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Executive committee in high gear

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Executive Editor

Washington and Lee's student governing body, called the Executive Committee, is basically responsible for the care of two important parts of the student body: our honor and our money.

The first part of this care you will see very soon, as Kevin Webb, EC president, and his band of EC representatives help to orient you to the Washington and

Lee honor system.

The honor system orientation is one of the most important parts of your introduction to W&L, as we consider the honor system to be integral to our fine tradition of scholarship and conduct. Without it, we would not be half the university we are today, and Webb is entrusted with both educating you and implementing the honor system in its most practical form, conducting investigations and hearings.

The EC is also concerned with

collecting and apportioning the money raised from your student activities fees, and it is he who helps to decide where the money goes.

The EC is made up of a representative from each law and undergraduate class at W&L. The elections for upperclass officers are held in the spring, and the freshmen and first-year law students elect their representatives in the fall.

The EC typically operates



Webb

with a very large budget, around \$240,000, and student organizations make their proposals for funding in the yearly budget hearings held in September.

Last year, the Executive Committee revised the White Book, the bible of Washington and Lee's honor code.

As well as orienting the freshmen to the honor code, the EC must also take responsibility for breaking in the new faculty members. Each new faculty member will receive a let-

ter about the honor system during the summer prior to his or her employment, and will receive a visit from an EC member upon arriving at the W&L campus.

Organizations funded by the EC include the student newspapers, the yearbook (called the *Calyx*), club sports such as lacrosse, rugby and men's volleyball, student concerts such as next weekend's concert at the Pavilion. The Hoodoo Gurus will be playing at a free concert

September 10, sponsored by the Student Activities Board and the Interfraternity Council. The concert will be free and will include a beer garden, with identification necessary for entry.

Other organizations funded by the EC include Contact, an organization which sponsors lectures and speeches by nationally recognized individuals, and law school organizations like the Student Bar Association, which plans social activities and lectures for law students.



Photo by Phil Carrott, *The Ring-tum Phi*

Movin' on in...

Freshmen and upperclassmen are undertaking the monumental task of moving their lives from back home to down home Lexington.

Freshman class of '98 impressive as ever

By PHIL CARROTT
Phi Managing Editor

Every year at the beginning of school the spotlight is on the incoming freshman class and how they will size up against previous classes.

According to the bare facts, this year's freshman class looks to be one of the strongest academically since coeducation.

This year's application and acceptance pools are the largest of any class currently attending Washington and Lee with 3,621 applications and 1,055 accepted for admission. The acceptance rate has been a steady 29% for at least the past four years. This resulted in the largest freshman class ever to attend W&L with 445 members.

The average freshman was in the top ten percent of their high school class. The average SAT score for the freshman class is also up from years past to 1262.

Dean of Students David Howison commented that "from all indications [the class of 1998] promises to be one of the strongest in history."

The admissions office didn't quite hit the male/female ratio of 60/40; the class of '98 is 58/42 with 259 men and 186 women.

The freshmen this year hail from 46 states and 13 countries including England, Canada, Australia, India and Iran.

Eighty-two percent of the freshman class has taken at least one Advanced Placement course in high school.

The class of 1998 also comes with a lot of varied leadership experience: 119 were presidents of major student organizations, 35 were student body or class presidents, 62 were editors of a student publication, 121 were sports team captains, and 224 were members of National Honor Society.

And in case you were wondering, 46% of the freshman class is from a

Southern state (below Kentucky and Virginia, including Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas), 32% come from a Northern state (east of the Mississippi and north of Kentucky and Virginia), and 22% from a Western state (everywhere else).

The Class of 1998 by the numbers

Applied	3,621
Accepted	1,055
Enrolled	445
Verbal SAT average610
Math SAT average652
Average Class Rank	91%
Public/Private School ...	69/31
Nat'l Merit finalists	34
Children of Alumni	43
Male/Female ratio	58/42
Foreign countries	13
States	46

Abbreviated rush schedule cuts back on bands, drinking

By SARAH GILBERT
Phi Executive Editor

Problems in recent years with freshman men doing poorly in classes during rush has led the Interfraternity Council to adopt a modified rush program.

Only one band party will be allowed at each fraternity during rush, as opposed to a more open allowance last year. These band parties must be completely dry, with a rule that even brothers who are of age must not drink in the house during the party. Associate Dean of Students

Leroy "Buddy" Atkins, who acts as the Dean of Greek Affairs, said that national laws were the driving force behind the new, stricter "dry" rules this year.

"The main point [of the new program] is to get rid of alcohol," Atkins said. "We also want to minimize the conflict [of rush]

with academics; we are trying to do more on the weekends, so we don't interfere with studying or thinking about studying."

