

W.&L. Strong Bowl Choice with Clemson, Alabama Out; Generals Swamp Richmond, 67-7, Win Conference Title

W. and L. Cops Championship With Sixth Win

By JIM O'KEEFFE

Coach Barclay's offensive-minded Generals completed their regular-scheduled football season Thanksgiving Day by thrashing the University of Richmond Spiders, 67-7, and snatching their first Southern Conference title since 1934. The Generals, held to seven points in the first quarter, roared back in the second period to score 35 points and go into intermission with a comfortable 41-0 lead.

The victory could be more appropriately termed a circus, as every General saw action and the offensive teams were switched constantly to hold the score down. Randy Broyles, delivering his finest performance of the year, was not used by Barclay in the second half. Broyles ran up a fantastic average in the first half when he ran the ball five times for 135 yards, scoring three touchdowns. However, one was called back because of a clipping penalty on the one-yard line.

Walt Michaels, one of the Generals' too numerous seniors, scored three touchdowns and added seven touchdown conversions for a 25-point total for the afternoon. Michaels scoring spree jumped him into the lead for Conference high-point man with 89 points. Big Walt is a sure bet to come out on top in this department. Fred Cone, Clemson, is second with 86 points, while Shoo Shoo Shemonski, of Maryland, is the only player capable of catching Michaels. Maryland has one more game, with the hapless Virginia Tech Gobblers, Shemonski would have to score 24 points to go ahead of the Blue "train."

General rooters were treated to an unexpected sight in the fourth quarter when Barclay fielded an offensive unit composed completely of seniors. Jim Stark paced the team at quarterback, but burly Wally Oref provided the surprise play. Taking a Stark pichout, Oref headed around left end, stopped, and tossed a neat eighty-yard pass to Chuck Holt who went all the way, behind good downfield blocking, to score the Blue's final touchdown.

In the first quarter the Generals seemed sluggish and too confident as Richmond repeatedly held the Generals down. Broyles finally broke away to score, but a clipping penalty moved the ball back to the 16. Two plays later, the Blue scored with Michaels driving over from the ten.

Then the walls fell in on the outclassed Spiders, who earlier in the season were fired up into predicting that they would sweep their last three games of the season—Davidson, Washington and Lee, and William and Mary. In all, W. and L. ran up a total of 646 yards, 495 on the ground and 151 in the air. The junior combination of Bocetti to Trammell clicked in the second period when Gil tossed a neat aerial to Trammell down the sidelines and the fleet end dashed the remaining yardage away without being touched.

The biggest problem the Generals faced, according to one line-man, was finding Richmond players to block. Photographs of the game show at least three, and sometimes five, W. and L. men downfield ahead of the runner against only two or three Spider defense men. In all, Stark, Leister, Sideris, Garst, Holt, Abrams and Arnold all gave excellent performances in the backfield.

Following the game, the players hoisted Barclay to their shoulders and carried him across the 50-yard line to Coach Dick Esleeck of Richmond. Later, Esleeck said, "I congratulated George on winning the Southern Conference championship. I'm glad a state team won it, and I only wish it could have been ours. Today was tough, but I guess we'll survive it."



Decision of 'Gator Officials Expected Before Midnight

By BOB CROSS and LEO BARRINGTON

'Gator Bowl officials met at noon today to pick the teams which will play in the New Year's Day classic at Jacksonville. Edgar Jones, chairman of the 'Gator Bowl Committee, said that the announcement "may be forthcoming within 12 hours after the meeting."

Present indications are that Washington and Lee was one of the teams selected, and this morning's Lynchburg News said that the Generals "seem sure to receive a bid." Clemson had been a favorite choice of 'Gator Bowl officials, who were stunned to learn that the Tigers had accepted an invitation to play in the Orange Bowl against Miami.

Barclay Very Grateful For 'Continuous Help Of Students, Alumni'

As he read the final scoreboard tab in Richmond which read 67-7, no doubt Washington and Lee's George Barclay was one of the happiest men in the coaching game.

Not only had his Generals obliterated the University of Richmond football squad, but they had also gained their first Southern Conference championship since the 1934 season—17 long years ago.

Contrary to the previous nine Saturday afternoons, Barclay could now relax. Despite what some die-hard football fans believe, winning consistently can be just as difficult as losing in the same manner. Coach Barclay, in this interview, did admit that the season was a strenuous one; but he was firm in his thanks to the student body, alumni, and administration for their, as he called it, "continuous backing."

In regard to the Richmond Turkey Day contest, he said that we were very fortunate that the game was played before Friday's storm blew in. Moreover, Barclay commented that by limiting the pregame scrimmages to workouts in sweat clothes, W. and L. was able to keep up with the fast, alert Spiders.

When asked to generalize on the entire season, he said that he was glad this season was over, although the only real disappointment that he seemed to feel was the Virginia game.

