

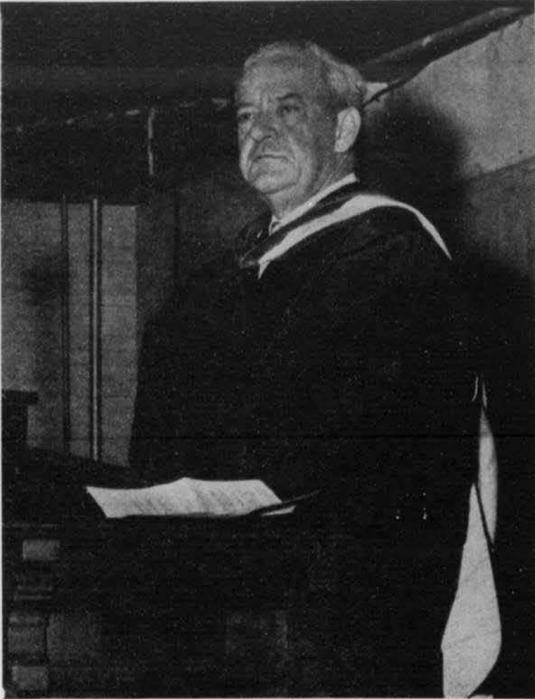
## YEAR'S BIG STORY—FOOTBALL



**BILL CHIPLEY**  
New Football Coach



**CARL WISE**  
Resigns



**DR. GAINES** as he discussed football at opening assembly.

### Athletics Were Revitalized

THE DECISION July 23 to end subsidization of athletics and suspend intercollegiate football left members of the W&L family a little stunned. However, Dr. Gaines reassured students in the opening assembly that W&L would return to intercollegiate grid competition next year and that the school would have "some sort" of football this year. More than 50 students turned out the next week for W&L's first non-subsidized football team coached by Boyd Williams. In January Head Coach Wise resigned. All-Southern end Bill Chiple was named to succeed him with Williams as assistant. Spring practice was held in February.



**COACH CHIPLEY** talks to team during break in spring practice. This team will carry W&L banner this fall.



**BOYD WILLIAMS**  
Assistant Coach

# Finals Events Start Today, End at Graduation Friday

## Oriental Title Set for Dance; Kenton To Play

Finals Dances will open at 10 p.m. amid the atmosphere of a Japanese garden.

Music, both tonight and tomorrow night, will be provided by Stan Kenton and his orchestra.

This year's dance theme departs from the usual one of senior reminiscences. Instead it is centered around the "Mikado."

Bob Fishburn, dance set president, and his vice presidents have turned the gymnasium into an oriental garden, complete with arching bridges, torii gates, lanterns, wall murals of oriental scenes, and a real fish pond.

The dance tonight is formal. Tomorrow's dance is formal until midnight, after which informal attire may be worn.

The Senior Ball tomorrow will end at 2 a.m. this year—two hours earlier than in previous years. The shortening of the length of the dance is necessary since Kenton must leave Lexington promptly at 2 a.m. if he is to keep to his rigid Southern tour schedule.

Kenton's orchestra is the five-time winner of the nation's number one dance band title. The band leader is one of the most controversial figures in the world of music.

Kenton's second appearance on Finals program will be tomorrow at 6 p.m. for a concert in front of Lee Chapel.

Leading the figure at tonight's dance will be Set President Bob Fishburn with Miss Nancy Pilcher, of Roanoke.

Vice presidents and their dates in the figure will be Pegram Harrison, with Miss Alice Corr, of Selma, Ala.; Joe Pontius, with Miss Florence Appel, of Lancaster, Pa.; Bill Dols with Miss Nancy Anderson, of Hudson, Ohio; Henry Heymann with Miss Kitty Krone, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank Giddon with Miss Audrey Lipsett, New York, N. Y.

Doremus Gymnasium will take on the appearance of a Japanese house and courtyard. A pond will be placed near the entrance of the gym and will be the center of attraction.

### Japanese Bridge

A small Japanese bridge will cross the pond and surrounding the pond will be foliage and other decorations, showing the water in a natural setting.

The bandstand will be located at the north end of the gym, with the chaperone box enclosed by a low open work design in the center of the side of the gym.

Japanese kites and parasols will shield colored light that will pour down indirectly around the gym floor. The parasols will serve as light diffusers. Shoji screens will create the feeling of greater space and lightness, said Heymann.

