

GENERAL INFORMATION

HERITAGE

Washington and Lee University's rich historical heritage is embodied in the very name it bears today. It is an institution that has been touched and shaped by major men and moments in American history.

In 1749, Scotch-Irish pioneers who had migrated deep into the Valley of Virginia founded a small classical school called *Augusta Academy*, some 20 miles north of what is now Lexington. In 1776, the trustees, fired by patriotism, changed the name of the school to *Liberty Hall*. Four years later the school was moved to the vicinity of Lexington, where in 1782 it was chartered as *Liberty Hall Academy* by the Virginia legislature and empowered to grant degrees. A limestone building, erected in 1793 on the crest of a ridge overlooking Lexington, burned in 1803, though its ruins are preserved today as a symbol of the institution's honored past.

In 1796, George Washington saved the school from possible oblivion, giving the school an endowment gift valued at \$50,000—at that time the largest gift ever made to a private educational institution in America. This gift remains a part of the University's endowment, and income has exceeded \$500,000. Thus all Washington and Lee students can say that Washington's gift helps pay a part of the cost of their education every year.

In 1798, the trustees expressed their gratitude to Washington by changing the name of the school first to *Washington Academy* and later to *Washington College*. By then, the college was established on its present grounds. Additional endowment was provided by the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati and from the estate of John Robinson. These gifts, added to Washington's, formed the principal financial foundation of the college until the presidency of Robert E. Lee.

In 1865, the trustees offered the presidency to General Lee, an offer he initially hesitated to accept, fearing his name, inevitably linked in the world's mind with the lost Confederate cause, might well prove an embarrassment to the college in a time of bitter factionalism. On the

repeated urging of the trustees and after turning down many offers of high positions, both at home and abroad, Lee accepted the presidency of Washington College. In the end his motivation had been simple—as simple as it was characteristic: from this vantage point he would undertake his final and most successful campaign, the revision of a college and a curriculum dedicated to the spiritual and material reconstruction of the South and, of equal importance to him, the reunification of a divided and embittered people.

Lee was president for only five years, long enough, nevertheless, to prove himself one of the most farsighted educational statesmen of the 19th century. By greatly expanding the range of instruction at Washington College, he transformed it into a truly national institution, a place where young men of both North and South could study together in harmony and unity.

Lee instituted a limited electives program while broadening the science offerings. In 1866, he was instrumental in affiliating the Lexington Law School with the college, and in 1870, the School of Law became one of the regular divisions of the college. He instituted programs in business instruction that led directly in 1906 to the establishment of the third major branch of the University, the School of Commerce and Administration (renamed the School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics in 1969 and, in 1995, the Ernest Williams II School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics). He inaugurated courses in journalism, which developed by 1925 into The School of Journalism which is now the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications. These courses in business and journalism were the first offered in colleges in the United States.



Because of his influence and the esteem in which he was held throughout the nation, Lee was able to enlarge the financial resources of the college. Cyrus H. McCormick, the inventor of the reaper and a native of the Lexington area, was among the first to contribute. Other contributors included Warren Newcomb, a New Orleans businessman; Thomas P. Scott, a former Assistant Secretary of War under Lincoln; George Peabody, a Massachusetts philanthropist; Henry Ward Beecher; and Samuel J. Tilden.

Lee died on October 12, 1870, and early the next year the name of the institution was changed to that which it bears today: *Washington and Lee University*. Also, in 1871, Lee's son, G. W. Custis Lee, succeeded his father in the presidency and served for 26 years.

The development of the University quickened under succeeding administrations and continues today. New buildings were erected and old ones modernized. Standards of scholarship were raised, the curriculum expanded and modernized, the faculty strengthened, and the endowment increased. Indeed, with the exception of the World War II years, which dislocated life on every American campus, Washington and Lee's forward momentum has been maintained during the 20th century.

