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## ODK inducts 21 Honor fraternity recognizes leaders

By Chris Baradel  
Staff Reporter

Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honorary fraternity started here at Washington and Lee in 1914 by a group of twelve students, will tap 21 students and two honorary members as part of the Founders Day celebration today. ODK is an organization that seeks to recognize superior leaders within the university, and in the words of current ODK president Marion "Moose" Herring, "It gets campus leaders together to talk about campus activities."

The names of the 21 new members are a closely guarded secret, and although the new members have known who they are since Christmas, they are not revealed publicly until the actual ceremony today. The two honorary members are William R. Johnston, a 1961 graduate of W&L, and Donald H. Baker, who was a member of the Class of 1968.

Johnston is chairman of the board and CEO of Agora Securities, Inc., in New York, a member of the Wall Street Club and executive vice president and director of the Cancer Research and Teaching Fund.

Baker is artistic director for Lime Kiln Arts, Inc., the center for the arts

that he founded in Lexington in 1982.

These men are good examples of the pacesetters that ODK seeks to honor. According to Herring, membership in the organization comes in recognition of leadership in five separate categories. These categories are scholastic achievement (all members must be in the top 35% of their class); athletics; social, service and campus government, leadership activities; journalism, speech and mass media; and the creative and performing arts. Herring said "The ODK members and faculty advisors take a computer list of the top 35% of the rising seniors after spring semester and pick the top four to eight leaders. Then, in the fall, about ten more seniors and five or six juniors get nominated."

Christopher deMovellan, another ODK member, said "The candidates are selected for their leadership qualities. It's in the opinion of the members who are the outstanding campus leaders that will be chosen." Dean of Students Lewis John added, "We look to get people who have excelled in each of the five areas." He also cited the minimum scholastic requirement as an area of confusion for students, saying that it keeps many students who are fine leaders out of the ODK.

Herring and deMovellan stress that ODK is moving to take a bigger leadership role. In the past, according to Dean of Students Lewis John, it has sponsored discussions about topics such as the honor code, town-gown relations and co-education. Herring said that now, "We're trying to get leaders active... to meet on a bi-weekly basis. We had lunch with the minority students association to address some of their concerns; and leadership seminars for Washington and Lee and the area high schools."

DeMovellan echoed this, saying "Moose, as the leader, and ODK, as a whole have decided to get more active... to increase our ability as leaders. We want to help address things we as leaders can do to help the school and the community."

"The main thing is the ODK hasn't done much in the past. We're trying to change how it is now and I think we've started to move to an action group from simply a recognition one."

Dean John said that because juniors are now tapped in the winter ceremony, instead of in the spring, as happened in the past, ODK is now able to follow through better on its plans.

## ODK Initiates Registrar gives annual report

HONORARY

William R. Johnston  
Donald Baker

LAW SCHOOL

Marie J. Buttarazzi  
J. Patrick Darby  
John F. Hall, Jr.  
H. Knox McMillan

SENIORS

Ronald J. Brown  
David W. Dietz  
Michael Forrester  
Anna M. Hampton  
Vanessa Hartman  
S. Hughes Melton  
John C. Roach  
James M. Sloat  
Rowan G. Taylor  
David E. Thompson  
Betsy A. Vegso

JUNIOR

J. Wayne Burris  
Reid T. Campbell  
Donald S. Jackson  
Mary Alice McMorrow  
Jonathan I. Sheinberg  
Shawn Copeland

By Elizabeth Parkins  
Tri-Editor

Total opening enrollment for the fall of 1988 increased an additional 3.5 percent to a record of 1,990. Combined with the lowest attrition rate ever; 3 percent, Washington and Lee continues to grow larger.

These statistics are part of an annual report produced by the Registrars' office. The report covers everything from enrollment trends to number of courses taught to number of degrees awarded.

Some of the highlights for the 1987-88 school year include: the percentage of undergraduate grades of A or B reached 67 percent for the first time and failing grades reached a 25-year low of 2.4 percent; the percentage of graduates receiving honors was the lowest in 17 years for undergraduates; and 96 percent of the Class of '91 returned for their sophomore year.