Bamboo and greenery will be spread about the floor in festoons, arbors, and potted plants. This material will be placed for background and near the bandstand area.

The impression given by the decorations will be that of being inside a Japanese house, looking out through the screens, to the gardens outside. Different patterns, vistas, and levels of coloring will be shown.

## 11 Pre-Med Students Admitted to Schools

Eleven pre-med students from Washington and Lee have been accepted for admittance into medical schools next fall.

Juniors accepted are A. B. Pruitt, by Gray Medical School, and Bill Turner, by the University of Virginia.

Seniors accepted are Burt Steele, Medical College of Virginia; Tom Robbins, Duke University; Doug Ritchie, Johns Hopkins; Marvin Meadors, Tulane University; Jim Deacon and Chris Alexander; University of Virginia; Richard Banks, University of Chicago; Jack Cornelius, University of Alabama; and Watty Bowes, University of Colorado.

## FINALS PROGRAM

### Today

5-7 p.m.—Cocktail Party honoring Bob Fishburn, dance set president. Red Square at Phi Delt house.

10 p.m. to 2 a.m.—Finals Dance. (Figure at 11 p.m.)

### Tomorrow

11 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service, Lee Chapel. Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, bishop Diocese of East Carolina.

6-7:30 p.m.—Concert with Stan Kenton. Lawn front of Lee Chapel.

9-10 p.m.—Reception at Dr. and Mrs. Gaines for seniors and parents.

10 p.m. to 2 a.m.—Senior Ball. Doremus Gymnasium (Figure at 11:30 p.m.) Dance formal until midnight. Informal until 2 p.m.

### Friday

9 a.m.—Commissioning exercises for senior ROTC cadets. Lee Chapel.

11 a.m.—Commencement. Front lawn. Return gowns to Student Union after ceremony.

## Dr. Gaines To Address Exercises

One hundred and eighty-eight candidates are scheduled to receive bachelor degrees in the law and undergraduate schools at W&L's 206th Commencement exercises Friday morning on front campus.

Law School Dean Clayton Williams will present 27 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, Commerce School Dean Lewis W. Adams will present 48 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, and University Dean James G. Leyburn will present 113 candidates for degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

President Francis P. Gaines will award the degrees and deliver the commencement address. Dr. Gaines, who is completing his 25th year as Washington and Lee's president, has addressed every university commencement for the past 20 years.

Speaker for the baccalaureate will be Bishop Thomas H. Wright of the Diocese of East Carolina. Bishop Wright is a former rector of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington and was once associated with the university in religious activities.

### Baccalaureate Service

The service will be held in Lee Chapel at 11 a.m. tomorrow, but seating in the chapel will be limited only to graduates and their families and guests. Seating for others will be provided on the lawn before Lee Chapel where Bishop Wright's sermon will be heard over a public address hook-up.

The awarding of diplomas will take place at 11 a.m. Friday on the lawn before the Lee and Jackson houses on the front campus.

The valedictory address will be presented by Charles H. Nowlin, honor student from Wilmington, Del.

Washington and Lee will award no honorary degrees this year, Dr. Gaines has announced.

Other Finals activities include meetings today of the University and Alumni board of trustees and an alumni smoker at the Student Union building this evening.

The annual Alumni Luncheon will be served on the university back Campus at 12:45 p.m. tomorrow for seniors, parents, and guests. Election of Alumni officers for the next year will be held in Washington Chapel at 2 p.m. Thursday.

### RADIO SHOW PLANNED

A half-hour radio show on WREL is planned by the Glee Club next year, Prof. Robert Stewart, director, announced today. The show will be called, "W&L Glee Club Presents."

Other plans for next year include two outdoor concerts, Hollins concert, Parents Day Program, and Christmas concert with Band.

## 71 Get Letters At Barbecue

Varsity monograms have been awarded to 67 athletes and four managers for participation in W&L's five-sport spring athletic program.

Included were 24 letters for lacrosse, 20 for baseball, 12 for track, eight for tennis and seven for golf.

The awards were made at a barbecue dinner, held on the Rock-bridge County farm of "Cap'n Dick" Smith, former W&L athletic director. Over 125 athletes, coaches, and faculty representatives attended.

