

University, Students Pledge Cooperation As U.S. Goes to War

News of Jap Attack Arrived as Students Prepared for Peaceful Sunday Afternoon

By JOE ELLIS

The United States is at war. Yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock, President Roosevelt signed the Congressional Resolution declaring war on the Empire of Japan, following the Sunday attacks of the Nipponese Navy and Air Force on the Pacific possessions, and after 23 years and eight months of uneasy peace another generation of Washington and Lee students—like those of 1776, 1812, 1840, 1861, 1898 and 1917—realized the historic significance of that moment.

The news broke suddenly on Sunday afternoon when the majority of students were preparing for weekend jaunts to Macon, Sweet Briar, Hollins and Baldwin or collecting their books for an afternoon on the library study team. The after-dinner radio listeners heard the regular programs interrupted by special news bulletins—Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, Hawaii... U. S. soldiers and airmen killed by direct hit... two capital ships reported sunk in base.

Just rumors at first, but confirmation, soon came from the White House and Army and Navy headquarters. Studies were dropped for the time being as students gathered around radios for relayed bulletins. Bull sessions held sway as the realization spread over the campus that the war, so long expected, was now at hand.

The immediate effect on the average student was one of uncertainty. Boys of draft age and others holding temporary deferments anxiously sought to get in touch with their local boards to determine their status in the light of the new developments. But this uncertainty gradually gave way to a feeling of calmness and determination.

That night many students canvassed the school for Senate and House passes and headed for Washington to see what all expected to be the most historic Congressional session of our time.

Yesterday morning classes got under way as usual, but at 12:05 all last period lectures were released so that students might hear the President call on Congress for the declaration of war.

Dean Robert H. Tucker, acting for the administration released a statement designed to answer student queries as to University policy, and said that no definite announcement as to a University Assembly would be made until the return of President Gaines from New York.

The text of the statement: "Every student and every faculty member at Washington and Lee will, I am sure, want to render all possible service to the government. What this service will be, or when the need will arise, depends upon conditions which will not be known until after the lapse of a reasonable period of time.

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Retain Beliefs, Thomas Urges Vesper Group

"It is a man's convictions that really count today," John N. Thomas, '24, said at the third University Vesper Service in Lee Chapel Sunday night.

The importance of our convictions and beliefs lies in the fact that it is by these that we live and conduct our daily tasks. At the present time, more than any other, he added, it is essential that we retain our sane convictions and live by them.

It is not necessary for us to search God out or to make a conquest of Christianity, for the grace of God comes down on this earth and may be acquired by all those who are willing to follow his teachings, the visiting alumnus said.

Men of ancient Greece were not able to realize his presence for they believed in many Gods and were not able to feel that a more powerful, more helpful savior than any they could imagine was guiding their destinies.

We can remain strong against the present chaotic world situations if we only remember that God is like Christ and that he vindicates the promises of Christ, Dr. Thomas said. "In back of all battlefields there is a God of love, and to know that God loves is to be girded for the fight."

The next University Vesper Service in the pre-Christmas series will be held on December 19, the Friday before the holidays, in the Episcopal Church, according to plans.

The visiting speaker, a member of the Board of Trustees, was manager of the Ring-tum Phi and president of the YMCA as a student here. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, Pi Delta Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi.

After graduation here, he studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and later at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, where he is now a professor.

The service was conducted by Seymour Smith, director of religious activities. Howard Dobbins, president of the student body, read the scripture lesson.

Sponsoring the vesper were the DUs, Betas, Kappa Sigs, Pi Phis and the Sigma Nus. Students representing each of the groups as ushers were Francis Russell, Linwood Holton, I. V. Runyan, Robert McCachran, Elliott Schewel and William Sizemore.

17 Students Make Geology Field Trip To Eastern Virginia

The 17 students and three faculty members who went on the third annual geology field trip through eastern Virginia returned last week from what Professor M. H. Stow, head of the geology department and leader of the group, said was "a very successful undertaking."

Visits to the oldest coal mine in the country, near Richmond, the famous fossil cliffs of the York River, and the recently discovered deposits of two rare metals near Amelia Courthouse, highlighted the two-day trip. Professor E. C. H. Lammers of the geology department and Professor B. R. Ewing of the modern language department accompanied the group.

At Yorktown the group was met by James H. Johnson, a W&L alumnus and now a forrester with the Chesapeake Corporation; and the entomologist and the chief chemist of the same corporation, who led the field trip to the fossil deposits.

Mines of amazon stone, a semi-precious gem, and newly opened deposits of tantalum and columbite, minerals from which two rare metals used in defense steel is obtained, were investigated.

A Zinnwaldite mine near Amelia Courthouse, the only one in the world, was also visited. The mineral obtained, a type of mica, is now being used extensively in the electrical fields of defense production.

Dick Watson, sophomore geology major, collected the largest assortment of fossils on the trip, identifying 22 varieties. It was announced. The fossils ranged from shark's teeth to nine inch shells, Dr. Stow said.

Why not give Washington and Lee commemorative plates for Christmas gifts? Eight different scenes of the campus in choice of three colors. On sale at Alumni Office on first floor of Washington Hall.

Woody Herman, Powell Signed for Fancy Dress Ball



Woody Herman (left), already known to W&L dance audiences, and newcomer Teddy Powell, whose bands have been signed for the Fancy Dress Set, January 29, 30, 31.

Preparations for 'Say It Again' Being Rushed Into Final Stages

With scenery and technical work already completed, producers of "Say It Again" were rushing final preparations today for the original musical comedy show which will open a two-night run in Doremus Gymnasium Friday, as the ticket drive for the 1941 Varsity Show entered its last stages with the placing of general admission seats on sale today.

Adding to what promises to be one of the busiest weekends of the year, four fraternity house parties have been scheduled Saturday night, and capacity audiences are expected for both performances of the show.

