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EC has work cut out for it

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS
Phi Staff Writer

The Executive Committee, W&L's student government, must complete two tasks before students can get down to business as usual: introducing the class of 1996 to the Honor System and organizing the budget.

The EC is made up of 13 students representing each of the undergraduate and law classes. New upperclass representatives are elected each spring. Freshmen will elect their representative this fall.

EC President Josh MacFarland

System orientation for freshmen will not change this year, but will be presented more formally than in the past few years.

Freshman men are expected to wear jackets and ties and women should also dress appropriately for Tuesday's meeting, MacFarland said.

"I think the Honor System orientation is very important," MacFarland said. "I want as much seriousness to the orientation as possible so the freshmen realize how integral it is to life here at W&L."

MacFarland said the Honor System orientation for faculty members will be different this year than in previous years. He said undergraduate and law students have complained about some new faculty members disregarding the Honor System in the past.

This year, each incoming faculty member received a letter during the summer explaining the Honor System and will attend a special orientation. Each new faculty member will also receive a visit from an EC member.

The EC's next order of business will be organizing the budget. He said the activity fee charged to each student was raised \$15 this year, which will mean an extra \$30,000 available to student organizations.

"Hopefully some new clubs will form," MacFarland said.

All student organizations, such as sports clubs, service organizations and specialty clubs, who want funding will submit requests and have a chance to justify their proposed budgets to the EC. After hearing all requests, the EC decides how much money to allot to each group. Last year, the EC allocated about \$200,000.

MacFarland also wants to keep a closer watch on the various committees and organizations the EC oversees. MacFarland will be looking carefully at the Student Conduct Committee and the new Student-Faculty Hearing Board, which mediates complaints about harassment on campus.

"I want to make sure they are living up to expectations," he said.



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Freshman Orientation Committee Vice Chairman Teresa Williams (left) and Chairman Robert Wilson paint banners Thursday in preparation for the arrival of the class of 1996.

New orientation planned

By GREGORY PATTERSON
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This year's new and improved freshman orientation program will give freshmen a better chance to get to know each other and learn more about W&L than in past years, according to its planners.

Small discussion groups, a professional ice-breaking group and a new freshman class Record will all serve to better orient the freshmen, according to Robert Wilson, Freshman Orientation Committee chairman.

"We felt our orientation was behind the times in terms of what other schools like W&L are doing," Wilson said. "We wanted to give the freshmen a warmer welcome."

The revamped program is the result of nine months of planning by the 42-member committee, Wilson said.

The first evidence of the program's overhaul is the new Freshman Record, with information about W&L, its campus and its traditions that has never been included before, Wilson said.

Sunday night's activity is an icebreaker for the freshman class conducted by Playfair, a professional group which conducts such events for colleges and businesses around the country. Wilson said this is the first year a

professional group has been used.

Another new concept is the small discussion groups which will meet twice during orientation. The groups of 10-15 freshmen with two upperclass leaders are designed so freshmen can learn more about the school and meet classmates in a setting other than dormitory halls.

"The small groups provide a setting for the freshmen to make friends across the class, not just with the people on their halls," Wilson said.

Wilson said orientation will include traditional events as well, such as a freshman class outing, an Adopt-A-Freshman barbecue and the activities fair.

The goal of the orientation, Wilson said, is to make the freshmen feel welcome at W&L.

"This should give a better opportunity to meet each other and absorb the traditions and character of the school," Wilson said.



Wilson

Class of '96: Biggest in W&L history

By LEIGH ALLEN
Phi News Editor

Washington and Lee's class of 1996 arrives in Lexington this weekend as the largest in the history of the university.

According to the W&L Admissions Office, the 435 freshmen who will matriculate Wednesday were accepted from a pool of over 3,400 applicants.

"We're getting more very, very strong students," said Julia Kozak, associate director of admissions.

The class claims 31 National Merit Finalists and 37 students who finished first or second in their high school graduating classes. Their average SAT score was 1248.

However, the class of '96 did not limit their achievements to the classroom. Fifty-two students were editors of a school newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine.

Most of these figures are similar to those of the last few incoming classes. However, the most significant change is on the athletic field: 149 members of the class of '96 were captains of a

varsity team, up from 91 last year.

While each of the incoming classes over the last few years has been strong, Kozak said the quality of the best students who choose W&L has been improving.

"We're definitely improving at the top," she said, citing an increase in the number of applicants for honor scholarships.

The class of '96 also offers W&L strong geographic diversity with students coming from 38 states and 6 foreign countries, including Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and India.

Although the competition for acceptance to W&L was strong, the Admissions Office points out that high SAT scores did not guarantee admission.

While 371 students with SAT verbal scores below 600 were admitted, over 500 applicants with scores higher than 600 were rejected.

