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## Dining Services goes green

*New take-out boxes part of an effort to increase sustainability*

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During orientation week, 25 freshmen and 25 upperclassmen received free eco-takeout containers to use in the marketplace. The system works by allowing students to trade in a wooden token for a takeout box, which they use and then return back to the marketplace to get their token back.

Participants in the pilot program will soon give official feedback on how well the program works. The one-month test is set to end Oct. 10.

The new containers are both larger and sturdier than the current paper and oil-based to-go boxes. This means no more soggy, overstuffed cardboard. But the real benefit is in their sustainability.

They are made from renewable plastic and, at other schools with this system, like the University of Florida, they have lasted for several years. U Florida reports that they only had to replace approximately 10 percent of their containers per year.

While all marketplace cups, plates, and plastic ware have been biodegradable for the past two years, Dining Services feels that in light of the Rockbridge County landfill closing in 2012, even this is not enough.

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Chris Carpenter, Dining Services

cial projects coordinator with Dining Services. Past projects include environmentally safe dishwashing, going tray-less in the dining hall and buying more locally produced food.

At this point, it seems that this new program will be added permanently to the list of W&L's green initiatives because there has been "no feedback that would make us pause," said Carpenter. "The program works." He has already received e-mails from students praising the eco-takeout boxes.

Research for this program started three years ago, after U Florida implemented the system with great success. The program worked so well that W&L had to get in line while the industry caught up to demand from colleges across the country.

The program is scheduled to go public on Oct. 15, assuming positive reviews from the pilot group. At this time, students must pay approximately \$3 of cash, food debit or general debit for the to-go boxes, but this will be a "one-time purchase," said Carpenter. "Just don't lose your token."

Marketplace Director Dennis Fowler estimates that dining services will have to order between 300 and 400 containers just to get started. These containers will be available for drop-off and pick-up at the Marketplace, Café 77 and the sorority houses.

The Student Environmental Action League (SEAL) and the W&L Food Council have also been involved with the pilot program, according to a W&L news release.

Carpenter said that W&L's push for sustainability goes right along with its motto, "Not Unmindful of the Future."

"We have a great responsibility," he said of Dining Services, which is "still part of the education structure." For Carpenter, the green initiative simply reinforces what is taught in any environmental science or bioethics classroom.

To taste Dining Services' commitment to sustainability by buying local food, stop by the Fall Harvest Dinner this Wednesday. Going green has never tasted so good.



THOMAS WOLFF / staff photographer

President Ruscio and other distinguished guests cut the ribbon to the new Hillel House. The Hillel House dedication took place Saturday, Sept. 25 and included speeches from notable figures in the Jewish community and an open house for the citizens of Lexington.

## Mazel Tov, Hillel House

*Washington and Lee's brand-new Hillel House is welcomed to campus in style*

By Sunny Altman  
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The new Washington and Lee Hillel House was dedicated Saturday Sept. 25 at the end of a celebratory weekend full of events.

Thursday night Hillel hosted a speech by Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service. She spoke of Jews as global

staff, parents and alumni. Vice President of Hillel Rimona Carton said, "The entire W&L community coming together for this special weekend made me truly appreciate everything W&L has done to help bring this wonderful Hillel House to our campus." The service was followed by a

Ruscio, who spoke on the complete involvement of the W&L community in bringing a Hillel house to campus.

