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RAISIN IN THE SUN: APPROXIMATELY 1,000 OF W&L'S FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS BAKED BENEATH AN AFTERNOON SUN ON THE FRONT LAWN DURING THE UNIVERSITY'S CONVOCATION EXERCISES WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5. BEST-SELLING AUTHOR THOMAS CAHILL DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND SPOKE ABOUT HIS LATEST BOOK, *DESIRE OF THE EVERLASTING HILLS: THE WORLD BEFORE AND AFTER JESUS*, THE THIRD OF A SEVEN-VOLUME SERIES.

## W&L continues its presidential search

### Trustees hope to announce appointment by April

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ten days after former president John Elrod's death, the Board of Trustees took the first step to selecting a new president by unanimously electing Laurent Boetsch '69 acting president of Washington and Lee University.



LAURENT BOETSCH '69, ACTING PRESIDENT

"We have great confidence in Larry Boetsch, whose knowledge and leadership places Washington and Lee on firm ground during this time of transition," said J. Frank Surface, Rector of the Board of Trustees. Boetsch joined the W&L faculty in 1976 from Middlebury College. He served as associate dean of the college from 1989-92, as chair of the Romance Languages department from 1992 to 1996, and dean and vice president from 1996 until his Aug 3 appointment.

The Board also confirmed Boetsch's appointments of Philosophy Professor W. Lad Sessions as Acting Dean of the College, Dean of the Williams School Larry Peppers as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Politics Professor Kenneth Ruscio as Acting Associate Dean of The Williams School.

"Acting President Boetsch asked me (to be Acting Dean of the College) on a Friday, I thought hard about it for the weekend, and said 'yes' on Monday," Sessions said.

"Lad (Sessions), Larry (Peppers) and Ken (Ruscio) are excellent and well-respected academic leaders and will serve well in these vital University positions," said Boetsch. "Their experience, talent and leadership will ensure a smooth transition as we look ahead to the return of students and a new, exciting academic year."

Until recently, an ad hoc faculty-trustee planning group chaired by Surface has been running the search process. The planning group is made up of three other trustees, Law School Dean David Partlett and Physics Professor H. Thomas Williams, Jr.

According to a report jointly released by Surface and Sessions, a more comprehensive search process has

## Freshmen housing problems force upperclassmen to move

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the largest freshmen class in the University's history, even upperclassmen are feeling the housing squeeze.

"We had to move the residents of the first floor of Gaines (Residence Hall) to Woods Creek," said Associate Dean of Students Courtney Penn, who oversaw housing this summer.

No one was denied a place in the Woods Creek Apartments, however. Space was reserved by not accepting law school applications after the June 9 deadline.

Penn estimates that perhaps two suites were saved for upperclassmen this way.

This overflow was necessary because of the unprecedented size of the class.

"Coming into the year, we thought we had 496 freshmen," said Penn. "We were able to place

## C-School expands

By MIKE AGNELLO  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Recent Commerce School expansion into the University Center has forced three student organizations and one university staff member to relocate.

Due to increases in the number of students taking C-School classes, two new classrooms were added in the University Center. One classroom will be in the old Mock Convention office. The other will consist of space formerly occupied by the *Calyx*, the university yearbook, and Director of Leadership Development Burr Datz. Datz moved across the hall to the old *Ring-tum Phi* office. The *Phi* and the *Calyx* moved to the old *Rockbridge Weekly* office on the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets.

The C-School has experienced a dramatic growth in majors in the last five years. Currently, four of its five majors—management, economics, accounting, and politics—are also the four most popular majors at Washington and Lee. According to the 2000-2001 University Fact Book, nearly 40 percent of students are C-school majors. Commerce School Dean Larry Peppers said he regretted taking space away from student organizations, but that the expansion was necessary.

"We've been scheduling classes in other buildings for years," Peppers said. "It comes down to students needing classroom space."

*Calyx* Editor Neal Willetts said he changed his mind about moving out of the University Center.

"After some misgivings, ... I am looking forward to making the most of our new space," he said.

Peppers decided on the space in the University Center after consulting with former President Elrod and University Architect Tom Contos. The University Center was an obvious choice because of its windows and bathroom access, Peppers said. The rooms are set up to resemble C-School classrooms down to the smallest detail. Both have large screens, computer-run projectors for presentations and the same blue carpet from the C-school.

University Center Secretary Carol Calkins said the two classrooms have created more traffic in the building, as well as a busier appointment schedule. Several university organizations have already asked to book the rooms for evening meetings.

"Classrooms get used more often than offices," Calkins said.

C-School expansion is not the only cause of office-shuffling in the University Center. WLUR, recently made homeless by Reid Hall's renovation, is moving into the space formerly occupied by the Women's Center. This move will force the *Trident* to relocate. Although the newspace is only a few yards away, it will be about half the size of their current office. *Trident* Executive Editor Amanda McConnell said her staff will begin the short move around Christmas.

The *Trident*, *Ring-tum Phi*, WLUR and Mock Convention will all eventually have offices in the new University Commons. The Commons are tentatively set to open Fall 2003.



ENDING UPPERCLASSMEN ON THE FRESHMAN ORIENTATION COMMITTEE HELP FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS CARRY THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS INTO THE DORMS.

496. By the end of the month, I knew we were fine."

Besides moving freshmen into a traditionally upperclassmen dorm, the second floor of Davis was given over to men, the third floor of Baker to women.

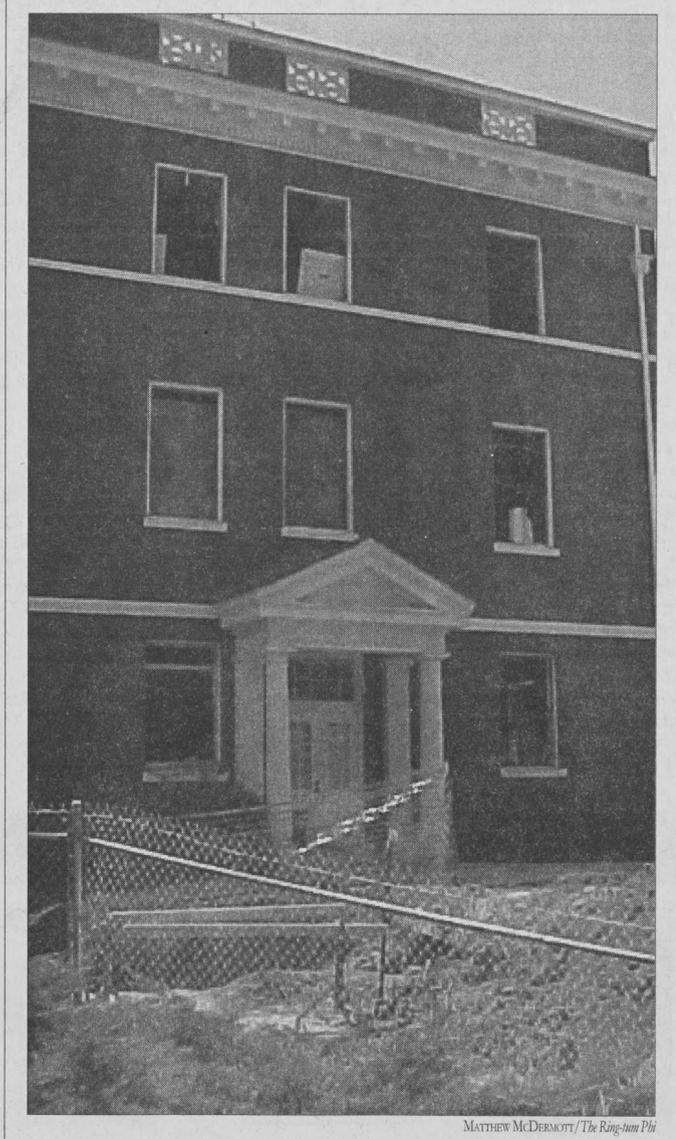
This was Penn's first year doing freshmen assignments, a task normally reserved for the dean of

freshmen.

Penn was assisted in his assignments by Bonnie Walker, secretary to the dean of freshmen, and Isca King, now currently night manager of the Co-op.

"I was impressed with how everything got done," King said.

### GUTTED



WHERE THE SHELL OF REID HALL, HOME OF THE JOURNALISM SCHOOL, IS FRODOLED WITH FENCES AS IT AWAITES INSTANTANEOUS RENOVATION.

## WLUR signs off

### Campus radio station to reopen Jan 2001

By LATRINA STOKES  
STAFF WRITER

While campus radio station WLUR-FM waits for new broadcasting licenses, the airwaves will be silent. No student shows, sports, or news will be broadcast until January.

Renovation of Reid Hall forced the studio to relocate to the University Center. The antenna, which once sat on top of the journalism department, was moved near the student pavilion and requires new approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

Although 91.5 FM will feature only static for the next few months, the staff can see some benefits in the down time.

"In a certain aspect, there's a silver lining. We can take our time to really train the freshmen," said Brendan Harrington '01, new director of programming and on-air operations.

New and returning DJ's will have more time to learn how to use the equipment and practice than in previous years, Harrington said.

"That in itself is going to help," said Ben Losi, one of two student managers. "We'll find out who's really interested and dedicated enough to go through the full training or wait a semester."

DJ's could previously broadcast on the air just days after receiving 15 minutes of training and watch-

ing a video tape.

