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Christian Council Will Sponsor Religious Conference April 9-11

Dr. Russell, C. Stroup To Lead 3-Day Program Of Religious Emphasis

Final arrangements are now being completed for the annual University Religious Conference, to be held at Washington and Lee April 9, 10, and 11, during the week following spring holidays, according to Rex Criminale, president of the Christian Council. Three leaders in the ministerial field, with a possible fourth, will be brought to the campus to speak, lead discussion groups, forums, and classroom periods, and hold interviews with students in this three-day period of religious emphasis.

Dr. Stroup Will Lead

Leading the Conference, will be Dr. Russell C. Stroup, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia. Dr. Stroup, who has recently returned from distinguished service as a Navy chaplain, spoke at Washington and Lee on several occasions prior to the war, as well as at a number of other colleges and universities and student conferences throughout the South. He has participated twice in the religious emphasis week on the campus and has spoken at University Vespers. After finishing in law at Stanford University, Dr. Stroup took his M.A. degree in history and did additional graduate work at the University of Southern California. He completed his ministerial training at Drew Theological Seminary.

Dr. Stroup will highlight the Conference this year with a series of three inspirational addresses in Lee Chapel on the three mornings of the Conference. Classes will be shortened on all three days in order to permit students to attend the meetings in the Chapel.

Local Minister

Leading the student discussion and forum groups will be Dr. J. Edwin Bethea, rector of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church of Lexington, and Col. (Chaplain) Martin C. Poch of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington. Dr. Bethea completed his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State College, and was graduated in 1930 from the latter with the degree of B.S. in civil engineering. His ministerial training was taken at Virginia Theological Seminary, where he received the B.D. degree in 1943. Washington and Lee conferred on Dr. Bethea the degree of Doctor of Divinity at final exercises in 1943. He has been associated with student work at W & L and VMI since assuming the rectorship of the Lee Church in August, 1941.

Col. Martin C. Poch, a minister of the Lutheran church, has just returned from a long period of service in the chaplaincy in the Hawaiian Islands, the Marshall Islands, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan.

Student Discussion

Discussion and forum groups on student religious problems will be held at the dormitories and in the Student Union Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 9 and 10. Dr. Stroup, Dr. Bethea, and Col. Poch will jointly share the leadership of these periods. The three will also speak at classroom sessions on these two days. The classroom schedule will be announced later. Opportunity will be given students to have personal interviews with the Conference leaders.

Students and the faculty will be invited to meet the Conference leaders at a reception to be held at the Student Union Tuesday afternoon, April 9.

The Conference this year marks a return of an annual feature of the religious life on the campus prior to discontinuance in 1943. The work is under the sponsorship of the student Christian Council, headed by Rex Criminale as president, and the Faculty Committee on Christian work, headed by Dr. William W. Morton as chairman.

Preparation for Elections Result of Meeting of EC

Preparations for the election of officers to the Student Body got into full swing at a meeting last week of the Executive Committee.

Tuesday, April 30, was set as the tentative date for appointment of delegates to the nominating convention. The delegates will gather in Lee Chapel the following Tuesday, May 7, to nominate candidates for office.

The climax of campus politics will come election day which the executive committee has set for Friday May 10.

Rules for the selection of delegates as provided for in Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution require one delegate for every seven students. Each fraternity will select delegates at a chapter meeting. Non-fraternity members will meet on April 30 to select their delegates.

Theme Contest Won by Walter Jackson Holds Contest In Frosh English Class

A recent competition sponsored by Mr. George Stuyvesant Jackson, assistant professor of English, has brought to the attention of the staff of *The Columns*, material so interesting and indicative of such talent that they (the staff) have decided it would be an injustice not to publish it.

Mr. Jackson established as a single rule for the contest, most of his students being veterans, only that the title of the piece should be "My First Mission." Of the eighty-some-odd papers submitted, about 10 percent were regarded by Mr. Jackson as real, first class work; and these seven or eight he read to all classes with the idea in mind that they should vote on them and thus, by a popular ballot, determine which of the papers is first best, second best, and so forth.

The theme which won first place by a large number of the popular votes, and which will be awarded a prize by Mr. Jackson, was submitted by Alfred K. Walter, a veteran of the ETO.

Walter's piece is submitted this week on the feature page as the first installment of a series of the top five themes submitted in this competition. Due to its length, it will be printed in two installments, the last of which will appear in the forthcoming issue of *The Columns*.

Notice: Students who wish to be rushed must register at the Student Union on Mar. 20 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The I-F Council has announced that no student who has not registered will be considered by the fraternity.

Tennis Coach



Fred Perry, world famous tennis star, who will return to W & L this spring to coach tennis.

Perry's Return As Tennis Coach Expected Soon

Fred Perry will return in mid-April to resume his duties as tennis coach at Washington and Lee University. One of the greatest players in the game's history, Perry told University officials recently in Miami that he would return because he loved Washington and Lee and Lexington more than any other place in the world.

Since receiving his discharge from the army, Perry has been touring with Don Budge, Bobby Riggs, and Bill Tilden.

British Champ

Representing Great Britain, Perry was undisputed world's tennis champion during the middle thirties. He brought the Davis Cup to England and also won the tournaments at Wimbledon and Forest Hills during that period.

The popular Perry, now an American citizen, coached the W & L team in 1941 and created a great interest here in the sport. He brought to Lexington for exhibitions such stars as Bobby Riggs, Elwood Cooke, Mrs. Sarah Paley Cooke, and John Faunce. Playing many matches throughout the state, Perry did much to enhance W & L's athletic reputation.

