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W&L students participate in tear night before the Inter Fraternity Council and the university forced the fraternities to tone down their activities. The entire rush process was rethought last year.

IFC starts relaxed rush with open contact for men

By MICHELLE BRIEN
Phi Staff Writer

Relaxed Rush?
Strange, but true.

In the past, freshman men were under closed contact Rush rules when they arrived on campus. That meant that freshman men could not talk to upperclass fraternity members until almost one week after their arrival. This year, freshman men have two weeks of open and casual contact before Rush activities officially begin on the second Monday of classes.

"This gives freshmen more time to see the school without Rush," said Interfraternity Council President Curt Smith. "It takes some of the pressure off freshmen."

Other Rush changes include more open houses and heavier penalties for Rush viola-

tions.

"There will be 16 open houses instead of nine," said Smith. "This gives each fraternity a fair opportunity (during open house). In the past 6 or 7 houses were left out."

"Rush penalties are stiffer because you have to go out of your way to screw up under the new Rush schedule."

Smith also offers some advice for freshmen who are considering Rush.

"Basically you get to see what W&L social life is like. You get the opportunity to meet a lot of people—shaking 600 hands in the course of two weeks is a good introduction to the school."

"Be open minded—make sure you check out every option. Take your time when you're going through the process. Try not to feel pressured."

The schedule for Rush events will be:

Sept. 4: Freshmen arrive

Sept. 5-7: Closed contact during orientation events; casual contact after freshman orientation.

Sept. 8-17: Open contact 5-8 p.m.

Sept. 18: Open contact 1-5 p.m.

Sept. 19: IFC Assembly 1-3 p.m., after 3 p.m. closed contact

Sept. 20-23: Open houses 6:30-9:05 p.m.

Sept. 24: Preference Cards due from freshmen and fraternities by 1 p.m. Informal drop-ins at house 1-5 p.m. After 5 p.m. - closed contact

Sept. 25: Open contact 1-5 p.m. - After 5, closed contact—freshmen can't go out

Sept. 26: Revised cards due by 12 p.m. Rush dates 1-2: 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 27: Rush dates 3-4: 6-9 p.m.

Sept. 28: Casual contact on Hill

Sept. 29: Rush dates 5-6: 6-9 p.m.

Sept. 30: Rush dates 7-8: 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 1: Tear Night

The EC readies for the year

By FRANCESCA KEFALAS
Phi Executive Editor

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 1997 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 and law representatives are elected each spring. Freshmen will elect their representative this fall.

EC President Bob Tompkins

said the Honor System Orientation will not change this year. Tompkins said he expects all freshmen men to be wearing a coat and tie and the women should also dress appropriately for the orientation Tuesday night in Lee Chapel.

Tompkins will give a speech at the orientation, which all Freshmen must attend, and then the freshman will be divided into groups. The groups will be taken by an EC member to watch a video about the honor system and discuss it in more detail.

Tompkins said he hopes the freshman will realize what an integral part of W&L life the Honor System is.

"I hope they'll have a fun filled four years, but if there's an evening to be serious that's it," Tompkins said.

The EC is also responsible for an Honor System orientation for new faculty members. Last year each new faculty member received a letter about the Honor System during the summer. After the orientation each incoming faculty member received a visit from an EC member.

The EC's next piece of business will be organizing the budget. Last year the EC allocated \$235,425 to student organizations.

The EC will not fund organizations which are politically or ideologically partisan. After the budget allocations several students came to the EC requesting the policy be changed to allow the EC to fund all campus organizations. Tompkins said he thinks the EC's policy is the best one he has heard, but he is willing to hear any suggestions.

Tompkins said he hesitates to codify the budget process any more than it already is. But,

Tompkins said he hopes the budget process will not deter new clubs from starting.

"I wouldn't mind seeing some new [clubs] come in this year," he said.

All student organizations, such as sports clubs, service organizations and specialty clubs, who want funding will submit requests to the EC and have a chance to justify their requests. After hearing all the request the EC will decide how much money to allot each group.

The EC will also begin the process of setting up the White Book revisions committee, Tompkins said.

The revisions committee will review the White Book, the written explanation of the Honor System, during the entire year. The revisions committee will then suggest possible changes to the White Book.

The EC will request applications for the committee positions in about two weeks, Tompkins said. He said he hopes to have the committee members in place in about a month.

Freshman class: brains and brawn

By NANCY PAVLOVIC
Phi Managing Editor

Today, Saturday, September 4, 1993, it'll be official. High school will be over and college life just begun for the 429 incoming members of the Class of 1997.

As they arrive at Washington and Lee, this year's freshman class brings with them a myriad of life experiences, perspectives and expectations that will influence their time here.

"This is a great class and very similar to last year's class as far as academics go," said Assistant Director of Admissions Rob J. Aliff. "I think it's full of students who desperately wanted to be here."

For a class that includes 53 former student body or class presidents, 88 former presidents of major student organization and 141 varsity team captains, the

The Class of '97

- 53 Student Body/ Class Presidents
- 88 Organization Presidents
- 141 Team Captains
- 55 Publication Editors
- 192 National Honor Society members
- 43 Key Club members

Class of 1997 nevertheless found time to excel academically. Representing 346 different secondary schools, there are 29 National Merit Finalists and 33 valedictorians and salutatorians among them. The Class of 1997 has 327 Advanced Placement classes under their belt.

