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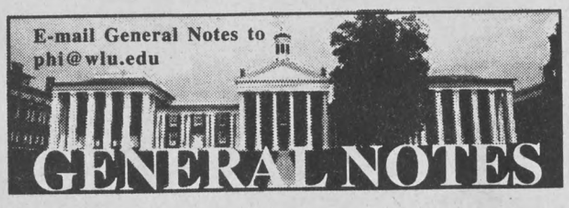


Plane Crashes near Davidson Park

Last Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. Lexington residents witnessed an unexpected tragedy when a small airplane crashed into the sidewalk lining Washington Street in front the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house. According to witnesses, the 1959 Piper airplane lost a wing before it took a nose dive to the ground. The two passengers died. Remnants of the plane were scattered over four blocks surrounding the wreckage. Residents of Davidson Park were forced to find other accomodations while officials from local, state and national agencies collected the wreckage for investigation. No one on the ground was injured, despite the plane crash's location in the heart of Lexington.

Historic Lexington Church Burns

Known as the city's oldest and largest church, the Lexington Presbyterian Church burned on July 18. The fire was started when heat guns being used to remove paint inside the church ignited a fire that soon spread throughout the church. Firefighters from all over Rockbridge county were called to help, but to no avail, as bystanders watched the church become gutted by the intense flames. Residents from all of Lexington came to watch the spectacle, which culminated with the collapse of the church's steeple in a firey mass.

Virginia Announces New Alcohol and Drug Laws

The state of Virginia announced stiffer penalties for DUI and drug offenders this summer. There is now a mandatory five-day jail period for anyone who has a BAC (Blood Alcohol Level) between 0.20 - 0.25, and a ten-day jail term for a BAC over 0.25. New federal laws regarding "date-rape" drugs have also been enhanced, with a minimum jail term of five years. Members of the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees have also adopted a more stringent stance on drunk driving and illegal drug use by reaffirming their support for Washington and Lee's " Policy on Drugs/ Controlled Substances."

W&L receives $390,000 grant

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded the university with $390,000 to develop a Teaching and Resource Center. The purpose of the Center will be to assist in the professional development of faculty members.

This issue is a special one; next week we'll be back with more news ...

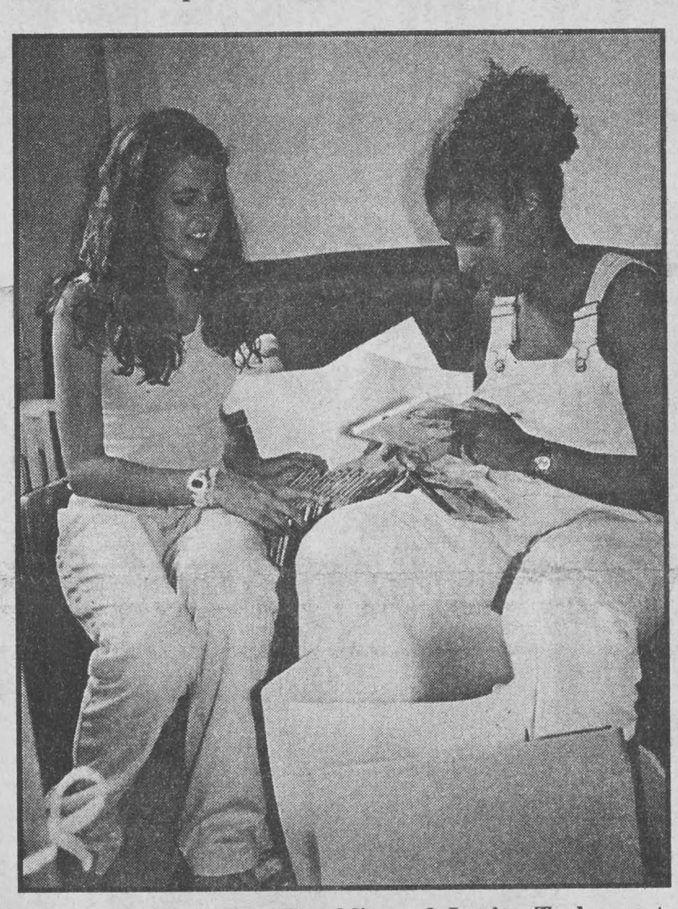
W&L welcomes Class of 2004

Freshmen and parents take a break from unpacking in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad.

