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Special Service School Doubles Its Enrollment

Sixteenth Class Arrives On Campus October 27

A minimum of 600 officers will arrive at Washington and Lee on October 26 to make up the sixteenth class of the School for Special Service. The three-week interval between classes will be used to prepare some definite answers to the problems of housing and class arrangements.

This increase of officers, which will double the size of the school, was proclaimed necessary by the War Department to fulfill the need of two Special Service Officers in each regiment instead of the usual one. According to the present plans, one of these officers will be in charge of athletics and recreation, whereas the other, from the same outfit, will work with the staff and be known as the orientation officer.

This orientation officer will have various duties to perform. It will be his responsibility to introduce the men of his regiment to army life and to explain to them just why they are fighting. This can be done through extensive use of posters, radio broadcasts, moving pictures, lectures, and other similar means.

The recreation officer's chief responsibility will be to maintain morale through athletic contests, dances, moving pictures, and any other entertainment which appeals to the average soldier.

These two specific units will arrive on the campus simultaneously. (Continued on page three)

Macon, Hollins, Baldwin Hold Week-end Dances

Washington and Lee freshmen have been invited to attend a dance to be held in the near future by the Randolph-Macon freshmen. The date has not been announced as yet, but Dean Latture and the Freshman Councilors are considering the date most suitable for the event. Any freshman interested in attending the dance is requested to see his Councilor.

Several freshmen are planning to make a trip to Staunton this Saturday evening to attend a dance sponsored by Mary Baldwin. This event will be held in the new Baldwin Gymnasium and is one of a series of informal dances to be given this year.

Class Hours Change

Classes will begin at eight a.m., instead of at 8:30 when the ASTU dining hall is completed. The plan is for the dining hall to open on Wednesday morning, but it cannot be opened until the refrigerating unit arrives. This unit is supposed to be shipped Friday.

When classes begin at eight o'clock, all three units at Washington and Lee, Special Service, ASTU, and civilians, will be running on the same schedule.

Cadets to Play Clemson Tigers

Game Set at Roanoke Saturday Afternoon

The Cadets will bid for their second straight triumph of the season Saturday when they engage a scrappy band of Clemson Tigers on Maher Field in Roanoke at three p. m.

The Clemson team has not obtained any V-12 trainees to bolster its roster, but it has a scrappy aggregation of capable freshmen carrying its victory hopes, and if the boys play as they did against North Carolina State last Saturday, the Institute is definitely in for an interesting afternoon.

The VMI team came through the Davidson tussle unscathed last Saturday and seems to be in prime shape for the encounter.

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Harman, Walker, Lee, Stephens, Crowder Win in Elections for Executive Committee Positions

A CORRECTION

The V-12 and A-12 examinations will be given on **November 9th**, rather than on **October 9**, as stated in **The Columns**, issue of October 1st.

Forensic Union Planning Debate Tuesday Night

"Resolved: That strikes should be permitted in the United States in wartime" will be the subject for debate at the second meeting of the Washington and Lee Forensic Union.

Ray English, speaker of the Union, stated that new members will be welcomed at the meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Circle Room of the Student Union.

In the debate John Clarke will represent the affirmative or Tory side, while Forester Taylor will speak for the negative or Whig side.

Eighteen students attended the first meeting of the debating society which was held last Tuesday.

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New Men to be Inducted At Meeting of Committee Next Tuesday Evening

Triumphant in the Executive Committee elections this past Wednesday were Alexander Marrs Harman, Jr., and Alexander Hamilton Walker of the Senior class; Thomas Carter Lee of the Junior class; MacDonald Lee Stephens of the Sophomore class; and Jack Andrew Crowder of the Freshmen.

Harman and Walker of the Senior class hail from War, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, respectively. The former is business manager of **The Columns** and a member of Phi Delta Phi, honorary law society, while the latter has been a member of Chi Gamma Theta, student affiliate of the American Chemical Society, for several years.

Lee, from Roanoke, is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and has been prominent in intramural sports every since he entered W. and L. He was the winning pitcher in the I-M All Star-SSS game this past summer.

Stephens, Sophomore committeeman, entered Washington and Lee this summer from his home in New Orleans. At present he is working in the Troubadours' production, "The Male Animal" as a leading performer. Crowder comes from Charleston, West Virginia, where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

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Phi Psi's Defeat SAE in Football; Bowling League Being Organized

On Wednesday afternoon the Phi Psi's and SAE's opened their respective seasons with the Phi Psi's swamping their opponents to the tune of 26 to 0.

The game was a rather one-sided affair with the victors predominating the field throughout the game.

The Phi Psi's scored early in the first period when Bob McNeil raced 40 yards around right end for a touchdown. Stephens scored the extra point. The two teams played on an equal basis for the remainder of the half. The score at half-time was 7-0.

