

## State Gubernatorial Candidates Will Speak Here

## Bob Astor And Orchestra Signed For Spring Dance Set

### Sweet Music Is Promised

Bob Astor and his orchestra, East coast night club favorite, has been signed for the entire Spring Dance Set on April 22 and 23, Bob Mauck, president of the dances, announced today.

Mauck also announced that the Saturday night dance, following the plan of last year's Spring set, will be informal. He added that tickets for the set, the most inexpensive since the war, will go on sale immediately after the Spring vacation. Set tickets will sell for \$6.00.

Astor, whose band has appeared on the Fitch Band Wagon and the Cola-Cola shows, is well-known both as a musician and a producer of musical shows. He has directed music shows for the Famous Door and Onyx Clubs in Los Angeles and later organized a band and played at these two spots. According to advance publicity, Astor leans toward sweet music and puts the musical accent on ballads and standard favorites.

Scat-singing Astor thanks bandmaster Charlie Barnett for his start in the music world. Barnett was one of the first to recognize Astor's ability and helped him in organizing a band. The "Cherokee" maestro gave Bob the idea of using a band minus trombones and also suggested how his music might be played. Today the Astor music library contains some unique arrangements written by George Williams, Neal Hefti, and Andy Gibson, all top arrangers.

Fronting his popular band, Astor has appeared at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh; Bradford Hotel, Boston; Frolies Club, Miami; Pelham Heath Inn, New York; Sea Girt Inn, N.J.; and many of the South's smartest night clubs.

### 'Dames' Offering \$200

A prize of \$200 is being offered for the most thoughtful and scholarly essay upon some phase of Colonial History in Virginia by the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames.

The closing date is May 1st. The contestants name should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and attached to his paper. Anyone desiring to have his essay returned must enclose postage. The essay should be sent to Monroe Terrace, Laurel and Franklin Streets, Richmond 20, Virginia.

### Scat Singer Signed



Bob Astor

### Harpichord Lovers Note: Mrs. Rice To Play Here

A famous harpichordist, Mrs. Reymour Rice, will play a program of special selections in Washington Chapel Friday night, March 18, at eight o'clock.

Before the performance, Mrs. Rice's husband will present a short explanation and history of the harpichord. Rice always accompanies his wife, and tunes the instrument which has often been called the grandfather of the piano, before each engagement.

Mrs. Rice is a graduate of the Yale Music School. Her instructor there was the world-famous harpichordist, Ralph Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Rice will bring her own harpichord for the performance.

### Spanish Students Join Los Conquistadores Club

The newly - formed Spanish speaking group voted for Los Conquistadores as its name at the third meeting of the group on Friday, March 11.

Organized by Mr. James MacArthur and Mr. Walker, both of the Spanish Department, the group of first year Spanish students meets on Friday nights at the Student Union.

The object of the group is to improve its conversational ability in the language through these informal meetings where the Spanish language alone is spoken.

Its name, meaning The Conquerors, was chosen after a discussion in which several other titles were suggested.

### Horse Meat

### W&L Horse Show Association to Hold Second Intercollegiate Meet This Spring

The Washington and Lee Horse Show Association will hold its Second Annual Intercollegiate Meet sometime in late April or early May, according to Forrester Taylor, Chairman of the group.

Plans have been made to invite such schools as Mary Washington, Hollins, V.M.I., Southern Seminary, University of Virginia, Chatham Hall, V.P.I., Fairfax Hall, and Sweetbriar.

All students at Washington and Lee who are interested in riding in this forthcoming meet are asked to contact Forrester Taylor at the S.A.E. House.

"The prospects look good for this year," said Taylor at the last Horse Show Meeting, held Thursday, and I imagine the affair will

be just as colorful and successful as last year."

On the Board of the Association beside Taylor there is David Caldwell, S.A.E., Champe Raftery, Phi Kap, Howard Adams, Beta, Dick Burton, S.A.E., Jack Hudgens, Phi Delt, Joe Engleby, K.A. Five other W. and L. horse enthusiasts are associated with the group.

The exact date and place of holding the show was not set at the last meeting of the Association. It is expected, however, that the affair will take place at either Liberty Hall or the Fairgrounds, where it was held last year.

Further announcements will be made in the forthcoming issues of The Ring-tum Phi.

### Art Department Courses Listed

Here is the list of next year's recently announced Art Department courses. All are to be taught by Mr. Junken, one of the South's foremost artists, who is now the head of Vanderbilt's Art Department.

The History of Modern Art will cover from French Classicism of the nineteenth century through the present day. This, as well as the other art appreciation courses, will be a three-hour credit course.

Renaissance Art will include Italian painting and sculpture the first semester and that of other European countries the second. It will be taught every other year, alternating with Ancient, Medieval Art.

Ancient, Medieval and Oriental Art will begin with Egyptian painting, sculpture, and architecture, and continue through the Gothic period.

The Art Studio will consist of three, three-hour classes per week, but with a five-hour credit. Composition and practical painting for both beginning and advanced students will be taught. Classes will be small to facilitate individual instruction. Painting supplies will be paid for from a small lab fee.