Open houses, which were traditionally held near the end of the rush period, will be held at the beginning of rush this year.

Problems with two national fraternities last year resulted in campus suspensions, so the fraternity pool is slightly smaller than usual. Delta Tau Delta's charter was suspended indefinitely by their national organization last spring, and Phi Gamma Delta was suspended for 18 months by the IFC last winter.

With 90 percent of Washington and Lee men pledging a fraternity, the campus depends on a smoothly-run rush to help the school make a transition to a new freshman class.

And with fourteen fraternities to choose from, it is important that each freshman has an equal exposure to all the organizations so he can make an informed choice.

"We have implemented the new program in an effort to see that freshman and upperclassmen get off to a better start in the fall term," said Atkins.

After rush, the IFC and the Student Affairs Committee will review the issue of delayed rush, which has been discussed and proposed as an option for W&L for several years, but never implemented.

Freshman get ready to orient

By RICHARD WEAVER
Phi Associate Editor

From the moment Mom and Dad drive away the U-Haul, the class of 1998 will be busy with freshman orientation.

Organized activities begin today with a barbeque sponsored by the Freshman Orientation Committee at 2 p.m. Washington and Lee president John Wilson will welcome parents at Lee Chapel at 3 p.m., to be followed by a parents' dinner from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Freshmen will have dormitory section meetings on their respective halls at 7 p.m., to be followed by "Mandatory Fun 101" in the Pavilion.

Sunday's activities begin with a class meeting with President Wilson in Lee Chapel at 1 p.m. An English placement test will be given at 2:15 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Foreign Language Placement Exams will follow at 3:45 p.m. The Minority Students Association and International Club will sponsor a reception at Chavis House at 5 p.m. The Alumni Association

will hold a barbeque at Liberty Hall ruins at 6 p.m. Freshman movie night will follow at State Theatre at 8 p.m.

Monday, September 5, will begin with a mathematics placement test at 8:30 a.m. and a class meeting at 9:15 a.m. Dean of the College John Elrod and Dean of the Commerce School Larry Peppers will discuss academic life at W&L at 10 a.m. in Lee Chapel. At 10:45 a.m. Professor Taylor Sanders will discuss the history and traditions of W&L at 10:45 a.m.

A freshman field day will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Law School field. From 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a departmental representatives meeting at Stemmons Plaza. Freshmen will have dinner with their faculty advisors at 5:30 p.m. There will be a scavenger hunt and ice cream social in the Gilliam Quad at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 6, freshmen will register for classes with their faculty advisors starting at 8:30 a.m. until noon. At 1:30 p.m. freshmen will meet outside Lee Chapel for a community service activity. Fresh-

men will dine with their big brothers and sisters on the front lawn from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Executive Committee will conduct the Honor System orientation at Lee Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 7, freshmen will matriculate from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. starting on the Colonnade, as well as have their swim tests according to a schedule set by alphabetical order.

The Student Activities Fair will be held on the front lawn from noon to 1:30 p.m. All students receiving financial aid will meet in Northern Auditorium at 4 p.m.

On Thursday, September 8, P.E. registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. There will be an Interfraternity Council meeting at 5 p.m. for freshmen men. From 7 to 10 p.m. there will be a dorm meetings about alcohol use and responsible relationships. On Friday, September 9, the FOC and the Student Activities Board sponsor a bonfire at the freshman parking lot.



File Photo

Freshmen tear their bids at last year's tear night. New restrictions on rush this year aim to make scenes like this less common.

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To the Freshmen

As if you had not heard it enough, we at *The Ring-tum Phi* would like to welcome you to our campus.

You were told at high school graduation that you were at a turning point in your life. The end and the beginning. And several other trite phrases (they probably threw "Carpe Diem" in there too, but they meant well).

Well, I hate to be repetitive, but this is a turning point. The decisions which you make today and in the next four years will have an extremely important impact on your life. Perhaps more important than any other.

But you, we believe, are ready to make these decisions and you have hordes of people here on campus who are more than eager to guide you through the tough spots.

From professors to upperclassmen, we're all willing to give out free advice to whomever asks for it. If you want to know who the best professors are, when to skip dinner at the D-hall, or how to find Howe Hall, just ask.

Your first semester will be frustrating (probably only the first six weeks, especially for the men going through rush), but you'll get the hang of it in no time.

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 (if you didn't hear that, trust us, it is).

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 W&L 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.

And tell your parents not to worry, Lexington is one of the safest places to go to school in the country. The administration does a good job of keeping it that way, so tell them not to worry if you forget to call them once in a while.