The next pair of Phi Psi touchdowns came after interceptions. Wes Todd scored both of the tallies. Then, Kim White intercepted a pass in the final quarter and raced 30 yards down the side-line for the last score.

The most outstanding play of

the afternoon was when Zrike, SAE back, fumbled the ball behind his own goal-line, recovered it, and then passed. Todd rushed in and caught the ball as it left Zrike's hand for a touchdown.

The game was definitely an opening season affair with neither team showing any brilliance, but as the season progresses both will likely improve.

Bowling League Begins Season

Washington and Lee's intramural bowling league will be launched tonight, when the three teams composed of students and the one of professors start rolling at 7:30 on Lexington's Civic Bowling Alleys.

Captains for the three student squads of five players each are Don Stephens, Johnny West, and Wes Todd. The professors have not yet announced the name of their leader.

You Pick 'em

Don Reid, Phi Kappa Psi house, is this week's winner. He may obtain two passes to the STATE THEATRE by contacting Bill Davidson.

Pick up your pencils, fellows, and pick the winners of this week's grid classics. Have your entry in **The Columns** box in Washington Hall by 12 noon, Saturday. Who knows, you may be next week's winner.

... Notre Dame vs. Michigan ...
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The Invisible Line

In his opening address to the Student Body this year, Dr. Gaines said he wished that he could rub out the invisible line that separates the civilian boys from the AST men here on our campus. W&L has a long tradition of campus fellowship. We are a small school, and everybody likes to know and be friends with everyone else. So far we haven't done much erasing on that invisible line. We see the Army boys as they march to class. We elbow through them at the Co-op. To us they are just a group of men in khaki. The AST boys are just as much a part of W&L as we are, let's make them feel it.

Naturally with conditions as they are, we can't do as much as in normal times. But we can do something. There is a tradition about speaking that still goes. Maybe the AST doesn't know it, but we do. Why not practise it; they'll learn it too. We have AST news in this paper. Do you read it? See how the majority of Washington and Lee students live. And students they are. Twenty-four hours of work a week is no joke. Our winning intramural squad can play their team. We might try to have a joint dance sometime. But anyway we can be friendly. Maybe you'll be in an AST unit on a different campus sometime and will want to feel at home. Let's get to work on that invisible line.

TC-87

Ask any student of the freshman or sophomore class what TC-87 is, and he'll probably look at you very sadly and say, "Something that Cy Twombly thinks will build me up, but something that has thus far been breaking me down." The truth of the matter is exactly what Cy says. The various exercises of TC-87 will put anyone with a sound mind and a sound body into top physical condition, if—and that if is a big one—the individual follows the principle of the exercises and avoids doing them the simple way.

TC-87 is expected to be difficult for the participants who have never made it a point to keep in shape, but patience in learning to do each exercise correctly, and perseverance to exert one's self a little more each day will eventually conquer the series. Just remember that Rome was not built in a day.

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Snatches from my little black book. (And I do mean snatches!)

State .. Sun.-Mon.-Tues.. Don Ameche—Gene Tierney—Charles Coburn... **Heaven Can Wait**—113 minutes of super technicolor... traces history of an American family, 1887-1942... romances, births, deaths... Ameche excellent as he ages from boyhood to senility... Tierney shows she can act (too!)... escapist picture without being frivolous... (must see).

13th—Wednesday—**Captive Wild Woman**... John Carradine—Evelyn Ankers... 61 minutes... spine tingler... J. C. turns a big fat ape into Evelyn Ankers... E. A. falls for her trainer... good stuff on what a wild woman would do to competition when the gal turns back to ape and starts to work on trainer's fiancée... **Captive Wild Woman**... (that's my meat)... same show... Hope and Crosby... two reels—**Don't Hook Now**.

Watch on the Rhine... Bette Davis—Paul Lukas... Thurs., Fri., Sat... 114 minutes... portrait of an anti-Fascist... Lukas from Broadway original is tops... scene, Washington... Lukas blackmailed... forced to silence Rumanian agent... solid drama... food for thought... realism... (don't miss).

Lyric... Saturday—**Lost Canyon**—Bill Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy... H. C. rides with romance. Mon., Tues... **Aerial Gunner**...

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Alumni in Service

Captain Barclay Hugh Dillon, Army Air Force, '36, was killed last week in an airplane crash near Pensacola, Florida, to bring to twenty-four the number of Washington and Lee alumni killed to date in the war. Capt. Dillon was serving as a test pilot for the AAF at Elgin Field near Fort Walton, Florida, at the time of his death. He had formerly been stationed sixteen months in the South Pacific before returning to this country last June. Capt. Dillon had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Order of the Purple Heart. Previous to his enlistment in the AAF, Capt. Dillon was a reporter on the Roanoke World-News, a position he had held since his graduation from Washington and Lee.

