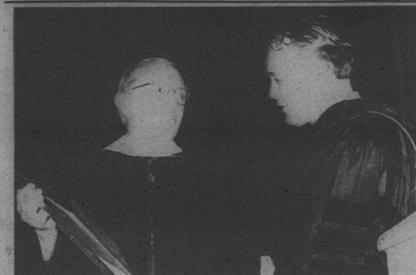
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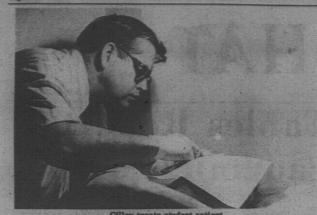
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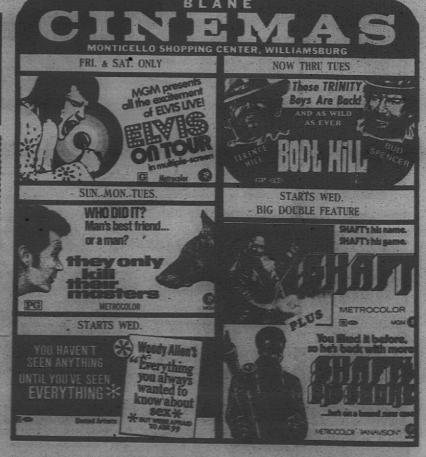
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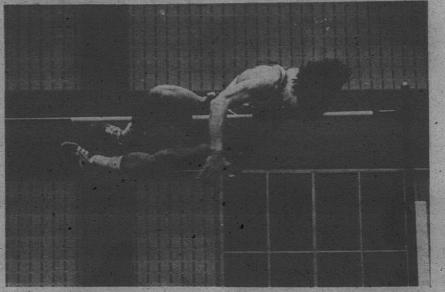
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Editorial page

A little bit of nothing

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While the need for a better College decision-making body is obvious, the amorphous creation up for student referendum next week hardly meets that need. The College Assembly is useless as a means of increasing student participation in College affairs, and far too cumbersome for a body that must "study and formulate policy recommendations upon any matter of general College concern." We see no reason that the student body should support a proposal that would reduce their voice in the decisions that affect them. Nor do we see a reason for anyone to approve a body that has little responsibility and no discernable powers.

While the Assembly's constitution gives it the broad ranging function of studying everything, it has absolutely no authority to act on anything. The Assembly not only lacks a clear y defined role, but worse, lacks a clear structure. Article V of its constitution merely provides that the Assembly determine its own rules and set up its own committees. This certainly seems to be simple, but it gives us very little idea of what we're voting on. If most ofthe decisions are ultimately to be made in committees, and are to be rubber-stamped by the Assembly as a whole, we fail to see that the system will be any more representative than it is now. The overall vagueness of the Constitution leaves a great deal of room for doubt. Assembly constitutions at Old Dominion University and Cornell University, both considered to be fairly successful, are many pages long with detailed description of the structure and committee system. Our Assembly, may actually be able to bring about some valuable changes in the College, but then again it may not. There is not really anyway of telling how it will function, or what it will do.

or what it will do.

The composition of the Assembly apparently reflects a series of compromises that emasculate whatever purpose the body may serve. Sixty persons can obviously not function with the efficiency of a small committee or provide an opportunity for give-and-take in reaching decisions. On the other hand, 60 can hardly provide meaningful representation for a college

system.

Apparently, however, the Assembly is not supposed to be representative anyway. Only 17 of the 60 members are undergraduates, although 80 per cent of the College community are undergraduates. This is even less representation than on the Board of Student Affairs. There are as many faculty members in the Assembly as students, and agrossly disproportionate number (10) of administrators to round things.

hings out.

Still, the students at least have some voice. The staff have none, as they are completely excluded from the Assembly. This is particularly unfortunate since the staff is undoubtedly the group on campus most in need of a greater

When the Assembly issue exploded over the campus last September with all the power of the muffled puff of a wet firecracker, the almost universal reaction was to ignore it. Granted that there is little to gain from the Assembly, do we have anything to lose? Any consistent reader of this page knows that we are not great defenders of the BSA, but it is the best organization to represent student interests. While the BSA deals with a smaller range of problems than the Assembly would, it has shown the potential to be an effective policy-making body. We think that a BSA with expanded powers could serve the College better than the College Assembly. President Graves turned down, such a proposal last year, with the comment that such a change should wait for the future. We think that the future has come. It would be a serious mistake to accept what is beyond doubt an unacceptable constitution.

