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Mock Con the subject at Sept. 10 Convocation

BY ELIZABETH ECKMAN AND ERIN JULIUS
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Washington and Lee's annual Fall Convocation took place on September 10 at 5:30 in front of Lee Chapel. President Burish welcomed the new students and pledged support to the new faculty. His hope for this academic year is that it will be, "at once exceptionally full, important, challenging and fulfilling," Burish said. In his opening remarks, Burish also lightheartedly referred to Washington and Lee's rise in national rankings as, "pleasing, annoying and largely irrelevant."

Burish also announced that the school would begin an evaluation of several academic components, including the general education requirements, minors, freshmen seminars and senior capstones. He also made clear that a major goal for this academic year would be making the Commons a success.

William Connelly, professor of politics, gave the Convocation address. His subject was the 2004 Mock Democratic Convention, for which he is the faculty advisor. Connelly described his role with the Convention as, "limited and passive," stressing that it is a student-run event.

Connelly praised the nature of the Convention as being, "inherently non-partisan...students put aside conviction for an accurate prediction." He also quoted TIME Magazine as calling Washington and Lee's Mock Convention, "the biggest and boomingest of all such student enterprises."

He highlighted the past successes of the Mock Convention, noting that there have been 17 of 22 accurate predictions, and only one mistake since 1948.

Again focusing on the student participation with the Convention, Connelly said that by last year, there were already 350 students involved in it, and that by the time Mock Convention weekend is here, about 90% of the student body will be participating.



WHISTLE WHILE YOU CONVOCATE. The sounds of the Washington and Lee Chamber Singers resonate across the Colonnade as students prepare for a new school year. President Burish and Professor Connelly of the politics department spoke. Burish commented on the high levels of student governance as well as the importance of faculty control over many aspects of University life.

Connelly then praised certain traits of the Convention, saying that it is, "as inclusive as possible," and that it is truly, "political science in action."

He also reminisced about noteworthy events that have taken place during past Conventions. A speaker died instantly after speaking in 1956 and President Bill Clinton played the saxophone for students in 1988.

Comparing the Mock convention to other Washington and Lee programs such as the Washington Term and Shepherd Poverty Program, Connelly praised the, "public service-learning," aspect and shared his hope that the Convention will be an, "antidote to corrosive cynicism about politics in America today."

Connelly believes this Convention could be the best ever, with a high likelihood that some speakers could be one of the nine active candidates. Senator Clinton may also be a speaker this year.

As one of Washington and Lee's great traditions, Connelly said that it, "inspires a love of politics, tolerance and respect for the other party."

School adds thirty-sixth major

BY CATHERINE SWAN
STAFF WRITER

Due to student interest and the growing value of science in today's world, Washington and Lee added its 36th major, biochemistry, to the academic catalog.

In order for the biochemistry major to become a reality, the proposal had to first be evaluated by the Committee on Courses and Degrees, which is made up of administration, faculty, and students.

After the committee approved the proposal, the faculty was required to take a vote. Once approved, the chemistry department developed and fine-tuned the requirements for a biochemistry major.

The biology department also played a vital role in evaluating the work done by the chemistry department by giving suggestions that will help refine the program in years to come.

"We decided to add this major since biochemistry is an increasingly important area of science, and we thought that it was time to offer W&L students the opportunity to get a more specialized level of training," said chemistry professor Steve Desjardins.

Desjardins also cited the Pre-Health Professions program as a reason more students were showing interest in biochemistry.

Two new courses were developed for the biochemistry major. The first, Chemistry 343, is a

biochemistry laboratory course.

Assistant professor of chemistry, and a medicinal chemist by training, Dr. Lisa Alty developed the course, and she played a vital role in planning and deciding on the components for the new major.

Unlike the traditional chemistry lab course, Chemistry 343 uses animal and plant materials as a basis for many experiments.

The second new course, entitled Physical Chemistry of Biological Systems, was developed by Desjardins, and, according to him, "considers how living systems are described in terms of the laws of thermodynamics."

The first biochemistry majors are scheduled to graduate next spring.

Freshman Emily Binns is undecided about a major, but believes that biochemistry would "probably" be helpful for med school.

Jeffrey Bonham, also a freshman, is planning on going to medical school in the future. "That would be pretty interesting," he said about the biochemistry major, "right now it's between biology and chemistry so biochemistry would probably be a good fit."

Elizabeth Little, a sophomore who will major in either chemistry or biology, is excited about the new major, "I think it sounds like a great idea. One reason I was looking at schools other than W&L was because we didn't have a biochem major. so I was really excited when I heard they were coming up with one," she said.

Little plans on taking a biochemistry as soon as she can next year as a junior.



CODY GABBARD/THE RING-TUM PHI

COME ONE, COME ALL. Junior Drew Heath attempts to recruit freshmen to the Outing Club during the Student Activities Fair last Wednesday.

Spring Term reports clarified for student body

BY ERIN JULIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Three Faculty Committees have prepared reports of proposed calendar changes. One report discusses keeping and revising the 12-12-6 week calendar, one supports a 14-14 week calendar the third proposes a compromise of sorts: a 13-13-4 week calendar.

Calendar changes are being discussed because of several issues facing the faculty and administration. A chief concern is that of the faculty workload. Washington and Lee faculty has the largest teaching load of any of the top 25 liberal arts schools. The average teaching load is 4.88; Washington and Lee has an average of 6.5 classes per year.

Washington and Lee's large teaching load is believed to hinder its ability to attract top-notch faculty. The 14-14 proposal claims that regional

and second-tier schools are even becoming competition for faculty because they have lowered their teaching loads to four or five classes a year.

Another concern about Washington and Lee's current calendar is the question of the rigor of Spring term classes. The 12-12-6 report focuses on revamping Spring Term. It suggests a six course teaching load for faculty and a 4-4-1 course load for students. This report sees the question of rigor as,

"an important issue across the year and across the majors and not simply as an issue limited to Spring Term," it states. Furthermore, the report advocates that spring term return to its, "original concept of providing student experiences unique to the spring term."

week courses.

The 12-12-6 reports also suggests that the Office of Institutional Research and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee design a study using standardized instruments to examine students' academic engagement both before and after any calendar

changes.

To help bring the undergraduate calendar into better coordination with the Law School, the 12-12-6 report suggests that the undergraduate division begin a week earlier in the fall. The 12-12-6 report lists the following as benefits of the current calendar: a broad range of classes, seminars and very specialized courses, small classes sizes, a small student/teacher ratio, faculty-led study abroad programs, a wide range of interdisciplinary classes and a range of truly unique courses that can only occur with the spring term, for example, Washington Term, geology digs, field archeology, and more.

As reasons to vote against the 14-14 schedule, the 12-12-6 reports lists the following: the "breadth of options" diminishes, double-majors become difficult, which would result in enrollment in humanistic majors decreasing as students choose pre-professional majors, class sizes may increase, study abroad programs would decline, interdisciplinary programs would suffer as professors attempt to cover the basics of their major.

The 14-14 report states that the 14-14 calendar would be the easiest to coordinate with a

5-course teaching load. Other strengths that the 14-14 report believe that the semester schedule offers are as follows: better timing for summer internships, study abroad programs and work opportunities, better opportunities for summer scholarly activity, 14 weeks allows for more time to cover the material, the fact that it will be harder to double-major may lead to minors, two extra weeks would make it easier to help students learn to write.

The 14-14 report also points out some weaknesses of the semester calendar. Spring Term study off-campus programs with students would be lost, there would be less room for electives because Washington and Lee would only require 32, 34 or 36 courses to graduate, whereas now 40 are required.

The report on the 13-13-4 compromise calendar states the May term courses would have to be "academically rigorous." The faculty course load could be either 3-2-1, 2-3-1 or 3-3-0. The 13-13-4 calendar supports a third term because, "The breadth of our curriculum has long been a sellig point for the university and adds to the distinctiveness of W&L."

Most supporters of the 13-13-4 proposal would also support or even prefer the 12-12-6 calendar.

--- 13-13-4 Report

New Construction on the Colonnade: Washington Hall

UNIVERSITY BLUEPRINTS

BY
CHRIS LAUDERMAN

Washington Hall, the Administration building on the colonnade, will be receiving a renovation beginning this fall. The building was erected in the early 1800's and has not been given a major renovation since the 1930's.

"A complete renovation will not happen for several years," stated Joseph Grasso, Vice President for Administration. He went on to comment that Washington Hall will not be gutted this year and that the project will be much less evasive than a major renovation.

The Administration has three goals for this project. The first goal is to make the Dean of the College office more accessible to all students since Washington Hall is not handicap accessible. That office will be moving from the second floor to the west side of the first floor.

Across from Dean Stewart's office on the east side of the first floor will be a writing seminar room for students. "The room will accommodate 15-20 students and will be used for writing seminars," said Grasso.

The second goal of the renovation is to consolidate the President's Directory Ports. This will help communication among the President's staff within the building.

For example, the President's legal counsel will be moving from their current location into Washington Hall.

The third goal is to make a more functional suite of offices for the President.