Lee Collins, New York director who volunteered his services for "Say It Again," said that the play "looked very well" when it was first put together Saturday. The working dress rehearsal will be held tomorrow night, and the final dress rehearsal will be given Thursday, Collins added.

The White Friars, show sponsors, began the sale of 50 cent general admission tickets today. Reserved seat tickets selling for 75 cents went on sale last Friday, and according to Warren Stuart, president of the group, the tickets are going fast.

Work on the mammoth 42-foot stage constructed at the west end of the gym was completed Sunday and all scenery preparations are done. The printed program is also ready for the presses.

Assisting Collins with the direction of the play is Dusty Millar, student director of the production. Musical scores were written by Paul Thomas and Bill Nutt, and music will be furnished without charge by the Southern Collegians.

Proceeds derived from the play will go to the Lexington Child-

Negligence by Freshmen Delays Removal of Caps

Negligence in the wearing of freshman caps has caused the date when the "rat caps" may be removed by the frosh to be indefinitely postponed. The members of the Assimilation Committee, after their meeting Monday, refused to set a specific date when the caps may be discarded, but warned that before any day can be set freshmen must be less careless in their observance of this tradition.

Assimilation Chairman Charles Hobbs urges the underclassmen aid the committee by reporting more diligently all violations of the 200 rules set down for the freshmen. Thus far, all other traditions, especially that of speaking to others on the campus, have been observed well, but failure to wear caps at all times has caused far too many freshmen to be reported.

PIKAs, SAEs, Pi Phis, KAs To Have Weekend Parties

Four house parties will combine with the 1941 varsity show, "Say It Again," to make a full program for the last weekend before the Christmas holidays. House decorations for all the parties will follow the Christmas theme, including trees, tinsel, wreaths, lights, and mistletoe.

Third Band May Play For Last Night of Set; Drive Starts Tomorrow

Woody Herman and Teddy Powell have been signed for the first two nights of Fancy Dress and a third band will probably be signed within the next few days, Dick Spindle, president of the January 29-30-31 set, announced this afternoon.

Powell's outfit, featuring Vocalists Peggy Mann and Dick Judge and the "Teddy Bears," a six-piece swing unit, will play for the Junior Prom on the first night of the set, while Herman, a hit at Spring Dances two years ago, will be on the bandstand for the following night's Fancy Dress Ball.

Three Students Attend Meeting Of Policy Group

Three Washington and Lee students—Gene Hunter, Dan Lewis and Joe Ellis—representing the history and political science departments participated in the bi-annual meeting of the Virginia division of the National Policy Association at the Farmington Country Club near Charlottesville Saturday afternoon.

These students who were accompanied by Professor Allen W. Moger of the history department were invited to the first meeting of this organization in which college students have been allowed to participate. The discussion at the afternoon session centered around "Defense and Morale," and the principal speakers were Charles Taft, director of the Health and Safety Division of the National Defense Commission, and Francis P. Miller, Washington and Lee graduate and secretary of the National Policy Association.

This association is a civilian group formed several years ago for the express purpose of reflecting national opinion on questions of government policy—both foreign and domestic. It has long advocated a more determined and active foreign policy for this nation and has been instrumental in securing governmental action in matters regarding public welfare, though it is not an organized pressure group.

Schools represented by students at the four-hour session were VMI, University of Virginia, Bridgewater, Hampden-Sydney, Randolph-Macon and Washington and Lee.

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Kent Applauds Greek Dignity During Invasion By Germans

The Greek people took the Nazi invasion "with an extreme type of dignity," according to Ralph Kent, former principal of the American College in Athens, Greece, in a speech before the International Relations Club Friday evening. They always managed to keep their sense of humor, to keep their chins up, the speaker, who was introduced by Robert D. Sheaffer of Hollins College, said.

Kent, who was in Athens for 14 years, explained that the Greeks expected the war and that "they had every reason to believe the Germans would get to Athens before they did." He pointed out that the British, Australian, and Greek heroism in face of all disaster was the chief factor that kept the Germans from entering Athens before they did.

The seizure of Albania made the Greeks wary of peace in the Balkans, Kent said, and when they gained victories from the Italians, they did not get "swelled-heads," always fearing the Nazis. Both the British and the Greeks never expected to hold the country forever.

Spindle is still working on a third band for Saturday's tea dance and ODK Formal. He mentioned Harry James, Will Bradley, Les Brown and Claude Thornhill as "possibilities" after telephone conversations late last night.

If a third band cannot be brought in for Saturday's dances, Herman will be held over, Spindle said.

Sale of subscriptions for the three-day semester's end set will begin tomorrow noon. Tickets for the set's four dances will sell for \$9.50, and IOU's and checks post-dated until January 15 will be accepted, Spindle said. Tax will not be collected until the tickets are distributed the week before the dances, it was added.

A newcomer to W&L dances, Teddy Powell, who will open next month's set, is well-known in music circles not only as a band-leader but also as a writer of a number of hit tunes. "Boots and Saddles," "Heaven Help This Heart of Mine," "March Winds and April Showers," "Love of My Life" and others are included on the list of Powell-written hits.

Teddy got his start in the band business in 1927 when he was hired by Abe Lyman after a term in a Los Angeles hotel orchestra. Powell stayed with Lyman for 10 years, playing in the band, doing arrangements and producing radio shows. He wrote his first song in 1934.

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At War

America is at war. And America's college students are uneasy. They are wondering—wondering what the next few months hold in store for them, wondering how the war will affect their life's plans, wondering if they should put aside their books without waiting for a call into the nation's armed forces.

The administration, realizing that the war would force chemical equations, economic theories and sentence structure to the rear of the stage that is a student's mind, was prompt in issuing a statement designed to help straighten out student thoughts.

