

## Bocetti, Thompson to Co-Captain 1951 Generals

### Dr. Gaines Given 6 Months Absence Leave

#### President Says Health Reasons Cause Decision

##### Leyburn Assumes New Duties Until October

Dr. Francis P. Gaines yesterday began a six-months leave of absence from his duties as president of Washington and Lee University.

Reasons of health were cited as the basis for the extended leave granted Dr. Gaines by the university's board of trustees.

During Dr. Gaines' absence the functions of the president's office will be conducted by Dean James G. Leyburn.

The W. and L. president told a faculty meeting here this afternoon that he had not made any definite plans for the next six months. He said he expects to return in October to the office he has occupied since he came to W. and L. from the presidency of Wake Forest College in 1930, but that, if his health permits, he plans to attend the university's 202nd commencement exercises in June. Dr. Gaines traditionally delivers the graduation address in June.

He said he was considering "just relaxing awhile" at his 300-acre farm, "Penrobin," a few miles south of Lexington in the Blue Ridge foothills, or taking a trip overseas.

Dr. Gaines has not completely absented himself from his duties since 1937 when he visited England. During 1948-49, he was in strategic command of Washington and Lee's successful year-long bicentennial celebration.

Since Dr. Gaines has been president of Washington and Lee, the new Tucker Hall, housing the school of law, was erected on the site of the older building destroyed by fire in 1934, over one and one-half million dollars has been added to the endowment, and the John Marton Payne bequest, realized during his administration, provided the funds for the reconstruction of the Washington College buildings. In addition, Newcomb Hall has been converted into a home for the school of commerce, and the new Student Union building was erected.

#### Carnegie Foundation Bequest Provides Aids For W. and L. Faculty

A gift of \$25,000 from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching will provide grants-in-aid for members of the Washington and Lee University faculty to engage in scholarly endeavors designed to improve undergraduate teaching, President Francis P. Gaines announced yesterday.

The arrangement between the Carnegie Foundation and the university established a formula believed to be unique in that it provides for a permanent program in the years following the initial grants.

The Carnegie grant will be made in three annual installments, the first of which has already been received, and calls for the university to undertake to raise an additional permanent endowment of \$200,000 to perpetuate the program in the future. The amount of the grant is roughly equivalent to the income on a \$200,000 investment.

No special restrictions have been imposed by the foundation on the type of projects in which W. and L. faculty members may be engaged under the grants, except that they conform to the initial requirement of scholarly advancement, a fundamental objective of Carnegie Foundation grants.

Travel, research, advanced study, and editorial or publication projects are among the individual programs which faculty candidates for the grants may pursue.

"Whether these grants be directed toward research, writing, or advanced study in a certain field, they are emphatically for the advancement of the instructional acumen of our teachers," Gaines told the W. and L. faculty. "I can think of no better investment, dollar for dollar, in the educational processes to which this university is dedicated."

The \$25,000 bequest followed the announcement made early in February, 1951, that the permanent funds of the University for the year 1950 had been increased by approximately \$170,000, not including two deeds of trust made to Washington and Lee by Mrs. Alfred I. du Pont amounting to \$250,000 more.



GRID CAPTAINS—Roland Thompson (right), tackle for the 1950 Southern Conference Generals, and Gil Bocetti (left), All-Southern quarterback, were elected co-captains for next year's football team.



### DU Withdraws from Little Clique; Assumes Position of Neutrality

Delta Upsilon today formally withdrew from the Independent Party and sent letters to all fraternities and the Campus Club notifying them of its actions. According to House President Joe Sconce, the main reason for DU's action was to allow the fraternity to assume a neutral position from which they could mediate the differences between the two parties operation of the entire campus.

Sconce said, "If there is ever a time that this University needed teamwork, it will be next year. The time to achieve that unity is now. It's time to cut out all this horseplay about politics. Politics are okay during peacetime, but the officers that are elected for next year must have the undivided cooperation of the entire campus."

#### To Work Out Compromise

DU hopes to get representatives of both factions together to work out a compromise by which the political tumult on the campus can be settled. Letters were sent to all fraternities this afternoon inviting them to send delegates to a "peace conference" which would be held under the neutral DU auspices. Ted Lonergan, chairman of the fraternity's political committee, said that their hope was "to get both sides to sit down and discuss this problem for the good of the University." Sconce stressed that he hoped all groups would enter into the discussion in a spirit of co-operation.

Members of Delta Upsilon voted unanimously about a month ago to withdraw from all campus political parties and incorporated an article in the chapter by-laws which prohibit the chapter from joining or re-joining any group of a political nature.

Lonergan stated that the move was taken in all good faith and was definitely not "a political move by the Little Clique. It's going to be hard to convince some Big Clique men of that, though," he added.

Complete reasons for DU's action are given in a letter to the editor on page four. Sconce said that "the chance that our fraternity will be hurt by this move

is more than outweighed by the possible good which it will do the University and the political freedom it will give our members."

Dick Salmons, president of the University Party, was out of town and could not be reached for comment, but Dave Ryer, secretary of the party's organization, said that any effort to better the University was a step in the right direction. "We'll meet any proposal to improve the University more than half way," Ryer said.

Spokesmen for the Independent Party said that DU's action couldn't weaken their party any more than it already was, and that if the DU's plan had any hope for working, they were all for it.

### Parker To Speak At Law Lectures

With his opening address on May 1, Judge John J. Parker will begin the third observance of the annual John Randolph Tucker Lectures at the W. and L. School of Law. Judge Parker, the chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, will talk on the Nurnberg Trials.

