



Hartog named admissions director

William M. Hartog, formerly dean of admissions at Rollins College in Florida, was named director of admissions at Washington and Lee effective July 15.

Hartog, 31, succeeds James D. Farrar, who had been W&L's admissions director for 16 years. Farrar was named in March to organize and direct a new program designed to involve W&L alumni intensively in the undergraduate recruiting and admissions process.

The new W&L admissions director has been head of admissions at Rollins since 1972, first as director and with the title of dean since earlier this year.

He is widely active in professional organizations and is president-elect of the Southern Association of College Admissions Counselors and conference chairman for that group's annual meeting this year.

Hartog's appointment was announced by Dr. Lewis G. John, dean of students. Admissions activities at Washington and Lee are part of that office's responsibilities.

A search is currently underway to fill the newly created position of associate admissions director, Dr. John said.

(A detailed feature on Mr. Hartog, written by editorial staff member, Neil Pentifallo, will appear on Thursday.)

Chinese "variety show" to be held in chapel

A troupe of 16 college students from the Republic of China (Taiwan) will visit Lexington next week and will present a free public performance Thursday afternoon (Sept. 14).

The students are beginning a cultural-exchange tour of the United States. Washington and Lee has maintained close cultural-exchange ties with Taiwan for a number of years now, highlighted by a week-long visit by a number of W&L representatives to Taiwan this summer.

The visiting students will give a number of brief demonstrations of authentic Chinese art forms, ranging from dance to acrobatics. They will play Chinese instrumental music and offer excerpts from the distinctive Chinese opera. Also part of the performance will be a series of colorful folk dances of the traditional Taiwanese aboriginal form.

The cultural "variety show" will take place on the new terrace in front of Lee Chapel at W&L, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, the show will be held inside the Chapel.

The program begins at 3:30 p.m., and will be followed immediately by a tea reception in the W&L Alumni House, to which the public is also invited.

During their visit to Lexington, the students will be the guests of Washington and Lee's Asian Studies Program.

Classes start; overflow freshman class arrives

Classes begin Wednesday for an estimated 1,350 undergraduate students at Washington and Lee.

With 384 freshmen registering this week, W&L has one of the largest entering classes in its history. Generally in the recent past, W&L has had freshman classes varying in size from about 350 to 365, the range the university considers ideal.

The unusually large freshman class this year, W&L officials say, is the result of a much higher-than-expected "confirmation rate" among applicants to whom W&L offered admission last spring. The rate for this fall's entering class was 57 percent, 10 points higher than a year ago and significantly higher than any year in at least the past decade and a half.

Because of the unusually large freshman class, W&L has leased part of the old Robert E. Lee hotel for use as freshman housing, and 31 members of the entering class will live there.

Statistical data for the new freshman class show that its members are at least as well qualified academically, as measured by objective data, as last year's normal-size freshman class. Combined College Board scores (Scholastic Achievement Test — SAT) were virtually the same as a year ago, 1,129 this year versus 1,130 last September. The required English composition Achievement Test score was up slightly for this year's freshman class, at 546, against an average score of 544 last year.

The "average" W&L freshman this year ranked in the top quarter of his high-school class at a mean standing of 73.7 on a base of 100, and 42 percent of this year's freshmen graduated in the top one-fifth of their high-school classes.

Orientation for the new freshmen officially began Wednesday, Sept. 6, and the incoming freshmen departed Thursday for the traditional two days of meetings at Natural Bridge.

News Briefs

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan prize, the highest award the Washington and Lee University faculty confers upon a graduating student, was presented to Richard W. Stein of Jacksonville, Fla.

Stein, majoring in both psychology and religion, was head of the University Federation and chairman of the Big Brother volunteer programs and was coordinator of a tutoring program in the local elementary schools and of a companion therapy program at the Western State mental hospital in Staunton, Va. He also worked at the Presbyterian Children's Home in Lexington.

The Sullivan Award, sponsored by The Southern Society of New York, recognizes the graduating student "who excels in high ideals of living, in spiritual qualities, and in generous and disinterested service to others."

W&L has hired 11 new professors who will begin regular teaching duties this week. Equally distributed between the undergraduate departments and the law school, they will be profiled in the first issue of the Ring-tum Phi. Incidentally, one of the new undergraduate instructors is a woman, bringing the number of "teaching females" on the main campus to an all-time high of five.

