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Changing facilities, changing W&L

The 2012-2013 school year arrives with several updates to university facilities and plans for future campus renovations

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Washington and Lee community are returning to a slightly updated campus this fall. The campus will change even more in the months and years to come.

The University has several renovation projects lined up, some of which are already underway.

One of the most noticeable projects is the multi-year, multi-phase Colonnade renovation. As of now, work is still being done on Washington Hall and has already been completed on Newcomb and Payne halls.

Tom Kalasky, Director of Capital Projects at W&L, said the renovation of Washington Hall is slated for completion by the end of 2012. When the work is done, workers will move the fencing that is behind the building to the back of adjacent Robinson Hall.

Work will begin on Robinson in May 2013, after undergraduate commencement.

The Colonnade renovation work includes "surgically inserting new mechanical and electrical systems" on the inside of the buildings, Kalasky said. This includes the addition of new academic technologies, fire sprinkler systems and improvements geared at increasing handicap accessibility.

The work is being paid for, at least in

part, by funds raised through the university's \$500 million "Honor Our Past, Build Our Future" capital campaign, launched publicly in October 2010.

\$120.5 million of campaign money has been slated for physical improvements to the campus, according to the University's website. This includes \$50 million for the Colonnade renovations, \$11.5 million for the construction of a "facility for global learning" in a renovated duPont Hall and \$50 million for the construction of new indoor recreation and athletic facilities, according to the University's website.

'Development of community'

Other building projects are also in the works.

One of these projects is a major renovation of the Gaines and Graham-Lees residence halls.

Sidney Evans, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, said the planned work on Gaines and Graham-Lees will expand the capacity of the residence halls so they will be able to house all first-year students.

Evans said the University hopes to create more spaces for studying and socializing in the buildings to help foster a sense of

community among first-years.

"We feel like right now the first-years are kind of too spread out [in] too many different facilities," said Evans.

The final plan and budget for the project have not yet been approved, but Evans said work is expected to begin in summer 2013 and completed by summer 2015.

Evans said the plan is to make big changes to the interior of both buildings. This includes the addition of an elevator and air-conditioning to Graham-Lees, as well as upgraded restrooms.

As for Gaines, the interior will basically be gutted, Evans said.

"It's not going to be suite-style anymore," she said. "It's going to be singles and doubles with hall baths."

While many changes are being planned for the interiors, not much work will be done to change the buildings' exteriors.

Evans said the worn-down step leading into the Graham-Lees archway, which many students use to avoid the bad-luck walk through the center pillars leading to the archway, will be safe.

"Everyone knows that that's pretty sacred," said Evans. "There are some things you just don't change."

'Always doing little things'

While the renovation of first-year residence halls will not begin until next summer, there is other work already taking place on campus.

"We're always doing little things," said Kalasky.

He said most of the work being done this year will not "significantly impact" student travel around campus.

Some students have already noticed work being done on the first floor of the Telford Science Library.

The University is building an "integrative and quantitative center," Kalasky said. This "IQ Center" will include tools such as scanning electron microscopes and computer lab equipment.

"It will be a very technology-rich environment," Kalasky said.

Materials formerly located on the first floor of the Science Library were moved to Leyburn Library over the summer, Kalasky said.

Not where they were

W&L dance

was: in duPont

now: 109 S. Jefferson

Campus Kitchens

was: in Kappa Sigma

now: in the Global

Service House

[formerly the

I-House]

Auxiliary Services

was: in the bottom

floor of Commons

now: in Early-Fielding

W&L reins in O-Week nightlife

W&L works with the Lexington Police Department to educate students on good behavior and safety on and off campus

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

In light of the arrests during last year's Orientation Week, Washington and Lee University and the Lexington Police Department joined forces in anticipation of this year's O-Week. Their goal, like the University's mission, was that students conduct themselves with honor, integrity, and civility.

At the panel, these local authorities spoke to first-year students "to build a more collaborative relationship," said Clay Coleman, Director of Greek and Residential Life.

According to Jason Rodocker, Assistant Dean for the First-Year Experience, "This [was] late enough for new students to be

Also through this meeting, the Police Department sought to prevent arrests by persuading underage students not to drink.

"We wanted to reach [underage students] before they violate the law," said Thomas.

According to Thomas, student behavior during last year's O-Week was not noted for its honor, integrity, or civility. More than other years, Thomas said that underage students consumed hard alcohol and mixed drinks en route to dangerously high blood alcohol levels last year.

