

# The Columns

Volume I

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## C. C. Lays Plans For School Year

A meeting of the Christian Council was held last Thursday evening, September 23, in the Circle Room of the Student Union (Service Club), for organization and discussion of work for the coming year. Richard Watson, president, and Dr. W. W. Morton, chairman of the faculty Committee on Religious Activities, shared in an explanation of the functions of the Council to the large number of Freshmen in attendance. Some of the normal activities of the group will probably be curtailed, Watson said, but those which seem most feasible at the present time will be stressed. These activities include Sunday School work at the Beachenbrook Chapel, cooperation with the Lexington churches in emphasizing student participation in church activities, and social programs for the student body. Dr. Morton explained the help which W. & L. students have given in the past to the Boys' Club, Negro Hi-Y, Boy Scout troupe, and in inter-racial work. Volunteers were requested to work with eight committees of the Council.

The Council voted to have only two officers, president and secretary-treasurer, for the coming year. Dr. Morton expressed the hope that, in spite of the conditions which have forced the cessation of so many other campus organizations, the Christian Council would continue its work at a time when it is so vitally needed.

## Mrs. W. D. Hoyt Dies On Sunday, September 27

Mrs. Hoyt, wife of Dr. W. D. Hoyt who came here in 1915 as a professor of Biology and later became the director of the department, died last Sunday night. Mrs. Hoyt is survived by Dr. Hoyt, 1st Lt. Robert Hoyt, Sgt. J. Southgate Yeaton Hoyt, Dr. Wm. D. Hoyt, Jr., director of the Maryland Historical Society, and Mrs. J. Southgate Yeaton of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Hoyt was a well known artist. Many of her works have been exhibited throughout the East. She was also closely associated with the Children's Clinic of Lexington, and several other philanthropic organizations.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. J. J. Murray of the Lexington Presbyterian Church and the Rev. James E. Bethea of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. (Continued on page four)

## Assimilation Committee Registers Few Complaints

"Few violations of the traditional rules have been reported to the Freshman Assimilation Committee now that the rules have been posted about the campus for a week and the frosh have had a chance to familiarize themselves with them," reports Bill Guthrie, chairman of the committee. With the aid of twelve freshmen called before the committee as representatives of their group, the committee has succeeded in getting across to the freshmen that the spirit of these rules is what makes W. & L. the distinctive school it is.

Summer school freshmen are reminded of the fact that they can stop wearing their caps on Saturday, October 9, but they are expected to continue obeying the other rules and can be reported for any lapsedness on their part in regard to them.

Those men who have lost their caps MUST notify a member of the Assimilation Committee to receive the usual 24 hours of grace in which to try to find them or to buy others.

## VMI-Davidson Play Saturday

VMI will play Davidson in its first home game tomorrow afternoon, when a comparatively weak eleven from North Carolina engages the Cadets in what should be an interesting encounter. The contest will take place on VMI's Alumni Field commencing at 3:30 p. m.

The Cadets, although failing to function at all in last Friday's game with Temple University, are expected to show considerable improvement over the untried Davidson Wildcats tomorrow. However, the term examinations which have been accruing at the Institute.

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## Forensic Union Will Meet

The first meeting of the Forensic Union will be held Tuesday night in the Circle Room of the Service Club, student leader Ray English announced today. This will be a purely organizational meeting and no debate will be carried on. Discussion leaders for the coming weeks will be selected and several topics will be chosen for future debates. Professor Fitzgerald Flournoy, faculty advisor of the Union, will attend and address the group with a few words.

## Vaughan, Crockett and Davidson Win in Student Body Election

### Seniors, Take Notice!

Each student who is an applicant for a degree of any kind, or for a certificate in the School of Commerce, must file an application for the degree or certificate. Blanks for applications may be obtained at the Office of the Registrar and must be returned to the Registrar **not later than October 15.**

The diploma fee of \$5.00 will be payable later in the session.

## I-M Football To Begin Mon.

The intramural football season will open next Monday afternoon with a contest between the Lambda Chi house and the Laird men. Play for this year has been organized about the three houses serving as freshmen residences and the several upperclassman eating places. Any student who so far has not associated himself with one of the teams and who does want to play ball, should contact Si Twombly, faculty head of intramurals, who will assign him to a team. The rules governing play this season will be the same as last year's regulations.

