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FU Debate Favors Return of Football Now

University Makes Plans for Return of Ex-Servicemen

With the end of the war closer in sight than ever before and servicemen being discharged in ever increasing numbers, the University has begun to make plans for the discharged servicemen who will be coming back to Washington and Lee.

The matter has been approached through a letter written by Dr. Francis P. Gaines, President of the University, and sent out to the parents of all servicemen who have been enrolled here during the last 12 years. The letter is an assurance of the continued interest of the University in the welfare of the servicemen.

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Navy Programs Now Suspended

Aircrewman Training Program Is Still Open

According to a letter received from the Office of Naval Procurement, Richmond, Virginia, the Naval College Training Program, V-12, and the Naval Aviation Program, V-5, are definitely closed to civilians at the present time, with little prospect of their being reopened in the future. The same memorandum stated that the Combat Aircrewman training Program, CA-V6, is still open. This is a training opportunity designed to develop men qualified for assignment as Aviation Radiomen, Aviation Machinist's Mates, or Aviation Ordnancemen.

The program comprises approximately one year's training in which participants will go in as Apprentice Seamen and, upon successful completion of training, will be assigned to active duty as Petty Officers in the Naval Reserve and will be authorized to wear the Air Gunner's sleeve insignia and the Air Crewman's insignia.

Physical requirements for eligibility are approximately the same as they used to be for the V-12 and V-5 programs.

Those interested will be issued Government Transportation to Richmond for the necessary tests and preliminary physical examinations. No assurance was given as to the length of time the Combat Aircrewman program would be available.

IRC to Function Following Lapse, Elects President

Prof. R. N. Latture Calls For Return to Former Status; Crowder Chosen

Dormant for almost a year, the International Relations Club, in pre-war days one of the most prominent and active organizations at Washington and Lee, was brought into existence once again on September 13. Jack Crowder of Charleston, West Virginia, was unanimously elected president.

Speaking to a sizeable informal meeting at the Phi Kappa Psi house, Mr. Rupert N. Latture, acting as temporary faculty adviser, explained the history and work of the International Relations Club. He said that the club, which has chapters at colleges throughout the country, is endowed by the Carnegie Foundation and has as its purpose the study of America's foreign policy. In the past, the International Relations Club at the University has been host to many well-known authorities on foreign relations; among them, Count Carlo Sforza, Prof. James T. Shotwell, and Maj. Gen. John Magruder. Participation in a number of national conventions of the group, attended by both students and teachers, has been a part of activities of the Washington and Lee chapter.

Mr. Latture pointed out that interest in our dealings with other nations should be greater now than ever before, with the problems of the punishment of Germany in the foreground.

Turning to the organization of the club, Mr. Latture declared that it was still possible to have guest speakers, but expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to hold meetings which are carried on entirely by the members.

The election of officers other than president was postponed for an indefinite time. Taking the chair after his election President Crowder stated that he hoped the resurrection of the International Relations Club was the beginning of the University's return to extra-curricular activity that functioned so vitally before the interruption brought about by the war.

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President's Reception

A large gathering attended the reception last night given by President and Mrs. Francis P. Gaines. Students were invited to the president's home at 8 o'clock where they were received by Dr. and Mrs. Gaines, Dr. and Mrs. Desha, Dr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Mattingly, Mr. and Mrs. Giliam, Mr. and Mrs. Latture, and Mr. and Mrs. Young.

The president's reception has been given in previous years for the freshman class alone but since the student body is now so drastically reduced in size Dr. Gaines extended an invitation to all upperclassmen this year.

Drive Reopened For Recruitment Of 17 Year-Olds

Air Corps, ASTRP Exams To Be Given For Eligible Students

On Tuesday, September 26, 1944, there will be an opportunity for any seventeen year old boys who wish to take a qualifying examination for the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and for the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program. These tests were also given in Lexington on November 15 of last year, and on March 15 of this year.

Those qualifying for the ACER-ESTRP will receive college training at government expense provided the applicant is between the ages of seventeen and seventeen and eight months. A slightly lower mark on the test will qualify an applicant for the ERC-ASTRP (Enlisted Reserve Corps—Army Specialized Training Reserve Program) provided he is in the proper age bracket.

