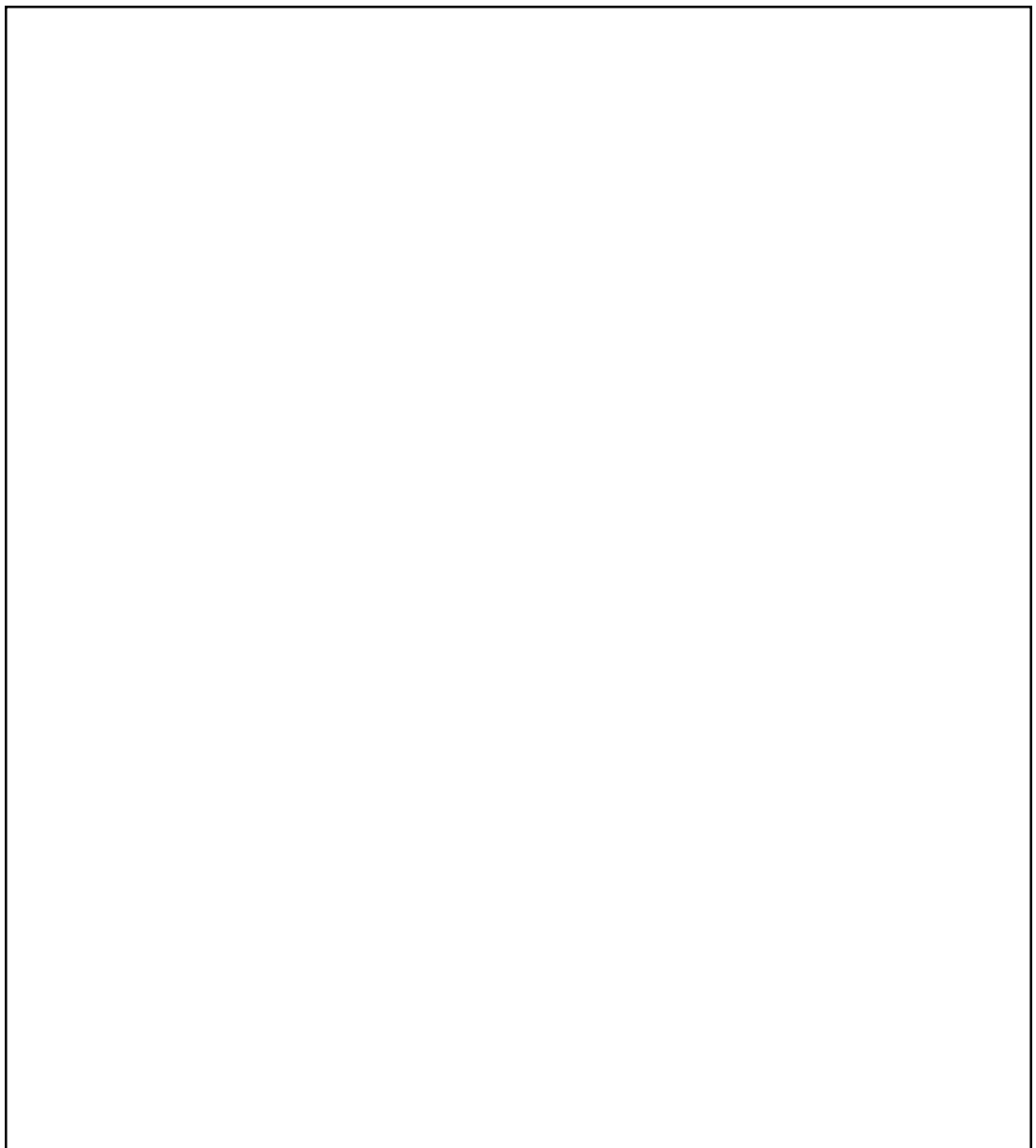


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# III

## *Student Life*

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## STUDENT LIFE

The University's curricular and extracurricular activities are so numerous and diverse that students must budget their time carefully to achieve a desirable balance among the academic, social, and recreational phases of their college experience.

The same code of honor that governs academic life also governs student conduct. The University over the years has adopted many rules and regulations covering academic matters and student deportment. But if students conduct themselves honorably at all times they will have little trouble with the University's disciplinary rules.

Washington and Lee students are courteous to each other and to visitors on the campus. Both students and faculty traditionally exchange greetings with one another and with others as they pass on the campus (the "speaking tradition").

