

Weekend Weather

Friday - partly cloudy, 30 per cent chance of rain
Saturday - sunny, highs in the mid 70's
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Class of 1999 continues tradition of excellence

By ANNE ALVORD
Phi News Editor

The graduation of the class of 1999 will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the founding of Washington and Lee, and they certainly seem to be worthy of such a distinction.

There will be 434 freshmen, including 251 men and 183 women. They represent 39 states and nine foreign countries. Virginia (54), Maryland (32), Georgia (32), New York (29), and Texas (26) are the most widely represented states. The foreign countries represented are Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, Jamaica, Mauritius, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland, each with one student. There are 369 secondary schools represented.

There are 48 children of alumni. Twenty-nine percent of the class receives need-based financial aid.

The freshmen have among them an astounding academic and extracurricular record.

The class of 1999 had an average class rank of 91%. The average SAT verbal score was 612 and the average

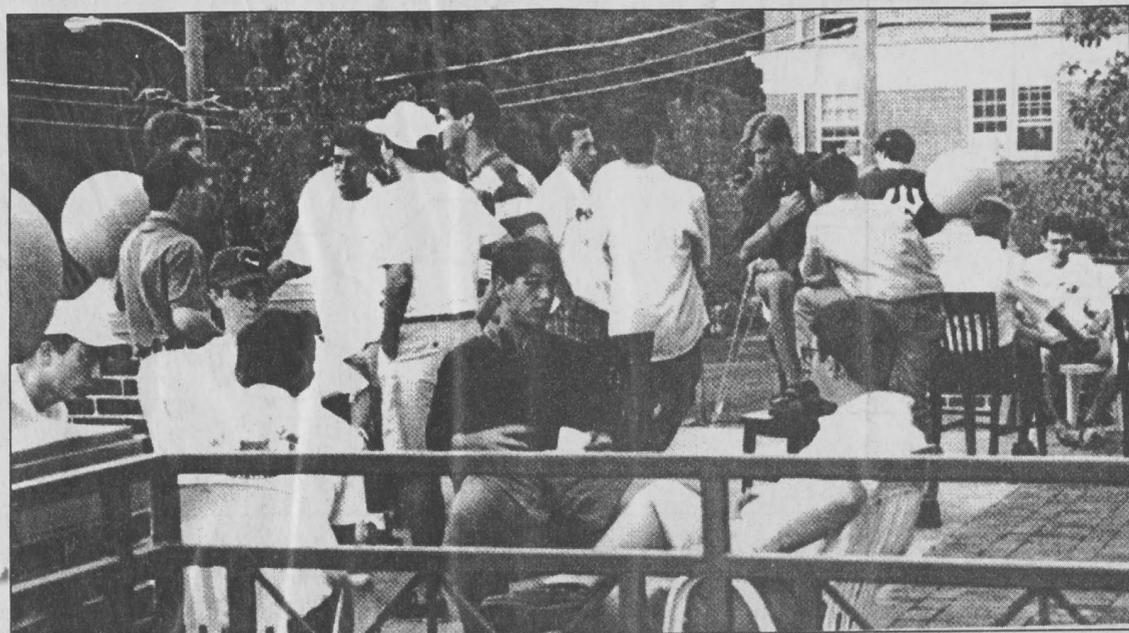
SAT Math score 663. The Freshmen averaged 585 on their English Achievement Test. There are 25 National Merit Scholars and 48 Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

Forty-five Freshmen completed one Advanced Placement course, and 338 completed two or more; all together, 88% of the entering class completed one or more AP classes.

The Class of 1999 also speaks or has studied 12 languages (English included). The languages are Spanish, French, Latin, German, Japanese, Russian, Italian, Chinese, Greek, Dutch, and Portuguese.

Sixty-two percent of the freshmen have completed at least one year of Calculus, with 69% of the class coming from five or more years of math background. 96.7% of the class has had three or more years of laboratory science background.

The freshmen include 104 presidents of major student organizations, 37 student body or class presidents, 133 sports captains, and 51 editors of high school publications, including newspapers, yearbooks, and literary magazines.



What a Rush!

Fall Rush 1995 officially begins September 7. This Rush will be the last conducted during Fall Term. A Winter Rush is scheduled for the Class of 2000.

Open container law made stricter

By DAN ODENWALD
Phi Executive Editor

Open the unofficial Washington and Lee University handbook and find Freshman Orientation Week. The definition reads: 400 alcohol-swilling youths in search of the eternal buzz (and perhaps a little lovin'). Every year, the new crop of W&L kiddies do their best to out-party their predecessors. The Class of 1999 will undoubtedly follow suit. On August 10 the Lexington City Council, prompted by the police department, threw a wrench into their mission.