"Every student and every faculty member at Washington and Lee will, I am sure (wrote Dean Tucker in behalf of the administration), want to render all possible service to the government. What this service will be, or when need will arise, depends upon conditions which will not be known until after the lapse of a reasonable period of time.

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"The University has already signified its intention of dealing fairly, both financially and in the matter of credits, with students who may be called into the service."

It would be difficult to say anything, no matter how true or how wise, that would stop college students from thinking about the war and its possible effects upon their lives. The war cannot—and should not—be moved out of range of serious student thought.

College students are as much concerned with the success of America's fight for the American way as are any of this nation's peoples. And they are further concerned with the parts which they will play during the war and during the post-war period. They will think about the war a good bit, and there will be unrest among them whether or not there is genuine occasion for unrest.

A Guide for Thinking

Dean Tucker's statement cannot stop us from thinking about all the problems which the war brings. But it should be employed as a guide for that thinking.

Deliberation and the avoidance of hasty judgement and conclusions must keynote student thinking.

You have registered under Selective Service and you are wondering if you will be reclassified or if the draft machinery will be so stepped up that your order number will be reached sooner than had been expected. You

will naturally do a good bit of thinking. But you must avoid a hasty conclusion. You cannot afford to say, "The draft will get me before long, so to hell with college."

You have not yet reached Selective Service age, or you have not yet registered, and you are wondering what will be done that will affect you. You decide that the age limit will be lowered or that another registration is imminent, so you say, "The hell with college." You have drawn a hasty conclusion and you have decided upon a course which could mess your life more effectively than many a war.

You conclude that you will be called into service sooner or later, so you decide that the best thing to do is quit school now and enlist in some branch for which you have a preference. You have drawn a hasty conclusion that may result in unnecessary sacrifice.

Why Go On?

Hasty conclusions could bring on many an unwise move. They must be avoided—for the good of the nation, for the good of Washington and Lee, and for your own good.

"Why study?" asks one boy. "We'll never be able to finish college."

"Why study?" asks another. "Even if we do finish, what good will a degree do in the world into which we will step?"

Answers to those arguments are numerous. You have no assurance that you will not be allowed to finish your college work, and even if you are taken out before graduation, you may be awarded a degree in accordance with the University's promise to deal fairly in the matter of credits. You have no way of knowing how valuable a degree may be—it may help you immediately upon graduation as a testimonial that you are qualified for a position of responsibility in the service of the government, and it may be an invaluable asset in the post-war need for leaders in all phases of activity.

Finally, what good is to come of a refusal to go ahead with your work merely because the future is uncertain? You may toss all care aside while you wait for a call which may not come. What benefit could come out of such a course? Remember your age when you answer that one.

'On With The Show'

The performance of "our duties in the usual way," then, is as important as the avoidance of hasty judgement and conclusions.

We must not neglect our normal campus program while we wait for the war to make its mark upon the student body. Studies and Fancy Dress, basketball and debating, the varsity show and the Christian Council—these and other phases of Washington and Lee life must go ahead as they would in normal times.

Such a course is not advocated as a display of indifference to the crisis which is America's. Washington and Lee's student body stands ready to do whatever it can to help bring about the achievement of America's goal. But calm and self-control and the performance of our duties in the usual way are deemed the best course until the call for help is sounded.

Listen, Professor...

Probably you wonder sometimes whether students remember you after they have taken your courses. Perhaps you wonder what we remember about you.

In the first place, professor, we may not remember whether you gave us good grades or poor, if they were the grades we deserved.

By the time we are juniors and seniors we believe we know when it is advisable to skip class. Over and over again, of course, we abuse the privilege. But if you, too, believe we are not children any more, and are able to smile, however grimly, when a few empty chairs face you at the beginning of a class, we'll remember you for it.

Many of us are required to take courses that are not designed for our purposes, in content or degree. Sometimes you understand our attitude, when we seem to slight those courses for others that mean more to us. We remember you for that.

We will remember your eccentricities, but not because we like them.

One thing is certain: The sad realization that we will remember very few of the facts you teach us. Knowing this, maybe you should think more about teaching us resourcefulness, and care and precision in our work, and think less about our studying a certain chapter on a certain day. If we are not going to retain the actual material, perhaps it would be better in some cases to try giving us, instead of bulky facts, a kind of familiarity with the field, a feeling of generosity and tolerance toward your branch of science when we meet it in professional life.

After all, a general familiarity with the world of facts, and a tolerance toward that which we do not understand, are about all one can expect of a college education.—The Iowa State Daily Student.

Campus Comment

By Lou Shroyer

Travel Bureau: R. P. Tyson, known to a limited few as Bob, went to Sullins last weekend. He went to see several women there, and being a gambler, he had little money and traveled via his thumb. His thumb having even less personality than he, it took him ten hours to get there, during which time, the following incidents were recorded:

His first ride was with a man who claimed two sons at Carolina and one at Duke and who further claimed his sons, all three juniors, didn't touch the stuff. Tyson maneuvered this individual into buying him a beer in Natural Bridge. Next he tangled with a couple Marine recruiting officers in Roanoke who tried to corner him into joining up and seeing the Orient from an invasion barge. But further questioning on the part of the Marines into his I. Q. quelled their desire.

Then there followed a two-hour stand in Salem, during which time Tyson dated the blond at the College Shop for that night, received two invitations to the Roanoke College dance from a hungry female, and did he know Bill Bancroft?

The rest was uneventful. Four women gave him a ride, danced with him in a joint down the road a piece, and were sent by his renditions of W&L ditties. From this group he also received an invitation to spend the night in Pulaski and have a date with the Pulaski Peach Queen.

He finally got to Sullins four hours late, kissed four beauties immediately, and traded pins with another in a three-hour whirlwind romance.

