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Contact Publicity **Questioned**

by John Billmyre

Two Executive Committee members gave different appraisals of the Contact's Committee's publicity for visiting speakers during a short EC meeting Monday night.

Junior Representative Bruce Poole asked Contact Co-Chairmen Scott Cardoza and Channing Hall why they had not put up several large posters and announcements about Contact's program.

"It's getting pretty late in the allgame," said Poole in ballgame," reference to the symposium's schedule

Poole told the Co-Chairmen he thought they should put up several large schedules of Contact's speakers.

"We put up publicity all over town," Cardoza said.

He also told the EC that several speakers are not definitely set on a date and explained he did not think it would be a good idea to post an incomplete schedule.

Another EC member, Secretary Cove Geary, differed with Poole about Contact's publicity.

"I think your posters have been more than adequate, Geary said.

told the Contact Co-Chairmen, "You can't get away from them.

Sophomore Representative Nelson Ould, who is also the EC and hoc member to Contact, told the EC Contact discussed and rejected the idea of scheduling several non-political speakers.

Senior Representative Jay Blumberg had suggested in an earlier meeting the Co-Chairmen look into getting nonpolitical speakers.

The Co-Chairmen announced George McGovern will be speaking on March 6.

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Election Notice

The Big Three: President Vice - President Secretary

Petitions with 150 signatures due March 3rd, 6:30 P.M. in the E.C. Room

Elections will be held on the 10th of March ~ Runoffs will held on the 13th.

Note: All candidates must attend the "rule - setting" meeting at 6:30 March 3rd.

Tuition To Rise \$350

Washington and Lee students will rise next year as a result of the expending inflation rate that the entire nation is experiencing.

Tuition will rise by \$350 from this year's level of \$3700 to \$4050, while board will climb to \$1250, a \$200 increase from this year's price of \$1050.

According to E. Stewart, Washington and Lee's treasurer, the 9.5 percent in-crease in tuition for the 1980-81 school year is the result of the 13.3 percent inflation rate currently afflicting the nation.

Because tuition is a major source of income for the University, an increase is needed to offset the costs of electricity, labor and general maintenance associated with the expansion made in the past years at Washington and Lee. Even with the 9.5 percent increase, however, a deficit of around \$600,000 is expected.

As a result of such a deficit, the University must draw upon

endowments and capital. Thus, income that would have been made through interest is used to reduce the deficit.

Mr. Eply attributed the increase in board as a result of the increasing costs of food, maintenance and repairs

Of the \$200 increase, \$150 will be used to pay the interest and principle on the loan the University made for the construction of the dining hall.

As a rule, though, the University refuses to use loans to finance construction. In the past, only Woods Creek apartments and the apartments for married students have been financed by loans.

Because it is University policy to raise housing costs every other year, prices will remain the same in the 1980-81 school year for those living in the dormitories. But those living in Woods Creek next year will see a 10 percent rise in prices from this year's cost.

Financial Condition Of Fraternities To Be Studied

by Ross Newell

An ad hoc advisory commit-tee to study the financial condition of the fraternities has been established by W&L President Robert E.R. Huntley, according to an announcement by Dr. Thomas C. Imeson to fraternity treasurers at the Inter-fraternity Council meeting Tuesday night.

Imeson, a member of the committee, said the purpose of the study is to determine if the university should change itspolicy toward fraternities. The school wants to know what it can do to help fraternities with regard to fiscal and physical conditions, Imeson

To assess the situation, the committee needs an accurate portrayal of each fraternity's current financial status. In the past, fraternities were to have worked with Mrs. Lowery to prepare financialstatements at the end of each month. However, Imeson said, seven fraternities have not prepared these statements for any month of the year.

Only five fraternities are current with Mrs. Lowery and at least one has presented false in-formation on its statement; it listed all accounts payable as current when, in fact, the ac-

counts were in arrears.

Imeson said it is inconceivable for a fraternity to have an accounts payable balance of zero. It would be hard to find a fraternity that

does not owe a creditor, he said. In an effort to assess the financial status of the frater-

nities, each must present to the committee a financial statement current as of Dec. 31, 1979, listing accounts payable and accounts receivable. If accounts payable has a zero

balance then the committee will automatically hold a con-fernence with the fraternity's treasurer. Before the conference the committee will call the common creditors of W&L fraternities to see if the fraternity owed money on Dec. 31.

Imeson, who was a fraternity treasurer while in college, said he is well aware of the "financial wizardry" that can be involved in preparing the statements.

The investigative measures are not punitive nor are they dictatorial, Imeson repeated several times during the meeting.

"The committee must have an accurate portrayal of the fiscal condition of fraternities; if we predicate a system based on false knowlege its success will be severely curtailed," Imeson said.

Also, fraternities must present the committee with an estimate of their total expenditures from Dec. 31, 1979 through Aug. 1, 1980.

The study is being conducted, Imeson said, with the realization that many fraternities are in trouble regarding their - See STUDY, page 8



Journalist Assails Soviet Invasion

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could mark the fateful corner of the beginning of World War III, according to former CBS Moscow Bureau chief Robert Evans in his speech at Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel last night.