According to Dr. Leyburn, these classes are primarily designed for students who are interested in painting as recreation.

### Classical Drama Opens Monday

One of the oldest plays still being produced will be staged by the Troubadours when their second play of the season opens Monday night. Amphitryon was produced at least as early as 168 B.C.

#### Plautus Wrote It?

The Roman Plautus is credited with having written the original version, though some students of the drama contend that Plautus got the play from some early Greek writer. Buckworth writes in The Complete Roman Drama, however, that this theory is "only guess-work."

Amphitryon has been a tremendous success in all ages. One reason for this is that it has been continually modified to meet language and situations.

#### 38th Revision

The number "38" which follows the title of the most recent version signifies that it is the 38th time the play has been rewritten. This figure was arrived at more or less arbitrarily, however.

The version to be staged by the Troubadours was adapted by S. N. Rehrman from the French Amphitryon 38 by Jean Giraudoux. Behrman first produced the play on Broadway in 1937. At that time the leads were held by Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine.

The five Virginia gubernatorial candidates have been invited to speak in Lexington this Spring by Phi Delta Phi, the fraternity's program chairman, Jack Coulter, said today. Four of the candidates have already accepted, Coulter said, and the fifth John S. Battle, is "seriously considering" the invitation and will probably accept.

### To Speak Here Mar. 22



Horace H. Edwards

Mr. Edwards, former mayor of Richmond, will air his "middle-of-the-road" campaign views in the Lexington High School auditorium on March 22. In a major campaign speech last night, Edwards termed himself "politically free" and "as bondsman of no political faction."

### Two Stripes Offered By Recruiter on Mar. 23

On Wednesday, March 23rd, at the Student Union, Capt. John D. Lines, USMC, will interview candidates for the 1949 Platoon Leaders' Class at Quantico, Va. Freshman and sophomores are eligible for appointment.

Those selected are ordered to active duty as corporals during the summer vacation for a six weeks period. During the second summer another six weeks assignment will be made and an automatic promotion to sergeant will also be given each candidate.

No other active duty is required except in case of national emergency and there will be no interference with school activities through compulsory attendance at drills or other training.

Those who complete the two summer training periods will be commissioned 2nd Lts. and can be called to active duty only in times of national emergency or upon their own written request.

### W-L Young 'Fair Dealers' Rear Ugly Heads Again

The Young Democrats of Washington and Lee are holding an organizational meeting in Washington Hall, 23, on Thursday, Mar. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The scheduled agenda includes the election of officers for the coming year, and electing delegates to the State Young Democratic Convention. This Convention is to be held sometime in August at the Chamberlain Hotel situated at historic Old Point Comfort, Virginia.

Jack Russell, president of the group, stated, "It is my sincere hope that all old members, and all others who are interested in the Democratic Party will be at this important meeting." He also pointed out that the minimum age requirement for becoming a member is now 16. This was effected at the 1947 State Young Democratic Convention held in Richmond.

#### NOTICE

Tryouts for the Varsity Show will be held today and tomorrow at 3:30 in the Student Union.

Tait Trussell, student director of the show, emphasized that no experience is necessary.

#### Speakers and Dates

The list of speakers and the dates on which they will appear in Lexington is as follows:

March 22—Horace H. Edwards.  
April 5—Nick Prillaman.  
April 15—Remmie Arnold.  
April 22—Col. Francis Pickens Miller.

Prillaman and Arnold are tentatively scheduled to speak in Lee Chapel. Col. Miller will speak in the Lexington High School Auditorium.

Coulter said that in a long-distance phone call with Battle this week, the Byrd-backed candidate assured him that he would seriously consider the invitation to speak in Lexington and would do everything possible to arrange his schedule to allow local engagement.

#### Public Service Series

In announcing Phi Delta Phi's speakers for this Spring, Coulter emphasized that the legal fraternity is sponsoring the series as a public service and that all students and the public are invited.

"We feel that W. and L. students and the people of Rockbridge County will welcome an opportunity to hear the gubernatorial candidates," Coulter said.

Frank Berry and I. Leake Wornom are assisting Coulter on the Phi Delta Phi program committee. Luther White is president of the fraternity.

### Grace Hunt Is Crowned At Sigma Chi Dance

The Washington and Lee University chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity has a new sweetheart this year. Miss Grace Wilma Hunt, of Pittsburgh, currently a senior at Southern Seminary girls' school which is located in nearby Buena



Grace Wilma Hunt

Vista, was chosen at the 1949 "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi", the chapter's annual ball, held at the Hotel Patrick Henry, last Saturday night.

Whistles and sighs when the announcement was made that the comely Pittsburgh lass had captured the coveted prize went for naught, for she is pinned to Sigma Chi's William B. McCausland, of Drexel Hill, Pa., who is the brother of Jack, crack center on the 1948 gridiron edition of the W. and L. Generals.

Miss Hunt, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hunt, 242 South Evaline Avenue, Pittsburgh, will be in the May Court ceremonies at Southern Seminary this spring. She attended Peabody High School in Pittsburgh before entering the Virginia school.

