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Phi Psi's Win Another Game In Intramurals

Laird's Beaten 13-0; Lambda Chi's Tied 6-6

The Phi Psi football team hung up its second straight triumph of the season last Monday afternoon when they downed a scrappy but outclassed squad from Laird's to the tune of 13-0.

The winners scored early in the first period when Bob McNeil ran sixty yards around right end on a reverse. Mauck passed to Wes Todd for the extra point. The remainder of the game, up until the middle of the fourth period, was a defensive battle with the Phi Psi's gaining a decided advantage. The final tally of the game came when Mauck heaved one to Bill Smith who caught it on the dead run in the loser's end zone. The try for the point failed.

Phi Psi vs. Lambda Chi

In a bitterly contested battle on Wednesday afternoon, the undefeated outfits of Lambda Chi and Phi Psi played to a 6-6 tie on the intramural field.

Both teams were particularly strong, with well balanced lines and well rounded backfields. Passing was stressed throughout the tussle with Page Mauck and Don Stephens of the Phi Psi house, and A. B. Motley and Fred Coover of Lambda Chi doing most of the tossing. The Lambda Chi boys scored after the first five minutes of play on a beautiful pass from Motley to George Bowers.

The Phi Psi's scored in the final period when Page Mauck raced around left end to score following a long pass to Kim White. After this score the game was a defensive battle until Coover suddenly began connecting with some long heaves. Coover tossed four com-

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New Executive Committee Appoints Committees

At a meeting of the new Executive Committee Tuesday a permanent Assimilation Committee was announced with Bill Guthrie remaining chairman and Alex Walker, Wise Kelley and Bruce Quayle as members. A Dance Committee consisting of Bob Crockett, chairman, Don Stephens and Jack Crowder was appointed. The Cold Check Committee consists of Tom Lee, chairman, with Stephens and Crowder as assistants.

New Freshman Enters

Les Wallerstein of Richmond, Virginia, entered the freshman class Tuesday after receiving a medical discharge from the army. He is a pre-medical student, and is residing at the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

Gaines Is Host In Social Events

Campus social events this week include the annual faculty tea and Freshman reception given by Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Gaines at their home. They entertained Thursday afternoon with a tea for the faculties of both Washington and Lee and the School for Special Service. The reception for members of the freshman class will be held this evening.

At its meeting last Saturday, the University Board of Trustees confirmed the appointment of Mr. E. S. Withers as Professor of Journalism and Director of Publicity, it has been announced by President Gaines. Mr. Withers is

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'Male Animal' Being Rehearsed

"The Male Animal," a comedy by James Thurber and Elliott Nugent, is now being rehearsed by The Troubadours, Washington and Lee's dramatic club.

David Lewis, director, has announced that performances will be given November 11, 12, and 13, shortly after the opening of the second AST semester.

Included in the cast for "The Male Animal" are eight W & L students, four girls from Lexington high school, and the wife of a W & L professor. Fred Coover is stage manager and Page Mauck is in charge of properties.

The cast is as follows: Cleota, Paula Fowler; Ellen Turner, Mary Sue Grosso; Tommy Turner, David Lewis; Patricia Stanley, Betsy Brown; Wally Myers, Bill Romaine, Dean Frederick Damon, Bill Parsons; Michael Barnes, Bill Hart; Joe Ferguson, Don Stephens; Mrs. Blanche Damon, Mrs. Lelia Nance Moffatt; Ed Keller, Tom Wright; Myrtle Keller, Cornelia Davidson; "Nutsy" Miller, Wes Todd; reporter, Page Mauck.

Former Troubadour productions include "Winterset," "Margin for Error," and "Of Mice and Men."

Freshman-Upperclass Informal Dance to Be Held Saturday Night

Randolph Macon Plans Formal Frosh Mixer On October the 23rd

The social season of the current school year at Washington and Lee will open with an informal dance at the Lambda Chi freshman dorm. This is the first of a group of small dances to be arranged by the University and the students in order to make up for the wartime discontinuation of the large dansants for which W & L was famous in former years. Music will be furnished by a large group of recordings gathered from platter collections of the several houses.