Classes for the law school opened August 21, with a record-breaking enrollment of 344. This represents a 40% increase in the law student body over the past three years, made possible after the move from Tucker to Lewis Hall in 1976.

According to law school officials, the number of law students is now expected to stabilize at 340-350 from this year.

The first-year law class includes 115 individuals from 68 colleges and 28 states, about 30 percent of which are women.

Former W&L athlete killed

Christopher R. Larson, a 1977 graduate of Washington and Lee, was fatally injured in an accident on August 11 on the Baltimore beltway.

Larson, 22, was a standout athlete in his four years at W&L. He was a leading midfielder on the Generals' nationally ranked lacrosse team, scoring 12 goals and 8 assists his senior year when W&L ranked fifth in the country.

Larson also played basketball at W&L and served as the Generals' valuable sixth man in 1976-77 when his team set a school record of 23 wins and 5 losses.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory E. Larson of Lutherville, Maryland.

Coming up in the Phi...

Washington and Lee's new undergrad library, projected for completion in 1980, is scheduled to be operable at Christmas. At long last, McCormick Library will be available for restoration and occupation by the commerce school. More on this, how the move will be made, and all the other changes around campus as W&L begins a three-year game of musical chairs...

With the new library, W&L completes its official "building boom" of the 1970's. But those of you who thought an end was in sight may be in for a surprise; the administration is once again contemplating an ambitious new building project. Read which department may get a new and much needed home in Thursday's edition...

William Hartog is W&L's new Director of Admissions—read about him on Thursday. And check out the story on the deans who have left Washington Hall — where are they now??

The problem of getting your car towed away in Lexington; if it's taken this weekend, why you will have to wait until Monday for its return...

More on Coach Fallon, the Generals' new coach, and the view for the football season — how he plans to put the university back on the winning track...

Security policies at the surrounding women's colleges: know them before you get jailed...

Betty Munger, manager of the Bookstore, takes the plunge and opens a used textbook co-op. What savings to the students? Look for her column, Eye and Ear, in the entertainment section...

AND — the new faculty faces, the relative success of the 1978 Rush season, theatre and movie offerings for the fall, opening sessions of the Executive Committee and other organizations, and more. All coming up in the first issues of the Ring-tum Phi.

**Ring-tum Phi staff meeting:
Thursday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m.,
Room 200 University Center.**



Above is only a small set of the Reeves Collection of Chinese Export Porcelain, which returned to its homeland for the first time in July. (The story of W&L's journey to Taiwan is covered on page 2.) Most of the pieces date from 1750-1850, and many bear patriotic and trade-oriented designs: for example, the ships carrying American flags pictured above.

—photo courtesy Reeves Collection of W&L

From the editor

All of us on the 1978-79 newspaper staff take this opportunity to welcome the upperclassmen who have returned to the grind — and a special welcome to this year's freshman class.

The Ring-tum Phi, entering its 78th year of publication, is one of the oldest college newspapers in the country. Distributed every Thursday on campus, it provides regular coverage of the major events on campus — and the people who make them happen. An open forum for opinion, we solicit articles and letters from all areas of the student body and administration. In addition, town affairs which affect all of you will be reported throughout the year.

It is our goal to provide a publication which will act as a ready guide to happenings at W&L — the who, what, where, when, and why. In the past two years, the Ring-tum Phi has grown in size by over 100 percent, and there is now the physical space to cover the news in a more detailed fashion. In this regard, thanks are especially due to the Lexington News-Gazette, which took over the printing of the expanded paper in 1977.

However bright the year may be for our publication, there is always a need for additional staff members. Regular assignments for reporters in all departments (news, sports, entertainment, features) are waiting and require no previous experience. In addition, positions on the editorial staff are available for those who qualify. And our business manager, Peter Goss, will be taking several new people into the advertising, subscription, and circulation operations. None of these jobs require demanding amounts of time; yet, they are an excellent way (especially for freshmen) to get involved on campus.

If you are interested, make your move quickly — before all the best assignments are taken. Sign up at the matriculation table on Mon-Tues, Sept. 11-12. Also, all are invited to attend the first open staff meeting: **Thursday, September 14, at 4pm in the newspaper office, Room 200 of the University Center building.** At this meeting, assignments will be given out for the second issue, and new reporters will be introduced to their various department editors.