On Tuesday, May 1, Judge Parker will begin his series of three lectures at 8:00 p.m. in Lee Chapel with an address and film on "Nurnberg and Its Lesson for the Future." The following evening at the same time he will speak on "The Legal Basis of the Nurnberg Trial." The concluding lecture of the series will be given in Lee Chapel at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, on "A World Order Based on Law."

#### Significance of Trials

Judge Parker will treat the significance of the Nurnberg Trials in establishing a world order based on law as a basis for the series of three lectures.

The John Randolph Tucker Lectures were established in 1949 as an annual observance by the Board of Trustees "in honor of the long and distinguished service of Mr. Tucker as Dean of the School of Law." Mr. Tucker, for whom the present building of the law school is named, was dean of the Law School during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

#### Davis First Lecturer

The first Tucker lecturer was John W. Davis, graduate of the law class of 1895. Mr. Davis is a trustee of the University, and formerly solicitor general of the United States and Ambassador to Great Britain. In 1924 he was the nominee of the Democratic Party for President of the United States.

Last year, Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt of the Supreme Court of New Jersey delivered the Tucker lectures. He is also former Dean of the School of Law at New York University.

### Quarterback Receives Football Board Merit Award at Banquet

Gil Bocetti and Roland Thompson were elected to co-captain the 1951 edition of the Generals at the annual football banquet held at the Mayflower Hotel Friday night before spring vacation.

Bocetti, star quarterback and choice for the mythical All-Southern team during the 1950 grid season, will be playing his third year of varsity football for the Generals next season. Bocetti's home is McKeesport, Pa., and he played high school ball at McKeesport High there.

### Gilliam Advises Students Take Deferment Tests

Despite the fact that administration leaders in the House of Representatives have gone on record as of last Friday in favor of scuttling the elaborate new draft deferment plan for college students approved six days earlier by President Truman, Dean of Students Frank J. Gilliam yesterday indicated that students who had every reason to expect to pass the national aptitude tests for deferment "had everything to lose" by not taking these tests on the dates and at the places announced, regardless of what the eventual decision regarding the controversial plan may be.

Even though Director of Selective Service yesterday labeled the results from the tests as merely "advice" and "permission" on the part of the Selective Service for thousands of local draft boards to use as the basis for "individual deferments" on a non-mandatory basis, the amendment to sacrifice the plan in new draft legislation being considered by the House armed services committee on the altar of universal military training was made by Rep. Kilday (D-Texas) with the support of Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Georgia), chairman of the committee.

The move is intended to speed the enacting of legislation with such provisions as the drafting of 18½ year-olds and the creation of UMT machinery.

Answering mounting Congressional and veterans group opposition in a radio broadcast last evening, Gen. Hershey was still confident that local draft boards would go along with the new plan providing for deferment of college men scoring 70 or above in the aptitude tests or who rank high scholastically in their respective classes.

With all of these constantly changing and conflicting reports to serve as a background, Dean Gilliam commented, "everything points to it being advisable for Washington and Lee students to take the national aptitude tests."

Mr. Gilliam based this generalization on the College Board enrollment figures.

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#### Out Due To Injuries

Next year will also be the third straight that standout tackle Roland Thompson has donned the blue and white grid uniform. Thompson missed four games last season because of an injury, but is slated to see plenty of action during the '51 season. Barclay plans to switch Thompson from defensive tackle, which he played last year, to offensive duty during the coming year. Thompson makes his home in Arlington, Va., and attended Washington and Lee High School there.

Christy Walsh's All-American Board of Football Card of Merit was awarded Gil Bocetti during the banquet for his performance with Coach Barclay's eleven during the season which ended in the "Gator Bowl" game in Jacksonville.

#### Mead Guest Speaker

Jim Mead, athletic director at Furman, was a guest at the football fete and gave a short talk. Dean Leyburn and members of W. and L.'s athletic committee were also guests.

Don Fergusson, co-captain of the 1950 Generals was toastmaster at the banquet and called on various members of the squad for short talks. The football banquet is an annual event, usually coming at the end of spring practice.

Coach Barclay said last night that all candidates for football next year would report for track practice this afternoon to keep in condition. Football punting and sled pushing will be added to the list of field events for the benefit of the converted gridders. The enlarged track team will also continue to engage in the more conventional track and field events.

#### Prospects 'Good'

Cap'n Dick Smith said that prospects for next year's team "are looking good." Asked about the draft situation in relation to W. and L. football prospects, Cap'n Dick replied that if the deferment system proposed by General Hershey goes through, the Generals will have little to worry about in the way of losing men to Uncle Sam.

"Coach Barclay's main problem now is getting freshmen replacements to come to W. and L.," said

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### W-L Fraternities Announce Plans For Annual Spring House Parties

By DAVE COMEGYS

In Spring (after Spring Vacation, at least) a young man's fancy turns to beano, cord coats, and more beano. As the clammy weather settles for the remaining two months of school, the boys will don their cord coats, lug the best looking girls they can "dig up" in Virginia, and haul off to the increasing number of house parties in the offing for Washington and Lee's 17 social fraternities.

The Delts will lead the parade Saturday night with a closed costume party, music furnished by the Southern Collegians. A "half and half" affair on April 28 is being brewed up by the KA's—closed in the afternoon and open to the campus at night, with an undetermined orchestra to play. Also slated for the weekend of the 28th is an informal, closed Beta party, with music tentatively to be supplied by the Southern Collegians.

#### Kappa Sig Open House April 28

Tom Collins's will be the brew offered by the Main Street establishment of the Kappa Sig during their Open House on April 28 also. Kappa Sig Social Chairman Phi Robbins has not yet determined who will supply the music. A fourth house planning a Spring house party the last week-

end in April is the Phi Kap mansion on Red Square, but the details have not yet been determined.