A strong college preparatory curriculum was important in helping students gain admission. Sixty-three percent of the freshmen have already had calculus and over 75 percent of the incoming freshmen took Advanced Placement courses in high school.

Freshman Class at a Glance

Applicants	3,433
Offered Admission	986
Matriculants	435
Public/Parochial School	64%
Private School	36%
Men/Women	63/ 37%
National Merit Finalists	31
Varsity Captains	149
Publication Editors	52
Major Group Presidents	95
National Honor Society	198
Key Club	45

Fraternities, sororities prepare for coming year

By CRAIG BURKE
Phi Staff Writer

Fraternity flags are flying and students are wearing shirts with their fraternity and sorority letters, leaving no doubt that the Greek system plays an important role in the lives of many W&L students.

About 85 percent of men at W&L belong to fraternities. Members say the Greek system, which includes 15 chapters, allows them to meet more people than they would otherwise.

Sophomore Tom Day said the fraternity system helped him meet people

far from his home state of Nebraska.

"Being from the Midwest, I knew very few people here at W&L," he said. "Going through fraternity Rush allowed me to make a lot of new friends."

The lives of most W&L men for the next few weeks will center around Fraternity Rush. During Rush, freshmen will meet members of the fraternities and decide if a fraternity is right for them, while the fraternity members will cull through the masses of freshmen to find those who would fit in their brotherhood.

The Interfraternity Council is the fraternity system's governing body.

IFC projects this year will include a

new format for accepting bids, or invitations to join a fraternity, and the completion of Fraternity Renaissance.

Fraternity Renaissance is a project in which the administration and the IFC have been working together to improve fraternity housing. The fraternities turn over the deeds of their houses to the school. In return, the school makes much-needed renovations to the houses.

The fraternity house is traditionally

home for a fraternity's officers and its sophomore class, as well as a place for meetings, parties and meals.

The Panhellenic Council is the governing body of W&L's four sororities. The PHC has a busy year ahead, as it looks to sorority Rush in January and the future of sororities.

"Panhellenic is going to concentrate on supporting the leadership of

our newest sorority, Pi Beta Phi," PHC President Carrie Eubanks said. "We want to help [its members] along and aim for the colonization of a fifth sorority in 1994."

Though fraternities have existed at W&L for over a hundred years, the first three sororities colonized in 1989, four years after coeducation. A fourth sorority was added in January.

The IFC includes a representative of each fraternity and a slate of officers elected by those representatives. The PHC board is made up of a representative and an alternate from each sorority. The offices rotate each year among the four chapters.



Eubanks

Welcome to The Ring-tum Phi

Welcome to the Phi. I'll be your tour guide to your favorite reading material every Thursday. Here on page one is the most important news going on at Washington and Lee. More news can often be found on page six, and if it's a really busy week there could be even more news pages.

Pages two and three are your editorial and opinion pages. This is your place to say what is on your mind and be sure most of W&L will read it. All you have to do is write a letter to the editor or a My View column and send it to Francesca Kefalas at the Phi office. The pages will also feature two W&L humor columnists, writing on alternate weeks, and two nationally syndicated columnists, George Will and Christopher Matthews.

General Notes and Talkback will also be found on page three. General Notes is a good place to post notices and find out what's going on at W&L. Talkback presents the Phi's question of the week to students like yourself. If you see a big guy running around campus with a camera and asking questions, talk to him. He is Jamey Leonardi and he really wants to ask you a question and take your picture for Talkback.

Pages four and five are the features pages. They will tell you all about the entertainment and lifestyle aspects of W&L. Joyce Bautista is dying to hear about anything you think is worthy of a feature spot. There is also an advice column. If you want good, free advice and can wait until Thursday, just Ask Dr. Worth. You can send questions to University Center Coordinator Carol Calkins.

Last, but certainly not least, are the sports pages. They'll usually be on pages seven and eight. Sean O'Rourke will make sure all you need to know about the in-season sports and athletes will be there for your perusal.

Well, there's the Phi and, just in case you were wondering, below is the football cheer where we our name came from almost a hundred years ago:

Each other's back, boys, has got a knack, boys,
For making gains, sir, round the end.
And it's a sin, sir, for Oberlin, sir, [a W&L player]
To buck the V.M.I. boys' line so awful hard.
Then join the yell, boys, and yell like hell, boys,
Sure enough.
To W&L U., boys, and football, too, boys,
Let's give a rousing, rumbling, roaring football yell.
Ring-tum phi, stickeri bum,
We are the stuff from old Lexington!