The college experience officially began for the 452 students of this year's freshman class on Saturday. Although some students arrived on campus early to participate on sports teams and other activities, most of the class shared in the weekend's events of meeting a new roommate, lugging boxes up the stairs to the top dorm floors, and saying good-bye to parents.

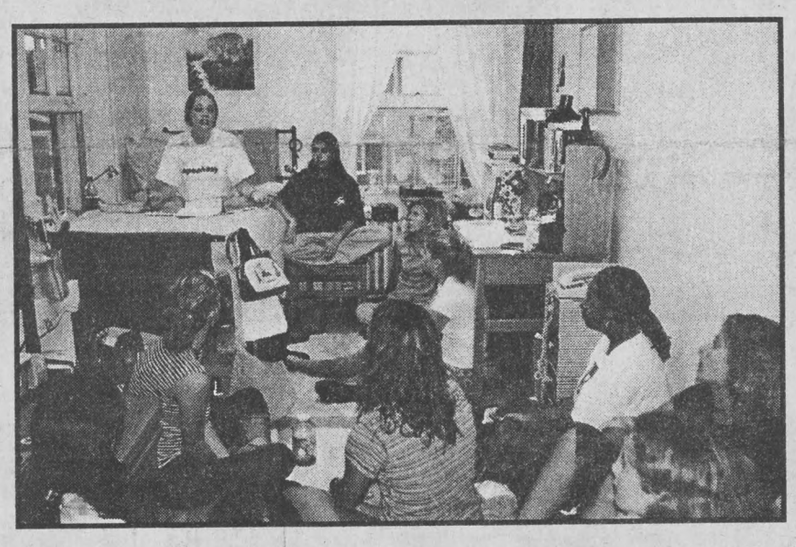
In order to prepare the class for life at college before upperclassmen arrive and classes begin, freshmen will participate in activities organized by the Freshman Orientation Committee throughout the first week. FOC director Lauren LaFauci said that she is happy with the freshman response to the program. "So far everything has been running pretty smoothly," laFauci said. "I think the hard work of the entire Freshman Orientation Committee has really paid off this week."

New student Blair Sanzone summed up her feelings on both upperclassmen and members of her own class. "It's a very friendly atmosphere," Sanzone said. She echoes the attitude of many other freshmen who seem to have made the easy transition into a new world.



New roommates Meg Franklin and Jessica Taylor sort through their collection of CDs.

Freshman Paul Seifert stands as parents Charlotte and Ken relax after a long day of moving boxes up the stairs of Graham-Lees. (right photo)



Dorm Counselor Heather McDonald meets with the girls on her hall.

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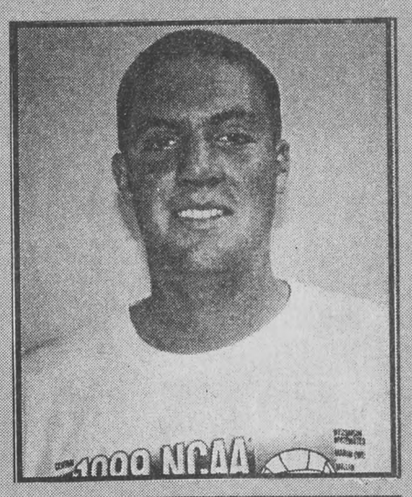
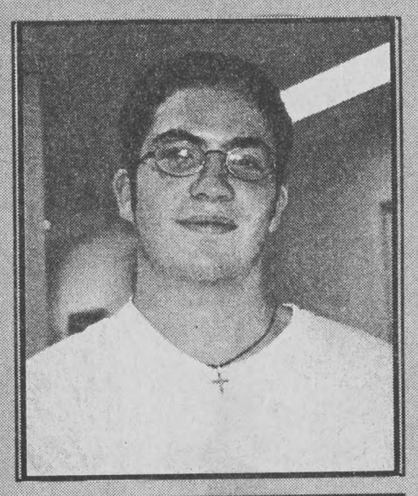
TALKback...What is your first impression of W&L?