It's called City Code Section 3-3. Previously, a police officer would have to see you drink from an open alcohol container before he could make an arrest for violation of Lexington's open container laws. In theory, you could legally be in possession of an open container as long as you did not drink from it. Not so, anymore.

Police are now entitled to arrest someone simply for being in possession of an open container regardless of whether he is drinking or not.

The police department urged the city council to adopt this ordinance in response to complaints from Lexington residents that public parks and recreation areas were becoming hot spots for outdoor drinking.

The law was not specifically designed with students in mind, said Police Chief Bruce M. Beard. The intended purpose was to curb drinking in public parks by townspeople during the summer.

Despite the initial goal of the ordinance, students should take notice.

Beard does not expect the change will adversely affect students, although he does caution them to take more care.

"Students should not take alcohol with them when they leave a party for another," Beard said.

Beard also advised the members of

the freshman class to watch the use and abuse of alcohol. Because most are probably minors, he urged them to refrain from drinking altogether.

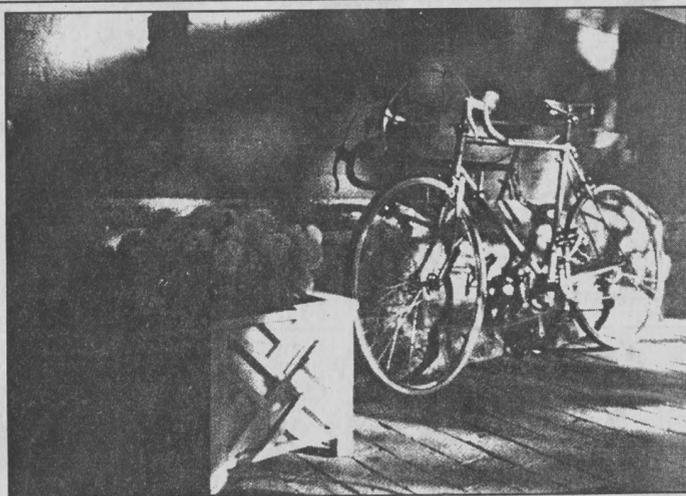
The most common alcohol-related offenses for which students are arrested are minor in possession and drunk in public. Beard was pleased to add that the number of drunken driving arrests continues to fall every year.

With the influx of students into Lexington this week, police patrols will be increased to monitor the "welcome-back" parties. Beard also warned students to be mindful of the increased police presence on Rush weekends.

"Party smart and safe," Beard said.

Attention to all students who brought bicycles to campus:

Washington and Lee students have experienced problems with stolen bicycles in previous years. In order to aid in theft prevention and recovery of stolen bicycles, Lexington Police Chief Bruce M. Beard recommends that all bicycles be registered with the police department.



The Class of 1999

Applied.....	3,446
Accepted.....	1,074
Enrolled.....	434
Pub/Priv School....	66/33%
Nat'l Merit finalists...	25
Children of Alumni....	48
Male/Female.....	251/183
Average class rank...	91%
Average Verbal SAT.....	612
Average Math SAT.....	663
States.....	39
Foreign countries.....	9
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New security system put in freshman dorms

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Executive Editor

An electronic entry system will go online for the first time in the freshman dorms on Saturday night.

The class of 1999 will be the first to test the card-access system, which may expand to include academic buildings.

"We wanted a pet project to test the system on," said Director of Security Mike Young, "and we thought the freshman dorms would be a good place to start."

Once the system goes online Saturday night, only those with Washington and Lee University cards will be able to enter the dorms.

Swiping a card through the electronic card reader will disengage the magnetic force that keeps the door locked 24 hours a day. Once a student enters the door, it shuts and locks behind him.

Inside the building, a motion detector disengages the lock when a student approaches, and again shuts and locks when the student exits.

Only the doors to the buildings will be locked. Hall doors will not be locked, as they have been at night in the past.

If an outside door is kept open for more than a few seconds, the computer that monitors the system will note the open door, and an officer will be dispatched to the open door.

Seventeen of the outside doors will have card readers. The other seven will be exit-only, and will lock again upon shutting.

The object of the new system is not to restrict access to campus, Young said, but to curb the numbers of thefts.

"The number of thefts of money have been increasing in the past several years," he said, "especially in the freshman dorms."

The card system may cut down on the number of lost university cards as well.

"Their card is going to be their key to their building," Young said. "We're going to insist that they have it with



them." Students who lose their cards will need to replace them immediately through the business office, and may be loaned a temporary card by security.

