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## Faculty Gives Its Approval of 4-Term Plan

### Formal Dance Plans Go Ahead As Tickets Sell

**Advance Subscriptions Total Over Sixty—ASTU Drive Next Week**

Plans for the November 20 formal dance are moving so rapidly forward with the announcement yesterday by the Executive Committee that advances ticket sales had reached the sixty mark. Although final results have not yet been tabulated, all indications are that a sizable number of subscriptions will be had, particularly when the ASTU boys return from furlough. The ticket drive among the army platoons will begin next week at the advance sale price of \$2.00.

#### Tickets Advance to \$2.50

The price for civilian students has advanced from the initial \$2.00 to the late ticket price of \$2.50. This is the policy which has been used with dance tickets for many years of allowing an advanced drive rate lower than the standard price in order to encourage subscribers. In this way the planning committee can adequately judge how much money will be available.

Music will be by the Vagabonds of Lynchburg, the same band which has been acclaimed for its work at the VMI Hop this year.

### You Pick 'em

Congratulations to this week's winner, Buck Pinnell: Contact Bill Davidson for your tickets.

Take a chance this week. Pick the correct scores of the games below and win two passes to the State Theatre.

...Navy vs. Pennsylvania...  
...Army vs. Notre Dame...  
...Duke vs. Carolina State...  
...U. of N. C. vs. U. of S. C...  
...Virginia vs. Maryland...  
...Dodgers vs. Cards...  
...Green Bay vs. Bears...

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### V-12 Test on Tuesday

V-12 and A-12 examinations will be given in the Anderson Music Room, second floor of the Library, on Tuesday morning, November 9, at 9:00 a.m., Dean R. N. Latture announced yesterday.

### SAE Sponsors Costume Dance Saturday Night

**W & L Student Body And Faculty Invited To Wear Old Duds**

The SAE house is sponsoring an old clothes costume dance Saturday night, November 6. This affair is the only ball of its kind to be held so far this year and is the latest spoke in the 1943-44 W. and L. social wheel.

Decorations for the dance have been planned in conformity with the autumn season with corn stalks dotting the house. Arrangements for the affair are being handled by Ray English and Bruce Quayle. Refreshments are planned and the music will be by record.

The dance is an open house  
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### Troubs Present Male Animal

The Troubadour's latest production, "The Male Animal," is scheduled for presentation on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of this month, with all of the profits to be contributed to the American Red Cross. The admission will be at popular prices.

At press time Dave Lewis stated that the new dramatic vehicle is really shaping into what promises to be a top-flight comedy. Three more heavy rehearsals will be chalked up before the final production, sanding off the few remaining rough spots.

Dave Lewis has been responsible for the direction of the entire production, and has contributed of his efforts to stage crew work generously.

"The Male Animal," a cynical comedy on the pre-war college days, was written by humorist and cartoonist James Thurber and actor Elliott Nugent. After running on Broadway and the circuits for four years, the play was produced in a motion picture. Dave Lewis plays the title role part that Henry Fonda created in the picture. Lewis is supported by Mary Sue Grosso, Don Stephens and Tom Wright who play the parts taken by Oliva de Haviland, Jack Carson, and Eugene Pallette.

### Vaughan, Crockett, Harman, Davidson and Watson Named to Who's Who by Committee

Five Washington and Lee students have been selected for inclusion in the 1943-44 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," it was announced this week by the publishers of the volume. The men so honored are Robert Turnbull Vaughan, Robert Oscar Crockett, Alexander M. Harman, Jr., William A. Davidson, and Richard S. Watson.

Bob Vaughan is the newly elected president of the W. and L. student body. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Delta Phi. A senior lawyer, he has occupied a position on the Executive Committee two times in the past and has attained numerous other honors. Vaughan is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Bob Crockett, vice-president of

the student body, was included in last year's publication of "Who's Who." At that time he was executive committeeman for the sophomore class, and had held a similar post in his freshman year. Crockett is also a member of ODK, and will graduate next January.

Alex Harman is executive committeeman for the Senior Class. A senior lawyer, he holds the position of business manager of *The Columns* and is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Bill Davidson is a member of the Executive Committee, having won the post of Secretary of the student body in the recent elections. He conducts a sports column for *The Columns*.

Dick Watson is the editor of *The Columns* and also president of the Christian Council. He is president of Pi Kappa Phi as well.