Richard E. "Stumpy" Johnson, from Manassas, L. I., walked off with the most awards. In addition to his lacrosse monogram—his fourth—he received the Wheelwright Memorial Lacrosse Trophy, presented by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter to the year's outstanding stickman, and the Year's Outstanding Athletic Award, presented by alumnus Pres Brown of Lexington.

Johnson has been selected, along with team mate Harry Ford of Baltimore, to play on the South squad in the annual All-Star lacrosse game in Baltimore June 10th. Johnson is a strong candidate for All-American defense honors this year.

Track Captain Harry Kennedy, Charleston, W. Va., senior, was presented the Forest Fletcher Memorial Track Trophy, given annually to the student contributing the most to track and field at W&L. It honors the former coach and Olympic hurdler.

### REVIEW OF YEAR

This final issue of The Ring-tum Phi is devoted to a pictorial summary of the year. The pictures have been taken from the files.

## W&L Arms Included in Church Window

Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary were honored in Los Angeles on Sunday when the Westwood Hills Christian Church dedicates its University Window, consisting of the coats of arms of 96 colleges and universities of the world, set in stained glass.

President Francis P. Gaines was notified last week by Dr. Jesse Randolph Kellems, pastor of the Church, of the dedication scheduled for May 29.

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, president of the University of California, will deliver the principal address. Representatives of all 96 colleges and universities marched in academic procession for the occasion.

Alumnus Thomas Ball, San Marino Calif., attorney, will represent Washington and Lee.

Washington and Lee and William and Mary are among ten American institutions founded during the Colonial period whose crests appear in the window.

Other schools represented are British universities, schools of the British Commonwealth, and the famous continental universities.

The University Window is 12 by 14 feet in size, and is valued at \$15,000. It was fabricated by the Judson Studios of Los Angeles, with much of the art work done by Robert Mansfield.

There are 18 panes, three rows

deep, with five and six crests to a pane. Washington and Lee's coat of arms is situated in a pane with the heraldry of the University of Pennsylvania, the College of William and Mary, Columbia University, the University of the South, and Johns Hopkins University.

"The arrangement of the 96 coats of arms, in 18 panels, beginning with the first European university at Salerno, makes possible the tracing of the ancestry of the colleges and universities from the various denominations by which they were established," Dr. Kellems writes.

### Stickeri-bum!

## 'Ring-tum Phi' Was Once Name Of Cheer; Paper's History Recalled

The name "Ring-tum Phi" sounds more like a yell than the name of a college paper. It should. It is.

Back in 1897, one of the Generals' yells went like this:

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Not only was that a college yell back in 1897, but it was the only one Washington and Lee University had.

So, naturally or not, when J. Sam Slicer and Gordon R. Houston founded the paper in that year they chose the name Ring-tum Phi. It also was picked to signify the "voice of the student body."

The two Ring-tum Phi founders

had little financial troubles in that day and time. Advertisements were plentiful. Local merchants found their ads well-read because the editors often slipped in such fact gems as this one:

"FOUND—in front of Dr. Howe's, a shoe number 3½. Having long tongue it is supposed to be of feminine gender.—R. E. L."

The Ring-tum yell was discarded in 1900 but needless to mention, the paper has continued under that name to today.

The Ring-tum Phi today has a circulation of nearly 1,500. Its subscribers include students, faculty, alumni, parents of students, friends of the university.

The newspaper is published semi-weekly, on Tuesday and Friday. Each staff is headed by a different editor. One business staff serves both editions.



Miss Bette Thomas



Miss Nancy Pilcher

## To Lead Figures Tonight, Tomorrow

Leading tonight's Final Dance figure will be Miss Nancy Pilcher, of Roanoke, with Bob Fishburn, set president.

Miss Bette Thomas, of Danville, will lead tomorrow's Senior Ball figure with Mills Rogers, class president.



**UNOFFICIAL OPENING OF SCHOOL**—Pandemonium breaks loose as gun is fired signalling start of Rush Week. Fraternities pledged 89 per cent of Freshman Class.

As 1954-55 Term Draws to Close

# Random Views of Year



"IF YOU KNEW SUZIE" sing SWMSFC's Minstrel stars. Minstrel show was directed by Harry Ford. Show, held for the first time this year, is to be annual event. It was the biggest event on campus next to Fancy Dress.



