

# WLU reflects school with honor, tradition

By MINDY BULLOCK

"Washington and Lee University has two preeminent objectives: to dedicate all its resources to developing in its students the capacity and desire to learn, to understand, and to share the fruits of their intellectual growth, and to pursue its educational mission in a climate that stresses the importance in the individual."

WLU's mission statement reflects a school with honor, pride, and a drive for education.

The university is located in Lexington, Virginia after being established some 20 miles north of there with the name Augusta Academy. In 1798, it was changed to Washington College after George Washington gave the school \$50,000.

After Robert E. Lee took the position as president in 1865 the school yet again changed the name to Washington and Lee University to show their gratitude.

The once small regional school now offers over forty majors including Russian studies and East Asian studies. Their business school is the smallest one fully accredited in the United States.

Another program regarded as being excellent is WLU's journalism department. Not only does it supervise the campus newspaper, but the student run radio station, WLUR-FM, and Cable 2, which is used as a laboratory for television courses.

For those students who want to pursue an occupation in medicine or law, WLU has a medical school acceptance rate of 88% and a law school acceptance rate of 85%.

The university's overall student population is 2,050. The school has a small student to teacher ratio, which provides a way for a students to get individual attention.

The largest class that Admissions Counselor Lew Holloway attended was an Introduction to Biology class of 50.

"Even that was broken down into lab courses of 16."

The Comprehensive Tuition Fee for attending WLU is \$16,470. However, 208 of the 213 freshman last year that needed assistance from the government had their needs fully met. Also, there are

plenty of scholarships available for incoming freshman to apply for.

But, as an entering freshman what can you expect as far as residence halls and cafeteria food?

"Freshmen seem to be relatively satisfied with their dorm experience, and the cafeteria is not bad," says Holloway. "But, once you've had pasta 10 million times it's hard to deal with it again."

If you're looking for a little more variety of food, then perhaps you should think of joining a fraternity on campus. Not only does it provide an atmosphere full of friends, but a cook as well.

Some sororities even have their own cooking staff based on the number of girls who reside in the house.

The university has had an honor system established ever since General Lee inspired it when he was president. Students who lie or steal will be booted out, practically no questions asked. According to Holloway, most students don't even lock their doors as they journey off to one of the campus buildings that stay unlocked 24 hours a day.

However, security isn't really



a major problem with the college being situated in a small town of 8,000. This provides comfort for those students who come from a rural background, and a place where they can fit right in.

Hiking, kayaking, and caving are the kinds of activities that you will find near and around Lexington. But, the Greek organizations provide plenty of fun if you'd

rather stay on campus.

"I had a wonderful time while at WLU," says Holloway. "I really liked the combination of academics, and weekends are for fun and relaxation."

Washington and Lee University has a well rounded concept of the ideal college experience. It incorporates fun into academic excellence.

## Taylor excels in academics, JROTC

By TASHA SANDLIN

Many people fail to realize the talent in senior Tami Taylor's life. As a seventeen year old, 4.0 student Taylor has made a huge impact on Rockcastle County High School.

Taylor is the daughter of Sgt. Major Taylor and Mrs. Jenny Taylor, both RCHS staff members, and is currently serving as commander of the Rockcastle County High School JROTC.

When she was a freshman, Tami's dad influenced her to take the ROTC classes. She soon discovered she loved them. She joined the Rifle Team and began shooting as well.

It has taken Tami three out of four years of being on the rifle team to get promoted to commander.

"These four years have really shaped me, mostly in the physical department," she said.

She exercises each day in class. As far as training for rifle team, she only practices shooting once a week. Somehow she still makes the grades and breaks the records.

On her way to the top Taylor

has set five records within the school: highest 600 match, highest 300 match, prone, stand, and kneel. And now she has attained the position as high rank commander.

Some people might point fingers and say she doesn't deserve her position because her father teaches the course.

Taylor feels that this doesn't change anything. She has worked hard all four years of high school for her accomplishments.

With a student who has Tami's potential, what does the future hold?


"College, then the Air Force," said Taylor.

She explained that in order to be an Air Force officer, she must be college educated.

Taylor wants to attend the University of Kentucky, and with her grades and records it looks promising.

Taylor also seems to be admired by her classmates.

"If I could say one thing about Tami it would be 'Great Commander,'" said Jeff Smith, a fellow ROTC student.




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