While the dance is designed generally for the freshmen of the school, all upperclassmen are cordially invited to attend, dance chairmen George Bowers and Bob Crockett announced today. The attendance is estimated at about 100, which includes the expected dates, but not the upperclassmen. The house is ample however and all are welcome.

The dates invited to the affair will come mainly from nearby Southern Seminary and also from the town of Lexington. About a dozen girls are expected to attend from Mary Baldwin and Madison State Teachers College.

Among the chaperones expected at the Saturday night event will be President and Mr. Francis P. Gaines, Major and Mrs. Frank J. Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert N. Latture, Dr. and Mrs. Lucius J.

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Freshman Caps

The Assimilation Committee announced Wednesday that for every week in which there are no violations of the freshman rules, one week will be removed from the time the freshmen have to wear their caps. If four weeks go by without a violation of the rules one month will be removed from the time that freshmen caps must be worn.

FDR 4th Term To Be Debated Tuesday Night

Speakers in the Forensic Union debate next Tuesday night will be Fred Coover and John McWhorter, who will uphold the affirmative and negative respectively. The question is "Resolved, that this house opposes the reelection of Roosevelt in 1944." The debate will be held in the Circle Room of the Service Club at 7:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday the first regular meeting of the Forensic Union was held. After calling the meeting to order, Ray English, acting speaker, announced that no roll would be taken, in order that new members may enter the Union at the next meeting.

Following a committee report on possible topics for future debate, the regular debate began. The subject discussed was "Resolved, that strikes should be permitted in wartime."

Affirmative speaker John Clarke, representing the Tories, maintained that the number of strikes is so negligible that we have no right to compromise labor's freedom to strike.

The negative side, upheld by the Whigs, was presented by Forester Taylor, who held that it is the patriotic duty of all workers to support the war effort by producing without interruption.

When the main addresses were completed, the floor was thrown open to discussion. Following this the two main speakers made rebuttals.

A vote was then taken to determine which side had best presented its arguments. The Whigs won the debate and the right to select next week's topic.

You Pick 'em

Jack Cancelmo is this week's winner. Congratulations Jack. You may obtain your two passes to the STATE THEATRE by contacting Bill Davidson.

Entries must be in The Columns box by 12 noon on Saturday.

- ... Minnesota vs. Camp Grant...
- ... Northwest'n vs. Great Lakes...
- ... Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin...
- ... Purdue vs. Ohio State...
- ... Texas A. & M. vs. T. C. U....
- ... VMI vs. Richmond...
- ... Navy vs. Penn. State...
- ... Army vs. Columbia...
- ... Illinois vs. Pittsburgh...

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Friday, October 15, 1943

In Fairness to Freshmen

The greatest majority of Freshmen and the Upperclassmen conform to the speaking tradition. However, a small minority of both the Upperclassmen and the Freshmen are non-conformists. Compliance is enforced on the Freshmen by the Assimilation Committee.

The few Upperclassmen who fail to speak help to weaken one of Washington and Lee's most cherished traditions. This custom has made Washington and Lee one of the warmest and most friendly of campuses. A visitor on any other campus where this practice is not employed will encounter a cold and unfriendly atmosphere. Through this medium many a Washington and Lee man has been able to form friendships which have proved most valuable in later life in addition to making his college days more enjoyable.

Everyone agrees that this is a distinctive tradition. Let us as Freshmen and Upperclassmen, as Washington and Lee gentlemen, insure the continuance of this atmosphere which we all cherish.

It's the Early Bird who...

It seems to us that in passing some notice should be given to the recent shift in class hours. Naturally there was some grouching about the necessity of arising earlier each morning, especially with winter and colder dawns in the offing. However, those of us so cursed as to have eight o'clocks are finding that things are not as bad as we had expected. Half an hour can make a difference in your outlook. That beautiful sky Thursday morning at 7:00 was worth getting up for. The air is cleaner, your appetite is better by lunch. Remember that the army and the navy get up a heck of a lot earlier than seven o'clock. And as the old saying goes, "It's the early bird who..."

