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Religious Emphasis Week, Vespers Are Planned by Christian Council

Also Plans Social Program To Open Student Union; Forum To Be Held Later

The Christian Work Council of the University is planning a number of new activities for the second semester, Rex Crimminale, president of that organization, announced. Among these are a University Religious Conference, a series of vesper programs, and a forum discussion on extra-marital relationships.

The University Religious Conference will be held on April 9, 10, and 11. The Conference, an annual event at W & L, in pre-war days, is a three-day period for emphasizing religious life on the campus. It is planned to bring several speakers of note in the ministerial field to the campus for the occasion, although names are not available at this time. Through a series of forums and assemblies in Lee Chapel, problems arising in student religious life will be discussed. Students will be given an opportunity to participate.

The Council vespers programs will also be resumed on Sunday, February 24th at 5:00 in the afternoon. Music will be furnished by the Glee Club, and an out-of-town minister, will deliver the sermon. No speakers have been obtained so far. It is planned to hold at least one Sunday afternoon vesper program a month during the second semester. All students are invited to attend.

The re-opening of the Student Union will be observed by the Council on February 7th with a social program for new students. Later in the semester there will be a forum discussion of "Men-Women Relationships." This discussion will be led by Dr. Walter Flick, Professor of Psychology, Dr. Reid White, University physician, and Dr. James Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lexington. The three will talk respectively on the psychological, medical, and moral phases of the question. Planned primarily for freshman students, the forum is open to all students who wish to attend. It is hoped that forum discussions of other problems can be planned later in the semester.

The Council office in the Student Union building will be re-opened next semester.

Gaines on Baptist Hour

Dr. Francis P. Gaines will speak on the Baptist hour on next Sunday morning, according to S. F. Lowe, director of the radio committee, S. B. C., of Atlanta, Ga. His subject, "Courage for the Tests of Peace," will be of particular interest to young people, especially returning service men and women.

New Chemistry Professor

E. S. Gilbreath has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry at Washington and Lee. Dr. Gilbreath holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has taught in North Carolina high schools, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of North Carolina. At the time of his appointment he was employed in industrial research chemistry.

Returns to Campus



Dr. Reid White, recently released from the Army, will resume his duties as University Physician on February 1.

Wilson's Letter Outlines Policy For Dining Hall

Army Equipment To Be Used Until Tableware Is Again Made Available

(Ed. Note: The following letter will be distributed to all incoming students at the beginning of next semester. Since we feel its contents to be of great interest to our subscribers, we have reprinted the letter in full.)

To the Student Body:
Gentlemen:

On February 2, the W & L Dining Hall, located behind Washington College, will open its facilities to the student body.

This building was erected for the Army and used first, by the A.S.T. unit during its existence on the campus, and later by the enlisted men of the School for Personnel Services.

Every effort is being made to serve highly appetizing and wholesome meals at a reasonable price.

Unfortunately, due to the limited amount of time between the termination of the S.P.S. and the beginning of the new semester, and also due to the scarcity of various items, we have been forced to commence our operations with the use of some of the army equipment. However, as soon as it becomes available, tableware of a more appealing design will be purchased.

Arrangements for eating in the Dining Hall can be made at the office of either the Treasurer of the University or the Director of Student Services.

The Dining Hall is a student service and it will be our constant endeavor to make it consistent in quality with all other phases of campus life at Washington and Lee.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Wilson, Jr.
Director of Student Services

"Must" Assembly Feb. 6

Dr. F. P. Gaines, President of the University, will speak at a University Assembly in Lee Chapel on Wednesday, February 6. The assembly will be held at 12:00 noon; attendance is required of all students and all members of the faculty. Dr. Gaines will speak on "The State of the University." Classes on Wednesday will be run according to the following schedule:

A 8:25-9:10
C 9:10-9:50
E 9:50-10:15
G 10:30-11:15
I 11:15-12:00

Assembly 12:00 — 1:00

Advance Sale of Dance Tickets to Open Feb. 4th

Subscription Price Set at \$5.50 for Both Nights; Photographs Due Feb. 5

The advance sale of tickets for the Mid-winter Formals will begin on Monday, February 4, Floyd McKenna, Ticket Chairman, announced yesterday. The price of the advance subscription will be \$5.50 for both dances. Admission at the door for the Friday "Sweetheart" dance will be \$3.50; and that of the Junior Prom on Saturday night, \$3.00. All these prices include federal tax.

McKenna stated that he expected over 250 couples to attend the dances each night. He said he based his estimate on the probable size of the student body next semester, and on the fact that over 80 percent of the student body was present at the Opening Formals in November, carrying on one of the dearest of Washington and Lee traditions.

Pictures Due Feb. 5

The following day, February 5, is the deadline for entering pictures of candidates for the title, "The Queen of Hearts." The girl thus chosen will reign over the dance set as "Sweetheart of Washington and Lee." Jim Watson, President of the Dance Committee, announced that members of the committee will be present at a desk in the front lobby of Washington Hall from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. of the 5th to receive the pictures.

"If you haven't received her picture yet," Watson urged, "wire or phone or run—but be sure to have it in Washington Hall on the 5th. Don't let your date ask the embarrassing question: 'Why didn't you ask me for my picture?' Snapshots, portraits, anything will do. Be sure to remove the frame from the picture before submitting it; and it will be returned just as soon as the judging is completed."

No Issue Next Week

There will no issue of **The Columns** next week, because the final examinations will temporarily suspend most news-worthy extracurricular activity on the campus, and the staff of the newspaper find themselves subject to heavy exam schedules. The next issue will appear on February 8, the first week-end of next semester.

Enrollment Jumps to 400 as Vet Applicants Rush to Enter W & L

W & L Invited to VMI Hop

The Hop Committee of VMI has invited all Washington and Lee students to the VMI Mid-winter Hop, which will be held the nights of February 1 and 8. "The Vagabonds," who will play at the W & L "Sweetheart Dance" on February 15, will furnish the music for both VMI dances. Admission for the Friday night dance will be \$3.60, and for Saturday night, \$2.40.

