns, also of Chuckatuck, and Phillip A. Hutcheson of Roanoke.

Morrison said the events of the week are valuable in communicating the black experience both within the black community and to other groups in society.

During the academic year, SABU projects have included a vigorous recruiting program directed toward minority students in which W&L black students visit high schools in their hometowns and elsewhere to explain opportunities at W&L. The University administration cooperates with SABU in the program which also receives some financial assistance from the W&L student government.

Coeds 'Yes,' Say Students

This year, it's "yes" to coeducation.

In one of the heaviest votes in history, Washington and Lee students overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution urging the University's Board of Trustees to adopt coeducation. The tally was 799 in favor and 550 against.

The result reversed the poll taken last year when W&L students voted 535 against coeducation and 438 for. There was no obvious single explanation for this year's reversal.

The referendum was held in conjunction with the general student elections. Nearly 80 per cent of the eligible stu-