

Gaines Promises W&L Will Have Football Again, Summons Student Committee; New Coach Named

McKinley, Thornhill Bands Sign For Opening Dances, Wright Says

Vice Presidents To Be Chosen Within Week

Ray McKinley and Claude Thornhill will bring their orchestras to Lexington, October 29 and 30 for the annual Openings Dance Set, Dance President Wiley Wright announced today.

Wright did not state which of the two orchestras would play on the two dance nights. The president said he will decide this week on his dance vice-presidents.

McKinley, born in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1910 started his musical career at 10. By 12 he was drawing feature billing with regular dance bands in the area. McKinley recalls one dance engagement won by a local girl named Ginger Rogers, who won a host of prizes and a trip to Hollywood.

In 1926 through the efforts of Ben Pollack, then a big name in music, Benny Goodman an up and coming youngster, and Glenn Miller, a little known arranger and conductor, McKinley got a job drumming for a Chicago band.

After a serious gang war battle in which he was struck by a .45 slug, McKinley found a job as a drummer with the Detroiters at New York's Roseland Ballroom.

In 1934 Ray went to the Dorsey brothers' orchestra. Later he enjoyed a two-year run, co-starring Bing Crosby, on the Music Hall radio show.

In 1939 he formed a band with Will Bradley and together made music history with the new fashion, "boogie-woogie," and "eight-to-the-bar."

The Bradley-McKinley group broke up in 1942 when Ray decided to go it alone. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Army Air Forces as a private. He joined Glenn Miller's AAF orchestra after basic training. In June of 1944 the whole unit was sent overseas where Ray won the bronze star.

After Glenn Miller's disappearance, McKinley took over the band. In 1945 McKinley signed an RCA Victor contract. Later McKinley signed the current pact with Decca. The band now rates among the ten popular bands in the nation.

Claude Thornhill studied at the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati and at the Curtis Institute of Music. Thornhill worked with the Kotelanetz radio program, Hal Kemp, Benny Goodman, and Bing Crosby, developing his arranging talent.

He then formed his own band and made his debut in the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. After touring for two and a half years he replaced Artie Shaw as band leader of the Navy's aggregation, The Rangers.

Returning to civilian life, he was put under contract by Victor and Columbia records and was responsible for such hits as, "Johnson Rag," "Moonlight Bay," and "Autumn Nocturne."

Thornhill is a composer, arranger and pianist. His orchestrations are built around the work of five saxophones and a French horn. In his playing he concentrates upon a combination of music with a classical background and the current trend of popular music.

Retreat Scheduled Sept. 23
The 1954-55 Christian Council program formally gets under way with the annual Council Retreat to be held Thursday, September, Sept. 23 at Camp Cawthorne.

Fraternities Bid 259; Beta, SAE Get Most

Two hundred and fifty-nine freshmen out of the class of 293 were given bids to the 17 W&L fraternities according to an early tabulation by the impartial Interfraternity Council committee last night.

The top ten houses and their number of freshmen are: Beta, 23; SAE, 22; Phi Gam, 22; Phi Kappa Sigma, 21; Kappa Sigma, 20; Delta, 19.

DU, 19; Pi Kap 18; Sigma Nu 16; and Phi Psi, 15.

Post Vacated On Collegian

A new business manager for the Southern Collegian, campus humor magazine, will be selected by the Publication Board Monday night.

Dick Littlejohn, who had previously been appointed to the position last Spring, did not return to the university this year. He was married this summer and plans to enter City College of New York this Fall.

The Publications Board will have their first meeting of the year in the Student Union at 7:00 p.m. Monday. At this time applications for Business Manager of the humor magazine will be interviewed. The Board has asked all those students interested in this job who have the qualifications to attend the meeting for an interview.

The Southern Collegian will have Mike Clark as editor this year. The magazine comes out four times a year, the first issue appearing at Opening Dances.

New Building Scheduled To Be Finished Jan. 1

Completion of the new classroom building with the fine arts wing has been set for January 1, according to Douglas E. Brady, Jr., superintendent of buildings and grounds.

The new target date for putting the \$250,000 structure into actual use was set after a delayed shipment of

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Gaines Places 10 New Faculty Staff Members

Two In Faculty Given Promotions

Ten new appointments to the Washington and Lee faculty and two faculty promotions were announced over the summer by Dr. Francis P. Gaines, President of the University.