In addition, the staff believes that WLUR will benefit from a full time director, whose position was created this year.

Harrington was involved with sports broadcast as an undergraduate, then hired when the public relations office took over management from the journalism department.

"The format is not going to change, but expect the quality to improve," he said.

Professor Bob de Maria, the previous manager, supervised the radio station in addition to directing TV production and teaching classes. He will continue to work with the station.

Other members of the community are also welcome, Losi said, because the radio station is a community entity that serves the town as well as the college.

Losi said the staff ultimately hopes to see the investment in new resources become a solid base for the studio to be located in the University Commons.

For now, WLUR is limited to broadcasting on the Internet with sports coverage. It has also added syndicated shows to be included in the wider variety of programming for next term. (<http://wlur.wlu.edu>)

For more information about working with WLUR, students should attend Thursday's meeting at 7 p.m., location TBA.

THE RING-TUM PHI  
STAFF EDITORIAL

**Our new office**

The *Ring-tum Phi* is moving on up. We've left behind our humble attic room in the University Center, trading it in for a six-room office complex on 31 Washington St.

Beneficial though it may be, the move was not voluntary. The Ernest Williams II School of Commerce (which since its inception has steadily, quietly extended its influence) needed more space. Not content with its midcampus, three-story temple to capitalism, its leases in the Science Building, or its stake in the Colonnade, it turned covetous eyes to the top of the University Center. The offices of the *Ring-tum Phi*, the *Calyx*, L.I.F.E., and Burr Datz were swapped and shuffled: Datz and L.I.F.E. ended up on the other side of the hall, the *Phi* and *Calyx* were kicked off-campus.

At first our new office was nothing to look at: the carpet was raggedy, the walls splotchy, and the bathroom unspeakable. Insulation piled the halls like drifts of new-fallen and leperous snow. Habitat for Humanity could have built a new house with the planks, nails, and screws that littered the basement.

That all changed with the help of some people whom the Phi would like to thank. Heartfelt appreciation goes to the *Law Review*, which donated *pro bono* seven chairs, five desks and two bookcases; to John White of University Computing, who long in the afternoon could be found knee deep in LAN cables; to the Reeves Center, who let us cart off her choicest paintings; to Randolph Hare, who still owes us blinds for the front window; and most of all to Carol Calkins, a pillar of strength.

**Our new look**

Everyone except freshmen may notice that there's something different about this week's *Phi*. True, the top-quality reporting and photography are still the same, a welcome lift for the working man at the end of a hard Monday. But the layout has been significantly altered, which calls for some explanation.

The most noticeable change is our abandonment of the venerable Old English flag font. This was not due to a callous disregard of the Phi's rich 104-year history. Rather, we recognize that the look of the school paper has changed with the decades, reflecting the aesthetics of the times it publishes in. There is nothing unique about the Phi's old mast: nearly half of all American papers use Old English. In Lexington itself, the *Calyx* and the *Cadet*—our yearbook and VMI's newspaper—also use the same look.

All other changes have been motivated by the desire to have a cleaner, lighter page. Bylines' boxes have been removed, and an extra talkback box added. A more significant addition is the staff editorial box, which was dropped for a year but now returns to inform the campus on sundry matters. An alternate headline font and sports stat box are also new features of the paper.

Though well aware of the legacy of former executive editors Emily Barnes and Stephanie Bianco, whose work cemented the Phi's position as the best laid-out publication on campus, we seek to improve again.

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**Run, Reverend Sharpton, run**

Rev. Al Sharpton of Brooklyn, New York, recently announced his decision to form an exploratory committee to examine his chances of gaining the Democratic nomination for President in 2004.

Following his release from prison on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques, Sharpton stated that this committee would convene in the fall while he travels to ten cities on a "Freedom Ride" bus tour. Conservatives should sincerely hope that this committee, lead by Harvard's Cornel West, gives Rev. Al the go-ahead to run.

It would be ridiculous to expect the rotund Reverend actually to win the nomination, but two other scenarios bode well for eight years of W. After losing the nomination, Sharpton could decide not to run or to continue as an independent. Should he decide to end his quest for the top spot, the following scenario will play out.

The millions who supported Sharpton, mostly blacks, will be terribly disenchanted. While still relatively unknown nationwide, he enjoys immense support in New York. He had once nearly forced a run-off in the race for Democratic nominee for New York City Mayor. His planned bus tour and a serious run at the nomination may gain him millions of supporters. He claims that his presidential bid is motivated by the Democratic party's failure to deal with the inequities in voter access and outright disenfranchisement that came to light during the Florida post-election mess. He also cites the Democrats' move toward the center and away from policies that help blacks and other "oppressed" minorities.

If Sharpton runs his campaign as an attack on the mistakes of the Democratic party, as he has said he plans to do, his supporters will not be motivated to volunteer and vote for a John Edwards or an Al Gore, two men who



HEY, HEY, HEY: HOPEFULLY, REV. AL SHARPTON WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND DELIVER ANOTHER VICTORY TO PRESIDENT BUSH.

represent the very things that the Reverend dislikes in the party. Moreover, a huge black turnout was crucial to making the past election as close as it was in many key states, with Florida being just one example. If black turnout is hurt by Rev. Al's failed run, the Democratic nominee will find it very difficult to assemble a majority.

Should Sharpton instead decide to continue his bid for the Presidency as an independent candidate, he will, by splitting the black vote, take with him millions of voters who would have otherwise voted Democratic. Much like Ralph Nader in the last election, Sharpton would spoil the chances of the Democratic nominee. A Democrat simply cannot win a national election without near unanimous support from blacks. Additionally, an egomaniac

such as Sharpton is unlikely to give up his campaign for the good of the party, especially after running a campaign which criticized it. He is propelled by a desire to occupy the power vacuum created when Jesse Jackson was hurt by marital and funding scandals. He saw how Jackson's presidential run catapulted him to instant, but sustained, national fame and he wants to gain similar stature.

Unfortunately for Rev. Al and his White House dreams, he is now almost a caricature of himself, growing to be grossly overweight and leading idiotic crusades, such as the one which sought to reinstate a Euclid, Ohio, girl expelled for performing fellatio on fellow students in a school stairwell. Sharpton can do no good for the Democratic party, but, should he indeed run, will do good for America by helping to ensure a second term for President Bush.

Φ Right of the Aisle  
Brett T. Kirwan '04

**Political centrism is cowardice**

*Fear of the extraordinary, lack of conviction leads to fascism, genocide*

The ignorance and cowardice of this nation is embodied in political centrism. Political centrists are among the most arrogant and smug groups in this land. They smite ideologues, Right, socialist, and libertarian, with labels of "extremism," which is simply to say, "abnormality," that supposedly make them unfit for power. These feeble people fear all that is extraordinary, from religious conviction to patriotism, from a zeal for social justice to moralism.

The idea of political "centrism" is anyway a temporary illusion, lacking permanence in the domains of time and location. By nature, a "centrist" means someone who poses no threat to the essential power structure of the system and who accepts the broad ideological line of the régime. For example, a centrist in modern America believes in the modern Constitution, checks and balances, a strong imperial military, an active (socially) liberal judiciary, regulated market capitalism, and minimal social welfare.

However, a centrist in early America would have hated the idea of a peacetime army or an anti-religious judiciary and would not understand centralized capitalism or welfare. Likewise, a "centrist" position within the Politburo of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union or of China would obviously embrace quite different positions from a "centrist" at the Court of Versailles. Hitler was even a centrist in Nazi Germany who eliminated reactionary-monarchist and anti-capitalist elements. A centrist is necessarily one who is beholden and resigned to the powers that be.

Yet precisely because of this great resignation, often driven by a rationalist-materialist ethic, "centrists" who take power through centrism (as opposed to becoming a centrist within a new system) are most likely to plunder the nation through corruption. Lacking all principles, their road to high office is marked by deal-making with political machines.

Such moderate tyrants enrich themselves through their high office while appealing to the peoples' fear of ideol-

ogy to retain it. Bill Clinton, the Tammany political machine, and the Italian Christian Democrats are clear examples of this phenomenon.

My final and most aggressive refutation of centrism is that it becomes a vehicle of pride that blinds its believers, through arrogance, to the great injustices that they actually support. As pragmatists, they mock all those who do not simply accept the way things are as the natural result of historical progress. Centrists are dialectical materialists who also seem to believe in the "end of history." Out of a desire to be respectable, centrists will support whatever the political elites decide.

Eventually, history judges and condemns them for these mistakes. And believe me, they are still occurring. Ignorant people do not notice the tragedies they support because they wish to understand the present as they have been taught history.

In other words, they have never been told that all evil, selfish, and imperialistic missions have justified themselves on "humanitarian" emotions. Nobody says, "I support immorality. I am pursuing this policy so that the rich have more money. I want to bomb Serbia so that we can install a puppet government and extend our military domination of Eastern Europe."

Centrists like to justify the present by pointing out the past (Hitler killed 15 million, Stalin 30, Mao 50, the Crusades . . .) in order to appear morally superior. They do not care to think of the 11 million (primarily of hunger) who die due to world economic inequality induced by globalization or of the 35 million abortions in America in 28 years.