But they threw him out bodily when he, in answer to a girl's question "Would you like to have one of my pictures?", answered, "Why certainly. How much are they?"

Weekend Memos: W&L's contributions to the Air Force. Lou Rehr, Bobby Boyce and Bill Dabney, finish basic training next week and go on to advanced stuff. Deans still thinks he's clicking with DuPuy. Best of the recent platters: Goodman's "Let's Do It".... Hollins' Louise Harri-man quietly frigid to Bill Jasper since Didier went on maneuvers....

At last we've met a good wahoo in Bruce Jones.... Weekend remark: "Sure I know Ralph Taggart. He's got one of the smoothest lines I know."

Incidentally, a cute little thing at Sullins named Pete wants to know what the hell Felix Smart is doing these days?

Schellenberg insists that he is in no way related to Walter P Schellenberg, new head of the Nazi espionage.... Wonder what Joe Billingsley, recently sent to Japan, is doing now?... Shabby Davidson poured punch and cut the cake at an eleven year-old's birthday party Saturday night in Lynchburg.... Best romance of weekend: Mary Desha and Didier coked - a - coking in McCrum's. Smooth, this Didier, smooth....

Dots and Dashes: University of Miami angling for game with the Generals next fall.... Sammy Baugh, who failed to appear on the all-pro team, will appear very soon now in twelve exciting chapters at the Lyric.... They're good-looking Xmas cards you're going to show us shortly, Burly.... Alex Raymond's Flash Gordon is getting prophetic. Now all we need are a few rocket ships and Dale Arden.

Larry Galloway's most recent aid in National Defense is to install coca-cola machines on all U. S. warships, and "the Japs will pay two cents for every bottle they break"... Tom Stilwell suggests that, in the aid of nat'l defense, all W&L students go to Patch and practice blackouts.... Evans Jasper's last communication from Hollins was a penny postcard, upon which was inscribed, "Dead or Disinterested?..." John Alexander, Phi Kappa Sigma law student, potential White Friar, suggests we place an economic boycott upon Japan.... Bill Dudley wants his name mentioned.... Jack Martire's deferment expired yesterday, and the slack-er has the gall to petition for another one.... Tom Cox, blind in both eyes and generally feeble afoot, laments thusly, "I only wish I could do my bit.... Our suggestion is to send a raiding party to Washington and cut down all Japanese cheery trees.... Stink-weeds to the Japanese and Mal Deans...."

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Films...

We don't think anyone came away from the "Foxes" without getting his money's worth. In our opinion it was one of the best pictures we have seen this year and is definitely in line to reap the rewards when they are handed out next month.

Bette Davis turned in her finest job of acting to date with Herbert Marshall doing better than usual. You still have a chance to redeem yourself on this one tomorrow.... don't miss it.

Also tomorrow, Edward Small tries his luck on pro-British humor at the Lyric and from what he has turned out he had better stick to south sea romances. "Three Cock-eyed Sailors" shouldn't even be mentioned, but for those who insist on throwing two hours away don't say we didn't warn you.

Irene Dunne and Bob Montgomery are at the State Thursday and Friday in "Unfinished Business." The first hour of this one builds you up and you actually think you've got something, but the last half lets you down and you come out of the theatre feeling it's only mediocre.

Miss Dunne is definitely below par in her performance while Bob Montgomery doesn't do his any harm.

Don't overlook Eugene Pallette (the butler), who almost steals the show and probably would if we had seen more of him.

Preston Foster darts in and out at specified intervals and stays just long enough to create a scandal. Miss Dunne meanwhile tends to her unfinished business which every woman is supposed to have, but whether this is so is left to the weaker sex to decide.

You can decide accordingly, but it really isn't as bad as it sounds.

If you're out for a cop and robber thriller there's one up at the Lyric Thursday with Lloyd Nolan and Albert Dekker, which can rightfully be summed up as a thriller.... about a gangster.... gunplay.... and a gal!

Sidelines: "Stars Look Down" wasn't bad at all.... Margaret Lockwood's got something we haven't noticed before.... Barbara Stanwyck is improving with age.... An advertisement in one of the better known film magazines, February 'Modern Screen,' gets as close to Lana Turner as the satin nightie she wears and betrays her every secret to you!"

Discs...

After kicking around for over a year in comparative obscurity, Ella Fitzgerald has finally come out with a record worth singing about. In a relaxed intimate style Ella really makes music on her Decca disc of "I'm Thrilled" and "Make Love to Me." This sounds like the Ella of old and there's nothin' finer.

Paul Robeson with Count Basie's orchestra—an interesting team, to say the least. Put the two together, however, and you really get some knocked-out blues. And "King Joe" is just that! This is a tribute to Joe Louis on two sides of an Okeh record—straight 12 - bar blues and not at all bad.

Will Bradley and Ray McKinley have come out with another wacky one, "The Three B's, The Barrelhouse, The Boogie Woogie and The Blues." It's all right if you go in for jive in the Bradley manner. The reverse provides a definite and welcome contrast with a very pretty arrangement of "I Think of You." Terry Allen is more than satisfactory on the vocal.

News Briefs: Benny Goodman will leave on a concert tour at the conclusion of his New York engagement in January. Does that mean he might play for Fancy Dress again? Incidentally bachelor Benny will marry the former Mrs. Alice Duckworth, recently divorced from George Duckworth, English member of Parliament. The Hamburg Fremdenblatt has finally banned phonograph records of "English inspired or Negro music" from all German homes and cafes.

Record Briefs: Charlie Spivak has a winner in "Autumn Nocturne" on Okeh.... Raymond Scott's Columbia record of "On the Jersey Side" surprises. It's good!.... "Three Ways to Smoke a Pipe" by Woody Herman on Decca features good solos at a medium bounce tempo.