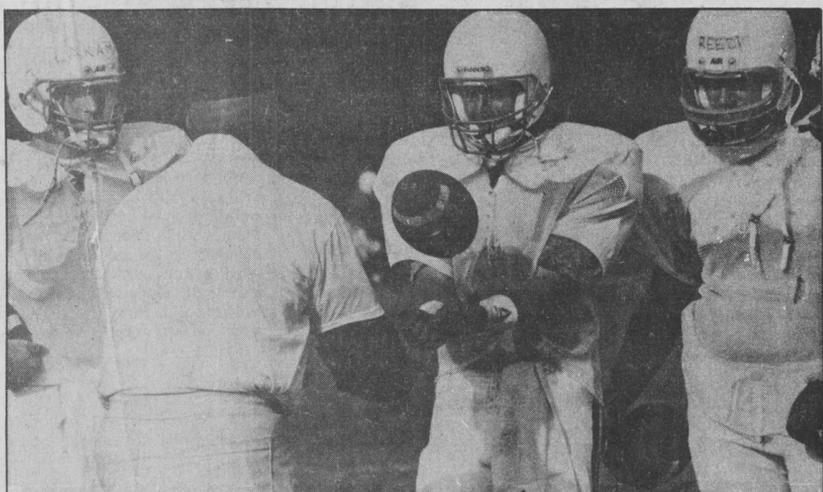


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Catch!

Varsity football coach Gary Fallon tosses a ball to quarterback Geren Stelner during practice on Thursday. You can catch the Phi fall sports preview on page four.

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Looking past the mountains

In the countryside of western Virginia, nestled among rolling green pastures spotted with structures of quaint historic architecture, under skies that are always — well, usually — blue, lies the picturesque community of Lexington.

Not many people live in Lexington; a lot just pass through. For those who stop on a clear day, especially those from the big city, the town's horizons are a sight to behold. Mountaintops litter the view, rising to meet the clouds. Seemingly unchanging from year to year, the mountains can give the people of Lexington a sense of serenity and security; quiet sentinels, they watch over us and protect us.

But the same mountains that keep out the big-city hedonism and give Lexington its small-town spirit can also seal off the community from the outside world.

The same time the United States and its allies began to assault Iraq in Operation Desert Storm in January, 1991, CNN began an assault on Lexington. A rude and uninvited guest, the Cable News Network disrupted our daily lives with news from the "outside." We cared because our brothers and sisters were going to war. We were drawn into the affairs of the outside world.

But when the L.A. riots happened in May, not much notice was taken at W&L. L.A. is far away, and students don't know many people there. And the riots concerned the issue of race, an issue to which W&L is not exceptionally sensitive. Here in Lexington, it was easy to close our shutters, tune out our televisions and gaze at our mountains.

The temptations for a W&L student like yourself to turn your back on the outside world will be enormous. You will have academic and extracurricular obligations, and in all that, you might want to squeeze some kind of social life. In Lexington, there isn't a newspaper stand on every corner, and the local paper covers only local news. You can't get television without cable, so you won't see much of Peter Jennings in the coming months.

Here at The Ring-tum Phi we will help sometimes by covering local tie-ins to stories and issues from the outside world. But our primary function is to cover W&L. We have neither the space nor the resources to give you a full picture of what's going on out there.

So we ask you to keep one recommendation in mind as you enrich your life for the next four years at W&L: don't cut yourself off. Don't give in to the enormous temptation to live in a Lexington vacuum. Make an effort to read a newspaper, a Washington Post or New York Times, at least once a week. Find a television somewhere to take in the national news every now and then. Make an effort to talk about the news with your peers. Stimulate your mind by meeting new people and joining new extracurricular groups. Socialize with people from all walks of campus; don't get caught in a social rut. Remember that you came to W&L not to view the world in a new way, but in a thousand new ways.

Of course, we don't want you to go too far in the other direction, either. When the problems of the world seem to be weighing on your shoulders, trapped somewhere in your backpack among the hundreds of pages of reading you'll be tested on the next day; when the dorm halls are filled with the revelry of those students who just never seem to have as much homework as you do; and when it seems you can't count on anyone or anything to be consistent from one day to the next; there's one surefire way to forget your woes, at least for a little while: go outside and look at the mountains.