In time, the system may expand to Gaines and Woods Creek, and academic buildings with a need for higher security.

"I could see the system installed in the library, and maybe the computer labs," Young said.

The total bill for the system is not in yet, Young said, but it does exceed the

initial budget of \$60,000.

The system was installed over the past week, and Young said that security officers are still looking for expected electronic glitches.

"It may take a while, but we'll get the bugs ironed out."

The card readers for the dorms are part of the same system that operates the card readers in the dining hall, laundry rooms, copy machines and drink machines.

Also new are two security phones, one by the infirmary and the other in the breezeway of Graham-Lees Dorm.

Phone directories of students living on campus will be posted above the phones. "That's for if someone comes to visit and they don't

know your phone number," Young said.

The phones also have an emergency button that dials directly to security. The phones have a two minute limit, after which they cut off.

There are other emergency phones on campus that dial straight to the security office, but will not dial rooms on campus.

A dispatcher will be posted in the security office between 4 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Previously, calls that came into security at this time were answered at different places on campus, such as the library or the heating plant.

"Now there will be one person whose only job is to answer the phone and

dispatch the officers," Young said.

Young emphasized that these new security features do not eclipse the need for students to be responsible for their valuables.

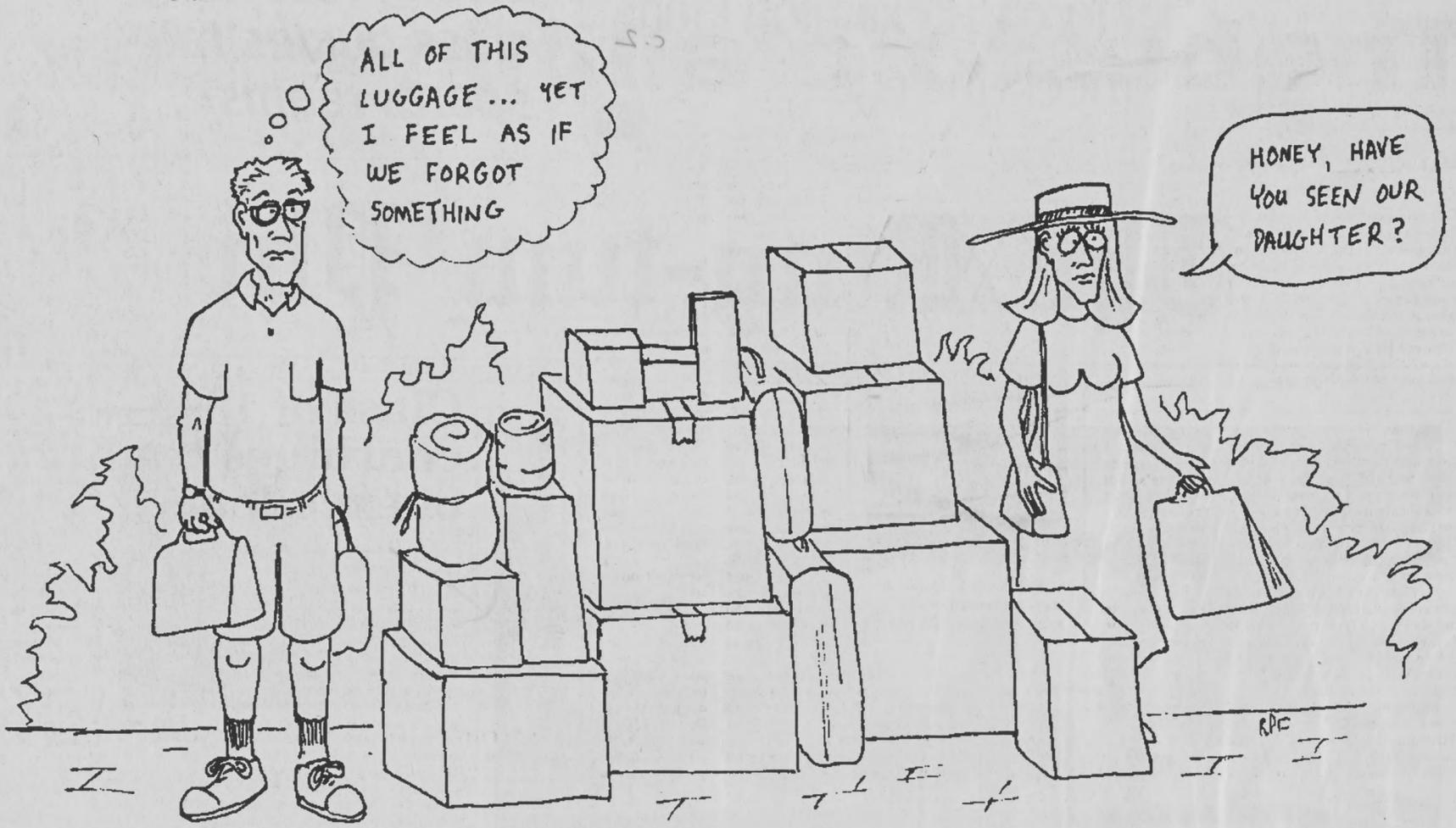
"We need student support," Young said. "Sometimes people don't lock their doors because it's an inconvenience. But that's just foolish."