Every team has its individual stars, and the Generals have used their material, present and potential, to good advantage. G'lorious Gil Bocetti—glittering has definitely become trite—and Walt Michaels have been an exceptional duo all season. Barclay told this reporter that the former has been selected as the best football player in Virginia by the Roanoke Touchdown Club, while Wawapawooza Walt has been selected to play in the annual Miami North-South contest on Christmas Day.

Guild Presents 'Medium' Tonight at High School

By BOB ANDREWS

Final preparations have been made for tonight's presentation of Gian-Carlo Menotti's "The Medium" by the Washington and Lee Concert Guild. The performance will be given at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of Lexington High School. Tickets cost \$1 for students and \$1.50 for all others attending.

Those who did not buy tickets to "The Medium" in advance may get them at the door tonight.

Described by the Richmond Times-Dispatch as "the most am-

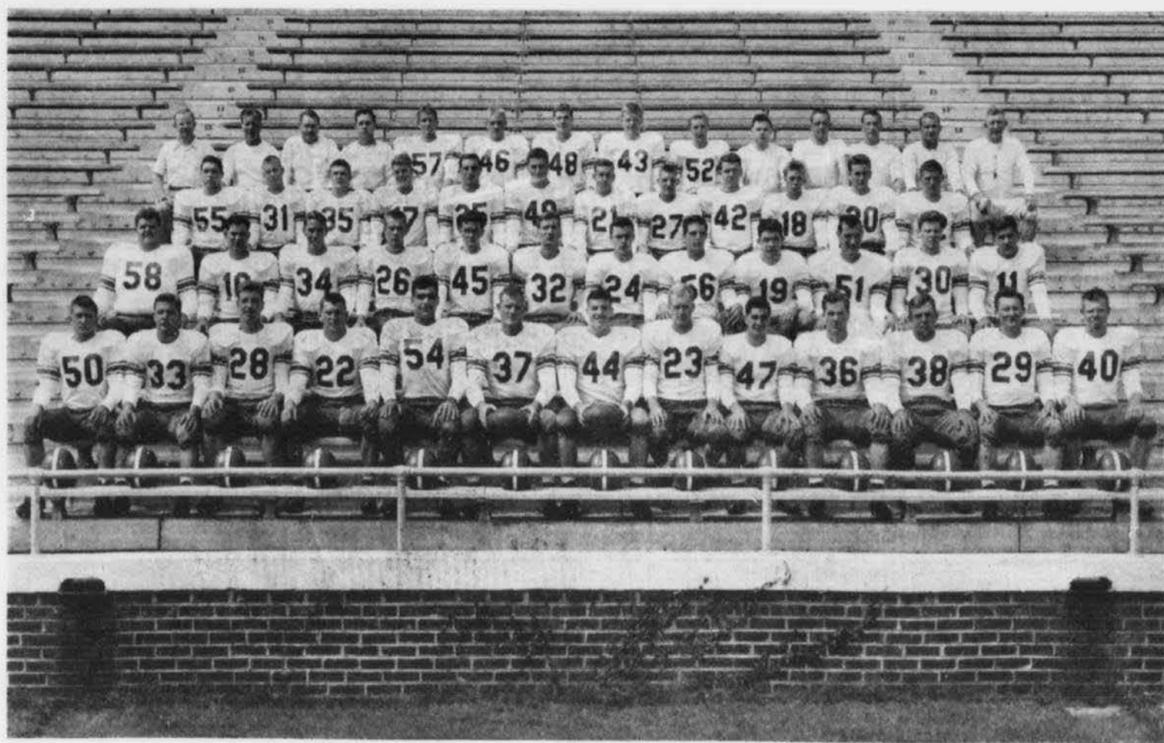
bitious musical or dramatic venture ever attempted by Washington and Lee University undergraduates," the play will terminate two weeks of daily rehearsals under the direction of B. S. Stephenson, W. and L. professor of music.

"The Medium" features a cast of six headed by the nationally known contralto, Irene Beamer. The cast will include four local singers and two singers "imported" from outside Lexington. Nancy Inscoc and Pat Kauffman are from Lexington; Bill Gladstone and Benno Forman represent W. and

L.; while star Irene Beamer is from New York and Cleveland; and soprano Teresa Rainero, from Hollins College.

Miss Beamer, who plays the title role, has sung the part more than 30 times during her career, and she is one of three singers in the United States whose performance of the title role has been recognized by major Eastern critics.

Margot Junkin, wife of Dr. Marion Junkin of the University's Fine Arts Department, and Dean James G. Leyburn will accompany the production on two pianos.



1950 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPS

The Ring-tum Phi delayed publication until 5:05 p.m., at which time the paper was informed by athletic officials that a decision had been reached as to the teams picked to play in the 'Gator Bowl by the committee. Their selections will be announced not more than 24 hours from now.