OPINION



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The best bets for everything Lex

As you drove through Lexington this morning, it may have seemed like a toy town, with its tourist attractions and the picturesque but otherwise useless shops. The diminutive town, however, has an almost confusing array of choices whether you just want a good sandwich or a good haircut.

This is where I come in. Your trusty *Phi* editor has the benefit of three years of experience and the opinions of several seasoned alums beneath her belt. You need a stylish belt? A stack of pancakes? A dark cup of espresso? I will tell all...

The Best Dinner
Within Lexington, II Palazzo probably serves up the best meal. The Willson-Walker house is good for a splurge, but if you are just looking for a great place to take an out-of-town visitor, a first date, or some of your friends who are tired of mass-produced food, II Palazzo is the best bet. And for those with tight budgets, try their delicious calzones. \$3.25 or \$4.25 for a plate-size Italian feast.

The Best Coffee
You can order coffee with your meal anywhere, but you can bet that the best place to buy coffee is a shop wholly devoted to the magical bean. Lexington Coffee Roasting Company pours a mean cup of cappuccino, and their fresh-roasted coffee is the best in town. At Christmas time, stock up on their special "Santa's Cinnamon Spice."

The Best Clothing Bargains
T.G.I.F. is worth frequent visits to hunt down that J. Crew dress you wanted so desperately six months ago but could not bear to pay \$150 for. Once in a while, you will find outstanding bargains on great clothes (if, of course, you can find them in your size). The rest of the time, you can find decent bargains on clothes that no one else really wanted or could fit into.

Very small or very large size people hit the jackpot more often than the mid-sized sizes.

The Best Haircut-Women
I cannot count the number of times I have heard someone say, "Go to Marlene's and ask for Marlene."

I wondered that Marlene ever had a free appointment, but with a number of her best customers leaving every year to get on to a real life, I am sure she can fit you in.

The Best Haircut-Men
I have it on good faith from my managing editor that the Style House Beauty and Barber Shop is the best place for men. (I, somehow, have never wanted a good barber to go to work on my hair.) He says to go to the back of the shop. I will let you men take it from there.

The Best Breakfast at 4 p.m.
When you wake up Sunday at 2 and have a powerful craving for a good omelette or a stack of buttermilk pancakes, the best (in fact, the only in Lexington) place to go is the Raven and Crown Pub. They have the best beer selection in town, as well, but you won't need to know that for another three years and God only knows what will happen to Lexington in three years.

The Best Belts
You may have already heard that Alvin-Dennis is the best place to buy belts.

They are, even if you have a hankering for a nice VMI belt. Or, for that matter, a VMI tie.

The Best Grocery Store
Not everyone will agree with me, but I like Harris Teeter the best. They now accept charge cards and are open 24 hours, two necessary characteristics for a good grocery store. This is the place to find good produce and a wonderful selection of junk food, any time.

The Best Place to Buy and Talk Music
Wayne at Night Owl Music is a Lexington fixture and provides the CD's campus eclectic selection of new and used CD's and the most extensive collection of Dave Matthews music anywhere. If you are looking for an old favorite or a local discovery, this is the place.

The Best Pizza
Try the Frank's Special at Frank's King of Pizza. Our staff voted it the best in town, and if newspaper people don't know pizza, who does?



SARAH GILBERT, '95



Go to Night Owl Music for CD's and to chat with Wayne.

It's the time of the Welcoming Season

DREAM LAND Richard Weaver

Let me begin my remarks today by welcoming you, the class of 1998, 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 when I was a freshman 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 two years ago 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 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 your roommate. I'll simply refer you to a recent movie, *Single White Female*: "Living with a roommate can be murder."

Now before I get some angry letters on cute puppy stationery from people who really liked their roommates (there must be, what, eight or nine of those), I'll make it clear now that just because you will be living with someone in a room the dimensions of a 1978 Honda Civic does NOT mean you will eventually commit an act of violence against this person; it just means there might be an "incident" one day, where your iron slips from your hands and "inadvertently" lands on your roommate's head while he's sleeping and "accidentally" seals his mouth shut so you will no longer hear that bizarre boiling sound that he makes after drinking your 2-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper.

I, of course, irresponsibly make these generalizations drawing from the experiences of other people. My freshman year I lived alone in Graham-Lees 260, which I theorize was built as some

kind of punitive cell during a war-time rationing of space. I could sit on my bed and without moving my body reach any spot in my room. This made it incredible easy to wake up at 2 p.m., dial the phone, pick up my wallet, and unlock the door to allow Domino's Pizza ("Your Pizza Delivered in 30 Minutes Or Less By Our Fleet of Rolls-Royces") to bring me food.