"This goal is to better meet the needs of the President and his staff," commented Grasso. The Administration is trying to minimize the expense of this project because there may be a complete renovation of Washington Hall and the Colonnade down the road.

"The renovation of the Colonnade is an important objective," replied Grasso. The renovation of the Colonnade would improve the faculty offices and teaching spaces.

The Washington Hall renovation is expected to be completed in the early winter term. "At the moment the cost is still being developed and refined," said Grasso in response to how much the project will cost. Therefore, an estimate could not be given.

The renovation will be causing two groups to move out of the building.

The Development Staff in Washington Hall will be moving to the Development Building where half the Development Staff

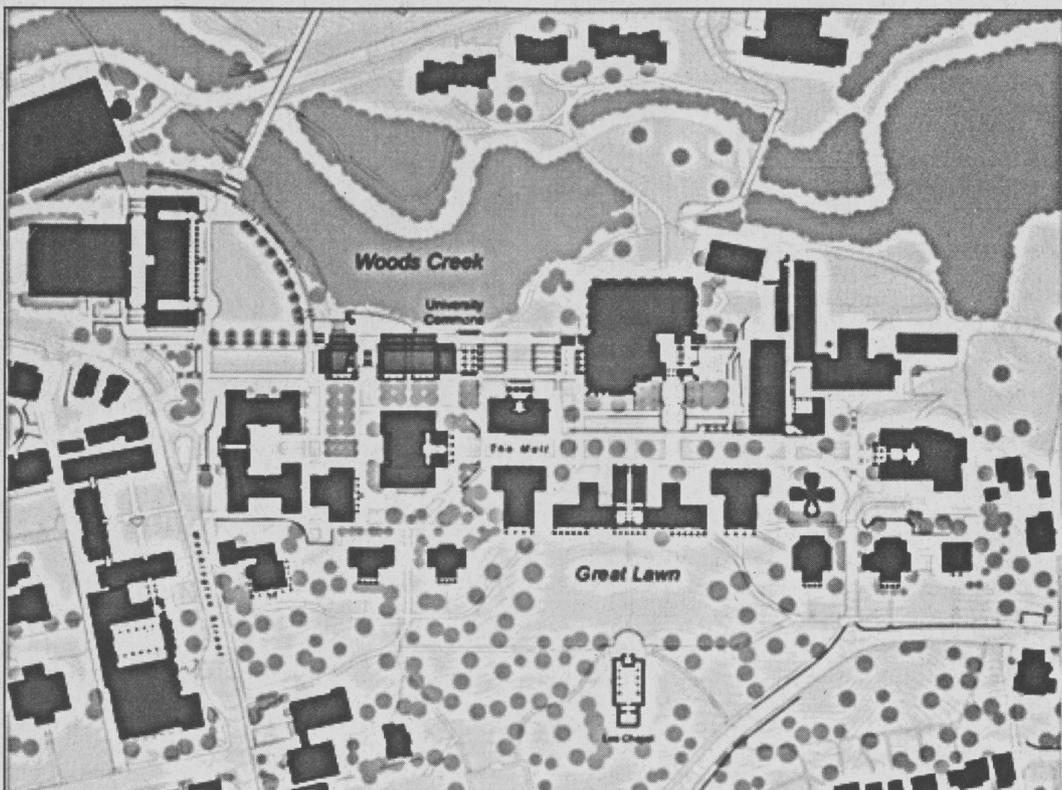
is currently housed.

The Development Building is the small building down the hill from the library. It is also to be renovated soon to make room for the Development Staff.

All twenty-seven people will be under one roof for the first time in a long time. This is also expected to bring better communication to the Development Staff.

The Business Office is also being moved to a different building. It will be moving to a vacant section of the University Center, next to Evans Dining Hall.

CAMPUS MAP



Washington and Lee University as seen from above...Changes and additions to campus are in the works. Read about it here every week as Chris Lauderman covers Construction.

"The renovation is a complete waste of money. We have no money to save Spring Term, yet we can keep remodeling buildings," stated one member of the class of 2006 who wishes to remain anonymous. The Administration feels that the renovation is much needed and will be an asset to the school.

Next Week, Chris Lauderman will be writing about Construction in the C-School.

Changes in the Curriculum: Language Requirement unlinked this year

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Beginning this term, students looking to complete their foreign language requirement will no longer be required to complete the second semester of a beginning or intermediate course in order to receive credit for the first.

The Courses and Degrees Committee asked the foreign language departments to review their policy on the linking of courses. The departments that had not already unlinked their courses began review of their policies during the Winter 2003 term, and the discussions resulted in the decision by all departments to unlink their intermediate level courses.

French, Italian, Spanish, German, and Russian classes were all affected by the decision. The Classics Department set the precedent for unlinking courses several years ago, and the department of East Asian Languages began unlinking their courses last year. Although

at least two semesters of study is encouraged for all language learners, professors in these two departments felt that students should be given the opportunity to try a new language without having to commit to two semesters of study.

"We concluded logically that we had no right to impose upon any elementary or intermediate language study which was apt to be more challenging and unrewarding than the first one had been, especially if the first semester grade had been a low C or a D and the prospect for failure during the second semester was high," said Professor of Romance Languages A.G. Fralin.

Besides allowing students to try a new language they may have not previously considered, the unlinking of the language requirement also ensures that students will not be penalized for failing to complete the second semester of language study if they have already completed the first.

Under the previous system, students who only completed one semester would lose all credit for that semester unless they

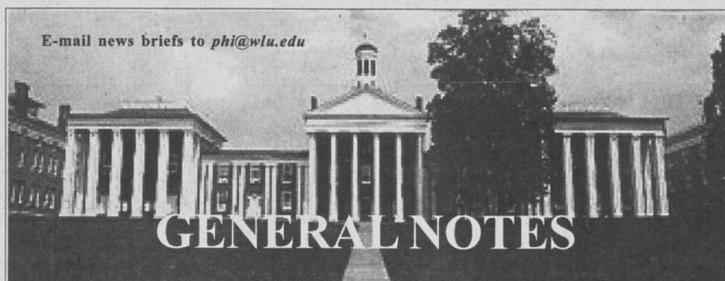
completed the second.

"This is a rule that has been confusing to both students and faculty outside the languages, and has on occasion caused students to lose credit based upon misunderstanding," said Provost Williams.

Head of the Department of East Asian Languages Janet Ikeda still encourages students to take both courses, and said "we [still] highly recommend that students continue the language sequence and not stop their study after one term."

Another change in foreign language policy initiated by the German department last winter was the elimination of the policy granting different credit hours for language study according to previous language experience.

Under the previous policy, those students who had two or more years of secondary school study but who had to take language at a beginner level would only be awarded five credits for the course instead of the traditional eight.



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GENERAL NOTES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Illinois Judge to speak on "The Lawyer as a Moral Agent in Society"

Judge Thomas M. Donnelly, an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois, will be speaking on campus on Tuesday at 7:30 in the theater of the Commons. His talk is entitled "The Lawyer as Moral Agent in Society."

Donnelly is an adjunct professor at Loyola University's law school and directs the Phillip H. Corboy Trial Advocacy Fellowship. In addition, he teaches trial advocacy at the University of Chicago Law School in the Mandel Legal Aid clinic.

Donnelly's speech is sponsored by Washington and Lee's Catholic Campus Ministry. He will also be giving a luncheon seminar at the law school on "Sex, Lies and Legal Ethics." The Christian Legal Society, Asian American Law Society and Phi Alpha Delta are also sponsoring his visit.

Renowned Writers coming to campus

Marshall Boswell and Sarah Kennedy, two renowned writers, will be opening this year's Glasgow Endowment events by reading and discussing their work on Tuesday, September 23 at 4:30 in the theater of the Commons. The talk will be followed by a book-signing and refreshments.

Boswell, a Washington and Lee alumnus, is the T.K. Young Professor of English at Rhodes College. His work has appeared in Playboy and New Stories from the South. His latest work to be published is a collection of short stories entitled *Trouble with Girls*.

Kennedy is a professor at Mary Baldwin College and has published three collections of poetry. She is currently working on poems that she researched last year in Wales.

Flow Blue, published by Elixer Press last year, and Double Exposure, which won the Cleveland State University's open submission prize in 2002 are her two most-known works.

The Mary and Arthur Glasgow Endowment was established at W&L in 1960 to bring noted writers to campus.

The talk is open to the general public.

In last week's article entitled, "W&L administrator resigns because of sodomy charges" the sentences that read "It's unclear why Long was charged with assault" and "Long lives in Lexington with his wife and three sons" should have been preceded by, "According to *The Roanoke Times*."



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Phi weighs in on new Commons

We, at the Phi, feel the need to give you our two cents on what will surely become the perennial Commons debate.

Here goes.

The Elrod Commons has been the talk of campus for several days. If you've made it over to the \$25 million masterpiece, give or take a million, you have no doubt noticed some of the glitches in its design. One of the most glaring is the poorly thought-out Emporium and Café plan.

