

# The Columns

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## W-L Fall Term Opens Sept. 14 With Frosh Tests

### Seven New Professors Added to Faculty

Washington and Lee University has 116 students this semester, including 52 upper classmen and 64 freshmen. Of the freshmen, 37 are new students and 27 entered in June.

Dean Tucker stated that there is only one change in the course of study. Modern civilization, the usual freshman history requirement, has been combined with American history. This change was made, Tucker explained, because the United States government is urging colleges to give students a better background in American history.

The dean expressed the idea that smaller classes caused by decreased enrollment will be beneficial, in that instruction can be made more effective than before.

Most of the freshmen are living in three fraternity houses: Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In addition to these fraternity houses, several new freshmen are staying at Mrs. Whites. Many of the freshmen are boarding at the Phi Kappa Psi house, however, some of the freshmen plus quite a few upperclassmen eat at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

### New Faculty

Washington and Lee has seven new additions to the faculty this semester, two in the University proper and five attached to the A.S.T.P. group.

The new additions to the regular faculty are Charles D. Tolley, B.S., who graduated from Washington and Lee in 1934, and taught last year at Staunton Military Academy, of the Biology Department; and Mr. Everett Withers, a graduate of Glenville State College at Glenville, West Virginia, who will serve as an instructor of journalism and as Director of Publicity.

The A.S.T.P. has acquired three instructors in Physics: W. W. Glovers, B.A., a graduate of the class of 1939 at Washington and Lee; E. E. Heimbach; and S. E. Miller.

Fred E. Atkins, a graduate of Columbia University, has arrived to bolster the mathematics department.

Michigan State graduate John W. Maxwell will give the army instruction in physical education.

### Library Schedule:

Monday-Friday	8:45 to 4:45 7:00 to 10:00
Saturday	8:45 to 4:00
Sunday	7:00 to 10:00

### Student Body Officers To Be Elected Wednesday

The polls outside Washington Hall will open at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday, September 29, for the election of a student body president, vice-president, and secretary and will remain open until 1:00 p. m.

Thus far, no names of candidates have been turned into Executive Committeemen, Robert O. Crockett and Robert T. Vaughan. The deadline for these names is 6:30 p. m. Monday, September 27.

### Bill Guthrie Named Head Of Assimilation

Acquainting Washington and Lee Freshmen with campus life and traditions is this year the job of the Assimilation Committee under the chairmanship of Bill Guthrie. The committee, including also Ray English and Guy Yaste, announced that its functions will begin immediately. Signs listing the Freshmen Rules and cards used for reporting their violation will be distributed today. Upperclassmen will make charges by depositing cards with any of the committee members. The customary yellow boxes in which charges are dropped will not be available until the early part of next week.

The rules are:

1. Freshmen are required to wear regulation caps at all times during the first semester while in the city limits of Lexington. Caps are available at the University Supply Store. Those Freshmen who entered for the summer session will be required to wear caps only during the first three weeks of the first semester.

2. Freshmen must speak to all other students, professors, VMI cadets, and visitors to the campus and must speak first. The usual greeting is "Hi Gentlemen".

3. Conventional dress will be worn at all times. Conventional dress consists of shirt, tie, suit coat, and pants. Only sweaters with the monogram of the Washington and Lee Association are considered conventional.

4. Freshmen must confine  
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## President Gaines Speaks Before Combined Opening Assembly



Dr. Francis P. Gaines

### Social Program Being Planned For Freshmen

Letters from Mary Baldwin, Sweetbriar, and Hollins have been received by Dean Latture inquiring whether W. and L. freshmen would be able to cooperate in the social programs of the girls schools. In past years the Christian Council has sponsored freshmen trips to the various girls schools for dances and other social functions which enable students to make acquaintances. Plans are now under consideration for a dance that will be held at one of the schools in the next two or three weeks, Dean Latture said. More definite announcement will be made as soon as arrangements are certain.

### Forensic Union Revived

Also from the Dean's office: the Forensic Union, freshmen debate society, will be revived this year if enough student interest is evidenced. The Union meets once every week for informal discussion on various topics of interest to the members. At the end of the year outstanding members are in-  
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### Gaines and Conaway Express Desire For a United Student Body

Speaking before a combined audience of civilian and AST Washington and Lee students at the University's opening assembly, President Francis P. Gaines advised all students of the opportunity now before them to take "a long step toward a better future." "Despite the suspension of the usual college activities, the basic purpose of attaining a college education still exists," Dr. Gaines said.