### Christmas Vacation Is Lengthened to Three Weeks by Faculty Action

In a special meeting Friday afternoon the Washington and Lee Faculty approved the four-term plan for a school year, and recommended the plan to the Board of Trustees, which will go into effect.

Under the plan, the Christmas vacation will be increased from two weeks to three weeks, and there will be no vacation at the end of the first semester. The vacation will run from 4:00 p. m., Wednesday, December 15, to 8:00 a. m., Thursday, January 6. Classes will be resumed January 6.

The purpose of the four-term plan is to synchronize the civilian and the A. S. T. schedules at W. and L. The second A. S. T. quarter will end January 29, and the students will have a one-week vacation. The W. and L. first semester will end February 4; there will not be any vacation at this time.

Both soldiers and civilians will begin a new term Monday, February 7. After that time both groups will be run on the same calendar.

#### Advantages of Plan

Dean Latture pointed out two advantages of the four-term plan. First, W. and L. professors who instruct both army and civilian students will be given vacations. If the present setup is continued most faculty members will not get any vacation, for they must teach civilian students while the soldiers are on vacation and soldiers while the civilians are on vacation.

The second advantage is that A. S. T. and civilian students may have classes together in a few cases.

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### SSS Class Will Present Music Festival on Friday

A fall musical festival will be staged in the Doremus Gymnasium by the members of the sixteenth class of the School for Special Service on next Friday night, November 2.

The music will be furnished by a school band under the baton of Lt. Forest L. McAllister, while a sixty-voice glee club directed by Lt. John Manning will also be featured.

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Friday, November 5, 1943

## Ignorance Isn't Bliss

WE WERE AMAZED the other day when a freshman asked us, "How does the 'Swing' go?" On questioning we found that he did not even know the tune nor was he acquainted with "College Friendships."

Further investigation proved that many of the Freshman Class are in total ignorance of the two songs which are so much a part of Washington and Lee.

For generations the sound of the Washington and Lee Swing has been sung at football and basketball games. When the team needs encouragement, when a touchdown is made or a point racked up, the "Swing" fills the air and means something to the man on the field and the men in the grandstand.

"Our College Friendships soon must sever..." and that magical hour of six a.m. at the Finals Ball. There isn't a throat without a lump in it as "College Friendships" is sung at the close. Down through the evening our alma mater has been sung and at the close it comes swelling up in the hearts of the W. and L. men as they sing "...we'll love thee still our alma mater, our dear old W. and L. U."

We hate to think of a generation of Washington and Lee men who do not know and cherish the "Swing" and "College Friendships." This ignorance cannot be blamed on the part of the freshmen. The responsibility lies directly in the laps of the upperclassmen. We are at fault, and it is time we did something about it.

The organization that would undertake the necessary instruction of the freshmen in the school songs will win the undying praise of the student body and the grateful thanks of the freshmen.

## Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

Our crystal ball shows....

You've been looking for this one; **Behind the Rising Sun**, with Margo and Tom Neal on Sun., Mon., and Tues. BTRS is a second "Hitler's Children" in that it gives you a glimpse into the ideological background and political setting behind the Japanese war objectives; Nippon under the microscope. Top scenes for the sensation hound are the fight between the Jap wrestler and the American boxer and the expose of the geisha girl racket. Catch this one...

**Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case**, with Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson and Keye Luke, is a healthy 88min. patient for Wednesday. The best of the series so far, it's a four-thread story of penitentiary mixups, hospital epidemics, war-wounded psychology, and interns' rivalry all mixed in one.

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## Columnizing

By J. H. Williams

**Editor's Note**—Associate Professor John Higgins Williams came here in 1928. After serving in France during the last war he attended Washington and Lee, graduating in 1924.

It is important that we do not make the same mistake in this war that was made in the last, that is, accepting certain unrealistic slogans as war aims. If we realize that we had not made the "world safe for democracy," reaction set in and it was said that the war was fought in vain. Whereas actually the war was fought to keep the Germans off our necks and in that we were successful. The failure of the Versailles Treaty was not that it was too harsh, but that it was not enforced.