Only three parties are underway for the traditional May Day weekend at the surrounding girls' schools. The Phi Ep's have only decided on the weekend of May 5 as the date for their spring affair with details in the making, while the Lambda Chi house, will be "open" all afternoon. The Phi Psi's are also working out the details for their party that weekend.

#### Sweetheart Dances

The weekend of May 12 appears to be given over to traditional fraternity sweetheart dances, with Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Phi leading the way. Down on Red Square, the Sigma Nu's are working out plans for their traditional White Rose formal dance that weekend. Who will furnish the music has not been determined. Out East Washington Street way, the Pi Kappas will sponsor their annual Rose Ball at a formal invitation dance from nine to twelve with the music supplied by Alan Rice and his orchestra from Roanoke. Both groups will introduce their queens for the coming year.

Other parties on deck for May 12 include one given by SAE and one by Delta Upsilon, but information about each of these is not yet final.

### W-L Sends Representatives To Hollins Inauguration

Five members of the Washington and Lee faculty and administration will serve as official representatives of their various institutions next Monday when Hollins College inaugurates Dr. John R. Everett as president of the girls college outside of Roanoke.

In the academic procession will be Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, representing the University; Mrs. Francis P. Gaines, representing the Mississippi State College for Women; Dr. Linton L. Barrett, representing Mercer University; and Dr. Edward D. Myers, representing the American Council of Learned Societies.

### Humanities Conference Begins Friday; Fishwick To Present Paper

By HANK TURNER

The fourth annual meeting of the Southern Humanities Conference will be held at W. and L. on Friday and Saturday of this week.

During the meeting W. and L.'s Humanities Department will be host to 16 delegates and observers from colleges and organizations.

Reports, discussions, and the election of new officers make up the agenda for the meeting.

#### Fishwick To Report

Feature report of the meeting will be that of Dr. W. J. McGlothlin. He will report on "The Board of Control of Southern Regional Education and its interest in the Humanities."

Dr. Marshall Fishwick of W. and L. will report on "Humanities Programs and Courses in Southern Colleges and Universities." After each of the reports there will be a discussion period.

Topics of other reports and discussions include "The Teaching of Religion and Biblical Literature in the South," "The Improvement of Libraries and Preservation of Manuscripts of Living Authors,"

and "Music in the Humanities of Southern Universities and Colleges."

Some of the institutions and organizations to be represented at the meeting are: Vanderbilt University, University of North Carolina, University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, American Council of Learned Societies, Southern Society for Philosophy of Religion, and the General Education Board.

The meetings of the Conference will be closed and will be held in the lounge of the McCormick Library. There will be three sessions. The first will be at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, the second at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and the third at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

On Friday afternoon, the delegates and observers will be entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward D. Myers. Later there will be a stag dinner at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Chairman of the Conference is Dr. Sturgis E. Leavitt of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Edward D. Myers of W. and L. is the secretary and chairman of arrangements for the meeting.



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## Editorials

### DR. GAINES— HIS STRENGTH NO TRADITION

It was an awe-filled faculty which learned yesterday of the temporary leave of absence granted Dr. Francis P. Gaines due to his ill health. Moreover, it may safely be predicted that the student body of Washington and Lee will greet this news with some element of doubt.

Ever since Dr. Gaines came to W. and L. in 1930 he has been known as a paragon of strength and a possessor of indomitable drive. Especially has this been true in his many endeavors in behalf of this university.

Keeping such a self-set pace for himself these past twenty-one years, those connected with Washington and Lee have taken his enduring strength as much for granted as they do the manifold traditions which pervade the campus.

A standard of action as that taken by Dr. Gaines through the years must have its consequences. Certainly it is a well deserved vacation at his farm, "Penrobin," which Dr. Gaines takes.

### DEFERMENT VIA A TOOL

It is gratifying to say the least to note how an overwhelming majority of the country's press and public reacted against the Congressional plan to defer certain college students on the basis of a nationwide test given to all prospective college men. One cannot help wonder how such an idea received the sanction of elements in Washington in the first place.

The complete futility of such an idea that would allow only those men who made a certain score on a test which attempts to resemble a college entrance board examination is obvious to the most casual observer. A look at three of the most glaring defects or weaknesses should prove our point.

By permitting certain college students to remain draft exempt we are giving the boy who was fortunate enough to have the where-withall in the first place an advantage over the boy who was unable to attend college. We have never operated in such a manner in this country before, and it would be a dangerous step indeed to open the door to similar practices by granting special privileges to a monied elite.

Secondly, under a plan the armed services become a penalty, a type of forced labor for those who fail to maintain a certain average in their studies. What would be the effect on morale with this foolhardy scheme in operation? To make the army a punitive measure for those students who lack sufficient learning power in college subjects whether they be Sanskrit or poultry marketing would be opening the door to moral suicide in the ranks of our country's armed forces.

Finally, who is going to test the testers and what about the pressure on the college professors in America? The student's plea for a grade change would take on a new and much more emotional tone. It would no longer be for the sake of graduation, but now for the chance to continue an education or to stay out of the firing line. Who could say that the test was representative, in fact who could author such a tool of educational elimination? Indeed this category of defects make a strong case for the complete abandonment of such a notion.

We feel college students should not be exempted from the draft merely because they are enrolled in some institution of higher learn-

ing and happen to achieve a certain score "knowledge" exam. The privilege would be unfair and the conotation alarming.

## The Editor's Mirror

(Editor's Note: The following is a cross-section of editorial opinion concerning the new draft deferment proposal as proclaimed by Presidential order. It is reprinted here from the Norfolk Virginian Pilot.)

