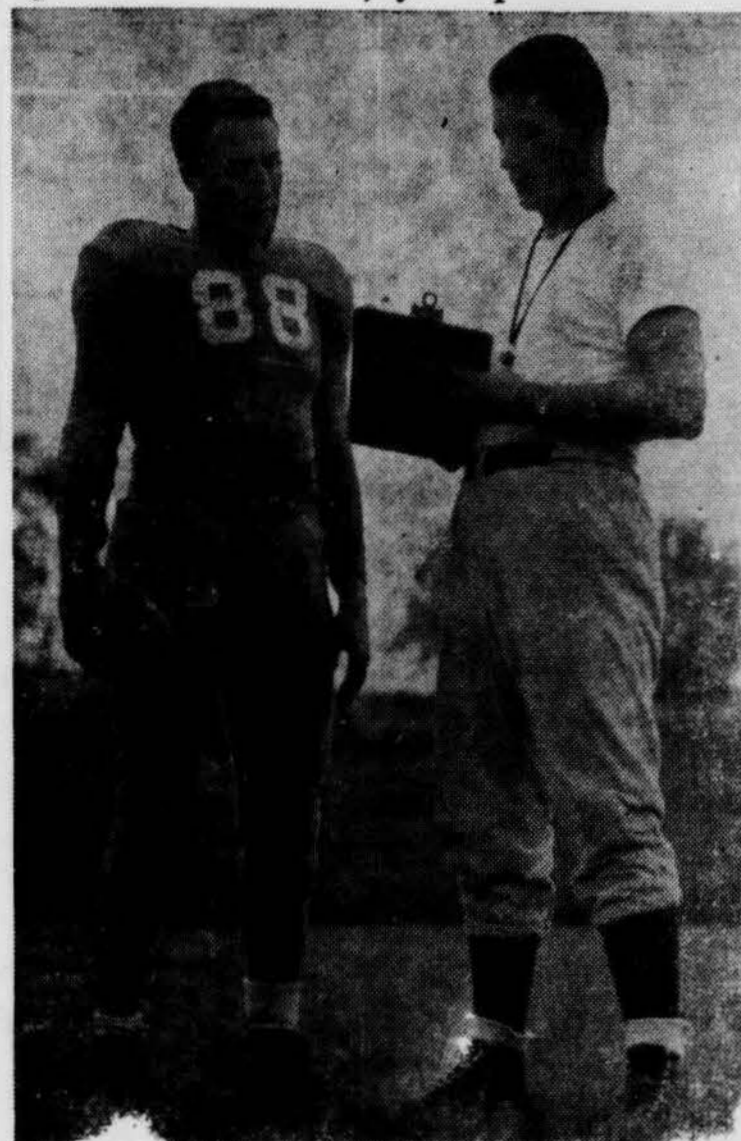


Captain, Coach Ready for Opener



BOB PINCK, fullback, and RILEY SMITH, serving his first year as head coach, talk things over during a lull in the Generals' preparations for Friday's game with Sewanee. Courtesy The Roanoke Times

Quick Completion Promised By Intramural Field Workers

Work on W&L's intramural field was started last Saturday when contractor's machinery began the gigantic task of removing the whole hillside behind the Wilson Field scoreboard.

Echols Brothers, Inc., Staunton contractors who are removing the entire hillside, estimated that the field will be level and ready for seeding by the first of November, at the very latest. If little or no rock formation is encountered, and if the weather remains clear so that the men can work, the project will be completed long before that date.

When completed, the plot will be the size of a regulation football field, and will be the site of most intra-mural games.

The desire and actual need for such a field has been apparent ever since the wide-spread intramural program was adopted at W&L. Last year it was necessary to play many contests on the Lexington high school field, on the VMI island, and on the varsity field before the team came out for practice. These make-shift ar-

rangements caused great hardships in transportation facilities and resulted in many conflicts of schedule. It is believed that many of these difficulties will be alleviated with the completion of this new sports area.

The new field is situated on a 217 acre farm purchased by the University last year, with just such expansion in mind. The fields were inspected with the possible idea that a landing field for CAA work could be established, but the work necessary to level off the hills made the project impractical. Although no comment was forthcoming on plans for further improvement on the whole farm, it is known that the University has under consideration many various projects for expansion, which will be forthcoming as the need is felt.

All candidates for the varsity and freshman tennis teams will meet in Payne Hall at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Jim LaPlante, tennis manager, today announced.

Six Men Added to Faculty; Three on Leave of Absence

Six new professors, one of them a visiting professor in art from the VMI faculty, have been added to the university teaching staff to replace nine members of last year's staff who are on leaves of absence or have left for other positions.

Prof. J. Higgins Williams of the political science department has been granted a leave of absence in order to do graduate work toward a doctor's degree at the University of North Carolina.

Two faculty members who have been called by the government in defense work will also be absent during the year. Prof. Charles P. Light of the law school is on his second year's leave of absence in the judge advocate's office, where he holds the rank of major. Dr. Herbert Trotter, associate professor of physics, is with the Carnegie Institute in research for the navy department.

Latham B. Weber, who served last year as director of the university publicity bureau and instructor in journalism, is now connected with a publishing business in Salama, N. Y.

Albert G. Steer, Jr., instructor in languages, is enrolled at present in the naval reserve, while C. E. Hobbs, Jr., instructor in commerce and economics, is connected with the State department in Washington.

Dr. R. T. Parrish, instructor in Spanish, G. H. Foster, instructor in English, and G. F. Drake, instructor in French, all of whom had only one-year appointments with the university, have engaged in graduate work and have received

positions elsewhere. George J. Irwin, assistant professor of romance languages, and George S. Jackson, assistant professor of English, both of whom have been doing graduate work at Columbia university, have resumed their regular positions on the faculty after a year's leave of absence.

Included among the new additions to the university teaching staff is Col. T. A. E. Moseley, visiting professor from the VMI faculty, who will conduct a newly-organized class in art.