"We hope that the winners of our teams will be able to meet the winners of the inter-sectional A. S. T. tourney," Twombly said.

Individual intramural sports, such as tennis, wrestling and handball, will be started soon on a house organization basis.

All football games will begin at 4:30. The schedule for the games to be played on the intramural field starting Monday the 4th is:

Lambda Chi vs. Laird's—  
Monday, 4th  
Phi Psi vs. S. A. E.—  
Wednesday, 6th  
Lambda Chi vs. S. A. E.—  
Friday, 8th  
Phi Psi vs. Laird's—  
Monday, 11th  
Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi—  
Wednesday, 13th  
S. A. E. vs. Laird's—  
Friday, 15th

The tournament will consist of playing this schedule through three times. In case of rain all games will be shifted ahead one day. The intramural field is open every afternoon for Washington and Lee men from 4:30 on.

## Executive Committee Will Hold Elections Wednesday, Oct. 6

Former Executive Committeeman Bob Vaughan defeated Tom Lee for Student Body president in one of the quietest elections in the history of the school. Vaughan polled 71 votes to his opponents 29.

Vaughan, a senior lawyer, has been at Washington and Lee for five years. During that time he has won many high honors including Phi Beta Kappa, ODK, Phi Delta Phi.

Bob Crockett, another former Executive Committeeman, was unopposed for the position of vice-president.

Bill Davidson was elected secretary of the student body. He received 69 votes while his opponent, Bruce Quayle, gathered only 30.

The elections of the Executive Committeemen will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, in Lee Chapel. The four academic classes will vote contemporaneously for their representatives. The names of the candidates for election must be turned in to Bill Davidson by 6:30 p. m. on Monday, Oct. 4. President Vaughan says, "I urge the voters to consider the candidates for the class executive committee posts very carefully before casting their votes. Our Honor System and our other cherished traditions will rest on the shoulders of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee should be composed of men of the highest type."

## You Pick 'em

Mitchell Harris, Phi Psi, is the winner of last week's contest. He can obtain the two passes to the STATE THEATRE by contacting Bill Davidson.

This week's winner will have to pick the winner of the first 3 games in the world series. Entries must be in The COLUMNS box in Washington Hall by 12 noon on Tuesday.

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October 7  
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## The Student Elections

To many of the new men on the campus the elections which are taking place may seem just another political contest. However, this is not the case. The Student Body officers and the Executive Committee men will sit in the highest seats that the campus can give them. To them falls the task of providing the leadership on a wartime campus. They will be responsible for the functioning of many organizations, such as the Publications Board and the Dance Board, which no longer exist. In addition to these new duties they now will have to act in capacities which previous officers did not directly handle, organizations like the Cold Check Committee and the student Finance Committee. The Executive Committee still has the control of the Assimilation Committee.

Above all, to the Student Body officers and the Executive Committee belongs its most worthy task, the administration of the Honor System. This is not easy, yet the men who will constitute the Executive Committee are fitted to handle the job. To them falls the task of acting as judge and jury in any Honor System trial which may come before them. They must decide the fate of any Washington and Lee man who is reported for a violation. To the Executive Committee no higher task can fall.

This then is not an ordinary political election with the victors passing out the political plums and then sitting back doing nothing. These men will give unstintingly of their time and energy to see to it that Washington and Lee is provided with a vitalized, farseeing leadership. Every man will be mindful of the high duty that he has before him.

## W. and L. Men in Uniform

The tall blackboard keeping sentinel in Washington Hall reports 2,450 W. & L. alumni now serving in the armed forces. In his vigorous assembly address of September 23, Dr. Gaines emphasized this fact when he paid tribute to the 22 men who have died, are held prisoner, or are missing in action.

To a diminished student body these facts are a sober reminder—if one were needed—of the part the University is playing in the war effort. Already the bronze tablets on the main gate and in Lee Chapel are rewritten. To these men we acknowledge our debt and hope for the future.

## Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Okay, you movie hounds, here comes another week, so let's go...