"Ever since the revolution in 1917, the Russians have been sensitive to the unrest within the countries on their borders. and they fear that any Moslem restlessness may spread into its population," Evans said and pointed out that, "The Soviet Union has over 50 million Moslems-more than any single member state in the Arab league.

This Soviet fear of contagion of unrest across its borders may be what sparked the invasion of Afghanistan, with the Russians going in for what they term "defensive" reasons, Evans said, but added that there may also be offensive reasons for the

military move.
"If the Soviets gain control of Afghanistan, they will be able to build airfields that will put them within 300-350 miles from the strait of Hormuz, where 60 percent of the free world's oil must pass en route to its destination," Evans said.

He pointed out that the 11/2 wide strait would be susceptible to control by Soviet tactical aircraft if the Soviets do indeed move in and build the airfields in Afghanistan.

"Hormuz is a geo-political jugular that is the prime point of Western vulnerability; Soviet control of the strait could hurt us immensely," Evans said.

Evans said the Russians are getting stronger in Afghanistan through the use of an American innovation that arose in the Vietnam conflict—the helicopter gunship.

A single gunship can control a valley or patrol a succession of ridges and the tribal guerrillas

of Afghanistan cannot enjoy the protection of a jungle canopy as the Vietnamese did, Evans said.

"The Soviets are effectively keeping the Afghanis subdued through the use of about 200 helicopter gunships and the tribes are getting no super-power flow of weapons to help them knock the helicopters out of the sky," Evans said.

The United States may eventually have to move forces into Afghanistan to aid the Afghanistan people in their fight against the Russians; this intervention could turn out to be "Jimmy Carter's Vietnam of the 1980's," Evans said in speculation.

"The United States is a giant on the world scene, a bewildered Gulliver with its future hobbled by a succession of Lilliputian nations (Iran, Afghanistan: Pakistan); it is restrained to the point that it cannot flex its muscles and break the bonds," Evans said.

Evans said, though, to look at this period of time not as a time of crisis, but one of opportunity.

Twice in the 20th century when this country has been faced with an energy dilemma, a revolution has arisen - in the transition from wood to coal as fuel, we moved into the Industrial Revolution; when the use of coal was beginning to be replaced by the oil and petroleum industry, a transportation revolution began," he said.

The increasing cost of oil puts us on the threshold of a new revolution, he said, and added that we should pour our funds into research that will offer us another source of energy for the

"We in the United States represent one-twentieth of the world's population, but we use over one-third of the world's energy supply—we must find a new way," Evans said.

Even More Letters

Call For More Freedom Of The Press

Dear Editor

In response to IFC President Syd Farrar's questioning of the allegations castigating his involvement in several student government committees.

I would like to commend and hope that he will continue his efforts to clear up the misunderstandings that the university community sometimes entertains concerning incidents such as the Fiji-Pika altercation.

During the course of the current school year, many incidents have reduced the campus to a state of rumor because of incomplete or inaccurate accounts of controversial events.

This problem can be relieved in many instances by the governmental agency which has jurisdiction over an issue.

In fact this problem primarily exists because of the failure of certain agencies to give a complete and accurate account of what actions they have taken and THE REASONING FOR WHICH THOSE ACTIONS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY.

It is folly to criticize the university community for opinions which were derived from the only sources of information available to them.

Student government agencies must be and are accountable to the students which they represent. Therefore it is not unjustified but necessary for student journalists to inquire about an apparent voting shift by a representative of the students and fraternities.

Moreover it is the duty of stu-

Moreover it is the duty of student representatives to explain the "facts or feelings surrounding" particular votes.

Only then will the university community be free of rumor and controversey. Only then will student government be just and accountable.

Mike Foley

Hangings Controversy Cont.

Dear Editor:
With regard to the "W&L
Hanging Controversy." I want
to start off by saying that I think
it is unfair that just because Ms.
Gretchen C.F. Shappert, Esq. is
in the minority as a woman here
at W&L, her article should be so
rudely placed on page 16 of the
Phi. I think she should have

Phi. I think she should have been granted a full spread (with picutres of the annual debutante ball, etc.) on the front page. I do share her opinion about the harsh, evil, vile, abusive obscenity in the "infamous"

sticker. It makes me sick to my

sensitive stomach.

W&L Moot Court Team

question.

I also plead with the supply store to remove the sticker that boldly asserts "Washington and Lee IS THE University of Virginia." This is abusive and violently demeaning to the other Virginia college students, who suffer an even more debasing minority on the W&L campus than Lady Gretchen.

I would like to lend moral support to Gretchen and assure her that God is with her in her brave crusade to rid the world of its vulgar reminders. She suffers along with the oppressed Socialist party in America, who, as a result of polling a scanty one percent in national elections, must sit idly by as the Democrats and Republicans continue the evil, repugnant American tradition of Capitalism. It's abusive — It's unfairly

One last point: In the concession proposed by Gretchen, I think it would be humanitarian if Mr. Acree were given the alternative of being gassed to death.