Now we hear talk about a "brave new world," racial equality, freedom of this, that and the other thing. Anyone who expects the millennium immediately on the successful outcome of this war is defying the realities of the historical process and is doomed to disappointment. We are actually fighting to keep the Germans and Japs off our necks. We are trying to keep the world which we had before Pearl Harbor, and it is a world worth fighting for. We need not apologize for this world we have made in spite of the critics—at any rate it is a far better world than a German or a Japanese world.

Unfortunately for the unity of the American people, there are groups who are trying to use the war as an excuse to secure the advancement and the adoption of

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## ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

**BERTELLI IS GONE** but the memory lingers on. The fighting Irish of Notre Dame will sorely feel the loss of this great back who completed 25 of his 36 attempted tosses, 10 of them for touchdowns in the first six games of what looks like one of the greatest seasons the Irish have ever had.

While singing Berelli's praises as a great back most of us have overlooked the fact that he is a fine field general. When we say "fine" with a team using the T formation, we mean a man who has mastered over 300 plays and knows when to call them.

That Bertelli is a team man can not be doubted; he has never called passes or other plays in which he stood out except when it seemed to be the proper thing to do. If Bertelli had been anything other than a man with a great cooperative spirit he would never have let Miller capture much of the glory this season. We only hope that Angelo turns out to have as good a team spirit for the good of the bigger and better club he is now playing with.

The Notre Dame attack will no doubt be impaired by Bertelli's loss. Lujack, his heir apparent, is inexperienced because it would have been unfair to remove Bertelli from competition merely for the purpose of giving the "kid" experience.

The Irish still have their almost impregnable forward wall, rated as the best in the country by the experts; they still have the great defensive team that has smothered all opposition so far this season; and they still have a great running back in Miller.

Lujack is well aware of the great responsibility resting on his shoulders and you can be certain that, although suffering from Bertelli's loss, the boys from South Bend are still the greatest ball club in the country.

## Men About Town....

**THIS WEEK-END** of pathos unbounded found Tom "Snuggler" Mayberry enthralled midst Alpine scenery and Autumn gold... also seen at the Sem this week was Wise "Clark" Kelly, sporting the fuzz that occupies his upper lip. Kelly was quite the lad out there this week, ah yes. Reviewing the past events of the afternoon and evening "Clark" failed to notice the bell, and I don't refer to the dinner bell, either—a few minutes after a huge Marine arrived, and spying our hero fairly howled "H--! Kid, didn't ya hear dat bell??" Shuddering at this crude interruption, our estimable Kelly responded in none too timorous a voice, "and you sir, didn't your bugle blow some time ago, too??" Needless to say, "Clark" beat a hasty retreat before the full meaning of his daring remark reached the inner cranium of the Marine—luckily for Wise.

**AT THIS POINT** we introduce the "Better things for Better living through the Chemistry" department.

**"SWOOSIE" WALKER** has developed a new technique for dating. Walk up to the gal's date, ask him to please stand aside a few seconds, then place your question to the woman, but pointedly. This method seems to work especially well with our neighboring military friends. The woman in this case is Baldwin's triple threat to mankind... Gene "Whizzer" White. Eh, Swoosie?... Geology field trips include Buena Vista in their territory. Should you be at all interested contact Jimmy Giles; in charge of itinerary.

**IT GIVES ME** peculiar pleasure to bring this delightful array of wit and knowledge to a close with a note from Vaughan. Says Bob, "Even though the occasion should arise, I simply cannot run fast enough!!!"



## Phi Psi Defeats Lambda Chi 6-0; ASTU Wins Over W and L 12-6

### Phi Psi's Gain IM Crown In Hard Fought Battle On Friday, October 29

On October 29, the two top teams intramural football league met, and when it was all over, the Phi Psi's had annexed the mythical intramural championship by defeating the Lambda Chi's 6-0.

The only tally was scored in the second period when the Phi Psi captain, Page Mauck, hurled a twenty-five yard pass to the end, Wes Todd. The point try failed, but that score was enough to win, as the Lambda Chi men were held scoreless through a bitterly played first half.

Interceptions were the rule during the latter half of the battle, with the Lambda Chi's passes falling into the hands of the Phi Psi men as the losers began to threaten. Don Stevens, Kimber White, and Bob McNeil combined to break up many of the Lambda Chi passing plays.

Fred Coover and George Bowers starred for the Lambda Chi's. Coover's long passes to Bowers and their blocking accounted for many of the Lambda Chi gains.