Statistics found in the report provide a look at what the average W&L student is like. Of course, this representation is merely the highest percentage of each category. A typical student

enrolling in 1988-89 is white, 94.3 percent (minorities 4.9 percent); with no religious preference, 39 percent, (Catholic 16.7 percent); from Virginia, 413 students, (Maryland 160); and majoring in history, 158 students or 18 percent, (economics 113 students or 13 percent).

The report also points out that for the size of W&L, the school offers quite a few courses; in last year the university offered 740 courses in 1,064 sections.

Of these courses, Calculus 101 was the singular most popular class with 301 students enrolling. For those students interested, Chinese provided the most A+ grades with 28.1 percent of all grades given out in '87-'88. Drama came in second with 13.2 percent. Russian on the other hand, gave out an F 10 percent of the time. Math was a close second with 8.7 percent of the time.

Finally, if you've wondered just where some of your classmates have gone, 83 percent of the original Class of '89 are still here, 89 percent of the Class of '90, and 96 percent of the Class of '91.

## EC mulls CRC rules, P.E. credits

By Genienne Mongno  
Staff Reporter

The Executive Committee reported Monday night that the EC subcommittee's discussion with Professor Samuel J. Kozak about the E.C.'s concerns with the recently released Confidential Review Committee (CRC) Procedures was successful.

The E.C. appointed the subcommittee, which met last Tuesday with Kozak, who is head of the CRC, because it had several questions concerning the constitutionality of some of the procedures.

Specifically, the E.C. was worried that the procedures did not allow for cross-examination of the complainant during a hearing, thereby infringing on the right of those involved to due process of law.

The subcommittee, which consisted of E.C. Members Dan DuPre and Dave Nave and E.C. Secretary Eddie Yu, told Kozak that they believed there needed to be a way for students involved in a CRC hearing to challenge what the witnesses say.

Kozak said that although many of the E.C.'s concerns with constitutional problems were not valid in the case of a CRC hearing, he would accept a set of proposed guidelines for the questioning of the accused.

DuPre said he would draft the guidelines.

In other business, E.C. President Christopher deMovellan reported that many W&L athletes are upset because beginning next year they will only be receiving one-fifth of a physical education (P.E.) credit for their participation in inter-collegiate sports. Currently the athletes receive two-fifths of a credit.

The new rule is meant to ensure that an athlete will have to take a variety of sports to satisfy his/her P.E. requirement, said deMovellan.

deMovellan said he plans to talk with Dean John Elrod and the Athletic Committee about an alternate proposal that will allow each athlete to receive one credit for each inter-collegiate sport played.

The E.C. also went over the guideline reports of various organizations, submitted by E.C. Members which will later be presented to the Student Government Self-Study Committee.

deMovellan asked the E.C. to examine the Financial Relations Committee's proposed guidelines so they can be discussed at next week's meeting.

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### ZBT closes W&L chapter, will reorganize next fall

By Michael Tuggle  
Staff Reporter

The Zeta Beta Tau national headquarters confirmed plans this week to close the fraternity's W&L chapter at the end of the 1987-88 academic year. White members comprising 90 percent of the chapter will conclude their active membership and will become ZBT alumni. Those who are no longer held officers with the honor, the privileges of...

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## Grocery to open in March

By Pat Lopes  
Staff Reporter

A Harris Teeter supermarket will open for business in early March on Nelson Street, offering Lexington residents and W&L students a grocery shopping alternative.

Harris Teeter is the first of a number of proposed large scale chain stores opening for business in the Lexington area. K-Mart and Food Lion are under construction on U.S. Route 60. Walmart and another supermarket are under construction on U.S. Route 11.

Harris Teeter will compete with Food Lion, Walmart site market, Kroger, Lexington Market and White Front Supermarket for the same customers served by existing businesses.

In addition, Harris Teeter is attempting success where a similar business venture failed. The Harris Teeter building was formerly occupied by Safeway, which went out of business two years ago.

However, Harris Teeter management is confident that they will overcome the challenges. "We feel we can beat Food Lion on the prices. We feel we can beat Kroger on the variety. We feel we can beat both on the quality. We hope people up there will feel the same," said Harris Teeter Vice President of Real Estate and Construction Sam Kendrick.