Although Washington and Lee was historically an all-male institution, the School of Law became coeducational in 1972. Then, in July of 1984, the University's Board of Trustees completed a comprehensive, year-long study by voting to extend coeducation to the two undergraduate divisions. The first women undergraduates enrolled in the fall of 1985.

Since the incorporation of the institution in 1782, its presidents have been: William Graham (1782-1796); Samuel Legrand Campbell (1797-1799); George Addison Baxter (1799-1829); Louis Marshall (1830-1834); Henry Vethake (1834-1836); Henry Ruffner (1836-1848); George Junkin (1848-1861); Robert Edward Lee (1865-1870); George Washington Custis Lee (1871-1897); William Lyne Wilson (1897-1900); Henry St. George Tucker (Acting 1900-1901); George Hutcheson Denny (1901-1911); Henry Donald Campbell and John Lyle Campbell (Acting 1911-1912); Henry

Louis Smith (1912-1929); Robert Henry Tucker (Acting 1930); Francis Pendleton Gaines (1930-1959); Fred Carrington Cole (1959-1967); William Webb Pusey III (Acting 1967-1968); Robert Edward Royall Huntley (1968-1983); John Delane Wilson (1983-1995); John William Elrod (1995-).

LOCATION

Washington and Lee is located in Lexington, Virginia, a historic city of about 7,000 people in the central part of the Great Valley of Virginia. The city is some 50 miles northeast of Roanoke, 50 miles northwest of Lynchburg, and 36 miles southwest of Staunton.

Lexington is just off Interstates 81 and 64 and at the intersection of U.S. Highways 11 and 60. The Roanoke, Virginia, airport is about 45 minutes, via Interstate 81, from Lexington. Washington, D.C., is approximately three and one-half hours by automobile.

ACCREDITATION

Washington and Lee University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This accreditation covers all programs offered by the University. In addition, the Ernest Williams II School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics is accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business; the School of Law is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the American Bar Association; the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications; and the Department of Chemistry is accredited by the American Chemical Society. The University is approved for veterans' education by the Virginia Department of Education.

ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

Academic responsibilities come first at Washington and Lee. Courses of study are arranged so that intelligent young men and women who are willing to work—and to work hard—can prepare to attain their goals, whatever those goals may be.

This is not to suggest that upon graduation their education will be complete. But in their undergraduate years at Washington and Lee, students should master much basic knowledge; they should learn to think deliberately, critically, and analytically; they should develop new powers of reasoning; they should learn where and how to find answers to questions and to solve problems. As a result, students should be prepared to go on to graduate or professional school or to begin their life's work immediately. In either case, they should acquire the tools of learning which will serve them and sustain them throughout life. Generations of successful Washington and Lee graduates attest to this fact, for they may be found in positions of leadership in all phases of human endeavor.

THE COLLEGE

The College is the division of the University that includes the freshman year and advanced work in the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and computer science, and in certain social sciences (psychology, sociology, and anthropology). The College provides the essentials of a liberal education to all undergraduates before they enter fields of specialization, and it presents courses preliminary to professional training in such fields as business, engineering, journalism, law, medicine, ministry, and teaching. The College offers the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, and the Bachelor of Science degree with Special Attainments in Chemistry.

All students—whether they intend to pursue majors in the College or in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics—are enrolled in the College during their freshman year.

THE ERNEST WILLIAMS II SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICS

The Ernest Williams II School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics consists of the Departments of Accounting, Economics, Management, and Politics. The Williams School offers the Bachelor of Science degree with Special Attainments in Commerce and the Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in economics, politics, or public policy.

Although each has its own faculty and is administered by its own dean, there is a close relationship between the College and the Williams School. Students majoring in the College often elect courses in the Williams School to fulfill certain requirements or to take courses they particularly desire. In the same way, students in the Williams School frequently elect courses in the College.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law, with its own dean and faculty, offers the Juris Doctor degree, normally achieved in three years of postgraduate work. The law curriculum is designed to acquaint students with the basic principles of law and to train them in legal analysis essential to successful practice of law. It is also valuable to them in many other activities.