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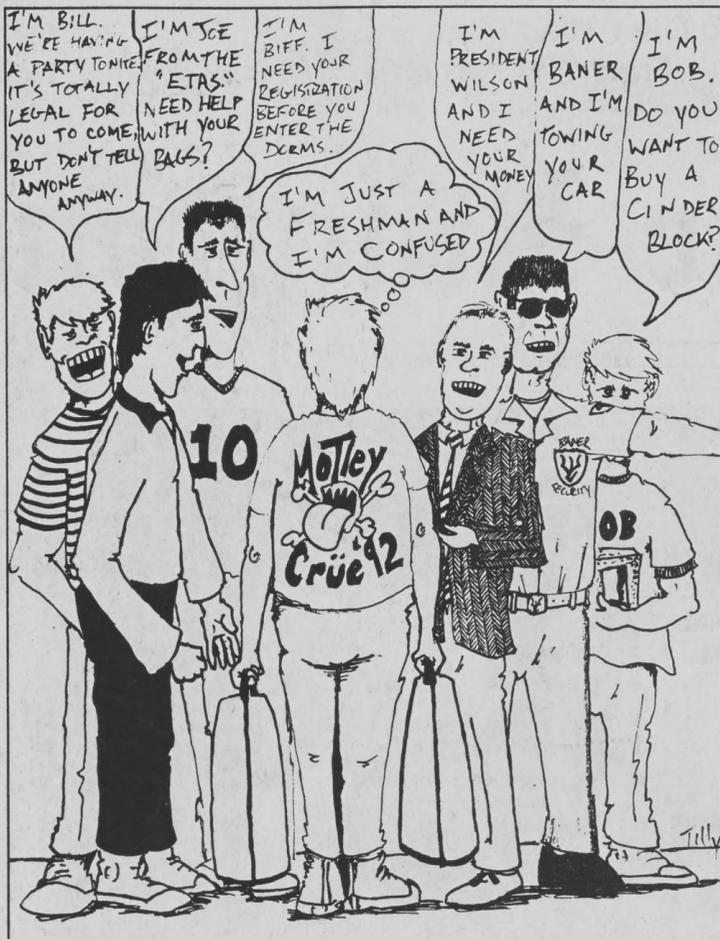
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OPINION



Welcome to a year of changes

ASK DR. WORTH

By Dr. James Worth

Q. What can you say to the incoming freshmen that might ease their transitions into W&L?

A. A few freshmen seem to make the transition with virtually no anxiety, no self-doubt, no homesickness, no backward glances or concerns about the future. These are the exceptions. Most of you, whether you talk about it or not, will find your enthusiasm and excitement at least somewhat tempered by the need to face new academic and social demands and to accept the changes that are occurring as you move beyond the relationships and routines of high school days.

The following are a few thoughts which might help you along the way:

(1) Trust the selection process. You wouldn't be here unless our Admissions staff, a very competent and experienced group, hadn't determined you have what it takes to survive at W&L. Maybe not everyone can consistently be on the Dean's List but in my experience everyone who has been accepted has the intellectual juice to graduate, provided they put in the necessary effort.

(2) If you are willing to take the risk of extending yourself, you can make friends here, no matter who you are. Don't expect 100 percent success. Not everyone you meet will be available for friendship. There may be disappointments. But no matter what your interests, your biases, your predilections, or for that matter your shortcomings, there are others out there who will connect with you and like you. The only catch is that you have to be available. If you don't take the risk to extend yourself sincerely for friendship, perhaps for fear of not being accepted, you will greatly increase the likelihood of being lonely or isolated.

(3) The biggest single threat to succeeding here academically is poor time management. Few come to campus with really good time-management habits. If you find you are doing low-importance tasks but are not completing high-importance ones, if you regularly feel there simply aren't enough hours in the day, if you seem often to be "a day late and a dollar short," these are signs you need to improve your time-management skills.

If so, talk to somebody about it. Go to a successful upperclass student, your major advisor, the two counselors on campus or most any dean. The hardest part is realizing you are deficient in these skills and need assistance.

(4) Don't spend much time worrying about what you should major in or what your ultimate career choice will be. If you do happen to know these things, that's fine. But if you don't, it's O.K. Find books, classes and activities that interest you. See what stimulates your curiosity. Experiment. Read a book or take a class simply because it interests you, not because it is required. As you follow your interests, your life direction will emerge.

(5) Think of ways you can give things back to the community, both W&L and the larger Lexington community. There are many ways to give. Both on- and off-campus groups exist which you can join that contribute to the well-being of the folks here. What you will discover, I believe, is that the more you give, the more meaningful your experience here will be.

(6) Make a point of getting to know your professors personally, especially the ones you like best. Believe it or not, the majority of them are not merely available but eager to know you, particularly if you are not "apple polishing" but are genuinely interested in them and their courses.

Mix in the madness

MY VIEW

By Dennis G. Manning

Seneca, Latin moralist and philosopher, claimed that, "There is no genius without a mixture of madness." I am assuming that all freshmen admitted to W & L — with the imprimatur of our admissions office — are certifiable

I recall one of my hallmates my freshman year, whom we thought of as an intellectual, gulping down a Siamese fighting fish for a \$10 wager... These were the same people who whiled away hours upon hours discussing poetry and politics, Keats and Kant, Christianity and atheism.

geniuses (or is it geni?) and therefore they will ease into the classroom faster than a colt breaks into its first canter. Well okay, those first steps may look a little wobbly, but a smoother gait always ensues.