Washington and Lee graduates believe that the University's superior academic preparation combined with the character building responsibilities of student life mark Washington and Lee students with special distinction.

### ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Orientation Program is conducted each year to acquaint new students with different aspects of life at the University. It is held in September before the opening of the fall term. The program provides an introduction to the work, recreation, friendships, traditions, and ideals of the University. Orientation and discussion sessions are conducted by faculty members, administrators, dormitory counselors and upperclass students. Attendance at Orientation is expected, and students are notified during the summer of the dates of the program.

### COUNSELING

At no point during their undergraduate career at Washington and Lee are students without access to counseling on any problems, social or academic, which they may encounter. Students

are encouraged to seek the advice of the Dean of Students and his associates, the academic deans, faculty adviser or the head of the department in which they are majoring, the University registrar, a physician at the Student Health Center, or a psychologist at the Counseling Center, in any matter, academic or personal, when they feel advice may prove helpful.

### WHERE STUDENTS LIVE

Washington and Lee believes that a residential experience for students is an important aspect of a liberal arts education. Under existing policy, all freshmen and sophomores are required to live in University housing.

The freshman residences are divided into sections of 15 to 20 students, with each section supervised by an upperclass counselor, capable of giving sympathetic and informed guidance to new students. In keeping with the traditions of student life at the University, the regulation of dormitory life is based on the principle of student self-government. Except for regulations pertaining to health and safety, regulations governing dormitory life—quiet hours, intervisitation policy, for example—are formulated by the residents of each individual dormitory section in statements of social responsibility.

Approximately 60% of the freshman dormitory rooms in Gilliam Dormitory, Davis Dormitory, Baker Dormitory, and Graham-Lees Dormitory are singles; the remainder are double rooms. Rooms with facilities for handicapped students are available in both singles and doubles. Each student is provided with a closet, a study desk, a desk chair, a mirror, and a single bed of standard length. Students provide their own bed clothing and other furnishings as desired.

Many upperclass students live either in fraternity houses or in private homes or apartments. Several varieties of upperclass accommodations are offered by the University. For upperclass and law students seeking on-campus, apartment-style accommodations, the Woods Creek Apartments feature three-, four-, and five-student apartment units, each with kitchenettes, living rooms, and single occupancy bedrooms. There are 40 such apartments accommodating a total of 178 stu-

dents who live in a convenient but secluded part of the central campus. The Francis P. Gaines Residence Hall is a 208-bed facility that provides housing, primarily in attractive apartment-like suites, for upperclass students. This residence hall will accommodate students who request to be grouped together by interest. The International House, the Outing Club House, and the John Chavis Minority Student Center also provide limited residential accommodations.

Since University liability insurance does not provide coverage for lost, stolen, or damaged property in University residences, students and their families are advised to see that their insurance coverage is adequate for such risks.

## WHERE STUDENTS DINE

### *Evans Dining Hall*

Freshmen are required to take their meals together in Evans Dining Hall. Upperclass and law students may dine in Evans as well. The main hall can accommodate approximately 550 persons. Smaller dining rooms are available for luncheon and dinner meetings of various student and faculty groups.

All three meals are served cafeteria style, with menus carefully planned to provide well-balanced, nutritious meals. Many special holiday and theme meals, along with exam time "monotony breakers," are served throughout the year.

### *General Headquarters Restaurant and The Snack Bar*

Many upperclass, law students and other members of the University community dine at the "GHQ" or the Snack Bar. The Snack Bar, commonly referred to as the "Co-op," is located in the Bookstore building near the Graham-Lees Dormitory. General Headquarters, an on-campus restaurant, is located in the Early-Fielding Student Center. GHQ frequently offers entertainment, including live bands, poetry readings, and discussion-debates.

## STUDENT HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

The University retains two Lexington physicians who have general responsibility for student health and medical needs. The Student Health Center is located on the lower floor of Davis Dormitory.

The Student Health Center connects with the 12-bed student Infirmary on the lower floor of Gilliam Dormitory. The Infirmary is used for in-patient care of non-critical illnesses and injuries that occur during the college year, excluding holiday and vacation periods.

The University Physicians have office hours in both the morning and the afternoon, Monday through Friday. Their services are available to students without charge, throughout the academic year. Emergencies are treated in Stonewall Jackson Hospital, located just one mile from campus; regular hospital and physician charges are assessed for such emergency care. The University Physicians maintain medical admitting privileges at Stonewall Jackson Hospital in the event a student requires in-patient care beyond the scope of Infirmary care.

