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Ode to the Exs.

Coaching now at W. L. U.
Is "Doggie" Trenchard, strong and true.
A most impartial man and merits rules him.
When a man trusts reputation
For his football situation
Trenchard sees his game and promptly
fools him.

Tell me coacher, fair and frank,
Where is Powell, the lean and lank?
Elgin, Jenkins, pride of '96's college?
You were at that practice play
When set their suns. They've passed away.
Bring them back, Oh, Trenchard, man of
knowledge.

Barclay, red haired Sam, and Deacon.
All you Exs, hear! the beacon
Light that's shed by this my warning text.
Trenchard in his quiet way
To the Ex's seems to say,
"Mend your playing, Friend, I watching.
Who's the next?"

—DU C.

A GREAT GAME.

W. L. U. Finishes Strong.

The "rooters" were expecting a great improvement in our play over the first game of the season, and verily they were not disappointed, for our play, though decidedly ragged in the first half, showed teamwork, confidence and a good deal of snap, while our weak points were precisely those to which not much attention had been paid.

In our opponents we met a strong team with some fine individual players who followed the ball closely and made our fumbles very costly, but our superiority was clearly shown in the second half when Roanoke made her five yards only twice and we made easy gains through the line and around the ends. Both sides fumbled frequently but Roanoke seemed to be quicker in getting on the ball. Our other weak points were in handling punts, in forming interference on the kick-off, and in getting down the field on our own kicks.

Lee and Guion ran hard, took their openings beautifully and always got every inch coming to them. The "quick opening" and "mass on tackle" were worked well and every man got in the play. Moore and McNeill made nice openings in the line and assisted the runner through on the opposite side with splendid results. Our interference was fast and close.

On defensive Roanoke found our

line impregnable; their backs were repeatedly thrown back and always stopped. Our ends were a little weak in the first half but in the second they braced and stopped the end runs and false plays for heavy losses. Moore kicked splendid goals and played an all-round star game, his long kick-offs against the wind being phenomenal. T. Bledsoe followed the ball well throughout and was rewarded in the second half by our third touchdown. E. Bledsoe played his position well and kept a cool head for signals. McPheeters showed great improvement, making some nice tackles and recovering the ball several times. McLeod's punts in the second half were a feature of the game.

On the whole, the up-hill game played by our team was a fine exhibition of what pluck and determination will accomplish. Not once after the ball was put in play did the side lines lose confidence, and at the beginning of the second half, with a score of 18 to 6 against them, our team took a brace and carried the ball ninety-five yards and over the line by seventeen line bucks.

THE GAME IN DETAIL.

First Half.—Roanoke won the toss and took the west goal with a stiff wind in their favor. Moore kicked off to Roanoke's ten-yard line. The ball was run back past the centre of the field. On the first scrimmage Moore broke through and threw the full back for a loss. Left half failed to gain and the full back kicked to the goal line where Booker recovered five yards. Lee fumbled and Roanoke got the ball for a touchdown after two minutes play. Bear kicked goal for Roanoke. Score, 6-0.

Moore kicked off to the ten-yard line again and Roanoke recovered fifteen yards. Left tackle got three yards and right tackle three more. Full back gained three through centre, right half two through tackle and followed with five in same place. Delayed pass made two yards, right half gained three and right guard was thrown for a loss. Left

half went around right end 50 yards for a touchdown. Goal was kicked. Score 12-0.

Moore kicked off forty-five yards and Roanoke regained twenty. Full back made two yards through centre. Left half gained two more, then failed to gain and W. & L. got the ball on downs. Guion hit the line for five yards. Lee plunged for seven and followed with an end run of twenty yards. The ball was fumbled but McPheeters recovered it. Guion skirted left end for three yards, Lee bucked two yards through centre. W. & L. lost ball on a fumble. Roanoke lost fifteen yards for an off-side play. Roanoke right half ran left end for twelve yards and followed with a line buck of six. Full back made three yards more on the line, left half gets three, right half four and the ball is given to W. & L. for a foul. Guion and Lee failed to gain and Booker fumbled on his kick. Roanoke lost the ball on a fumble after one down. Guion failed to gain and then made two yards. Booker punted twenty-five yards. Roanoke lined up and gave signal for a kick but E. Bledsoe made the star-play of the game which gave W. L. her first touchdown by breaking through, blocking the kick and getting the ball on Roanoke's twelve yard line. Lee gained three yards through the quick opening and three more over the tackle. Guion made two line gains of a yard each. Lee made a splendid line plunge and McNeill helped him over for a touchdown. Moore kicked a beautiful goal. Score, Roanoke 12, W. & L. 6.