The new faculty members are Dr. John Wheeler, Dr. Robert C. Goodell, Dr. Lawrence H. Peterson, Dr. Hal-lam Walker, Dr. Edward B. Hamer, Jr., Dr. John E. Davis, Jr., Dr. Russell L. Bowers, Dr. Robert F. Gemmill, Robert Stewart, and Samuel L. Davidson.

Dr. John Wheeler, associate professor of political science, will replace the late John Higgins Williams. Dr. Wheeler is from Johns-Hopkins University.

Dr. Robert C. Goodall, associate professor of German and English, has been teaching at Williams College. He taught at Washington and Lee from 1941 to 1944.

Dr. Robert Gerbert Peterson, assistant professor of history, came here from the University of Tulsa. He replaces Professor William A. Jenks who is on leave of absence.

Dr. Hallam Walker, instructor in romance languages, is from Princeton.

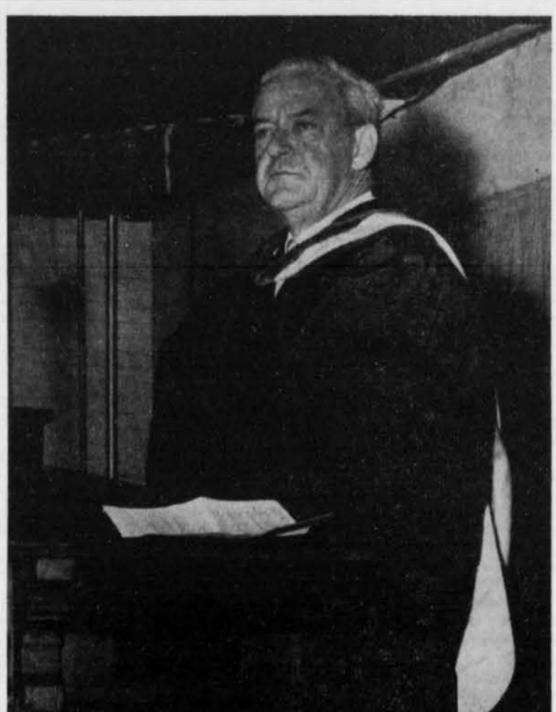
Dr. Edward B. Hamer, Jr., instructor in romance languages, is from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. John E. Davis, Jr., instructor in biology, is from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Russell L. Bowers, visiting professor of accounting, replaces Professor Almand R. Coleman, who is on leave of absence. Bowers received his doctorate at the University of Michigan. He has taught at Carnegie Tech., University of Georgia, University of Florida, and Emory University.

Dr. Robert F. Gemmill, associate professor of commerce, received his doctorate at Harvard and has taught

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DR. FRANCIS P. GAINES as he addressed Wednesday's assembly. He announced increased budgets for minor sports. —Photo by Cope

Leyburn 'Not Against Football', Voices Amazement at Charges

KAs Win Scholarship; LXA Places Second

Kappa Alpha led the 17 W&L fraternities in scholarship for the second semester 1954, according to an announcement by Registrar Edwin W. Howard. Lambda Chi was second, with DU in third place.

Fraternities and their grade point ratio's are listed below: KA, 1.536; Lambda Chi, 1.490; DU, 1.456; PiKA, 1.436; ZBT, 1.429; Kappa Sig, 1.424; PiKap, 1.407; SAE, 1.402; Sigma Nu, 1.356; Beta, 1.348;

Sigma Chi, 1.285; Phi Gam, 1.277; Phi Psi, 1.273; Phi Ep, 1.227; Phi Kap, 1.183; Phi Delt, 1.172; Delt, 1.110.

The all fraternity men average was 1.343; all non-fraternity men was 1.460; and all men's average, 1.359.

Gurganus Shares Billing With Buck Rogers

M. Sgt. Joseph Gurganus, of the military department here, shared billing with Buck Rogers in the July issue of Famous Funnies, where an act of heroism for which the sergeant was awarded the Silver Star, was illustrated under the title "Mission of Mercy."

"Deep in no man's land near Kum-sung, Korea," the story begins, "a recovery patrol of U. S. Infantrymen are attacked and forced to take cover in a hurry."

The strip shows Sgt. Gurganus leaving cover to rescue a wounded friend. "The Reds set up a blistering hail of gunfire to mow down the sergeant. Sgt. Gurganus ran the gauntlet of enemy fire, and miraculously reached his wounded buddy."

The sergeant tended the friend's injuries and stayed with him for hours.

Then, realizing that their only chance was to get back to their own lines, Sgt. Gurganus "once again took the thousand-to-one chance against his life."