When the cash register at the Emporium (AKA weak-attempt at a Stop-In, where are the dogs?) is not open, students must wait for long periods of time before they are able to pay for anything they want to eat. In fact, Phi Staffers were forced to nearly miss meals on Sunday night because of long lines. We have no beef with the dining services staff, who do their best to keep the line moving, but rather with whoever made the decision to keep only one register open for what seems like the great majority of the time. The old coop might have been smaller, yet somehow it managed a much greater level of efficiency.

The prices seem to be even higher this year than last, and where this is not true, the portions are smaller (as in the case of the french fries). These extreme charges encourage many to take the phrase "starving college student" to heart. Or maybe to stomach? Combine this with the fact that tonight, if not every night, the only items that are made to order are cheeseburgers, chicken fingers, and fries.

We are pleased to see The Commons being used, though. There are far more students wandering around the open spaces of the new building than ever darkened the doors of the Early-Fielding University Center. It is, as promised, a place where students can easily congregate. We love the new TV room and game area and are happy to see that there are students there all through the day.

Our bottom line is still this, though: we could eat quicker by walking from our old Washington Street office to the co-op, picking up our munchies, and walking back than our current method of waiting in line forever. But still, it's hard to complain, as the place definitely looks nice and gives our campus even more of a community feel, as well as adding a sort of professionalism that was somewhat lacking by having an apparel store smaller than most classrooms.

On another Commons-related note, our new offices look shiny and brand spanking new. We are glad to be in a more centrally-located place, despite the fish-bowl atmosphere. The fact that we are caged zoo animals does not deter us from enjoying our new surroundings. Hopefully, the office will prove inspirational and we can continue to provide high-quality investigative fodder for your eyes. Enjoy the Commons as we have and will.

Commons of questionable necessity



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DO WE REALLY NEED IT? The new John W. Elrod University Commons claims to be a panacea for all of W&L's problems, but may in fact just be a money pit.

The freshmen will really never know how good they have it. A D-Hall that always serves chicken, burgers, fries, and pizzas? A co-op (sorry, café/emporium) where you can order without filling out little pieces of paper? A bookstore with elbow room? These are just a few of the benefits that are offered by the new John W. Elrod University Commons. Other new features in the Commons include alcohol service, outdoor café seating, an open-air auditorium, a game room, a theatre, and student organization offices.

There can be no doubt that the Commons gives the W&L student even more of a life of luxury and abundant debauchery, but at the cost of \$25 million. Is the quality of life improvement that we get from this new building really worth the price tag?

Let's take, for starters, the new dining area. The only significant improvements that I can see is the aforementioned inclusion of typical American dietary staples and a classier, more wide-open look to the place and its adjoining dining area, including a stage. Disadvantages include an extremely small space for lines to form, the use of plastic (plastic!) utensils on occasion, and the removal of Cap'n Crunch from the cereal lineup, a tragedy that many a student will doubtless mourn. And though the selection of foods may have improved, I can assure you that the tolerable and occasionally good quality of the food has not (September 13th's dinner main course- Shrimp n' Grits).

The café/emporium (néé the co-op) is effectively just the same, except divided into two sections, and with alcohol, and with much higher prices or smaller portions.

The new student offices are nice, with a good view of the campus, but frankly, I liked the old ones better. Judging by student publications offices, the Phi, the Trident, and the Cally ALL had more spacious offices on the corner of Washington & Jefferson, the basement of the University Center, and the Washington & Jefferson annex, respectively. The inclusion of various resource rooms and study/meeting rooms are nice, but the question arises as to whether they were really necessary.

Let's also not forget the inclusion of the new non-student offices, including that of the Dean of Freshmen, Dean of Students, as well as their respective support staffs, (who all

also previously had adequate office space on-campus), the elevator system (which makes a horrific buzzing noise that makes me cover my ears when it goes past a floor, which gets me funny looks from the others in the elevator), and the photography dark room, again, all of which used to have another, adequate home on campus.

Then there's also a theatre (which, the last time I checked, there were plenty of in Lenfest), an auditorium (ditto), and the infamous circular staircase made out of South American bluestone which ate up a significant amount of the budget in and of itself. Perhaps there's not enough money to hire eight new faculty, but there IS money for a really freaking cool staircase.

The only thing for which I am truly and purely grateful is the new bookstore, which has greatly expanded its selection, and was wise enough to dedicate an entire floor to textbooks, which means an end to hundreds of people trying to cram into a space smaller than a freshman hall at the beginning of every term. That's the thing that us sophomores will REALLY be using as bragging rights come our Senior Year. I can see it now. "Yeah, back in my day, you had to wait in line for 5 hours to get History books that were only 3 feet away, unless you wanted to kill someone for their texts. A lot of people did that."

But does that really justify \$25 million? Some things are better and some things are worse. The café/emporium usually only has one register open that it takes 20 minutes to get to a peak hours, but on the other hand, the new bookstore features more and better clothing, apparel, and paraphernalia. So again, it's not that I don't like the Commons, I do, I just wonder if the money that we spent on it could have gone to something else (cough, cough, Spring Term).

My final view on the whole thing is that the Commons is nice, but when you get right down to it, it's just a luxury, something that makes us look glitzy, new, and decadent, and it is most definitely not a necessity. I'm not sure whether or not that's worth \$25 million, but I can't really complain too much, as I'm writing this article inside of it, but nevertheless, I think we ought to take stock before we end up with a spending policy rivaling that of the Federal government. Make your own judgments, Generals.

Quote of the Week

"I think the American people - I hope the American - I don't think, let me - I hope the American people trust me"

-President George W. Bush

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Spring Term's future bright

Even though last Spring's rainy weather dampened the spirits of W&L students, and though the Spring Term forums left many students fearing for the survival of our peculiar calendar, the summer updates of the calendar working groups give rise to plenty of optimism. Spring Term may just be here to stay.

While most Generals were lazing away on sunny beaches or interning in exotic and interesting locales, three committees remained in MicroLex, hard at work evaluating the relative strengths and weaknesses of the 12-12-6, 13-13-4 and 14-14 calendar options. The results are very encouraging to supporters of the current calendar.

For example, even the proponents of the 14-14 calendar admit that many of the problems with the current calendar are staffing issues that cannot be solved by a switch to a new calendar. Also, they admit that there would be a decrease in the number of courses needed to graduate, leading to a "watered down educational experience."

Similarly, double majors would be nearly impossible and departments with many double

majors fear that students would choose to pursue only the other major (most often a C-School major) under a 14-14 calendar. Finally, the authors recognize that many study abroad programs would be eliminated and an optional "May Term" would do little to cover this loss.

A chief benefit, which is mentioned, seemingly as an afterthought, is that a two-semester calendar would allow greater integration with

the Law School (no longer requiring Spring Term judicial proceeding to be postponed until the Fall) and VMI. Other benefits, more prominently noted, such as allowing greater coverage of material in 14 weeks, a longer summer for scholarly research and better coordination with semester-length study abroad and summer internships, hardly seem important enough to uproot W&L from our unique and beneficial calendar. In fact, the 12-12-6 working group noted that the two extra weeks of summer research gained under the 14-14 calendar would no doubt be eaten up by the additional recovery time required by longer se-

esters and larger classes.

The 13-13-4 calendar option, a compromise between the 14-14 and 12-12-6 extremes, embodies none of the benefits of either and many of the defects of both. Interestingly, the authors of the report conclude with a stern warning that "many of the supporters of the 13-13-4 proposal would also support or even prefer the 12-12-6 calendar" and go on to enjoin those in favor of a short term not to divide their support between the two.

So, where does the analysis of the two other calendar options leave the current calendar and Spring Term? In short, looking pretty good. For example, the issue of the coordination with the Law School can be resolved by beginning the undergraduate school year one week earlier. Also, the authors compiled extensive statistical analysis to demonstrate that the faculty course load can be reduced to five without "exceeding the same number of faculty that a two semester system would require."

To be specific, the authors showed that with the anticipated decrease in student body size and increase in study abroad, paired with the hiring of only eight new faculty, class sizes

would only have to increase 0.75% to accommodate a shift from the current six and a half to a six course teaching load. Moreover, a drastic decrease all the way to a five course teaching load can be achieved without hiring more faculty than is required under the two semester plan and with only a 2.75% to 3.5% increase in class size.

Naturally, the 12-12-6 calendar is also preferable in terms of the breadth of courses it offers, the opportunities for high quality study abroad it makes available, the range of interdisciplinary courses it offers and the commitment it makes possible to both a top-flight liberal arts education and a second-to-none Commerce School.

Although now is not the time for students and other supporters of Spring Term to breathe a sigh of relief and assume that Spring Term will be saved, neither is it the time to despair for the future of Washington and Lee and assume that administration has already eliminated our beloved Spring Term. Three cheers for Professors Conner, King, McAhern and Uffelman for authoring the 12-12-6 report and a charge to the faculty and administration to read it honestly and to work to save Spring Term.

Φ MODERATE'S MUSINGS
CALEY ANDERSON '06

Φ RIGHT OF THE AISLE
BRETT KIRWAN '04

California Recall Candidates' Poll

Were the election held today, would you vote to recall Governor Gray Davis?

Yes: 46%

No: 48%

Undecided: 2%

Were the election held today, which replacement candidate would you vote for?