A blond bomb shell bursts on the State next Sunday and Monday in the form of Ann Southern as **Swing Shift Masie**, the plane planters' pretty pal. Masie starts off this time as a night club entertainer, but sees the patriotic light through the eyes of James Craig, test pilot. She loves the guy, but so does her pal, Jean Rogers, and complications set in. Masie comes through with her usual gusto and all ends well. Although SSM isn't too pure in spots, it will give you 87 minutes of comedy and thrills.

Tuesday and Wednesday "Little Caesar" **E. G. Robinson** sails on to the screen in **Destroyer** to give a very salty portrayal of a retired sailor returning to active duty. Glenn Ford is the fellow you first hiss, and then cheer as he turns from a cocky gob into a real sailor; real enough in fact, to win Robinson's daughter, Marguerite Chapman. For 99 minutes of seafaring action sail into **Destroyer**.

T., F., and S. we hit the prize package with Deanna Durbin in **Hers to Hold**, a picture full of laughter, romance and music. "Hers" turns out to be Joseph Cotten, a Flying Tiger home for a breather before joining the AAF. Flier Cotten picks up Debutante Durbin at a Blood Bank and it's love from the first. The romance winds in and out of a Vega-Ventura airplane factory, until Cotten gets his orders. Deana seems about to lose her man forever, but all ends happily. She'll build 'em while he flies 'em. The highlights come when Miss D. sings such numbers as **Begin the Beguine**, and **Say a Prayer For the Boys Over There**. For our money you can't beat **Hers to Hold**; and altho we've seen it once, 94 minutes of Deana Durbin is too good to miss again.

The Lyric fare is rugged as usual: In brief we have coming up...

Saturday, Roy Rogers and Cliff Edwards swinging through "**The Avenging Riders**" as they track down the killer of their buddy in 55 action packed minutes. Monday and Tuesday, **Sherlock Holmes in Washington** brings Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce face to face with a gang of Nazi spies. Real Arthur Conan Doyle lovers will not like it, but 71 minutes of murder and kidnapping is nothing to sneeze at.

Wednesday only, John Sutton and Annabella (what again?) turn up in **Tonight We Raid Calais**. Sutton is an advanced British agent in France and Annabella is first the monkey wrench and then the grease in the machinery of modern war. 4200 seconds worth

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## ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

The greatest classic of America's greatest sport will begin next Tuesday when the 1943 World Series opens in Yankee Stadium.

My comment last week on the outcome has caused a great deal of criticism. In spite of this protest I still haven't been convinced that the Cards will not come out on top.

Latest official averages show both teams fielding .974 but the Gashouse Gang has a slight edge in all other defensive figures. The batting average of the St. Louis team is .282 to .255 for the Yanks.

Looking at the individual players the Cards have an advantage in pitching. The number one (Cooper and Chandler) and number two pitchers (Lanier and Bonham) on both teams are about evenly matched. Brazle and Breechem, number 3 and 4 for the Cards, stand head and shoulders above Borowy and Russo of the Yanks.

Dickey may be outthitting W. Cooper but he has only played in about 50 games this season, while Walker has caught over 100. Catchers look about the same from where I sit.

Sanders is a better fielder than Etten and is hitting .276 to Etten's .267, Nick on the other hand has more homers and more RBI. Even here.

Gordon and Klein field about the same at 2nd but Klein has a 55-point advantage in batting. Marion out fields and out hits Crosetti by 50 points. Johnson of the Yanks has the edge at 3rd with 30 more RBI than Kurowski.

In the outfield Keller over Litwhiler; Walker over Weatherly; and Musial makes Metheny look as though he should go back to the sandlots.

These are the reasons and darn good ones, I feel, for saying that the Cards will take the series in 6 games.

## Men About Town....

A freshman councilor at the Phi Psi house seems to have gone in for cradle robbing with fifteen-year old girls. The queer part was his sudden stoppage of this habit. Was Carolyn David too fast for you, Bob?

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Those boys at Mrs. White's ought to try to keep peace at the house. While a certain boy from Arkansas was dating Liz Shippe they messed up his room. The only thing that averted a fight was a locked door. "Kansas City" better watch out. He isn't too big to go around trying to start fights.

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Word got around that while three boys were over at Macon, Texas Drake got so happy over his date he left her. She got plenty mad. Don't worry, Russell, she'll get over it.