A tennis team, under the temporary tutelage of Bobby Gaines, will be presented to Perry upon his arrival in April. Gaines was intramural singles champion here in 1941 and 1942.

Basketball Team Awarded Seven Letters by W&LAA

Seven members of this season's W & L basketball team will be awarded varsity monograms by the Athletic Association.

They are: George Wood, Charlie McDowell, Shep Zinavov, Harold Lauck, Tony Lee, Coleman Bean, and Dick Vierbuchen.

Dave Caldwell has been recommended for the managership of next winter's squad.

Virginia's Traditions and America's Operation Impress Serif Mardin

By Bill Allen

Serif Mardin now a student at Washington and Lee, was born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1927. His father was in the diplomatic service at that time, so Serif often accompanied him on his missions to England, France, Germany, Egypt, and Yugoslavia. It was while on one of these trips to Egypt that Serif learned of Washington and Lee and decided to come here. Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of the proprietor of Boley's Book Store, was also visiting her daughter, an Army Nurse, at the time and in the course of her travels was introduced to Serif's mother and father. In the course of the ensuing friendship, Mrs. Fitzgerald's glowing descriptions of Washington and Lee convinced Serif and his family that Lexington was a better place to go to school than either France or Germany.

Pre-Med Student

Serif is at the present time a sophomore pre-med student, but he has not yet decided exactly what phase of medicine he will pursue as his life work. He thinks

it will probably be research in Marine Biology. "The waters around Istanbul," he says, "are ideal for the study of fauna of the sea."

Asked for his opinions of the United States, he said that he had two principal ones; one which he applied to Virginia, the other to the entire country. "Specifically, I am impressed by the Virginian devotion to tradition and the efforts to uphold it. For America—it is difficult for me to understand how your country operates with such ease...."

Impressions of U.S.

"Everybody works in America," said Serif commenting on another of his impressions of our country. "In Europe it is thought improper for a banker's son or a doctor's daughter to be a soda-jerk or a typist. The old regime standards haven't been entirely tossed away there."

He feels that the new world conception from the European idea; and stated several times that he still does not understand why our system is so very workable.

Cotillion Club Announces Dates For Spring Dances, April 12-13; Band To Be Signed This Week

New Orchestra Here For Dance

Monogram Club Forced To Change Dance Plans

Due to a recent change of plans, the music for the Monogram Club's Informal Dance on Saturday, March 16, in the Doremus Gymnasium, will be supplied by Jack Saunders and his Orchestra. Saunders and his "sweetly syncopated" band which is currently being heard at the Hotel Roanoke.

A good attendance at this affair (the Monogram Club's first) is expected by the group's president, Jimmy Humphrey, who announced today that the advance ticket sale was going very well.

The Monogram Club is composed of men who have been awarded at least two varsity letters through athletic participation here at W & L. They plan to purchase monogram sweaters for all "General" lettermen with the proceeds from the dance.

Notice!

There will be a voluntary Assembly in Lee Chapel on Monday, March 18, at 10:25 a.m. This Assembly is called at the request of the Interfraternity Council for purpose of acquainting all non-fraternity students with the purpose and place of fraternities on the Washington and Lee campus, preliminary to the rushing period to be held after spring recess.

It is hoped particularly that all those students who are not already fraternity members will attend.

The following schedule of classes will be observed:

8:25- 9:05
9:05- 9:45
9:45-10:25
10:25-11:25 Assembly
11:25-12:05
12:05- 1:00

Dormitory Fire!

Saturday, March 16—At 9:45 this morning a fire of unknown origin gutted room 426 of the dormitory destroying almost completely the personal possessions of Bill Kirk, the occupant.

The Lexington fire department arrived promptly on the scene and gas-masked firemen prevented the spread of the blaze. Neither officials of the fire department nor Kirk had any idea of what might have caused the conflagration.

Aside from the room itself, which was completely gutted, adjacent rooms were damaged by water and smoke; and door facings, wood work, and painted surfaces were damaged within a radius of four or five rooms. The damage to University property was temporarily estimated at \$350 while no estimate was available on the loss sustained by Kirk. His bed, books, and clothes were a total loss and some slight damage was done to books etc. in other rooms by smoke and water. The terrific heat blistered paint in the hall for twenty-five feet.

Pi Alpha Nu Reorganizes

Jared Close, temporary chairman in charge of the reorganization of Pi Alpha Nu, honorary sophomore society, has announced a meeting of all old members next Wednesday night. The meeting will be held in the Student Union at 7:30.

As the business will consist largely of a discussion of Pi Alpha Nu's sponsorship of the second night dance of the Spring Dance Set, attendance of all students formerly affiliated with this group is urged.

"Russia" Topic Of IRC Meeting

Professor Williams Will Lead Discussion Mar. 20

Jon Rugel, president of the International Relations Club, has announced that the group will meet in the Student Union at 7:30 Wednesday evening, March 20. Professor J. H. Williams will lead the group in discussion of the question, "What Does Russia Want?"

Pertinent Subject

It is the belief of President Rugel that few topics could parallel the above given one for timeliness. The international spotlight is centered at the present on Russia and her activities. All through the Middle East, Central Europe, Manchuria, and the East Indies her actions are giving rise to questions and fear. Her present behavior in Iran and Manchuria is doing much to imperil the progress of international cooperation. Her aggressive and obvious geopolitics is a definite threat to the British Empire. These activities have created problems which will test the ability of the UNO to maintain world peace; and it is these problems which the International Relations Club will broach this Wednesday.

All students interested in these matters are cordially invited to attend.