#### NOTICE

Any subscriber not receiving The Ring-tum Phi on schedule should notify Bob Williams, Beta house, or call 756.

## Traditional Senior Campus Cane Carriers Are on the Loose Again

The cane - wearing tradition among Washington and Lee's senior lawyers has been reborn!

Lawyers of the class of '49 are beginning to act exactly like those of the early twenties as they scurry out of Tucker Hall and begin their cane-swinging exercises to the Co-op.

There's quite a story behind the birth of this tradition. It's a story of the gay twenties at W. and L.—the days when students wore cut-aways instead of one-button-rolls, and skimmers instead of scoops.

During those flush days, as the older boys came back from their Great War, law students took over the campus axes and revolved around them as the leaders of the day.

But those lawyer leaders sought to become men of distinction and in the quest of a symbol of their superiority, they established the tradition. None but senior lawyers were permitted to "swing the stick."

The exact year that the tradition got started has been lost in forgetful minds. Either that or the old timers want to keep it a secret.

Anyway, it's a fact that it all began somewhere between 1920 and 1926. Two Lexington lawyers, one who was graduated in the class of '20 and the other who en-

tered school in '26, tell us that much.

After the spurt of cane-wearing immediately following the origin of the tradition, the lawyers settled back to firmly entrench their fad. But evidently, lawyers of the depression days decided that the cane was a luxury, for the number of stick-swingers began to diminish.

Memories of many interesting cane-wearing personalities still linger among students of the old school. Memories of Dean Haywood "Boss" Moreland led the parade.

Old Boss Moreland was Dean of the Law School before the present dean, Clayton E. Williams,

took over. Legend places Boss Moreland among the most beloved men ever to grace the W. and L. campus.

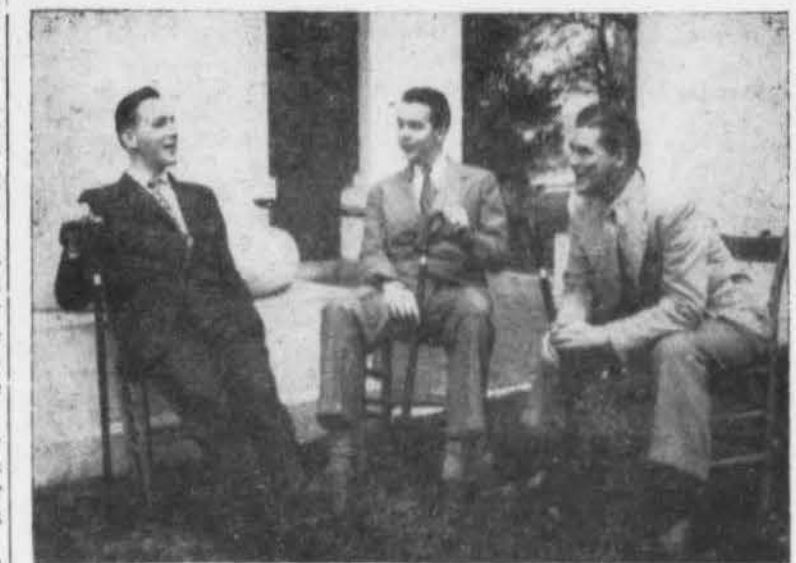
Old Boss was the prince of the cane-wearers. Spring after Spring caught the gentlemen twirling his cane to and from classes, seeming to get particular pleasure as he would snip a dandelion bud on his down stroke.

Today, as the tradition is making its comeback, President P. P. Gaines is the most familiar cane-wearer on the campus. It's no novelty to glimpse President Gaines flip his cane, for all through the hardest of caning days the good President remained the anchorman on the tradition's team.

What's so strange about the comeback of canes is the fact that they even went out in the first place. Imagine Washington and Lee, a tradition buried in tradition, letting a tradition slip through its traditional fingers.

Rumor has it that the tradition has a selfish motive. They claim that your spine tingles like it has never tingled before when you proudly prance beneath the Columns, cane in hand.

Anyway it's good to see the lawyers back in step again, in step with a cane.



Bill Todd and John Lane, of Lexington and Buena Vista Cafe Society, and Judge Sutherland, pre-fab sports prognosticator, discuss a few legal points in front of the Law School. All three are helping to keep alive the campus cane-toting tradition.



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### Don't Forget the Crew

Much has been said this week and previous to this week to the effect that Washington and Lee's crew constitutes one of this institution's most unsung, un-supported, yet victorious athletic teams.

This Friday the General oarsmen go out against one of the East's top crews, Boston University. For the last two years Boston has copied their division of the famed Dad Vail Regatta, a feat which, we understand, is not to be sneezed at in collegiate rowing circles.

The crew has shown its willingness to work hard and long. There are no crowds cheering them on, no praise for the hours spent in the boats. But if they win Friday the praise will be loud. The Ring-tum Phi urges every student in school to be at Balcony Falls to see their crew in action and, we believe, in victory.

