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Troubs Present "Male Animal" For Red Cross

The Troubadours started the season off with a sure hit this weekend, when, for the benefit of the Red Cross, they offered their version of the mirthful satire, "The Male Animal." The authors, James Thurber and Elliott Nugent, would have been well satisfied with the professional finish which the cast gave to their opus.

The entire presentation was well-rounded and was worked out to a "T." The cast was well nigh perfect, and the excellently designed sets and proper make-up did the rest. A professional air of self-confidence could be noted as lines were spoken smoothly; from beginning to end the audience was held in a responsive mood.

Comedy rippled through the more subtle theme of the play with the cast bringing out the more comical scenes with finesse. Tom Wright, as Ed Keller, the wealthy alumnus, provided many laughs. Director Dave Lewis, who deserves a great deal of credit for the marvelous job that he did, carried the lead as an intellectual college professor and gave a convincing performance all the way. The feminine lead, Mary Sue Grosso, turned in a well-rounded job as the college professor's wife. Don Stephens, as her ex-flame returned, threw a well-aimed monkey wrench into the works. Sub-leads Bill Hart, Betsy Brown, and Bill Romaine were a collegiate version of the eternal triangle; while Bill Parsons and Mrs. Leila Nance Moffatt took the parts of the Dean and Mrs. Damon.

You Pick 'em

Because of the fact that **The Columns** is sometimes delayed in publication, we are putting in the games for the following week. Your entry, for these games on the 20th, must be in **The Columns** box by noon on the 19th.

Tom Mayberry comes through with a repeat performance as this week's winner of passes to the State.

...Army	vs.	Brown...
...California	vs.	Stanford...
...Illinois	vs.	Northwestern...
...Indiana	vs.	Purdue...
...Michigan	vs.	Ohio State...
...Minnesota	vs.	Wisconsin...
...Notre Dame	vs.	Iowa Cadets...
...Bears	vs.	Redskins...

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Intramural Cage Season To Open Tuesday Night

The Intramural basketball season will open next Tuesday night, in Doremus Gymnasium at eight o'clock.

Cy Twombly, physical education head at Washington and Lee, announced that all basketball contests will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These are the only times at which the gym is available to Washington and Lee students for intramurals.

The schedule is as follows:
 Nov. 16—Lambda Chi vs. Laird.
 Nov. 18—Phi Psi vs. SAE.
 Nov. 23—SAE vs. Lambda Chi
 Nov. 25—Phi Psi vs. Laird.
 Nov. 30—Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi.
 Dec. 1—SAE vs. Laird.

Red Alliance Is Voted Down by Forensic Union

AST Men Are Invited To Join; Air Force Debate Is Scheduled

"Resolved, that the United States should establish a separate air force" is the topic for debate at the next Forensic Union meeting, slated for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Service Club. Gene Hinson will speak for the affirmative, and Bob Worms will debate the negative.

Two Army Specialized Training students attended the last meeting, and Ray English, speaker of the Union, announced that the club would welcome any AST men who want to become members.

The Whigs, representing the negative, won this week's debate. "Resolved, that the United States should conclude a 20-year military alliance with Russia."

Rex Criminale, speaking for the affirmative and the Tories, argued that the United States and Russia should make an alliance because they have very much in common. They are united today against totalitarianism, and they will have to solve common problems in the future. Such questions as post-war trade, an international government, and world air lines are equally important to both nations.

Lester Wallerstein, speaking for the negative and the Whigs, argued that the United States and Russia could never be allies because the principles of communism and democracy are directly opposite.

Advance Sale of Dance Tickets Reaches 100; Formal Will Last From 8:30 to 12 Saturday Night

Bradley Appointed Head Of Library Committee

Dr. Robert F. Bradley has been appointed Chairman of the Library Committee, thereby filling the vacancy left last summer by the death of Dr. Leonard Helderman. Dr. Bradley has been a member of the committee for several years.

The opening left by the advancement of Dr. Bradley has been filled by Dr. Allen Wesley Moger, Assistant Professor of History.

These appointments mark the first change in the personnel of the committee in the last four or five years. Members of the committee at present are: Dr. Fitzgerald Flournoy, Dr. William Morton, Dr. William D. Hoyt, Dr. Merton Phillips, and Mr. Richard H. Shoemaker, Acting Librarian and Secretary of the Committee.