But what about this mixture of madness — this essential ingredient in genius? I remember my brush with genius as a freshman. I recall one of my hallmates my freshman year, whom we

thought of as an intellectual, gulping down a Siamese fighting fish for a \$10 wager. Or what about another one of my intelligent "friends" who displayed a clear glass bottle in his room filled with lint he collected from his navel? (These people actually exist: one is a successful attorney and the other a promising film director.)

These were the same people who whiled away hours upon hours discussing poetry and politics, Keats and Kant, Christianity and atheism, thinking all the time they were closing in on genius-level status while one failed to complete his reading of the first three acts of *King Lear* for a British literature survey and the other neglected his analysis of the Krebs' Cycle for an introductory biology course.

But madness — frivolity, if that makes you more comfortable — must have certain limits or else genius will never be begotten. I won't pretend to be able to define those limits — fish and lint may not seem too terribly mad to you. Walk gingerly to those limits — don't move breakneck at them or, before you can right yourself, spin out of control and beyond them. Don't forget your own mortality, your own vulnerability.

Tragedy and gaiety; terror and beauty; (genius and madness?); what Yeats called antinomies are the mysterious core in each of us, reminding us of our own mortality. The ivory tower is a refuge where such thoughts about time are out of mind. Where or when else does such an interweaving of genius and madness make students at times seem younger (or less mature?) than they actually are, and graybeards, like me, feel less decrepit than we should? I know you will, as all freshman classes seem to do, invigorate us with your youthfulness and show us the right "mixture of madness!"

Dennis G. Manning is dean of freshmen.

Freshman year brought boxers

ONE GUY'S OPINION

By Chris Citron

I'm curious ladies. Which do you prefer: boxers or briefs? It's been buggin' me since my freshman year, and I don't think that a definite conclusion has yet arisen. So... let's talk about it.

When I first came to W&L, I must admit that boxers were not an integral part of my wardrobe. I was a briefs man. In fact, to go along with my already established cheesy reputation, I took briefs one step further.

I'm sorry, but yes, I owned the Saturday Night Fever colored bikini briefs. Everyone knows what I'm talking about. Those red and blue and green and black and striped (well, you do need variety) "nut huggers" — as someone so decently told me once — that you try to avoid looking at as you walk through the men's department at Macy's while thousands of mannequins border the aisles, proudly displaying some patterns that could only have been thought of under a really bad acid trip. However, it's what I wore, and I was not only proud to wear

them, but anxiously awaited a call to model them in Macy's.

Now, my roommate was from Alabama. Needless to say, our styles didn't exactly coincide. In fact, although I was shocked to learn that he did not own a pair of briefs, I think that he was a bit more surprised the first time he saw my collection.

Roommate (laughing hysterically and continuously for six minutes): "Why would you do that to yourself?"

I've got to admit that I was a bit caught off-guard by his reaction, but once I understood that he was not laughing at a part of me, but rather my underwear, I had to answer him. In retrospect, I've come up with two answers:

1) Boxers are for old men who no longer need to hook up with girls. (Not that I did any better...)

2) I liked being able to feel that something was there. (How much/little is irrelevant.) There was some security knowing where my guy was all the time.

However, my roommate piqued my interest, and I was curious about these "boxer things." I defiantly protested his suggestion to trying a pair, defend-

ing that it was impossible for boxers to fit well under pants, and that my guy might roam to places not suitable for him without protection. (I don't even know what that means, so whatever your evil little minds come up with is fine with me.)

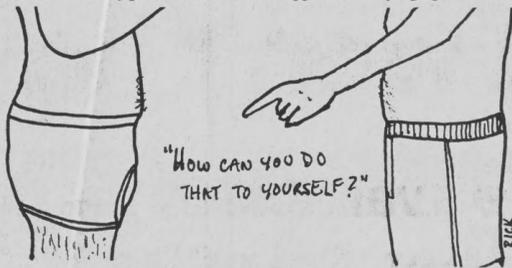
So, one day when I was... out of underwear (Okay, so maybe I've got a problem dressing in other guys' clothes. So what? That would be a psychological problem, if a problem at all, and does not concern this argument.), I tried a pair of his boxers.

What an experience! I was a walking erection all day! I felt way too good. Y'know, like sleeping in the sheets naked by yourself. It just feels way too good to be safe.

What do I do now? I think I like them. So I wear them again. And again. And again. Eventually, I had to wash them, but each time I got a little more used to it. Now I can almost walk to class without getting aroused. Not bad for about two years, heh?

Where does that leave us? It leaves us with a disgusting story of how a cheesy guy from New Jersey (NO, that is not necessarily redundant!) finally got a little bit o' class. And I do proudly admit that I am a complete boxer convert, having thrown out my last pair of Bruts two years ago after a revolting display of dancing took place in my room by a fat guy. But is our question answered? Of course not. In this column it never will be.