### Sweet... And Low, We Hope

It seems that economy and necessity have forced the change that students have been asking for in dance sets. A band which features, according to its advance publicity, at least, sweet and danceable music is coming at long last. Bob Astor, billed as the band-leader who learned from Charlie Barnet, learned not to play concert music on the dance floor we hope.

We also hope that since the price of tickets has been reduced, the additional students in attendance at the dance won't be run outside by the volume of the band... CB apparently thought Doremus Gymnasium was Soldier's Field.

### PDP's Public Service

Phi Delta Phi's plan to bring the state gubernatorial candidates to the campus is, to put it not too originally, indeed commendable. It seems to indicate the W. and L. students, or at least the members of Phi Delta Phi, are taking the state elections seriously and are going to give the students and people of Rockbridge County an opportunity to hear the platforms of the various candidates.

In Virginia, where the State machine is currently under all sorts of fire from various sources, it will be interesting to see what arguments the anti-machine candidates will use. The speeches should prove extremely interesting to Byrd lovers and others, too.

These "public service" lectures should do much to help students and local people understand issues in the current campaign.

### Death of a Committee

People are always asking apparently unanswerable questions:

Where's Liz Bentley? Is Hitler really dead? What did Tom Dewey do with his "Victory Special?" What ever happened to the Student Bicentennial Committee??

This last one, since it would seem to have somewhat of a local angle, ought to be easy to answer. Ring-tum Phi reporters have besieged Judge Leedy for several weeks now, but to no avail. This Committee is not the first of its kind to die a slow death since the idea of a student celebration of the Bicentennial was first introduced last year. One other fatality occurred before, nobody seems to know exactly why.

Needless to say the students themselves, as a whole, have little or no interest in the matter. But now it appears that student leaders themselves have no interest. Unless this interest is forthcoming with great speed the opportunity will be lost. It may have been lost already. Why?

### Letter to the Editor

I have spoken to several fellows this year would be the ideal around campus and they all seem time for such an honor and I to feel as I do—why doesn't Life know of nothing else that would feature Washington and Lee in make the alumni and students one of its issues this year?

In the past month, Life has devoted its pages to a small college Yours, for a little pressure on like Williams; why not W. and Life.

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ROBERT V. JOEL

## Back to Bebop

By BILL ROMAINE

A critic or a reviewer is one who of necessity sells his own viewpoint, and no one else's! As a general rule, that's true, and there ain't nuthin' much can be did about it. However, we've decided to make a noble attempt—filched in its entirety from a trade magazine—at alleviating this situation somewhat.

NOT Wild!

We grabbed Red Wild, (Platter Shatterer Emeritus of WREL), and lashed him into a chair, blindfolding him at the same time, (which is good if you can do it). After the screams had subsided, music was played, and these are said Monster's reactions.

"Chattanooga Choo Choo"—corned up version with Jo Stafford and the Pied Pipers. Red didn't know this one, and we couldn't squeeze much more than "strictly novelty, an unusual arrangement" out of him.

"Speculation"—Lennie Tristano Trio's very progressive music. Red did more talking. "This is a step in the right direction, but only constant listening will give you any idea of what he's trying to do... Not quite an emotional projection..." Red knew this one.

"One for My Baby"—Mel Torme... "Torme's one of my favorites," Wild said, naming the record, "and if ever he leaves the public's ken as a singer, he'll remain as a musician, for he's no passing fancy. There's a certain pride in discovering a 'sleeper,' for when I chose this as a favorite, and later discovered that it was becoming popular, it gave me a kick."

'Ain't Nowhere' Somewhere

"Ain't Nowhere"—Johnnie Bothwell, vocal by Mrs. Bothwell—a big bad blues type thing, full band... "I give up, but I like it... Could be Shaw. Trombone and singer duet is nice, and although it sounds like a large commercial outfit, it has progressive ideas... leaves room to hear the soloists."

On Bob Sherwood's "Sherwood's Forest," (a hunk of Kenton-like stuff, but with possibly more taste), he was enthusiastic, and knew it right away. "Everything!! All sorts of ideas and melodies, but not too bulging with them... logical. It's one of my favorite concert-type pieces... big band swing with other flavors."

BG's sextet on "Cherokee," (pretty much sextet stuff, with a touch of Bop here and there), got at first the conjecture that it was Shaw's Gramercy Five, (but later he caught on). "Shaw doesn't arrange 'em like that... Ah!! BG sextet, but I don't recognize the tune. Sextet is nice on this stuff—subtle."

We dragged out a cutie, Gate-mouth Moore's large-toned blues yelling on "Isabel," with Bud Johnson's outfit backing. "I don't know it, but it's all right, I suppose. That kind of singing... they just don't do that any more. I enjoy it, I'm afraid I'm not hepped up about it."

The next choice was "Life Gets Tedious," and at this inopportune juncture in the scheme of things, young Leonard snapped his bonds and gag, crowded through windows and doors, and tore off down yon thoroughfare screaming uglies and things not worthy of mention, but there'll be another victim soon.

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## GLAMOR GIRLS

By Don Flowers



"Mr. Bell! You're not at the Beta House now, and I'm no burglar!"