The assembly Thursday, made up of some 110 civilian and approximately 250 AST students, was opened with an invocation by Dr. Morton, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, and University head of religious activities. President Gaines then introduced Reverend Bethea, of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church, who welcomed all students on behalf of the churches of Lexington. "Since we are far from our own churches we should not allow our religious interests to drop," Rev. Bethea said. He urged all students, civilian and military, to take an active part in local church activities.

Captain Conaway, head of the W. and L. Army Specialized Training Unit, speaking on behalf of Colonel Quarterman, SSS Commandant, expressed the hope for a comradeship of common interests between the two student bodies of Washington and Lee. "All should feel themselves as members of 'one big happy family,'" said Capt. Conaway.

Dr. Gaines opened his address with his famous story on recommendations, and he pointed out that a student now in college or entering college has the chance to write his own future recommendation by his deeds in the present. Comparing a new college career to a clean sheet of paper, Dr. Gaines said that all college officials merely become stenographers to record on that paper whatever the boy himself would choose to dictate by his acts. Once the record is set down, however, it cannot be changed.

Dr. Gaines noted that unfortunately some of the usual peace time college activities have entered a state of "animated suspense," but the basic purpose behind attending college, the opportunity to acquire the "knowledge  
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## Thanks

Without the splendid co-operation of the ASTP men and civilian students of Washington and Lee, the administration and the faculty, and our advertisers The Columns could never have come into being.

The staff feels under obligations to you to give Washington and Lee community the best paper possible. We hope that The Columns will serve as a center of information as well as a unifying force for both groups of students on the campus. Thanks, then, to all of you who have contributed so much in making this paper possible.

## A New Year

We are pleased to welcome the new freshman class into the Washington and Lee Student Body. You are an unusual class under far from average conditions. Most of you are younger than the average freshman. You are attending a school, which under the stress of war, has changed in many superficial ways. Nevertheless, the things which have made Washington and Lee great will continue to be a credit to her name are still on the campus. We have faith in this new Freshman Class knowing that you will follow in the tradition of former classes in making Washington and Lee a better place to live in and in so doing taking away more than you gave.

## The Liberty Bell

Each of us has heard the martial peal of the Liberty Bell on Main Street signifying the struggle of our country in its infancy. Now we are engaged in another fight for our freedom. Cheered by our victories in Africa and Italy we may be prone to think the victory won. Such is not the case. The road which lies ahead to unconditional surrender of the axis is long and hard. It calls for our best on the home front as well as on the field of battle.

We, who are privileged to be in college at the present time, either by the grace of the army or our draft boards, can do as much as those on the fighting front or those in the factories and ship yards. But we can do our part as Americans by buying War Bonds and Stamps. The present is particularly appropriate. During the Third War Loan "Back the Attack with War Bonds and Stamps." DO IT NOW!

## Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

We were elected to write a movie column, so here goes . . .

Following up the "hanging's any man's business whats around" episode at the State, **This Is The Army** made its Lexington debut last Wednesday night before a packed house; proceeds to Benefit Army Emergency Relief. For those who have not seen the picture, Warner Brothers has done a masterful job in bringing this hit Broadway show to the screen. Featuring the original all soldier cast and the swell music of Irving Berlin, **This Is The Army** is 114 minutes full of songs, dances, comedy.

Romance is furnished by Joan Leslie, George Murphy and Lt. Ronald Reagan, all of whom are additions to the Army cast. One of the many highlights is Berlin's rendition of his World War I hit **Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morn'g**. All in all you couldn't hope to find a better picture any time.

Just by way of relief between two red hot shows, Tuesday and Wednesday matinee offers **Bomber's Moon** with George Montgomery and Annabella. This one is another of the bomber-crash-in-Europe - and-handsome-pilot-escapes-with-aid-of-beautiful - girl shows. George M. is the flier and Annabella turns in a fair job as a Russian nurse who comes through in the clutch. More action than romance, **Bomber's Moon** will give you 70 minutes of top flight action. If you must, go.