"Braving the hail of enemy fire, with no cover from his long-departed patrol the Sgt. moved toward his own lines. His buddies had given him up for dead."

"Incredible though it seems, the sergeant rescued both himself and his comrade."

"For his courage and heroism, Sgt. Joseph T. Gurganus was awarded the Silver Star."

Sgt. Gurganus was in Korea from January to December, 1952.

Athletic Office Now Headed By Twombly

President Francis P. Gaines assured students Wednesday that intercollegiate football here has been suspended, not dropped, and he promised them "some sort" of football "on our own."

He appointed a student advisory committee to discuss the problem with him, announced sweeping changes in the athletic department

Boyd Williams, former line coach at VMI and one-time professional grid star, has been appointed as temporary football coach. See story page three.

set up, and said allocations to so-called minor sports would be doubled.

Speaking before over 1,000 students and faculty members at the opening university assembly, Dr. Gaines devoted nearly all of his address to a discussion of Washington and Lee's sports program.

He reviewed for students the development which led to the Board of Trustees' decision to suspend football last July 23, saying he felt he owed them a full explanation.

Lamenting that need for swift action in July had made student consultation impossible, the president promised students an increased voice in the administration of the school's sport program.

Dr. Gaines enumerated five points of Washington and Lee's revised athletic policy:

1. All sports are now under the authority of the Department of Physical Education, headed by Professor E. P. "Cy" Twombly. Dr. Gaines cited the "duality of authority" which existed previously when football, baseball, and basketball were under the supervision of the director of athletics, while other sports, such as tennis, soccer, track, and lacrosse, were under the physical education department.

2. A central equipment system is now in operation under an equipment custodian, and a full-time trainer is now on duty to serve athletes in all sports.

3. A student advisory committee will convene with Dr. Gaines soon for a general discussion of the sports picture. The president indicated student committee consultation would become a regular practice.

4. Credit in physical education classes will be given varsity athletics participants.

5. A new coach, to serve for this fall only, will be employed to carry out a limited football program. Dr. Gaines later emphasized the new man will not replace head football coach Carl Wise, who is on three-months leave of absence to coach in the Canadian pro league.

"We will have within days a man here explicitly for football," Dr. Gaines told the assembly. "We will have football of some sort this year on our own."

After the assembly, Dr. Gaines told a Roanoke newsman that games would probably be scheduled between Washington and Lee freshmen and other college freshmen and prep schools. He emphasized that the university would not engage in intercollegiate football.

"That would not be fair to those colleges whose games we cancelled," he explained.

The president told the reporter that the new coach was a Lexington resident whose appointment would be for this fall only.

"Carl Wise is still our head coach," Dr. Gaines said.

Earlier, Dr. Gaines had listed three reasons which prompted the board's action in July:

1. Football was losing money for the university. Deficits of \$25,000 last year and \$8,000 the year before in the football budget had been made good by the university, he said. Dr. Gaines said that deficits resulted although "three or four money games" were scheduled each year solely for revenue purposes.

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What's Ahead?

The decision of the university Board of Trustees to suspend intercollegiate football this year and to discontinue subsidized athletics is a difficult pill to swallow.

There will be no varsity team and no big football weekends. The Wahos will grow plump and bold without a gridiron battle with the Generals this Fall. And, even the strains of the beloved Swing may seem to lose their meaning, and lapse into oblivion.

But, this is no time for pessimism. Neither is it a time for rash outbreaks by members of the Washington and Lee family, nor blind attacks on personalities. Football has not been dropped permanently, but merely "recessed" for the year. The whole future stands ahead.

The future will be as good as Washington and Lee students, alumni, and faculty make it. Washington and Lee can come through the ordeal a much better school with a much finer athletic program, or it can suffer serious set-backs on both accounts. The deciding factor will depend on whether or not all members of the W&L family can forget any petty differences which may exist, work together, and stay together until the situation is worked out in the best interest of the university.

What is done now, is finished. Even if it were wise to change the Board's decision so far as this year goes, it could not advantageously be accomplished at this late date.

When football does return under a regular schedule—and it must—the decision will have done a strange thing for it. Interest in football here, as a result of the decision, has already been heightened. Absence has made the heart grow much fonder. Upon its permanent resumption, football will be received with an enthusiasm unheard of here before.

It will be a very great disappointment if Washington and Lee does not have football on a regular basis again next year. No school can expect to offer a well-rounded program without a well-rounded and complete athletic system.