**BASKETBALL:** The Washington and Lee courtmen finished the 1954-55 season with a 16-13 record—the best record for the team since 1947. The "Whiz Kids" bounced into the semi-finals of the Southern Conference basketball tourney with a 97-63 win over Furman. For a while it looked like they were darkhorse candidates for the title.

In the tournament, held in Richmond, the W&L team set a new team-scoring record. They however lost to the University of West Virginia in the semi-final round.

## SWM HAD BUSY TIME



**BRIAN SHANLEY**, Washington and Lee's "Dixieland jazz king" was honored at a spring party sponsored by the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee. Alumni members of Brian's band, the Southern Collegians, returned for the event.



1936 HEARSE was raffled by SWM in fund-raising drive. Second prize in raffle was Frank Giddon's Model "A" Ford.

## FANCY DRESS 1955



**TOMMY AND JIMMY DORSEY**, with sensational drummer Buddy Rich, were the feature attraction at W&L's Fancy Dress Ball.



**MOOT COURT TEAM** was one of four contenders for national title. Left to right: Willard Walker, Jim Kurapka, and Bill Bailey.



**FRED EASTER**, as Jupiter, and Miss Sydna Rustin, as Juno, ruled the ball.



**EXCHANGE STUDENT** Philippe Labro spent some time in the hospital.

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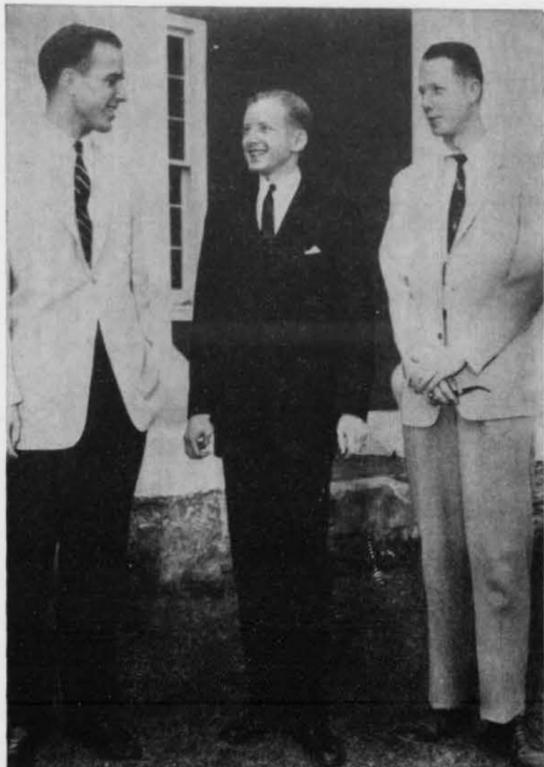
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#### Great Interest to W&L

The volumes, which Mrs. Freeman said would be "of particular interest to Washington and Lee," deal almost entirely with the Civil War period, its battles and leaders, and with General Robert E. Lee.

The collection, valued at more than \$2,000, includes 412 books, 150 pam-

phlets, and miscellaneous issues of various historical magazines.

Dr. William G. Bean, professor of history and an authority on Civil War history, says the books represent

"a good working library for what Dr. Freeman did."

Dr. Freeman wrote a four-volume Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of General Lee, a three-volume study of

"Lee's Lieutenants," and at the time of his death in June, 1953, he was engaged in writing the fifth volume of a planned six volume biography of George Washington.

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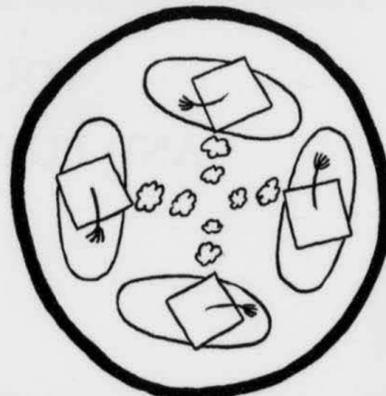
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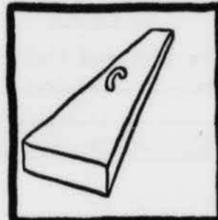
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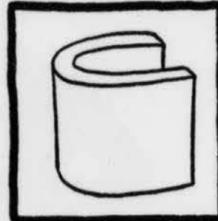
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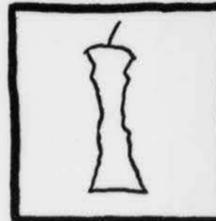
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