"We were looking for the ultimate well-rounded student who was capable of doing well

academically and wasn't afraid of being involved," said Aliff trying to characterize the selection process used by Admissions

Like the class before them, they maintain the Board of Trustees' mandated 60 to 40-male/female ratio to a tee, with 258 men and 171 women. Nevertheless, they are the select few chosen from an application pool of 3,318 and represent the best 42 states and seven countries could offer. Virginians once again are the best represented with 56. Pennsylvania, Texas, Maryland and New York round out the top five states freshmen will be arriving from today.

Admissions is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Class of 1997 and the beginning of their four-day long Freshmen Orientation Program.

"We're really looking forward to them [the Class of 1997] getting here on Saturday," Aliff said.



A sign painted by FOC member Sue Krawchuck greets the Freshmen.

FOC prepares freshmen for life at a university

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Staff Writer

The 429-member class of 1997 begins its orientation week today with activities planned by the Freshmen Orientation Committee.

The FOC is a group of over sixty students who each year plan most of the entire orientation week and produce the *Freshmen Record*.

This year's schedule of events includes several new programs, including an optional Community Service Activity seminar sponsored by Project Safe and Sound and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

"With this new addition we want the freshmen to realize that they are part of a larger community than our ivory tower here and to realize what that means," said Dennis G. Manning, Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life.

Freshmen may choose between the community service seminar and trips to the Chessie Trail Walk and a hike to the Saddle of House Mountain sponsored by the Outing Club.

"We have provided activities which we think freshmen will want to attend," said Carlin Jones, FOC co-chair. "I would like to see every freshman at every event."

The remainder of the orientation week follows the same format as previous years.

Activities begin with the Playfair presentation tonight at 8 p.m. at the Student Pavilion. An official class meeting and welcome by President John D. Wilson will be held in Lee Chapel on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Placement tests in foreign languages and English are scheduled for Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m., followed by FOC small group meetings at 5 p.m. and the annual Alumni Association Barbeque at the Liberty Hall ruins at 6 p.m. New this year is an 80's theme party that will take place in the General Headquarters at 9 p.m.

On Monday the mathematics placement test

will be administered in Evans Dining Hall at 8:30 a.m., to be followed by the CIRP Freshmen Survey, and then another class meeting in Lee Chapel at 10:30 a.m. for a speech on the history and traditions of W&L by Professor Taylor Sanders. Freshmen will return to Lee Chapel at 2 p.m. for a speech on academic life at W&L by Dean of the College John Elrod, to be followed by an introduction to the Commerce School by Dean Larry Peppers.

On Monday evening freshmen will eat dinner with their faculty advisers and there will be a class party in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad beginning at 9 p.m.

On Tuesday freshmen will register with the faculty advisers for their fall classes, and in the afternoon have the opportunity to participate in the community service seminar or the Outing Club activities.

All freshmen receiving financial aid will meet in Northen Auditorium in the Leyburn Library at 4 p.m. Freshmen will have dinner that evening with their big siblings on the front lawn. The Honor System orientation will be Tuesday night in Lee Chapel. All freshmen must attend the orientation.

On Wednesday Freshmen will matriculate in Payne Hall, take their swimming proficiency test and receive the library orientation in the order of their last names all starting at 9 a.m. The student activities fair will be held simultaneously on the front lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. That evening the small groups will meet again to discuss responsible behavior.

Classes for all students begin on Thursday and are abbreviated to accommodate Opening Convocation. Physical Education registration will also be held this day.

On Sunday, September 12, a fraternity system orientation will be held in Lee Chapel for men at 1 p.m. A sorority system orientation will be held in Northen Auditorium for women.