George Brooke, a graduate of VMI, will serve as instructor in military science. Seymour Smith, a graduate of Allegheny college with a B.D. degree from Yale, succeeds Denny Wilcher as director of university religious activities.

Robert M. Hodges, who received his A.B. from the University of North Carolina, succeeds Mr. Weber as director of the university news bureau and instructor in journalism.

Dr. Bronson B. Holder will serve as assistant professor of economics and commerce. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Holder comes to W&L from Westminster college in Pennsylvania. He formerly practiced law in North Carolina.

Robert C. Goodell, who comes from Bowdoin college in Maine, joins the faculty as instructor in German. Mr. Goodell graduated from Dartmouth and received an M.A. from Princeton. He has done graduate work in languages at the University of Munich and Columbia university.

Assimilation Group Urges Students' Aid

Lee Kenna Appointed To Fill Drake's Vacancy; Freshman Rules Cited

Charles Hobson, chairman of the Assimilation committee, yesterday called on all members of the student body—freshmen and upper classmen—to assist the committee in bringing about immediate observance of the five rules set down for this year's freshman class.

Report boxes and printed violation blanks have been placed in numerous places about the campus and buildings, and Hobson requests that all upper classmen cooperate in reporting offenses. Violators will be heard by the committee each Monday night after reported offenses have been thoroughly investigated. All reports must be signed by the upper classman making the charge.

Filling the vacancy on the committee left by Emmett Dranke's failure to return to school, Howard Dobbins, student body president, named Lee Kenna a member of the committee. This is the second time that Kenna has been appointed to the group, for last year he was appointed by Allen Snyder, however, a temporary withdrawal from school kept him from serving. Other members in addition to Kenna and Chairman Hobson are Bob Boatwright, Bernard Levin, Jug Nelson, Thornton Strang and Jack Fisher.

Hobson stated that he did not anticipate many complaints against the members of the class of 1945. "Judging from the way these new men have entered into the spirit of Washington and Lee during their first few days on the campus, I sincerely believe that this freshman class will have a far better record than any group in recent years."

Any freshman who loses his

Expects Little Trouble



CHARLES HOBSON, Assimilation chairman, who today praised first-year class spirit.

cap is asked to report the loss to some member of the committee immediately, in order that no charge can be preferred against him for failure to wear his cap.

The five traditional requirements for all freshmen are:

1. Must wear freshman cap.
2. Must speak to all students, professors and visitors.
3. Must dress conventionally.
4. Must conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times.
5. Must keep off the grass on campus.

ZBT Tops 17 Fraternities In Scholarship

Zeta Beta Tau led Washington and Lee's eighteen social fraternities academically during the 1940-1941 session with an average of 1.757, reversing position with Phi Epsilon Pi, which placed first in 1939-40.

Greatest improvement in standing was recorded by Pi Kappa Alpha, which jumped from eighth place to seventh. Phi Delta Theta also showed a considerable gain, moving from fifteenth to tenth place. Delta Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta showed greatest losses, the former dropping from fourth to eleventh place, and the latter from tenth to seventeenth.

The comparative standing of the fraternities as released by the Registrar's office follows:

| Fraternity | No. Men | Ave. |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Zeta Beta Tau | 31 | 1.757 |
| Phi Epsilon Pi | 16 | 1.642 |
| Beta Theta Pi | 45 | 1.540 |
| Kappa Sigma | 46 | 1.444 |
| Lambda Chi Alpha | 29 | 1.371 |
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 47 | 1.342 |
| Pi Kappa Alpha | 44 | 1.296 |
| Sigma Chi | 38 | 1.276 |
| Phi Kappa Psi | 49 | 1.254 |
| Phi Delta Theta | 41 | 1.205 |
| Delta Upsilon | 36 | 1.192 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 45 | 1.186 |
| Kappa Alpha | 37 | 1.168 |
| Pi Kappa Phi | 32 | 1.166 |
| Phi Kappa Sigma | 44 | 1.121 |
| Sigma Nu | 44 | 1.117 |
| Phi Gamma Delta | 42 | 1.066 |
| Alpha Tau Omega | 43 | 1.001 |

742 Campus Tax Subscriptions Top Last Year's Drive

With a total of 742 subscribers obtained during the first week of registration, this year's campus tax drive has already broken last year's record by 82 subscriptions, even though it has fallen slightly short of the 775 goal set by Howard Dobbins, student body president.

Dobbins, who said that the drive has been "highly successful so far," announced that the subscription campaign will be resumed next week, when members of the executive committee will visit all fraternity houses.

A far better percentage of subscribers than last year has already been reached, according to Dobbins, and it is estimated that all but approximately eight freshmen signed up for the campus tax. Any students desiring to subscribe to the tax may do so at any time at Sam Rayder's office in the Student Union.

An attractive 24-page souvenir program, printed at the Journalism Laboratory press under the supervision of C. Harold Lauck, will be sold at Friday's football game. The publication contains pictures of coaches and members of both the W&L and Sewanee squads as well as starting lineups and other information.

Fraternities Pledge 203 Men To Climax Busy Rush Week; Council Studies Late Rushing

Opening Dances, Homecoming Set For November 15

Opening dances will be held during Homecoming week-end in mid-November instead of on October 31 and November 1, as originally scheduled, it was announced yesterday by Art Koontz, co-president of the Cotillion club and leader of the Fall set.

Koontz announced the new dates—November 14 and 15—following a meeting of the Dance board late yesterday afternoon. The dances will follow mid-semester quizzes and will be fitted in with a week-end Homecoming program headlined by the W&L-Davidson varsity football game.

The set will get under-way Friday night with the Sophomore Prom. A dansant will follow the football game Saturday afternoon, while the Cotillion club formal is listed for Saturday night.

Koontz asked for the change in dates following conferences with administrative officials at neighboring girls' schools, all of whom consented to the move.

Negotiations for bands are still being carried on, Koontz said. Larry Clinton and Les Brown furnished the music for last year's Openings.