The Honor Code has a tendency to encourage students to be too trusting, Young said.

"Don't get me wrong," Young said. "The Honor Code is a wonderful thing."

"We're so polite to people, which is nice, but it's not always appropriate."

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How to be cool: a survival guide for freshmen

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Betsy Green

I doubt I'll be the first person to say this, but welcome to W&L! So, what's your name? Where are you from? I know, I know... you feel like you've been in Lexington for mere minutes and already you're overwhelmed. At this time two years ago, I was frantically trying to cram all of my belongings into my teeny room, figuring out how to work my phone, and thinking, "Who the hell are all these people?" (Meanwhile, my mom was resting on my newly made bed, probably enjoying those springs that poked me in the back for the duration of my first year at school.) So, what should you do? How can you, to put in simplest terms, be cool? Read on, little freshmen. I like to tell myself I know all the elements of a cool freshman year.

*** Your clothes:** You've probably already

figured out that W&L looks like the J Crew catalog exploded on it. Polo shirts, khaki pants, barn jackets, and roll-neck sweaters abound. If you want to look like everyone else, grab your navy blue blazer or Patagonia pull-over and put on your new W&L hat. But wait! You really don't have to wear plaid shirts everyday. We don't care that much how you dress. As long as you're comfortable in what you wear, any teasing you'll get will be affectionate. And leave your high school letter jacket at home.

*** Your room:** You are automatically cool if you have a TV and VCR in your room. People

will congregate there at any given time of the day. Guys: throw in a Sega and you're set. It's also good to add plenty of comfy places to sit and sodas in the fridge. The drawback? Turn-

You are a freshman. You are far away from your parents. These realities mean that the first few weeks of your freshman year will not be described with these words: Decorum. Moderation. Modesty.

ing your room into a lounge will have a negative effect on your grades. Consider exploiting one of your friends instead.

*** Your social life:** Here are some basic

facts: You are a freshman. You are far away from your parents. These realities mean that the first few weeks of your freshman year will

not be described with these words: Decorum. Moderation. Modesty. Just calm down. You don't have to hit every single party every night. If you have a headache, go home early or (shudder) don't go out at all. Relax - there will be another party soon enough.

You're probably also wondering: what's up with this Rush thing? Guys, I'm sorry, but since I'm a woman, I don't have too much advice for you. It seems effective to go out, have fun, and not vomit on anyone you're trying to impress. But I could be wrong. Women: Take advantage of all the band parties and free drinks. Stay clear of all the male bonding—you don't want to get in the middle of that. You may have also noticed that Rush is an odd time for romance. The men are more interested in each other than in you (in a fraternal way, of course). This will pass...to some extent. Which brings me to our next concern.

*** Romance:** Romance? What's that? W&L students are not known for dating. You meet

Mr. or Ms. Adequate at a party, then some other stuff happens. A few weeks later, you might have a boyfriend/girlfriend. Or you might not. No telling.

W&L parties are also populated with women from Our Fine Neighboring Women's Colleges. Some of them are really cool. Some of them are not. (The same could be applied to W&L students). W&L women and women from down the road historically don't get along. Let me be the first (and perhaps only) to admit that this is because (1) They are competition and (2) We are jealous. What about the stereotype that they come to W&L to drink beer and meet guys? Well, think about it: wouldn't you?

*** The Final Word:** After having read this whole thing, you've probably come to one conclusion: I have no idea what I'm talking about. So be it. No one can tell you how to be cool. Just relax. Have fun. Muddle through the best you can. And avoid taco bar at Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall.

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A Quick Guide to the Phi

News

The news section always begins on the front page and often extends to other pages. The name of the newspaper, underlined by the volume, number, place of publication and date, is called the flag or nameplate.

The front page includes the week's most important stories with longer stories jumping inside.

When designing the front page, editors try to make several entry points, places which attract the eye to start reading. Teaser boxes at the top of the page highlight stories inside the paper.