You say, "Richard, I will never buy extra food, especially since I will be going to every single one of the dining hall meals my parents sold my little sister to pay for." And I say to you: "Wait until you are served Turkey Divan."

This dish provides a perfect example of my theory of the Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall Food Chain, which traces the evolution of dining hall entrees:

Day One: Turkey slices wrapped around stalks of broccoli.

Day Two: Chopped up 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 waitresses will serve you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're talking waitresses 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 the 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 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. I'll close by saying: 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 I give it five stars. (*Editor's Note: Richard gives Stop-In convenience store chili dogs five stars also, so maybe you had better not trust his judgment.*)

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 your 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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The fall sports began practice for the upcoming season.

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All fall sports have their first contests on September 10.

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FOOTBALL, SOCCER, WATER POLO, VOLLEYBALL, AND CROSS COUNTRY

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Wide World of Sports?

THE LAST WORD
BY STEPHEN WILLIARD

Hello, and welcome to Washington and Lee University. There is a pretty solid chance that you will hear that phrase a few times in the next couple of days. In any case, now you have been introduced to the Ring-tum Phi sports section.

For the freshmen who just arrived, this column usually has nothing to do with the exciting world of Division III sports. From that point, the subject matter varies. Sometimes it comes out as a random collection of sports paraphernalia, and every once in a while you will get to read a single topic effort.

For those who endured a year of semi-skilled writing, let me explain the name change. The reason for the alteration is actually quite simple. The old name (which, by the way was *Away Games*) just made absolutely no sense whatsoever. At least this name responds to logic (maybe).

The space is beginning to dwindle here, so maybe the time has come to cover something. The entire summer can be summed up in one sentence—baseball is a pain in the ... oh well... you get the idea.

There has been a World Series every year since 1904, but because an average salary of over 1 million a year was not enough, the prospects of postseason are dwindling.

No offense to those die hard football fans out there, but the opening round of National Football League games just can't compare to a September pennant race. Still, since the pennant races are no more than pipe dreams, it looks like I'll be in there on the couch for the first football game.

That is about all, so, to the freshmen, enjoy your first year of school and all the jollies that go with it.

W&L sports gear up for 94 fall season

By STEPHEN WILLIARD
Phi Sports Editor

Each fall, every team in every sport opens the year at 0-0. Where they go from there depends upon the skill of the players and coaches.

This year Washington and Lee fields teams in four men's and three women's sports. The Generals take to the water, the court, and the field in football, soccer, cross-country, volleyball, and water polo.

After a disappointing 2-8 finish last season, the Generals have reason for optimism this year on the gridiron. After six narrow defeats last year, head coach Gary Fallon returns eighteen starters including second team All-American defensive tackle Robert Hull.

The offensive squad was hurt by the loss of running backs Tom Mason, who carried for over 1,000 yards last season, and Wilson Moore, as well as offensive lineman John Surface. Re-

turning are sophomore quarterback Brooks Fischer, junior tackle Robert Turner, and a stellar receiving core including James Urban, Hayne Hodges, and William Propst. The first contest for the Generals will be against Emory and Henry on the tenth.

One of the most talented teams at W&L is women's cross-country. Coach Jim Phemister returns almost all of last year's squad, including two-time All-American Josephine Schaeffer and two-time all region runner Amy Mears, as well as co-captains Kim Herring and Sue Deutsch.

Last year, the Generals placed second in the South region last season while winning their second straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference and state titles.

On the men's side, coach John Tucker fields a team centered on youth. Leading the team are junior co-captains Tom Fink and Jeff Zeiger. Also returning are sophomore runners Sandy Hooper and Alvin Townley.

Both teams will open the year at the Lebanon Valley Invitational on Saturday September 10, before their first home meet against Mary Washington.

The men's soccer team returns seven starters from last year. Leading the returnees will be junior striker Shag Drewry who led the team in goals (7) and points (17) last season. Also returning are juniors Jeb Wofford, and Chad Dobbins and senior Kevin Hocking.

Coach Rolf Piranian returns a strong defensive squad, led by tri-captain Alan Christiansen, an All-ODAC midfielder. Senior back Paul Wright will also aid the defense. Anthony Mazerelli returns in goal as well.

The team looks to improve on a 5-13 mark that dropped W&L out of the top four in the ODAC for the first time ever. With the returning starters and a strong freshman class, the Generals could once again return to conference prominence.