Although most regular people who call themselves "moderate" may hold a host of different views that may not seem consistent or even centrist, and indeed such people sometimes adopt the term out of ignorance or apolitical leanings, the aforementioned qualities of the "centrist" is true for educated people. The empty cloak of the centrist is smeared with blood and history will judge him accordingly for his cowardice.

Φ The Zealot  
Thomas Smitherman '04

**EC and SJC should consider reforms**

In 1787, Philadelphia was abuzz as delegates from all of the United States convened with the vision of founding a new, more perfect government for its citizens. When all was said and done, the new government was founded on three distinct branches, tied together with a unique system of checks and balances. Now, over two hundred years later, the Constitution of 1787 still governs with fairness and balance.

At W&L, however, we ignore the example set by our Constitution's Founding Fathers and have a student government that breaks up the duties of the three branches between two separate bodies. Since the Honor System, our biggest means of dictating

Φ Common Sense  
Jonathan Wortham '04

student policy, is subject to review this year, we should use this opportunity to change the way our student government operates. There are several problems with our system of student government that, if addressed, could maximize efficiency, promote more student involvement, and decrease allegations of elitism and bias without sacrificing tradition.

Since the honor system is the only rule we have at W&L, a full legislative branch similar to Congress would be unnecessary. Nonetheless, some university policy is regulated through the distribution of the student activity fees.

The current system of having the Executive Committee hold budgetary hearings and distribute money based on these hearings could be improved by creating a Student Activities Fee Committee. I propose having ten seats on this committee, of which at least seven seats could be appointed by the EC. This committee's only function would be to research the groups asking for money and to evaluate the potential benefit to the W&L community of appropriating money to these groups.

Separation of this function from the EC would allow the EC members to focus on their other duties, while this new committee does all of the work. When the university gives away its coveted Honor Scholarships, it does a thorough investigation of the students' records. A dedicated committee would give us an advantage in this similar process.

Our student government could also be made more effective through an enlargement of the number of people on the EC and SJC. This year, almost five hundred freshmen entered the university. Many analysts expect the trend to continue, as the slumping economy causes many to enter college, instead of pursuing a job in the technology industry, for example.

Being at a small college, we have the unique opportunity to encompass between 1 and 2% of our student body in the student government, and I believe we should take advantage of it. The EC and SJC should be composed of at least twenty-one students each. This would give more people an opportunity to be involved in student government, which will make it stronger and more influential.

Also, accusations of unfairness will dissipate, because a larger number of seats will give non-Greek affiliated students more of a chance of being elected. The percentage of non-Greek affiliated students involved in many activities is anemic and ought to be increased by policies such as this one.

Although our Honor System is unique in that it has no set rules, some rules need to be set in order to insure consistency and fairness. The fact that the current Honor System is pliable as times change (and thus values change) is very good; however, lying, cheating, stealing, and battery will never be honorable. Why not build a clause in the honor system that says something along the lines of: "If the EC or SJC finds one guilty of this, he will be expelled." This clause would strengthen the foundation of our rules and encourage compliance. Students would be respectful of the rules, without the residual fear that arises as a result of the annual Lee Chapel Honor System Orientation speech. This would also streamline the EC/SJC process, as they would only be asked to determine whether the person in question performed the act of which he was accused.

Implementation of these strategies would undoubtedly be a good thing for student government here at Washington and Lee. These policies would give student government a more representative tone as it performed tasks more efficiently.

Also, the element of tradition would be retained as the distinguishing single-sanction clause is strengthened by one of these new strategies. I encourage the committee that will evaluate the Honor System to examine its implementation as well and urge it to consider these strategies.

**TALKBACK: Freshmen, what do you miss most about home?**



"My family."  
-Tomoko Nagawa '05



"Family and food."  
-Prenab Singh '05



"Familiarity."  
-Emily Vander Schaaf '05



"Nothing."  
-Francisco Mejia '05



"Space."  
-Anne Tompkins '05

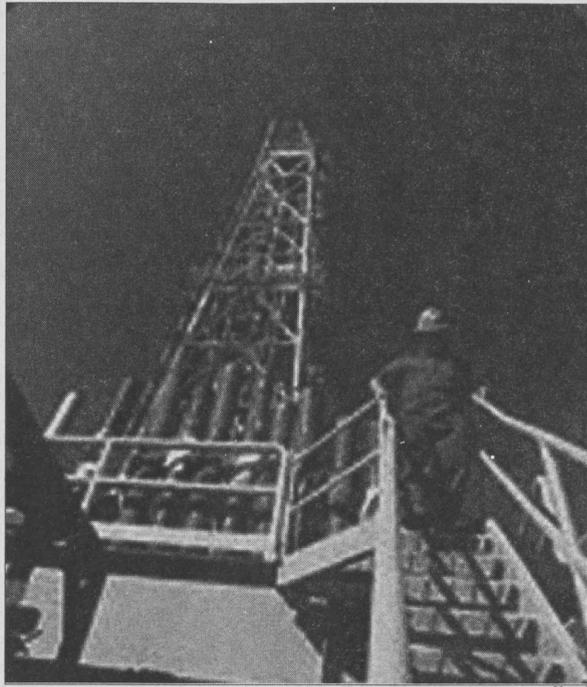
# Hands off the Alaskan oil

On Thursday, August 2, 2001, the House of Representatives approved legislation that is a cause for great concern. We're talking about the kind of thing that makes you say, "Stop the world, please; I'd like to get off." I'm referring to the Bush administration's Energy Bill.

The bill was considered a triumph by the current Republican Commander-in-Chief because he believes that drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is somehow important to the nation's energy needs. The truth of the matter is that it is believed the reserve will provide a supply of oil that would last a mere six months. Does this justify ripping up an area of the refuge the size of South Carolina? Furthermore, this oil shouldn't be available for another 10 years. Clearly, this does nothing to alleviate the current problem. Meanwhile, White House Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham praised the House's actions "a tremendous victory for America... an important step toward meeting our long-term energy needs and reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy." Riddle me this, Secretary Abraham. How does a six-month supply of a non-renewable energy source fulfill a long-term energy need?

Here are a few more details about this bill that have me a bit puzzled. The bill in its entirety is an amalgam of four bills produced by eight separate House committees that will provide almost \$27 million in tax breaks over the next ten years for the "development of energy sources, to be allotted to the coal, gas, oil and nuclear industries." Keep in mind that many energy companies dipped into their pockets to fund good old

George's dodgy trip to the White House. Furthermore, the bill is a product of a three-month Cabinet level study led by Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney conferred with various interest groups to form the bill, but, curiously, the White House continually refuses to name which groups helped to draw up the bill. Could it possibly be the same ones benefiting from the \$27 million in tax breaks? I, for one, would prefer to know who



DOWN WITH DRILLING: BUSH'S PLAN TO DRILL IN THE ANWR WOULD LITTER THE LANDSCAPE WITH RIGS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE. COURTESY OF YAHOO!

exactly is deciding America's energy needs.

What's more, Bush continues to call his planning fiscally responsible, stating alternative energy sources are too costly. With \$9 billion of Social Security surplus needed to fund the budget (numbers supported by both Congressional Democrats and Republicans, but still questioned by the

White House), Bush's fiscal responsibility is quite questionable. Meanwhile, European nations are researching alternative energy sources like oceanic underwater turbines. The President's home state is now one of six using wind energy. Windmill technology is now so advanced that one can power 300 households with a cost of just two dollars more per kilowatt-hour than fossil fuels. That is a ten-year fixed rate. With the current state of fossil fuel supplies, those prices can do nothing but climb.

One last important point is the

harm done to the environment. Studies now indicate that the vegetation density in the Alaskan Arctic has increased in recent decades in more than half of the areas monitored by scientists. Ask any biology major and he will tell you that this means the temperature in the region is climbing. In his energy speech given in St. Paul, Minn., on May 17, 2001, the President stated that "we can build roads of ice that literally melt away when summer comes and the drilling then stops to protect wildlife." The fact still remains that you have disturbed a natural ecosystem for a marginal supply of fuel. Alternative energy sources were a mere mention in the speech, clustered together in one sentence, before Bush outlined the plan that will line the oily pockets of fossil fuel companies. It all seems more of a thank you note for campaign donations than planning for the successful and responsible use of America's energy potential. The bill's fate now rests in the hands of the Senate, so for now we play the waiting game.



## IFC/Panhellenic Press Release

"In memory of President Elrod, the Greek community of Washington and Lee encourages the entire student body, faculty and staff of the University to come to the first alcohol-free tailgate. Enjoy free food and live music and celebrate W&L athletics with the spirit and support President Elrod gave to our athletic teams.

"On Saturday the 15th at 11:30 a.m., come join this age-old tradition of donning ties and sundresses and congregating as a community. Experience W&L spirit at its best. IFC President Quincy Springs says, "Go for the basic reason of supporting your football team and stay for the duration. We want to show support for our brothers and sisters on the field by attending the athletic events.

"We'll see you all Saturday." Additionally, brunch will not be served in the Dining Hall on Saturday morning, but will be available free of charge to all students, including those without a meal.

## Kappa Alpha wins awards

Washington and Lee's Kappa Alpha, Alpha Chapter, was recognized by its national organization as the "Most Improved Chapter" at the Order's National Convention and Leadership Institute this summer in Savannah, Ga. The chapter was recognized because of its dramatic improvement in all areas of operation over the past year. Achievements cited include the chapter's 2.98 overall GPA, its \$3000 donation to MDA, and its success in recruiting.