### Brian Bell's Brain Food

## Swimming au Natural es Verboten, Chapys Required for Dentist Dates

(This is the second and final article on the pros and cons of the neighboring famine institutions and their facilities, social and otherwise.)

**Mary Baldwin:** With a downtown campus, open-door policy date parlors, SMA cadets, 10 o'clock curfew return from W. and L., no place to go in Staunton, sign out privileges for W. and L. any weekend.

Things used to be really slow socially for Mary Baldwin girls until they opened up the Beverly Hotel for gay party activities. There's a \$1.50 cover charge on Saturday nights and this gives you the privilege of listening to a disc jockey and buying beer for you and coke for the young lady.

This record-player operator is quite the thing at the Beverly. No common juke for them. They have their own Leigh Smith who, for two hours, operates the turntable and gives a snappy running commentary. It's really nifty.

The Beverly works closely with the Mary Baldwin authorities and closes up during exams so there will be no temptation for the hard-working girls.

Another fascinating spot is Chris's which has the original rule of beer served anytime except during the dinner hours of 6-8. This keeps out the rougher element so they can lure the carriage trade to their sumptuous repast.

If you don't want to leave the campus you can go to the "Club," a clubby little college nook, with a beat up piano, cokes, and a radio. If you have to wash your hands the handiest spot is the Church across the way. The resbyterian plumbing works fine.

The dates parlors are wide open affairs and though the etiquette is to walk past them with eyes unflinchingly fixed straight ahead, it's like operating in a fishbowl. Of course, if you can beat off the SMA cadets on Friday, the

Wahoos on Saturdays, and can then get yourself an upper classwoman who can ride in a car, she'll go somewhere off the beaten track of authorized night spots, and you might—we say you might—make out. Good luck.

**Southern Seminary:** Where the walls have ears, the chaperones have noses, and the girls have—never mind. **Southern Seminary:** With the Lower Level, Mr. Knuckles—night watchman with a capital N; young dateable teachers; the W. and L. Swing verboten; double dating a must; regulations, rules, and restrictions.

We were lucky enough to obtain the Southern Seminary Student Handbook and here are some juicy quotes from it. "Beach robes must be worn to and from the building and the swimming pool. Bathing suits may be of any style but swimming 'au natural' is forbidden." Naturally by their nature the girls aren't going to want to be natural and swim 'au natural.' What would Nature Boy say?

"Doctor's and dentist's appointments require a chaperone." You never can tell what the doctors and dentists may be up to!

"OUT OF BOUNDS—Balconies in theatres, 'Goshen,' Mike's George's and other Road Houses and Tourist Places. If there's ANY doubt about a place's suitability, DON'T GO." We don't know of any greater den of iniquity than the balconies in theatres. They're so full of sin!

"Singing in the dining room is permitted in greeting visitors and in recognition of birthdays or special honors. Cornelian and Athenian songs and the School song are permissible when correctly used." There's nothing like a rousing Athenian or Cornelian song to finish off a hearty meal. Watch out, girls, and don't break into the W. and L. Swing. You have to be Spartan about that

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## Per Se

By BEN HADEN

No matter what the economists say, it is simply impossible to retain high prices for products by paying high wages. With the return of a competitive market in most industries, the time of decision has come for labor and business and, most of all, for the government.

What's wrong with business? Why does a certain pessimism pervade all of business and most of labor? Well, apparently the real thing wrong with business is that it has "wised up" to exactly what it can expect from another four years of the "FAIR DEAL."

Truman is one of the few Presidents in American history to gain his high office without any substantial business backing. Even the late President Roosevelt received large contributions from certain big businesses. Such money is, in practical politics, designed to pacify at least, if not to incur favor from the successful candidate. But Truman not only ran on an anti-business platform, but he owes no political debts that should prevent his carrying out these promises.

There is nothing on earth that discourages capital more than the attitude of the present government. After all, the Marshall Plan can't last forever. Most businessmen are fully aware that the post-war boom has already ended in fact. Rightfully, it hesitates to reduce prices on the eve of fourth-round wage demands.

Labor unfortunately, like business, has persisted in a "gimme" attitude. On the cry of inflation, labor has again and again sought higher wages and only has added thereby to the inflationary spiral. Yet, labor is unwilling to take in to account the deflationary spiral. It continues to take no notice of the fact that competition has indeed returned and that we now have a buyer's market.

Why should Truman scare business? Quite obviously somebody has to pay for the multiple programs that Truman has promised the people. He promised everything but the moon. And how has he proposed paying for the program? Naturally, through additional taxation. And as becomes this administration, the idea is to soak the big corporations. If you'll check the records, you'll find that these big corporations in a competitive market are simply not able to pay taxes commensurate with those of wartime. So what? Well, when business gets bad on top, it seems to get bad on bottom, and everyone in the entire nation suffers.

If Harry Truman thinks for a moment that this country can get along without the payroll and taxes of big business, he is likely to find himself the daddy of a bouncing bambino that history may record as the "Truman Depression." Then a Democrat may be as scarce as termites in Fort Knox.

### Communique for Today: Be Firm! Be Firm!

"The plunging neckline is to dip further in the new season's styles." Yet here, in another column, we are harangued to keep our eyes on the great tasks which confront us!