The Society of Cincinnati Announces May 1 Deadline For Annual Essay Contest

Attention of all students is called to the fact that the deadline for the Society of Cincinnati's annual essay contest has been set for May 1. This award, established in honor of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, is conferred annually by the faculty on the author of the best essay submitted during the session in competition for it, and delivered publicly, provided the essay has sufficient intrinsic merit.

The essay should be a study of the principles upon which the Cincinnati Society was founded or of some other acceptable subject in the colonial or revolutionary history of the United States. For further details, students should talk to their own government or history teachers or see their faculty advisor.

LOST: On the evening of second mid-winter dance—an unjeweled SAE pin. Notify News Editor of *The Columns*.

Tickets Available on March 23; To Cost \$5.50 Both Nights

Saturday, March 16—(Ed. Note)—By coming out late we were able to include the following special announcement from the Executive Committee—At a meeting called last night the Executive Committee appointed George T. Wood, a senior in the Academic School, to be President of the Finals Dance Set. Ordinarily an elective office, the position had been vacant this year because the small student body last spring did not warrant an election. Wood is expected to begin immediately trying to secure an orchestra for the finals, and further details will be announced in an early issue of *The Columns*.

Spring Dances

With committees appointed, student body support assured, and the faculty's okay, the Cotillion Club is all set to present its annual Spring Dances on April 12 and 13 at the Doremus Gymnasium.

As yet a band has not been signed, but Bill Allison, president of the Cotillion Club, expects to have the music-makers wrapped up and ready for delivery before the end of the week. He plans to contact a band from Richmond.

Decorations

Jerry Close, chairman of the Decorations Committee, promises an attractively decorated gym regardless of the fact that he will be working with a very limited budget. Although the set's theme has not been decided upon, the committee is considering several good suggestions.

Tickets selling at \$5.50 (for both nights) will be available on or about March 23. Concerning the dance attire, Allison said that formal dress is preferable, but if a tuxedo is not available uniforms may be worn.

The profit realized by the Spring Dances will go toward the presentation of Finals which will be held on May 30 and 31 and June 1. The scale on which Finals will be presented depends largely upon the financial successes of these smaller dances.

Serving on the Spring Dances committees are:

Decorations: Jerry Close, chairman; Jack Schuber, Lynch Christian, Al Brutung, John Jordan and Harry Joyce. Publicity: Roy Witte, chairman, Jim Humphries and George Blackburn. Tickets: Sam Silverstein, chairman; Gov Walters, Gene Marable, Ad Lanier, Al C. rton and Paul Thomas. Entertainment: Charlie Stief, chairman; Bill Krausmann, Steve Rockwell.

Dick Heard was appointed Business Manager.

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The Sixth Column

This week an extra column is added to the make-up of **The Columns**.

We feel that this is one of the most significant steps we have taken, for many reasons. In the first place—although its a bitter admission for us to make—many people judge the quality of a paper by its size. No longer will the members of our business staff be embarrassed when they try to get a subscription by the statement, "Why, this paper isn't even as big as our high school paper."

Neither will we be tormented by the oft recurring question of "When will **The Columns** get as big as the **Ring-tum Phi** was?" For we are now exactly the same size as was that paper during its last semester of publication.

But neither of these considerations strikes to the core of the matter. A larger paper commands more respect on the basis of its size alone—true. But there are more fundamental reasons why we feel this increase in size to be significant.

From the point of view of the business manager, it is significant because it shows that advertisers are once more concerned with getting the patronage of Washington and Lee students—and incidentally, it is the advertisers who make this increase in size possible. Many local advertisers were very faithful about advertising in the war-time **Columns**; but when the student circulation of the paper was only seventy-five, even the most ardent of advertising managers must admit that any advertising was more a gesture of good-will than a business investment. With our increased student body, this has changed. Advertising is once more entered on a business basis, and no longer can we be said to be living on charity.

But there is one aspect of the matter which we have not mentioned yet, and which we feel to be most significant of all. When the increase in size is looked at from the News Editor's point of view, that aspect become apparent. For even if the war-time **Columns** could have afforded the six-column size which we now have, the editor would have faced an impossible task when he tried to fill his paper. Even last semester it would have been almost impossible to fill so large a paper. If this were still the case, our present increase in size would not be warranted. There is no excuse for stretching the size of the paper beyond what is needed. But happily this is not the case.

And that is why we feel that our increase in size is significant. It is symbolic of the re-establishment of extra-curricular activities throughout the student body. True, it will take a few weeks for us to get adjusted to our larger size. Probably our paper will be circulated on Saturday morning rather than Friday afternoon for the first two or three issues of our new size. But this is also typical of all the organizations being re-established on the campus. They also have and will encounter minor difficulties. The important matter for the present is that **The Columns** is growing, and that this is possible because Washington and Lee is growing.

A Proposal

Of all the complaints that may be heard on any campus and especially from those students with a wide range of interests, perhaps the most common is "I don't have enough time to do all I'd like." Often this is the individual student's fault; often not.

What the distressed student usually means when he says this is that the way of arranging the meetings of outside activities does not adapt itself to effective organization of his time. On some nights two or three groups will be meeting, on the next there will be no meetings at all. A special meeting, of any sort, is virtually impossible.

The only ways of averting this situation are to force the student to limit his interests, or to establish a central coordinating group. The second idea seems by far the best.

Why not incorporate, as a new progressive branch of the post-war student government, a group responsible for the coordination of all schedules and meetings of outside activities? In a sense, its decisions would be dictatorial; but certainly it would eliminate a great deal of present confusion and would work for the best interests of the largest number of students.