The University offers a 3-3 program under which a Washington and Lee undergraduate student admitted to the School of Law may receive a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree with Special Attainments in Commerce in combination with first-year law studies. (See "Special Degree Programs.")

THE JAMES G. LEYBURN LIBRARY

The James G. Leyburn Library, located directly behind Washington Hall on the University's back campus, was completed in 1979. It has individual study carrels for more than 600 students, 31 locked studies for faculty doing research and students writing honors theses, conference and seminar rooms, and a 100-person

auditorium for campus and community cultural events. The library includes a departmental collection in journalism and mass communications, and a reading room in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.

A fully-staffed Science Library, which opened in June 1996, houses the collections and provides services supporting the biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, physics-engineering, and psychology departments.

The library's on-line catalog, Annie (in honor of Annie Jo White, Librarian 1895-1922), provides access to materials in all formats in Leyburn Library, its branches, and the Law Library. Annie is also the link to full-text electronic resources available on the Internet. The library staff maintains a library gateway homepage to facilitate access to resources on the World Wide Web. Students and faculty have access to Annie from terminals located throughout the libraries, workstations on the campus network, and dial-in access from dorm rooms and off-campus locations. The library is a member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and uses the OCLC national database for cataloging and interlibrary loan purposes.

The Leyburn Library is open 24 hours daily when classes are in session. Individual reference assistance is available 60 hours per week. In addition, the reference librarians lecture to specific classes and teach research methods and bibliographical resources in the following disciplines: art, biology, chemistry, East Asian studies, economics, English, history, journalism and mass communications, politics, Russian studies, sociology, and Spanish. The Media Center provides a wide range of audiovisual services to the University community. The Special Collections Department includes rare books and manuscripts and the University archives, with a collection emphasis on the history of the University and Rockbridge County, the Confederacy, and the settlement of the Shenandoah Valley.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The University offers a variety of programs of exceptional academic merit, intellectual stimulation, and practical value. These programs include:

- Honors majors
 - University Scholars Program
 - Robert E. Lee Undergraduate Research Program
 - Combined plan programs in engineering and in forestry and environmental studies
 - Independent work and interdepartmental majors, including cognitive science, Medieval and Renaissance studies, neuroscience, and public policy
 - The Seven College EXCHANGE Consortium with area colleges
 - East Asian and Russian area study programs
 - Program in Society and the Professions: Studies in Applied Ethics
 - The Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty
 - Foreign study programs
 - Baccalaureate degree programs in combination with first-year law studies
- (The details of these programs will be found in the sections on the College and the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.)

SPECIAL FEATURES

Sciences: Washington and Lee's facilities for teaching and research in the sciences include well-equipped classrooms and laboratories for general instruction, special laboratories for faculty and student research activities, departmental libraries, and museums. Additional features include an observatory in physics, a vivarium and greenhouse in biology, an instrumental analysis laboratory in chemistry, and a seismograph and scanning electron microscope with analytical capabilities in geology.

The University's recently completed \$23 million science center provides expanded teaching and research spaces for the six science departments, as well as a science library, shared instrumentation rooms, an animal care facility, computer laboratories, and University classrooms.

Many members of the science faculty participate in on-campus research programs sponsored by the National Science Foundation and other organizations. Undergraduates often assist professors in this research, and students in the sciences are frequent participants in the University's pioneering Robert E. Lee Research Program, which provides funds for summer research.

The Arts: The Art Department offers majors in studio art and art history. It is housed in duPont Hall and Howe Annex. The department has special accommodations for viewing its collection of over 100,000 color slides. Regular exhibitions of paintings, sculpture, prints, and photographs are held in the gallery of duPont Hall.

The Music Department is also located in duPont Hall and offers a comprehensive major. Courses in theory, composition, and music history are offered as well as instruction in piano, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and vocal and instrumental ensembles. Its collection of some 4,000 recordings and facilities for listening are located in the Anderson Music Room in duPont Hall. Through the Concert Guild and Sonoklect, the annual new music festival, the department makes numerous professional concerts available to the University community each year.