193rd Session Is Opened At Assembly

Gaines Recommends 'Philosophy of Life' For American Youth

Recommending that the youth of America "go out and get a philosophy of life," President Gaines opened the 193rd session of the University at an assembly in Doremus gymnasium Friday morning.

At the same time Dr. Gaines announced that the work of last year was a little bit better than normal, thereby testifying, he said, to "something stable" in student life. He continued with a plea to students to lead a "stable and steadfast life" during the college year with "patience and confidence in the validity of what you are doing now."

Citing the examples of Amherst and Williams colleges in prohibiting the use of the automobile by students, he emphasized that a "sparing" use is in order by Washington and Lee students. The safety angle and gasoline shortage were given as the reasons for the annual appeal.

"The university stands prepared to help all students to either get in or stay out of the nation's armed forces," Dr. Gaines added without taking a stand as to which course was preferred. He emphasized, however, that each man should try to finish his college career either before or after service.

A short talk by Seymour Smith, new director of religious activities, and a program of entertainment featured the Christian Council's "Freshman Mixer" at the Student Union building Saturday night.

Over 150 members of the first-year class attended the affair, sponsored annually by the Council to acquaint new men with the group's work.

Smith, who succeeds Denny Wilcher as director of religious activities, outlined the work of the Council and led group singing.

A skit burlesquing rush week, presented by a group of freshmen headed by Alvin Philpott and Pete CSchlomer, and a program of spirituals by the Golden Gleam Quartet, of Lexington, featured the evening's entertainment.

Collegian Staff Meets

A meeting of all members of the Southern Collegian staff will be held at 2:00 Wednesday in the Student Union building, Editor Tom Fuller announced today.

Phi Delta Theta Buttons 26 To Lead; KS, Phi Psi, PiKA, SAE, DTD Get Large Classes

Troubadours Begin Plans For Season

Elections Completed; Several New Plays Studied by Board

Plans for the Troubadours' 1941-1942 season were tentatively laid last night as the executive board of Washington and Lee's dramatic organization met to complete election of officers and to select the script for the opening play.

Several plays were considered by the board, and the possibilities were narrowed down to Sutton Vane's characterization drama, "Outward Bound," and the popular comedy hit by Laurence Gross and Edward Childs Carpenter, "Whistling in the Dark."

A final decision will be made Thursday night after the royalties, fees and possible casting difficulties of each of the plays has been thoroughly investigated. President Ed Boyd announced that casting will begin early next week.

In the election to fill the vacancies left by men who failed to return to school this fall, Jack Martire was named vice-president, replacing Ken Moxley, the Troubadours' set designer, who was called into the army during the summer. George Parton was named to the treasurer's post, formerly held by Witcher McCullough, who transferred to the Tulane University Medical School. Lou Shroyer was chosen to fill the new position of publicity manager.

Boyd emphasized that all students are eligible to tryout for parts in any Troubadours production, and he expressed the hope that next week's castings would bring out a large number of freshmen and possibly uncover some talent among the older men who have never taken part in one of the school productions.

The players this year will attempt to stage four presentations in place of the usual two or three, it was announced. It is thought that the first production will be ready for opening by the last of October.

Dunn to Head Ring-tum Phi Business Staff

Oscar C. Dunn was named to succeed Jack Barrie as business manager of the Ring-tum Phi at a special meeting of the Publications Board last Wednesday after the executive committee of the faculty had refused to remove Barrie from the list of students ineligible for student body offices.

Barrie, elected by the Board last May, because ineligible with the release of last session's second semester reports. He attended summer school to make up lost credits, but a spokesman for the faculty group said that the committee could find no way to lift the suspension.

Dunn, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, opposed Barrie at last spring's Board election.

Bob Wersel, business manager of the Calyx, was elected to take Barrie's place as vice-president of the Board.

Dean Frank J. Gilliam, who resigned as the Board's alumni member two years ago after serving a long term, was named to that post again at last week's meeting to fill in for Professor J. H. Williams, who is on a year's leave of absence.

Members of the business staff of the Ring-tum Phi and freshmen interested in places on the staff will meet tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the lounge of the Student Union building.

Washington and Lee's 18 Greek-letter social fraternities put pledge buttons on 203 men Sunday bringing to a close one of the most active Rush Weeks in recent years.

The Interfraternity Council is meeting tonight at 7:30 to decide whether a policy of delayed rushing will be adopted this year. Under this system there is a closed period of two weeks or one month during which no fraternity may rush. Last fall, however, rushing was not controlled by the group, and open season on all rushees began immediately after the close of Rush Week. John Walter Stowers, I-F Council president, stated that the meeting tonight would determine which plan would be used this year.

The 1941 total is two less than the number pledged last year by the fraternities and is 13 short of the all-time record of 216 established in 1938.

Phi Delta Theta with 26 pledges led the field numerically, while Kappa Sigma with 18, Phi Psi and Pi KA with 17 each, and SAE and Delta Tau Delta with 16 each followed in that order.

Of the 203 men, 7 are either sophomores who did not pledge last year or transfer students above the freshman class.

Those pledges are:

Alpha Tau Omega
Dean Stewart, Curd Miller, Walter Lee, Charles Coe, Bill Otter, Harry Harner, Elmer Tarleton, Frank Moody, Francis Horsfield and Bill Keery.

Beta Theta Pi
John Wilson, Bill Richards, Linwood Holton, Henry Young, Ed Blanken, Jack Ware, Jerry Biddison, Bill Mowris, Bill Hood, Chad Smith, Howard Gibson, Lovell Becker, and Seymour Ingraham.

Delta Tau Delta
Bob O'Leary, Warren Barger, Robin Chammess, Dick Corbin, Harry Brown, Roger Kimball, Charles Lewis, Harry Gindhart, Lee Redmond, Jack Crist, Bob Gaines, Ken Fuller, Bill Searle, Dave Russell, Charles Rowe and Dick Turley.