Washington and Lee's alumni chapter in Jacksonville has been working to influence the 'Gator Bowl to select the Generals to play there on January 1. Edgar Jones, chairman of the 'Gator Bowl Committee, said this morning that "W. and L. alumni have been pressing very hard and alumni support in Jacksonville would certainly be taken into consideration."

Among the strong supporters of the W. and L. bowl movement have been Lawrence Leonard, sports editor of the Richmond News Leader; Chauncey Durden and Shelley Rolfe, of the Richmond Times-Dispatch; Ed Danforth of the Atlanta Journal; Coach Bob Neyland of the University of Tennessee; and Coach Carl Snively of the University of North Carolina.

W. and L. athletic officials said, "We are deeply appreciative of the support we have received from these men and others."

Part of the Generals' squad is snowbound in Pennsylvania, so the vote taken to decide whether or not the team will accept the bid if one is offered is not yet complete and official. The votes cast so far favor playing on New Year's Day. Most of the members feel, however, that the team will vote in favor of accepting such a bid.

Approval of University administration would have to be received before final acceptance of a bowl bid could be made. Dean Gilliam says that "No consideration will be given to any bid unless the players themselves, by a substantial majority, are anxious to attend. Following that step, the matter would go to the proper authorities."

Earlier, W. and L. had received a "feeler" from the Sun Bowl Committee in El Paso, Texas, to

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RICHMOND GAME ATTENDANCE

Student attendance at the Richmond Thanksgiving Day game last Thursday was disappointing.

According to reports from the office of Capt. Dick Smith, director of athletics, about 253 student tickets were sold to W. and L. students for the last game of the University's best football season since 1934—the game in which the Generals racked up their largest margin, 67 to 7, in many, many years.

It's a bad thing for us to have to sound off about such a thing as student support for a football team which has just won the Southern Conference football crown. And to set the record straight in order that our readers might not say of us, "Lest we forget," we acknowledge, of course, that there has been nothing but full cooperation, in fact, enthusiastic support, for the team from the overwhelming margin of students up to now.

To go one step further, we are mighty proud that Washington and Lee had its biggest pep rally the Monday night following the Wahoo game—a spectacle which was really worth the seeing. We also believe that the student body is in for some handshakes for the drive to treat the players to a Natural Bridge dinner.

Nevertheless, we are hollering—on two accounts. The fact that only less than one-fifth of the total enrollment of the University showed up on a clear afternoon to see the Generals bring home the SC crown, to sing and cheer to the music of a new student

band in its first away-from-home appearance is downright appalling to us. And all on a University holiday, too.

Our second gripe concerns the conduct of those 235 students who did show up. Admittedly, the weather was slightly chilly. But we fail to think it was that chilly to warrant all of the bottle-work that was apparent to spectators other than students. A word on this line should be sufficient without any elaboration.

OPERA DESERVES SUCCESS

Tonight, at 8:15 p. m. in the Lexington High School, what may be the unique highlight in the history of musical productions at Washington and Lee and Lexington will make its debut, and its final appearance here.

"The Medium," a modern opera in every sense of the word, student produced by the Washington and Lee Concert Guild, ought to play before an overflowing house as a tribute to a large group of unsung people who have been working very hard on this project for many weeks.

As a Broadway performance, "The Medium" was an immediate success. There is no reason why it cannot be equally successful here, if just for one evening. The Guild has brought a contralto star, Miss Irene Beamer, only one of the three lead singers who has been given recognition by Gian-Carlo Menotti, the composer of the drama.

The entire production of the opera here this fall has been experimental, and the Guild needs the support of the Washington and Lee student body. For everyone involved, for the behind-the-stage workers, the actors, the stage crew, and Mr. B. S. Stephenson, it has been a long, tedious task. No finer appreciation for the work of these people could be shown tonight by the students than for them to see a packed auditorium.

From the sale of tickets, either through advance purchases or through sales at the door, the Guild hopes to meet the expenses of the opera production. That is all.

When the curtain goes up tonight, we wish the Guild every bit of the great success it deserves.

Tickets may be purchased from Guild agents in the houses or at the door for one dollar.

Glimpses by Toby

The Golden Gloves heavyweight championship for New York State ended in the first round. The fight took place in the Buffalo Coliseum in 1946. The 190-pound kid from Binghamton, New York, swung what was the first and last punch of the match. It was a tremendous left hook that missed its target, but was thrown with such ferocity that it dislocated the shoulder of the boy who was aiming it. Because of this injury the fight was stopped, and the other fighter credited with a technical knockout. The fellow who threw that immortal punch has played end for the Washington and Lee football team for the last four years.