Reporter-at-Large

By Charley McDowell

Down in North Carolina, at Wake Forest University, Mr. "Pea-head" Walker holds forth as head football coach, among other things. Year after year this gentleman turns out better than average football and much better than average tall tales. In fact, Mr. "Pea-head" is the unrivaled, top-notch story-teller of the Southern Conference, and the Southern Conference has more than its share of yarn spinners. His specialty, however, is the practical joke, and we don't mean the tack-in-the-chair variety; when "Pea-head" Walker plays a joke, he makes it elaborate and he plays it for keeps. The best story currently making the rounds of Conference coaches, and we wouldn't be surprised if it started at Wake Forest, is about the trick "Pea-head" is alleged to have pulled recently on genial "Pooley" Hubert, of a fine old Southern military school. This is the tale as we heard it.

"Pooley" happened upon the aforementioned "Pea-head" at a coaches' get-together, and the Wake Forest coach proceeded to rave at great length about one Robert Jackson Lee, a fine Southern boy with a fine Southern name. Pea-head said the boy was a fast, triple-threat halfback, with a phenomenal scholastic average. He explained that the boy was ready to go to college, but was determined to go to a military school; he had tried hard to induce the speedy fellow to come to Wake Forest, but he wouldn't consider it. So Pea-head asked Pooley if he could use such a player at his school; Pooley, of course, could use him and happily took down the boy's address, which was considerably remote and inaccessible, to say the least. After great trials and tribulations, he located the town and asked some of the locals if they had heard of a football player named Lee. Yes, they had heard of him, and he was the best football player that had ever grown up around there, and smart, too. Happiness having replaced suspicion in Pooley's mind, he found the home of the fabled Lee and knocked on the door. To make a long story short, a colored boy opened the door and said, "Yes, suh, Ah is

Robert Jackson Lee, boss." "Pea-head" Walker had scored again.

Speaking of tall tales, our friend Jabo, the Fitch Shampoo man, always has one ready for any convenient listener. (Jabo insists that the Fitch Shampoo manufacturers actually offered him money to quit buying their product in public unless he had his hat on.) He told us the other night about a likeable but absent-minded old gentleman who used to live in Lexington. He was so absent-minded that after passing the time of day on the street, he would say "Good-day," politely, and then ask his friend which way he had been headed when they met. Once the old gentleman fell head over heels down the stairs in his house, and after dusting himself off, limped into the parlor and sat down to recuperate. A few minutes later his wife came into the room, and he asked calmly, "My dear, what was that noise in the hall a few minutes ago?"

The last mail brought us another copy of that literary treasure, **The Brackety-Ack** of Roanoke College. This new issue did not please us nearly so much as the last one, which we mentioned at some length in this column a while back. Gone is Robert Ayers of "Onetothetenthpower and the Glue-pot"; gone is the rollicking rhyme of Jeanette Rubsam; and gone is the dynamic style of the "Sportslide," which made "leaping under the loops" a household phrase. In their place is a huge Chesterfield ad, offering nothing more exciting than a free portrait of Perry Como. We would much rather have **The Brackety-Ack** of old than this new money-mad edition which has crowded true genius into the space between Willard's Taxi and Brown's Hardware. Come on, business staff, give Jeannette and Robert enough rope.

The Lighter Side

By Bill Romaine

This week the subject will live up to its weekly title, for if the New York legitimate theatre isn't on the lighter side of things, we profess abysmal ignorance as to what is. So...for you gentlemen who will be heading for the NYC neck of the woods shortly, (and anyone else who wants to listen)...

There can't be much doubt that Louis Calhern's characterization of Oliver Wendell Holmes is making a good impression on Broadway, and it's certain that Dorothy Gish as Mrs. Holmes is crowding Mr. Calhern himself in "The Magnificent Yankee." Walter Huston in the new romantic comedy, "Apple of His Eye," elicited an "I loved it" from John Steinbeck himself. However, there's no pressing necessity for depending on Steinbeck's opinion; Tuston's presence along speaks for the worth of the production. The first one was called, "One for the Penny," and the second, "Two for the Show," so what else could Hamilton and Lewis call their newest one but "Three to Make Ready?" This musical starring Ray Bolger, and the new thriller, "Little Brown Jug," with Percy Kilbride of pessimistic "State Fair" fame, will have to go without comment because of their comparatively embryonic states, as yet.

Naturally the old veterans have recommended, "Life With Fath- (Continued on Page Four)

Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

Probably the best new show to hit town this week is the Greenstreet-Fitzgerald-Lorre thriller, **Three Strangers**, Sunday and Monday at the State. These three unpleasant characters find themselves as joint holders of a lottery ticket, and each of them, because of various circumstances, is in desperate need of money; none of them is above vicious means to obtain it. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? Well, it would all be very nice, if the story were better constructed. As it is, we have Sydney Greenstreet as an embezzler, Geraldine Fitz G. as a selfish and unloving wife, and Peter L. as an alcoholic, each going his separate way, with distinct stories of their own. Only at the very beginning and at the very end is there any interconnection; Fox unnecessarily muffed an excellent opportunity to unify the story in an even more thrilling manner. Or so your reporter feels. Nevertheless, we don't have one of these every day, and despite its shortcomings, **Three Strangers** is full of action, suspense, and entertainment. By the way, watch that (Continued on Page Four)

Men About Town...

By Roy D. Witte

Disconcerting Week

After an extremely unprofitable weekend we find that the deadline has rolled around once more—unfortunately it may appear, we're deader than usual, and have the same old line. Consequently (and this is a plug for the Advertising Manager) you can spend a more edifying thirty seconds of your valuable reading by perusing our new ads....