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We wonder why Dick Watson doesn't want his full name mentioned and why Kimber White does.

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Maybe Max Dennis and Segers ought to give a free lesson on how to get along with Sweetbriar girls. Who is this Charlie that we've been hearing about?

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It seems that several boys including Bowers and Sammons have become interested in Staunton. In fact, if you want to know anything about how to get a date there just ask 'Bama. He'll fix it up for you.

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Henry Oder seems to be pretty successful with Frances Ellis. Jack Davidson used to be the man.



# Platoon News

## 2nd Platoon

Two of our earnest young Latharios are looking forward to the end of the term, and the ensuing furlough, with ever-increasing anticipation. Orbie Lind, who became engaged a few weeks ago, and Bill Crane, who plans to accomplish the same mission when he gets home, are the dream-eyed lads—Of course there are those who say that Crane's is at least partially caused by some substance called Schlitz, whatever that may be. . . . The "Dogfaces" of Section K have taken over the lead in the Sat. bowling league, and they believe that they can hold it against all comers. . . . The Second Platoon reissues their table tennis challenge to any team in the school. The only condition is that the other team furnish the ball. . . . The main worry of the platoon at large seems to be: Will Smiling Jack win his wife back? The suspense is terrible!

## 3rd Platoon

The softball season of the Washington and Lee AST Unit has been completed and from it Section C of the Third Platoon emerges victorious. Their supremacy in this field of sports was confirmed by their win over Section K, the only team to come near C's impressive five wins to no losses. The final game, which was played last Monday afternoon, turned out to be a hard-fought battle with the final score nine to seven, C over K. We think that this is only a forerunner of the future final results in all intramural sports; for already the section has pulled out with a good hard start in football, by beating Section RE twenty-four to nothing.

## 4th Platoon

The Fourth Platoon announces with deep regret the resignation of two more of its members from the AST. This will, of course, necessitate the addition of two more stars to our service flag. . . . Charles Cambell left Thursday morning. He was prominent in all affairs of class-sleeping, etc. He was also well-versed in the intricate details of gold-bricking, but everyone will miss his good nature. It is rumored that he is slated for overseas duty, being a Radar man. The other member of our platoon who has left is Joe Rice. He spent his last few days here sleeping out and night-marching, along with several other G. I.'s of the company. . . . We are looking forward to that grand and glorious day, October 30, when our furlough rolls around. Just in passing, may we suggest the whole company learn some new marching songs? We suggest that famous ditty, "Barnacle Bill, the Sailor" immortalized

by one H. Kapps, now deceased. . . . We are wondering if a lot of interest wasn't shown in the recent court trail; if a certain I. Turin is now hospitalized for a cold—by that reasoning shouldn't a few of the other men be in the hospital also? Won't it be funny to have these new AST men running around the campus? I wonder how they will like our quiet 3323 rd. Service Unit? And won't it be good to eat in our own dining hall—humor has it that it will be open around October 7.

## 5th Platoon

The ranks of the Fifth Platoon were further reduced when Blank, Teeters, and Cottman left for Greensboro, N. C. We won't be surprised if we soon hear of their exploits in the air over Europe. Andariese, Condron, Handley, and Head are now waiting for orders to resume action in the field. Our best wishes are with all these cadets as they lay down the slide rule and again take up the rifle. . . . Why has Theodore recently acquired the nickname of "Casanova"? . . . Why does Harvey claim that his new girl friend is "different"? . . . Why did Ward and Wakefield have to sing Condron to sleep last Saturday eve? . . . What's the stellar attraction that lures Dorsman to Roanoke ever week-end? . . . It is reported that the inseparable four, Buchholtz, Ross, Stechel, and Silverman, will be represented at the Staunton Fair this week-end. All the cadets of this platoon have been sprucing up for the premiere of the fall fashions at the VMI dance and the other big attractions of the week-end. . . . The new refresher sections are strongly represented in the Fifth Platoon; and the cadets have adopted "It All Comes Back to Me Now" as their theme song. This platoon also contains one of the lucky two who had six A's for midterm marks.