Wednesday night, in a special War Bond admission showing, **So Proudly We Hail** opens a three-day run at the State. This is a triple threat picture starring Claudette Colbert, Veronica Lake and Paulette Goddard as three heroic army nurses during the last days of Corregidor. Getting away from the unusual war picture, Paramount gives a worthy handling of an heroic subject in presenting war from a woman's view. Colbert is the Lt. in charge of the nurses corps; Goddard does a swell job as the man-hungry-love-starved girl. Veronica Lake, minus her hair-do, stands out as the sacrificing nurse who conquers her fear in the heart-rending end. For 126 minutes of real entertainment, don't miss **So Proudly We Hail**.

Weekend fare at the Lyric will be strictly for the patrons of the Western epic. For those who brave the country folk, on Saturday we have Don "Red" Barry in the **Sundown Kid**. Then Sunday, Monday, (no, not always) Tuesday comes a revival of the Cagney-Bogart saga **The Oklahoma Kid**. Both of these are (quote the

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## ON AND OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

No news on the intramural front this week. Director Cy Twombly is making plans, however, for a full program to take the place of discontinued intercollegiate sports.

The official scorer in a Cincinnati-Great Lakes baseball game this season ran into a mess of trouble. One of the most unusual occurrences in the history of major league baseball was the cause. Gee Gee Walker was waiting for a high fly in right field when one of the anti-aircraft batteries opened up and let the ball have it by mistake!

Purdue showed surprising strength on the grid last Saturday when she knocked off the reputedly strong Great Lakes team 22-13. On top again this year is Michigan with a 26-0 thrashing handed to Camp Grant. The once powerful Duke team seemed back in old time form when it handed the Camp Lejeune Marines a 40-0 thrashing. It's still early in the season but I'll stick my neck out and say that this season will be one of upset after upset.

Speed and youth will again take the limelight in the world series. My guess is that the Cards will take the series 4 games to 2.

### YOU PICK 'EM DEPARTMENT

Every Friday we will print a list of football games to be played on Saturday. You pick the winners, giving your guess as to score, and place your entry in The COLUMNS box in the alcove in Washington Hall by 12 noon on Saturday. The person picking the outcome in the most games will be announced in the next issue of this paper and will receive two passes to the STATE THEATRE, good during the following week. In case of tie on the number of correct winners, the person with the most nearly correct scores will be declared the winners.

This week's games:

- ... Minnesota . . . vs . . . Missouri . . .
- ... Dartmouth . . . vs . . . Holy Cross . . .
- ... Indiana . . . vs . . . Northwestern . . .
- ... North Carolina . . . vs . . . Wake Forest . . .
- ... Wisconsin . . . vs . . . Camp Grant . . .
- ... So. Cal. . . . vs . . . U. C. L. A. . . .
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## Men About Town . . .

We finally found out why Lou Williams goes around butting his head against brick walls. It seems that Lou had what he considered a handsome offer for his car while the driving ban was on. Two days after he sold the car the driving ban was lifted, and to make matters worse Lou found out that he could have sold his car for 200 bucks more in Richmond. You've been working too hard, Lou. . . . some say that Bob Crockett woke up the other morning and found two horses in the Phi Psi House, Dark Horses, pulling loaded bandwagons. Crockett didn't look far to find either one. The Wright and Coover machines were also heard being oiled up by their respective bosses. No definite word from the presidential candidate except that he isn't a fourth-termer. . . . a monstrous commotion downstairs and saw a flag-waving. Polk, White, McNeil, and a host of others had recaptured the Rebel flag and returned it to its solitary roost. It seems that Mississippi had scoured all the closets in the Lamb house while the flag was being snatched, and missed the whole affair.

# Platoon News

## 1st Platoon

The Service Club which was recently organized is going full blast. The representatives of the W. and L. AST Unit on the Service Club's official board are Joe Allbritten and Robert Pence of the 1st Platoon.

The Service Club is operated for the men of both W&L's and VMI's AST Units, and a program has been set to meet the needs of any personality in the ranks. Every man of this unit is considered a member with neither dues to pay nor obligations to accept. Any enlisted man, or any member of his immediate family, is welcome to full use of the club house and its facilities at any time.

The club provides every type of recreational facility possible—offering an excellent free sewing and darning service, invitations to private homes, and dancing accommodations. Plans are being made for a date bureau. Every AST man in Lexington is welcome at all times.

More men are preparing to return to line camps from the AST Unit at W. and L. These men follow men who were their classmates. As these men leave, there is much speculation as to where they will go and what their status will be.