Jim Carpenter arrived in Lexington in September of 1947. He took over one of the end positions that year, and has been a letterman ever since. This past season he played the defensive right end spot. Consider how few times you have seen any team gain around our right side of the line, and you will realize why Jim is one of Coach Barclay's favorite boys. He is the husky number 29 who wears an odd harness under his jersey so that he will not lift his arm above shoulder height. Everytime he gets his arm up too high it pops out of joint, just as it did that night in Buffalo four years ago.

In his high school days Jim was an all-star selection in football, and played first-team baseball. His biggest thrill in sports occurred while he was in a baseball game against the Yale freshmen. He smacked a game-winning home run in that affair. Despite his success in football, baseball and boxing are his favorite sports.

This 23-year-old star, who speaks with an accent that Southerners consider typically New York but New Yorkers consider an upstate twang, likes to talk about his days as a lifeguard. Jim spent three summers as a swimming instructor for the female employees of the big International Business Machine Co. in Binghamton, New York. He still cannot believe that he was getting paid for a job as wonderful as that.

In between football practices he can be found at the law library. He is taking a combination degree, and intends to be a practicing attorney when he finishes school. Pro football does not interest him, nor does coaching. Studying law and playing football at the same time is the biggest problem that he has at present. Along the same line, he would like to play in a bowl game, but doubts that he can spare the time so close to exams.

The most famous story about him concerns his days as a pledge for SAE. One weekend, shortly after rush week, they had a party at the SAE house that was invaded by Wahoos. One of the members told Carpenter that he had just been elected to the floor committee, and he was to see that the Wahoos behaved themselves. The unwelcome visitors had been trying to get into the kitchen, and suggesting rather impolitely that the members of the house start feeding them. Unknown to Jim, the house manager had decided that it would be easier to feed the boors than it would be to throw them out. Unfortunately, he did not inform Jim of this, and into the bargain Jim did not know who the house manager was. As is so often the case, Jim had not remembered all the actives that he met during rush week. When the house manager came up to Jim and asked him to help in the kitchen, he thought it was a Wahoo trying to be sarcastic. He threw his famous left hook, and it landed right square on the house manager's jaw. The next day, Jim was introduced to all the actives. Right after initiation he was elected Sergeant-at-Arms for the house.

NOTICE

The Graham-Lee Literary Society will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Student Union.

Bowl Mania: It's Recent History As Compared to the Black Plague

By B. T. BOTTINGHAM

There comes a time in every football team's life when it goes to a bowl. Of course, they're exceptions to every rule; for 1950 finds the University of Florida going to the same bowl that it's been invited to for the past 20 years.

This year the fever has hit every man, woman, and college student who knows anything whatsoever about the laced pellet. From Honolulu to Opa Locka the cry is, "Who's Going Where and Why?"

Now, seated in the middle of the Shenandoah Valley is a fine old Southern institution, college, that is, by the name of Washington and Lee, which has a football team. For the past 20 years it, too, has been going with the University of Florida pretty regularly; but something has happened big enough to shake the initials off of Traveller's derriere.

In Lexington the temperature has reached its zenith. "Is W. and L. going to a new bowl?"

Immediately a poll was necessitated, and this reporter has been lucky enough to visit those who were questioned.

Pierre Rapideu at the IPT house was sipping a ginger ale on the linoleum chandelier when our correspondent swung up to him. Naturally, he was startled, for he had just returned from Staunton after a long trip. However, he closed his eyes and pictured the Gouter Bowl with W. and L. and Princeton fighting it out. 35,000 people—all conventionally dressed—were watching intently! There he saw the east stands, replete

with 12,000 hip flasks, 4,593 pairs of white bucks, and a like number of blue blazers; and to the west were the Minkies—grey flannels and cordovans, if you please. But on with the Kamel Roundup.

Zeazee Yarbotz—Nonconform-Union man—presented himself a problem. "If Kentucky lost to Tennessee, and SNU snatched Bailer, then O. U. (OU too) should be invited to the Pineapple Bowl. "However," he said with sheer determination, trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, courtesy, friendliness, and kindness." Myami has destroyed Iowa (dammit, no more conecone), and California came back (cliche) in the fourth quarter to tie (cliche) Stanford (word found only in West Coast articles). Taking all of this into consideration, to say nothing of the recent H-S battle (Hardin-Simmons vs. Hampden-Sidney), I believe in an obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent frame of mind that but we must go on.

Not that we have anything to go on, but the reader can see some of the ideas running around loose in the loose minds of those fans who shouldn't be allowed to run around at all.

Have we answered the question? This reporter thinks so. After all, that money that the Black Nights of the Mudson spent on tape, they should be going some place; which in this case will probably be Korea. As for everybody's going where they've been invited, although we haven't yet, this reporter doesn't give too much of a wham because on New Year's Day, if bon-bons, women, and television are still around, you'll find him with 'em.