Delta Upsilon
David Close, Bill Edwards, Jack Edwards, Steve Rockwell and Tom Gilleland.

Kappa Alpha
Bruce Keener, Henry Vance, Charlie Tebbs, Al Zimmerman, Bob Crockett and Walter Carson.

Kappa Sigma
Wally Dutton, Dave Burnell, Bill Cutler, Keith Van Buskirk, Russ Malmquist, Matt O'Keefe, Dick Lykes, Harry Taylor, Al McKnight, Jack Coulter, Courtney King, Bob Mahon, Walt Reynolds, Bill Runyan, Mal Hirsch, Ken Hovemale, Paul Byrd and Carl McLeod.

Lambda Chi Alpha
Earl Vickers, Dean Finney, Jack Dowdy, Bill Schindel, Robert Frazier, Dave Machell, Fred Cottrell, Gofton Ware, Houston Shearer, Robert Burris, Robert Boucher and George King.

Phi Delta Theta
Tom Moore, Bill Crittenden, Harry Orgain, Dave Foerster, Bill Stark, Parker Rogers, Barry Wright, Collier Wenderoth, Charles Johnson, John King, Stan Carmichael, John Lanier, John At-Kins, Ed Addison, Graham Norton, Hartel Toney, Luke Smith, David Clark, John Churchwell, Erwin D. Latimer, Bill Squire, Gurdon Smith, Jack Burger and Doug Booth.

Phi Epsilon Pi
Mervin Dorfman, Bob Goldenberg, Elliot Schewel, Robert Sinskey, Benjamin Kaplan, and Joe Zamolski.

Phi Gamma Delta
Ralph Andrews, Bruce Anderson, Joe Stagg, Bob Jaster, Buddy Smith, Jim Wayman, Myron McKee, Francis Flannagan, Ed Evans and Coleman Sholl.

Phi Kappa Psi
James Kirk, Alvin Philpott, Jack Shook, Ellis Moore, John Sorrells, George Bird, Henry Breneman, Pete Fetterolf, Charles Stone, Russ, Reynolds, Marvin Ayres, Rick Klendl, Bob Watkins, Walter Frye, Tom Kaylor, Don Casto and John Schlomer.
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This Day's Work

Comments on President Gaines' talk at Friday's assembly, clipped from the editorial columns of the Roanoke Times, are reprinted as today's "Quotes."

Read those half-dozen paragraphs. They ought to drive home again the idea which Dr. Gaines wanted to get across when he wound up his talk with the plea that Washington and Lee's men "do this day's work, this semester's work, year's work" to the best of their ability.

Dr. Gaines' statements and the Times' comments should be enough to convince a college student that it is important that he make the most of his educational opportunities. But perhaps there are some who cannot satisfy themselves with a glance at the future. They are worried only about the present and the immediate future, and they are thinking maybe it'd be a good idea to play around a bit while the playing's good.

If you're one of them, here's something to think about. Something a little closer to the present time.

Some of the boys with whom you went to classes last year and the year before and perhaps the year before are doing their learning in Army camps now. They wanted to come back here this year. But they were called upon to do their bit for a nation that needs the help of her every citizen.

You were able to return to Washington and Lee. You're lucky. You haven't been called yet or you've been given time in which to complete your studies. Make the most of that time. Study hard. Work. Don't "retreat" with a cowardly cry of "What's the use?"

And think of the boys in Europe. How they'd love to be able to tread across the soft green campus that is Washington and Lee's! How they'd love to be able to enter a building as quiet as McCormick Library for a good evening of peaceful study! How they'd love to get up for an 8:25 class!

This day's work, this semester's work, this year's work—that's what should be foremost in your mind.

Hats Off to Dobbins

Hats off to Howard Dobbins for a good start as president of the student body.

One of the first and one of the most important of the president's annual tasks is the direction of the campus tax drive—a campaign which, if it failed, would make life impossible or, at least mighty tough, for any number of worthwhile campus organizations.

President Dobbins, faced with a decreased student body enrollment, tackled the task at top speed and helped gather in the largest tax receipts in recent years. Perhaps the fact that he is bigger and more athletic than was Al Snyder, last year's executive, helped when it came to the boys who hadn't made up their minds, but he'd still deserve credit even if he had used a 12-foot whip and a spiked bludgeon.

More Words for Freshmen

Members of the freshman class have heard lots of advice during the past week and a half. Faculty members and student body leaders told them how to do this, why to do that and when to do the other thing during their weekend at camp. Benevolent fraternity members threw in their words of wisdom during the long afternoon and evening rush week dates, and others have offered counsel at meetings in the chapel, the dorms and the gym.

Most of that generous supply of advice was good. But freshmen hear a lot in their first days at college, and it's often hard to boil it down.

It all amounts to this: Work hard and play hard and you'll find both success and happiness.

You're here mainly to study. Don't spend your classroom time in tic-tac-toe games, and don't let sleep, the shows or extra-curricular

activities get the best of your study time.

But don't spend too much time on the books. There's too much else to be had from college. Activities—all kinds of activities—are starting to roll. Get mixed up in a couple of them—go out for the Glee club, the Troubadours, Christian Council work, the band, debating, the Southern Collegian, the Calyx or the Ring-tum Phi.

Keep yourself physically fit. If you aren't out for some freshman team, get into intramurals or work a few sets of tennis into your schedule.

And play when the time for play rolls 'round. Explore Hollins, Sweet Briar, Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon and the other nearby institutions of higher learning. Take in houseparties and dance sets.

Work hard and play hard. Our little world is yours, but you'll have to help yourself to it.

The Football Outlook

The "experts" aren't paying much attention to Washington and Lee's football team this year.

Last week's Saturday Evening Post dealt with the prospects of 13 Southern Conference teams (and talked about Virginia in the same breath), but preferred to leave three others—VPI, The Citadel and Washington and Lee—out of the running. George Kirksey, writing in Look, listed 11 member schools and Virginia in his discussion of the Conference race, but saw fit to skip over the Generals. Other forecasters have had as little respect for the men of Riley Smith.