Opinion

This section, the opinion page, usually occupies pages four and five but may extend to other pages. In the left column of page four is the staff editorial, which is the opinion of the Editorial Board, unless it is initiated by only some board members.

The Phi administrative staff is listed in the staff box. The Phi prints several political columns and two humor columns which reflect the author's opinions. My View columns and letters also appear frequently. We strongly encourage members of the Washington and Lee community to make their voices heard.

Features

Stories of human interest or the arts appear in this section.

A story here may be light-hearted or take a deep look at a serious issue.

This section usually occupies two pages.

The features editors have greater flexibility than other section editors in using creative designs and different fonts in headlines.

This section also has regular reviews of current music and movie releases. Cartoons are also among the favorite features attractions.

Sports

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

The best of of all things Lex

ANNE ALVORD '98

Settling into W&L means more than just learning your way around campus; it also means learning your way around Lexington. Big Lex may at first seem stiflingly small, but it has a lot to offer if you take the time to look. I've never failed to find what I need to buy in Lexington, so I Anne "I Came, I Saw, I Charged" Alvord, with help from my fellow *Phi* staff members, am going to offer some advice on where to go for what you need.

Clothes

I love Pappagallo, on Main Street, for women's clothing. Not only are the people who work there fantastic (one even knows where my home town is), but they have terrific clothes and jewelry; they also have shoes. I also like Caravan's, on Nelson Street, a lot, and I buy all my hosiery at the College Town Shop, also on Nelson Street.

Phi Executive Editor Dan Odenwald tells me that the College Town Shop is the place to go for men's clothes in Lexington. Being a mere woman, I am not an authority, but I lean toward Alvin Dennis, on Washington Street. They have "The Trident Belt".

Since I'm on the topic of clothes, I have to mention TGIF, on Main Street. TGIF has lots of slightly irregular clothes from J. Crew, The Gap, Victoria's Secret, and many others.

They have both men's and women's. TGIF also sells shoes. Lots of them. I actually spent two weeks in Europe last Spring during which I scoured Paris and Milan for the perfect pair of stacked heel loafers. I ended up finding them at TGIF a few days after I got back.

Haircuts

Now let's talk about haircuts. For women, loyalty is about evenly split between Marie's and Marlene's. I myself like Marlene's, but *Phi* Photo editor and humor columnist Betsy Green swears by Marie's. Decide for yourself.

Dan Odenwald goes to George's on Varner Lane to get his hair cut.

Former *Phi* Managing editor Phil Carrott recommends "the back of the House of Style" on Main Street.

Gifts

Gift shopping is great in Lexington. Your options are quite limitless. For gifts for friends, I go to Fantasies, on

Nelson Street, Sunday's Child, on Main Street, or Caravans. When I'm shopping for relatives, I go to Virginia Born and Bred, on Washington Street. They have a big selection of already designed gift baskets, or you can design your own. They also ship gifts anywhere. Betsy Green and I did our Mother's Day shopping there.

Music

If you need to buy music in Lexington, go to Night Owl, on Jefferson Street. Wayne, the owner, is great. If he doesn't have what you want, he'll order it. His prices are great too. Plan to take some time and look around while you're there.

With most of the major retail areas covered, we now move into my favorite area of all (even more than shoes): food.

Grocery Store

Harris Teeter is the way to go for grocery shopping. I love Harris Teeter.

It's even fun to say. Harris Teeter is located on Nelson Street. It's walking distance if you don't plan to buy much; otherwise, get someone to drive you. They're open 24 hours, and they take credit cards.

Ice Cream

I'm a big fan of Sweet Things, on Washington Street. I've worked at Ben and Jerry's for four years, so I don't give praise to ice cream lightly, but I give it to Sweet Things. They have home-made ice cream, frozen yogurt, soft serve, and candy.

Coffee

The Lexington Coffee Roasters is fantastic. They moved last spring to a large location, where they not only have coffee (a.k.a. nectar of the gods), but sell accessories, such as latté cups, and French press pots, and they have a large sit-down area.

Pizza

Like any college town, Lexington has a lot of pizza. I won't get into details, but let me just say that Domino's gives away enough coupons to wallpaper your room, and

they deliver until at least midnight every day.

General Delivery

Frank's also delivers, and they have a large variety of Italian food and sandwiches, in addition to pizza. The prices are low and the portions are huge. I think my exact words the first time I ordered from Frank's were "Wow." In addition to the dish I ordered, they sent me a salad and a loaf of bread.

Casual Dining

If you want a casual sit-down meal, go to Harbs', on Washington Street, or Spanky's, on Jefferson. Both have sandwiches, though Harbs' is a bit more

gourmet. Harbs' also has an Omelette of the Day and a Mexican plate.