SNIPES HUNTING

By APPLGATE and PITTMAN

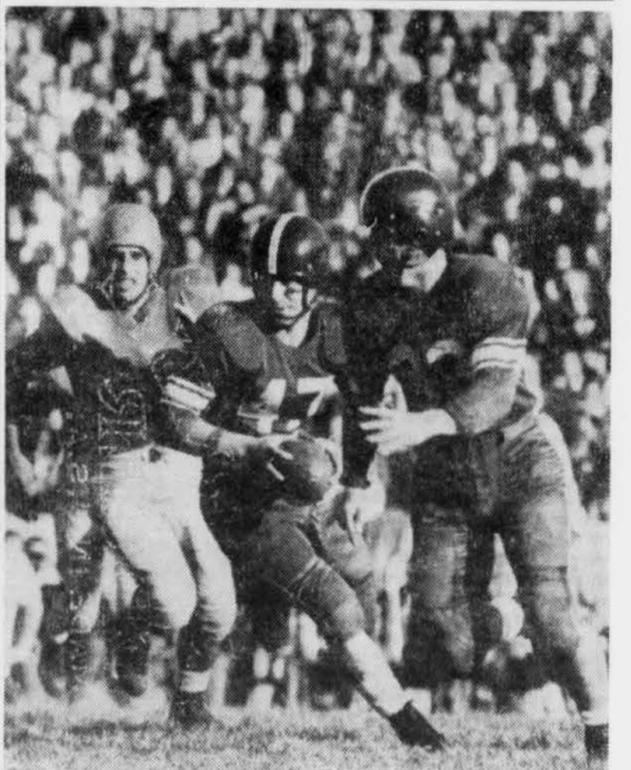
HAPPY HOLIDAY: Those of us on the dean's other list passed an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday traveling between Lexington and Richmond, Richmond and Lexington, Lexington and Buena Vista, Buena Vista and Lexington.

BARCLAY PLAN: The finest W. and L. football team we have seen in our four years here did it again. The score sounded like Truman issuing a loan to Yugoslavia.

THE SHORT OF IT: The best passer in the Southern Conference seems to be one of the shortest men in football today. Wally Oref, passing to towering Chuck Holt, completed the season with a perfect record of one pass attempted,

one pass completed, none intercepted and one touchdown by passing. It happened in the Richmond game during the fourth period while W. and L.'s all-senior team couldn't be stopped.

FROM OUR NORTH CAROLINA BUREAU: Our foreign correspondent, who covers N. C. U., Duke, N. C. State, Davidson (attn. Rock) and even Catawba football games, finally got through to us this week. The word is that those schools have considered the question of the SIC championship and feel that N. C. U., as usual, should have it. However, since W. and L. didn't lose a Conference game, they think it okay for the Generals to finish second.



ACTION AGAINST THE WAHOOS—Gil Bocetti (47) and Charlie Holt (33) start on a tour around end. Unidentified player begins chase after Bocetti.

Twelve Senior Generals Will Be Missing in '51

By JAY GROSSMAN

Washington and Lee is about to mourn the loss of the greatest group of senior football players that has ever stepped on Wilson Field to represent the Blue and White.

Coach Carl Wise set forth what is probably the sentiments of the entire coaching staff when he said: "These boys deserve every ounce of credit they have been given. You can't find a better group to work with. The names of every one of them should go down in Washington and Lee's Hall of Fame. They have the finest character of any group I have worked seen."

He also reaffirmed the statement he made to reporters after the Richmond game: "It is fine football players who make good coaches. They are the ones who deserve the credit for this very successful season."

There are 12 seniors who finish their collegiate football careers at W. and L. this year; every one of them a star in his field. Those 12 men played on an "All Senior" squad in the last six minutes against Richmond, and scored once on a pass from Oref to Holt.

Although many of them were playing positions they had never played before, they formed one of the most powerful teams that could be had.

Seniors in the Backfield

Walt Michaels—20 years old; six feet tall; 210 pounds; fullback from Massillon, Pennsylvania. Walt has been a regular for four years and, as Coach Wise stated, "is the finest football player Washington and Lee ever had and probably the most valuable in the Southern Conference this season." Michaels was named to this year's "All-State" team and leads the S. C. scoring race with 89 points. His power and drive have gotten those first downs when the Generals needed them, and even when they didn't.

Charlie Holt—25 years old; five feet, eight inches tall; 179 pounds; fullback from Massillon, Ohio. Charlie has been outstanding for four years on the varsity. He is a great team man, having one of the high team spirits on the squad. He is a good runner and a fine

blocker, one of the best backs on the team.

Jim Stark—21 years old; six feet, one inch tall; 190 pounds halfback from Mt. Hope, Virginia. Jim has been a four-year regular on the Generals' squad, both on the offense and defense. He is a fine kicker, runner, passer, pass catcher, blocker, and tackler. As Coach Wise stated: "There is probably no other player in the Southern Conference who can do as much on the football field as Jim."