## FU to Debate USSR Alliance

At the next regular meeting on Tuesday night the Forensic Union will discuss a subject of vital significance in the light of recent events in Moscow. The subject chosen for debate is "Resolved that the United States should conclude a twenty year alliance with Russia." The speaker for the affirmative will be Rex Criminale, and for the negative, Les Walenstein.

In this week's discussion Lee Silverstein of the Whigs upheld the affirmative and Mitchell Harris for the Tories argued the negative of the question, "Resolved that the Army should permit its men stationed at colleges to participate in intercollegiate athletics."

### Columnizing

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their own pseudo-liberal ideas. Those who advocate racial equality, certain social and economic reforms, abolition of the poll tax as a requirement for voting, the disruption of the British Empire, recognition of every little minority group, etc., constitute a dangerous element in our population of today.

### AST Wins on Last Play Of Game With W & L Thursday Afternoon

On Thursday afternoon a football team composed of W. and L. students was downed by the AST to the tune of 12-6.

The Generals had the upper hand throughout the first half, finally scoring when Motley shot a pass to Oder who raced into the end zone for six points. Throughout the second period W-L was continuously "knocking at the gates" with one pass from Mauck to Pinnell for a touchdown being ruled incomplete due to Pinnell stepping out of bounds.

In the second half the AST dominated the play. Their first score came in the third period when a beautifully executed fake reverse went sixty yards to "paydirt." The placement attempt was blocked and the score was tied at 6-6. The final AST score came on the last play of the game as a result of a short pass over center.

## ASTU Returns Saturday Night

Washington and Lee's AST men will return to the campus tomorrow after a week's furlough. This vacation marked the close of the first semester's work. An analysis of the work done in the past by the A. S. T. men on this campus shows a very creditable average attained. Several of the men have achieved high scholastic grades during the past semester.

Only fifteen members of the initial class were found to be unacademically inclined, and of those taking pre-medical courses, none fell out of line. The average grade of the class was slightly higher than C, while the highest individual performance was accredited to A. B. Baggaley who maintained a straight A average throughout the session. Also impressive were the five A's and one B accumulated by M. Schwartz and the four A's and two B's earned by S. W. Morris and C. J. Moskovitch.

Classes will be resumed Monday morning as twenty new students who have arrived as replacements take their place in the corps. Additional pre-medical and engineering students are expected.

Captain Conaway, commandant of the unit, was quite pleased with the final grades and stated, "In view of the fact that it's a new set-up here, the school has done exceedingly well in putting out the education to the men."

### SAE to Hold Dance

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event and all members of the Washington and Lee student body and faculty are cordially invited to attend. Dates are coming mainly from Southern Seminary and Lexington, with a few from Randolph-Macon, Mary Baldwin and Sweet Briar.

Remember, admission is free. Just bring yourself in your oldest clothes, and a date if possible.

### Lt. Barnes to Aid V-12

Lt. F. James Barnes, II, USNR, will be at Washington and Lee on Monday, November 8, for consultation with V-12 candidates. All

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## New Schedule Plan

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Dean Tucker stated that the four-term plan is by no means permanent. He said that further action will have to be taken on it next August.

### Proposed Calendar

Here is the complete calendar that will be used if the four-term plan is adopted:

Christmas holidays, 4:00 p. m. Wednesday, December 15, to 8:00 a. m. Thursday, January 6.

Founder's Day, January 19, holiday.

Examinations, Monday, Janu-

ary, 31, to Friday, February 4, inclusive.

Third quarter begins Monday, February 7.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, holiday.

Examinations, April 24 to 28.

Holidays, April 29 to May 6 inclusive.

Fourth quarter begins May 8.

Independence Day, July 4, holiday.

Examinations, July 24 to 28.

Holidays, July to August 5, inclusive.

First quarter begins August 7.

Examinations, October 23 to 27.

Holidays, October 28 to November 4, inclusive.

## Show Team Time

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Hit say the news releases on I Dood It with Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell coming up in TFS slot, and they're right. This latest Skelton piece is not less than sensational, with Red at his best in some passages of straight pan-

tomime. EP is in top form and can't be beat (except by Joan Leslie). Added starters in the billing are Hazel Scott and our stormy weather pal, Lena Horne. Jimmy Dorsey and crew show too; with music from Count Basie to Cole Porter this IDI is an unbeatable 102 minutes.

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