Sincerely, W.P. Wohlfarth, '83

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Samuel W. Calhoun, assistant

professor of law, was advisor to

the W&L team, and a third-year

was student advisor and coach

Plum Awarded

Phi Beta Kappa

George Eric Plum, a

chemistry and mathematics major at Washington and Lee

University, has been named recipient of the annual Phi Beta

Kappa Sophomore Award. Pre-

sented by the university's Gamma of Virginia chapter, the

award goes to the sophomore

who has achieved the highest

cumulative academic average

through the end of the fall term

Plum, a native of Virginia

Beach, Va., is the son of Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. George E. Plum. He attended Kempsville

High School in Virginia Beach.

At Washington and Lee, he is

active in the university chapter

of his second year at W&L.

Washington and Lee University's moot court—legal debate—team emerged as one of the eight best in the nation in competition in New York City recently.

recently.

The W&L law school representatives—William J. Milani of Tappan, N.Y., Buckner P. Wellford of Memphis and Kerry M. Wilson of Lexington, all second-year students—reached the quarter-finals in the national contest by defeating teams from the University of Washington and Vanderbilt University.

The W&L team qualified for the national meet after winning first place in a preliminary four-state competition in November.

In the quarterfinals, W&L's team was defeated by a team from Boston University's law school.

About 250 teams representing more than 160 law schools in the nation participated in the moot court competition in its initial stages.

The debate this year centered on the question of civil lawsuits in instances where the facts of a case are so complex that a jury

complex that a jury of the College Republicans Blood Drive Results

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Kegs were supplied by IFC, Chi Psi, and College Republicans

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Study Of Frat Finances

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physical facilities with few, if
any, being maintained well
enough to last into the future.

J. Holt Merchant, IFC faculty advisor, said if the university waits any longer to take some type of action then a house or two will be lost to financial hardship.

Imeson said the committee is looking to see what alternatives the university has to help fraternities. Nothing will be forced on fraternities, and any programs implemented as a result of the committee's findings will be conducted on a voluntary basis, he said.

Possible outcomes of the study might be joint efforts between fraternities and the university in such areas as maintenance and food service. Also, the committee's findings will be used to assess the school's fraternity loan program.

Maintenance, for example, might be provided by university personel to fraternites for a charge, Imeson said. The services would cost the school more than thefraternities would be charged, he added.

After many treasurers questioned the committee's motives.

Imeson said if a traternity perceives this action as a threat then it is experiencing the latter stages of paranoia. The committee is attempting to help fraternities and to discover what else the university can do to help, he said.

In other business, IFC presidentSyd Farrar said-fraternity checklists are due on Feb. 26. Spot inspections are scheduled for the 27th.

Greg McDonald, spokesman of the Students for Community Action group, said the organization, in conjunction with a federally funded group, Total Action Against Poverty, needs fraternity members toparticipate in community service projects arranged by TAP.

The work, to be done on Saturdays, would include both manual and skilled labor, everything from shovelling snow to doing carpentry work and laying bricks. Fraternities interested in participating can leave word at the office in the Student Center or contact McDonald at 463-4916.

The IFC's next meeting will be the Tuesday after Fancy Dress. The floor will be open to nominations for IFC president and vice-president at the meeting.

EC Conducts Business

(continued from page 1)

The Calyx also reported to the EC Monday night.

The Yearbook's business manager told the EC Studio Costs were going to run higher than allocated for in the budget.

Hamilton explained the Calyx ran into additional expenses by offering resale of pictures to seniors.

Another expense, said Hamilton, was the purchase of equipment for color processing. "We bought the equipment to

do our own color work," said Hamilton. He said the Publications

He said the Publications Board also paid for the color equipment.

In response to questions from Poole, Hamilton told the EC revenue will be coming in during the next few months from fraternities, advertising and the University.

Hamilton said he expects to collect \$3,000 from fraternities for house pictures.

The business manager added money from the University will not be collected before the yearbook is published, because the library buys excess copies of the Calyx.

Asked about the overall financial picture, Hamilton said the Calyx should come out close to budget. Jim Vines, Chairman of the Cold Check Committee, reported to the EC that the CCC needs a law school representative.

"Law School attendance is down now," said Vines. He told the EC that law students do not show up as frequently when there is no law representative.

Vines said he is going to put posters up around the law school to find a new law school representative.

Senior Law Representative John Fraser suggested the Cold Check Committee might save money and create better public relations if it wrote its own letters to persons with long-term cold check violations.

These violations are usually from students who have left the university earlier in the year, said Vines.

Recently the CCC has relied on the school's lawyer to notify the long-term violators.

"The lawyer gets better results than the Committee," said Vines.

Vines told the EC last month was slow for the CCC, but added next month should be busy because of Fancy Dress.

The EC unanimously voted that the University Atheletic Committee investigate the reservation system for racquet-ball courts.

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