Manning

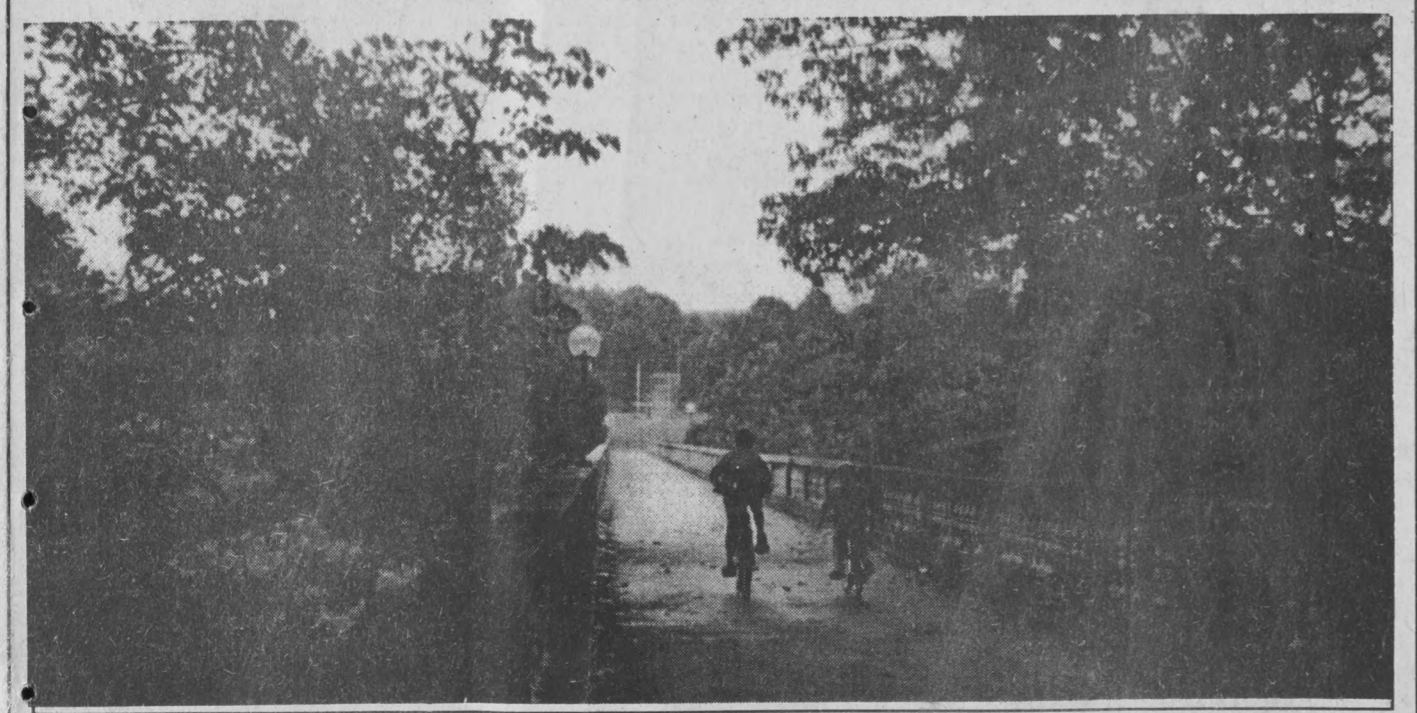


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The quiet before the storm

Two boys stroll across the footbridge the week before most students arrive in Lexington.

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To the Freshmen

After what probably seemed the summer that would never end, and at other times the summer that was flying by, you're finally here.

You've already received tons of mail from Washington and Lee, students and administrators alike. Some of it you threw away and some of it you actually read. Before you even got here you had a dinner date with your advisor arranged for you.

A group of students calling themselves the freshman orientation committee have planned an entire week for you and published a Freshman Record, all to help you get to know one another. That same committee has helped you move in and they set you up with your small group leaders and Big Brothers or Sisters.

Administrators, faculty, staff and students have tried to perfect every detail to make sure your first weeks at W&L are as smooth as possible. Why? Well, you've been told it's because we are glad you're here. If you're the cynical type you might not believe that, but it really is true.

We're glad you're here because you deserve to be here. You're intelligent, but you don't just sit home and study. Each and every freshman brings unique experiences and talents to W&L. Some of you are athletic, others like student government, some of you can sing, some can write and some of you will probably discover what you love to do most in the next four years.

You came to one of the best liberal arts universities in the country because you wanted to be challenged. And, let's face it, you came because you heard the social life was good here.

You'll definitely be getting a good education and have fun if you go to class and go to parties, but you'll be missing out too. Along with great courses and great parties, W&L offers hundreds of extra-curricular activities. There's something out there for everyone. But, YOU have to get involved.

Each freshman breathes fresh air into this 246 year old university. Each one of you has something to offer this university and in return it will give you four years of memories and experiences you will never forget, on top of an education that many will envy.

All you have to do to get the most out of W&L is be yourself. Be the student that stood apart from the others and was considered special enough to attend W&L. Get involved in whatever interests you. And have fun. These really will be the best four years of your lives.

To the parents

You're probably reading this to keep your mind off the fact that you're going to be leaving your child soon. Even, if you've done this before it's not easy, at least that's what our parents told us. You're a little nervous and a little excited all at the same time. There's not going to be someone standing over your child telling them when to do their homework, when to come home at night, or what to eat. But, you can go home with that key chain that says My Kid Goes to W&L, and be truly proud.

We're not going to kid you, we have no idea what you're feeling right now. We are students ourselves. But, we do know what W&L is all about. And we can tell you to stop worrying. If the phone does not ring every night or there isn't a letter in the mail box once a week, it does not mean something is wrong. Truth is, it probably means things are going great. Your child has a lot of people to meet, and in a few weeks your child will have more work than ever.

So, be prepared to go a little longer than usual before you get that phone call or letter. Your child still loves you, but there's so much to do here.

One last thing. The library is open 24 hours a day here. We swear.

