

Constructing Camelot

Fancy Dress workers prepare to dazzle students, faculty and alumni at "A Royal Festival at King Arthur's Court." Decorating for the 84th annual FD Ball began last weekend. The ball, featuring *Kings of Swing*, will begin at 8 p.m. tomorrow night in Warner Center. Photo by Hal Waller.

Hillel honors Judaism

By Tom Elsenhower
Staff Reporter

Hillel, a nationally affiliated W&L Jewish student organization, is making its presence felt on campus and in Lexington.

The organization, which has about 12 members, provides "a Jewish identity on campus," said Hillel Treasurer Marc Ackerman. One of the club's most important services is giving students a way to celebrate religious holidays during the school year.



Hillel "is a chance for Jewish students to get together once every five or six weeks for a Sabbath dinner or to celebrate" religious holidays, said club President Doug Brown. It "helps people remember the holidays and their heritage," Brown added.

Ackerman said this function is especially valuable during September, when the "high holidays" of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, occur.

"These are very family oriented holidays," Ackerman explained. He said Hillel gives students a community in which to celebrate them.

Lexington does not have a synagogue, so the club provides rides to Roanoke or Staunton. Hillel also holds a service in town in conjunction with its faculty adviser, W&L Religion Professor Richard Marks, Ackerman said.

In addition to providing support for students, Hillel teaches about 10 to 15 local Jewish children about the holidays, Brown said.

The club usually puts on some activity for the children to remind them of the specific event in Jewish history commemorated by the holiday.

Library to install new system

By Jennifer Gibson
Staff Reporter

How many times have you waded through the library card catalogue, struggled with the call number system and searched the shelves, only to find the book you want has already been checked out?

If this scenario sounds familiar, don't be discouraged. By the fall of 1991, the University Library will install a computerized version of the card catalogue, according to Head Librarian Barbara Brown.

The on-line public access catalogue will enable users to locate books, periodicals, and video and audio cassettes within seconds. Any student may enter a title, author, subject or key word. The terminal will then display a selection, which can be further limited by language or

date, such as all works by Tolstoy in Russian written before 1850.

"We're hoping with this system, students will use the collection more efficiently," said Brown.

In addition, this new system will provide automated circulation and automated acquisitions. These functions do away with signing out books manually, as well as computerizing book orders and budget.

Eight terminals are anticipated for the main floor of the undergraduate library, according to Brown, with one additional terminal located on every floor.

Department library branches in the journalism, geology, physics and chemistry buildings, as well as the C-school, will house one terminal each.

The system may also be accessed from the law library, faculty offices or even student's homes, if they have a personal computer and a modem.



Barbara Brown
...Head Librarian

Students act out diplomatic roles

By Sarah Drain
Staff Reporter

Members of the Foreign Affairs Club at Washington and Lee have been role-playing powerful world governments and attempting to achieve peaceful resolutions to controversial topics through debate.

Founded last year by junior Katherine Walther, the Foreign Affairs Club allows students to study politics and to further their public speaking skills, said President Pete Trammel. Since last year, the Foreign Affairs Club has attended three Model United Nations conferences.

The club recently returned from Princeton University over Washington Holiday. Seventeen

members attended, and Trammel said W&L had one of the top five delegations at the conference.

W&L's delegations representing Germany and a Special Political Committee won awards for best delegations. Trammel said that W&L's other delegations were also very strong.

Junior Kevin Carl, one of the members of the German delegation, worked in Germany for the European Community during the summer and fall term. By gaining political knowledge about Germany first-hand, Trammel said Carl was well prepared during the mock situation.

Trammel said there are 30 to 40 members at large, many of whom are freshmen. Many of the members participated in similar mock government organizations while in high school.

Trammel said the freshmen are the most active group in the club, and that he has been "really im-

pressed" by their contributions. Trammel said current freshmen may occupy officers' positions next year.

Trammel said the "great thing about" the club is that there are no membership fees. There are fees involved with the conferences, such as a \$50 delegation fee when the members visited Princeton. Trammel said students have low lodging expenses by staying in dormitories.

Trammel said he is also considering hosting a conference. Rather than have a large conference, such as Model United Nations, Trammel said he would like to start out small. Professors Craig McCaughrin and Milton Colvin are helping Trammel organize the conference for next year.

Trammel said the group may travel to New York City next year to participate in one of the largest model United Nations Conferences.

GENERAL NOTES

Take Flight

Two free airline tickets for anywhere in the U.S. will be awarded to the student who proposes the most creative use of the tickets. Send a statement explaining how you would use the tickets to Dean Howison, Payne Hall. Entries must be submitted by April 1.