Over at the Sem this week, aiding and abetting the usual affairs D'Amor, was a play in a few acts entitled—seems we've forgotten just what the thing was titled, but you probably can find out (if you're that interested) by checking with our news department. Any how, and not to change the subject more than absolutely necessary, stellar honors of the evening should be presented to one Roper Shamhart, who stepped from behind his pipe long enough to do a very good job. Mal Tenney really stepped out of character with one very shrewd line (that's all brother) to wit and to quote; "Why it's two o'clock." If we didn't catch the correct time it was because we're also quoting a character named Hitz, who, according to Hitz, "was too wrapped up in the little lady to pay too much attention...." Now that's the type of work we would like....Frank

(Mansford Welton, to the uninformed and the register of students) Masters stepped out of his quarterback role for the night and his prompter stepped into the signaling job from the wings. Frank has one redeeming virtue, though—he sells things....

Not too very long ago, their lived in the midst of the ancient, scholarly campus of Washington and Lee, in the quaint little town of Lexington, a Stevenson named Roscoe. When we say not too long ago, we actually mean less than a month, for it was during our famed Mid Winter Dances, that Roscoe's old friend Ignico brought, along with his wife, a delightful date for Rocky. The very first night the sly lad did strictly not worth a darn, in fact, he did no good at all. Of course, there were, extenuating circumstances, in the form of other, even sly Minks, who seemed much more up to par than Mr. Stevenson, (who was his usual self). Never to be given a bad time without striking back, however, Rocky parried the slights thrust upon him by an inattentive date, and the next evening, (before the dance) our boy sizzled the product of the Southern Bell system (which has been known to function, even in Lexington) and proceeded to call, enthrall and (Continued on Page Four)

OUT ON A LIMB

By Bill Hart

One of the biggest controversies of our time seems to have emanated from the recent addresses by ex-Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The problem of a formal written alliance with Great Britain has affected many the same way a sudden thunder storm affects a group of benign picnickers. They are running for the shelter of Post Policies and completely ignoring the more bountiful shade of Future Possibilities. But the picnickers, resting on what they thought was the beach of a long-earned peace, don't seem to realize that peace in 1950 isn't in the least analogous to the peace of a hundred years ago.

There are those among us, and indeed, those among all the peoples of the world, who are still looking backward to the policies of the past, thinking that what was good then will be good for future generations. George Washington advocated no formal written alliances and the United States has, since his day, kept strictly away from just that. But the conditions of the world today are different from conditions in 1790. New problems have arisen. We are beginning to see the light of international unity and international cooperation. How can this be affected without trust and bonds of friendship?

When Churchill advocated love and cooperation, and a closer unity with the United States, some good people sat back and smiled, applauding the ideals of a great statesman, but when he advocated a way of reaching these very ideals, through a formal alliance with us, those same people were aghast and indignant. They thought they smelled something rotten in Denmark. That fact may give the starry-eyed seeker of an international Utopia something concrete to think about. Who said we were well on the way to internationalism! We certainly can't reach that goal by sitting still and dreaming about it.

The events of today are not those of the past that we can

read about, but are things happening to us, the living. The Russians have signed an alliance with Great Britain, cementing a strong tie between those two countries. Are we to sit back like the dummy in a hand of bridge and watch our partner win the game, or are we going to help see the game won ourselves? Why not enter into an alliance with Britain? We can remain static, of course, if that's the policy we wish to adopt, but the rest of the world is certainly not going to sit by and wait for us to make up our minds. If we do take this attitude, the day may soon come when we will wake up and find ourselves complete outcasts, with everyone else on the other side, which doesn't make the horizon too bright for the idealists.

And here's a note from our own campus about the football team, which, if not making the printed page, is certainly making the rounds by word of mouth. As long as most of the members of the W & L team are not and will not be interested in strictly academic work, and inasmuch as most of them are planning on coaching careers or in continuing in the field of athletics, why not create a major in physical education, which would give them the training they need and the work which will be of most value to them in the future?

Such a major in athletics would not be overstepping the bounds of the W & L ideals, for good athletes are as much needed in the world as Einsteins, nor would it in any way detract the attention of prospective freshmen. If we're going to have any sort of decent athletics on the campus, we may as well face the facts. A team must be attracted by something in a school, and what better drawing card than a regular curriculum in physical education, with a major given to all those potential coaches and stars, who make up, today, the W & L football squad?

Excursion to Normandy by Alfred Walter

(Ed.—Al Walter's excellent story of a replacement "packet's" part in the Normandy invasion was recently voted top honors in a Freshman English theme competition. It appears in two installments, and will be followed by other worthy contest entries.)

On June 6, 1944, the greatest amphibious force in world history invaded German-held Normandy.

Near Chester, England, our beautiful little Olten Park processing area, which had been quietly enthralling us with its fresh, exotic, scenic beauty, cracked wide open from the influx of the sensational news. Excitement reached a terrific crescendo when, not one hour after the electrifying announcement, orders were issued from the post headquarters to equip our "package" of replacements in such time that we would

be on a south-bound train by midnight.

We were heavily equipped and transferred through an incredibly isolated camp in central England. The post's mess officer provided us with some highly abominable nourishment, while his counterpart, the supply officer, issued mosquito netting and heavy, woolen, arctic hats with built in earmuffs.