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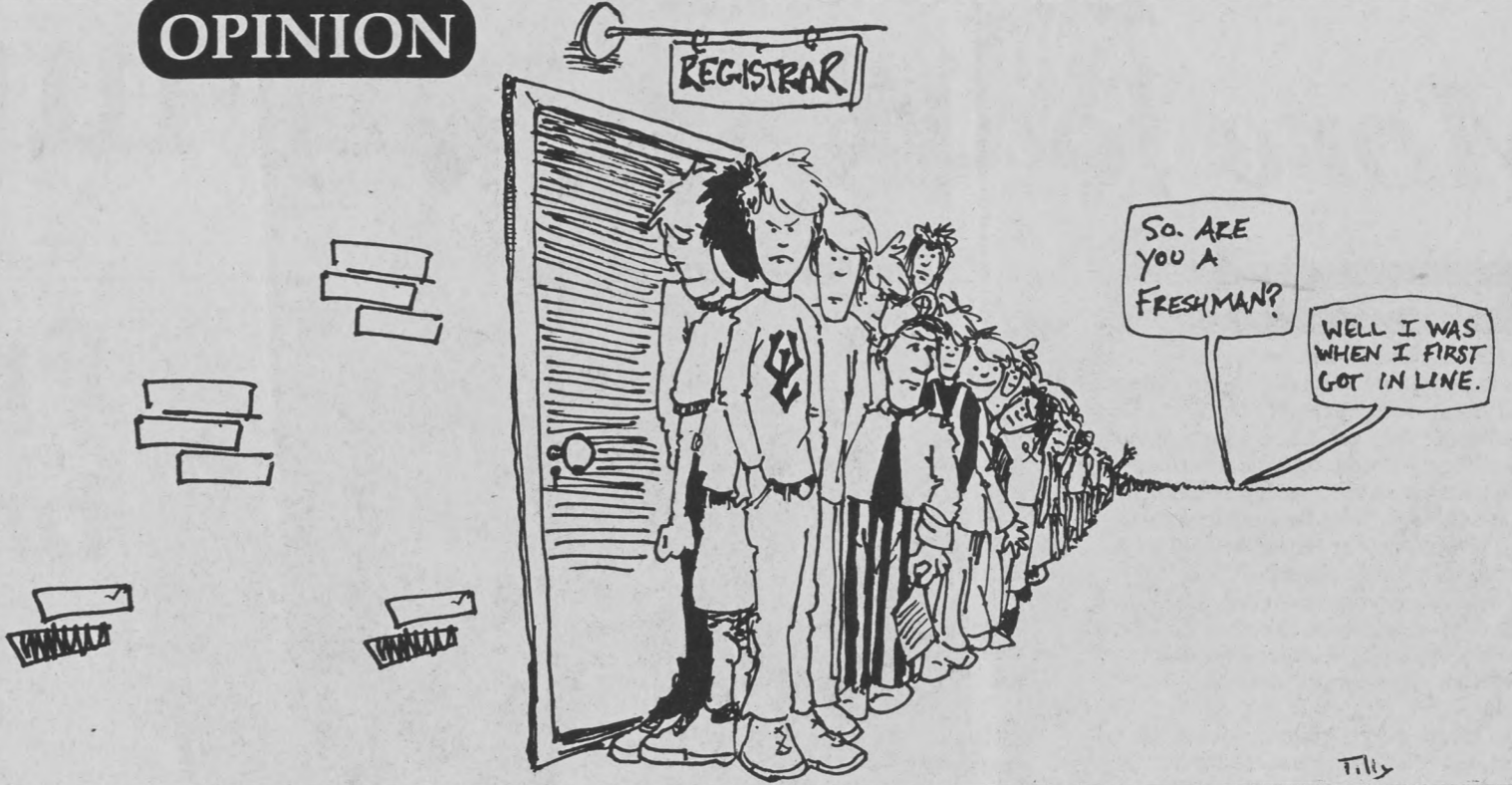
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OPINION



Injury Leads to Intellectual Growth

My View

Dennis G. Manning
Dean of Freshmen and Residence Life

Nothing in my almost two score year's experience matches the sheer exhilaration I used to feel coming home from school, bounding off the bus and dropping a pile of books like a depth-charge in our family room. How quickly, too, I could effect a metamorphosis from schoolboy to feral child by peeling off school clothes and wriggling into tattered cut-offs and a T-shirt for play.

School, I thought, diminished the freeness of each day. Mysteriously spun and evanescent as cotton candy, playtime was to be enjoyed only in quick, little gossamer nibbles.

I do remember playing outside one late afternoon after school was over. There was more than just an intimation of autumn as the leaves surrendered to surreal hues, colors I saw only in pictures of Mars in my grade school science text. Greg was our neighborhood bully (his corpulence his most endearing quality), a fellow who had the dangerous habit of trying to sit on his friends. Piecing together shards of memory, I recall circling under a superball that had been bounced much higher than the roof of our house, some thirty feet into the air, thinking I might catch it

and abscond with it. Just as I gathered the ball into my hands, Greg, with all his weight, buckled my left arm under both our bodies.

Astonishingly, I don't remember the doctor setting the bones in my arm - my mind won't let me revisit that pain - but I do remember the modern day Giotto, lathering on white strips of plaster to create the shell that would encase my arm for some months. During those months, I discovered philately and reading, serene pursuits of the mind. Stamps with bi-planes and reading, figures from exotic-sounding places like Madagascar. *Treasure Island* and *Tom Sawyer* suddenly came to life. A science book, *All About the Human Body*, long since out of print, I am sure, opened my eyes to the marvels of this mortal shell we inhabit. I had never before known that the mind alone - no matter the condition of the body - could afford such independence and freedom.

Some years later in my freshman year of college,

I remember the same feeling of discovery when I first read Keats' "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer." Could reading poetry - even an Elizabethan translation in this case - be this magical, could it be as powerfully exciting and original as discovering an

ocean (so what if really was Balboa and not Cortez!) or peering through a telescope and suddenly viewing a new planet? The patently simple answer is yes. To initiate and cultivate a life of the mind, however, you needn't, like me, break a bone or incapacitate yourself. One of the paradoxes of your college years is that you are naturally

and gloriously incapacitated: removed from the most part from the vicissitudes of modern life for four years, free to read, to write, to think, to discover, to play, to work, to express yourself. Cherish these years.

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Welcoming Season Starts Today

Dream Land

Richard Weaver

Let me begin my remarks today by welcoming you, the class of 1997, to "The Welcoming Season" here in Lexington. In the coming days prepare to be heartily welcomed by various deans, professors, upper-class students, fellow freshmen, Jim from East Lex, W&L Security and their tow truck friends, the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department, the Cadaver Society, and Alvin-Dennis ("The Belt People").