A little bit up the formality scale is Il Palazzo, on Main Street, but it's still casual by all means. They have really good Italian, and great pizza too. For something a little different, try the pizza bianca.

All Day Breakfast

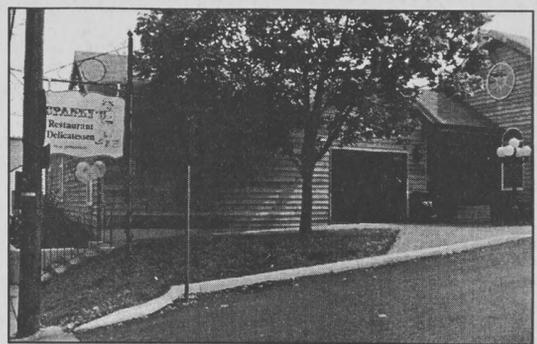
Berky's Restaurant at the Lee-Hi truckstop on Route 11 is the best. I once went to Lee-Hi with Betsy Green and former *Phi* Executive Editor Sarah Gilbert on an hour and a half of sleep each to watch Tom Wolfe eat breakfast with former *Phi* Associate Editor Richard

Weaver. We even brought a copy of *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. It was one of the best breakfasts I've ever had. Anyway, Lee-Hi is open 24 hours, and, like any good truckstop restaurant, serves breakfast all the time. It's a great study break.

That about finishes our tour of Lexington. Do yourself a favor and go exploring around Lexington while you have the chance.



Harbs' Bistro on Washington Street provides excellent casual dining.



Spanky's on Jefferson Street provides fun, graffiti, and great sandwiches

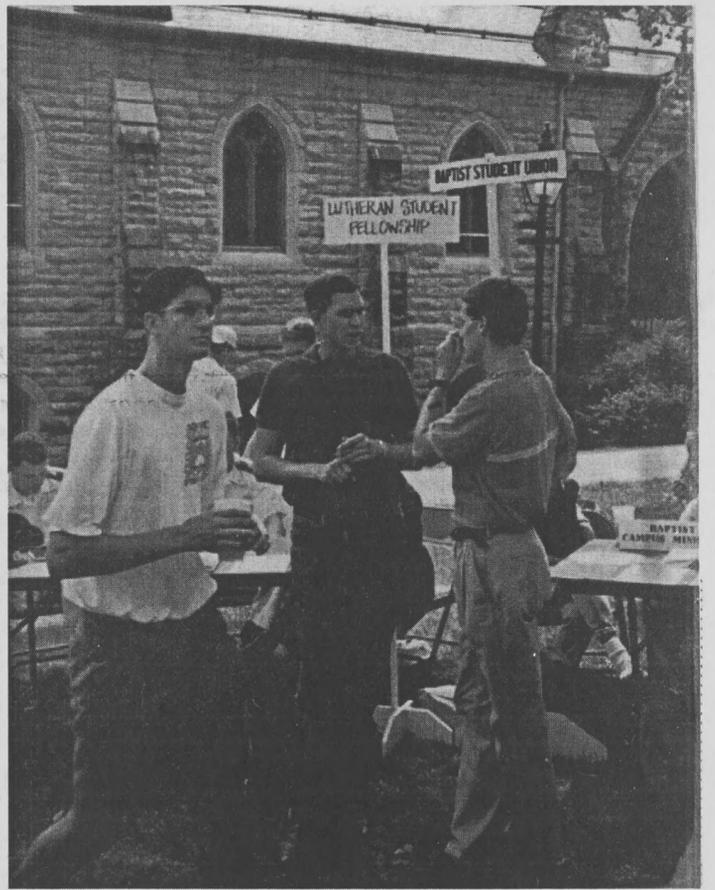
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Dear Freshmen,

College, like all things over-blown, is essentially a common experience. Chances are you won't write the definitive work on Plato or discover a new chemical element. Like Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the beauty lies in the details. The novel begins with an air of importance and significance as if Austen was going to make a pithy statement on human nature. Yet, the novel details the social intrigues and gossip of a neighborhood of fairly wealthy English bourgeoisie — a seemingly common and banal subject matter. However, the novel is presented with such uncommon clarity, humor, and honesty that critics through time have lavished praise on it. Austen successfully raised the common tale to a work of art. Therein lies the genius. Success in college will come by making the most of the small opportunities. Follow Austen's example — take the trivial to a higher level through your outlook. Austen understood that the importance of a work was not in its size or scope, but in the approach. The attention to form, style, and content is what matters. Writing a strong paper on the use of color imagery in the poetry of T.S. Eliot or understanding the proof of a mathematical theorem will more likely be your victories. Students often forget this. Learning is what happens during midnight debates with your roommate, a concert you attend at Lenfest, and study sessions with people from your history class. It's not necessarily earning the A or finishing on top that counts. Relish the process for that makes the difference between the average and the truly great.