Harris Teeter management is also depending on their ability to cater to a college town rural community marketplace. "We operate pretty much a price operation with a lot of marketing," said Kendrick.

A daily fresh seafood case, a service meat counter, prepared foods, a deli, a florist and a wide range of standard grocery products all at competitive prices will be offered to attract students, affluent faculty and area residents.

The chance that Lexington's small specialty businesses, which make Lexington a unique, traditional American town, will be replaced by generic chain stores has yet to be determined.

The sudden increase in Lexington retail space is not unusual, Kendrick pointed out. "Over-saturating the market is happening all over the country. They [large scale, chain stores] are going into markets that are adequately served. People are building better mousetraps," he explained.

Meanwhile, Kroger, Lexington Market and White Front Supermarket are ready to face the new competition. "They're going to hurt you," White Front manager Sean More admitted. "All you can do is hold on. Nothing else you can do to combat it." More is confident that their downtown location, delivery service and charge account service will keep them in business.

A W&L alumni management connection furthered Harris Teeter's Lexington interests. Harris Teeter Vice President of Marketing, Rush S. Dickson III, and their former Chairman of the Board, Hugh G. Ashcraft, Jr., both earned Bachelor of Arts degrees at W&L.

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One more choice . . .

## Statistics Table

The following group grade point averages should be used only for term-to-term comparisons and not for comparison of individuals within the groups. They are based on the term and cumulative grade points as of Dec. 20, 1988, of 1,613 undergraduate students enrolled at the end of the fall term of 1988.

	Term GPA	Cumulative GPA
All Students	2.860	2.819
Seniors	3.014	2.869
Juniors	2.843	2.773
Sophomores	2.856	2.803
Freshmen	2.752	2.702
Degree Students	2.909	3.064
Fraternity	2.722	2.701
Non-Fraternity	3.031	2.980
Beta Theta Pi	2.656	2.654
Chi Psi	2.612	2.678
Delta Tau Delta	2.644	2.594
Kappa Alpha	2.848	2.838
Kappa Sigma	2.830	2.746
Lambda Chi Alpha	2.919	2.903
Phi Delta Theta	2.568	2.622
Phi Gamma Delta	2.558	2.618
Phi Kappa Psi	2.659	2.725
Phi Kappa Sigma	2.7791	2.6316
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.7787	2.754
Pi Kappa Phi	2.811	2.637
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.634	2.648
Sigma Chi	2.763	2.790
Sigma Nu	2.800	2.790
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.819	2.565
Zeta Beta Tau	2.865	2.775

## MSA celebrates King

By Tina Vandersteel  
Staff Reporter

All around the nation Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was remembered from the pulpit by fellow clergymen on what would have been the civil rights leader's 60th birthday.

In Lexington, "Words and Music in Celebration of the Life of Martin Luther King Jr." was the theme of this year's Washington and Lee Minority Student Association program, which took place Monday night at the First Baptist Church on Main Street.

Lovida H. Coleman Jr., a Washington, D.C. lawyer whose father worked with King, recounted what King's life meant to her. The W&L Glee Club and others sang spiritual music at points throughout the hour-and-a-half-long program.

Coleman, speaking to an almost full church, talked about the dedication, accomplishments and "ultimate sacrifice" of King. She described her feelings when she participated in "The March," referring to the Aug. 28, 1963 march in Washington, D.C.

"I felt as though we all shared the same exact exalted sentiments," she said, before asking members of the congregation to raise their hand if they had also participated in the march.

Seeing only one hand raised, Coleman said to the woman who stood toward the back of the church, "It's been a long time, sister."

Coleman also took a firm stand for affirmative action during her speech, saying that a "more perfect union," as is called for in the preamble to the Constitution, could be achieved if people would stop interpreting the Constitution in terms of individual rights.

"This interpretation is rigid, unimaginative and incorrect," she said, before further justifying affirmative action. Her final arguments came from a quote from King, "What helps my community, if it is right, helps me."

Coleman concluded her address with a sentimental remembrance of King. "I miss that man. Let us mourn for him. Each of us is less without him. The King is dead. The King dead. The King is dead..."