I believe that we have assembled an excellent central staff for the year. All that remains is for those of you who are interested to make your presence known. I look forward to meetinn you during the week, and at the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

M. Gray Coleman, Editor-in-Chief

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- ☆ Chinese opera extracts
- ☆ Painting demonstrations
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Thursday
September 14,
3:30 p.m.
Lee Chapel
Washington and Lee University

Tea and reception in honor of the 16 Chinese student guests immediately afterward at the W&L Alumni House



Robert E. R. Huntley (right), president of Washington and Lee University, received the Cultural Decoration from the Republic of China (Taiwan) at a formal ceremony in Taipei.

The medal is the highest honor of its type the nationalist Chinese government can confer on a foreigner. Huntley's was only the 11th ever awarded.

Presenting the decoration is Chu Hwei-sen, the Chinese minister of education. The ceremony took place in Taiwan's National Museum of History.

The award recognizes a broad variety of cultural and academic exchange programs between Washington and Lee and the Republic of China.

W&L brings Reeves Collection to Taiwan

As usual, the departure of the students in June brings a strange quiet to Washington and Lee. But several university figures created excitement by leading a major cultural tour to Taiwan, bringing W&L to the headlines of newspapers a hemisphere away.

An exhibition of porcelain art objects exported from China 150 to 250 years ago opened July 16 in the Republic of China — marking the first time, according to the Nationalist Chinese ambassador to the United States, that the Chinese people had the opportunity to see for themselves the art which formed an important part of their ancestors' foreign trade.

The 100 porcelain objects are from W&L's Reeves Collection of Chinese Export Porcelain, donated to the university 11 years ago. A major part of the collection, which contains 2,000 items in all, has been on a United States tour since 1974, and it is now regarded as one of the most important collections of its kind.

The Reeves Collection, which contains 2,000 porcelain items in all, was donated to Washington and Lee in 1967 by Euchlin D. and Louise Herreshoff Reeves of Providence, R.I., who had spent their entire married life assembling the collection. Mr. Reeves was a 1927 graduate of the Washington and Lee law school.

The exhibition in Taiwan grew out of the interest of the Chinese ambassador to the United States, James C. H. Shen, and his wife, who first saw the Reeves Collection — the first Chinese export porcelain they had ever seen — when it had its premiere exhibition in Norfolk in 1974 in connection with the American Bicentennial.

Mr. and Mrs. Shen subsequently visited Lexington to

view the permanent collection while the Bicentennial selections were on a nationwide tour sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. The Shens also presented a number of original and reproduction art works to Washington and Lee as a gift from the Republic of China.

According to Shen, "Under ordinary circumstances, sending porcelain to China would be like carrying coals to Newcastle, because it was in China that porcelain originated, many centuries ago."

But because the items in the W&L collection were made specifically for export, he said, "most Chinese people have never seen them before."

The pieces loaned by Washington and Lee to the National Museum of History in Taipei — the Nationalist Chinese provisional capital, located on the island of Taiwan — represent the most important kinds of decorative patterns from the early trade between China and the United States following the Revolutionary War.

Among the items, for instance, is a dinner plate owned by George Washington, and pieces owned by other Revolutionary heroes. Other pieces in W&L's Chinese exhibit combined traditional Chinese designs such as the flower-and-butterfly "Fitzhugh" with American eagles, flags and similar patriotic scenes and emblems.

Also instrumental in arranging the Taiwan exhibition was Prof. I-Hsiung Ju, artist-in-residence at Washington and Lee, a native of China and a leading Chinese artist who has long been associated with the National Museum.

Representing Washington and Lee at the opening in Taiwan July 16 were President and Mrs. Robert E. R. Huntley; Prof. and Mrs. Ju; and James W. Whitehead, university treasurer and curator of the Reeves Collection, with Mrs. Whitehead.

Glee Club auditions

The Glee Club of Washington and Lee has a busy year ahead of it, including concerts with Sweet Briar, Hollins, and Meredith Colleges. The Washington Holiday tour will feature visits to New Orleans and Atlanta, and there will be campus appearances at Parents' Weekend, Christmas, and Baccalaureate.

The club has openings in both the tenor and bass sections and auditions for new members will be held Monday through Thursday, September 11 through 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 in the music room of the student center.

Dr. Gordon Spice, director of the Glee Club, invites any W&L student to audition, whether he has had any previous singing experience or not.

LSAT NOTICE

All students interested in taking the Law School Admission Test for entrance into law school in 1979 should remember that the first administration of the test will be on October 14 on the W&L campus.

Applications to take the test must be postmarked no later than **September 14**.

Applications and the LSAT Bulletin are available now in the University Center office, Room 104.

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