Carl Wise To Be Basketball Coach Effective Feb. 1

Succeeds Cy Young As Blue Helmsman For Coming Contests

Carl Wise of Gates City, Virginia, has been appointed head coach of basketball and assistant coach of football at Washington and Lee. It was announced on Wednesday, Mr. Wise will assume his duties at the beginning of next semester.

A graduate of Kings College, Bristol, Tennessee, where he was a letterman in basketball and football, Wise began coaching in 1937 in North Carolina high schools. From 1939 to 1942 he coached at Shoemaker High School in Gates City where his football teams won 34 games and lost but six.

The new coach was assistant coach of the undefeated Bainbridge Naval Station football team and last year was assistant football coach at the University of Pennsylvania and also served as a scout.

As coach of basketball, Wise succeeds Cy Young, University Alumni Secretary, who has only filled the position in a stopgap capacity.

Experienced Pickett Squad Downs Generals 57 to 45 In Hard-Fought Contest

Playing a much superior team, the Blue and White basketball quint went down to defeat against Camp Pickett tonight by a count of 57 to 45. The soldiers' speed and experience proved too much for the Generals as they fought gamely through what was probably the hardest contest of their season.

The Generals were behind for only about a minute during the entire first half, and were leading by 22 to 20 at the midway point. The army rallied to a victory during the second half, however, spiked by the efforts of two former professional players and a number of former college players.

Charlie McDowell with fourteen points, was high scorer for the Generals.

Student Body to Be One-Half Pre-War Strength by Feb. 1st

An enrollment of over 400 students is anticipated for the opening of the semester beginning February 4, President Gaines announced today. This will be the first semester at a completely civilian Washington and Lee since the beginning of the war, and there will be a very definite emphasis on as much return to normalcy as possible.

Over half of the 400 members of the student body will be veterans. There are only nine non-veteran freshmen among the new men entering Washington and Lee this February. About 40 per cent of the remainder will be returning Washington and Lee men.

Fifteen faculty and staff members who have been on leaves of absence will return to their posts in February, including all the faculty of the Law School. Fifteen other professors will return for the summer term or the fall semester, and four new appointments to the faculty and staff, all effective February 1, have recently been announced. Further hints of the return to normalcy can be found in the reopening of the University dormitories and dining halls.

Growth of Student Body

The student body this February will reach not quite half its pre-war size. This represents quite a far climb from the student body one-tenth its normal size registered at Washington and Lee exactly one year ago, when for one entire quarter there were only ninety-seven names on the registrar's list of students. That middle quarter of the 1944-45 school year was the lowest ebb the University has reached since first its enrollment climbed over the 100 mark after the Civil War.

The enrollment started dropping almost as soon as war was declared, of course, but the fall of 1942 still saw almost 678 students registering. It was the second semester of the 1942-43 school year that brought the mass evacuations which will be so long remembered by those concerned with Washington and Lee—such as the one call which took 133 men on one week-end in February of 1943. It was also the second semester of the 1942-43 school year which witnessed the stopping of fraternities, the end of the **Ring-tum Phi**, and all the other closings down too numerous to list.

The lowest enrollment reached at Washington and Lee during the last war was 381, in February of 1918. This jumped to 628 for the next school year, an increase of 100 over the enrollment at Washington and Lee before World War I. There is a possibility that there will be a similar increase in attendance after this war, and certain preparations are being made to accommodate it.

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Books Behind Bars

The Columns feels that once more the time has come when the hours during which the library stays open should be lengthened. During the war, with a much smaller student body, the library authorities were probably justified in rather drastically cutting those hours. The library was closed from 4:00 to 7:00 every afternoon, and all week-end. A short time before Christmas the library responded to the increased student body and the increased demand for longer hours, and arranged to stay open on Saturday afternoon. If only because of the much more increased student body beginning next semester, it now becomes highly desirable that the library plan to further lengthen its hours and remain open later in the afternoon.

But there is a much more urgent reason than the mere growth of the student body that the library must plan to stay open longer. As long as the School for Personnel Services was at Washington and Lee, the presence of their library in our library building insured the fact that at least the outside door of our library would remain open. As long as the outside door was open, a considerable portion of the library itself was available. A Washington and Lee man, wishing to study, could always go to the browsing room. Furthermore, the parallel books, reserved and left on the shelf behind the librarian's desk, were always available. And the card index could be used by those wishing to do preliminary work on research themes and other bibliographies. And all of this in spite of the fact that the stacks and reference rooms were locked!

Alas! This is no longer the situation. Here we have at least one respect in which the departure of the S.P.S. can be viewed with regret. No longer is even the front door of the library left open in the afternoon! Not only are the books of the library locked behind bars, but now the very library building itself is being used—to house books for use by the students? No! Rather to keep students out!

The situation is intolerable. Viewed from any reasonable angle, the answer is still the same. The library must be kept open in the afternoon. Too numerous to be recounted are the expressions of irritation by students at being driven out of the library just when first getting really settled down to work. The result is that either these students start doing their work in the Commerce Library or the Chemistry Library, or else they give up the whole idea. The staff at the library objects to the proposition of staying open later in the afternoon by saying that there is not sufficient use of the hours when the library is already open! No wonder, for serious students have long ago given up the idea of trying to study there in the afternoon with the prospect of having to leave before half the afternoon is past.

The reopening of the Freshman Dorm presents another reason why the library should stay open for longer hours. Living so close to the library, Washington and Lee men there are bound to make the library their studying headquarters—if it is available. But they won't be able to make it their studying headquarters if they are to be driven out during the most pregnant part of the afternoon.

The whole matter boils down to a question of

whether the library is meant to serve as a place where students may obtain and use books, or whether the library is to be a house for the protection of books from the ravages of students. The Columns firmly believes that the purpose of the library on the campus is to supply books to the students and to be a place where anyone who wants to study knows he can find peace and quiet. If in truth this is the function of the library, then we demand that the library be made available in order that it may serve its purpose. On the other hand, if the purpose of the library is to protect books against students, may we suggest to the authorities that they could better accomplish their purpose by seeing to it that the library was locked at night as well as in the afternoon.