Cruz Bustamante- 25%

Arnold Schwarzenegger- 22%

Tom McClintock- 9%

Bill Simon- 8%

Peter Ueberroth- 5%

Arianna Huffington- 4%

Peter Camejo- 3%

Larry Flynt- 1%

Statistics courtesy of the Sacramento Bee

Spring Term Worth Keeping



DEFINITE BENEFITS. The Washington Term would be one of many casualties of a 14-14 term system.

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Next week, one of this year's biggest debates will begin to take center stage. On September 22, the faculty will vote on whether they prefer to keep our existing 12-12-6 calendar or to replace it with a 13-13-4 calendar, or a more traditional 14-14 calendar. The results of that vote will be factored in with the decision of administrators and trustees as to what calendar we should follow. The full Spring Term is a unique institution that facilitates the college's liberal arts mission. If one of the other calendar options were adopted, the college would lose some of the unique and diverse learning experiences that Spring Term brings. I have had some of my most stimulating classes during the Spring Term and have had some challenging teachers that have made the Spring Term experience a valuable jewel available only at Washington and Lee. At most schools, students on a pre-medical track have to consistently take pre-medical courses. But, Washington and Lee's unique calendar has allowed me to take a multitude of rigorous courses outside my area of concentration during the spring without losing time on my science courses.

One of the perceived negative aspects of Spring Term is that students do not take advantage of the opportunities that Spring Term has to offer, including, but not limited to, Washington Term, Politics in London, experiences in Biology and Geology, and various intense courses that examine a breadth of subjects in depth. Some say that students go to Goshen all of the time and do no work, and this is why Spring Term is widely popular amongst the student body. Largely, I do not think this is the case. It is true that a few students will go to Goshen frequently during Spring Term, but those people will go to Goshen when the weather gets nice—regardless of the calendar. The only way to stop people from going to Goshen is to petition the Virginia State Police to close Route 39. Additionally, if we apply the principle of this argument to fall

and winter terms, then we should get rid of them too. Fall term brings a multitude of fraternity parties and Winter term brings many fraternity and sorority new member activities. We should not get rid of fall and winter terms because some students might misprioritize so we should not take away the present calendar either.

Spring Term study away from campus is popular among students and would be another casualty of a calendar change. The response that some students whom I have talked to who support the 14-14 option say that W&L students could simply use other schools' programs. Doing this would be to the detriment of W&L students. Although there are plenty of good programs, none are as sure-fire as one with a W&L professor in charge. Last year, I was in the Washington Term program. Many of the other interns in the Senate office where I worked had come to the



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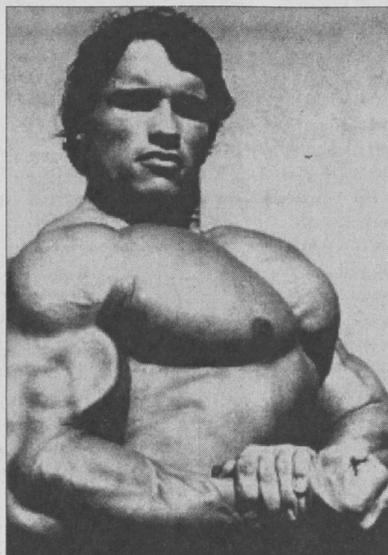
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office through other programs, and it was clear that they were not getting the classroom experience that I was. And, because I had a W&L professor ensuring my experience was educational, I believe that, in many cases, I was given more substantive and meaningful responsibilities. There is also no way that I could have gotten my valuable health policy experience under a traditional calendar, as I would have had to stay on campus and take one of my laboratory sciences. Perhaps I could have done Washington Term as a senior, but this experience profoundly affected my concept of what a physician-citizen should be. The concept of "physician-citizen" is one reason I chose a liberal arts institution.

The six week Spring Term serves a valuable role to the liberal arts mission of this institution. It would be a shame for my children not to be able to take advantage of these opportunities to learn in a way that is not available almost anywhere else in the country.

Cowards of the Week

An irregular feature of the Ring-tum Phi Opinions section

Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) and
Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, D-Calif.

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GOVERNATOR: Arnold Schwarzenegger (left) and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante are both hiding from the tough questions and pandering to special interests in their bids to replace Gray Davis as governor of California in the October 7 recall election.

From Caley Anderson, the Opinion Editor

You may be able to sympathize with my disappointment at the circus that has become my native state's recall election when you realize that the two men above are the two front-runners. The current recall election features a myriad of over 125 characters who sound like the cast of some sort of warped Justice League: Watermelon-smashing comedian Gallagher, *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt, three college students, child actor Gary Coleman, David Laughing Horse Robinson, a tribal chief, Lorraine (Abner Zurd) Fontanes, a filmmaker, Bruce Margolin, a marijuana legalization attorney, Michael Jackson, a satellite project manager who hopes that his name might fool more ignorant voters into going with him, "Angelyne," a stripper, Paul Nave, who lists his profession as "Businessman/Prizefighter/Father," adult film actress Mary Cook, who goes by the screen name "Mary Carey," and Tachikaze, a medium weight sumo wrestler.

Leading this pack of miscreants are Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, actor and ex-bodybuilder, and Democrat Cruz Bustamante, the current Lieutenant Governor. Each of them inspires my confidence to only a slightly greater degree than the rest of the field.

Arnold the would-be Governor has made a habit out of avoiding even the most trivial discussion of the issues (except for one occasion when cornered by a radio talk-show host). He seems to be trying to win the race on his celebrity alone, and as if to prove the point, he has declined to appear in a series of debates among the candidates, events that will also feature current Governor Gray Davis, who will attempt to defend himself against allegations of gross incompetence in the Governor's office.

Every time a reporter asks Ah-nold about his stance on this issue or that, or about his lewd commentary in an issue of risqué "Oui" magazine, he simply says in his unique accent "I dohn't wanna tahk abowteet."

Thanks, Mr. Schwarzenegger, for adding such professionalism to our already sparking Californian political scene. Hey, at least if he wins, we can beat out Minnesota for the right to put those "Our governor can beat up your governor" bumper stickers on our cars. And that's something that really makes me, as a California voter, want to stand up and run, not walk to the polls.

Not that the Democratic alternative, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, is better. His campaign has been one repeated pandering to the Hispanic community after another. His latest attempt to garner support involved a pledge that, should he become governor, he will allow illegal Mexican immigrants to acquire driver's licenses from the state. That sickens many in his own Democratic party, including me. As though we weren't losing enough jobs and paying enough taxes to subsidize illegal immigrants' welfare and social security as it is, now we have longer lines at the DMV as well!

You may object "But illegal immigrants can't vote!" Fair enough, but the large Hispanic community can, and after this announcement, Hispanic support for Bustamante shot up. Not to mention the fact that it's as easy for an illegal, non-citizen immigrant to vote as it is to acquire a fake ID. And if there's something that screams "clean politics," it's aiding and abetting election fraud.

On top of this, let's not forget the fact that California taxpayers are handing over around \$55 million just for the privileges of listening to these loonies tell us why they're more qualified than the other. I'm no huge fan of Gray Davis, but I really wish we had stuck to voting out politicians we don't like during regularly-scheduled elections. The whole thing reeks of partisanship and extremism of the worst kind.

So come October 7th, who am I going to vote for? Frankly, I had half a mind to run for Governor myself. After all, all it takes is a few bucks and a couple thousand signatures. But since I decided that the people of California don't currently require my services, I'll probably vote for one or the other of the Bustamante/Schwarzenegger combo. They're both moderates, albeit purely political moderates. I won't like it, but then again, people with problems as to "least of two evils" elections probably worked out their frustrations on that issue in the 2000 presidential election.

So again, thank you, Mr. Schwarzenegger, and Lt. Governor Bustamante, for being the 1,000,000th and 1,000,001st politicians, respectively, to fail to break the public's negative image of politicians as liars, cheats, and sweet-talking tricksters who'll do anything for a vote, and you have failed miserably at restoring MY confidence in the gubernatorial office in California. I fear that whether the recall fails OR succeeds, we'll be left with the wrong person as Governor.

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Women's soccer shoots down Eagles

BY ALLISON PERRY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team is making a strong start to what many think will be a great season. The team defeated Bridgewater with a 4-1 victory on Saturday and Chowan with a 3-0 win on Sunday.

The Generals are now 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the ODAC.

The Generals are now ranked thirteenth nationally. The team was also picked by the ODAC's preseason poll to win the conference. Coach Neil Cunningham was selected as the South Region Coach of the year for last season.

The Generals know they are going to have to work hard regardless of their high ranking.

"Since we are reigning ODAC champions and ranked thirteenth in the nation, everyone wants to beat us," junior Ginny Helms said. "We have to go into every game and play hard, not underestimate



Soccer. Freshman Anne Wiltshire fights a Bridgewater defender for the ball.

CODY GABBARD / The Ring-Tum Phi

The team brought back nine starters and seven All-ODAC picks. Eleven freshmen are on the team this year and are already making a great start.

Freshman Anne Wiltshire scored the first goal for the Generals with an assist from freshman Maggie Megear about 7:00 minutes into the game.