### Hope That It Works

From the Lynchburg News

A good many people are convinced that this program is a bad one, because there is great danger of favoritism in its administration. They contend that the armed services should handle the whole matter, placing men where they are of the greatest value. That was tried in the second World War and proved to be a dismal failure. There was no perfect method of attaining a goal we all are sure is desirable, that is to train and locate enough persons of special talent to meet the need of such services. We can only hope this method will prove to be reasonably satisfactory.

### Imperfect Effort

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

President Truman's order for draft deferments for youths of college age on a basis of individual showing in a special aptitude test is an imperfect effort at solving a very difficult problem.

This plan is an effort at compromising the needs of selective service with the natural desire to keep the colleges and universities at their important jobs of training professional men and leaders of all types.

What Congress should do is lower the draft age to 18—the age which produces the least interference with college training. It should also establish a system of universal military service and coordinate this service with the draft. If Congress took these two steps it would not now open the way for probable criticism of our military training program on the grounds that it uses undemocratic methods in the defense of democracy.

### Why This Exemption?

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch

There is much to be said for utilizing special scientific or other valuable talents of gifted college men in the service of the nation but little or none for exempting the majority of college students from all military service.

In announcing adoption of the latter policy, President Truman has done no favor to the college men concerned, who probably will resent being exempted simply because they are doing fairly adequate college work. Furthermore, any such ruling is certain to arouse strong objections on the part of those youths, who for one reason or another, can't go to college. They will naturally want to know why so heavy a percentage of college men are put into this special category.

### Blow at Equality

From the New York Herald Tribune

The new draft deferment plan for college students announced by President Truman strikes a severe blow at the idea of equality of service. Its actual effects on the armed forces' man power problems will not be disastrous, for, we can put together an army without the million or so made eligible for deferment by Selective Service. But the principle that every young man must take his turn serving his country, whether he is richer, or smarter or better educated than his neighbor, has been lost unless it is made clear that this is a genuine deferment and not an exemption.

It would be foolish and dangerous to hand every draft registrant an infantryman's rifle, regardless of whatever skills, aptitudes or potentialities he might possess. But it would be equally foolish, and even more dangerous, to exempt an entire class of average Americans from military liability, while their less fortunate but perhaps equally intelligent compatriots were thrown into the foxholes. Selective Service could, if it wished, do a thorough job of sorting out the draftees according to their abilities, schooling some, training others, seeing to it that each man was serving or studying where he could do the most good. This new plan doesn't face up to this vital problem; it evades it.

### Open to Question

From the New York Times

The proposed plan to set up deferments of military service for all college students with any sort of demonstrated academic ability is open to some grave questions. There is good reason why special skill should be recognized and why exceptional ability should be put to use. But the standards in the proposed plan are so ridiculously low that they offer no assurance of true anxiety for the preservation of those skills and abilities.

What is basically at fault in the proposal, moreover, is that it strikes at the principle of universality of service and of liability to it. There is no sacred cult of college men in this democracy and no reason why there should be one. The place of an individual in the normal educational pattern is not the right basis for a judgment on his liability to military service. The person who does not go to a college would have every right to feel that a discrimination had been made against him.

### Removing the Playboy

From the Baltimore Sun

The knowledge that failure to make good marks means an end to a college career and the beginning of a military one must of necessity have a sobering effect upon young men. They will discover the great importance of averaging "A's" and "B's" instead of being content with squeaking through on "C's." The result could conceivably be the disappearance from our colleges of the "rah-rah" atmosphere that ought never to have been there.

As for the playboys, they will find themselves at no disadvantage in the armed services. Usually they are better equipped for that than for book learning. College men whose generations fitted in with World War I and World War II can name many such playboys who went on to distinguish military careers and not a few who became heroes.

## GLIMPSES

Railroad stations have regained their attitude of disheartening despair. There was a period of about four years in which they returned to their original position of dirty, non-committal stone merely housing the activities of reluctant travelers. But the return to militarism has enabled the term-



ini to become more than a mere building. They stand once again as a monument to unhappiness and insecurity.

Soldiers standing silently beside overstuffed barracks bags have once again succeeded in outnumbering the casual well dressed ticket holder. The sense of departure has regained its element of permanency, and with its new found strength it has abolished the meagre gaiety that sometimes is accomplished by the veteran traveller.

Even the air of hustle and haste that provides the contagious stimulant in the confines of the nation's vast termini has been replaced by the gloom of frustrating farewells. As soon as you enter a station, conversation becomes a strained and false affair. The most uncomfortable are those with people seeing them off. These tight little groups of uncomfortable people are invariably reduced to staring at the lonely men standing with their barracks bags.

The older people who are parting stare the most openly of all at the men in uniform. Their stares contain sympathy as if they had lived through moments like this, but their stares are returned with a certain hostility. For the lives of the older persons, unlike the lives of the young men in service, are not just starting. The factor of age is, however, not the great dividing line in the stations today. Once again the division has been silently drawn between those in uniform and those in civies.

It is difficult for a college student returning from a vacation to a routine of study that is regularly interrupted with parties

not to sense this unwritten difference in the two groups that inhabit the railroad centers. Once recognized, this difference makes for a feeling of guilt in those who are not in service.

The soldiers by virtue of their number and the importance of their task have regained control of the stations, and their way of parting is one of sadness. Their way has become the way of all who pass through any terminus. Laughing or gay movements are out of place and when performed are watched until they are stifled by glances of disapproval.