The program does not speed up an applicant's induction into the armed services. According to the information received by this University, he will not be called for active duty until he reaches eighteen and if he is in school at that time he will be deferred until the end of his current semester, provided it does not take longer than six months.

Collegiate centers to be covered are Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Jones Says Football Is Never Needed More; Would Aid Our Spirit

The Forensic Union voted in favor of a varsity football team for the season 1944-1945, at its regular meeting Monday night.

Bob Jones, speaking for the affirmative, pointed out that football was a Washington and Lee heritage, almost as old as the Honor System itself. He showed how the loss of school spirit had led to numerous social and political embroilments on the campus. Football would give school spirit a badly-needed boost, not to mention that it will afford entertainment for all, for all the student body will feel they are part of the team. He admitted that there will naturally be limitations. Never, Jones said, has football been needed more than it is today.

Bob Patterson supported the negative. He began by saying that he was not opposed to football in principle, but was merely pointing out its impracticality at the present time. First, there is a lack of good material. Most of the boys who volunteered have had little or no previous experience, and others are physically unqualified. Only seven of those who volunteered have had experience on the line. Moreover, we have no units who could supply us with much-needed material. The use of the fields and the gym depend entirely on the army's convenience. Then there is the difficulty of finding other teams to play. Finally, Patterson is afraid that a series of defeats at the hands of unknown teams would prove disastrous to the University spirit. School spirit, in his mind, can be better attained by other means.

Jones countered these objections by pointing out that all colleges are having difficulties getting football started again, and that we are not afraid of losing games. The chief question is not whether we win or lose, but whether we have an eleven that will arouse everyone's interest.

The debate next week will be: Resolved, that a system of Socialized Medicine be adopted after the war.

Freshmen Choose Committee

At a meeting of the new Freshman class held recently at the Phi Psi house, Robert Mosbacher was chosen to head a committee to handle all class social affairs.

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For the Unsung

Many freshmen, upon entering college, after having spent their previous years being told what, when, and how to do something, often find themselves confronted with difficulties which offer on their part no solution, but against which they are forced to grapple without any sort of aid. These so-called obstacles tend to revolve around one simple snag, namely the correct way to study. Under the present system this is left to the student himself to discover the cause for his low grades, having failed to make the requirements he is asked to leave the University—without even a good word for his attempt to succeed. And so the dejected fellow leaves with a feeling comparable to the Southern armies after Appomattox. He will always be aware of the fact that he was among the percentage that failed to make the grade that year.

Chances are that he will either give up his advanced education or transfer to another college where the same fate may very well await him. Perhaps he will discover the correct procedure of study through such organizations as Phi Eta Sigma, which strives towards this aim. Such occurrences are not fantasies. Miracles do happen! At any rate there is no use denying the fact that students who have been dropped from college registers for having failed to succeed in other fields of endeavor. To fail from college because of poor study habits, and not negligence of duty, is a feeling that has few equals and may leave its mark on the boy forever. Genius is something that is often hard to defeat in an individual, unless he is given an opportunity to use it. Without instruction by someone, he may never be able to put it to its best advantage. Low grades in a general sense are certainly not a sign of inferior personality.

College is as different from preparatory school as a sunny day is from a rainy one, and too many of us come up here without knowing how to use our umbrellas. The new freshmen should be given instructions on how to use them—before they get wet—and not after! It wouldn't take too much time and effort. Classes could only be held the first week or so for this aim. This would indeed save a lot of misery on both the part of the student body, faculty, and administration as well. No other college has adopted such an innovation. There is no harm in being the first—or the only.

What reward for they who try but fail,
What reward, I ask you, what avail?
For them there is none, my only son,
For you and they—are the unsung.

Show Team Time

By "Bama" and Dave Guthrie

Sunday and Monday at the State and two Phil's, Baker and Silvers, with the movie adaptation of the radio show, "Take It or Leave It." The story is built around a dozen or more camera sequences of old hits. They include one of Shirley Temple's first, and one of Glenn Miller's great jazz numbers, "Tiger Rag." TRY IT.