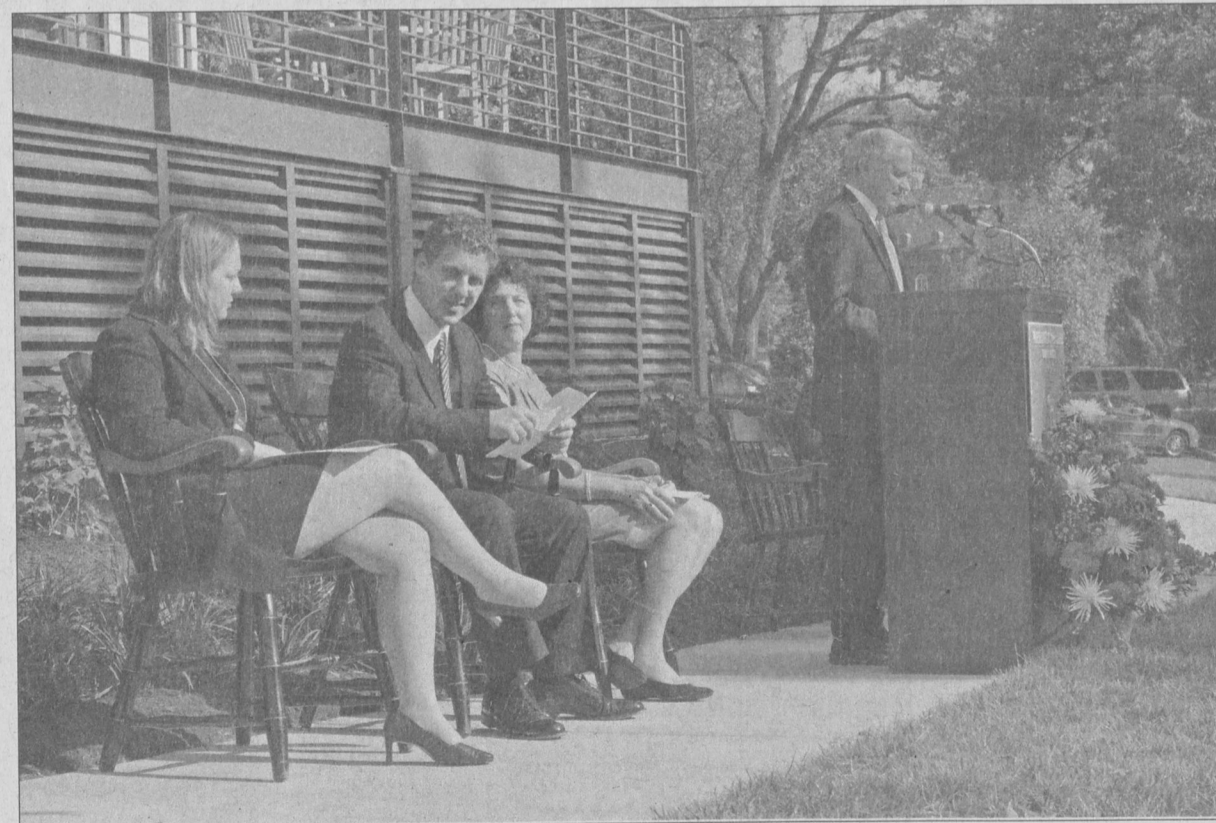
According to Ruscio, "our buildings [at W&L] reflect our values." He told of the generous donations of the members of the Board of Trust-

Mark Grunewald. The new women's choir under the direction of Shane Lynch sang "Shalom Chaverim" in celebration of the event. After the ceremony, the E. Café offered samples of bagels and was open for lunch. Tours were also provided.

The Hillel House serves as both a home for the Jewish community of W&L and Lexington, and as a space accessible to the entire W&L community. The multi-purpose room can host lectures and classes as well as Hillel services. For the first time, Lexington is home to a Torah, the scrolls containing the sacred Jewish texts, which is housed in this room. The E. Café, a student lounge and a kosher community kitchen make up the rest of the downstairs. Offices and a conference room used to host both seminars and meetings complete the second story of the building.

Plans for the W&L Hillel House came to fruition when the Board of Trustees and Robins began to work in tandem to increase the presence of Jewish students on campus. Through the dedication of both parties, the Hillel House was able to open in time for the beginning of fall term 2010. Engel expressed her gratitude for Robins' dedication. "We're so grateful for everything Joan has done. This wouldn't have been done without her. This is definitely the house that Joan built."

The Hillel House provides a much needed home for the W&L Jewish community and a fun, attractive place for students to relax and grab a snack between classes. Through the combined efforts of an entire community, the Hillel House will be an enjoyable campus attraction for years to come.



President Ruscio speaks at the Hillel House dedication while members of Hillel look on. Ruscio told the audience that bring the Hillel House to campus was only possible thanks to the entire W&L community's effort.

citizens, stressing the work her organization does around the world.

Friday night's events began with a Shabbat service led by Max Chapman and Lizzie Engel, Co-Vice Presidents of Shabbat and Holidays for Hillel. The service was attended by students, members of the local Jewish community, W&L faculty and

seated dinner in the Kamen Gallery for alumni and donors. Hillel student officers were also in attendance.

Saturday morning marked the official dedication of the Hillel House. The ceremony was presided over by Joan Robins, director of W&L Hillel. Dean Hank Dobin gave the invocation and was followed by President

ees, who in one evening raised the final \$600,000 needed to complete the project. He also described the great effort Robins put into the completion of the Hillel House.

Remarks were also given by Co-President of Hillel Brian Cherry, Director of the Soref Initiative at Hillel International Deb Geiger and Dean