S-O-S

RIDE to Mississippi wanted for December 20—Ed Willis, Sigma Chi.

LOST: Greenish-blue tweed overcoat, Carless label. See Larry Sullivan, Delt House.

LOST: 1 covert cloth coat during Opening Dances. Finder please call Bill Jones, 495.

RIDE to Louisiana wanted for December 20—Maury Khourst, ZBT.

TWO RIDES to Trenton, N. J. wanted—Hank Breneman, Phi Psi.

GABARDINE COAT taken by mistake from Phi Psi house after Saturday's houseparty. Return to Pete Fettermolf Room 288, Dorm.

RAINCOAT, light tan, lost somewhere on campus. Please get in touch with Bob Watkins, 285, Dorm, if found.

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Tuesday, January 20 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block E—M.W.F.—10:15 except as otherwise scheduled.
Tuesday, January 20 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Block G—M.W.F.—11:10 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, January 21 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block I—M.W.F.—12:05 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, January 21 2:00 p.m.	All classes in English 1 and Politics 101.
Thursday, January 22 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block B—T.T.S.—8:25 except as otherwise scheduled.
Thursday, January 22 2:00 p.m.	All classes in French 1 and 151.
Friday, January 23 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block D—T.T.S.—9:20 except as otherwise scheduled.
Friday, January 23 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Spanish 1 and 151.
Saturday, January 24 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block F—T.T.S.—10:15 except as otherwise scheduled.
Saturday, January 24 2:00 p.m.	All classes in History 107 and Modern Civilization 1.
Monday, January 26 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block H—T.T.S.—11:10 except as otherwise scheduled.
Monday, January 26 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Hygiene 1 and Psychology 101.
Tuesday, January 27 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block J—T.T.S.—12:05 except as otherwise scheduled.
Tuesday, January 27 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Accounting 101 and Mathematics 5 and 151.
Wednesday, January 28 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block A—M.W.F.—8:25 except as otherwise scheduled.
Wednesday, January 28 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Economics 101 and Mathematics 3.
Thursday, January 29 9:00 a.m.	All classes in Block C—M.W.F.—9:20 except as otherwise scheduled.
Thursday, January 29 2:00 p.m.	All classes in Commerce 205 and German 1 and 151.

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Better Record For Mathis Is Aim of Titlists

By AL DARBY

Coach Archie Mathis' four Southern Conference wrestling champions, Tom Fuller, Bud Robb, Sam Graham, and Lillard Ailor, who led the "dark horse" Generals to the conference crown last March, are back for another season of grappling, and it looks like Mathis' won and lost average of .771 in 16 seasons as head wrestling coach at W&L is bound to be improved when January and the 1942 campaign rolls around.

In the winter of 1941 these four men—three sophomores and one junior, Fuller—let the Blue grapplers through a season of five wins and two losses, only fair as W&L wrestling seasons go. The Generals whipped Apprentice School, West Virginia, North Carolina State, Davidson and VPI but lost to Illinois and North Carolina, the first conference loss since 1929.

The defeat by North Carolina plus the Tarheels' tie with VMI gave "experts" the opinion that the Generals would end up a close third in the conference tournament at College Park, Md., but the four champs scored enough points among them to tie VMI and whip the other five entries. An additional three points by Charley Lanier and Doug House, who incidentally are back again this year, gave the Generals 32 points and a three point margin over the over-confident Keydets.

How did these four boys get to be good enough to win conference championships? The answer to that question would take considerable space.

Fuller, who was captain of the 1941 team and is co-captain of the 1942 aggregation along with Charley Lanier, wrestled six years at Choate before he came to W&L, and Graham was on the George School mat team for three seasons. That makes them fairly experienced.

But, what about Robb and Ailor?

That's a different story. Aside from several fights in playgrounds in Minneapolis, Robb had little prep school wrestling experience, and Ailor got his scholastic grappling knowledge in friendly tussles on the Johnson City, Tenn., gridiron. All of which is an indirect way of saying they weren't particularly experienced in the whys and wherefores of collegiate wrestling.

In short, the combination of experience and native ability on the part of Fuller and Graham with some latent talent by Robb and Ailor, and a large dose of splendid and grueling coaching by Mathis, provided the impetus to make these four men conference titlists.

Three of the four conference champs—Fuller, Robb and Graham—have combined to wrestle seven seasons—varsity and freshman—for W&L and have won a total of 36 dual meet matches, three Virginia State AAU titles and another trio of Southern Conference championships. Only black marks on their otherwise spotless record are Fuller's losses in both the 1940 and 1941 National Collegiate tournament.

Graham, who is now going into his fifth unbeaten season of wrestling, lost five of six matches in his first year at George School back in 1937. In 1938 and 1939, the latter as captain of the team, Graham was unbeaten.

As a W&L frosh in 1940 the little red head who never has weighed in at maximum in his 121-pound class won his three matches, then went on to cop the 121-pound Virginia AAU title. Last season he was unbeaten again, winning all seven matches, three by falls, during the regular season and (See WRESTLING, Page 4)



AILOR, 175 lbs.



ROBB, 128 lbs.

Fencing Team Schedules Six Season Meets

W&L's fencing team, under the leadership of Tad Humphreys and John Wehncke, and managed by Coleman Sholl, is scheduled to fence in six contests during the coming season.

Tad Humphreys and John Wehncke, sophomore veterans of last year's squad, and Bob Jaster, freshman, who captained his high school team, will be probable starters in the foil division against South Carolina in the Generals' first match on February 6.

Humphreys, Wehncke, and Hal Jackson, a promising freshman, will fence epee (duelling sword). Jack Ware and Niles Grosvenor, two other freshmen who have made great strides in the last few weeks, and Humphreys will enter the sabre division.