Joel McCrea and Betty Field are starred in the story of Dr. William Morton, the Boston dentist, who discovered anaesthesia and presented it to the medical world almost one hundred years ago. Sturges has "done it again" in the Great Moment, on Tuesday and Wednesday. SEE IT.

Janie is brought back for its regular run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Having seen this picture at its premier, we urge every student who is in need of an escape from the troubles of the day to SEE IT. This story of the average American girl of today will take the burden from any of our shoulders. SEE IT.

It has been said that there are two types of theatres, good and bad. Now we come to the not-so-good—The Lyric.

On Monday and Tuesday Tom Conway and Mona Maris present something new in mysteries. The locale of the picture gives opportunity for beautiful background shots, and also for some hot Mexican numbers. The Falcon in Mexico is good. SEE IT.

Wednesday brings another of the small college (must they continue to make these things), musicals with Betty Jane Rhodes and Johnnie Johnston in You Can't Ration Love. FAIR.

Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning return to the Lyric after a smash hit at the State in the Desert Song. on Thursday. This technicolor hit is one of the best musicals of 1944. It has everything, including a North African setting and a Nazi Spy Ring. SEE IT.

Friday and Saturday at the Lyric finds something very, very, different. A good Western. Bill Elliott (next thing to Hoppy Cassidy) and George "Gabby" Hayes in Hidden Valley Outlaw. As an added attraction, Haunted Harbor. TRY IT.

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New shows this week on your radio: Monday at 9:30-NBC, Information Please, with Fadiman, Kiernan, and Adams, begins its winter session. Tuesday 8:30-NBC is the time for Henny Youngman, comedian, and Carol Bruce, songstress, to take over another laugh-and-sing spot; while on Friday at 8:30-NBC (new net) Duffy's Tavern.

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Generalizing the News

By Burton S. Floyd

A look at the war picture finds the Japanese nervously predicting the direction from which our next blows will strike. The Japanese radio recently announced that they believe our main effort would be a drive up through the Philippines and Formosa to the coast of China or even Japan itself, with a diversionary thrust from the Aleutians. There are reasons why the Japanese are about correct in these assumptions. We probably will invade the Philippines—and soon. General MacArthur's greatest desire is to win back these islands, and it would not be surprising if he by-passed the island of Halmahera in the process. With air-bases in the Northern Philippines, our fighters would be able to protect a landing on the Chinese coast near Swatow and Canton or a landing on Formosa Island. The former landing would enable us to drive into the heart of China and, finally, Manchuria.

Although the Aleutians could support our main effort, it is doubtful whether anything more than a diversionary move will come from that direction. There is no place in the world more loved by those who have lived there or more hated by those who come from more favorable climes than the Aleutians. The constant fog, storms, and bitter cold make it a poor place from which to launch a military operation. The most we can hope for from the Aleutians area is a continuation of the plastering of Japan's Kurile Islands bases by our Ventura medium bombers. Occasional raids by our B-24 Liberators can also be expected. The medium bombers used in this area have been restricted to B-26 and Ventura aircraft as the B-25 developed starting trouble in the cold climate. This section, however, will remain a great defensive base, assuring us that America will never be invaded through the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Men About Town . . .

The fact that it is dance time seems to be causing a great deal of concern among all of the campus characters, excepting Carpenter, because his Peg won't let him go, and a few other campus squares who suffer from either inferiority complexes or malnutrition. The telegraph office has taken on several extra operators to take care of the usual flood of ICC's. Even "Junior" is offering cold, hard cash to the man with enough literary talents to write a letter to his inamorata that will draw an acceptance by return mail. Local experts doubt if it is possible, but some ambitious youngster might try it for experience.

Let's take a look at the impressive schedule that confronts us on the forthcoming weekends. First, of course, comes the house dance at the Lambda Chi house tonight, to which the entire student body is invited. At press time there are several interesting couples preparing to give society its regular Saturday night thrill. Gaulding seems to be forgetting his heart-throb from the VMI end of town. At last reports he was still planning to attend as a stag, as was his sidekick Needham, who was scooped by Oder in the race to obtain a date with Ann Trinkle. Matt Paxton is bringing the little lady who lives across the street from the pool room (what a jab!), and Wilcox is dating Betty Thorne McCluer for the second consecutive weekend. Wily Willie seems to be getting on the ball these days. Pitts, Breedin, Mosbacher, and Hillman, having no interest in the local talent, are heading in opposite directions toward Hollins and Mary Baldwin.