The appointment of a temporary football coach for this year is a fine step. It will keep football from disappearing from the W&L scene completely, and will provide a working basis for a team next year. Another excellent move is the increased allocation to so-called minor sports. These sports formerly subsisted on an amazingly low budget.

Under the non-subsidization program, as it now stands, a great responsibility has been placed on every member of the Washington and Lee family—and especially on the student body. The success of the athletic program depends in particular on student participation and support. The university has facilitated the job so far as students are concerned by offering physical education credit to those engaged in athletics, and by once again calling on the student advisory board for suggestions.

But, if W&L is to remain the school that it is, and if athletics here are to be saved and maintained on a high level, it will take the concerted efforts of everyone.

Thus it is that today the Swing has new meaning. For it is only if all Washington and Lee's men fall in line and work together that we will ever again win another time on Wilson Field.

Thomas E. Lothery, Jr.

Washington and Lee University and its students have suffered a severe loss in the untimely death this Summer of Thomas E. Lothery, Jr., assistant professor of Physics.

Filling his place will not be an easy task; for there are few men who are loved and respected as much by their students as Mr. Lothery.

His memory and inspiration will surely live for a long time in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to sit in his classes.

Irresponsible Charges Against Leyburn

Sad Attempt To Besmirch A Fine Record



Letters to the Editor:

Alumnus Takes Issue With Gaines' Talk

Editor,
The Ring-tum Phi,
Washington and Lee University,
Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:

I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Gaines' address to the student body, given in his usual peerless manner, and I enjoyed it very much. However, there were several points which I feel should have been dealt with to a greater extent, and several points upon which Dr. Gaines failed to dwell at all. I modestly feel that I am included in the group of Alumni, mentioned by Dr. Gaines, who are informed as to the situation at Washington and Lee.

I was gratified to hear the present Director of Athletics has changed, and that boys engaged in a sport will be allowed credit in their Physical Education classes while taking part in that sport. This action has been requested for several years without avail. It is good that it has come about now.

Dr. Gaines mentioned the unfortunate situation of the Honor Code violation, as has almost every periodical and magazine I have read. Has anyone, at any time, mentioned the fact that others besides athletes were involved? I have seen no such statement.

Dr. Gaines assured the students that football would return, but failed to mention the type of football. Certainly, he must mean intra-mural ball, as attempts have been made before to interest other small schools in joining us in a "lily white" league, or conference, and each time they have politely refused, stating that

293 Freshmen Register; More Rebels Than Yanks

Two hundred and ninety-three freshmen have registered this year, according to Dean Frank J. Gilliam, Dean of Students.

The number is 10 more than last year's freshman enrollment. Accommodation for the increased number was made possible by converting a private dwelling, Preston House, into a small dormitory.

Dean Gilliam said the class of 293 students was selected from 721 applicants, the largest number ever received at W&L. He said approximately 425 applications were approved in order to assure fulfillment of class enrollment capacity.

Geographic distribution of the new class has shifted "definitely more toward the South," said Dean Gilliam. Southern states, including West Virginia and Maryland, provided 56 per cent of the freshman class last year, but the figure has risen to 64 per cent at this time.

Dean Gilliam also noted the pronounced shift in the ratio of new students from private to public schools. Last year, freshmen enrollment was made up of 53 per cent public school students and 47 per cent private school graduates. The new class is composed of 164 students from private schools and 129 from public schools, or 56 and 44 per cent.

Student opinion on any topic of campus interest is invited for this column. The only requirement is that communications be signed.

they were satisfied with their present programs. I hear Sewanee mentioned as an outstanding school which has de-emphasized, and is enjoying a lively football activity. I presume that subsidization is subsidization, whether it be financed by the university or the alumni. The latter method is in vogue at Sewanee, and, strange to say, Sewanee took two good prospects from Coach Wise this spring. Someone must be paying the freight.

Dr. Gaines also assured the remaining subsidized athletes that they need have no fear of reprisals from the other students. Even the suggestion that this could occur is disgraceful to me. I sincerely hope that Dr. Gaines also informed some members of the faculty of this edict. In a talk with the Memphis Alumni chapter about a year ago, Dr. Gaines assured those alumni that there was no discrimination between students on the campus, and that athletes received the same treatment, and were on the same level with other students. There seems to be a difference of opinion between Dr. Gaines and Dean Leyburn on this matter, but it is of no consequence, and need not be mentioned further.