Again we entrained, heading this time for Southampton, the last stop in England. An enormous marshalling area had been set up just outside of the city limits. There, the mosquito netting was collected by another supply officer. We questioned the use of the woolen hats, but were only derided for our stupid lack of foresight. It was all so very confusing. That evening a batch of sad-eyed cooks whipped up a roy-

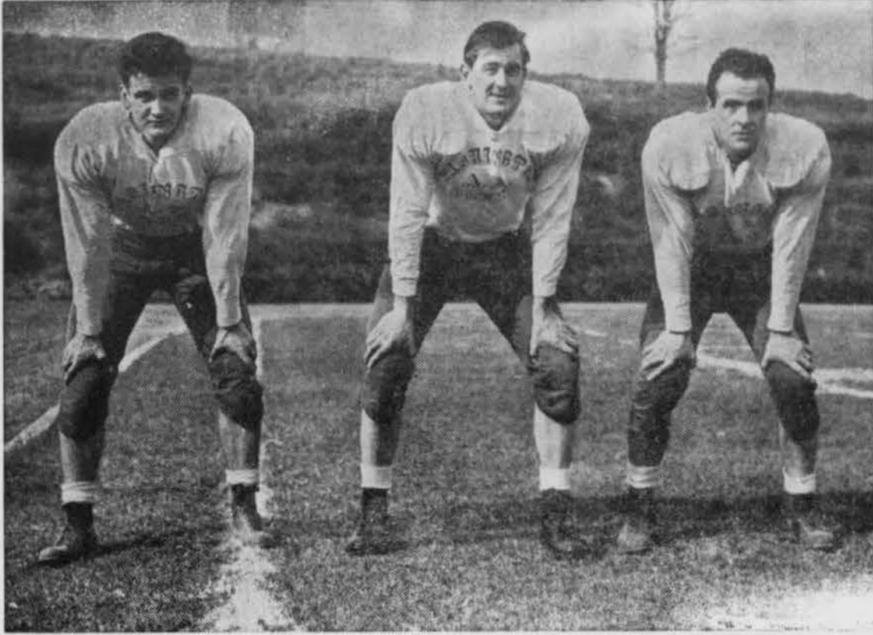
al banquet for us, our last one for a long time to come. The following day we were at sea aboard a twin-funnel Belgian liner crammed with reinforcements for the hard-pressed Allies in France. In the wake of the ship bobbed a few hundred government issue, woolen hats.

The distance between Southampton and that particular point on the coast of Normandy toward which we were sailing was only about a hundred miles. Our ship was not alone. Continual air cover was provided by Allied fighters, and in addition, a deeply appreciated column of eight torpedo boats laced their way alongside. A few hours after our embarkation, the cost of France rose dimly through the thick fog bank. The great expanse of water separating it from us was soon reduced to swimming distance. Just

outside of the zone commanded by the immense sunken flotilla, about a half mile offshore, the engines stopped. The helmsman swung the liner parallel to the shore and there we lay—for two days. We soon knew why.

The English Channel is usually choppy. We understood that, but on those days, Neptune must have been having one, high, old time. It was impossible—we were told—to land an assault boat. We would have to wait until the sea calmed. The water, churned white with foam, pounded and battered relentlessly against the hull of the ship. By no means were we anxious to disembark.

With little to do but listen to the blood-curdling orientation lectures imparted by our garrulous second Lieutenant, we huddled around the railing and watched, (Continued on Page Four)



Shown above are three of the backs who will spearhead the Generals in their return to Conference play next fall. Left to right are Johnny Gamonn, a former Tennessee Military Institute star; Jack Roehl, a returning letterman from the 1942 Generals; and Frank Masters, ex-St. Mary's Pre-flight back.

Art Lewis Scrimmages Generals; Speedy Backs Exhibit Deception

Limited Squad Prevents Extensive Workouts, As Masters Quarterbacks 'T'

After two days of conditioning and running through plays, Art Lewis' T-powered team donned its white helmets and has been scrimmaging since, although lacking enough men for two full teams.

Quarterback Frank Masters, formerly of St. Mary's Pre-Flight, has been handling the "T", and shows great speed and deception, things very necessary in this system. Charlie Harrington, a half-back teammate of Master's at St. Mary's, repeatedly took the ball on reverses from Masters and broke into the clear. These two players, experienced with the T-formation fundamentals, will play a big role in future successes.

Another highlight of the scrimmaging has been the running of Jack Roehl and Tony Lee. Johnny Gannon, husky halfback with a knack for snagging passes; Dick Yankee, fullback, and Raymond Prater have been showing promise. Another St. Mary's back, Bob Teichert, has been seeing limited action due to an injured foot.

Rangey Mark Sours, transfer center from the University of Kentucky, has been handling the pivot post with plenty savvy, while the rest of the line has been showing aggressiveness. The line aspirants are Ed Waddington, John Guthrie, Mike Malmo, and Sugar Young, ends; Gene Pratt, Jack Bell, and Bob Carr, tackles; Larry Englert, Gil Wilson, Bill Trigg, Ned Cancelmo, and Campbell Gibson, guards.

This Saturday afternoon, Coach Art Lewis will have an intra-squad scrimmage—with two full teams present.

Abe Addams, Backfield Prospect, Leaves School

The jolt handed W & L's embryo eleven by the resignation of Abe Addams from the University was almost crushing. Addams has decided to return to his home in Louisville and go to work.

Considered as an outstanding General's prospect, the vacancy caused by the loss of the 210 pound fullback will be a difficult one for Art Lewis to fill. Addam's power and sprinter's speed would have been used to the greatest advantage in Washington and Lee's T-formation next autumn.

As a high school player in Louisville, big Abe was selected for the Kentucky all-state eleven. Later as a freshman, Addams broke into the varsity lineup at Indiana University and played a season in Big Ten competition.

