W&L Makes Changes For Women

Washington and Lee’s first coeducational freshman class next week will not observe many major physical changes on campus but there are many subtle changes brought about by careful thought and planning.

Recent appointments have added seven women to the faculty and administration, including a new head librarian, two associate deans and an assistant athletic director.

The once dimly lit W&L campus is now ablaze with lights at a cost of about $50,000. Another evidence of improved campus security is the designation of campus security officers with informal uniforms and marked cars.

A women’s locker room has been developed in the gymnasium and women’s restroom facilities have been provided throughout the campus.

In the dormitories, security doors have been installed for sections that will be housing women students. Upperclass women transfer students will be serving as counselors in those dormitory sections.

Most of the physical facilities on the campus are well adapted for a coeducational student body, officials said, so few major structural changes have been necessary.

No sororities have yet been activated on campus, but the Interfraternity Council has invited all women students to attend the rush parties held early in the school year at the 17 fraternities on campus.

The women’s athletic program on campus will get under way with competition in cross country, golf, tennis, swimming and diving, officials said. Other sports will be added later.

The Cockpit is getting a new image and a new name, General Headquarters, which ties in with the Generals logo of Washington and Lee.

Student health services have introduced a more discreet system of signing in to the infirmary, and preparations have been made to deal with anorexia nervosa and bulimia, eating disorders well known to women’s campuses but rare at men’s colleges.

An extended and varied freshman orientation program next week will include an optional “adventure” weekend of hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

In the area of student dining, Evans Hall will offer a choice of lighter meals preferred by many women students. Small tables have been added in the dining hall for more intimate talks during meals.

Cultural activities on the campus this year will include special events emphasizing women.