The men to whom Washington and Lee's football team means the most—the students—will, we hope give the boys more of a break. Experts can dismiss a team without giving it a second—nay, a first—glance. But we'll have to see a lot before we're ready to agree that Washington and Lee is fit for elimination from anybody's gridiron picture.

On paper the boys in blue aren't being given much of a chance. But "When Washington and Lee's men fall in line..."

QUOTES . . .

Training for Life

"No matter what kind of world is to follow the distortions and upheavals of the present day," Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of the university, told the opening Washington and Lee student assembly of the session, "it is my assured conviction that whatever will be the circumstances of that world, one factor will be invariable—the value of the trained man."

"Resources stored in the mind, competence to do the complicated task, personality that will prove influential, strength of devotion to ideals—these things," he declared, "combined to make the trained man the constant factor, the essential factor for whatever kind of a tomorrow may await."

The thought so well expressed by Washington and Lee's able and respected president is one that college students throughout the country would do well to bear in mind as they get down to the work of the new school year that has just begun. None of us know what the future holds for the world or for our own country. Certain it is that the clouds are dark and ominous over the face of the earth today. But just as certain it is that in time they will pass and the sun of peace and good will among men will shine again to bless mankind with its beneficent rays.

When that time comes, and the horrors of the present war are only a memory, the task of reconstruction will confront the world and in its rehabilitation it is certain that America will play a leading role. Then the trained man will come into his own and those whom circumstances permit to complete their college studies at the present time will have cause to rejoice that they had the vision, the foresight and the wisdom to do so.

That the young men in the student bodies of American universities and colleges are restless, that some of them are disposed to question the wisdom of remaining at their studies in this anxious and critical period, we can quite understand. Nevertheless, unless their services should be required by the country, that is the course of wisdom, the way the voice of experience counsels them to take.

There has always been need for the trained man in society. That need has never been more vital or imperative than it will be in the world of tomorrow. "Resources stored in the mind competence to do the complicated task, personality that will prove influential, strength of devotion to ideals"—these are the factors that spell success in life and assure a useful and happy existence. It has been so in the past and it will assuredly and beyond the slightest peradventure of a doubt be so in the future.

—The Roanoke Times.

The "Hut-Sut" song has been dropped from the weekly Hit Parade. We mention that fact by way of proving our contention that the general situation, though still dark, is gradually improving.

—Roanoke Times.

CAMPUS COMMENT

By Lou Shroyer

Rush Week Prize: Bill Broders is himself sparking the Phi Psi's best rush week in many a year a few days ago. In fact anyone with half an eye could see Broders rushing madly around the dorms hither and yon from freshman to freshman frantically waving a date card. Wednesday morning he slid to a stop before one of his lodge brothers.

"Did I meet a hot rock?" he panted. "Is this guy a fireball? He'll lead fifteen dance sets before he's through here! What a guy! Key man of the freshman class! And what's more," he beamed proudly, "I got four dates with him just like that!"

The hot rock key man approaches.

"Hello, Dick," says the heretofore silent lodge brother.

"Broders, you remember Spindle, 1942 Francy Dress Prexy?"

The Wright Idea: There are two rumors concerning Dick (Wright-Angles) Wright's absence this year. The first is to the effect that the famous second-guesser is holding down a gravy job at the Capitol. But the truth seems to be that the old rabble-rouser joined the marines this summer for fear that the draft would miss him.

But Mal Deans still insists Wright is out in Nebraska working on a potato farm...

Versatility Department: Ray Whitaker made the usual rounds of the nearby female halls of learning to find all his ex's had decided to hang on to their summer romances, including his steady Francy, yes even Francy.

So Bourcey went to Fairfax, yes even Fairfax last Saturday to review the talent there. Approaching the place a lovely young thing leaned far out a window to accost him.

Hello," she said, "Do you-all want a date?"

Bourcey was pleased.

"Sure thing," he calls "What's your name?"

"Johnny Henry," she says and Bourcey says he'll be right up.

"I want to see Johnny Henry."

PREVIEWS AND REVIEWS

By MARSHALL JOHNSON

FIRST DAY'S IMPRESSIONS—

After seeing the mob attending yesterday's post rush week class in Movies 201-2, we venture the opinion that all that's needed officially to open the college year now is Friday's football game.

And apparently the movie-goers are in mid-season form already, judging from the remarks which filled the air all during the show. Anyway, whether you like the column or not, your correspondent once more turns to his typewriter to bring you the low-down on this season's cinemattractions, so here goes.

SUN VALLEY SERENADE—

Despite varying opinions of all descriptions, the movie season was inaugurated auspiciously yesterday by "Sun Valley Serenade," as Sonja Henie and Lynn Bari demonstrated what you miss in nine months of coedless life.

The show also demonstrated that Glenn Miller still has his followers, although we personally think he's slipped. As for the comedy, some of the gags were terrific, while others fell flatter than last year's General gridders.

Milton Berle and Joan Davis occasionally got in a good remark, and John Payne looked handsome, but it was the Misses Henie and Bari who kept the show alive, along with Miller's music.

Excellent for a starter-offer. It's worth your time and your money. The songs are good; in fact, the whole show is good.

MY LIFE WITH CAROLINE—

Strictly sticking out our necks, we'll hazard a guess on the State's Thursday and Friday attraction, "My Life With Caroline," starring Ronald Colman and Anna Lee, for whom we traded fifty destroyers to Britain.

It looks good from where we sit, but then the visibility may be poor. We hope Miss Lee proves a good investment, and she's probably happier over here where the air raids are less frequent, but the smell is worse, particularly from some of the pictures.

Added to the shorts is one made by the late Hal Kemp and his band, released after the orchestra leader's death.

All in all, it looks good. Our advance scouts say it's even better than good, it's terrific.