Private Claude Anglin, formerly of the 1st Platoon, was sent to Fort Custer, Michigan, a military police replacement training center. Before being accepted into the AST program, Pvt. Anglin was with a military police unit at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Private Robert Krupey, also a charter member of the "Fighting First," came to W. and L. from a coast artillery unit in Seattle, Washington. He was sent from here to Fort Bragg, N. C., where he is soldiering with a field artillery outfit.

## 2nd Platoon

Among the weekend Casanovas were Cadets Ray and Kraft, operators extraordinaire. . . Rumors are current about Ray and a blue eyed blond on the Lynchburg bus. Kraft dreams of Leannie with the pale magenta hair. . . Meanwhile Lover Loy vasillates between the Southern Inn, where the beer is more than good, and McCrum's, where he has a nightly rendezvous unknown to Mabel. . . Section K is currently beating all comers and now advances to the finals in the softball intramurals.

The Second has not as yet lost any men to the Army. Will we be compelled to hang up a service flag? The Second's own Art Jones sketches teacher in analytics. . . Bonner, bucking for Section 8, draws rabbits. Not to be outdone, Mefford sketches from some very interesting material he finds in Covington.

## 3rd Platoon

The 3rd Platoon is happy to announce that of the twelve men to appear before the draft board, Local AST, eight were reclassified. These men have been temporarily classified as "1R" until their "defects" have been overcome.

The remaining four will report to the Army for duty within the week. "Bon Voyage men, we are with you in spirit."

## 5th Platoon

On the morn of Sunday, Sept. 12, the long awaited softball game between the two sections of the 5th Platoon, G and H took place. G's superior batting power and Brun's effective twirling over H to the tune of 17-9. Mulford, the instigator of the game, led the victor's hitting attack. Pitcher and Infielder Kraft starred for the losers.

It was with regret that the 5th Platoon bade farewell to Highbaugh. Dave was one of the most liked members of the platoon. We wish him much luck in his future Army activities.

The platoon ping-pong table is much in demand these days; active paddle-pushers are Cooper, Bruns, Caster, Hoekstra, Weinstein, Grossman, and Baggaley. It is hoped that a house tournament and matches with other platoons can be arranged in the near future.

Now that the restriction has been lifted the platoon is renewing the amorous activities, for which it is justly famous. It must be nice to come from classes and find your wife waiting with open arms—how about it Hogan, Schwab, Bozarth, Chiappa, Reed, Stavisky, and Cottman? Recent visitors to Buena Vista include Mulford, Corbett, Cooper, Eljarian, Behan, Ward, Wakefield, and Bonner. What curly-headed cutie in front of the house has been calling Hoekstra "Daddy?" Last week-end Shampanier, Theodore, and Baggaley were seen in Roanoke. Were they lured there by Mozart or the Virginia belles?

The house janitor has left for the services, and Teeters has made himself the most likely candidate for the job by his activities on the company street Saturday afternoon.

## 6th Platoon

We'd like to take the liberty of introducing ourselves in our first column. We're pre-meds, pre-vets, and pre-dents—29 of us—all smuggled together in the Delt House. Because of our slight "independence" with respect to the other five platoons, we are sometimes called a bit abnormal. However, call it what you may, our independence is not entirely self-assumed. It arises rather from the fact that we are a definite group; we have all acceptances to med schools and are here principally

to finish a few requirements. A few notables of fame and idiosyncrasy are present in our midst. There's a former instructor in scientific psychology, a former Navy pilot for three years (and married just two weeks ago), two teachers from mid-western high schools, a Harvard man and tutor in French, a man that has seen action on the Pacific, and a staunch Alabama Democrat with a slight taste for romance.

And then there is a small but dashing tenor who does most of our platoon singing during marches, a hermit who spends his week-ends on House Mountain in a cave, a lad who at any time of day or night can describe his farm in Kansas, a scoutmaster, a Princeton boy on the verge of a merge, and many others of varied personalities.

We, as the 6th Platoon, thank Washington and Lee for the hearty welcome extended to us, and we shall feel drawn to the campus life as far as possible.

## Sunday Band Concert

This Sunday afternoon there will be a band concert to be given by the Army School for Special Services in Doremus Gymnasium at 5 P. M. The admission is free, showing the Army's appreciation and gratitude to the town of Lexington and to W. and L. for their generous hospitality.

The choir, under the direction of Lt. Manning, will give a specially arranged rendition of the hit song "People Will Say We're in Love" from the musical comedy hit "Oklahoma". A very unique and unusual part of the program will be the introduction of a mixed Barber Shop Quartet consisting of two WAC officers and two male vocalists.