Wally Oref—21 years old; five feet, eight inches tall; 175 pounds; halfback from Elm Grove, West Virginia. Wally has been a very valuable man for the Generals, but has had a lot of bad luck with injuries. Coach Wise said that if Wally could have broken his injury jinx, he would probably have become one of W. and L.'s greats. Wally played one of his best games against Richmond, throwing his first pass in intercollegiate competition and making it good for a touchdown to Charlie Holt.

Senior Linemen

Joe McCutcheon—23 years old; six feet tall; 200 pounds; center from Charleston, West Virginia. Joe is described by many coaches as the greatest T-formation center in the business. He has been named "All-State" for the past two years. Joe is a fine all-around football player and field captain, playing both offense and defense.

John Kay—21 years old; six feet tall; 190 pounds; guard from Charleston, West Virginia. John has been a regular for four years and, in the words of Line Coach Russ Crane, "is the best balanced lineman" he has ever worked with. John is a great competitor and a fine blocker.

"Buck" Conard—20 years old; five feet, eleven inches tall; 230 pounds; guard from Huntington, West Virginia. "Buck" was elected to this year's "All-State" football team. He is a fine player on both offense and defense. One of the best liked players on the team, he has played sensational football every game throughout the season.

Jack Kerneklian—22 years old; six feet, four inches tall; 205 pounds; guard from Richmond,

Virginia. Coach Wise stated that Jack was a slow starter, but began coming into his own in the last two years. He said that Jack is a power on defense and that it is too bad that this is his last year, since he has not yet reached his peak, improving with every game.

Bob Smith—23 years old; six feet, two inches tall; 200 pounds; tackle from Conneaut, Ohio. Bob is famous for his 12th-man play when he streaked from the sidelines to tackle a Wahoo back and prevent the scoring of a touchdown in last year's game. Few other men can boast such a feat. Bob helped the Generals greatly this year when he stepped in to take the place of Rollo Thompson, who was injured, and played what Coach Crane called "bang-up ball."

Mike Radulovic—21 years old; six feet, four inches tall; 212 pounds; tackle from McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Both Coach Crane and Coach Wise agreed that Mike's play this year was his best since he came to Washington and Lee. Mike's power was felt by many an opposing lineman.

Don Fergusson—23 years old; six feet, two inches tall; 200 pounds; tackle from Richmond, Virginia. Don as co-captain of the Generals is a fine offensive leader and blocker. He ended his regular college career in a blaze of glory as he played before a home town crowd in Richmond, Thanksgiving Day. Coach Wise said that Don is a good man to have on any team.

Jim Carpenter—23 years old; six feet tall; 190 pounds, end from Binghamton, New York. Jim, according to his coaches, is one of the most underrated players on the team. He is a fine pass nd kick blocker, keeping the passers moving and making the kickers hurry their boots.

Bob Goldsmith—23 years old; six feet, three inches tall; 185 pounds; end from Beckley, West Virginia. Bob came in to replace Thomas when he was injured in the Tennessee game and played a great part of every game for the rest of the season. Coach Wise said that Bob "gave his all" and did a great job.

Washington & Lee Completes 1950 Season With 8-2 Record; Unbeaten in Conference

Michaels, Bocetti Pace Offense; Linemen Show Enemies Stiff Defense

By TED LONERGAN

The end of another football season. It happens every year, and somehow people forget the end of football seasons and begin looking ahead to the next time the team will be taking the field.

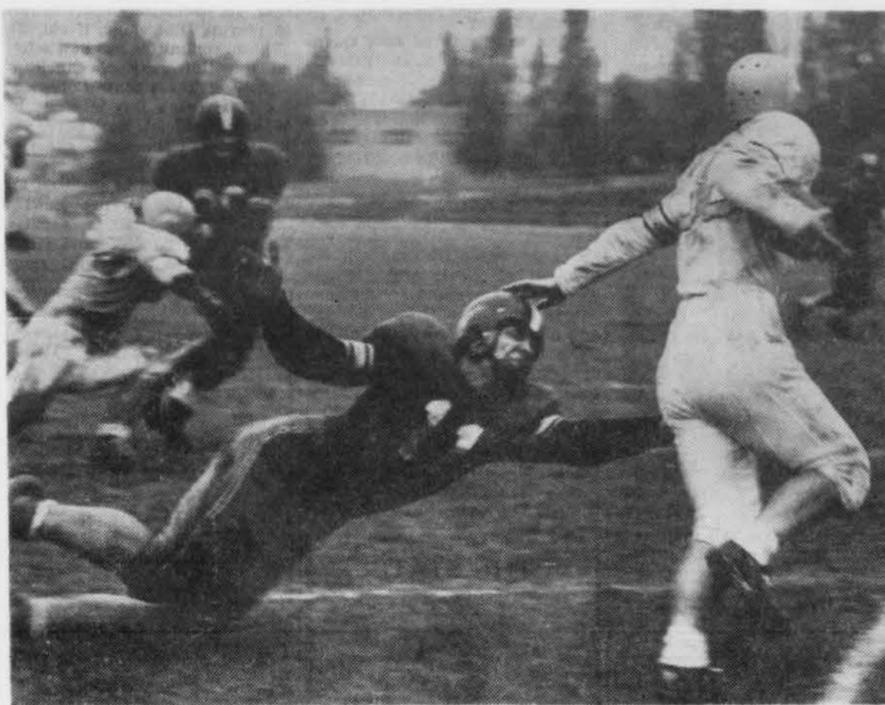
But mark this past one down in your little red book. There hasn't been one like it at Washington and Lee in many years. Fans began predicting a rise in W. and L. football fortunes as soon as George Barclay introduced the split-T at the Lexington school. But few expected the fine showing that appeared with the 1950 Generals.