The only way to escape this atmosphere of despair is to arrive at the station with but a minute to spare. The happiest persons boarding a train are always those who board at the last possible mo-

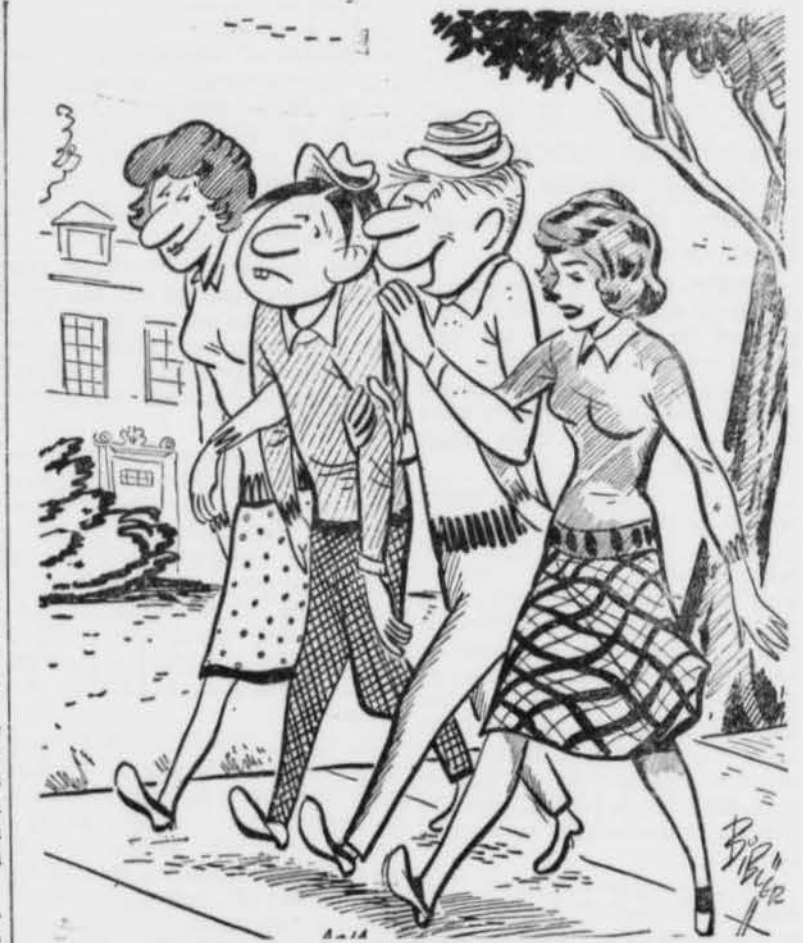
ment. They arrive gasping and delighted in having accomplished what for a few moments they thought was going to be impossible. Their mad advance across the station towards the train has been too quick for the gloomy atmosphere to do its work upon them.

Actually what has happened to these last minute arrivals is that they substituted anxiety about about missing the train for the sadness of catching it. Their first moments aboard are the delicious ones that always accompany any minor triumph. They have deluded themselves into thinking that they wanted to make the train. Even when this delusion wears away they can still savor what parting could have been like

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### Little Man On Campus

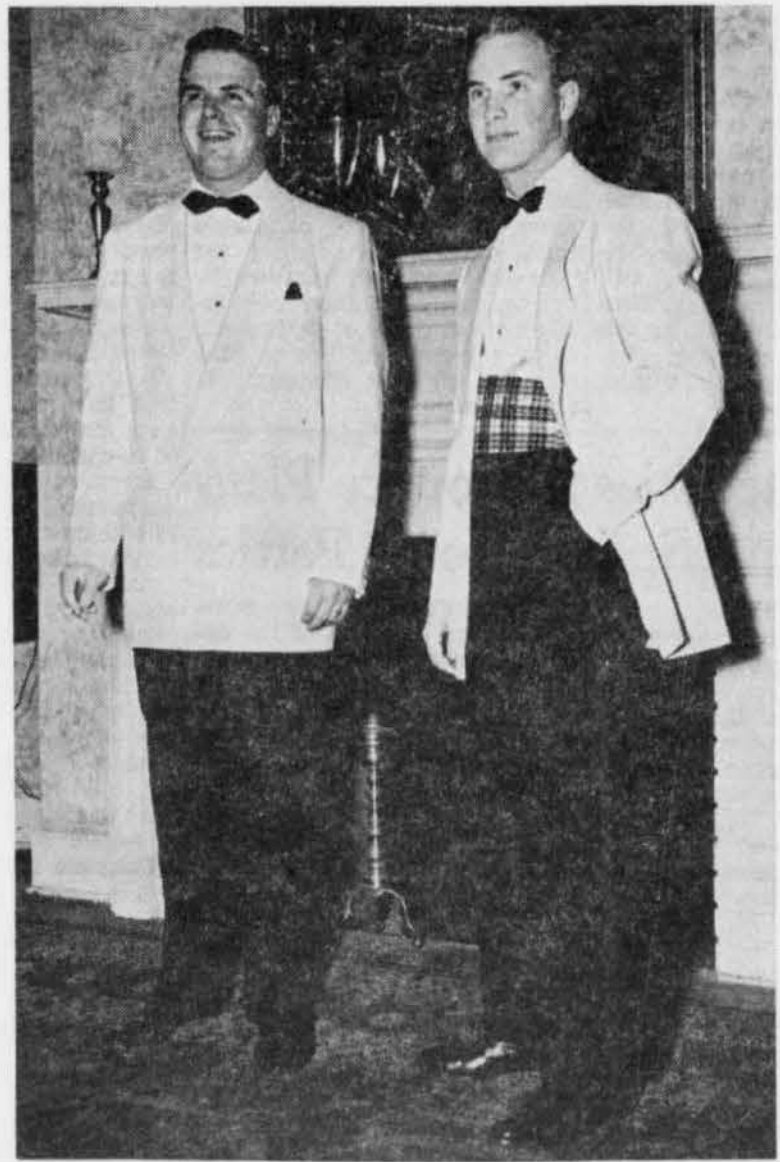
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## Anderson Says Squad Is Best He Has Had While in Lexington