The Theatre Department offers courses in all areas of dramatic art as well as a major. Several productions a year by the University Theatre not only utilize talent from the entire University but also provide important laboratory experience for theatre students. The department is located in the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts.

Art Collections: The University possesses major art collections, including the Washington-Custis-Lee portraits, the Vincent L. Bradford collection of 19th-century American paintings, the Thomas F. Torrey, II collection of landscape paintings, the Stan Kamen collection of western art, the Sydney and Frances Lewis collection of 20th-century art, and the

Jacob and Bernice Weinstein collection of modern art. In 1967 the University received 4,000 ceramic objects from Mr. and Mrs. Euchlin D. Reeves, including an important collection of 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century Chinese Export porcelain. This collection and the paintings of Mrs. Reeves (Louise Herreshoff) are housed in a research and exhibition center on campus. Recent additions to the art collections of the University include Chinese, Japanese, and Korean ceramics, bronzes, and jades on exhibit in the Watson Pavilion for Asian Arts which opened in 1993.

The Tucker MultiMedia Center (TMC) holds steadfast to its desire to be at the core of the language programs at Washington and Lee University. Erected almost entirely with funds provided by the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation and the PEW Charitable Trusts, the TMC houses 40 student work stations of which 30 can be categorized as being multimedia by definition. Students have access to normal word processing tools in multiple languages and to linear audio resources that have become a standard feature of facilities of this kind; but through creative energies and design, a multitude of other resources is now available. Special features of the TMC are its linear and digitized audio and video distribution systems, as well as a full data distribution system on the Macintosh, DOS, and Windows 95 platforms. The main teaching area is governed by a central console which houses all platforms, CD-ROM, CD-ROM server, laser video, and direct-feed satellite broadcasts and which feeds the same to all student stations within the area. Individual, small and large group, and class activities can be executed simultaneously. A variety of prepackaged, textbook-associated data programs are available for student use, as well as computer software developed in part or in its entirety by staff and faculty awarded research/development grants. "World wide research" is done via the Internet and the World Wide Web. Because the resources are virtually limitless, information for intellectual pursuits is infinite.

As extensions to the *Tucker Multimedia Center*, (1) sophisticated audiovisual, multimedia equipment is housed in each foreign language classroom, (2) foreign language television programming on two University channels is handy for student viewing almost anywhere within the University community, and (3) computer programs available within the facility itself are also accessible to students via networking in various computer laboratories on the undergraduate campus as well as in designated foreign language classrooms.

As the use of advanced technology moves even farther into the main stream of language teaching and learning, students will have complete access to digitized audio and video from their dormitory rooms. Programs are already being developed and network installation is underway.

Journalism and Mass Communications: The Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation was established at Washington and Lee in 1925 through an endowment inaugurated by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. The foundation honored General Lee because of his interest in promoting college-level instruction in journalism. Its successor, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The department supervises the operation of WLUR-FM, the campus radio station, and Cable 2, a television studio and control room used as a laboratory for television courses.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTING

The University's central academic computers, its numerous microcomputers, and the network that links all academic computing resources are available to students and professors for instructional and research purposes and for independent study and self education. Computing based on sharing the use of one central "mainframe" is no longer a model that describes academic computing at Washington and Lee. Instead, diverse computing resources

in every corner of the University are linked by a high-speed network making them available to the users who need them. The major programming languages, electronic mail systems, powerful statistical packages, electronic spreadsheets and databases, and sophisticated document-preparation programs are present in this environment. These tools are available to everyone in the University community and complement other, discipline-specific uses of computers, like vocabulary drills in language instruction, financial models in commerce, finite element packages in chemistry, or legal reference services in law. The University network links not only its academic computing resources but also the on-line catalog of its libraries, and an increasing proportion of library resources in electronic form, both at W&L and elsewhere. Students and faculty can also exchange computer mail, files, information, and access with countless locations on the global Internet. The World Wide Web has brought the world's information resources to W&L's doorstep and made W&L information available to users everywhere (www.wlu.edu). General instruction in computing applications is supported by the Academic Computing staff, whose mission is to facilitate open and productive use of information technology.