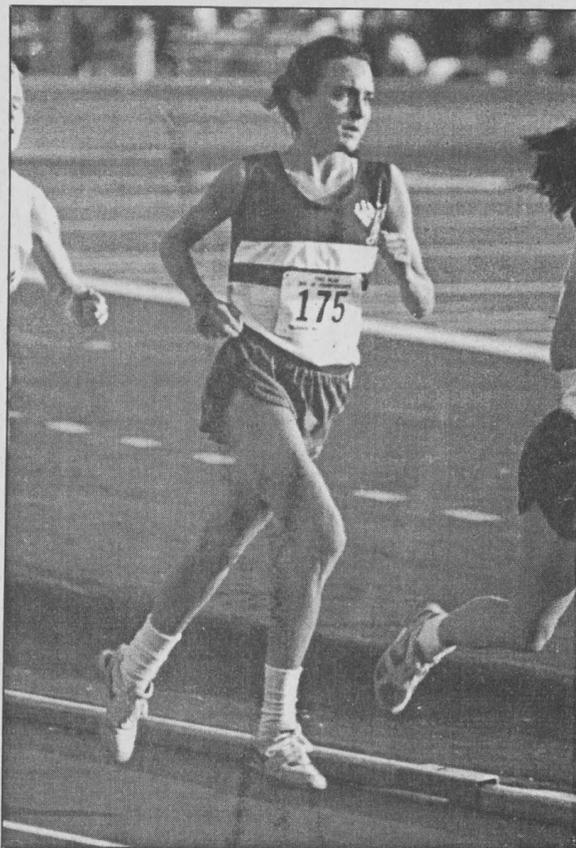
Women's soccer will try to improve on a solid second place finish in the conference last year. Coach Jan Hathorn returns a solid core of defenders from last year's team. Sophomore keeper Beth Mozena leads the defense after notching eight shutouts a year ago. Backs Marina Jackson and Stephanie Terwell will also lend their experience.

The team will have to deal with the losses of Corinda Hankins and Angie Carrington. Senior Anne Spruill and sophomore Jenni Grant will shore up the midfield and Michelle Bauman will be relied on for scoring after leading the team in goals last season with six.

The W&L volleyball team will be looking to move into the top ranks in the conference for the first time this year. The addition of assistant coach Brenda Davis from Guilford should help the team in the pursuit of its goals.

The team returns captains Jennifer Garrigus and Cheryl Taurassi as well as a strong nucleus of players from last year's squad. One returning player who wasn't on the team last year is junior Chrissy Hart who missed last year with a knee injury.

W&L water polo has a strong tradition. The first order of business for this year's team will be to replace senior leader Greg Golub. Last season Golub tallied 73 goals and 38 assists for the Generals as they captured the Division III Eastern Water Polo Association title.



File Photo

Junior Josephine Schaeffer shoots for her third straight season as an All-American on one of W&L's strongest teams.

Coach Paige Remillard does return a deep team with a great deal of experience. Two All-Americans, Reuben Munger, a second teamer, and David Silvester, a first teamer, will be called upon to lead the Generals in their quest of a third straight Division III crown.

Overall the fall season holds promise for all the athletic squads at Washington and Lee. Each team has the potential to turn in a solid season, but only the test of a full season can show

who will respond to the challenge.

The fall season last year was a successful one for a number of the teams at W&L. Those teams look to remain at the top of the heap, while some, like football, and soccer, look to return to the upper echelons of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and continue a strong tradition of athletic competition at W&L. Each team has set its own goals. It is those goals which are important.

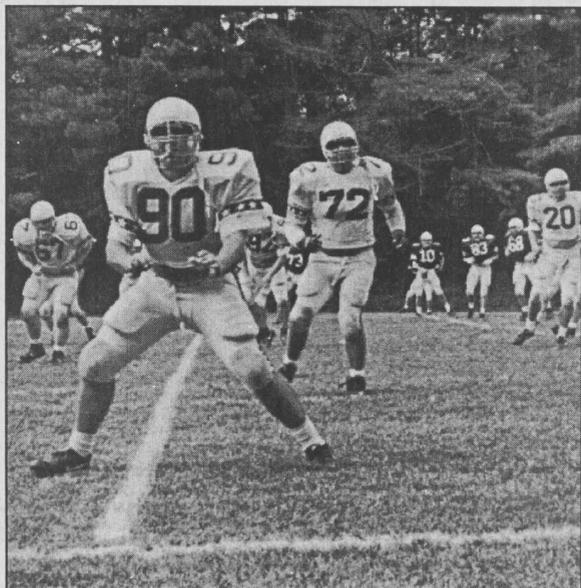


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Football prepares for the fall season. The Generals look to improve on last year's 2-8 performance with the help of several returning starters.

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