With two minutes left for play Roanoke kicked off to Allen on the fifteen-yard line who ran the ball back eight yards. Lee hit the tackle for eight more and Guion rushed the line for four. W. & L. fumbled and T. Bledsoe fell on the ball. Lee circled right end for twenty yards. On the next line-up with five seconds left for play, W. & L. fumbled and Roanoke picked up the ball twelve yards behind the line for an easy touchdown. Goal was kicked and the score of the first half

stood W. & L. 6, Roanoke 18.

Second Half.—The second half opened with W. L. U. defending the west goal. Roanoke kicked off to T. Bledsoe on the fifteen yard line which was the nearest approach to our goal during the rest of the game. Bledsoe gained two and a half yards. Guion took ten yards around left end and then a beautiful succession of line plays was begun. Lee opened with eight yards, Guion plunged for the same gain. Lee then found an opening for gains of seven and five yards. Lee followed with a close end run of thirteen yards and Guion made a splendid buck for twelve. Lee found a hole for five yards, Guion made two, Lee eight and Guion four more. Lee then made a beautiful plunge through the quick opening, netting eight yards. Guion followed with four, Lee duplicated the gain and then carried the ball four yards for a touchdown after six minutes play. Score, W. & L. 12, Roanoke 18.

Roanoke kicked off to Allen who fumbled and Roanoke got the ball. Left half failed to gain, right half made five yards around right end. Off-side play then gave the ball to W. & L. Lee circled right end for twenty yards. Guion rushed five over the line. Roanoke got the ball on a fumble. Left half failed to gain. Right half gained two yards and on the next down Roanoke lost fifteen on a fumble, recovering the ball. Left half failed to gain and McPheeters got the ball on a fumble. W. & L. kicks for eighteen yards. Roanoke lost three yards on next down. Full back punted to McLeod who fumbled, giving Roanoke the ball. Roanoke failed to gain on a fake play and then lost four yards. On the third down ball went over to W. & L. McLeod punted forty-five yards and the ball rolled over the goal line for touch-back. Roanoke kicked off from the twenty-five yard line. Harrison caught the ball but failed to gain. Lee broke off fifteen yards around

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For the benefit of new students it may be well to state the method of electing officers for the *Calyx*. The editor-in-chief, his assistant and the business manager are elected by the student body. The senior academic and law classes each elect two men from their number to serve on the board of editors, while the junior law and junior academic classes are each entitled to one representative. The business manager has the privilege of appointing two assistants.

Remember the time and hour, Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Several articles which we wished to publish this week have been crowded out of this issue. We wish, however, to thank the student body for the support they have given the RING-TUM PHI in the way of contributions and we are much gratified by their interest in the paper.

THE GAME.

Coach Trenchard Talks.

The game last Saturday with Roanoke college gave us the first opportunity to see what our team could do, and what effect two week's coaching had upon it. That there has been an improvement no one will deny, and that there remain many faults to be corrected is very easily seen. On offensive work the steady ground gaining of W. and L. was offset by the fumbling of the backs, which cost two touchdowns. This fumbling was principally due to Bledsoe E's desire of getting rid of the ball, whether there was a man to take it or not, sometimes throwing it at the man's back, and in this way allowing the opponents to get the ball. He seemed to forget that it is better to lose a down and to retain the ball, than to take the chances of losing the ball. In the future the ends must make a longer curve and come directly behind the man carrying the ball when he strikes the line, so that the end following behind may be between the opponent and the end's goal, in case the opponent gets the ball and may keep him from scoring on a fumble. The men started and ran too slowly. McConnell seemed to be in poor physical condition, and when running the ends, often caught hold of the man with the ball to help him along.

On defensive work our backs not only could not catch place kicks and punts, but after missing them allowed the opponents, almost every time, to get the ball. Our ends, at the beginning of the game allowed the runner to go around them for long runs, but soon stopped that; but when the opponents kicked they forgot to stop the opposing ends getting down the field.