A few minutes later, Wiltshire crossed the ball to senior captain Fontaine Marcoux for another goal, taking the Generals to 2-0 at the half. Marcoux had ten goals and six assists last season, all while fighting an injury. The senior also

holds the career assist record at 27 and is ranked third all-time in career points with 87.

About two minutes after the start of the second half, sophomore Heather Rogers crossed to Wiltshire, who scored her second goal of the game.

The Generals brought the ball right back to the Eagles' goal. Marcoux took a shot that bounced off the left goal post and appeared to go in, but the referees did not count it.

With about 30 minutes left in the game, Bridgewater's Kim Matthews scored the only goal for the Eagles.

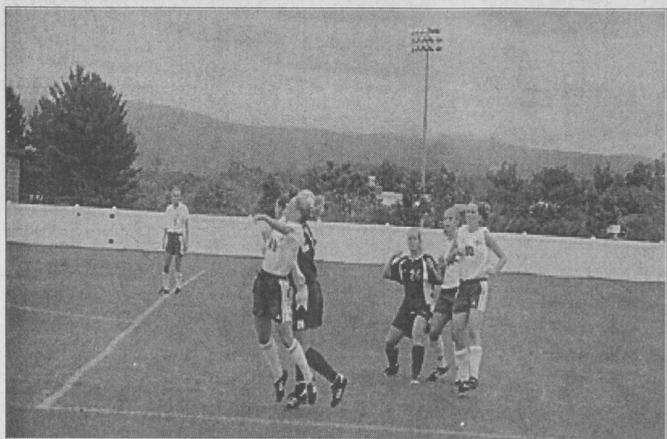
Megear came back five minutes later and scored the final goal for Washington and Lee with the help of Marcoux.

Wiltshire made five shots on goal, scored twice, and had one assist. Megear had one goal and one assist. Marcoux made seven shots on goal, scored once, and assisted once. Rogers had the fourth assist.

Bridgewater only took four shots total and only two corner kicks. The Generals spent more time near Bridgewater's goal, taking 25 shots and eleven corner kicks.

Lisa Belella stayed busy in the Bridgewater goal, making eleven saves. Washington and Lee goal keeper Emily Barker had one save. Barker, a junior, holds the school record for goals against average at 0.65.

The women travel to Emory and Henry on Tuesday for a 4:00 game.



Header. Freshman Jamie Dorsey heads the ball in Saturday's game.

any team."

Despite some periods of rain, the team made a good showing in its new stadium.

Football falls to Johns Hopkins

BY ALLISON PERRY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee football team lost its season opener to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore on Saturday, 36-7. This game was the 14th meeting for the two teams. The series now stands at 7-6-1.

The Generals rushed for 53 yards and had 121 passing yards in this non-conference game. The Blue Jays rushed for 280 yards and passed for 228.

With about five minutes left in the first quarter, Johns Hopkins' T.J. Lyons rushed for one yard to get the touchdown after kicker Chris Smolyn failed in a field goal attempt.

Smolyn then succeeded with a 30 yd field goal kick in the second quarter to put the score at 9-0.

Blue Jay senior quarterback George Merrell completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Anthony Triplin. Smolyn kicked for the extra point, raising the score to 16-0 for the half.

Coming back from the half, Johns Hopkins received from the kickoff and eventually scored on that drive. Merrell passed to Chris Moriarty for a 42-yard touchdown. But Smolyn did not make the extra point, leaving the score at 22-0.

The Blue Jays fumbled the ball with 8:50 left in the third quarter, which led to a Washington and Lee 17-yard drive. Sophomore running back Michael Lockett carried the ball four yards to get the touchdown. Freshman kicker Ben Long made the extra point, putting the score at 29-7.

Johns Hopkins would intercept the ball twice in the fourth quarter, both leading to scoring drives. Lyons ran for 14 yards for the first touchdown. Merrill made a ten-yard pass to Steve Eno for the final touchdown. Smolyn made the extra point each time.

Senior Washington and Lee quarterback Peter Dean passed for 121 yards and rushed for 16. He completed 10 of 27 passing attempts, had only one interception, and was sacked three times. Lockett led the Generals in rushing with 60 yards.

Merrell carried the Blue Jays by passing a career-high 228 yards and rushing for 78 yards. He had no interceptions and no sacks. Adam Cook led the team in rushing with 96 yards.

The Generals travel to Sewanee next Saturday for another non-ODAC game starting at 1:30 p.m.

This week's sports schedule

<p>Tuesday 9/16</p> <p>Golf at RMC Invitational-TBA Men's Soccer at Ferrum-4:00 Women's Soccer at E&H-4:00 Volleyball at Sweet Briar-6:30</p>	<p>Wednesday 9/17</p> <p>Field Hockey vs. Roanoke-6:30</p>	<p>Thursday 9/18</p> <p>Volleyball vs. Emory and Henry-6:30</p>
<p>Friday 9/20</p> <p>Women's Soccer vs. Lynchburg-4:00</p>	<p>Saturday 9/21</p> <p>Volleyball vs. E. Mennonite-11:00 Men's Soccer at Catholic-11:00 Football at Sewanee-2:30 Field Hockey at Va. Wesleyan-2:00 Cross Country at Roanoke-11:15</p>	<p>Sunday 9/22</p> <p>Field Hockey at Christopher Newport-1:00</p>

W&L Men's and Women's Cross Country take Invitational

BY ALLISON PERRY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's and men's cross country teams each placed first in the W&L Invitational Meet on Saturday.

The women's team came in first with 37 points, and the men's team finished with 39 points. Points are awarded to a runner based on which place he or she finishes. Points are then totaled for the team, and the lowest score wins.

Finishing behind the Generals in the women's race were Catholic with 53 points, Southern Virginia with 79, Bridgewater with 125, Shenandoah with 147, Mary Baldwin with 152, and Hollins with 154.

Trailing Washington and Lee in the men's race were Bridgewater with 49 points, Catholic with 75, Southern Virginia with 95, Lynchburg with 98, and the Washington and Lee alumni squad with 151.

Both the men's team and the women's team were picked second in the ODAC preseason poll.

The women run a 5,000 meter course, while the men run 8,000 meters.

Both courses are west of campus and start above Wilson Field. The men's course runs to Maury River and back twice. The women's course runs a loop around the playing fields, a long loop in the woods, and then back to the playing fields for a final circuit.

The course record for the men was set at 25:20.9 by Kenny Layman, from Eastern Mennonite, in 1976. The first place finisher on Saturday, Catholic's Mike Audette, finished over four minutes off the record with a 29:49 time. Senior Andy Schorr led the Generals with a second place overall finish at 29:59.

Junior Steve Chambers placed third with a time of 30:05. Sophomore Andrew Johnson came in fifth at 30:28.

The women's course record was set in 1992 by Josephine Schaeffer at 18:14. She competed on Saturday on the alumni team, finishing seventh overall with a time of 23:39.

Catholic's Rachel Yates finished about 3 minutes off the record with a time of 21:07. a.m.

Freshman Tippins Stone led the women's team with a fourth place overall finish of 23:03.

Sophomore Betsy Frayer finished sixth with a time of 23:30.

Roanoke and Lynchburg could be competition for the women's team. The Generals will meet the two teams this weekend on Roanoke's course.

"No course is tougher than ours, but its [Roanoke's course] challenging" junior Erin Johnson said. "It's mostly a path through a field with rolling hills."

Both the men's team and the women's team compete next Saturday, September 20 at the Roanoke Invitational. The race starts at 11:15 a.m.

Generals Volleyball Wins W&L Invitational

BY NICK MANNINO
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Volleyball team began its season in impressive fashion, dominating the thirteenth annual W&L Invitational and finishing in first place among six participating schools.

The tournament kicked off Friday afternoon with Washington and Lee facing Averett University. In what was a very lopsided event, Washington and Lee defeated Averett in three straight games (30-26, 30-15, 30-20) the Generals' first match of the year.

Junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing (Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll) led the way with 10 kills and 17 digs, while junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier Prep) finished with 12 kills.

Other standout performances were made by Christine Gladysz (Palm Harbor, Fla./Berkeley Prep), who amassed 43 assists, and junior Jennifer Lux (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox), who totaled 17 digs.

When asked how the team managed to fair so well and so early in the season with new incoming freshman, Junior Captain Emily Wolfing said, "We have three great freshmen this year, and they have all meshed nicely into the team. Considering we have eleven returning players from last year, team unity was not a concern. We all get along well both on and off the court."

In its second match of the Invitational, the team had an equally impressive performance beating Shenandoah University in three straight games (30-21, 30-18, 30-21).

Impressive performances were turned in by Emily Wolfing (12 kills and 7 digs), sophomore middle blocker Susan Gaillard (Charleston, S.C./Porter-Gaud - 9 kills), sophomore outside hitter Ashleigh Overly (Lancaster, Pa./Conestoga Valley - 9 kills), and Christine Gladysz (33 assists and 10 digs).