I know that last year my reaction was, "Who are these people?" Then my reaction was, "What's for dinner?" and then "Can I go to sleep now?" The whole adjustment process to strange little Lexington (the "Twin Peaks" of Virginia) will take a while, but that doesn't mean you can't step back a minute from your busy orientation schedule and just laugh at the place you will soon call home.

On moving-in day last year, my father and I pulled up in our full-size 4x4 Chevrolet truck, carrying all of my earthly possessions, as well as two of my friends' things all stacked up higher than the cab and wrapped up in an enormous blue tarp. We were the Lexington Hillbillies. The various fraternity members who were stationed outside the dorms to help the freshmen move in walked away from our truck, from what I assume, was fear. Does this ring a bell with any of you?

I guess that by now you have already come, seen, and conquered Wal-Mart, and Mom has purchased all kinds of nice shelves and bookcases and Tupperware and sewing kits which I assure you will never be used for anything other than building an impenetrable Berlin Wall between you and

Day One: Turkey Slices wrapped around stalks of broccoli.

Day Two: Chopped turkey and broccoli combination.

Day Three: Pureed turkey/broccoli served with dumplings.

Day Four: Green Jell-O.

Now, if you've heard enough, and if

you want to know where good food is served, go where the truckers go, and "voila" you have the Lee-Hi truck stop, where waitress will serve you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're talking waitress that never sleep or go home. They just watch the procession of truckers, townies (er, Lexington citizens), and students who come in to eat. Sometimes the sleep deprivation puts them on edge and they're not quite as friendly as you might expect, like when they throw your silverware at you. But that's

OK; what they lack in service they make up for in eye makeup. We're talking Tammy Faye Bakker territory. Or Uncle Fester from *The Addams Family*.

But that's not the point here, and the point is, I don't aimlessly wander from subject to subject. Any subject I discuss, trust me, relates back to food in some way, and getting back to when you go to Lee-Hi, you must always have breakfast, preferably "The General Lee." I won't tell you what it consists of (you have to find that out for yourself), but I will tell you that I give it five stars. (Editor's Note: Richard gives the Stop-In convenience store chili dogs five stars also, so maybe you had better trust his judgement.)

I'm out of space now, but look for my commentary in the future. I'll close by saying: ladies and gentlemen, as you pull down the covers and get into your new bed tonight, questioning why in the world your parents have left you all alone at Washington and Lee, have faith

that in a short time, you'll be questioning how you ever considered any other place to go to school.

And to the current resident of Graham-Lees 260, call me here at the Phi sometime and let me know if the old homestead has changed much.

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A Quick Read on the Phi

News

The news section always begins on the front page and often extends to other pages. The name of the newspaper, underlined by the volume, number, place of publication and date, is called the flag or nameplate. The front page includes the week's most important stories with longer stories jumping inside. When designing the front page, editors try to make several entry points, places which attract the eye to start reading. Teaser boxes at the top of the page highlight stories inside the paper.

Opinion

This section, the opinion page, usually occupies pages two and three but may extend to other pages. In the left column of page two is the staff editorial, which is the opinion of the Editorial Board, unless it is initiated by only some board members. The Phi administrative staff is listed in the staff box. The Phi prints four biweekly political columns and two biweekly humor columns which reflect the author's opinions. My View columns and letters, which anyone can write, are

Features

Stories of human interest or about the arts appear in this section. A story here may be light-hearted or take a deep look at a serious issue. This section usually occupies two facing pages. If the facing pages are connected they are called a double truck. The features editor has greater flexibility than other section editors in using creative designs and different fonts in headlines. The syndicated puzzles, Colonnade Crossword, usually appears here. The section also has music reviews.

Sports

This section covers the Generals athletics. Stories here are often a mix of the feature and news styles of writing. If there is an opinion column in this section, it is labeled as such. The Phi uses a sports front format, which means that the most important stories are on the newspaper's back page. Jumps and other sports stories are on the inside pages. The Phi does not have enough space to cover every sport every week, so highlights from various sports are sometimes put together in a section called Sports Notebook.

FEATURES

More food than people in Lexington

By Francesca Kefalas

Sometimes it seems like Lexington has more places to eat than it has year-round residents.

But even staunch fans of the Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall will agree sometimes you need a change. If you do not have access to a car your options are a little more limited. But, then again it's about as far to the freshman parking lot as it is to most of the restaurants that are not a few blocks from the dorms.

Lexington's newest restaurant The Raven and The Crown, is also the closest to the dorms. An old English style pub, it serves breakfast all day, which is something no other food places in town does.

The menu offers quite a few breakfast choices, such as french toast and omelets, and also features a variety of appetizers that might remind you of popular fun-food chains such as TGIF's or Bennigans. The Raven and The Crown serves a variety of hot sandwiches and also has full dinner entrees. There are also daily specials.

But, maybe the best part of the Raven and the Crown is the prices. Eating dinner at the restaurant could cost less than \$5. The Raven

and the Crown, located underneath Mountain Copy Graphics on Lee Street, is closed on Mondays.

The Palms was opened in 1975 and has been a tradition for students turning 21 ever since. But, The Palms, besides boasting one of the longest drink lists you may have ever seen, also has a large variety of hamburgers and hot sandwiches. The Palms has a bunch of "starters" that really are more like a dinner unless you share them. The Palms also has entrees and serves a Sunday Brunch, which features choices such as eggs Benedict and steak and eggs.

