

# REVIEW and OUTLOOK

Editorial Opinion of The Ring-tum Phi

## El Salvador

El Salvador is a minute country on the west coast of Central America. We usually leave comments and thoughts on national affairs to the professionals, however, many Washington and Lee students had to register for the draft this fall and we think the situation developing in the little country deserves some comment.

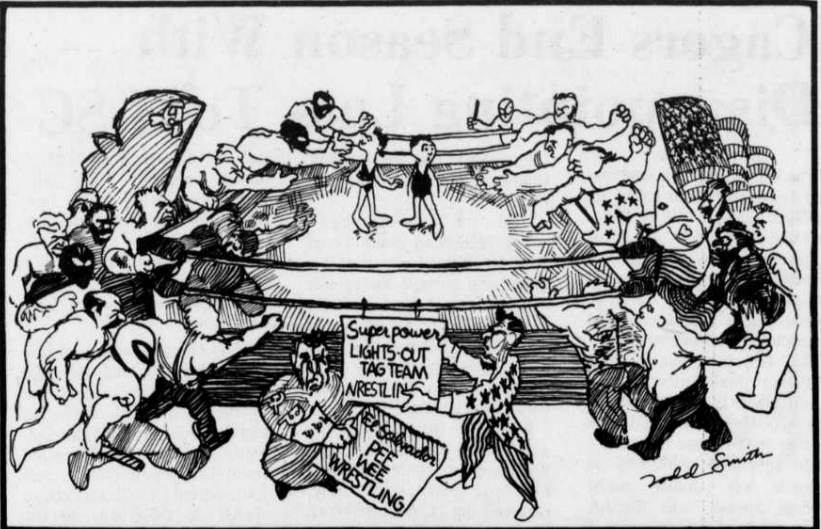
We can not and will not pretend to be experts on the Reagan Administration and the plans it has for dealing with the increasing troubles developing in central America. Most people know by now that the United States is increasingly concerned by the situation and that the United States is taking a harsher stance across the board in cases of any possible perceived threat to the nation. Some people have mentioned that El Salvador and its implications closely resemble the early stages of Viet Nam. We ask all of you to monitor the El Salvador situation closely, developments there, could make a significant difference in your future. The Washington and Lee campus is often noted for its apathy, but the Mock convention last spring demonstrated that students are concerned by developments on the national and international scene. You all have representatives in the House of Representative and the Senate, send them letters stating your view on El Salvador and the course of action our nation should follow.

## The SAB & F.D.

We would like to congratulate the student activities board for putting on such an impressive Fanny Dress. At the beginning of the year we heard EC President Bob Willis ask the SAB to throw the best Ball ever—they did. Now we will have to wait and see the EC's reaction to the best ball the SAB could throw.

## The Big Three

Once again it is time to elect the first three—possibly the most important three—members of the Executive Committee. For the second time in as many years the candidate for president is running unopposed. We are happy to see more candidates than in years past campaigning for vice president and secretary, yet we are worried that more students are not interested in becoming president of the student body. We feel compelled to ask two questions. One is if the only candidate for president so far is the only qualified candidate. If so, the opportunities to gain leadership qualities at W&L must be limited. The other question in our minds is why no one else wants the job. Try to remember that president of the student body is the most important office a student at Washington and Lee can hold. Anyone interested in leading Washington and Lee should start gaining experience now for the next election. It seems difficult to have a choice when only one candidate runs for a post and it is upsetting that only one person would seek the highest position on campus.



CONGRATULATIONS to the SAB for another successful Fancy Dress.