The idea that non-scholarship students were not welcomed on the football practice field is preposterous. Any coach will welcome any player who he feels will help the team and the school, whether he be subsidized or not, and such has been the case at Washington and Lee. I have, personally accompanied Coach Wise on several expeditions to attempt to interest non-subsidized students in coming out for the team, and, in a large majority of the cases, we were given the legitimate excuse that their class room work was too pressing. Knowing the present Washington as I do, I was forced to sympathize with the boys.

Dr. Gaines mentioned something about the football players that were "paid to play. I respectfully submit that the work, "scholarshipped" would have been a more appropriate word, as are the "scholarshipped" students in mathematics, chemistry, history, etc. As is true in the latter cases, the university furnished the tuition part of the athletic scholarship, but the other incidental expenses connected with these scholarships, as allowed by the rules of the conference we joined with our eyes open, were paid by donations from the alumni, and other revenue accruing to the Athletic Department.

There was a suggestion that the time required for practice, skull practice, etc., were too demanding on athletes. Does it not seem plausible that the administration's type of football will require just as much practice? Whether the opponent be Maryland, or Lexington High School, I would presume that physical condition, familiarity with formations and

signals would be just as necessary.

Dr. Gaines further stated that football had placed the university in the red figures to the tune of some \$8,000 year before last, and \$25,000 last year. Of course, this should not be attributed entirely to football, but I will go along and admit that football has had the finger of suspicion pointed at it for several years, so why change now. Dr. Gaines failed to indicate that the university lost \$7,500 on the contract for the West Virginia game, in Cumberland, Md., as a result of a poor turn-out, and that the contractual parties were loyal alumni of Washington and Lee, and the university decided to refrain from pressing for a settlement because of this fact. Had this been col-

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New Glee Club Director, Robert Stewart, To Meet With Group Next Week

Glee Club director Mr. Robert Stewart will meet with freshmen who are interested in joining the group, Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Chapel.

Upper-classmen who have previously been in the club or who are interested in joining it will meet Mr. Stewart, Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The first complete rehearsal will be held Monday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Chapel.

The club's publicity director, Bill Grigg, predicted that this year's club will be "even larger and finer than last year's 55 because of enthusiasm over a full-time music instructor and due to the excellent work done last year.

He said, "Mr. Stewart's musical background is tremendous. He should get excellent support from the student body."

Parsons Becomes New Director of Publicity

Frank Parsons, a 1954 graduate of Washington and Lee, replaced Jack Carper early this month as director of publicity.

Carper is now serving as director of publicity at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

A June graduate of W&L, Parsons has served twice in the armed forces. He first entered the Army in May, 1945, and was discharged in September, 1948. Two years of that time he spent as reporter, news editor and city editor of the Stars and Stripes in Tokyo.

Before coming to W&L in 1948, Parsons was news editor of the Clifton Forge Daily Review. In 1950 he again went into the Army and was sent to Korea as chief of the Korean section of the Pacific Stars and Stripes. Before returning to W&L he covered the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty for the newspaper.

He graduated magna cum laude from the University, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The State, The Pit, And The 'Obsession'

By FRANK R. GIDDON

For the benefit of those students who are new to the ways of Lexington's movie houses it might be of some service to them if a brief analysis of their respective merits or lack of them, were presented.

During the summer months when Lexington was without the benefit of cynical students, a multi-colored banner, affixed in prominent letters with that much pushed comparative "MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER," swayed pompously in the West Nelson Street breeze, spurred on its motion by the ever more breezy conversation of the manager of Stanley Warner's State Theater (now Fagen and Rosen's) to which it was attached via the marquee.

This establishment which is completely headed by Father Daves (nee Ralph Daves) had the dubious honor of sporting this and other slogans which were so graciously offered by the movie industry to stimulate interest in their fare. The above slogan is mentioned because it is supposedly the principal by which this first run house operates, it is however of some interest to note that this institution for the most part appropriately and conversely goes about proving that movies are worse than ever.

The other emporium, situated on what is commonly called South Main Street, which is devoted entirely to the aesthetic appreciation of the cinematic arts is the Lyric Theater, more intimately and tritely referred to as "the Arm Pit." This quaint and simple house not having the advantages of national representation through Messrs. Fagen and Rosen is staffed and owned by an entrepreneur by the name of Side.

This fine fellow uses as his principle of action the slogan that movies were better in the past, concentrating mainly on second runs. On weekly occasions, however, when the Town's people show the proper deference to his critical acumen, this thetic gentleman presents a foreign film or two, either noteworthy for its appeal to the baser elements in man or for its appeal to the angophylic faction residing in the town.