SHENANDOAH

Since 1950, the University has published *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*. Starting as a folio publication, *Shenandoah's* initial issues were edited by students, with faculty members acting in an advisory capacity. Among the young men who founded the magazine and contributed to its pages were Tom Wolfe and William Hoffman, who have taken their places among the best writers in the nation. Early contributors to *Shenandoah* also included e. e. cummings, Arnold Toynbee, Caroline Gordon, G. S. Fraser, and W. H. Auden.

Since its illustrious beginning, *Shenandoah* has increased in size and circulation to become the 120-page international literary quarterly it is today. Its reputation for high-quality fiction,

poetry and essays from new and established writers continues to attract the best talent in the world. The work of people such as James Dickey, Katherine Anne Porter, Eudora Welty, Reynolds Price, Robert Lowell and Seamus Heaney have routinely graced its pages, and its fiction and poetry are annually selected for inclusion in award volumes, including *The Pushcart Prize*, *The O. Henry Awards*, and *The Best American Essays*.

Shenandoah offers three annual awards: The Jeanne Charpiot Goodheart Prize for Fiction, The Thomas H. Carter Prize for the Essay, and The James Boatwright III Prize for Poetry.

The current editor is R. T. Smith.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Throughout the year, many important lectures, readings, and panel discussions are presented on both scholarly topics and issues current in public life. Visiting speakers often remain on campus for a day or two, sometimes longer, meeting with students in classes, in small groups, and at meals for face-to-face exchanges of ideas. Many of these talks and programs are endowed, including the following:

The Phi Beta Kappa-Society of the Cincinnati Convocation: Phi Beta Kappa sponsors a lecture to honor those newly inducted into the Society. The University-wide assembly is held in the spring, and brings to the campus outstanding scholars from a variety of fields.

The Society of the Cincinnati Lecture: Each year the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Virginia generously funds a public lecture on American history, 1715-1815. The history department serves as co-sponsor and assumes responsibility for securing a speaker and making local arrangements.

The ODK-Founders' Day Lecture: Held on or about January 19, the Founders' Day assembly is traditionally addressed by the president of the University.

The Tucker Lecture: This lecture was named for the late John Randolph Tucker, dean of the School of Law, president of the American Bar Association, and member of Congress.

The Glasgow Endowment: Established in 1960 by the late Arthur G. Glasgow, the program has brought to Washington and Lee many distinguished novelists, poets, dramatists, and critics.

The Philip Fullerton Howerton Fund for Special Programs in the Department of Religion: The Howerton Fund sponsors a broad array of events and activities treating the relevance of Christian faith to contemporary culture and life, most often through visiting lecturers, conferences, and course supplements.

The Shannon-Clark Lecture in English: Established in 1982, the program was named in honor of both a longtime head of the University's English department and a relative of the donor.

The Telford Lectures: This lecture series supports the visit of men and women of national and international stature "whose voices prominently shape the policies and events of our time in and out of government."

The Elizabeth Lewis Otey Lectures: Designed to bring to campus women of outstanding achievement, this series of lectures was inaugurated in 1987.

Contact: This program is financed and administered by the student body through a committee representing a wide variety of student interests and perspectives. *Contact* strives to sponsor prominent speakers who address important contemporary issues in the United States and worldwide.

MOCK CONVENTION

Washington and Lee's famous Mock Convention is held in the spring of every presidential-election year. The entire student body participates in this political exercise aimed at choosing the presidential candidate of the party out of power in the White House. The Mock Convention has achieved a remarkable record of accuracy and is considered to be the most realistic event of its kind in the nation. Every student has an opportunity to participate in at least one Mock Convention during a four-year career at Washington and Lee. The next Mock Convention is planned for March 2000.