The chapter was also recognized with the top finance award for conducting outstanding financial operations, demonstrating a thorough understanding of every aspect of chapter finances, and maintaining a working budget throughout the year.

## Car accident ties up traffic

Just before 5:20 on Saturday afternoon a green Ford Explorer driven by Fiji Mike Hodge '02 of Marietta, Ga., struck a black Subaru Forester driven by a Lynchburg resident at the corner of Nelson and Jefferson Sts. Neither driver, nor Hodge's female passenger, was injured in the collision. Traffic was delayed until wreckers could remove the two vehicles.

## W&L unveils Customs, the new freshman orientation program

Customs, the new program, is designed to introduce first-year students to different areas of campus life: study abroad opportunities, library basics, community service, diversity, student judiciary procedures and campus health. Lasting six weeks, activities include a world bazaar at the dining hall, a jazz concert, volunteer projects and several films.

"We're trying to provide something other than orientation," said Dean of Freshman Dawn Watkins. "Customs provides a fun way to connect with campus life."

Prizes such as skydiving and snowboarding tickets are being offered to encourage freshmen to attend the scheduled activities. Although the activities are open to the entire campus community, only freshman are eligible to win the prizes.

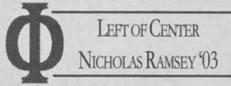
Freshmen who attend at least one program from each category will be entered into the prize drawing, scheduled for Thursday, October 18. Freshmen are asked to swipe their university cards or sign in to record their attendance.

"As far as I can tell, (the freshmen) are excited," said Watkins. "Attendance has been fabulous."

Participating organizations include the Student Association for International Learning (SAIL), the Minority Student Association (MSA), Lifestyle Information for Everyone (LIFE), Project Horizon and Habitat for Humanity.

## Restaurant closing for renovation

City Steak and Subs, which is now under new management, will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for renovation. It is scheduled to reopen Monday.



LEFT OF CENTER  
NICHOLAS RAMSEY '03



### Tuesday

7:30 p.m.—International Performing Arts Series. Music from Venezuela. Irene Farrera & Aquiles Baez. Lee Chapel.

### Friday

Hall of Fame Weekend.  
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**Tuesday, September 12, 2001**

**9:00 p.m.**

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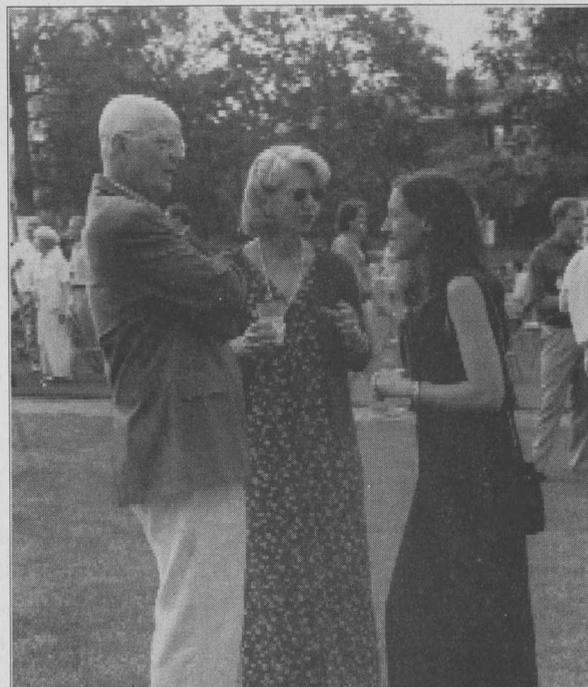
**Room 221  
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# United Nations Meeting

**Information about the club  
and conference information**

# Campus mourns loss of Elrod

Students, faculty, community to attend memorial service scheduled for Thursday, September 14 in honor of beloved former campus leader



FILE PHOTO/The Ring-tum Phi

**AT RIGHT—IN MEMORIAM:** THE LATE PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE CONVERSE WITH A STUDENT. PRESIDENT ELROD WAS KNOWN FOR HIS CARING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS STUDENTS. HE INVITED STUDENTS TO HIS HOUSE FOR DINNER AND WAS A CONSTANT PRESENCE ON CAMPUS. THE ELROD HOME WAS THE PLACE FOR STUDENT RECEPTIONS. KNOWN FOR PROVIDING A HOME FOR AREA CATS, THE ELROD HOME HAS BECOME A PART OF STUDENT LIFE. ELROD ALSO MADE STRIDES IN W&L'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS. UNDERNEATH ELROD'S LEADERSHIP, W&L WAS FIRST NAMED TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S LIST OF TOP 25 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES.

By MIKE AGNELLO  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

University President John Elrod died on July 27 after a long bout with cancer. Students, faculty, administrators, and alumni praise Elrod for his leadership and character.

Elrod leaves behind a legacy of scholastic and professional achievement. He served as President of Washington and Lee and Dean of the College from 1983 to 1995. In addition to his accomplishments at W&L, Elrod, a former philosophy professor, was a noted scholar on the philosophical works of Hegel and Kierkegaard.

Administrators credit Elrod with completing W&L's transition from a declining all-male institution to an academic powerhouse, begun while Elrod was dean of the college and vice-president for academic affairs.

During his presidency, W&L was first named among the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup>.

Several university and community leaders showed their

admiration of Elrod by attending his July 29 funeral service in Lee Chapel. Among those attending were Rev. Pat Robertson '50, Virginia Military Institute Superintendent Josiah S. Bunting III, and University Rector J. Frank Surface '60.

Surface said he enjoyed working with Elrod and admires his passion for the university.

"We mark John Elrod's death with profound sadness," Surface said, "and we honor him by carrying out his wish that Washington and Lee continually strengthen its mission to fully educating students in the principles of honor, civility, and intellectual inquiry."

Elrod perpetuated these principles by carrying out his duties.

"NO MATTER WHO HE WAS WITH, HE MADE THEM FEEL THEY WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM"

LAURENT BOETSCH  
ACTING PRESIDENT

In the last five years, the W&L campus expanded rapidly.

During his tenure, Elrod oversaw the construction of sorority houses and a parking garage. Construction also began on the University Commons, a new fitness center, and the renovation of Reid Hall.

Dean of the College Laurent Boetsch was named acting president following Elrod's death. Philosophy Professor W. Lad

Sessions was named acting dean of the college. Boetsch said he most admired Elrod for his passion for the university.

"His greatest legacy is his great vision for W&L's future," Boetsch said. Boetsch added that Elrod was a joy to work with and to know on a personal level.

"No matter who he was with, he made them feel they were very important to him... everybody was his friend," he said. "He had great courage and decency."

Sessions, who met Elrod in 1965 while they both attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City, said he has been grieving since Elrod's July 29 funeral. Sessions said Elrod was an extraordinary husband and father and a great man in addition to being an excellent administrator.

"He was a kind, considerate peacemaker... a role model in character and self-discipline," Sessions said.

Student Executive Committee President Rob Naftel '02 worked closely with Elrod on student government issues. Naftel said he will miss Elrod's guidance.

"He always was gentle but strong. He was wise in ways that you took him for what he said."

"... you trusted him," Naftel said.

Elrod displayed this strength by keeping his good nature and professional work

habits throughout his illness. In one of his final public appearances, he spoke to several thousand cancer survivors at Lexington's "Relay for Life" and participated in the event. Elrod insisted a positive attitude was essential for dealing with his illness.

"I don't think there has been a single day I haven't felt positive about life," Elrod said. "I can't imagine living with cancer without this attitude," Elrod said.

Elrod was buried in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery on Nelson Street. He is survived by his wife Mimi, their sons Joshua and Adam, and two grandchildren.

The university community will gather in Lee Chapel on Thursday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. to celebrate Elrod's life and work.

Sessions, when asked if he had anything else to say about Elrod, managed only three words.

"We'll miss him," he said.

## Five minutes with Dean Sessions

### Acting Dean discusses new leadership role

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dean Sessions has been an active member of campus life for three decades. Sessions, a member of W&L faculty since 1971 is the Chair of the Philosophy Department. He is the University's Jo and James Ballengee 250th anniversary professor.

Sessions served as an associate dean of the college from 1992 to 1995. Sessions was acting Dean until Dean Boetsch's appointment in 1996.

Sessions holds a doctor of philosophy degree from Yale, a masters degree from Union Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

**What impelled you to take up the job?**

As corny as it sounds, a sense of duty. Self-interest (and maybe even prudence) lost out to the call of the community. I want to do the best I can for Washington and Lee in these transitional times. This school is poised for

greatness, if we can sustain our momentum.

**How long is your appointment?**

I was asked to serve as acting dean of the college for this academic year.

**What do you hope to do while Dean?**

I want to do my part in helping others keep things running smoothly and well in the College. I am particularly keen on continuing to attract superb new teachers (faculty searches) and in general strengthening W&L's profound commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, but there are too many detailed matters to mention.

**Are you eager to get back to teaching, or are you considering applying for the position fulltime?**

I do miss teaching, though I have tried to keep my student advisees (including six new freshmen advisees) as a way of reminding me about the central focus (student learning) of this place. My crystal ball right now says



W. LAD SESSIONS  
ACTING DEAN

"back to teaching Fall 2002".