Once this constitution is adopted we are littled and the constitution.

almost labyrinthine amendment process should insure that he one ever changes anything of importance.

The proposed College Assembly is at best worthless and at worst a major threat to the small progress of the last few years in student

Divisiveness in the SA:

More tail chasing?

By Mike Clements
FLAT HAT Associate Editor

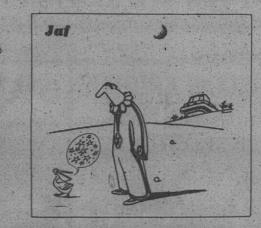
Observing the Student Association
Senate's approach to government is rather like watching a dog chase his 'tail.
Some end is in sight, but, under the circumstances, it cannot possibly be reached. The approach is all wrong.
In the Senate's case this year, personality directed factionalism has made it virtually impossible for the Senate to reach most ends. Now this factionalism has sheehed an emotional creacendo in the case of the "Great Veto" Even the opinions of the general body of students have been ignored in favor of the debasing personal vindictiveness principile.

The factors of divisiveness that plague the Senate form around or against the figure of the SA President, Cornell Christianson. A segment of the Senate has assumed an energotic begativism in most matters that in some way relate to Christianson. This is not only

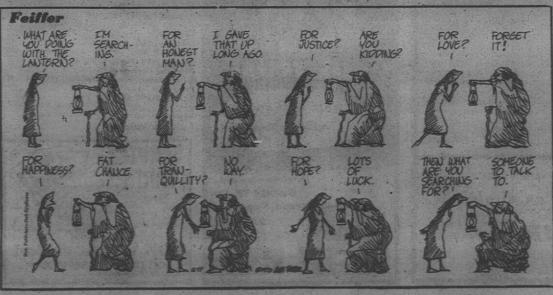
The question of student power/student rights has always been a moot one. There is student leeders on this campus has done illule to realize the purported goals of student government. One may not agree with the focal orientation of the current SA. As the same time, efforts to undermine this administration without offering any constructive elternatives are equally condemnable. Perhaps we all (BSA and SA student reps allhe) need to realize the fact that all our individual or inclinational goals play an important role in what the student secolation should offer the student body. Power plays may prove something to those involved in them, but they do little to enhance the student body, or - for that matter justify Rs continuing existence.

Chris Owens BSA Junior Res ricting to the Senate, but it is detrimental to long-held goals of twe student autonomy and respontity.

e do not intend to present Christon as a martyr. He, with his privycill of advisors, is well capable of g care of himself. We continue adamant opposition to the College mily proposal that he supports. Same our opposition, however, not any personal or political grounds imply consider the proposal illater the proposal illater to the whole affair of the working to overvide it of the whole affair of the total affair of the state of the same of the affair of the total affair of the total affair of the total affair of the state of the same of the affair of the same of the same of the same of the same



Letter to the Editor



Anyone who has been involved in tasching college students for very many years is sware that the guneral quality of classes vary. Some years a combination of circumstances, chance, and sheer good luck result in what may be termed a "good" class-a group of students of unisual enthusiasm, interest, or ability, which makes for a particularly rewarding semestar for the instructor, and hopefully, for the students as well. General Ecology, Fell '72 was such a class, and I wish to thank the sixty students in that class for their excellent attitudes is the fage of ad-

versity.

An unusually heavy teaching lot three minor illnesses, a death in a family, and a 225, larger class lot me harried, grumpy, and always be hind in my grading of tests and ter papers; uncooperative weather, unally high tides, and delayed colle bases resulted in cancelled, interrupts and over-heated lecture room was us conductive to best learning; and a magproach to testing hald grades une poofedly low.

Despite these difficulties, studes

Interest in the lecture seasions, flock to night labs to make up for lost it time, volunteered their cars to provit ransportation on field firely, exhibit real enthusiasm for learning, general showed a healthy lack of concern also grades per se, and kept a rich sen of humor through it all. That this should be true of all members of such a lar class is aspecially remarkable.

This was the kind of class one hop for, and wishes for all his colleague There is no need to name these student they know who they are. To all six of them, I satead my greatude. Their was a mooff class.

s "good" class.

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