A typical dinner at the Palms will cost about \$8. The Palms is located on the corner of Nelson and Jefferson Streets and is open every day.

Spanky's is another Lexington staple. The chain restaurant features a long list of hot and cold sandwiches in combinations you may not have thought of. Each sandwich has its own distinctive name but you can build your own sandwich too. Spanky's also has fun-food appetizers and, to top it off, a wide selection of deserts that will stuff you even if you have not eaten dinner.

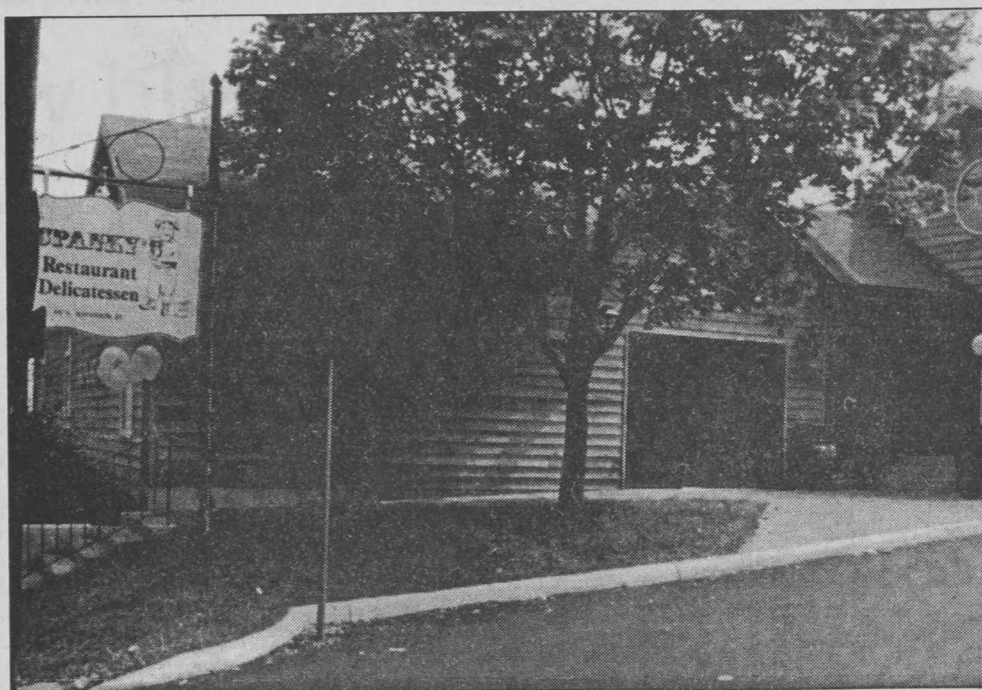
Dinner or lunch at Spanky's will cost about \$8. Spanky's is open for lunch and dinner every day. It is located on Jefferson Street next to the fire station.

Harb's is a bistro that serves a light continental breakfast, lunch and recently started serving dinner entrees along with their list of interesting sandwiches and salads. Staring at you from the counter is a display case of Harb's deserts for the day. You may want to skip your meal and move right to dessert.

Lunch or dinner at Harb's will cost about \$8. The restaurant is open every day and is located on Washington Street, two blocks from the dorms.

City Steaks and Subs is not a sit-down restaurant, although there are tables and chairs. The restaurant features a cheese steak modeled after the authentic Philadelphia Cheese Steaks, and they deliver.

City Steaks and Subs is on Main Street, and



you can get a sandwich there for less than \$5.

The Sandwich Shop serves mostly cold sandwiches and is reasonably priced. It is located on Jefferson Street and also has live entertainment.

The Bone Bar and Grill serves starters, sandwiches and entrees. If you like ribs or spicy chicken wings The Bone is the place in town to go. Eating lunch or dinner will cost you about \$8 to \$10.

You may wonder why every restaurant is serving sandwiches, but these really are not the kind of sandwiches you would make at home. And, every restaurant has its own distinct menu of sandwiches. But, if you're in the mood for something more than a sandwich, there are places for that.

The Southern Inn serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Although it is not a big student hang-out, it does have a homey, quiet atmosphere. The Southern Inn is located on Main Street.

If you don't mind spending some more money you can go to Il Palazzo, Lexington's only Italian Restaurant. Il Palazzo serves everything from pizza and calzones to seafood.

Many students go to Il Palazzo for special occasions, although you can eat there for as little as \$8, you can also spend as much as \$15 just on your entree. Il Palazzo's is open every day and is located on Main Street.

The Willson-Walker House is next to Il Palazzo on Main Street. It is Lexington's oldest restaurant and certainly its most expensive. You will rarely see students dining in Wilson-Walker unless it is a special occasion. But last

year, the restaurant began running dinner special for \$10. If they do it again it might be worth the money just to see the beautiful restaurant, which is located in a historic home.

If you like pizza, you have several choices in Lexington. Domino's has set-up a deal with the university that allows students to put money on the general debit portion of their identification card and charge their pizza. Domino's is also open late, and deliver so often to W&L students, chances are they can find you even in an academic building.

Frank's Pizza is out on Route 60 near Harris Teeter, the supermarket, Frank's also has hot Italian heroes and other Italian fast foods. Frank's has an on again off again delivery policy.