However, I know girls who love boxers and hate "tighty-whities." I know girls who love briefs and can't stand boxers. And finally, I know girls who don't care either way and figure that it's not the packaging, but the package.



About the Phi

The Ring-tum Phi, W&L's official student newspaper, is published each Thursday of the undergraduate calendar, except in the weeks prior to and during exams.

Copies of the Phi are free to W&L students and employees, and can be picked up outside the Generals Headquarters in the University Center and in the library.

The Phi is funded in part from student activities fees, with most of the operating costs coming from advertising revenues and subscriptions to parents and alumni. The Publications Board chooses Phi editors and business managers annually.

All students are welcome to report, sell ads or contribute letters and columns for The Ring-tum Phi. Letters and columns are edited for grammar, libel and obscenity only.

Any student interested in working for the paper or just learning more about the Phi is invited to attend an orientation meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. in Room 203 of Reid Hall.

FEATURES

Things to do in Lex

Town offers array of sights and activities

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Features Editor

Surrounding the confines of the Washington and Lee campus lies the sleepy historical city of Lexington. Though small, the city offers plenty for students to do and see during their four-year stay.

The area's specialty shops and restaurants are only a few minutes' walk from campus. The shops offer a wide array of gifts and necessities.

When the dining hall and Domino's Pizza have taken their toll, local restaurants offer dishes from fettucine alfredo to carne asada burritos.

For entertainment, The Fast Lane bowling alley is located north on Route 11. Farther down Route 11 is a drive-in theater to fill those sometimes uneventful weekend nights during the early fall and spring.

For newer movies in a quaint theater, try the State Cinema on Nelson Street. And for those of you with access to a VCR, Rockbuster and Beyond Video, both off Route 60, have a decent selection of old and new flicks.

If the munchies hit at 3 a.m., you could always stop at Lee-Hi Truckstop, past the drive-in on Route 11. You can't miss it — the semis are a dead give-away. Lee-Hi offers breakfast,

lunch and dinner selections 24 hours a day, and prices are perfect for students on a budget.



and horse sales.

The theater at Lime Kiln offers Lexington citizens original professional productions in a setting that has been called "the most unusual theater setting in the United States."

W&L's Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts hosts professional and student productions throughout the year. Most of the programs are free or offered at a reduced price to students.

Nearby Goshen Pass is a favorite spot for students enjoying the scenic Maury River. For years, students have tubed and picnicked at this spot of natural beauty. It is also a great place for canoeing, fishing and trail walking.

The Chessie Nature Trail begins at VMI Island and is popular with runners and hikers. Bird and wildflower lovers will enjoy the abundant natural wonders. The trail ends at Zimmerman's Lock near Route 60.

The breathtaking views seen from the Blue Ridge Parkway have attracted millions of visitors from around the world. The parkway spans 470 miles and four states. It can be accessed on Route 60 near Buena Vista.

Further from the immediate area, The Homestead Resort provides skiing and ice skating in the winter. Under 30 minutes away is Natural Bridge, advertised as the "seventh wonder of the world."

For a better feel for the history of Lexington, the city offers carriage tours for \$8 beginning at the Visitor Center

on East Washington Street, next to the Centel office.

One of the highlights on the ride is the Stonewall Jackson House. The house belonged to the famous Confederate general and is a registered national landmark. Jackson was also a professor of natural philosophy (now known as physics) at the Virginia Military Institute.

Like W&L, VMI also has a rich history and an abundance of noteworthy sites.

VMI was the first state-supported military college. Opened in 1839, distinguished professors and alumni include Jackson, Matthew Fontaine Maury and George C. Marshall.

The George C. Marshall Museum is located on the southern end of VMI's parade ground. This museum and research library houses the World War II U.S. chief of staff's personal papers as well as a collection of material relating to U.S. military and diplomatic history of the 20th century. The VMI Museum, located on the opposite end of the Parade Ground, highlights the history of the institute and houses Jackson's horse, Little Sorrell, who is stuffed and mounted there.

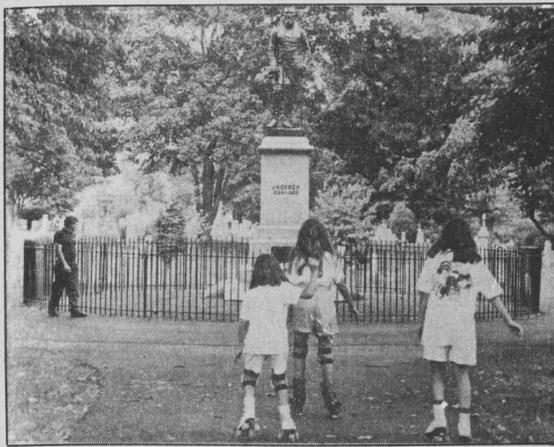
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Also on the VMI campus is a famous sculpture of Jackson created by artist Edward Valentine and the sculpture "Virginia Mourning Her Dead," honoring cadets killed in the Civil War. Valentine was also the sculptor of the reclining Robert E. Lee found in Lee Chapel.