"It seems really comfortable and laid back."
-Abby Harding '04



"It's kind of overwhelming; there's so many people to meet."
-Chip Saulsbury '04

"Everybody's been very hospitable...I literally didn't have to carry up one thing to my room." -Lee Wheeler '04



"I'm impressed with the friendly attitude I've gotten talking to upperclassmen."
-Peter Ervin '04

twenty-four seven (this week's events!)

Monday
9:30 p.m.- 1:00 a.m. - Java at the GHQ, GHQ, University Center

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Web Registration, Faculty Advisors' Offices
9:00 a.m. - 12: 00 p.m. - Activities Fair, Stemmons Plaza
12:30 p.m. - Financial Aid Meeting, Science Center A214
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Franny and Zooey: Presentation and Discussions, Lee Chapel and University classrooms
4:00 p.m. - Soccer (W) Scrimmage. W&L vs. Southern Virginia College, Liberty Hall Field
4:30 p.m. - SJC and SFHB Orientation, Lee Chapel
5:30 p.m. - Big Brother/Sister Dinner, Front Lawn
8:00 p.m. - Honor System Orientation, Lee Chapel

Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Matriculation, Colonnade
5:00 p.m. - Fall Convocation, Front Lawn

Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Undergraduate classes begin
8:30 a.m. - Drop/Add begins

Friday
6:30 p.m. - Interfraternity Council (IFC) orientation, Lee Chapel
7:30 p.m. - Panhellenic Council (PHC) orientation, Lee Chapel

Saturday
11:00 a.m. - Soccer (M). W&L vs. Catholic Univ, Liberty Hall Field
1:00 p.m. - Football. W&L vs. Johns Hopkins, Wilson Field

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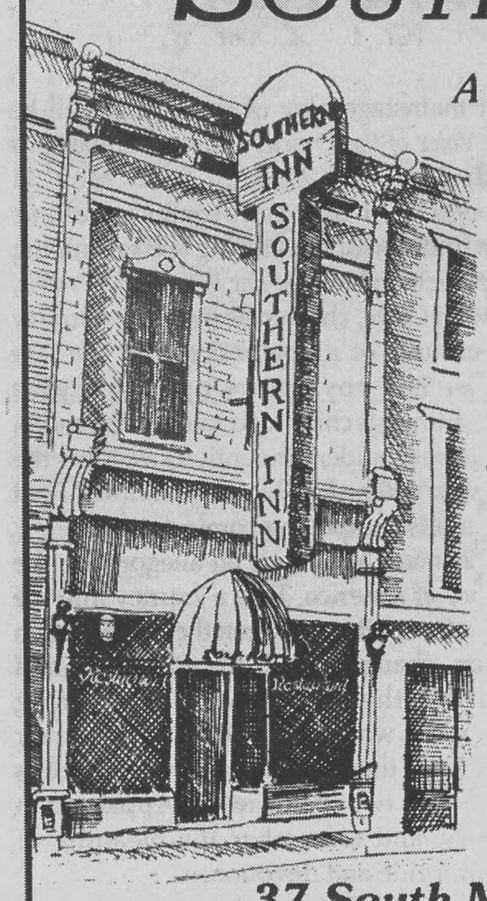