## CAMPUS COMMENT

By Shorty Murray

As predicted last week, parties took the limelight again on and off the campus. Spring wasn't in the air but fancies certainly turned nevertheless, W. and L. women were plentiful, and with a First Class Hop at VMI, late-dating was a thing of ease.

The Phi Kaps, in a bold and unprecedented move, established open season on Beano with a cocktail party Saturday afternoon. In so doing they scooped the season—to my knowledge usually officially opened the first week in April—playing host to the campus. Action started promptly at four, and by six the inaugural ceremonies were over. Throughout the affair the house was as crowded as a

Washington bus, and once the initial rush had subsided, activities shifted to the lounge, where mild havoc reigned until the "wee" hours. Some prominent personalities were: Ted Bowie with his usual Judy Easley; Jim MacDonald and Sue Taylor; Wes McAden with Katherine Hamilton; Fred Smith and Bobbie Young of Washington; Willis Woods with Auriel (that's how they said it's spelled) Perry; and Sandy Richardson and Terry Adams. In all it was estimated that well over 400 passed in and out of the house during the course of the day and night.

Out on Mulberry Hill the D.U.'s opened their weekend with a cocktail party Saturday with over 65 dating brothers in attendance. It was an "Old Fashioned" time with "group singing" led by Buzz Fraier and his date Ann Adams. After dinner the party again resumed its quiet but effective status lasting well into the a.m. Roy Mel-

ton, when last seen late Sunday morning, was still looking for the ginger ale. Some dates (mostly from Madison) were: Ann Eustis and Gwen Eberhardt (they from Sweet Briar) with Ray Snyder and Ted Arata; George Rowell and Marge Griffin; Bill Davidson and Alice Kivlan; and Harry Grim with Sally Goodman.

At the Patrick Henry Hotel in Roanoke, the Sigma Chi's held their annual "Sweetheart" Ball, and from all reports it was quite a ball! Officially it began at 9 when "Willie" Hunt of Sem, Bill McCausland's date, was crowned as the Queen. Music was furnished by the Vagabonds, and in all about 250 attended including such stellar guests as the Phi Delt "Inevitable Three," Stan Kamen, Chuck Weeks, and Dick Terrell. Also Cub Bear (he thinks he was there), Mike Malmo and Jack Calicut, and Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael. Sam White, that fabulous

jacy-of-all-trades, obviously assuming the role of inspector for the IFC social committee, proved an extremely affable chauffeur for Dana Grindy, Pres Mead, and Wanda Lee. Others of note included Briggs Dillard, who reported he thoroughly enjoyed himself, Tom Frost with Bonnie Loyd, Wally Wink and faithful Kay LeRoy, and Andy McCutcheon with last year's Sweetheart, Mary Mandeville.

**NOTES IN PASSING:** It was obvious that this week was a smashing social success. Even Buddy Laupheimer had a date! From the looks of the agenda, next week should merely be a repeat performance highlighted by a by-invitation program at The Figi lodge. Regrets to Moe Arata who suffered a relapse of Mononucleosis (you spell it) contracted during swimming season, and is back in the hospital.



# General Crew Makes Initial Start Friday; Boston University Foe in Schedule Opener

## Bowie, Walter to Captain Blue; Anderson Makes Debut as Coach

By JIM O'KEEFE

Washington and Lee's crew team will open the 1949 spring sport schedule on Friday when they will take on the University of Boston stroke on the James River course. The Junior Varsity squad will row first followed by the varsity, the meet beginning at 4:30 p.m. This dual meet will launch the opening of a six meet schedule.

Boston University is regarded as the top team in the class to which the Generals belong, and Friday's race should be a good indication of what to expect from the W. and L. crew for the coming season. 1949 marks the 1st year that crew has been in anyway sponsored by the University Athletic Association. With the acquisition of a coach, Jim Anderson, prospects are definitely better than in the past when the sport was run entirely by students. Anderson was one of the best stroke men to ever power a shell at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of their 1931-32-33 Crews.

The Generals have been working out on rowing machine in the gymnasium since last fall, thanks to the ingenuity of Wink Glasgow. This machine which is attached to the side of the swimming pool enables the W. and L. crewmen to practice their stroke under the watchful guidance of Coach Anderson. For the past month the Generals have been outdoors rowing the Balcony Falls course six days a week, and from all indications are prepared for the Yankee aggregation. For the past two years Boston has won the Dad Vail Regatta in Poughkeepsie, New York, and they have practically the same crew from last year. For the first time in this school's history Washington and Lee will compete in the Dad Vail Regatta which will be held May 21, an invitation having already been received.