Anchors Away

The Washington and Lee basketball team, in losing to the University of Virginia, far from disgraced itself. The Generals lost to the United States Navy. Yes, fourteen of the fifteen Virginia squad members are Naval trainees. Almost all of these boys have had at least two years of college experience.

No doubt if W & L had used Army School players the result would have been different, or if we had played Virginia on a civilian vs. civilian basis the result would have certainly been different. Next year Virginia will be Navy-less.

The Humanities

Next semester the University will offer a new series of courses, an A.B. degree with a major in The Humanities. The student who elects this major will center his attention around English and foreign languages, and their literatures, history, and philosophy. Natural science, however, such as physics and chemistry, will receive a new treatment. The freshman will study one 8-hour natural science, and then four years later in an intra-departmental course he will study the effects of science on philosophy, economics, sociology, and government. In brief, the Humanities Major is a liberal education, accenting no particular field.

The underlying motive of the University in inaugurating the major in the Humanities is to plan the college career of the student who is seeking a purely cultural education. There are very few elective courses, and most of the courses are not new, but are offered at the University at this time. Initiative in choosing his course is, to a great extent, taken from the student. This is the gist of the change, which is, we believe, a wise and highly important move.

To understand the significance of this revolutionary step, let us consider for a moment the present attempts to control the use of the atomic bomb. Scientists have proved the contemporary importance of their work, and especially their logical and analytical approach, in the testing and improvement of the powerful weapon. But now it seems that neither scientists nor politicians, nor politico-scientists, can safeguard the world from the newly released and terrifying power of the atom bomb.

The ability to determine such control can rest only in a mind which comprehends the history and present situation of mankind, psychologically, socially, economically, politically, and morally. Such a mind is the result of an education which includes each of these fields to some extent. It would be ideal, of course, if that mind had a relatively complete knowledge of all these fields; but in the course of a college career, such width of subject matter is impossible.

This editorial is not attempting to recommend any specific person for the responsibility of atomic control. But rather, such problems as this, of such significance and weight, will confront the world time and time again in the future. The nation and the world need specialized men to analyze and create scientific improvements. But equal, if not greater is the need for men educated liberally, who will realize the significance, and will control this advancement, with an inclusive view of the social and economic problems that will be effected by that progress.

Most college graduates, however, will not be called upon to make such momentous decisions. Theirs is a position in the society of man, as a creature of God, and a citizen of the state. A knowledge of the thoughts of mankind, through literature, of what man has done in other situations, through history, is essential to logical living and good citizenship. The ability to make an analysis and personal decision on these matters will flow from a study of philosophy and logic. This is the significance of the University decision to include a planned series of courses in The Humanities in its curriculum.

The University is to be commended for its insight. Its decision is among the most significant of its long history, and cannot fail to attract the attention, encouragement, and possibly criticism from some quarters, among the educators of America.

Reporter-at-Large

By Charley McDowell

Whenever a columnist is too lazy to do anything else, he lets his memory wander aimlessly for about half an hour and, lo and behold, he has written a column. The column is usually thoroughly boring to everyone except the writer's immediate family, who find it only slightly boring. It is particularly distasteful to the powers-that-be at local girls' colleges, who don't like the impudent upstart, anyway. (Who does he think he is? Let him go somewhere where they do have one!) The only thing worse than a "we remember" column is an introduction to one, so without further ado—

We remember when . . .

. . . The one and only Bill Tilden came to W & L to play an exhibition tennis match and the tennis coach selected as ball-boy your reporter (who wouldn't know a ball-boy if he met one on the street). The day of the match came and Big Bill arrived at the court loaded down with racquets and ill-will for ball-boys in general. He spotted us lounging against the net, and growled in an ex-world-champion voice, "What is that?" Some quick-thinking bystander guessed right, "That is the ball-boy." "Well, get it off the damn court or I'll grind it underfoot," said Tilden, and that's how we didn't act as ball-boy (whatever that is) for Big Bill Tilden.

And while we are talking about

ourselves, here is another embarrassing item:

About ten years ago, Ohio State's baseball team came to W & L for a two-day series. Always eager to get in on anything possible to get in on, your reporter volunteered to act as bat-boy for the Generals. There were numerous other candidates for the position, but we landed the job for the first four innings. All went well and at the end of the fourth, with the game tied up, we gave up our post to another little kid. Gathering up the cracked bat we had earned by our labors, we began working our way along the backstop toward the grandstand. Then suddenly a ball came bounding toward us. Always the helpful type, we scooped it up and pegged it to the catcher, who in turn pegged it to the second baseman, who, in turn, put out a General sliding into second. It is said that he represented the run which would have won the game, but we didn't stay to find out. As we ran away, we heard the Ohio coach say, "Of course he's out—it was your own bat-boy—it's not our fault he helped us." And then Captain Dick said, "Our bat-boy, hell; I never saw the little blankety-blank before." (To this day we don't know what happened, but we do believe we should have been accredited with an assist.) And that's how we didn't become a successful bat-boy.

Just to show you we were an
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CAMPUS QUERY

By Marshall S. Ellis

People who should know (we don't claim to) are saying that when things have reached the present state in which a cosmetics manufacturer can call his lipstick color anything so brutally un-suggestive as "Just Red," the world is unquestionably approaching the end of an era. We're inclined to agree with these sages. But revolution in cosmetics alone is not enough. Even as such perfume names as "Harpie's Delight" and "Be Bold" (paid advertising) pass unmentioned, everything else must also change accordingly. Every person has his own idea of the most important discovery, or advancement, or change; so this week, without voicing the question in any particular way, we wormed these ideas out of various Minks.