Thomas said this heavy alcohol consumption was "combined with belligerent behavior toward police officers." This forced authorities into an enforcement mode.

At the panel, Thomas noted the importance of student behavior in the community in combination with their education at W&L.

"No longer is having this degree enough to be successful in life. Employers want to know the content of your character," said Thomas.

The Lexington Police Department would prefer to prevent crime than punish it, according to Thomas. "We don't want to see arrest numbers increase," he said.

Thomas said that arrests will decrease if students communicate with Lexington residents to agree on parameters for partying.

"Get out in the community to talk with the neighbors," Thomas said. "Talk about your events, why you're doing them, when you're doing them."

While students were encouraged to change how they partied during O-Week, they were not given less time in Lexington before classes. The move-in date for Greek housing remained the same as it has been in previous years, two days before the start of classes. "That's something that's been approved for the last 15 to 20 years," Coleman said.

To minimize traffic congestion, sorority and fraternity members moved in after first-year students had finished doing so, according to Coleman.

Both W&L and the Police Department emphasized that underage students themselves choose to consume alcohol. The blame for arrests, they said, must fall on none other than those who break the law.

"If someone decides they're going to break the law, and they make that choice...

they have to understand the consequences," said Thomas.

For first-year students to better understand the consequences of underage drinking, they heard from their peers on Residential Life staff, the Student-Faculty Hearing Board, Student Judicial Council and the Executive Committee on Sept. 2 at the Student Governance Orientation in Lee Chapel.

"Putting the EC, SJC, SFHB and RA leadership in front of new students so early on in their time here emphasizes the role of student self-governance in developing and maintaining honor, integrity, and civility in our campus community," said Rodocker.

As a whole, W&L may not have a serious drinking problem, according to Thomas. A full 15 to 18 percent of students abstain from alcohol. Last year's O-Week controversy arose from the actions of only 15 to 20 students, Thomas said.

To those 15 to 20 individuals and many others, Thomas issued a challenge.

"Alcohol is very prevalent [at] Washington and Lee University," Thomas said. "I think you're better than that."

"No longer is having this degree enough to be successful in life. Employers want to know the content of your character."

Al Thomas, Lexington Chief of Police

On Sept. 6, after undergraduate classes began, there was a Law Enforcement Panel in the Keller Theatre of the Lenfest Center for the Arts. The panel to discuss student conduct included Student Judicial Council Chair Zach Zoller '13, Lexington Chief of Police Al Thomas and Rockbridge County Sheriff Chris Blalock.

somewhat familiar with life in Lexington and sooner than the panel occurred last year."

Through this formal introduction, University administration hoped to forestall conflict between police and students. Rather than just enforcing the law and creating issues with arrests, "law enforcement wants to be seen as a resource, first," said Coleman.