Report

Learn how to get newspaper internships and full-time jobs. Register for a newspaper job clinic run by real people in the industry right now. Contact Prof. Hampden Smith, 463-8432 for more information. Deadline for registration is March 11.

Run

Petitions for class elections are now available outside Carol Calkins' office in the University Center. Completed petitions, signed by 50 members of the candidate's class, are due at a mandatory meeting on Monday, March 11, at 5 p.m. in the E.C. Room. Elections will be held March 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Quiz Bowl

There will be a meeting Monday, March 11, in the University Center for anyone interested in the College Bowl Club. Upcoming meets at Georgia Tech and Duke will be discussed. Any questions? Call Tim Gallagher at 464-5586.

Get It Out

Need to let people know what you're up to? Leave a note in the General Notes envelope outside *The Ring-tum Phi* office.

Go Abroad

James Madison University's International Internship Program is accepting applications until April 1. Internships for September 1991 and January 1992 are available in 11 countries for 110 students. For information, call Judy Cohen at 703-568-6979.

DG Alums

Any Delta Gamma alumnae currently at the law school who would like to form an Alumnae Association with undergrad alums, call Cathy at 464-4553.

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of hard work, he gave extensive three-hour exams, and required his students to have writing assignments prepared for each class period.

However, Mollenhoff was able to retain an understanding of the pressures and commitments of the undergraduate student, and all but the most flagrant abuses of his good faith in his students could be forgiven by what he called "the milk of human kindness," which always seemed to flow from his heart as he calculated grades.

A classic Mollenhoff pose was one of him reclining in a chair in his office, discussing a problem in government over the phone with a U.S. Senator or other prominent political figure. He kept scrapbooks filled with newspaper clippings about issues he was working on, and despite his size it appeared at times that he was going to be buried under the avalanche of information.

But no matter how busy he was, those around him appreciated the way he would always make time for them. "When you walked in his office," said journalism professor Robert de Maria, "no matter how busy he was, he always had a minute for you."

Senior Melinda Conkling said, "Although he was a busy man and kept up with world affairs, he still had time to do the little things, like ask how the girls' lacrosse team was doing. He never wanted to lose touch with the students, even though he

was in touch with everything else."

There are many things he taught his students, but they all centered around his "Seven rules of sound investigative reporting." He stressed thorough record research and corroboration of facts.

"He thought it was his duty to see that justice was served in all facets of life," said sophomore Phil Spears, "and he felt he had a sincere obligation to teach us that ideal, as well as precision and thoroughness in all endeavors."

Mollenhoff's contributions to student growth at Washington and Lee did not stop at the doors of the journalism building. Many journalism non-majors who would otherwise have never even set foot in Reid Hall enrolled in his classes to see for themselves what a Mollenhoff class was like.

"He made an overwhelming impression on me," said senior David Johnson. "You remember him more than the material itself. I remember I enjoyed the class just because of him."

An Iowa native, Mollenhoff's love for his home state continued unabated even through the time he spent in Washington, D.C., and in Lexington. He was buried in Iowa today, gone from the Washington and Lee campus, but certainly not to be forgotten. Although he is with us no longer, anyone who knew him can rest assured that Clark Mollenhoff is moving onward, and upward.

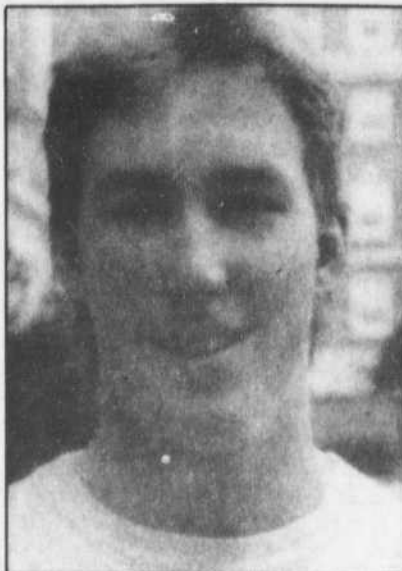
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TALKBACK

Hey...how 'bout that FD theme?



Amy Panella, '93, Baltimore, MD - "I've been working on the gym and I think it's going to look great."



Tom Cijan, '94, Fairfax, VA - "It sucks 'cause I'm not going."



Chris Bray, '91, Dunwoody, GA - "The what?"



Caroline Tsuji, '92, Oxnard, CA - "After working so hard on it, everyone else better like it."



Chip Ridge, '93, FD Ceiling Chairman, Louisville, KY - "It sucks because John Flippen is chairman."



John Flippen, '92, FD Chairman, Florence, AL - "I'm really proud of Chip's ceiling."