ROTC

Washington and Lee offers students the opportunity to enroll in an Army ROTC program through an agreement with the established ROTC unit at neighboring Virginia Military Institute. The program is voluntary and open to all students who meet the character, citizenship, age, medical and physical requirements for military service. All instruction takes place at VMI, in accordance with the VMI class schedule, and is provided at no expense to Washington and Lee students.

The program is divided into a two-year Basic Course, designed for freshmen and sophomores, and a two-year Advanced Course, designed for juniors and seniors. Enrollment in the Advanced Course requires the completion of the Basic Course during the student's freshman and sophomore years or successful completion of the Army's Basic Summer Camp (usually between the sophomore and junior years). The Advanced Course student must also enlist as a cadet in a reserve component and agree to complete the Military Science curriculum, which includes attendance at a six-week Advanced Summer Camp at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Washington and Lee grants up to 12 transfer credit hours toward graduation for successful completion of the courses offered at VMI.

MILITARY PROGRAMS

Military opportunities for Washington and Lee students include participation in the Nuclear Power Officers' Candidate Program, Seaman/Airman Program and the Ready Mariners Program sponsored by the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Further information on these programs may be obtained by contacting the local Navy and Marine recruiters.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT

The Career Development and Placement Office provides career services to assist students in planning their futures. Available to students from freshman through senior year, these services include career counseling, testing, and assessment; guidance in selecting academic majors and establishing career goals; direction in seeking and applying for internships; job search training and advice; campus recruitment and vacancy listings; and an alumni network offering career assistance.

Nationally-recognized companies and agencies recruit on campus to fill full-time positions and internship opportunities. Through the Selective Liberal Arts Consortium, Washington and Lee seniors are chosen for employment interviews conducted in Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. A series of workshops are offered to prepare students for a systematic job search: resume and cover letter preparation, interviewing training, practice interviews, internship courses, and resume critique sessions. Career awareness is enhanced by the availability of the career library, career presentations, and the alumni career advisory network. The newsletter *W&L Careers* is published throughout the academic year. An introduction to the Career Development and Placement programs is included in the World Wide Web at <http://www.wlu.edu/~career/home.html>.

Students seeking assistance with career con-

cerns may arrange to meet with the appropriate staff member of the Career Development and Placement Office, which is located in the Mattingly House.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Washington and Lee's academic and other programs are made fully available to handicapped students. The University's new or recently-renovated buildings—law school, library, gymnasium, Gaines Residence Hall, Williams School, Science Addition, and Lenfest Performing Arts Center—are accessible to the handicapped as are some of the older buildings including the dormitories, dining hall, and art gallery. The University is systematically carrying out a plan to make other areas of the campus similarly accessible. Washington and Lee seeks to treat each handicapped student as an individual, and when necessary adapts schedules, changes class locations, and makes other arrangements to accommodate the handicapped student's curricular program. ("Procedures for Accommodating Disabilities" are detailed in the student and faculty handbooks.)

LEARNING DISABILITIES

The University will make reasonable academic accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with a handicap when evidence of the handicap is supported by the appropriate diagnostic testing. Where possible, instructors will make adjustments in course formats and pedagogical methods to offset the special problems of these students. It is the individual's responsibility to bring to the attention of the University the need for reasonable academic accommodation due to a qualifying disability. Where there is evidence that a student may be handicapped by a learning disability, the University may make arrangements for diagnostic testing at the student's expense through the Office of the Dean of the College. ("Procedures for Accommodating Disabilities" are detailed in the student and faculty handbooks.)

THE CAMPUS

The Washington and Lee campus is renowned for its beauty, charm, and historical significance. In 1972, the front campus was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Department of Interior, *only the third college campus in the country to be so designated*. The main campus consists of approximately 50 acres. In addition, there are about 40 acres of playing fields, 215 acres of unimproved land, and 17 acres in various sections of Lexington.