The well liked popular Cole Porter melody, "Begin the Beguine," is to be played by the band under the direction of Lt. McAllister. The band will play several additional numbers.

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## ASTP Cafeteria Opening Planned For October 1

Mr. E. S. Mattingly, Secretary-Treasurer of W. and L., expressed hopes yesterday, that the new dining hall will be opened Oct. 1. Commenting further, Mr. Mattingly stated that the system to be used in serving will be of the cafeteria style with rows of steam tables.

The building was begun in the middle of the summer and is constructed of cinder-blocks with a wooden roof, the ceiling of which is as yet unfinished, pending heating results. If the building does not heat satisfactory a ceiling will have to be built cutting off a great deal of void air-space. Accommodations have been completed for 300 boys.

## Show Team Time

(Continued from page two) program) tops in action. If you like your entertainment rugged, there's your meat.

Dednesday only, the FBI takes over with 73 minutes of **They Came To Blow Up America**. This flicker, based on last year's saboteur, features George Sanders as the federal and Anna Stem as a misguided German patriot. No romantic interest, just straight adventure. You'll be hanging on to the last minute to see whether . . . but you go see **They Came To Blow Up America**.

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## VMI To Meet Temple Eleven

### Expect Good Year Despite Losses

VMI, traveling to Philadelphia for their game with Temple, left Lexington with high hopes for a good season. Though Coach "Pooley" Hubert has lost his entire starting eleven to graduation and the armed forces, the ex-Alabama star has molded together a team capable of carrying the victory hopes of the Institute very far.

The major hopes of a victorious season seem to rest at the present moment on the mercury-tipped heels of "Chuck" Collins, ex-Woodberry Forester, who, running from the wingback slot of the Hubert single wing, can make the difference between victory and defeat for the "Flying Squadron". The other bright spot in the Institute's football outlook is Butterworth, a converted end, who is now being groomed to fill the vital tailback post, can pass, punt, and run with the best of them and looks like "just what the doctor ordered". Jones, 145 pound signal caller also may improve the offensive; he runs like a deer and has excellent football judgment. Unless something unexpected turns up, it looks as though this "scatback" will get the nod when the starting line-up is announced.

On the other hand, the line is one big "question mark"! The tackle positions seem to be well-manned by Smith and Hicks, 185 and 193 pounds respectively, but the guards are light, and the terminals weak and inexperienced. Hubert suffered a severe blow in the center of the line with the announcement that Harry Lee, dependable guard from Richmond, had received a broken leg while scrimmaging and would be out indefinitely. In spite of this mishap, however, the line should improve as the season progresses.

The Squadron this year is light and inexperienced; but they have a fast, versatile backfield which may hit "paydirt" many times before the final curtain falls. The line must give it some support, though, and if they do, the "Key-dets" may stack up with the best in this topsy-turvy football year.

### Frosh Pass Air Corps Test

All five Washington and Lee freshmen who took the Army Air Corps mental examination Tuesday passed successfully. They were Bill Berry, Warren Merrin, Lee Silverstein, Tom Watkins and Kimber White. Three Lexington High School boys also took the test. These men will enter the Air Corps after their eighteenth birthday.

## Assimilation

(Continued from page one) themselves to the campus walks and remain off the grass.

5. Freshmen will remove their caps and remain silent while passing Lee Chapel.

6. Freshmen must follow these rules strictly and conduct themselves at all times as Washington and Lee gentlemen.

The fifth of these rules is a new one this year. The committee urges that all Freshmen strive to obey each of the rules.

The present Assimilation Committee is a temporary one and will be replaced by one appointed by the President of the Student Body after elections.

## Social Program

(Continued from page one) vited to join either the Washington Literary Society or the Graham-Lee Literary Society.

All those who are interested are asked to contact Ray English, student leader, or Professor Flournoy, faculty advisor.

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## Assembly

(Continued from page one) of the years" remains at W. and L. "The icing is gone, but the cake is still here."

Our President said that he wished he could erase all lines dividing the two student bodies at W. and L. We should all be "united upon a college campus as many boys have been for generations on this campus. . ." Dr. Gaines stated.

In closing Dr. Gaines paid a tribute to the 22 Washington and Lee men who have given their lives in this war, and also to the many who are now held prisoner or are missing in action. In memory of these men we must use this time to render or fit ourselves to render the maximum service to our country.

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