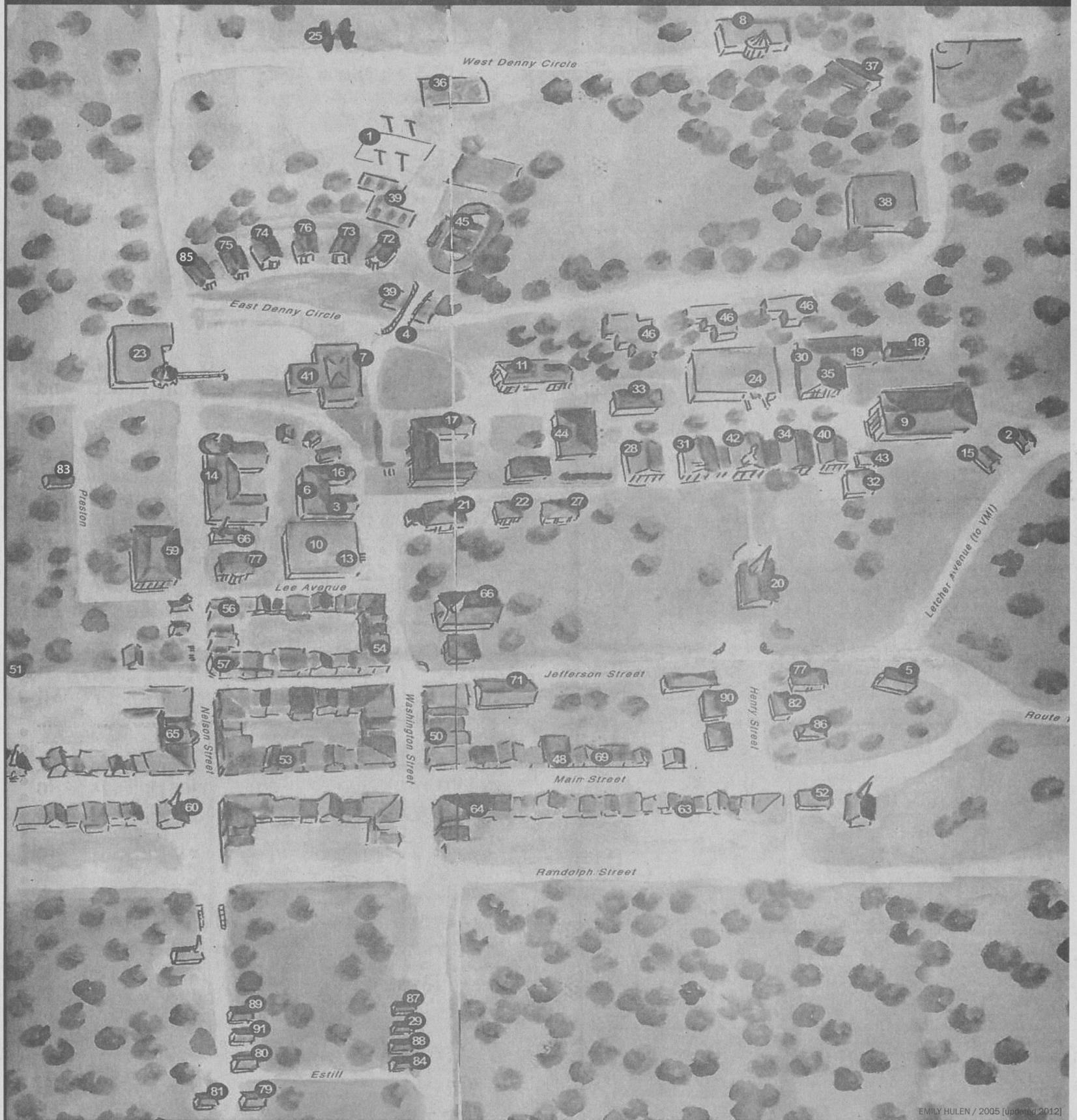
The Colonnade buildings aren't the only ones getting renovated in the near future.

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LEXINGTON VEGAS

Whether you're a disoriented first-year or a tenured professor, let us show you the best of Lexington in our 2012 back-to-school guide.



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A few of our favorite things

You say there's nothing to do in a small town? We want to prove you wrong. So here's a list of our favorite things to do in Lex to help you love our tiny town as much as we do.

If you're looking to satisfy your sweet tooth... Lexington's Sweet Things is the place to go. This quintessential small town ice cream shop carries all of the traditional ice cream flavors as well as seasonal specials. They also serve milkshakes, floats, and banana splits. If ice cream is not enough to fulfill your sweet craving, you can go to the back of the store and fill your own bag with a variety of different candy. The best part about Sweet Things? Its location. It is right on West Washington Street, a quick walk from all of the first-year dorms and academic buildings.

Don't feel like working on your econ homework? Bored on a Monday night with nothing to do? Stressed out after a long week of classes? If you've ever been in any of these situations, then the Gaines game room is the perfect place to go! Conveniently located right in the heart of campus, this space is fully equipped with pool, ping pong, and foosball tables, along with a Wii game system, a widescreen plasma TV, and of course, a wide assortment of board games. It's a great way to unwind after an exhausting day, or just to hang out with some friends. Scrabble, anyone?

Buffet it up. If Italian food isn't what you are looking for in Lexington, then across the street from Salerno's is Tong Dynasty. Tong Dynasty, whose walls are filled with photos of satisfied customers, is a W&L student favorite. Tong Dynasty offers Asian cuisine for the customer on a budget and they have everything from an all-you-can-eat buffet and Hibachi to a Sushi menu with an abundance of options. The service at Tong Dynasty is very friendly and since you pay at the front desk after you eat, they make splitting checks very easy for students.