The Washington College Group comprises the three oldest buildings on the campus: *Washington Hall*, *Robinson Hall*, and *Payne Hall*. These three buildings together with *Newcomb Hall* and *Tucker Hall*, general academic buildings, form the *Colonnade*, one of the University's most picturesque features.

Lee Chapel, constructed under President Lee's supervision, faces the Colonnade. Its auditorium seats approximately 600 persons. The Chapel was completely restored in 1962-63 and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. General Lee and many members of his family are buried in the Chapel.

Other principal buildings on the front campus are the *President's House*, also built to Lee's specifications, four antebellum houses (including the *Lee-Jackson House*, the residence of the Dean of Students, the *Morris House*, the University's guest house and seminar/reception center, the *Reeves Center for Research and Exhibition of Porcelain and Paintings*, and the *Gilliam Admissions House*) and the *Alumni House*, a former faculty house renovated through the contributions of alumni.

A recent addition to the front campus is the *Watson Pavilion* for Asian Arts, which exhibits collections of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean ceramics given or on loan to the University.

Buildings on the back-campus mall include the *Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics*, the *James G. Leyburn Library*, *duPont Hall*, *Reid Hall*, and the *Science Addition* along with newly renovated *Howe Hall* and *Parmly Hall* science buildings.

The *Graham-Lees Freshman Dormitory* is located near the *University Store*, which contains a supply store, bookstore, and snack bar.

Nearby is another freshman dormitory complex including the *Frank J. Gilliam Dormitory*, *Newton D. Baker Dormitory* and *John W. Davis Dormitory*. Adjacent to those dormitories is the *Francis P. Gaines Residence Hall*. *Woods Creek Apartments*, located on the back campus, provide additional housing.

Across Nelson Street from Gaines Hall is the *Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts*.

Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall is adjacent to the dormitory complex and is connected to the *Early-Fielding University Center*, with facilities for student organizations.

Sydney Lewis Hall, on the northern edge of the campus, houses the School of Law which contains the Lewis F. Powell archives.

Athletic and physical education facilities include *Doremus Gymnasium*, *Jonathan Westervelt Warner Athletic Center*, *Wilson Field*, *Alumni Field*, *Smith Field*, the *Duchossois Tennis Center* and other athletic and recreation facilities, including more than a dozen outdoor tennis courts.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Washington and Lee is fortunate in its natural surroundings. The environment is primarily rural, and Lexington remains remarkably free from the problems associated with highly industrialized and urbanized areas.

In 1805, a Washington Academy professor, surveying the countryside from atop the college building, exclaimed: "If this scene were set down in the middle of Europe, the whole continent

would flock to see it!" The English poet John Drinkwater said Washington and Lee's setting was the most beautiful of any college in America.

Washington and Lee people become quickly at ease with their surroundings—the mountains, the rivers and lakes, the forests. Goshen Pass, where one can picnic or study on the banks of the beautiful Maury River—or swim, or sun on a rock in its middle—is a favorite student retreat. The Pass is a half hour's drive from campus. The Maury offers other opportunities for swimming and fishing within walking distance of the campus.

Other nearby recreational areas include Sherando and Cave Mountain Lakes, both administered by the U.S. Forest Service, and several state parks. The Blue Ridge Parkway, noted for its scenic beauty and breath-taking panoramas, is nearby. Skiing facilities are available within easy driving distance. The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests surround Lexington and guarantee that this priceless environment will be preserved.

Just west of Lexington, House Mountain stands with its striking twin ridges in the midst of rolling countryside. It is a popular hiking area for Washington and Lee students. Deer, bears, turkeys, and other birds and game are plentiful in hunting season, and fish are abundant in the many streams in the area.

With an altitude of 1,100 feet, Lexington enjoys a varied and delightful climate. Summers are comfortable, and there is occasional snow in winter.

Washington and Lee students regard this remarkable and pleasurable environment—and the broad opportunities to develop a close relationship with it—as one of the many advantages of Washington and Lee University.