Not having the opportunity to view all the films presented in the town this week because of previous fraternal obligations (which, by the way, have in their abundance of unkind and sadistic intricacies, the makings of a fine tragic drama, showing lucidly the perversities of man) I had time to see only one 2:00 p.m. show, i.e., "Magnificent Obsession. This film adapted from the book of Lloyd C. Douglas (of "The Robe" fame) is, I expect "of more than routine interest," though what difference it makes now, I can't see, as it will no longer be at the State at your reading of this article.

I suppose this film can be commended by virtue of its didacticism which is presented in a sort of allegorization of the Christ story, but as tight, well planned and executed cinematic art, it falls rather short being at all times consistent with the modus operandi of Hollywood script writers and directors: the more obvious message, the more over played the acting, the more palatable the film will be to the unappreciative public.

Special Events

Tamarin's 'Scientific' Method Of Judging The Rushee-Smoker

By BILL GRIGG

Bernard J. Tamarin has just completed a 20-year study of how to make snap judgments.

His remarkable findings, if taken to heart and properly used next Rush Week, might well wreck the university's entire fraternity system.

Tamarin sat around hotel lobbies, bus and train stations, clubs, restaurants, and perhaps a few fraternity houses, for a full 20 years. Carefully, Tamarin watched men, women and children as they opened their cigarette packs.

Smokers, he says, fall into four classifications. Rippers, Slashers, Peelers, and Mincers.

"When you see a package that looks as though it's been opened in a lion's den—by the lions—then you know a Ripper's been at work," Tamarin reports. Rippers tear off the whole top of the pack or rip off a chosen corner.

"Surprisingly enough, the ripper is often restrained, often timid. He's also artistic."

The "normal" way of opening a pack—tearing off the foil on one side of the revenue stamp—falls into the Ripper class, but denotes average personality factors.

If your fraternity wants party boys, it should go after the Slasher. These men pop the whole top of the pack open.

Useful at parties, Slashers make friends easily. They're also late for appointments, are worriers, borrowers and good cooks."

Blackball the Peeler. He peels open his pack as calmly and deliberately as he would a banana. Inwardly, however, he's a nervous wreck.

The most godawful Peeler is the one who opens the bottom of the pack. He's a very depressed and depressive character.

"Vain and easily mortified, Peelers carry the world's troubles on their shoulders and are impractical as a rule. They're great sufferers."

Though the Mincer method can be called mousey, Tamarin claims Mincers are crafty and irritable, but highly intelligent.

Well, that the new look for Rushing. Next year's freshmen won't be able to hide a thing.

That is, unless they don't smoke.

OR, as Tamarin suggests, unless they smoke "the brand with the snap-open pack," of which feature coincidentally, Tamarin is the inventor and leaser.

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Boyd Williams Named Temporary Football Coach

Boyd Williams, former line coach at VMI and the University of Richmond and a former college and professional grid star, has been appointed temporary football coach at W&L, President Francis P. Gaines announced today.

Dr. Gaines emphasized that Williams' appointment is for this Fall only and that he is in no way a replacement for Coach Carl Wise, now on leave of absence.

Williams, 32-year-old graduate of the University of Syracuse and a prominent Lexington insurance man, will assume his new duties Monday. An organizational meeting is planned at that time for a reappraisal of football prospects at Washington and Lee.

Just what kind of football will be played at Washington and Lee this fall is yet to be decided, acting athletic director E. P. "Cy" Twombly said. He emphasized that it would be no form of varsity intercollegiate competition.

"We're just trying to keep the spark of football alive here at W&L," Twombly said.

He added that an effort may be made to line up four or five junior varsity or freshman games, all to be played in Lexington.

"We're just feeling our way now," Twombly explained.

He said participation in the new program would be open to every student at Washington and Lee, including those enrolled on athletic scholarships, which the university continues to honor.

Twenty-five students are enrolled this year on athletic scholarships, most of them for football. Only four of 23 athletes who were to return failed to do so. Six freshmen athletes, five of them grid prospects, decided to accept scholarships, after football had been suspended and a majority of new scholarship men had accepted football bids from other institutions.

The new coach, who is the Lexington representative of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, will continue his insurance work in addition to coaching responsibilities.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to help Washington and Lee with any of the problems they might have," Williams said.

He said he would have no idea what kind of offense he would emphasize until he had a look at his players.