**Do you consider administrative work as fulfilling as teaching?**

They are totally different, and have quite different rewards and frustrations. I must say, though, that committee meetings just don't measure up to the thrill of reading Immanuel Kant.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT/The Ring-tum Phi  
WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE: W&L students walk across the new circle installed in the walk leading up to the Co-op. The circle reads: "In memory of the magnificent philanthropic support of Henry H. and Anne G. Woods 2001."

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

# W&L sets the table for strong season

By JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee volleyball coach Bryan Snyder couldn't have asked for a better weekend to open the 2001 season.

Snyder, entering his second year at the helm of the Generals' program, saw his team win three of four matches in the W&L Invitational despite starting three freshmen and adjusting to a new scoring system.

After breezing through two matches Friday, W&L played two regional powers Saturday, knocking off Christopher Newport in four games before dropping a four-game match to Catholic.

"If we play as well the rest of the year as we played against Christopher Newport today, we'll have a great season," Snyder said. "Christopher Newport is better than any team we beat last year. Catholic, with the exception of Emory, will be the toughest team we play all year.

"I'm very pleased with the potential that we have, and I think we're going to get better all year."

First-year player Michelle Chastain was named to the all-tournament team, while classmates Jennifer Lux and Emily Wolfing played like anything but freshmen.

The Generals also got their first look at the new rally scoring system. A point is awarded on each serve, and games are won with 30 points instead of the traditional 15. Serves that hit the net and continue across are live balls.

"It keeps the flow of the game going, it makes it a lot more exciting," Snyder said. "It changes your strategy. If you get behind later in the match, you have to play a little bit tougher, if you're ahead, you might have to play less aggressively."

On Friday, W&L defeated St. Mary's 30-25, 30-23, 30-27 and Shenandoah 30-24, 30-13, 30-18. Senior middle blocker Lindsay Ruckert, also named to the all-



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THE OLD AND THE NEW: (From left) Senior Leslie Fischbeck and freshmen Jennifer Lux and Michelle Chastain prepare to receive a serve from St. Mary's in the Generals' 30-25, 30-23, 30-27 win Friday on day one of the W&L Invitational. The Generals opened the season by winning three straight matches before losing in four games to Catholic. Chastain and senior Lindsay Ruckert were named to the all-tournament team.

tournament team, recorded 12 kills, three aces and six digs against St. Mary's. Lux contributed 37 assists and seven digs.

The Generals beat Christopher Newport 30-23, 30-20, 21-30, 30-18. Ruckert contributed 14 digs, 13 kills and four aces, and Chastain had 12 digs and nine kills.

In W&L's 24-30, 28-30, 30-21, 21-30 loss to Catholic, Lux had 46 assists and 12 digs, and senior Leslie Fischbeck tallied nine kills.

Snyder believes that the play of Lux is something that the Generals didn't have in 2000.

"She's learning everybody's timing and tendencies, and they're trying to learn hers as well," he said of Lux. "Last year, we were very predictable. This year, Jennifer is good enough and smart enough to move the ball all around and get all the offensive players involved. She did an outstanding job all weekend."

W&L plays Centre, LaGrange and Hollins in the Centre Invitational Saturday.

## Field hockey loses narrowly in 1st ever varsity, ODAC game

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NORFOLK — The Washington and Lee field hockey team began their first season as a fully-sponsored varsity sport with a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponent Virginia Wesleyan.

The squad was upgraded to a full-time varsity sport last December after competing under developmental varsity status.

Wesleyan struck first, scoring the only goal of the first half at the 16:15 mark.

The Generals tied the match at the 48:28 mark when sophomore Kelly Taffe scored an unassisted goal.

The game remained tied until Wesleyan's Lindsay Mike beat Deidra MacLeod for the game-winning goal with less than five minutes left.

MacLeod made six saves on the afternoon.

The Generals return to conference action when they travel to Hollins on Wednesday for a 4:30 p.m. match.

## Generals open season with 2-2 tie

WASHINGTON — The men's soccer team opened their season by posting a 2-2 tie with non-conference foe Catholic on Saturday.

The Generals found themselves in a quick hole when Catholic scored just 2:30 into the game. After Dan Finn scored for Catholic later in the first half, W&L needed to fight back from an early 2-0 deficit.

Late in the first half, sophomore Jacob Stoehr scored the first goal of the season for the Generals to cut the lead in half. Senior Paul Wallace assisted on the goal.

The Generals pounded the Cardinals all day, outshooting Catholic 27-6. W&L junior goalkeeper Tim Foley made two saves on the day.

Another one of those shots finally found the net when W&L senior forward Andrew Grimes scored near the end of regulation off an assist from sophomore Bret Grote.

The Generals host cross-town rival VMI on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

## Duncan wins Va. Wesleyan Invitational

NORFOLK — Junior Burke Duncan led the women's cross country team to a fourth-place finish by winning the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational with a time of 19:50 on Saturday morning.

In W&L's first meet of the year, Duncan was followed by seniors Gretchen Tencza, who finished tenth with a time of 21:58, and Lucy Rankin, whose time of 22:48 was good for 21st place.

Eastern Mennonite won the team title with a total of 33 points. Roanoke (52 points) and Lynchburg (84) also placed ahead of W&L, which finished with 92 points.

## W&L men turn in second-place finish

NORFOLK — The Washington and Lee men's cross country team used a steady pace and a solid core of runners in order to place second at the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational Saturday.

The Generals finished with 70 points and followed Roanoke, which won the team title with a total of 28 points.

Sophomore Andy Schorr led the Generals with a third-place individual finish, running a time of 27:32. Junior Will Teichman finished in 29:03 to claim 12th place and freshman teammate Steven Chambers followed six seconds behind to take 13th.

Both cross country teams will compete in the Generals Invitational Saturday at 10 a.m.

## Hornets handle Generals

Lynchburg resumes ODAC women's soccer dominance with 4-1 win over W&L

By DAVE CROWELL  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In last season's Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, the Lynchburg women's soccer team needed three overtime periods and a deflected shot in order to win 2-1 and end Washington and Lee's season.

This time around, the Hornets took advantage of some mistakes by the Generals and ensured a safe 4-1 victory Friday.

In Neil Cunningham's W&L coaching debut, the Generals fell behind early when Lynchburg's Nicole Wisniewski placed a shot just out of the reach of freshman goalie Emily Barker.

Neither team managed to score again until the second half, when Lynchburg's Suzanne Weller scored the game-winning goal in the 59th minute. Weller also assisted on Lynchburg's third goal less than three minutes later.

Lynchburg's tight defense slowed the General's attack all day, limiting the front line to only eight shots.

"I think our lack of experience showed during some lapses in focus and mechanics," Cunningham said.

A number of freshmen impressed Cunningham, including midfielder Romney Wilson, who moved around the field and cleared the ball very well, and forward Maggie Hope.

W&L avoided the shutout when senior Kate Bidwell scored their only goal with less than two minutes left on an assist from sophomore Fontaine Marcoux.

"I thought for 80 minutes it was very even," Cunningham said. "For ten minutes, though, we lost our focus on defense, and you can't do that against Lynchburg."

"You can get away with that against most teams, but Lynchburg will make you pay."

The Generals will return to action on Tuesday, when they travel to Randolph-Macon for a 4 p.m. ODAC match.



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SEASON OPENER: Sophomore Meghan Hayde drills a goal kick in the Generals' 4-1 loss to defending Old Dominion Athletic Conference champion Lynchburg Friday at the Liberty Hall field. W&L attempted just eight shots against the Hornets, including senior Kate Bidwell's late goal.

## Football falls hard to Hopkins

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BALTIMORE — Washington and Lee managed just 164 yards of total offense as Johns Hopkins handed them a 34-3 season-opening loss Saturday.

Senior Marc Watson, the 2000 Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year, rushed for just 19 yards on 12 carries. Junior Chris Sullivan ran eight times for 22 yards and caught two passes for 44 yards.

Sophomore Peter Dean, making his first start as W&L's quarterback, completed 14 of his 26 attempts for 137 yards, but he also threw a pair of interceptions.

Matthew Andrade's 28-yard field goal and Adam Cook's three-yard TD run gave Hopkins a 10-0 half-time lead.

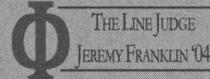
Senior Brad Wiginton drilled a 35-yard field goal with 9:40 left in the third quarter to put the Generals within a touchdown. But another Andrade field goal and three fourth quarter touchdowns put the game away for Hopkins.

W&L meets Guilford in their home opener Saturday.

## The Press Box

### What to expect in the 2001 NFL wonderland

Another NFL season has begun, only to see possible NFC favorite Tampa Bay struggle to win an exhibition against NFL Europe's Dallas Cowboys and the Washington Redskins get humiliated by Doug Flutie and the San Diego Chargers.



THE LINE JUDGE  
JEREMY FRANKLIN '04

Before the Broncos can outlast the Giants tonight on the season premiere of "Monday Night Football," here's a short list of promises for 2001 on the professional gridiron. Space prevents a week-by-week breakdown, so here are the highlights of the year:

**Week Two.** Redskins owner Daniel Snyder, frustrated after his team goes down 24-3 at halftime to Arizona, demands to call the plays from his luxury box. Coach Marty Schottenheimer refuses and is fired mid-game. Washington loses 31-10.