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

A sports fan looks at a cinematically dull week and dreams of the World Series, and football games between Washington and Lee and those --- Wahoos—but on with the show....

We kick off S&M with Monty Woolley and Gracie Fields in **Holy Matrimony** at the State Stadium. This little contest is listed as an adult comedy in the movie dope book. "The beard" Woolley goes around right end posing as his dead butler and pulls a sneak play on Gracie, who was engaged to the water-boy. MW almost fumbles the ball once or twice, but manages to get a few downs on Fields. This is Miss Fields' freshman appearance on the U. S. screen team and she looks like a winner.

T&W we're rained out by some **STORMY WEATHER** featuring various well known dark clouds: Lena (ummmphfff) Horne, Bill Robinson, Cab Calloway, Fats Waller and Dooley Wilson. This is a power play thru the middle with songs (Ain't Misbehaven) and dancing (The Charleston and Peckin'). Old Bojangles himself is in the tailback slot and might carry this semi-biography of himself fora score. Take a seat on the fifty.

TFS the service team lines up with Wallace Beery caling signals in a **Salute to the Marines**, with Fay Bainter and Ray Collins also in the backfield. This technicolor epic is typical Beery stuff and from the press box it looks like a razzle dazzle show with not much stuff behind it. Pass one up and put your dough on Notre Dame.

Up at the Yankee Stadium (lyrically speaking), a double play combination of Diana Barrymore and Robert Paige whip the ball around in **Frontier Badmen**. Too many errors for us. All-star game Wed.-Thurs., **Star Spangled Rhythm**. In the lineup are Crosby, Hope, Milland, Hutton, McMurray, Lake, Lamour, ad finitum... Betting is high... Fri.-Sat. the usual strikeout, this week it's a masked marvel, the **Riders of the Rio Grande**. I'll take croquet.

Just as an added attraction this week, we'll throw in the Rockbridge Theatre... That emporium of the flickers is offering a rodeo in the form of "Sleepy Lagoon" with Judy Canova and Dennis Day as chief bullthrowers... This is just on Sunday for any Sem goers who want a dark place to rest their eyes. Speaking of the Rockbridge brings up a joke that made the rounds my freshman year. -kawote- The Rockbridge theater is the place where the termites hold hands to keep the building up whenever the Norfolk and Western rolls thru town.

ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

I do not intend to cover the intramural football parade in full but I do feel that credit should be given to those boys and groups that deserve it.

The team to beat seems to be the Phi Psi's. These boys have a fast aggressive line and a well-balanced backfield. Although they ended up in a 6-6 tie with the Lambda Chi's Wednesday afternoon, I think that they will work out the kinks and end up in front at the end of the season.

Dark horse of the league is the Lambda Chi team. These boys have shown themselves to be a strong, hard-fighting crew, and if I am wrong as usual, they will probably be the team to beat.

Standouts thus far have been Mauck, McNeil, and Stevens for the Phi Psi's; Bowers, Coover, and West for the Lambda Chi's; Walker and Zrike for the Sleep and Eat kids; and Sperow for Laird's.

I nominate Bill (Ping Pong) Pifer for the laziest player on the field and Willard H. (for Holt) Hart for the outstanding waterboy.

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Weekend choices are Minnesota over Camp Grant, Great Lakes over Northwestern, Purdue over Ohio State, Texas A. & M. over T. C. U., and Illinois over Pitt.

Frank Leahy, the Notre Dame mentor, has great troubles. He doesn't know whether Angelo Bertelli, a naval V-12er and sparkplug for his smooth-working aggregation, will be back after the next examination period.

Men About Town....

It seems a shame that our Student Body President, record and all, has nothing better to do than to lean out of the pool hall window and whistle at the unknown damsels parading by.