Pizza Hut is also on Route 60, a little farther away than Frank's. Pizza Hut delivers, or you can go to them.

Right outside the Lexington city line is Little Ceasers. Little Ceasers is on Route 60, in the same shopping center as K-Mart. They don't deliver, but the price is usually lower than the other pizza places.

If fast food is what you want Lexington has a lot of that too. On Route 60 you can find McDonalds, Wendys, Hardees, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Long John Silvers. Soon Taco Bell will be joining the group. Also on Route 60 is Old Virginia Barbecue. If you like barbecue they will certainly make you happy. They also have racks of ribs.

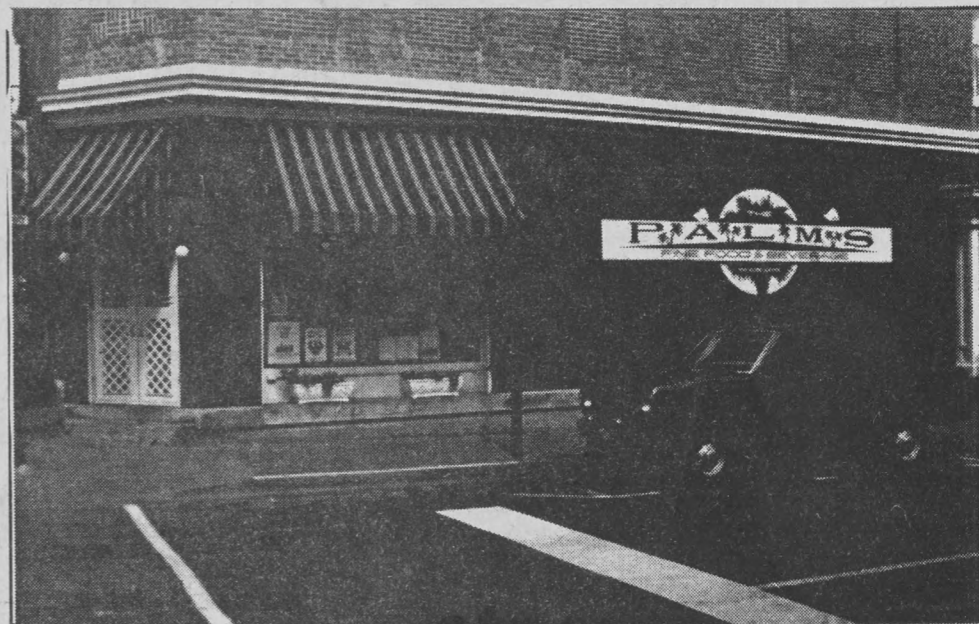
On Route 11, near Wal-Mart you will find Burger King.

This may seem like a long list of places to eat, but it's not exactly complete. There are restaurants that some student have never heard off, and then there are always places like Shoneys and The Golden Corral on Route or Country Cookin on Route 60.

But, if what you really want is a snack and not a meal, you can always walk to the Co-op, W&L's very own snack bar. With the magic of your identification card you can satisfy all kinds of hunger pangs at the Co-op. The Co-op is open until midnight Sunday to Thursday.

So, there you go. If you ever want a change of pace from the dining hall you have a lot of options.

Enjoy.



The Ring-tum Phi is looking for interested and enthusiastic people to write news and features, take pictures, ask questions, edit copy, and fetch coffee (only kidding). The only requirements are a willingness to get involved and wanting to be among the first to find out all the news at W&L.

See the World....Join the Phi



Sign up at the Students Activities Fair, Thursday, Sept. 8. The Phi will also have a meeting to discuss goals for the coming year. Join us and tell us what you would like to see in the newspaper. The meeting will be Saturday Sept. 11 in the University Center's Fairfax Lounge at 3 p.m.

Last Week:

Practice for fall sports began September 1

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SPORTS****This Week:**Most teams' first contests will be September 11
Water Polo: Scrimmage today**W&L sports primer****Sarah on Sports**

by Sarah Gilbert

Coming from a wide variety of sports backgrounds, most freshman may have some questions about the sporting life at Washington and Lee. Thanks to your trusty Ring-tum Phi sports editor, wonder no longer: following is everything you never knew you wanted to know about W&L sports.

THE PIMPS: The Generals' lacrosse teams, both men and women, are the be-all and end-all of W&L sports. If you are on the lax team, you're cool. Enough said.

(This really has nothing to do with the win-loss record, but both teams are amazing in that category: both were ranked nationally last year and both lost in the first round of National Championship play-offs. This year is looking strong, as well; look for more lax coverage in February.)

RAH-RAH: Sadly missing from sporting events of every kind are cheerleaders. The issue was put to the student body for a vote the first year W&L was co-ed; the short skirts lost.

Despite this abysmal hole in the whole football atmosphere, the Generals did rather well last year, bringing the team to a 5-4 record after a 1-8 embarrassment in 1991. Look for an even stronger team in '93.

DRESS CODE: Strangely enough, the boys wear ties to W&L football games. I'm from the West coast, I don't understand it either. It's a Southern thang, baby.

This, perhaps, is not all incoming freshmen need to know, but it's a start. Look for more tips and unsolicited opinions in this space every week, same bat-time, same bat-channel.