**Week Three.** Snyder hires Jimmy Johnson to coach the Redskins, who fall in overtime to the Packers.

**Week Four.** Carolina improves to 4-0 with a win against previously undefeated Green Bay. The Panthers take a one-game lead over St. Louis in the NFC West, thanks to the Dolphins' 13-9 road upset of the Rams.

**Week Six.** Snyder fires Johnson after the Skins lose to Dallas on Monday and names himself head coach.

**Week Seven.** After starting 3-0, the Ravens fall to 3-4 with a loss in Cleveland. Fed up with Terry Allen's 1.1 yards-per-carry average, Baltimore coach Brian Billicek announces his decision to run a no-back set on every down for the rest of the year.

**Week Eight.** Doug Flutie welcomes the Bills to town by throwing for 330 yards and three touchdowns. LaDainian Tomlinson, already leading the AFC in rushing by a hair over the Colts' Edgerin James, runs for 180 yards and two more scores as the Chargers trounce Buffalo 42-10.

**Week 10.** During the Redskins' bye week, Snyder convinces Deion Sanders to return to the team by naming him starting quarterback. The move comes shortly after a team physician says Jeff George will miss the remainder of the year with a slight aggravation of the right index fingernail.

**Week 11.** The Bears and Buccaneers end the game each with negative total offensive yards. Tampa Bay wins the game 3-0 thanks to Martin Gramatica's record-setting 64-yard field goal following a Warren Sapp fumble recovery in the third quarter.

**Week 12.** Terrell Davis, Olandis Gary and Mike Anderson each run for 100 yards as the Broncos trounce Dallas 56-7 on Thanksgiving Day.

**Week 16.** After the Bears hand Washington their fifth loss in six weeks, Snyder resigns as head coach and rehires Schottenheimer. Carolina clinches the NFC West with a 24-21, overtime win over the Rams.

**Week 17.** Tampa Bay prevents Elvis Grbac from reaching 4,500 yards passing to sneak into the playoffs with a 16-10 win over the Ravens. Denver beats Oakland to win the AFC West by a game. Seattle plays the spoiler card by knocking off San Diego, which loses its playoff spot to Jacksonville.

**Wild Card Round.** The Giants benefit from 39-degree weather in East Rutherford to knock out the Buccaneers 6-0.

**Divisional Playoffs.** In one of the more dazzling performances in playoff history, Carolina's Chris Weinke throws for three touchdown passes and runs for a fourth as the Panthers eliminate New York.

**Conference Championships.** The Titans breeze by a confused Dolphin defense to the tune of 392 total yards to advance to the Big Game in New Orleans. In a rematch of the 1997 NFC Championship, Carolina jumps out to a 14-3 halftime lead, but Brett Favre leads a second-half comeback for an 18-14 win.

**Super Bowl XXXVI.** Tennessee and Green Bay go into halftime tied 14-14. Packer coach Mike Sherman's ploy to have Reggie White deliver the halftime speech pays off, as the Packers score two quick touchdowns to take home a 31-24 win. Ahman Green is named MVP after running 25 times for 143 yards and two scores.

During post-game festivities, Snyder fires Schottenheimer again and names Reggie White head coach of the Redskins.

## SCOREBOARD

### W&L INVITATIONAL

**Champion:** Catholic University  
**Most Valuable Player:** Lindsey Sheppard, Christopher Newport

**All-Tournament Team**  
Lindsey Sheppard, Christopher Newport  
Nina Richardson, Christopher Newport  
Liz Carden, Catholic  
Bridget Guette, Catholic  
Lindsay Ruckert, Washington and Lee  
Michelle Chastain, Washington and Lee

**Friday, Sept. 7**  
W&L defeated St. Mary's 30-25, 30-23, 30-27  
Christopher Newport defeated St. Mary's 30-20, 30-22, 30-17  
W&L defeated Shenandoah 30-24, 30-13, 30-18  
Catholic defeated Shenandoah 30-17, 30-12, 30-20  
Catholic defeated Christopher Newport 30-22, 30-23, 31-33, 30-25

**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
W&L defeated Christopher Newport 30-23, 30-20, 21-30, 30-18  
St. Mary's defeated Shenandoah 21-30, 30-28, 30-21, 30-27  
Christopher Newport defeated Shenandoah 33-31, 30-16, 28-30, 30-15  
Catholic defeated St. Mary's 30-25, 30-13, 30-20  
Catholic defeated W&L 30-24, 30-28, 21-30, 30-21

### W&L SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 10-16

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
**Women's Soccer**  
W&L at Randolph-Macon, 4 p.m.  
**Football**  
Guilford at W&L, 1 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer**  
W&L at Eastern Mennonite, 2 p.m.  
**Field Hockey**  
W&L at Hollins, 4:30 p.m.  
**Field Hockey**  
Randolph-Macon at W&L, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
**Cross Country**  
W&L Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**Men's Soccer**  
Averett at W&L, 3 p.m.  
**Volleyball (Centre Invitational)**  
W&L vs. Centre, 10 a.m.  
**Riding**  
W&L at Radford, TBA

### ODAC FOOTBALL GLANCE

**Sept. 8 Results**  
Johns Hopkins 34, W&L 3  
Bridgewater 49, Shenandoah 0  
Catholic 28, Franklin & Marshall 7  
Guilford 28, Methodist 6  
Hampden-Sydney 20, Gettysburg 14  
Randolph-Macon 26, Christopher Newport 10  
**Ferrum vs. Emory & Henry**  
**Sept. 15 Games**  
Guilford at W&L  
Bridgewater at Christopher Newport  
Randolph-Macon at Denison  
Emory & Henry at Sewanee

# FALL SPORTS

THE RING-TUM PHI

## Generals' goal, plain and simple: return to top of ODAC

By JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a long time since Washington and Lee took home an Old Dominion Athletic Conference title, 1985 to be exact.

But that's not something that seventh-year coach Frank Miriello and his Generals plan to live with for very much longer.

"Our goal is first and foremost to get into position to play for the conference title," said Miriello, the 1996 ODAC Coach of the Year. "Our last two conference games are against Bridgewater and Emory and Henry, and they are preseason picks to win the conference."

"Hopefully, we will take care of business early in the season and be in position to contend at the end of the season."

W&L returns two players who were arguably the best on their respective units last year, fifth-year senior running back Marc Watson and senior linebacker Jeff Bahl. Watson set a school record with 1,325 yards rushing and added 12 touchdowns in 2000, while Bahl led the Generals with 108 tackles — 16 for a loss — and five sacks.

"Marc and Jeff bring excitement to the program," Miriello said. "Jeff is a captain and a role model for the younger players in the program. He plays with a passion for the game, he plays with intensity and enthusiasm."

"Marc can go to the house at any time. His 'A-game' is as good, if not better, than any running back that has played for the Generals."

Sophomore Peter Dean, a converted defensive back, will handle quarterback duties after beating out classmate Sean McGarvey in preseason practice. Junior Chris Sullivan, one of a handful of players Miriello is expecting

to have a breakout season, will get the ball on handoffs and through the air.

Bahl is not alone in the defensive front seven, as juniors Matt Stavish and Andrew James and sophomore Ben Krasnoff "possess good size and playmaking ability" at the linebacker position, according to Miriello. Senior Jeff Powell and sophomore Brian Becker will flank sophomore Jess Lipsey on the line.

"The strength of the defense lies in the front seven," he said. "Our defensive front three are as good as we have had here in quite some time. The linebacker corps has more speed than we have had in a number of years."

But the Generals do have several question marks entering 2001, namely in the secondary and on the offensive line. Junior Mat Rapoza, a Second Team D3football.com All-America selection for the now-defunct Swarthmore program in 2000, should provide immediate help for the latter.

As for the secondary, senior cornerback Chris Shortall and sophomore safety Lee Walker return. Junior Davis White, a pass-catching tight end in his first two seasons in Lexington, has been moved to the other safety position.

"We are attempting to play with a little more speed on the defensive side of the ball," Miriello said. "Davis can definitely help us."

In addition to the Eagles and Wasps, Miriello believes that the Generals must put forth a better performance against teams such as Catholic and Hampden-Sydney, both of whom beat W&L last year.

Outside of the ODAC, the Generals are looking forward to most teams on the non-conference slate.

"We enjoy playing Johns Hopkins, Centre, Sewanee, and in the past Swarthmore," Miriello said. "Those institutions are somewhat similar to W&L based on the aca-



FILE PHOTO

FEATURE BACK: Fifth-year senior Marc Watson, shown here rushing for some of his school-record 1,325 yards in 2000, will look to lead the Generals in their quest for their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship since 1985.

demical credentials for acceptance. They provide us with somewhat of a 'level playing field,' if you will.

"There is no opponent in the conference that provides us with a similar situation," he added. "There-

fore, conference play is much more difficult week in and week out. Our overall schedule demands that we play our 'A-game' each and every Saturday. That is not easy to do."

## New coach doesn't lower expectations for W&L in 2001

Women's soccer team must replace 6 seniors and adjust to a new head coach after taking Lynchburg to 3 overtimes in last year's ODAC championship match

By DAVE CROWELL  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Neil Cunningham era of women's soccer at Washington and Lee begins this week, with high expectations but a note of uncertainty.

Cunningham inherits the program from Jan Hathorn, who guided the team for 14 seasons before resigning last summer in order to concentrate on the lacrosse program.