Washington and Lee continued action on the second day of the Invitational against Savannah College of Art & Design. In what turned out to be the team's most competitive match of the tournament, Washington and Lee won in four games (26-30, 30-28, 30-28, 30-25) to reach the finals.

Standing between the team and championship was an Emory team that Washington and Lee had not beaten in the past.

Junior Captain Emily Wolfing mentioned how the upperclassmen rallied their team before this important match.

"Before the games, we tell everyone to have fun and play hard. A key to volleyball is communication; if a team can communicate well, many other parts of the game fall into place. We remind everyone to communicate and take one point at a time."

The Captains' advice certainly stuck as Washington and Lee defeated Emory in three straight games (30-21, 30-27, 42-40) to win the Washington and Lee Invitational championship.

Junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier Prep) led the way with 15 kills and 24 digs. Junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing (Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll) recorded 10 kills and 16 digs in the victory, while sophomore setter Christine Gladysz (Palm Harbor, Fla./Berkeley Prep) had 43 assists and 16 digs.

Michelle Chastain and Christine Gladysz made the all-tournament squad, with Gladysz earning the Invitational MVP award.

The Volleyball team finished the weekend undefeated with high hopes for the rest of the season. Their next match is Tuesday, September sixteenth at 6:30 p.m. when the Generals open up their Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule on the road at Sweet Briar.

Until then the girls will be celebrating their very successful weekend.

Added Junior Emily Wolfing, "We've worked really hard these past two weeks, and really wanted to win our tournament. I'm really proud of all 14 of our girls."

Men's Soccer Opens Season with Victory

BY JOHN HYLAND
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team began their season on a positive note with a 2-1 victory over North Carolina Wesleyan in a non-conference game on Saturday in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The Generals opened the scoring in the 33rd minute on a goal off a penalty kick by senior midfielder Jacob Stoehr. NC Wesleyan came back in the mid second half to tie the score at 1-1 on a goal by Carlos Gomez in the 71st minute. The score would remain tied to the end of regulation.

Eight minutes into the first overtime period Stoehr found junior forward and co-captain Brian Pirkle on a pass across the top of the box. Pirkle made a quick move and fired a shot across the goalie into the right side of the net to give the Generals the victory.

It was a dramatic win considering the Generals were out-shot 14-9

and many players played all 100 minutes of the contest.

After the game, junior goalkeeper Chris Carlson commented, "It was a good victory considering [NC Wesleyan] had already played a number of games and we had some first game jitters."

It was NC Wesleyan's seventh game of the season. The loss dropped their record to 2-5.

Carlson played the first half making two saves without allowing a goal. He was relieved in the second half by sophomore Michael Stanton who also made two saves but allowed the tying score.

Washington and Lee was picked fifth in the ODAC preseason poll. The team lost seven seniors at the end of the 2002 season.

Roanoke came in at number one in the poll. The Generals do not meet up with the Maroons until October 11th.

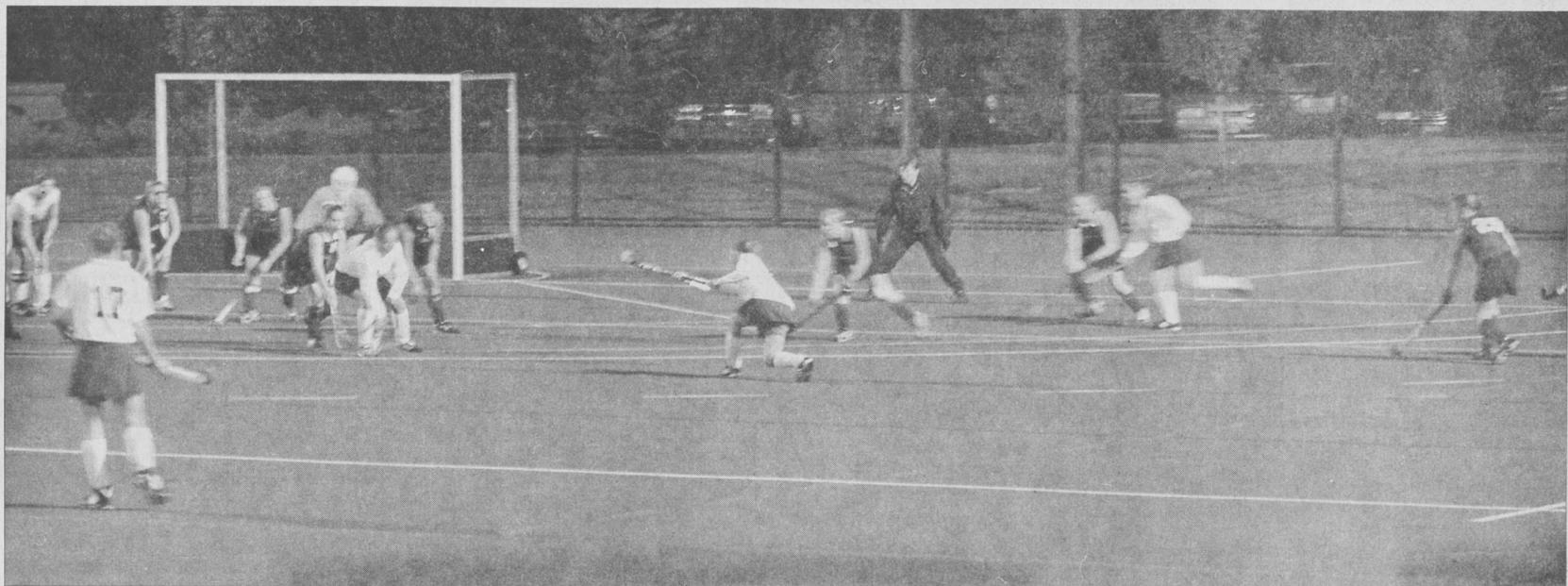
The Generals next match is on Tuesday when they travel to Ferrum for another non-conference game.

They will begin their ODAC season with a home opener against Eastern Mennonite on September 24th.



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HYPERTENSION. Senior Jake Stoehr kicks the ball



Boo-yah. A Washington and Lee player crosses to her teammate.

FILE PHOTO

Field Hockey close

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee's field hockey team lost 3-4 to Johns Hopkins Saturday in Baltimore.

The Blue Jays scored twice in the first half with goals by sophomore Meighan Roose. Washington and Lee came back in the second half with a goal by Kelly Taffe.

Johns Hopkins scored just a few minutes later when senior Jenny Farrelly found the goal. Taffe scored the second goal for the Generals at 24:59.

Johns Hopkins' Caite Kappel then

scored the team's final goal with 18:53 left in the game. Washington and Lee's Jane Beall scored once more for the Generals with 5:40 left in the game. Kitt Murphy assisted.

Sophomores Courtney Harrison and Elise Gelinas were the goal keepers making 10 saves and 5 saves, respectively.

The Generals also played Villa Julie on Sunday. The team lost 3-2.

Washington and Lee plays Roanoke at home on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Olympian to speak at Mary Baldwin

Former U.S. Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes will speak at Mary Baldwin's Smyth Leadership Lecture on September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The program will be held on Page Terrace and is open to the public. There is no charge for admittance.

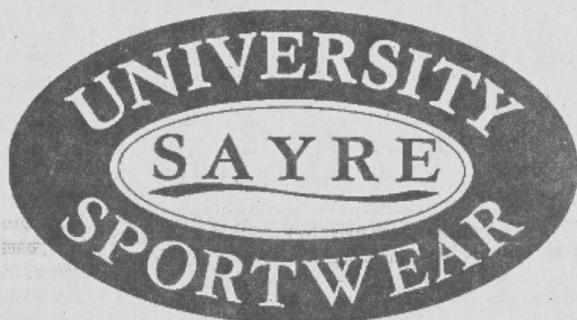
Dawes won a bronze medal in the floor exercise in the 1996 olympics in Atlanta. She was also part of the U.S. women's team that won gold.

Dawes as the first African-American to take home a medal in an individual event.



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EL FUEGO. Junior Erin Rathbone is on fire as she looks to pass.