Charles Dudley Withers, '37, has been appointed vice consul of the United States in the Belgian Congo.

Last weekend five members of last year's student body returned to Lexington for another look at the changed campus. They were: **Ensign Richard Basile**, '43,

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

Two of the greatest games of the grid season are in the spotlight this weekend. The powerful Duke Blue Devils come against on of the strongest Navy teams in years, while unbeaten Michigan plays a great Notre Dame squad that might well have graced the bench in the days of Rockne.

My guess is that Duke and Michigan will emerge the victors when the smoke of battle clears.

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NOTES AT THE END OF THE THIRD GAME OF THE WORLD SERIES:

(1) Chandler and Cooper came through as expected.

(2) Marion and Walker have been outstanding afield for the Cards while Gordon has made an almost unprecedented comeback after being the goat of the series last year.

(3) Johnson and Sanders have been the batting heroes.

(4) Luckiest player is Frankie Crosetti who seems to have a charmed life or a horseshoe somewhere.

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The football game between Davidson and VMI last Saturday turned out to be a comedy of fumbles. Neither team was up to the old pre-war standard but one must realize that both teams are made up of 17-year olds. Best player on the field was Ashmond, Davidson's 16-year old back.

Men About Town

We understand that "Mississippi" has been re-named "Reverend," deposing L. Roper Shamhart, who formerly held the title. Seems a shame to us that Roper, the pro, is letting a rank outsider steal his stuff.

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Seen percolating this lukewarm weekend were: Ray English hunting for the Big Dipper and looking at his stop watch—Tom Mayberry at Southern Sem—C. H. Segars poring over his Spanish—Guy M. Yaste with a Senorita from the Seminary—Dick Watson trying to make a deadline—"Pidge Motley hunting for someone he can trust—Henry Oder looking for a cigarette—Ramon and Lee in Lynchburg—Buck, Cosmo, Mouse and the boys in Richmond—Romaine, Merrin and the Lambda Chi Casanovas spending a quiet Sunday in BV—"Junior" Braunschweig making hay while the sun shines—Max Dennis and his "make believe" prize fight—Robert Lyall Zrike and what's her name, Aida?—John McWhorter downhearted because his moll left town.

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We've heard some very favorable reports about the current crop from the many frosh that ventured over to the Sem last weekend. Maybe they are BMOC's after all.

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Caramba

We are more than happy to announce that Becker and Mingioli have opened a maternity hospital in the Chem. Building. These eminent obstetricians have taken over a whole floor formerly given over to the fossils. Footsteps have been heard until late hours recently. Mingioli and Becker pace back and forth as they frantically attempt to care for the newborn's needs. Last Saturday evening was just one delivery after another. The Doctors were so frantically busy that they finally called in "Swoose" Walker to act as midwife. Becker and Mingioli now spend all of their spare time begging ration points to buy cheese for their newborn mice. We might add that the boys have learned a great deal of math recently.

Platoon News

1st Platoon

Even as baseball players start their Christmas shoplifting, the boys with the lust for blood have brought out the old marshmallow, and football is in full swing. W. and L.'s Cy Twombly has organized the teams of the AST unit here, and the sad slaughter of innocent men has already begun.

I just want to mention in passing that Section H has a fine team. It could hardly be called flashy, but it is dependable. I would say that defense is the strong point with this team. Offensively it is good, but it could use a bit more passing power and a lot of blockers.

C Section has a good club, strong in passing. This section has two extra-fast men and a passer who will be hard to contend with. The H-C game promises to be a spectacle.

B Section has a fine team, and the players haven't yet stopped their dirge that they don't think H can beat them, again.

A lot of our men are looking forward to the VMI dance Saturday night. Everyone who is going seems to be pleased with contemplations of a good time—that is, everyone but "Rock" Pence. He says he just hates to have to go get those 100 girls and take them home when the dance is over...

2nd Platoon

Ralph Mitchener is now with us again after a three-week hospitalization caused by a serious throat infection. His return makes the platoon complete once more.

After his four and one-half weeks of yelling as platoon sergeant and leader, and now as company commander, Bill Crane's vocal chords finally succumbed to the strain. He has had to pick Jimmy Campbell out of ranks to spell him at his cadence counting.

"Smoky" Keller is in a quandary about a certain situation. It appears that his girl friend at home sent letters to John Imbody, Pete Padua, and Frank Kuchta, but was too busy to write one to "Smoky" himself. According to Keller, "That just ain't cricket!"

3rd Platoon

The fourth marking period is over, and from it Section D, of the Third Platoon, emerges in second place with a score of 227. term that it has captured high honors; at the end of the first half it was the top-ranking section.