New Men Join W. & L. Faculty

Morrison and Dayton Will Teach Science

Two new professors have recently been added to the Washington and Lee faculty in order to meet the increased activity caused by the AST units on the campus. They are Ralph D. Morrison and Robert W. Dayton, both of whom will serve in the Science school.

Ralph D. Morrison, newly appointed instructor in chemistry, is a graduate of W. and L., having earned an A.B. in 1926 and returned for an M.A. in 1937. He formerly served on the faculty of the New Mexico Military Institute as a professor of chemistry, and recently was employed as a textile chemist in Lyman, South Carolina. Mr. Morrison is a resident of Rockbridge County.

Robert W. Dayton has received a post as assistant professor of engineering drawing. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, receiving his B.S. in 1939, and an M.S. in 1941. Before he came to Washington and Lee, Dayton was an instructor in engineering drawing and descriptive geometry at the University of Maryland. He is a native of Wisconsin.

Nearby Girls' School's May Provide Dates For ASTP Soldiers

With the first W. and L. Formal Dance of the year still one week away, Robert Crockett, EC Dance committee chairman, announced that advanced ticket sales among both Washington and Lee civilians and AST students have reached approximately one hundred.

The dance, scheduled for November 20 in Doremus Gymnasium, will begin at 8:30 and run until midnight, with the usual intermission being done away with this year. The music makers for the evening are the "Vagabonds" of Lynchburg, the same band which did such a fine job at the recent VMI Hop. In connection with the event, the Dance Committee wishes to stress the fact that no corsages are being worn by the girls attending as dates of Washington and Lee men. This is a wartime custom adopted last year by the student body to cut down individual expenses for the dances.

AST Students Canvassed

In a canvas of the platoon barracks Tuesday night, the ticket sales were favorable, although a great many of the ASTP men declared that they did not care to attend without a date. The Executive Committee, foreseeing this difficulty, has entered into communication with several of the nearby girls colleges as to the possibility of securing girls for those of the ASTP men who are desirous of attending. If this plan goes through it is expected that many more ASTP students will come.

Advance Sales Slow

While the advance sales are adequate to insure a successful dance, Crockett said, the student body response has not been as wholehearted as expected. The more advance subscriptions sold, the better will be the decorations; and also a fine showing at the first affair of the year will play a large part in making possible other dances throughout the year. The advance sale price for tickets is \$2.00, while admission at the door on the 20th will be the regular \$2.50.

EC Dance Regulations

In connection with the plans
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Things Aren't So Bad

Washington and Lee has reached the quarter mark in its second full war year, and to all appearances is still going strong. At this juncture we might look around us and survey our present position with an appreciative eye.

On December 7, 1941, when the Japanese raided Pearl Harbor and the radio carried the news over the country, we can well remember the pandemonium which broke out in the freshman dormitory. War hysteria seize the group, and to believe the talk, every single man of us was ready to toss the books into the ash can and tear off to the recruiting station. The following Monday, in a magnificent speech, President Gaines reminded every man that his first duty was to remain where he was until such time as the government should find the proper place for him in the war effort. Firm in this belief, we saw the year to an end.

Last year W. and L. took up with a partly reduced student body, following the first summer session in its history. We weren't sure how far this new year would see us but we were determined to try our best to go on. Those of us who were able, joined one of the reserves on the campus and waited our call. Some of the glitter of past years was gone; the convertible fleet cruised no more, no big name bands played for Fancy Dress, our basketball team faced a manpower shortage, but we carried on. Come February a large percentage of the boys were called by the AERC. This was a blow, but those of us who were left kept on the books knowing that in all probability we would be going into service when the semester ended. Last May we had a bangup last Finals ball for the duration and said our farewells to many friends whom we think never to see again. We went away wondering what would become of our W. and L.

But this year, although under a strain we're back again to a different W. and L. from that we knew, even last year. The activities and pleasures of the past are gone, and work, work, work is the order of the day. We play a little, but study harder than before. It gives us an ironic twinge to look back to that December day two years ago when it seemed that W. and L. would have to collapse about us because of the change in world events. That seemed the end of all we knew, but we're still here and going strong. College has changed, our old friends have gone and work may be harder, but we've made some new friends and have found that we can buckle down a little more. After all, things aren't so bad.