Yet another historic site is the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery. Located on South Main Street, it grew around Lexington Presbyterian Church.

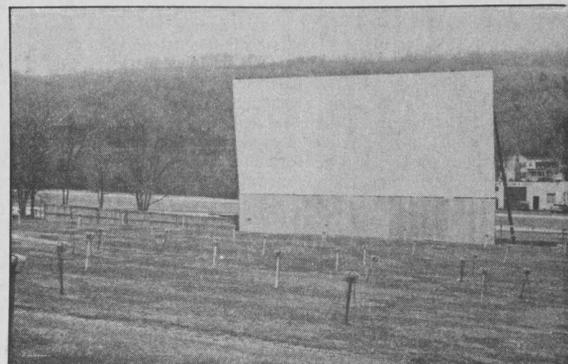
The cemetery is the burial ground for several famous Lexingtonians and their families as well as hundreds of Revolutionary and Civil War veterans. A statue of Jackson, completed by Valentine in 1891, stands in the center of the site.



Girls rollerskate under the watchful eye of Gen. Stonewall Jackson in the cemetery that bears his name.

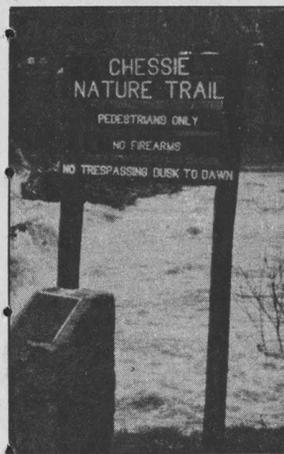
Photo by Leigh Allen

Studying in the sun on the Maury River is a good way to shake off those winter blues Spring Term. This has been a favorite sunbathing and picnicking spot among students for years.



The drive-in down Route 11 offers second-run movies students can enjoy in an outdoor setting.

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The Chessie Nature Trail stretches from VMI Island to Zimmerman's Lock.

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The taste of stamps?
Rehashing *everything* that happened
in the past week?

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Fall teams look to improve on 1991 performances

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Your eyes are probably glancing over this page through the waterfall of sweat falling off your brow and tears of pain from strained muscles only a Latin major could pronounce.

You are now one of the many tired participants in the freshman-moving-in game. This event is played out yearly on campuses all across the country, but at least here you can take a break and read an early edition of the school newspaper.

Obviously you are somewhat interested in sports or else you would have tossed this paper by now. If you are at all interested, this is the column for you. The Washington and Lee fall sports season is right around the corner and now is the time to provide you



with a general, no pun intended, preview of what to expect.

First of all, a little background for you on W&L sports. Our nickname is the Generals and we are NCAA Division III, exclusively. We belong to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, ODAC. Some of our chief rivals in the conference are the Hampden-Sydney Tigers, the Roanoke Maroons and the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets.

The fall action begins Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12, as the Generals football team hosts the eighth consecutive opening day match-up with the Emory & Henry Wasps. The Generals are winless in the past seven and have not beaten the Wasps since a 21-15 victory in 1982.

The Generals are coming off a rough 1991 campaign. They posted a 1-9 record and were 0-5 in ODAC play. They have a favorable schedule this

year with five home games and only four away, with a bye week after the Emory & Henry game. But it all begins with the Wasps at 1:30 p.m. at Wilson Field.

The water polo team returns to the pool Sept. 12-13 for the Washington and Lee Fall Classic. The tournament will be held in the Cy Twombly Memorial Pool in the Warner Center.

The Generals finished 15-10, the 15th consecutive above .500 season. Under the guidance of head coach Page Remillard, the Generals have been Southern Water Polo Conference Champions four times and runner-up five times in 13 years. Remillard's stint as head coach has produced an astounding 266-127-1 record.

The men's soccer team also had a successful 1991 season. After finishing 7-8-2 in 1990, the Generals rebounded to post a respectable 8-6-2 record, 4-3 in ODAC play. The Generals reached the semifinals of the ODAC tournament, only to lose to soccer powerhouse Virginia Wesleyan 1-0.

The Generals open their 1992 season with the Franklin and Marshall Tournament Sept. 12-13. W&L won last year's tournament in an exciting shoot-out. The team does not play in front of the home crowd until Sept. 23 when they take on Guilford College. That game is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Liberty Hall Fields.

The women's 1991 soccer season was identical to the men's. The women finished 8-6-2 and lost in the semifinals of the ODAC tournament to archrival Roanoke College 1-0 in overtime. The women lost six players to graduation and a few others left the team after last season. They now field a team with 17 girls.