## 6th Platoon

If any of you pre-meds had been bowling last Saturday afternoon, you would have seen a strange sight. Namely, Moore and two youthful beauties enjoying themselves immensely. What juvenile taste, Moore! . . . Well, we played our first and last game of the league Monday. Section K beat us 8-3. However the game was closer than the name implies. The enemy managed to run up four runs in the first inning, but from there on were held to a close tie. If we had gotten on the ball right off the bat, if their not-too-good but truly tricky pitcher hadn't dropped those flies, if Edelman—translated, "The Man Whom Teachers Like to Throw Books at For Sleeping in Class"—hadn't struck out at the least favorable time, and if Section K hadn't had a good team, then maybe we would have won.

## VMI-Davidson Game

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tute during the past week have not allowed Coach "Pooley" Hubert to iron out all of the mistakes.

Coach Gene McEver, still moaning over the loss of Sophomore Tommy Peters, has moulded a group of Davidson students into a football team which has had little experience. The fine spirit of the coach and students in continuing football despite the heavy odds against it is to be commended, and a fighting team is sure to be the outcome.

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## Two AST Men Make A's

Cadets Joe Baggaley and Marvin Schwartz of the Washington and Lee AST Unit have achieved the distinction of making all A's in the last marking period, Captain Conaway, Commandant of the Unit, announced today.

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### Alumni in Service

Two W. & L. alumni now attached to the staff of the School for Special Service are Lieutenants Oscar C. Dunn, '42 and Garrett Hiers, Jr., '39. Dunn is a former business manager of the Ring-Tum Phi. Sgt. Charles Hibbitt Blake, '32, appeared in Lexington last week in the cast of the movie "This Is the Army."

Lt. Stevenson A. Williams, '44, Army Air Corps, is the latest W. & L. alumnus to die in this war. He was killed recently in the collision of two Flying Fortresses over the Gulf of Mexico. Williams was studying for a pre-law degree at the time he was called to active duty. Commissioned last August in Texas, he was undergoing advanced training as a heavy aircraft bombardier at the time of the crash.

Former W. & L. head football coach Riley Smith is now a Lieutenant (jg), U. S. Navy, serving as part of the physical training

program at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. Brad Dunson, '41, U. S. Naval Air Corps was recently commissioned an Ensign when he graduated from the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas. Tom Wilson, '43, is now a member of the University of Illinois Arm Specialized Training Program.

Lt. Alan Buxton Hobbes, '39, U. S. Army, recently spent a week on the campus as a guest of Dr. Moffat. Lt. Hobbes has just recently returned from a period of service in the Solomons, where he was seriously wounded. Hobbes wears the Order of the Purple Heart, the Asiatic, and the Presidential citation.

### School for Special Service Presents "Variety" Night Next Tuesday Evening

"Variety Night," written and produced by members of the 15th class of the Army School for Special Services, will be presented to the public in Doremus Gymnasium next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Twenty acts in straight "G. I." fashion will run for about one hour and forty-five minutes. The cast will include many members of the 15th class who were professional showmen before their enlistment in the Army.

### Show Team Time

(Continued from page two) of action, if you like that stuff week after week. (Save your money for Deana Durbin.) Thursday only, Frank Morgan is the Stranger in Town in a picture that waves the flag at you, but provides some delightful incidents, such as Richard Carlson and Jean Rogers two-someing it around. (Pssstt—Durbin's at the State.)

Incidentally, the "This Is the Army" premier netted \$1169 for Army Emergency Relief. Nice going....

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### Elections Wednesday

Elections for class Executive Committeemen will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, in Lee Chapel. Elections for all classes will be held simultaneously.

Candidates must have turned in their names to Bill Davidson, secretary of student body, by 6:30 p. m. on Monday, Oct. 4.

### Mrs. W. D. Hoyt Dies

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Mrs. Hoyt was a member of Dr. Murray's church. Services were held on September 29 at the home on Lewis Street. Mrs. Hoyt was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Funds donated by members of Dr. Hoyt's civilian and A. S. T. classes are to be given to The Children's Clinic of Lexington as a memorial to Mrs. Hoyt.

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### Freshman Meeting

Dean Latture announced that the V-12 and A-12 exam will be given on October 9. He made this announcement in an informal talk with the freshmen at the Phi Psi house last night.

Plans for a social program were also discussed at this meeting. A committee will be appointed to make plans for a freshman party.

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