McNeill and McConnell did not play far enough from center, and the ends should meet the interference further back of the opponent's line instead of playing so far away from tackles, and thereby leaving so much ground for their tackles to cover. The players interfering for the runner often allowed a single opponent to worm his way through three or four men and get the man with the ball. In the next game we hope to hear cheering from the start to the finish of the game, for cheering does more good when the team is behind than when winning.

Bledsoe E. forgetting that the

quarter-back's work chiefly determines whether the offensive work shall be slow or quick, allows himself to slow up when starting and after passing the ball, also does not make the team line up quickly enough after each play. When he fumbles the ball either from a kick by the opponents or on a pass from his center, instead of falling on the ball at once, he seems hypnotized long enough to allow an opponent to fall on it.

Losing the ball on a fumble is most disastrous and discouraging to a team.

Sloan does not start quickly enough after getting the ball from center, but runs fast after starting. He runs the numbers too close together when giving signals and does not watch the backs close enough to see if they are in position before the signal. On defensive work he hesitates to go under the mass and tackles too high.

Booker starts so slowly that he often gets between and stops the quarter from passing the ball to the half-back. When bucking the line he goes too high. When catching a high kick he allows the opponent to frighten him into missing it, and also when kicking takes too long and steps too far forward and often does not kick when he should, thinking the opponent will stop it. When he fumbles he does not fall on the ball quickly enough, nor when he kicks does he run down the field hard enough to put the men on side.

McCleod has the same faults, only goes into the line lower and kicks quicker.

A criticism of the rest of the players will be in the next issue of the RING-TUM PHI.

A Delightful Evening.

On last Thursday evening Mrs. John L. Logan pleasantly entertained her friends at a musical. Many of Lexington's best musicians were present and the mere name of the hostess is an assurance that all spent a most enjoyable evening.

Among those who took part in the musical program were Miss Margaret Graham, Miss Janet Allan, Miss Booker, Mr. Anschutz, Mr. Le Count and Mrs. Logan, while Miss Lily Coles rendered several piano selections with her own well known taste and finish.

Others who were present were: Mrs. Booker, Misses Willis, Mary Wilson, Tucker and Bettie Wilson, and Messrs. Powell, Frierson, Prof. Crow, Tucker, Robinson, Mullen, Conrad and Hiter.

After the music came more substantial things and a charming evening over all too soon.

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The Babes in the Wood.

The setting sun was shedding its last beams over the smiling valley just before it dropped behind old House Mountain for its long night's rest, and a few belated rays rested upon Brushy Hill in mellow radiance, gilding the hilltops with burnished gold and casting queer shadows down the deep valleys. Dark night unloosed her mantle and sent forth her couriers to announce her coming, and an owl fluttered from his hiding place with ghostly wailings.

Down the road, hand-in-hand, in childish innocence came three little girls absorbed in their harmless prattle and all unmindful of the approaching darkness, or perhaps they thought, since others had yielded to their little graces and pretty ways, that old Father Time himself might fall a victim to their blandishments. Not so, however, for night suddenly spread her sable mantle over the earth, blotting out the familiar landscape and striking terror to these naive and thoughtless hearts. With bated breath they sped onward, looking anxiously for the welcome beam of light from some peasants' lonely cottage. And after long wandering they at length chanced upon an elderly peasant, and one addressed him thus; "My good sir, we are lost, and in dire distress, and we wish much to go home to mama, therefore I pray thee conduct us thither." Then answered the peasant and said: "Sweet maid, most willingly would I do your bidding, but only just now did I hear the distant lowing of my old brindled cow who awaits the milking, therefore must I turn aside from the alluring paths of pleasure and get the milk for the baby." Then went they on, and many and varied were the adventures of these fair maids. For many wire fences did they climb and many ditches did they fill with their tender frames.

At length, however, after much wandering, a small urchin they did espie and quickly they ran and made him their guide and by his good offices were brought once more in sight of their homes.

Therefore they rewarded the youth handsomely and did bestow upon him much riches, even five cents, with an injunction to use it carefully. Selah!

The team will go to Salem next Thursday, the 9th, to play Roanoke college again.

Miss Allan Entertains.

On Tuesday evening Miss Joe Allan entertained her many friends at a delightful Halloween party. Many amusements appropriate to the occasion were thoroughly enjoyed by all, every one entering heartily into the fun.