Jay Heckman, four-year veteran of General football wars, from Louisville, Ky., will assist in the coaching job, Williams said.

Both Williams and Twombly underscored the temporary nature of the job. They said the program is designed to prepare for resumption of intercollegiate varsity football at W&L next year on a strictly amateur basis.

Williams, after graduating from high school at Spangler, Pa., played four years as a center for Syracuse.

Lacrosse Team Will Meet In Gym, 7:30 Thursday

Lacrosse Coach Charlie Herbert announced today that all boys interested in coming out for Lacrosse next Spring will meet Thursday at 7:30 in the gymnasium.

The topic of the meeting will be fall practice session for those who are interested. The practices are scheduled to start after Thanksgiving vacation. Anyone who is interested but has had no previous experience with the game is also encouraged to attend the meeting.

Last season was Coach Herbert's first here at W&L. The enthusiasm and spirit that he has produced in just one season is a fine example of the ideal for which we are striving in carrying out an athletic program for the students.

Three boys from Herbert's 1954 season were selected for the All-American team. Last year's Co-Captain Fletcher Lowe, Greenville, S. S., was selected as third team goalie. Defenseman Stump Johnson, Manhasset, N. Y., and attackman Dick O'Connell, Baltimore, Md., made honorable mention.

Coach McCann Conducts Fall Baseball Practices

Baseball Coach Bill McCann has announced that baseball practice began Wednesday and that all boys who expect to come out during the spring are requested to attend these sessions. Freshmen are especially urged to appear.

The practice sessions will be from 2:30-5:30 every day until Oct. 2. McCann added that any boys who have afternoon Labs are asked to come out after the Lab is over.

FOOTBALL MEETING

It has been announced by Cy Twombly that all boys interested in playing football this fall are to meet in the gymnasium at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

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W&L Cross-Country Team Expects Improved Season

Washington and Lee's cross-country squad will again hit the back paths this fall with expectations of a better season than last year according to Coach Dick Miller.

Miller stated that despite the loss of last year's captain and spark-plug of the team, Walt Diggs and the loss of one freshman who might have gained high honors in the sport, the squad will be very well balanced. Returning lettermen and Captain Keith Belch along with Bob Wood and Watty Bowes will form the nucleus of this year's team backed up by many good runners in the sophomore class.

This year's freshmen, who will be able to indulge in varsity sports for the first time in two years are apt to provide the needed punch to produce a winning season. A good many boys have expressed desire to participate and about 12 are expected to actually appear at the first meeting.

The schedule, which will be announced at a later date, opens sometime in October and will include most of the schools played last season.

Coach Miller has asked that all boys out for cross-country draw equipment Monday at 4 p.m. in the Gym. For further questions see Coach Miller.

VMI Tickets Half Price

In a letter to Dr. Francis Gaines today it was announced by VMI that the one-half price agreement for all athletic contests at the Institute would continue for Washington and Lee students despite our inability to reciprocate this fall due to our suspension of football.

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A Reply to Mr. Driver's Letter

By NED GROVE and
BILL NORTHROP

The Friday Edition of the Ring-tum Phi has made its stand supporting the recent decision of the Board of Trustees of this University to suspend football for a period of one year. We feel that our stand is justified in that the decision was unavoidable. For this reason we would like to comment on a letter received yesterday from W. J. Driver.

The letter, printed in full in this edition, covers a large field varying from his personal opinion of Dr. Gaines' opening address to financial revelations not quoted by Dr. Gaines in that address. Many good questions were raised, but, on the other hand, questions have been brought forth in the light of misleading previous statements.

Regarding Mr. Driver's statement concerning the Honor Code violation in June we would like to remind Mr. Driver of the press release of the Richmond Times Dispatch which stated that the group that severed relations with Washington and Lee included 15 students, several of whom were football players. It was not until later that emphasis was placed on the withdrawal of the football players. At that time it was impressed upon the public only in relation to the effect it might have upon our football program.

We know that Mr. Driver could not have been serious when he stated that Dr. Gaines implied intra-mural football in the resumption of a Fall schedule. Obviously Dr. Gaines anticipated continuance of football on an amateur intercollegiate basis.

More than likely Dr. Gaines had in mind schools of the Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan caliber who have successfully carried on a "Lily-White" league. It has been proven in this league that "paying of the freight" is not a necessity.

We question Mr. Driver's use of the word "welcome." None of us have ever doubted our welcome upon the football field. Let's face facts. It would be ridiculous for a boy to compete with subsidized players while receiving no material benefits. Through subsidization football was taken away from the students.