ROAD TO ZANZIBAR—

Carrying out the usual fall program of bringing back some of the summer's best, the Lyric offers tomorrow and Thursday "Road to Zanzibar," which showed here last spring. Starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, the picture has its high and low spots.

The scene with the cannibals, in which subtitles are used, is one of the funniest these eyes have seen in a long time, and Bob Hope is just about tops in our opinion.

says Bourcey to a chaperone, who was eyeing him suspiciously, not liking his face in the least and could you blame her?"

But Johnny did and shortly she comes soft-shoeing down the steps and looks at him approvingly.

"Miss Henry," says the chappy, disliking Bourcey's face better all the time, "do you know this?"

But resourceful Bourcey met the situation.

"Sure," he says, "sure she remembers good old Ray Whitaker, W&L senior from Fredericksburg, Virginia..."

Colonnade Scene: "Hey, Mac, where's Hall?" inquired a freshman of Schellenberg and Fuller the first day of classes.

"Right here, Doc," said Fuller sauevly, pointing to Newcomb.

"No, it's down there," put in Schellenberg, pointing to Robinson.

Both the Castleites stopped and a heated argument ensued on the Colonnade right in front of Payne with Fuller waving his arms in the direction of Newcomb and Schellenberg gesturing frantically towards Robinson.

Latest follow-up on the story is that some joker imagined the "Payne Hall" question was a gag and sent the freshman to Doc White's offices...

Obituary: Gone but not forgotten is Nick Graff, of Fiesta fame. The Greek was called to the colors and the cause of a country not his own this summer and is stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas. Maybe some of his beer-mooching friends of last year would write him sometime, and that means us in particular.

Let's We Forget: Latham Thigpen is also at Goodfellow Field... Jim McConnell, Lew Rehr and Ben Nichols only ones still in the air from the W&L contingent that left for wings last June...

Bob Steele is the new publicity director at Roanoke College...

Jack Read still in his steel mill with Reba wearing his sparkler, third finger left hand, 800 miles away... Alex Bratenahl luckily escaped injury in plane crack-up this summer... Freddy Farrar now special agent for Vogue Magazine... Jack Crawford, the Delt with the hat, and Page Williams of Sweet Briar, were married this summer and are living in Baltimore...

Shorts: It's 5:10 p.m. now and the Phi Deltas are as yet unable to turn in a complete list of their freshmen to the Ring-tum Phi...

Ligon-lovers oughta let Johnny get into a little shape first... Joe Grubbs puts himself in bad with local authorities when he sent them after his "stolen" car, only to find his date was taking a short spin... Ginny Snead nicely volunteered her services to several houses during rush week and hung on to Ed Boyd a goodly amount of time... perhaps the biggest surprise to all was the sight of Shabby Davidson...

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Hard-Hit Generals Open Season Against Sewanee Tigers Friday

Ligon's Return Betters Outlook

By AL DARBY

Faced with the loss of 14 lettermen from last year's oft-beaten General football squad, possible departure during the season of eight other squad members who hold low draft numbers, and lacking a triple-threat back, Riley Smith starts his first season as head football coach at Washington and Lee with a team that, on paper at least, looks no better than the 1940 aggregation which took only two decisions in a 10-game schedule.

To offset the gloomy side of the picture is the return of Johnny "Lugger" Ligon, one of the Generals' leading punters and passers last year, who was scheduled to be called into the Air Corps this month.

Ligon, who first reported for grid practice yesterday afternoon, will be with the squad for an indefinite period. The Chattanooga boy may be called into the service within a few weeks but there is a possibility that he may be enrolled at W&L for the entire semester.

Of the 32 men on the Blue and White football roster 13 are lettermen, 12 from last year's squad and Joe Littlepage, a letterman two seasons ago who didn't play last year. Six of the squad members are seniors, 12 are juniors, and the remaining 14 are sophomores, some of whom are counted on to fill key positions.

Prime weakness of the 1941 squad according to Smith, is the backfield. "What we need most," he said yesterday, "is a good, fast triple-threat back." Fourteen men are battling for the four backfield posts but only four in the group are lettermen.

The ends, before pre-season practice started three weeks ago, were considered weak links in the W&L forward wall, but End Coach "Cookie" Cunningham now has two seniors, Pres Brown, a wing-back last year, and Bert Nelson, reserve end, holding down the flanks in commendable style. Both, however, hold low draft numbers and may not be with the squad all season. Behind the two seniors are a pair of juniors, Jim Wheeler and Jim Daves, and Sophomore Roger Soth. End losses are Duke Waddington, Sims Trueheart, and Howard Dobbins.

Indications are that Line Coach "Tex" Tilson will get a strong forward wall from a group of rugged sophomores and juniors. At the tackles John Rulevich, who won second team all-state honors last year as a sophomore, and Frank Di Loreto, a sophomore, are the leading candidates, but Lillard Allor, a junior, and Sophomores Jim Graff and Ed Waddington are not far behind.

Sophomore Bill Furman, captain of last season's frosh team, and Billy Gray, a junior, look like the starting guards but Gray is being pressed by fellow townsmen, Roy Fabian, Bev Fitzpatrick and Marshall Steves, a 17-year old sophomore, are other guard candidates. Gray and Fabian are lettermen.

Losses in the line included Perry Simmons, a sophomore last year, who has quit football because of a knee injury, Steve Hansik, regular guard for the past two years and Tyke Bryan, another regular guard. Both played their last collegiate football last fall.

At center, Joe Littlepage and Paul Skillman are attempting to fill the shoes of last year's captain, Jack Mangan, who was named to Bill Stern's Little All-American. Skillman will be out of the Sewanee game with a neck injury, but Littlepage was conceded the edge in that battle anyway. Ned Lawrence is the other center candidate.

Charley Didier, a senior letterman, and Paul Cavaliere, an all-State freshman in 1940, are staging a see-saw battle for the blocking back post, with Didier, because of added experience, probably getting the nod. Captain Bob

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GENERALIZING... By MAL DEANS

Everyone's wondering these days just what sort of a football team the 1941 Generals are going to be, and that's just about the hardest question to answer that we can think of right now.