Delightful refreshments were served about the middle of the evening, after which the fun was resumed and kept up until a late hour when the guests regretfully turned their faces homeward, all uniting in declaring Miss Allan the most charming of hostesses.

Those present were Misses Edmonia Smith, Helen and Lucilla Booker, Ellen Glasgow, Margaret McCrum, Mary Moore, Bessie Pogue and Nannie Spencer, and Messrs. Moore, R. Preston, Cooke, Bledsoe, Crawford, Hall, Ellis, Forrester, Spencer, Hutchinson, McCrum, Glasgow, Sale, Javater and Pogue.

Louise Brehany Company at the Opera House.

The concert given by the Louise Brehany company at the Y. M. C. A. last night was one of the very best entertainments that has been given in the Star course. Miss Louise Brehany is a magnificent soprano. She has a voice of wide range and great power. It is a voice that holds the audience spellbound at times, especially in some of those charming little ballads which she chose for her repertoire. —Daily News, Galveston, Tex., Jan. 4, 1899.

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Editor of Ring-tum Phi:

"Judge me not ungently. Of manners rude, and insolent of speech, If, when 'college patriotism' is in question, My zeal flows warm and eager from my tongue."

Last Saturday it was an unusual occurrence to see a student of this University wearing the colors of our opponents. Could there be any reason for such an unpatriotic and impolitic action on the part of any one? Your alma mater may be very dear to your heart, but is not Washington and Lee to be same and command a like affection? Is it wise or even right to betray the confidence of a new friend in order to benefit an old one? Better far remain passive.

I write this article not so much to criticize deeds of the past, but to anticipate and prevent like conduct in the future. There is a great lack of enthusiasm in college and it is not conducive to heighten it in any way to know that one of our number is against our best interests.

Another strange and discouraging scene of Saturday afternoon was the distance at which some of the spectators preferred to see the game. The top of the Law building wasn't made for a foot-ball grand stand. It is too far away from the grounds to see well, and besides, the manager doesn't care to walk that far to collect your tickets. Come over to the grounds next time.

"A STUDENT."

Chapel.

Mr. A. L. Poindexter of Oregon, formerly a student of Washington and Lee, gave a very interesting account at the chapel last Wednesday of his personal experiences in the Philippine islands.

He was enlisted in an Oregon company and sailed under General Anderson, from San Francisco in the early part of the war. This expedition, it will be remembered, hoisted the American flag over the island of Guam. His description of the surrender of this island was particularly amusing.

In and around Manila Mr. Poindexter's experiences were many and varied, showing in a forcible manner the serious as well as the light side of a private soldier's life.

Mr. Poindexter's talk was enjoyed by all present. One who has been mixed up in battles and is willing to tell his "experiences" always holds an interested audience.

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right end and Guion eight on left end. Lee was thrown for a loss of five. McLeod again punted, making a beautiful kick of sixty yards which went behind the goal. Roanoke full back touched the ball and T. Bledsoe fell on it, scoring a touchdown. Moore kicked goal and tied the score.

Roanoke kicked off fifteen yards, McConnell fumbled and Roanoke got the ball. Right half made two yards, left half three. Roanoke then lost twelve yards on a fumble but regained the ball. Roanoke punted twenty yards to McLeod who was fouled in making a fair catch. W. & L. got fifteen for the foul and McLeod punted thirty. Roanoke fumbled the catch and T. Bledsoe got the ball. McLeod kicked forty yards. Roanoke right half got five yards and the full back another hard earned five. Left half failed to gain and full back kicked to McLeod. Lee rushed the line for four yards, Guion fumbled and McLeod recovered the ball, when time was called with the ball well in Roanoke's territory. Score 18-18.

Varsity.	Line up.	Roanoke.
Bledsoe T.	left end	Heckel
McNeill	left tackle	McClintic
McConnell	left guard	Patterson
Allan	center	Back
Harrison	right guard	Moss
More	right tackle	Temon
McHeeters, (Capt.)	right end	C. Bear
Lee	left half back	Spender
Guion	right half back	Hall
Booker (McLeod)	full back	Wilson
E. Bledsoe	quarter back	J. Barr
Empire—Captain Marrow of the V. M. I.		
Reeree—Powell of W. & L. Lineup—Har-		
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