Freshmen orient at past years' Activities Fairs



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Last Week:

There were no results last week as the fall sports teams continue to practice.

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

The first weekend of sports events is next weekend.

Welcome to W&L

THE BIG FAN

BY SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Greetings, Class of 1999, as you begin your first year at Washington and Lee University.

In the next few days, you will be discovering much more about this quaint school. Some of the things you will encounter include fraternities, off-campus parties, stimulating orientation activities, fraternities, tailgate parties, the Honor System, D-Hall food, and fraternities. And, Oh yeah, classes.

One big thing you can count on in this hectic first year is reading the *Phi* every Friday afternoon.

Although I will focus mainly on the professional scene, I certainly do not intend to forget about W&L sports.

On the contrary, one point I should address in this first issue is to please come out and support all W&L sports teams this year.

W&L athletes are engaged in a constant battle to budget enough time for both practice and academics, so they will appreciate every ounce of fan support for their hard work.

Their should be plenty of excitement, too. Both soccer teams have improved in recent years, volleyball and water polo performed well in 1994, and the cross-country squads will be defending conference titles.

So, enjoy the next week of meeting new friends, taking swimming tests, and adjusting to college life.

Fall sports look to improve on solid seasons

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

After an extremely successful fall season in 1994, the Washington and Lee Generals expect key returning stars and some fresh faces to keep the ball rolling and provide for an even more productive 1995 campaign.

Seven W&L squads compete this fall. Four men's and three women's teams will carry the torch for W&L in volleyball, soccer, football, water polo, and cross country.

Water polo was the only sport to finish with a sub-.500 mark last fall. Still the Generals' 10-13 mark was far from shabby considering the team earned a nationwide, all-divisions ranking of 20 and a fourth-place finish at the Eastern Seaboard Championships.

Coach Paige Remillard loses captain Derek DeVries and goalie David Silvester who set a school record in saves last year.

However, a deep squad returns in 1995, headed by junior Peter Sorenson, the team leader in scoring and assists, and a second-team All-East pick. Fellow junior James Silberstein will also be counted on to shoulder much of the scoring load for the Generals, who compete in the Eastern Water Polo Association.

The W&L football squad took a pounding during an 0-3 start in 1994 in which it scored a grand total of two points.

By the end of the season, the rest of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference was no longer snickering. W&L capped one of the most amazing turnarounds in team history with four consecutive wins to finish the season, highlighted by a stunning 13-7 upset of ODAC co-champion Guilford.

The biggest change in 1995 comes at the top, as former defensive coordinator Frank Miriello takes over as interim head coach. Gary Fallon, who compiled a

career record of 76-86-1 at W&L from 1978-94, died April 29.

Coach Miriello will have to cope with the departures of three-time ODAC receiving champion William Propst and defensive standouts and tri-captains Stephen Cox, Jason Chartrand, and Marc Newman. Yet a talent rich returning committee should enable the Generals to pick up where they left off in 1994.

Junior quarterback Brooks Fischer leads an offense which began clicking by the conclusion of last season. Sophomore Seth McKinley was a large reason behind the offensive improvement as he racked up a W&L freshman record 667 yards of the ground.

Senior defensive tackle Robert Hull anchors a menacing W&L defense which finished first in both pass and scoring defense in the ODAC.

Seniors Stuart Hogue, Butler Ball, John Tweardy, and junior McGuire Boyd should also contribute heavily for the Generals, who open at Emory and Henry on September 9.

The cross-country teams will have little trouble being competitive this year. All both teams did last season was capture the ODAC crown and place in the top three at the Division III Southeast Regionals.

Opposing teams must be tired of seeing seniors Amy Mears and Josephine Schaeffer on the courses for yet another year. Mears and Schaeffer were first-team All-Region selections last year, and both earned a trip to Nationals.

Women's coach Jim Plemister does lose co-captains Sue Deutsch and Kim Herring, but the likes of junior Nat Messmore and sophomores Maren Wright and Carson Flowers will aid the Generals in their quest for a fourth consecutive ODAC title.

The entire men's team returns this fall after a third-place finish at the Southeast Regionals in 1994.

Coach John Tucker field a young but seasoned team, which includes seniors Tom Fink and Jeff Zeiger, junior Sandy Hooper, and sophomores Jason Callen, Will Olson,

and Taylor Schultz.