Generals take the field with high hopes for fall '93By SARAH GILBERT
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For all of the freshmen who turned to the sports page first, this is the story you've been waiting for: The Of-Course-Football-is-Most-Important-But-We-Have-to-Mention-the-Other-Sports-Anyway story. For everyone else, this is a preview of the upcoming year of Washington and Lee sports.

Football (yes, we must always begin with football) comes off what the sports world calls a "rebuilding" year in which the Generals compiled a 5-4 record. This year, unfortunately, the boys in blue must rebuild again, due to the loss of both graduated seniors and injury-prone under-grads.

Junior Geren Steiner, quarterback, is the most glaring loss from the Generals' roster. However, optimism reigns in W&L's locker room; a strong class of freshmen and sophomores should keep the team at least as strong as last year.

On a more superficial note, the scheduling highlight of the decade is the first-ever Washington and Lee athletic event held in Bermuda, as the Generals face the Hoyas of Georgetown

November 20.

W&L faces Emory and Henry at Emory for its first contest September 11. The Generals will come home to Wilson Field for the first time October 9, homecoming, against Davidson College.

Because sports editors have the power of self-imposing a qualitative order on sports which each have their own intrinsic merits, we now move to one of W&L's most interesting sports, water polo.

Water polo is something of a mystery to many incoming freshmen. The game is similar to soccer, played in the water with seven men and using one hand to move the ball.

Last year's water polo team was rousing successful, winning the Eastern title. This year's team, with the return of senior top scorers Greg Golub and Jake Berman, should prove to be equally stellar.

Coach Page Remillard and his band of waterboys will kick off the season with an intrasquad scrimmage today, and will host the Washington and Lee Fall Classic Sept. 11.

Men's and women's soccer both begin their seasons on Sept. 11, as well. The Lady Generals will travel to

Agnes Scott College for their season opener. Coach Janine Hathorn hopes to better last year's second place finish in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

With a squad which only graduated one player, the Liberty Hall Fields should be action-packed and victory-laden this season.

Their male counterparts open their season with two matches in Kentucky, versus Centre College on Sept. 11 and Transylvania University Sept. 12. The Generals return home for the W&L Soccer Classic on Sept. 18-19.

Little has changed since last year's team went 8-8, so seniors Dan Rhodes and John Robinson should lead the squad to a new and improved season in '94.

Volleyball begins its season with a brand-new coach, Terri Dadio of Trenton State, and a roster full of experienced returnees, notably senior Tara Burns and junior Jennifer Garrigus.

W&L volleyball will kick off the '93 season with a match at Christopher Newport Sept. 11.

Finally, cross country returns from a very strong year in which both men and women claimed ODAC titles and sent at least one athlete to Division III National Championships, each returning with one All-American.

Sophomore Josephine Schaeffer, the last word in W&L women's athletics, will return after her All-American season to lead the Generals, who did not lose any athletes to graduation.

Coach Jim Pheister will lead his squad to their first meet Sept. 11 at the Lebanon Valley Invitational.

Though the men lost their All-American to graduation, coach John Tucker hopes to repeat as ODAC champions with a strong core of runners. The men will join the women at their Lebanon Valley meet.

Freshmen who have actually made it this far, through the turgid mire of soccer, volleyball, cross country and the like, would probably like some additional information.

Washington and Lee University has an exclusively Division III athletic program, competing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Some of the Gen-



Photo by Sarah Gilbert, The Ring-tum Phi

Washington and Lee volleyball players wait for practice to begin in Doremus gymnasium.

erals' chief rivals include the Maroons of Roanoke College, the Wasps of Emory and Henry and the Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon.

Football games are played on nearby Wilson Field; soccer is held on the Liberty Hall Fields. Water polo will

show its stuff in the Cy Twombly Pool.

Enjoy your first few days, freshman sports nuts! If you need up-to-the-minute info, call Washington and Lee sports information at 462-8674.

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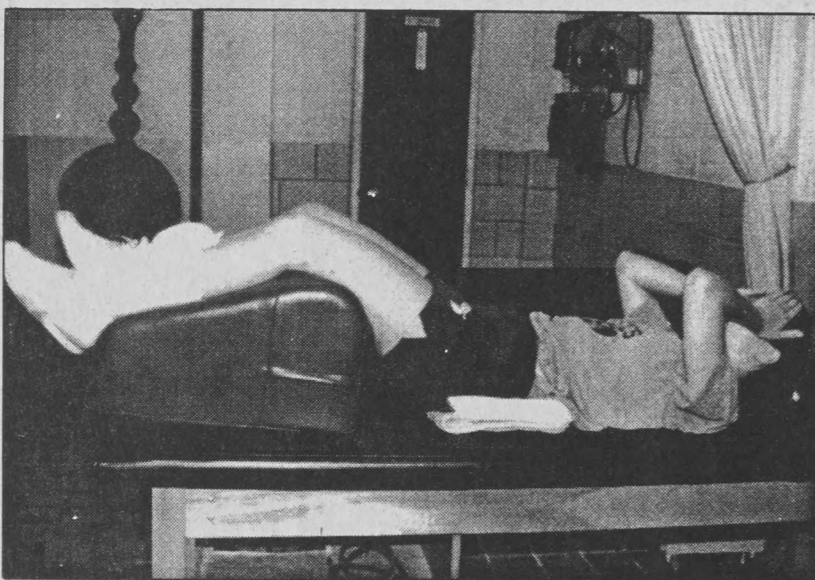


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Athletic practice has just started at Washington and Lee, but this athlete is already in agony in the training room.

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