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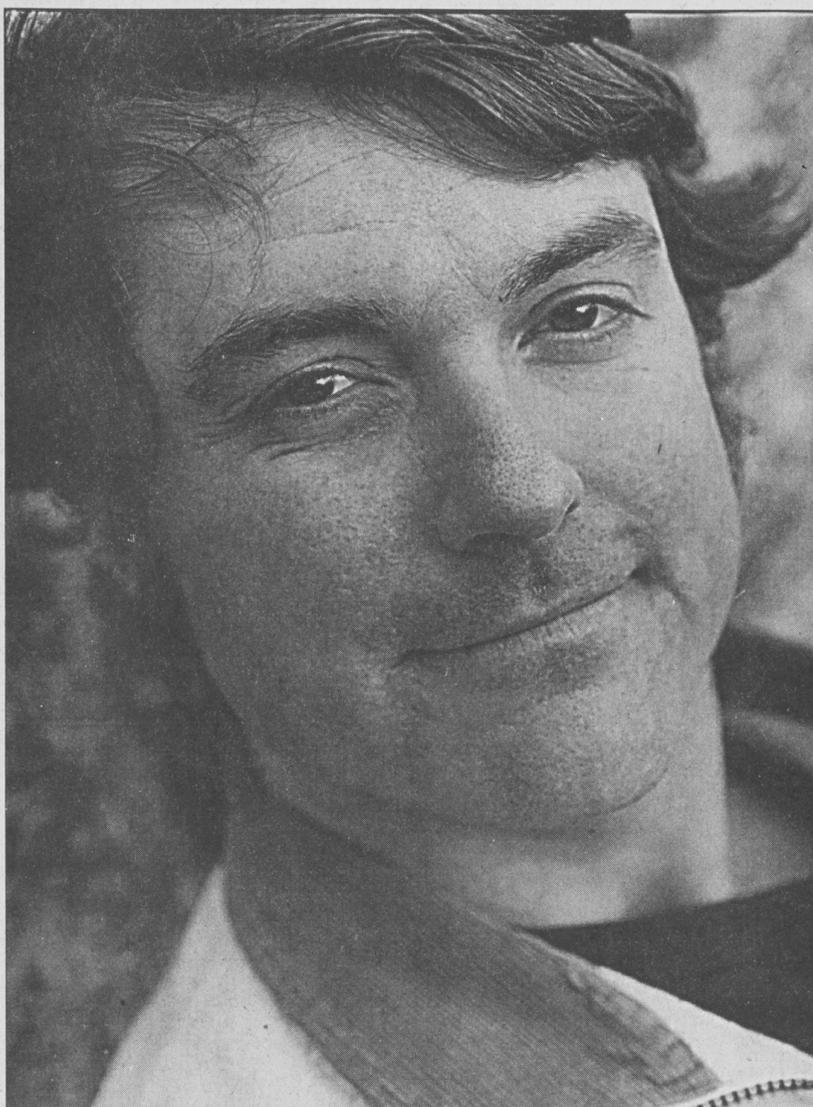
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CAPTION! KELLER WILLIAMS WILL BE PERFORMING IN LEXINGTON ON SEPT. 26TH

Keller Williams to perform at Lime Kiln

By MEGAN MORGAN
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

On Friday, September 26th, singer, songwriter and guitarist Keller Williams will be coming to Lexington. Williams, a solo-artist who is a rising star on the jam-band music scene is performing at the Lime Kiln Theatre as part of a nationwide tour to promote his eighth album entitled *Home*. Called "the mad scientist of music", he is known for his quirky and unique lyrics. His most recent album, which contains songs such as "Love Handles" and "Apparition", is Keller's first solo studio recording.

A native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Williams has always been interested in guitars. He first began

to play during his early teens, virtually teaching himself by learning a few chords and putting them together to play songs by the Beatles, the Eagles and the Rolling Stones that he heard on the radio. After graduating from college, Williams traveled Virginia, playing solo gigs during the day and performing with his band The All Natural Band at bars and fraternity parties by night. He eventually moved to Colorado where his friendship with the members of String Cheese Incident opened up opportunities for him as a solo artist in the jam-band community.

For tickets to the Keller Williams concert, call 540-463-7088. Tickets are \$18 for lawn seats and \$20 for a chairs. Doors to the Theatre will open at 6:30 p.m and the concert will begin at 7:30.

Jeepers Creepers: Oh my God, they're eating my eyes out!

By IAN DICKINSON
STAFF WRITER

"You wanna know Scotty what I found out today? When people get really scared it's just like when they get drunk. The real person comes to the surface." This gem of scripting literature is quite possibly the best line, and only worthwhile lesson gleaned from the "creature feature" film "Jeepers Creepers 2." When I entered The State to watch this "Creature Feature" flick, I noticed that the theater was completely empty. Always a good sign for a film. However, I gritted my teeth and prepared for the pointless onslaught that was about to assault my intelligence. In the following paragraphs, I illustrate the finer points of this film.

The "horror" begins with an opening shot of a cornfield with a young boy erecting scarecrows onto poles. His stereotypical redneck father threatens him with a beating if he neglects to securely fasten the scarecrows to their perches. Then, low and behold, one of the scarecrows comes alive, grabbing and dragging the boy violently through the cornfield. In what seems to be a time filler to extend the film to the required 80 minutes, the audience sees the redneck father running through the cornfield with his gun calling out his son's name, then it cuts to a shot of the monster dragging the boy, then back to the father again. Repeat about twenty times and you have the first chase scene, which ends with the monster flying away from the suddenly catatonic father.

Enter a school bus, filled with lively young basketball stars on the way home from their victory game. Here, the audience is introduced to such one-dimensional characters as "Bucky," and "Scotty Double D." Why, with names like these, this film is assured to be of the best quality! Suddenly, a tire blows out. This highly unexpected turn of events leads to another tire blowing out and the bus being stranded on a desolate stretch of highway, curiously out of range of both the radio and cell phones. The tires are found out to be punctured by some sort of hand crafted bone throwing star, yet other than some puzzled looks and a "what the hell is it," comment by the bus driver, this fact is never questioned. Finally for no apparent reason, a cheerleader, aptly named "Minxie," is treated to some gruesome visions and learns that the monster, named "the Creeper," comes out every 28 years, for 28 days to feed. This is day 28 and, like a hungry hungry hippo, he has to eat as many humans as possible before he goes back into hibernation. The Creeper's link to the number 28 is never explained nor questioned. Apparently it is just there. There are many parts of the film like this. Another "fact" is that "the Creeper" cannot die. It is just an accepted fact of the film.

The next forty minutes of the film, like the food at the old D-Hall, are absolutely the worst. People die. In the most uninteresting way possible. That's it. The word "way" is not plural because they are all killed off in the same fash-



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Watch Out. Three teenagers peer out a window in horror in a scene from the new movie Jeepers Creepers 2. Without revealing too much detail, though there is not much to reveal, "the Creeper" kills his victims by snatching them up in the air. The end. You never see any conclusion to the murder. Not that the film needs any more violence, but the unfinished subplot of the characters death gives the feeling of "total apathy" from the director.

The feature ends much like it begins; with a pointless appearance from a redneck. Though the ending shall not be revealed here in this review, the last word to be said about this film is that it gets more and more ridiculous as time progresses. After sixty minutes of cumulative absurdity, the film reaches a laughable level, ruining the intense climax. The true absurdity though, is that the famous director Francis Ford Coppola was the executive producer for this film. It was produced by Zoetrope pictures, a small film studio owned by the Coppola. It was doubtful, however, that he ever visited the set, because after viewing the movie, it is obvious the director could have used some tips about how to make a "good" movie. However, it cannot be discounted, that in a unique display of talent, the director Victor Salva managed to make a plot-less horror film without showing a single mammary gland. Now that is quite a feat! There is blood, screams and explosions, yet not a single sex scene. While one might applaud this support of Christian values, it just means that the movie has no redeeming value whatsoever.

Speaking about the director, one might recognize the name Victor Salva as appearing on the Hollywood scene. He has a few films to his credit such as "Powder, and "Rites of Passage" and had a starring role in the true life story "Prison." That is, he served fifteen months of a three year sentence after sexually molesting a 12 year old boy in 1988 (*United Press International* August 30, 2000). Yes, this director/Sex offender created a movie so god-awful, that viewing is tantamount to being whipped repeatedly. In the stocks. In the hot sun. All day. My recommendation is to avoid this movie like the puddle your roommate left on your floor last night. For the love of all that is good and holy, do not see this movie. As a rating, I use my bad movie scale, which is four smacks in the face out of five.

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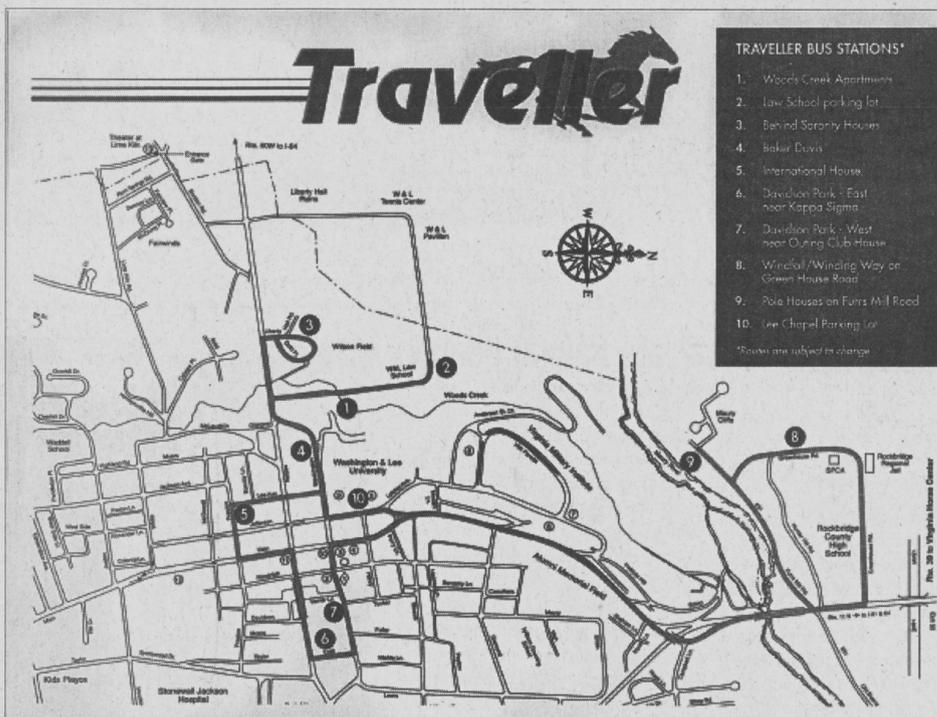
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Traveller releases route and begins safe ride services



Traveller is a campus-wide safe ride service available to both the undergraduate and law campuses from 10pm till 2am seven days a week. The program is responsible for giving thousands of rides every year.