Intramural Basketball League To Be Resumed

Cy Twombly has announced that the intramural basketball season will be resumed some time next week, probably Monday or Wednesday. After the remaining basketball games have been played, the softball season will begin with the same teams participating.

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Generalizing . . .

By Don Moxham

Lack of candidates seems to be hampering Spring practice on Wilson Field. Although there are enough good players out for one team, there aren't anyway near enough for a good rugged scrimmage. Workouts had been lined up with VMI until the Southern Conference outlawed all inter-college competition during the Spring. This ruling came as a result of North Carolina and Duke charging admissions to their scrimmages.

Over at VMI, Pooley Hubert doesn't seem to be having any such trouble. His forty man squad, rich with returning lettermen from previous Kaydet teams, plus his plunging fullback, Lynn Chewning, all conference last season, is rated as the team to beat in the Big Six come next fall, by Frank Murray, Virginia's ex-coach. Next fall, football throughout the state will attain a peak not reached in many years. Aside from VMI, William and Mary, and Virginia Tech are already being reckoned with, not only this state acclaim but also for conference honors. No rating of the Big Six is possible until next fall, but you can bet that the state champs will have to play plenty of football.

Just thirteen years ago, Tex Tilson took over the General's coaching reins and proceeded to produce two of W & L's finest teams in 1933 and 1934. The 1934 gridgers held Princeton to a 6-0 count in the Tigers closest game

of the year. Old Nassau was the national champion that year, thrashing Columbia's Rose Bowl winners 20-0 during the regular season.

While on the discussion of W & L in the big time circuit—we understand that a game with Georgia Tech in 1948 is very possible. Did you know that Washington and Lee was scheduled to meet West Point in 1943? Maybe the war saved a few lives too.

Every afternoon a single seat plane circles Wilson Field during practice—maybe some of the enemy coaches are scouting with modern design.

Archie Mathis, W & L's pre-war wrestling coach, is now a member of the University of Illinois athletic department and will not return here. During his stay in Lexington, he turned out numerous conference champions, establishing wrestling as the most successful sport engaged in by Washington and Lee.

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Blue Nine Lacks Starting Hurler

The baseball team is rounding out their second week of practice and are still in dire need of a hurler who can successfully go the route of nine innings against collegiate competition. However, the prospect will become brighter following the Spring vacation when Graham Leslie, a local boy who is reputed to be quite clever on the mound, will enroll in school. He will probably be pressed into service when the squad opens its season against the Lynchburg Senators of the Piedmont League, the night of the tenth of April, in Lynchburg. This contest won't be a league encounter, but should enable Coach Smith to obtain a fairly accurate forecast of what to expect in the games to come.

The infield with the exception of first base is pretty well formed. Chamberlin and Booker are both good southpaws but Cap'n Dick has not yet decided which to employ on the initial sack. Jim Humphrey and Stu Smith will be the double-play combination on second and short respectively. This important area should be tightly knit, and the addition of a pitcher to throw to John Via would make the outfit exceptionally strong down the center. Ev Schneider is at the hot corner. But the outfield is still wide-open with only McKenna certain of a berth. He is showing his old form in patrolling the outfield and his pegs to the grass-line are noteworthy. He will more than likely play centerfield. The other two garden spots haven't been filled yet but there are several likely looking lads who should be able to do a reputable job in those vicinities.

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Tennis To Start Monday; Bob Gaines To Run Team Until Fred Perry Comes

All candidates for the tennis team will meet in the lounge of the Student Union at five o'clock Monday afternoon, according to acting Coach Bobby Gaines.

Although nothing is known of the prospects, if enough student interest is shown, a large schedule, both in state and out, may be anticipated. Upon his arrival in April, Fred Perry will take over the coaching chores.

The nets on the asphalt courts are up now, and next week, barring mad weather, work will commence on the clay courts.

Coaching Vacancy Causes W & L To Drop Track

There will be no track team at W & L this year, Cap'n Dick Smith, director of Athletics, announced this week. The resignation of Pete Hasmer, the track coach, has created a vacancy that cannot be filled in time. Next year, however, will see the Athletic Department up to full strength and a grand scale resumption of all sports.

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Men About Town

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late date his own date for later that night under the pseudonym of Ed Harlan. The rather extended conversation consisted of Rocky (alias Ed) explaining to his date that he realized that she was having one helluva time with old Roscoe, and consequently he thought that she should think about the possibility of, ED (this is getting horribly confused) his and her getting together in the wee small hours. There is no doubt about the fact that one Roscoe Stevenson was rather disconcerted (there's a much better GI expression) over the rapidity with which she acquiesced—in fact he was disconcerted more than somewhat. He did manage, however, to pull a

few irons from the fire (or are they chestnuts that you pull from a fire?) and performed so charmingly that evening, that she reneged on the Harlan late date, and confessed to the whole sordid affair. Roscoe forgave her in his most becoming manner, and proceeded on his usual tack. Frankly, we are not too sure about his later successes, so we can't personally vouch for the happily-ever-after outcome, but we got it from "the operator" himself, that he is "A helluva sight smoother as Harlan than I am as Steven son . . ."

In line with current events were Ev Schneider and George Peguillan. These estimable gentlemen, realizing the gala nature of the coming Monogram Club Dance, decided that it would be best if they were to join in the festivities. With said purpose in mind they headed up the Valley (or down the Valley if you please) with destination Madison, in order to procure dates for the occasion. Of course neither of them knew a soul at Madison—and according to late reports, neither know a soul now. Ev maintains that he didn't want a date anyway . . . Rampant rises the story of a delightful get-together held at the SAE manage, with Greg Burger and other undesirables holding sway. According to some, a ghost, dressed in white and floating with an eerie light, dispersed the gathering at an early hour . . . Bill Naylor seems not-too-happy about the gag Nathalie Latham played on him. He somehow got the impression that he had a date with Dot Clemmer. How he ever got that impression we'll never know, unless it was because Natalie called Bill, and said she was Dot, (which is all very funny, unless your name happens to be Bill—which is a very good name, now that we think of it). Anyway Bill seemed somewhat bitter when the nature of the gag was divulged to him, and we shan't print what he said . . .