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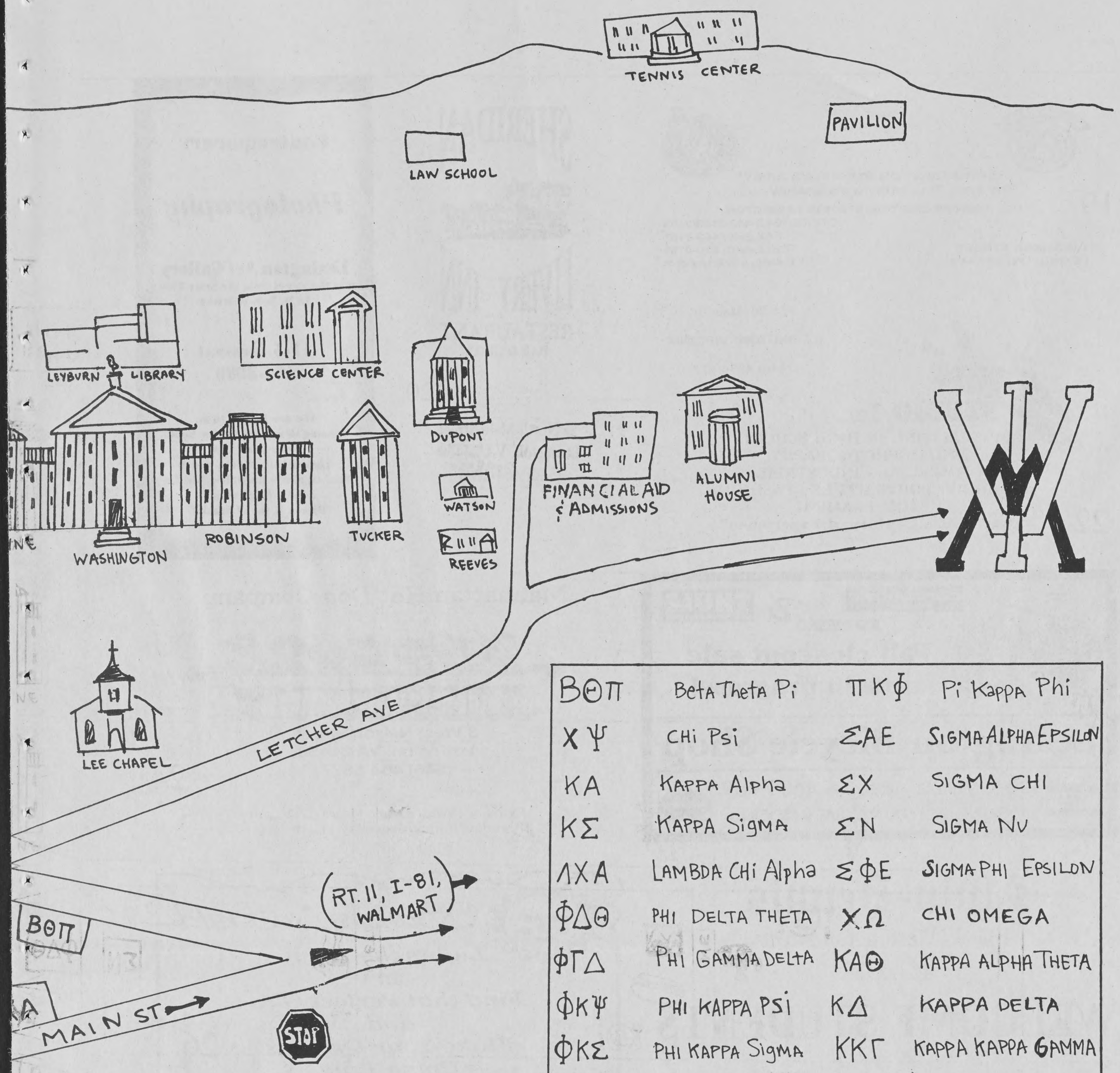

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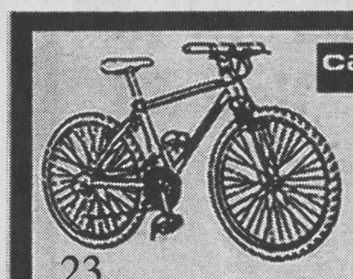