W&L returns twelve players from last season's squad that went 12-6 and advanced to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, only

to be defeated by Lynchburg 2-1 in three overtimes.

"I'm excited to not build a team from scratch," Cunningham said. "I've inherited 12 experienced players that reached the finals last year."

Those experienced players will still need to work hard to lead a dozen freshmen that contain no knowledge of last year's emotional final. Cunningham will expect leadership from his three co-captains, seniors Kate Bidwell and Drew Powers and junior Jenny Thomas.

"The three captains are doing a great job," Cunningham said. "I'm looking for all the upperclassmen to

show the freshmen what it takes to be a leader."

Despite a wealth of upper-class experience, Cunningham still needs to fill six spots vacated by graduation, including the goalie position, where the Generals will miss Lauren Harris.

Harris received First Team All-ODAC and Second Team All-Region honors last season, finished her career with a 1.00 goals-against average, and made 20 saves to keep the Generals alive in the ODAC championship.

Cunningham hopes to fill this vacancy with two freshmen, Emily Barker

and Abigail Pfeiffer.

"We have two freshman goalies and we might play them both throughout the season," Cunningham said.

W&L hopes to combat the inexperience at goalie with a strong, controlling midfielder that includes each of the three captains.

Leading this group will be Bidwell. She's found great success at midfield, garnering three All-ODAC selections while scoring 23 goals and adding nine assists during her career.

Rounding out the midfield will be sophomore Heather Coleman, who played in all 18 games and tallied eight

goals last season.

"I think our midfield will be the key," Cunningham said. "Our success will depend on our ability to control the midfield."

The defense will be led by sophomore Meghan Hayde and senior Kristen Pranke, two players with experience at a key position. Cunningham expects them to join the three captains as the key leaders for a young squad.

Sophomore forward Fontaine Marcoux, First Team All-ODAC and All-State as a freshman, returns to lead the Generals' attack. Marcoux scored 14 goals and added nine assists last

season.

Sophomore Susannah Hewlett will complement Marcoux at forward and create a potent one-two punch, with freshman Maggie Hope receiving a large chunk of playing time as well.

A number of freshmen should receive quality minutes, but the responsibility and desire to avenge the heart-breaking loss to Lynchburg will fall on the upperclassmen.

"These seniors want to go out on top and I think we're ready to play," Cunningham said. "Practice is great, but nothing is like the feeling of a real game."

## Tall order for men's soccer team



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BASKING IN THE GLORY: The Washington and Lee men's soccer team poses for a team picture after defeating Virginia Wesleyan 1-0 to win the 2000 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship. W&L will attempt to follow up on the most successful season in school history.

By JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Veteran men's soccer coach Rolf Piranian has quite a dilemma in 2001.

The 26th-year manager must follow up on the most successful season in school history, as the 2000 Washington and Lee team reached the South Region final of the NCAA Division III playoffs before falling to Christopher Newport.

"It's obviously the best season the school's ever had, so that was a benchmark for us," Piranian said. "It was a great year for us, so I think we've got to understand that season is behind us and start from scratch."

The first concern for the Generals will be replacing five seniors, four of whom started, from a team that went 19-2 last season and won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship.

"(Midfielder) Jon Wilson was one of the better players I've had a chance to coach here," Piranian said. "There's a whole lot of chemistry that's going to be difficult to replace."

W&L's primary concern in preseason practice has been the lower-than-expected performance of the offense, which returns senior Andrew Grimes and junior Brad Murphy, among others.

"Right now we're not scoring a lot of goals," Piranian said. "We thought we should and could, but we haven't been. We're still in the formative stage, but I think we should have a very good offensive team."

Defense, however, should not be a concern for the Generals. Juniors Tim Foley and Brad Hearn bring experience to the goalkeeper position, and W&L also returns Second Team All-ODAC junior Paul Negron and senior Paul Wallace, who shares cap-

tain duties with classmates David Kodack and Rick Schnatz.

At midfield, 2000 ODAC Rookie of the Year Philip Miller is back for his sophomore season, and junior Sean Hardin and sophomore Jacob Stoehr are two of "quite a distinguished group" of outside midfielders, according to Piranian.

"(Defense) is important any time of the year," he said. "We see that as it should be a strength. We think we have a very good defensive club."

Despite any preseason struggles, the Generals should be prepared to take on all comers in the ODAC in defense of their title.

"We've kind of gone through a bumpy preseason, so it could be a very good team, but it could be a very average team if the kids don't step up," Piranian said. "The potential is very good on paper, but we haven't seen as much as we want to on the field."

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# Making the move to varsity

Field hockey mixes returning players with large freshman class in 1st season of NCAA Division III competition

By JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee field hockey team enter their first season at the varsity level, but they're anything but inexperienced in both the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the NCAA.

The Generals compiled a 4-8 record last season, their last as a club team. Senior Allison MacQueen, who scored a team-high eight goals in 2000, believes that the experience of the returning players will give them a good starting point for Division III competition.

"We will be playing many of the same varsity teams this year," MacQueen said. "Teams change every year, so we don't know what to expect of other teams, and they don't know what to expect of us. The returning players bring a lot of experience, talent and maturity to this team."

Meanwhile, first-year coach Wendy Orrison is anything but new to the ODAC, as she has spent the last four seasons down Interstate 81 at Hollins University.

"I think my knowledge of the ODAC teams will be useful," Orrison



CELEBRATION DAY: Members of the W&L field hockey team celebrate after a goal at home in 2000, their last season at the club level. The Generals moved up to NCAA Division III competition this year.

said. "I know some of the better teams and players to watch out for, and I also know some of the coaching styles. This will help in game-day preparation a good deal."

Seniors Courtenay Fisher and Carolyn Pressly will serve as captains

for the 2001 squad. The Generals also return senior goalie Deidra MacLeod.

MacQueen believes that W&L will benefit from a talented freshman class as well.

"Without younger players, a program cannot continue to be competi-

tive," she said. "We have eight freshmen this year who are great players and will lead the team in the years to come."

Despite her hopes for the team, Orrison is wary of two opponents in particular this year: Wednesday's match against Hollins and the Oct. 17 tilt against ODAC power Eastern Mennonite.

"The EMU game is always a big contest because of their dominance in the conference," Orrison said. "I'm looking for all of the games to be close, well-played matches. It will be awkward to play Hollins on the 12th, and I don't particularly look forward to it."

MacQueen believes that the Generals' success will depend upon their collective mindset.

"Anything we want to do," she said of what W&L can accomplish, "as long as the entire team is in each game mentally."

"Our team looks very strong," MacQueen added. "We are very strong, both offensively and defensively. There are no weak players on this team. I think Coach Orrison plans on using our bench often to capitalize on the talent of the entire team."



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NET PLAY: Senior Lindsay Ruckert blocks a ball during the Generals' three-game win against St. Mary's in the W&L Invitational on Friday. In a preseason coaches' poll, the Washington and Lee volleyball team was picked to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

## Volleyball team prepared for run at ODAC championship

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opportunities while compiling their own numbers.

With the return of nine letter winners and four starters from last season's 20-10 squad, the pressure to succeed lies heavily on the Washington and Lee volleyball team. Added to this pressure is a recent tradition of winning, exemplified by the No. 1 preseason ranking in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

The Generals have appeared in the ODAC championship game each of the last six seasons, claiming victory in four of the matches. Along the way W&L has racked up 145 victories.

But don't expect coach Bryan Snyder's team to wilt under a little pressure.

"I think we'll respond well," the second-year coach said. "We were picked to win last season and were in a very good position. Even after some difficult times, we came one point from another championship (in a loss to Bridgewater)."

The main factor in W&L's return to the top will be senior middle blocker Lindsay Ruckert, the ODAC Player of the Year each of the last two seasons. Ruckert also garnered selections on the first-team All-ODAC and All State teams each of her three seasons.

Ruckert posted a team-high 322 kills last season and added 40 aces, 65 blocks and 215 digs. Entering the season, Ruckert stands a mere 169 kills from breaking the W&L and ODAC career record.

"Lindsay is one of our co-captains and does everything for us," Snyder said. "She is our best hitter and one of the best servers and defensive players we have. She understands the game so well."

Unfortunately for ODAC opponents, the Generals will offer one of the strongest frontcourts in recent memory, not just one scoring threat.

Senior co-captains Leslie Fischbeck and Lee Charbonnet will provide Ruckert more scoring op-

Fischbeck came on strong at the end of last year, posting 57 kills in the ODAC tournament and garnering an all-tournament selection.

Charbonnet missed a large part of last season due to injuries but earned second-team All-ODAC honors her sophomore season. Snyder looks for Charbonnet to play a huge role in detracting attention from Ruckert.

In addition, two freshmen, Michelle Chastain and Emily Wolfing, should immediately add more punch up front. They come from strong volleyball programs and will provide valuable size for the Generals.

"We will definitely have more options on offense," Snyder said. "Lindsay will be moving around a lot and we should have at least four consistent, potent scoring threats."

One area where the Generals lack experience is at the setting position. Graduation claimed both of the setters on last year's squad.

Fortunately, freshman Jennifer Lux stepped up during the preseason and won the starting job for the opening game.

"She has looked great and has exceeded all my expectations," Snyder said of Lux. "I believe she is a step up from the past."