The program is a derivative of the previously-existing Live Drive and Safe Ride programs, and is the only major organized sober driver system on campus.

It is operated primarily by members of the Washington and Lee community including volunteers from more than twenty campus organizations, particularly fraternities.

Students act as dispatchers and drivers. Many coaches also drive for the program.

The program is funded by the student activities fee. Each student pays twenty-five dollars for the system.

The route of Traveller goes through Woods Creek Apartments, the primary Law School parking lot, Sorority Row, the BDG quad, the International House, Davidson Park near Kappa Sigma, the Outing Club house, Windfall, the Pole Houses on Furr's Mill Road, and the Lee Chapel Parking Lot.

Lexington cuisine dishes up low-prices and variety

BY CAROLINE DUFFY
STAFF WRITER

Carolyn Duffy is a food-savvy Washington and Lee senior. Her food-tasting experience is varied and vast. She will be bringing the Washington and Lee community periodic culinary delights from in and around the Lexington area. Please feel free to email us at phi@wlu.edu with any ideas about what Carolyn should sample. For now, our very own food critic has decided to explore Lexington's best deals.

Where to find the best deals in Lexington is something we can all use a little advice on, especially those students who aren't quite as familiar with the town. You might be surprised at the great, even gourmet, food you can find at prices we all can afford.

Salerno's, arguably the most popular student eatery in Lexington, is packed on Monday nights when they offer all-you-can-eat spaghetti and garlic bread for only \$3.00 and then again every Wednesday when you can order a large cheese pizza for \$4.95. In the ten years since Salerno's began offering these specials, the price of the pizza hasn't changed and the spaghetti only costs \$.50 more than it did the day the restaurant opened. Now that's a deal.

Smokin' Jim's Firehouse Grill knows exactly what the students want. Not only can you find friendly service and a \$3.00 barbeque sandwich (pork, beef, or chicken), you can take advantage of the late night buffet serving up barbeque and breakfast items for only \$6.95 every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday night until 3 am. Jim himself will assure you it's the best food, the best deal, and the best barbeque on the East coast.

It's hard to believe you can have lunch for only \$5.00 at what *City Magazine* this year named the "Best Restaurant Outside the Roanoke Valley." At Willson-Walker House, manager Steve Hintze has been offering his "famous \$5 lunch special" Tuesday through Saturday for twelve years in order to prove that his restaurant isn't as expensive as people tend to think. The special includes soup or salad, homemade rolls and muffins, and a beverage, as well as the day's entrée. With all that for only \$5, lunch chef Ron Howland admits that he has to get pretty creative with the budget. Nonetheless, he serves up American regional cuisine using only the freshest local produce and meats to create lunch specials such as his penne pasta with salmon dill cream sauce or southwest chicken with couscous. Don't be intimidated by its reputation—the Willson-Walker House would love for more students to take advantage of this deal.



CHRISTINE GREY / THE RING-TUM PHI

STOPPING FOR A QUICK BITE. Three sophomores grab some food in the café before class. The tasty morsels they are eating may not match the unbeatable deals our food critic dug up on the streets of Lexington. Carolyn encourages students to get off campus and sample the variety of treats Lexington has to offer. They are far more vast than the measly menu the café has to offer, especially late at night. From Mexican

to traditional southern cuisine, nothing on Carolyn's menu exceeds \$7.00. Lexington truly has it all, for less. Our food critic believes Washington and Lee students should avoid the regular fast food restaurants in town and try something new. Her periodic column will present all kinds of options to our readers.

Some of the newest restaurants in town offer students excellent deals on delicious and satisfying meals. At the Black Dog Café, owner Jackie Lupo boasts that students can get a great meal for under \$5.00. And a cheese and salsa quesadilla will cost you only \$2.25. I recommend the \$3.00 breakfast burrito, filled with scrambled eggs, potato, and cheddar and Monterey jack cheeses.

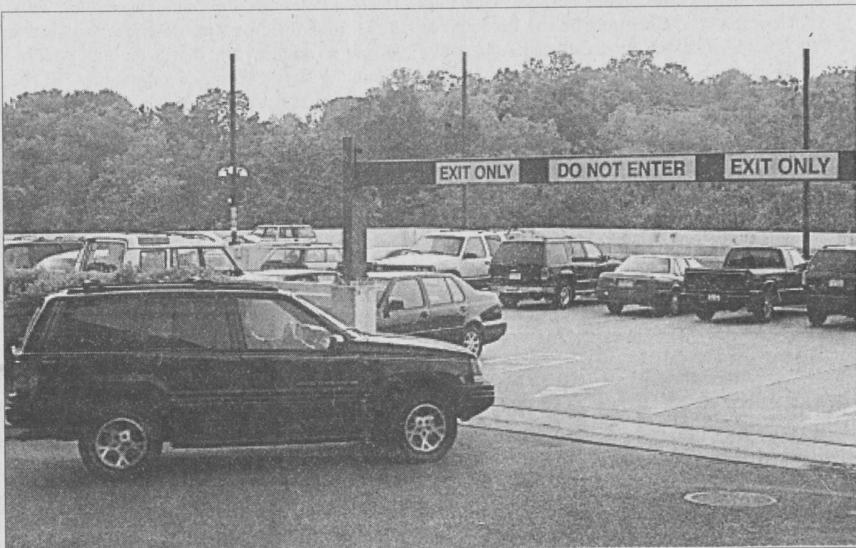
The Joyful Spirit, which also opened last

year, offers their popular veggie wrap for only \$3.99 as well as a PB&J wrap for just \$2.49, and before you hit the nearest drive-through be sure to check out their egg and cheese bagel with turkey—only \$2.49.

Don Tequila Mexican Restaurant claims that students appreciate their reasonable prices. You can't go wrong with the chicken tacos—three for only \$3.00—and if you order the \$1.50 sopapillas for dessert then you've just eaten for

under \$5.00. On Wednesday nights celebrate with 12 oz. margaritas for just \$1.75 each. Combo dinners are \$6.25, or if you haven't already discovered, there's usually a coupon for \$1.00 off any combo dinner on the back of your Kroger receipt.

Take advantage of some of the great deals that these and other Lexington restaurants offer. Support local business owners, forget fast-food!



DRIVERS BEWARE The Jeep on the left is breaking the rules and the one on the right is not. Another change to the campus is that the upper deck of the parking garage no longer serves as a "temporary entrance." Drivers are now forced to follow *The Ring-tum Phi's* editorial advice of last year.



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A Staff Editorial from 2002 implored students to enter the deck from the bottom and exit from the top. The new rule will be enforced by University Security in the form of tickets and fines. Don't be caught breaking this rule, it's not worth the potential damage to your BMW.

Students fail to appreciate natural beauty

BY HANES KING
TRAVEL EDITOR

f drive and hike time.

Unfortunately, many students at Washington and Lee do not realize how surrounded the campus is by the beauty of nature. If you are one of these students, then I would like to challenge you to visit an amazing place within a 30 minute drive of Lexington. The St. Mary's Falls is a great place to hike, swim, and hang out with friends. It is best visited on a scorching hot summer day. Hopefully we will still have a few of those days that will allow you to get out to experience this area.

I have only made the trip once, and I am still waiting for the next perfect day. After a short drive, a moderately difficult hike crosses the river on three different occasions and leads the hiker to the culminating falls. These final falls are not the only spot to swim in the river, so keep your eye out for that deep pool that has not yet attracted any-

one. According to the W&L Outing Club Guidebook, the hike to the falls is approximately 1 and 1/2 hours long. If you decide to pick up the pace and are not carrying much gear, the trip can easily be made in under an hour.

At the falls, there are two great spots to jump off rocks into the deep pool. The lower of the two spots is about 20 feet high and the higher, 30 to 35 feet. Both are exciting if you are extremely careful. The depth of the pool was plenty deep, but a rock shelf on the left side does require one to be accurate with his or her jump. If you decide to jump from the higher ledge, you have to be able to jump farther out. The wet rock and loose footing make it difficult to get anything of a running jump.

I have also been to Panther Falls within the last few weeks, and I truly thought that St. Mary's was well worth the hike and the better of the two.

Before going, check the Outing Club Guidebook for directions to the trailhead and estimations of drive and hike time.



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OH, THE GOOD OLD DAYS! Two students, dressed in aprons and W&L visors, serve a meal at D-Hall in the days before the building of the John W. Eldred commons.