Others who will see action during the coming season are Ad Lanier, John Taylor, Paul Blakely, John Ryan and Bob Irons in foil; Henry Vance in epee, and Walt Lee in sabre.

The schedule for 1942, as arranged by Humphreys and Sholl, is as follows:

- Feb. 6—South Carolina, here.
- Feb. 14—VPI, here.
- Feb. 21—W&M, here.
- Mar. 14—Virginia, there.
- Mar. 28—Citadel, here.
- April 3 & 4—South Atlantic Fencing Tourney at North Carolina.

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Track Squad Loses Five Stars As 20 Answer Both Team Calls

Twenty men answered the first call for varsity and freshman indoor track, it was announced by Bob Baker, senior manager, today. While the strength of the squad is not known yet it will greatly miss the services of several of last year's stars. These include Cliff Muller, star miler; George and Bill Murray, middle distance specialists; Herb Friedman, javelin star, and Charley Gilbert, vault star.

Muller holds the W&L record in the mile, while Friedman is the holder of the javelin record.

Promising candidates for this

year's squad include captain Bud Yeomans, who was recently elected to replace Bill Jennings, who failed to return to school this year. Yeomans has been a consistent joint winner in the hurdle events and in the broad jump for the last three years.

Up from the frosh is Walt McLaren promising dash man. A great loss to the team is the news that Chuck Wooters, captain of last year's frosh, will not be able to compete this year because of a knee injury.

Other candidates include Horace Tenny, letterman in the hurdles, Ev Schneider, up from the frosh; Bruce Banard, and Hal Keller.

Candidates for the freshman team include Marvin Ayres, Bill Richards, Ellis Work, Ellis Moore, Charles Tebbs, Dave Forrester, Erwin Latimer, Mal Hursh, Pete Figgatte, Dave Haring, Bruce Quale, Maurice Miller, George Wilson and Raymond Prater.

Returning in the field events will be Hank Woods, holder of the W&L record for the discus, and Lillard Ailor, shot specialist. The team is weakest in the pole vault, javelin and in the distances.

Cunningham Has Superior Frosh Quint

Ability May Overcome Lack of Height Handicap

Candidates for this year's freshman hardwood quintet are far superior to those of last season, according to Coach "Cookie" Cunningham. "They have only average height," he said, "but their ability makes up for this handicap."

The season's schedule hasn't been completed, but the first game will be a varsity-freshman double-header with VPI at Roanoke on the Wednesday after the holidays. It is expected that most of the teams on last year's schedule will also be on this season's lineup.

The Brig squad consists of Sam DiBlasi, Dick Working, Harry Harner, Francis Coleman, Jack Coulter, Ben Kaplan, John Casey, Bob Gill, Dave Clark, Harry Brown, Bob English, Jack Kibler and Jack Sater.

Coach Cunningham felt that it was a little early to predict first team prospects because the squad has not been fully organized. "I certainly hope that the boys live up to their high school reputations," he said.

Because of work on the freshman football team, Harner, Working, DiBlasi and Coleman did not report for practice until last week. Many expect these boys to strengthen the "little" Generals greatly.

"Pinkie" Norman, also a frosh griddier, reported for practice along with the others but had to drop out because of faculty athletic regulations. The loss of Norman will be felt heavily until the end of the first semester at which time he may return for practice, since he was rated as one of the very best prospects for a slot on this year's yearling team.

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Twelve Frosh Swimmers Report for Daily Practice

Coach Cy Twombly's freshman swimmers are rapidly rounding into shape through their tough daily practice sessions in the gym pool with a trio of the 12 yearling mermen on the squad standing out in performances so far. A second call has been issued for frosh swimming candidates after only 12 have showed interest by the end of the third week of practice.

Twombly stated that he has several tentative meets scheduled for the Brig poolmen, an engagement with Fishburne Military Academy on February 25, being the only definite meet so far, but added that an increase in the number of frosh swimmers and an improvement in the material on hand would insure more meets for the Little Blue.

The most promising prospect by far, who has caught Twombly's eye is Diver Ellis Work. With experience in competitive diving before coming to W&L standing in good stead, Work has shown his outstanding ability from opening practice and already promises to be a sure-fire varsity springboard aspirant next year.

Lee Redmon seems to be the best yearling freestyle prospect and will probably stand out in the distance events when the initial time trials are run off next week. Another freestyler, Leigh Nettleton, is the third swimmer who has displayed experienced form in prac-

I-M Volleyball Play Suspended for Week

The intramural volleyball tournament has been suspended for this week, while Doremus Gym is being prepared for the Varsity Show, Friday and Saturday, according to Cy Twombly, director of intramural athletics. Play will be resumed next Monday night when the remaining quarter-finals will be determined.

At the end of the first week of competition the first round has been completed and six teams have advanced to the quarter-finals, the PIKAs, KAs, Sigma Chis, Pi Phis, Betas, and the ZBTs.

and has also shown ability in the backstroke.

Others who are out for the squad and will probably develop in form as the season progresses are Bob Gaines, Walt Frye, John Gunn, Dick Kimball, Allen McAllister, Floyd McRae, Paul Byrd, Tom Raaen and Elliot Schewel.

Time trials for both freshman and varsity mermen are scheduled for December 16, in which times in all regulation events will be taken, Twombly announced.

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Generalizing . . .

By MAL DEANS

The old cry, "We wuz robbed!" came up again this past weekend, and it emanated from VMI football coach Pooley Hubert, whose hard-fighting Keydet gridder bowed to Miami, 10-7, in their season finale.

On one of the last few plays of the game Pat Petroski, the Floridians' sure-footed sophomore guard, booted a placement from the VMI 21-yard line to give the home team a narrow victory, but Hubert claims that it wasn't a victory at all, and that his boys deserved a tie, because the game should have been over before Petroski kicked.