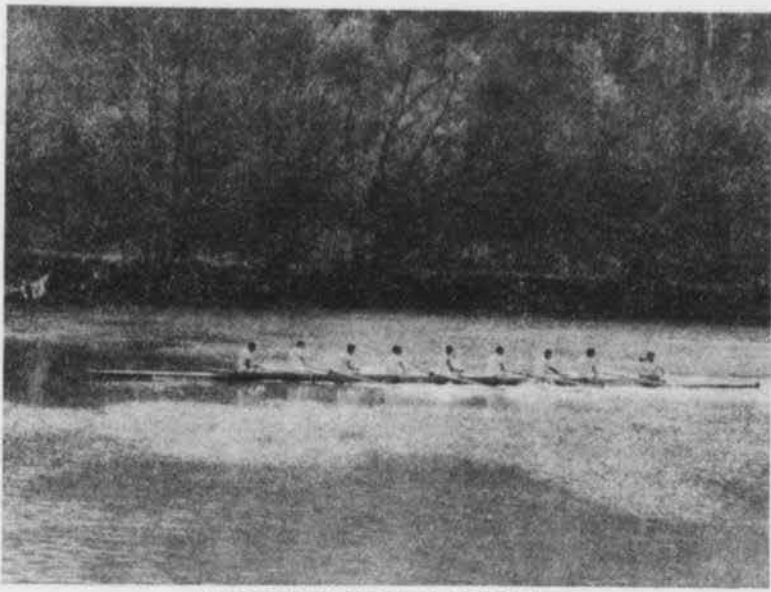
A Washington and Lee crew, which "Swede" Anderson calls the best he has coached since he has been in Lexington, swept past the Dartmouth and Florida Southern crews last week to set a new course record on the Florida Southern course of nine-tenths of a mile. The Generals record of 4:20 was four seconds better than the old one of 4:24. Rowing in a steady rain with a cross tail wind, the Big Blue crew came out of their lane fast and got a jump on the competition by half a length.

Coach Anderson had made five changes in his varsity crew in preparation for triangular meet with F. S. C. and Dartmouth. To speed up the stroke, "Swede" switched Waite from stroke to number 2; Denny, from "6" to stroke; Hicks, from "4" to "6"; Shipman, from "2" to "4"; Warfield, from "7" to "3"; and Bracken, from "3" to "7." Post at "5," Palmer at bow, and Dawson at "Cox" filled out the W. and L. crew. Coach Anderson was forced to make these changes because F. S. C. rows the entire race at over 38 strokes per minute and "Swede" had to get his boys to keep that pace if possible.

As the race began, the Generals held at 40 s.p.m. pace and took the lead. After the first minute of the race the W. and L. crew dropped to 38 s.p.m. and then to 36 and 35. For the first two and a half minutes the Florida Southern crew skimmed along the course at a 42 s.p.m. pace and from that time on never dropped below 38. Even though they did not keep the F.S.C. stroke pace, the powerful Generals crossed the finish line seven seconds before the Florida team and set a new course record. Dartmouth was never in the running and finished five lengths behind the Generals. While commending all of the members of the crew, Coach Anderson especially mentioned Coxswain Bud Dawson who, he said, coxed a great race, and Dick Denny, who Anderson said, stroked the best race of his career.

The J.V. Race found the W. and L. crew running into what

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT  
Crew broke Florida course record.

## Golfers Place Third in Four Way Match; Brown Is Medal Winner

Washington and Lee's golf team took to the links again this afternoon, trying to improve on an already impressive early season record.

The Blue linksmen conquered Holy Cross before the Spring holidays, and came in a close third in a quadrangular match on the first two days of April.

Ohio University, Colgate, and Harvard also competed in the four-way affair.

### Colgate Wins

Colgate took top honors over the other three contenders with a two-day total of 22½ points. Ohio University, Washington and Lee and Harvard finished with 20, 19, and 10½ points, in that order.

Wes Brown of W. and L. and Ohio's Rambo tied for top individual honors with 68-73 rounds, both excellent scores for the rough playing course, according to golf coach Cy Twombly.

Brown left Lexington following the match to compete in the Mid-South Intercollegiate. Washington and Lee's first man again tied for the Blue Ribbon with Lehigh's number one golfer. Both scored 72's.

VPI provided the competition this afternoon, in the third encounter of the young season.

The Generals routed the Gobblers on the home links last season, and then tied them in a rematch at Roanoke.

Coach Twombly didn't know much about Tech, except for the fact that VPI would field a new team from that faced by the Blue last season.

Twombly used Brown in the number one spot, followed by Billy Hall, Frank McCormick, Dave Mann, Jack Bailey, Cox Joynes, and Tal Trammell. Twombly is Trammell in that this is the first season that he has competed for the Generals, although he has had some experience before coming to Washington and Lee.

### Notice

Students are reminded that no intramural softball equipment will be given to students for practice purposes.

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## Track, Softball Set for Spring On I-M Program

Athletics this week are being confined to the thirty minute track workouts, five of which must be completed and registered in the I-M book between April 9 and April 16 at 6 p.m. These practice sessions are compulsory only for contestants in the track events. Those who are entered in field events are not required to work out before the tournament.

On Tuesday, April 17 the Spring Intramural season will be officially opened with the holding of both the preliminaries and finals of the field events. Wednesday the 18th, the preliminaries for all track contestants will be held, and on Friday the 20th, the final qualifiers will compete in the track events.