Chemistry Dept.: Jim Lovins is making his bid for the Nobel Prize by his righteous claim of assisting in the discovery of "Singin' Sam," a product guaranteed to be less than one month old and which is currently on display at the ABC store. Jim is not sure whether its part in the new era will be as the worst beverage or the best anti-freeze; but he assures us that anything tasting like it does could never be overlooked completely.

Journalism and Public Works: Henry Guerriero recommends C. McDowell as honor man for his one-man campaign on behalf of the battered but unbowed Baldwin goes. Henry's Staunton agent informs him that McDowell's most recent retort is actually posted on
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Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Don't let these little quizzes coming up this week interfere with an unusually good round of cinemattractions; in fact, we've always found exam week one of our favorite show team times. Nothing like a little spot of a show in between gobs of physics and philosophy.

We say an unusually good round of films this week, and right we are, we think. Take the State f'rinstance—SunMon Yolanda and the Thief, with Fred Astaire, Lucille Bremer, and Frank Morgan; it's a color fantasy that calls for a lonna stretch of the imagination, but if we're not too critical, it might turn out to be fairly diversionary. The mere fact that "Time" calls it the most disappointing picture of the year doesn't discourage us, because in this column it says it's fairly good, and we always go according to this column, don't we? (On second thought, never mind.) And the only reason we say it's good

is that we haven't seen it yet.

TuesWed brings more melodrama, Alice Faye, Dana Andrews, and Linda Darnell in *Fallen Angel*; the man that reviewed this for us says it's for a mature, sophisticated audience—natcherly, that's everybody that reads this column, and in Lexington 9 out of 10 people read this column, we keep telling ourselves. How we do fill space!

The screen version of the Broadway hit *Kiss and Tell* is due to hit town Thursday, for a three-day run, with cinemidolescents (bet that's one "Time" never did think up) Shirley Temple and Jerome Courtland in the lead. Really a riot of laughs, to put it strongly.

Over at the Lyric, where we expect a repetition of Jericho any one of these days, there is something in the air this week, as usual . . . Edgar Kennedy appears MonTues in *Captain Tugboat An*—
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Men About Town . . .

By Russ Drake and Roy Witte

In the course of human events, it sometimes becomes necessary for even men about town to be tested on their knowledge of college. This is a very pretty theory, indeed, but many of our campus characters (not the faculty) are extremely unwilling to have this theory put into practice. Two of these characters are now striving valiantly to submit this so-called feature (so-called by the editors because Zrike couldn't sell the advertising before the printer sets up the Gettysburg address

The long week-end (three cheers for Bobby Lee) went the way of all week-ends, it seems, and ended. The memories of those few happy hours will undoubtedly remain with Mal Tenny and his faithful companions of Saturday night. Mal's date left a very permanent impression on our hero, (the impression goes very well with the holes already in his head) but we are not quite so sure of the enduring nature of the impression he left with her. His buddies, "Downbeat" Romaine, "Bernie" Kaplan, and "Chuck" Hood, seemed well satisfied with their blind dates, and excepting a few minor outbursts of uncontrollable wrath (easily stemmed by a short length of lead pipe rapped gently against the temples) their dates were well satisfied with them Bolen is undoubtedly made socially, so often has he dated the Sem's leader of high fashion, Miss Lee Walsh, his friends, Glasgow and Whitman, far from existing on the crumbs of Bolen's success have been living up to the clique's high tradition on their own hook (hook does not mean date, for a Third Army private staked prior claim on Whitman's drag) Joe Simpson turned into a first class scoundrel when he sent three of the Sem feds to the Supreme Court of Buena Vista (the judiciary) when he should have been pinning over Agnes' departure from the domain of the SAE. The rascal's red wagon is causing all types of mayhem among the lassies of the valley Speaking of mayhem, we are all wondering why the light in Bill Burton's eye has changed to a bilious gleam, and why even his house can hardly stand his riotous conduct. We are also wondering whether Alice Weber comes off campus in February '48 or '49, and whether Marshall Ellis did any better with Evelyn of Baldwin fame than he did with Bill Bowman's rebound

Out of the smouldering embers of the Mayflower Hotel have risen the ghostly figures of the violated, to protest mightily against the woeful destruction wrought in gay hilarity by the firm of Berry, Vaden, Hitz, Hubbard, and Fritchie as of not too many weekends ago We would forget this scar on the virtue of mankind but they keep finding more bodies—everyone wishes they could find those other bottles

Latest fact unscrambled from a series of horrible ones reveals Fritchie's meeting in the corridor outside the Pine Room with something he described as definitely female, even though it was so dark he couldn't see her—the janitor's wife has preferred charges

Bill Richards is showing faint signs of recovery from severe shock after Prohibitionist "Junior" Joel's voiced intention to rend him limb from limb failed in an atmosphere of hostility, bewilderment, and outright dumbfoundedness. The little man has had a mighty rough week, not the least of his troubles having been Stick Harris' mistake in shooting him in for two points in a recent Rinkydink-Varsity scrimmage. Mentioning the Rinkydinks reminds us of their perennial tryout (who said trial?) Robert Totty (note to proof reader: not Tobby). Though the Petersburg Piledriver insists he's on the team, the consensus of opinion is that he's a thousand miles too moral. Aside from his clean living, the coach of the squad seems reluctant to give scholarships to immediate OCS prospects We certainly hope that no one in the Zebe House even so much as sobs this week. According to our informer, James is none too pleased with Lachrymal activity (tears to the uninformed) after the rather unpleasant experience with same, when he just wanted experience There are many men on the campus who can't quite understand why sanctified silence was the only reception for Jim Lovins' well-meaning suggestion that Magruder Drake close up shop and join him for a beer Mosbacher doesn't want his name mentioned either