"We kept a watch on the game," moaned Hubert, "and the referee, L. L. McMasters, deliberately stopped the field judge's watch during a Miami substitution when it should have been going. Those Miami players fooled around for more than a minute after the substitution, and the game should have been over 34 seconds before Petroski swung his foot."

According to the rules of football, the clock is stopped only when the defense substitutes, not when a change is made in the offensive lineup. Therefore it would appear that the VMI menter has plenty to be burnt up about, but Referee McMasters explains the situation by saying that VMI made a substitution at the same time that Miami did, thus stopping the clock and giving Petroski time to boot his team to triumph.

Boots Poffenberger, baseball's bad man, is going to have another chance to behave. The erratic pitcher, who has been tossed off nearly every team he's ever played (See GENERALIZING, Page 4)

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Faculty, Students To Sing in Messiah

W&L faculty members and students have been assigned parts for the sixth annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" which will be presented December 14 in the Presbyterian Church in Lexington.

Professors John Graham, T. M. Smedley, George Irwin, and C. Harold Lauck; Magruder Drake, Paul Blakely, W. E. Guthrie, Hugh McClure, John Kammerer, Lynn Holton and Marshall McMurrin are the representatives from W&L who will augment the complete cast of Lexington children, high school students, VMI cadets and adults.

Mrs. Francis Walters, in charge of music at Roanoke College, will be the organist, having played this oratorio in Lexington on previous occasions. Miss Mary Monroe Penick is the director.

Miss Ellen McCoy and Miss Elsie Hogue Donald, local sopranos, have solos in the presentation at 5:00 Sunday afternoon. The soprano recitative will be sung by Miss Edythe Schneider, head of the vocal department of Madison College and a graduate of the Chicago Conservatory.

Mrs. Winifred Cushing of the Shenandoah Conservatory faculty will be the contralto soloist; Caleb Cushing is the baritone soloist, having been a soloist in each performance since 1936.

100 students have not yet selected the proof to be used in the Calyx sections. Unless this is done by tomorrow afternoon, Andre Studios will arbitrarily make the selection, Cal Bond editor of this year's Calyx, announced today.

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ed on, has been sold by Nashville of the Southern Association to the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League. Poffenberger is considered one of the really great twirlers in the game today, but his eccentric habits have kept him from staying in the majors very long.

In 1940 Boots was the Southern Association's leading chucker and this summer seemed to be well on his way to repeating that performance and getting himself another crack at the big show when he suddenly got mad at an ump and heaved a fireball at him. This brought Poffenberger a 90-day suspension from baseball that won't be up until a few weeks after the '42 season has begun. Too bad a guy with such fine natural ability can't stick by the rules and contribute something to the game instead of detracting from it.

Lexington's "Red Cross Bowl" game between the I-M champion Betas and the Phi Kap "varsity" was a first-class riot. Pres Brown, the W&L varsity's fine end, had an awful time trying to play touch football in the mud. Poor Buck's feet slid out from under him no less than seventeen times by actual count during the afternoon.

Joe Baugher also had lots of trouble with the muck while brother Harry seemed to be the only Phi Kap who could stand up. Perry "The Bull" Simmons found the Beta line as tough as any he'd never met, and couldn't use any of his old tricks because ref Dan Justice knew what to expect. Simmons tried his "elbow snap" once, but when that drew a fifteen yard penalty he resigned himself to orthodox play for the rest of the game.

Many observers thought that the bigger Phi Kaps would have downed Ed Boyd and Co. on a dry field, but that is very much to be doubted. The Betas are specialists in eight-man touch ball and have played together so much that they have reached a point of near-invincibility. Several local bookies made nice profits on the game, while others, including Rockbridge County's most famous oddsmaker, "Moosehead" Alford, didn't do so sharp. Alford bet with anybody who wanted to and wound up with no loss and no profit for the afternoon, merely serving as a clearing house for everyone else.

The game also had a good cause, with all the proceeds being intended for the Red Cross. Louis (Honest John) Shroyer served as gate-keeper and money collector, and after the game he was seen headed in the general direction of The Annex, his pockets bulging with coin and mumbling something about more milk for underfed infants. Shroyer, a former tout at Pimlico, whose integrity has never been doubted by those who don't know him, was the logical man for money collector.

American Selections Heard In Seventh Musical Hour

Musical selections by American composers were prominent in the seventh program of the recorded music held last night in the Anderson music room of the McCormick Library.

Professor John A. Graham, program conductor, announced that the last meeting of the group before the holidays, next Monday evening, will feature selections from popular Russian composers.

The program for Monday follows: Roy Harris' "An American Overture;" Edward Ballantine's variations on "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in the styles of ten different composers; Edward Horner's "The Shepherdess;" John Carpenter's "When I Bring to You Colored Toys;" Charles Griffes' "The White Peacock;" George Gershwin's "Summertime" and "Bess, You're My Woman Now" from "Porgy and Bess," and Charles Vardell's "Joe Clark Steps Out."

Wrestling

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then climaxed the year by edging out VMI's Jack Dillard in the Southern Conference finale.

As a freshman two seasons ago Robb won three matches in the 145 pound class, then followed this up by taking the Virginia AAU title at his weight. Last winter, Robb won from Apprentice School and West Virginia rivals in the first two matches, wrestling at 136 pounds, and continued by pinning four of five 128-pound opponents in the final dual meets.

Pinning his rival in six of the Blue's seven meets, Robb piled up 33 points to take high scoring honors and win Coach Mathis' cup for that achievement by pinning both rivals in the tournament at College Park, Md. and thereby took the conference crown.

Fuller, who is now in his final season at W&L, has won all 16 dual meet matches in three years, 11 by falls; won the Coach's trophy in 1940 by pinning five of six dual meet rivals; won the 136-pound Virginia AAU crown in the 136-pound class, and then last March took the conference 145-pound honors.