Your new Inspiration Station? Memories from my first O-Week: Face. Hello. Handshake. Name? Cool. Bye! Then I take a walk, and suddenly I snap back as I stop at a very quirky, dark, musty-looking display window along Jefferson St. It's a second-hand store, obviously, except this one isn't selling (just) Grandma's used furniture... it's selling her mom's 150-year-old violin, Grandpa's antiquated tool set, Uncle John's old record collection, Aunt Sarah's meticulously-collected vintage coke bottles, license plates from across the country... everything. If you have an afternoon to kill, I'd highly recommend exploring the shops of Lexington. Talk to the store owners, too... they've got more stories than wares.

Everything's kosher. Got all those extra Food Flex dollars, just waiting to be spent? Well have no fear, because Hillel is here! If you're tired of eating the same old D-Hall pizza, burgers, and "Chinese" food day after day, this is the perfect place to switch things up - literally. How about trying the steaming McCormick Melt, hot off the press with tuna and cheese topped on ciabatta, or a freshly-tossed avocado salad, complete with garden greens and creamy dressing? The homemade bagels are directly imported from New York, the fruity, cool smoothies are absolutely to die for, and best of all, everything is 100% kosher.

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How to get there

- Buena Vista- Take US-60 East (Nelson St) past Kroger, Taco Bell, etc. approximately 6 miles. Turn right onto Beech Avenue (US-501)
- Goshen- Take 11-North out of Lex toward Fairfield. Turn left onto Route 39. Follow Route 39 to Goshen Pass.
- Safari Park/Natural Bridge- Take I-81 toward Roanoke. At Exit 180-B turn left onto the ramp (US-11 Natural Bridge/Glasgow). Follow the signs.
- Roanoke Airport- Take I-81 toward Roanoke. Take Exit 143 onto Interstate 581 (220 South). Take Exit 3-E (Hershberger Rd). Get into the far left lane. Take the Aviation Drive Exit. Get into far left lane again. The airport terminal entrance is the second left.
- Walmart- Take Main St. out of Lex (past VMI) until you see all the freeway overpasses. It's past them on the left side. You can't miss that monstrosity.
- Lynchburg- Take Route 60 East (towards the fraternity houses and Kroger) until you make it into Buena Vista. Take a right at the light onto Route 501 (Beech Avenue). Stay on Route 501 through Buena Vista and through the first part of the mountains. Stay straight onto Route 130 instead of crossing the James River on Route 501. Take this until you hit a stoplight across from the shopping center. Take a right on this road and it will take you into Lynchburg.
- Staunton- Take I-81 North until exit 220. Follow the signs into Staunton.
- Hull's Drive In- Get onto Route 11 North. After 3.7 miles Hull's Drive-In will be on the left.
- Foamhenge- Follow the directions to Natural Bridge. It will be on the right after getting onto Route 11.

Who to call

- Traveller: (540) 458 - 8900
- Public Safety: (540) 458 - 8999
- Student Health Center: (540) 458 - 8401
- Stonewall Jackson Hospital: (540) 458 - 3568
- Lexington Police: (540) 462 - 3702
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Italian takeout? Sì, grazie! Salerno's Italian Restaurant offers an array of delicious Italian food in a casual setting, perfect for W&L students looking to go out to eat with their friends. You order your food at the counter and a waiter or waitress will bring your food to your table, so you do not have to deal with dividing up a check in a large group of people. Salerno's has everything from pastas and pizzas to Italian sandwiches and salads in very generous portions. It is an easy walk from campus. You take a right on Jefferson St., after coming down West Washington St. from the quad and walk a few blocks down.

In the back 40. Woods Creek Trail is ideal for hikers of all skill levels. Once a railway, the Trail was created after Hurricane Agnes flooded the Valley in 1969, when the Virginia Military Institute acquired the land and transformed it into the impressive pathway it is today. As it winds along the creek, offering picture-perfect views of quintessential Virginia woodlands, the Chessie Nature Trail stretches from Waddell Elementary School all the way to Buena Vista. Between the quiet peace of the waterside and the breathtaking views overlooking Lexington, the Trail attracts joggers and sight-seers alike. Woods Creek Trail is open to the public, with access points at Waddell Elementary School, the Woods Creek Apartments, and the East Lexington Bridge.