A staff of registered nurses assists the University Physicians in maintaining around-the-clock supervision of the clinic and the Infirmary when undergraduate classes are in session. Outpatient services offered by the medical staff include diagnosis and treatment of non-critical illnesses and injuries, rehabilitative services, and referral to medical specialists.

Individual and group counseling is available to all students on a confidential basis. Two University counselors work with students on a wide range of topics including self-esteem development, concerns with relationships, academic problems, sexuality issues, depression, eating disorders, incidents of sexual assault, and substance abuse. Appointments are made through the receptionist in the University Center. A consulting psychiatrist is available to students on a referral basis for evaluations.

The health services staff is also involved in educational programming for dormitory coun-

selors, resident assistants, peer counselors, peer health educators, student leaders, and student organizations. A professional health educator works with these student groups to plan and implement such programs, focusing on a peer health education approach.

By University policy, all entering students are required to provide evidence of some form of health and hospitalization insurance coverage to supplement the medical care provided by the University. This coverage may be in the form of an individual policy already in effect, inclusion in a family policy, or enrollment in the optional group program of accident and sickness insurance provided specifically for Washington and Lee students.

In the Warner Athletic Center, the Department of Athletics and Physical Education maintains a training room for the treatment of bruises, sprains, and minor injuries that do not require the attention of a doctor. The training room is used most frequently by participants in athletic and physical education programs. A certified athletic trainer, who works closely with the University physicians, is in charge of the facility.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Washington and Lee students are accorded a large measure of self-government. The faculty and administrative officials give organizations of student government full cooperation and support in the discharge of their responsibilities.

The chief agency of student government is the student-elected Executive Committee of the Student Body. The Executive Committee and its appointed official committees are responsible for administering the Honor System and supervising nearly all student-related campus activities. Academic and law classes elect officers each year.

Consideration of possible breaches of the Honor System is a primary function of the Executive Committee. The Honor System at Washington and Lee is based on the fundamental principle that a spirit of trust pervades

all aspects of student life. The freedom given students stems from the understanding that persons attending this University will act honorably. Any student found guilty of a violation of the Honor System by the Committee is required to withdraw permanently from the University. The only appeal from the Committee's decision in an Honor System case is a public hearing before the student body.

Any student who enters Washington and Lee is assumed to accept the obligations of the Honor System as a way of life and conduct and to recognize the full responsibility of the Executive Committee for handling Honor System offenses.

A thorough Honor System orientation is provided by the Executive Committee for all entering students during the Orientation Program. No freshmen will be permitted to attend fall term classes until they have attended that orientation and have acknowledged in writing their understanding of the philosophy and policies of the Honor System.

## OTHER STUDENT COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee of the Student Body conducts student body elections and appoints a number of other committees to administer special affairs. Important among these are the Student Activities Board, the purpose of which is to provide entertainment and social activities for the student body, and the Student Conduct Committee, an all-student committee composed of class officers, which has jurisdiction in cases of alleged student misconduct at Washington and Lee, in Rockbridge County, and on other campuses. The decisions of the Student Conduct Committee may be appealed to the Board of Appeals. Also serving the University in important ways are the Women's Forum, Minority Student Association, International Club, the Outing Club, the Student Recruitment Committee, Mock Convention Steering Committee, Contact Committee, Kathekon (student alumni association), and other student committees.

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

In addition to the committees mentioned above, students also participate in the decision-making processes of the University through membership on a number of University committees. The Student Affairs Committee, with responsibility in the general area of student life, is composed of equal numbers of students and faculty-administrators. Students are voting members on the Faculty Executive Committee, the Committee on Courses and Degrees, the Registration and Class Schedules Committee, the Lectures Committee, the University Athletic Committee, the Student Health Committee, the University Library Committee, and the Faculty Committees on Admissions and Financial Aid.

## GREEK LIFE

Fifteen national men's fraternities are represented on the Washington and Lee campus, including Kappa Alpha, founded here.

They are Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

All of the men's fraternities maintain chapter houses. Slightly more than 80 percent of Washington and Lee male students affiliate with fraternities which operate dining rooms and provide lodging for many members in the chapter houses. In addition, a large portion of the social life at Washington and Lee centers around the fraternity chapters.