Many minks seem curious to know why minks are called minks. At first glance, this seems as impossible a task as discovering why cows are called cows, and why Serif's friend is called—what is he called? (Hitz says he knows why women is called, but we don't want to become involved with that.) At second glance it still looks impossible, but fiery John MacWhorter (I'm from the South, suh) said,

when confronted with this question at the Wahoo game, "It's just another damWahoo (almost said damyankee) attempt to cast aspersions on the fascination the Washington and Lee gentlemen has always held for the fairer sex. It seems that the mink is fairly proficient in this field, himself." With this, John let out the very finest rebel yell in his repertoire, and proceeded to beat on another chair

The Generals did themselves up proud Monday night, when they showed the fight that has long made W & L famous. The score wasn't indictive of success, but the spirit shown by the team and the student body, made it clear that the Wahoos face slaughter when their naval subsidy is removed and the situation reverts to normal The snake-dance, which originated at the R. E. Lee shortly after the nightly battle for the sugar bowl at the SAE, was a rollicking, farcical endeavor—though several of the lads couldn't stand the pace and sought their customary places in the gutter Jim Watson requests a plug for his glorious Dance Set. We predict complete success for this rising young commerce major, if ever he should run for it. Many people predict that he had better just run for it

Did you know that these two lines are the only space fillers *The Columns* has resorted to all year?

Undefeated Rinkydinks To Open Disastrous Court Season Soon

By C. M.

The seven-year reign of the Roanoke Rebels as top basketball team in the state is at last coming to an end. Playing under various names, the Roanoke semi-pros, led by ex-General Bob Spessard, have gained national fame. But now, onto the scene like a meteor, come the Rinkydinks, a team of local athletes determined to dominate state and even national competition.

The Rinkydinks were organized originally as a swing quintette, the Five Ocarina Aces, but soon, by popular request, gave up music to hit the hardwood. And now, boasting an undefeated season, the Rinkydinks have challenged the Rebels to a basketball game, their first. No time and place have been set for the battle as yet, but a Rinkydink player informed your reporter that "we don't want to

play on our home court. It's too long."

We interviewed the coach of the Rinkydinks, who, insisting that his name not be used, reported: "We have a fast, elusive team with enough endurance to make two trips up the floor collectively, or four trips in relays." He said, also, that the team had been handicapped somewhat by lack of a ball in practice. "We achieved fair success using the manager, but he wore out in a few days. Besides, he was hard to dribble," the coach added.

The team is led by Ted "Bonus Brand" Hochstim, the only player who has previously appeared in Madison Square Garden. While there, however, he electrified the crowd by falling out of the second balcony and barely rimming the basket. "I should have scored,"

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Du Pont Digest

Items of interest in the fields of Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, and Biology

"Easy Does It" with Explosive Rivets

Riveting becomes a simple matter of touch-and-go when the rivets used on a job are Du Pont Explosive Rivets. They're so easy to use, in fact, that a single operator can fire them at the rate of 15 to 20 a minute.

The secret of the explosive rivet is the small charge within the shank. Once the rivet is in place, an electrically heated riveting iron is applied to the head. This fires the charge. Instantly the entire rivet shank expands to fill the drilled hole, and the large, barrel-shaped head which is formed on the blind end of the rivet locks it there to stay.

Explosive rivets are ideal for high-speed blind riveting, and for riveting in hard-to-get-at places. Since in many instances they permit simplification of design and more economical production, they have many uses in the automotive, refrigeration, and other fields.

Behind the rivet—research

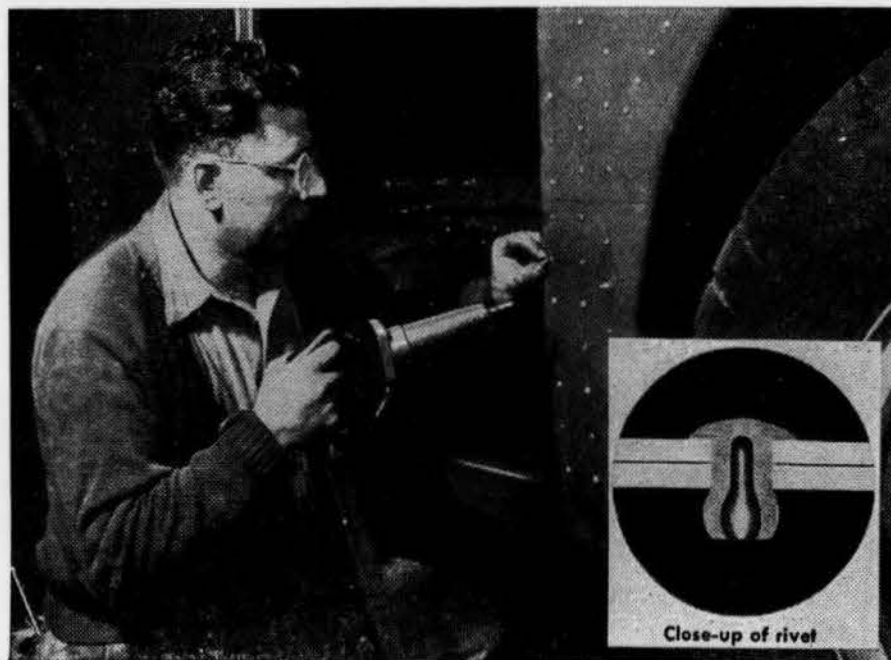
In itself, the explosive rivet appears to be a small and insignificant object. Certainly its size does not reflect the effort and research needed to bring it to its present state of effectiveness.

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An Outline of Plans and Prospects For Semester Starting February 1st

By Dick Walker

1 Enrollment. At least 200 students will enter the University next semester, Dean Gilliam estimated. Of this number, only 9 will be freshmen entering from high-school. About 40 per cent of the others are returning Washington and Lee students. Next semester, therefore, will see our student body numbering well over one-third, and nearing one-half, of the normal peacetime enrollment.

2 Fraternities. By the time next semester begins, probably every Greek-letter fraternity will have at least one representative on the campus. At present, there is only one unrepresented fraternity, and many are heavily represented. The Faculty Committee on Fraternities will convene sometime near the end of February, after all entering students are present on the campus. It will, in all probability, re-create the Interfraternity Council, which will consider the possibility of fraternities operating and organizing (including "rushing") later in the spring. There is no probability, however, that fraternity houses will begin operating during this next semester.