### Softball Opens April 23

The softball season is scheduled to open on Monday, April 23. Since the first ball of the 1951 season will be thrown out on the day following the Spring Dance weekend, all competing teams are expected to be in the peak of physical condition. The league has not yet been drawn up; however Wilson Fewster, Intramural Director, stated that the schedule will be distributed in ample time prior to the opening date.

A few softball teams have already begun pre-season workouts. And in reply to the pertinent question being asked by a large number of persons, "Why doesn't the I-M department furnish equipment for softball practice?" Fewster said, "Because of the large amount of softball equipment which was lost, stolen, or borrowed last year, the I-M Board has decided not to issue any equipment whatever for practice sessions. All necessary equipment will be issued for scheduled league contests, however." Fewster stressed the fact that if any equipment is lost during the season, the I-M department will halt its distribution and thereafter the team will have to rely upon its own gear.

This spring of 1951 should be quite an interesting season.

## GENERALIZING

By  
TED LONERGAN

Letter to Tom Robbins  
And Screw Double Play

Dear Mr. Robbins,

Your letter of reproach is hereby acknowledged, and a statement follows.

We read the letter you sent to The Ring-tum Phi with great interest, and we might add, deep shame.

We can say nothing in defense, as your letter caught us on the way to a well-spent 10 days in New York, Brooklyn to be exact, and it has always been a policy to let Washington and Lee et al be hanged while on vacation.

Therefore, there has been no attempt as yet to verify your facts or disprove our own.

However, a copy of your letter is being sent to the Associated Press, from whence the material for the article in question was received. We, unfortunately, took the information of that august body of newspaper veterans to be as accurate and as reliable, as most any information source, excepting the Kremlin.

Also, we would like to add that it is with appreciation that your letter was received and read. It shows some interest on the part of some readers, in the space we fill every week. May more letters of protest, disagreement, and we might add encouragement, be forthcoming in the future.

### Screw Plays

It was in 1934 when the Yanks were fighting the Senators for first place in Washington. Lou Gehrig had planted himself on second, and Dixie Walker on first for the New Yorkers. The batter hit to right field. Gehrig thought it would be caught and held up. The ball landed at the base of the wall, however, and both Gehrig and Walker charged madly for home.

Right fielder Goose Goslin threw

the ball to the plate as Gehrig hit the dirt on one side and Walker on the other. The catcher grabbed the flying baseball, and jounced on both runners, tagging them both out. Probably the most unusual double play ever witnessed in the big leagues.

## W. & L. To Face Michigan On Smith Field Thursday In Third Season Contest

Washington and Lee's baseball team puts a two-game winning streak on the block Thursday, as they meet an usually strong University of Michigan nine on Smith Field.

Nothing much is known about the opposition, but they have been having off and on luck while on their Southern tour.

Coach Cap'n Dick Smith is elated over the showing of his team in the first two games of the early season. The pitchers have been throwing nicely in their first two outings, but the hitting has shown little form.

The Generals downed MIT on an error in the eighth inning, following Dave Waters triple, 2-1, and waltzed in with a 6-1 victory over Colby, due mainly to the wildness of the Northern hurlers.

After the Michigan game, the Generals face their first Southern Conference foe, going against Richmond in the capital city Friday.

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LETTER

Editor, The Ring-tum Phi  
Dear Sir:

Campus political warfare may be an entertaining and legitimate pastime during normal peacetime years. It provides experience and excitement in the subtle arts of politics, though on this campus it seldom, if ever, has brought about any real change or reform. But today, with the crisis the world and this University faces, the time has come for a serious and sober realization that the political play that has sown dissension on our campus and made many of us despair of a real solution now seems to be made up of minor and petty problems indeed. We have seen that if the insignificant disagreements which we at W. and L. face cannot be equitably settled, then there seems little hope for any world-wide settlement. At the same time, we have seen, and become weary of, the sordid system which breeds coercion of the individual at the polls. We have had our fill of factionalism for no good reason and are bored with party platforms that mean nothing.

Therefore, for these good reasons, Washington and Lee Chapter of Delta Upsilon takes this opportunity to inform the Student Body of its decision to disaffiliate itself with all political parties and cliques. This action, which has been incorporated into our by-laws, will, we feel, restore to our members that dignity that should belong to individuals with minds to think and convictions upon which to act. Our purposes will be four fold:

1. To give our members complete freedom of decisions; to allow them, in all elections, to vote for the "best man" rather than simply to follow the party line.

2. To become, once again, an actual member of the University rather than simply a member of one faction or another; to attempt to restore some feeling of unity and college spirit among our campus friends.

3. To set an example of a desire for a higher standard of political actions on this campus, in the hope that others will follow suit and work with us toward that goal.

4. To offer our good offices to all factions as an impartial agency and intermediary in all present and possible future disputes.

Henceforth, all our efforts will be bent toward the attainment of these objectives. We feel sure that there are enough men in all houses who sincerely desire a clean political slate at W. and L. that our endeavors will not have been fruitless. When a fair settlement has been reached, we foresee an era of infinitely better student government and a revival of unity and real school spirit at W. and L.

Respectfully,

Joseph J. Sconce, President

Marines Announce Dual Program To Obtain Prospective Officers

A dual program to obtain officers for the Marine Corps was announced today by Capt. Richard M. Remington, USMC, Marine Corps Officer Procurement Representative for Virginia and the District of Columbia. Capt. Remington, who will interview interested students at the Student Union building at Washington and Lee April 11-12, recently reported here at Virginia Marine Corps Recruiting Headquarters to open this program. The program includes the Platoon Leaders Class Program for college students and the new Officer Candidate Course for college seniors and graduates.