Five national women's fraternities are represented on the Washington and Lee campus—Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi. The system of women's fraternities, originally established at Washington and Lee in January 1989, is continuing to evolve in a manner which is responsive to the needs and interests of the women students. Approximately two-

thirds of Washington and Lee female students affiliate with sororities.

Greek organizations are under the supervision of the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Associate Dean of Students, and the Student Affairs Committee.

## INDEPENDENT UNION

Many Washington and Lee students do not affiliate with fraternities. The Independent Union provides a framework for the participation of non-fraternity students in intramural athletics and for the sponsorship of social and recreational activities.

## UNIVERSITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Early-Fielding Memorial University Center includes the Fairfax Lounge, meeting rooms, the Arlington Women's Center, office space for student organizations, and the General Headquarters, an on-campus restaurant. A varied program of social, recreational, and cultural activities is provided under the general supervision of the Associate Dean of Students, the Director of Student Activities, the Student Activities Board, and the management of the General Headquarters, with weekly programming by The Fridays! Committee.

## UNIVERSITY FEDERATION

The University Federation sponsors organizations for religious and community volunteer service. It is a nondenominational group in which all students are welcome to participate, regardless of church or creed. Over the years the Federation has sponsored a variety of programs of significant social and religious interest, including cooperative programs with area churches, clothing drives, lectures, and seminars, work with underprivileged children, tutoring in area schools, and volunteer work with mental patients. The activities of the Federation are coordinated by the Associate Dean of Students.

## RELIGIOUS LIFE

The general supervision of campus religious life is the responsibility of the acting University Chaplain. The University recognizes the importance of holy day celebrations and encourages all faculty to make any accommodations necessary for students' observances.

Lexington churches also serve the religious needs of Washington and Lee students. Several of these churches have ministers whose primary work is with students at Washington and Lee and the Virginia Military Institute. Churches in Lexington include Anglican, Assembly of God, Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of God in Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and various independent churches.

The Hillel Association provides cultural, social, and religious activities for Jewish students and for students interested in Judaic studies. Events include monthly Sabbath dinners, lectures, films, discussions, a Passover seder, High Holy Day services, and social functions. A member of the faculty of the Department of Religion serves as adviser to Jewish students. Jewish congregations in Roanoke, Staunton, and Lynchburg welcome students to attend services at their synagogues.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a nationally affiliated, nondenominational Christian organization that has had a chapter at Washington and Lee since 1964. The Fellowship emphasizes the bond between athletes and religious faith.

Washington and Lee's InterVarsity Fellowship is a campus-wide organization open to Christians of all backgrounds. Its purpose is to provide a meeting time on campus for both fellowship and instruction to help students better understand their faith.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

Many honor and professional societies have branches at Washington and Lee.

*The Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Gamma of Virginia*, was installed at the University in

1911. Each year it elects a limited number of students of outstanding character and superior academic records from all undergraduate divisions of the University.

*Phi Eta Sigma* is a national honor society for the recognition of high scholastic attainment among freshmen.

*Beta Gamma Sigma* is the honor fraternity for students having distinguished records in business administration. The Washington and Lee chapter was founded in 1933.

*The Order of the Coif* recognizes distinguished scholarship among seniors in the School of Law. The University's chapter was founded in 1950.

*Omicron Delta Kappa*, a national honor society, was founded at Washington and Lee in 1914. The society recognizes leadership in campus activities—scholastic, athletic, social, religious, and literary.

*Omicron Delta Epsilon* is a national honor society that recognizes high scholastic achievement in economics.

*Pi Sigma Alpha* is a national honor society recognizing scholarship in the field of politics.

*Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha* is a national society for recognizing leadership in forensic activities. Washington and Lee's chapter was founded in 1961.

*Mu Beta Psi* is a national honorary fraternity recognizing leadership in the field of music.

*Pi Mu Epsilon* is a national honorary fraternity in mathematics whose purpose is to promote scholarly mathematical activity. Washington and Lee's *Virginia Theta* chapter was chartered in 1993.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Washington and Lee has chapters of several national professional fraternities. Members are elected on the basis of interest and distinction in the field related to the fraternity. The fraternities include *Sigma Delta Chi* in journalism; *Alpha Epsilon Delta* in premedical studies; *Phi Delta Phi*, *Delta Theta Pi*, and *Phi Alpha Delta* in law; and *Psi Chi* in psychology.