3 Buildings and housing. The Student Union will re-open on the first day of next semester—both the recreation facilities for W & L students on the first floor, and office space for various campus organizations on the second floor. The Law School is now in the process of moving back to its former rooms in Tucker Hall. The East reading room in the library, recently vacated by the army, will be open for student use very soon. The Student Dormitory will also open February 1, with one section reserved for non-veteran freshmen, and another open to veterans and upperclassmen. The University dining-hall, behind Washington Hall, will open its facilities to all W & L students on the same date. Only the Pi Kappa Phi house will remain available for unmarried upperclassmen who do not wish to live in the dormitories.

Three plans are being followed for the accommodation of married students. As many fraternity houses as are needed will be opened to married students, and a dining hall may be maintained for them at one of the houses. The university has appealed to Lexington residents to open their homes during the housing emergency to married students, including those with children. And third, the University has applied to the Federal Emergency Housing Administration for 100 housing units. Thus far everyone has been able to find apartments or houses.

4 Professors and Courses. Many W & L professors, on leave of absence during the war, have returned to the campus, and will resume their teaching duties next semester. The following men have returned to the Academic School: Mr. Lewis W. Adams, economics; Dr. Lewis K. Johnson, commerce; Dr. James H. Starling, biology; and to the Law School: Dr. Ramon T. Johnson, Mr. Charles P. Light, Jr., Mr. Charles R. McDowell, and Dr. Theodore A. Smedley.

In consequence of the increased

numbers of students and professors, many courses which were suspended for the war period will be offered. The University will offer for the first time its new series of courses for a major in Humanities with an A.B. degree.

5 Varsity Athletics. Carl Wise has just been appointed as head basketball coach. He will take over the team on the first of February and guide it through the rest of its scheduled games next semester. He will also serve as assistant to Art Lewis, head football coach, who, with the decision of the University to subsidize varsity sports, is busy securing players and making preparations to play a full schedule next fall. Pete Hesmer will coach wrestling and track, and will begin forming and training his teams at some time in the future.

6 Extracurricular Activities. The Troubadours, campus dramatic group, has encountered great difficulties in casting and securing stage properties. They will, however, present *Ah, Wilderness!* in the University Theatre some time before the spring holidays. The Forensic Union will resume its debates at the beginning of next semester. The debaters, now under the guidance of Mr. George S. Jackson, plan a concentrated membership drive at that time.

The University Glee Club is expected to resume practice, and there are tentative plans for joint concerts with other schools in the near future. The International Relations Club will also become active next semester, and a program of visiting speakers is being formulated at this time. There are now fourteen monogram-winners on the campus, and the University Monogram Club is in the process of re-organization.

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sponsor a party for all W & L students at the opening of the Student Union. The members plan a series of monthly vespers for the students. A three-day University Religious Conference is also planned by this group, as well as a Forum on Extramarital Relationships, directed by various members of the faculty.

The Columns will continue serving the University community until next September, at which time the old and famous Ring-tum Phi will resume publication. The Southern Collegian and Washington and Lee Law Review are expected to reappear in the Fall Semester. There will be no publication of the Calyx, W & L year book, until next year.

Rinkydinks
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 sobbed the still disappointed Hochstim, when interviewed. Other stalwarts of the Rinkydink squad are the two sterling guards, Ralphalpha Davis and Gentleman Jim Lovins. Davis, reputedly, has been a barber with the House of David team, and Lovins has seen service with the Confederate All-Stars. At forward, the Rinkydinks will probably start Bill "William" Richards and "Singin' Sam" Witte. Richards has had absolutely no experience, but owns a ball, and Witte's only previous connection with the game was a rather sordid scandal concerning the half-time confusion during the

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national YWCA tournament finals. Although the roster is not yet complete, such stars as Charles Belcher, William Bowman and "Genial Bob" Totty will be available if called upon, which is quite unlikely.

During the past few weeks, the Rinkydinks have held secret practices, their only contact with the public being at their training table in Jabo's. They refuse to discuss their offensive or defensive plans, but their manager, who asked that he not be identified with the team, informed us that the Rinkydinks are experimenting with a quintuplet pivot play "with plenty of laterals and downfield blocking." They also plan a confusing fractional numbering system and a ruse involving fake basketballs. Defensively, a sliding zone has been perfected involving, among other things, a lid for the basket. As to stopping Spessard, nothing has been decided except that an attempt will be made to change the rules so that a gun is fired not only at the

end of the game, but also at the beginning.

As the Rinkydinks go calmly about their practices, the eyes of the basketball world are on Lexington, Virginia.

Gov't Post to Alumnus
 Virgil Carrington Jones W & L Class of '30 has been appointed secretary to Governor Tuck, it was announced in Richmond on Wednesday. Previously, 'Pat' Jones had been a Washington correspondent for a group of southern newspapers and one of the most popular newspapermen in the Capital.
 While at W & L, Jones was an editor of the Ring-tum Phi and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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Generalizing . . .

By Bill Burton

Virginia, 64; Washington and Lee, 36— but that is only half the story. On Monday night Cy Young's quintet played their best game of the season as they battled the Virginia Cavaliers tooth and nail for forty minutes. The fact that the Wahoos won by 28 points is deceiving—for up until three minutes before the end of the first half the Generals were but four markers behind. During this part of the contest the W & L boys matched the Virginians basket for basket, as both teams tore up and down the court relentlessly. But after they reached the seventeen minute mark, the Cavaliers broke the game wide open and left the floor at intermission on the long end of a 32-19 count. The Youngmen played with everything they had during this half and forced Virginia to limit her substitutions to about three men. It was only in the second stanza, after the difference between the scores was increased to around 20 points, that the Wahoos substituted freely.