Mr. Driver brought up a very interesting point when he questioned Dr. Gaines use of the word "paid." We feel that he is quite justified in criticizing Dr. Gaines since a very large part of the subsidized players receive the bare minimum to cover expenses. Many needy men received the same financial aid as academic scholarship men, which merely covered, room, board, tuition and books.

In reply to Mr. Driver's question concerning time consumption involved in amateur ball, we maintain that it would not tax the player's time as heavily. There would possibly be no spring practice, practice sessions would probably not last as long due to the relieving of outside pressure upon the coach, and with the addition of

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Mr. Driver Comments On Financial Deficit

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lected, the red figures would have been much smaller. According to the Athletic Association audit, prepared and dated June 30, 1954, the following appears; total income — \$116,117.59; total expenditure—\$117,561.12. A loss of \$1,443.53. Also, quoting from the same audit, football receipts were—\$50,877.25. Football disbursements—\$29,770.27. In contrast, other sports receipts were—\$3,817.39; disbursements—\$11,911.30. There seems to be quite a difference. Despite these deficits, I am wondering what the cost of some of the other departments of the university amount to. I am also wondering just what the costs will be for the type of football the administration indicates it favors. Naturally there will be no gate receipts, and no alumni donations. I sincerely hope, with Dr. Gaines, that the very generous endowment from the recently deceased lady in Hot Springs will amount to more than is anticipated—it will be needed.

Sincerely,

W. J. DRIVER
Class of 1925

He entered the Air Force upon graduation in 1943 and served three years as a physical education instructor.

In 1946 he joined the now defunct Richmond Rebels professional football team, also working at nearby Randolph-Macon College as line coach. He was with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League in 1947 and returned to the Rebel fold in 1948.

Williams, a big, six-foot, four-inch 200-pounder, served as line coach at VMI in 1949 and 1950, and in the same capacity for the University of Richmond Spiders in 1951 and 1952.

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Fine Arts Building

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steel door frames halted construction for six weeks.

The original schedule called for the new building to go into use at the beginning of the current term. Construction is about half-complete at this time. The building was begun in December of last year.

Brady said that he hopes to move furnishings and equipment into the building during the Christmas holidays, if not sooner.

When ready, the new structure will house W&L's fine arts, German,

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No date has been set for the dedication or official opening, said Brady.

Faculty Changes

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at Carleton College. He served on the trade analysis staff of the Mutual Security Agency in Washington, D.C.

Robert Stewart, assistant professor of music, is from Arkansas College.

Samuel Davidson replaces assistant Professor Thomas E. Lothery, Jr., who was killed in a farm accident in July. Davidson graduated from

Gaines Explains Football Situation

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2. The academic problem seemed unsolvable. The university offered no program geared to students who lacked time to carry out properly a normal program. "We don't want that kind of institution," Dr. Gaines said.

3. Football was being taken away from the students. Not only were home games becoming fewer, but

Washington and Lee last June.

Promotions were:

Dr. R. Winter Royston, associate professor of mathematics and James D. Farrar, assistant Dean of Students.

President Gaines said E. McGurder Faris, assistant professor of law will return to the Washington and Lee law department after a leave of absence.

students generally could not devote the time, energy and thought necessary for a high-gear, intercollegiate football program. As a result, football was being played here by boys who were obligated to play as their part to a contractual agreement, Dr. Gaines said.

He assured students on athletic scholarships now enrolled that they would not be separated into any class and that they are "completely welcome." He added that they are welcome to participate in varsity athletics but in no way will they be obligated.

"Football has been suspended for one year and one year only, so far as I know," he said.

Dr. Gaines said he hoped Washington and Lee would have a schedule next year with a number of "distinguished colleges."

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Answer to Driver

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tion of more home games players would not be forced to miss as many classes. Considering these elements the players would not stand as much a chance of jeopardizing their academic position thus decreasing the possibility of Honor violations.

In financial matters we are not

He concluded by announcing that an alumnus had offered to foot the bill if Washington and Lee would double its allocation for minor sports this year. Dr. Gaines later told the Roanoke newsmen the gift would amount to approximately \$7,500.

prepared to comment upon the validity of Mr. Driver's figure quoting which Dr. Gaines may or may not have overlooked. But nevertheless we did operate at a deficit.

In closing we would like to thank Mr. Driver for his interest shown towards the betterment of our athletic program. We sincerely hope that the situation can be remedied satisfactorily.

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