According to Anderson, the tentative line-up for the W. and L. team will include eight lettermen. They are Al Walter, Dick Hynson, Joe Berry, Bob Mauck, Art Edmonds, Ted Bowie, Hack Heyward, and Hugh Jacobson. The line-up for the varsity is as follows: Al Walter, stroke; Dick Hynson, No. 7; Roger Mudd, No. 6; Joe Berry, No. 5; Bob Mauck, No. 4; Bob Berryman, No. 3; Art Edmonds, No. 2; and John Hamric, Bow. Coxswain will be Ted Bowie, who is captain of the team. For this meet, however, Al Walter will captain the blue. For the junior varsity will be Fred Moffatt at stroke; Hack Heywood, No. 7; Bob Huntley, No. 6; Hugh Jacobson,

No. 5; John Chapman, No. 4; John Boardman, No. 3; Bill Davidson, No. 2; and Buz Fraier in the Bow. Either Townsend Oast or Al Hoesser will be coxswain. Both classes will race a Henley distance which is a mile and five sixteenths.

Following the Boston race, the Generals will face Amherst and Yale in a triangular meet, the first of its kind ever to be seen on the James River, on April 9. Only the Varsity and Junior Varsity will participate.

On April 16, the Blue will invade the North to take on the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers at Philadelphia, which is Coach Anderson's home waters. The W. and L. crew will meet with the University of Tampa, their only southern rival this season, on the Balcony Falls course on May 7. At the same time the freshman will take on George Washington High School of Alexandria, Virginia.

Marietta College of Ohio, the only crew to top the Generals last year, will visit Lexington for a meet on the fourteenth of May. Only the Varsity and Junior Varsity will compete. Following this the Blue will travel to Poughkeepsie, New York, for the nationally famous Dad Vail Regatta, taking the freshman crew as well as the varsity and junior varsity.

The freshman, besides competing in the Dad Vail and racing at Philadelphia, will race Boston University freshman crew on Mar. 26 over the standard Henley distance at home.

Although he would not release any time trials so far this season because the Henley distance has been marked out exactly, Coach Anderson was optimistic over Washington and Lee's chances to beat Boston Friday. He explained that because weather conditions being so different, the Generals have been out on the water much longer than the New England crew, and therefore have a good chance of edging them out.

Because of schedule difficulties, Washington and Lee will not meet Rollins College of Florida in an individual meet. However, the Florida crew will be on hand for the race in May at Poughkeepsie. The Generals have two open dates on their schedule, but there is a strong possibility that on April (Continued on page four)

## Barclay Runs Ground Plays In First Spring Scrimmage; Fundamentals Stressed

As is customary in all colleges, large and small, spring means football to those boys who take to the gridiron for entertainment.

Washington and Lee is not on exception. Coach Barclay and his associates have been putting the W. and L. squad, numbering forty and forty-five men, through their paces for the past two weeks, and will continue doing that for another three, until about the middle of April. The first scrimmage was held last Saturday.

Fundamentals have been the main current of thought with Barclay, backfield coach Carl Wise, line coach Denver Crawford, and two men, John Jaffurs, former line coach under Art Lewis, and Bill Chipley, who is helping with the ends. Crawford is a former New York lineman, and Chipley, a W. and L. law student, plays pro ball with the Boston Yanks, newly renamed the New York Bulldogs. Barclay is starting at the bottom, and working up. Almost the complete lineup of plays has been handed out, and they were used in the scrimmage.

The new formation which Barclay is inaugurating at W. and L., the split T, will take the old words of aerial circus from the headlines of the local newspapers. Barclay says that his kind of football will feature much more running than has been the custom here in the past. Passing, however will not be forgotten, especially will the talents of Gil Bocetti on hand. Bocetti will be remembered as the passing arm of the Terrible Freshmen of the 1948 campaign.

Seven of the better Generals have been lost to the football aggregation through the other methods. Among those are Mike Boyda, Andy McCutcheon, Mark Saur, Brian Bell, Jim Lukens, who made the All-South team as an end last season, John Tulloh, and Walt Michaels. However, such men as (Continued on page four)

## Thinclads Begin Cinder Sessions

Washington and Lee's track team moves outside this week to begin preparing for a nine meet schedule. The first dual meet is to be held here on March 23 with Randolph-Macon Men's College followed by a meet with V.P.I. there on April 9. On April 13 there's a home dual meet with Hampden-Sydney, on April 16 a home meet with Richmond, and on April 25 a home meet with William and Mary. A trip to Davidson on April 30 concludes the dual meets and is followed by the Big Six, Southern Conference, and State AAU meets in May.

Nine of last year's lettermen are expected to return to the cinders this spring. They are hurdler Pete White, miler Ellison Gaulding, quarter miler Bill Capers, Carl Croyder, and Dick Hurxthal, distance man Ted Van Leer and John Martin, dashman and broad jumper Lee Roberts, and Wally Oref, who shotputs, and throws the discus and javelin. Lettermen of years back, Jim Sutherland and Bob Vierbuchen, are expected to be on hand. Boosters to this force are Wilby Coleman, Jim Fain, Jim Gallivan, Jack Kerneckulin, Bill Kyle, Vic Marler, Jim Roberts, Buddy Stickle, Gordon Iler, and freshman-veteran Bill Shuck.

The team is late getting out of doors and the track is in poor condition but it is to be fixed this week, and the drainage was improved last fall. Coach Broadbent said that it should be in top running condition shortly.