Even after Walt Michaels and Charlie Holt showed fans that the Blue would support a running attack after many years of passing, did many dream of such a successful year. Furman dropped by the wayside in the opener, 27-6. A big one, the first Conference foes of the year was first one the list.

West Virginia's Mountaineers, under former Blue Coach Art Lewis, took the field and were favored over the Generals, but could do no better than Furman, going down, 26-7. People began seeing Gil Bocetti as a great ball-handler, and not just another passer after this one. Michaels, the Big Train, showed off his power as a tackler on the defense. Randy Broyles started to play the football that he starred at in high school.

The Citadel Bulldogs were tough, but Michaels plowed through the center; Broyles and Jim Stark tore the ends; and Bocetti hit Tal Trammell and Dave Hedge for long gains, and the game ended with the Generals on the long end of a 20-0 count. Three games played, three games won, and all in the Conference.

Spirit was high for the annual tilt with the Wahoos. Not since 1937 had the local lads taken the measure of Virginia, and this looked like the year. For three quarters, Bocetti pitched out, around, and generated Washington and Lee into a 21-13 lead. With six minutes to play, Virginia scored, but the Blue still held a one-point advantage. Michaels ate up yardage through the center, and the ends were shredded again by Broyles and Stark. The Generals kept the ball until there were only two minutes left in the game. Then came one of the breaks that make football the game it is. Bocetti took to the air, and Norm



CHARLIE SMITH, hard-charging W. and L. lineman, drives in for a tackle against West Virginia. Smith has been praised by General coaches for his outstanding defensive work all season. Smith probably played his best game on mud-soaked Wilson Field against Virginia Tech.

Scott of Virginia intercepted on the 45. Rufus Barkley took the ball from under center on the first play and hit Gerald Furst 20 yards out. Furst went over standing up with the winning TD. Final score: Virginia 26, W. and L. 21.

Davidson's Wildcats were next on Barclay's list. Back in the Conference. Not much of a contest, as the Generals won easily, 47-12. By this time, Clemson and Wake Forest had tied. This shoved W. and L. into undisputed first place in league play.

Eighth-ranking Tennessee took on the Generals in what was supposed to be a breather for them. The Vols won, 27-20, but not until after Knoxville writers had sung the praise of Michaels' running, and Bocetti's leadership. Bocetti was hurt in the second quarter. Dave Waters came in at the quar-

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Sigma Delta Psi Conducts First Entrance Tests For Athletic Fraternity

Sigma Delta Psi has completed the first in its series of qualifying tests, according to the intramural department.

Sigma Delta Psi, the national honorary athletic society, takes members on the basis of completion of 15 rigorous tests. This year the tests are being given throughout the school year, instead of all at one time.

The athletic society was formed on the Washington and Lee cam-

pus three years ago. Former Intramural Director Norm Lord requested a chapter at W. and L., and the first tryouts were held in the spring of 1948. Eighteen students participated in the trials. Only five made the grade. Three of the five charter members are still in school. Three more men passed the tests which were held last spring.

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Generals Finally Reach Gridiron Top After Many Fruitless Years

By EARLE BATES

Washington and Lee's football fortunes, for many seasons on the downgrade, have undergone an emphatic rejuvenation in the last two years.

Under the able tutelage of Coach George Barclay, the Generals have emerged as a full-fledged Southern Conference threat, capable of holding their own against any and all comers.

During the years from 1940 to 1949, the Generals' over-all record shows only 18 wins, with 43 losses and four ties. In S. C. play over the same period of time, W. and L. has compiled a record of 11 wins, 16 losses and three ties.

In sharp contrast to this rather poor showing is the Generals' record of eight wins and two, with a perfect 6-0 slate against Southern Conference competition.