Lexington Lullaby

We feel like Walter Winchell should, but doesn't because with him it's a very routine occurrence. However, the announcement that Bob Via is the father of a bouncing baby girl, Miss Elizabeth Burns Via, is of momentous import for old W & L—otherwise we certainly wouldn't give the young lady such a poor send off as having her name appear in this column. Bob, now in McKenna's league, should have some interesting stories to swap, while passing the time of day at the Co-op, or elsewhere . . . There's no end to the possibilities of college life . . .

F.U. Debates

Forensic Union meeting Monday night was the scene of a fiery debate as the group discussed the abolition of fraternities. Buck Bouldin argued the affirmative side of the question which was: "Resolved that fraternities should be abolished." while J. F. Coleman took the negative. After a rousing discussion, in which Joe Rowe and Dick Hubbard did yeomanly service for the affirmative and Jack Koerner and Vic Dalmas put in a word for the negative, the issue was settled by a vote of nineteen to ten in favor of the arguments presented by Mr. Coleman and his supporters.

Coleman brought out in his talk the benefits derived by association with mutual interests and the convenience and comfort of the fraternity house. Bouldin replied by pointing out the failure of fraternities "to make better men."

Show Team Time

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Joan Lorring; we have a hunch she's going places on the screen. Two colorful extravagant showpieces return this Thursday, **A Song to Remember** to the State, and **The Spanish Main** to the Lyric. The former this columnist, along with almost every other top reviewer ranked in the "Top Three" of 1945; it features Paul Muni, Merle Oberon, and Cornel Wilde in a dramatization of the life of Frederic Chopin. The cameraman and music technician deserve special credit in connection with this film, in every way a superb movie. Though we cannot wax quite so enthusiastic over the latter, it is nevertheless worth seeing if for no other reason than Maureen O'Hara; plenty of square-rigged galleons and period costumes—a "Community Sing" is on the same program.

The Lyric comes through with a not much better-than-average war story Mon/Tues, **Paris Underground**, Constance Bennett and Gracie Fields taking the parts of two women who held Allied fliers out of occupied France. Only fair.

The remainder of the week is rather disappointing, so a rather summary dismissal is in order. "The March of Time" is probably the main attraction for the State's Tues/Wed offering; **Tars and Spars** besides being rather out of date, falls flat, anyhow. Nor can we say a better word for those obnoxious perennials, Abbott and Costello, whose magnum opus, **The Little Giant** darkens the screen Fri/Sat; we understand from distant sources that Costello is in this new variation a vacuum-cleaner salesman. We can only imagine!

The Lighter Side

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"er" topping the list with seven years notched on its fine record. "Anna Lucasta" has broken the record for all Negro productions, having smashed the 650 mark in number of performances, and "Pygmalion" and "Voice of the Turtle" have made their respective entrances, each to take up where it left off. Such names as Betty Field, Raymond Massey Joan McCracken, Cedric Hardwicke, Katharine Cornell, Alfred Lunt, Lynn Fontanne should give you a good idea of how much post-war hop-pin' Broadway's doing at present. If you're lucky enough to get a taste, drink deep.

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Excursion to Normandy

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in fascination, the strange, new scene on shore.

Hundreds of silver colored barrage balloons were flying high in the sky, tugging at their anchors. Above them, constantly, raged dog-fight upon dog-fight, some involving as many as two hundred aircraft. The air was filled with the eruptive chatter of machine gun fire, and the sky with clusters of puffy air bursts from anti-aircraft batteries of both sides. Day and night, long, crimson streaks of incendiary bullets swept the sky with a curtain of fire, showering the floors of low-floating clouds with sparks.

At last—we echoed like fools—the morning came for the landing. Our bulky leader called us down into the hold and gave us our last lecture. He told us that we would probably be met by a hail of bullets; that we should step over each other's bodies in the event some were cut down before we could scale the cliff; that under no circumstance should anybody stop to bandage a dying friend. Disposal of insurance policies became a matter of torrid concern. The entire "package," equal to a company in number, went through a final gas-mask drill. The Lieutenant entrusted a few rounds of ammunition to us, and added a warning not to expend it too freely. We were naturally quite enthused about the whole bloody enterprise. Our ex-pretzel-bender had led us to believe we were going to storm the gates of hell. Each of us was good for seven shots—then we would have to scout around for clubs. Luckily, none of us had to fire anything.

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The ship's ladder was lowered and a small fleet of assault boats flocked alongside. Clad in our life jackets, we beheld the frightful manner in which the small barge-like craft were flung about. The distance between the last step on the ladder and the boat when it rose to its highest level was an appalling five feet. Every individual carried enough on his back to guarantee his drowning had he miscalculated the jump into the assault boat.

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Golfers Hold Workouts

The Washington and Lee Golf team has been working out for the past few weeks and seems to be coming along very well. So far, four matches have been scheduled, two with Virginia and two with Davidson. These matches will start during the latter part of April.

Jack Harper, a veteran of the links, will probably hold down the number one spot, while Jack Crist, Bud Kelland, and Roscoe Stevenson appear to be the leading candidates for the other three positions.

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