The fourth conference champ, big Lillard Ailor, has had a less spectacular wrestling career. As a freshman in 1940, the big Tennessean, who made third team All-State at tackle in football this fall, pinned his North Carolina frosh opponent in his only match that year.

Last year, in the first year of varsity wrestling, Ailor had an up-and-down campaign. Ailor started off in impressive style by pinning his Apprentice rival, Against West Virginia, the W&L heavyweight lost a decision. Meeting the 1941 Big Ten champ in the Illinois match, Ailor was pinned by John Sikich.

Against North Carolina, Ailor had to content himself with a draw. In the final three matches Ailor won a decision against NC State, was pinned by Ed Hipp of Davidson, and gained a fall over his VPI foe in the final match.

At College Park, Ailor took the heavyweight crown by avenging his earlier loss to Hipp with a third period fall and won an over-time decision from Bill Krouse, Maryland heavy, in the title match.

Three other lettermen—Lanier, House, and Bob Schellenberg—give the Blue experienced men in all but one weight class. With sophomores like Roger Soth, Ed Waddington, Ned Lawrence, Dave Embry, Jim Evans and others on the squad that eighth class should be well filled.

However, when the General grapplers open their 1942 season at Newport News on January 10 against Apprentice School, it will be a marked team and anything might happen.

South Atlantic Quarterly Publishes Alumnus' Story

An article by Edgar F. Shannon, Jr., W&L, '39, entitled "A Revolutionary Frontiersman," appears in the October issue of the South Atlantic Quarterly.

The article, which is based on Shannon's prize-winning Cincinnati essay in 1939, is a sketch of Captain William Shannon, Revolutionary war hero from Kentucky.

After his graduation from Washington and Lee, Shannon was granted a graduate assistantship in English at Duke University, receiving an M.A. degree there in 1940. He is now an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve on active duty.

Phi Deltas, Phi Psis Reach Finals In Debate Tourney

The Phi Deltas and the Phi Psis will debate in the finals of the annual pledge debate tourney tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Student Union. The Phi Psis will be represented by Russ Reynolds and Tom Kaylor and will be opposed by Phi Delta pledges Bill Crittenden and Charles Johnson.

Dr. R. W. Nelson, of the English department, and Dick Shimko, conductor of the tournament, will be two of the judges for the meet. The third judge has not yet been announced.

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who may be called into service." In regard to the question of credits, Dean Tucker said that every case would be considered and judged on its individual merits.

"I have no doubt, however, that if a good student lacked only a few weeks of credit for his degree and were drafted or called into service, the University would judge his work as of the day he left school and award him full credit for the semester's work."

Dr. Walter A. Flick, chairman of the Committee on Washington and Lee and Defense, in making the following announcement, revealed that it had no connection with the developments of the last 48 hours.

"Selective Service Headquarters has asked for a 'Student Report on Selective Service.' This is to be completed by each student who had reached the age of 21 on or prior to July 1, 1941. These reports are to be filed out in rooms 20 and 22 of Newcomb Hall on or before Thursday, December 11.

"Office hours will be: Every morning from 9:30 to 12 o'clock. Every afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock.

"When these reports are made, the student must have his Selective Service order number, present and previous classification (if any), the date classification notice was received and the number and address of the local board."

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The survey is being made by the National Selective Service Administration and the American Council on Education at the request of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs.

There are approximately 175 W&L students already registered for service who must make out this report by Thursday.

Several former W&L students are known at present to be with the U. S. Navy, Air Force or Army in the Pacific area. Charlie Middleburg, '41, is a petty officer aboard a U. S. Cruiser, while Bob Shreve, '40, is an ensign on the U. S. Maryland. Lansing Ditto, '41, is now serving on the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Langley, and Jim Engles has for some time been aboard the U. S. S. Lexington, a cruiser.

No news of the engagement of any of these war vessels has been received.

Students Contribute \$285 To Red Cross Campaign

Latest returns from the special Washington and Lee Red Cross drive show that a total of \$285 has been collected, Charles Davidson, chairman of the local board, announced today.

"The drive sponsored by the University this year has far exceeded to date the contributions of last year," Davidson said. "Last year's drive totaled only \$214, and we have yet to collect from several fraternities this year," he added.

Davidson stressed the fact that the Japanese War will put additional burdens on the Red Cross.

Varsity Show

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ed by the University carpenters who also built the stage, will be ready by tomorrow night, when the last mechanical and technical portions of the pre-show work are supposed to be finished.

Serving as committee chairmen handling this work are: Bob Boatwright, scenery; Earl Brown, props; John Magee, electrical; and John Wilkinson, who studied makeup in Hollywood for the past three summers, in charge of the makeup for the show.

To insure hearing, a professional rig of two public address systems has been set up for the show. While two technicians are to continually check the system throughout the show, five "ribbon mikes" will be hidden throughout the stage. The University electrician will be on hand in case any emergency should arise in the elaborate spotlight and lamp lighting network.

Feminine leads will be filled by Betty Beavers, Lorraine Wolfe, Marjorie Shoppe and Phyllis Tappen of Southern Seminary, while the chief male leads in the show will be portrayed by Dawson Waring and Porter McCauley. Other male leads will be filled by Joe Zamoiski, Jim Stanfield, Ross Keller, Elliott McCauley, Withers Davis and Stan Carmichael.

Taking part in the male chorus numbers will be Bill Sevier, Lyn

Murdock, Pete Fetterolf, Bud Smith, Jack McCormick, Ross Keller, Hank Brenneman, Bob Hawks, Bob Milliron, Bob Gaines, Dick Rowe and Chuck Jackson.

The varsity debate team will have its Calyx picture taken Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 in the Student Union Buildin.

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