Every man who performed for the Big Blue played fine ball—especially the starting quintet of McDowell, Bean, Harris, Vierbuchen and Zinovoy. The most outstanding man on the floor for the Generals was McDowell. Charley's floor work and shooting were superb as he paced the losers attack with 13 points. Clicking with his archless set shot, he constantly kept the Generals in the game all during those seventeen hectic minutes of the first half. Shep Zinovoy was once more a terror under the boards as he took off almost half the rebounds for his team. Coleman Bean performed creditably ringing up 8 points—while Dick Vierbuchen along with McDowell, played a nice floor game. As in the first Virginia tussel, Leon Harris was a big gun in the offense, scoring eleven points, five of which came from the free throw line.

Since the start of the season the Big Blue has shown a marked improvement in shooting fouls. In this department Harris and John Tobyansen are particularly outstanding. The latter, who uses the overhand Eastern style, has not missed one from the free throw line this year, to our recollection, while Harris made eleven out of thirteen in the two Virginia engagements, employing the underhand Western method. McDowell and Vierbuchen, although a little erratic at times, are improving with each game.

After the Hampden-Sydney game on February 6th, the Generals open their Southern Conference schedule with Virginia Tech on the 9th at Lexington. Since the schedule calls for only four conference tilts, the team will be prevented from going to Raleigh, N. C. for the Southern Conference tournament at the end of the season. These four games will be played against V.P.I. and Davidson; a home and home series with V.P.I. and two with Davidson on February 22 and 23 at Lexington.

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Blue Bows To Virginia Quintet 64-36 In Fast and Furious Contest

McDowell and Harris Spark W & L Offensive

By W. C. Bolen

In a thrilling and hard-fought game, Monday night, played before howling and wildly-cheering spectators, the Washington and Lee basketball team dropped a 64-36 decision to the University of Virginia Cavaliers. But the game was much closer than the score indicates, and it was Virginia's superior reserve power that definitely decided the outcome of the game. The Generals battled savagely every minute of the fray but were unable to keep up with the fast pace set by their adversaries, and the Wahoos took advantage of the General's weaker moments to build up their margin of victory. The game was unusually fast and rough with a large number of fouls committed by both sides.

Virginia Takes Lead

Virginia grabbed the lead early as Panak dropped in a short one from the side and Baptist sank a free throw. Coleman Bean and Dick Vierbuchen retaliated for the Blues, each bucketing a foul; but Chuck Noe nullified these two points by rifling one of his deadly set shots through the twine. Vierbuchen came back for the Generals with a one-hander from the foul circle, and the score stood 5-4 for the Cavaliers. The Virginia cagers then tossed in seven points before McDowell broke the ice by making good his foul try. Schroeder added still more to the Wahoos' lead by hitting the mesh with a one-hander pivot shot. Harris dropped in two free attempts for W & L, but Schroeder again laid one in and teammate Heurich sank a foul shot to make it 17-7. Charley McDowell, stellar Blue and White guard, arched a long set shot in to the basket; and Bean tapped one in after a scramble under the rim to start a W & L rally which carried the Generals within four points of their opponents. The Generals were unable to keep it up, and their defense crumbled momentarily, in which time the Cavaliers rang up enough points to walk off the hardwood at the half on the long end of 32-19 count.

Virginia's Chuch Noe opened the second half scoring by depositing a free through the goal; but McDowell pulled a miracle

shot from underneath and Harris followed it with two fouls to cut the victors' lead to 33-32. But Virginia came back with three field goals to give them a comfortable sixteen point edge, on which they continued to add for the remainder of the game. McDowell again blasted the strings with one of his long set shots; then Bean sank a foul shot, and Harris did the same plus a crisp to aid the Generals' cause.

Again the Charlottesville lads went on a spree, tallying thirteen points to the losers' one. This ran the score to 54-30. Larson added six points for the Wahoos and two teammates each hit the bucket—giving the Cavaliers ten more points, while Bean sank two shots for the Blues and McDowell dropped in two foul shots, thus making the final result 64-36.

Pandak and Noe tied for individual honors with fourteen points apiece and Larson was right behind with twelve for the winners. McDowell headed the Washington and Lee attack with thirteen, being followed closely by Harris with eleven. McDowell not only stood out offensively but defensively as well, and held Noe down in the first half; and it wasn't until McDowell was relieved of his duty of guarding the swift little Cavalier guard that Noe begin sinking his shots. Harris and Zinovoy turned in good performances, being especially good at taking rebounds off the backboards. Bean and Vierbuchen were brilliant on defense and sowed plenty of fight and spirit.

(See Box Score on Page Six)

McDowell Leads In Point Race

Tobyansen, Vierbuchen Follow Close Behind In General Scoring

With five games already played, the Generals have a record of two wins and three losses. The victories include Lynchburg, 37-31, and Roanoke, 46-23. The squad has dropped two contests to Virginia, 63-25, and 64-36, and one to Hampden-Sydney, 41-34. The leading point maker for the Generals so far is Charley McDowell who has 37 points to his credit. He is closely followed by John Tobyansen and Dick Vierbuchen, both with 32 and "Stick" Harris with 30. In the way of individual performances Tobyansen leads the parade with 17 points against Lynchburg, all of which were made in the second half. Behind him come Bean and McDowell with 13, in the Roanoke and second Virginia games, respectively. Harris is next with 11, which he collected in the Wahoo tilt on Monday.

Individual Scoring

| | Fg. | F. | P. |
|------------|-----|----|----|
| McDowell | 13 | 11 | 37 |
| Tobyansen | 13 | 6 | 32 |
| Vierbuchen | 13 | 6 | 32 |
| Harris | 9 | 12 | 30 |
| Bean | 10 | 7 | 27 |
| Zinovoy | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Chamberlin | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Crist | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Lauck | 1 | 1 | 3 |

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Lewis Announces 7-Game Football Schedule for 1946

Tuesday Art Lewis, head football coach, in an interview with a Columns reporter, stated that the prospects for the coming season seem to be coming along as well as can be expected. Mr. Lewis has been devoting his entire time to football and trying to obtain a team worthy of the name "Generals."