Show Team Time

by Bruce Quayle

ee cummings did all right without capitals, maybe i can too...

we go romancing with royalty sunday thru tuesday as olivia de havilland and robert cummings in princess o'rourke bring the sleeping beauty story up to date. this in a better than average love story that winds from a transcontinental plane to the inner sanctums of the white house. o d h is strictly okay as the royal exile dodging the hepped up air force pilot, cummings. 94 minutes of fairy tale that is really blue chips.

wednesday it is a salute for three with mcdonald carey, betty rhodes and cliff edwards providing the stuffings for what will be this week's turkey. the story is about a returned war hero who is tailed by a publicity seeking babe. the music sounds pretty good, but nothing you might hear on the hit parade. 75 minutes of celluloid, nothing more. put your dough in the charity chest.

yippee ki oh for tfs as jean arthur and john wayne show you how the lady takes a chance with romance out on the wide open spaces. brother wayne is a big strong cowpoke who can chew nails, until miss arthur gets after him. despite the warnings of his pal, charles winner, the rage of the sage gets lassoed by he love bug. this is right down the alley for a dance weekend and the

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Columnizing

By E. W. Withers

Editor's Note—Mr. E. W. Withers, assistant professor of Journalism and director of the News Bureau, is a recent addition to the Washington and Lee faculty.

Somewhere amid contradictions and in the clamor of healthy grumbling lies the truth of what the military should tell the press and what the press should tell our people about the war. The press has placed itself under voluntary and effective censorship; it wishes to reveal no military information of value to the enemy or emphasize any national weakness against which he might direct effective propaganda. The military realizes that only a truth-informed public can maintain its morale when the going is rough. Parts of the public often disbelieve both of them and accept wildest rumor. What should be published is not always either black or white.

The press has censured the Navy for delayed communiques and communiques that list enemy losses only. It has censured mis-

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ON and OFF

Sports facts and oddities on and off the campus

by Bill Davidson

A preview of the world's profootball championship game is in the offing on the 21st when the Chicago Bears come to Washington to play the Redskins.

Both teams have practically clinched the number one spot in their respective divisions; the Bears having won 6, tied 1, and lost none; and the Redskins having won 4, tied 1, lost none.

Washington has made a great comeback after losing three pre-season exhibitions to College All-Stars, Green Bay Packers, and the Bears. There is no doubt that they are the greatest defensive pro team in the league but in the pre-season games they seemed to lack that certain difference between victory and defeat.

When the regular season opened up, so did Slingin' Sammy Baugh and Andy Farkas. Baugh slings them when the defense pulls up close and Farkas slams into the line when the defense of the other club moves back to stop Sammy. This seems to be a very elementary approach, but it has been working all season.

The Bears on the other hand are boys who have always worked on the principle that the best defense is a good offense. They lead both divisions in total points scored, yards gained, yards rushing gained, yards passing gained, as well as having intercepted more passes than any other pro team and having gained more yards on the runback of intercepted passes. Sid Luckman, the Bear's versatile passing quarterback, is a team ballplayer who might well be compared to Bertelli of Notre Dame.

I personally feel that the Bears will take Washington into camp on Sunday week.

Men About Town

Once more we gather this week's trash to hurl it towards the rising sun. Last Saturday local Casanovas attempted to stuff themselves with everyone else's date. . . for instance, there was a sweet grouping of femininity in the person of Bill Davidson's date, what should happen to her was none of Crockett's business. After all Bob, even the best of us at times underestimates his ability. All of which goes to prove that some of us have it and some don't. Johnny "I'm a lover" West has returned to the local poolroom for the remainder of his recreational life here in Lexington.

"The Swoose" Walker still awaits with anxious heart the answer from Baldwin's triple threat—The "Whizzer"

Mrs. Leila "23rd production year" Moffatt highlights the current Troubadour play, "The Male Animal." After seeing her in last year's production you'll deeply regret it should you miss this year's show. Co-starring with her are some of Lexington's most glamorous girls in the enticing form of Mary Sue Grosso; Betsy Ann Brown, Cornelia Davidson, and Paula Fowler. The male leads are carried by Dave Lewis, Bill Hart, Don Stephens, and Bill Parsons, as well as innumerable other "male animals." Lighting and sound effects excellently done by that old Volt-master. Mingioli added greatly to the whole production. First Nighters included representatives from the Russian court, the European Zombie, her aide-de-camp, L. Watson; and from Tokyo, J. Hollyama. Vaughan wants you to know that he too was present.

The ever progressing Chemistry department now offers a course in the morale bolstering effect of teas. Official Dipper of the tea-ball is Sir Watson; Stirrer of the Deep is Lew Williams; Mr. Drake officiates as Sipper of the Brew; while Mary Didier acts as the delightful hostess . . and dishwasher.