Fortified by the addition of some very able sophomores, and under a new head coach, Riley Smith, the Blue eleven may well surprise some of the forecasters in the Old Dominion who see Washington and Lee fighting it out with Richmond for the "Big Six" cellar spot.

Smith has unquestionably instilled a great deal of his own fighting spirit into the hearts of his players, and that squad practicing out there on Wilson field these days is as full of life as any group of players you'll hope to find. The will to win, after all, is THE primary essential in competitive athletics, and Washington and Lee certainly has it this year. The Generals are rather lightly regarded by most observers though, and rightly so, but these observers are wrong just about as often as they're right. Don't forget Stanford last year. In 1939 they were the absolute doormats of the Pacific Coast Conference—the worst team seen on the Palo Alto campus in years. But with the 1940 season, came a new coach, Clark Shaughnessy, and Stanford went into the Rose Bowl.

The belated return to W&L of Johnny (Lugger) Ligon a couple of days ago should provide a mental as well as a physical lift to the Big Blue players. They were without a triple-threat like "The Lugger" all through the practice sessions, and when it began to look like soph ace Eddie Marx might not see too much action because of repeated leg injuries, the Generals were really hard up for a good all-round back to take command of the offense. Ligon was the only Washington and Lee man to be named to All-

American honorable mention by the Associated Press last fall, and he should give a tremendous boost to the Smithmen when he gets in shape, and if the Navy doesn't harpoon him before the season is over.

In order to clear up the situation as to just how Ligon managed to get back to W&L, here is the straight stuff. This summer Johnny was accepted by the Naval Air Corps, and he expected to be called on the 15th of September. However, he wasn't called on the 15th, and when Riley Smith heard that his star was sitting down in Chattanooga playing solitaire, he telephoned Ligon and told him to come on up here. So "Lugger" is back again, and we'll join with the coaches in crossing our fingers and hoping that the Navy doesn't need any more pilots until the end of the pigskin season at least.

This Friday's game with Sewanee will mark, among other things, the initial appearance of big Press Brown at right end. "Buck" has played lots of good football for W&L as a back in past years, but the end situation looked bad for this season, and the coaching staff decided to put somebody that can catch a pass at end for a change. The recent General wingmen, while excellent defensively, were pretty much nil as far as being pass receivers. Pres is a natural at snagging them, and with rangy Bert Nelson holding down the other end, the percentage of pass completions for the Blue should take a decided rise. Jim Daves and Jim Wheeler, both juniors, and soph Roger Soth should also see plenty of action at wing positions.

Bernie (The Box) Levin, famous for his East Lexington connections and for novel ideas in the sporting world, has come out with a plot that would make a baseball (See GENERALIZING, Page 4)

29 Veterans Pace Tennessee Squad

A Sewanee team studded with veterans will furnish Washington and Lee's varsity gridmen with their first test of the 1941 season when the Generals dig their cleats into Wilson Field turf, Friday afternoon in an attempt to avenge last year's setback at the hands of the Purple Tigers from down Tennessee way.

The kickoff, which will start a tough nine-game campaign for the Generals, is slated for 2:45 o'clock.

Led by Captain Bobby Pinck, the men of Riley Smith will go into their initial test in the underdog's role. Eight of last year's regulars and 21 varsity squad holdovers will be ready to answer the call of Head Coach J. F. Gillem.

Riley Smith, on the other hand, lost 14 members of last year's squad—men like Dan Justice, Dick Pinck, Happy Hogan, Junie Bishop, Howard Dobbins, Jack Mangan and so on into the night.

Sewanee scored three touchdowns in the final five minutes of play to top the General, 25-13, at Chattanooga last year. W&L took a 9-0 decision in the 1939 meet- (See SEWANEE, Page 4)

50 Lightweights Report For Initial Squad Practice

A squad of approximately 50 players greeted H. K. (Cy) Young yesterday afternoon as 150-pound football, latest addition to Washington and Lee's sports calendar, became a thing of the present instead of a thing of the future.

Young staged his first practice session for the lightweights on Wilson Field late yesterday afternoon, and has 10 days in which to shape a team for the first of the four games listed on the 150-pound schedule. The W&L squad will travel to Hampden-Sydney on October 3 for its opener.

Forty men were equipped last Friday, and the rest will be given equipment as soon as it is obtained, Young said. Every man who sticks with the squad will play in every game for which he is on hand, the coach told hopefuls yesterday.

Lightweight football, highly popular in the "Ivy League" since its birth there a few years ago, was adopted by seven Virginia schools last spring after two W&L students—Walt Downie and Bill Armstrong—had whipped up interest in the game on the Washington and Lee campus.

Two of the four games on the W&L slate will be played at home. Twenty-five-cent tickets will be sold to students and faculty mem-

bers in accordance with a plan approved by the student body in a poll held by Downie and Armstrong during their campaign last year.

The schedule follows:

- Oct. 3—Hampden-Sydney, away
- Oct. 11—Roanoke College, here
- Nov. 1—William and Mary away
- Nov. 7—Virginia, here.

University Golf Tourney Set for Sunday at Tribrook

Coach Cy Twombly will have a good look at Washington and Lee's 1941 golfing prospects when he holds his annual All-university tournament over the local Tribrook course this Sunday morning.

All students of W&L are eligible to participate in this 18-hole medal play affair, with starting time set for 10 a.m. Students are urged to make up their own threesomes or foursomes before Sunday morning, but those who do not will have no trouble finding a game and the players will keep each other's score for the round.

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Football

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Pinck has been shifted from blocking back to full back this year, where he is contesting that position with Frank Socha, a junior letterman. Socha may be used at blocking back some this year.

Six squad members are engaged in a dog-fight for the tailback post. The six men are Joe Baugher, a senior, who holds a slight edge; Ligon and Ted Ciesla, both juniors; and sophomores Dave Russell, Harry Baugher, and Don Johnston.