## PUBLICATIONS

The University Publications Board, composed of student, alumni and faculty representatives, is responsible for the student newspaper, yearbook, and student literary and political magazines; it appoints the editors and business managers of these publications.

*The Ring-tum Phi*, a student newspaper established in 1897, is published and staffed entirely by students. It is independent of direct control by the faculty or administration. It reports on all campus matters and provides a forum for student opinion.

*Trident*, a student newspaper established in 1993, is published and staffed entirely by students. It is independent of direct control by the faculty or administration. It reports on all campus matters and provides a forum for student opinion.

The *Calyx* is the University yearbook. It is a pictorial summary of student life and events during the year.

*Ariel* is a student literary magazine published three times a year. It contains works of fiction, poetry, and criticism. Any student may submit manuscripts for consideration.

*Political Review* is a non-partisan student publication devoted to the consideration of current political issues.

The *Journal of Science* is a student publication dedicated to the discussion of current scientific, psychological, sociological, medical and bioethical issues.

The costs of these publications are included in the Student Activities Fee.

## WLUR-FM

WLUR-FM, the campus radio station with studios in Reid Hall, is a project of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications. The station functions as a laboratory for students in certain broadcasting courses, but staff positions are open to all qualified students. It offers a variety of programs, ranging from popular to classical music, discussions and documentaries, public affairs and news. The station broadcasts approximately 19 hours daily. A faculty member is general manager of

the non-commercial station, and students make up the entire supervisory, programming, and news staffs. Daily news programs are compiled and broadcast by students, using state, national and world news from the Associated Press and local news gathered by students enrolled in journalism courses.

## CABLE 2

Cable 2, a fully equipped television studio and control room used as a laboratory for television courses, presents daily news and public affairs programming to the Lexington community through the Lexington cable television system. The station is operated entirely by students under the direction of a journalism faculty member.

## MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ORGANIZATIONS

*The University Chamber Singers* is a select 25-member mixed choir devoted to performing the finest a cappella choral repertoire and, in even-numbered years, touring abroad. Membership in the Chamber Singers is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors who have sung in the University Chorus for at least one year.

*The University Chorus* is the largest and oldest choral organization at Washington and Lee. Composed of 60 undergraduate and law students, the group performs several times each term, both in Lexington and elsewhere, with a repertoire ranging from jazz pianist George Shearing's Suite "*Music To Hear*," Haydn's "*Missa Sancti Nicolai*," and with the Chamber Singers Schubert's *Mass in G*.

*JubiLee* is composed of 13 specially auditioned women from the choruses and performs light and pop music for University and alumni events. The group tours regularly.

*General Admission* is composed of 14 specially-auditioned men and women from the choruses. The group performs everything from spirituals to classic hits and pop music for alumni and University events, as well as putting on their own concerts and singing at other colleges and universities.

*Southern Comfort* is composed of 14 specially-auditioned male singers from the choruses who perform everything from barbershop to Billy Joel. The group performs regularly for the University and other surrounding colleges and appears at enviable locations such as the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia every New Year's.

*The Concert Guild*, a student organization, sponsors the appearances of internationally-renowned classical artists in the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts. The events last season included Proteus, The Kandinsky Trio, The London Chamber Orchestra, The Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio and pianist Santiago Rodriguez.

*Sonoklect* is a series of concerts presenting the eclectic sounds of 20th-century music. World premieres and landmark works from throughout the century are performed by soloists and ensembles who specialize in the performance of contemporary music. Included with many of the programs are lectures by guest composers and workshops given by the visiting performers, as well as reading/recording sessions of student compositions.

*The University-Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra*, is comprised of university students, residents from the community, as well as professional musicians from the area. Students who play an orchestral instrument may join the U-SSO. The orchestra performs three or four times a year and plays a wide variety of literature. In the past, the U-SSO has hosted internationally known guest soloists and conductors and has presented concerts in collaboration with the University choruses.

*The University Wind Ensemble* consists of wind and percussion players who perform outstanding band repertoire in concerts on and off campus. In the past, the Wind Ensemble has toured overseas during the winter term vacation.

*Chamber Ensembles*, small chamber groups, are created from the membership of the orchestra and wind ensemble to perform music from various historical periods. Occasionally, student ensembles play for banquets, weddings, and other University and community events.

*The Jazz Ensemble* is comprised of student instrumentalists playing the many styles of big band music, from early swing era works to modern jazz compositions. Membership in the

University Wind Ensemble is a requirement to participate in the jazz ensemble.