W. and L. football was discontinued for three years during the war. By a ruling of the Athletic Committee, with approval given by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to discontinue the sport for the duration of the war. This ban was in effect for the 1943, 1944 and 1945 seasons.

In the three years immediately preceding the football ban, the Generals managed to win only four games, while losing 21 and tying three. Hampden-Sydney, 26-0; Richmond, 3-0, in 1940; Richmond, 21-0, in 1941; and Hampden-Sydney, 20-13, in 1942, were the only teams to succumb before the Generals' attack.

Losses for the same period were

inflicted by such powerhouses as Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. The Southern Conference record for these three years was two victories, as against seven losses and two ties.

Football was resumed in 1946 under the guidance of a new coach, Art (Pappy) Lewis. The team suffered from a decided lack of experience, having only four returning lettermen. The remainder of the team was composed of freshmen.

Despite the handicap of a green team, Coach Lewis gave W. and L. one of its best squads in a decade, and one which scored more points than any since 1929.

The fact that the Generals won only twice as against six losses that year may be attributed to inexperience, the traditional bad breaks, and a high calibre of competition.

Beginning with the 1946 season the Generals played a much better brand of ball against their Southern Conference opponents. Over the last five seasons W. and L. has won 15 times, compared with nine defeats and one tie.

The 1947 season was highlight-

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Generals on Top

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ed by a game with Army, which was won by the Cadets, 65-13. W. and L. did manage to attain a .500 average for the season, marking the first time in many years that the Generals did not show a losing record.

Wins were notched over Quantico, 13-0; Richmond, 16-3; Davidson, 32-0; George Washington, 16-6; and Delaware, 18-13. Losses were suffered at the hands of West Virginia, 35-6; Virginia, 32-7; V. P. I., 27-14; William and Mary, 45-6; and Army.

In 1948, which marked Pappy Lewis' last year as grid mentor, the Generals won four and lost six. This season also marked the addition of Penn and Georgia Tech to the W. and L. schedule.

1949 ushered in George Barclay and a new era of football for the Generals. W. and L., with its newly installed split-T, started with a rush by downing Furman, 27-7. However, losses to West Virginia, 28-20; Georgia Tech, 36-0; Virginia, 27-7; and George Washington, 21-19, followed.

Homecomings saw the Generals trounce Davidson, 53-0. A 6-6 tie

with V. P. I. followed. W. and L. closed the season with a loss to Delaware, 13-7, and a win over Richmond, 35-14.

Bowl Bid Seen

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find out about the team's interest in playing that game, if bid. The El Paso committee has now selected the University of Cincinnati and West Texas State College for the New Year's Day meeting, but W. and L. officials were never very interested in the Texas game for financial reasons.

Before selection of Clemson and Miami for the Orange Bowl in Miami, Shelley Rolfe reported yesterday in the Richmond Times-Dispatch that "one wild rumor

which originated in Atlanta and was circulating through Lexington shoved the Generals into the Orange Bowl picture. The story that Miami was to be chosen as Orange Bowl host team and might invite W. and L. was considered by W. and L. officials commendable, but highly improbable."

Rolfe also reported Coach Barclay as favoring a bowl game for the Generals to "give his boys a chance to prove that they are not 'cheese' champions."

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Season Review

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terback slot and powered the visitors to the final two scores. The Generals won in every department but the score. Most notable of these achievements was the first down count. Washington and Lee tallied 19, to 8 for the powerful Vols.

In a battle of the mud, Virginia Tech went down, 25-7. Blocked punts told the story, but there's no telling what the score might have been had the field been dry.

In one of the few times that the Blue looked bad, they powered a 32-0 victory over Delaware. Fumbles all over the field gave the Hens all the breaks any football team could want, but the General forward wall wouldn't give in. Another win.

Louisville looked big after their tie with Miami. The Blue took the role of favorites, and started out just that way. At the three quarter mark, the score was 27-7. But the Cardinals caught fire, and came within a hair of winning. Final score: W. and L. 33, Louisville 28.

All that remained to clinch the title was a victory over none-too-impressive Richmond on Thanksgiving Day last Thursday. Upsets do happen, and the Blue coaches took no chances. No scrimmages were held during the last week, so as to keep the injuries down.

Fans who saw the game won't be able to forget it for a long time. They saw Michaels score three times and boot seven extra points, a total of 25 points. Season's total, 89—tops in the Southern Conference. Charlie Holt, another fullback, and a great one, powered over for three more. Reserves got plenty of chances to play. It took an adding machine to get the final count, 67-7.

No Word Yet

When this paper went to press, there had been no word from Cap'n Dick Smith as to possible bowl bids. At last notice, Cap'n Dick stated that he expected a phone call at 5 p. m. today from 'Gator Bowl officials and until that call came through, there could be no decision on his part.

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