This scholastic ability is supplemented by the athletic prestige of Section C which, after winning the softball pennant, is walking off with the highest scores in "touch" football. At present it is in first place, with two games to be played.

4th Platoon

For the two week period just ending, the Fourth Platoon ended in third place in scholastic standing with a score of 226. This could be better, Section F, so let's get on the proverbial ball and hit top place next time.

In the sports world, Section F is fairly high in the football league, having won three games and lost one. Last Tuesday, Section F played the overrated and heavier team of Section K. Cooper scored the only tally for Section F, while Lamb of Section K recovered a punt and tied the score, 6-6. However, Section F won by a technicality of nine completed passes to eight (a win is a win in any league).

We are all sorry that Charlie Moskowicz is sick.

5th Platoon

As usual the cadets of this platoon played a prominent part in the social events of the week-end. Among those present at the colorful VMI "Hop" were Drenniak, Bonner, Behan, Moore, and Bargaley. Those in search of more spectacular entertainment found it in the local carnival. Those dashing young Romeos from Panama, Wakefield and Stavisky, were wowing the local girls with their tales of adventure in far-off lands.

The Platoon table tennis tournament finally got under way. Behan, Brnus and Cooper scored early victories to lead the contenders into the second round. Briggs and Bozarth fought a terrific battle only to discover that they weren't supposed to play each other anyway. The shortage of balls is proving to be the only hindrance. The team formed from the final contenders will challenge teams from all other platoons.

6th Platoon

Having been in sore need of further territorial expansion for some time, our Chamber of International Culture have seen fit to use the means of war as a subterfuge for obtaining our ends. Our outposts have reported an enemy raid last Saturday night on our USO. The information gained from captured personnel implied that the main body of the enemy was at the strategic town of BV, consisting of mostly females and eager for a campaign. Sunday afternoon, three of our scouts, Sadlaceh, Cole and Lane, comprised a sorte into the enemy, in view of future maneuvers. Reporting to the committee on their return, the field was open and ready for attack. Our first action will start immediately. News of a troop transport or convoy from Southern Seminaire that will arrive in Lexington this October 9th has reached us. Our forces will await them. . . .

School for Special Service

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ously and probably will be equally divided. The orientation officers will go through an extensive course of study for two weeks, while the course of the recreation officers will last four weeks and consist primarily of the same subjects studied by earlier classes.

Alumni in Service

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who is on a short leave following several months sea duty on an invasion barge; **Pvts. Fred Holley, Gordon Kincheloe and Robert Landrigan**, '46, members of the ASTP unit at the University of Connecticut; **A. Linwood Holton**, '45, member of the Navy V-12 program stationed at the University of North Carolina.

Also in town for a short while is **Lieutenant (jg) Charles Davidson**, '37, U. S. Navy, of Lexington. Lt. Davidson has been stationed for the past six months in Panama.

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Assimilation Committee Issues Additional Rulings

Following last Monday night's meeting of the Assimilation Committee, Bill Guthrie, group chairman, said that the Committee was well pleased with the cooperation of the freshmen with regard to the rules.

At the Monday meeting the following rules were adopted as additions to those already issued:

1. No freshmen caps are required with formal clothes.
2. Conventional dress must be worn to and from gym classes.
3. Summer school freshmen may remove their caps at 1:30 Saturday.

VMI vs. Clemson

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However, the Cadets will miss the services of Harry Butterworth, their triple-threat tailback, who suffered a broken collarbone in the game with Temple. As usual, the VMI offense will be geared around speedy "Chuck" Collins who hit pay dirt twice last Saturday and seems to be in top condition to roll against Clemson.

Both teams are much weaker than usual, but VMI has improved a great deal since the opener with Temple, and if the Cadets show the same stuff that they exhibited against Davidson, the game is a "natural."

Forensic Union

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day. Dr. Fitzgerald Flournoy, professor of English, is faculty adviser to the Forensic Union.

Officers of the Union, part of whom were appointed and part elected, are as follows: Ray Eng-assistant speaker; Russell Reynolds, secretary; Bob Worms, treasurer; Bob Brown, sergeant-at-arms; and Tom Mayberry, keeper of the keys.

Executive Committee

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With the addition of the newly-elected officers, President Robert Vaughan, Vice-President Robert Crockett, and Secretary William Davidson will compose the Executive Committee. The new men will be sworn in at the first meeting of the Committee next Tuesday evening. Following this procedure the usual business of the Committee will begin. Plans are underway for the appointment of a Dance Committee to form anucleus under which the social functions of the school can be revived. Arrangements are also to be made for the appointment of a permanent Freshman Assimilation Committee. Out of the membership of the Executive Committee a Cold Check Commit-

tee and a Student Finance Committee enforces the maintenance of the excellent credit reputation of the W&L students while the Finance Committee oversees all of the finances of the various student organizations.

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