Next on the list comes the VMI combination homecoming and Ring Figure on the 29th and 30th. Saturday's game is with that powerful Catawba

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World of Sports

By Brotherton and Newburger

The SAE aggregation finally came through with a timely victory over the highly touted Phi Psi nine to the score of 13-5. Eacho, Lee and Marsh pounded the ball all over the lot in aiding the SAE cause. Pressed for a pitcher due to Bob Needham's sore arm, SAE captain Doswell started on the mound, but later gave way to the ailing Needham. The presence of this ace pitcher meant nothing to the SAE outfit as they continued to pound away. Tom Lee managed to quiet the Phi Psi potent hitting power and win his second game of the present intramural series.

On Monday night the Phi Psi team, put to the test of either winning from the Lambda Chi nine or having to forget about the championship and that free dinner at the R.E. Lee, turned back the Lambda Chi outfit 5-1. The game being much closer than the score indicates. The game began as another pitching duel between Needham and "Happy" Holladay, however, in the third inning Holladay eased up and Phi Psi pushed across two badly needed runs. In the start of the fourth the Lambda

Chi's garnered one run though they had the bases loaded several times. The last of the fourth saw the Lambda Chi's crack wide open through bad fielding and poor baseball judgment. The Phi Psi's, making the best of the situation, chalked up three more runs.

Standings

	Won	Lost
Phi Psi.....	3	2
SAE	2	2
Lambda Chi.....	2	3

Next week we will publish our Intramural "All-Star" Softball Team. Ballots have been handed to all managers, umpires, and sports writers who participate in the League.

The National and American Leagues were quiet this week with all teams moving east and west for their final games. The American League pennant is still undecided as the Yanks, Detroit, Red Sox, and St. Louis continue to battle for that top position.

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**BSU Makes Preparations
For Remainder of Year**

Preparations for the coming year's activities were decided at the last meeting of the Baptist Student Union which met early last week. Plans for the BSU's social activities as well as the time and place for future meetings were arranged. It was decided to hold them on alternate Thursdays, beginning on October 21st. An election for new officers will be conducted at the next session.

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9:30-NBC, Joan Davis and Jack Haley put on a 30-minute fun-fest.

With the broadcast on Saturday (16th) of the Michigan-Iowa Pre-Flight game from Ann Arbor on all major nets at 1:45, radio more or less officially ushers in the fall sports season. Now until Thanksgiving there'll be two or more gamecasts every Saturday afternoon. You can count on us to keep you posted. Of course, it won't be long before the Series opens, and radio will be there, too. Your best daily sports summary comes at 6:05-WDBJ—scores, events, forecasts. That's all this week... Good listening!

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The Great Moment

STARTS THURSDAY

**Bill of Rights**

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fare and careers of alumni now in the service.

A letter was also sent out by Mr. F. J. Gilliam, Dean of Students, to the class of 1938, which summarizes the "G.I. Bill of Rights." This is a bill which was passed by Congress providing financial aid for post-war education of all servicemen.

Dean Gilliam reported that already there were two discharged servicemen on the campus who come under this bill.

Special attention is being given to an accelerated program for servicemen to enable them to complete the requirements for their degrees as soon as possible

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eleven, a threat for the national crown, and, for the dances, they are having an all-girl band. At present most of the University boys seem to be planning to go stag and wolf the dates of the Cadets, but there will undoubtedly be several beautiful girls at the dance, and who would bring them besides our boys? Some people are saying that Sammons has ideas about the band.

Last comes the event that the girls have been saving their dance cuts for, our October set. The boys are keeping the young ladies in suspense by waiting until the last minute to invite them, but remember that they have the opportunity for the last laugh with their messages of grief, ICC's.

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As his first official act, the president appointed David Guthrie, Brent Breedin and James Sammons as an advisory committee on organization, and selected the Lambda Chi house as the meeting place of the club.

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