Platoon News

4th Platoon

The 4th platoon mourns the loss of four of its members. Lou Ploch, Howie Mancheser and Bud Raloff were sent to duty, presumably with the Air Corps, while Bill "Kelly" Thomas went to duty with troops.

Milt Tamarind is still in the hospital recovering from a siege with pneumonia—and we surely hope that he will be out soon.

Jim Beardsley, the boy from California, who has yet to see his first snowfall, is putting a glass of water outside of his window each night to see if it will freeze.

Everybody seems to have a bit of trouble buckling down to work again after that wonderful furlough. Some of the boys are still catching up on lost sleep, etc.

Congratulations to "Poppa" Minks and "Poppa" Parisi upon their taking the fatal step into holy matrimony during their furlough.

5th Platoon

Needless to say, the cadets of this platoon made the most of their too short vacation. Crooner Bonner became engaged to his flame back in Madison. The others weren't quite so active, but all the girls we left behind had their day. Burns, who is scheduled to leave us soon, didn't wait until furlough time to become engaged to Miss Irma.

The 2nd platoon's table tennis team defeated the 5th, 4-3. The doubles matches were evenly divided, but only Cooper and Larson were able to win their singles matches. The issue wasn't decided until the final match, in which Bruns lost to Bamford, 19-21, 21-19 and 21-19. Are there any other platoons interested in competition?

We extend heartiest greetings to our new house mates and wish them much luck and high grades in their coming "Battle of Lexington."

6th Platoon

November the 12th, and another term has begun—we can't say that this fact is good or that it is

bad, but I think that all in all, we are looking forward to starting our studies again.

Our furloughs were pleasant indeed. From all of the stories I've heard, certainly not much time was wasted in having a good time by any one. From all of the diversified activities recounted and the haggard looks on our faces, we can certainly be glad to be back on a normal schedule. It is rumored that Lorentzen, while on his perfectly good furlough, tied the knot, or merged with his venture, or consummated holy matrimony, or etc., etc. However, our week did go fast. For example, Goplarud hasn't combed his hair yet.

We welcome our new pre-meds. It may be a trifle difficult getting started for them but like us, it won't be long before we're all on the same ball together, so to speak.

Show Team Time

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march of time makes it even better. take your date, gate.

up around the corner things might be worse, we visit the *isle of forgotten sins* as the guests of john carradine and sidney toler, monday and tuesday, to watch the robbers fight for gold as a monsoon sweeps the south sea isle. no no no. *campus rhythm* with johnny downs and gale storm for wednesday. a better than average college musical show, a possible. thursday you get a *passport to suex* from warren william, as the lone wolf stops der nazis from stealing der plans. best bet of the week. friday and saturday, *par-don my gun* with charles starret outwitting the bad boys. bugs bunny shows too.

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MARKS AND REYNOLDS

Sale of Dance Tickets

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now underway the Dance Committee of the Executive Committee has issued the following rules which will be in effect the night of the 20th: 1. There will be no drinking at the dance and no intoxicated persons shall be admitted. 2. No smoking is allowed on the dance floor, but is permitted in the balcony. 3. All non-members of the student body, excepting VMI cadets, must be vouched for by some member of the student body. If the person violates any of the dance rules the student voucher shall be held responsible. 4. All students and visitors at the dance are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen at

all times. 5. Violations of these rules shall be taken up by the Executive Committee and are punishable by suspension of dance privileges.

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FOR
Three"**

with **Betty Rhoades**

Columnizing

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takes made by the Army, not because they were mistakes but allegedly because the Army sometimes hid them and refused to learn from them.

In turn, the military has reproached the press for its inaccuracies, for its revelation of vital information even though this information has been cleared by proper authority. For example, an officer recently back from a fighting zone is angered because only after a magazine pictured the new position of the Flying Fortress tail gunner, did Jerry be-

gin to aim here. "Our men paid for that with their lives," he said.

Just as mistakes must be expected from a green and quickly and greatly expanded military, so will the press err in reporting military news. It is the duty of both to learn. By and large, they are doing that with friendliness and for our national interest.

40 Take V-12 Test

Approximately 40 students took the A-12 or V-12 exams given Tuesday morning in the Anderson Music Room of the Library.

Those who pass this test will be eligible for the ASTP or Naval V-12 College Program.

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