Another tight battle is the fight for the wingback post. At this position, Floyd McKenna, a junior, and three sophomores, Ed Marx, Jack Roehl, and Carl Johnson are the evenly-matched candidates with McKenna probably in the lead because of his year of varsity experience.

Departed lettermen from the 1940 squad are Junie Bishop, Bert Kadis, Bob Gary, Dick Pinck, Harrison Hogan, and Dan Justice. Justice is assisting Coach Smith in developing the backs this year.

Smith has a host of pass flingers, but none has been spectacular in practice sessions. The passers are headed by Captain Pinck, and include the Baughers, Russell, Ciesla, and certainly Ligon, if he is ready to go Friday.

Punting is one of the Blue coaching staff's chief concerns. If Ligon is fit for duty Friday he probably will do most of the kicking. Brown, Ciesla, and Cavaliere have shown promise in this department.

Pass defense is another of the Generals' coaching staff's problems.

The season's schedule:
Sept. 26—Sewanee, here.
Oct. 4—Kentucky, here.
Oct. 10—George Washington, away, (night game).
Oct. 18—Richmond, away (night game).
Oct. 25—VPI, at Lynchburg.
Nov. 1—West Virginia, at Charleston, W. Va.
Nov. 8—Virginia, away.
Nov. 15—Davidson, here.
Nov. 20—Maryland, Baltimore.

Excessive Absences Will Place Students On Year's Probation
Students with excessive unexcused absences now go on final absence probation "for the rest of that semester and for the following semester," according to the only change in the university's absence regulations as announced at the beginning of the college year.

Previously excessive unexcused absences caused the student to go

Cheerleader Tryouts Set for Wednesday In Doremus Gym

Tryouts for freshmen and upper-classmen interested in cheerleading will be held Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Doremus gymnasium, Bud Bell, acting head cheerleader, announced this morning.

Bell said that the need for new men is great, because of the loss of several members of last year's "yell squad." He also pointed out that it is essential that new men report Wednesday inasmuch as the cheerleaders will work at Friday's game with Sewanee.

The University Athletic committee last year voted to award special monograms to members of the cheering squad.

Bell also asked that all members of the freshmen class sit together at Friday's game. A section behind the University band will be reserved for members of the first-year class, who will form the nucleus of the W&L cheering section. Printed copies of cheers and songs will be distributed.

Sewanee
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ing, which inaugurated the new series.

Leading the Tennessee Tigers will be Captain Earl Bearden, triple-threat back whose passing and running highlighted his team's last-minute triumph over W&L last fall. A well-rounded backfield and a powerful forward wall are listed as Sewanee assets.

Washington and Lee's starting possibilities, listed yesterday by Smith, follow:

- LE Nelson
- LT Rulevich or Allor
- LG Furman or Fitzpatrick
- C Littlepage
- RG Gray or Fabian
- RT Di Loreto
- RE Brown
- QB Didier or Cavaliere
- LHB J. Baugher, Ligon or Russell
- RHB McKenna or Roehl
- FB Pinck

on final probation only "for the rest of the semester," but large numbers of abuses of last year's rule caused university authorities to revert to the rule in force two years ago.

The regulation, as it now stands, puts the student on final absence probation for "having unexcused absences in any class equal to the number of class and laboratory meetings per week in that class, or having an aggregate of 8 unexcused absences in all classes."

Generalizing

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addict go completely off his trolley. "The Box" wishes to dissolve the American and National leagues, and reorganize them as League No. 1 and 2. In League No. 1 would go all batters who hit .260 and above for the past season and all pitchers above the .500 mark. In League No. 2 would go all batters below .260 and the pitchers whose record fell below .500. Levin sums the situation up with the statement, "Therefore everyone would be a star." How about that? There's something damn fishy there, but we can't quite put our finger on it. "The Box" is quite a character.

The newly formed 150-lb football squad is getting into the swing of things now, and among the candidates we find Walt Downie, who was co-founder of the sport in Virginia. Downie visualizes himself as a hard-charging, bone-crushing tackle, sort of a small scale Rulevich. It would really be rich if the "Texas Terror" couldn't land a spot on the team he founded.

The Brooklyn Dodgers look like they're going to take the National league pennant. True, St. Louis is still in the thick of it, but anyhow the Flatbush "Bums" seem to have the edge. However, man for man the Cardinals have a better ball club. Not much better, but still a better club. The question rises as to why St. Louis isn't in the lead if they have a better ball club. Some people say the injuries that hit the Cards kept them back, and that is true to a certain extent, but even with the subs in the game St. Louis was better man for man. The whole thing is that the Dodgers have

the most scrap of any team in either league, and the best rooting section ever to cheer a team.

Our football team has every bit of fight and pep that's needed this year, and so it's up to the students to get out there and yell and show them how much we appreciate their efforts. Spirit has dropped off tremendously here in the last couple of years, and now the time is ripe to revive it with a bang. We'd like to see the stands give Riley Smith a royal reception as he puts his first W&L eleven on the field Friday, keep it up all year, and regain for Washington and Lee the reputation of having a student body that is solidly behind its athletic teams no matter what the situation may be.

Virginia's new "T" formation worked very nicely Saturday as the Wahoons mashed traditionally feeble Hampden-Sydney without much trouble. This week-end though, Virginia will meet a team just a wee bit stronger than the impotent Death Valley Tigers. Down from Easton, Pa., to Charlottesville, comes Lafayette, which nobody even came close to last year. The Pennsylvanians have lost a lot of good men because of graduation, but if even a semblance of their crushing power of 1940 remains, the Wahoons will fall prey.

While on the subject of predicting, we'll close this column by taking the Generals to upset the dope on favored Sewanee Friday. The Big Blue gridmen are still smarting from that defeat suffered in Tennessee last fall, and are plenty hot for revenge, so let the invader beware.

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