Callen missed out on nationals last season by only two spots with his 10th place finish at the regionals.

The W&L women's soccer team took the ODAC by storm last season with a 10-5 overall record, thanks in large part to high-scoring sophomore Erica Reineke. Reineke, who was involved in seven records in her freshman campaign, will be assisted by fellow sophomore, goalie Delia Coyle, and juniors Michelle Bauman and Jenni Grant. Coach Jan Hathorn's youthful squad will need to overcome the departures of six seniors to graduation, though.

The women receive their first test September 9 at the Kean Tournament in Kean, NJ.

Men's soccer coach Rolf Piranian loses four key contributors from last season's 7-7-2 squad, but he retains a young core led by sophomores Gordon Meeker, the team's second leading scorer, and Michael Germain.

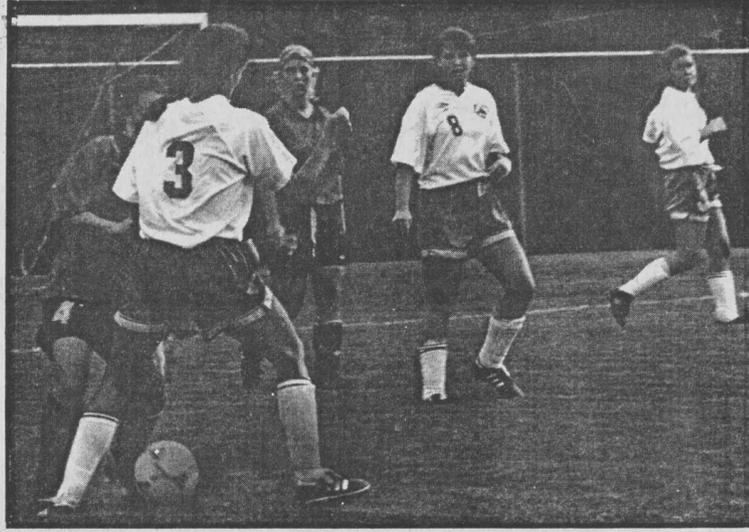
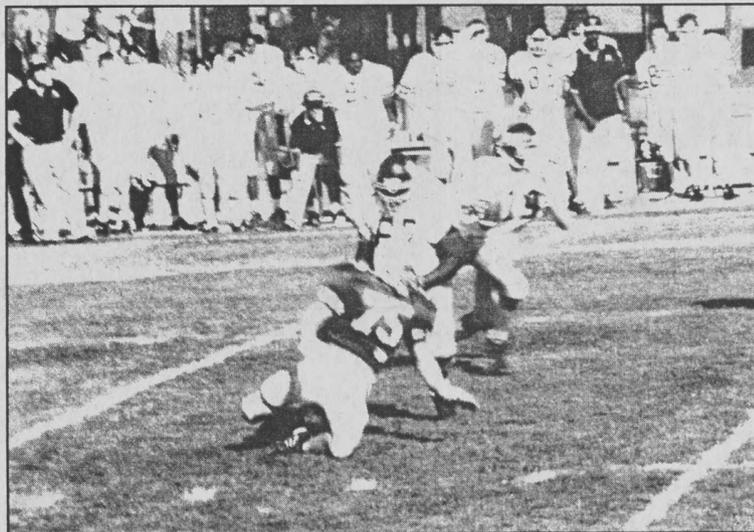
Of course, the experience of seniors Jeb Wofford, the 1994 offensive MVP, midfielder Shag Drewry, goalie Fernando Bravo, and junior goalie Anthony Mazzarelli will not exactly hinder the Generals' shot at moving up into the first division this fall.

The men travel to Shenandoah University on September 9 for their opening battle.

Volleyball capped off an outstanding 1994 season with a 19-8 log and a trip to the ODAC semifinals.

W&L fans can expect to see more of the same in the coming months as coach Terry Dadio returns nearly her entire team, with the notable exception of Goose Garrigus. However senior Cheryl Taurassi, who owns the W&L career assists record, anchors a talented returning nucleus, which also consists of senior Allison Hull, junior Elizabeth Bahn, and sophomores Hilary Martin and Holly Thomsen.

The Generals will receive their first shot at a possible 20-win season when they battle Christopher Newport on September 9, the date on which Washington and Lee kicks off its 1995-96 athletic schedule.



Both the football and women's soccer teams will be looking to improve on strong performances in 1994. The football squad will have to overcome the loss of long-time coach Gary Fallon, while the soccer women will look for continued scoring prowess from Erica Reineke.

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