*University Theatre* activities are open to all students who may wish to participate in any capacity. Auditions are held at the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts and are open to all members of the student body, faculty, and staff. The productions are free to students.

## DEBATE ACTIVITIES

The University's *Forensic Team* has achieved outstanding recognition in recent years. The team engages in eight to ten tournaments a year in Lincoln-Douglas debate. The University supports Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha (the national speech honorary).

## CONCERTS AND DANCES

The Student Activities Board sponsors a number of concerts, dances, and other entertainment during the academic year. These events bring to the campus popular recording groups, name bands, and individual performers.

## FILM SOCIETY

The Washington and Lee Film Society, an organization including both students and faculty, each year presents a motion picture series which includes a number of critically acclaimed foreign and American works. The series is designed to expose both campus and community to noteworthy film achievements and to present students with a variety of perspectives on contemporary society.

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education administers a program which features intercollegiate athletics, intramural sports, club sports, and physical education courses for men and women. These programs provide students fitness and recreation which complement the academic curriculum. A University Athletic Committee composed of faculty, alumni, and students oversees the intercollegiate athletic program

and advises the Director of Athletics and the President of the University.

*Intramurals:* Recent studies indicate that 75 percent of Washington and Lee students participate in the broad intramural sports programs. W&L has a three-phase program with coed activities and sports for men and women offered. In the past, various undergraduate and law school student organizations have fielded teams for competitions in basketball, bowling, cross-country, football, golf, handball, racquetball, indoor soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. An aerobic exercise program is also provided. Participants pay a small fee which covers trophies and fees for referees and officials.

*Physical Education:* All undergraduates, unless physically disqualified by the University's physician, must satisfactorily complete five activity courses to qualify for their degrees. More than 35 courses are offered. The courses emphasize physical skill development, sportsmanship, and game rules and regulations.

*Intercollegiate Athletics:* The University's intercollegiate teams all follow the guidelines and philosophy established for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, which calls for an institution's financial aid to be awarded on the basis of family need and academic merit. The result at Washington and Lee is a strong, diverse athletic program in which participants are motivated by their love of the game and their desire to excel in competition.

Washington and Lee sponsors 13 varsity sports for men: cross country, football, soccer, and water polo in the fall; basketball, swimming, indoor track, and wrestling during the winter; baseball, golf, lacrosse, tennis, and track and field in the spring.

The Athletic Department currently sponsors nine intercollegiate sports for women at Washington and Lee: cross country, soccer, tennis, and volleyball in the fall; basketball, swimming and indoor track and field during the winter; lacrosse, tennis, and track and field in the spring. The women's sports program may continue to grow as student interest dictates.

All teams are directed by coaches who hold faculty status in the University. Student-athletes enjoy first-quality equipment, uniforms, facili-

ties, and support-staff attention. Sports schedules feature challenging opponents from colleges along the Eastern Seaboard and Appalachian regions.

The University is a charter member of the 13-college Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), founded in 1976 and composed of small, private institutions which belong to the NCAA Division III. W&L sports which compete in the ODAC are men's baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track and field. The women's sports that compete in ODAC are basketball, cross-country, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. The conference recognizes team champions, a player-of-the-year, and a coach-of-the-year in each sport and selects a recipient for Scholar-Athlete awards for men and women.

#### ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Washington and Lee is proud of its array of fine athletic facilities.

The J. W. Warner Center which is connected to Doremus Gymnasium, the University's original athletic center, comprises the indoor facilities. The five-story complex includes a 2,400-seat main arena, the Cy Twombly Pool and its 500-seat gallery, a fully-equipped weight room, first-rate training room, handball/racquetball/squash courts, sauna, exercise rooms, and locker rooms.

Wilson Field is the center of the outdoor facilities. The natural turf field surrounded by a 400-meter artificial surface track and bordered by a 7,000-seat stadium is home for the Generals' track, football, and lacrosse teams. The stadium features newly renovated and expanded locker room facilities for all outdoor teams. The University also offers Smith Baseball Field, a 14-court outdoor tennis area with two lighted courts, the four-court Duchossois indoor tennis center, a five-mile cross country course, Liberty Hall Field for men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse, and several practice fields.

Washington and Lee students may play golf on the par-71 Lexington Golf and Country Club course and may skate and ski at The Homestead, Massanutten, Wintergreen, and other nearby resorts.