Due to a change in the scoring system, the keys to success will be serve, serve receive, and defense. Under the new rally scoring, a point will be awarded with every serve, even with a sideout. Games will be won with 30 points instead of 15.

The Generals' defense will be strong with Ruckert, junior Stacy Kimmel and sophomore defensive specialist Kari Lassen, all consistent playmakers in the backcourt.

Regardless of rule changes, W&L should offer a strong team capable of living up to the pressure.

"The girls have been working real hard and are eager to make a statement after last year," Snyder said.

## New General, same mission for W&L

By IAN R. MCLROY  
SPORTS WRITER

Inheriting a team that has never finished lower than third at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship meet in 13 years, new Washington and Lee women's cross country head coach Amy Schuckert has high hopes for this season.

"Our No. 1 goal is to win the conference championship," Schuckert said. "Also, we would like to focus on a strong finish toward the end of the season and have our sights set on placing in the top five at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championship."

Schuckert, a two-year captain of the cross country and track teams at Allegheny College, was a six-time NCAA national qualifier for the track team and a two-time qualifier in cross country. She also earned All-American honors in the 800 meters and was a 12-time conference champion in track and cross country.

After serving as the graduate assistant coach for Pittsburgh State University in Kansas the past two seasons, Schuckert assumes her first head coaching role in Lexington.

Junior Burke Duncan and senior Gretchen Tencza, the team's co-captains, form the core of

returning runners Schuckert will look toward.

Duncan followed up a solid freshman season with an even better sophomore campaign, becoming the first W&L runner to compete at nationals since 1995. She garnered All-ODAC and All-Region honors for the second consecutive season.

She also improved on her third-place finish at the ODAC Championships, turning in a runner-up performance last year.

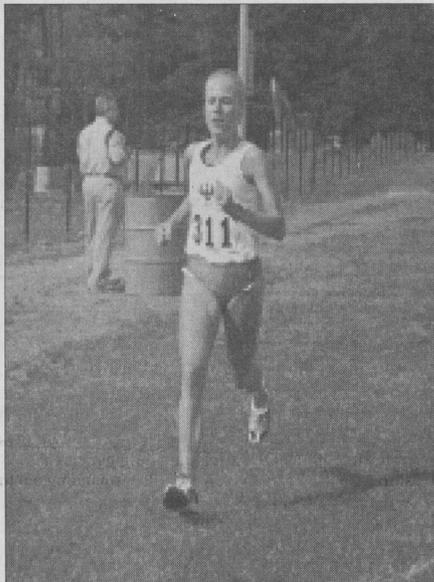
"Burke possesses the qualities we need to lead from within — leading by example," Schuckert said.

With the graduation of the 2000 ODAC champion, Duncan is the top returnee in the conference.

Along with her fellow co-captain Duncan as well as seniors Lucy Rankin and Lauren Paxton, Tencza remains determined to "encourage the team and to be leaders."

"We all have the determination to improve," added Tencza, a two-time All-ODAC selection, including a second-team pick after finishing 11th with a time of 21:38 at the ODAC Championships last year.

Faced with a tough schedule to prepare them for the 2001 conference championships, Schuckert and her squad are determined to bring home their third consecutive ODAC crown.



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TOP RUNNER RETURNS: Burke Duncan, the first W&L cross country athlete to run in an NCAA national meet, is back for her junior season. The Generals have a new coach, former Pittsburgh State graduate assistant Amy Schuckert.

## Men's team looks to keep success running

By IAN R. MCLROY  
SPORTS WRITER

Returning four of their top runners from last season's team, which finished fifth out of seven teams at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, the Washington and Lee men's cross country team appears poised for a successful season.

Head coach John Tucker, who helped the team bring home their first championship in 1997, will welcome back captains Ken Jackman, a senior, and David Hicks, a junior. Junior Will Teichman and sophomore Andy Schorr also return.

Together with a promising recruit in freshman Wes Bell, the men's cross country team has all the pieces in place to make a return to the top of the ODAC in 2001.

"I think we have a great shot at the ODAC championships," Schorr said. "With a tighter top seven runners, we'll be better able to challenge and push each other than in previous years."

Schorr, the top returnee, led W&L in every race last season on his way

to earning First Team All-ODAC honors, as well as All-State and All-Region accolades in his rookie campaign. He is well aware of the rise in talent on this year's squad.

Jackman, the lone senior on the roster, is a three-time Second Team All-ODAC selection. He will be looked to for leadership on the young squad.

"With only one senior and two juniors, experience will play a huge factor," Jackman said.

Hicks will be out to improve upon his sophomore season, which saw him finish 21st at the Virginia State Meet in a personal best time of 27:22. He showed signs of excellence by helping W&L to a second-place finish at the Roanoke Invitational when he ran to an individual ninth-place finish in 28:47.

Teichman began last season slowly, but came on extremely strong to post a career best time of 27:33 at the NCAA Regional Meet.

Bell, a heralded freshman from Dalton, Ga., could prove to be a valuable runner for W&L. In high school, he was a two-time captain and three-time all-state selection in cross country. He wrapped up his career by fin-



FILE PHOTO

READY TO RUN: The W&L men's cross country team, hosts of the annual Generals Invitational, will attempt to improve upon last season's fifth-place finish in the ODAC championships.

ishing third in the state last season.

But with Bell suffering an early season injury, the team must maintain their composure.

Recognizing the need to remain healthy down the stretch in October, Jackman said, "We (the upperclassmen) will have to help the team focus on training and being tough mentally."

W&L opened the season with a second-place finish Saturday in the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational.

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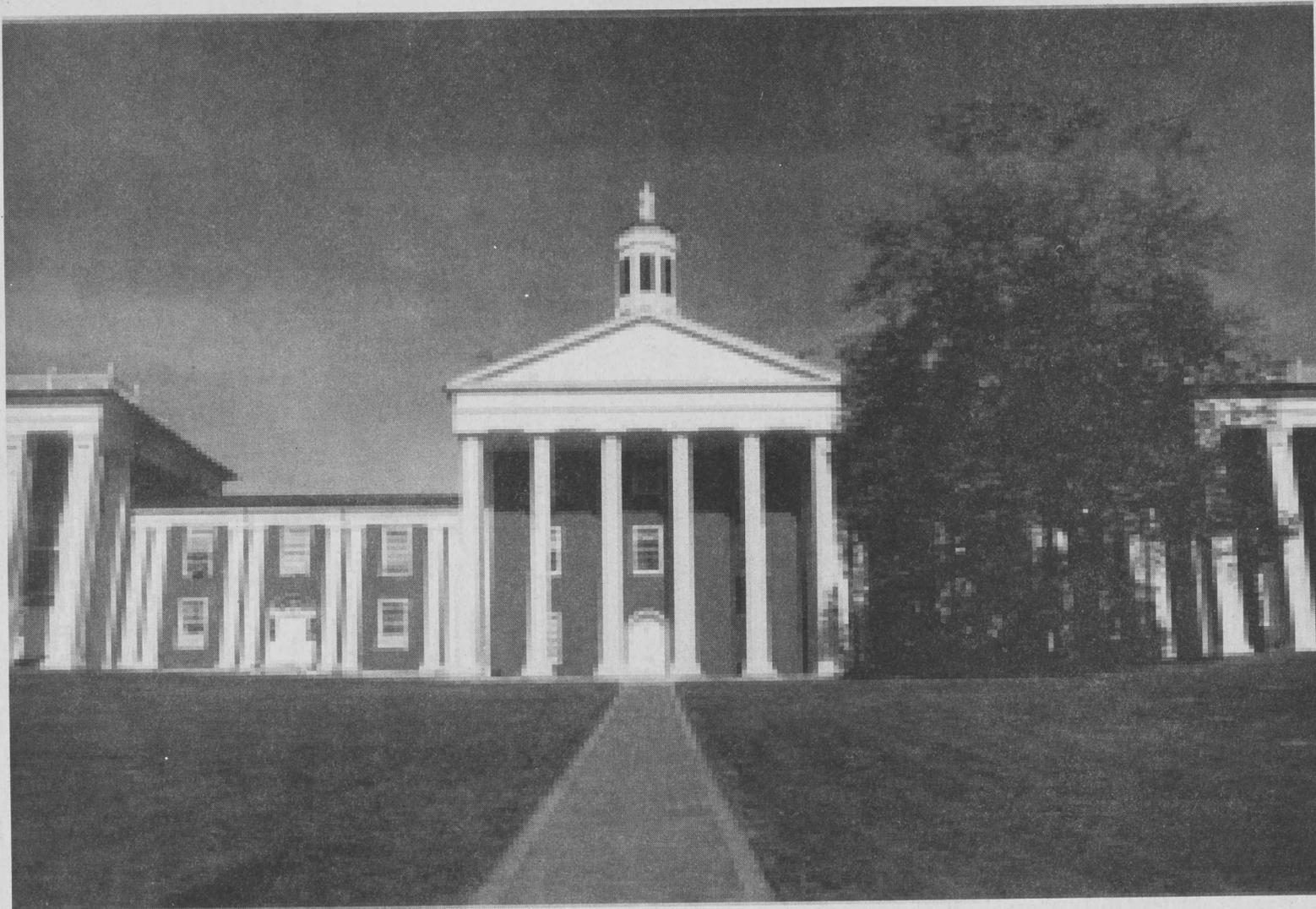
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