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It seems that our smooth friend from Puerto Rico, Eugenio, was groping for words Saturday night at Hollins. He found them, but not where he expected... We might mention to Johnny (Sprockethead) West that it is not customary to hang by legs at three o'clock in the morning... There are rumors that "Buck" Pinnell's love life was ruined by "Cosmo" in Richmond recently, only a hurried trip to the scene of disaster by the former saved the day... Lately Lambda Chi's "Fairyland" has attained great popularity. Could it be that the hosts have something the boys like? (heavens, no!)... **Tom (I sign anything) Lee was in a cold sweat** this weekend due to his generosity. It sure hurts to be over twenty-one, eh, Tom... Some of the boys were feeling pretty good at Hollins Saturday night. Must be old hands at it... Macon is making its bid for popularity with Bill Smith leading the way. What's she got, Bill?... Tommy (I caught it in the face) Watkins had a rather stinking time the other night, we heard...

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In the afterglow of a very highlighted weekend we would point out:

Jimmy Johnson drifting around with a glow in his heart—and a letter from Mary Jane in his hand... Thomas Oliver Mayberry suddenly interested in Botany. How in the garden at the Sem, Thomas Oliver???... Buck Pinnell flowing back from Roanoke; how does it go Buck?, "There was a monkey from Siberia..."... John McWhorter looking for a new mattress... R. C. "I Can Dream Can't I" Jones trying to get a date with Gene Tierney... "Brooklyn" Zrike making plans for a Saturday night with "You'd be SO nice by the fire...A. B. "the Hat" Motley as the only man at Mary Baldwin....

Platoon News

1st Platoon

Last Saturday there was a meeting of the Service Club Committee to talk over problems of the organization and to expand its program of activities. A few decisions were made which will be of interest to all the men in the Washington and Lee AST unit.

Starting Saturday hot coffee and cakes, cookies, and doughnuts will be available to the men who use this club.

The table tennis tournament now in progress may be entered by anyone by adding his name to the list of contestants. There will be prizes for first and second place. The contest closes on Friday, October 30.

Another forthcoming event at the Service Club will be an art week which is to be conducted during the first week in December. Any forms of art—painting, modeling, sketching, sculpturing, or what not will be put on display during this period. The artists will be given an opportunity to sell any work they may choose to display.

The record library for the radio-phonograph is to be expanded along with the sheet music stock. On Wednesday there is a regular sewing day at the Service Club. Servicemen may have any needle work other than actual alteration done free of charge. The hostesses of the Club are very anxious that soldiers take advantage of this.

2nd Platoon

Loy, the second platoon's Jack of Hearts, has retired from the list of local eligibles. Having been struck last Saturday night by a particularly powerful bolt of the well-known emotion, Jack has turned all his attention to the vicinity of Southern Seminary. Anyone wishing to get in touch with him on week-ends can call Alice at the above address.

Jake Imbody can smile again. His old bed, which had the bad habit of collapsing just as Jake dozed off, has been replaced by a new and sturdier model.

4th Platoon

Section F's prospective football champions took it on the chin this past week, when their hopes for the championship were shattered by both Section B and Section H. In the battle with Section B, the final score came out 18-6. Manchester, though he is a fourth platoonite, plays for Section B. Incidentally, Kincaid lost a little money on that game, which he considered a sure thing for Section F.

It was quite a sad surprise to learn that Mith Tamarin was incapacitated in the hospital by a case of pneumonia. He will be in bed about two weeks. Here's hop-

ing that he recovers in short order.

Many of the G. I.'s were finding their joints a bit stiff after the workout in T.C.-87 that "Flash Gordon" recently gave them. Incidentally, this blonde Superman at one time played football for the Washington Redskins. Another note of interest is the fact that the mild-mannered civilian doctor who gave us the onceover the other night was the champion 135-pound wrestler here at Washington and Lee in his day.

It seems that the fourth platoon has two intrepid mountain climbers in their midst. They hiked over and climbed House Mountain one day recently, but now swear "that they will never do it again."