Two words: ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRO-YO. If you thought the fro-yo in D-Hall was good, then you've got to try Sweet Frog. With over 60 different rotating flavors and countless toppings, there are enough combinations to satisfy any taste bud. From the good old classics like vanilla and peanut butter to the more daring maple bacon donut and Jolly Rancher fruit punch, the possibilities are endless. Whether you're craving a fruity treat (mango with fresh berries, anyone?), or a rich indulgence (mmm... red velvet cake, hot fudge, and Oreo cookies), there's something for everyone. So the next time you grab a cup of fro-yo, it's totally cool to spend \$5 or \$10 ...or \$15.

Watch a movie, Grease style. Built in 1950, the Lee Drive-In Theatre was a hallmark of Lexington until its closing in 1999 due to financial difficulties. Community members felt the absence of the theater so deeply that, in 2000, the efforts of a new group called the "Hull's Angels" effectively reopened the theater as a non-profit organization. Today, Hull's Drive-In Theatre is a family-friendly place with old-fashioned charm, offering back-to-back movie screenings every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening starting at sundown. Admission is free for children 11 and under, and is \$7 for adults.

Not Just for Health-Conscious Hippies. When my friends first suggested Pure Eats for dinner, I had prepared myself for some light dining. After all, any restaurant located on Main Street in our town, with "Pure" in its name, ought to be serving healthy little salads made with organic lettuce and in-season vegetables. You ought to go to Brix if you want that type of meal. Pure Eats is a burger-and-fry joint, and one of the best at that. The milkshakes are thick, the burgers (even the veggie ones!) are fresh, and the fries (regular and sweet potato) are oh-so-tasty. And did I mention the donuts? Margarita, Maple Bacon, Chai, and the Classic Cinnamon Sugar are just a few varieties made fresh - the best pick-me-up a dollar can buy.

Good ol' W&L. Before George Washington ever entered the picture, W&L was known as Liberty Hall. The name was selected in a fit of patriotism the year that the Declaration of Independence was signed. Though the school burned down a few years later, the ruins [out on back campus] are still a staple for all students; be it reading in the sun, stargazing on a clear night or hosting a BBQ. You won't just be soaking in the outdoors, you'll be soaking in the very pulse of W&L's history.

When the nearest Starbucks is 40 min. away... Thanks to a city ordinance that won't allow franchises and restaurant chains into historic downtown Lexington, those of us who can't officially pull out the long-sleeves and transition to autumn without a Pumpkin Spice Latte are just out of luck. Lexington Coffee Shop offers more than enough to make up for our troubles. Just a half-minute's walk from campus on Washington St., LexCo serves freshly roasted and brewed coffee and tea with a personal, quirky touch. It offers peace and Wi-Fi, making it the perfect place to start drafting your essays, or, if you're lucky like me, meet your professor and the rest of class for your bi-weekly lit seminar. Wanna become a regular? You'll even get to hang your own personal mug on the wall for filling up on your visits.

What's happening this week

Playing in Stackhouse: The Avengers

Today-

"Smashing the Machine: The Troubled Legacy of Kantorozicz's *kampf*" symposia all day at Sydney Lewis Hall and Elrod Commons.

Tomorrow-

Auditions for W&L Dance Repertory Company from 4:40pm-8pm in Keller Theater.
Mock Trial Meeting at 7pm in Huntley 221.

Chess Club Meeting at 8 pm in Leyburn.

Wednesday-

Lexington Farmers Market from 8am-12:30pm on Jefferson St.

Pre-law information session at 5pm in Huntley 327.

Osteopathic Medical School Admissions session from 5pm-6:30pm in Parmly 307.

Women's soccer game at 4:00 pm.

Thursday-

Five-Star Festival Weekend begins at Lee Chapel.

SAIL Ice Cream Social from 5pm-6pm in Commons Living Room.

Carol Graham Public Lecture from 5:30pm-7pm in Stackhouse Theater.

Friday-

Hall of Fame Weekend begins on campus.

Shabbat Shalom at 6pm in Hillel House.

Volleyball game at 5:30 pm.

Saturday-

Rockbridge Pie Festival from 12pm-7:30pm on Brewbaker Field
Chaise Lounge playing at Lime Kiln at 7:30 pm.

Bird Identification Walk from 8am-10am at Chessie trailhead on Old Buena Vista Road.

Field hockey game at 2:30 pm.

Football game at 7:00 pm.

Volleyball tourney at 11:00 am.

Sunday-

Lower Gauley Whitewater Rafting Trip.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner at 5:30 pm, Hillel House.