The schedule for the coming season is:

- Oct. 5, Hampden-Sydney, here
- Oct. 12, West Virginia, (undecided)
- Oct. 19, William & Mary, (undecided)
- Oct. 26, Richmond, here
- Nov. 2, Davidson, Davidson
- Nov. 9, V.P.I., Lynchburg
- Nov. 16, Maryland, (undecided)

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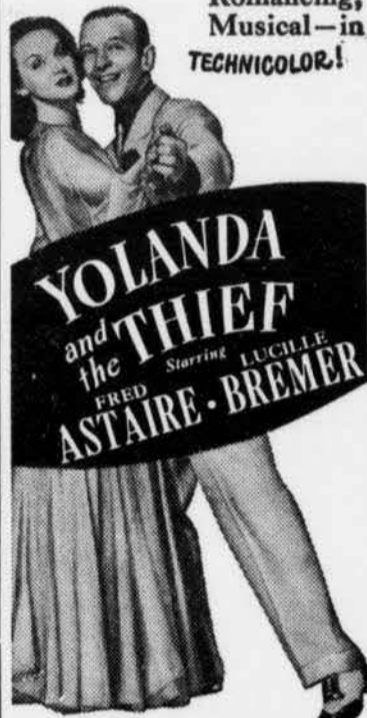
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Show Team Time

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nie, which was a Satevepost serial, originally, but it couldn't have had a title like that! On Wednesday, another "heart-rending" boy-and-his-dog story, although we understand his step-mother is also mixed up somewhere in the plot, just for novelty; you wouldn't know these actors if we told you, so we won't.

A return Thursday of **Our Vines Have Tender Grapes**, a very excellent film, in which character portrayal is the high spot; Margaret O'Brien, Edward G. Robinson, James Craig, Frances Gifford, Agnes Moorhead, and "Butch" Jenkins all do first-rate jobs. Good photography, and better-than-average plot. See it, if you haven't already, or, like ourselves, see it again. That just about takes care of this semester's movies, so we'll sign off. See you at the State.

Campus Query

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the bulletin board. Results at last! Soon the old ills will be forgotten and man will move on to newer and brighter horizons.

Sociology Dept.: **Roy Witte** advanced as an entirely new concept of human relations the doctrine upon which the Rinkydinks are founded. Eligibility requirements and rules as so simple and attractive that Roy believes in time, fraternities, even if they retain their original names, will openly practice Rinkydinkism. We regret not being able to publish a list of the by-laws, but Witte would be happy to enlighten any interested parties.

Feminine Appreciation Dept.: Washington and Lee's bashful but most capable connoisseur, named Maureen O'Hara of "Spanish Main" fame as "the most outstanding development of the last decade."

Greatest Gain Dept.: Here your reporter would like to name his own idea of big news: The success of the pep rally before the game with Virginia. If the spirit reflected Monday night can be held at that same pitch, then W & L need no longer look forward to what we call the return of "old times." They are already back. Orchids to the fellows who organized the rally and to everyone who participated.

Cavaliers Beat Generals

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Virginia—64

| | G | F | T |
|--------------|---|---|----|
| Pandak, f | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Baptist, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Horsley, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leighton, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Larson, f | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Debay, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schroeder, c | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Spear, c | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Noe, g | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Henrick, g | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Attemus, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Wright, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Washington and Lee—36

| | G | F | T |
|---------------|---|---|----|
| McDowell, f | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| Bean, f | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Tobyansen, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chamberlin, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crist, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris, c | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Zinovoy, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vierbuchen, g | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Lauck, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Score at half: Virginia 32, Washington and Lee 19.

Free throws missed: Virginia—Pandak 3, Baptist 2, Noe 2; Washington and Lee—McDowell 2, Zinovoy.

Reporter-at-Large

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all-round athlete, here is an item from our track record:

During an intramural track-meet, we volunteered to take care of the tape—you know, the string that the runners break. The first race was the mile, and someone explained to us that after the runners ran past us three times, we were supposed to tie the string to two standards already in place. Well, the gun went off and the runners, all out of shape, charged past us. One. About a minute later, they galloped by again, getting tired fast. Two. Then they straggled by again, barely running. Three. Up went the string and we watched proudly as a sick runner broke the tape and collapsed. "Three minutes and fifty-nine seconds!" gasped the timer. "A new world's record!" Shouts of joy gradually turned to shouts of "Where's that blankety-blank kid?" as the crowd realized what had happened. But "that kid" knew he had counted wrong,

Zebes Take Championship For Semester Intramurals

Monday afternoon the ZBT's clinched first semester intramurals championship with a volleyball victory over a game but out-classed Pi Phi team. Victory in this contest put the boys from the East Nelson Street Country club in second place in the volleyball tournament, and this coupled with their previous first in football and second in softball was more than enough to bring them the mythical pennant.

The Zeb's started strong in the fall softball tournament, but they were momentarily halted by a powerful Lambda Chi team and forced back into second place. Chamberlin, Crist, McKenna, and Vaden were outstanding during the season.

When the pigskin weather roiled around the Zeb juggernaut and was already half-way across the longest, concrete, non-suspension footbridge in the world.

really stamped—powered by such stars as Ramaley, McKenna, Crist, McAden, Chamberlin, and Sullivan. The team dropped only one game during the season losing by a 7-6 count to their arch-rivals from Lambda Chi, but they soon avenged the defeat with a close playoff victory.

During the recently concluded volleyball tournament the yellow-shirted team lost only the one game to the championship Phi Psi team. Bouldin, Sullivan, Ramaley, and Wemmer provided much of the power for this second place team.

The Zeb's were anxious to uphold their number 1 ranking during the second semester, but the reorganization of the intramural teams will make this impossible.

Attention, New Students!

New students are reminded of the fact that entries for the contest to choose the "Queen of Hearts" for the coming Mid-Winter Formals must be turned in by Tuesday, February 5.

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