The Officer Candidate Course, the first in the Marine Corps since World War II, is open to college graduates and seniors who will graduate with or who hold a baccalaureate degree and who will be less than 27 years of age on July 1, 1951. Accepted candidates will be enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and will be sent to an intensive 10-week training course at the Marine Corps Base at Parris Island, S.C. this spring and summer. Captain Remington stated that he is now interviewing college graduates for the Officer Candidate Courses which begin on April 23 and July 2.

Sent to Quantico

Graduates of the training course at Parris Island will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve and will be sent to the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., for a comprehensive six months basic officers course. A limited number of the graduates of this Officer Candidate Course may receive commissions in the Regular Marine Corps.

The Platoon Leaders Class Program is open to college students studying for a baccalaureate degree in accredited colleges in other than medical or theological fields. College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors accepted for this program will train for two six-week training periods during

successive summers at Quantico and at Parris Island.

Upon the completion of the two summer courses, called the Junior



Capt. Richard M. Remington

Course and the Senior Course, and upon their graduation from college, Platoon Leaders Class Candidates will receive a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve with a limited number being offered commissions in the Regular Marine Corps.

Applicants for the Platoon Leaders Class Program must be over 17 and less than 25 on July 1 of the year in which they become eligible for appointment.

Sheffield New Spring Set V.P.; Succeeds Kannappell

Preparations have been resumed for Spring Dances and Dance Set President Bob Griffith has announced that everything is going according to schedule.

The only change, I. M. Sheffield was named vice-president of the set to replace John Kannappell. Other vice-presidents are John Allen, Henry Litchfield and Ed Streuli.

MID-SEMESTER HONOR ROLL PUBLISHED

Five students with straight "A" averages for the first eight weeks of the second semester headed a 42-man mid-semester honor roll, according to Registrar Charles L. Green. The list, released yesterday afternoon, was termed "very large" for a mid-semester roll.

Bob Paxton and Dave Drum, two freshmen, completed the period ending March 31, 1951 with all "A's" along with upper classmen Upton Beall, Joe Bergstein, and Walt O'Connor. Other freshmen with at least a 2.5 average included Knox Chandler, Sam Davidson, Fred Lackmann, Lewis Markel, George Mitchell, Harold Quinn, Dick Sherrill, Hank Turner, and George Wilson.

Other upper classmen on the list include: Gene Anderson, Marvin Anderson, George Boswell, Milt Chalkley, Joe Chouinard, Dick Davis, Harry Fozzard, Harry Glascock, Hugh Glickstein, Bill Hagler, Al Horowitz, Heinrich Huber, Al Kaplan, Jim McClintock, Dick McDonald, John Maguire, Ben Martin, John Martin, George Maynard, Joe Mullins, Lou Putnam, George Rowell, George St.

Clair, Bob Salisbury, E. Schaeffer, I. M. Sheffield, Yates Trotter, and Norfleet Turner.

Sophomores Meet Tonight

A special sophomore meeting at 7:30 tonight in Washington Chapel has been called by class President John Bowman to vote on a new plan for electing class officers for next year. One over half of the class must be present to make valid any vote on the new plan, which, if accepted, will revolutionize the present class election system.

4 Go To VIPA

Publications Board President Dick Ballard, Ring-tum Phi Managing Editor Joel Cooper, News Editor Marvin Anderson and Pat Warden, representative-at-large will represent Washington and Lee publications at the annual Spring Convention of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association Convention at the College of William and Mary this weekend.

Football Captains

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Cap'n Dick. "No matter what happens, though, we'll be in there pitching," he added.

Three games will be played on Wilson Field here next season. The Generals will meet Maryland on September 29, Virginia on October 13 (Homecomings), and Davidson October 27. Maryland and Miami did not appear on the Generals' 1950 schedule, but the two will play next year.

still remains a maze of conflicting interpretations by local boards which would give even the very best student little comfort in his class standing alone without the results of the aptitude test to back up that standing, since some boards already have, and more undoubtedly will, demand results from both.

Glimpses

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if it were pleasant. Their failure to save enough time for farewells has saved them from the gloom of the station.

At the airlines the story is exactly opposite. People rarely use a fast method of transportation to arrive at an unwanted objective. At the airline centers the feeling is one of reunion. Even those that are parting have an apparent well purpose in leaving, for their departures are never strained or sad. But I feel that before long the airline centers too well succumb to the gloom that a new army has recreated for our nation.

Crew Squad Takes Honors; Cracks Florida's Record

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could be called "a bit of bad luck." Sticking with F. S. C. for the first minute of the race, the Generals fell behind slightly when Stroke Harry Fozzard got leg cramps and was forced to stop rowing. Dave Merrill rowed stroke from the "7" position. Even though rowing with only seven men the J.V. crew stuck with the Dartmouth J.V.'s. With about one minute of the race remaining, the W. and L. crew ran into further difficulties when Ed Matz's seat broke and he was forced to do what rowing he could while sitting in the bottom of the shell. Even with all these difficulties, the J.V.'s finished only three lengths behind F. S. C. and less than a length behind Dartmouth.

A few days before the triangular meet the Generals met Rollins in a Dual meet. Coach Anderson said that the Rollins crew was at its peak while his boys were rowing below standard. Inexperience hurt the Generals but they gave the Rollins crew the best race any Washington and Lee crew has ever given it. Rollins won the varsity race by only a half a length. The J.V. crew won their race by two lengths without too much of a sprint to the finish line.

NOTICE

Orders for Commencement invitations will be taken from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Student Union today through Friday, April 13. All orders must be paid in cash. Samples may be seen in the Student Union and in Washington Hall.

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