The Generals open their season on the road at Va. Wesleyan on Sept. 12. Their first home game is Sept. 18 against ODAC foe Hollins College at Liberty Hall Fields at 4 p.m.

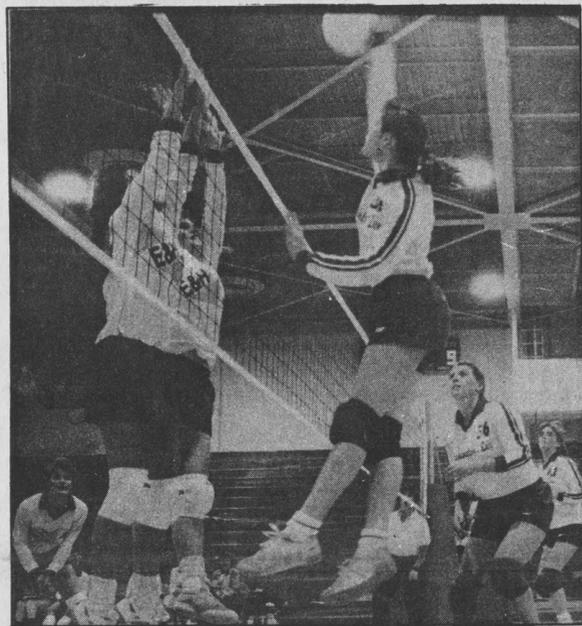
One of the fall teams to undergo drastic changes is the women's volleyball team. They lost three girls to graduation and a coach. Four-year head coach Susan Dittman is taking a one-year leave of absence. So, W&L went out and got one of the best players ever to play for the University of Arizona Wildcats.

Over the summer W&L hired Kristi Yarter, a May graduate, as an interim coach. Yarter was a four-year letterman for Arizona and ranked at or near the top in almost every volleyball category. She finished fourth in career



File photo

William Propst hauls in one of his 37 catches from last year. The Generals need a strong performance from its offense to compliment the talented defensive squad.



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Leslie Hess spikes it past the outstretched arms of two Emory&Henry players. The Generals are looking to improve on an 11-21 record with an interim coach.

kills with 1,044 and second in blocks with 276.

Yarter has her work cut out for her as the Generals come off a disappointing 11-21 year. The team opens 1992 at Christopher Newport College on Sept. 12. They return home to host the Washington and Lee Invitational Sept. 18-19 in the Warner Center.

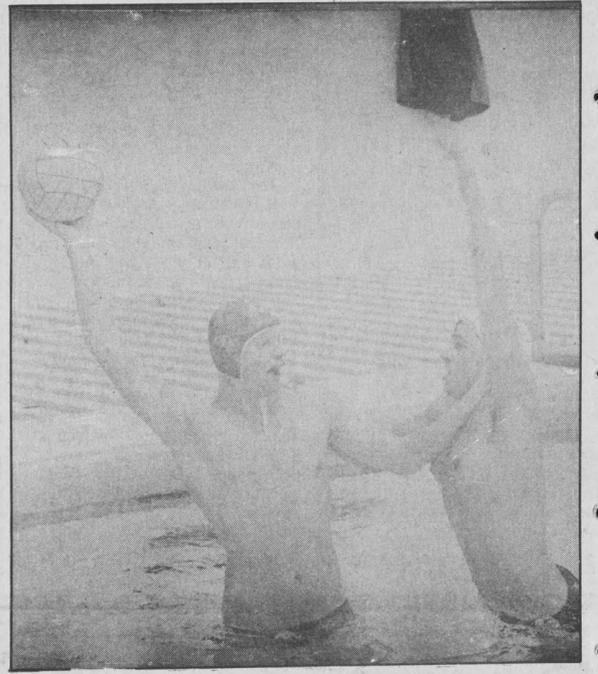
The last of the fall teams to open their new season are the men's and women's cross country teams. Both teams open at home against Mary Washington College on Sept. 19.

The men come off an impressive 8-1 mark last year but they lost six runners, including standout Charles Edwards. However, senior Bo Hannah returns for his final season as the one to watch for the men.

The women also lost four runners to graduation, but return a host of strong runners who competed heavily last year. They are looking to improve on 1991's 5-3 finish.

Finally, the men's golf team hosts some of the top golf teams in Division III in the Washington and Lee Fall Invitational. The two-day event begins Sept. 11 at the Lexington Country Club. Their season does not officially begin until the beginning of spring.

Well, there it is in a nut shell. A list of the best W&L has to offer this fall in terms of athletics. So, enjoy your year and have fun moving the rest of the stuff into the dorms, especially those on the fourth floor of Graham-Lees. Until next week, Adios!



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Goalle P.J. Waicus anchors the Generals water polo defense. W&L is striving for its 16th straight winning season and a Southern Conference championship.

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