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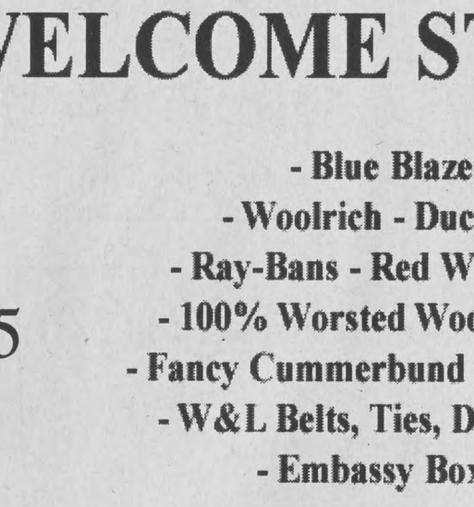

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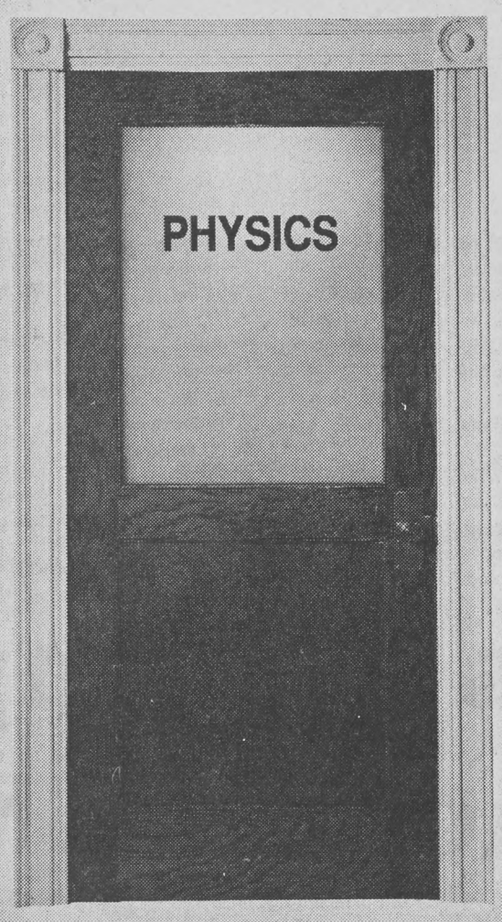

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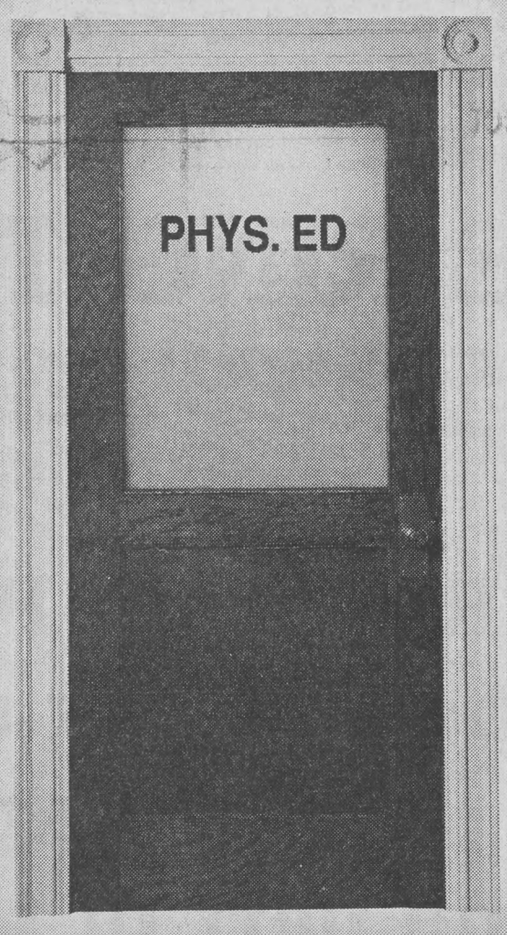

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