Broadbent stressed that anyone with athletic inclination should come out for track. Regardless of (Continued on page four)

## GENERALIZING

by  
BILL CLEMENTS

Clements Urges Revision  
of Athletic Committee

During this time of the year, when all of the teams on the campus are preparing for the coming spring schedules, the columnist finds meager pickings from which to draw a subject which will prove to be interesting to this cosmopolitan student body and at the same time, pertinent to the season of the year.

However, at Washington and Lee, there is a subject which should be of interest to everyone, and at the same time, has been in season for the past 100 years. It is a touchy one, but a situation which needs to be aired.

The entire problem revolves around the relation which the various coaches have at the University have with the administration, to narrow it down even more, the faculty. Washington and Lee has for years carried on a small, inadequate, but amazingly efficient physical education department. The merits or demerits of a full time phys-ed department on this campus cannot be discussed in this column as neither time nor space permit. But the fact that we have no established department gives rise to the very problem which we will refer to during the remainder of this strip.

Because there is no such thing as a recognized physical education major, there is no extensive department, and therefore, those men connected to the Athletic end of learning maintain a minor role in the administration of this school. When one thinks of a

physical education department, they immediately consider those men who run the gym classes, and teach the few courses which this University has to offer along those lines. We maintain that those men connected with the actual coaching of the various teams are just as much a part of the department as any other group.

These men control an important part of the activity which a modern college carries on today, intercollegiate athletics—and some people will never admit this. We say this activity is important for it gives to the college student his one practical taste of the hard cruel world—competition.

If a student was to look into one of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, nine times out of ten they would find that the men who represent this interest are absent. Why? because they may only attend (Continued on page four)

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## Brain Food

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What a rivalry. This thing might grow to surpass Yale-Harvard, W. and L.-Virginia, or VMI or VPI. Bleeding, fighting, dying—what a strenuous way to go through the year. Casualties must be tremendous. One last question, please, what is the Blue Hole?

Yes, you have the picture. Friendly, open-armed Southern Seminary welcoming W. and L. boys to come see the girls provided they've got permission, are at the right time, haven't been drinking, etc.

You can have a good time with a Southern Seminary girl if you can kidnap her to Lexington and persuade her to forget their encyclopedia rule book—but what's the use of going further. We know no Southern Seminary girl would do that. Just forget the whole thing.

Just a brief run through other accessible but not as popular girls' schools. **Charlotte Hall**—young but not innocent girls. **Roanoke College**—attractive, nice-to-date feds with few prison-camp rules. **Radford**—too far and nothing when you get there. **Fairfax Hall**—haven for SMA boys. **Mary Washington**—not bad if you have an airplane to get to Fredericksburg. **Marion Junior College**—where the girls wear shackles. **Farmville State Teachers**—good looking girls but plagued by a fire bug.

That's the docket for what good it will do. Why not just get married and forget the whole business. All right, don't take our advice!

## Boston vs. Generals

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30. the University of Maryland will send two crews down for a meet. However, crew on the Maryland campus is similar to crew on the W. and L. campus of past seasons, being recognized or supported by the University. Nevertheless Coach Anderson has great hopes for the Maryland meeting as it marks the second Southern Conference team to take up the sport. He would very much like to see more of the conference schools take it up so that a conference regatta could become an annual affair. This would do much to boost the sport in the south which for years has not been able to compete with the northern schools.

Anderson expressed that he hoped enough students will be able to come out and observe the home meets, especially the Boston race, and give a boost to the boys who have been giving so much valuable time in the afternoons to see Washington and Lee put a crew on water that will win the praise of the student body.

## Spring Scrimmage

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Rollo Thompson, Talbot Trammel, and Jim Schaub will be ready to fill in the empty spots.

As usual, the 1949 schedule is a tough one, and with only two games being played on Wilson field. Those two will be with Davidson College in a Southern Conference affair, and the annual fracas with the University of Delaware. Thanksgiving Day will find the Big Blue in Richmond for the Turkey Day game with the Spiders, and the VPI game will be played in Lynchburg as it was last year. Furman, West Virginia, George Washington, Georgia Tech, and the traditional game with the Wahoos will fill out the slate.

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through invitation. Their voice in such meetings is usually placed in the capable hands of a gentleman who thinks basketball is played with a lacrosse stick. We are casting no sordid reflections on such representatives. We are only condemning the system through which the various needs of the coaches of this school reach the proper authorities. The best men to tell the tale would be the coaches themselves.

True, the various professors of the physical education department are present and could speak in their behalf. But let us not be so naive as to think that complacent Washington and Lee can escape the human traits of "dog eat dog" and "get what you can for yourself first," especially when there are such skimpy pickings. The needs of the athletic teams on the campus will forever take

a bottom seat until the men who have the interest in this branch of learning are allowed to speak up in the proper circles.

Let's realize that these men offer more to the students than just exercise and physical fitness. They teach a very necessary lesson to all, just as the men on the other side of the hill. Lessons which probably stick a good deal longer. Give these men a voice in the affairs of this administration so that they may build up their interests as well, and take another step toward rounding out a definitely lop-sided University.

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