5th Platoon

Section H has the enviable distinction of being a champion in both athletic and scholastic activities. The final game for the second team was a real thriller; in the last play of the game, the long pass of Schwab to Cross on the goal line gave H an 8-6 victory. In the playoffs the second team beat Section I on a pass from Schwab to Albritten. The first team, however, was overpowered, 24-6. Section H also came out on top in the battle of wits; their 241 points provided an ample margin for scholastic victory.

Only three cadets remain in the running as the platoon table tennis tournament draws to a close. Bruns will play the victor in the semi-final match between Behan and Baggaley for the championship.

The Southern Seminary girls were the main social attraction of the week-end. Kraft and Magnuson journeyed to the dance at Buena Vista, while Briggs, Cross, Larson, Theodore, and Baggaley let "the mountain come to Mohammed," and attended the VMI dance. The more ambitious Behan, Banner, Dorsman, Drewniak, and Reed journeyed to Roanoke.

6th Platoon

Three cheers for the Southern Seminary dance Saturday night! About half of the pre-meds attended and enjoyed themselves

thoroughly. An unusually beautiful and nice group of females garbed in long dresses were there and an orchestra played in the hall. What could be nicer?

The future "Docs" seem to be learning unofficially about booby traps. It appears that more than a few doors in the house may be expected to yield a pail of water or some object upon the head of some unsuspecting person. It's fine sport unless you use doors.

Dick Watson Appoints Editors for 'The Columns'

At an editorial meeting held last Monday night Dick Watson, editor, announced the following appointees to positions on the staff of *The Columns*: Alex Walker, editorial assistant; Bruce Quayle, news editor; Page Mauck, sports editor; Bob McNeil, Army editor; Brent Breedin, co-copy editor; Lee Silverstein, co-copy editor. These appointments will hold good for the remainder of the semester.

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Informal Dance

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Desha, and Mrs. Lecky Kinnear, Lambda Chi housemother.

An admission fee of fifty cents per couple or stag will be charged to cover the costs of extra lighting, music and refreshments.

Frosh Mixer at Randolph Macon

The projected freshman mixer dance at Randolph Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg has been scheduled for October 23. It will be a formal affair and admission by invitation only. All those desirous of receiving bids are advised to see their councilors at once or leave their names at the Dean's office.

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Gaines Is Host

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a former Professor of English and Journalism at Glenville College in West Virginia. The Alumni Board of Trustees also convened last Saturday.

Word has been received that Count Carlo Sforza, a former Italian minister, has departed for Italy. Count Sforza was visiting professor at Washington and Lee for one month during the 1939-40 session and again for one month during the 1942-43 session. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by the University chapter in 1940.

Phi Psi vs. Lambda Chi

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pleted passes in a row with Johnny West making some miraculous catches. However, the final pass to George Bowers which should have meant a touchdown was incomplete.

Both teams exhibited considerable strength in all departments and look as though they are the teams to beat this fall.

The Washington and Lee Collonade



Through these historic columns thousands of Washington and Lee men have passed, many of whom are now fighting for their country. These historic buildings serve as an inspiration to these men as they have to all the alumni. From the statue of George Washington on top of Washington Hall to the well worn brick path below lies a symbol of a free America.

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LAST TIMES SATURDAY

Bette Davis

Paul Lukas

Watch on the Rhine

SUN. and MON.

Monty Woolley

Gracie Fields

Holy Matrimony

TUES. and WED.

Stormy Weather

Lena Horne

Bill Robinson

Cab Calloway

AND HIS BAND

WARNER BROS. LYRIC

MON. and TUES.

Frontier Badmen

Robt. Paige

Diana Barrymore

WED. and THURS.

Star Spangled Rhythm

with Betty Hutton

Mrs. Jas. L. Howe Dies On Monday, October 11

Mrs. Jas. Lewis Howe, wife of Dr. Howe who is Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Washington and Lee, died Monday morning at her home here in Lexington. Mrs. Howe had lived here for nearly fifty years. Her husband was the director of the department of Chemistry for more than forty years. Mrs. Howe was a graduate of Wells College in Aurora, New York. She was the oldest living alumna of this institution until her death on Monday morning.

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